

Clinoholmquistite**Li₂[(Mg, Fe²⁺)₃Al₂]Si₈O₂₂(OH)₂**

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Crystal Data: Monoclinic. *Point Group:* 2/m. As elongated prismatic crystals.**Physical Properties:** Cleavage: [Perfect on {110}, intersecting at ~56° and ~124°; partings on {100}, {001}.] Tenacity: [Brittle.] Hardness = [5–6] D(meas.) = 3.00 D(calc.) = [3.07]**Optical Properties:** [Transparent to translucent.] Color: [Blue.] Luster: [Vitreous.] Optical Class: Biaxial (−). Orientation: Y = b; Z = c; X ∙ a = 15°–16°. α = 1.610 β = 1.627 γ = 1.633 2V(meas.) = 55°–61°**Cell Data:** Space Group: P2/m. a = 9.80(2) b = 17.83(3) c = 5.30(1) β = 109°06' Z = 2**X-ray Powder Pattern:** Tastyg deposit, Russia.

7.93 (100), 2.985 (100), 2.70 (100), 4.40 (90), 1.371 (90), 1.614 (80), 1.571 (70)

Chemistry:

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SiO ₂	57.68	CaO	[1.80]
TiO ₂	0.00	Li ₂ O	3.37
Al ₂ O ₃	13.52	Na ₂ O	1.74
Fe ₂ O ₃	0.44	K ₂ O	0.28
FeO	5.87	F	1.70
MnO	0.45	H ₂ O ⁺	1.67
MgO	9.37	–O = F ₂	0.71
		Total	[97.18]

(1) Tastyg deposit, Russia; recalculated to remove calcite contamination; corresponds to (Li_{1.79}Ca_{0.21})_{Σ=2.00}(Mg_{1.93}Fe_{0.68}²⁺Al_{0.21}Li_{0.08}Fe_{0.05}³⁺Mn_{0.05})_{Σ=3.00}Al_{2.00}Si₈O₂₂(OH)₂.**Polymorphism & Series:** Dimorphous with holmquistite; forms a series with magnesio-clinoholmquistite and ferro-clinoholmquistite.**Mineral Group:** Amphibole (Fe–Mn–Mg) group: 0.1 Mg/(Mg + Fe²⁺) 0.89; (Ca + Na)_B < 1.34; Li ≥ 1.0.**Occurrence:** Partly replaced by holmquistite.**Association:** Holmquistite, calcite.**Distribution:** From the Tastyg spodumene deposit, Tuva, Siberia, Russia.**Name:** In allusion to its similarity to *holmquistite* and its monoclinic structure.**Type Material:** A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, 67493.**References:** (1) Ginzburg, I.V. (1965) Holmquistite and its structural variety clinoholmquistite. Trudy Mineral. Muzeya Akad. Nauk SSSR, 16, 73–89 (in Russian). (2) (1967) Amer. Mineral., 52, 1585–1586 (abs. ref. 1). (3) Litvin, A.L., I.V. Ginzburg, L.N. Egorova, and A.A. Petrunina (1975) On the crystal structure of clinoholmquistite. Konst. Svoistva Miner., 9, 3–6 (in Russian). (4) (1976) Chem. Abs., 85, 65701 (abs. ref. 3).