

Crystal Data: Triclinic. *Point Group:* $\bar{1}$. As doubly terminated crystals, to 50 μm , on scholzite or as concentric zones to 200 μm within zincian collinsite.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Perfect on {010} and {001}. *Fracture:* n.d. *Tenacity:* n.d. Hardness = 3.5 D(meas.) = 3.16(2) D(calc.) = 3.178 Weak greenish yellow fluorescence in SW UV. Slowly soluble in HCl.

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Colorless or gray with a bluish or greenish tint. *Streak:* n.d. *Luster:* Vitreous; silky aggregates. *Optical Class:* Biaxial (+). $\alpha = 1.635(5)$ $\beta = 1.650(5)$ $\gamma = 1.667(3)$ 2V(meas.) = n.d. 2V(calc.) = 83.4°

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $P\bar{1}$. $a = 5.736(1)$ $b = 6.767(2)$ $c = 5.462(1)$ $\alpha = 97.41(2)^\circ$ $\beta = 108.59(2)^\circ$ $\gamma = 107.19(2)^\circ$ $Z = 1$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Reaphook Hill, Flinders Ranges, South Australia, Australia. 2.690 (100), 3.038 (40), 3.130 (37), 6.24 (34), 3.230 (22), 1.668 (22), 3.512 (16)

Chemistry:	(1)
Na ₂ O	0.11
CaO	30.36
MgO	4.34
ZnO	14.79
FeO	0.04
P ₂ O ₅	40.85
H ₂ O	[10.23]
Total	100.72

(1) Reaphook Hill, Flinders Ranges, Australia; average of 15 electron microprobe analyses, H₂O from stoichiometry; corresponds to $(\text{Ca}_{1.91}\text{Na}_{0.01})_{\Sigma=1.92}(\text{Zn}_{0.64}\text{Mg}_{0.38})_{\Sigma=1.02}\text{P}_{2.03}\text{O}_8 \cdot 2.00\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

Mineral Group: Fairfieldite group.

Polymorphism & Series: Solid solution with collinsite.

Occurrence: In a gossan developed on argillaceous siltstone.

Association: Zincian collinsite, scholzite.

Distribution: From Reaphook Hill, Flinders Ranges, South Australia, Australia.

Name: Honors Dr. Roderick Hill (b. 1949) Chief of the Mineral Research Division, CSIRO at Melbourne, Australia, who described the mineral in 1973 as a potentially new species.

Type Material: Museum of Victoria, Melbourne, Australia (M46032).

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