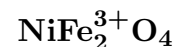


# Trevorite



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**Crystal Data:** Cubic. *Point Group:*  $4/m\bar{3}2/m$ . Rarely as small octahedra; granular, massive.

**Physical Properties:** *Fracture:* Uneven. Hardness = 5 D(meas.) = 5.164 D(calc.) = 5.20 Strongly magnetic.

**Optical Properties:** Opaque, transparent in thinnest fragments. *Color:* Black with greenish hue. *Streak:* Brown. *Luster:* Metallic.

*Optical Class:* Isotropic.  $n = 2.3$

R: n.d.

**Cell Data:** *Space Group:*  $Fd\bar{3}m$  (synthetic).  $a = 8.839$   $Z = 8$

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Synthetic.

2.513 (100), 1.4760 (40), 2.948 (30), 1.6051 (30), 2.085 (25), 4.82 (20), 1.0857 (16)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(3)
V <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>		0.02	
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>		0.02	
SiO <sub>2</sub>	1.40	0.25	
TiO <sub>2</sub>		0.05	
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>		0.18	
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	66.24		68.13
FeO	1.96	73.06	
MnO		0.07	
NiO	29.71	21.81	31.87
MgO	0.24	0.71	
H <sub>2</sub> O	0.36		
Total	99.91	96.17	100.00

(1) Bon Accord, South Africa. (2) Mt. Clifford, Australia; by electron microprobe, total Fe as FeO; with Fe<sup>3+</sup>:Fe<sup>2+</sup> calculated from stoichiometry, corresponds to (Ni<sub>0.66</sub>Fe<sub>0.30</sub>Mg<sub>0.04</sub>)<sub>Σ=1.00</sub>(Fe<sub>1.99</sub>Al<sub>0.01</sub>)<sub>Σ=2.00</sub>O<sub>4</sub>. (3) NiFe<sub>2</sub>O<sub>4</sub>.

**Mineral Group:** Spinel group.

**Occurrence:** In a small tabular body of nickeliferous serpentinite, probably a contact deposit, along the junction of quartzite and an ultramafic intrusive (Bon Accord, South Africa); below a nickel sulfide deposit in gabbro intruding peridotites (Mt. Clifford, Australia).

**Association:** Nimite, willemseite, nickeloan talc, violarite, millerite, reevesite, goethite (Bon Accord, South Africa); nickel, heazlewoodite, millerite (Mt. Clifford, Australia).

**Distribution:** Found three km west of the Scotia talc mine, Bon Accord area, Barberton, Transvaal, South Africa. In the Mt. Clifford nickel deposit, 54 km north-northwest of Leonora, Western Australia. As a minor constituent of the widespread sediments marking major geological period boundaries, as the Cretaceous-Tertiary.

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**Type Material:** National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, 132464, 132465.

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