

The Mohs Scale of Hardness

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The Mohs scale was named after the German mineralogist Friedrich Moh (1773 - 1839) and is used for comparing the relative hardness of minerals. Each mineral on the scale is softer, and hence capable of being scratched by all those below it.

1. Talc



2. Gypsum



3. Calcite

SAWTOOTH



GREEN

YELLOW

BLUE

ORANGE



4. Fluorite



5. Apatite



6. Orthoclase



7. Quartz



8. Topaz



9. Corundum



10. Diamond

