

(Ce, La, Th)(Ti, Nb)
(Al, Fe³⁺)(Si, P)₂O₇(OH)₄•3H₂O(?)

Karnasurtite-(Ce)

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Crystal Data: Amorphous; hexagonal (?). *Point Group:* n.d. Platy crystals up to 1 cm; as aggregates and individual grains.

Physical Properties: *Cleavage:* Good in one direction, imperfect in another.

Tenacity: Brittle. Hardness = 2 D(meas.) = 2.89–2.95 D(calc.) = n.d.

Optical Properties: Semitransparent. *Color:* Honey-yellow when fresh to pale yellow when altered; in thin section, pale yellow. *Streak:* Yellow. *Luster:* Greasy.

Optical Class: Uniaxial (-); may be anomalously slightly biaxial. $\omega = 1.617$ $\epsilon = 1.595$

Cell Data: *Space Group:* n.d. Z = n.d.

X-ray Powder Pattern: Mt. Karnasurt, Russia; X-ray amorphous; on heating to 900°, it yields a pattern close to that of monazite.

3.10 (7), 2.88 (7), 3.29 (6), 3.49 (5), 1.723 (5), 2.44 (4), 2.14 (4)

Chemistry:	(1)	(2)		(1)	(2)
SiO ₂	20.47	24.91	CaO	1.66	3.20
TiO ₂	12.14	12.33	BaO	0.68	
ZrO ₂		1.20	Na ₂ O	0.91	
ThO ₂	6.22	6.04	K ₂ O	0.76	
Al ₂ O ₃	7.46	5.52	F	0.91	
La ₂ O ₃		8.55	H ₂ O ⁺	7.22	7.29
Ce ₂ O ₃	17.58	8.11	H ₂ O ⁻	10.84	12.29
Fe ₂ O ₃	1.10	1.07	P ₂ O ₅	3.29	6.81
Nb ₂ O ₅	8.20	2.20	-O = F ₂	0.38	
MgO	0.91	0.60	Total	99.97	100.12

(1) Mt. Karnasurt, Russia; corresponds to (Ce_{0.54}Na_{0.15}Ca_{0.14}Th_{0.12}K_{0.08}Ba_{0.02})_{Σ=1.05}(Ti_{0.76}Nb_{0.31})_{Σ=1.07}(Al_{0.73}Mg_{0.11}Fe_{0.07}³⁺)_{Σ=0.91}(Si_{1.70}P_{0.23})_{Σ=1.93}O₇[(OH)_{3.46}F_{0.23}]_{Σ=3.69}•3H₂O.
(2) Mt. Punkaruaiv, Russia.

Occurrence: In the intermediate replacement zone, composed largely of microcline, of a zoned pegmatite stock in a differentiated alkalic massif (Mt. Karnasurt, Russia).

Association: Manganoan pectolite, natrolite, epididymite, polyolithionite, ussingite.

Distribution: On Mts. Karnasurt and Punkaruaiv, Lovozero massif, Kola Peninsula, Russia.

Name: For the locality, Mt. Karnasurt, Kola Peninsula, Russia, and its high *cerium* content.

Type Material: A.E. Fersman Mineralogical Museum, Academy of Sciences, Moscow, Russia, 59412, vis3348; National Museum of Natural History, Washington, D.C., USA, 143823.

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