

Engineering Interpretations

Construction Material and Excavating

Soils are rated as sources for road fill, topsoil, sand, and gravel. Suitability ratings of good, fair, or poor are given for soils used as a source of road fill and topsoil. Ratings of probable and improbable are given for sand and gravel. A rating of probable means that on the basis of the available evidence, the source material is likely to be in or below the soil. A rating of improbable means that the source material is unlikely to be in or below the soil. The ratings for sand and gravel do not consider the quality of the source material because quality depends on how the source material is to be used.

Road Fill

Road fill consists of soil material that is excavated from its original position and used in road embankments elsewhere. The evaluations for road fill are for low embankments that generally are less than 6 feet in height and are less exacting in design than high embankments such as those along superhighways. The rating is given for the whole soil, from the surface to a depth of about 5 feet, based on the assumption that soil horizons will be mixed in loading, dumping, and spreading. Soils are rated as to the amount of material available for excavation, the ease of excavation, and how well the material performs after it is in place.

Sand

Sand as a construction material is usually defined as particles ranging in size from 0.074 mm (sieve #200) to 4.75 mm (sieve #4) in diameter. Sand is used in great quantities in many kinds of construction. Specifications for each purpose vary widely. The intent of this rating is to show only the probability of finding material in suitable quantity. The suitability of the sand for specific purposes is not evaluated. If the lowest layer of the soil contains sand, the soil is rated as a probable source regardless of thickness. The assumption is that the sand layer below the depth of observation exceeds the minimum thickness.

Gravel

Gravel as a construction material is defined as particles ranging in size from 4.76 mm (sieve #4) to 76 mm (3 inches) in diameter.

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Topsoil

The term "topsoil" has several meanings. As used here, the term describes soil material used to cover an area so as to improve soil conditions for establishment and maintenance of adapted vegetation. Generally, the upper part of the soil, which is richest in organic matter, is most desirable; however, material excavated from deeper layers is also used. In this rating, the upper 40 inches of soil material is evaluated for use as topsoil. In the

borrow area, the material below 40 inches is evaluated for its suitability for plant growth after the upper 40 inches is removed. The soil properties that are used to rate the soil as topsoil are those that affect plant growth, the ease of excavation, loading, and spreading, and those that affect the reclamation of the borrow area.

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	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value	Rating class and limiting features	Value
14D: Knobby-----	Very limited ~depth to bedrock (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	Very limited ~depth to bedrock (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited)	1.00
	~large stones (moderately limited)	0.54	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	~large stones >25% (very limited)	1.00	~large stones (moderately limited)	0.54
							~small stones (very limited)	1.00	~cutbanks cave (slightly limited)	0.29
Rock outcrop---	Not rated		Not rated		Not rated		Not rated		Not rated	
14F: Knobby-----	Very limited ~depth to bedrock (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~depth to bedrock (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited)	1.00
	~slope (very limited)	1.00	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~slope (very limited)	1.00	~slope (very limited)	1.00
	~large stones (moderately limited)	0.33	~small stones (bottom layer)	0.99	~small stones (bottom layer)	0.99	~small stones (very limited)	1.00	~large stones (moderately limited)	0.33
Rock outcrop---	Not rated		Not rated		Not rated		Not rated		Not rated	
16G: Brussels-----	Very limited ~slope (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~small stones (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~small stones (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~slope (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~slope (very limited)	1.00
	~large stones (very limited)	1.00	~small stones (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	~large stones >25% (very limited)	1.00	~large stones (very limited)	1.00
	~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	0.45	~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	~small stones (bottom layer)	1.00	~too clayey (very limited)	1.00	~too clayey (moderately limited)	0.38
Rock outcrop---	Not rated		Not rated		Not rated		Not rated		Not rated	

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18D: Gasconade-----	Very limited ~depth to bedrock (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~small stones (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~depth to bedrock (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited)	1.00
	~large stones (very limited)	1.00	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~small stones (bottom layer)	1.00	~large stones >25% (very limited)	1.00	~large stones (very limited)	1.00
	~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	0.45	~small stones (thickest layer)	1.00	~possible source (bottom layer)	0.42	~small stones (very limited)	1.00	~cutbanks cave (slightly limited)	0.29
Gatewood-----	Very limited ~low strength (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~depth to bedrock (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited)	1.00
	~depth to bedrock (very limited)	1.00	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~too clayey (very limited)	1.00	~wetness (very limited)	1.00
	~shrink-swell (very limited)	1.00					~wetness (slightly limited)	0.26	~too clayey (very limited)	1.00
Rock outcrop---	Not rated		Not rated		Not rated		Not rated		Not rated	
18F: Gasconade-----	Very limited ~depth to bedrock (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~small stones (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~depth to bedrock (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited)	1.00
	~large stones (very limited)	1.00	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~small stones (bottom layer)	1.00	~slope (very limited)	1.00	~slope (very limited)	1.00
	~slope (very limited)	1.00	~small stones (thickest layer)	1.00	~possible source (bottom layer)	0.42	~small stones (very limited)	1.00	~large stones (very limited)	1.00
Gatewood-----	Very limited ~low strength (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	Very limited ~slope (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited)	1.00
	~depth to bedrock (very limited)	1.00	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	~too clayey (very limited)	1.00	~slope (very limited)	1.00
	~shrink-swell (very limited)	1.00					~depth to bedrock (limited)	0.89	~wetness (very limited)	1.00
Rock outcrop---	Not rated		Not rated		Not rated		Not rated		Not rated	

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24C: Ocie-----	Very limited ~low strength (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	Very limited ~too clayey (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited)	1.00
	~shrink-swell (limited)	0.88	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	~small stones (limited)	0.72	~too clayey (very limited)	1.00
	~depth to bedrock (moderately limited)	0.42					~wetness (slightly limited)	0.26	~wetness (very limited)	1.00
Gatewood-----	Very limited ~low strength (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~too clayey (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited)	1.00
	~depth to bedrock (very limited)	1.00	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~depth to bedrock (limited)	0.83	~wetness (very limited)	1.00
	~shrink-swell (very limited)	1.00					~large stones (limited)	0.80	~too clayey (very limited)	1.00
24E: Gatewood-----	Very limited ~depth to bedrock (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	Not Rated		Very limited ~hard bedrock <40" (very limited)	1.00
	~slope (moderately limited)	0.50	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Not Rated		~wetness (very limited)	1.00
	~wetness (slightly limited)	0.26					Not Rated		~too clayey (very limited)	1.00
Ocie-----	Very limited ~low strength (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	Very limited ~too clayey (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~too clayey (very limited)	1.00
	~shrink-swell (limited)	0.94	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	~slope (very limited)	1.00	~wetness (very limited)	1.00
	~slope (limited)	0.67					~small stones (limited)	0.72	~slope (very limited)	1.00

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44D: Clarksville----	Slightly limited ~shrink-swell (slightly limited)	0.15	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00 1.00	Possible source ~possible source (bottom layer) ~possible source (thickest layer)	0.50 0.33	Very limited ~small stones (very limited) ~area reclaim (very limited) ~too acid (limited)	1.00 1.00 0.60	Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~too clayey (limited) ~slope (slightly limited)	1.00 0.89 0.04
45F: Hailey-----	Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (very limited)	1.00 0.99	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~small stones (thickest layer)	1.00 1.00 0.66	Limited ~small stones (thickest layer) ~small stones (bottom layer) ~possible source (thickest layer)	0.66 0.66 0.50	Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~small stones (very limited) ~area reclaim (very limited)	1.00 1.00 1.00	Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~large stones (very limited) ~cutbanks cave (slightly limited)	1.00 0.99 0.29
46F: Rueter-----	Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~shrink-swell (slightly limited)	1.00 0.18	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00 1.00	Possible source ~excess fines (bottom layer) ~possible source (thickest layer)	0.99 0.33	Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~small stones (very limited) ~area reclaim (very limited)	1.00 1.00 1.00	Very limited ~slope (very limited) ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~too clayey (limited)	1.00 1.00 0.89
Rock outcrop---	Not rated		Not rated		Not rated		Not rated		Not rated	
55B: Britwater-----	Limited ~low strength (limited) ~shrink-swell (slightly limited)	0.78 0.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00 1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer) ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00 1.00	Very limited ~small stones (very limited) ~too clayey (limited) ~too acid (slightly limited)	1.00 0.96 0.12	Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited) ~too clayey (moderately limited)	1.00 0.41

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55C: Britwater-----	Not limited		Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~area reclaim (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited)	1.00
			~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~small stones (limited)	0.88		
							~too clayey (moderately limited)	0.50		
57B: Lecoma-----	Moderately limited ~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	0.45	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	Moderately limited ~too clayey (moderately limited)	0.33	Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited)	1.00
	~low strength (slightly limited)	0.22	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00				
66A: Huntington-----	Slightly limited ~low strength (slightly limited)	0.22	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	Moderately limited ~too clayey (moderately limited)	0.33	Moderately limited ~flooding (moderately limited)	0.60
			~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00			~cutbanks cave (slightly limited)	0.29
76A: Racket-----	Very limited ~low strength (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	Slightly limited ~too clayey (slightly limited)	0.17	Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited)	1.00
	~shrink-swell (moderately limited)	0.45	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00			~wetness (limited)	0.95
									~flooding (moderately limited)	0.60

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81B: Viraton-----	Moderately limited ~wetness (moderately limited)	0.48	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~dense layer <20" (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~dense layer <20" (very limited)	1.00
	~low strength (slightly limited)	0.22	~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~small stones (bottom layer)	1.00	~wetness (moderately limited)	0.48	~cutbanks cave (very limited)	1.00
			~small stones (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (bottom layer)	0.62	~too clayey (slightly limited)	0.17	~wetness (very limited)	1.00
93A: Cedargap-----	Not limited		Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Possible source ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~area reclaim (very limited)	1.00	Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited)	1.00
			~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~possible source (bottom layer)	0.46	~small stones (very limited)	1.00	~flooding (moderately limited)	0.60
							~large stones (slightly limited)	0.24		
95A: Kaintuck-----	Not limited		Very limited ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	Moderately limited ~too sandy (moderately limited)	0.50	Moderately limited ~flooding (moderately limited)	0.60
			~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00			~cutbanks cave (slightly limited)	0.29
96A: Sandbur-----	Not limited		Possible source ~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00	Very limited ~excess fines (bottom layer)	1.00	Limited ~too sandy (limited)	0.69	Very limited ~cutbanks cave (very limited)	1.00
			~possible source (bottom layer)	0.08	~excess fines (thickest layer)	1.00			~flooding (moderately limited)	0.60
99: Pits, quarries-	Not rated		Not rated		Not rated		Not rated		Not rated	

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AED: Orthent-----	Not rated									
M-W: Water-----	Not rated									
W: Water-----	Not rated									