

**Mallestigite****Pb<sub>3</sub>Sb(SO<sub>4</sub>)(AsO<sub>4</sub>)(OH)<sub>6</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O**

**Crystal Data:** Hexagonal. *Point Group:* 6. Crystals prismatic, elongated along [001], showing {100} and {101}, to 2 mm; also as radial aggregates to 3 mm.

**Physical Properties:** *Cleavage:* None observed. *Fracture:* Splintery. *Tenacity:* Brittle. VHN = 176 (10 g load). Hardness = 4 D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = 4.91

**Optical Properties:** Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Colorless. *Streak:* White. *Luster:* Adamantine. *Optical Class:* Uniaxial (+).  $\omega = 1.760(4)$   $\varepsilon = 1.801(4)$

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:* P6<sub>3</sub>.  $a = 8.938$   $c = 11.098$   $Z = 2$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Mallestiger Mattagskogel, Austria. 3.655 (100), 3.48 (80), 2.675 (62), 6.35 (44), 2.235 (35), 3.175 (31), 7.74 (25)

<b>Chemistry:</b>	(1)
SO <sub>3</sub>	8.64
Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	14.68
As <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	9.71
PbO	65.67
H <sub>2</sub> O <sub>(calc)</sub>	[10.38]
Total	109.08

(1) Mallestiger Mattagskogel, Corinthia, Austria; average of 14 electron microprobe analyses, H<sub>2</sub>O calculated, corresponding to Pb<sub>3.06</sub>Sb<sub>0.95</sub>[(SO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>1.12</sub>(AsO<sub>4</sub>)<sub>0.88</sub>]<sub>Σ=2.0</sub>(OH)<sub>5.99</sub>·3.01H<sub>2</sub>O.

**Mineral Group:** The Sb analog of fleischerite.

**Occurrence:** A rare secondary mineral in the oxidized zone of a hydrothermal polymetallic base-metal deposit containing galena and tetrahedrite (Austria); in weathered metallic slag (Hartz Mountains, Germany).

**Association:** Anglesite, brochantite, langite, linarite, and schultenite.

**Distribution:** From the dumps of an ancient Cu-Pb-Zn mine near Mallestiger Mattagskogel, Corinthia, Austria; in slag, Hartz Mountains, Germany.

**Name:** For the town near the dumps from where the mineral was first noted.

**Type Material:** Not mentioned.

**References:** (1) Sima, I. (1998) Mallestigite, Pb<sub>3</sub>Sb(SO<sub>4</sub>)(AsO<sub>4</sub>)(OH)<sub>6</sub>·3H<sub>2</sub>O, a new mineral from a dump of a former Cu-Pb-Zn mine northwest of the Mallestiger Mattagskogel in Westkarawanken, Corinthia, Austria. *Mitteil. Österr. Mineral. Ges.*, 143, 225–227 (in German). (2) (2004) *Amer. Mineral.*, 89, 1830 (abs. ref. 1). (3) (2003) *Can. Mineral.*, 41, 1314 (abs. ref. 1).