

## Chubarovite

## KZn<sub>2</sub>(BO<sub>3</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub>

**Crystal Data:** Hexagonal. *Point Group:* 32. As hexagonal or trigonal lamellar to tabular crystals to 1.5 mm. Crystals display {0001}, {10̄ 1}, {10̄ 2}, {10̄ 3}, {10̄ 0} and {11̄ 2 0}. Divergent aggregates, to 1 cm, resemble flowers or an open book. *Twining:* Contact twins around [0001] and on {0001} or as X-shaped penetration twins on (10̄ 3).

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* Perfect on {0001}. *Fracture:* Laminated. *Tenacity:* Flexible, nonelastic. Hardness = ~2 D(meas.) = 2.68(2) D(calc.) = 2.716

**Optical Properties:** Transparent. *Color:* Colorless. *Streak:* White. *Luster:* Vitreous. *Optical Class:* Uniaxial (-).  $\omega = 1.541(2)$   $\epsilon = 1.539(2)$

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* R32.  $a = 4.9429(4)$   $c = 26.348(2)$   $Z = 3$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Arsenatnaya fumarole, Tolbachik volcano, Kamchatka, Russia.  
8.79 (100), 4.074 (91), 3.590 (90), 2.470 (67), 4.394 (43), 3.324 (30), 4.225 (25)

<b>Chemistry:</b>	(1)	(2)
K <sub>2</sub> O	16.48	15.72
Rb <sub>2</sub> O	0.46	
ZnO	53.96	54.33
B <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.98	11.62
Cl	24.48	23.67
<u>-O = Cl<sub>2</sub></u>	<u>5.53</u>	<u>5.34</u>
Total	100.83	100.00

(1) Arsenatnaya fumarole, Tolbachik volcano, Kamchatka, Russia; average of 4 electron microprobe analyses supplemented by FTIR spectroscopy; corresponding to (K<sub>1.05</sub>Rb<sub>0.01</sub>)<sub>Σ=1.06</sub>Zn<sub>2.00</sub>B<sub>0.95</sub>O<sub>2.92</sub>Cl<sub>2</sub>. (2) KZn<sub>2</sub>(BO<sub>3</sub>)Cl<sub>2</sub>.

**Occurrence:** Formed as sublimes on basaltic scoria around active volcanic fumaroles.

**Association:** Fluoborite, krasheninnikovite, sylvite, halite, langbeinite, aphthitalite, arcanite, zincite, flinteite, wulfite, johillerite, urusovite, pseudobrookite, vanthoffite, svabite, orthoclase, fluorphlogopite, hematite, tenorite (Arsenatnaya fumarole, Second scoria cone); sellaite, fluorite, anhydrite, halite, cotunnite, challacolloite, sofiite, flinteite (First Scoria cone).

**Distribution:** The First scoria cone and the Arsenatnaya fumarole, Second scoria cone of the Northern Breakthrough, Great Tolbachik Fissure Eruption, Tolbachik volcano, Kamchatka, Russia.

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