Bavenite - $Ca_4Be_2Al_2Si_9O_{26}(OH)_2$

Hardness: 5.5. Cleavage: Perfect. Fragile; easily damaged by steel tools and even brushes. Decomposed by HCl. May disintegrate under sonication. Clean only with a brief, gentle dip in water.

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