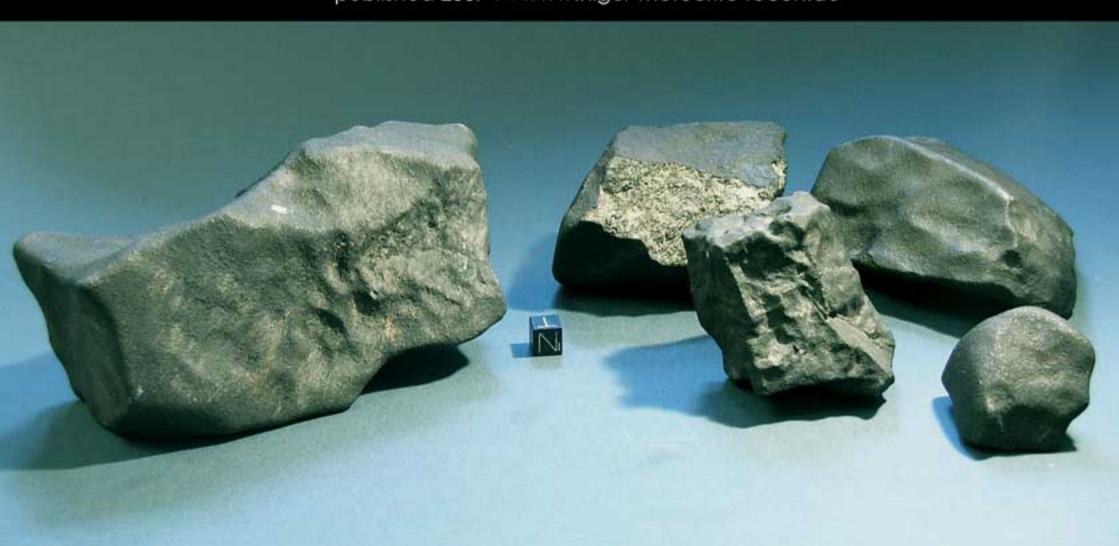
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Methodical approach

To gather information on the total recovered weight, the mass distribution and the general characteristics of the meteorites recovered from the Bassikounou event the authors approached finders, local Mauritanian citizens, mineral dealers, curators and collectors with their request for information on the masses collected. Until June 30, 2007, 88 persons submitted relevant information on the meteorites they found, possessed, or dealt with. Some masses were sent to the authors for examination and documentation but the majority was documented by their respective owners according to the author's standard briefing. This included the recording of basic data and the production of photographies from all sides as well as close ups of the surface and of special features e.g. adherent soil. By this way the authors collected more than 600 images of Bassikounou meteorites. Informants with no access to photographic equipment, particularly in the find area in Mauritania, submitted basic data as well as descriptions and/or drawings.

In the later stage of the undertaking, in June 2007, a steady average of 20 meteorites per month were reported to the authors. But of the 22 individual masses submitted in June 2007 21 had already been catalogued previously either individually or under a lot. Judged by this number of particular meteorites that were sent in redundantly either from finders, dealers or end owners it can be said that the current catalogue covers approx. 90% of the total TKW. The Mauritanian Army according to our calculations keeps an approx. 5% of the TKW while another 5% is either on transit from the find area to distributors in Morocco or being held by locals. The average time a Bassikounou meteorite travelled from the strewn field to the mineral bazaars in Erfoud, Rissani or Zagora in Morocco is 42 days, and 60 days to the US.

Although this catalog does not give the prices asked for and paid for individual meteorites the authors think that market value is another vital aspect that impacts on the distribution and recovery of the material. Therefore a brief summary of the price curve is given here: Retail prices at the beginning of the distribution in early December (when only ~2.2kg were available to collectors) were 13 - 18 USD/gm for cut slices. When a first major batch of material became available in February/March 2007 (~16kg) prices fell to 6 USD/gm for individuals and 4 USD/gm for fragments. Meanwhile some 60kg of material are circulating in a small and fast saturating market and prices dropped to 90 Cent/gm in Morocco and during the Ensisheim Meteorite Fair in France to 3 USD/gm in Germany and the US. However Bassikounou meteorites with special features such as orientation, flow lines, impact marks or distinct regmaglyption develop along a stable 5 USD/gm.

With status of mid June 2007 meteorites are still being found on the strewn field by the locals and by organized field expeditions mainly launched from Morocco. Most of the material found recently is composed of small individuals and fragments from the northern part of the distribution ellipse. The majority of these finds show moderate oxidation and bright dust staining on the surfaces.

The descriptive catalogue at present describes 108 single masses of a combined weight of 62.18 kg individually and another 382 single masses with a combined weight of 31.66kg in lots. At June 30, 2007 the Total known weight (TKW) of the Bassikounou meteorite fall is 93.851kg. The complete report on the fall, its circumstances and its recovery can be found at www.niger-meteorite-recon.de/en/start.htm.

Key

Table I. Individual masses

consecutive number of single mass (catalog number)

weight in gm individual weights

character type of mass. Individual: more than 2/3 of the total surface formed by thermal ablation. Fragment: less than 2/3 of the surface

formed by thermal ablation

surfaces number of surfaces

crust type, degree and description of fusion crust

finder (f) or first known seller (s) finder if known (f) or seller (s) who first made a respective mass public, usually by offering it to potential clients

remarks, morphology additional information, individual description of morphology distribution / current owner institutional or collection reference (state of June 30, 2007)

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Table II. Lots

Lot consecutive number of lot (catalog number)

Weight in gm total weight of lot (Some of the weights given for single lots include approximate figures)

average weight Average mass weight in gm: total weight of a respective lot divided by the number of single masses within this lot

individuals number of individuals within a certain lot (for definition used see above) fragments number of fragments within a certain lot (for definition used see above)

first known seller (s) seller (s) who first made a respective lot public, usually by offering it to potential clients

remarks additional information, collective description

distribution / current owner institutional or collection reference (state of June 30, 2007). Note that only a few end owners are known for individual masses of a

certain lot. This is particularly true for those lots offered at the Ensisheim Meteorite Fair in France in June 2006

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I. Individual masses

Listed in the order of their find dates /appearance on the market

#	weight in gm	character	Sur- faces	crust	finder (f) or first known seller (s)	remarks, morphology	distribution / current owner	image
1	3165.00	individual	8	6 surfaces covered with primary fusion crust, 2 fragmented surfaces	A. S. El Moichine (f)	The first mass that came to attention of the public. The meteorite is largely covered by black fusion crust. The interior is light gray. On the surface of the fusion crust there is some adherent soil material, some of which is bright red. Crust shows indications of flow lines. Shortly after recovery, the stone was cut into two pieces of 1200g (# 001a) and 1950g (# 001b). These were repeatedly cut and distributed throughout the market.	115 g at NMBE, largest mass after cutting with T. Boudreaux, Illinois, USA	# 001
2	6120.00	individual	7	completely covered with primary fusion crust, deep contraction cracks on some parts	Mohamed Zeroual (s)	Main mass. Cuboid with a pyramidal apex, distinct large regmaglypts up to 30mm diameter on three surfaces. Adherent grey colored soil on 4 surfaces. Red soil adherent, prominently on the top of the pyramidal apex.	A. Habibi, Morocco	# 002
3	434.00	fragment	many	thick smooth primary crust on one surface, thin secondary crust on patches	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Specimen shows indication of later stage fragmentation.	A. Habibi, Morocco	
4	1084.00	individual	6	primary crust	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Pyramidal fragment showing signs of orientation. Top corner broken off, apparently on impact. Crust shows "washed" appearance.	A. Habibi, Morocco	# 004
5	3624.00	individual	many	primary and secondary crust, distinct contraction cracks	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Slightly bulb shaped. Single regmaglypts, One 2 x 2 cm chip broken off. (Thick) red soil adherent on bottom of the bulb and one more surface. One distinct curvilinear rim. (Thick) red soil adherent on bottom of the bulb and one more surface.	A. Habibi, Morocco	# 005
6	997.00	individual	5	primary and secondary crust	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Bump shaped, two small chips broken off.	A. Habibi, Morocco	# 006
7	1852.00	individual	7	primary crust, flow lines	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Elongated rhomboid, single bright ash grey colored patches intervowen with fusion crust, distinct flowlines. 1 corner and 4 chips broken off.	A. Habibi, Morocco	# 007
8	1800.00	individual	6	primary crust	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Irregular shape with quadrangular base. Many and deep regmaglypts on most surfaces, some signs of orientation. Single bright ash grey colored patches interwoven with fusion crust. Red soil adherent on three surfaces. Melt rims.	A. Habibi, Morocco	# 008
9	1765.00	individual	>6	primary and extremely thin secondary crust on one surface	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Sculpted half moon shaped individual indicating later stage fragmentation. Many regmaglypts on 3 surfaces. One white spot on fusion crust measuring ~1cm in diameter.	A. Habibi, Morocco	# 009

#	weight in gm	character	Sur- faces	crust	finder (f) or first known seller (s)	remarks, morphology	distribution / current owner	image
10	2205.00	fragment	5	primary crust with contraction cracks and 1 fragmented surface with signs of heating	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Pyramidal shape with elongated rectangular base. The base shows no fusion crust but some traces of heating indication a fragmentation in the latest stage of the hot flight. Red soil adherent. Few small patches of crust chipped off. This specimen shows a remarkable black line in the somewhat grey fusion crust indicating a large altered fracture or shock vein cutting through the meteorite coplanar with the largest surface.		
11	1304.00	individual	6	primary crust	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Elegantly twisted elongated cuboid. Single regmaglypts. Grey patches in fusion crust. Many regmaglypts centred on one surface. Red soil adherent.	Dr. S. Buhl, Germany	# 011
12	874.00	individual	>8	primary crust with contraction cracks. Thin secondary crust on one surface with patches devoid of crust	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Irregular and angular rhomboid. Single regmaglypts. One surface shows only minor signs of heating indicating latest stage fragmentation. Small patch of broken off from one of the crusted surfaces. Red soil adherent.	offered by A. Habibi, Morocco, in 04.07.	# 012
13	860.00	individual	3	smooth primary crust on breastside, primary crust on trailing edge	Mohamed Zeroual (s)	Mollusc shaped disc, highly oriented. Shallow regmaglypts on trailing edge. Smooth surface on breast side with a partly corona of melt rims and few flow lines. Two small chips near edge broken off.	Dr. S. Buhl, Germany	# 13
14	515.00	fragment	6	thick primary crust and 1 surface devoid of crust	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Flat regular cuboid fragment showing only minor signs of heating on fragmented surface.	A. Habibi, Morocco	# 014
15	557.00	fragment	7	thick primary crust and >3 surfaces devoid of crust	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Cuboid fragment. Fragmented surfaces show various degrees of heating witch patches free of any alteration indicating latest stage fragmentation. Red soil adherent.	A. Habibi, Morocco	# 015
16	86.00	fragment	4	thick primary crust on one surface, otherwise only patches of thin secondary crust	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Pyramidal fragment with triangular base. Various degrees of heating indicating latest stage fragmentation.	A. Habibi, Morocco	
17	140.00	fragment	5	thick primary crust on 3 surfaces, otherwise only secondary crust	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Triangular fragment. Melt rims, Various degrees of heating indicating latest stage fragmentation.		# 017
18	500.00	individual	6	thick primary crust	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Incisor shaped individual. Flow lines, single regmaglypts, red soil adherent on largest surface.		# 018
19	1084.00	individual	many	all over granular primary fusion crust with partial oxidation		Angular mass resembling a boomerang with distinct edges and ridges, few but distinct regmaglypts, signs of orientation.	M. Van den Dries, Belgium	# 019
20	3300.00	fragment	6	oxidized primary crust all over except one large broken surface	A. Alhyane (s)	Conical massive individual with large, heavily regmaglypted cavity. One large broken and oxidized surface showing two round inclusions and one long (ca. 6 cm) curvilinear shock vein		# 020

#	weight in gm	character	Sur- faces	crust	finder (f) or first known seller (s)	remarks, morphology	distribution / current owner	image
21	1500.00				M. Van den Dries (s)		Luc Hennion, Belgium	
22	1180.00	individual	7	all over primary fusion crust	A. Alhyane (s)	Distinctly oriented mass with base of a regular pentagram. Large gently undulated top- and bottom-surfaces, resembling "stealth"-geometry. Flow lines radiating from one (minimally broken) corner. Symmetrically swung edges, few but distinct regmaglypts.	3	# 022
23	768.00	individual	5	all over primary fusion crust	A. Habibi (s)	Axe shaped individual with a few regmaglypts on 3 surfaces, traces of adherent brown-reddish soil on one surface.		
24	499.00	individual	6	one surface with primary crust, other surfaces show a rich dull black secondary fusion crust	Mohamed Zeroual (f) S. Buhl (s)	Roughly drop shaped individual but not oriented. Specimen shows a large metal concretion protruding through the surface that displays flow lines and no signs of oxidation. Secondary crust points to a later stage fragmentation.	F. Cressy, USA	# 024
25	496.00	individual	5	thick & smooth primary crust	Mohamed Zeroual (f)	Asymmetrically roof shaped individual with elongated triangular base. One corner broken off, two patches with loss of crust showing light gray interior.		
26	495.00	fragment	7	primary crust and one fragmented surface showing only minor signs of heating	Mohamed Zeroual (f) S. Buhl (s)	Rhomboid shape with silhouette resembling a pot whale. One fragmented surface showing signs of minimal heating indicating latest stage fragmentation. Regmaglypts and distinct rollover rim on former trailing edge. One side shows adherent ochre soil, yellow streaks apparently from impact and crop fibre embedded in the adherent soil.	M. Berecic, Slovenia	# 026
27	470.00	individual	>5	all over fresh granular primary fusion crust of a deep anthracite	Mohamed Zeroual (s)	Rhomboid mass resembling an armadillo. Bent from front-nose to tail the stone appears slightly oriented. Two crossing, zigzagging ridges. Rough textured base surface with regmaglypts and patches of partial heating. Several small NiFe concretions and two iron veins (max. 3 cm) penetrating the crust; the metal in un-oxidized condition. Some minimal traces of ochre soil adherent. One 2mm chip broke off.	M. Baermann, Germany	# 027
28	354.00	individual	4	mainly covered with secondary fusion crust, two surfaces with primary crust	M. Van den Dries (s)	Four iron-veins visible through crust. Two surfaces oriented along two different planes, flowlines spreading from a point on the edge separating these two surfaces.	V. Jacques, Belgium	
29	353.00	individual	7	five primary and two secondary crusted surfaces, crust is smooth ly textured	Mohamed Zeroual (s)	Anvil-formed individual with prismatic plane surfaces. The minimal thickness of the secondary crusted areas suggest a late stage fragmentation. Adherent traces of red soil.		# 029
30	305.00	individual	3	all over primary fusion crust of granular texture	Abdel Alhyane (s)	flat individual resembling a flounder; swinging smoothened edges, signs of oxidation		# 030

#	weight in gm	character	Sur- faces	crust	finder (f) or first known seller (s)	remarks, morphology	distribution / current owner	image
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31	251.50	individual	5	completely covered with primary fusion crust	M. Van den Dries (s)	Smoothly sculpted, bulb shaped individual with alternating convex and concave surfaces.	R. Warin, Belgium	# 031
32	208.00	individual	6	thick black primary crust on five surfaces, one surface with thin crust	Mohamed Lahcen (f)	Conical stone with signs of orientation. Roll over lipping along the edges. Approx. 3 cm oblong channel with iron-flakes embedded in crust	P. Marmet, Switzerland	
33	197.70	individual		all over primary fusion crust	M. Van den Dries (s)	Flat mass, triangular base.	V. Jacques, Belgium	
34	183.00	fragment		large parts with primary fusion crust, some areas with patches of secondary crust	M. Van den Dries (s)	Fragmented surface with traces of minor heating indicating a latest phase fragmentation; light matrix revealing one big and dark inclusion.	V. Jacques, Belgium	
35	160.00	individual	5	primary fusion crust, one surface partially with secondary crust	Mohamed Zeroual (s)	Shaped like a saucer, one large flat and rounded base with a small apex. One distinct regmaglypt; one surface broken with one patch of secondary crust, indicating latest phase fragmentation.	M. Baermann, Germany	# 035
36	89.00	individual	5	thick primary fusion crust of partly ash grey partly dull black color	M. Van den Dries (s)	Pyramidal shaped individual with some regmaglypts, one corner broke off. Color of crust partially iridescent, partially dark anthracite. Signs of orientation, frothing on trailing edge.	V. Jacques, Belgium	# 036
37	86.00	fragment	5	thick primary crust on one surface, otherwise only patches of thin secondary crust	Mohamed Zeroual (s)	Asymmetric pyramidal fragment with triangular base. Various degrees of heating indicating latest stage fragmentation	A. Habibi, Morocco	
38	81.00	individual	5	all over primary fusion crust	M. Van den Dries (s)	Triangular shaped, flat, with a spot of brownish-red Mauritanian desert soil adherent	E. Lefebvre	
39	63.00	individual	4	thick primary fusion crust on three surfaces, one fragmented surface with secondary crust	M. Van den Dries (s)	Asymmetrically pyramidal stone, apex and a second corner broke off.	V. Jacques, Belgium	# 039
40	44.00	fragment	many	some signs of heating	Mohamed Zeroual (s)	Irregular spheroid fragment.	A. Habibi, Morocco	
41	32.04	individual		all over primary fusion crust	M. Van den Dries (s)	Conical shape, some flow lines, lipping, some grey clay coating on one of the surfaces.	Z. Gabelica, France	# 041
42	24.00	individual	3	all over primary fusion crust	Abdel Alhyane (s)	Oriented conical button with splash marks and flow lines, rollover rim. Grey clay adherent.	D. Heinlein, Germany	# 042
43	15.00	individual	4	all over primary fusion crust	Abdel Alhyane (s)	Canine or gyroid shaped, one 1mm chip broken from crust. Many shiny NiFe specks in fresh crust.	D. Heinlein, Germany	
44	11.00	individual	3	primary crust of partially rough texture on one	M. Van den Dries (s)	Aerodynamically v-shaped stone resembling a stealth jet.	V. Jacques	# 044

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45	308.00	individual	many	all over primary fusion crust		Cubic irregular and highly organic stone with rough, rugged and folded surface, partially flow structures; few regmaglypts. Shape differs noteworthy from all other masses.	Dr. S. Buhl, Germany	# 045
46	114.00	individual	4	primary fusion crust on 3, secondary crust on one surface		Kidney shaped stone with flat base, the base covered with secondary fusion crust.	offered to H. Strufe	# 046
47	235.00	individual	6	all over primary fusion crust		Elongated wedge, two small corners broken off.	offered to H. Strufe	# 047
48	91.00	individual	6	all over primary fusion crust	A. Alhyane (s)	Irrregular compressed bulb.	D. Edwards, USA	# 048
49	354.00	individual	7	all over primary fusion crust with signs of oxidation	M. Van den Dries (s)	Pentagram shaped flat stone with mass concentration towards one corner. Some flow structures and a longitudinal ridge at the base side exactly marking the symmetry axis suggesting partial orientation.	A. Lucas	# 049
50	1044.00	fragment	6	approx. 50% fresh black primary fusion crust of granular texture		Wedge shaped fragment, few regmaglypts, one distinct depression at the broader side. Some metal flakes protruding through the crust. One chip broken off. Red soil adherent at one corner indicating that the meteorite hit the bottom with this part.	T. Jakubowski, Poland	# 050
51	13.50	individual	5	all over primary fusion crust with first signs of oxidation		Shaped like an Neolithic arrow head with fusion lip along one edge.	B. Holmes, USA	# 051
52	29.90	fragment	6	approx. 50% primary fusion crust		Bulb shaped, fragmented areas showing fresh and light grey interior.	B. Holmes, USA	# 052
53	33.20	individual	7	primary and secondary fusion crust		Wedge-shaped with metal flakes visible in crust.	B. Holmes, USA	# 053
54	34.90	individual	5	all over primary and secondary fusion crust with signs of beginning oxidation		Axe-shaped	B. Holmes, USA	# 054
55	39.10	individual	6	all over primary fusion crust		Drop-shaped	B. Holmes, USA	# 055
56	50.50	fragment	6	5 surfaces with primary fusion crust, main surface broken		Shaped like a lobe of the lung with a few little regmaglypts.	B. Holmes, USA	# 056
57	51.40	individual	6	primary and secondary crust		Fin shaped.		# 057
58	62.60	fragment	6	5 surfaces with primary		Praliné-shaped, crust showing contraction cracks, one large	B. Holmes,	# 058

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				fusion crust		surface broken.	USA	
59	701.00	fragment	5	primary crust and fractured surfaces	Mohamed Azrou (f)	Bump shaped with quadrangular base. Apparently fragments # 59, 60 and 61 fit together and resemble a ~ 2.1 kg mass that fragmented on impact.		# 059
60	655.00	fragment	6	primary crust and 3 fractured surfaces	Mohamed Azrou (f)	Cube shaped with octahedral base. Two large bright patches visible in grey matrix.		# 059
61	719.00	fragment	5	primary crust and 2 fractured surfaces	Mohamed Azrou (f)	Flat, paddy shaped, shallow regmaglypts on bottom surface. Grey clay soil adherent.		# 059
62	1110.00	individual	7	all over primary crust, moderate oxidation on one surface	Mohamed Lahcen (f)	Brick shaped with concave quadrangular base and a pronounced bump on the top surface. Impact damage on top surface measuring 2 x 2 cm with crust missing.		# 062

vein.

Oriented. Shaped like an arrow head with the shafting

the base surface, some regmaglypts on top surface.

fragmented and partly melted over.

Small patches of crust chipped off.

later stage fragmentation.

69 and # 70 belong together.

representing the trailing side. One long shock vein visible as rim

in the fusion crust. Few flow lines along the edges of the blades.

Specimen shows strong orientation on both sides with flow lines

and spilling covering two surfaces completely. A third surface is

Irregular pyramidal shape. Lipping along the complete edge of

Rhomboid shaped with 2 fragmented surfaces, one distinct shock

Almond shaped, traces of minimal heating on fragmented surface

indicating latest stage fragmentation. Possibly the two fragments

Pyramidal shaped with many metal flakes in primary fusion crust,

sparse secondary crust on fragmented surface, indicating

fragmentation during very last phase of flight

Almond shaped, large patches with secondary crust indicating

Habibi Aziz (s)

Mohamed Lahcen (f)

Mohamed Lahcen (f)

Mohamed Lahcen (f)

Mohamed Lahcen (f)

all over primary fusion

Primary crust on 3

surfaces, one broken

all over primary fusion

all over primary fusion

all over primary fusion

4 surfaces with primary

primary crust and large

approx. one third of the

fusion crust, some traces

surface with primary

of secondary crust on fragmented surfaces

3 surfaces with primary

fusion crust, traces of

secondary crust on

fragmented surface

areas of secondary fusion

crust, 2 fractured

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72	36.00	fragment	5	approx. 70% primary fusion crust	Mohamed Lahcen (f)	Irregular pyramidal shape with fragmented base surface.	T. Jakubowski, Poland	# 072
73	82.00	individual	7	all over primary fusion crust	Flat with quadrangular base and nose on top surface marking the symmetry axis, several regmagplypts, one small white crystal penetrating the crust.		R. Lenssen, Netherlands	
74	1120.00	fragment	6	primary fusion crust except on one broken surface with only minimal traces of secondary crust	Mohamed Lahcen (f)	Rhomboid shaped with straight edges and some oblong regmaglypts. Small patches of red soil adherent.	T. Jakubowski, Poland	#074
75	209.00	individual	6	all over primary fusion crust	Mohamed Lahcen (f)	Nearly cubic with some signs of orientation, rollover lipping, a few but distinct oblong regmaglypts, one of them showing only partially melting at the bottom.	T. Jakubowski, Poland	
76	72.00	individual	7	alternating primary and secondary fusion crust with traces of oxidation	Mohamed Lahcen (f)	Hexagonal shaped with interwoven textures of thick primary and thinner secondary fusion crust.	T. Jakubowski, Poland	
77	54.00				Mohamed Lahcen (f)		M. Kaczmarzyk, Poland	
78	40.20	individual	5	primary fusion crust with few signs of oxidation, one area fragmented with some traces of secondary crust		Pyramidal shape with triangular base, few traces of secondary crust on fragmented area indicating fragmentation during very last phase of hot flight.	M. J.Wozniak & J. Woreczko, Poland	# 078
79	251.00			-			Z. Gruba, Poland	
80	39.50	individual	5	thick primary fusion except on one broken surface		Angular with lipping bent over the edges onto the fragmented surface. Latest stage fragmentation.	P. Thomas, France	
81	41.10	individual	5	all over primary fusion crust		Wedge shaped with few regmaglypts, small chip broke off.	P. Thomas, France	
82	68.70	individual	6	primary fusion crust except on one broken surface		Irregular bent fin with few dents/regmaglypts. Shock veining on broken surface.		
83	90.00	individual	primary fusion crust except on one broken surface Elongated wedge, one corner broken off. Distinct flow lines radiating from a large regmaglypt on one side of the wedge. Melt lipping along the edge of the fragmented surface with partial melting of the latter. Latest stage fragmentation.		P. Thomas, France			

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84	104.60	individual	many	primary fusion crust with few blank patches		Almond shaped, flow lines. One corner and few small chips broken off, one apparently on impact.	P. Thomas, France	
85	111.80	individual	7	primary and secondary fusion crust		Angular, polyedral stone with flowlines and single regmaglypts. Beginning oxidation.	P. Thomas, France	
86	175.30	individual	5	all over primary fusion crust,		Rhomboid with single regmaglypts. One chip broken off along shock plane.	P. Thomas, France	
87	1019.00	individual	6	5 surfaces with primary fusion crust, partially showing contraction cracks; one surface fragmented		Cuboid regmaglypted mass with spattering of secondary crust on the base, indicating a late in flight fragmentation. Abundant black shock veins. Traces of red soil adherent.	Mile High Meteorites, USA	# 087
88	65.00	fragment	5	3 surfaces with primary fusion crust, 2 fragmented surfaces		Pyramidal shaped fragment with smooth surface on the oldest surface. Obviously a fragment of a much larger mass. Signs oxidation on crust. Specimen shows signs of oxidation.	Mile High Meteorites, USA	# 088
89	5030.00	individual	5	85% primary fusion crust, showing all over a delicate pattern of contraction cracks		Compact regmaglypted mass with triangular base. Well defined regmaglypts; impact marks in the the shape of of streaks of adherent red soil adherent.	P. Herrman, Canada	# 089
90	641.00	individual	5	all over primary fusion crust	M. Said (s)	Boomerang shaped; one furrow of 2cm diameter near the tip of the shorter wing.		# 090
91	52.00	individual	4	all over primary fusion crust		Wedge shaped with frog foot shaped fin, showing several metal- flakes penetrating the crust.		
92	314.00	individual	6	all over primary fusion crust	M. Said (s)	Rhomboid-shaped with several distinct regmaglypts, granular structured crust with some metal flakes visible. White inclusions in crust.		# 092
93	165.70	individual	6	almost completely covered with primary fusion crust		Trapezoid shaped base with one distinct shock vein bisecting one corner. The vein penetrates the crust and is visible as a ridge.	M. Jensen, USA	# 093
94	68.60	individual	5	almost completely covered with dark primary fusion crust		Mass resembling the hull of a boat. Small chip at the bow broke off.	M. Jensen, USA	# 094
95	58.00	individual	6	almost completely covered with primary and secondary fusion crust, showing some signs of oxidation		Cuboid shaped with a pronounced horn.	M. Jensen, USA	# 095
96	46.20	fragment	6	40% primary, 20%secondary, 10% tertiary crust		Mass in the shape of a foot, lipping over the edge of the fragmented surface indicating latest stage fragmentation. One 3mm chondrule visible in the matrix of the fragmented surface.	M. Jensen, USA	# 096

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97	33.30	fragment	6	5 surfaces with primary fusion crust, one surface fragmented with traces of secondary crust; whole surface showing signs of oxidation		Fragment in the shape of a tick with a depressed concave top surface. Bottom surface fragmented with minimal signs of heating.	M. Jensen, USA	# 097
98	18.50	fragment	5	5 surfaces with primary, 1 surface fragmented and partially with secondary fusion crust		Five cornered fragmented base with fragmented surface showing thin secondary crust along the edges and devoid of crust in the centre indicating fragmentation during the latest phase of the hot flight.	M. Jensen, USA	# 098
99	17.50	fragment	6	3 surfaces with primary, 3 surfaces fragmented and partially with secondary fusion crust		Trapezoid-shaped, partially with secondary crusted surfaces, indicating fragmentation during latest phase of the hot flight.	M. Jensen, USA	# 099
100	14.50	individual	6	almost completely covered with primary fusion crust, showing some signs of oxidation		Shaped like a shark tooth. Slightly oxidized.	M. Jensen, USA	
101	14.10	individual	6	all over crusted with primary fusion crust, one corner broken; crust as well as fragmented area showing some signs of oxidation		Shape of a drop with attached base (fragmented). Beginning oxidation.	M. Jensen, USA	# 101
102	13.00	individual	7	5 surfaces with primary fusion crust, 2 fragmented surfaces with some traces of secondary crust		Compact shape with apex and one side broken off. Fragmented surface shows traces of heating indicating latest stage fragmentation. Complete suface shows signs of oxidation.	M. Jensen, USA	
103	7.70	individual	many	approx. 40 % covered with primary fusion crust		Pyramidal fragment with red soil adherent, obviously from a much larger mass.	M. Jensen, USA	# 103
104	2.50	individual	many	all over fusion crusted		Signs of minor oxidation.	M. Jensen, USA	# 104
105	2.20	individual	many	all over fusion crusted		Elongated trapezoid.	M. Jensen, USA	# 105
106	314.00	individual	2	all over crusted with granular and thick primary crust		Oriented with a pronounced symmetrical middle-axis, shaped like a blended-wing jet with rollover lip, structured by delicate radial flow lines. Breast side surface heavily thumb printed. One corner and another patch of crust chipped off.	R. Wesel, USA	# 106

#	weight in gm	character	Sur- faces	crust	finder (f) or first known seller (s)	remarks, morphology	distribution / current owner	image
107	137	individual	2	all over primary fusion crust		Oriented shield shaped mass resembling a jelly-fish. Roll over lipping.	R. Wesel, USA	# 107
108	52	individual	2	all over primary fusion crust		Oblong discoid mass with few regmaglypts, distinct broad roll over lip with some contraction cracks and two little fins; small patch chipped off.	R. Wesel, USA	# 108
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Individual masses Total

#	weight in gm	character	finder (f) or first known seller (s)	distribution / current owner
108	62,186.84 gm	77 individuals	7 finders and sellers known	35 owners known
		29 fragments		
		2 unknown		

II. Lots

Lot	weight in gm	average weight	individuals	fragments	first known seller (s)	remarks	distribution / current owner	image
I	1360,00	35.80	32	6	Abdel Alhyane (s)	All over fresh appearance. Reportedly collected by locals in the week after the fall. Offered May 6. 2007 from Morocco.	several	
П	1950,00	108.30	14	4	Abdel Alhyane (s)	All over moderately oxidized. Reportedly collected by locals in the 3 rd week after the fall. Offered May 8. 2007 from Morocco. One fragment of 495gm is catalog # 026 already listed above (considered in TKW given below).	Dr. S. Buhl, Germany; M. Berecic, Slovenia; others	# 11
III	4550,00	227.50	12	8	Abdel Alhyane (s)	The largest mass of 2.600kg shows red soil adherent to a thick black fusion crust partly covered by contraction cracks. The other masses appear to be fresh and without oxidation. This batch was reportedly collected on the day of the fall. One 320gm mass shows grey clay adherent.	many	# 111
IV	7200,00	71.20	32	69	Mohamed Lahcen (s)	The three largest masses are 2100gm, 1100gm and 560gm respectively. Meteorites appear fresh with some clay staining. Many of the smaller fragments display a coating of laterite red dust.	T. Jakubowski, Poland; others	# IV

Lot	weight in	average	individuals	fragments	first known seller	remarks	distribution /	image
	gm	weight			(s)		current owner	

V	2800.00	700	4	0	Ali Hmani (s)	Four fully crusted individuals. The largest weighing 1050gm. This lot was offered at the Ensisheim Meteorite Fair in France in June 2007.		# V
VI	4800.00	92.3	22	30	Mohamed Sbai	One large individual of 2.1 kg. This lot was offered at the Ensisheim Meteorite Fair in France in June 2007.	several	# VI
VII	6700.00	59.8	42	70	Ismaily Sidi Mohamed	Three masses in the 1 kg range and many small fragments. Material appeared to be very fresh with no oxidation on most of the specimens. This lot was offered at the Ensisheim Meteorite Fair in France in June 2007.	Dr. S. Buhl, Germany, Francesco Moser, Italy, others	# VII
VIII	2800.00	77.7	12	24	Habibi Aziz	One large fragment of 900gm with red soil adherent, many fragments in the 100gm range showing beginning oxidation. This lot was offered at the Ensisheim Meteorite Fair in France in June 2007.	Marcin Cimala, Poland, others	

Lots total

lots	weight in gm	average weight in gm	individuals	fragments	first known seller (s)
8	31,665.00	69.13	247	211	6 sellers

Combined total

TKW in gm	average weight in gm	single masses	individuals	fragments
93,851.84	191	489	324	240

Distribution of individual masses

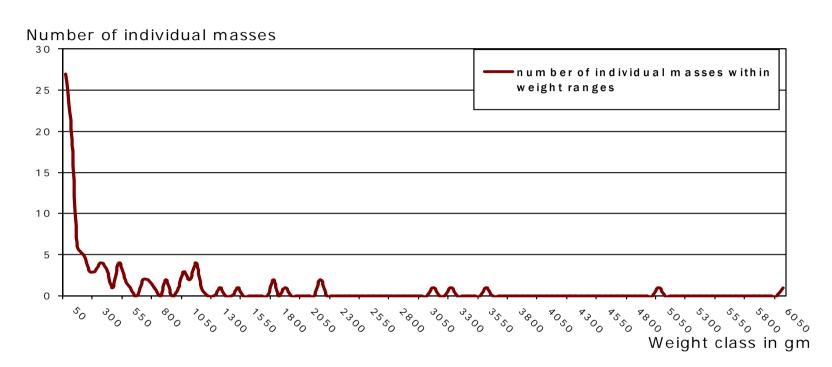


Figure shows the number of individual masses in relation to the respective weight classes. With 27 individual masses the weight class from 0-50g is best represented while above 2200g only 5 weight classes are represented by a single mass respectively. Interval is 50gm.

Total mass distribution

weights of individual masses added in gm

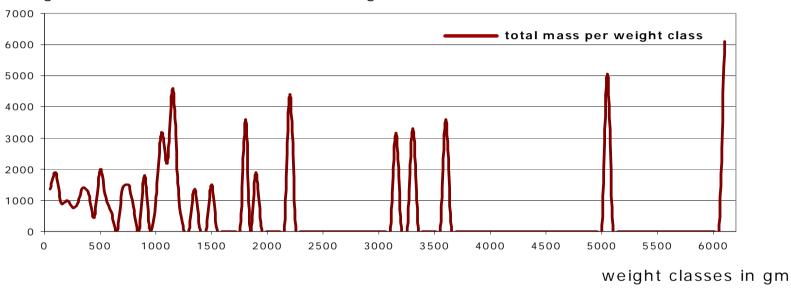


Figure shows the total mass distribution per weight class. Intervals are 500gm.

III. Image appendix*

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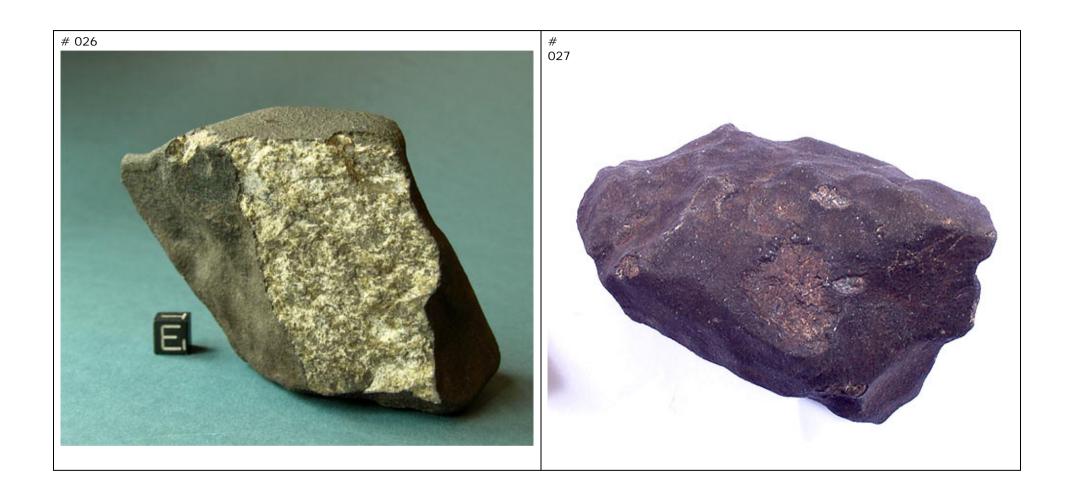




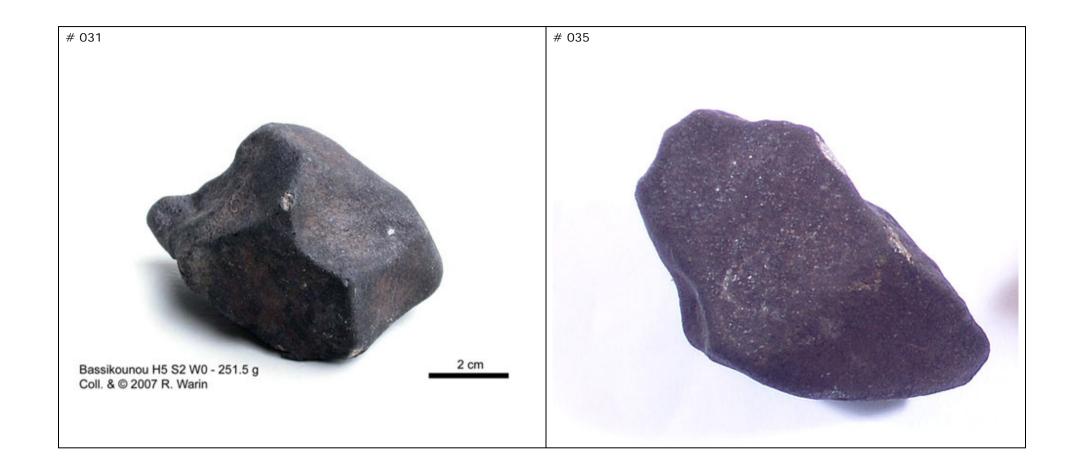


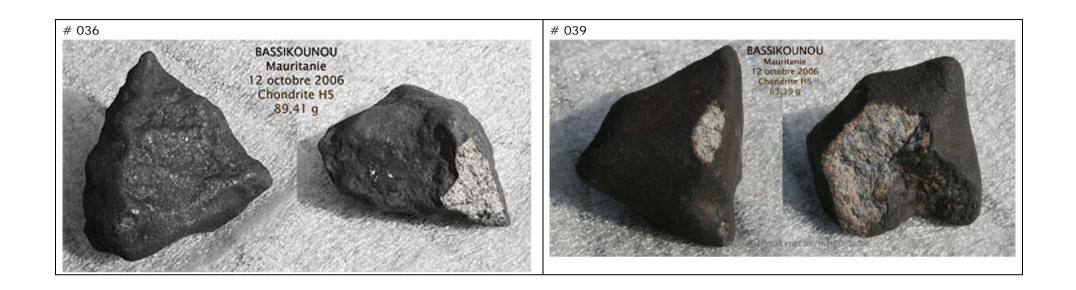


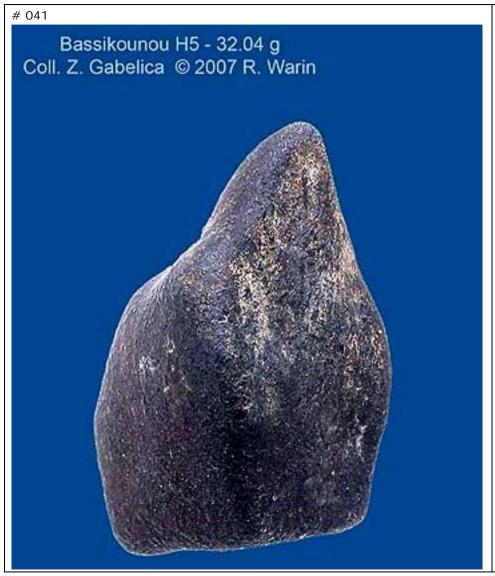








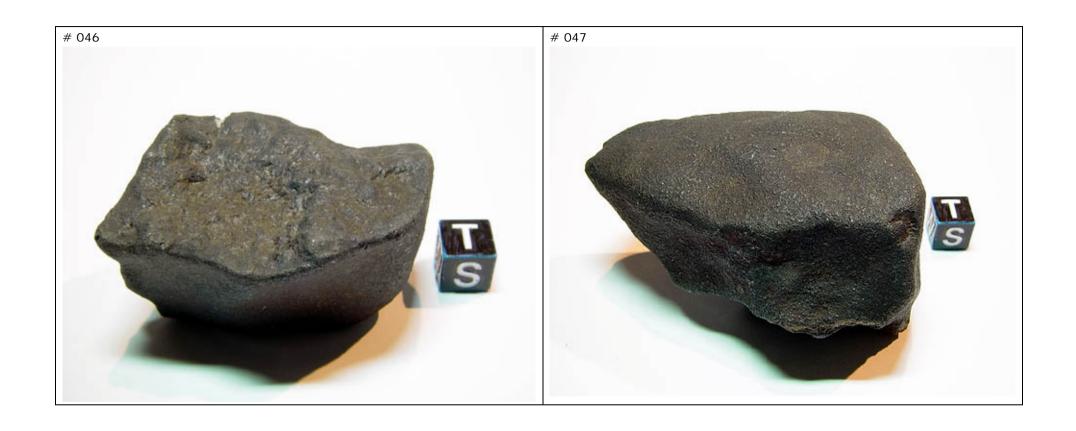




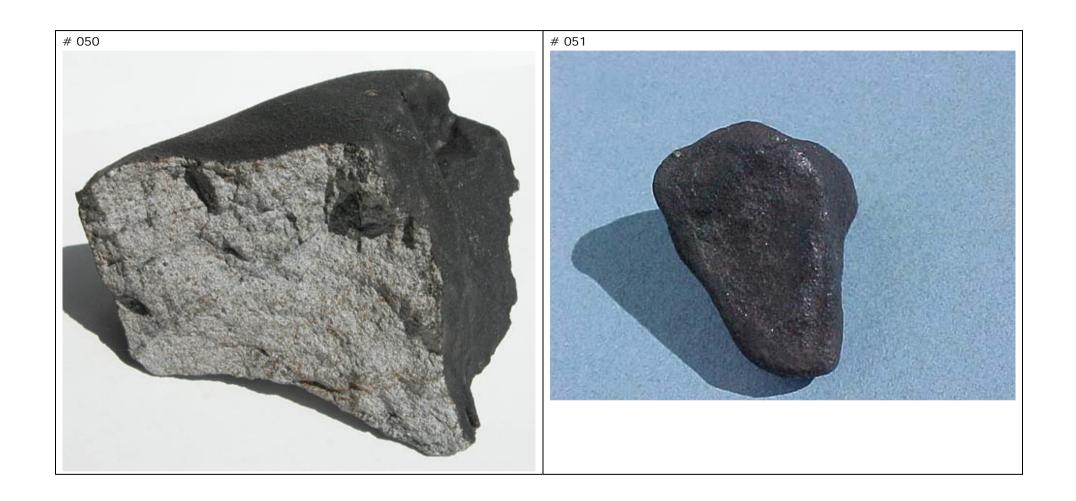


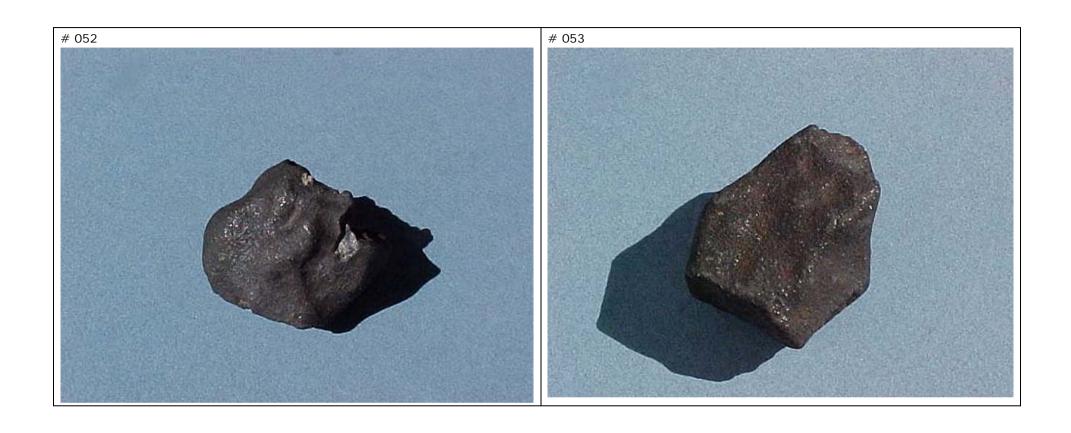


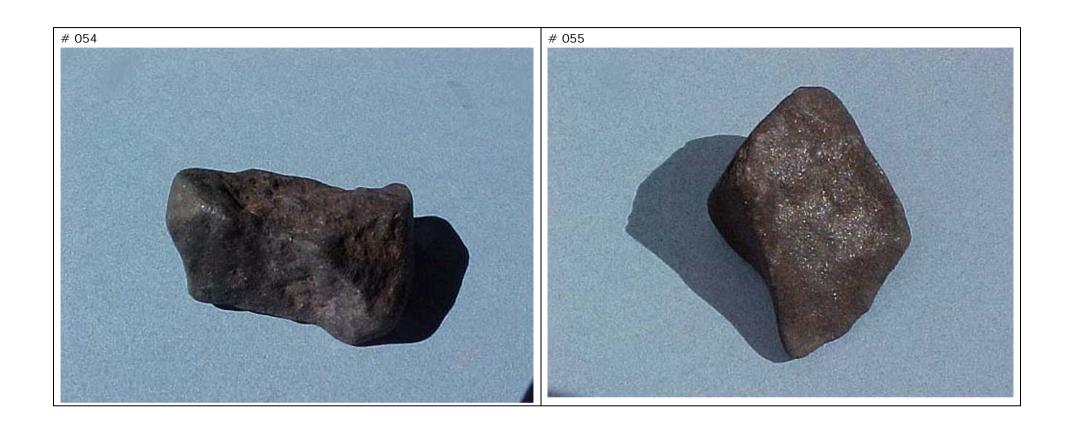




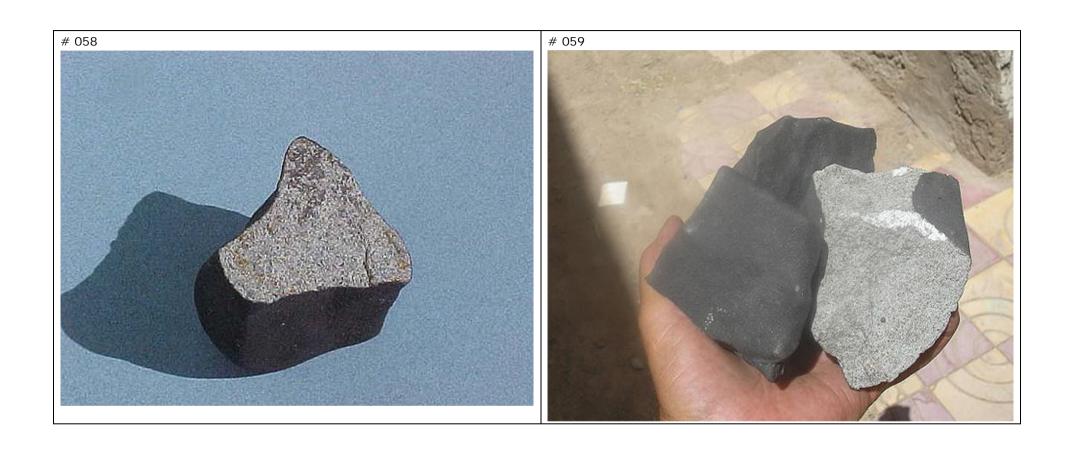




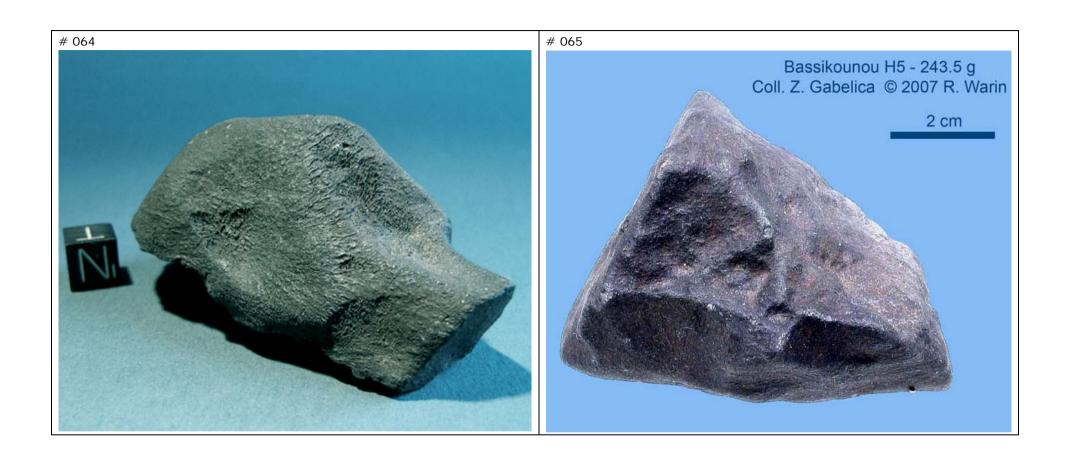


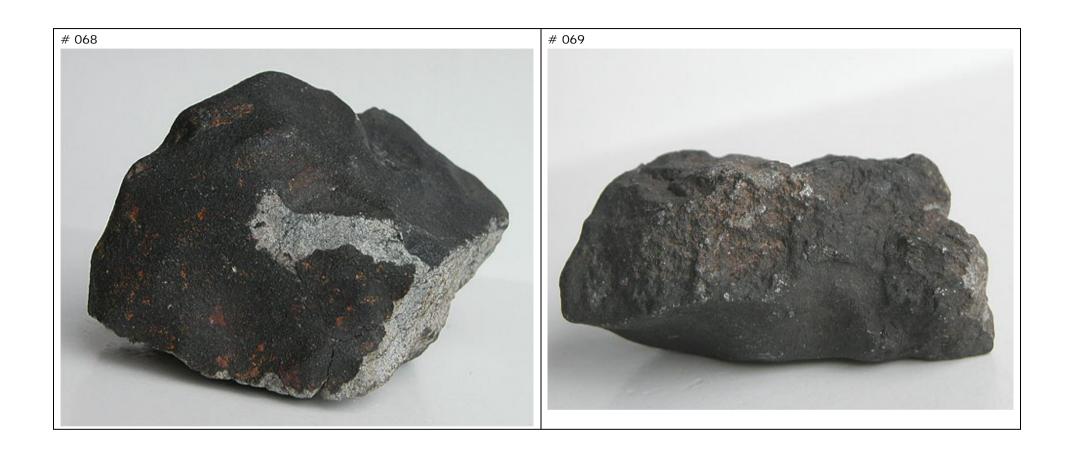












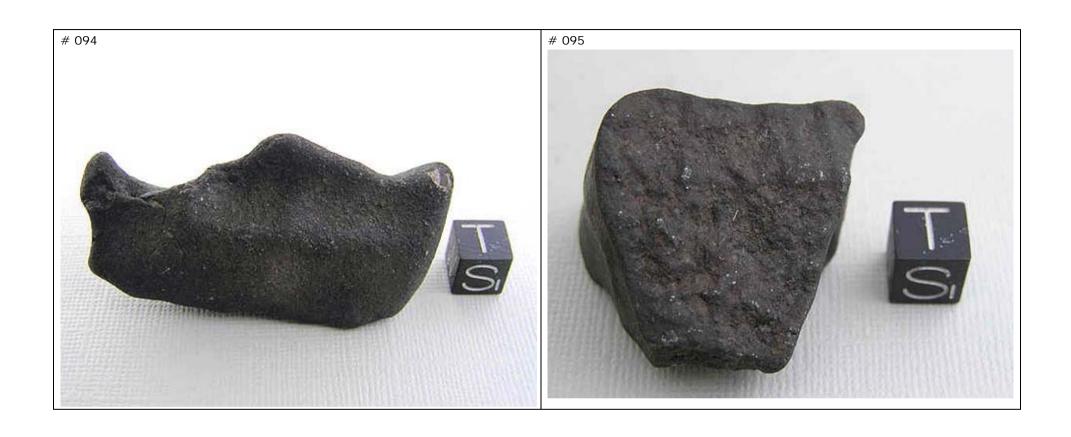


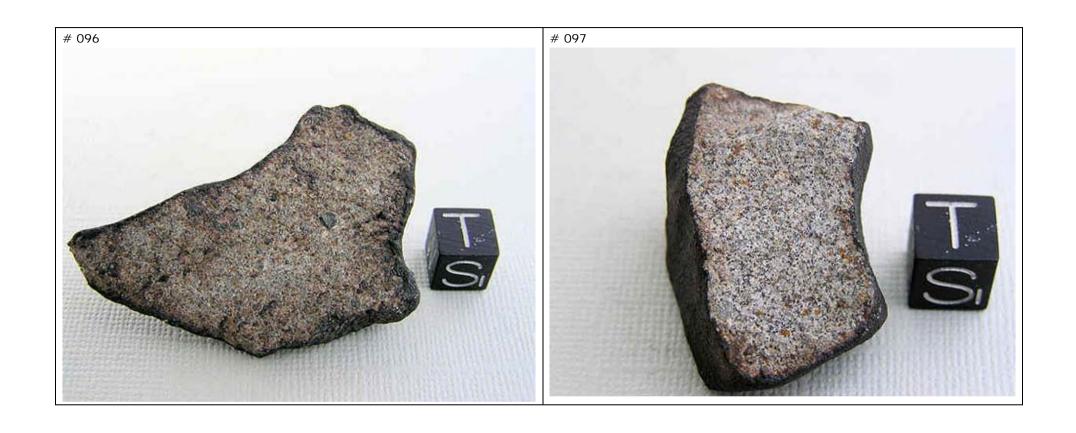


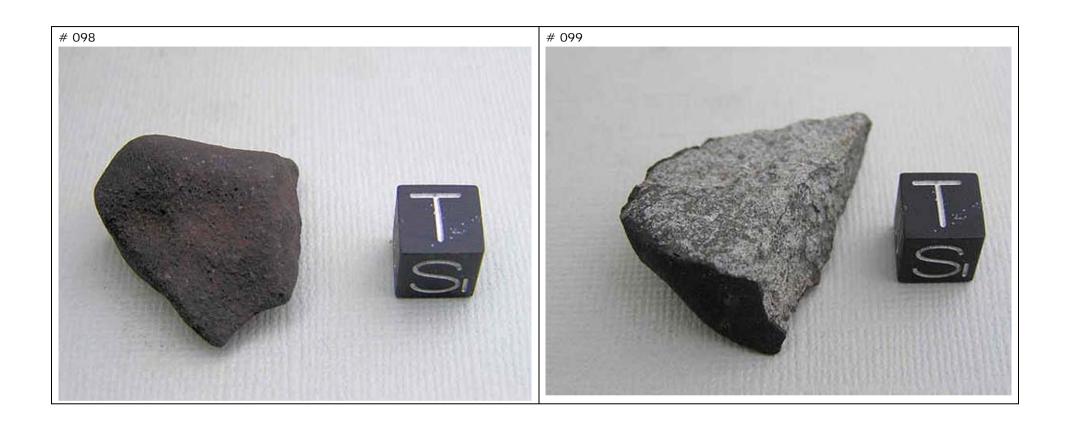


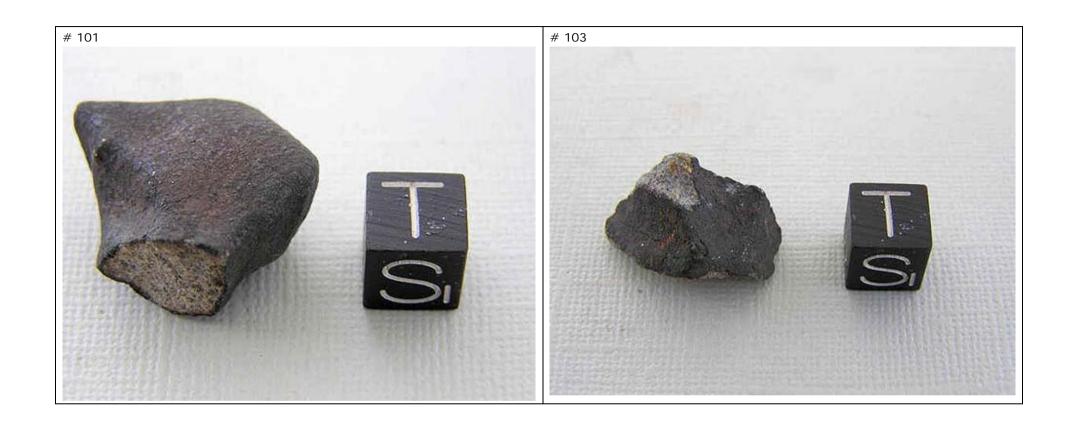


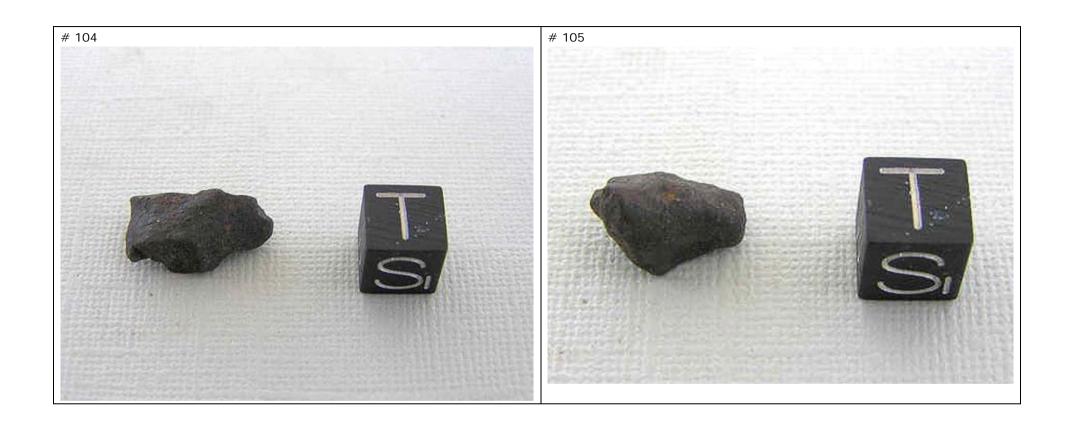






















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IV. Index

Masses sorted by weight

Weight in gm	Weight class	character	surfaces	#
2.20	1	individual	several	105
2.50	1	individual	several	104
7.70	1	individual	several	103
11.00	1	individual	3	44
13.00	1	individual	7	102
13.50	1	individual	5	51
14.10	1	individual	6	101
14.50	1	individual	6	100
15.00	1	individual	4	43
17.50	1	fragment	6	99
18.50	1	fragment	5	98
24.00	1	individual	3	42
29.90	1	fragment	6	52
32.04	1	individual		41
33.20	1	individual	7	53
33.30	1	fragment	6	97
34.90	1	individual	5	54
36.00	1	fragment	5	72
39.10	1	individual	6	55
39.50	1	individual	5	80
40.20	1	individual	5	78
41.10	1	individual	5	81
44.00	1	fragment	several	40

Weight in gm	Weight class	character	surfaces	#
44.00	1	fragment	4	71
46.20	1	fragment	6	96
49.00	1	fragment	5	70
50.00	1	fragment	5	69
50.50	2	fragment	6	56
51.40	2	individual	6	57
52.00	2	individual	4	91
52.00	2	individual	2	108
54.00	2			77
58.00	2	individual	6	95
62.60	2	fragment	6	58
63.00	2	individual	4	39
65.00	2	fragment	5	88
68.60	2	individual	5	94
68.70	2	individual	6	82
72.00	2	individual	7	76
81.00	2	individual	5	38
82.00	2	individual	7	73
86.00	2	fragment	4	16
86.00	2	fragment	5	37
89.00	2	individual	5	36
90.00	2	individual		83
91.00	2	individual	6	48

Weight in gm	Weight class	character	surfaces	#
104.60	3	individual	several	84
111.80	3	individual	7	85
114.00	3	individual	4	46
128.00	3	fragment	4	64
137.00	3	individual	2	107
140.00	3	fragment	5	17
160.00	4	individual	5	35
165.70	4	individual	6	93
175.30	4	individual	5	86
183.00	4	fragment		34
197.70	4	individual		33
208.00	5	individual	6	32
209.00	5	individual	6	75
235.00	5	individual	6	47
243.50	5	individual	6	65
251.00	6			79
251.50	6	individual	5	31
305.00	7	individual	3	30
308.00	7	individual	many	45
314.00	7	individual	6	92
314.00	7	individual	2	106
353.00	8	individual	7	29
354.00	8	individual		28
354.00	8	individual	7	49
434.00	9	fragment	many	3

Weight in gm	Weight class	character	surfaces	#
470.00	10	individual	>5	27
495.00	10	fragment	7	26
496.00	10	individual	5	25
499.00	10	individual	6	24
500.00	11	individual	6	18
515.00	11	fragment	6	14
557.00	12	fragment	7	15
641.00	14	individual	5	90
655.00	14	fragment	6	60
701.00	15	fragment	5	59
719.00	15	fragment	5	61
768.00	16	individual	5	23
860.00	18	individual	3	13
874.00	18	individual	>8	12
997.00	20	individual	5	6
1015.00	21	fragment	6	68
1019.00	21	individual	6	87
1044.00	21	fragment	6	50
1084.00	22	individual	6	4
1084.00	22	individual	many	19
1110.00	23	individual	7	62
1120.00	23	fragment	6	74
1136.00	23	individual	6	63
1143.00	23	individual		67
1180.00	24	individual	7	22

Weight in gm	Weight class	character	surfaces	#
1304.00	27	individual	6	11
1500.00	30			21
1765.00	36	individual	>6	9
1800.00	36	individual	6	8
1852.00	38	individual	7	7
2205.00	44	fragment	5	10
2209.00	44	individual		66
3165.00	63	individual	8	1
3300.00	66	fragment	6	20
3624.00	72	individual	many	5
5030.00	101	individual	5	89
6120.00	122	individual	7	2