

Zvyagintsevite

(Pd, Pt, Au)₃(Pb, Sn)

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Crystal Data: Cubic. *Point Group:* $4/m\bar{3}2/m$. As irregular grains up to 250 μm ; massive in veinlets up to 120 μm long.

Physical Properties: Hardness = n.d. VHN = 241–318, 279 average (15 g load).
D(meas.) = 13.32 (synthetic). D(calc.) = 13.42

Optical Properties: Opaque. *Color:* In reflected light, bright white with a cream tint.
Streak: Black. *Luster:* Metallic.

R: (400) —, (420) —, (440) 62.0, (460) 63.3, (480) 63.0, (500) 63.7, (520) 64.6, (540) 65.5, (560) 66.7, (580) 67.7, (600) 67.4, (620) 67.3, (640) 67.9, (660) 68.0, (680) 68.0, (700) 68.1

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $Pm\bar{3}m$ (synthetic). $a = 4.02(1)$ $Z = 1$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Synthetic Pd₃Pb.

2.32 (100), 1.215 (90), 2.01 (80), 1.423 (70), 0.923 (60), 0.900 (50), 1.163 (40)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
Pd	55.0	57.3
Pt	7.5	
Au		3.6
Pb	25.0	38.7
Sn	12.0	
Cu	1.0	
Fe	1.0	
Ni	1.0	
Total	102.5	99.6

(1–2) Noril'sk region, Russia; by electron microprobe, averages.

Occurrence: As small irregular grains and veinlets in copper sulfides, associated with differentiated gabbro-diorite intrusives (Noril'sk region, Russia).

Association: Pt–Fe alloy, polarite, talnakhite, cubanite, pentlandite, magnetite, valleriite, Ag–Au alloy (Noril'sk region, Russia).

Distribution: From the Zapolyarni and Taimyrskii mines, Noril'sk region, western Siberia, Russia. From the Upper and Banded zones of the Stillwater complex, Montana, USA. In the Kirakkajuppura deposit, Penikat layered complex, northeast of Kemi, Finland.

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