

## Marble - ~ (Ca,Mg)CO<sub>3</sub>

Hardness: Variable. Cleavage: Variable. A carbonate rock usually composed mostly of [calcite](#) and/or [dolomite](#). Generally has same chemical resistance as calcite but tends to react more slowly, especially towards acids. When specimen is delicate treat first with a solution of one part sodium dihydrogen citrate to six parts water then flush with a solution of NaHSO<sub>4</sub>; etching will occur. Treat as [alabaster](#), [calcite](#) or [dolomite](#).

### References

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