

Chesnokovite - $\text{Na}_2[\text{SiO}_2(\text{OH})_2] \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Hardness: 2.5. Cleavage: Perfect. Brittle. May be sensitive to acetic acid, formic acid, tartaric acid or citric acid. Decomposes at "normal atmospheric humidity;" store in sealed container with desiccant.

References

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