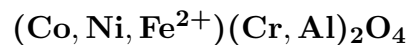


Cochromite



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Crystal Data: Cubic. *Point Group:* $4/m\bar{3}2/m$. As grains, to about 20 μm .

Physical Properties: *Fracture:* Conchoidal. Hardness = n.d. VHN = 1218(100) (50 g load).
D(meas.) = n.d. D(calc.) = ~ 4.99

Optical Properties: Opaque. *Color:* [Black.] *Streak:* Greenish gray. *Luster:* Metallic.
Optical Class: Isotropic.

R: (480) 14.3, (546) 13.7, (589) 14.0, (656) 13.9

Cell Data: *Space Group:* [$Fd\bar{3}m$] (by analogy to spinel). $a = \sim 8.29$ $Z = 8$

X-ray Powder Pattern: n.d.

Chemistry:

	(1)	(2)
SiO ₂	0.11	
TiO ₂	1.26	0.67
Al ₂ O ₃	9.11	49.61
Fe ₂ O ₃	4.14	
Cr ₂ O ₃	50.38	11.57
FeO	7.45	9.55
MnO	0.84	
CoO	17.45	22.38
NiO	7.67	
ZnO	0.59	
MgO	0.95	6.04
Total	99.95	99.82

(1) Bon Accord, South Africa; by electron microprobe, Fe²⁺:Fe³⁺ calculated from stoichiometry; corresponds to (Co_{0.50}Ni_{0.22}Fe_{0.22}²⁺Mg_{0.05}Mn_{0.03}Zn_{0.02})_{Σ=1.04}(Cr_{1.43}Al_{0.38}Fe_{0.11}³⁺Ti_{0.03})_{Σ=1.95}O₄.

(2) Bo Phloi, Thailand; by electron microprobe, total Fe as FeO; corresponds to (Co_{0.52}Mg_{0.26}Fe_{0.23}²⁺)_{Σ=1.01}(Al_{1.70}Cr_{0.27}Ti_{0.02})_{Σ=1.99}O₄.

Mineral Group: Spinel group.

Occurrence: Replacing chromite in a small tabular nickel deposit at the contact between quartzite and serpentinized ultramafics; it appears to have formed at ~ 730 °C and < 2 kbar during thermal metamorphism, possibly of a nickel-rich meteorite (Bon Accord, South Africa); an inclusion in corundum from alkalic basalts (Bo Phloi, Thailand).

Association: Trevorite, nichromite, liebenbergite, bunsenite (Bon Accord, South Africa); corundum, albite (Bo Phloi, Thailand).

Distribution: In the Bon Accord deposit, Barberton, Transvaal, South Africa. From Bo Phloi, 40 km north of Kanchanaburi, Thailand.

Name: For a *chromite* with essential cobalt, Co.

Type Material: n.d.

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