

Landauite

NaMn²⁺Zn₂(Ti, Fe³⁺)₆Ti₁₂O₃₈

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Crystal Data: Hexagonal. *Point Group:* $\bar{3}$. As prismatic crystals and irregular grains, to 1 mm, in aggregates. *Twining:* Commonly as complex cyclic twins.

Physical Properties: *Fracture:* Conchoidal. Hardness = 7.5 D(meas.) = 4.42
D(calc.) = 4.46

Optical Properties: Opaque, translucent through thin edges. *Color:* Black; brownish green through thin edges. *Streak:* Gray. *Luster:* Submetallic.

Optical Class: Biaxial (-). *Pleochroism:* Strong; X = Z = bottle-green; Y = green.

Dispersion: $r > v$, weak. *Absorption:* Z > Y > X. $\alpha = 2.373$ $\beta = \text{n.d.}$ $\gamma = 2.388$
2V(meas.) = $\sim 60^\circ$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* $R\bar{3}$. $a = 10.366(7)$ $c = 20.77(1)$ $Z = 3$

X-ray Powder Pattern: Burpala massif, Russia.

2.83 (10), 2.11 (9), 1.780 (8), 1.582 (8), 1.429 (8), 2.21 (7), 3.36 (6)

Chemistry:

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Nb ₂ O ₅	0.29
TiO ₂	72.59
ZrO ₂	0.30
Fe ₂ O ₃	6.77
FeO	1.26
MnO	4.12
ZnO	10.85
PbO	2.10
Na ₂ O	1.36
K ₂ O	0.45
Total	100.09

(1) Burpala massif, Russia; by electron microprobe, Fe²⁺:Fe³⁺ ratio approximated from charge balance; corresponds to (Na_{0.76}K_{0.16}Pb_{0.16}) $\Sigma=1.08$ Mn_{1.00}Zn_{2.30}Ti_{15.70}Fe_{1.75}(Nb, Zr)_{0.08}O₃₈.

Mineral Group: Crichtonite group.

Occurrence: An accessory mineral in albite veins cutting syenite pegmatite associated with an alkalic pluton.

Association: Albite, polyolithionite, brookite, chabazite, monazite, bastnäsite, murataite.

Distribution: In the Burpala massif, 120 km north of Lake Baikal, eastern Siberia, Russia.

Name: Honors Lev Davidovich Landau (1908–1968), noted Russian physicist.

Type Material: A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, 67187, vis5882, vis5883; National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, 144009.

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