

Anorthite - $\text{Ca}(\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8)$

Hardness = 6 - 6.5. Cleavage: Perfect. Moderately attacked by HCl forming gel. Derust with brief exposure to oxalic acid but rinse thoroughly and otherwise take care to avoid yellow stain formation on drying. Iron OUT or other dithionite recipes a better choice.

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