

Chlorite group - Formula varies widely

Hardness = 2 - 2.5. Cleavage: Varies with species. Decomposed and bleached by concentrated H_2SO_4 .

A complex group of minerals which may be difficult to identify visually. See individual species; [clinochlore](#) and [chamosite](#) are the most common.

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