List B - Age-dating methods

Age-dating methods are divided into two major groups: absolute-age and relative-age methods.

Searching

The methods can be searched in combination with a specific age term, see List E, or a material. For reference to methodology, search in combination with methods, for references to actual date measurements, search in combination with dates. Some of the relative age methods may be used for other purposes besides dating.

To limit a search to age-dating, search in combination with geochronology in the category. See List A.

Searching some age-dating methods may require special formatting. See searching instructions for the search platform you are using.

Indexing

Absolute-age methods are entered in the standard form most commonly found in the geologic literature. Example: Ar/Ar instead of Ar-40/Ar-39. Relative-age methods should be entered along with the term geochronology. In addition, either the term methods or dates should be included. Other relevant terms to consider include "catalogs" and "instruments". Specific Age terms should be included as well as the material dated.

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