

Condition and Treatment

1. This stone, when examined by strong transmitted light, is seen to be emerald green in color. Dr. Foshag (U. S. National Museum), to whom it was submitted for identification, thought it might be serpentine, but was not sure.
2. Sp. G. is 3.028. Nephrite.
3. (EWF, 1980) Mineral is almost definitely nephrite, from its hardness (6.5) and appearance; exact identification only possible by X-ray diffraction. There are areas of whitish alteration and traces of vermilion pigment in low areas of design.