

Bitumen (Asphalt, Asphaltum) - Polymeric organic material

Hardness: Soft; sticky to hard and brittle. Cleavage: No data; likely none. Insoluble in water and (probably) any aqueous solution. Likely attacked to some extent by all organic solvents. Very similar to pyrobitumen.

Varieties/related species (treat as bitumen): Elaterite, manjak, ozocerite (ozokerite), uintahite, wurtzilite.

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