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Table 3. Explanation of map unit labels, colors, and patterns for Mauna Loa, Island of Hawai'i, Hawaii.

[Map unit labels for lava flows and vent deposits consist of four parts that identify flow morphology, flow age group, phenocryst mineralogy, and flow number in an age group. For example, unit p10e1 is a pāhoehoe flow (p) dated 8,000 to 10,000 radiocarbon yr B.P. (10) that contains >15% olivine phenocrysts (e) and is the youngest flow in Age Group 10 (1). Materials dated include charcoal, roots, twigs, vegetative litter, or unaltered wood (rarely). All ages are reported in radiocarbon yr B.P. (before the calendar year datum of A.D. 1950). Pyroxene is not an abundant phenocryst in Mauna Loa lava flows and, therefore, is not included in phenocryst mineralogy]

Flow morphology (letter; for example p10e1)

s	Spatter, tephra, and cinder-fall deposits
p	Pāhoehoe
a	'A'ā
m	Mixed 'a'ā and pāhoehoe
l	Littoral
	Ash deposits

Flow age group (number; for example p10e1)

0	A.D. 1843 and younger
	A.D. 1984 flow
	A.D. 1942 flow
	A.D. 1935–36 flow
	A.D. 1899 flow
	A.D. 1880–81 flow
	A.D. 1855–56 flow
	A.D. 1852 flows
	A.D. 1843 flow
1	Pre-A.D. 1832 to 1,000 yr B.P.
2	1,000–2,000 yr B.P.
3	2,000–3,000 yr B.P.
4	3,000–4,000 yr B.P.
5	4,000–5,000 yr B.P.
6	5,000–6,000 yr B.P.
7	6,000–7,000 yr B.P. (not in map area)
8	7,000–8,000 yr B.P.

Flow age group (number; for example p10e1)—*Continued*

9	8,000–9,000 yr B.P.
10	9,000–10,000 yr B.P.
11	10,000–15,000 yr B.P.
12	15,000–20,000 yr B.P.
13	20,000–30,000 yr B.P.
14	30,000–100,000 yr B.P. (not in map area)
15	>100,000 yr B.P. (not in map area)

Phenocryst mineralogy (letter; for example p10e1)

a	Aphanitic (<1% of any mineral)
b	1–5% olivine
c	5–10% olivine
d	10–15% olivine
e	>15% olivine
f	Variable amounts of olivine (2–30%)
g	1–5% plagioclase
h	5–10% plagioclase
i	Mixed, 1–5% olivine + 1–5% plagioclase
j	Mixed, >5% olivine + 1–5% plagioclase
k	Mixed, 1–5% olivine + >5% plagioclase
l	Mixed, >5% olivine + >5% plagioclase

Flow number in age group (number; for example p10e1)

1	Youngest flow in any age group
2	Next youngest flow in any age group
3	Number increases as age increases

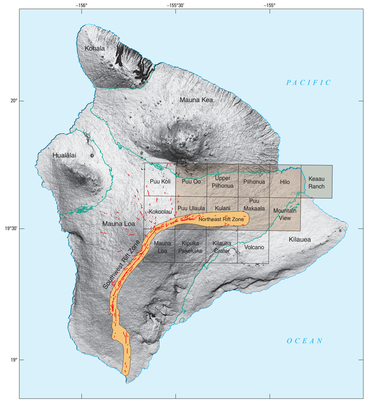


Figure 1. Map showing subaerial volcanoes (green boundary) forming Island of Hawai'i, fissures (red lines) on Mauna Loa, and 7.5-minute topographic quadrangles in (tan) and adjacent to map area.

Geologic Map of the Northeast Flank of Mauna Loa Volcano, Island of Hawai'i, Hawaii

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Original U.S. Geological Survey topographic maps:
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Contours (100 ft) interpolated from DEMs)
Roads from DLGs, combined with TIGER/line data. Roads updated 2001 by Hawaii Department of Land and Natural Resources, Division of Forestry and Wildlife
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APPROXIMATE MEAN DECLINATION AT CENTER OF MAP, 2017

SCALE 1:50 000

CONTOUR INTERVAL 100 FEET
DATUM IS MEAN SEA LEVEL

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