

## **Hectorite - $\text{Na}_{0.3}(\text{Mg,Li})_3(\text{Si}_4\text{O}_{10})(\text{F,OH})_2$**

Hardness: 1–2. Cleavage: Perfect. Porous; may absorb water then crack and disintegrate upon drying.

### References

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