

The references are given in full at the end of each chapter, but unfortunately there is no index (though the detailed contents list is helpful). Altogether, this work not only maintains the high standards of this *Reviews in Mineralogy* series, but also brings a fresh up-to-date approach to this important and ubiquitous mineral phase. The price makes it an essential purchase for even the most impoverished of academic libraries.

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Fleischer, M. and Mandarino, J. A. *Glossary of Mineral Species 1995*. Tucson (Mineralogical Record Inc.), 1995. vi + 280 pp. ISBN 1062 3531. Price \$18.00 (+ \$2.00 post).

This latest (seventh) edition includes some 200 new minerals whose details have been published since the sixth edition (1991), bringing the total number of

mineral species to around 3600. In this new edition, the section listing the individual species in the various mineral groups now includes the chemical formula for each species. The other change in style involves the elimination of separate entries for polytypes, each now being given under the appropriate mineral name.

As always, it is good to see a new edition of this standard reference work. The inclusion of formulae in the listing of species in each major mineral group should be a useful adjunct in helping to appreciate the species boundaries – though the amphibole and zeolite groups, with respectively 66 and 51 entries, remain complex and challenging, and new species in these groups continue to be discovered even since this listing. As before, the Glossary is produced in a ring binding allowing it to open flat. The price makes this essential work eminently affordable.

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