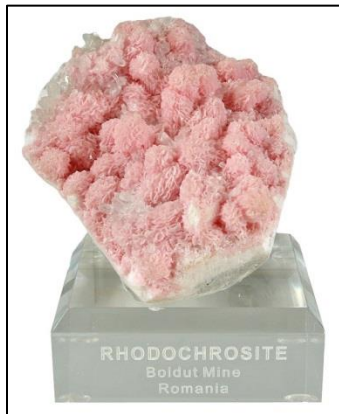


Rhodo­chro­site [MnCO₃]

Rhodo­chro­site, a man­gan­ese car­bon­ate min­er­al, is found in hydro­ther­mal ore veins formed in high-tem­per­ature meta­mor­phic de­pos­its, and as a sec­ondary min­er­al in sed­im­en­tary man­gan­ese de­pos­its. In lo­cal­i­ties such as Ro­man­ia, Gabon, Mex­ico, and Rus­sia, it is not un­com­mon to find trans­parent rho­m­bo­hed­rons of rho­do­chro­site grow­ing on quartz crys­tals. Gem-qual­ity spec­im­ens exist in sev­er­al mines around Butte, Mon­tana; be­cause rho­do­chro­site is both soft and very frag­ile, fac­eted stones are very rare. Trans­parent, eu­hed­ral rho­m­bs of rho­do­chro­site fetch high prices on the min­er­al market.



Rhodo­chro­site OR35



Rhodo­chro­site OR16



Rhodo­chro­site OR14



Rhodo­chro­site PK34



Rhodonite B63