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1963–present

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SEARCH FIELDS

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Abstract	AB	ab(soil near/1 geomorphic)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Use adjacency and/or Boolean operators to narrow search results.
Accession number	AN	an(2010-043847)	Yes	No	No	Yes	A unique document identification number.
All fields	ALL	all(monograph* and fossil* and australia*)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Use adjacency and/or Boolean operators to narrow search results.
Author	AU	au(brett, robin)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Includes all Authors.
First author	FAU	fau(brett, robin)	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	First author is included in Author browse, but its position cannot be specified in the Author browse.
Corporate author	CA	ca(geological survey western australia)	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Author affiliation	AF	af("bureau of economic geology")	Yes	No	No	Yes	Displays in Source Details field.
Availability	AV	av(geological survey western australia)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Displays in Notes field.
Classification	CC	cc(29a) cc("economic geology")	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Use either Classification codes or names.
CODEN	CODEN	coden(cagpav)	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Conference information	CF	cf(economic environmental sustainability pakistan)	Yes	No	No	Yes	

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Copyright	CY	cy(georef)	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Country of publication	CP	cp(united kingdom)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Displays in Publisher field.
Date of last update	LUPD	lupd(2010101 - 20110201) lupd(2010101:20110201) lupd(2011-01-17)	No	No	No	Yes	Date.
Document feature	DF	df(map*) df(photograph)	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Document title	TI	ti("united states earthquakes") ti("united states" near/4 earthquake*)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Use adjacency and/or Boolean operators to narrow search results.
Document type	DTYPE	dtype(abstract)	No	Yes	No	Yes	
DOI (Digital Object Identifier)	DOI	doi(10.1016/j.geomorph.2011.02.013)	No	No	No	Yes	
Editor	ED	ed("smith, bernard j")	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Format covered	FC	fc(map)	Yes	No	No	No	
Holding library	HL	hl(geological survey)	Yes	No	No	No	
ISSN	ISSN	issn(0590-7403)	No	No	No	Yes	Hyphens are optional.
Issue	ISS	iss(3)	No	No	No	Yes	
Language	LA	la(french)	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	
Summary language	SL	sl(english)	Yes	No	No	No	
Last update date	LUPD	lupd(20111201) lupd(20110901-20110930) lupd(20110901:20110930)	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Latitude & longitude	LL	ll(n185600)	Yes	No	No	No	
Location	LOC	loc(canada)	No	No	No	Yes	
Map	MP	mp(topograph*)	Yes	No	No	No	
Monograph title	MT	mt("petrophysical properties of crystalline rocks")	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Notes	NT	nt(photograph*) nt(appendices) nt(correction)	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Pagination	PG	pg(5-9)	No	No	No	Yes	The start page is searchable on the Look Up Citation page.

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Publication date	PD	pd(20081001) pd(2008-01-15) pd(20100101-20101231)	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Publication title	PUB	pub("geological society special publications")	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	
Publication year	YR	yr(2007) yr(2009-2010) yr(2009:2010)	No	Yes	No	Yes	
Publisher	PB	pb(percagon)	Yes	No	No	Yes	
Report number	RP	rp(of 2011-1022)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Retain exact spacing and hyphens.
Resource location	RL	rl(national)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Searches and displays URL.
Sponsor	SP	sp(geological survey)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Displays in Publisher field.
Subject	SU	su("stony meteorites")	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Subject terms may be selected from the online thesaurus.
Tag	TAG	tag(precambrian)	Yes	No	No	Yes	User-added tags are displayed at the bottom of the record.
Document title	TI	ti("united states earthquakes") ti("united states" near/4 earthquake*)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Use adjacency and/or Boolean operators to narrow search results.
Update	UD	ud(2011-05)	Yes	No	No	Yes	Date revised by AGI.
Volume	VO	vo(4)	No	No	No	Yes	

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Document type, Language

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Subject heading

in the search options only for:

Classification

and in the fields drop-down only for:

Author, Publication title

THESAURUS

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