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Properties

- Discovered: ≈1600 BC
- Melting point: 630.6°C
- Density: 6.68 g/cm³
- Conductivity: Low
- Malleability: High

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Antimony

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Antimony at work

- Batteries
- Fire retardant
- Ammunition
- Cable sheathing
- Paint
- Fireworks

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Australia’s resource

- 9% Share of world antimony resources in 2016
- 5,000 t Australia’s production of antimony in 2017
- 4th Largest share of world antimony resources in 2016
- 3.3% Australia’s share of world antimony production in 2017

Global production

- 150,000 t World antimony production in 2017
- 73% China is the world’s largest antimony producer in 2017
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Sources: Geoscience Australia; USGS; Department of Industry, Innovation and Science; ABS

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