

AGU Reference Style

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Reference Categories and Their Required Elements

1. Article in Journal

Author(s)
Year (in parentheses)
Title of article
Journal title (in italics)
Volume number (in italics)
Page(s)

2. Article in Journal With DOI

Author(s)
Year (in parentheses)
Title of article
Journal title (in italics)
Volume number (in italics)
Issue number (in parentheses)
Page(s) (or Citation number)
DOI

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Journal titles are abbreviated according to the Chemical Abstracts Service Source Index. Write out title in full if abbreviation is not known.

Examples:

Brophy, J. G., E. M. Klein, and M. A. Stewart (1999), Textural (Nomarski interferometry) studies of plagioclase phenocryst zonation styles in MORB dikes and lavas from the north wall of the Hess Deep Rift, *Eos Trans. AGU*, 80(46), Fall Meet. Suppl., F985.

Budetta, G., and D. Carbone (1998), Temporal variations in gravity at Mt. Etna (Italy) associated with the 1989 and 1991 eruptions, *Bull. Volcanol.*, 59, 311–326.

Liu, H.-L., and J. W. Meriwether (2004), Analysis of a temperature inversion event in the lower mesosphere, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 109, D02S07, doi:10.1029/2002JD003026, in press.

Ma, J., D. W. Waugh, A. R. Douglass, S. R. Kawa, and S.-J. Lin (2003), Evaluation of the transport in the Goddard Space Flight Center three-dimensional chemical transport model using the equivalent length diagnostic, *J. Geophys. Res.*, 108(D6), 4201, doi:10.1029/2002JD002268.

Morrill, J. C., R. C. Bales, and M. H. Conklin (2001), The relationship between air temperature and stream temperature, *Eos Trans. AGU*, 82(20), Spring Meet. Suppl., Abstract H42A-09.

3. Book

Author(s)/Editor(s)
Year (in parentheses)
Book title (in italics)
Series title and vol. (if any)
Total page(s) (optional)
Publisher
Location (city and state/country)

4. Article in Book

Author(s)
Year (in parentheses)
Title of article
Book title (in italics)
Edition (if any)
Editor(s) (if any)
Page(s) of article in book

Publisher
Location (city and state/country)

Examples:

Gaines, S., P. Hataway, and S. Hipskind (Eds.) (1992), *Airborne Arctic Stratospheric Expedition II* [CD-ROM NASA/UARP-004], NASA Ames Res. Cent., Moffett Field, Calif..

McDougall, I., and T. M. Harrison (Eds.) (1999), *Geochronology and Thermochronology by the ⁴⁰Ar/ ³⁹Ar Method*, 2nd ed., 269 pp., Oxford Univ. Press, New York.

Scholz, C. H., and T. C. Hanks (2004), The strength of the San Andreas fault: A discussion, in *Rheology and Deformation of the Lithosphere at Continental Margins*, edited by G. D. Karner et al., Columbia Univ. Press, New York, in press.

Sweet, P. A. (1958), The neutral point theory of solar flares, in *Electromagnetic Phenomena in Cosmic Physics*, edited by B. Lehnert, pp. 123–134, Cambridge Univ. Press, New York.

Tullis, T., and J. Tullis (1986), Experimental rock deformation techniques, in *Mineral and Rock Deformation: Laboratory Studies, The Paterson Volume, Geophys. Monogr. Ser.*, vol. 36, edited by B. E. Hobbs and H. C. Heard, pp. 297–324, AGU, Washington, D. C.

5. Presented Paper

Author(s)
Year (in parentheses)
Title of paper
Name of meeting/conference (not italic)
Sponsor of meeting
Location of meeting (city and state/country)
Date (optional)

Example:

Englemann, R. J., R. W. Perkins, D. I. Hagan, and W. A. Haller (1986), Washout coefficients for selected gases and particulates, paper presented at 59th Annual Meeting, Air Pollut. Control Agency, San Francisco, Calif., 20–24 June.

6. Report/Map/Thesis/Dissertation

Author(s)
Year (in parentheses)
Title of report/thesis (not italic)
Report designator/type of thesis (M.S., Ph.D., etc.,)
Page(s) (optional)
Issuing organization/university
Location (city and state/country)
Date (optional)

Examples:

Monger, J. W. H., and J. M. Journeay (1994), Guide to the geology and tectonic evolution of the southern Coast Mountains, *Open File Rep. 2490*, 77 pp., Geol. Surv. of Can., Ottawa, Ont.

Schiarizza, P., R. G. Gaba, J. K. Glover, J. I. Garver, and P. J. Umhoefer (1997), Geology and mineral occurrences of the Taseko-Bridge River area, *Bull. 100*, 291 pp., B. C. Minist. of Employ. and Invest., Energy and Miner. Div., Geol. Surv. Branch, Vancouver.

Campbell, J. K. (1970), Mariner Mars 1969, report, Jet. Propul. Lab., Pasadena, Calif.

Kineman, J. J., and M. A. Ohrensall (1992), Global Ecosystems Database, version 1.0, A documentation manual [CD-ROM], *Key Geophys. Rec. Doc. 27*, Natl. Geophys. Data Cent., Boulder, Colo.

Brown, R. J. E. (1967), Permafrost in Canada, *Map 1246A*, Geol. Surv. of Can., Ottawa, Ont.

Henderson, T. (2000), High-pressure metamorphism in the western Llano uplift, M.S. thesis, 134 pp., Univ. of Tex. at Austin, Austin, 28 June.

7. Data Sets

Author(s)
 Year (in parentheses)
 Title of data set (not italic)
 Access number or code
 Data center
 Location (city and state/country)
 Date (optional)

Data sets cited must meet the following three criteria: (1) open to scientists throughout the world; (2) committed to archiving data sets indefinitely, and (3) provide services at reasonable costs. Currently, World and National Data Centers meet these requirements. (See [List of World Data Centers and National Data Centers.](#))

Example:

Hodell, D. A., R. H. Benson, and D. V. Kent (1994), Carbon Calcium Database, paleo@mail.ngcd.noaa.gov, Natl. Geophys. Data Cent., Boulder, Colo.

Organization of the Reference List

Organize the reference list by strict letter-by-letter alphabetization of the first item in the reference, as in the sequence of Lane, Le Pichon, Macaulay, MacDonald, McDonald, Sanders, Sandia National Laboratories, St. Amant, Urey, von Seggern.

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Smith, A. (1989a),...
 Smith, A. (1989b),...
 Smith, A. (1991),...
 Smith, A., and C. Allen (1992),...
 Smith, A., and B. Frank (1995),...

Smith, A., and B. Frank (1997),...
 Smith, A., L. Roberts, and T. Jones (1993),...
 Smith, A., T. Jones, and L. Roberts (1997),...

Use only initials for first names. Alphabetize different first authors having the same last name according to the initials of their first names. If their initials are the same, alphabetize them by their full names or by the last names of the second authors if any. Use first author and et al. for more than 10 authors: Smith, A., et al.

Text Citations

References are cited by the last name of the author(s) (use et al. for three or more authors) and the year: [*Smith*, 1991; *Smith and Allen*, 1992; *Smith et al.*, 1993]. If the author's name is part of the sentence, only the year is bracketed: *Jones* [1990].

Two or more publications by the same author in the same year are distinguished by a, b, and c after the year: [*Smith*, 1989a, 1989b].

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Acceptable words within brackets:

Before reference

see
 e.g.,
 cf.
 from
 after
 i.e.,
 also

After reference

and references therein
 pp., equation, chapter
 Table, Figure, etc.
 ff. (close up: p. 53ff.)

Examples:

[see also *Jones*, 2000]

[e.g., *Evans*, 1993a, 1993b, 1994]

by *Hacker et al.* [2000, Figure 3]

by *Thomas* [1992, and references therein] and *Evans* [1993]

for further details, see *Smith* [1989, Table 1.3]

(300 km [*Davis*, 2001] and 450 km [*Armstrong et al.*, 2002])

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Magellan data are available at <http://www.pds.wustl.edu>.

Mixing ratios are available for Carbon Dioxide Information and Analysis Center (Oak Ridge, Tennessee; anonymous ftp to <ftp.codl.noaa.gov>)

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(T. Smith, preprint, 2002)

R. Reynolds (manuscript in preparation, 2003)