

Silicon Carbide (man-made) [SiC]

An artificial material created in a laboratory, silicon carbide, or also known in geological circles as ‘carborundum’, is a compound of only silicon and carbon that has been mass-produced since 1893 for use as an abrasive. Most specimens exhibit a dark blue-black color, or rainbow sheen, and are formed as a byproduct in blast furnaces where iron is produced. It is most notable for its extreme hardness, which will easily scratch most minerals, excluding diamonds. PK4



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