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Item specifics

Classified: UNCO Martian SNC (Nakhlite)

For those who know their Martian meteorites, and for those that don't, this fusion crusted 1.024kg (194mm x 70mm x 45mm) is a splendid specimen, showing how meteors fracture at right angles from impacts, or explode from the high atmospheric pressures experienced during the entry of the main mass. Notice the brilliant, shiny-greenish black secondary fusion crust on the open face. This meteorite also exhibits orientation, as in ablation lines and a large, smooth regmaglyph thumb print.

From examining an identical, yet smaller pairing slice, the predominate mineralogy shows an abundance of pyroxene, as in augite. The iron-rich olivine neosilicate shows a shock level of about S2-3, with olivines still retaining their greenish-yellow, peridot appearance. There is a uniform dispersion of the metal chromite, along with nickel-iron, yet the nickel content is not expected to exceed 5%. Iron content is estimated to be 20-25%. This specimen has an excellent draw to a magnet.

Features of this meteorite, particularly the high content of augite, and the minimal shock level observed, lends credence to its close similarity to NWA 998 & NWA 817. It does not, however, compare to ALH 84001, in that it lacks in evidence of Orthopyroxene, or carbon, thus rendering this specimen a possible candidate for a new Martian classification; as in a transitional specimen between the current classified "Nakhlite," and the "Orthopyroxenite."

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