

Nephrite - No fixed composition

Hardness: Variable with composition. Cleavage: Variable with composition. "Nephrite is a rock comprising mostly massive microcrystalline to cryptocrystalline felted amphiboles of the [actinolite-tremolite series](#)." Tolerates sonication even with strong detergents or NH₃; this procedure useful to clean carvings. Excellent chemical resistance.

References

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