

Li₂O tr.; H₂O + 110° 12.45; H₂O - 110° 3.3; TiO₂ n.f.; P₂O₅ 0.01; MnO n.f., CO₂ n.f.
Spectrographic analysis: Ag 0.015; Pb 0.015; Sn < 0.01; Ba 0.05. Not detected: V, Cd, As, Be, Zn, W, Mo, Ni, Cr, Co, Bi, Sb, B, La, Yt, Ce. Total: 99.44. J. A. RITCHIE anal., s. g. 2.23 ± 0.01.

Structural formula: (Ca_{2.9}Sr_{0.5}Na_{1.5}K_{0.5})Al_{0.2}Si_{26.8}O_{72.24}·8H₂O in satisfactory agreement with that of HEY and BANNISTER (1934) and Appendix C above.

Refractive indices variable, α 1.500-1.505 ± 0.001, β 1.500-1.506 ± 0.001, γ 1.506-1.512 ± 0.002.

Prehnite

Locality: Prospect Quarry, New South Wales. Large, translucent, very pale green botryoidal masses in cavities in dolerite. Average of comparable analyses by A.M.T. and by J. A. RITCHIE, Dominion Laboratory, Wellington: SiO₂ 43.7; Al₂O₃ 24.05; Fe₂O₃ 0.93; FeO 0.03; MgO 0.11; CaO 26.85; Na₂O 0.04; K₂O n.f.; Li₂O n.f.; H₂O + 110° 4.54; H₂O - 110° 0.03; TiO₂ tr.; P₂O₅ 0.02; MnO n.f.; CO₂ n.f.; Spectrographic analysis (Dominion Laboratory): Ag 0.01; Pb 0.04; SnO 0.01; BaO < 0.003. Not detected: V, Cd, etc., as above. Total: 100.36; s. g. 2.93.

Formula on basis of eleven oxygen atoms:

(Ca_{1.98}Mg_{0.01}Na_{0.01})(Al_{1.95}Fe_{0.05})Si_{3.01}O₁₁·1.04H₂O in very close agreement with the conventional formula Ca₂Al₂Si₃O₁₀(OH)₂. α 1.615 ± 0.001; β 1.624 ± 0.001; γ 1.643 ± 0.002; $\gamma - \alpha$ 0.028; $2V_{\gamma}$ 69° ± 2° $r > v$ strong.

As is common in prehnite from such environments, and in contrast to the prehnite described in Section 2 above from the New Zealand greywackes, basal sections show complex lamellar twinning, and when thick, anomalous interference tints and incomplete extinction.

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