Dienerite Ni₃As

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Crystal Data: Cubic. Point Group: n.d. A single cubic crystal, about 0.5 cm on the edge.

Physical Properties: Hardness = n.d. VHN = n.d. D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = n.d.

Optical Properties: Opaque. Color: White with a tinge of gray. Luster: Bright metallic.

R: n.d.

Cell Data: Space Group: n.d. a = n.d. Z = n.d.

X-ray Powder Pattern: n.d.

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
Ni	67.11	70.15
Co	1.29	
Cu	0.99	
Fe	0.61	
Ag	0.02	
As	30.64	29.85
Total	100.66	100.00

(1) Radstadt, Austria. (2) Ni₃As.

Occurrence: Known only from one loose single crystal.

Association: n.d.

Distribution: From near Radstadt, Salzburg, Austria. In the Minnamax Cu–Ni sulfide deposit, Duluth Gabbro complex, near Hibbing, St. Louis Co., Minnesota, USA.

Name: Honors Professor Karl Diener (1862–1928), Austrian paleontologist, the discoverer.

Type Material: Lost.

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