**Zincite (Man Made) [(Zn,Mn)O]**
Natural crystals of zincite are rare and found mainly as an accessory mineral in zinc ores near hydrothermal veins and fractures. The most stunning zincite specimens in the collector’s market are, in fact, synthetic; said to mythically form in the chimney of a zinc mine smelter in Poland. More believably, most specimens are lab grown, formed through various techniques, including hydrothermal and vapor deposition (sublimation) methods.