



Mohs Hardness Scale * The 10 minerals on the scale
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1. Talc: Scratched by a fingernail.



2. Gypsum/Amber: Scratched by a fingernail



3. Calcite: Scratched by a copper coin



4. Fluorite/Pearl: Scratched by a steel knife/glass



5. Apatite/Turquoise: Scratched by a steel knife/glass



6. Feldspar/opal/orthoclase: Scratched by a steel knife/glass



7. Amethyst: Scratched by a steel knife/glass



8. Topaz: Scratched by a steel knife/glass



9. Corundum: Scratched by a steel knife/glass



10. Diamond: Scratched by a steel knife/glass



The Mohs Scale of Hardness was created by German geologist Friedrich Mohs in 1812.