

## **Albite - $\text{Na}(\text{AlSi}_3\text{O}_8)$**

Hardness = 6 - 6.5. Cleavage: Perfect. Easily derusted without damage by any dithionite recipe or hot oxalic acid but take precautions to avoid yellow stains on drying. Not attacked by acids. Dilute  $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4$  has been used to remove black organic stains. Stable to hot alkali. Bladed variety cleavelandite particularly fragile; apply textile gun carefully.

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