

Mountain leather - Variable composition

Hardness: Variable; soft. Cleavage: Variable. A term used for minerals having a compact, fibrous or felt-like morphology (asbestiform), commonly [actinolite](#) (byssolite), [chrysotile](#), [palygorskite](#), [saponite](#), [serpiolite](#) and [tremolite](#). Soft; easily damaged.

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