

11320 Rhodochrosite

Formula: MnCO_3

Usually small crystals or granular to dense, radial-grape-formed, glass-head-like aggregates and crusts, rose-pink in pure condition.

Rhodochrosite turns to dark oxide at approx. 650°C . The maximum manganese content is about 47,8%, usually however a part of the Mn is substituted by Fe, Mg, or Zn. Important manganese ore are in the Harz, the Carpathians, in the south of Spain, in western North America etc..