

**Lewisite****(Ca, Fe<sup>2+</sup>, Na)<sub>2</sub>(Sb, Ti)<sub>2</sub>O<sub>7</sub>**

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**Crystal Data:** Cubic. Point Group:  $4/m \bar{3} 2/m$ . As minute octahedra, to 1 mm, and earthy masses. Twinning: On {111}, rare.

**Physical Properties:** Cleavage: {111}, nearly perfect. Hardness = 5.5 D(meas.) = 4.950 D(calc.) = 5.31

**Optical Properties:** Translucent. Color: Honey-yellow, amber-yellow, yellowish brown.

Streak: Pale yellowish brown. Luster: Vitreous to resinous.

Optical Class: Isotropic.  $n = n.d.$

**Cell Data:** Space Group:  $Fd\bar{3}m$  (ICDD 7-66).  $a = 10.264\text{--}10.306$  Z = 8

**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Tripuy, Brazil. (ICDD 7-66).  
2.94 (100), 1.813 (100), 1.548 (100), 1.179 (50), 1.150 (50), 1.050 (50), 0.989 (50)

**Chemistry:**

	(1)	(2)
Sb <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	67.52	65.52
TiO <sub>2</sub>	11.35	11.70
FeO	4.55	6.79
MnO	0.38	
CaO	15.93	15.47
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.99	1.06
Total	100.72	100.54

(1-2) Tripuy, Brazil.

**Mineral Group:** Stibiconite group.

**Occurrence:** In eluvial sands (Tripuy, Brazil); an alteration of large tetrahedrite crystals (Johnny Lyon Hills, Arizona, USA).

**Association:** Mica, cinnabar, tripuyite (Tripuy, Brazil); tetrahedrite (Johnny Lyon Hills, Arizona, USA).

**Distribution:** At the Tripuy cinnabar mine, Ouro Prêto, Minas Gerais, Brazil. Abundant from Tres Alamos Wash, in the Johnny Lyon Hills, Cochise Co., Arizona, USA. In the Miniera del Tafone, Grosseto, Tuscany, Italy.

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