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Discovered in 1829



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Thorium as an alloying agent in magnesium, imparts greater strength and creep resistance at high temperatures



The element is named after Thor, the Scandinavian god of war

Thorium dioxide was formerly added to glass during manufacture to increase the refractive index, producing thoriated glass for use in high-quality camera lenses.