

Krettnichite

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Crystal Data: Triclinic. *Point Group:* $\bar{1}$ or 1. Compact, with a felted lamellar to microscopically spherulitic texture.

Physical Properties: Hardness = n.d. D(meas.) = 1.92 D(calc.) = 1.95

Optical Properties: Translucent. *Color:* White. *Luster:* Dull.
Optical Class: Biaxial. $n = 1.484$; birefringence 0.002.

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $P\bar{1}$ or $P1$. $a = 18.126(25)$ $b = 13.519(225)$ $c = 7.500(13)$
 $\alpha = 70^\circ 30(7)'$ $\beta = 117^\circ 52(7)'$ $\gamma = 136^\circ 35(7)'$ $Z = 2$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Kristineberg mine, Sweden.
11.57 (100), 5.02 (23), 6.62 (20), 2.863 (14), 5.37 (12), 5.72 (8), 2.930 (5)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)
SO ₃	13.05	12.20
P ₂ O ₅	31.27	32.46
Al ₂ O ₃	38.45	38.86
MgO	0.02	
H ₂ O	17.22	16.48
Total	100.01	100.00

(1) Kristineberg mine, Sweden. (2) $\text{Al}_5(\text{PO}_4)_3(\text{SO}_4)(\text{OH})_4 \cdot 4\text{H}_2\text{O}$.

Occurrence: Filling fractures in cupriferous pyrite.

Association: Pyrite.

Distribution: From the Kristineberg mine, Västerbotten, Sweden.

Name: A contraction of the type locality, the KRISTINEBERG mine, Sweden.

Type Material: Swedish Museum of Natural History, Stockholm, Sweden, RM450003.

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