

Critical and Strategic Metals and Minerals in the Nordic countries  
Raw Materials for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

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Commodity	Vanadium (V)	Data source
Significance for the EU (2023)	<i>Critical, not strategic</i>	
Uses of the commodity	<p><u>Main uses:</u>  <i>High-strength low-alloy (HSLA) steel, special steels</i></p> <p><u>Minor uses:</u>  <i>Vanadium redox flow batteries in clean energy transition, super alloys, chemicals, catalyst, glass</i></p> <p><u>Future uses:</u>  <i>New alloys. Forecasted strong growth for vanadium redox-flow batteries</i></p>	BRGM et al. (2017), Hund et al. (2020), USGS (2022)
Resources and potential in Nordic countries	<p><u>Finland:</u>  <i>Known resources 1.19 Mt V (2.19 Mt if V in mica in Talvivaara black schist is included). Mustavaara deposit: 103.7 Mt @ 0.138 % V, 0.56 % Ti and 9.7 % Fe; Koitelainen intrusion V unit: 116.4 Mt @ 0.063 % V; Otanmäki deposit: 14 Mt @ 40 % Fe, 7.6 % Ti, 0.26 % V. Undiscovered resources at regional scale estimated to 13 Mt V.</i></p> <p><u>Greenland:</u>  <i>Known resources 179,000 t V. Isortoq N dyke 70.3 Mt @ 0.081 % V, 6.53 % Ti, 26.9 % Fe, Skaergaard intrusion 104 Mt @ 0.12 % V, 4.68 % Ti.</i></p> <p><u>Norway:</u>  <i>Known resources 0.32 Mt V. Lauvneset intrusion: 313 Mt @ 0.44 % V, 3.54 % Ti, 4 % P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub>; Selvåg intrusion: 44 Mt @ 0.15 % V, 2.5 % Ti, Raudsand: 11 Mt @ 0.5 % V</i></p> <p><u>Sweden:</u>  <i>Known resources 4.42 Mt V. Häggån shale: 2005 Mt @ 0.169 % V, 0.021 % Mo, 0.033 % Ni; Routivare malmfält intrusion: 140 Mt @ 0.2 % V, 5.7 % Ti. Hörby shale: 116.8 Mt @ 0.219 % V.</i></p>	Eilu et al. (2021, 2022), Karinen et al. (2022), Rosa et al. (2023)
Anthropogenic resources and potential in Nordic countries	<i>Steel-plant slag, steel scrap, fly ash, used catalysts.</i>	Neometals (2022)
Main deposit types in Nordic countries	<i>Magnetite-rich layers in 2.50–2.44 Ga layered mafic-ultramafic intrusions, V-Ti-Fe ± apatite ore bodies in Palaeo- and Neoproterozoic mafic intrusions, Caledonide shales in Sweden, and in Palaeoproterozoic black schists in Finland. Possible potential in heavy-mineral sands in Greenland and Iceland.</i>	Eilu et al. (2021, 2022)
Main global deposit types	<i>Magnetite-rich layers in layered mafic-ultramafic intrusions and V-Ti-Fe ± apatite ore bodies in mafic intrusions are the current main</i>	Brough et al. (2019), Rappleye & Haun

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	<i>source of virgin V (88 %). Black shale, phosphorite, roll-front uranium deposits, bauxite, coal, crude oil contain potentially recoverable V.</i>	(2021), Simandl & Paradis (2022)
Global production (2022)	<i>100,000 t V Most of vanadium is currently obtained as a byproduct from slags created during iron and steel production.</i>	Simandl & Paradis (2022), USGS (2023)
Nordic production (2021)	<i>None</i>	
Main producing countries (2022)	<i>China 70 %, Russia 17 %, South Africa 9.1 %, Brazil 6.2 %</i>	USGS (2023)
Technological challenges in production	<i>Typically recovered as a byproduct or a coproduct. Hence, recovery of the main commodity of an ore mostly has a priority and V recovery not necessarily given much effort.</i>	BRGM et al. (2017), USGS (2022)
Recycling	<p><b>Present:</b> <i>Scrap and slag recycling is relatively easy, whereas recovery from fly ash, catalysts, and chemicals significantly more expensive. Slightly less than 50 % of V is recycled. On the other hand, EoL-RIR of vanadium in the EU for 2012–2016 was only 2 %.</i></p> <p><b>Future:</b> <i>In addition to the current sources, recovery from steel slag, fly ash, catalysts, and municipal wastes will increase.</i></p>	Painuly (2015), BRGM et al. (2017), Dong et al. (2019), Latunussa et al. (2020)

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