

Mineral name: Sphene / Titanite

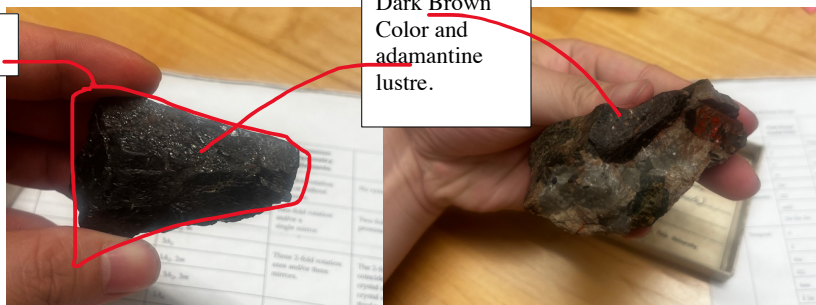
General Mineral formula: CaTiSiO_5

Mineral chemical class: Nesoilicate

Specific Gravity: Medium – Heavy 3.48 - 3.6	Crystal System: Monoclinic
Hardness: 5 - 6	Crystal Class: 2/m
Cleavage: Rough cleavage on one plane {110}	Crystal description (common forms, habit, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Fairly subhedralWedge shape like a rhombohedron almost
Luster: lightly adamantine	
Streak: brown / dark orange	
Characteristic Color(s): brown / dark red	

Environment (where you find the mineral): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Embedded in rockAccessory Mineral in igneous and metamorphic rocks		Common Mineral Associations (in samples; also consult text, notes): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Quartz, Biotite, Hornblende, AlbiteLeucoxene
Scientific use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Used in geochronometer for dating due to uranium and thorium	Industrial or societal use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Used to extract titaniumGemstone	Environmental significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">

Wedge Shape,



Dark Brown
Color and
adamantine
lustre.

Mineral name: Andalusite

General Mineral formula: Al_2SiO_5

Mineral chemical class: Nesosilicate

Specific Gravity: 3.31-3.16	Crystal System: Orthorhombic
Hardness: 6.5-7.5	Crystal Class: 2/m 2/m 2/m
Cleavage: Irregular	Crystal description (common forms, habit, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chiasolite cross (sort of a rhombedron with a cross in the middle) appears.• Prismatic, kinda pyrimidal
Luster: Greasy / Sub-vitreous	
Streak: White	
Characteristic Color(s): White, tinges of brown	

Environment (where you find the mineral): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Low temperatures and pressures• Contact, low-grade metamorphic environments• In Mica shist		Common Mineral Associations (in samples; also consult text, notes): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sillimanite, Kyanite, Staurolite• Micas
Scientific use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•	Industrial or societal use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Refectory bricks in or and steel industry for furnaces.• Gemstone	Environmental significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pelitic rocks



Mineral name: Topaz

General Mineral formula: $\text{Al}_2\text{SiO}_4(\text{F}, \text{OH})_2$

Mineral chemical class: Nesosilicate

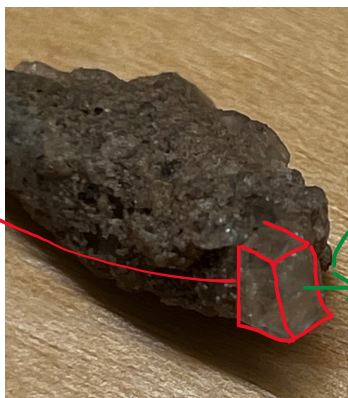
Commented [A11]: Generally smaller prismatic shards, common found in yellowish color with clean orthorhombic face and clean breaking prism.

Specific Gravity: Medium Heavy – 3.49-3.57	Crystal System: Orthorhombic
Hardness: 8	Crystal Class: 2/m 2/m 2/m
Cleavage: 1 plane of cleavage	Crystal description (common forms, habit, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Prismatic, elongated, rectangular prism.• Euhedral•
Luster: Vitreous	
Streak: White	
Characteristic Color(s): Clear/White or yellow	

Environment (where you find the mineral): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• occurs in felsic igneous rocks, and may also be found in hydrothermal systems• can grow in cavities in rhyolitic volcanos	Common Mineral Associations (in samples; also consult text, notes): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pegmatites• Granites, Tin
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Scientific use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• 	Industrial or societal use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gemstone• Historic medical treatments for eyes, gout, poisons	Environmental significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Grows out of fluorine-rich granatic rocks.
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Rectangular prism



Breaks off C axis.

Mineral name: Staurolite

General Mineral formula: $\text{Fe}_2\text{Al}_9\text{O}_6(\text{SiO}_4)_4(\text{O},\text{OH})_2$

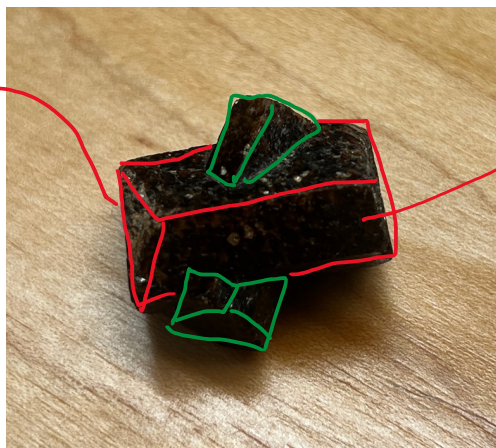
Mineral chemical class: Nesosilicate

Specific Gravity: medium-heavy	Crystal System: Monoclinic
Hardness: 7-8	Crystal Class: 2/m
Cleavage: Mostly irregular cleavage, potential one orthogonal to the length of the prismatic axis.	Crystal description (common forms, habit, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Form penetration twinning – 60 degreesPrismatic / Rhombohedron
Luster: Resinous	
Streak: Gray	
Characteristic Color(s): Dark-brown – dark red	

Commented [AH2]: Crystals can look orthorhombic

Environment (where you find the mineral): <ul style="list-style-type: none">medium-grade metamorphic rocks		Common Mineral Associations (in samples; also consult text, notes): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Altered to Mica, ChloriteKyanite, Andalusite, Garnet,Chloritoid, muscovite, biotite
Scientific use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">	Industrial or societal use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Sandblasting abrasiveJewelry	Environmental significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Zinc indicatorIndicates temperature, pressure, and depth of rock metamorphizing

Penetration
Twinning



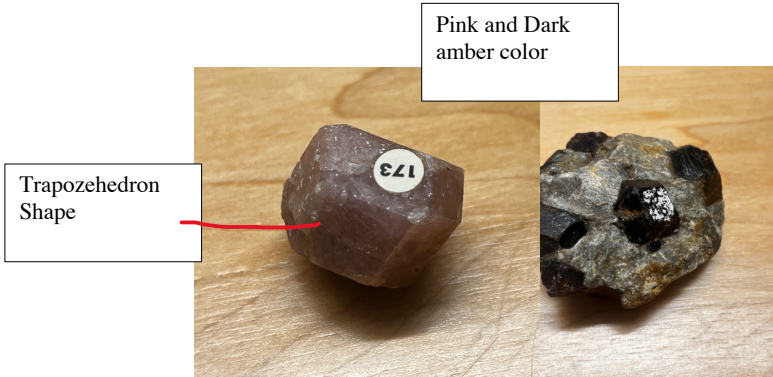
Deep Amber
Color

Mineral name: Garnet

General Mineral formula: $A^{2+}_3B^{3+}_2(SiO_4)_3$
Mineral chemical class: Nesosilicates

Specific Gravity: 3.1-4.2 (heavy)	Crystal System: Isometric
Hardness: 7	Crystal Class: 4/m 3 bar 2/m
Cleavage: None / irregular cleavage	Crystal description (common forms, habit, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Dodecahedron / Trapezoidhedron shape• Euhedral
Luster: Vitreous	
Streak: White	
Characteristic Color(s): Deep red / pinkish almost like amber	

Environment (where you find the mineral): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• common in many metamorphic rocks, such as schists and eclogites, and also occurs in some igneous rocks, like pegmatites• contact metamorphic rocks		Common Mineral Associations (in samples; also consult text, notes): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• pyralspite, grandite groups• Hornblende
Scientific use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be used for dating	Industrial or societal use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gemstone• Abrasive• Water filtering	Environmental significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can be used to indicate time-pressure-temperature history



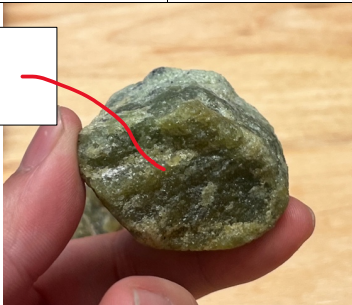
Mineral name: Olivine

General Mineral formula: $(\text{Mg,Fe})_2\text{SiO}_4$
Mineral chemical class: Nesosilicate

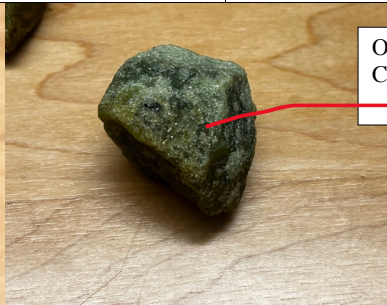
Specific Gravity: Medium (3.22 – 4.29)	Crystal System: Orthorhombic
Hardness: 7	Crystal Class: 2/m 2/m 2/m
Cleavage: Rough cleavage on one plane / conchoidal fracture	Crystal description (common forms, habit, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Just like a rough object. Mildly rhombohedral• Anhedra.
Luster: Waxy / Vitreous	
Streak: White	
Characteristic Color(s): Olive green.	

Environment (where you find the mineral): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• mafic igneous rocks, such as basalts and gabbros, and also in mantle peridotite xenoliths.		Common Mineral Associations (in samples; also consult text, notes): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Peridot• Wadsleyite, ringwoodite• calcite, dolomite, diopside, epidote-group minerals, grossular garnet, tremolite
Scientific use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Most abundant mineral in upper mantle	Industrial or societal use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Gemstone• Molds for industry• Previously thought to have health benefits	Environmental significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Important in subduction zones when in morphs from olivine to spinels, that cause seismic discontinuities

Conchoidal Fracture



Olive Green Color



Mineral name: Kyanite

General Mineral formula: Al_2SiO_5
Mineral chemical class: Nesosilicate

Specific Gravity: Medium-Heavy (3.53-3.67)	Crystal System: Triclinic
Hardness: 7	Crystal Class: 1 bar
Cleavage: 2 planes of cleavage, nearly 90 degrees	Crystal description (common forms, habit, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Thin sheets that are bladed, almost fibrous in looks.• Subhedral.
Luster: Vitreous / Waxy (Like a painting encased in a polymer.)	
Streak: White	
Characteristic Color(s): sky blue	

Environment (where you find the mineral): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• metamorphic rocks at higher pressures		Common Mineral Associations (in samples; also consult text, notes): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• andalusite, sillimanite, staurolite, cordierite, or garnet
Scientific use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kyanite, andalusite, and sillimanite are polymorphs	Industrial or societal use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ceramics	Environmental significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pressure-Temperature indicators

Sky blue and bladed layers



Mineral name: Sillimanite

General Mineral formula:
Mineral chemical class:

Specific Gravity: 3.23-3.27	Crystal System: Orthorhombic
Hardness: 6.5-7.5	Crystal Class: 2/m 2/m 2/m
Cleavage: None that appear, but apparently on one plane.	Crystal description (common forms, habit, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Embedded in rock, long thin prismatic "cylinders" / rhombuss• White fibers• subhedral•
Luster: Vitreous	
Streak: White	
Characteristic Color(s): White	

Environment (where you find the mineral): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• aluminum-rich metamorphic rocks at higher temperatures	Common Mineral Associations (in samples; also consult text, notes): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Kyanite, Andalusite
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Scientific use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•	Industrial or societal use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Used for synthesizing high temp industrial ceramics	Environmental significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•
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Fibrous white crystals



Mineral name: Zircon

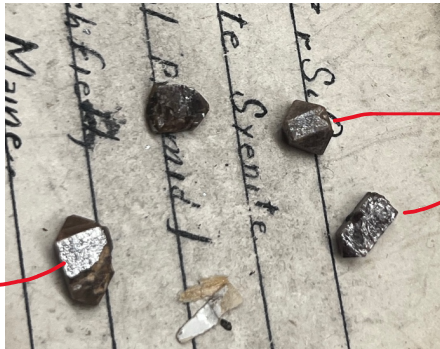
General Mineral formula: ZrSiO_4
Mineral chemical class: Nesosilicate

Specific Gravity: 4.68	Crystal System: Tetragonal
Hardness: 7-8	Crystal Class: 4/m 2/m 2/m
Cleavage: No easily visible, seems to conchoidally fracture.	Crystal description (common forms, habit, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none">tetragonal prismatic that end on dipyramidsEuhedral
Luster: Dull / Waxy (Supposed adamantine)	
Streak: White	
Characteristic Color(s): Grayish, tinge of red	

Environment (where you find the mineral): <ul style="list-style-type: none">Characteristics on metamorphic rocks	Common Mineral Associations (in samples; also consult text, notes): <ul style="list-style-type: none">calcite, dolomite, tremolite, diopside,wollastonite, and epidote.
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Scientific use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Detailed microprobe analysis used to infer the time temperature pressure histories	Industrial or societal use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">GemstoneAbrasivesWater filtration	Environmental significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">
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Adamantine luster



Tetragonal Shape

Mineral name: Chloritoid

General Mineral formula:

Mineral chemical class: Nesosilicate

Specific Gravity: 3.46-3.80	Crystal System: Monoclinic
Hardness: 6.5	Crystal Class: 2/m
Cleavage: Basal Cleavage / flakes like micas	Crystal description (common forms, habit, etc.): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Platy / Tabular sheets in hexagonal prism• Lamellar Twinning•
Luster: Pearly	
Streak: White/ Grayish	
Characteristic Color(s): greenish gray or greenish black	

Environment (where you find the mineral): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• low to medium grade regional metamorphic settings	Common Mineral Associations (in samples; also consult text, notes): <ul style="list-style-type: none">• garnet, chlorite, muscovite, and staurolite.
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Scientific use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Identify metamorphic rocks	Industrial or societal use/significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•	Environmental significance: <ul style="list-style-type: none">•
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