

Mineral Spotlight: Wulfenite

Wulfenite looks stunning enough to decorate a ring, necklace, or bracelet, but it is too soft, and its crystals are too thin. Instead, wulfenite is essential to the steel-making industry; it is the second most important ore for an element called molybdenum, which produces high-strength, corrosion-resistant, and heat-resistant steel alloys.

Key Facts:

- Wulfenite is generally red-orange colored, but it is green, black, or colorless in rare instances.
- Wulfenite contains lead, which makes it rather heavy.
- Wulfenite forms when lead oxidizes.



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