

Joaquinite-(Ce)**NaBa₂Ce₂Fe²⁺Ti₂Si₈O₂₆(OH)·H₂O**

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Crystal Data: Monoclinic, pseudo-orthorhombic. *Point Group:* 2. As equant or tabular crystals, flattened \perp [001], up to 1.2 cm; intimately intergrown with orthojoaquinite-(Ce).

Twinning: On {001}, polysynthetic, common.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* {001}, good. Hardness = 5.5 D(meas.) = 3.89–3.98 D(calc.) = [3.93]

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Honey-yellow to brown.

Luster: Vitreous.

Optical Class: Biaxial (+). *Pleochroism:* Weak; $X = Y$ = colorless; Z = pale yellow.

Orientation: $X = a$; $Y = b$; $Z = c$. *Dispersion:* $r < v$, perceptible. *Absorption:* $Z > Y > X$.

$\alpha = 1.748\text{--}1.753$ $\beta = 1.767$ $\gamma = 1.822\text{--}1.823$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 30^\circ\text{--}55^\circ$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $C2$. $a = 10.516(3)$ $b = 9.686(3)$ $c = 11.833(4)$ $\beta = 109.67(3)^\circ$ $Z = 2$

X-ray Powder Pattern: San Benito Co., California, USA.

2.943 (100), 4.43 (95), 2.890 (85), 3.29 (60), 2.606 (60), 3.05 (40), 2.978 (40)

Chemistry:

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SiO ₂	34.97	MgO	0.05
TiO ₂	11.83	CaO	0.21
ThO ₂	0.27	SrO	3.20
Y ₂ O ₃	0.70	BaO	22.44
RE ₂ O ₃	18.46	Na ₂ O	1.87
FeO	4.09	K ₂ O	0.03
MnO	0.00	H ₂ O	[1.88]
		Total	[100.00]

(1) San Benito Co., California, USA; by electron microprobe, average of six points on five grains, intergrown with orthojoaquinite-(Ce) of presumably nearly identical composition; RE₂O₃ = La₂O₃ 2.14%, Ce₂O₃ 10.69%, Pr₂O₃ 1.25%, Nd₂O₃ 3.21%, Sm₂O₃ 0.70%, Gd₂O₃ 0.26%, Dy₂O₃ 0.21%, Er₂O₃ 0.00%, H₂O by difference; corresponds to Na_{0.83}K_{0.01}Ba_{2.01}Ca_{0.05}Mg_{0.02}(Ce_{0.90}RE_{0.72}Sr_{0.42}) $\Sigma=2.04$ Fe_{0.78}Ti_{2.04}Th_{0.02}Si_{8.00}O_{24.68}(OH)_{3.32}.

Polymorphism & Series: Dimorphous with orthojoaquinite-(Ce).

Mineral Group: Joaquinite group.

Occurrence: In a natrolite vein cutting a glaucophane schist inclusion in a serpentinite body (San Benito Co., California, USA); in fenitized gneisses and alkalic syenites (Seal Lake, Canada).

Association: Orthojoaquinite-(Ce), benitoite, neptunite, natrolite (San Benito Co., California, USA); aegirine, barylite, eudidymite, neptunite (Seal Lake, Canada).

Distribution: At the Gem mine and to its north, on Santa Rita peak; at Mina Numero Uno and on the Victor claim, San Benito Co., California; from Granite Mountain, near Little Rock, Pulaski Co., Arkansas, USA. In Canada, at Seal Lake, Labrador, Newfoundland, and Mont Saint-Hilaire, Quebec. Along the Narssaq river, near Kvanefjeld, in the Ilímaussaq intrusion, southern Greenland.

Name: For Joaquin Ridge, near the original locality at the Gem mine, California, USA.

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