

ENGINEERING INDEX PROPERTIES
Nemaha County, Kansas

Engineering Index Properties table gives the engineering classifications and the range of index properties for the layers of each soil in the survey area. Depth to the upper and lower boundaries of each layer is indicated. Texture is given in the standard terms used by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. These terms are defined according to percentages of sand, silt, and clay in the fraction of the soil that is less than 2 millimeters in diameter. Loam, for example, is soil that is 7 to 27 percent clay, 28 to 50 percent silt, and less than 52 percent sand. If the content of particles coarser than sand is 15 percent or more, an appropriate modifier is added, for example, gravelly. Textural terms are defined in the Glossary.

Classification of the soils is determined according to the Unified soil classification system (ASTM, 1998) and the system adopted by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO, 1998). The Unified system classifies soils according to properties that affect their use as construction material. Soils are classified according to particle-size distribution of the fraction less than 3 inches in diameter and according to plasticity index, liquid limit, and organic matter content. Sandy and gravelly soils are identified as GW, GP, GM, GC, SW, SP, SM, and SC; silty and clayey soils as ML, CL, OL, MH, CH, and OH; and highly organic soils as PT. Soils exhibiting engineering properties of two groups can have a dual classification, for example, CL-ML.

The AASHTO system classifies soils according to those properties that affect roadway construction and maintenance. In this system, the fraction of a mineral soil that is less than 3 inches in diameter is classified in one of seven groups from A-1 through A-7 on the basis of particle-size distribution, liquid limit, and plasticity index. Soils in group A-1 are coarse grained and low in content of fines (silt and clay). At the other extreme, soils in group A-7 are fine grained. Highly organic soils are classified in group A-8 on the basis of visual inspection. If laboratory data are available, the A-1, A-2, and A-7 groups are further classified as A-1-a, A-1-b, A-2-4, A-2-5, A-2-6, A-2-7, A-7-5, or A-7-6. As an additional refinement, the suitability of a soil as subgrade material can be indicated by a group index number. Group index numbers range from 0 for the best subgrade material to 20 or higher for the poorest. The AASHTO classification for soils tested, with group index numbers in parentheses, is given in Engineering Index Properties table.

Rock fragments larger than 10 inches in diameter and 3 to 10 inches in diameter are indicated as a percentage of the total soil on a dry-weight basis. The percentages are estimates determined mainly by converting volume percentage in the field to weight percentage. Percentage (of soil particles) passing designated sieves is the percentage of the soil fraction less than 3 inches in diameter based on an oven-dry weight. The sieves, numbers 4, 10, 40, and 200 (USA Standard Series), have openings of 4.76, 2.00, 0.420, and 0.074 millimeters, respectively. Estimates are based on laboratory tests of soils sampled in the survey area and in nearby areas and on estimates made in the field.

Liquid limit and plasticity index (Atterberg limits) indicate the plasticity characteristics of a soil. The estimates are based on test data from the survey area or from nearby areas and on field examination. The estimates of particle-size distribution, liquid limit, and plasticity index are generally rounded to the nearest 5 percent. Thus, if the ranges of gradation and Atterberg limits extend a marginal amount (1 or 2 percentage points) across classification boundaries, the classification in the marginal zone is generally omitted in the table.

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Map symbol and soil name	Depth	USDA texture	Classification		Fragments		Percentage passing sieve number--				Liquid limit	Plas- ticity index
			Unified	AASHTO	>10 inches	3-10 inches	4	10	40	200		
					Pct	Pct					Pct	
013AD: Aksarben-----	In											
	0-6	Silty clay loam	CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-100	36-44	16-22
	6-12	Silty clay loam	CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-100	36-44	16-22
	12-18	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-100	51-58	29-35
	18-26	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-100	51-58	29-35
	26-34	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-100	51-58	29-35
	34-42	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-100	51-58	29-35
	42-60	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-100	43-51	23-29
	60-80	Silt loam	CH, CL	A-6, A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	85-95	36-51	17-29
013AE: Aksarben-----												
	0-6	Silty clay loam	CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-100	36-44	16-22
	6-12	Silty clay loam	CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-100	36-44	16-22
	12-18	Silty clay loam	CH	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-100	51-58	29-35
	18-26	Silty clay loam	CH	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-100	51-58	29-35
	26-34	Silty clay loam	CH	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-100	51-58	29-35
	34-42	Silty clay loam	CH	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-100	51-58	29-35
	42-60	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-100	43-51	23-29
	60-80	Silt loam	CH, CL	A-6, A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	85-95	36-51	17-29
013BS: Burchard-----												
	0-9	Clay loam	CL	A-6, A-7	---	0-5	95-100	95-100	85-95	60-80	35-50	14-24
	9-13	Clay loam	CL	A-7, A-6	---	0-5	95-100	95-100	85-95	60-80	35-50	14-24
	13-19	Clay loam	CL	A-6, A-7	---	0-5	95-100	85-100	75-95	65-80	35-50	20-30
	19-29	Clay loam	CL	A-7, A-6	---	0-5	95-100	85-100	75-95	65-80	35-50	20-30
	29-37	Clay loam	CL	A-7, A-6	---	0-5	95-100	85-100	75-95	65-80	35-50	20-30
	37-60	Clay loam	CL	A-6, A-7	---	0-5	95-100	85-100	75-95	60-80	35-50	15-30
013BX: Burchard-----												
	0-9	Clay loam	CL	A-6, A-7	---	0-5	95-100	95-100	85-95	60-80	35-50	14-24
	9-19	Clay loam	CL	A-6, A-7	---	0-5	95-100	85-100	75-95	65-80	35-50	20-30
	19-29	Clay loam	CL	A-7, A-6	---	0-5	95-100	85-100	75-95	65-80	35-50	20-30
	29-37	Clay loam	CL	A-7, A-6	---	0-5	95-100	85-100	75-95	65-80	35-50	20-30
	37-60	Clay loam	CL	A-6, A-7	---	0-5	95-100	85-100	75-95	60-80	35-50	15-30
Steinauer-----												
	0-6	Clay loam	CL	A-6, A-7	0	0-5	95-100	95-100	85-100	55-90	30-50	15-25
	6-14	Clay loam	CH, CL	A-6, A-7	0	0-5	95-100	95-100	90-100	70-90	30-55	12-30
	14-80	Clay loam	CH, CL	A-6, A-7	0	0-5	95-100	95-100	90-100	60-75	25-55	10-30
013KP: Kipson-----												
	0-8	Silty clay loam	CL	A-6, A-7	0	0-25	80-100	70-100	65-100	60-95	35-45	15-20
	8-19	Silty clay loam	CL	A-6, A-7-6	0	0-25	80-100	75-100	70-100	50-95	30-45	10-20
	19-22	Weathered bedrock			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sogn-----												
	0-12	Silty clay loam	CL	A-6, A-7	0	0-10	85-100	85-100	85-100	70-100	35-45	15-20
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013MD: Martin-----												
	0-6	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	85-95	45-55	25-35
	6-12	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	85-95	45-55	25-35
	12-53	Silty clay	CH	A-7	0	0	100	100	90-100	75-95	55-70	35-45
	53-80	Silty clay	CH	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	75-95	55-70	35-45
013MT: Morrill-----												
	0-6	Loam	CL	A-4, A-6	0	0	95-100	75-100	65-100	50-80	25-40	7-20
	6-12	Loam	CL	A-4, A-6	0	0	95-100	75-100	65-100	50-80	25-40	7-20
	12-43	Loam, sandy clay loam	CL, SC	A-6, A-7-6	0	0	85-100	70-100	55-100	25-80	30-45	11-25
	43-52	Fine sandy loam	SM, SC-SM	A-2, A-4	0	0	90-100	70-100	45-85	25-50	0-25	NP-7
	52-80	Fine sandy loam, loamy fine sand, sand	SM, SC-SM	A-2, A-4	0	0	90-100	70-100	45-85	25-50	0-25	NP-7
013PD: Padonia-----												
	0-11	Silty clay loam	CL	A-7, A-6	0	0	100	100	90-100	80-95	35-45	15-20
	11-22	Silty clay	CH, CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-95	45-60	20-30
	22-32	Silty clay	CH, CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	90-95	45-60	20-30
	32-37	Silty clay loam	CL	A-7-6	0	0	100	100	90-100	80-95	45-50	20-25
	37-40	Weathered bedrock			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Martin-----												
	0-6	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	85-95	45-55	25-35
	6-12	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	85-95	45-55	25-35
	12-53	Silty clay	CH	A-7	0	0	100	100	90-100	75-95	55-70	35-45
	53-80	Silty clay	CH	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	75-95	55-70	35-45
013RE: Reading-----												
	0-18	Silt loam	CL	A-6	0	0	100	100	90-100	80-90	30-35	10-15
	18-48	Silty clay loam	CL	A-6, A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	85-95	35-45	15-20
	48-54	Silty clay loam	CL	A-6, A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	85-95	35-45	15-20
	54-80	Silty clay loam	CL	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	80-95	40-50	20-30
085CB: Clime-----												
	0-9	Silty clay	CH	A-7-6	0	0-5	90-100	90-100	85-100	80-95	50-60	25-35
	9-22	Silty clay	CH, CL	A-7	0	0	95-100	95-100	95-100	85-95	45-65	20-40
	22-35	Silty clay	CH, CL	A-7	0	0	95-100	95-100	95-100	85-95	45-60	20-30
	35-39	Unweathered bedrock			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sogn-----												
	0-12	Silty clay loam	CH, CL, MH, ML	A-6, A-7	0	0-10	85-100	85-100	85-100	70-100	25-55	10-25
	12-16	Unweathered bedrock			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

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			Unified	AASHTO	>10 inches	3-10 inches	4	10	40	200		
	In				Pct	Pct					Pct	
149CS: Clime-----	0-8 8-26 26-30	Silty clay loam Silty clay loam Unweathered bedrock	CL CH, CL	A-7-6 A-7	0 0 ---	0-5 0 ---	90-100 95-100 ---	90-100 95-100 ---	85-100 95-100 ---	80-95 85-95 ---	40-50 45-65 ---	20-25 20-40 ---
Sogn-----	0-14 14-18	Silty clay loam Unweathered bedrock	CH, CL, MH, ML	A-7, A-6	0 ---	0-10 ---	85-100 ---	85-100 ---	85-100 ---	70-100 ---	25-55 ---	10-25 ---
149WD: Wamego-----	0-10 10-27 27-31	Silt loam Silty clay loam Weathered bedrock	CL CL	A-6 A-6, A-7-6	0 0 ---	0 0 ---	100 100 ---	100 85-100 ---	90-100 80-100 ---	60-95 75-95 ---	30-40 35-50 ---	10-20 15-30 ---
149WE: Wamego-----	0-10 10-27 27-31	Silt loam Silty clay loam Weathered bedrock	CL CL	A-6 A-6, A-7-6	0 0 ---	0 0 ---	100 100 ---	100 85-100 ---	90-100 80-100 ---	60-95 75-95 ---	30-40 35-50 ---	10-20 15-30 ---
AED: Arents, Earthen Dam-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Bf: Benfield-----	0-6 6-19 19-37 37-41	Silty clay loam Silty clay Silty clay Weathered bedrock	CL CH, CL CH, CL	A-6, A-7 A-7-6 A-7-6	0 0 0 ---	0-15 0-15 0-5 ---	85-100 60-100 60-100 ---	85-100 55-100 55-100 ---	85-100 50-100 50-100 ---	75-95 50-95 50-95 ---	35-45 45-60 45-60 ---	15-20 20-30 20-30 ---
Bs: Burchard-----	0-10 10-17 17-60	Clay loam Clay loam Clay loam	CL CL CL	A-6, A-7 A-6, A-7 A-6, A-7	---	0-5 0-5 0-5	95-100 95-100 95-100	95-100 90-100 90-100	85-95 85-95 85-95	60-80 65-80 60-80	35-50 35-50 35-50	14-24 20-30 15-30
Steinauer-----	0-6 6-60	Clay loam Clay loam	CL CH, CL	A-6, A-7 A-6, A-7	0 0	0-5 0-5	95-100 95-100	95-100 90-100	85-100 85-100	55-90 60-75	30-50 25-55	15-25 10-30
Cc: Calco-----	0-17 17-60	Silty clay loam Silty clay loam	CH, CL CL	A-7 A-6, A-7	0 0	0 0	100 100	100 100	95-100 90-100	85-100 80-100	40-60 30-45	15-30 10-20
Ch: Chase-----	0-17 17-60	Silty clay loam Silty clay loam	CL CH, CL	A-6, A-7 A-6, A-7	0 0	0 0	100 100	100 100	95-100 95-100	90-100 90-100	35-45 35-60	15-25 20-40
Et: Elmont-----	0-9 9-45 45-49	Silt loam Silty clay loam Weathered bedrock	CL, CL-ML CL	A-4, A-6 A-6, A-7-6	0 0 ---	0 0 ---	100 100 ---	100 100 ---	90-100 95-100 ---	75-100 85-100 ---	25-40 35-45 ---	6-15 15-25 ---
Ke: Kennebec-----	0-48 48-60	Silt loam Silt loam	CL CL, CL-ML	A-6, A-7 A-4, A-6	0 0	0 0	100 100	100 100	95-100 95-100	90-100 90-100	25-45 25-40	10-20 5-15
Kn: Kennebec-----	0-41 41-60	Silt loam Silty clay loam	CL CL, CL-ML	A-6, A-7 A-4, A-6	0 0	0 0	100 100	100 100	95-100 95-100	90-100 90-100	25-45 25-40	10-20 5-15
Kp: Kipson-----	0-9 9-19 19-23	Silty clay loam Silty clay loam Weathered bedrock	CL CL	A-6, A-7-6 A-6, A-7-6	0 0 ---	0-25 0-25 ---	80-100 80-100 ---	70-100 75-100 ---	65-100 70-100 ---	60-95 50-95 ---	35-45 25-45 ---	15-22 10-22 ---
M-W: Miscellaneous Water-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mb: Morrill-----	0-10 10-60	Loam Clay loam	CL CL, SC	A-4, A-6 A-6, A-7-6	0 0	0 0	95-100 85-100	75-100 70-100	65-100 55-100	50-80 25-80	25-40 30-45	7-20 11-25
Me: Morrill, eroded	0-6 6-60	Clay loam Clay loam	CL CL, SC	A-4, A-6 A-6, A-7-6	0 0	0 0	95-100 85-100	75-100 70-100	65-100 55-100	50-80 25-80	25-40 30-45	7-20 11-25
Om: Olmitz-----	0-25 25-60	Loam Clay loam	CL CL	A-6 A-6	0 0	0 0	100 100	90-100 90-100	85-95 85-95	60-80 60-80	30-40 30-40	11-20 11-20
Pa: Pawnee-----	0-15 15-51 51-60	Clay loam Clay Clay loam	CL CH CH, CL	A-6 A-7 A-6, A-7	0 0 0	0 0 0	95-100 95-100 95-100	95-100 95-100 95-100	85-100 85-100 80-100	70-90 70-85 70-90	30-40 50-70 35-55	10-20 25-45 20-40
Pb: Pawnee-----	0-15 15-51 51-60	Clay loam Clay Clay loam	CL CH CH, CL	A-6 A-7 A-6, A-7	0 0 0	0 0 0	95-100 95-100 95-100	95-100 95-100 95-100	85-100 85-100 80-100	70-90 70-85 70-90	30-40 50-70 35-55	10-20 25-45 20-40
Pe: Pawnee, eroded-	0-6 6-40 40-60	Clay Clay Clay loam	CH CH CH, CL	A-7 A-7 A-6, A-7	0 0 0	0 0 0	95-100 95-100 95-100	95-100 95-100 95-100	85-100 85-100 80-100	70-85 70-85 70-90	50-70 50-70 35-55	25-45 25-45 20-40
Pt: Pits, Quarries- Re:	0-60	Variable			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Reading-----	0-15 15-41 41-60	Silt loam Silty clay loam Silty clay	CL CL CL	A-6 A-6, A-7 A-6, A-7	0 0 0	0 0 0	100 100 100	100 100 100	90-100 95-100 95-100	80-90 85-95 80-95	30-35 35-45 40-50	10-15 15-20 20-30

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	In				Pct	Pct					Pct	
Sb: Sibleyville----	0-9	Loam	CL, CL-ML	A-4, A-6	0	0	100	85-100	70-95	50-75	25-35	5-15
	9-23	Loam	CL, SC	A-6	0	0	100	85-100	70-90	30-55	30-40	11-20
	23-37	Channery loam	CL, CL-ML, SC, SC-SM	A-2, A-4, A-6	0	0-20	70-90	70-90	50-90	25-70	25-40	5-20
	37-41	Weathered bedrock			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
St: Steinauer-----	0-6	Clay loam	CL	A-6, A-7	0	0-5	95-100	95-100	85-100	55-90	30-50	15-25
Vv: Vinland Variant	6-60	Clay loam	CH, CL	A-6, A-7	0	0-5	95-100	95-100	90-100	60-75	25-55	10-30
	0-8	Loam	CL, CL-ML	A-4	0	0	95-100	90-100	85-100	85-100	20-30	5-10
	8-29	Loam	CL, CL-ML	A-4	0	0	95-100	90-100	85-100	80-90	20-30	5-10
	29-33	Weathered bedrock			---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
W: Water-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Wa: Wabash-----	0-16	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-6, A-7	0	0	100	100	100	95-100	35-55	15-35
Wb: Wymore-----	16-70	Silty clay	CH	A-7	0	0	100	100	100	95-100	52-78	30-55
	0-6	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-6, A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	95-100	35-55	11-25
	6-41	Silty clay	CH	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	95-100	55-70	30-42
	41-60	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-6, A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	85-100	35-55	20-35
Wc: Wymore-----	0-6	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-6, A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	95-100	35-55	11-25
	6-41	Silty clay	CH	A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	95-100	55-70	30-42
	41-60	Silty clay loam	CH, CL	A-6, A-7	0	0	100	100	95-100	85-100	35-55	20-35

