

Algodonite - ($\text{Cu}_{1-x}\text{As}_x$)

Hardness = 4. Cleavage: None reported. Very readily attacked by acids. Removal of tarnish is fruitless, as it often quickly reappears. Usually not cleaned.

References

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