



>>Entry Name: Cobalt phosphate (Co₃(PO₄)₂)

Synonym(s): Cobalt(2+) phosphate (3:2), 9Cl. Cobalt(II) orthophosphate

CAS Registry Number: 13455-36-2

Related CAS Registry Numbers(s): 10101-56-1

Co₃(PO₄)₂

Molecular Formula: Co₃O₈P₂

Molecular Weight: 366.742

Accurate Mass: 366.706438

Percentage Composition: Co 48.21%; O 34.90%; P 16.89%

General Statement: Monoclinic. Co atoms occupy two distinct coord. polyhedra with coordination nos. 5 and 6 in ratio 2:1 P-O 152.6-155.4 pm, OPO 104.6-112.9°. Mean Co-O 212.5, 204.5 pm

Source/Synthesis: Synth. from CoCO₃ + (NH₄)H₂PO₄ at 900°; from monohydrate at 350°

Physical Description: Deep reddish-violet plates

Other Data: Exists in low pressure and high pressure forms

>>Derivative: Monohydrate

CAS Registry Number: 60305-65-9

Source/Synthesis: Synth. from dihydrate at 250°

Physical Description: Light reddish-purple needles

Other Data: Co atoms are coordinated to 5 or 6 oxygen atoms with P-O 151.9-154.1 pm, OPO 103.4-112.7°, Co-O 197.6-220.9 pm

>>Derivative: Dihydrate

CAS Registry Number: 96143-80-5

Source/Synthesis: Synth. from 3.5 hydrate at 200° or octahydrate at 150°

Physical Description: Dark purple-red granules

>>Derivative: 3.5 Hydrate

Source/Synthesis: Synth. from octahydrate at 150°

Physical Description: Light bluish-purple plates

>>Derivative: Tetrahydrate

CAS Registry Number: 36550-56-8

Source/Synthesis: Synth. by hydrothermal hydrol. of CoHPO₄·1.5H₂O at 130°; or from Co²⁽⁺⁾ aq. with hot Na₂HPO₄ soln.

Physical Description: Pale blue rosettes of thin prisms

Other Data: The H₂O molecules are coordinated to the Co

>>Derivative: Octahydrate

CAS Registry Number: 10294-50-5

Source/Synthesis: Synth. from Co²⁽⁺⁾ solns. with cold aq. Na₂HPO₄ or Na₃PO₄, or CoCO₃ + H₃PO₄

Physical Description: Small pink or large red diamond-shaped cryst.

Other Data: When heated, loses 4H₂O reversibly, but product is not identical to the tetrahydrate. It is thought that 2H₂O are held in phosphate lattice, and 6H₂O are coordinated to Co. Isotypic with the octahydrate of Iron phosphate (Fe₃(PO₄)₂) [HTM88-N](#)

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