Simplified Tectonic Map of the World, Including Major Basins*

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Editorial Comments

This compilation by Bill St. John followed his classic "Sedimentary Provinces of the World,' published by AAPG in 1984. A digital version of that map is available from AAPG. This tectonic map was submitted by Dr. St. John to Datapages as a preliminary map, awaiting funding for conversion into a digital version using Arc GIS. After considerable time, change in financial climate, and reduction in AAPG personnel, the preliminary map is posted here, in order to provide viewers, without further delay, with yet another outstanding work by St. John.

References are given with the map, as is the Explanation. The latter is also provided separately at a larger scale.

Although there are a number of similar compilations, the seminal work by Bally et al. (2012) must head the list.

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Explanation

Ages

Quaternary		Holocene
TERTIARY	T_5	Pliocene
	T_4	Miocene
	T_3	Oligocene
	T_2	Eocene
	T_1	Paleocene

K_u Late/Upper Cretaceous

K_l Early/Middle Cretaceous

J_u Late Jurassic

J_l Early/Middle Jurassic

P C Procambrian

Provinces

Sedimentary basins

Volcanic deposits

Non-sedimentary basement areas, platforms and shields, foldbelts and uplifts,

Non-sedimentary zones of P C igneous platform rock, volcanic, intrusive, and highly folded rock of different ages including: (1) western North America, Central and South America, (2) parts of USSR/ Mongolia/China, and (3) eastern Europe in area bordered by thrust faults.

Tectonic features

Active spreading center

Abandoned spreading center

Subduction zone

Thrust fault

Transform fault

Strike-slip fault

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Approximate contact between continental/ oceanic crusts.

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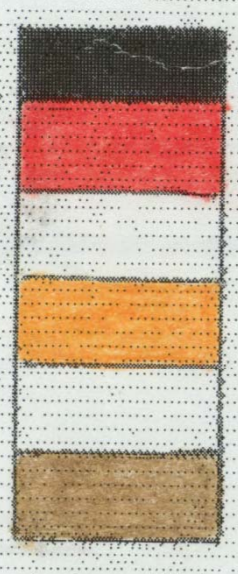
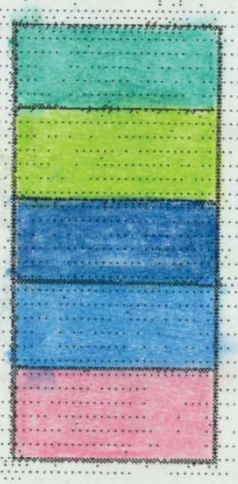
Y	T_1	Paleocene



K_2	Late/Upper Cretaceous
K_1	Early/Middle Cretaceous
J_2	Late Jurassic
J_1	Early/Middle Jurassic
P C	Precambrian



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