

Vocabulary



magnet a material that attracts steel, iron, cobalt, and nickel

Magnets come in many shapes and sizes. Materials that contain iron, steel, nickel, and cobalt are attracted to, or pulled toward, a magnet. Magnets also attract the mineral magnetite and other magnets. Materials that are attracted to a magnet are described as magnetic.

magnetite a mineral that is naturally magnetic

Magnetite contains iron and is a weak magnet. Early explorers used magnetite to find north. Magnetite is sometimes called lodestone.