Tourmaline group - $NaFe^{2+}_3Al_6(Si_6O_{18})(BO_3)_3(OH)_3(OH)$

Hardness: 7. Cleavage: Poor/indistinct. Broad chemical resistance, especially to acids. Tolerates any dithionite recipe as well as hot oxalic acid. Stable to hot alkali (including Neodisher LM3) with or without added TKPP. Stable to NH_4HF_2 but numerous associated species may be attacked to some extent.

A large group of related minerals consisting of ~ 50 species expected to have similar physical and chemical properties. Data given here is for schorl.

Varieties/related species (treat same as tourmaline): Dravite, elbaite, fluor-buergerite, foitite, rubellite, schorl, verdelite, uvite

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