



PHYSICAL ROCK PROPERTY VALUES FOR SELECTED ROCK TYPES,
SOUTHWESTERN CORNER, WISEMAN QUADRANGLE, ALASKA

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EXPLANATION

During the 1977 summer field season the Alaska Division of Geological and Geophysical Surveys initiated a reconnaissance geo-physical sampling program in the Wiseman quadrangle. Selected rock types were collected for obtaining physical rock property values and establishing a geophysical data base for geologic terrains within the southern Brooks Range schist belt. A limited and selective sampling net was initiated to provide background information for possible future detailed sampling programs with the realization that physical properties of rocks are commonly subject to wide and extreme fluctuations over short distances.

Sixty-six rock samples from the southwestern corner of the Wiseman quadrangle were collected and analyzed. Physical rock property measurements included natural remanent magnetization (NRM) of the oriented samples, volume magnetic susceptibility, bulk rock density, and resistivity values by conventional laboratory techniques. The collection sites for all rock samples were transferred from 1:63,360-scale field sheets and plotted onto a 1:125,000-scale same location map.

The NRM of 37 cored samples were determined with a static fluxgate magnetometer. AC magnetization of the rock samples was used. The volume susceptibility measurements (χ) were made with a magnetic susceptibility bridge instrument operating at a frequency of 400 Hz (μ values: $\pm 20 \times 10^{-6}$ cgs units). The density values (ρ) were determined for bulk rock densities at a buoyancy method (ρ values: ± 0.01 grams per cm 3). The resistivity determinations (σ) were made in the time domain ($T = 2.0$ sec. $T_p = 450$ millisecond, and $T_w = 65$ millisecond) and frequency domain (0.1 and 1.0 Hz). Resistivity (ohm-meter) is the inverse of rock conductivity (σ). Table 1 shows sample location numbers, magnetization values, bulk rock density and resistivity values for each collection site. Table 2 lists the map number, sample designation, and a brief field description of each rock sample.

The directions of NRM for selected rock types were plotted on an equal-area stereographic projection (Fig. 1) and the direction of the NRM vector was defined by declination referenced to magnetic north and inclination referenced to the horizontal (positive above and negative below) (Fig. 2).

Table 1. ROCK PHYSICAL PROPERTY LABORATORY DETERMINATIONS*

Map No.	Sample Designation	Core Orientation	Natural Remanent Magnetization (NRM)		(D) Bulk Density grams/cm 3	No. in samples
			Magnetic Anisotropy degrees	Inclination degrees		
1	77 DN 137	175	26	-24	2.80	2
2	77 PE 304	343	3.00	339	2.80	3
3	77 DN 138	180	1.17	345	2.80	4
4	77 DN 58	310	8.24	66	2.80	5
5	77 DN 139	326	9.4	158	2.80	6
6	77 DN 140	185	1.04	158	2.80	7
7	77 PE 45	185	52	109	2.80	8
8	77 PE 120	270	4.12	344	2.80	9
9	77 DN 46	200	46	82	2.84	10
10	77 DN 134	328	63	125	2.84	11
11	77 SWI 37	347	28	235	2.84	12
12	77 SWI 38	352	45	145	2.84	13
13	77 DN 26	320	78	117	2.84	14
14	77 DN 37	97	54	152	2.84	15
15	77 DN 67	335	45	335	2.84	16
16	77 SWI 36	175	33	313	2.84	17
17	77 SWI 35	245	52	151	2.84	18
18	77 SWI 34	13	45	183	2.84	19
19	77 SWI 39	150	10	155	2.84	20
20	77 DN 70	180	13	235	2.84	21
21	77 DN 153	265	38	293	2.84	22
22	77 SWI 40	100	1.09	2240	2.84	23
23	77 DN 66	240	68	303	2.84	24
24	77 SWI 41	41	5.48	303	2.84	25
25	77 DN 166	185	46	299	2.84	26
26	77 SWI 31	145	19	240	2.84	27
27	77 DN 86	280	64	269	2.84	28
28	77 SWI 37	97	51	315	2.84	29
29	77 DN 37	156	53	304	2.84	30
30	77 DN 152	115	10	171	2.84	31
31	77 BI 66	225	70	1280	2.84	32
32	77 DN 192	70	85	2430	2.84	33
33	77 BI 67	130	35	213	2.84	34
34	77 PE 77	343	13	275	2.84	35
35	77 BI 68	145	5	245	2.84	36
36	77 DN 69	225	58	5.835+00	2.84	37
37	77 DN 145	310	64	5.835+00	2.84	38
38	77 SWI 35B	97	5.48	4.92	2.84	39
39	77 SWI 36	100	5.48	4.92	2.84	40
40	77 SWI 37	135	5.48	4.92	2.84	41
41	77 SWI 32B	97	5.48	4.92	2.84	42
42	77 SWI 32C	130	5.48	4.92	2.84	43
43	77 SWI 32D	130	5.48	4.92	2.84	44
44	77 PE 77	343	13	275	2.84	45
45	77 SWI 35B	97	5.48	4.92	2.84	46
46	77 SWI 43	70	5.48	4.92	2.84	47
47	77 SWI 37	135	5.48	4.92	2.84	48
48	77 SWI 37	135	5.48	4.92	2.84	49
49	77 SWI 42	97	5.48	4.92	2.84	50
50	77 SWI 43	70	5.48	4.92	2.84	51
51	77 BI 30	225	58	5.835+00	2.84	52
52	77 SWI 27	70	85	2430	2.84	53
53	77 BI 32	130	35	213	2.84	54
54	77 SWI 29B	97	5.48	4.92	2.84	55
55	77 BI 31A	145	5	245	2.84	56
56	77 SWI 31B	130	5.48	4.92	2.84	57
57	77 SWI 32A	130	5.48	4.92	2.84	58
58	77 SWI 25A	97	5.48	4.92	2.84	59
59	77 SWI 23B	97	5.48	4.92	2.84	60
60	77 SWI 33X	97	5.48	4.92	2.84	61
61	77 BI 50	165	58	5.835+00	2.84	62
62	77 SWI 24X	97	5.48	4.92	2.84	63
63	77 BI 52	130	35	213	2.84	64
64	77 SWI 26	97	5.48	4.92	2.84	65
65	77 BI 53	145	5	245	2.84	66
66	77 SWI 33X	97	5.48	4.92	2.84	67

* No orientation on sample.

† Probable sample; not possible to prepare for measurement.

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Fig. 1. Stereographic plot of directions of NRM for Paleozoic and Precambrian (?) rocks, SW corner of Wiseman quadrangle, Alaska. Data not corrected for regional geologic dip. Equal-area projection, lower hemisphere (x) and upper hemisphere (o).

Fig. 2. Direction of NRM for 37 rock samples, SW corner of Wiseman quadrangle, Alaska. Data not corrected for geologic dip.

