

**Prehnite**  $[\text{Ca}_2\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{10}(\text{OH})_2]$

Prehnite is a silicate mineral that most often forms stalactitic, globular or botryoidal aggregates. Crystals are typically small and compact and grow with a curved or rounded appearance. Prehnite has a hardness of 6-6.5 on the Mohs hardness scale. It is named after Colonel Hendrik Von Prehn, who discovered the mineral in 1774 in South Africa. Most gem-quality samples are discovered in veins and cavities in basaltic rocks found in Australia. <sup>B38</sup>



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