

Amakinite



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Crystal Data: Hexagonal. *Point Group:* $\bar{3} 2/m, 3m$, or 32 . Rhombohedra $\{10\bar{1}1\}$ modified by $\{10\bar{1}2\}$, $\{10\bar{1}4\}$, $\{11\bar{2}3\}$, $\{20\bar{2}5\}$, $\{0001\}$, to 2 cm; typically in irregular grains.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Poor, observed in some grains. *Fracture:* Irregular. Hardness = 3.5–4 D(meas.) = 2.925–2.98 D(calc.) = [2.74] Weakly magnetic.

Optical Properties: Semitransparent. *Color:* Pale green to yellow-green; rapidly turns brown when exposed to air, due to formation of $\text{Fe}(\text{OH})_3$.

Optical Class: Uniaxial (+). $\omega = 1.707(2)$ $\epsilon = 1.722(2)$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $R\bar{3}m$, $R3m$, or $R32$. $a = 6.917(3)$ $c = 14.52(1)$ $Z = 12$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Lucky Eastern pipe, Russia.

2.30 (10), 1.728 (9), 2.80 (8), 1.530 (8), 5.49 (7), 1.551 (7), 1.386 (7)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
SiO_2	0.43	
TiO_2	0.00	
Al_2O_3	0.32	2.50
Fe_2O_3	31.58	
Cr_2O_3	0.00	
FeO	30.40	55.84
MnO	3.63	2.94
MgO	10.10	11.60
CaO	trace	
H_2O^+	23.04	26.13
H_2O^-	0.09	0.49
CO_2	0.32	
Total	99.91	99.50

(1) Lucky Eastern pipe, Russia; corresponds to $(\text{Fe}_{0.73}\text{Mg}_{0.22}\text{Mn}_{0.05})_{\Sigma=1.00}(\text{OH})_2$. (2) Do.

Mineral Group: Brucite group.

Occurrence: Noted in drill core, in thin veins and pockets in kimberlite.

Association: Serpentine, carbonate.

Distribution: In the Udachnaya-Vostochnaya kimberlite pipe, Daldyn-Alakit region, western Sakha, Russia.

Name: For the Amakin Expedition, which prospected the Sakhan diamond deposits.

Type Material: A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, 69547.

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