

Erythrite - $\text{Co}_3(\text{AsO}_4)_2 \cdot 8\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Hardness: 1.5 - 2.5. Cleavage: Perfect. Fragile, easily bent. Poisonous. Reports on sonication tolerance inconsistent. Soluble in acids which also cause rapid loss of luster. Avoid strong detergents, soap and NH_3 . Clean with distilled water. Photosensitive; exposure to strong light causes darkening and luster loss.

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