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Geotechnical Engineering

Rock Log Legend

ROCK DESCRIPTIONS

	BASALT		CONGLOMERATE
	BOULDERS		LIMESTONE
	BRECCIA		SANDSTONE
	CLINKER		SILTSTONE
	COBBLES		TUFF
	CORAL		VOID/CAVITY

ROCK DESCRIPTION SYSTEM

ROCK FRACTURE CHARACTERISTICS

The following terms describe general fracture spacing of a rock:

Massive:	Greater than 24 inches apart
Slightly Fractured:	12 to 24 inches apart
Moderately Fractured:	6 to 12 inches apart
Closely Fractured:	3 to 6 inches apart
Severely Fractured:	Less than 3 inches apart

DEGREE OF WEATHERING

The following terms describe the chemical weathering of a rock:

Unweathered:	Rock shows no sign of discoloration or loss of strength.
Slightly Weathered:	Slight discoloration inwards from open fractures.
Moderately Weathered:	Discoloration throughout and noticeably weakened though not able to break by hand.
Highly Weathered:	Most minerals decomposed with some corestones present in residual soil mass. Can be broken by hand.
Extremely Weathered:	Saprolite. Mineral residue completely decomposed to soil but fabric and structure preserved.

HARDNESS

The following terms describe the resistance of a rock to indentation or scratching:

Very Hard:	Specimen breaks with difficulty after several "pinging" hammer blows. Example: Dense, fine grain volcanic rock
Hard:	Specimen breaks with some difficulty after several hammer blows. Example: Vesicular, vugular, coarse-grained rock
Medium Hard:	Specimen can be broke by one hammer blow. Cannot be scraped by knife. SPT may penetrate by ~25 blows per inch with bounce. Example: Porous rock such as clinker, cinder, and coral reef
Soft:	Can be indented by one hammer blow. Can be scraped or peeled by knife. SPT can penetrate by ~100 blows per foot. Example: Weathered rock, chalk-like coral reef
Very Soft:	Crumbles under hammer blow. Can be peeled and carved by knife. Can be indented by finger pressure. Example: Saprolite

Plate

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