







# Aragonite

Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

P H Y S I C A L  
O R T H O S C O P I C  
C O N O S C O P I C



Density: LIGHT NORMAL DENSE VERY DENSE

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief: V.Low Low Medium High V.High POS NEG<sup>n</sup>

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

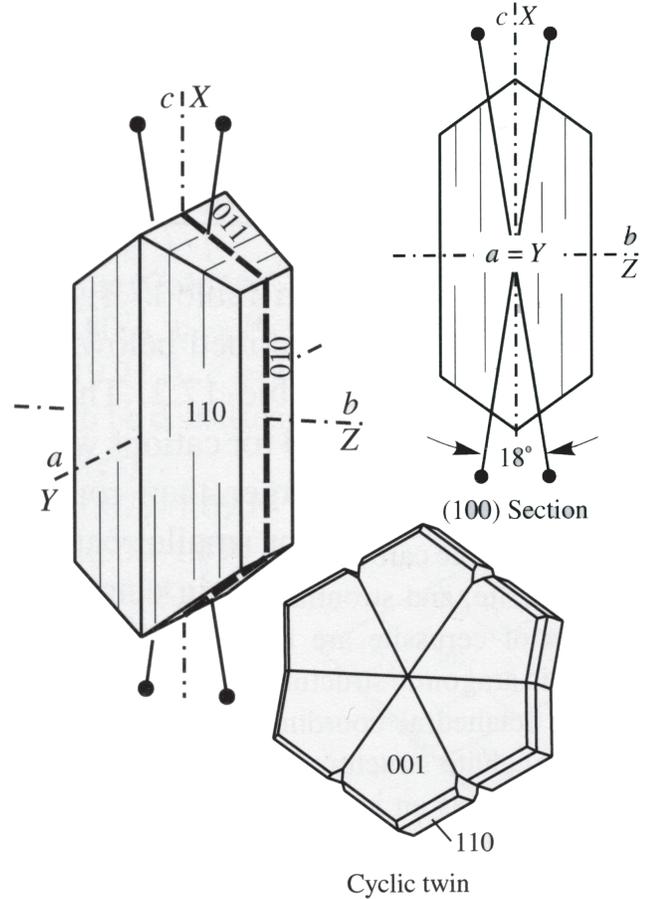
Twinning

Elongation

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_



# Augite

Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

**H**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	fn	cp		sn	gl		qz	sp	

**G** Density: **LIGHT**   **NORMAL**   **DENSE**   **VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

**P H Y S I C A L**

**ORTHOSCOPIC**

Relief: **V.Low**   **Low**   **Medium**   **High**   **V.High**   POS<sup>n</sup> / NEG

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

Twinning

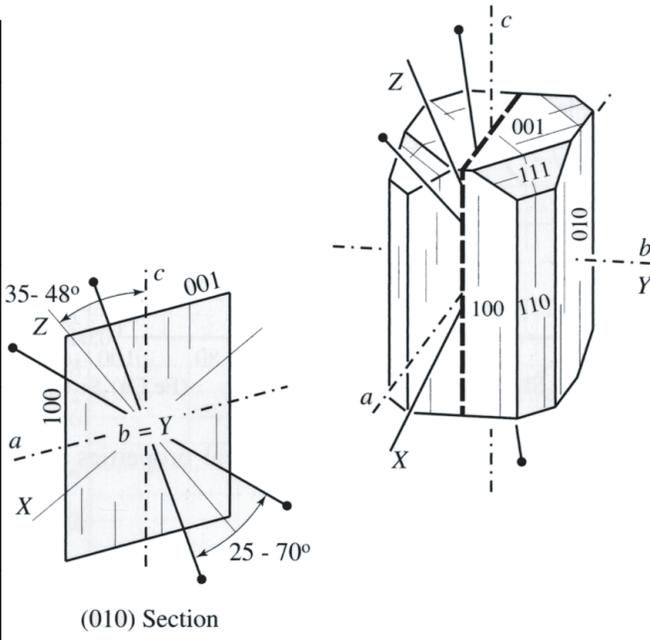
Elongation

**CONOSCOPIC**

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

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Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_







Mineral Name

# Biotite

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Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

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Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

**P H Y S I C A L**

Cleavage

Relief: **V.Low**    **Low**    **Medium**    **High**    **V.High**    POS <sup>n</sup> / NEG

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

Twinning

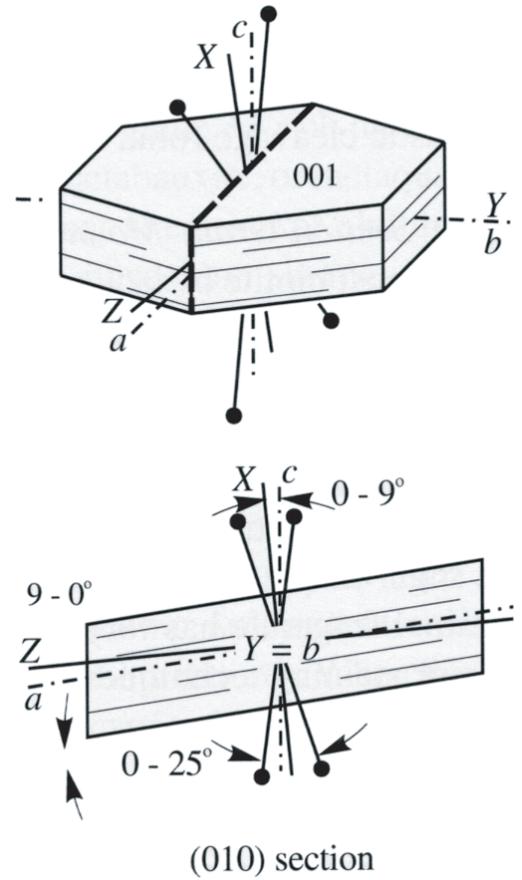
Elongation

**CONOSCOPIC**

Optic Sign

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Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

P H Y S I C A L

O R T H O S C O P I C

C O N O S C O P I C







Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

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O R T H O S C O P I C  
C O N O S C O P I C



Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief  
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Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

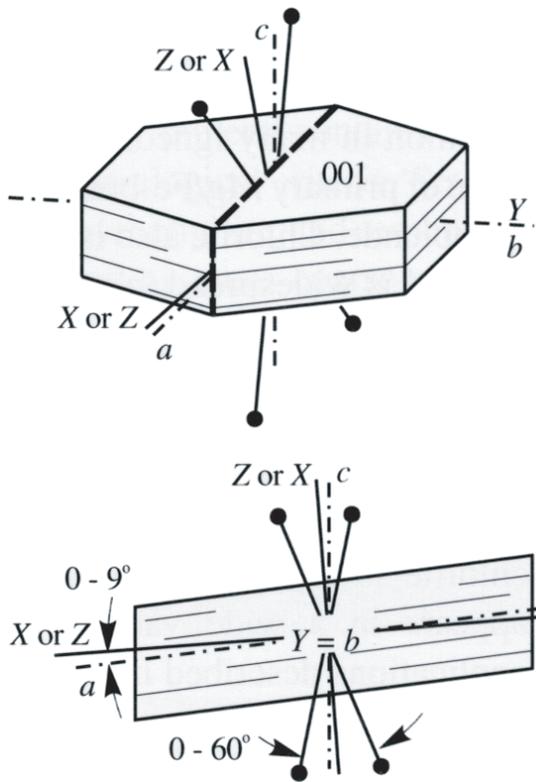
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Dispersion



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Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

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Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_



# Cinnabar

Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

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G Density  
**LIGHT      NORMAL      DENSE      VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief  
**V.Low Low Medium High V.High**    POS <sup>n</sup>  
**NEG**

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

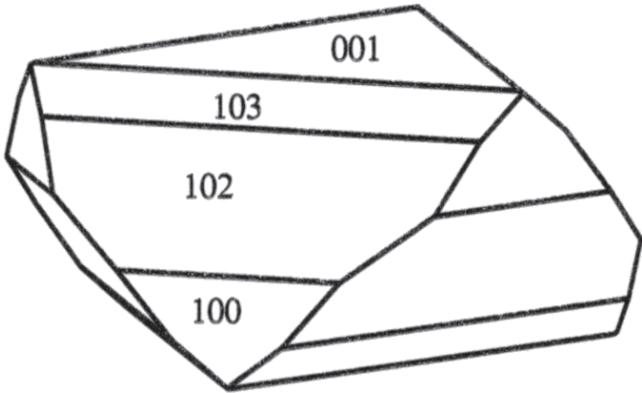
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Elongation

Optic Sign

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Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

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Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_



# Cordierite

Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

**H**

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

fn cp sn gl qz sp

**G** Density  
**LIGHT NORMAL DENSE VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

**P H Y S I C A L**

**C O N O S C O P I C**

Relief  
**V.Low Low Medium High V.High** POS NEG<sup>n</sup>

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

Twinning

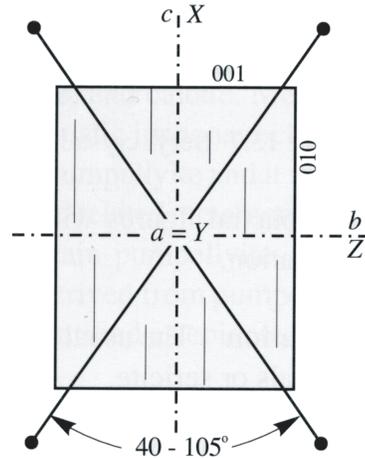
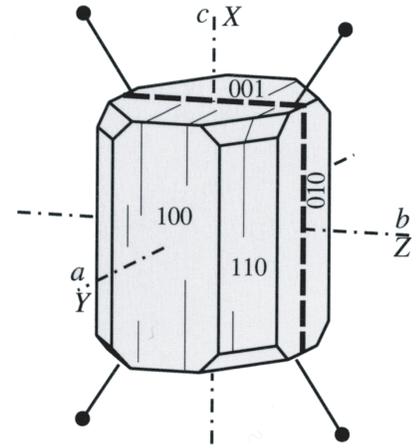
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**C O N O S C O P I C**

Optic Sign

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Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

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Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Mineral Name

# Chloritoid

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Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

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	fn	cp		sn	gl		qz	sp	

**G** Density: **LIGHT**   **NORMAL**   **DENSE**   **VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

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Cleavage

Relief: **V.Low**   **Low**   **Medium**   **High**   **V.High**   **POS**   **NEG**   <sup>n</sup>

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

Twinning

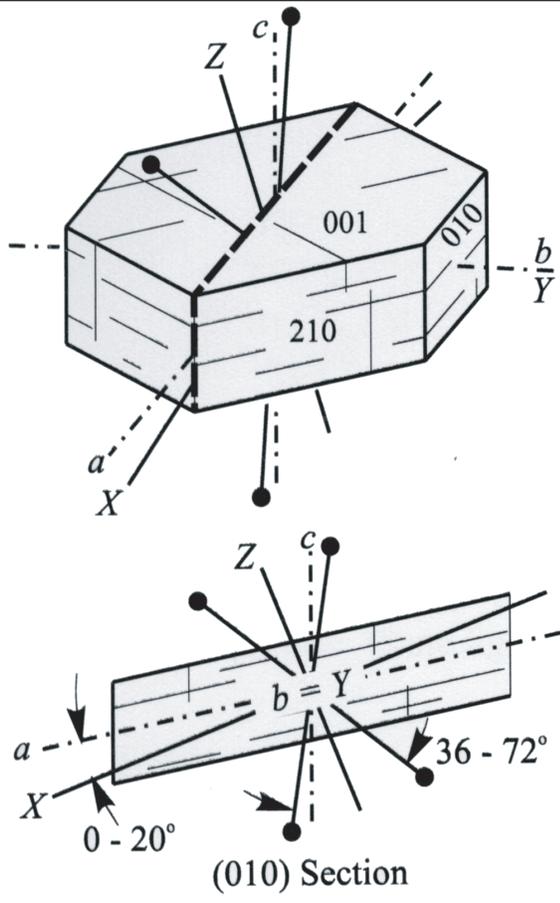
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Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

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Mineral Name

# Enstatite

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Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

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Density: LIGHT NORMAL DENSE VERY DENSE

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief: V.Low Low Medium High V.High  
 POS NEG <sup>n</sup>

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

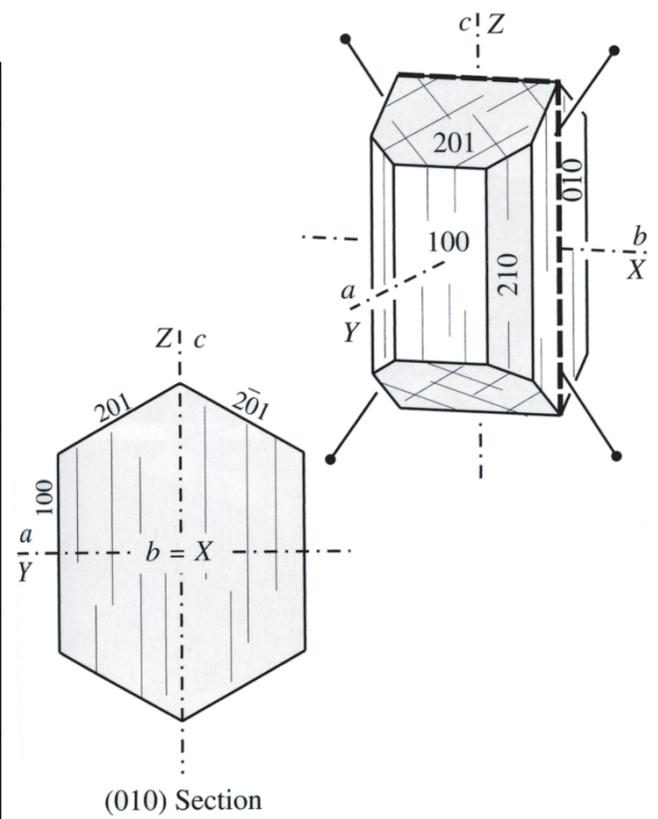
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Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

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Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

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# Epidote

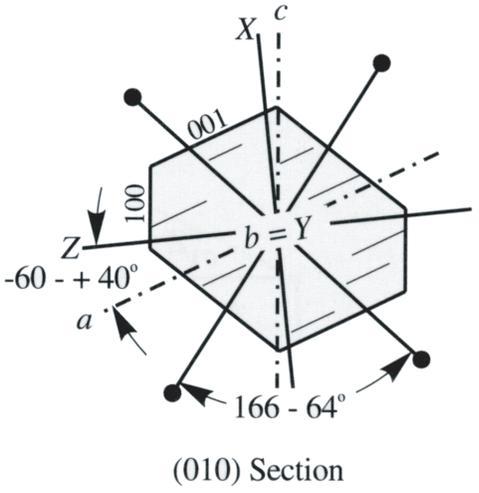
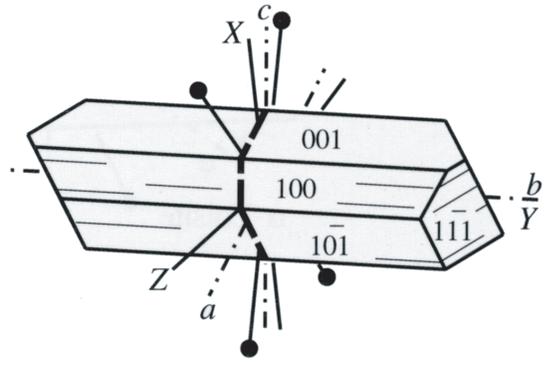
Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

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Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

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Distinguishing Features (thin section)

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Mineral Name

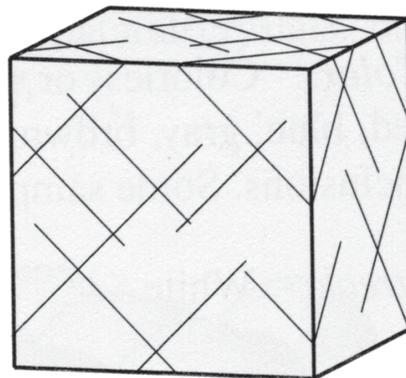
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Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification



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Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence

**Igneous**

**Metamorphic**

**Low-T hydrothermal**

**High-T hydrothermal**

**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

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Relief	<b>V.Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>V.High</b>	<b>POS</b>	<b>NEG</b>	<sup>n</sup>
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Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

Twinning

Elongation

CONOSCOPIC

Optic Sign

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Dispersion

Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_



Mineral Name

# Glaucophane

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Crystal System

Classification

**H**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	fn	cp		sn	gl		qz	sp	

**G**

Density: **LIGHT**    **NORMAL**    **DENSE**    **VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

**P H Y S I C A L**

Cleavage

**ORTHOSCOPIC**

Relief: **V.Low**    **Low**    **Medium**    **High**    **V.High**    POS<sup>n</sup> / NEG

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

Twinning

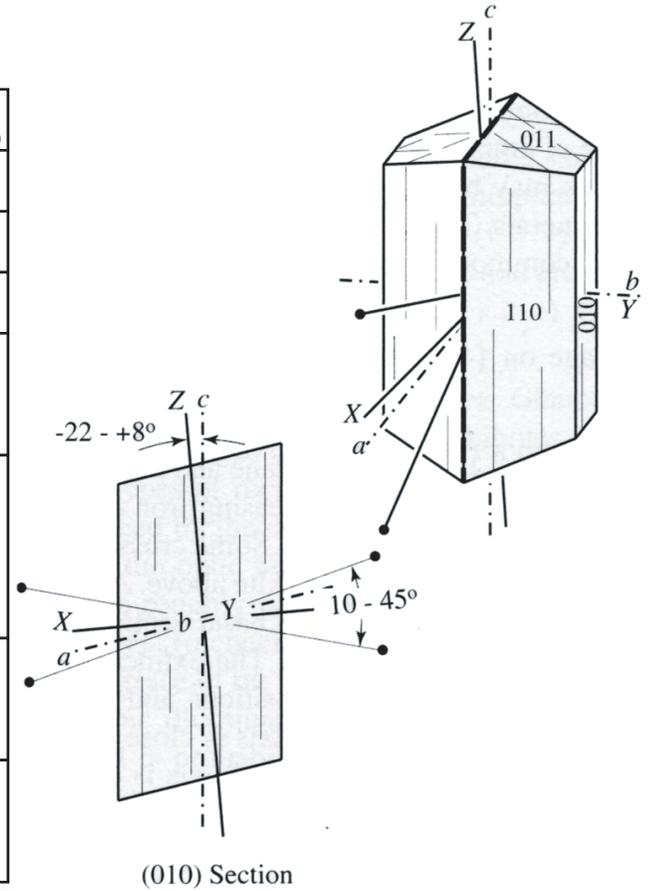
Elongation

**CONOSCOPIC**

Optic Sign

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Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

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Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_







# Gypsum

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	fn	cp		sn	gl		qz	sp	

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Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

**P H Y S I C A L**

**ORTHOSCOPIC**

Relief: **V.Low**   **Low**   **Medium**   **High**   **V.High**   POS<sup>n</sup> / NEG

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

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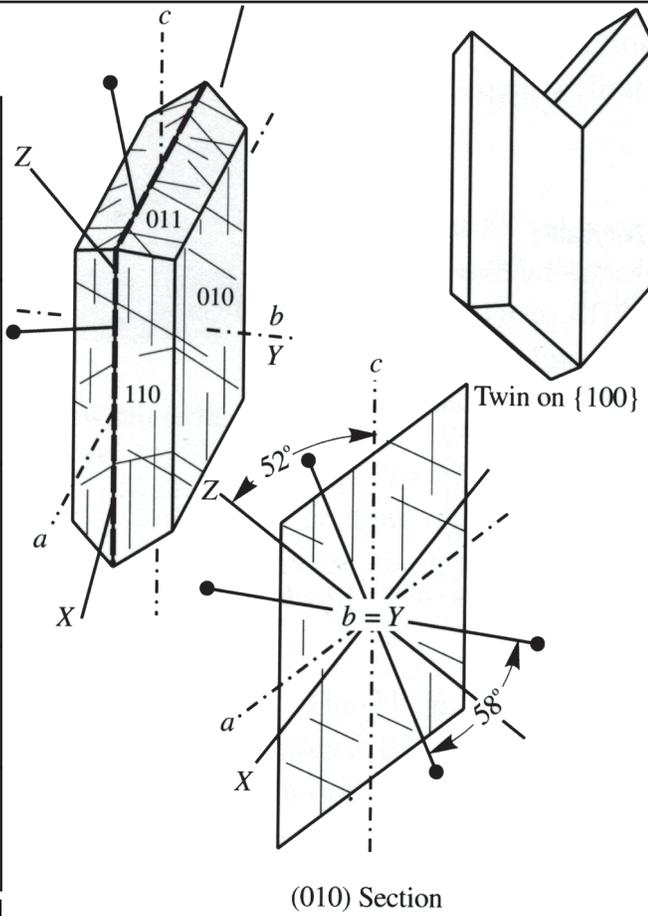
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Optic Sign

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Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

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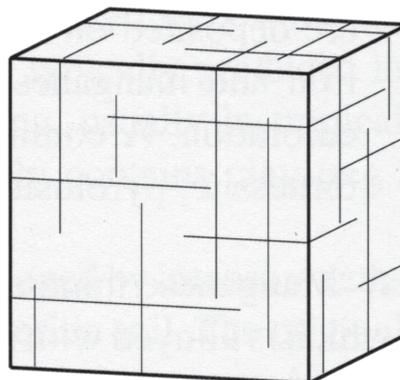
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Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

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G	Density	<b>LIGHT</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>	<b>DENSE</b>	<b>VERY DENSE</b>
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Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence

**Igneous**

**Metamorphic**

**Low-T hydrothermal**

**High-T hydrothermal**

**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief

<b>V.Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>V.High</b>	POS	n
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Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

Twinning

Elongation

Optic Sign

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Dispersion

Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

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Mineral Name

# Hornblende

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Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief	<b>V.Low</b>	<b>Low</b>	<b>Medium</b>	<b>High</b>	<b>V.High</b>	POS	NEG	n
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Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

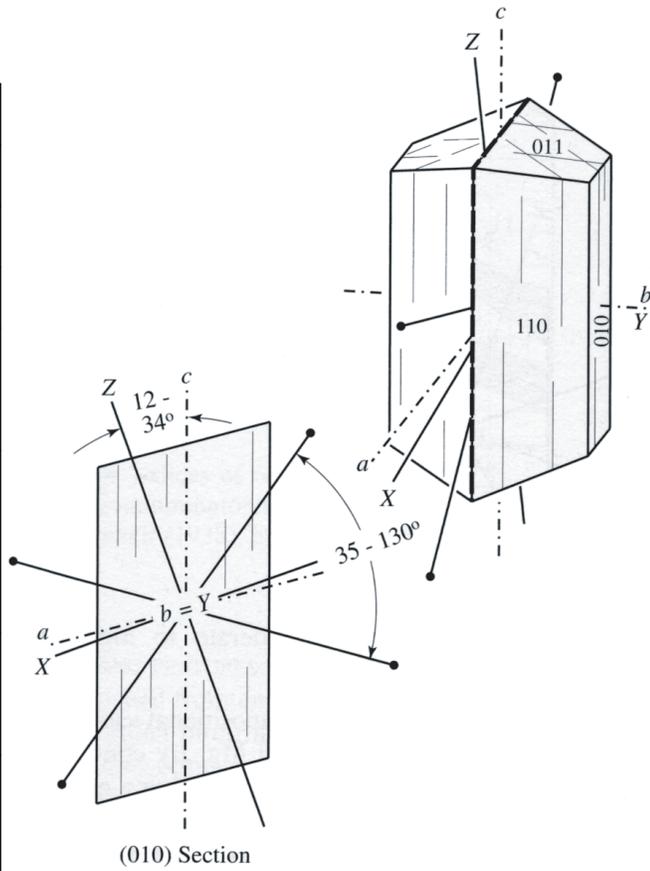
Twinning

Elongation

Optic Sign

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Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_



Mineral Name

# Ilmenite

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Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

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G Density **LIGHT** **NORMAL** **DENSE** **VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief **V.Low** **Low** **Medium** **High** **V.High** POS NEG<sup>n</sup>

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

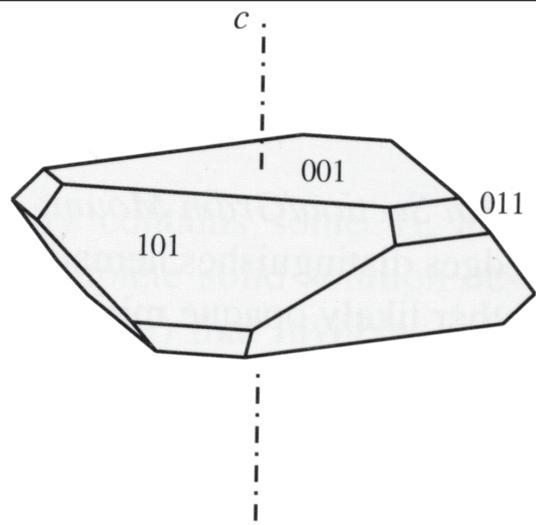
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Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

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Distinguishing Features (thin section)

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Mineral Name

# Malachite

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Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	fn	cp		sn	gl		qz	sp	

**G** Density: **LIGHT**   **NORMAL**   **DENSE**   **VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

**P H Y S I C A L**

Cleavage

Relief: **V.Low**   **Low**   **Medium**   **High**   **V.High**   POS<sup>n</sup> / NEG

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

Twinning

Elongation

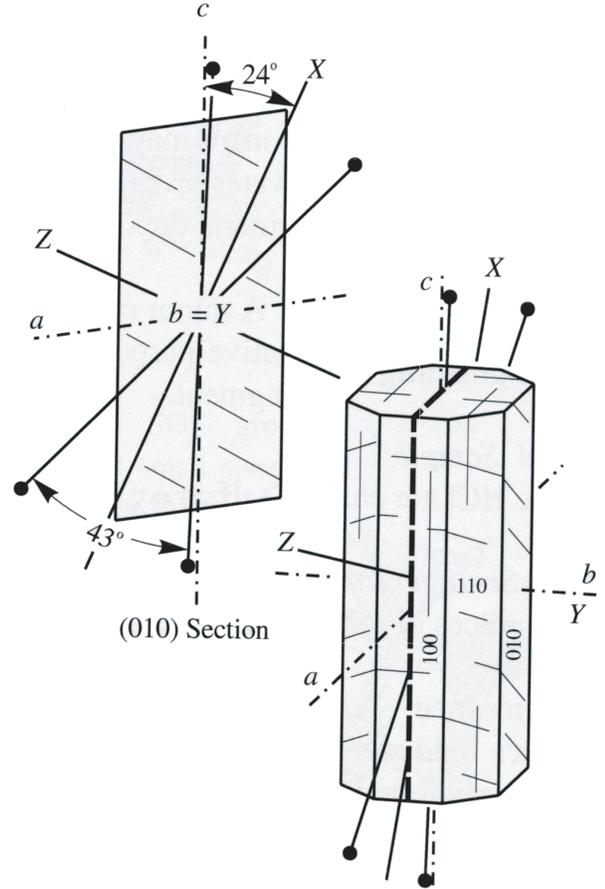
**O R T H O S C O P I C**

Optic Sign

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Dispersion

**C O N O S C O P I C**



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_







# Muscovite

Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

**H**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	fn	cp		sn	gl		qz	sp	

**G** Density: **LIGHT**   **NORMAL**   **DENSE**   **VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

**P H Y S I C A L**

Cleavage

Relief: **V.Low**   **Low**   **Medium**   **High**   **V.High**   POS <sup>n</sup> / NEG

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

Twinning

Elongation

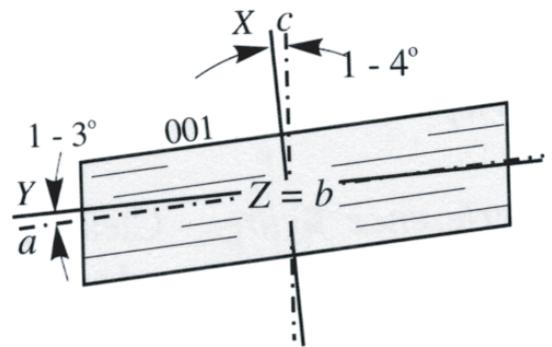
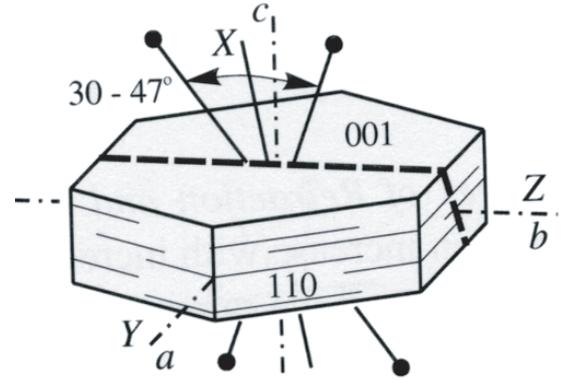
**O R T H O S C O P I C**

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion

**C O N O S C O P I C**



(010) section

Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_



# Olivine

Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

P H Y S I C A L  
O R T H O S C O P I C  
C O N O S C O P I C



G Density  
**LIGHT    NORMAL    DENSE    VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief  
**V.Low    Low    Medium    High    V.High**    POS <sup>n</sup>  
NEG

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

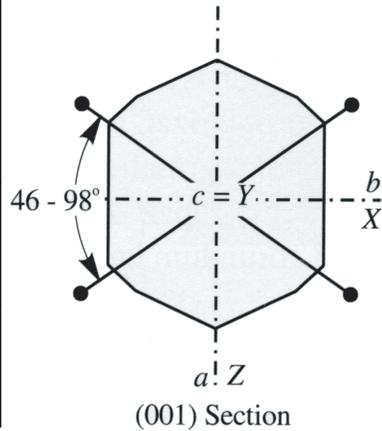
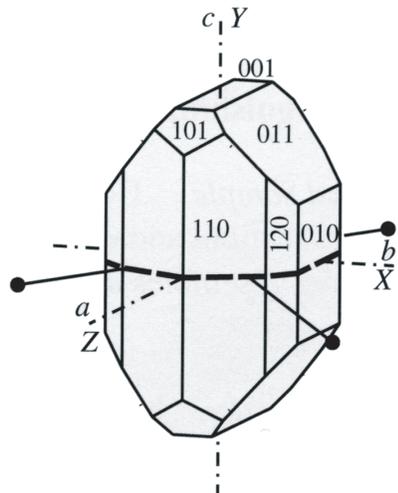
Twinning

Elongation

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_



Mineral Name

# Orthoclase (K-feldspar)

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Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

**H**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	fn	cp		sn	gl		qz	sp	

**G** Density: **LIGHT**    **NORMAL**    **DENSE**    **VERY DENSE**

Luster

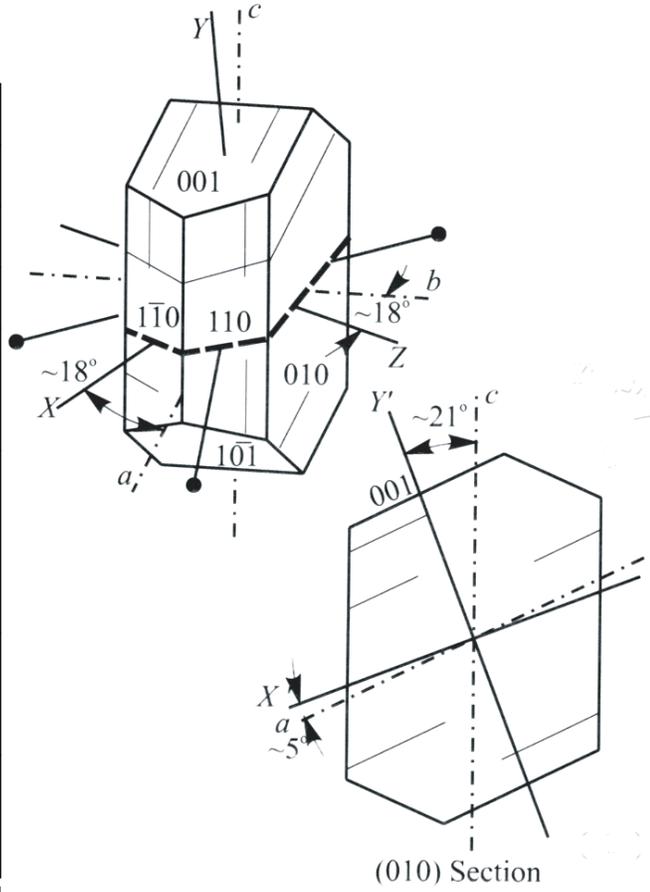
Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features



**P H Y S I C A L**

Cleavage

**Relief**  
**V.Low Low Medium High V.High**    **POS** <sup>n</sup>  
**NEG**

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

Twinning

Elongation

**CONOSCOPIC**

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion

Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_













Mineral Name

# Rutile

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Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

P  
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O  
P  
I  
C



G Density **LIGHT** **NORMAL** **DENSE** **VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief **V.Low** **Low** **Medium** **High** **V.High** POS NEG <sup>n</sup>

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

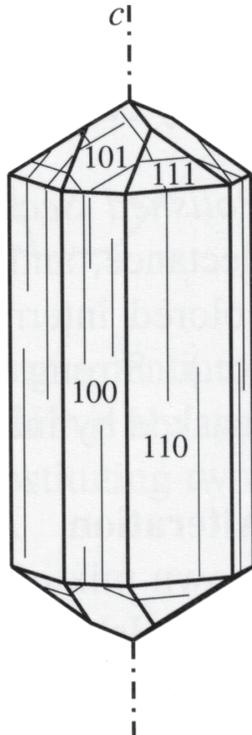
Twinning

Elongation

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

# Sanidine (K-feldspar)

Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

**H**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	fn	cp		sn	gl		qz	sp	

**G** Density: **LIGHT**   **NORMAL**   **DENSE**   **VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

**P H Y S I C A L**

**C O N O S C O P I C**

Relief: **V.Low**   **Low**   **Medium**   **High**   **V.High**   POS<sup>n</sup> / NEG

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

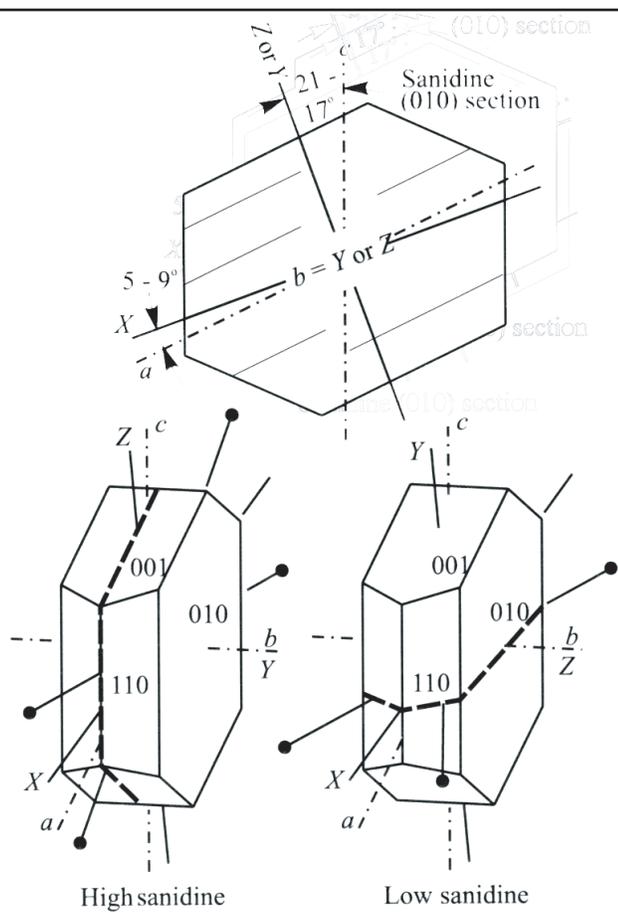
Twinning

Elongation

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

**C O N O S C O P I C**

Mineral Name

# Serpentine

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Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

P H Y S I C A L  
O R T H O S C O P I C  
C O N O S C O P I C



G Density  
**LIGHT    NORMAL    DENSE    VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief  
**V.Low    Low    Medium    High    V.High**    POS<sup>n</sup>  
NEG

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

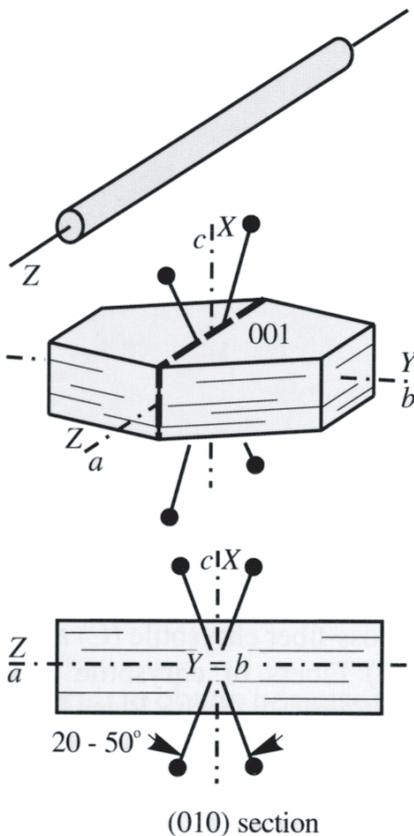
Twinning

Elongation

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_



# Sillimanite

Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

**H**

1	fn	cp	4	sn	gl	6	qz	sp	8	9	10
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**G** Density: **LIGHT**    **NORMAL**    **DENSE**    **VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

**C**

Cleavage

Relief: **V.Low**    **Low**    **Medium**    **High**    **V.High**    POS <sup>n</sup> / NEG

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

Twinning

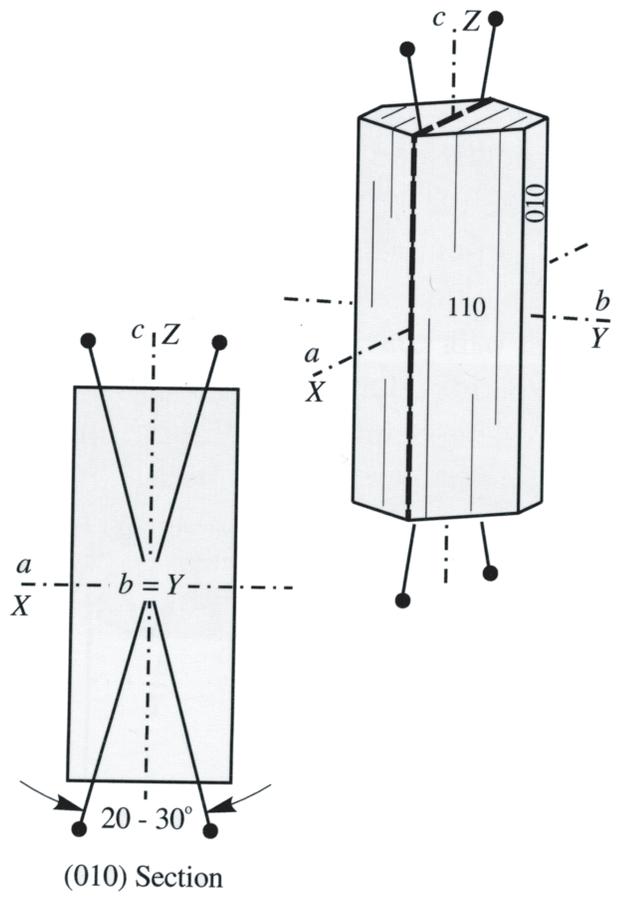
Elongation

**O**

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

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P  
I  
C

# Stilbite

Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

P H Y S I C A L  
O R T H O S C O P I C  
C O N O S C O P I C



Density: LIGHT NORMAL DENSE VERY DENSE

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief: V.Low Low Medium High V.High POS NEG<sup>n</sup>

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

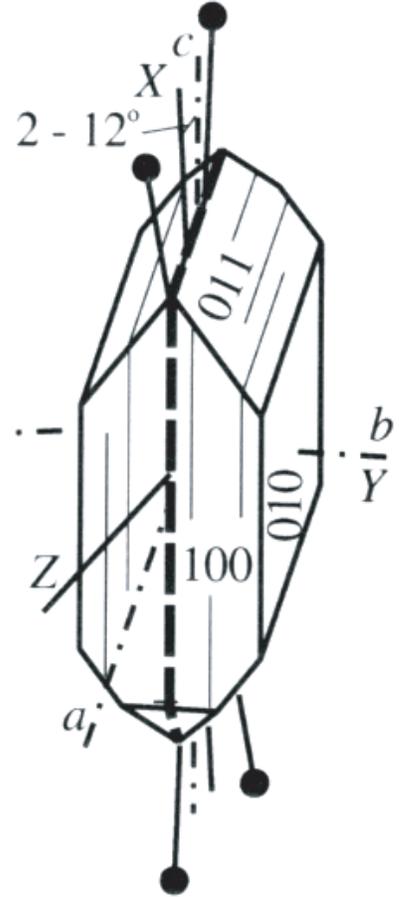
Twinning

Elongation

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

**H**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	fn	cp		sn	gl		qz	sp	

**G** Density: **LIGHT**   **NORMAL**   **DENSE**   **VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

**P H Y S I C A L**

**C O N O S C O P I C**

Relief: **V.Low**   **Low**   **Medium**   **High**   **V.High**   POS<sup>n</sup> / NEG

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

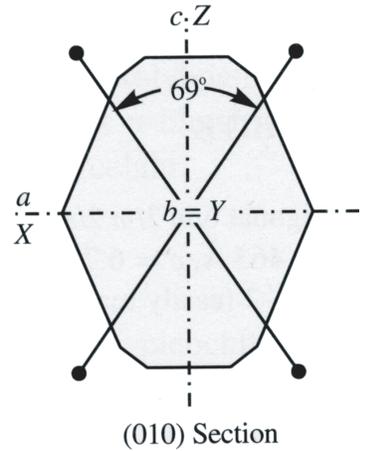
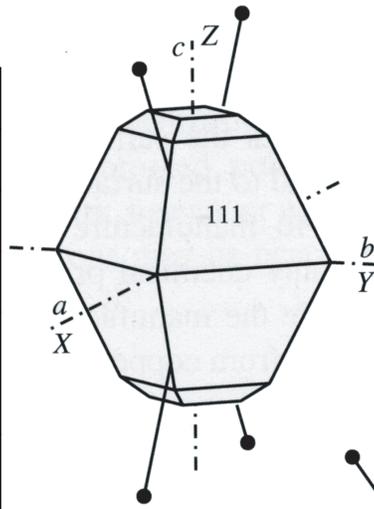
Twinning

Elongation

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

**C O N O S C O P I C**





# Staurolite

Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

**H**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	fn	cp		sn	gl		qz	sp	

**G** Density: **LIGHT**    **NORMAL**    **DENSE**    **VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

**P H Y S I C A L**

Cleavage

Relief: **V.Low**    **Low**    **Medium**    **High**    **V.High**    POS<sup>n</sup> / NEG

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

Twinning

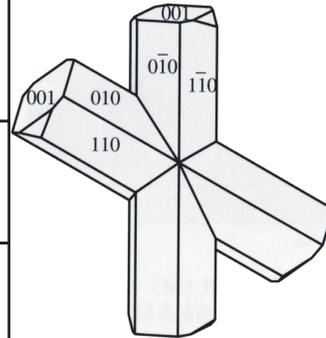
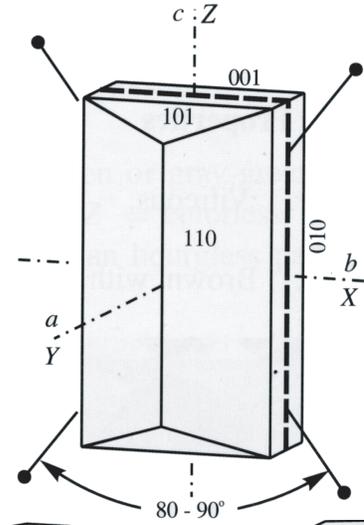
Elongation

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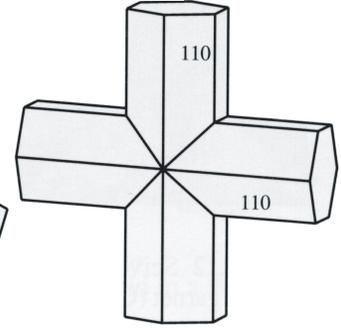
Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion



{231} Twin



{031} Twin

Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

H  
G  
Luster  
Typical Color  
Habit(s)  
Occurrence  
Alteration / Decomposition  
Other useful features  
Cleavage  
Relief  
Color / Pleochroism  
Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors  
Extinction / Ext. Angle  
Twinning  
Elongation  
Optic Sign  
2V  
Dispersion



Density  
LIGHT NORMAL DENSE VERY DENSE

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief  
**V.Low Low Medium High V.High** POS <sup>n</sup>  
**NEG**

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

Twinning

Elongation

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion

Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Distinguish from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Distinguish from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

CONOSCOPIC

Mineral Name

# Titanite

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Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

H  
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I  
C



Density  
**LIGHT    NORMAL    DENSE    VERY DENSE**

Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief  
**V.Low    Low    Medium    High    V.High**    POS<sup>n</sup>  
**NEG**

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

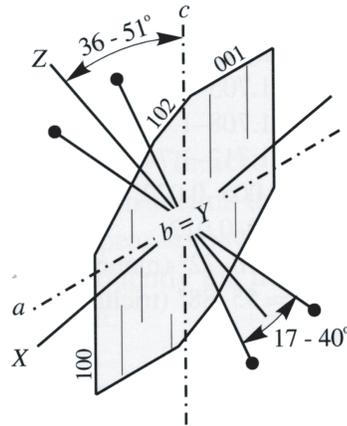
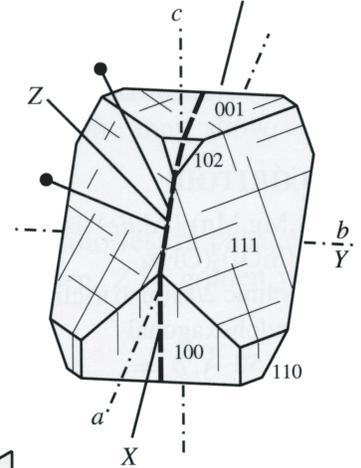
Twinning

Elongation

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion



(010) Section

Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

P H Y S I C A L  
O R T H O S C O P I C  
C O N O S C O P I C



Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief  
**V.Low Low Medium High V.High** POS NEG<sup>n</sup>

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

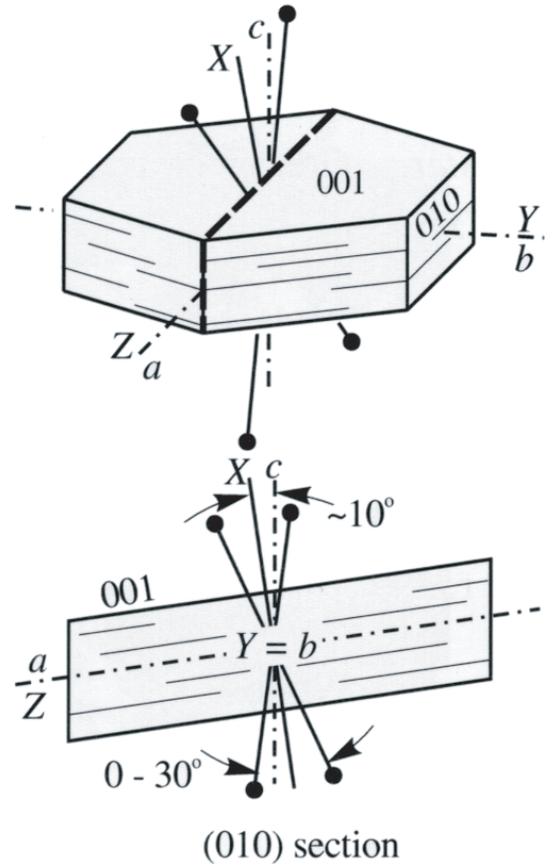
Twinning

Elongation

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_



Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

P H Y S I C A L  
O R T H O S C O P I C  
C O N O S C O P I C



Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

Cleavage

Relief  
**V.Low Low Medium High V.High** POS NEG<sup>n</sup>

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

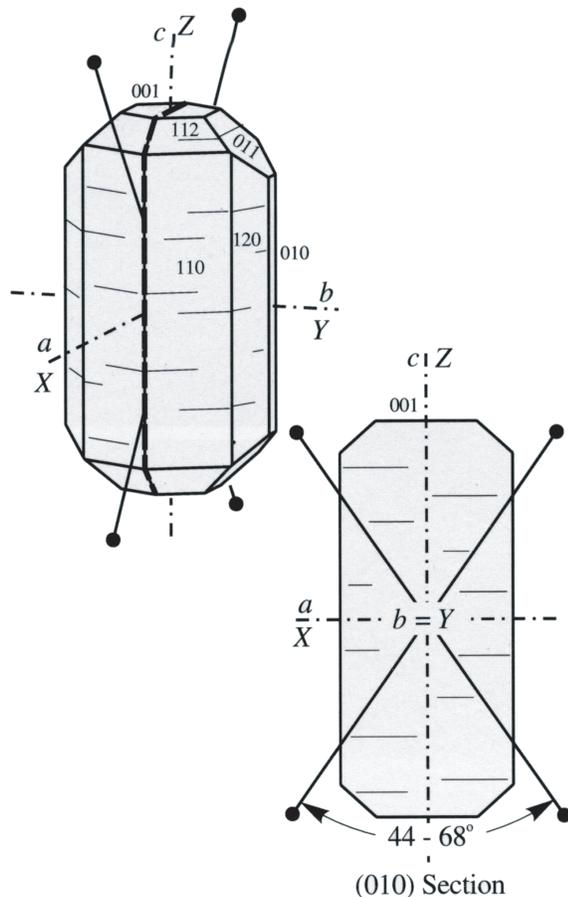
Twinning

Elongation

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Mineral Name

# Tremolite

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Formula / Key Elements

Crystal System

Classification

**H**

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	fn	cp		sn	gl		qz	sp	

**G**

Density	<b>LIGHT</b>	<b>NORMAL</b>	<b>DENSE</b>	<b>VERY DENSE</b>
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Luster

Typical Color

Habit(s)

Occurrence  
**Igneous**  
**Metamorphic**  
**Low-T hydrothermal**  
**High-T hydrothermal**  
**Sedimentary**

Alteration / Decomposition

Other useful features

**P H Y S I C A L**

Cleavage

Relief  
**V.Low Low Medium High V.High**    POS<sup>n</sup>  
 NEG

Color / Pleochroism

Birefringence/Max. Interference Colors

Extinction / Ext. Angle

Twinning

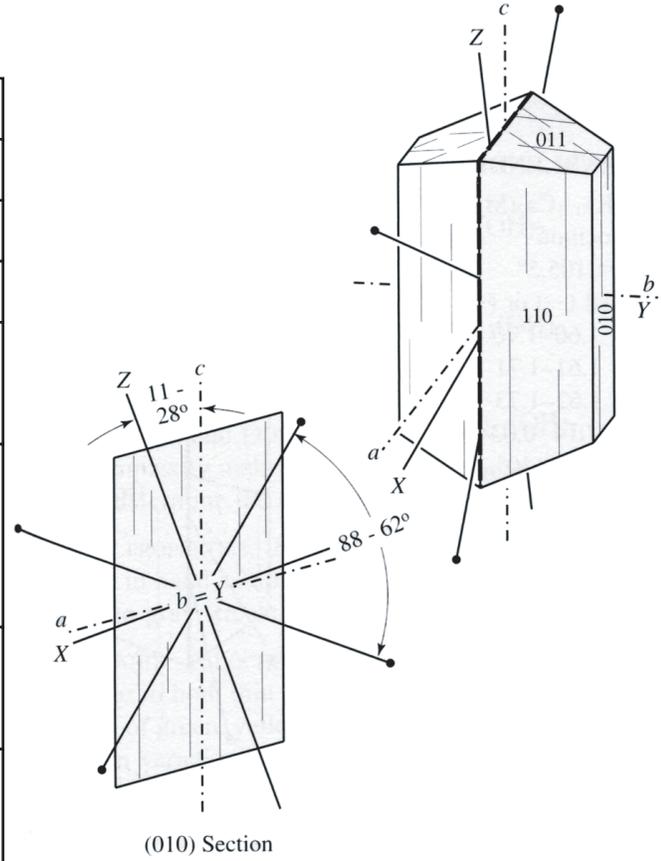
Elongation

**CONOSCOPIC**

Optic Sign

2V

Dispersion



Distinguishing Features (hand specimen)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Distinguishing Features (thin section)

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_

Dist. from \_\_\_\_\_ by \_\_\_\_\_



