

## Construction Material

### General

Soils are rated as sources for roadfill, topsoil, sand, and gravel. Suitability ratings of good, fair, or poor are given for soils used as a source of roadfill 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.

### Roadfill

Roadfill consists of soil material that is excavated from its original position and used in road embankments elsewhere. The evaluations for roadfill 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. Gravel 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 gravel for specific purposes is not evaluated. If the lowest layer of the soil contains gravel, the soil is rated as a probable source regardless of thickness. The assumption is that the gravel layer below the depth of observation exceeds the minimum thickness.

### 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.

See the National Soil Survey Handbook, Part 620, for criteria used in rating specific uses

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<b>Soil name and map symbol</b>	<b>Roadfill</b>	<b>Sand</b>	<b>Gravel</b>	<b>Topsoil</b>
<b>AdB</b> ADAMS	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
<b>AdC</b> ADAMS	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
<b>Bd</b> BIDDEFORD	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
<b>BfB</b> BRAYTON	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
<b>BgB</b> BRAYTON	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
<b>BhB</b> BRAYTON	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
<b>BSB</b> BRAYTON	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
COLONEL	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>BTB</b> BRAYTON	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,

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<b>BTB</b> COLONEL	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>BwC</b> BUXTON	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey.
<b>BwD</b> BUXTON	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, too clayey.
<b>Ch</b> CHARLES	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: wetness.
<b>CoB</b> COLTON	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: small stones, too sandy.
<b>CoC</b> COLTON	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: small stones, too sandy.
<b>CoE</b> COLTON	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: slope, small stones, too sandy.
<b>CRE</b> COLTON	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: slope, small stones, too sandy.
ADAMS	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: slope, too sandy.

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<b>CSC</b> COLTON	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: small stones, too sandy.
ADAMS	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: too sandy.
SHEEPSHOT	Fair: wetness.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
<b>DaB</b> DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>DaC</b> DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>DbC</b> DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>DsB</b> DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
COLONEL	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>DtB</b> DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.

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<b>DtB</b> COLONEL	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>DWB</b> DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
COLONEL	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
TUNBRIDGE	Poor: area reclaim.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>Go</b> GOULDSBORO	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: excess salt, wetness.
<b>Gt</b> GOULDSBORO	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: excess salt, wetness.
BEACHES	Poor: wetness.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
<b>HcC</b> HERMON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
COLTON	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: small stones, too sandy.

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<b>HcC</b> ROCK OUTCROP	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock.
<b>HmB</b> HERMON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
MONADNOCK	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Fair: small stones.
<b>HmC</b> HERMON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
MONADNOCK	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Fair: slope, small stones.
<b>HtB</b> HERMON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
MONADNOCK	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: small stones.
<b>HtC</b> HERMON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
MONADNOCK	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: small stones.

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<b>HtE</b> HERMON	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
MONADNOCK	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: slope, small stones.
<b>HVC</b> HERMON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
MONADNOCK	Good.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: small stones.
DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>HVE</b> HERMON	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
MONADNOCK	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: slope, small stones.
DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>Kn</b> KINSMAN	Poor: wetness.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: small stones, wetness.

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<b>KW</b> KINSMAN	Poor: wetness.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: small stones, wetness.
WONSQUEAK	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
<b>LaB</b> LAMOINE	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
<b>LbB</b> LAMOINE	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
SCANTIC	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
<b>LCB</b> LAMOINE	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
SCANTIC	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
BUXTON	Poor: low strength.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey.
<b>LgB</b> LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.

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<b>LgB</b> BRAYTON	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
<b>LHC</b> LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
BRAYTON	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones,
SCHOODIC	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>LsE</b> LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
SCHOODIC	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
<b>LTE</b> LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
SCHOODIC	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
ROCK OUTCROP	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope.

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<b>LuC</b> LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
TUNBRIDGE	Poor: area reclaim.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>LWC</b> LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
TUNBRIDGE	Poor: area reclaim.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
SCHOODIC	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>MaC</b> MARLOW	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>MaD</b> MARLOW	Fair: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
<b>MbC</b> MARLOW	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>MbE</b> MARLOW	Poor: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.

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<b>McC</b> MARLOW	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>McE</b> MARLOW	Poor: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, slope, small stones.
<b>MDC</b> MARLOW	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>MDE</b> MARLOW	Poor: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: slope, small stones.
DIXFIELD	Fair: slope, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, slope, small stones.
<b>MGC</b> MARLOW	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>MGE</b> MARLOW	Poor: slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, slope, small stones.

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<b>MGE</b> DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>MhC</b> MONADNOCK	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: large stones, small stones.
HERMON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
<b>MhE</b> MONADNOCK	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: large stones, slope, small stones.
HERMON	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
<b>MXC</b> MONADNOCK	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: large stones, small stones.
HERMON	Fair: large stones.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>MXE</b> MONADNOCK	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: large stones, slope, small stones.

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<b>MXE</b> HERMON	Poor: slope.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.
<b>NaB</b> NASKEAG	Poor: depth to rock, wetness.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: small stones, too sandy, wetness.
SCHOODIC	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>NBB</b> NASKEAG	Poor: depth to rock, wetness.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: small stones, too sandy, wetness.
SCHOODIC	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>NcB</b> NICHOLVILLE	Poor: frost action.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Good.
<b>NcC</b> NICHOLVILLE	Poor: frost action.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Fair: slope.

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<b>Ps</b> PITS	Good.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
<b>Sa</b> SCANTIC	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
<b>SB</b> SCANTIC	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
BIDDEFORD	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
<b>SdB</b> SCANTIC	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
LAMOINE	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
<b>SEB</b> SCANTIC	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
LAMOINE	Poor: low strength, wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: too clayey, wetness.
DIXFIELD	Fair: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones.

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<b>sfc</b> SCHOODIC	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
ROCK OUTCROP	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock.
<b>sfE</b> SCHOODIC	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
ROCK OUTCROP	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope.
<b>SGE</b> SCHOODIC	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
ROCK OUTCROP	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope.
LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock, slope.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, slope, small stones.
<b>SKC</b> SCHOODIC	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
ROCK OUTCROP	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock.

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<b>SKC</b> NASKEAG	Poor: depth to rock, wetness.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: too sandy.	Poor: small stones, too sandy, wetness.
<b>SmB</b> SHEEPSCOT	Fair: wetness.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
<b>SoB</b> SHEEPSCOT	Fair: wetness.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
<b>SoC</b> SHEEPSCOT	Fair: wetness.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
<b>SrB</b> SHEEPSCOT	Fair: wetness.	Probable.	Probable.	Poor: area reclaim, small stones, too
ROCK OUTCROP	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: depth to rock.
<b>ThC</b> THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
WINNECOOK	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>TuB</b> TUNBRIDGE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.

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<b>TuB</b> LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, depth to rock, small
<b>TuC</b> TUNBRIDGE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, depth to rock, small
<b>TWC</b> TUNBRIDGE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
LYMAN	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: area reclaim, depth to rock, small
MARLOW	Good.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
<b>Ud</b> UDORTHENTS	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.
URBAN LAND	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.	Limitation: variable.
<b>WA</b> WASKISH	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess humus.	Improbable: excess humus.	Poor: excess humus, too acid, wetness.

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The information in this table indicates the dominant soil condition but does not eliminate the need for onsite investigation. Absence of an entry indicates that no rating is applicable.

<b>Soil name and map symbol</b>	<b>Roadfill</b>	<b>Sand</b>	<b>Gravel</b>	<b>Topsoil</b>
<b>WA</b> SEBAGO	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess humus.	Improbable: excess humus.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
<b>WkC</b> WINNECOOK	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: small stones.
THORNDIKE	Poor: depth to rock.	Improbable: thin layer.	Improbable: thin layer.	Poor: depth to rock, small stones.
<b>Wo</b> WONSQUEAK	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
<b>Ws</b> WONSQUEAK	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
BUCKSPORT	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess humus.	Improbable: excess humus.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
<b>WT</b> WONSQUEAK	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess fines.	Improbable: excess fines.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
BUCKSPORT	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess humus.	Improbable: excess humus.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.
SEBAGO	Poor: wetness.	Improbable: excess humus.	Improbable: excess humus.	Poor: excess humus, wetness.