

Gerstleyite - $\text{Na}_2(\text{Sb,As})_8\text{S}_{13} \cdot 2\text{H}_2\text{O}$

Hardness: 2.5. Cleavage: Perfect. Brittle. Very sensitive to HCl. Attacked by oxalic acid. Likely sensitive to all other acids to some extent. Becomes black in sunlight and humid air.

References

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