



Above is a simplified temperature-composition phase diagram for the system enstatite ($Mg_2Si_2O_6$) - diopside ($CaMgSi_2O_6$), which are common constituents of peridotites, gabbros, and basalts. The phase abbreviations are:

P	Protoenstatite	<i>Pbcn</i>
O	Orthoenstatite	<i>Pbca</i>
HC	High clinoenstatite	<i>C2/c</i>
Di	Diopside	<i>C2/c</i>
L	Liquid	

Starting with a composition of 80% enstatite and 20% diopside ($\text{En}_{80}\text{Di}_{20}$), which is totally liquid at 1600°C, follow it through a perfectly equilibrium crystallization and subsolidus reaction process using this diagram. This composition is closer to the left of the diagram.

1. At 1600°C, how many phases are present? 1
2. On cooling from 1600°C, at what temperature do the first crystals form? 1520
3. What is the composition of the first crystals to form? En99
4. What is the space group of the first crystals to form? Pbcn
5. At what temperature do the first crystals of orthoenstatite form? 1450°C
6. What is their composition? En 90 Di 10
7. At what temperature do the last crystals of Protoenstatite disappear? 1450°C
8. At what temperature do the first crystals of high clinoenstatite form? 1400°C
9. At what temperature does the last liquid disappear? 1395°C
10. At 1350°C, how many phases are present? 1
11. At what temperature do the first crystals of diopside form? 1290°C
12. What is the composition and space group of the phase or phases present at 1200°C?
Pbca En88 Di12 C2/c En20 Di80
13. What is the composition and space group of the phase or phases present at 900°C?
Pbca En95 Di05 C2/c En10 Di90