



Comparison of Quantative Terms Used in Describing Layered Rocks

Terms to describe stratification		Terms to describe cross-stratification		Thickness	Terms to describe splitting property
Very thick-bedded	Beds	Very thick cross-bedded	Cross-beds	Greater than 120cm	Massive
Thick-bedded		Thickly cross-bedded		120cm (about 4ft.) to	Blocky
Thin-bedded		Thinly cross-bedded		60cm (about 2ft.) to	Slabby
Very thin-bedded		Very thinly cross-bedded		5cm (about 2in.) to	Flaggy
Laminated	Laminate	Cross-laminated	Cross-laminated	1cm (about 1/2in.) to	Shaly (claystone, siltstone) Platy (sandstone, limestone)
Thinly Laminated		Thinly cross-laminated		2mm (about .08in.) or less	Papery

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