

Second Subspecies.

Slaggy Mineral Pitch.

Schlackiges Erdpech, *Werner*.

Ἀσφαλτος of the Greeks, *Aristotelis*, lib. de Min. Ascult. expl. a J. Beckman, Gott. 1786, 4to, p. 280.—Bitumen, *Plin.* Hist. Nat. xxxv.—Bitumen solidum coagulatum friabile, Asphaltum, *Wall.* t. ii. p. 93.—Asphalte, ou Bitume de Judée, *Romé de L.* t. ii. p. 592. *Id. De Born*, t. ii. p. 78.—Bergpech, ou Judenpech, *Wid.* s. 624.—Asphaltum, or Compact Mineral Pitch, *Kirw.* vol. ii. p. 46.—Asphaltum, *Hatchett*, Lin. Trans. vol. iv. p. 132.—Schlackiges Erdpech, *Estner*, b. iii. s. 110. *Id. Emm.* b. ii. s. 50.—Asphalte, *Lam.* t. ii. p. 533. 635.—Bitume solide, *Haüy*, t. iii. p. 313.—La Poix minerale scoriacée, *Broch.* t. ii. p. 66.—Schlackiges Bergpech, *Reuss*, b. iii. s. 113. *Id. Lud.* b. i. s. 193. *Id. Suck.* 2^{ter} th. s. 48. *Id. Bert.* s. 343. *Id. Mohs*, b. ii. s. 307.—Bitume asphalte, *Brong.* t. ii. p. 25.—Schlackiges Erdpech, *Leonhard*, Tabel. s. 48. *Id. Karsten*, Tabel. s. 58. *Id. Lenz*, b. ii. s. 1052.—Compact Mineral Pitch, *Aikin*, p. 3.

External Characters.

Its colour is velvet-black, which sometimes approaches to brownish-black.

It occurs massive, disseminated, and globular.

Internally it is splendid and shining; often glistening, and the lustre is resinous.

The fracture is either imperfect, or very perfect conchoidal.

The fragments are pretty sharp-edged.

It is very soft, passing into soft.

It is opaque.

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