

Plagioclase group - $(\text{Na,Ca})[(\text{Si,Al})\text{AlSi}_2]\text{O}_8$

Hardness: Depends on exact species. Cleavage: Depends on exact species. Rohner reports sensitivity to HCl, likely hot and/or concentrated.

A group of related feldspars including albite, andesine, anorthite, bytownite, labradorite and oligoclase. When in doubt treat as albite.

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