

Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* *mm*2. Crystals slender prismatic, striated || elongation; rarely tabular, flattened on {010}, equant, to 3 mm.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* {120}, distinct. *Tenacity:* Brittle. *Hardness* = 3
D(meas.) = 5.90 D(calc.) = 6.141 Piezoelectric.

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* White, colorless. *Luster:* Adamantine, pearly on platy surfaces.

Optical Class: Biaxial (-). *Orientation:* *X* = *a*; *Y* = *c*; *Z* = *b*. *Dispersion:* *r* > *v*, easily perceptible. *Absorption:* Strong. $\alpha = 1.92(1)$ $\beta = 1.95(1)$ $\gamma = 1.96(1)$ $2V(\text{meas.}) = 80^\circ$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* *Pna*2₁. *a* = 8.244 *b* = 18.963 *c* = 5.06 *Z* = 8

X-ray Powder Pattern: Synthetic.

3.19 (100), 2.854 (90), 4.88 (80), 3.04 (80), 4.19 (60), 4.11 (50), 4.03 (50)

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)	(3)
SiO ₂	16.87	17.2	16.48
FeO	0.10		
MnO	0.14		
ZnO	22.74	24.0	22.32
PbO	56.66	59.1	61.20
MgO	0.20		
CaO	2.42	0.1	
H ₂ O	0.76		
Total	99.89	100.4	100.00

- (1) Franklin, New Jersey, USA; average of two analyses. (2) Do.; by electron microprobe.
(3) PbZnSiO₄.

Occurrence: A very rare secondary mineral in veins cutting and replacing coarse, massive willemite-franklinite ore in a metamorphosed stratiform zinc deposit (Franklin, New Jersey, USA).

Association: Willemite, clinohedrite, esperite, hardystonite, hodgkinsonite, andradite, calcite, smithsonite, zincite, franklinite, roeblingite (Franklin, New Jersey, USA); queitite, alamosite (Tsumeb, Namibia).

Distribution: From Franklin, Sussex Co., New Jersey, USA. At Tsumeb, Namibia. In the Puttapa zinc mine, near Beltana, South Australia.

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Type Material: n.d.

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