

Loveringite**(Ca, Ce)(Ti, Fe³⁺, Cr, Mg)₂₁O₃₈**

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Crystal Data: Hexagonal; metamict in part. *Point Group:* $\bar{3}$. Commonly anhedral, to 120 μm ; may be acicular; as inclusions in other minerals.

Physical Properties: Hardness = n.d. VHN = 421–464; 870–933 (100 g load). D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 4.42

Optical Properties: Opaque. *Color:* Black; white to grayish white in reflected light.

Streak: Iron-gray. *Luster:* Metallic to submetallic.

Optical Class: Uniaxial.

R: (400) —, (420) 18.2, (440) 17.7, (460) 17.4, (480) 17.0, (500) 16.8, (520) 16.5, (540) 16.4, (560) 16.4, (580) 16.5, (600) 16.5, (620) 16.5, (640) 16.5, (660) 16.5, (680) 16.6, (700) 16.5

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $R\bar{3}$. $a = 10.337(6)$ $c = 20.677(12)$ $Z = 3$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Near Norseman, Western Australia; after heating in air at 800° C. 1.433 (100), 3.037 (93), 1.589 (92), 3.384 (87), 2.465 (72), 1.791 (71), 2.129 (68)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)	(1)	(2)
V ₂ O ₅	1.10		Y ₂ O ₃	0.09	MnO	0.17
TiO ₂	58.34	72.22	La ₂ O ₃	1.22	NiO	0.08
ZrO ₂	4.18	0.14	CeO ₂	1.28	PbO	0.22
HfO ₂	0.35		Nd ₂ O ₃	0.24	MgO	2.18
ThO ₂	0.09		RE ₂ O ₃	0.26	CaO	2.37
UO ₂	0.18		Fe ₂ O ₃	15.77	15.81	99.21
Al ₂ O ₃	1.15	0.88	Cr ₂ O ₃	9.94	4.76	99.85
						Total

(1) Near Norseman, Western Australia; by electron microprobe, average of five analyses, total Fe as Fe₂O₃, total V as V₂O₅, RE₂O₃ estimated from chondrite-normalized rare earth patterns; corresponds to [Ca_{0.72}RE_{0.33}(Y, Th, U, Pb)_{0.05}]_{Σ=1.10}(Ti_{12.48}Fe_{3.38}Cr_{2.24}Mg_{0.92}Zr_{0.58}Al_{0.39}V_{0.21}Mn_{0.04})_{Σ=20.24}O₃₈. (2) Western Laouni massif, Algeria; by electron microprobe, total Fe as Fe₂O₃; corresponds to [Ca_{1.13}(Ti_{14.66}Fe_{3.21}Cr_{1.02}Mg_{0.71}Al_{0.28}Mn_{0.08}Zr_{0.02})_{Σ=19.98}O_{38.04}].

Mineral Group: Crichtonite group.

Occurrence: A late-stage mineral from residual intercumulus magma in the pyroxene, olivine-chromite, or plagioclase-rich layers of mafic intrusions.

Association: Quartz, potassium feldspar, phlogopite, enstatite, baddeleyite, apatite, zircon, titanite, rutile, ilmenite, chromite (near Norseman, Australia); rutile, pseudobrookite, ilmenite, zirconolite, spinel, pargasite, phlogopite (Western Laouni massif, Algeria).

Distribution: In the Jimberlana intrusion, near Norseman, Western Australia. From St. Christophe and La Grave, near Bourg d'Oisans, Isère, France. In Austria, in the Lohning quarry, Rayris Valley. From the Koitelainen intrusion, Lapland, Finland. In the Western Laouni massif, Hoggar Mountains, Algeria.

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Type Material: Museum Victoria, Melbourne, Australia, M34208; National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, 143350.

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