

NEW FINDS 2008



Breathtaking news on new mineral finds came from the Altai Krai, Russia. The perfectly formed 3-dimensions dendrites of native copper were found in a new Rubtsovskoye deposit. Dendrites are perfect, pure, and absolutely not corroded, with the incredibly bright metallic luster; and giant copper crystals (up to 5 cm in size) are found too. Another new find is large cuprite crystals (up to 5 cm by the edge) and crystal groups including some intergrowths with native copper. The Altai cuprite is dark-red with bright adamantine luster. The specimens have various morphological details as growth forms, twinning etc.

1. **Copper**, 7 x 5.5 cm. *Russian Minerals Co.* specimen
2. **Cuprite**, 6 x 9 cm. Alexander Ivonin specimen
3. **Cuprite**, 10 x 9 cm. Nikolay Koull' specimen
4. **Cuprite** crystal, 2.5 x 3 cm. *Russian Minerals Co.* specimen
5. **Cuprite**, 4 x 6 cm. *Russian Minerals Co.* specimen

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