

Enstatite - $\text{Mg}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_6$

Hardness: 5–6. Cleavage: Distinct/good. Excellent chemical resistance. Insoluble in water, HCl, HNO_3 or H_2SO_4 .

Varieties/related species (treat same as enstatite): Bronzite (bronzite of Finch is a synonym for clintonite).

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