

## Aragonite - $\text{CaCO}_3$

Hardness = 3.5 - 4. Cleavage: Distinct/good. Fragile; brittle. Easily soluble in all acids. Clean in distilled water. Avoid all strong detergents, soaps, strong alkali and  $\text{NH}_3$ . Immediately attacked with effervescence by  $\text{NH}_4\text{HF}_2$ .

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