

Lorenzenite**Na₂Ti₂Si₂O₉**

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Crystal Data: Orthorhombic. *Point Group:* 2/m 2/m 2/m. Crystals equant, bladed prismatic, to needlelike, to 6 cm; fibrous, felted, lamellar aggregates.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Distinct on {010}. *Fracture:* Uneven. Hardness = 6 D(meas.) = 3.42–3.45 D(calc.) = 3.44 May fluoresce pale yellow to dull green under SW UV, with green cathodoluminescence.

Optical Properties: Transparent to opaque. *Color:* Pale purple-brown, pale pink to mauve, brown to black. *Luster:* Vitreous, adamantine to submetallic, or silky, dull. *Optical Class:* Biaxial (−). *Pleochroism:* Weak; X = Y = pale reddish yellow, yellowish brown to light brown; Z = pale yellow, brownish to dark brown. *Orientation:* X = b; Y = a; Z = c. *Dispersion:* r > v, distinct. $\alpha = 1.91\text{--}1.95$ $\beta = 2.01\text{--}2.04$ $\gamma = 2.03\text{--}2.06$ 2V(meas.) = 38°–41°

Cell Data: Space Group: Pbcn. a = 8.7128(10) b = 5.2327(5) c = 14.487(2) Z = 4

X-ray Powder Pattern: Lovozero massif, Russia. (ICDD 18-1262).
2.74 (100), 3.33 (70), 1.60 (50), 5.56 (40), 2.45 (40), 1.64 (40), 3.12 (30)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(3)	(1)	(2)	(3)
SiO ₂	35.40	35.3	35.15	FeO	0.34	
TiO ₂	43.16	43.7	46.72	MnO	trace	0.12
ZrO ₂	0.07			CaO	0.19	0.14
Al ₂ O ₃	0.00	0.11		SrO	0.01	
Y ₂ O ₃	0.02			Na ₂ O	16.23	17.4
La ₂ O ₃	0.01			F	0.38	
Ce ₂ O ₃	0.04			H ₂ O ⁺	0.42	
Fe ₂ O ₃		0.99		H ₂ O [−]	0.17	
Nb ₂ O ₅	3.89	2.20		−O = F ₂	0.16	
				Total	100.17	99.96
						100.00

(1) Narssârssuk, Greenland; traces of V, Sc, Mn. (2) Tenerife, Canary Islands; by electron microprobe. (3) Na₂Ti₂Si₂O₉.

Occurrence: In nepheline syenites and their associated pegmatites.

Association: Aegirine, nepheline, microcline, arfvedsonite, elpidite, loparite, eudialyte, astrophyllite, mangan-neptunite, lâvenite, rinkite, apatite, titanite, ilmenite.

Distribution: From Narssârssuk and in the Gardiner complex, beyond the head of Kangerdlugssuaq Fjord, Greenland. Near Mt. Karnasurt, Lovozero massif, in the Khibiny massif, and the Kondor massif, Kola Peninsula; in the Inagli, Konder, and Murun massifs, near Aldan, Yakutia, Russia. At Lågendalen, near Larvik, and on Låven Island, Langesundsfjord, Norway. From Mont Saint-Hilaire and near Saint-Amable, Quebec, Canada. At Point of Rocks, Colfax Co., New Mexico, and in the Diamond Jo quarry, Magnet Cove, Hot Spring Co., Arkansas, USA. On Tenerife, Canary Islands.

Name: After Johannes Theodor Lorenzen (1855–1884), Danish mineralogist interested in Greenland minerals.

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