

12070
Soil
1102 grams



Figure 1: Photo of area where 12070 was collected. Photo taken from LM window. AS12-48-7031

Introduction

12070 is the fines from the contingency sample taken by the astronauts. It was collected in front of the Lunar Module (figure 1). Rock samples 12071 – 12077 were also collected as part of the contingency sample and returned in this bag.

12070 is the best studied of the Apollo 12 soils, with many analyses.

Petrography

The maturity index of 12070 is $I_s/\text{FeO} = 47$ and the average grain size of is 51 microns (figure 5).

At the time of Apollo 12, different research groups did not report consistent mineral modes for soils samples, because they didn't use the same criteria and they

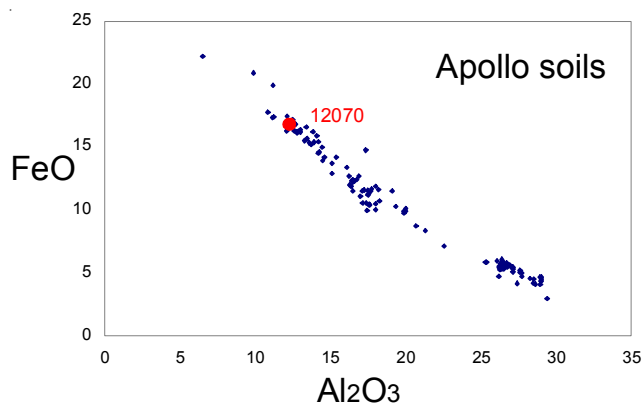


Figure 2: Composition of 12070 compared with other Apollo soil samples.

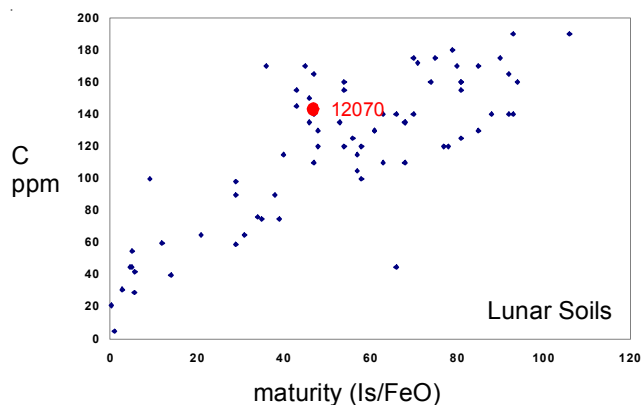


Figure 3: Carbon content and maturity index of 12070 compared with that of other Apollo soil samples.

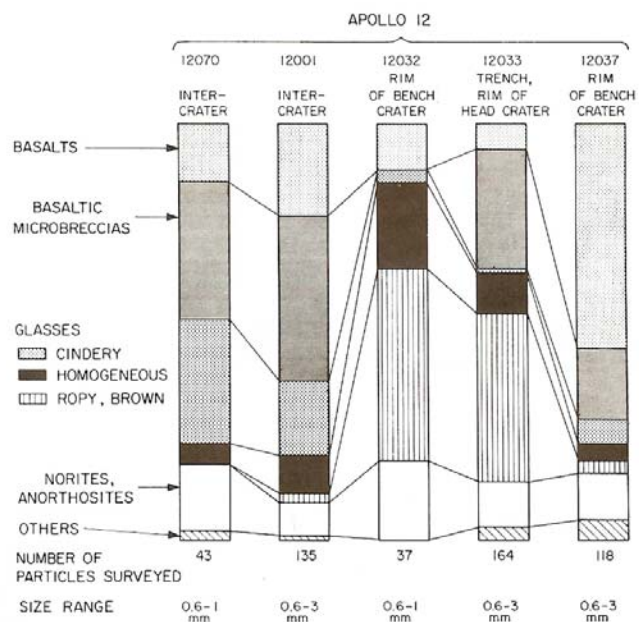


Figure 4: Modal analysis of coarse particles in Apollo 12 soils (Marvin et al. 1971).

Mineralogical Mode

Frondel et al. 1971

Olivine +	
Pyroxene	60%
Plagioclase	18.9
Opaques	3.5
Glass, angular	11.9
Glass, rounded	5.8
Silica	0

Mineralogical Mode

McKay et al. 1971

Grain size	37-62.5	62.5-125 microns
Olivine	3 %	4
Pyroxene	27	23
Plagioclase	12	7
Glass	33	22
Aggregates	26	45

Mineralogical Mode (250-1000 microns)

McKay et al. (1971)

Glazed	
Aggregates	26 %
Single xtl.	16
Glasses	36
Rocks	7
Breccias	7
Spherules	1.2

studied different size fractions. Frondel et al. (1971) determined the mineral mode, but did not specify agglutinates. McKay's group recognized "glazed aggregates" which were later called agglutinates. Marvin et al. (1971) found about 30% "cindery glasses" (figure 4).

Delano et al. (1981) reported on the trends in composition of numerous glass particles from 12070

(figure 7). Chao et al. (1970), Engelhardt et al. (1971), Bunch et al. (1972), Barra et al. (2006) and others also give the composition of glass particles from 12070. Stone et al. (1982) studied a few individual glass beads using magnetic means.

Marvin et al. (1991) report on the nature of a granitic particle from 12070 first reported by Marvin et al. (1971). Dence et al. (1971) studied the mineralogy of basalt particles from 12070.

Chemistry

Lunar soil sample 12070 is one of the most analyzed of all lunar samples, and rightly or wrongly, is the true test of accuracy and precision of various analytical techniques (and labs) during the early Apollo era. For example, the preliminary PET results, as reported by LSPET, were specifically meant to be "quick and dirty" for the first three mission, but were improved to be "state of the art" for Apollo 15, 16 and 17. Note that 12070 was reanalyzed during the Apollo 15 mission, by XRF instead of SSMS (table 1a). However, please also note that although 12070 was sieved (sifted), it was not split according to analytical standards and that analysts frequently got widely different results on different splits analyzed at the same time in the same lab by the same technique (i.e. the sample was inherently heterogeneous).

Figure 6 shows the REE content of 12070. Hubbard et al. (1971), Schoenfelt and Meyer (1972), Goles et al. (1971) and Wanke et al. (1972) all tried to calculate the amount of KREEP material in 12070 and other Apollo 12 soils.

The carbon content of 12070 was reported by Epstein and Taylor (1971) as 145 ppm. Muller (1972) determined 80 ppm N by the Kjeldahl technique. Kerridge et al. (1978) found 128 ppm C and 67 ppm N (figure 3). These analyses also indicate that this soil has a high maturity and was exposed to the solar flux a long time.

Age Dating

Barra et al. (2006) reported Ar/Ar ages for glass particles.

Cosmogenic isotopes and exposure ages

Rancitelli et al. (1971), Wrigley (1971) and O'Kelly et al. (1971b) reported the cosmic-ray-induced activity of ^{22}Na = 80 dpm/kg, 75 dpm/kg and 70 dpm/kg

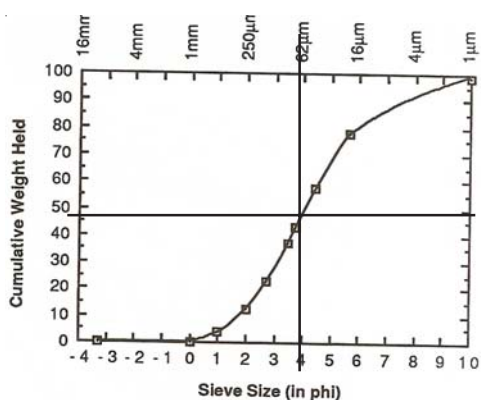
respectively. The activity of ^{26}Al = 165 dpm/kg, 171 dpm/kg and 146 dpm/kg, respectively. The activity of ^{46}Sc = 5.9 dpm/kg. The activity of ^{54}Mn = 21 dpm/kg and 41 dpm/kg. The activity of ^{56}Co = 57 dpm/kg, and 55 dpm/kg. Herr et al. (1972) reported 14.1 cpm for ^{54}Mn and 380 dpm/kg for ^{53}Mn .

D'Amico et al. (1971) studied radioactivity of tritium in 12070 and other soils.

Hintenberger and Weber (1973) calculate the ^{21}Ne exposure age of 12070 as 300 m.y. and the ^{38}Ar exposure age is 610 m.y.

Other Studies

Some rare gas data is given in the Apollo 11 catalog (Warner 1970) and in LSPET (1970). Yanif and Heymann (1972), Pepin et al. (1972), Funkhauser et al. (1971), and Hintenberger et al. (1971) also reported rare gas measurements.



average grain size = 51 microns

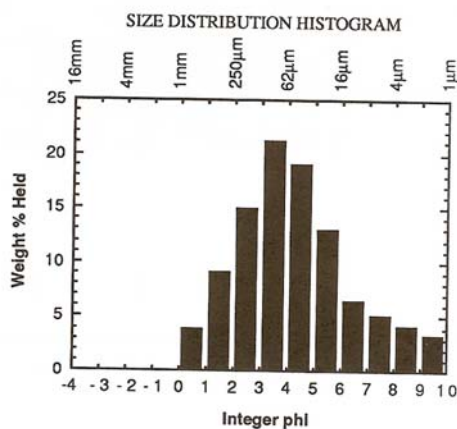
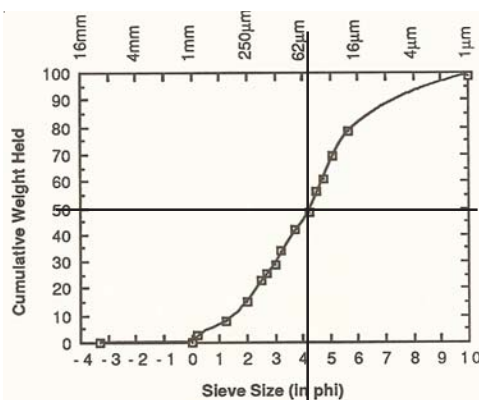


Figure 5a: Grain size distribution for 12070 (Graf 1993, from data by McKay et al. 1971).



average grain size = 52 microns

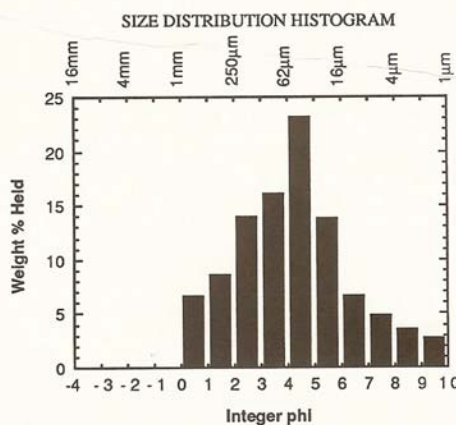


Figure :5b Grain size distribution for 12070 (Graf 1993, from data by King et al. 1971).

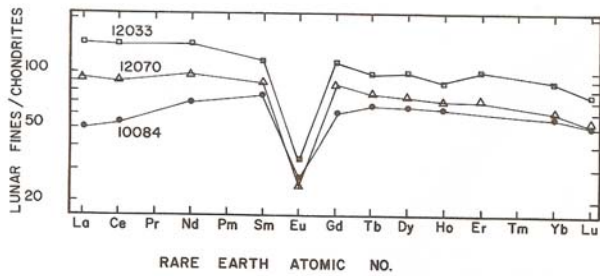


Figure 6: Normalized rare-earth-element diagram for 12070 (Haskin et al. 1971).

Arrhenius et al. (1971) studied the frequency of grains with high fossil nuclear tracks in 12070 (and all other Apollo 12 soil and core samples)(figure 8).

Gammage and Holmes (1975) determined the specific surface area of 12070 and other lunar fines.

Processing

Portions of 12070 were sieved at different times, and it is difficult to determine which splits are < 1 mm, 1 – 2 mm, 2 – 4 mm and 4 – 10 mm. With regard the large number of chemical analyses this sample, it is important to recognize that the fines were not split in a scientific manner.

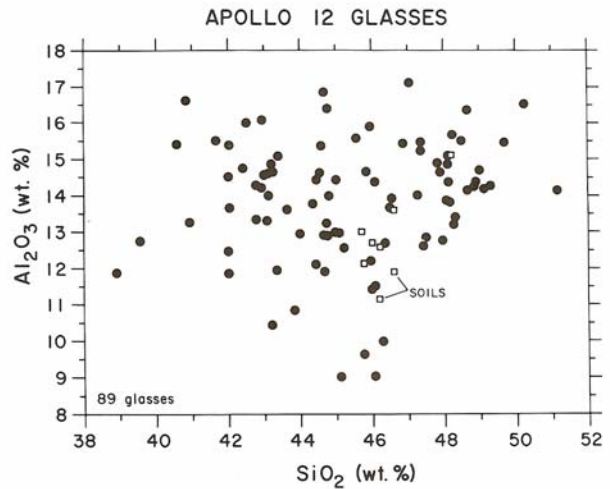


Figure 7: Composition of 89 glass particles from 12070 (Delano et al. 1981).

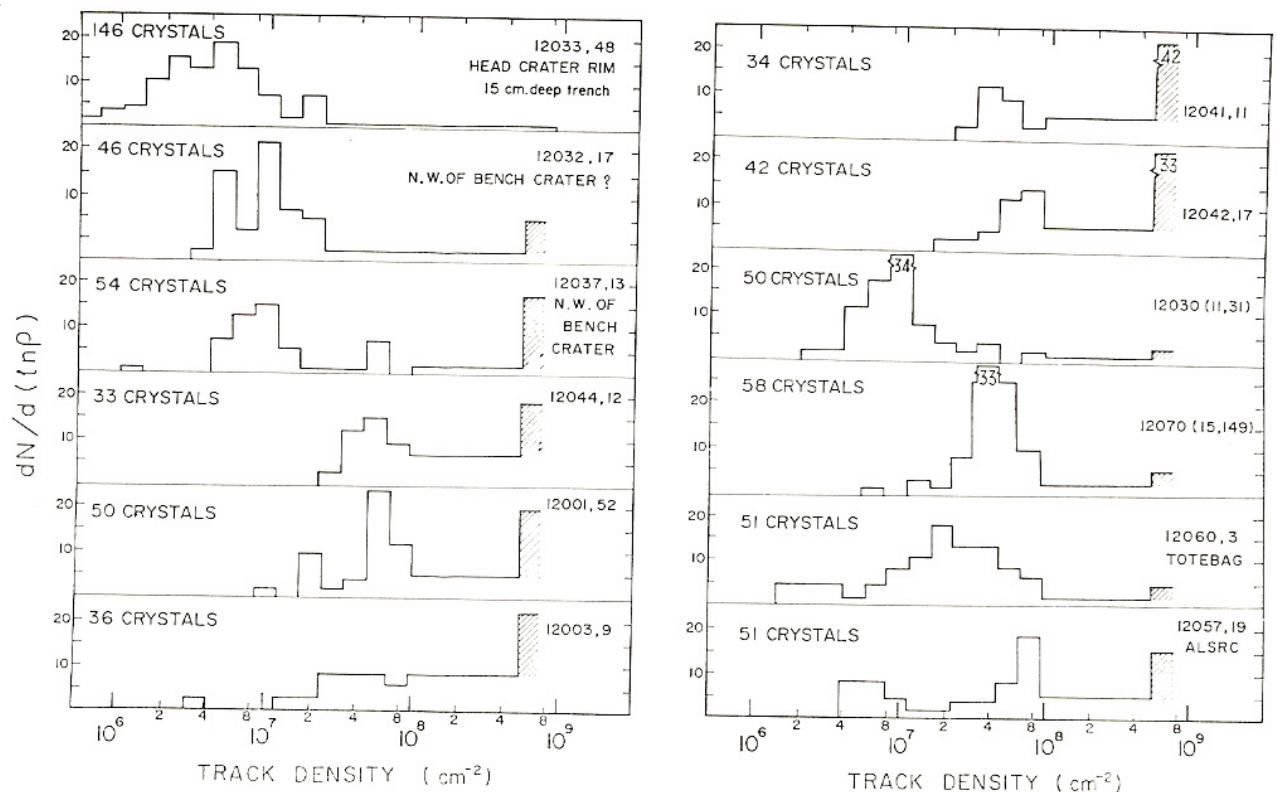


Figure 8: Density of fossil nuclear track in Apollo 12 soil samples (Arrhenius et al. 1971).

Table 1a. Chemical composition of 12070.

reference weight	LSPET70	LSPET70	LSPET72	Wiesmann75 Gast71	Compston71	Hubbard72 Wiesmann75	Laul71	O'Kelly71 354g	Wanke71	Goles71
SiO2 %	42 (a)		45.9 (c)		45.83 (c)				46 (d)	
TiO2	3.1 (a)		2.81 (c)	2.9 (e)	2.81 (c)				2.7 (d)	2.73 (d)
Al2O3	14 (a)		12.5 (c)		12.48 (c)				12.7 (d)	12.1 (d)
FeO	17 (a)		16.4 (c)		16.81 (c)				16.3 (d)	16.2 (d)
MnO	0.25 (a)		0.22 (c)		0.23 (c)				0.2 (d)	0.2 (d)
MgO	12 (a)		10 (c)		10.18 (c)				9.7 (d)	
CaO	10 (a)		10.4 (c)	10 (e)	10.45 (c)				10.6 (d)	9.1 (d)
Na2O	0.4 (a)		0.41 (c)	0.46 (e)	0.43 (c)				0.42 (d)	0.44 (d)
K2O	0.18 (a)	0.25 (b)	0.25 (c)	0.26 (e)	0.27 (c)	0.25 (e)		0.24 (g)	0.23 (d)	
P2O5			0.27 (c)		0.31 (c)					
S %			0.08 (c)		0.12 (c)					
sum										
Sc ppm	47 (a)								37.3 (d)	36.8 (d)
V	64 (a)				91 (c)					
Cr	2800 (a)		2942 (c)		2080 (c)	2552 (e)			2270 (d)	2480 (d)
Co	42 (a)				45 (c)				41.5 (d)	44.7 (d)
Ni	200 (a)		276 (c)		186 (c)				200 (d)	
Cu					6 (c)				7.2 (d)	
Zn					6 (c)		6.9 (f)			
Ga					2.5 (c)		4.3 (f)		3.3	
Ge ppb									210	
As									22	
Se							0.26 (f)			
Rb	3.2 (a)		6.9 (c)	6.46 (e)	6.33 (c)	6.636 (e)	6.3 (f)		8.7	
Sr	170 (a)		136 (c)	150 (e)	143.3 (c)	146 (e)			140	
Y	130 (a)		110 (c)		111 (c)					
Zr	670 (a)		529 (c)		512 (c)	430 (e)				370 (d)
Nb			33 (c)		30 (c)					
Mo										
Ru										
Rh										
Pd ppb									6.5	
Ag ppb							46 (f)			
Cd ppb							45 (f)			
In ppb							220 (f)		486	
Sn ppb										
Sb ppb										
Te ppb							100 (f)			
Cs ppm							0.25 (f)		0.39 (d)	
Ba	420 (a)		404 (e)	350 (c)	375 (e)				390 (d)	340 (d)
La			30.3 (e)	29 (c)	33.8 (e)				33 (d)	32.1 (d)
Ce			90 (e)	62 (c)	86.7 (e)				86 (d)	87 (d)
Pr									10.6 (d)	
Nd			55.1 (e)		55.2 (e)					40 (d)
Sm			16.4 (e)		15.9 (e)				14.7 (d)	15.8 (d)
Eu			1.74 (e)		1.68 (e)				1.8 (d)	1.71 (d)
Gd					19.8 (e)				15.7 (d)	
Tb									4 (d)	3.69 (d)
Dy			21.7 (e)		21.5 (e)				20.2 (d)	
Ho									5.2 (d)	4.3 (d)
Er			13.5 (e)		12.7 (e)				15.8 (d)	
Tm										
Yb			13 (e)		11.8 (e)				10.6 (d)	11.7 (d)
Lu			1.78 (e)						1.52 (d)	1.68 (d)
Hf									15.6 (d)	11.3 (d)
Ta									1.46 (d)	2.05 (d)
W ppb									740	
Re ppb										
Os ppb										
Ir ppb							8.5 (f)		7.5	
Pt ppb										
Au ppb							2.4 (f)		1.8	
Th ppm		6 (b)	6.7 (c)		6.6 (c)	6.1 (e)		6.25 (g)	5.52 (d)	6.7 (d)
U ppm		1.5 (b)			1.6 (c)	1.74 (e)		1.65 (g)	1.69 (d)	

technique: (a) es, (b) rad. Count, (c) XRF, (d) INAA, (e) IDMS, (f) RNAA, (g) radiation counting

Table 1b. Chemical composition of 12070.

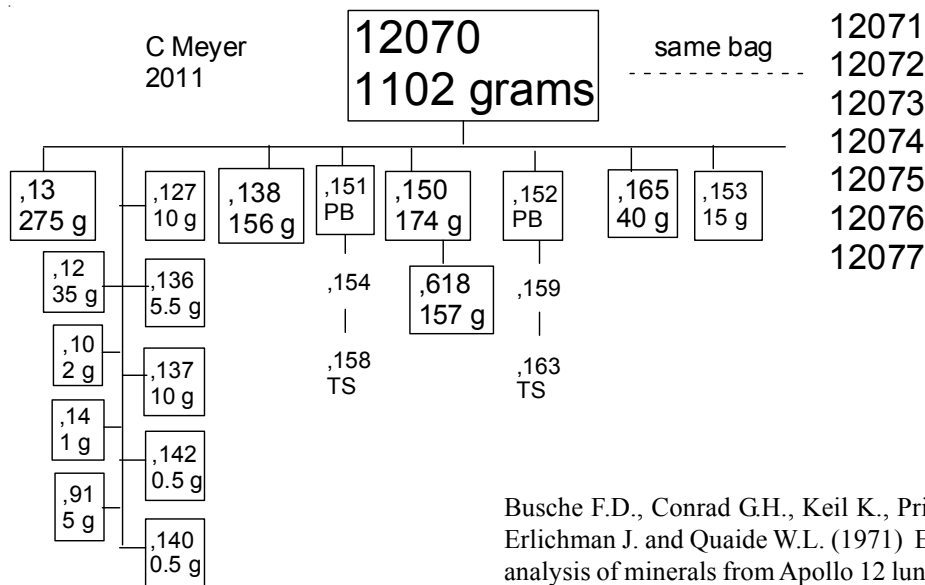
reference weight	Willis71	Schnetzler71	Frondel71	Taylor71	Baedecker71	Ganapathy70	Morrison71	Brunfeldt71		
SiO ₂ %	45.74 (e)		46 (a)							
TiO ₂	2.79 (e)		3.1 (a)				2.5 ?	2.78	2.92 (h)	
Al ₂ O ₃	12.69 (e)		14.84 (a)				13 ?	12.55	12.73 (h)	
FeO	16.52 (e)		14.7 (a)				15.7 ?	16.08	15.57 (h)	
MnO	0.222 (e)		0.22 (a)				0.245 ?			
MgO	10.42 (e)		9.43 (a)				11.3 ?			
CaO	10.45 (e)		10.67 (a)				9.52 ?			
Na ₂ O	0.39 (e)		0.48 (a)				0.43 ?	0.43	0.44 (h)	
K ₂ O	0.241 (e)	0.235 (b)	0.28 (a)				0.23 ?	0.24	0.23 (h)	
P ₂ O ₅	0.3 (e)						0.275 ?			
S %	0.075 (e)						0.53 ?			
sum										
Sc ppm	39 (d)			40 (c)			35 ?	39.3	38.3 (h)	
V	112 (d)			110 (c)			72 ?	143	142 (h)	
Cr	2870 (e)		1984 (a)	2800 (c)			2800 ?	2570	2620 (h)	
Co	40 (d)			45 (c)			44 ?	41.3	40.2 (h)	
Ni	202 (e)			180 (c)			210 ?			
Cu	8 (e)			5 (c)			7.7 ?			
Zn	9.7 (e)				8.9 (g)	6.9 (g)	8.7 (g) ?	7.1	7.6 (h)	
Ga					4.5 (g)	4.26 (g)	3.8 (g) ?	4.1	4 (h)	
Ge ppb					355 (g)					
As							0.1 ?	0.57	0.58 (h)	
Se						259 (g)	? ?	0.24	0.25 (h)	
Rb	6.4 (e)	6.47 (b)				6.3 (g)	5.8 (g) ?	8.3	8.1 (h)	
Sr	140 (e)	144.2 (b)		135 (c)			130 ?			
Y	126 (e)			120 (c)			130 ?			
Zr	523 (e)			500 (c)			460 ?			
Nb	33.2 (e)			25 (c)			35 ?			
Mo				0.03 (c)			0.05 ?			
Ru										
Rh										
Pd ppb										
Ag ppb						46 (g)		140	290 (h)	
Cd ppb					195 (g)	45 (g)				
In ppb					131 (g)	218 (g)		360	880 (h)	
Sn ppb				300 (c)						
Sb ppb							9 ?	50	30 (h)	
Te ppb						100 (g)				
Cs ppm				0.3 (c)		0.248 (g)	0.2 ?	0.29	0.31 (h)	
Ba	373 (e)	373 (b)		340 (c)			330 ?	321	304 (h)	
La	33 (e)			32 (c)			36 ?	33.2	33.7 (h)	
Ce		89.4 (b)		76 (c)			97 ?	84	90 (h)	
Pr				12 (c)			12 ?			
Nd		55.4 (b)		54 (c)			59 ?			
Sm		16 (b)		19 (c)			19 ?	16.1	15.8 (h)	
Eu		1.77 (b)		1.9 (c)			1.7 ?	1.77	1.84 (h)	
Gd		20.1 (b)		25 (c)			23 ?			
Tb				3.8 (c)			4.1 ?	3.22	(h)	
Dy		22.3 (b)		23 (c)			21 ?	22.7	24.1 (h)	
Ho				6 (c)			4.8 ?	4.3	5.2 (h)	
Er		13 (b)		15 (c)			13 ?	13.1	14.2 (h)	
Tm				2.4 (c)			1.6 ?			
Yb	12 (d)	11.9 (b)		14 (c)			13 ?	12.9	12.6 (h)	
Lu		1.84 (b)					2.1 ?	1.9	1.9 (h)	
Hf				14 (c)			13 ?	13.4	11.6 (h)	
Ta							3.3 ?	1.53	1.3 (h)	
W ppb				500 (c)			730 ?	640	640 (h)	
Re ppb										
Os ppb										
Ir ppb					7.7 (g)	8.5 (g)		4.36	4.33 (h)	
Pt ppb										
Au ppb						2.39 (g)		4.5	5.4 (h)	
Th ppm				5.6 (c)			6.9 ?	4.6	4.2 (h)	
U ppm				1.6 (c)			1.4 ?	1.5	1.6 (h)	

technique: (a) wet, (b) IDMS, (c) SSMS, (d) OES, (e) XRF, (g) RNAA, (h) INAA, RNAA

Table 1c. Chemical composition of 12070 (cont.)

reference weight	Cuttitta71			Smales71	Wakita71	Haskin71	Kharkar71 ave.	Rancitelli71 1.1 kg
SiO2 %	45.8	45.7	46	(a)	43.5	(c)		
TiO2	2.83	2.78	2.82	(a)	2.8	(c)	3.67	(c)
Al2O3	12.9	13	12.7	(a)	12.8	(c)		
FeO	16.3	16.4	16.7	(a)	16	(c)	15.57	(c)
MnO	0.22	0.23	0.22	(a)	0.226	(c)	0.21	(c)
MgO	10.2	10.5	9.56	(a)	13.1	(c)		
CaO	10.5	10.4	10.5	(a)	10.5	(c)	11.76	(c)
Na2O	0.5	0.48	0.47	(a)	0.5	(c)	0.46	(c)
K2O	0.25	0.23	0.23	(a)	0.26			0.239 (e)
P2O5	0.33	0.32	0.32	(a)				
S %								
sum								
Sc ppm	42	38	44	(b)	43	36 (c,d)	40	(c)
V	121	110	114	(b)	110	(b) 130 (c,d)		
Cr	3060	3220	2430	(b)	2800	2429 (c)	2400	(c)
Co	52	49	49	(b)	43	44 (c,d)	43	(c)
Ni	222	215	150	(b)	200	(b)		
Cu	12	14	11	(b)				
Zn	8	7.6	8.2	(b)	11			
Ga	4.9	5.2	5.9	(b)				
Ge ppb								
As								
Se								
Rb	6.2	5.2	5.9	(b)	6.5	5.8 (c,d)		
Sr	123	115	125	(b)	190			
Y	145	133	142	(b)	130	(b) 110 (c,d)		
Zr	498	462	410	(b)	600	(b) 370 (c,d)		
Nb	29	29	30	(b)		12 (c,d)		
Mo								
Ru								
Rh								
Pd ppb								
Ag ppb					26			
Cd ppb						460 (c,d)		
In ppb						470 (c,d)		
Sn ppb								
Sb ppb								
Te ppb								
Cs ppm					0.31	0.24 (c,d)		
Ba	423	420	430	(b)	370	270 (c,d)		
La	40	46	39	(b)	38	37.7 36 (c,d)	34.9 31.6 (c)	33.4 (c)
Ce					90	87.2 (c,d)	86.3 80.2 (c)	74 (c)
Pr						12.6 (c,d)		
Nd					57	51 (c,d)	57 60 (c)	
Sm					17	16.6 16 (c,d)	18.1 16.3 (c)	15.1 (c)
Eu					1.7	1.73 1.67 (c,d)	1.79 1.67 (c)	1.8 (c)
Gd						19 (c,d)	17.6 22 (c)	
Tb					6	3.3 (c,d)	3.7 3.6 (c)	3.3 (c)
Dy					29	20.5 (c,d)	24.3 23.3 (c)	26.7 (c)
Ho					6.7	4.9 (c,d)	4 4.9 (c)	
Er						12.9 (c,d)	18 14 (c)	
Tm						2 (c,d)		
Yb	14	14	12	(b)	13.6	11.4 12 (c,d)	12.9 12.2 (c)	12.8 (c)
Lu					1.9	1.67 1.66 (c,d)	1.9 1.75 (c)	1.75 (c)
Hf					12			14.2 (c)
Ta								1.8 (c)
W ppb								
Re ppb								
Os ppb								
Ir ppb								
Pt ppb								
Au ppb								
Th ppm						5.6 (c,d)		6.73 (e)
U ppm								1.7 (e)

technique: (a) "microchemical.", (b) OES, (c) INAA, (d) RNAA, (e) radiation count.



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