

# ASU Center for Meteorite Studies Specimen Identification Form

To have your specimen identified, please return this form with the Specimen Identification Policy Checklist and your specimen

## Important Specimen Identification Policies

**We must see your specimen itself to be able to verify that it is a meteorite.**

While pictures and descriptions of the entire rock can be helpful, they alone **are not** enough for us to make a positive verification. Lab results alone from another institution are also not enough for us to verify that you have a meteorite.

**You should obtain delivery confirmation** from the carrier you use to send your specimen, as the Center does not have enough personnel to inform you that we received your specimen.

The Center only accepts **one** specimen per person at a time.

Due to the high volume of specimens the Center receives on a weekly basis, as well as other responsibilities of our small staff, our specimen identification service may take **up to 6 months**.

**Do not bring your specimen to the Center in person.** This will not speed identification of your specimen, as the Center does not wish to penalize those who send their samples via the proper procedure. Specimens brought to the Center will simply be entered in the specimen identification queue.

Repeatedly contacting the Center to check on your specimen only slows the identification process, as it keeps us on the phone rather than in the laboratory.

We will **not** identify specimens purchased from a dealer, commercial vendor, auction house, etc. The goal of the Center's identification service is to identify new specimens, not confirm claims made by other establishments.

**Please fill out the following information and send the printed form with your specimen:**

Full Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address \_\_\_\_\_

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City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_

ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

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Date of Fall/Find \_\_\_\_\_

Location of Fall/Find \_\_\_\_\_

Description of fireball (if applicable to fall) \_\_\_\_\_

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Please send the completed form, along with your sample (or a small piece), to:

Center for Meteorite Studies  
Arizona State University  
PO Box 872504  
Tempe, AZ 85287-2504

OR, for Fed Ex shipments:

Center for Meteorite Studies  
Arizona State University  
Tempe Campus  
Physical Sciences F-wing  
Room F686  
Tempe, AZ 85287-1404