

Sarcolite**NaCa₆Al₄Si₆O₂₄F(?)**

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Crystal Data: Tetragonal. *Point Group:* 4/*m*. As equant pseudocubic hemihedral crystals, to 2.5 cm; in irregular masses.

Physical Properties: *Fracture:* Conchoidal. *Tenacity:* Brittle. Hardness = 6
D(meas.) = 2.91–2.96 D(calc.) = 2.82–2.90

Optical Properties: Transparent. *Color:* Flesh-pink, colorless. *Luster:* Vitreous.
Optical Class: Uniaxial (+). $\omega = 1.604(1)$ $\epsilon = 1.613(2)$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* I4/*m*. $a = 12.343(5)$ $c = 15.463(5)$ Z = 4

X-ray Powder Pattern: Monte Somma, Italy.
2.747 (100), 3.343 (90), 2.853 (87), 2.762 (69), 2.941 (64), 3.215 (51), 2.998 (51)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)	(3)
SiO ₂	36.2	35.6	38.23
TiO ₂	0.09	0.14	
Al ₂ O ₃	19.2	18.6	21.63
FeO	0.32	0.43	
MnO	0.09	0.07	
MgO	0.29	0.38	
CaO	34.4	34.4	35.68
SrO	0.1	0.37	
Na ₂ O	3.79	2.58	3.29
K ₂ O	0.36	0.36	
F	1.19	1.01	2.02
Cl	0.01	0.01	
P ₂ O ₅	1.44	1.60	
SO ₃	0.13	3.14	
–O = Cl ₂	0.50	0.43	0.85
Total	97.11	98.26	100.00

(1) Monte Somma, Italy; by electron microprobe. (2) Anguillara Sabazia, Italy; by electron microprobe. (3) NaCa₆Al₄Si₆O₂₄F.

Occurrence: In contact metamorphosed limestone-bearing volcanic ejecta.

Association: Augite, gehlenite, garnet (Monte Somma, Italy); augite, haüyne, fluorite (Anguillara Sabazia, Italy).

Distribution: In Italy, at Monte Somma and Vesuvius, Campania, and Anguillara Sabazia, Lazio.

Name: From the Greek for *flesh*, alluding to the color.

Type Material: The Natural History Museum, London, England, 1960,629.

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