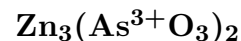


Reinerite

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Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* $2/m\ 2/m\ 2/m$. Crystals are rough, pseudo-hexagonal, showing {010}, {110}, {001}, and {012}, striated || [001], to 4.7 cm.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* On {110}, {011}, {111}, good. Hardness = 5–5.5
D(meas.) = 4.270 D(calc.) = 4.283

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* Light yellow-green, changing to sea-blue on exposure.
Luster: Vitreous to adamantine on fracture surfaces.
Optical Class: Biaxial (-). $\alpha = 1.749$ $\beta = 1.790$ $\gamma = 1.821$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $Pbam$. $a = 6.0883(2)$ $b = 14.3941(5)$ $c = 7.8022(2)$ $Z = 4$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Tsumeb, Namibia.
3.9954 (1000), 2.6455 (290), 1.5488 (191), 3.2025 (187), 2.7826 (176), 2.6023 (145), 3.3942 (143)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
As ₂ O ₃	43.83	44.76
ZnO	56.01	55.24
Total	99.84	100.00

(1) Tsumeb, Namibia; by electron microprobe. (2) $\text{Zn}_3(\text{As}^{3+}\text{O}_3)_2$.

Occurrence: Extremely rare in a deep oxidation zone in a dolostone-hosted hydrothermal polymetallic ore deposit.

Association: Chalcocite, bornite, willemite, smithsonite, hydrozincite, hemimorphite, adamite, olivenite, gebhardtite.

Distribution: From Tsumeb, Namibia.

Name: To honor Willy Reiner (1895–1965), Senior Chemist, Tsumeb Corporation, Tsumeb, Namibia, who analyzed this material.

Type Material: n.d.

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