Amber - Polymeric organic material

Hardness = 2 - 2.5. Cleavage: None observed. Brittle. Easily scratched. Attacked by many organic solvents. Inert to soap and water. Avoid strong alkali and NH₃.

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