

Micas (Micaceous minerals) - Formula varies with species

Hardness: Variable but usually soft. Cleavage: Variable but usually perfect. A group of minerals whose precise properties depend on the specific species. Avoid steel tools and water jet tools. Often said to defoliate in water but this is generally untrue, especially when the 'book' is tight, and exposure is minimized. Overall excellent chemical resistance but some species may be attacked to some extent by some warm dilute or concentrated acids. See listings for individual species.

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