

Chrysotile - $\text{Mg}_3(\text{Si}_2\text{O}_5)(\text{OH})_4$

Hardness = 2.5. Cleavage: No data. Asbestiform material liable to produce harmful asbestos fibers on handling. Decomposed by HCl. Derust with any dithionite recipe or oxalic acid; fibrous nature required prolonged soak in clean water after derusting to prevent yellow stains upon drying.

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