

Howlite - $\text{Ca}_2\text{B}_5\text{SiO}_9(\text{OH})_5$

Hardness: 5.5. Cleavage: No data. Easily soluble in acids with gel formation. Attacked to some extent by soaps and strong detergent.

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