

Fukalite

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Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* $mm2$ or $2/m\ 2/m\ 2/m$. As flaky crystals, to 0.2 mm.

Physical Properties: Hardness = ~ 4 $D(\text{meas.}) = 2.770(5)$ $D(\text{calc.}) = 2.77$

Optical Properties: Translucent. *Color:* White to pale brown; colorless in transmitted light. *Optical Class:* Biaxial. $\alpha = 1.59(5)$ $\beta = 1.60(6)$ $\gamma = 1.62(9)$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = \sim 90^\circ$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $Bm2_1b$, $B2mb$, or $Bmmb$. $a = 5.48(1)$ $b = 3.78(1)$
 $c = 23.42(3)$ $Z = 2$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Fuka, Japan.

2.854 (100), 3.084 (90), 2.926 (65), 2.338 (30), 1.756 (30b), 5.86 (25), 3.904 (20)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)		(1)	(2)
SiO ₂	29.09	28.98	K ₂ O	0.01	0.02
TiO ₂	0.00	0.00	F	0.32	0.43
Al ₂ O ₃	0.55	0.27	H ₂ O ⁺	4.45	4.26
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.10	0.14	H ₂ O ⁻	0.23	0.39
MnO	0.00	0.00	CO ₂	10.32	10.22
MgO	0.14	0.02	P ₂ O ₅	0.01	0.07
CaO	54.40	54.81	-O = F ₂	0.13	0.18
Na ₂ O	0.17	0.05	Total	99.66	[99.48]

(1) Fuka, Japan; corresponding to (Ca_{3.97}Na_{0.02}Mg_{0.01}Fe_{0.01})_{Σ=4.01}(Si_{1.98}Al_{0.04})_{Σ=2.02}O_{6.03}(CO₃)_{0.96}[(OH)_{2.02}F_{0.07}]_{Σ=2.09}. (2) Mihara, Japan; original total given as 99.38%, corresponding to (Ca_{4.03}Fe_{0.01}Na_{0.01})_{Σ=4.05}(Si_{1.99}Al_{0.02})_{Σ=2.01}O_{6.08}(CO₃)_{0.96}[(OH)_{1.95}F_{0.09}]_{Σ=2.04}.

Occurrence: A retrograde mineral and alteration product in skarns formed from metasomatism of limestone.

Association: Cuspidine, xonotlite, calcite, spurrite, hillebrandite, scawtite, foshagite, wollastonite, fluorite, gehlenite, perovskite, grossular, hydrogrossular, vesuvianite, monticellite.

Distribution: In Japan, at Fuka, near Bicchu, and Mihara, Okayama Prefecture, and at Kushiro, Hiroshima Prefecture.

Name: For the locality where it was first discovered, Fuka, Japan.

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