

Mineral Spotlight: Garnet Var. Uvarovite

Uvarovite is the rarest garnet variety and a sought-after gemstone. However, uvarovite commonly forms tiny sugar-like crystals that are difficult or impossible to carve into jewels. For this reason, most uvarovite jewelry displays clusters of the brilliant green mineral.

Key Facts:

- If you observe uvarovite under magnification, you will see that many crystals have 12 sides—like a soccer ball.
- The largest uvarovite crystal ever found is 4.5 cm wide.
- Uvarovite is always green.



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