

## **Okenite and Gyrolite** $[\text{Ca}_3[\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{15}]\cdot 6(\text{H}_2\text{O})]$

Most commonly found as small white “cotton ball” formations within basalt geodes, Okenite is a silicate mineral that is usually associated with Gyrolite, a brown to yellow silicate. Most specimens are incased by a surrounding matrix of either basalt or limestone, which protects it from degradation in nature. Okenite is an extremely fragile mineral due to its hair-like, acicular crystals, and collectors are advised to keep specimens in environmentally stable conditions. OR41



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