

**12047**  
Ilmenite Basalt  
193 grams

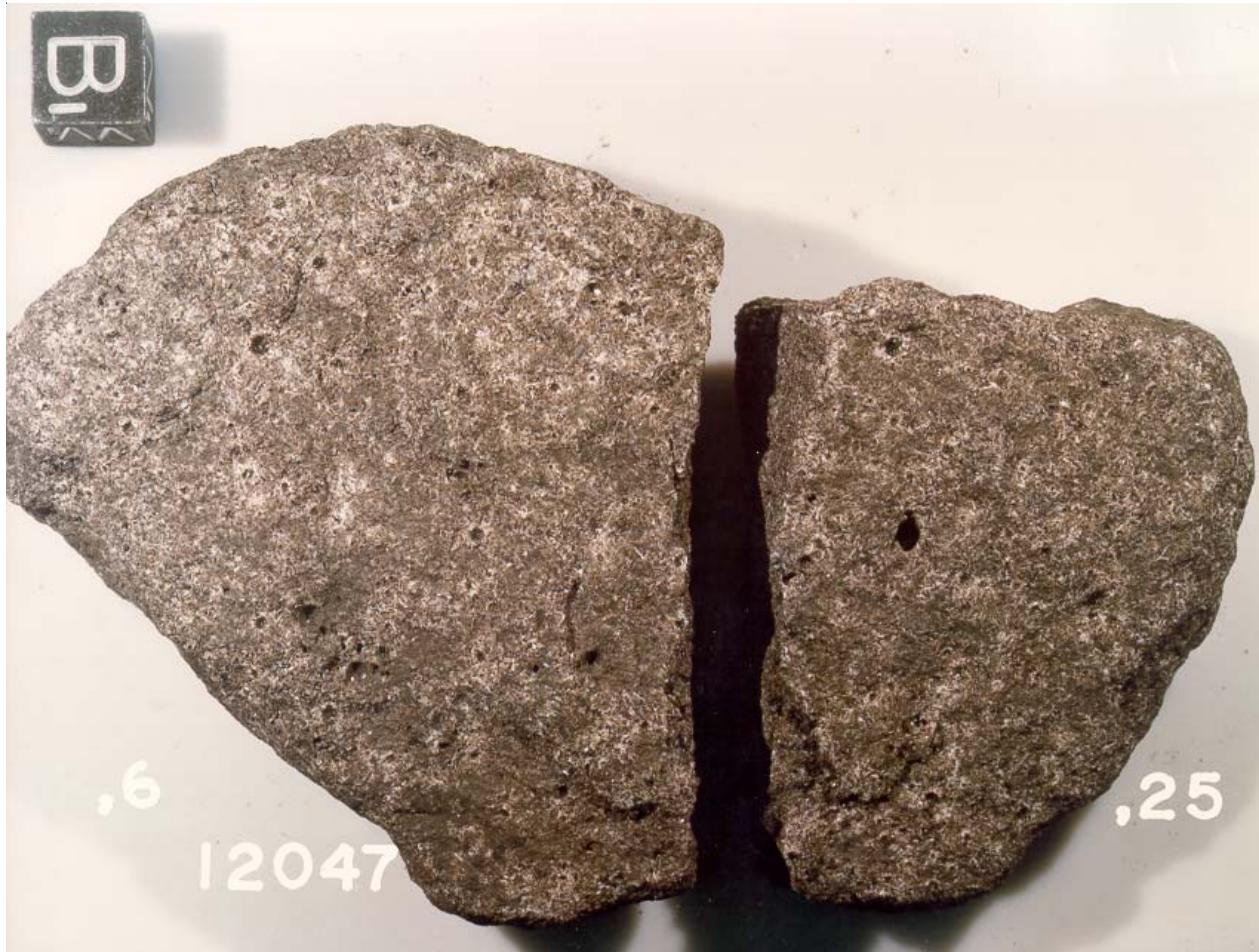


Figure 1: Photo of 12047,6 and ,25 showing zap pits and large vesicle. NASA # S86-38618. Cube is 1 cm.

### **Introduction**

12047 is a very flat rock (figure 1). According to Hörz and Hartung (1971), rock 12047 displayed various crater densities on all surfaces, indicating multiple orientations during its history on the lunar surface.

Elongate ilmenite and small segregations of “symplectoid mesostasis” are common features.

### **Mineralogy**

Mineral compositions are not available for this rock.

### **Petrography**

Dungan and Brown (1977) briefly describe 12047 as medium-grained, equigranular, with lath-shaped plagioclase and equant to slightly elongate pyroxene intergrown suggestive of coexisting crystallization.

### **Chemistry**

The chemical composition was reported by Rhodes et al. (1977) and Nyquist et al. (1977).



Figure 2: Reflected light photograph of thin section 12047,9 showing random orientation of abundant ilmenite and large vesicles. NASA #S70-49365. about 3 cm

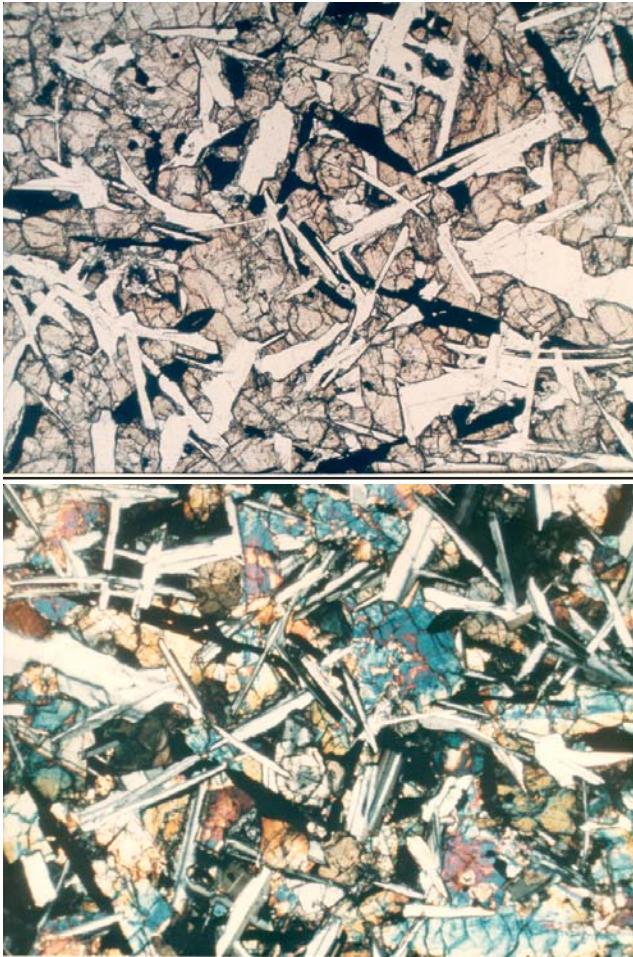


Figure 3: Photomicrographs of thin section 12047,8. NASA # S70-49260-261. 2.2 mm

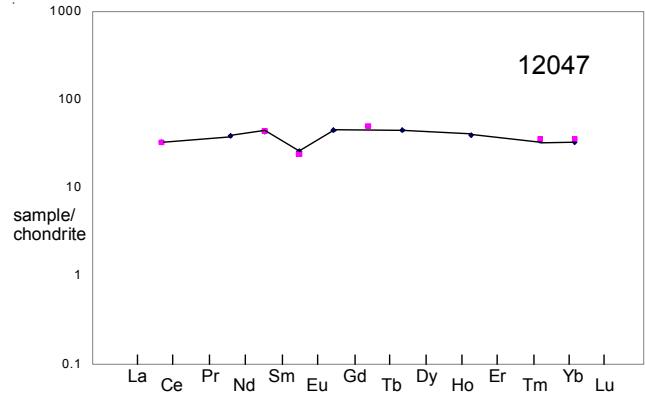


Figure 4: Normalized rare-earth-element composition of 12047 (data from Nyquist et al. 1977).

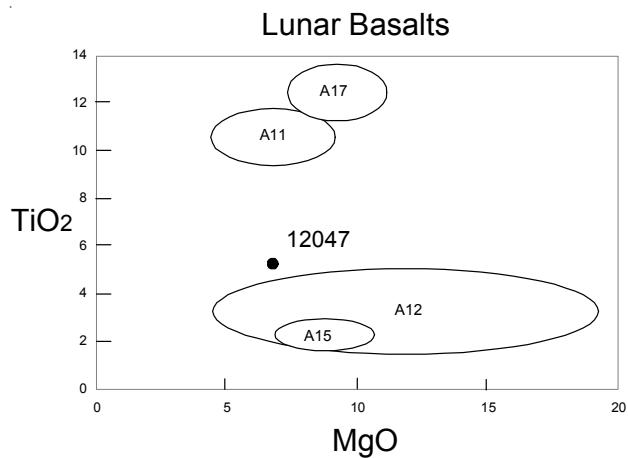


Figure 5: Composition of 12047 compared with other lunar basalts.

## Radiogenic age dating

Note dated.

## Processing

12047,6 is on public display at the Museum of Flight, Seattle. There are 8 thin sections.

## Mineralogical Mode for 12047

	Neal et al. 1994	Dungan and Brown 1977
Olivine	--	
Pyroxene	48.4	48.4
Plagioclase	38	38
Ilmenite	5.3	5.3
Chromite +Usp	1	1
mesostasis	2	2
“silica”	5.3	5.3

## List of Photo #s for 12047

S69-63110 – 133	color mug
S69-62711 – 734	B & W mug
S69-61764 – 787	B & W
S70-19039 – 048	B & W
S70-49817 – 822	TS color
S70-48856 – 865	color mug
S70-49260 – 261	TS
S74-27040	display
S86-38613	
S86-38618	nice color
S92-44063 – 44066	display

**Table 1. Chemical composition of 12047.**

reference weight	Rhodes77	Nyquist77
SiO <sub>2</sub> %	45.13	(c )
TiO <sub>2</sub>	5.2	(c )
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	10.1	(c )
FeO	20.5	(c )
MnO	0.29	(c )
MgO	6.59	(c )
CaO	11.32	(c )
Na <sub>2</sub> O	0.31	(a)
K <sub>2</sub> O	0.08	(c )
P <sub>2</sub> O <sub>5</sub>	0.08	(c )
S %	0.12	(c )
<i>sum</i>		
Sc ppm	61	(a)
V		
Cr	2190	(a)
Co	32	(a)
Ni		
Cu		
Zn		
Ga		
Ge ppb		
As		
Se		
Rb		0.99 (b)
Sr	171	(c ) 164 (b)
Y	57	(c )
Zr	141	(c )
Nb	7	(c )
Mo		
Ru		
Rh		
Pd ppb		
Ag ppb		
Cd ppb		
In ppb		
Sn ppb		
Sb ppb		
Te ppb		
Cs ppm		
Ba	69	(b) 69.2 (b)
La		
Ce	20.1	(a) 20.1 (b)
Pr		
Nd		17.5 (b)
Sm	6.5	(a) 6.39 (b)
Eu	1.36	(a) 1.45 (b)
Gd		8.95 (b)
Tb	1.8	(a) 10.9 (b)
Dy		
Ho		
Er		6.4 (b)
Tm		
Yb	5.9	(a) 5.54 (b)
Lu	0.89	(a) 0.798 (b)
Hf	5.1	(a)
Ta		
W ppb		
Re ppb		
Os ppb		
Ir ppb		
Pt ppb		
Au ppb		
Th ppm		
U ppm		
<i>technique</i>	(a) INAA, (b) IDMS, (c) XRF	



Figure 6: Display sample 12047,6. NASA S92-44066.



Figure 7: Early display case.

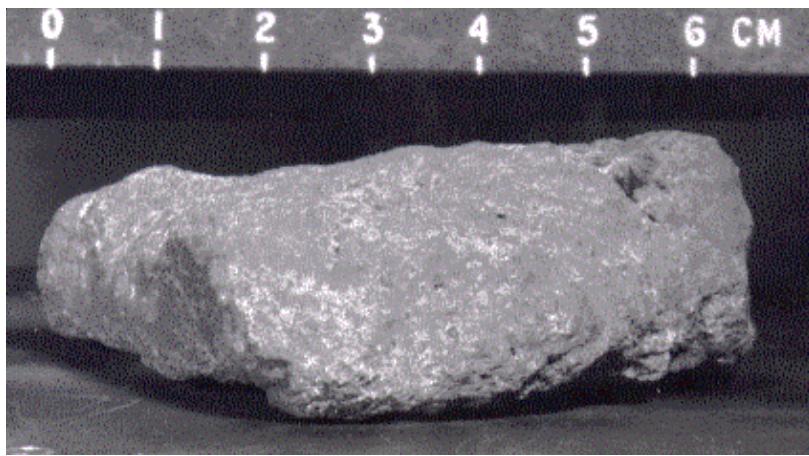
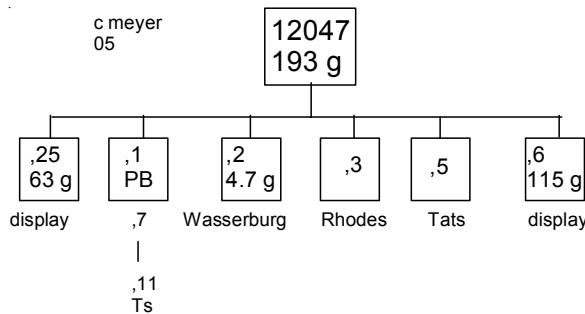


Figure 8: 12047 is a flat rock only 3 - 4 cm thick. NASA # S69-61784.



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