Nomenclature of pyroxenes

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Abstract

This is the final report on the nomenclature of pyroxenes by the Subcommittee on Pyroxenes established by the Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names of the International Mineralogical Association. The recommendations of the Subcommittee as put forward in this report have been formally accepted by the Commission. Accepted and widely used names have been chemically defined, by combining new and conventional methods, to agree as far as possible with the consensus of present use. Twenty names are formally accepted, among which thirteen are used to represent the end-members of definite chemical compositions. In common binary solid-solution series, species names are given to the two end-members by the '50% rule'. Adjectival modifiers for pyroxene mineral names are defined to indicate unusual amounts of chemical constituents. This report includes a list of 105 previously used pyroxene names that have been formally discarded by the Commission.

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Introduction

THE subcommittee on pyroxenes has, after a thorough evaluation of the group of pyroxene minerals, presented its recommendations for a new classification and nomenclature to the Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names (hereafter abbreviated as CNMMN). These recommendations have been approved by the Commission by a formal vote (20th May, 1987).

The classification and nomenclature of the pyroxenes have been largely based on their crystal chemistry. In practice the chemical content of the pyroxene formula unit calculated to six oxygens, or to four cations (Vieten and Hamm, 1978), is essential for the classification. This formula unit corresponds to one quarter of the unit cell for the monoclinic pyroxenes and to one eighth of the unit cell for the orthorhombic pyroxenes. The basic principle adopted for amphibole nomenclature (Leake and Winchell, 1978) is to denote principal stoichiometries by generally well-established names, with adjectival modifiers to indicate the presence of substantial substitutions that are not essential constituents of the end-members; this has

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been followed as far as possible in the pyroxene nomenclature.

No new names have been introduced in the proposed nomenclature. Accepted and widely used names have been chemically defined by combining new and conventional methods to agree as far as possible with the consensus of present use. Two kinds of adjectival modifiers are used: one to specify a part of the compositional range shown by a mineral that forms a wide solid solution (e.g. magnesium-rich augite and iron-rich augite); the other to specify elemental substitutions that are not essential constituents (e.g. titanian augite). 105 previously used pyroxene names, mostly synonyms, obsolete or almost unused, recommended for rejection, have formally been discredited by the CNMMN.

General publications dealing with the pyroxene group include Rock-Forming Minerals (Deer et al., 1978) (hereafter DHZ), the Special Papers (ed. Papike, 1969) and Reviews in Mineralogy (ed. Prewitt, 1980) of the Mineralogical Society of America, which provide references to the voluminous literature.

Crystal chemistry of the pyroxenes

Pyroxenes are silicates that, in their simplest form, contain single SiO₃ chains of linked SiO₄ tetrahedra. Generally, small amounts of Si are replaced by Al and other small cations. The repeat along the chain (*c* axis) comprises two tetrahedra and is approximately 0.52 nm in length. The general chemical formula (formula unit) for all pyroxenes¹ is $M2M1T_2O_6$, where M2 refers to cations in a generally distorted octahedral coordination, M1 to cations in a regular octahedral coordination, and *T* to tetrahedrally coordinated cations.*

Any pyroxene belongs to either the orthorhombic or the monoclinic crystal system. There are two orthorhombic pyroxene types: orthopyroxene (*Pbca*) and orthopyroxene (*Pbcn*)². Only the former has been found in nature. Monoclinic pyroxenes are called clinopyroxenes. Their space groups are C2/c, $P2_1/c$ and P2/n, depending on their chemical composition and genetic history.

Throughout this report, the standard pyroxene formula is used with superscripted Arabic numerals (e.g. Fe^{2+}) referring to charges, and subscripted numerals (e.g. Mg_2) to numbers of atoms.

In order to derive a pyroxene formula from a chemical analysis, the calculation should be based on six oxygen atoms, when Fe^{2+} and Fe^{3+} are both determined. In microprobe analyses, only total Fe is determined and the option of calculating to four cations should at least be permitted if not actually preferred. Vieten and Hamm (1978) show that calculation to four cations will be more reliable for microprobe analyses of the majority of pyroxenes. Therefore, for microprobe analyses it is recommended that the components be totalled to six oxygens and four cations by adjusting the ratios Fe^{2+}/Fe^{3+} , Ti^{4+}/Ti^{3+} , etc.

The standard pyroxene formula $M2M1T_2O_6$ contains two tetrahedral sites. In the allocation of the cations to obtain a pyroxene formula, the following procedure is recommended:

(1) Sum T to 2.000 using Si^{4+} , then Al^{3+} , then Fe^{3+} .

(2) Sum M1 to 1.000 using all Al³⁺ and Fe³⁺ in excess of that used to fill the T sites. If there is insufficient Al³⁺ and Fe³⁺ to sum to 1.000, then add Ti⁴⁺, Cr³⁺, V³⁺, Ti³⁺, Zr⁴⁺, Sc³⁺, Zn²⁺, Mg²⁺, Fe²⁺ and finally Mn²⁺ until the sum is 1.000.

(3) Sum M2 using all Mg^{2+} , Fe^{2+} and Mn^{2+} in excess of that used to fill the M1 sites. Then add Li⁺, Ca²⁺ and Na⁺ so that the sum becomes 1.000 or close to it. If the sum is far from 1.000, one must be suspicious about the results of the analysis.

* Footnotes, indicated by superscript numbers, are to be found at the end of the paper.



FIG. 1. Flow chart for ideal site occupancy of cations between the T, M1 and M2 sites of pyroxenes. Only representative cations are included. Arrows indicate order of filling of sites. Real site occupancy is usually slightly different from the ideal site occupancy.

A flow chart (Fig. 1) gives a diagrammatic representation of the site allocation of the principal cations in pyroxenes. However, because the distribution of cations among the M1, M2 and T sites in a given pyroxene is partly a function of temperature, the accurate site occupancy must be determined by structure determination. The site occupancy given in Fig. 1 is called ideal site occupancy to distinguish it from real occupancy. A method for classifying pyroxenes by their ideal site occupancies has been proposed by Bokij and Ginzburg (1985). In the present classification of pyroxenes, the M1 and M2 sites are considered together as a single M site in order to avoid the difference between the real and ideal site occupancies.

Starting from the most common pyroxene formula, $M2(R^{2+})M1(R^{2+})T_2(2R^{4+})O_6$, four coupled substitutions are possible if one assumes more than one R^{4+} in the *T* site. They are listed in Table 1, where the elements in parentheses are coupled substitutions.

Substitution site	м2	M1	T	examples
standard	R ²⁺	R ²⁺	2R ⁴⁺	
substitution(1)	(R ⁺)	(R ³⁺)	2R ⁴⁺	Na-A1 Na-Fe3+ Na-Cr3+ Na-Sc ³⁺
substitution(2)	(R ⁺)	$R_{0.5}^{2+}(R_{0.5}^{4+})$	2R ⁴⁺	Na-(Ti ⁴⁺ /2)
substitution(3)	R ²⁺	(R ³⁺)	(R ³⁺)R ⁴⁺	$\begin{pmatrix} A1-A1 \\ Fe^{3+}-A1 \\ Cr^{3+}-A1 \end{pmatrix}$
Substitution(4)	R ²⁺	$R_{0.5}^{2+}(R_{0.5}^{4+})$	(R ³⁺)R ⁴⁺	(Ti ^{4+/2)-Al}

Table 1. Four coupled substitutions of pyroxenes in the standard chemical fourmula $R^{2+}R^{2+}R^{4+}O_{K^{\ast}}$

Substitution (1) encompasses the end-members jadeite (NaAlSi₂O₆), aegirine³ (NaFe³⁺Si₂O₆), kosmochlor⁴ (NaCr³⁺Si₂O₆), and jervisite (NaSc Si₂O₆). Substitution (2) results in components such as NaFe²⁺_{0.5}Ti⁴⁺_{0.5}Si₂O₆, but is less important than the other substitutions.

In substitution (3) the Al-Al couple is often referred to as 'Tschermak's component'; CaAlAl SiO_6 , in particular, is called 'calcium Tschermak's component'. Substitution in esseneite⁵, CaFe³⁺Al SiO_6 , is obtained by this type of substitution. This substitution is also important in 'fassaite'6. Substitution resulting in CaTi³⁺AlSiO₆ was reported by Dowty and Clark (1973) and Mason (1974) in pyroxenes from the Allende meteorite (Table 3, No. 4). In substitution (4) the component $CaMg_{0.5}Ti_{0.5}^{4+}$ $AlSiO_6$ is found in some pyroxenes. There are a few instances of the component of substitution (2) or (4) amounting to nearly 50%, as described later (Table 3). However, no particular names are given for the end-member components of substitutions (2) and (4).

Mineral names of the pyroxenes

Twenty (20) mineral names and their grouping. The pyroxenes form extensive solid solutions by various types of ionic substitutions, some of which are described above. To cope with the problem of pyroxene nomenclature, it is necessary to subdivide the solid-solution series into ranges with specified compositions and names. Whenever there is a complete solid-solution series between two end members, it is customary in mineral nomenclature to use only two names, and the division between them should be at $A_{50}B_{50}$ (the '50% rule'). However, this '50% rule' cannot be applied rigorously to the large groups of pyroxenes which show wide ranges of coupled substitutions. This is particularly so when the minerals concerned are abundant and widespread, and have a historically-established nomenclature in mineralogical and petrological circles. Taking this situation into consideration, 20 accepted and widely used names have been adopted as mineral species names of the pyroxenes (Table 2).

The definition of the pyroxene species has been based on thirteen end-members, or chemical components, listed in Table 2, and the component $Ca_2Si_2O_6$ (Wo)⁷. These end-members are given the names of the minerals whose compositions they most closely approximate. The 20 pyroxene species are grouped into six chemical subdivisions on the basis of the cation occupancy of the M2 sites and crystal chemical similarity. This classification is a slight modification of the widely used scheme proposed by DHZ (1978).

For the precise classification of the pyroxenes into 20 mineral species, however, the following characteristics of the pyroxenes must be considered. First of all, the Mg-Fe pyroxenes and some of the Ca pyroxenes are the most common rockforming pyroxenes and form wide solid solutions which cover the pyroxene quadrilateral of the ternary Ca₂Si₂O₆ (Wo)-Mg₂Si₂O₆ (En)-Fe₂Si₂O₆ (Fs) system. Therefore, these pyroxenes are better treated together as the Ca-Mg-Fe or 'quadrilateral' pyroxenes. Secondly, Na pyroxenes form continuous solid-solution series with the Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes, forming the Na-Ca pyroxenes. Thirdly, donpeacorite and kanoite in the Mn-Mg pyroxenes, johannsenite, petedunnite and esseneite in the Ca pyroxenes, and spodumene, are rare in occurrence and unique in chemistry. For simplicity they are treated together as 'other' pyroxenes⁸.

All the pyroxenes are thus divided into four

pyroxene that is used as	an end-member (of a pyroxene solid s	olution;	14. omphacite	(Ca,Na)(R ²⁺ ,A	1)Si206	<u>c</u> 2/c, <u>P</u> 2/n
such end-members are n	umbered between	parentheses from 1	to 13.	15. aegirine-augite	(Ca,Na)(R ²⁺ ,F	e ³⁺)Si206	22/2
Main compositions are g	ven for solid .	solutions. Space gro	ups are	V. Na pvroxenes			
also given.				16. jadeite (Jd)(9)	NaAlSi,0c)		
				17. aegirine (Ae)(10)	NaFe ³⁺ Si ₂ 06 NaFe ³⁺ Si ₂ 06	i 206	<u>c</u> 2/ <u>c</u>
mineral names	composition	main composition	space group	18. kosmochlor(Xo)(11)	NaCr ³⁺ Si ₂ O ₆		<u>2</u> 2/ <u>5</u>
		5		19. jervisite (Je)(12) ^{*3}	NaSc ³⁺ Si ₂ 06		<u>c</u> 2/ <u>c</u>
I. Mg-Fe pyroxenes				VI 1.1 nuroxene			
1. enstatite (En)(1)	Mg2Si206	(M~ Fe). Si.O.	Dhra				r 2 / r
2. ferrosilite(Fs)(2)	Fe2*Si206 .	9,2102/01/601		zu. spogumene (spiris)	907-0101		
3. clinoenstatite		(We Bol Ci O	0), (d				
4. clinoferrosilite		902102/216m1	7/17	*1 Petedunnite has been	determined by Essene and Po	eacor (198	7) to
5. pigeonite		(Mg,Fe,Ca) ₂ Si ₂ O ₆	<u> </u> 21/ <u>c</u>	have the composition	(Ca0.92 ^{Na} 0.06 ^{Mn} 0.02) (Zi	n0.37 ^{Mn} 0.19 ¹	re2+19
				Fe ³⁺ 12 ^{Mg} 0.14) (Si1.94Al0	.06)06 by means of an elect	tron micro	srobe.
II. Mn-Mg pyroxenes				This mineral was approve	d as a valid species CNMMN,	, IMA, in 19	83.
6. donpeacorite		(Mn,Mg)MgSi ₂ 0 ₆	Pbca				
7. kanoite (Ka)(3)	MnMgSi2 ⁰ 6	(Mn,Mg)MgSi2 ⁰ 6	<u>P</u> 21/S	the composition (Ca	rmined by Cosca and Peacor 1.01 ^{Na} 0.01)(Fe ³⁺ 72 ^{Mg} 0.16 ^A l	(1987) to n na ^r in naFe	have 2+0)
III. Ca pyroxenes				(Si1.19Al0.81)06.00 by	means of an electron mi	icroprobe.	This
8. diopside (Di)(4)	CaMgSi ₂ 0 ₆		c210	mineral was approved as i	a valid species by the CNMM	MN, IMA, in	1985.
9. hedenbergite(Hd)(5)	CaFe ²⁺ Si ₂ 06	Caller 246	N N				
10. augite		(Ca,Mg,Fe) ₂ Si ₂ O ₆	<u>C</u> 2/ <u>c</u>	*3 Jervisite has been deter	mined by M. Mellini <u>et al</u> ,	. (1982) to	have
11. johannsenite(Jo)(6)	CaMnSi2 ⁰ 6		<u>c</u> 2/ <u>c</u>	the composition (Na _{0.43}	Ca0.31Fe&14 0.12)(Sc0.66F	°eč.15 ^{Mg} 0.19)Si206
12. petedunnite(Pe)(7)*1	CaZnSi2 ⁰⁶		<u>c</u> 2/ <u>c</u>	by means of an electron	microprobe. This mineral v	was approved	las a
13. esseneite(Es)(8)*2	care ³⁺ AlsiO ₆		<u>c</u> 2/ <u>c</u>	valid species by the CNM	MN, IMA, in 1982.		

IV. Ca-Na pyroxenes

Table 2. Accepted pyroxene mineral names and their chemical

Name, abbreviation and composition are given for any

subdivisions.

chemical groups for the purpose of broad classification: Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes (Quad, 8); Ca-Na pyroxenes (Ca-Na, 2); Na pyroxenes (Na, 2) and 'other' pyroxenes (Others, 8). The abbreviations of the groups and the numbers of the accepted species are given between parentheses. Quad represents 'quadrilateral' for the Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes. The four chemical groups are further divided into 20 mineral species by using 12 components (using the Wo component for Di and Hd components). The composition ranges for the accepted names will be given later.

The pyroxene names may be qualified by one or more adjectival modifiers according to definite rules described later to specify important (though relatively minor) departures from the composition ranges. When the composition range of the mineral species is large, as in augite, one or more adjectival modifiers are used to specify the composition more clearly (e.g. subcalcic augite, Fe-rich augite).

Application of 50% rule. The 50% rule has been applied to complete solid-solution series between two end members as far as possible. They are the Mg-Fe pyroxene series (enstatite-ferrosilite and clinoenstatite-clinoferrosilite series), Ca pyroxene series (diopside-hedenbergite series) and Na pyroxene series (jadeite-aegirine series). Subdivision names of the intermediate solid solution ranges, such as bronzite, hypersthene and eulite of the enstatite-ferrosilite series and salite and ferrosalite of the diopside-hedenbergite series, have been discarded. However, the 50% rule was not applied rigorously to the Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes and Na-Ca pyroxenes. The widely accepted terms such as augite, pigeonite, omphacite and aegirineaugite⁹ have been retained.

Gem names of spodumene. Two names, 'hiddenite' and 'kunzite', are often used respectively for (pale) emerald-green and lilac coloured spodumene of gem quality. They are not accepted as formal pyroxene names, but can be used as varietal gem names.

Relationships with the pyroxenoids. Pyroxenoids are closely related to pyroxenes in that they have a similar type of chemical composition and a structure that also consists of SiO₃ single chains. However, the repeat of the chains, which is two SiO₄ tetrahedra in the pyroxenes, is three or more SiO₄ tetrahedra in the pyroxenoids. Though the tetrahedral sites are mostly occupied by Si ions, the large cations are mostly Ca, Mn and Fe²⁺ ions in the pyroxenoids. The classification and nomenclature of the pyroxenoids are beyond the scope of this report. However, the following two points may be noted. Firstly, there is a polymorphic relationship with some pyroxenes such as ferrosilite, hedenbergite and johannsenite. These show pyroxenoid structures at high temperatures or pressures. Secondly, the wollastonite chemical component $(Ca_2Si_2O_6)$ is used to express the composition of the Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes, though wollastonite belongs to the pyroxenoid structural group.

Classification and nomenclature of the pyroxenes

Preliminary classifications—construction of the Q-J diagram and application of pyroxene data. Before classifying the pyroxenes into the 20 mineral species listed in Table 2, the following procedure is recommended to divide them into four chemical groups: Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes (Quad), Na-Ca pyroxenes (Na-Ca), Na-pyroxenes (Na), and other pyroxenes (Others) (Morimoto and Kitamura, 1983).

In this procedure the pyroxenes are classified by using the total numbers of specified cations at the M (M1 and M2) sites on the basis of six oxygens. The M1 and M2 sites are considered together as Msites, without considering the site preference of atoms between the two sites.

The numbers of Ca, Mg, Fe^{2+} and Na cations in the *M* sites are plotted in the *Q*-*J* diagram (Fig. 2) as $Q = Ca + Mg + Fe^{2+}$ and J = 2Na. The lines representing the following equations are used to subdivide the *Q*-*J* diagram:

(1)
$$Q+J = 2.0$$

(2) $Q+J = 1.5$
(3) $J/(Q+J) = 0.2$
(4) $J/(Q+J) = 0.8$

The areas corresponding to the Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes, Ca-Na pyroxenes, Na pyroxenes and other pyroxenes are labelled (Fig. 2) Quad, Ca-Na, Na, and Others, respectively.

In this diagram, J is meant to include the total number of Na and R^{3+} , usually Al, Fe³⁺, Cr³⁺ and Sc^{3+} , that couple with Na in substitution (1) mentioned in Table 1. When the coupling substitution in the pyroxene is not of type (1), but of type (2)or (3), the J value apparently does not represent the real numbers of Na and R^{3+} at the M sites. However, substitution (3) (e.g. Al-Al) works to move the J and Q values closer to the origin of the Q-J diagram, and substitution (2) (e.g. Na-Ti⁴⁺) to move the J value farther away from the Q axis of ordinates. Therefore, the effects of substitutions (2) and (3) tend to cancel each other out in and near the Na pyroxenes area. Thus the J (= 2Na) values in the Na-rich pyroxenes represent, to a good approximation, the total number of Na and R^{3+} (Al, Fe³⁺, Cr³⁺ and Sc³⁺) at the M sites.

The boundary Q+J = 2.0 represents the upper limit of Q+J at the M sites. The boundary



FIG. 2. Q - J diagram for the pyroxenes, on which the positions of the 13 accepted end-members have been indicated. Abbreviations and compositions of the end-members are listed in Table 2.

Q+J = 1.5 represents the limit below which more than half of the M1 or M2 sites may be occupied by ions other than Q and J ions. In this case, the pyroxenes are considered as belonging to 'Others', which include the Mn-Mg and Li pyroxenes, johannsenite, petedunnite and esseneite. The third and fourth equations represent the lines dividing the area limited by the two above-mentioned Q+Jlines into Ca+Mg+Fe (Quad), Ca-Na and Na pyroxenes. The boundaries defined by J/(Q+J) =0.2 and 0.8 are used by DHZ (1978) and Cameron and Papike (1981).

Because the Mn-Mg pyroxenes and johannsenite (Table 2) have Mn ions occupying more than half of the M2 and M1 sites, respectively, they appear along the Q axis between 1.0 and 1.5 of the Q value in the Q-J diagram. Similarly, petedunnite and esseneite appear along the Q axis with its Q value between 1.0 and 1.5. Spodumene concentrates at the origin of the Q-J diagram because both Q and J are zero. Thus, the thirteen end-members (Table 2) and Wo are located in the Q-J diagram (Fig. 2).

Application of this classification procedure to 406 pyroxene analyses presented in DHZ has shown that most of the analyses, except those of johannsenite and spodumene, are included in the area between the lines Q + J = 2.0 and 1.5. The 103 DHZ pyroxenes selected by Cameron and Papike (1981), for which the Q values are less than 1.90 and Mn is less than 0.08 atoms per formula unit, are plotted in the Q-J diagram of Fig. 3. The 'CaMg TAL' pyroxene (Cameron and Papike, 1981) is included in the Quad area as described later (Table 3, No. 1). Only twenty analyses among 406 plot slightly over the line Q + J = 2.0, and most of these show unusual total numbers of cations. The results of the classification of the pyroxenes into the four chemical groups by this procedure are in almost complete agreement with the results obtained by DHZ (1978) and by Cameron and Papike (1981). A few unusual pyroxenes with Mn less than 0.08



FIG. 3. The 103 DHZ pyroxenes selected by Cameron and Papike (1981) plotted on the Q-J diagram. For these pyroxenes the Q values are less than 1.90, and Mn is less than 0.08 atoms per formula unit.

atoms for the chemical formula unit have been found to lie outside the area between Q+J = 2.0and Q+J = 1.5 lines in the Q-J diagram. The classification of these unusual pyroxenes will be discussed later.

The pyroxenes that plot in the area between Q+J = 2.0 and 1.5 have components other than Q and J ions at less than 25% of the M sites. Therefore, we can classify such pyroxenes on the basis of the normalized Q and J components, thereby neglecting the effects of the other components. The following procedures are adopted for further classification:

(1) The pyroxenes in the **Quad** area are classified on the pyroxene quadrilateral Wo-En-Fs diagram with normalized Ca, Mg and Fe (= $Fe^{2+} + Fe^{3+} +$ Mn) atoms.

(2) The pyroxenes in the **Na** area are jadeite, aegirine, kosmochlor and jervisite. Because kosmochlor and jervisite show little or no solid solution towards other end-members, they play no role in the classification. Jadeite and aegirine are classified on the Quad-Jd-Ae diagram together with the Ca-Na pyroxenes, aegirine-augite and omphacite.

The classification of the Ca-Mg-Fe 'quadrilateral' pyroxenes. The common rock-forming pyroxenes form wide ranges of solid solutions of the Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes and can be expressed by the pyroxene quadrilateral of the $Mg_2Si_2O_6(En)-Fe_2^{2+}Si_2O_6$ (F_s) -CaMgSi₂O₆(Di)-CaFe²⁺Si₂O₆ (Hd) system. The Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes include varieties that have orthorhombic symmetry. They consist essentially of a simple chemical series $(Mg,Fe)_2Si_2O_6$, thus contrasting with the clinopyroxenes which have wide ranges of chemical composition in the Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes. Therefore, the Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes are defined on the basis of symmetry and relative amounts of $Ca_2Si_2O_6(Wo)$, $Mg_2Si_2O_6(En)$ and $Fe_2^{2+}Si_2O_6(Fs)$. The composition ranges of the clinopyroxenes and orthopyroxenes are indicated in Figs. 4 and 5, respectively, where the



FIG. 4. Composition ranges of the Ca-Mg-Fe clinopyroxenes with accepted names.

composition is normalized to $Ca + Mg + \Sigma Fe =$ 100 with $\Sigma Fe = Fe^{2+} + Fe^{3+} + Mn^{2+(10)}$.

which cannot be quenched. Augite does not show this type of transformation.

The distinction between augite and pigeonite in the Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes is primarily structural, their space groups being C2/c and $P2_1/c$ respectively. There is a miscibility gap between augite and pigeonite, and many pyroxenes with 15-25% Wo have proved to be mixtures of the two. Augite with less than about 25% Wo is often called subcalcic augite. On heating, pigeonite undergoes a rapid displacive transformation to a C2/c structure The most calcium-rich orthopyroxene contains approximately 5% Wo. The high-temperature form of enstatite has the space group *Pbcn* and can be expressed as 'enstatite-*Pbcn*'. This form is not quenchable and has not been found in nature. 'Protoenstatite' has been used conventionally to describe this form, but this name is not adopted as a mineral name. The Wo value of 'enstatite-*Pbcn*' does not exceed 2% and the En value commonly



FIG. 5. Composition ranges of orthopyroxenes with accepted names.

exceeds 90%. Thus the composition field of 'enstatite-*Pbcn*' is different from that of enstatite-*Pbca*.

The classification of the Na and Ca-Na pyroxenes. The Na pyroxenes, jadeite and aegirine, commonly contain more than 90% of the NaAlSi₂O₆ or NaFe³⁺Si₂O₆ component, respectively, but contain neither the Ko nor the Je component. Because kosmochlor is a rare accessory constituent of some iron meteorites and only one terrestrial locality is known for each of kosmochlor and jervisite, these two species are separately treated in the classification of the Na pyroxenes. Both jadeite and aegirine, however, show extensive solid solution with the Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes, especially with the diopside-hedenbergite series and augite, leading to the Ca-Na pyroxenes. The Na and Ca-Na pyroxenes are classified on the Quad-Jd-Ae diagram (Fig. 6) with normalized Q (Wo + En + Fs),

FIG. 6. Ca-Mg-Fe and Na pyroxenes with accepted names. Quad represents the Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxene area (see Fig. 4).

Jd and Ae components¹¹. The arbitrary divisions between the Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes, Na-Ca pyroxenes and Na pyroxenes are defined at 20 and 80% of Q = (Wo + En + Fs). Omphacite displays a $C2/c \rightleftharpoons P2/n$ polymorphic transition, and both high-temperature C2/c and low-temperature P2/npolymorphs appear in nature. Omphacite can thus be divided into two subspecies: omphacite-C2/cand omphacite-P2/n. Because omphacite-P2/nshows a unique crystal structure different from that of jadeite and augite, it is accepted as an independent pyroxene species. Aegirine-augite is also accepted as an independent species to keep balance with omphacite, though it is not known to occur with the P2/n structure. The classification of the Ca-Na pyroxenes by Essene and Fyfe (1967) is not followed in this report.

The classification of other pyroxenes. Most naturally occurring pyroxenes in the 'Others' area are johannsenite (CaMnSi₂O₆), petedunnite (CaZn Si₂O₆) and spodumene (LiAlSi₂O₆) (Fig. 2). Recent investigations of natural manganese-bearing pyroxenes have yielded two new minerals, kanoite and its dimorph donpeacorite, (Mn,Mg)MgSi₂O₆, which seem to form a solid solution with En (Petersen *et al.*, 1984). They too occur in the 'Others' area. These results suggest a possible Mn-Mg-Fe pyroxene quadrilateral. Esseneite (CaFe³⁺AlSiO₆) is the first pyroxene with the substitution (3) as described in Table 1.



The classification of unusual pyroxenes. Several pyroxenes with unusual chemical compositions (Table 3) appear outside the area between the Q+J=2.0 and Q+J=1.5 lines in the Q-J diagram, though they do not belong to the 'other' pyroxenes mentioned above (Fig. 7). They contain large amounts of chemical constituents of substitutions (2), (3) and (4) mentioned in Table 1 in the standard chemical formulae.



Table 3. Chemical composition and classification of eight Numbers such as 320-8, etc. represent pages and unusual pyroxenes. analysis number in DHZ (1978). Other references are in text. With the exception of 320-8 (=406-16), all the DHZ analyses in this table not included in the 103 selected analyses of Cameron and Papike were All pyroxenes in the table are shown with their numbers in (1981). the Q-J diagram (Fig. 7). S2, S3 and S4 represent the following of substitutions (2), (3) and (4), components respectively: S2=NaR²⁺₅Ti⁴⁺₅Si₂O₆, S3=CaR³⁺AlSiO₆, and S4=CaR²⁺₅Ti⁴⁺₅AlSiO₆. То indicate R ions explicitly in these components, the notation S(R), such as S2(Mg) and S3(Al), is used. S3(Fe) is a new pyroxene. esseneite (Es).

4. T and R^{*2} 3. D and 5*1 1. 320-8 2. 403-3 No. (406 - 16)1.443 1.506 1.434 1.196 Si 2.00 2.00 2.00 2.00 -557 .494 .566 ,804 A1 .186 A1 .091 .171 .306 Ti4+ .111 Ti4+ .165 .022 .065 Fe³⁺ Ti³⁺.394 .218 .128 .159 .570 .289 Mg .385 -408 Fe²⁺ .229 2.00 .063 2.02 .060 2.00 2.00 .005 Mn .005 .007 .975 1.021 Ca .992 .979 .006 .007 .002 Na к .000 .001 1.45 1.31 Q 1.61 1.61 J 0.01 0.01 0.00 0.00 subsilicic subsilicic subsilicie subsilicic Mineral aluminian aluminian títanoan names titanian ferrian ferrian ferrian aluminian diopside pyroxene diopside diopside Names in titanaugite fassaite fassaite titanaugite litera-(320 - 8)ture titaniumfassaite (406 - 16)CaMgTAL (C and P)*3

 a) Ca-rich group related to 	- S3	and	S4
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Component ratios;

1. $(Wo_{22}En_{12}Fs_{10})_{44}S4(Mg)_{18}S4(Fe)_{16}Es_{13}S3(A1)_{9}$

- 2. (Wo26En25Fs2)53S3(A1)17Es16S4(Mg)12S4(Fe)2
- 3. (Wo22En20Fs2)44S3(A1)31Es21S4(Mg)4
- 4. S3(Ti)39S4(Mg)22(Wo11Fs9)20S3(A1)19

These pyroxenes can be divided into two groups: firstly Ca-rich pyroxenes with the S3 (Ca $R^{3+}Al$ SiO₆) and S4 (Ca $R_{0.5}^{2+}Ti_{0.5}^{4+}AlSiO_6$) components representing substitutions (3) and (4), respectively, and secondly Na-rich pyroxenes with the S2 component (Na $R_{0.5}^{2+}Ti_{0.5}^{4+}Si_2O_6$) representing substitution (2). The former shows a significant deficiency of Si atoms such as Si < 1.60 in the standard formula resulting in the Q-value close to or less than 1.5 (point S4 in Fig. 7). The latter appears outside the line Q+J = 2.0 approaching point S2 in Fig. 7. All these unusual pyroxenes are classified by using

No.	5. 488-9	9	6. 491-	14	7. 492- (Cand	-19 IG ^{*4})	8.Can	uð G ^{*4}
Si	1.994	2 00	2.024	2 02	2.026	2 03	2.009	2.01
A1	.032	2.00	.000	2.02	.000	2.05	.000	2.00
A1	.000		.021		.098		.348	
Ti 4+	.265		.023		.227		.104	
Fe ³⁺	.458		.728		.192		.031	
Mg	.150		.070		.070		.168	
Fe ²⁺	.107	2.00	.113	2.00	.420	1.98	.356	2.00
Mn	.003		.006		.021		.011	
Na	.933		.872		.794		.610	
Ca	.083		.155		.152		.361	
к	-		.009		-		.006	
Q	0.34		0.34		0.64		0.89	
J	1.87		1.74		1.59		1.22	
Mineral names	titanian magnesiar ferroan aegirine	1	calcian ferroan aegirine		titanian aegirine augite	1 ;-	titanian ferroan omphacit	e
Names in litera- ture	titanian aegirine		aegirine augite	_	titaniar aegirine augite (492-19 titanian aegirine (C and	-) G ^{*4})	titanian ferro-om	phacite

b) Na~rich group related to S2

Component ratios;

- 5. Ae46S2(Mg)28S2(Fe)20⁶6^{*5}
- 6. (Ae₇₃Jd₂Wo₈Fs₆En₃)₉₂S2₄∆₄
- 7. $(\text{Ae}_{19}\text{Jd}_{10}\text{Fs}_{12}\text{Wo}_8\text{En}_2)_{51}\text{S2(Fe)}_{42}\text{S2(Mg)}_{4\Delta_3}$
- 8. $(Jd_{35}Ae_{3}Wo_{18}Fs_{15}En_{7})_{78}S2(Fe)_{14}S2(Mg)_{6}\Delta_{2}$
- *1 Devine and Sigurdsson (1980), Table 1 for fassaite.
- *2 Tracy and Robinson (1977), Table 3, Analysis I for pyroxene from the Allende meteorite (Mason, 1974).
- *3 Cameron and Papike (1981), Table A3, Analysis 320-8 and 406-16.
- *4 Curtis and Gittins (1979), Table 2, Analysis 5 for No.7 and Table 5, Analysis 5 for No.8.
- *5 Δ represents minor components, some of which have unusual metal ratios for the pyroxene structure.

the accepted pyroxene names and the adjectival modifiers mentioned below, except the Allende pyroxene (Table 3, No. 4) which is called subsilicic titanoan aluminian pyroxene.

The Allende pyroxene (No. 4) contains 39% of the S3(Ti) component and can be considered as a new mineral. However, we have decided only to use the accepted names in this report and if a species has not yet been approved, we use *pyroxene* as for No. 4 in Table 3. The names used in literature for the unusual pyroxenes are listed in Table 3 in com-

parison with those in this report. The 'CaMgTAL' pyroxene (No. 1) is diopside in this classification.

Adjectival modifiers

Adjectival modifiers for mineral names are used to indicate unusual amounts of chemical constituents. In order to define the unusual amounts for the pyroxene mineral group quantitatively, extreme compositions of pyroxenes have been listed in Table 4, where the values for the main

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Table 4 Extreme chemical compositions of pyroxenes in DHZ (1978). Number of cations per formula unit, minimum values for Si and maximum values for other cations. Bold numbers are for the main constituent elements. Numbers in the parentheses such as 42-9, etc. indicate pages and analysis numbers in DHZ (1978). Other references are in text.

	Mg-Fe pyroxenes	Ca pyroxenes	Na pyroxenes
si	1.76 (42-9)	1.44 (320-8)*1	1.94 (488-9)
A1 ³⁺	0.24 (42-9)	0.56 (320-8)	0.07 (488-8)
Fe ³⁺	0.04 (49-8)	0.09 (320-11)	0.02 (488-9)
A13+	0.15 (49-6)	0.35 (320-11)	0.98 (464-1)
Ti ⁴⁺	0.04 (40-30)	0.17 (320-8) ^{*2}	0.27 (488-9) ^{*3}
Fe ³⁺	0.12 (170-8)	0.37 (321-5)*4	0.97 (487-1)
Mg ²⁺	1.99 (41-1)	1.27 (208-4)	0.15 (488-9)
Fe ²⁺	1.72 (47-33) ^{*5}	1.09 (220-13)	0.11 (488-9)
Mn ²⁺	0.27 (45-21) ^{*6}	0.36 (217-5) ^{*7}	0.03 (487-4)
Cr ²⁺	0.02 (36-9)	0.06 (207-11)	- *8
Ni ²⁺	-	0.003 (317-1)	-
zn ²⁺	-	0.21 (216-11) ^{*9}	-
Ca ²⁺	0.26 (169-2)	1.03 (202-4)	0.16 (466-14)
Na ⁺	0.10 (169-2)	0.31 (323-7)	0.98 (464-1)

*1 Table 3, No. 1. Table 3, No. 4: Pyroxene from the Allende meteorite 1.20 (Mason, 1974; Tracy and Robinson, 1977).

- *2 Probe analysis 0.252 & 0.282, half of CaR²⁺_{0.5}Ti⁴⁺_{0.5}AlSiO₆ (54) (Tracy and Robinson, 1977; Robinson, 1980).
- *3 Table 3, No. 5. Half of NaR²⁺_{0.5}Ti⁴⁺_{0.5}Si₂O₆ (S2).
- *4 406-15 0.67, omitted because of possible errors in chemical analysis.
- *5 Probe analysis 1.880 (Jaffe et al., 1978).
- *6 Probe analysis 0.301 (Robinson, 1980), Kanoite 1.04 (Kobayashi, 1977).
- *7 Johannsenite 0.963 (417-2).
- *8 Kosmochlor 0.90 (522-1).
- *9 Petedunnite 0.37 (Table 2, remark *1).

cations are shown as well as those for the accessory cations. The table was constructed using data from DHZ (1978) and Robinson (1980).

An element specified as a modifier should be present as a general rule in a quantity larger than 0.1 or 0.01 atoms in the standard chemical formula of 6 O or 4 metal atoms (Table 5) depending on the maximum content in Table 4.

The suffixes are those proposed by Schaller (1930) and adapted by CNMMN (Nickel and

Mandarino, 1988). The suffix -ian is used for the higher valence state (e.g. ferrian) or for an element with a non-variable state (e.g. lithian). The suffix -oan implies the lower valence state (e.g. ferroan). It is recommended that such modifiers never be used for main cations normally contained in the named mineral, for example, in terms like calcian augite, aluminian omphacite, and sodian aegirineaugite, in which the modifiers are obviously superfluous. If there is less than the amount necessary for the assignment of the modifiers such as 'aluminian' in Table 5, or 0.1 Al, but if the increased content of the element must be stressed, a modifier 'aluminium-bearing' may be used. This second type of modifier should be used also (1) if only an incomplete analysis is available preventing the calculation of a full chemical formula or (2) for pyroxenes where the valence state of a cation is unknown. With regard to the Si content in pyroxenes, it is suggested that Si < 1.75 is a suitable limit for use of the term 'subsilicic', though one should bear in mind that the Si < 5.75 limit for 'subsilicic' in amphiboles corresponds to Si < 1.5 for pyroxenes.

Table 5. List of adjectival modifiers to be used for pyroxene mineral names. The limit of the content is determined based on the values listed in Table 4.

cation	content*1	name
A1 ³⁺	>0.10	aluminian
Ca ²⁺	>0.10	calcian
Cr ³⁺	>0,01	chromian
Fe ²⁺	>0.10	ferroan
Fe ³⁺	>0.10	ferrian
Li ⁺	>0.01	lithian
Mg ²⁺	>0.10	magnesian
Mn ²⁺	>0.10	manganoan
Mn ³⁺	>0.01	manganian
Na ⁺	>0.10	sodian
Ni ²⁺	>0.01	nickeloan
Si ⁴⁺	<1.75	subsilicic
Ti ³⁺	>0.01	titanoan
Ti ⁴⁺	>0.10	titanian
zn ²⁺	>0.01	zincian

*1 Number of cations per formula unit $M2M1T_2O_6$. If the mineral name itself implies the presence of certain cations, adjectival modifiers for these cations should not be used ('subsilicic' is an exception).

In certain cases, particularly for the augite series, it is convenient to use the following adjectival modifiers: iron-rich, magnesium-rich, and subcalcic. A prefix actually attached or hyphenated to a mineral name, however, is incorrect and should be avoided (Nickel and Mandarino, 1988), because it would cause the mineral to be indexed alphabetically under the prefix rather than the proper mineral name. This is why such terms as 'ferropigeonite', 'ferro-augite', etc., should not be used as mineral names.

It is often useful to give the space group of the mineral, particularly when it can occur in two or more forms. For example, we could distinguish between the two forms of omphacite by adding the space group symbol, i.e. omphacite-C2/c, omphacite-P2/n, or by adding the lattice-type symbol, i.e. omphacite-C (Bailey, 1977).

Obsolete pyroxene names

The names of 105 pyroxenes or altered pyroxenes listed in Table 6 have formally been discarded by the CNMMN and are therefore obsolete. The preferred name is underlined in the same table.

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Footnotes

1. In omphacite-P2/n, the M1 and M2 sites are further divided into M1a and M1b (for M1) and M2a and M2b (for M2).

2. Orthopyroxene (*Pbcn*) is stable only at elevated temperatures for a limited composition near MgSiO₃.

3. Aegirine is used in preference to 'acmite' in this report. It is in common usage in the literature, and is consistent with the almost universal use of aegirine-augite for minerals of intermediate compositions, though 'acmite' has priority by 14 years (Dana, 1892). Common practice in experimental petrology has been to use the abbreviation Ac for $NaFe^{3}+Si_2O_6$; Ae should now be used instead.

4. The CNMMN, IMA, has recently voted in favour of the name kosmochlor instead of 'ureyite' for the pyroxene of generalized composition NaCrSi₂O₆.

5. Essencite is a new pyroxene with the composition $CaFe^{3+}AISiO_6$ (Table 2, No. 13).

6. 'Fassaite' has the general formula $Ca(Mg,Fe^{3+},Al)$ (Si,Al)₂O₆. This name has been rejected as a formal name in this report.

7. $Ca_2Si_2O_6$ exists as wollastonite in nature, which belongs not to the pyroxenes but to the pyroxenoids. To represent the compositions of the Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes, the ternary $Ca_2Si_2O_6(Wo)-Mg_2Si_2O_6(En)-Fe_2Si_2O_6(Fs)$ system has been used, e.g. $En_{20}Fs_{38}Wo_{42}$.

8. Definition of the '**Other**' pyroxenes is different from that given by Cameron and Papike (1981).

9. The name aegirine-augite appears to be in more common usage than 'aegirineaugite' and 'acmite-augite'.

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Table 6. Obsolete pyroxene names. The following pyroxene mineral names, or names which refer to altered pyroxenes, have been formally discarded by the CNMMN. The correct names are underlined. The original form of this table was compiled by Malcolm Ross using the following references: Dana (1892); Tsehermak (1897); Chester (1886); Ford (1932); Winchell and Winchell (1951); Deer, Howie, and Zussman (1963, 1978); Strunz (1970); and the unpublished Thesaurus of Mineralogical Terms of the International Mineralogical Association, which has been available since August 1974.

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acmite = aegirine
                                                             ferrohypersthene = ferrosilite
aegirite (aegyrite) = aegirine
                                                             ferro-johannsenite = iron-rich johannsenite
aegerine-hedenbergite = augite
                                                             ferropigeonite = iron-rich pigeonite
agalite = probably enstatite partly altered to talc
                                                             ferrosalite = hedenbergite
aglaite = altered spodumene
                                                             ficinite = enstatite
alalite = diopside
                                                             funkite = hedenbergite
alkali augite = <u>aegirine-augite</u>
                                                             germarite = altered enstatite
amblystegite = enstatite
                                                            hiddenite = spodumene
anthochroite = augite
                                                             hudsonite = hedenbergite
asteroite = iron-rich augite
                                                             hypersthene = enstatite or ferrosilite
baikalite = diopside
                                                             jadeite-aegirine (jadeite-aegirite) = jadeite or
bastite = enstatite which has altered to serpentine,
                                                                    aegirine
            talc, or perhaps anthophyllite
                                                            jeffersonite = zincian manganoan diopside or augite
                                                             killinite = altered spodumene
blanfordite = manganoan aegirine-augite
bronzite = enstatite
                                                             korea-augite = augite
calc-clinobronzite = <u>pigeonite</u>
                                                             kunzite = spodumene
calc-clinoenstatite = pigeonite
                                                            lavroffite = <u>diopside</u>
                                                             lavrovite= <u>diopside</u>
calc-clinohypersthene = pigeonite
calc-pigeonite = subcalcic <u>augite</u>
                                                             lawrowite = diopside
canaanite = diopside
                                                             leucaugite = <u>diopside</u>
                                                            lime-bronzite = probably <u>pigeonite</u> or <u>enstatite</u>
chladnite = enstatite
                                                                          plus augite, ("inverted" pigeonite)
chloromelanite = omphacite or aegirine-augite
chrome-acmite = chromian aegirine
                                                            loganite = diopside + actinolite + talc
chromejadeite = chromian jadeite
                                                             lotalite = <u>hedenbergite</u>
clinohypersthene = <u>clinoenstatite</u> or <u>clinoferrosilite</u>
                                                            malacolite = <u>diopside</u> with good (001) parting,
coccolite (kokkolith) = iron-rich augite
                                                                       also diopside from Sala, Sweden
cymatolite = altered spodumene
                                                             mansjoite = augite or diopside or hedenbergite
diaclasite = altered enstatite
                                                             mayaite = <u>omphacite</u>
diallage = <u>diopside</u> which has altered or which has good mellcrite = <u>orthopyroxene</u>
           (100) parting; also used for alteration mondradite =probably an altered pyroxene
            products of other pyroxenes
                                                            mussite = diopside
diopsidjadeite = <u>omphacite</u>
                                                            orthobronzite = enstatite
endiopside = magnesium-rich augite
                                                            orthoenstatite = enstatite
enstatite-diopside = magnesium-rich augite
                                                            orthoeulite = ferrosilite
eulite = ferrosilite
                                                            orthoferrosilite = ferrosilite
eulysite = ferrosilite
                                                             orthohypersthene = enstatite or ferrosilite
fassaite = ferrian aluminian <u>diopside</u> or <u>augite</u>
                                                             paulite = enstatite
fedorovite = <u>diopside</u>
                                                             peckhamite = enstatite
ferroaugite = augite
                                                             phastine = altered enstatite
                                                             picrophyll = altered pyroxene ?
ferrohedenbergite = augite
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pigeonite-augite = probably subcalcic augite
                                                          titanaugite = titanian <u>augite</u>
pitkarantite = pyroxene ?
                                                          titandiopside = titanian <u>diopside</u>
potash-aegirine
                  = synthetic product,
                                            probably
                                                          titanpigeonite = titanian pigeonite
                not properly characterized
                                                          trachyaugite = <u>augite</u>
protheite = augite
                                                          traversellite = diopside
protobastite = enstatite
                                                          triphane = spodumene
pyrallolite = altered pyroxene ?, talc ?
                                                          tuxtlite = omphacite
                                                          uralite = pseudomorph of amphibole after pyroxenes
pyrgom = pyroxene
sahlite = <u>diopside</u>
                                                          urbanite = iron-rich augite or aegirine-augite
salite = diopside
                                                          ureyite = kosmochlor
schefferite = manganoan <u>diopside</u>
                                                          vanadinaugite = vanadium-bearing augite
schillerspar (schillerspat) = enstatite which is
                                                          vanadinbronzite = vanadium-bearing enstatite
       altered to serpentine, talc, or anthophyllite
                                                          vargasite = altered pyroxene ?
shepardite = enstatite
                                                          victorite = enstatite
soda-spodumene = sodian spodumene
                                                          violaite = augite
strakonitzite = altered pyroxene, steatite ?
                                                          violan = magnesium-rich augite or diopside
szaboite = partly altered enstatite
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10. For the nomenclature of the Ca-Mg-Fe pyroxenes, normalization must be made to $Ca + Mg + \Sigma Fe = 100$, where $\Sigma Fe = Fe^{2+} + Fe^{3+} + Mn$. Hereafter the mol percent of the end-member components is always used without remark and is represented simply by %. If the mole % quadrilateral components are calculated by the atomic % of Ca to the total cations at the M sites, no pyroxenes should contain more than 50% Ca₂Si₂O₆. However, if Ca, Mg and Fe are normalized, or, calculated as $100Ca/(Ca + Mg + \Sigma Fe)$, $100Mg/(Ca + Mg + \Sigma Fe)$ and $100\Sigma Fe/(Ca + Mg + \Sigma Fe)$, respectively, then some augites will plot on a Wo-En-Fs triangular diagram above the 50% Ca₂Si₂O₆ line. Especially, when the plot in the Q-J diagram is very close to or outside of the boundary Q+J=1.5, the effect of johannsenite and petedunnite components must be considered. If the effect is negligible, the pyroxene must be considered to have an unusual composition and must be referred to the section of unusual pyroxenes.

11. To normalize Q, Jd and Ae components, Ca+Mg+Fe²⁺+2Na at the M sites must be made to total 100%. Then the normalized 2Na% must be divided to the ratio of Al/Fe³⁺ to give the ratio of Jd/Ae. Thus Q+Jd+Ae must always give 100%. When the plot in the Q-J diagram is significantly outside the boundary Q+J=2.0, the effect of substitution (2) must be considered, as in the section of unusual pyroxenes.

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