

## Rhodium

(Rh, Pt)

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**Crystal Data:** Cubic. *Point Group:*  $4/m\bar{3}2/m$  (synthetic). As subhedral grains, to 200  $\mu\text{m}$ .

**Physical Properties:** Hardness = n.d. VHN = 136–194, 165 average (30 g load).  
D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = [16.5]

**Optical Properties:** Opaque. *Color:* In polished section, bright white. *Luster:* Metallic.  
R: (470) 75.2, (546) 72.6, (589) 73.3, (650) 75.7

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $Fm\bar{3}m$  (synthetic).  $a = 3.856(1)$   $Z = 4$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Stillwater complex, Montana, USA.  
0.7874 (100), 0.8623 (80), 0.8847 (70), 2.227 (60), 1.362 (50), 1.162 (50), 1.927 (30)

**Chemistry:**

	(1)
Pt	59.6
Rh	41.7
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Total	101.3

(1) Stillwater complex, Montana, USA; by electron microprobe, corresponding to  $\text{Rh}_{0.57}\text{Pt}_{0.43}$ .

**Occurrence:** A single grain was found in heavy mineral concentrates (Stillwater complex, Montana, USA).

**Association:** Platinum, Pt–Fe alloy, gold, moncheite, kotulskite, merenskyite, cooperite, braggite, vysotskite, sperrylite, pyrite, chalcopyrite, pyrrotite, chromite, magnetite, marcasite, violarite, graphite (Stillwater complex, Montana, USA).

**Distribution:** In the USA, from the Stillwater complex, Montana [TL], and at Fox Gulch, Goodnews Bay, Alaska.

**Name:** From the Greek *rhodon*, *rose*.

**Type Material:** Royal Ontario Museum, Toronto, Canada, M33257.

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