

SPECTRAL EVOLUTION

Using a Field Spectrometer to Identify Carbonates

An oreXpress field spectrometer with EZ-ID mineral identification software can be used in the field to identify carbonates in the major groups: calcite, dolomite and aragonite. Within these groups are minerals such as rhodochrosite, azurite, malachite, cerussite, magnesite, smithsonite, siderite, strontianite and witherite. Carbonate ions join with metal cations to form carbonate minerals which show major absorption features at 2290 to 2350 nanometers.

EZ-ID can match your unknown samples to known carbonate samples in its many libraries. It can help you to distinguish among hard to discriminate carbonate minerals such as calcite and dolomite. Dolomite has an absorption feature at 2325nm while calcite has an absorption feature at 2340nm. Calcite features tend to be at longer wavelengths than dolomite. EZ-ID matches the target samples to known library samples.

The oreXpress provides a fast and non-destructive instrument for mineral identification with no sample prep necessary. Its rugged construction makes it well-suited for field mineral identification and alteration mapping.

Benefits include:

- ◆ Rapid scanning
- ◆ Cover more ground in less time for better mapping
- ◆ Collect more accurate data for a more complete picture of the area you are exploring
- ◆ Get results immediately instead of waiting for lab analysis
- ◆ Drill fewer holes with better results
- ◆ In the core shack, correctly identify promising samples, save on assay costs, and save your valuable logging data

The oreXpress delivers full range, UV/VIS/NIR capabilities from 350-2500nm, is lightweight (under 7 lbs), rugged, includes integral autoexposure and auto-dark shutter, and comes with a handheld tablet with digital camera, GPS, and voice notes that can be tagged to your spectra.

In addition, our DARWin Data Acquisition software saves your scans as ASCII files for use (without pre-processing) with third party software, including 3D mapping and mining programs.



oreXpress with EZ-ID identifies minerals in the field.



oreXpress with EZ-ID is well-suited for core logging.

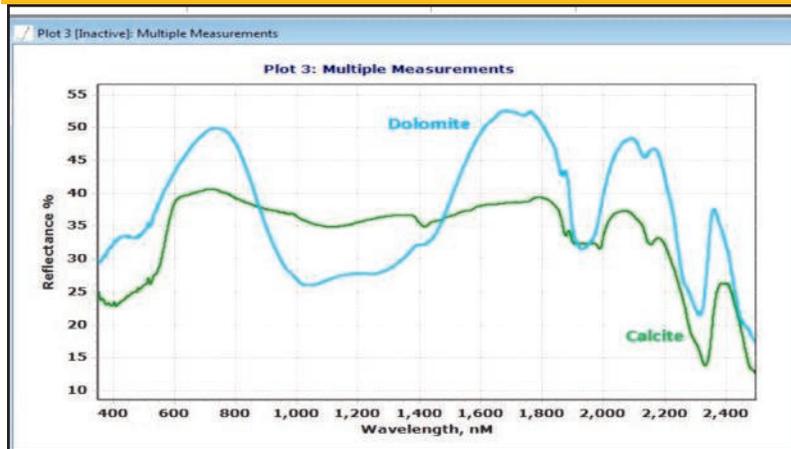
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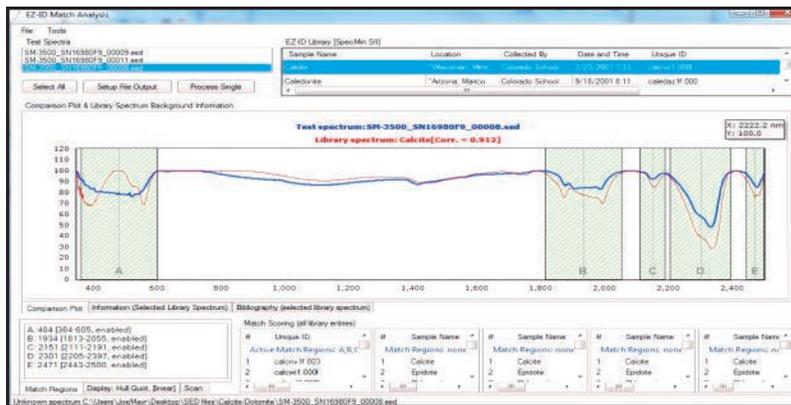


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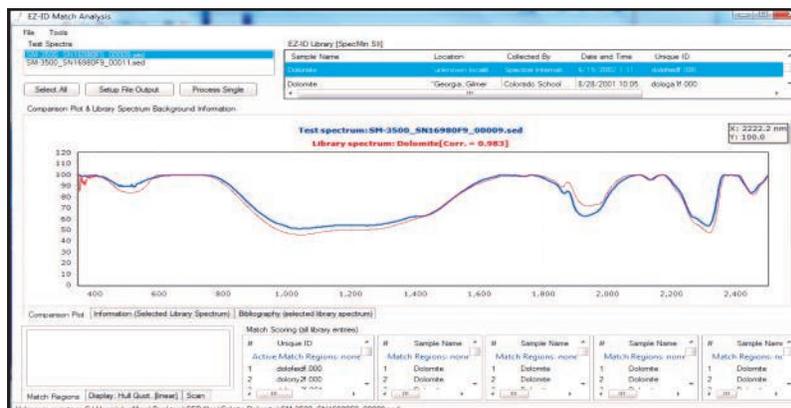
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Scans of calcite and dolomite.



Calcite matched with EZ-ID



Dolomite identified with EZ-ID

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