

# TACONITE (IRON ORE)

WHERE  
IT IS  
FOUND:



Taconite once processed becomes the raw material used to make steel. It is the rock/mineral from which metallic iron can be economically extracted. It was first discovered in Michigan's Upper Peninsula in 1844 where it was taken from iron ore mines.



**USES:** Its main use is in steel, which can be used to build factories, sky scrapers, rail roads, farm machinery and bridges.

**COLOR:** Taconite's color is typically a dirty red/orange/copper color.

**FUN FACT!** Did you know? The cargo of the SS Edmund Fitzgerald, which sank in Lake Superior, consisted of approximately 26,116 long tons of taconite pellets.

