Minrecordite $CaZn(CO_3)_2$

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Crystal Data: Hexagonal. *Point Group:* 3. Mosaic rhombohedral crystals, showing only {1014}, to 0.5 mm, saddle-shaped and strongly twisted.

Physical Properties: Cleavage: On $\{10\overline{1}4\}$, prominent. Hardness = 3.5 D(meas.) = 3.45(2) D(calc.) = 3.445

Optical Properties: Semitransparent. *Color:* Milky white to colorless. *Luster:* Vitreous to pearly.

Optical Class: Uniaxial (-). $\omega = 1.734-1.750$ $\epsilon = 1.542-1.550$

Cell Data: Space Group: $R\overline{3}$. a = 4.8183(4) c = 16.0295(10) Z = n.d.

X-ray Powder Pattern: Tsumeb, Namibia; similar to dolomite. 2.890 (100), 1.789 (40), 1.806 (33), 2.410 (25), 3.701 (20), 2.196 (20), 2.019 (15)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
CO_2	[39.50]	39.04
FeO	1.10	
MnO	0.10	
ZnO	33.46	36.09
MgO	1.20	
CaO	24.64	24.87
Total	[100.00]	100.00

(1) Tsumeb, Namibia; recalculated from an analysis presented as carbonates, CO_2 from stoichiometry; corresponds to $Ca_{0.98}(Zn_{0.92}Mg_{0.06}Fe_{0.03})_{\Sigma=1.01}(CO_3)_2$. (2) $CaZn(CO_3)_2$.

Mineral Group: Dolomite group.

Occurrence: In a dolostone-hosted hydrothermal polymetallic ore deposit (Tsumeb, Namibia); from the wallrock of a carbonate-hosted Pb–Zn orebody (Navan deposit, Ireland).

Association: Dioptase, duftite, malachite, cerussite, zincian dolomite, calcite (Tsumeb, Namibia); sphalerite, pyrite, melnikovite, magnesian calcite, dolomite, calcite, quartz (Navan deposit, Ireland).

Distribution: From Tsumeb, Namibia. In the Navan Pb–Zn orebody, Co. Meath, Ireland. At the Centennial Eureka mine, Tintic district, Juab Co., Utah, USA.

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