

Guilleminite

Ba(UO₂)₃O₂(Se⁴⁺O₃)₂•3H₂O

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Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* *mm*2. As rectangular crystals, tabular on {010}, to 0.4 mm, bounded by {001}, {010}, {001}, modified by {101}; as coatings and silky masses.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Perfect on {100}; good on {010}. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = n.d. D(meas.) = 4.88(2) D(calc.) = [4.90] Radioactive.

Optical Properties: Transparent to translucent. *Color:* Canary-yellow. *Luster:* [Vitreous.] *Optical Class:* Biaxial (-). *Pleochroism:* Strong; X = bright yellow; Y = yellow; Z = colorless. *Orientation:* X = c; Y = b; Z = a. *Dispersion:* r > v, strong. α = 1.720(2) β = 1.798(2) γ = 1.805(5) 2V(meas.) = 35° 2V(calc.) = 32°

Cell Data: *Space Group:* P2₁nm. a = 7.293(1) b = 16.881(4) c = 7.084(1) Z = 2

X-ray Powder Pattern: Musonoi mine, Congo. 8.39 (F), 7.29 (F), 3.55 (mF), 6.68 (m), 3.04 (m), 2.80 (m), 3.17 (mf)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(3)
SeO ₂	16.8	19.5	17.24
UO ₃	64.5	65.5	66.65
BaO	10.8	8.0	11.91
H ₂ O	7.1	n.d.	4.20
Total	99.2		100.00

(1) Musonoi mine, Congo; H₂O by the Penfield method. (2) Do.; by electron microprobe. (3) Ba(UO₂)₃O₂(SeO₃)₂•3H₂O, determined from crystal-structure analysis.

Occurrence: In the oxidized portions of a Cu-Co sulfide deposit (Musonoi mine, Congo).

Association: Malachite, cuprosklodowskite, kasolite, marthozite, derriksite, uranophane, wulfenite (Musonoi mine, Congo).

Distribution: From the Musonoi Cu-Co mine, near Kolwezi, and at Shinkolobwe, Katanga Province, Congo (Shaba Province, Zaire).

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