

INSTRUCTIONS TO AUTHORS

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Introduction

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General requirements

Manuscripts, including illustrations, must be submitted in triplicate to the Editor, Brian Mason, *The American Mineralogist*, Department of Mineral Sciences, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560. Original tables should be retained by the author until the manuscript is accepted for publication. Manuscripts must be typewritten, *double-spaced throughout* (including title page, abstract, references, table and figure captions, and all footnotes except those to tables), with margins at least 1.5 inches on all sides of each page, on white paper about 8.5 × 11 inches in size; one side only of standard-weight paper must be used for the first copy. Clear photocopies (one side only) are acceptable for the second and third copies. Footnotes may be used only if absolutely essential; they are typed at the bottom of the page on which they appear and are numbered in sequence.

New mineral names and redefinitions of existing names must be approved before publication by the Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names of the International Mineralogical Association (Fleischer, 1970). For this purpose a copy of the manuscript should be simultaneously (or previously) sent to Dr. Akira Kato, Chairman, Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names, National Science Museum, 3-23-1 Hyakunin-cho, Shinjuku, Tokyo 160, Japan. In general, manuscripts proposing new names for imperfectly or incompletely described minerals or

new names for mere compositional varieties cannot be accepted. Writers naming new minerals should conform to the rules and principles set forth in Hey *et al.* (1961) and Donnay and Fleischer (1970).

Obsolete, discredited, or superfluous mineral names may not be used. A useful guide is 1975 *Glossary of Mineral Names* (Fleischer, 1975); if a mineral name does not appear therein, some explanation is usually necessary. This glossary is taken as the standard for the spelling of mineral names.

For crystallographic data, the recommendations of the Commission on Crystallographic Data of the International Union of Crystallography (Kennard *et al.*, 1967) are standard in this journal. X-ray powder diffraction data (d or 2θ) may be tabulated if necessary to characterize the mineral. They may be illustrated only if essential features cannot be tabulated. If the data are similar to some already published or listed in the Powder Diffraction File, then a statement to that effect is usually sufficient without republishing either a table or a cut. Refinements to previously-available powder data can be contributed directly to the PDF without publication.¹ Powder patterns should be indexed, if at all possible, and cell parameters listed; if this is not possible, the reasons should be stated. If the space group is known or determined, a powder pattern whose extinctions are inconsistent with the space group should not be published without explanation of the inconsistent extinctions.

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The increased application of computer systems for information retrieval requires that both title and abstract be as brief and informative as possible, consistent with their respective lengths. Authors should avoid complex symbols and formulas in the title. To facilitate identification in indexing and abstracting, it is recommended that authors spell out one of their given names rather than precede their surnames with initials only.

The abstract should state concisely, in 250 words or less, what was done and what was concluded; if possible, it should include important numbers (e.g. temperature range, main X-ray lines, chemical com-

position, *etc.*). Literature citations should not appear in the abstract.

Style

Use a separate page for the title and authorship; number it 1 on the top right-hand corner. Begin each major section—abstract, text, references, table and figure captions—on a new sheet. Subsections within the main text do not require a new sheet. Paginate figure captions and tables after the references. Avoid beginning a sentence with numbers or symbols. As far as possible, use decimals rather than fractions. Place a zero before the decimal point in writing numbers with no integer, *i.e.* 0.25, not .25. Authors are responsible for indicating (by underlining) where italics are required in symbols and equations. Symbols which may be difficult to interpret should be explained in marginal pencil notes. Complex mathematical notations and equations are difficult and expensive to typeset, and should be used sparingly. Ionic charge is indicated by a superscript plus or minus sign following the symbol of the ion; for multiple charges an Arabic superscript numeral *precedes* the plus or minus sign, *e.g.* Na^+ , Cl^- , Ca^{2+} , S^{2-} .

American spelling and usage according to Webster's Third New International Dictionary are standard in *The American Mineralogist*. For questions of style not covered here, the answers can usually be found by examining a paper in the same field in a recent issue of *The American Mineralogist*. Excellent discussions of the preparation of manuscripts are *Geowriting* (Cochran *et al.*, 1979), *Writing Scientific Papers in English* (O'Connor and Woodford, 1975), and *Suggestions to Authors* (U.S. Geological Survey, 1978). If authors would adhere to the recommendations in these books, the path to publication would be smoothed for all concerned.

The system of metric units known as SI (Système International) should be used, except that the ångström unit is used instead of nanometer and bar and kilobar instead of the pascal. Where 0, O, 1, 1, Greek letters, or other typography may be ambiguous in the text, instruct the printer by writing in the margin in pencil "zero," "oh," "el," "one," *etc.* Avoid the use of subscripts and superscripts as far as possible, since they require expensive typesetting; parenthetical designations can often be used, *e.g.*, d (calc.).

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space in tables, the shortened form 7.3012(2) or 7.3012(11) respectively indicates *esd's* of 0.002 or 0.0011. A footnote to the table should then explain that "parenthesized figures represent the estimated standard deviation (*esd*) in terms of least units cited for the value to their immediate left, thus 7.3012(11) indicates an *esd* of 0.0011."

For acceptable symbols and abbreviations, see Table 1.

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Heads. When set in type, an article is more attractive and easier to read if it is divided into major sections which are distinguished by first-order headings. These first-order heads should show the basic organization of the paper, and might be, for example: **Introduction; Previous work; Methods; Results; Discussion; Conclusions and implications; Acknowledgments; References.** For a mineral-centered article they might be: **Introduction; Occurrence and associations; X-ray crystallography; Chemical composition; Physical and optical properties; Thermal study; Dis-**

ussion; Conclusions; Acknowledgments; References. These heads should be centered on the line; only the first letter of the first word need be capitalized.

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Third-order heads. The three paragraphs of this subsection on heads begin with "third-order heads," which may be used when a further subdivision is needed. If, in the previous example, two or more minerals are being studied, under the second-order heads, *e.g. Physical and optical properties*, the specific

Table 1. Abbreviations and symbols commonly used in *The American Mineralogist**

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Physical Quantities			
<u>P</u> ressure bar kbar = kilobars atm = atmosphere	<u>V</u> olume ml = milliliters μ^3 A	<u>I</u> ntensity I/I_0 = relative intensity <u>d</u> = interplanar spacing	refr. ind. = refractive indices, or n , ϵ , ω , α , β , γ
<u>T</u> emperature cal = calories kcal = kilocalories K = Kelvin $^{\circ}$ C = degrees Celsius	<u>t</u> ime sec = seconds min = minutes hr = hours m.y. = million years	hkl = diffraction symbol (hkl) = face symbol {hkl} = form symbol [uvw] = edge or zone symbol	principal vibrations: <u>E</u> , <u>O</u> , <u>X</u> , <u>Y</u> , <u>Z</u> optic axial angle: $2V$, $2V_x$, $2V_z$
<u>l</u> ength in. = inches m = metex; cm = 10^{-2} m mm = 10^{-3} m; μ m = 10^{-6} m nm = 10^{-9} m Å = ångström	<u>f</u> requency (or ν) g = gram; kg = kilogram μ g = microgram <u>D</u> = density = g/cm ³ ppm = parts per million pH D = specific gravity	MoK α_1 = radiation type unit cell <u>a</u> , <u>b</u> , <u>c</u> = edge lengths <u>a</u> , <u>b</u> , <u>c</u> = vectors** α , β , γ = angles	<u>r</u> , <u>v</u> = dispersion extinction angle: <u>Z</u> : <u>c</u> perpendicular to = \perp parallel to = \parallel
Other Abbreviations			
p. = page or pages ca. = circa calc. = calculated	et al. = et alii = and others etc. = and other things	i.e. = that is e.g. = for example cf. = compare	meas. = measured obs. = observed vs. = versus

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**The wavy underlining calls for use of bold face type and is customarily used for vector quantities.

mineral names might be used as third-order heads. These heads should be indented at the beginning of the paragraph and underlined.

Tables

Tables should be submitted as camera-ready copy, which can be photographed and included in the article without being set in type. The author should retain the original tables until the manuscript is accepted for publication by the Editor; three exact photocopies must be submitted with the original manuscript. To avoid undue delays or the necessity of retyping, use an electric typewriter with a carbon ribbon, and type each table on a separate sheet of white paper. We recommend Prestige Elite, Courier, or Adjutant typefaces. Footnotes to the table are single-spaced, and when possible should be in italics. White correction fluid as well as light-blue guide lines, which will not photograph, are permissible.

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- 9.5 – 11.5 in. for 2-column table
- 12.0 – 14.5 in. for broadside table

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See the following pages of *The American Mineralogist*, Volume 64, for examples of tables to guide authors: (1) page 722, Table 1, Microprobe analyses (weight percent) of chevkinite from the Little Chief Granite, and Table 2, Structural formulas (atomic proportions) for chevkinite from the Little Chief Granite, calculated to Σ cations = 13; page 588, Table 2, Product K: anisotropic thermal vibration parameters ($\times 10^4$); page 547, Table 2, Representative mineral analyses. Note the judicious use of single and double spacing to block the data and guide the eye.

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Translations, whether individual or from a cover-to-cover translation journal, should be listed by the original source, followed by the translated source in brackets; see Urosov (1967) in the Appendix.

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