

Amalgam - Variable composition

Hardness: Varies with composition, usually 3–3.5. Cleavage: Varies with composition; likely none. An alloy of mercury with various metals, usually silver or (rarely) gold, whose properties vary widely with composition. Treat as the most abundant element present (mercury, silver, gold, etc.).

References

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