

Graphite - C

Hardness: 1 - 2. Cleavage: Perfect. Soft; easily cleaved (foliated). Excellent chemical resistance including all common cleaning chemicals. Derust with any dithionite recipe. Etch from calcite or marble with dilute HCl.

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