

Andalusite - $\text{Al}_2(\text{SiO}_4)\text{O}$

Hardness = 6.5 - 7.5. Cleavage: Distinct/good. Excellent chemical resistance. Chiasolite variety very soft and easily damaged.

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