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Table 1: Common Minerals in Igneous Rocks

Olivine, p. 3-13	Alkali Feldspar, p. 391-430
Titanite, p. 27-30	Plagioclase, p. 431-456
Orthopyroxene, p. 143-165	Hematite-Ilmenite, p. 540-547
Pigeonite, p. 166-169	Magnetite-Ulvospinel, p. 558-568
Clinopyroxene, p. 170-186	Apatite, p. 663-669
Amphibole, p.223-231, 248-260	Glass
Biotite, p. 279-287, 298-307	Nepheline, p. 473-485
White Micas, p. 288-295	Leucite, p. 488-495
Chlorite, Serpentine, p. 332-352	Aenigmatite, p. 221-222
Quartz, p. 457-472	Aegirine-augite, p. 196-200

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Table 2: General Mineralogical Characterization of Igneous Rocks.

Limits of Mafic Index	Rock Type
MI < 35	Felsic or leucocratic
35 < MI < 65	Mesocratic
65 < MI < 90	Mafic or melanocratic
90 < MI	Ultramafic

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Table 3: Oxides reported in traditional “Complete” analyses of igneous rocks and their approximate range. Values are in weight %.

Oxide	Range	Comment
SiO ₂	35% - 80%	Generally most abundant oxide with largest range.
TiO ₂	0 - 5%	Minor oxide.
Al ₂ O ₃	5% - 20%	Generally second most abundant oxide
Fe ₂ O ₃	0 - 17%	Fe ₂ O ₃ /FeO ratio varies with weathering, oxidation and alteration.
FeO		
MnO	0 - 1%	Minor oxide
MgO	0 - 40%	Usual range is 0 - 10. High values in rare and SiO ₂ -poor rocks
CaO	0 - 40%	
Na ₂ O	0 - 10%	Most common alkali oxides. Na ₂ O may be lost on eruption.
K ₂ O	0 - 10%	
P ₂ O ₅	0 - 5%	Minor oxide. Resides in apatite in most igneous rocks.
H ₂ O+	0 - 2%	Difficult to measure accurately. Driven off above 110°C.
H ₂ O-	0 - 1%	Absorbed H ₂ O. Driven off at 110°C.

Table 4: General Chemical Classification of Igneous Rocks

Class Limits	Rock Name
Wt % SiO ₂ > 63%	Acidic
63% > Wt % SiO ₂ > 52%	Intermediate
52% > Wt % SiO ₂ > 45%	Basic
45% > Wt % SiO ₂	Ultrabasic

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Table 5: Thompson Components in Basalt and Amphibolite Assemblages

Initial Assemblage:			Metamorphic Assemblages:		
<u>Additive Components</u>					
(Di)	Diopside	$\text{CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6$	(Di)	Diopside	$\text{CaMgSi}_2\text{O}_6$
(An)	Anorthite	$\text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$	(An)	Anorthite	$\text{CaAl}_2\text{Si}_2\text{O}_8$
(Ap)	Apatite	$\text{Ca}_5\text{P}_3\text{O}_{12}(\text{OH})$	(Ap)	Apatite	$\text{Ca}_5\text{P}_3\text{O}_{12}(\text{OH})$
			(Tr)	Tremolite	$\text{Ca}_2\text{Mg}_5\text{Si}_8\text{O}_{22}(\text{OH})_2$
			(Q)	Quartz	SiO_2
			(Gr)	Grossular	$\text{Ca}_3\text{Al}_2\text{Si}_3\text{O}_{12}$
<u>Exchange Components</u>					
MgCa_{-1}		(<i>mc</i>)	MgCa_{-1}		(<i>mc</i>)
$\text{Al}_2\text{Mg}_{-1}\text{Si}_{-1}$		(<i>tk</i>)	$\text{Al}_2\text{Mg}_{-1}\text{Si}_{-1}$		(<i>tk</i>)
$\text{NaSiCa}_{-1}\text{Al}_{-1}$		(<i>pl</i>)	$\text{NaSiCa}_{-1}\text{Al}_{-1}$		(<i>pl</i>)
FeMg_{-1}		(<i>fm</i>)	FeMg_{-1}		(<i>fm</i>)
KNa_{-1}		(<i>kn</i>)	KNa_{-1}		(<i>kn</i>)
MgTiAl_{-2}		(<i>mt</i>)	MgTiAl_{-2}		(<i>mt</i>)
FeAl_{-1}		(<i>fa</i>)	FeAl_{-1}		(<i>fa</i>)
MnMg_{-1}		(<i>mm</i>)	MnMg_{-1}		(<i>mm</i>)
BaCa_{-1}		(<i>bc</i>)	NaAlSi_{-1}		(<i>ed</i>)
			BaCa_{-1}		(<i>bc</i>)

The initial, pre-metamorphic, assemblage is a hypothetical assemblage expected for a basaltic composition.

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Table 6: Compositions of Three Valley Gap Amphibolites, in wt%, and their Thompson Components

	BR-2	BR-3	BR-4	BR-5
SiO ₂	53.60	52.80	55.14	51.36
TiO ₂	0.61	0.63	0.68	0.67
Al ₂ O ₃	14.06	14.47	14.49	14.57
Fe ₂ O ₃	1.04	1.22	1.30	1.29
FeO	7.33	7.75	7.71	8.35
MnO	0.17	0.12	0.12	0.18
MgO	7.92	7.33	5.98	8.16
CaO	10.83	10.65	8.93	10.42
Na ₂ O	1.83	2.57	2.84	2.34
K ₂ O	0.60	0.65	1.03	0.97
P ₂ O ₅	0.16	0.08	0.10	0.10
Total	98.15	98.27	98.32	98.41
Thompson Components, normalized to 100 moles of oxygen atoms				
Di	3.803	6.291	2.965	8.530
An	9.603	7.760	10.249	6.075
<i>mc</i>	3.974	3.713	3.488	4.394
<i>tk</i>	-2.815	-0.289	-2.497	1.500
<i>pl</i>	2.593	3.512	4.083	3.510
<i>fm</i>	3.685	3.916	3.860	4.245
<i>kn</i>	0.460	0.501	0.787	0.752
<i>mt</i>	0.276	0.286	0.306	0.306
<i>fa</i>	0.471	0.555	0.586	0.590
<i>mm</i>	0.087	0.061	0.061	0.093
Ap	0.027	0.014	0.017	0.017

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Table 7: Molar Volumes of Thompson Components (cm³)

	Q	An	CDi	ODi	Tr	Gr	Ap
V_{ad}	22.69	100.79	66.19	66.19	272.70	125.35	159.20
<i>mc</i>			-3.5500	-3.5500	-4.0100	-4.0567	
<i>tk</i>			-2.6300	-2.6300	0.2400		
<i>pl</i>		-0.3600	-3.1600	-3.1600	-1.3800		
<i>fm</i>			2.1100	1.6400	1.9660	0.6433	
<i>kn</i>		8.2900			8.2900		
<i>mt</i>			3.9600	4.4300	4.1040	5.4267	
<i>fa</i>					0.4100	1.8850	
<i>mm</i>			1.9200	3.8380	1.9200	1.6567	
<i>ed</i>					2.0700		
<i>ca</i>			1.7575	1.7575			
<i>bc</i>		9.6600					
<i>fh</i>					-1.1200		
<i>ch</i>					4.6600		

CDi = Clinodiopside, ODi = Orthodiopside.

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Table 8: Modes, recalculated into units of moles/100 moles of oxygen atoms, rock compositions, and Thompson components calculated from the measured modes, in volume percent, and from the measured mineral compositions.

	BR-2	BR-3	BR-4	BR-5
Plag	3.526	4.403	4.491	3.331
Cpx	1.799	1.498	2.988	1.520
Amph	2.336	1.947	2.073	2.443
Qtz	4.802	5.991	0.269	5.239
Rock Compositions calculated from modes and mineral compositions				
	(Wt %)			
SiO ₂	51.89	54.01	50.04	52.66
TiO ₂	0.52	0.49	0.60	0.50
Al ₂ O ₃	14.49	14.88	14.60	13.82
FeO	8.53	8.47	9.14	9.30
MnO	0.18	0.18	0.22	0.18
MgO	8.48	6.88	8.12	8.08
CaO	12.44	10.84	12.66	11.56
Na ₂ O	1.85	2.59	2.90	2.10
K ₂ O	0.56	0.66	0.68	0.70
H ₂ O ⁺	1.05	1.01	1.04	1.09
Initial Thompson Components				
Di	8.268	5.867	13.408	7.994
An	6.299	5.100	2.444	6.505
<i>mc</i>	3.923	3.505	3.588	4.011
<i>tk</i>	0.394	-0.880	5.078	0.149
<i>pl</i>	2.596	3.509	3.973	2.999
<i>fn</i>	4.307	4.240	4.676	4.703
<i>kn</i>	0.434	0.502	0.530	0.542
<i>mt</i>	0.238	0.218	0.274	0.299
<i>mm</i>	0.094	0.090	0.115	0.093

Abbreviations of mineral names are from Kretz (1983) except for Amph = amphibole.