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1. Manuscripts including illustrations, must be submitted in duplicate to the Editor, Brian Mason, *The American Mineralogist*, Department of Mineral Sciences, Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C. 20560. They must be typewritten, *double-spaced throughout* (including abstract, references, figure captions, and all footnotes, except those to tables), with margins at least 1.5 in. on all sides of each page, on white paper about 8.5 × 11 in. in size; one side only of standard-weight paper must be used for the first copy. Xerox or other clear photocopy is satisfactory for the second copy. Footnotes may only be used if absolutely essential. They are typed at the bottom of the page and are numbered in sequence.

2. New mineral names and redefinitions of existing names, before publication, must be approved by the Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names of the International Mineralogical Association (Fleischer, 1970). For this purpose a copy of the manuscript should be simultaneously (or previously) sent to Dr. Akira Kato, Chairman, Commission on New Minerals and Mineral Names, National Science Museum, 3-23-1 Hyakunin-cho, Shinjuku, Tokyo 160, Japan. In general, manuscripts proposing new names for imperfectly or incompletely described minerals or new names for mere compositional varieties cannot be accepted. Writers naming new minerals should

conform to the rules and principles set forth in Hey *et al.* (1961) and Donnay and Fleischer (1970).

3. Obsolete, discredited, or superfluous mineral names may not be used. A useful guide is *1975 Glossary of Mineral Names* (Fleischer, 1975); if a mineral name does not appear therein, some explanation is usually necessary. This glossary is taken as the standard for the spelling of mineral names.

4. For crystallographic data, the recommendations of the Commission on Crystallographic Data of the International Union of Crystallography (Kennard *et al.*, 1967), and of the NAS-NRC Committee on Chemical Crystallography are standard in this journal; copies are available from the Editor of *The American Mineralogist*. X-ray powder diffraction data (d or 2θ) may be tabulated if necessary to characterize the mineral. They may be illustrated only if essential features cannot be tabulated. If the data are similar to some already published or listed in the Powder Diffraction File, then a statement to that effect is usually sufficient without republishing either a table or a cut. Refinements to previously-available powder data can be contributed directly to the PDF without publication.¹ Powder patterns should be indexed, if at all possible, and cell parameters listed; if this is not possible, the reasons should be stated. If the space group is known or determined, a powder pattern whose extinctions are inconsistent with the space group should not be published without explanation of the inconsistent extinctions.

5. For thermal analysis data, the recommendations of a Committee on Standardization of the International Conference on Thermal Analysis (McAdie, 1967) are standard for this journal; copies are available from the Editor.

Title and abstract

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7. The abstract should state concisely, in 250 words or less, what was done and what was concluded; if possible, it should include important numbers (*e.g.* temperature range, main X-ray lines, chemical composition, *etc.*). Literature citations should not appear in the abstract.

Style

8. Use a separate page for the title and authorship; number it 1 on the top right-hand corner. Begin each major section—abstract, text, references, figure captions—on a new sheet. Paginate figure captions and tables after the references. Avoid beginning a sentence with numbers or symbols. As far as possible, use decimals rather than fractions. Place a zero before the decimal point in writing numbers with no integer, *i.e.* 0.25, not .25. "Percent" should be spelled out in the text, and the symbol % used in tables, illustrations, and figures. Avoid dividing a word at the end of a line, since this can be confusing to the typesetter. Authors are responsible for indicating (by underlining) where italics are required in symbols and equations. Symbols which may be difficult to interpret should be explained in marginal pencil notes. Complex mathematical notations and equations are difficult and expensive to typeset, and should be used sparingly. Ionic charge is indicated by a superscript plus or minus sign following the symbol of the ion; for multiple charges an Arabic superscript numeral *precedes* the plus or minus sign, *e.g.* Na⁺, Cl⁻, Ca²⁺, S²⁻.

For questions of style not covered here, the answers can usually be found by examining a paper in the same field in a recent issue of *The American Mineralogist*. Excellent discussions of the preparation of manuscripts are *Geowriting* (Cochran *et al.*, 1974), *Writing Scientific Papers in English* (O'Connor and Woodford, 1975), and *Suggestions to Authors* (U.S. Geological Survey, 1958). If authors would adhere to the recommendations in these books, the path to publication would be smoothed for all concerned.

9. The system of metric units known as SI (Système International) should be used, except that the angstrom is used instead of nanometer and bar and kilobar instead of the pascal. Where 0, O, l, 1, Greek letters, or other typography is possibly ambiguous in the text, instruct the printer by writing in the margin "zero," "oh," "el," "one," *etc.* Avoid the use of subscripts and superscripts as far as possible, since they require expensive typesetting; parenthetical designations can often be used, *e.g.*, d (calc), $P(\text{O}_2)$.

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For acceptable symbols and abbreviations, see Table 1.

Use of headings

Heads. When set in type, an article is more attractive and easier to read if it is divided into major sections which are distinguished by first-order headings. These first-order heads should show the basic organization of the paper, and might be, for example: **Introduction; Previous work; Methods; Results; Dis-**

ussion; Conclusions and implications; Acknowledgments; References. For a mineral-centered article they might be: **Introduction; Occurrence and associations; X-ray crystallography; Chemical composition; Physical and optical properties; Thermal study; Discussion; Conclusions; Acknowledgments; References.**

Subheads, or second-order heads. A major section of a paper may itself be divided into subsections, each distinguished by a subhead. For example, if some of the previously-cited major sections in the paper on a mineral seem too brief, they may be grouped together as second-order heads under a single first-order head. Thus, under the first-order head **Results**, there might be grouped the subheads: *X-ray crystallography; Chemical composition; Physical and optical properties.* The previous heading, "Using of headings," represents style of a second-order head.

Third-order heads. The three paragraphs of this subsection on heads begin with "third-order heads," which may be used when a further subdivision is needed. If, in the previous example, two or more

Table 1. Abbreviations and symbols commonly used in *The American Mineralogist**

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<u>P</u> ressure bar kbar = kilobars atm = atmosphere	<u>V</u> olume ml = milliliters A	<u>I</u> ntensity I/I ₀ = relative intensity <u>d</u> = interplanar spacing	refr. ind = refractive indices, or <u>n</u> , <u>ε</u> , <u>ω</u> , <u>α</u> , <u>β</u> , <u>γ</u>
<u>T</u> emperature cal = calories kcal = kilocalories K = Kelvin °C = degrees Celsius	<u>t</u> ime sec. = seconds m.y. = million years <u>f</u> requency (or <u>ν</u>)	hkl = diffraction index (hkl) = miller index {hkl} = form [uvw] = line or zone	principal vibrations: <u>E</u> , <u>O</u> , <u>X</u> , <u>Y</u> , <u>Z</u> ,
<u>l</u> ength in. = inches m = meter; cm = 10 ⁻² m mm = 10 ⁻³ m, μm = 10 ⁻⁶ m nm = 10 ⁻⁹ m A = Angstrom	g = gram; kg = kilogram μg = microgram ρ = density ppm = parts per million pH G = specific gravity	MoKα ₁ = radiation type unit cell <u>a</u> , <u>b</u> , <u>c</u> , = edge=lengths <u>a</u> , <u>b</u> , <u>c</u> , = vectors† <u>α</u> , <u>β</u> , <u>γ</u> , = angles	optic axial angle: 2 <u>V</u> , 2 <u>V</u> _x , or 2 <u>V</u> _z <u>r</u> <u>v</u> = dispersion extinction angle: <u>Z</u> Δ <u>c</u> or <u>Z</u> : <u>c</u> perpendicular to = ⊥ parallel to =
<u>Other Abbreviations</u>			
p. = page or pages ca. = circa calc = calculated	<u>et al.</u> = <u>et alli</u> = and others <u>etc.</u> = and other things	<u>i.e.</u> = that is <u>e.g.</u> = for example	meas = measured obs = observed <u>vs.</u> = versus

* The table title should be typed and should be the only material above the table itself. Other explanatory information can be placed as a footnote at the conclusion of the table, as done here. Instead of using letters or Arabic numerals, indicate footnotes by symbols such as *, **, ***, †, ††.

In this table the underlined portions of words indicate their standard abbreviations, and this underlining also instructs the printer to set the underlined material in italics. All the abbreviations underlined above should be underlined in your manuscript, as they are customarily set in italics in print.

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minerals are being studied, under the second-order heads, *e.g.* *Physical and optical properties*, the specific mineral names might be used as third-order heads.

Tables

10. Tables must be submitted as camera-ready copy, which can be photographed and included in your article without being set in type. To avoid undue delays or the necessity of retyping, use an electric typewriter with a carbon ribbon, and type each table on a separate sheet of white paper. We recommend an IBM Selectric typewriter equipped with a Prestige Elite 72 (IBM 012) or an Adjutant (IBM 030) ball. Footnotes to the table are single-spaced, and their first line should be indented. White correction fluid as well as light-blue guide lines, which will not photograph, are permissible. The camera-ready set of tables (in its own separate envelope) should be accompanied by two xerox (or other type) copies for use by reviewers. Tables must be typed to one of the following widths:

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All titles for tables are to be listed on a separate sheet, double-spaced (as are figure captions), to facilitate typesetting.

See the following pages of *The American Mineralogist*, Volume 61, for examples of tables to guide authors: (1) Magnitudes and orientation of principal axes of thermal ellipsoids in hopeite, Table 2, page 990; (2) Crystal and chemical data for strontianites, Table 1, page 1002; (3) Vuagnatite. Comparison of observed and predicted cation–oxygen bond lengths, Table 5, page 836. Note the judicious use of single and double spacing to block data and guide the eye in the tables on pages 848, 900, 958, and 974.

11. Data likely to interest only a few readers (*e.g.*, individual hydrothermal runs, observed and calculated structure amplitudes, multiple chemical analyses, or supporting raw data) will be printed at the discretion of the Editor. Usually he will ask that these be deposited in the permanent file in the Business Office, Mineralogical Society of America. An original typescript or the original computer printout is required in order to make a readable microfiche. Microfiche of the tables will be sent to any reader, upon request, for a nominal fee. Such tables should be referred to in the manuscript by a footnote such as:

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Illustrations

12. The principal criterion for accepting illustrations is the amount of important information they convey. The following types of illustrations can often be replaced by a short sentence in the text: photograph of a massive mineral or a simply bedded outcrop, graph of a linear calibration, routine X-ray diffraction or differential thermal analysis results, previously-published illustrations. On the other hand, a single line drawing can often be substituted for an extensive table.

13. The originals and all copies of all illustrations

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19. Manuscripts *accepted* for publication, but which have not yet appeared in print, may be included in the list of references. Those which have been submitted but not yet accepted, and those which are under review or in the process of revision, should

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21. Translations, whether individual or from a cover-to-cover translation journal, should be listed by the original source, followed by the translated source in brackets; see Urusov (1967) in the Appendix.

Errata

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