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Nomenclature of the micas

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ABSTRACT

The Mica Subcommittee was appointed by the *Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names* of the *International Mineralogical Association*. The definitions and recommendations presented were approved by the *Commission*.

The report discusses mica definition, subdivisions, principles of classification, end-member formulae, modifiers and suffixes, series names for incompletely investigated materials, and invalid names. The determination of the crystallochemical formula for different available chemical data is outlined, and a system of modifiers and suffixes is given to allow the expression of unusual chemical substitutions or polytypic stacking arrangements.

Formulas and permissible ranges of composition are given for the following valid true, brittle, and interlayer-cation-deficient micas:

Micas	Dioctahedral		Trioctahedral	
True	aluminoceladonite	muscovite	annite	phlogopite
	boromuscovite	nanpingite	aspidolite	polylithionite
	celadonite	paragonite	eastonite	preiswerkite
	chromphyllite	roscoelite	ephesite	siderophyllite
	ferro-aluminoceladonite	tobelite	hendricksite	tainiolite
	ferroceladonite		masutomilite	tetra-ferri-annite
			montdorite	tetra-ferriphlogopite
			norrishite	trilithionite
Brittle	chernykhite		anandite	clintonite
	margarite		bityite	kinoshitalite
Interlayer-deficient	brammallite	illite	wonesite	
	glauconite			

Tables of mica synonyms and varieties, ill-defined materials and mixtures, and a list of names formerly or erroneously used for micas are presented.

The complete report is available on the American Mineralogist web site (http://www.minsocam.org/AmMin/ammin.html). Click on Special Features.

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