2. HOLES 396A AND 396B

Shipboard Scientific Party

SITE DATA, HOLE 396A

Date Occupied: 0120 hours, 5 February 1976
Date Departed: 2000 hours, 6 February 1976
Time on Hole: 42.7 hours
Position: 22°59.14'N, 43°30.90'W
Water Depth (sea level): 4459 corrected meters, echo sounding
Water Depth (rig floor): 4463 corrected meters, echo sounding
Bottom Felt at: 4465 meters, drill pipe
Penetration: 123.5 meters
Number of Cores: 2
Total Length of Cored Section: 13 meters
Total Core Recovered: 0.64 meters
Percentage Core Recovery: 4.9%
Oldest Sediment Cored
- Depth sub-bottom: 120 meters
- Nature: nannofossil foraminifer ooze
- Age: Pliocene
- Measured velocity: 1.5 to 1.6 km/sec
Basement
- Depth sub-bottom: basement not penetrated
- Nature: probably basalt (not recovered)
- Velocity range: 1.5 to 1.6 km/sec
Principal Results: The purpose of drilling this hole was to determine exact sediment thickness so proper casing length could be hung below cone on deep hole attempt. This hole was washed down to near basement. Two sediment cores were taken before drilling indicated basalt was reached.

INTRODUCTION

Holes 396A and 396B were drilled during Leg 46 in a sediment pond about 150 km east of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge at 22°59.14'N, 43°30.90'W. Hole 396 had been drilled previously (Leg 45) to about 100 meters into basement in the sediment pond. Hole 396A was a mudline test with only 0.64 meters recovered from the two cores taken at the top of the sediment column. Hole 396B was a multiple re-entry hole which penetrated 150.5 meters of sediment and 255 meters of basaltic basement. The regional setting and the stratigraphic columns for the holes drilled on Legs 45 and 46 are presented in Initial Report, Volume 45 (Plate 1). This plate and the other results of the site survey of the area

SITE DATA, HOLE 396B

Date Occupied: 2000 hours, 6 February 1976
Date Departed: 1845 hours, 1 March 1976
Time on Hole: 23.9 days
Position: 22°59.14'N, 43°30.90'W
Water Depth (sea level): 4459 corrected meters, echo sounding
Water Depth (rig floor): 4463 corrected meters, echo sounding
Bottom Felt at: 4465 meters, drill pipe
Penetration: 405.5 meters
Number of Cores: 33
Total Length of Cored Section: 270.0 meters
Total Core Recovered: 63.56 meters
Percentage Core Recovery: 23.3%
Oldest Sediment Cored
- Depth sub-bottom: 150.5 meters
- Nature: nannofossil foraminifer ooze
- Age: Middle Miocene
- Measured velocity: 1.5 km/sec
Basement
- Depth sub-bottom: 405.5 meters
- Nature: basalt
- Velocity range: 3.4 to 6.0 km/sec
Principal Results: The basalts recovered are typical mid-ocean ridge tholeiites with relatively narrow limits in chemical composition, especially for MgO, while TiO₂ and FeO⁺ contents are relatively high. Basalts at the top are sparsely phryic; below this, they are porphyritic and similar to ones from Hole 396. The last 90 meters is a basaltic detritus. Magnetic units from top to bottom had inclinations of +18°, −67°, −7°, and +31°, with the last being very poorly defined. Intensities varied from 1.03 to 3.45 × 10⁻³ emu/cm³. Downhole logs were run for density, sonic velocity, porosity, electrical resistivity, and natural gamma-ray activity. These logs were correlated with many of the studies of recovered samples.
investigated by these two Legs are presented in the Leg 45 Initial Report (Purdy et al., 1978).

For Hole 396B the top 122 meters of sediment were washed to set the casing for the re-entry cone, and there were no cores taken in this interval. Cores 1, 2, and 3 recovered marly nannofossil ooze and foraminiferal nannofossil ooze. Core 4 had 7 cm of unmetamorphosed marly nannofossil ooze just above basement, which gives a date of middle Miocene (about 13 m.y., D. Bukry, personal communication). The interpretation of the magnetic data (Purdy et al., 1978) indicates that Site 369 is located in magnetic anomaly 5, about 9 m.y. The nannofossil age of 13 m.y. has been used throughout this volume.

Summary of Basement Drilling

We have identified eight lithologic units in the basaltic basement in Hole 396B (Figure 1). Units 1, 2, and 3 are composed primarily of sparsely olivine and plagioclase-phyric basalt. Units 1 and 2 are pillow sequences with limestone-cemented (lithified nannofossil ooze) palagonite breccias in the upper part. Unit 3 is separated from Unit 2 by 20 cm of limestone. Unit 3 is a flow or sill 8.5 meters thick, although neither its top nor bottom could be identified with certainty. Unit 4 is a pillow sequence composed of porphyritic basalt with 15 to 25 per cent olivine and plagioclase phenocrysts. The average phenocryst plagioclase to olivine ratio is about 6:1. Unit 5 is composed of sparsely olivine and plagioclase-phyric basalt pillows and carbonate-cemented breccia. Recovery in this unit was poor, and the bottom of the unit was chosen on the basis of downhole logs. Unit 6 also has poor recovery but appears to be primarily basaltic sand, gravel, and sparsely phryic basalt pillows. Unit 7 is a moderately olivine and plagioclase-phyric basalt pillow sequence, again with poor recovery. Unit 8 is basaltic gravel or sand.

Magnetic Unit I has a mean inclination of +18°, but the sediment in Section 396B-13-2 has a significantly different inclination of −55°. Unit II has a mean inclination of −67°, excluding one sample in Section 396B-13-3 which has an inclination of +55°. That exception is probably the result of misorientation. Unit III has a mean inclination of −7° with very little scatter around this value. Unit IV has a mean inclination of +31°, but is poorly defined since there were few oriented samples available for magnetic study. Mean values for intensity of remanence magnetization for Units I through IV are, respectively, 1.03 × 10⁻⁴, 2.37 × 10⁻⁴, 3.45 × 10⁻⁴, and 1.85 × 10⁻⁴ emu/cm³. Contrary to the findings at other sites, there was no evidence of drilling remanence due to C. A. demagnetization.

Analysis of 41 basaltic samples for eight major (Si, Al, Mg, Fe, K, Ti, Ca, Mn) and four trace (Cr, Ni, Sr, Zr) elements was conducted on board with X-ray fluorescence methods. H₂O⁺ and CO₂ analyses were made with a CHN analyzer. Na₂O and P₂O₅ were analyzed at CNEXO by A. A. methods.

There are four major chemical units (A, B, C, D), with A subdivided into three subunits and B subdivided into two subunits (Figure 1). These major chemical units are very similar to the major lithologic units. The total chemical variation within the basaltic samples is relatively small and typical of mid-ocean ridge basalts: MgO = 7 to 9%, Mg/(Mg+Fe) = 0.57 to 0.66%, TiO₂ = 0.9 to 1.7%, CaO = 10.8 to 12.8%, Al₂O₃ = 15 to 18%, total Fe as FeO = 7.4 to 10.4%, K₂O = 0.1 to 0.35%, Zr = 60 to 130 ppm, Sr = 110 to 170 ppm, Cr = 250 to 370 ppm, and Ni = 110 to 160 ppm. The step-like chemical changes between units and the relative chemical homogeneity that exists within many of the groups may indicate that the chemically defined units represent discrete magma batches.

The basaltic rocks from Hole 396B are mostly slightly weathered to almost fresh. Six zones of more severe alteration occur near interlayers of nannofossil oozes, cemented pillow-rind breccias, and/or filled open fractures and voids in the basalt. Four of these zones coincide with the upper part of four lithological units, including the uppermost basalt of the basement just under the pond sediments.

The alteration is accompanied by fissure and vesicle fillings of secondary minerals such as calcite, zeolites, smectites, and Mn oxides/hydroxides. Strontium, "loss on ignition," and (to a lesser degree) K₂O increase significantly during alteration. A correlation also seems to exist between the presence of smectites in slightly weathered samples and their K₂O content, and between CO₂ content and the observed presence of calcite.

A satisfactory correlation was noticed between the zones of maximum alteration and the porosity, density, and sound velocity logs.

The well-known relationships among wet bulk density, porosity, and velocity were found. It was somewhat of a surprise that the grain densities could be put into three groups (d₁, d₂, d₃) that have densities greater than 2.86, 2.81, and 2.87 g/cm³, respectively.

A unique aspect of the Leg 46 program was the ability to make continuous logs of density, porosity, sonic velocity, natural gamma-ray activity, and electrical resistivity. This facility was provided by Schlumberger Well Services of Long Beach, California. Other special equipment included an a. C. washer and spinner magnetometer provided by Dalhousie University, and an X-ray fluorescence unit provided by CNEXO. All this equipment greatly enhanced shipboard analysis.

The four downhole logs that were made required a total of 34 hours of ship's time. The logs were extremely valuable, especially in correlating the properties of recovered samples. For example, the unique zone of coarse basaltic sand which was found below about 310 meters sub-basement was identified in the logs. This is the first time that such logs have been made in oceanic basement, and similar logs should prove useful in future hardrock drill holes.

Comparison with dredge hauls from 22°N and with analyses of glasses from the FAMOUS area indicates that the Leg 46 samples are generally similar and are systematically more "evolved" than the more primitive samples from the FAMOUS area. This regional pattern, if not a result of sampling bias, may have important implications for the development of this portion of the oceanic crust. If real, this pattern may indicate tectonic conditions that restrict or slow the rise of magma beneath the ridge and, thus, prevent relatively unfractured magmas from reaching the near sea-bottom environment. More fundamentally, it may indicate conditions of primary
Figure 1. *Stratigraphic summary of basement, Hole 396B.*
magma formation reflecting upper mantle heterogeneities and, possibly, different degrees of partial melting.

The tectonic history of the region is still largely unknown in spite of many successful physical property and downhole measurements.

OPERATIONS

Hole 396A
Since the purpose of Hole 396A was to determine the thickness of the sediments for the re-entry hole, all operations are discussed under Hole 396B Operations.

Hole 396B
On Leg 45, a one-bit hole had been drilled at Site 396; Leg 46 scientists decided to attempt a deep multiple re-entry hole nearby. The onboard records from Leg 45 indicated that no surveys of the sediment pond were made before the drilling operation. It was felt that more surveying was desirable before final decision by Leg 46 personnel on a deep hole location.

At 1540 hours local time (1840 GMT) on Wednesday, 4 February 1976, the Glomar Challenger (carrying seismic profiling gear and magnetometer streaming) arrived at a point about one mile north of the sediment pond. We turned her south and attempted to pass over the place where the 13.5-kHz beacon was believed to have been dropped on Leg 45. The Leg 45 shipboard party accurately determined the coordinates of Hole 396 by satellite navigation and they dropped a fresh beacon when departing the site, but they apparently neglected to note where the fresh beacon was with respect to their drill site.

A suitable location was passed over at 2000 GMT and the ship reversed course to drop a beacon. Since the center of the seismic profiling array is about 200 meters behind the ship, the beacon must be dropped before the repeat section is seen on the profiler. A 16-kHz beacon was dropped at 2145 hours while we steered a westerly course. In turning and approaching this beacon on an easterly course, it appears that this beacon had landed in rocks on the rugged western edge of the pond. We decided not to use this beacon because its location might prohibit sonic reception and affect position-keeping.

We made a west-to-east pass over the 13.5-kHz beacon and decided to drill just to the east of it. Gear was retrieved and the ship positioned 1000 feet from and 076° relative to the beacon. Figure 2 shows satellite positions for Holes 396A and 396B, taken subsequently, and satellite positions that had been obtained on Leg 45 for Site 396.

At 0120 hours on 5 February, we had positioned the ship and began to lower the Hole 396A pipe for testing the thickness of the sediment. There were two cores taken near the sediment-basalt interface: the first at 2040 hours and the second at 2145 hours the next day, 6 February. Over the night of 5-6 February, heat flow measurements were made in the sediments, the last being very near the basalt.

Starting about 2000 hours on 6 February, the re-entry cone was readied and keel-hauled (Figure 3).

Figure 4 shows a graph of penetration versus time with annotations showing various operations. During the next 23 days, six re-entries were made and numerous logistical and technical problems were encountered. Some of the problems were:
1) Upon re-entry, difficulty in getting drill pipe over the cone after locating it.
2) Computer failure on three occasions, once for 12 hours.
3) Cement backed into drill hole and had to be drilled out.
4) Ring for casing release jammed just below the moon pool, requiring diver observation and construction of recovery hook.
5) Heave compensator did not work, and its hydraulic system lost oil (insufficient replacement on board).
6) Free fall of heat flow probe produced bent probe and no data.
7) Roll of ship (up to 9°) necessitated retrieving the pipe string and waiting for better weather; no coring for 48 hours.
8) Replacement of broken shaft to Bowen sub, repair job that took 9 hours.
9) Break of support for rail of major block for pulling pipe and damage to derrick, forcing termination of cruise 11 days early (the cruise started 3 days late due to repairs of thrusters in San Juan).

In spite of these difficulties, 33 cores (see Coring Summary, Table 1) were taken to a maximum depth of 405.5 meters below the sea floor. The drilling rate is given in Table 2 and shown graphically in Figure 5. Slower rates of drilling yielded a general increase in per cent recovery and frequently made it possible to piece massive basalt pieces together. Higher rates produced drilling breccia and low recovery. Starting about Core 396B-23, basaltic sand and gravel (fine breccia) were encountered. A sock placed in the core catcher recovered nearly a meter of basaltic sand in Core 396B-32 and in Core 396B-33.

Core 396B-16 was taken from a 23-meter drilled section, although the accompanying tables show a separate cored and drilled section. The 5.8 meters recovered could have come from anywhere in the 23-meter drilled section. We would have cut more of these long sections but we encountered sand and wanted to sample frequently. Cutting long sections would have speeded up the drilling rate, just as it did on Leg 37.

Core 396B-19 contained sand-size material, apparently the result of reaming the hole upon re-entry. This core also contained large Globigerina microfossils, indicative of surface sediments having been washed into the hole.

At 1700 hours on 26 February, we decided that further drilling was impossible because of poor conditions, i.e., the drill bit had been stuck for about an hour. The following downhole experiments were then undertaken: a logging program, a test of the wall-lock geophone in the pipe, and a hydrophone in the hole.

It is worth comparing the success of deep drilling on Leg 37 (Hole 332B), Leg 45 (Hole 395A), and Leg 46 (Hole 396B). Figure 6 shows sub-bottom penetration versus on-site days. Figure 7 is the same except all the non-drilling time is illustrated by the flat parts of the curve and the rate of penetration by the falling part of the curve. These graphs show clearly that the extra work required to set a maxicone and the additional repair time can defeat any advantage gained by utilizing a stronger cone.
SEDIMENTS
Lithology and Biostratigraphy

The sediments obtained at Site 396 are nannofossil ooze, nannofossil-foraminifer ooze, and marly nannofossil ooze. Sediments were recovered from 0 to 19 meters sub-bottom in Hole 396A and from the mudline test. After washing the first 122 meters to set casing, coring in Hole 396B was continuous from 122 to 151 meters sub-bottom with total recovery of 5.2 meters (18%). A complete sedimentary sequence near this site was obtained at Hole 396 (Leg 45).

The lowest sediment in Hole 396B is middle Miocene, about 13 m.y.B.P. from the Coccolithus miopelagicus Subzone of the Discoaster exilis Zone (Bukry, in press). The sediments in Hole 396A are totally unconsolidated grayish orange nannofossil-foraminifer ooze with about 15 per cent clay.

The sediments in Hole 396B can be divided into two lithological units. Unit 1 (Cores 1 and 2, 122.0 to 138.2 m sub-bottom) corresponds to Unit 1 of Hole 396, and consists of grayish orange nannofossil ooze with a 4-cm bed of nannofossil-foraminifer ooze at the base. Foraminifers are present in small numbers throughout the unit; sponge spicules are rare; terrigenous and volcanogenic components are notably absent. Deformation due to drilling is intense.

Unit 2 (Sections 2-1 to 4-1, 138.2 to 151 m sub-bottom) corresponds to Unit 2 of Hole 296 and consists of brownish yellow to dark brown marly nannofossil ooze. Foraminifers

Figure 2. Satellite navigation positions, Holes 396 (Leg 45), 396A, and 396B.
are rare. Drilling deformation is intense. The sediment-basalt contact is not preserved, but the sediment nearest the basalt is unmetamorphosed, and there is no reason to believe that the contact is not sedimentary.

Bits of sediment were also obtained interbedded with basalt. Notable pieces occur in the top of the sparsely phyric unit (e.g., Sections 5-2 and 6-1) and are mixed with palagonite to form the breccia in the top of the sparsely phyric unit. The interbedded sediment is well lithified nannofossil ooze with rare preserved foraminifer outlines. Nannofossils are not preserved.

Physical Properties and Chemistry

Because of the short sections and the complete data obtained at Hole 396, no routine physical property or chemical data were obtained for the sediments from 396B. Thermal conductivity data will be discussed under heat flow.

IGNEOUS ROCKS

Lithology, Petrography, and Mineralogy

Lithology summary: We have divided the basaltic rocks of Site 396B into eight lithologic units. Figure 8 is a stratigraphic column showing these units and their lithologies. Unit 1 (150.5 to 222.0 m), Unit 2 (222.0 to 235.0 m), and Unit 3 (235 to 244.0 m) are composed primarily of sparsely olivine and plagioclase phyric basalt. Units 1 and 2 are pillow sequences which contain some lithified nannofossil ooze. Unit 1 has limestone-cemented palagonite breccia in its upper part, and is separated from Unit 2 by 20 cm of limestone. Unit 3 is a flow or sill about 8.5 meters thick; neither its top nor bottom can be identified with certainty. Unit 4 (244.0 to 315.0 m) is a pillow sequence composed of porphyritic basalt with 15 to 25 per cent olivine and plagioclase phenocrysts. The average plagioclase to olivine ratio is about 6/1. Unit 5 (315.0 to 340.0 m) is composed of sparsely olivine and plagioclase phyric basalt pillows and carbonate-cemented palagonite breccia. Recovery of this unit was poor, and the bottom has been chosen on the basis of changes in the downhole logs (see section on logging). Unit 6 (340.0 to 386.5 m) also has poor recovery, but appears to be primarily basaltic sand and fine gravel, and sparsely phyric basalt pillows. The logging results do not aid in determining the bottom of this unit. Unit 7 (386.5 to 396.0 m) is a moderately olivine and plagioclase phyric basalt pillow sequence. again with poor recovery. Unit 8 (396.0 to 405.5 m) is a basaltic sand and fine gravel.

Comparison of Holes 396 and 396B

Hole 396, Leg 45, is located about 500 meters south-southwest of Hole 396B. Hole 396 penetrated a pillow sequence composed of olivine and plagioclase phyric basalts, with many glass zones and lithified sediment veins; this sequence is lithologically similar to the phyric basalt sequence (Unit 3) at Hole 396B. Petrographically and chemically, however, it is slightly different (see section on chemistry). The Hole 396B phyric basalts average 20 per cent (±5%) phenocrysts, while the upper unit of Hole 396 averages 5 to 10 per cent phenocrysts and the lower unit averages 15 per cent (see Tables 3 and 4). In addition, spinel microphenocrysts are much more common at Hole 396B (8 of 12 thin sections) than at Hole 396 (1 of 8 thin sections). The olivine/plagioclase ratio is about the same in both holes.

Upper Sparsely Phyric Sequence

Lithologic Units 1, 2, and 3 (the upper sparsely phyric sequence) consist of a sparsely to very sparsely olivine and plagioclase phyric basalt pillow sequence with interbedded carbonate sediment and a thick cooling unit (a flow or shallow sill) at the base. The contact of the basalt with the overlying sediment (Section 396B-4-1) appears sedimentary, since the overlying marly nannofossil ooze is not baked. This sequence extends from 151 to 244 meters subbottom (Cores 4 through 15). Unit 1 (151 to 222 m) is separated from Unit 2 (222 to 235 m) by 20 cm of lithified nannofossil ooze. Unit 1 contains numerous fragments of limestone-cemented palagonite breccia, in its upper part. Unit 3 (235 to 244 m) is a single cooling unit (flow or shallow sill).

Recovery averaged 31 per cent throughout the sequence, and 69 per cent in the thick cooling unit.

Pillow and Breccia Sequence

Units 1 and 2 consist of basalt and lithified carbonate sediment, apparently nannofossil ooze. Pieces of pillow rinds are common throughout the sequence. Since complete pillows were not recovered, it is not possible to determine
Figure 4. Annotated drilling record for Hole 396B.

the average pillow size. The largest pillow fragment observed is about 40 cm (Section 396B-4-1). Carbonate-cemented palagonite breccia is abundant in the upper part of Unit 1 (Cores 4 through 6), and palagonitized pillow rinds occur throughout. Figures 9 and 10 show typical pieces of palagonite breccia. The breccia consists of pieces of palagonitized basaltic glass, one-half to several centimeters across, cemented together by lithified carbonate sediment (probably nanofossil ooze). A few foramifer outlines and pellitoids can be seen, but fossils are not generally apparent. In many cases, breccia is attached to a glassy pillow rind.

Macroscopically, the basalt is fine grained, generally with a microlitic texture. The pillow margins are glassy (sometimes palagonitized). Next to the margin is a variolitic zone usually 0.5 to 1.0 cm thick, containing a spherulitic zone and microlitic interior. Groundmass pyroxene is distinguishable in some of the coarser samples. Phenocrysts of olivine and plagioclase make up 1 per cent or less of the rock. The margins are glass. The glass grades into a variolitic zone, which grades into a zone with bow-tie spherulites, and then into the microlitic interior. Figure 11 illustrates a typical thin section of a microlitic interior.

The olivine phenocrysts are euhedral to anhedral, and vary from 0.3 to 2.0 mm. Most are altered to iddingsite. Microprobe analyses (Flower et al.; Kirkpatrick; Sato et al., this volume) indicate compositions in the range Fθ84 to Fθ86. One thin section (Section 396B-5-2) contains a rounded olivine phenocryst with a kink band.

The plagioclase phenocrysts are both euhedral and rounded, and range from 0.5 to 3.5 mm, although the larger ones (of glass and divitrified glass) can be seen in hand specimen. Microprobe analyses give compositions in the range An80 to An80.
The groundmass minerals are olivine (1 to 4%), plagioclase (20 to 50%), clinopyroxene (0 to 30%), and titanomagnetite (3 to 5%). Groundmass olivine occurs in most thin sections of basalt (396B-5-2, #2 is an exception). The other groundmass phases occur in all thin sections except near pillow margins, where clinopyroxene and titanomagnetite are suppressed.

Olivine was the first groundmass phase to form. Near pillow margins, it forms dendritic and skeletal lantern-shaped crystals up to 1 mm long. In pillow interiors, it forms subhedral to anhedral crystals about 0.05 mm long.

Plagioclase appears to be the second groundmass phase to form. Near the pillow margins, it forms the center of varioles and also occurs as isolated grains. It is also the phase forming the bulk of the varioles. Further into the pillow centers, it forms bow-tie spherulites and small laths about 0.3 mm long. In the pillow centers, it forms microlites up to 1 mm long. In all cases, the microlites are skeletal, and some appear to be in radiating clusters with olivine. Microprobe analyses (Flower et al., this volume) indicate compositions in the range An35 to An84.

Clinopyroxene grows as feathery dendrites and small blocky crystals interstitial to the plagioclase in the pillow interiors. Near the pillow margins, clinopyroxene is not identifiable, although it may be in the varioles. Maximum grain size is about 0.3 mm.

Titanomagnetite occurs as 1 to 4 µm dendritic crystals interstitial to the plagioclase, except in the glassy and variolitic zones where it is not present (see section on opaque mineralogy).

Glass, altered glass, and secondary minerals are common in all basalt samples (see section on alteration). The pillow rinds are usually all glass (unaltered or palagonitized), with the percentage of glass decreasing towards the centers of the pillows where it may constitute 10 to 20 per cent. Some glass and very fine-grained devitrified glass occur as rounded blebs which are most likely filled or partially filled vesicles.

The Cooling Unit

Unit 3 (235 to 244 m) is a shallow sill or flow which is lithologically similar to the overlying pillow sequence. Most of the unit was continuously recovered.
Unfortunately, the top and bottom cannot be positively identified; the third glass specimen in Section 396B-15-1 may be on top.

Macroscopically, the unit consists of very sparsely olivine and plagioclase phytic basalt with a microlitic intersertal to medium-grained intergranular texture. The margins (Sections 15-1 to 15-5) are fine grained, and there is a continuous increase in plagioclase grain size towards the center (Sections 15-3 and 15-4). Phenocrysts of olivine (up to 3 mm) and plagioclase (up to 5 mm) constitute less than 1 per cent of the rock, and plagioclase appears to be more abundant. Groundmass plagioclase is clearly visible in hand specimen, but the other groundmass phases are not. Much of the central part is very fresh (see section on alteration). Many of the olivine phenocrysts are iddingsitized.

The cooling unit appears more complex in thin section than in hand specimen. There is a continuous variation in grain size throughout the unit, except for Sample 15-3, #3A. In this sample, while the intergranular texture appears quite coarse in hand specimen, thin section observation reveals the pyroxene is much finer than either above or below.

The phenocrysts are very sparse; in fact, olivine is not seen in any thin section, and plagioclase only in a few. The main groundmass phases are olivine (2 to 4%), plagioclase (50 to 60%), clinopyroxene (30 to 40%), and titanomagnetite plus ilmenite (about 5%) (see section on opaque mineralogy).

Olivine occurs as anhedral, granular crystals, 0.05 to 0.2 mm across. Microprobe analyses (Flower et al.; Kirkpatrick; this volume) indicate compositions in the range Fo75 to Fo89. Plagioclase occurs as skeletal laths about 1 mm long near the margins and up to 3 mm long in the center. Compositions range from An57 to An96. Clinopyroxene occurs as dendritic feathers and skeletal crystals near the margins and in Sample 15-3, #3A, and as blades and subophitic crystals in the central part of the unit. The opaque phases occur as dendritic crystals up to 50 µm across.

**Porphyritic Unit**

Lithologic Unit 4, an olivine-plagioclase phytic basalt pillow sequence, extends from the lowest part of Core 15 (244 m) to Core 22 (315 m). Lithified carbonate sediment occurs between some pillows. Recovery averaged 47% for the unit.

In Section 20-1, two complete sections of pillows were obtained. The arrangement and the dips of the glass zones indicate the pillows are oval-shaped and about 80 by 50 cm. The average frequency of glass occurrence is about 2.3 pieces/meter of recovery, and the highest value is in Core 20 (3.6 pieces/m of the recovered core). The pillow margins show a systematic textural variation very similar to that observed in the sparsely phytic pillow units. The rim is partly palagonitized sideromelane glass (1.5 to 2.0 mm average thickness). The pillows comprise an outer cryptocrystalline variolitic zone, a microcrystalline spherulitic zone, followed by a microlitic intergranular interior. Figure 12 shows the frequency of the thickness of each zone. Most of the cryptocrystalline variolitic zone consists of coalesced varioles, while the outer portion is characterized by a thin zone of detached varioles (1 to 3 mm thick), where the interstitial glass is often palagonitized. The microcrystalline spherulitic zone is distinguished from the cryptocrystalline variolitic zone by an abrupt inward increase of the degree of alteration, although the crystallinity increases rather gradually. The basalt usually contains less than 2 per cent vesicles of 0.1 to 1.0 mm, although some samples in Core 21 contain up to 5 per cent of vesicles. In one of the complete pillows in Section 20-1, the abundance of vesicles increases gradually towards the margin of the pillow.

The phenocryst phases are plagioclase, olivine, and rare spinel. Plagioclase phenocrysts are usually 0.2 to 4 mm in length, but can reach 10 mm. The larger plagioclase phenocrysts often contain glass inclusions. The olivine phenocrysts range from 0.2 to 3 mm. Much of the olivine is partly or wholly altered to iddingsite, while the groundmass is only moderately altered. Olivine and plagioclase phenocrysts sometimes occur as glomerophyric aggregates up to 20 mm in diameter, e.g., Sample 396B-16-5, #7.

Core 19 contains poorly sorted sand composed primarily of volcanic fragments, which consist of fine-grained basalt (80%, 1 to 20 mm); basaltic glass with palagonite and carbonate crust (15%, 1 to 10 mm); palagonite fragments.
Figure 5. Drilling rates for Hole 396B.

with carbonate crust (≤1%, 1 to 10 mm); lithified carbonate (≤1%, 1 to 10 mm); foraminifers (≤1%); and olivine and plagioclase crystals (≤1%, 1 mm). Lithic fragments are angular to subangular and show poor sphericity. Most of the basaltic fragments are aphyric, although a few contain fairly abundant (20 to 30%) plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts. This material appears to be drilling breccia (Dick et al., this volume).

In thin section, there are 11 to 26 per cent plagioclase, olivine, and spinel phenocrystals. The plagioclase phenocrysts often have discontinuous normal zoning at the rims. Microprobe analyses (Sato et al.; Flower et al.; Kirkpatrick, this volume) indicate a range of compositions from An$_{70}$ to An$_{85}$. The plagioclase/olivine ratio ranges from 3 to 8 and averages about 6. Microprobe analyses indicate a range of compositions from Fo$_{65}$ to Fo$_{80}$. Dark brown to reddish spinel occurs as inclusions in plagioclase and olivine as well as isolated microphenocrysts, is idiomorphic to subrounded, and ranges from 0.02 to 0.6 mm.
cent of the rock, is often skeletal, and ranges from 0.05 to 0.1 mm. Groundmass plagioclase forms elongated fork-shaped skeletal crystals from 0.1 to 0.8 mm. The groundmass plagioclase thickens from the variolitic zone to the intersertal zone, while its length shows little variation. The clinopyroxene occurs as dendritic feather-like crystals in the groundmass in the microcrystalline spherulitic and intersertal zones.

In some samples mafic, dark-colored, clearly defined, spherules constitute about 1 per cent of the rock. These spherules are 0.1 to 1.0 mm in diameter and similar to those in the sparsely phyric pillows. The spherules are composed of dendritic crystals of pyroxene (50 to 70%) with interstitial feldspar and titanomagnetite. Long, tabular, or skeletal fork-shaped idiomorphic plagioclase, which is a major constituent of the groundmass, is lacking.

Figure 13 shows a typical thin section from this unit.

Clastic Zone (315.0 to 405.5 m, Cores 396B-23 to 33)

The last 90 meters of Hole 396B, which we have called the clastic zone, is characterized by very erratic drilling rates (42.9 to 3.9 m/hr) and variable, but generally poor recovery. There was no recovery in three out of eleven cores. The sequence is divided into four units: an upper clastic breccia (Unit 5), an upper basaltic sand and gravel (Unit 6), a plagioclase phyric pillow basalt unit (Unit 7), and a lower basaltic sand and gravel (Unit 8). Sixty per cent of the rock recovered was in the first 19 meters of this section (Cores 23 and 24); with the exception of the penultimate core, only 6 other rock fragments were found in the remaining 71 meters. The high and erratic drilling rates, poor recovery, the presence of sand and gravel in two cores, and the character of the downhole logs (see logging section) suggest that below the breccia this section consists largely of basaltic sand and gravel.

Clastic Breccia

The clastic breccia in Unit 5 (315 to 340 m, Cores 22 to 26) consists of angular pillow basalt fragments and carbonate-cemented palagonitized basaltic breccia. The relatively coarse pillow basalt fragments consist of fine-grained, sparsely phyric basalt with both olivine and plagioclase phenocrysts. In general, the basalt has only a few fine vesicules. There are five to six pillow rind fragments which grade from aphyric glass at the rim through a variolitic zone into microlitic intersertal basalt inwards. The basalt appears weathered, sometimes with a clayey vuggy appearance and a buff to greenish tint. These basalts are generally more altered than those previously recovered.

In thin section, the basalt has an intersertal to intergranular texture with a fine-grained cryptocrystalline or granular groundmass of clinopyroxene, titanomagnetite, and some olivine in a felty mass of small plagioclase laths. From optical methods, phenocryst plagioclase (0.2 to 2.0 mm) appears fairly calcic (around An75) and somewhat resorbed, while the groundmass laths are more sodic (around An85). Olivine phenocrysts are generally idiomorphic and vary from 0.1 to 2.0 mm. Phenocryst spinel is an infrequent accessory, and one euhedral grain was seen in an olivine phenocryst. Secondary alteration products are abundant, with calcite, smectite and zeolites...
Figure 8. Stratigraphic column, Hole 396B.
TABLE 3
Modal Composition of Basalts From Hole 396, Leg 45

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<th>Groundmass</th>
<th>Vesicles</th>
<th>Mafic Spherule</th>
<th>PL/OL</th>
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\(^a\)1000 points for all samples.

TABLE 4
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\(^a\) Phenocryst and microphenocryst.
\(^b\) 2000 points others 1000 points.

The basaltic breccia is composed of poorly sorted, sand to gravel-sized chips of glass, variolitic basalt, and intersertal basalt in a crystalline calcite matrix. Basaltic breccia is found as discrete blocks and adhering to the broken surfaces of the pillow fragments. In general, holocrystalline fragments are rare in the breccia, which appears to have been derived largely from pillow rinds. Individual fragments may have calcite-filled vesicles and other evidence of alteration which may have occurred prior to incorporation into the breccia. A larger (10 cm) piece of the breccia is bedded (Figure 14). The glass in the breccia is generally palagonitized with only a core of fresh black, lustrous glass remaining. The calcite matrix includes numerous small chips of palagonite.

The weathered appearance of the basalt and the presence of the carbonate-cemented breccia on broken pillow fragments suggest that the elastic breccia is a lithified rubble zone.

Upper Gravel Unit

Recovery in Unit 6 (340.0 to 386.5 m, Cores 396B-26 to 31) was less than 10 cm of basalt per core. Between 377 and 382 meters (Core 30), a meter of basaltic gravel (Figure 15) was recovered by means of a special plastic sock in the core.
catcher. The gravel consists of angular chips of glass, and variolitic, cryptocrystalline, and intersertal basalt. In addition, occasional grains of olivine, plagioclase, and calcite, and a few foraminifers are present. A number of pieces of calcite-cemented basaltic microbreccia, a few chips with calcite spherules, and cross-cutting calcite veins were found. In general, the glass is quite fresh and only a few pieces are palagonitized. The chips are nonvesicular.

Three rock fragments were found with the gravel, a small basalt pillow (about 5 cm in diameter) and two bedded sandstone fragments (Figure 16). The sandstone is medium
Figure 13. Thin section of Sample 396B-20-4, 71-73 cm, illustrating texture of porphyritic pillow basalt. Field diameter = 2.54 cm.

Figure 14. Sample 396B-23-1, 50-59 cm, palagonite breccia. Core diameter = approx. 6 cm.

to coarse grained (0.1 to 3.0 mm), moderately well sorted, and consists largely of rock and glass fragments like the breccia, although rock fragments are more abundant.

The basalt fragments recovered in this interval are largely sparsely phryic pillow similar to those in the clastic breccia, but noticeably fresher. Four of the six rocks recovered were either small pillows or pillow rind fragments.

The sand and gravel appear to have four possible origins: (1) drilling debris, (2) pyroclastic debris, (3) hyaloclastic debris, and (4) tectonic rubble and scree. The first possibility can be ruled out by the presence of sandstones in the sand and gravel, the occurrence of similar but cemented and palagonitized gravel (Figure 14) in the overlying clastic breccia (Unit 5), the unusual high drilling rates, and the remarkably poor recovery without the use of the plastic sock. A pyroclastic origin seems unlikely at abyssal depths in the oceans, and the absence of vesicules and the presence of breccia fragments and secondary calcite veins in some of the chips seem to rule out such an origin. It is possible that a portion of the gravel originated by spalling and chipping of glass from the quenched crust of moving flows. The calcite fragments, spherulites, lithic fragments with cross-cutting calcite veins, and calcite-cemented basaltic microbreccia fragments, however, demonstrate that a considerable portion of the gravel must be elastic debris from previously altered flows. An origin as tectonic rubble, on the other hand, also appears to fit all the data quite well. The clastic breccia which caps the gravel unit is similar to tectonic rubble photographed and dredged in the FAMOUS region of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (H. Dick, personal communication). The lack of holocrystalline and predominance of glassy fragments in the sand and gravel may reflect the tendency of pillow rinds to spall and shatter into small fragments while the more massive holocrystalline cores break into larger rock fragments.

Phyric Pillow Basalt

Unit 7 (386.5 to 396.0 m, Core 396B-32) consists of fragments of phryic to sparsely phryic fresh basalt pillows. The fragments are less altered than those in the clastic breccia unit (Unit 5), are more vesicular, and contain abundant plagioclase phenocrysts. A total of four pillow rind fragments with narrow plagioclase phryic glass rinds were recovered. The most distinctive feature of the unit is the apparent large variation in the amount of phenocrysts in the rocks.

In thin section, the basalt contains from 1 to 15 per cent plagioclase phenocrysts and up to 3 per cent olivine phenocrysts (0.2 to 3.0 mm) in a felty groundmass of fine plagioclase laths (0.1 to 0.3 mm), intergranular fine-grained or cryptocrystalline clinopyroxene, titanomagnetite, and some olivine. The optically estimated composition of both phenocryst and ground plagioclase is about An66-67, which contrasts with the large differences in the sparsely phryic basalt in the clastic breccia. The plagioclase phenocrysts are typically euhedral in thin section. Olivine occurs as idiomorphic phenocrysts and as fine granular grains in the groundmass. Spinel is a rare accessory in the groundmass. There is also a limited amount of alteration product,
Figure 15. Sand, sandstones, and pillow fragment from Core 396B-30.
including smectite, iddingsite, and zeolites, as well as some calcite in the groundmass and in amygdale fillings.

**Lower Basaltic Sand and Gravel**

In Unit 8 (396.0 to 405.5 m, Core 396B-33), basaltic sand and gravel were recovered. The gravel is similar to that found above the pillow basalt with the exception that glass is less abundant and mineral fragments occur in different proportions (Dick et al.; Schmincke et al., this volume).

**Opaque Mineralogy**

The opaque minerals (ore component) in all rocks investigated, apart from Unit 3, are extremely fine grained, and more or less evenly distributed in the silicate groundmass. The ore grains often are smaller than 1 µm, and dispersed “dustlike” in the groundmass (see Table 5). The ore minerals present are titanomagnetite (responsible for the magnetization of the rocks), sulfides (probably mostly pyrite) and ilmenite (in Unit 3).

**Unit 1:** The ore minerals present are titanomagnetite and sulfide; no ilmenite has been observed. Titanomagnetite is mostly crystallized in form of skeletons; sulfide present mostly as droplets, often bordering the titanomagnetite crystals (Figure 17). The sulfide is ubiquitous in all samples, but comprises no more than about 10 per cent of the titanomagnetite content.

The titanomagnetites show various stages of oxidation, probably as titanomaghemite in most cases. This oxidation seems to correlate with the alteration of the rock.

**Unit 2:** Very similar to Unit 1.

**Unit 3:** The central part of this unit contains relatively coarse-grained ore minerals, the titanomagnetite grains ranging up to 50 µm. In contrast to the other units, ilmenite is present in this unit and forms separate elongated crystals, equal in amount and size to the titanomagnetite.

Magnetic colloid examination shows clearly that the ilmenite is non-magnetic.

Droplets of sulfide often border both titanomagnetite and ilmenite; titanomagnetite crystals have also been observed (Figure 18).

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**Figure 16. Cut surface of bedded volcanic sandstone from Core 396B-30.**

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**TABLE 5**

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<td>4-1-9, 103-104</td>
<td>Titanomagnetite (TiM) in groundmass only, mostly skeletal sulfides (droplets); dustlike ore in groundmass</td>
<td>&lt;1 maximum</td>
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Figure 17. Skeletal, very fine grained titanomagnetite (light gray) in a groundmass of plagioclase (dark gray), pyroxene (medium gray), and glass (dark gray, slightly spotted). Droplets of sulfide (white), probably pyrite, in the center of the photograph. Sample 396B-7-5-1B, 13-15 cm.

Unit 4: Very similar to Unit 1. Table 5 gives a brief description of the ore components in the different samples investigated.

Alteration

Figure 19 presents, in addition to information about the lithologic column, the following data about fracturing and the alteration of non-glassy basalts from Hole 396B:

1) The number of glassy rock samples (pillow rind, pillow breccia, and hyaloclastite) and the total number of pieces. These pairs of figures give an idea of the location of the largest scale initial porosity within the various units.

2) The number of samples in each core which display one of the five following alteration degrees as distinguished on the basis of matrix color: the freshest (dark gray), the almost fresh (gray), the moderately altered (dark brownish gray), the very altered (grayish brown), and the most altered (light yellowish brown) basalt. The "moderately altered" category actually comprises samples which, on the basis of megascopic features, could not be classified either as "almost fresh" (gray) or "very altered" (brown) basalts.

The "alteration degree band" is the envelope which comprises the major part of the samples in each core exhibiting the most common alteration degree. The variations of the band width and shape are related to "spread" through the five degrees of alteration of two-thirds of the samples within one core. One can notice six (maybe seven) zones of more severe alteration corresponding to six (or seven) maxima of the "alteration degree band": (a) the uppermost three, Cores 4, 5, and 6; (b) Core 9; (c) Core 13; (d) Core 16; (e) Core 20; (f) Cores 23 and 24; and (g) Cores 28 and 32 (but these have the low recovery and any statement is difficult to justify statistically).

3) The frequency and nature (ooze, carbonates and/or zeolites, Mn, and smectite) of the fractures and veins. The estimated fracture frequencies range from very high, to high, low, and very low; however, these characteristics must be carefully interpreted because the probability of observing fractures directly depends on the sample size.

4) The number of vug-bearing samples, where vugs are defined as >1-mm voids exhibiting irregular outlines.

5) The abundance and nature of the vesicle fillings. The estimated abundance (volume %) reflects vesicles not including the vugs (see "3" above). Vesicles are defined as <1-mm voids displaying rounded outlines.

6) The number of iddingsitized olivine-bearing samples. In Figure 19, the above characteristics are compared to the lithologic column which portrays the frequency of pillow rind, the presence of pillow breccia and hyaloclastite, as well as the presence of indurated ooze horizons or veins are symbolically represented.

These data are very crude estimates, but represent a first attempt at correlating alteration features and structural
characteristics of the various units. The following preliminary conclusions are suggested:

1) The vesicularity is not related to the degree of alteration, probably because the vesicle volume is always very small (from 1 to a few %) when discernibly present.

2) The nature of the vesicle fillings in one core is generally related to that of the fracture fillings in the same core; i.e., when either the secondary minerals (calcite, phillipsite) or smectite are unusually abundant in the vesicles, they also appear to be abundant in the veins. Mn-oxide was found both in the vesicles and, more frequently, on the fracture walls.

3) The vugs are practically always partly filled with white secondary minerals, but their presence does not seem to coincide with the fracture fillings. The “cooling unit” (Unit 3) might be the only exception. It is not possible at this point to decide whether the alteration of the samples containing the large voids is due to pneumatolysis or to sea-water weathering. Further study will attempt to solve this question.

4) Indurated ooze horizons or fracture fillings are found in the close vicinity of the core portions which display the alteration maxima, i.e., the largest number of samples with stronger alteration (see Figure 19). However, no consistent spatial or sequential relationship appears between alteration maxima and sedimentary episodes. This lack of coincidence could be merely apparent, because the alteration maxima were plotted at the center of the column length corresponding to each core and not where the maxima were actually located within each core.

5) The alteration maxima do not coincide with the fracture frequency.

6) The cores displaying the highest number of iddingsitized olivine phenocrysts are generally those which also have the alteration maxima.

Finally, there appears to be a good correlation between the “alteration band” and the logging data, especially between extensive alteration and high neutron porosity and low resistivity.

Mineralogy of the Alteration Products

Although the accurate identification of secondary minerals resulting from the alteration of basalts necessitates methods and instruments (X-ray diffraction camera and microprobe) which were not available onboard Glomar Challenger, the following major groups of alteration products could be recognized:

1) Calcite-forming fibroradial aggregates and botryoidal concretions, as the filling of fissures, voids, and vesicles;

2) Phillipsite exhibiting various habits (fibrous, botryoidal aggregates and crusts) mainly in vesicles and in the fissures;

3) Smectites of various colors (from light grayish blue to deep green, yellow, orange, etc.) as lining on the vesicle and fracture walls;

4) Manganese oxide crust and specks, mainly on the fracture walls;

5) Fe-Mn hydroxides also stain the phillipsite fissure fillings with colors ranging from bright yellow, to orange and deep red.

Figure 19. Stratigraphic column of Hole 396B illustrating variations in alteration and fracturing.
Chemistry of the Alteration Process of the Non-Glassy Basalts

This topic is discussed in detail in a paper dedicated to the alteration (Honnorez et al., this volume). Unexpectedly, one finds no enrichment of K₂O; instead, there is a depletion in MgO and SiO₂ where zeolites, smectites, and carbonates are observed. These chemical variations are related to increases of CO₂ and water contents (H₂O⁺), and oxidation coefficient (Fe₂O₃(FeO + Fe₂O₃)).

Alteration of the Basaltic Glass

A general observation through all the cores is the absence of severe alteration of the glassy pillow rinds even when they are associated with very altered adjacent variolitic and/or inner microlitic zones. This observation is all the more remarkable as basaltic glasses are chemically much more unstable than the microlitic or variolitic lavas. It seems that the variolitic zone is often more strongly altered.
than the glass rinds and inner parts, perhaps because it generally appears to be the most vesicular zone of the pillow. On the other hand, the microlitic inner zones of the pillow offer more surface for reaction than the glassy rinds because of the grain boundaries.

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- **a** Depth not normalized to recovery.
- **b** \( \Delta CHN \), \( \Delta CO \), and \( \Delta CO \) analyses on a HP C-H-N Analyzer, Model 185B by Richard Myers, DSDP.
- **c** \( \Delta CHN \) uncorrected for iron oxidation.

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parison of chemically defined magma types with lithologic
and magnetic units. This on-line evaluation of drilling re-
sults aids both in the selection of additional nearby sites and
in more rational sampling for onshore studies.
Analyses of 41 basaltic samples for eight major (Si, Al, 
Mg, Fe, K, Ti, Ca, Mn) and four trace (Cr, Ni, Sr, Zr) 
elements were carried out on board (Table 6) by X-ray
fluorescence methods. Loss on ignition was determined by
heating for 1 hour at 1050°C; H2O+ and CO2 were
determined with a CHN analyzer. With one exception (Sample
396B-19-1, 4-6 cm, the freshest possible samples were chosen
for analysis. Na2O and P2O5 were determined at
CNEXO by atomic absorption methods.
Basalts were drilled for a total basement penetration of
255 meters. The section is dominated by pillow lavas in
the interval 150 to 310 meters sub-bottom, with the single
exception of a cooling unit, approximately 8 meters thick, of
medium-grained basalt that makes up most of Core 15. Re-
cover was very poor in the lower 90 meters of the cored
interval which apparently consists principally of coarse
basaltic “sand and gravel” with either intercalated pillows
or zones of coarser rubble (see section on lithology). Based
upon shipboard chemistry, we have divided the pillow
sequence into two main chemically defined magma groups
corresponding to the upper sparsely phyric lavas and the
lower porphyritic lavas; each of these major magma groups
is divided into several subgroups (Figure 20). The chemical
compositions of the basalt fragments in the lower sand
and gravel sequence and the bulk sand composition are similar
to the upper sparsely phyric lava group.
The chemistry of all rocks is typical of mid-ocean ridge
basalts: MgO = 7 to 9 per cent, Mg/(Mg+Fe) = 0.57
to 0.66, TiO2 = 0.9 to 1.7 per cent, CaO = 10.8 to
12.8 per cent, Al2O3 = 15 to 18 per cent, total Fe as FeO =
7.4 to 10.4 per cent, K2O = 0.1 to 0.35 per cent, Zr = 60 to
130 ppm, Sr = 110 to 170 ppm, Cr = 250 to 370 ppm, and
Ni = 110 to 160 ppm.
The chemical compositions of these basalts are relatively
evoluted in comparison with the most primitive basalts recov-
ered from the Mid-Atlantic Ridge. This probably indicates
that the magmas have been derived from more primitive
mantle-derived melts through fractional crystallization, al-
though rocks of more primitive composition have not been
recovered from this portion of the Mid-Atlantic Ridge (20 to
22°N). If this lack of more primitive compositions is not an
artifact of sampling, it may result either from tectonic condi-
tions that do not allow more primitive magmas to reach the
near-sea-floor environment or from different primary mag-
mas reflecting mantle heterogeneity and/or different condi-
tions of partial melting along this segment of the Mid-
Atlantic Ridge. The chemical data are tabulated (Tables 6 and 7)
and are discussed below under the following topics: methods, alter-
ation, stratigraphy, petrology, and regional comparison.

Methods
The analytical procedure used for shipboard analyses may
be divided into two stages:
1) Sample preparation utilized the following equipment:
   motor-driven agate mortar and pestle, RETSCH K.G. type
   RMC; electromicrobalance CAHN model G series 1500;
electric furnace ERSEM, 0° to 1300°C; OPR crucible com-
posed of an alloy of gold, platinum, and rhodium, allowing
an easy unmelding of the glass disc; hydraulic laboratory press
CARVER model “C”.
2) X-ray fractionation (XRF) analyses carried out in the
   CNEXO van, which has been utilized with success during
   other oceanographic cruises (Gibbs CNEXO 1972; Biogas
   CNEXO 1974; Leg 37 DSDP, 1974; and DSDP Leg 45,
   1976). The Siemens XRF equipment consisted of high
   power supply Kristalloflex 4, manual VRS analyzer, trans-
  istorized counting rack, digital printer D44 for data output.
The cooling system consisted of a fresh water circuit
cooled by seawater through heat exchangers. A Moineau
electro-pump pulsed the fresh water into the circuit. High
seawater temperatures (>25°C) prevented the utilization of
the high power supply to its maximum efficiency.
Sample preparation techniques are summarized in a flow
diagram (Figure 21). Glass discs were used for major ele-
ment analyses, and pressed powder pellets for trace element
analyses. In addition to the elements analyzed on Leg 45,
Mn was also measured on the pellets used previously for
trace element analysis. Measurements of Mn concentrations
in powder pellets were performed and a small matrix correc-
tion was applied (Figure 22). The position for measurement
of Mn backgrounds was chosen with care to avoid the influ-
ence of the Cr-Ka peak. MnO standardizations were within
3 per cent of the values listed in Flanagan (1972). A compa-
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Eight samples were fused and analyzed in duplicate. The
precision of the shipboard analyses, as indicated by these
replicate analyses, is within ±2 per cent with Al showing
the largest variation. The maximum error (2σ) resulting
from counting statistics for the major elements is as follows:
MgO ±2.0 per cent, SiO2 ±1.0 per cent, Al2O3 ±1.0 per
cent, K2O ±1.0 per cent, Fe2O3 ±0.7 per cent, and CaO
±0.5 per cent.
The H2O+ and CO2 contents of all chemically analyzed
basalts were determined with a Hewlett-Packard Model
185B Carbon-Hydrogen-Nitrogen Analyzer. The method
required 20 to 25 mg of rock powder, which were placed in
decomposition furnace. Samples were automatically
heated at 1050°C and, after 50 seconds, volatiles were al-
lowed to enter the gas chromatograph. At the end of the col-
umn, they entered a thermal conductivity detector block
that electrically measures concentrations.
Samples and standards were processed identically with
the exception of powdering. Both were weighed in
aluminum boats (20 to 25 mg) and dried for a minimum of
12 hours at 110°C before analysis.

Chemical Alteration
The chemical composition of ocean floor basalts may be
changed appreciably by interaction with seawater. It is
Figure 20. Stratigraphic column of Hole 396B with bulk analyses plotted versus depth.
therefore important to evaluate alteration effects prior to the interpretation of the chemical data in terms of magmatic processes. Which elements are preferentially lost, gained, or redistributed is a function of the specific alteration reactions involved. The most important types of alteration in Hole 396B basalts are: (1) Iddingsitization of olivine. (2) Carbonates, zeolites, smectite, and Mn oxides filling vesicles and fractures. (3) Replacement of glassy mesostasis by smectite.

The elements Sr and K show anomalous scatter in MgO variation diagrams (Figure 23) and poor correlations with other elements. In contrast, Sr and (to a lesser extent) K are positively correlated with loss on ignition (L.O.I.), suggesting that these elements increase with increased degree of alteration. The degree of correlation varies among the units; e.g., the increase in Sr with L.O.I. in Subunit B2 is quite pronounced, while none exists in B2 (Figure 24). The correlation of increases in K$_2$O and L.O.I. in Subunits A1 to A3 contrasts with an apparent slight decrease in B1 and B2. Within Core 15, basalts show a significant range in L.O.I. without any change in K$_2$O and Sr. In addition, the absolute concentrations of these elements (particularly K$_2$O) are relatively low compared to the upper portion of A3 (Cores 13, 14). This relationship is much less distinct for L.O.I. versus MgO. However, it is clear that Mg may be lost drastically from basalts in which olivine is strongly replaced, e.g., analysis of Sample 396B-19-1, 4-6 cm (4.3 wt. % MgO versus 7.5 to 8.5 predicted from its general chemical composition). Based on the present data, we cannot establish the presence of smaller progressive changes in Mg content. A correlation also exists between the amount of smectite in a rock and its K content, and between CO$_2$ content and abundance of carbonate as seen in thin section and hand specimen. Although the effects of deuteric alteration were not fully evaluated, the cooling unit recovered in Core 15 shows major variations in L.O.I. and only minor changes in Sr and K, suggesting that this relatively thick cooling unit was isolated from major seawater alteration.
The chemical units are distinguished by a certain chemical coherence, Ti being the most useful discriminate. Four units (A, B, C, D) were distinguished; the two major units were subdivided into A1, A2, A3, B1, and B2.

Unit A comprises the upper 95 meters (150 to 245 m, Cores 4 to 15) and consists of very sparsely olivine-plagioclase phyric pillow basalts (Analyses 1 to 16, Tables 6 and 7, Figures 20 and 23).

Unit B comprises the next 64 meters (245 to 309 m, Cores 16 to 23), and consists of abundantly phyric (15 to 25% of plagioclase-olivine-spinel phenocrysts) pillow basalt (11 analyses).

Unit C occurs within the next lower 80 meters (310 to 385 m, Cores 23 to 32) and is made mostly of very sparsely to moderately phyric olivine-plagioclase-phric basalt. However, recovery was extremely low (<1%) and most of the material in that interval is basaltic “sand” (6 analyses).

Unit D is composed of a single analysis of porphyritic basalt from the base of the section (Core 32) in which the basalt varies from sparsely to moderately phyric plagioclase-olivine basalt.

While the boundaries between the major units generally correspond with magnetic and gross lithologic boundaries, those between the subunits are marked only by abrupt or transitional changes in chemistry.

Chemical Variation and Petrology

The following discussion of petrochemical relationships among the various magma groups found in Hole 396B is based upon elements that: (1) are least likely to be redistributed during alteration, (2) show high analytical precision, and (3) are strongly partitioned into either the melt or a crystalline phase.

The elements most useful in defining chemical units are Fe and the incompatible elements Zr and Ti. Ni and Cr are also useful because of their strong partitioning into olivine and spinel, respectively, although the role of Cr is somewhat complicated by its large affinity for clinopyroxene. The usefulness of Sr as an indicator of plagioclase fractionation is somewhat compromised by its mobility during alteration (Figures 23 and 24).

The total chemical variation within the basalts sampled is relatively small; however, the step-like, chemical changes between units and the relative chemical homogeneity that exist within many of the groups indicate that the chemically defined units represent discrete magma batches. Chemical variation within the individual subunits of Unit A are somewhat more difficult to explain. The order of apparent fractionation is from A1 to A3, exactly inverse to the eruption sequence, making a straightforward relationship seem unlikely. In addition, the intra-unit chemical variation, particularly of Ca and Al, cannot be explained by fractionation of plagioclase, olivine, and spinel, i.e., the observed phenocryst phases. The subunits might be related through pyroxene fractionation, but this is highly uncertain in light of the absence of clinopyroxene phenocrysts. On the basis of the preliminary shipboard analyses, it appears possible that Subunit B1 might be derivable from Subunit B2 through fractionation of plagioclase; however, this possibility and the possibility that magmas similar to group A might be derived from magmas similar to Unit B must await more detailed analyses and more sophisticated calculations.

The general depletion in Ni and Cr, coupled with the relative enrichment in Zr, Ti, and Fe relative to Mg when compared to the more primitive oceanic basalts recovered from the FAMOUS area (Bryan and Moore, 1977) and by DSDP Leg 2 (Frey et al., 1974) and Leg 37 all indicate that the Hole 396B basalts represent magmas that underwent fractionation prior to eruption. The type of variation exhibited by the subunits of magma Unit A indicates the generation of a sequence of batches of similar but apparently unrelated magmas. On the other hand, the subgroups of magma in Unit B, together with the samples recovered from Hole 396 (Leg 45), may represent a genetically related series of magmas linked through near-surface fractionation of plagioclase.

The higher Sr concentration in chemical Unit C, relative to Units A and B, is the distinct trace element characteristics of this unit.

Regional Comparison

Rocks recovered from Hole 396 are generally similar to those representing magma Unit B from Hole 396B; however, the Hole 396 samples are lower in Ca and Al and higher in Fe and Ti. The overall chemical variation is consistent with the fractionation series B2 and B1 of Hole 396B and the basalts of Hole 396. Basalts from Hole 396B are compositionally similar to those from Site 395, however, the magma types are clearly not identical.

Comparison of samples from Sites 395 and 396, dredge hauls from 22°N (Miyashiro et al., 1971), and analyses of glasses from the FAMOUS area indicates that the samples
Figure 23. MgO variation diagrams for Hole 396B basalts.
Figure 24. $K_2O$ and Sr versus loss on ignition for Hole 396B basalts.

from 20 to 22°N are generally similar and are systematically more "evolved" than the more primitive samples from the FAMOUS area. This regional pattern, if not a result of sampling bias, may have important implications for the development of this portion of the oceanic crust. This pattern may indicate tectonic conditions that restrict or slow the rise of magma beneath the ridge and thus prevent relatively unfractinated magmas from reaching the near sea-bottom environment. More fundamentally, this regional pattern may reflect different primary magma compositions resulting from upper mantle heterogeneity or, possibly, different conditions of partial melting.

**PHYSICAL PROPERTIES**

**Magnetics**

**Instruments and Methods**

The instruments and methods employed for this site were the same as on Leg 45. The remanent magnetization of the rocks was measured with a Schoenstedt Digital Spinel Magnetometer (Model DSM-1). Attenuating field demagnetization in magnetic fields up to 1000 Oe was obtained by a Schoenstedt A.C. Geophysical Specimen and Demagnetizer (Model GSD-1). Because this model is a one-component demagnetizer, the specimens had to be demagnetized in all three directions successively at each step of demagnetization. Both instruments worked very satisfactorily. Step-wise demagnetization of the specimens was conducted to measure the stability of remanent magnetization and to determine the "stable direction" of magnetization. The natural remanent magnetization (NRM) of basalts normally is of a composite nature; it consists of the original thermoremanent magnetization acquired during cooling after eruption and also of other magnetization components acquired subsequently, like viscous magnetization and chemical magnetization. Under normal circumstances, the step-wise demagnetization will remove these secondary, normally less stable components of magnetization, and the more stable original thermoremanent magnetization can then be determined.

The procedure of the determination of stable magnetization direction is illustrated in Figure 25. The stable direction is characterized by a certain "plateau" in the inclination (declination) versus A.C. demagnetizing field plot. In few cases, the stable direction could not be determined with certainty (e.g., Figure 26); these values are marked in the compilation of shipboard data (Table 8) with a question mark.

The rocks measured during this leg were oriented only with respect to vertical. Therefore, only the inclination of magnetization direction can be given in absolute values, with the declination representing only a relative value.

Figure 25. Typical results of demagnetization of basalt showing stable inclination, Sample 396B-11-2-1, 5-7 cm.
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Figure 26. Typical results of demagnetization of basalt with no stable inclination, Sample 396B-13-2-5A, 49-51 cm.

The stability of remanent magnetization is given here as the median destructive field (MDF) which is the A.C. (demagnetizing) field necessary to erase half of the original intensity of magnetization.

Results

The results of the magnetic shipboard measurements are summarized in Table 8. The following parameters are listed there:

1) Original NRM, inclination, and intensity; these are the original inclination and intensity values prior to any demagnetization.
2) Stable inclination; these values are obtained after A.C. field demagnetization as explained above (see also Figure 25).
3) A.C. field necessary to obtain the stable inclination; in the example of Figure 25, it is 600 Oe.
4) Median destructive field (MDF); this is the A.C. field necessary to erase half of the original intensity of magnetization, and is a measure of stability of remanence.

A downhole plot of these parameters, including the results of the shore-based measurements, is given by Peterson (this volume). In this figure, the theoretical central dipole value for the inclination of the earth's magnetic field at the latitude of drilling has been included for comparison, i.e., +40.3°.

The most significant results are the consistency of the stable inclination values within certain units, the occurrence of different polarity groups, and the difference between measured inclinations and the theoretical dipole value.

The different polarity groups define the following magnetic units:

Unit I from Section 4-1 (top of the basalts) to Sample 14-1, 81-83 cm. The mean inclination is +20.8°. It should be mentioned that the sediment at Sample 13-2, #2A has an inclination of -35° which differs significantly from the mean value +20.8°, although it is well within Unit 1.

Unit II from Sample 14-1, 81-83 cm to the bottom of Core 15. The mean inclination is -69.3°. Unit II is much thinner compared to the other magnetic units.

Unit III extends from Section 16-1 to the bottom of core 22. The mean inclination is -6.0°, with very little scatter around this value.

Unit IV begins with Section 23-1 and extends down to Sample 26-1, #1. The mean inclination is -27.2°; however it is magnetically badly defined as there were too few oriented samples available for measurement.

The intensities of remanent magnetization (original intensity values prior to demagnetization) of Units I and III are distinctly different. The mean value of 0.85 × 10⁻³ emu/cm³ for Unit I is much below the average of ocean floor basalts in general, whereas the mean value of 2.70 × 10⁻³ emu/cm³ of Unit III comes close to the general average. This difference is probably due to a higher degree of low temperature oxidation of the rocks from Unit I.

The mean values of stable inclination and original NRM intensity of the different magnetic units are summarized in Table 9. (These mean values also contain the shore-based measurements given by Peterson, this volume.)

Drilling Remanence

In many of the Leg 45 rocks, we observed a vertical remanent magnetization component pointing downwards. This component could be erased by A.C. demagnetization of a few hundred oe and has been interpreted by the Leg 45 scientists as drilling remanence, induced by the magnetic field of the drill bit. No such drilling remanence has been observed in the Leg 46 rocks. This may be due to the high magnetization stability of the rocks encountered here.

Petrography and Chemistry

The boundary of magnetic Units I and II is reflected neither in petrography nor in geochemistry; however, there is indication of an anomaly in the logging downhole plot (Kirkpatrick, this volume). Boundary II-III is reflected in both chemistry (chemical Units A3/B1) and petrography (petrographic Units 3/4). Boundary III-IV is also reflected in both chemistry (B2/C) and petrography (4/5). The lower boundary of IV coincides with the petrographic boundary 5-6. Table 10 summarizes these relationships.
**TABLE 8**
Rock Magnetism Data for Hole 396B

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<td>620</td>
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<td>760</td>
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<td>200</td>
<td>710</td>
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<td>+17.2</td>
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<td>600</td>
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<td>26-1, 3-5</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>4.56</td>
<td>+20.7</td>
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<td>+22.0</td>
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<td>880</td>
<td>p</td>
<td>Fresh pillow basalt</td>
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Note: g = good, m = medium, p = poor.

MDF and Mean Grain Size of Titanomagnetites

The carrier of magnetization of the rocks is titanomagnetite (see section on opaque mineralogy, above). The mean grain diameter of the magnetic titanomagnetites varies from <1 to 20 µm. If the composition of the titanomagnetites in the rocks does not vary appreciably, inverse relationships should exist between grain diameter and magnetic stability.

Figure 27 shows a plot of mean grain size of titanomagnetites versus MDF (as a measure of stability). Although the rocks of Unit II show this inverse relationship, the rocks of Units I, III, and IV do not follow this simple relationship. This indicates that changes in the composition and/or oxidation state of the titanomagnetites predominates in these units.

Comparison With Hole 396

Hole 396 is about 500 meters southwest of Hole 396B and belongs to the same positive geomagnetic anomaly. The magnetic measurements were conducted by P. Johnson and are published in the Leg 45 Initial Reports of the Deep Sea Drilling Project.

In both holes, there is an upper unit of about equal thickness and normal polarity but slightly different inclination and petrography (phyric in Hole 396 and sparsely phyric in Hole 396B). The mean stable inclination of the upper unit of Hole 396 is +34.4°, which is much closer to the theoretical central dipole value at the site of drilling (+40.3°), as compared to the +20.8° of Unit I, Hole 396B. Table 11 compares the different magnetic parameters of the two Holes 396B and 396.

The similarity in inclination of Unit III in Hole 396B (+6°) and the lower unit in Hole 396 (+5°) is conspicuous. One may correlate Unit I of Hole 396B with the upper unit of Hole 396, and also Unit III of Hole 396B with the lower unit of Hole 396. Unit II in Hole 396B does not have an equivalent in Hole 396.

Different explanations are possible for the shallow inclination of Units I and III of Hole 396B and the lower unit of Hole 396. One explanation is that they extruded during a period of geomagnetic reversal. However, we
TABLE 9
Mean Values of Magnetic Parameters of Hole 396B

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<th>Unit I</th>
<th>Unit II</th>
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<tr>
<td>Stable inclination (°)</td>
<td>+20.8</td>
<td>-69.3</td>
<td>-6.0</td>
<td>+27.2</td>
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<tr>
<td>Standard deviation</td>
<td>9.3</td>
<td>6.5</td>
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<td>Intensity (emu/cm³)</td>
<td>0.85 × 10⁻³</td>
<td>1.19 × 10⁻³</td>
<td>2.70 × 10⁻³</td>
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<tr>
<td>Standard deviation</td>
<td>0.50 × 10⁻³</td>
<td>1.05 × 10⁻³</td>
<td>1.70 × 10⁻³</td>
<td>0.58 × 10⁻³</td>
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TABLE 10
Comparison of Magnetic, Chemical, and Petrographic Unit Boundaries of Hole 396B

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<th>Magnetic Unit Boundary</th>
<th>Chemical Units</th>
<th>Petrographic Units</th>
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<td>I/II</td>
<td>A/B₁</td>
<td>3/4</td>
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<td>II/III</td>
<td>B₂/C</td>
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<td>III/IV</td>
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discount this explanation because the magnetization directions are very consistent in both Units I and III (although they are fairly thick), and because the intensity of magnetization (at least for Unit III) seems too high for a reversal period. Another explanation for the shallow inclinations is tilting of the area where Holes 396 and 396B have been drilled.

Seismic Velocity, Density, and Porosity

Measurements of seismic velocity (three components), density, and porosity were made of samples onboard. These measurements are discussed by Matthews (this volume).

Thermal Conductivity Measurements

Sediments

Thermal conductivity measurements were made aboard ship on the sediment cores using the needle-probe method described by von Herzen and Maxwell (1959). This method measures the temperature increase in the sediment caused by heat released within the sediment, as a function of time using a long, thin-walled hypodermic needle containing a heating element and a thermometer. The temperature increase is recorded in analog form and digitized, and a curve of the form \( T = A + Bt + C \ln(t) \) is fitted to the temperature (T) versus time (t) data using a nonlinear regression program. Reduction of the data in this manner permits the removal of nearly linear temperature changes arising from the difference in ambient temperature between the sediment core and the laboratory.

The results of the thermal conductivity measurements made during Leg 46 are listed in Table 12. Conductivity data from both Holes 396A and 396B have been combined in Figure 28.

The mean of the five conductivity values measured in a single section of severely disturbed, totally unconsolidated nannofossil-foraminifer ooze recovered from just below the mudline at Hole 396A is 2.84 ±0.07 mcal/cm² sec°C.

It is apparent that the 18 conductivity values measured in sediments recovered from 122.50 to 142.27 meters...
TABLE 11
Comparison of Magnetic Parameters of Holes 396B and 396
(data from Hole 396 from P. Johnson, Initial Report, DSDP Leg 45)

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Mean Stable Inclination</th>
<th>Unit I</th>
<th>Hole 396B</th>
<th>Unit II</th>
<th>Unit III</th>
<th>Hole 396</th>
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<tr>
<td></td>
<td>+20.8°</td>
<td>-69.3°</td>
<td>-6.0°</td>
<td>+34°</td>
<td>5°</td>
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<td>NRM intensity (emu/cm³)</td>
<td>0.85 X 10⁻³</td>
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TABLE 12
Thermal Conductivity Values Measured on Sediment Recovered From Holes 396A and 396B

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<td>Conductivity (mcal/cm² sec°C)</td>
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<td>2.78</td>
<td>2.80</td>
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<td>2.86</td>
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Figure 28. Thermal conductivity versus depth for Hole 396B sediments.

sub-bottom in Hole 396B are highly variable, with a mean and standard deviation of 3.04 ± 0.24 mcal/cm² sec°C. Mean thermal conductivity values calculated for each of the four sections from which data were available (Table 13), although quite variable, show no systematic variation with depth. Cores 1 and 2 at Hole 396B are comprised of nannofossil ooze; Core 3 is described as marly nannofossil ooze. All cores were severely to moderately disturbed by drilling.

Basalt
The thermal conductivity and wet density of 10 basalt samples from Hole 396B were measured using a divided bar apparatus with constant temperature ends (Jessop, 1970). Values for the quartz and fused-silica standards used in the apparatus were from Ratcliffe (1959). The basalt samples were in the form of discs, 2.5 cm in diameter by 1.0 cm thick, that were cut from small cores (minicores) drilled from chunks of basalt. The basalt chunks had been stored in water aboard the D/V Glomar Challenger from immediately after their recovery until their conductivity was measured.

The mean sample temperature was about 25°C, and the accuracy of individual values is better than 5 per cent (Table 14). The harmonic mean conductivity is 4.08 ± 0.05 mcal/cm² sec°C, very similar to that measured previously on sea-floor basalts (Hyndman and Drury, 1976). The measured thermal conductivity may be much lower than the in situ conductivity; however, the difference cannot be from incomplete saturation since these samples were formed on the ocean floor and were maintained saturated until measurement.

TABLE 13
Means and Standard Deviations of Thermal Conductivity Values Measured Within the Sections Listed in Table 12

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<tr>
<th>Section</th>
<th>Deviation (mcal/cm² sec°C)</th>
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<td>2.95</td>
<td>0.22</td>
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TABLE 14
Thermal Conductivity and Wet Density Values Measured on Samples of Basalt Recovered From Hole 396B During DSDP Leg 46

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Sample (Interval in cm)</th>
<th>Depth (m)</th>
<th>Conductivity (mcal/cm² sec°C)</th>
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<td>157.62</td>
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<td>203.08</td>
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<td>215.24</td>
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<td>22-1, 45-47</td>
<td>305.96</td>
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DOWNHOLE EXPERIMENTS — HOLE 396B

Downhole Logging

Hole 396B is the first hole in oceanic crust to be logged by downhole geophysical instruments. The tools run are: (1) Borehole Compensated Sonic with integrated travel time and natural gamma-ray activity; (2) Compensated Neutron Porosity, Compensated Formation Density, calipers, and natural gamma-ray activity; and (3) Dual Induction Electrical Log (ILD, ILM, and LL8) and natural gamma-ray activity. All tools were supplied by Schlumberger, Ltd. The data were obtained both digitally and optically. The computer-processed logs are presented in Figure 29. Corrections must be made to the neutron porosity and ILM logs (Kirkpatrick, this volume), but the values from other logs need no correction.

Logging Procedure

All logs were run in open hole upward from the maximum depth obtainable to the base of the 11%-in. casing at 161 meters sub-bottom. During the logging runs, the bottom of the pipe was held about 160 meters above the bottom of the casing and the tools (3%-in. O.D., except for the density log which was 3%-in. O.D.) were lowered through a modified drill bit with a 3%-in. opening. Because of this small opening, none of the positioning devices (centralizers and decentralizers) could be used. This is the cause of the large scatter in the data. Because the tools used are compensated (dual detector), however, the average value for an interval is relatively accurate. There may be some additional scatter in the data due to raising and lowering the tool by the ship’s roll. No unambiguous examples of this have been found in the data.

Applications of the Data

The objectives of the logging were to obtain in situ physical property data, to obtain some idea of the nature of the material not recovered, and to determine lithologic boundaries in intervals of poor recovery. Except for neutron porosity, which is 10 to 12 per cent less than the uncorrected log value, the data in the logs in Figure 29 give a good indication of the in situ values for the properties measured. The integrated sonic velocity for the interval logged is 3.1 km/sec. All the logs indicate an in situ value much lower (higher for porosity) than the laboratory values obtained on core samples/corrected neutron.

Plots of density versus porosity (Kirkpatrick, this volume) indicate that the grain density of the material around the borehole is in the range of 2.8 to 3.0 g/cm³, the same as the basalt recovered, implying that the material not recovered is primarily basalt.

The main boundary in Hole 396B defined by the logs is that between the palagonite breccia unit (Unit 5) and the upper sand and gravel unit (Unit 6) at 340 meters sub-bottom. Recovery was very poor in this interval, but the abrupt decrease in density, sonic velocity (increase in interval transit time), and electrical resistivity indicate the boundary clearly. The boundary between the porphyritic basalt unit (Unit 4) and the palagonite breccia unit (Unit 5) also is indicated clearly by the logs, although recovery was sufficient to define the boundary.

The natural gamma-ray log indicates clearly intervals of palagonite breccia at the top of lithologic Unit 1 and in lithologic Units 6, 7, and 8. This log is sensitive to K⁴⁰ and elements in the uranium and thorium decay series and, most likely, is detecting increased potassium levels due to the palagonitization.

The spike in the density, porosity, and interval transit time logs at 230 meters is consistent with the idea that the boundary between magnetic Units I and II may be a fault.

The large and rapid fluctuations in the upper parts of both the sparsely phric (Units 1 and 2) and porphyritic (Unit 4) pillow sequences relative to the comparatively smooth curves in their lower parts appears to indicate that the upper parts are considerably less well-consolidated than the lower parts.

The flow or sill in Core 15 (Unit 3) is poorly defined and cannot easily be distinguished from the pillow sequences.

Downhole Seismics

We planned to rendezvous with the R/V Knorr on 8 March. The Knorr was to bring explosives, apparatus, and personnel in order to act as shooting ship for the Oblique Seismic Experiment. The greater part of the apparatus for recording these shots was embarked on board the Challenger and it was tested, as far as possible in the absence of the shooting ship, on the night of 29 February-1 March. Subsequent damage to the drill rig caused these plans to be abandoned. In this section, the plans and the apparatus assembled are described very briefly and an account is given of results obtained with a hydrophone lowered into Hole 396B.

Objectives of the Oblique Seismic Experiment

1) To check the interval velocities obtained by sonic logging, by either explosions fired from the nearby Knorr or shots of the Challenger’s airgun, recorded on a geophone lowered to various depths within the hole. Industrial experience suggests that such check shots, which sample rocks remote from the disturbed zone around the drill hole, generally record higher velocities than the downhole logs.

2) To find out how characteristic of the surrounding crust the velocity structure intersected by the holes. This can be done by comparing travel times between shots (fired at ranges between 0 and 11 km by the Knorr) to a geophone clamped in the hole, with travel times computed assuming that the velocity structure found in the hole is typical of the surrounding crust.

3) To determine the effect of open cracks on the seismic velocities by comparing the observed velocities with those obtained in the laboratory in jacketed specimens subjected to external compacting pressures.

4) To study attenuation in the rocks by comparing amplitudes observed at various depths in the hole, both at normal and oblique incidence with amplitudes on computed synthetic seismograms.

Apparatus

A Wall-Lock Geophone (WLG) made by Geospace was available to lower out of the pipe on the Schlumberger logging cable. Once out of the pipe, it was to be locked against the wall of the open hole. The control box was
Figure 29. Downhole logs for Hole 396B.
situated in the Schlumberger hut, whence the signal was led down through the elevator shaft to the recording apparatus in the Paleontology Lab. A weighted hydrophone hanging on 1000 feet of cable was to be deployed off the starboard side of the main deck to record the direct water wave from the Knorr’s shot in order to determine the range. Shot instant was to be obtained either by direct VHF transmission of a tone break from the Knorr or, failing this, by timing the shots on two identical crystal clocks, one in the Knorr and the other in the Challenger. A special VHF radio system was installed in both ships to facilitate this interlaboratory communication. Two antennas were erected for it, one at the forward end of the pipe rack and the other on the stack.

In Challenger’s laboratory apparatus was set up to record signals on tape and to display them on a jet-pen galvanometer recorder. It was possible to amplify or attenuate the signals from the WLG and the overside hydrophone by factors of 2 between $2^{11}$ and $2^{5}$.

Onboard the Knorr, apparatus was installed to transmit the tone break when the explosion was detected by a geophone and also to record (and display) the shot and a time-encoding crystal clock.

Trial, 29 February

The WLG was locked in the drill pipe midway to the sea floor, 7000 feet under the ship. The overside hydrophone was put down to 900 feet depth. Someone whistled into the Bridge VHF and was received on the Lab VHF. All seven channels were recorded in the lab both on and off tape. No difficulties were encountered except that the WLG preamplifier was frequently overloaded with noise.

The Cambridge Hydrophone

When its locking arm is closed, the WLG has a diameter of 3.62 inches. The special bit through which the Schlumberger logging tools were lowered has a ring of interval diameter of 3.75 inches on which the EDO-Western re-entry tool seats, so the clearance around the WLG is only 1/16 inch. This does not leave much room for small bits of basalt to get into the arm mechanism, preventing it from retracting completely. Accordingly, it had been agreed that we must run this tool into the hole lastly, and must regard it as possibly sacrificial in spite of its $15,000 replacement value. As a second line of defense if the WLG were lost, we had a Cambridge-built hydrophone. The hydrophone has an outside diameter of 2.55 in. so it will not fit through the normal drilling bit, interval diameter 2.46 in., but is an easy fit through the special logging bit, 3.75-in. I.D.

The hydrophone was built to attach to a Gearhart-Owen connector; in order to use it, we needed to cut off the ten-pin adaptor and rope socket used to attach the WLG (and the other logging tools) to the Schlumberger cable and to replace it with the Gearhart-Owen connector normally used to connect the EDO re-entry tool. The Cambridge hydrophone contains a preamplifier with a gain of $14 \times$ which draws its power from the surface.

Downhole Hydrophone Experiment, 1 March

The Cambridge hydrophone, attached to a 12-foot sinker bar, was lowered into the open hole beyond the end of the casing. A 40-in.$^3$ airgun, floated astern on a buoy, was fired at a depth of about 15 feet and a pressure of 1500 psi, once every 15 seconds. Arrangements were made in the laboratory to record the electrical firing pulse of the airgun, the crystal clock, and the signal from the downhole hydrophone.

A typical record showed irregularly spaced bursts of noise, about two clangs every second. There is no reason to believe that there was anything wrong with the hydrophone, so the noise must be real. It might be due to the drill pipe clanging in the cone and casing, to jerks of the cable on which the hydrophone was hanging, or to the stinger bar clanging against the side of the hole. The direct sound travel time from the airgun to the hydrophone was expected to be slightly more than 3 seconds; a careful attempt was made to find correlatable arrivals in this interval. Records of several shots were played out at high paper speeds for several depths of the hydrophone in the hole. No consistent arrivals were found; apparently, the airgun is too small a source. A similar conclusion was reached in a similar experiment using the DSDP (Lamont) hydrophone on Leg 45.

Unfortunately, the Cambridge hydrophone had not been calibrated so the intensity of the noise in the pipe was not known.

REFERENCES


**SITE 396**  
**HOLE A**  
**CORE 1**  
**CORED INTERVAL:** 0.0-0.5 m  
**LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION**  
Grayish-orange (10YR 7/4) nanno-foram ooze - totally unconsolidated.  
Components: 10% clay, 15% carbonate unspecified, 25% forams, 50% nannos, 5% diatoms and rads  
Approximate sonic velocity 1.5 km/sec.  
Grain size: 0.0% sand, 31.2% silt, 64.6% clay.

**SITE 396**  
**HOLE B**  
**CORE 1**  
**CORED INTERVAL:** 122.0-131.5 m  
**LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION**  
Grayish-orange (10YR 7/4) nanno-foram ooze.  
Components: 20% clay, 10% carbonate unspecified, 15% forams, 50% nannos, 5% diatoms and rads.  
Grain size: 0.0% sand, 39.9% silt, 60.1% clay.  
Approximate sonic velocity 1.5 km/sec.

**SITE 396**  
**HOLE A**  
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**CORED INTERVAL:** 5.5-15.0 m  
**LITHOLOGIC DESCRIPTION**  
Core catcher of grayish-orange (10YR 7/4) nanno-foram ooze.
VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS

**Visual Description**

Structure: Pillow lava sequence with 4 subdivisions: 1) altered basalt (10-35 cm); 2) sideromelane-palagonite-carbonate breccia (35-70 cm); 3) massive thick pillow (70-120 cm); and 4) smaller broken-up pillows with some carbonate breccia (120-150 cm).

Texture: Dominantly pillow rinds, generally with variolitic zones, about 30% more thoroughly crystallized basalt.

Mineralogy: Very sparsely olivine-phyric (much less than 1% becoming slightly more abundant downwards) with rare plagioclase phenocrysts, in some cases glomerophyric. Size of phenocrysts generally less than 1 mm. Vesicles generally less than 2%, round to irregular, partly filled with clay(?), rarely carbonate.

Alteration: Relatively fresh except for about 1 cm wide alteration halos around fractures, many of which are filled by fine-grained carbonate. Some olivines partially iddingsitized, some sideromelane partly palagonitized; partial recrystallization of fine-grained carbonate.

**Thin Section Description**

Phenocrysts: less than 1%, olivine

Groundmass: olivine, 3%, 0.1-0.2 mm, skeletal; plagioclase, 30%, up to 0.3 mm, spherulitic and skeletal; clinopyroxene, 10%, very small, skeletal; glass, 66%, partially altered.

Vesicles: 3%, 0.2-0.4 mm, empty

Texture: holohayline, variolitic, intersertal

**Shipboard Data**

Magnetic Data: 103-105 cm Intensity (emu/cc) 1.68 x 10^-4 Stable inclination +11.0

**Physical Properties**

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**Visual Core Description for Igneous Rocks**

**Visual Description**

- Structure: Basalt pillow sequence with interbedded nanofossil ooze, now well-lithified. Contains considerable carbonate pelagite breccia.
- Texture: Basalt - well-lithified, basalt pillows with glassy rim, variolitic zone and microclastic interior.
- Mineralogy: Basalt - very rare phenocrysts of olivine.

**Thin Section Description**

- Phenocrysts: 1% olivine (altered) and plagioclase
- Groundmass: olivine, 4%, 0.05 mm, euhedral; plagioclase, 35%, 0.1-0.1 mm, skeletal to spherulitic; clinopyroxene, 5%, 10 mm, skeletal to dendritic; opaque, 5%, 10 mm, euhedral, glass, 25%, altered

**Shibboard Data**

- Bulk Analysis: 55-57 cm
- Magnetic Data: 55-57 cm
- Physical Properties: 56-58 cm
- Water Bulk Density: 2.06
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**Shipboard Data**

- Bulk Analysis: 53-55 cm
- Magnetic Data: 53-55 cm
- Physical Properties: 130-134 cm
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- Grain Density: 2.90
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**Visual Description**

- Structure: Basalt pillow sequence.
- Texture: Basalt - primarily microclastic pillow margins are glassy with a variolitic zone grading into a microclastic interior.
- Mineralogy: Basalt - sparse olivine and plagioclase phenocrysts - plagioclase appears to increase slightly downward.

**Note:** Possible olivine and plagioclase xenolith in piece #4.

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Visual Description
Structure: Basalt pillow sequence - flow units larger than in Core 6 - no sediment.
Texture: Basalt glass near pillow margins, thin variolitic zone and microlitic center. Most fragments have microlitic texture.
Mineralogy: Sparse olivine and plagioclase phenocrysts (<1%).

Thin Section Description
Phenocrysts: 10% plagioclase
Groundmass: olivine, 5%, 0.2 mm, skeletal - subhedral; plagioclase, 40%, to 0.5 mm, skeletal-spherulitic; clinopyroxene, 10%, 0.05 mm, skeletal-spherulitic; opaque, 10%, 2µ, skeletal; glass, 30%, partially altered
Vesicles: 1%, to 0.5 mm, some partly filled with smectite or calcite
Texture: Intersertal
Alteration: Clay replacing glass, calcite as vesicle fillings and subhedral patches

Shipboard Data
Magnetic Data: 13-15 cm
Intensity (emu/cc) 1.27 x 10^-3
Stable Inclination +21.5

Physical Properties: 25-27 cm
Vo (km/sec) 4.6
Porosity (%) 15.3
Net Bulk Density 2.67
Grain Density 2.98
Visual Description
Lithology: Basalt pillow sequence. Grain size generally increases toward center of pillows. Vesicles increase and become more irregular from glassy rind toward center of pillows.
Mineralogy: Very sparsely plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts (up to larger than 1 cm) commonly have rounded outlines. Olivine is generally present, and some are inhaled and very fresh.
Alteration: Except for <1-2 cm oxidized halos there is much fresh basalt. Fractures are generally filled with two generations of minerals (zeolite followed by clay and/or carbonate). Also vesicles in coarser-grained basalt filled with smectite(?), lining, and a center of white zeolite or carbonate(?).

Thin Section Description
Phenocrysts: less than 1% olivine and plagioclase
Groundmass: olivine, 1-10%, 1 mm, skeletal; plagioclase, about 50%, needles; clinopyroxene, dendrite and rare needles in mesostasis; glass, 30-50%
Vesicles: <1%, <0.5 mm, most partly filled
Texture: vermicilitic to interstitial
Alteration: yellow clay as vesicle fillings

Shipboard Data
Bulk Analysis: 62-64 cm
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\text{SiO}_2 & = 49.96 \text{ Mbo} \pm 0.19 \\
\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 & = 18.38 \text{ Loss on Ignition} \\
\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3 & = 9.93 \text{ Hg}^0_2 \\
\text{MgO} & = 1.24 \\
\text{CaO} & = 11.50 \text{ Hg}^0_2 \\
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\text{K}_2\text{O} & = 0.31 \text{ Fc} \\
\text{TiO}_2 & = 1.51 \text{ Fe} \\
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Vp (km/sec) 6.0
Wet Bulk Density 2.88
Porosity (%) 2.5
Physical Properties:

Depth: 185.0 cm to 186.5 cm

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Lithology: Basalt pillow sequence. Grain size generally increases toward center of pillows. Vesicles increase and become more irregular from glassy rind toward center of pillows.
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Alteration: Except for <1-2 cm oxidized halos there is much fresh basalt. Fractures are generally filled with two generations of minerals (zeolite followed by clay and/or carbonate). Also vesicles in coarser-grained basalt filled with smectite(?), lining, and a center of white zeolite or carbonate(?).

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Magnetic Data: 60-62 cm
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\text{Stable Inclination} & = +50.0^\circ \\
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- Lithology: Massive, vesicular, sparsely phryic basalt throughout with scattered glassy pillow rinds. The glassy margins grade inward to a variolitic zone in which vesicles are filled with a brown alteration product. Pillow intervals are well-crystallized. (Similar to Core 8.)
- Mineralogy: Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts are present in most samples. The olivine phenocrysts are euhedral, fresh, and small (<1 mm) but they are more abundant than plagioclase (5:1). Plagioclase occurs as equant to elongate grains up to 1 cm in diameter. Melt inclusions are present in the larger grains.
- Alteration: Generally fresh with alteration occurring in 0.5-2 cm brown halos around fractures. Fractures are generally filled with white crystalline material. Olivines within brown halos are iddingsitized. Glassy margins of pillow rinds are only slightly palagonitized.

**Thin Section Description**
- Phenocrysts: olivine and plagioclase
- Groundmass: olivine, <5%, plagioclase, 30-50%, up to 1 mm, needles; clinopyroxene, 1-10%, small crystals and dendrites; glass, <50%, tachylite
- Vesicles: <5%, 0.5 mm, generally open
- Texture: intersertal-variolitic
- Alteration: glass altered to clay, clay and calcite filling vesicles

**Shipboard Data**
- Magnetic Data: 19-21 cm
  - Intensity (emu/cc): 1.21 x 10^-3
  - Stable Inclination: +20.0

**Physical Properties**
- Vp (km/sec): 5.6
- Porosity (%): 6.5
- Wet Bulk Density: 2.70
- Grain Density: 2.90
**VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS**

**Lithology:** Massive, vesicular, sparsely phyric basalt throughout with scattered glassy pillow rinds. The glassy margins grade inward to a variolitic zone in which vesicles are filled with a brown alteration product. Pillow intervals are well-crystallized. (Similar to Core B.)

**Mineralogy:** Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts are present in most samples. The olivine phenocrysts are enhedral, fresh, and small (≤1 mm) but they are more abundant than plagioclase (5:1). Plagioclase occurs as equant to elongate grains up to 1 cm in diameter. Melt inclusions are present in the larger grains.

**Alteration:** Generally fresh with alteration occurring in 0.5-2 cm brown halos around fractures. Fractures are generally filled with white crystalline material. Olivines within brown halos are iddingsitized. Glassy margins of pillow rinds are only slightly palagonitized.

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**VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS**

**Structure:** Massive pillow basalt with infrequent glass rinds. No distinct units.

**Texture:** Glassy to crystalline with few narrow variolitic zones close to the glass rinds. The basalt is sparsely phyric with a few phenocrysts of plagioclase (average 2 mm, up to 8 mm) and olivine (average 1 mm, up to 3 mm). Some plagioclase phenocrysts are skeletal.

**Mineralogy:** Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts.

**Alteration:** The color of the basalt changes from dark gray to a brownish gray along fractures which are usually filled with secondary minerals (carbonate and/or zeolites). The same minerals form fragmented crusts on sample surfaces. Mn coating (very thin: less than 1 mm) and patches are sparsely distributed on the fracture surfaces. In the altered zones, the olivine phenocrysts are partly “iddingsitized.”

**Thin Section Description**

Phenocrysts: 15 olivine (≤1 mm) and plagioclase (≤1 mm)

Groundmass: olivine, 1%, skeletal; plagioclase, 20-50%, up to 1 mm long; clinopyroxene, 30%, to 0.3 mm, dendritic; opaque, 2-3%, l-7µ, cube-skeletal, glass, 20-90%

Vesicles: 1-3%, 0.1-0.3 mm, filled

**Texture:** variolitic to interstitial

**Alteration:** olivines altered, clay and calcite filling vesicles

**Shipboard Data**

Bulk Analysis: 51-53 cm

- SiO$_2$: 49.05
- Al$_2$O$_3$: 15.41
- FeO total (TFe$_2$O$_3$): 10.96
- CaO: 11.79
- MgO: 7.76
- K$_2$O: 0.13
- Na$_2$O: 2.59
- P$_2$O$_5$: 0.17
- TiO$_2$: 1.54
- Cr: 0.17
- Sr: 120.0
- Zr: 111.0

Magnetic Data: 51-53 cm

- Intensity (emu/cc): 1.69 x 10^-3
- Stable inclination: +21.0

Physical Properties: 109-111 cm

- V$_p$ (km/sec): 5.4
- Porosity: 0.8
- Wet Bulk Density: 2.87
- Grain Density: 2.89

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**VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS**

**Depth:** 196.0 m to 197.5 m

- **LEG**: 4639680
- **SITE**: 909
- **CORE**: 00
- **SEC**: 00

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**Visual Description**

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Mineralogy: Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts are present in most samples. The olivine phenocrysts are enhedral, fresh, and small (≤1 mm) but they are more abundant than plagioclase (5:1). Plagioclase occurs as equant to elongate grains up to 1 cm in diameter. Melt inclusions are present in the larger grains.

Alteration: Generally fresh with alteration occurring in 0.5-2 cm brown halos around fractures. Fractures are generally filled with white crystalline material. Olivines within brown halos are iddingsitized. Glassy margins of pillow rinds are only slightly palagonitized.
VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS

Depth: 204.0 m to 205.5 m

Visual Description
Structure: Massive pillow basalt with infrequent glass rinds. No distinct units.
Texture: Glassy to crystalline with few narrow variolitic zones close to the glass rinds.
The basalt is sparsely phyric with a few phenocrysts of plagioclase (average 2 mm, up to 8 mm) and olivine (average 1 mm, up to 3 mm). Some plagioclase phenocrysts are skeletal.
From about 3% to much less than 1% vesicles (from 0.1 to 0.5 mm).
Mineralogy: Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts.
Alteration: The color of the basalt changes from dark gray to a brownish gray along fractures which are usually filled with secondary minerals (carbonates and/or zeolites). The same minerals form fragmented crusts on samples surfaces. Mn coating (very thin: less than 1 mm) and patches are sparsely distributed on the fracture surfaces. In the altered zones, the olivine phenocrysts are partly "iddingsitized."

Thin Section Description
Phenocrysts: <1% olivine (1 mm) and plagioclase (0.4 mm)
Groundmass: olivine, <1%, 0.05 mm, skeletal; plagioclase, 30%, 0.2 mm, skeletal; clinopyroxene, 50%, 0.2 mm, axiolitic; opaque, <1%, l-10µ, skeletal; glass, <1%
Vesicles: 1%, to 0.1 mm
Texture: variolitic-intersertal
Alteration: olivine altered, glass altered to clay, calcite veils

Shipboard Data
Magnetic Data: 21-23 cm
Intensity (emu/cc) 4.01 x 10^-4
Stable inclination +19.0°

Physical Properties: 59-61 cm
VP (km/sec) 5.4
Poisson's Ratio (ν) 0.27
Poisson's Ratio (ν) 0.7
Wet Bulk Density 2.95
Grain Density 2.95

VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS

Depth: 202.5 m to 212.0 m

Visual Description
Structure: Pillow basalt with infrequent glass rinds. No distinct units.
Texture: Glassy to crystalline with few narrow variolitic zones close to the glass rinds.
The basalt is sparsely phyric with a few phenocrysts of plagioclase (average 2 mm, up to 8 mm) and olivine (average 1 mm, up to 3 mm). Some plagioclase phenocrysts are skeletal.
Very few (<1%) vesicles in the upper portion, while about 1% vesicles (0.1-0.5 mm) in the lower portion.
Mineralogy: Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts.
Alteration: The color of the basalt changes from dark gray to a brownish gray along fractures which are usually filled with secondary minerals (carbonates and/or zeolites). The same minerals form fragmented crusts on samples surfaces. Mn coating (very thin: less than 1 mm) and patches are sparsely distributed on the fracture surfaces. In the altered zones, the olivine phenocrysts are partly "iddingsitized."

Thin Section Description
Phenocrysts: <1% olivine (1 mm) and plagioclase (0.4 mm)
Groundmass: olivine, <1%, 0.05 mm, skeletal; plagioclase, 30%, 0.2 mm, skeletal; clinopyroxene, 50%, 0.2 mm, axiolitic; opaque, <1%, l-10µ, skeletal; glass, <1%
Vesicles: 1%, to 0.1 mm
Texture: variolitic-intersertal
Alteration: olivine altered; clay, calcite, and zeolites in voids

Shipboard Data
Bulk Analysis: 56-58 cm
SiO₂ 49.02
Al₂O₃ 15.28
Fe₂O₃ 10.71
MgO 7.77
CaO 11.79
Loss on Ignition -1.39
Magnetic Data: 56-58 cm
Intensity (emu/cc) 1.25 x 10^-3
Stable inclination +5.0
**VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS**

**Depth:** 213.5 m to 214.5 m

**Visual Description**
- **Structure:** Pillow basalt with infrequent glass rinds. No distinct units.
- **Texture:** Glassy to crystalline with few narrow variolitic zones close to the glass rinds.
- **Mineralogy:** Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts.

**Thin Section Description**
- **Phenocrysts:** <1% olivine (0.8 mm) and plagioclase (to 7 mm)
- **Groundmass:** plagioclase, 40%, to 1 mm, skeletal laths; clinopyroxene, 10%, skeletal; opaque, 4%, 4-10 µ, skeletal; glass, 35%
- **Vesicles:** 4%, to 0.3 mm, partially filled

**Alteration:**
- Glass altered to clay, clay filling vesicles.

**Shipboard Data**
- **Bulk Analysis:** 127-129 cm
  - SiO₂: 50.00
  - MgO: 15.07
  - Al₂O₃: 19.07
  - Fe₂O₃: 7.16
  - FeO: 2.42
  - CaO: 1.14
  - Na₂O: 0.14
- **Physical Properties:**
  - Vp (km/sec): 5.6
  - Density: 2.92

**Magnetic Data:**
- Intensity (emu/cc): 1.27 x 10⁻⁷
- Stable Inclination: +14.0

**Visual Description**
- **Structure:** Pillow basalt sequence. Flow unit size apparently thicker (up to at least 40 cm) than in stratigraphically higher units. Fractures are common and some are filled with carbonate and clay(?).
- **Texture:** Mostly microlitic. Samples 3 and 4 have pillow margins with glass rinds and variolitic zones.
- **Mineralogy:** Rare phenocrysts of olivine and plagioclase.

**Alteration:**
- Glass altered to clay, clay filling vesicles.

**Thin Section Description**
- **Phenocrysts:** <1% olivine (1 mm) and plagioclase (to 7 mm)
- **Groundmass:** olivine, 10%; skeletal-prismatic; plagioclase, 50%; spinel, 1-15%; skeletal; glass, 40%
- **Vesicles:** 4%, to 0.3 mm, partially filled

**Alteration:**
- Glass altered to clay, clay filling vesicles.

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  - SiO₂: 50.00
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**Magnetic Data:**
- Intensity (emu/cc): 1.27 x 10⁻⁷
- Stable Inclination: +14.0
Texture: intersertal-variolitic

Thin Section Description:

Alterations: Ratio gray (relatively fresh groundmass, but vesicles may be filled)

Mineralogy: Less than glassy rinds. Some longer (10-30 cm) pieces show all transactions from sideromelane to brown (altered "thoroughly") basalt about 70/30. Not much different from previous cores.

Phenocrysts: <1% olivine (to 1 mm)

Vesicles: ~3%, <0.5 mm, partially filled

Groundmass: olivine, <1%, 0.2 mm, skeletal-anhedral; plagioclase 10-30%, to 1 mm, skeletal-anhedral; pyroxene, to 0.2 mm, anhedral to dendritic; glass, 25%, tachytic to brown.

Structure and Texture: Dominantly pillows, with 1-2 cm thick, generally fresh, interiors of pillows vesicles filled with clay and carbonate. Toward rind to more fully crystallized interiors. Vesicle generally <2 vol.%.

Visual Description:

Magnetic Data: 45-47 cm

- Stable inclination +12.5°
- Intensity (emu/cc) 1.38 x 10⁻⁹

Shipboard Data:

- Grain Density
- Wet Bulk Density
- Vp (km/sec)
- Stable inclination
- Intensity (emu/cc)
- Porosity (%)

Depth: 216.0 m to 217.5 m
Depth: 219.0 m to 220.5 m

Visual Description
Structure and Texture: Dominantly pillows, with 1-2 cm thick, generally fresh, glassy rims. Some longer (10-30 cm) pieces show all transitions from sideromelane rind to more fully crystallized interiors. Vesicles generally <2 vol. %. Toward interior of pillows vesicles filled with clay and carbonate.

Mineralogy: Less than 1% olivine and plagioclase phenocrysts. Similar to previous sections.

Alteration: Ratio gray (relatively fresh groundmass, but vesicles may be filled) to brown (altered "thoroughly") basalt about 70/30. Not much different from previous cores.

Thin Section Description
Phenocrysts: <1% olivine (1-2 mm) and plagioclase (1-1 mm)
Groundmass: olivine, -2%, 0.2 mm dendrites in mesostasis; glass, plagioclase, clinopyroxene, tachylite
Vesicles: <2%, <0.5 mm, partially filled
Texture: intersertal
Alteration: clay replacing glass and filling vesicles, -1% calcite

Shipboard Data
Physical Properties:

- **Vp (km/sec)**: 5.5
- **Porosity (%)**: 4.5
- **Wet Bulk Density**: 2.70
- **Grain Density**: 2.70

Magnetic Data: 4-6 cm

- **Magnetic Data: 4-6 cm**
- **Intensity (emu/cc)**: 1.29 x 10^-3
- **Magnetic susceptibility**: 1.19 x 10^-3
- **Stable inclination**: 85.07

- **Bulk Analysis**: 4-6 cm
- **SiO2**: 66.11
- **Al2O3**: 15.53
- **Fe2O3**: 10.57
- **MgO**: 7.42
- **CaO**: 11.32
- **Na2O**: 7.79
- **K2O**: 0.27
- **TiO2**: 1.67
- **P2O5**: 0.15

- **Magnetic Data**: 4-6 cm
- **Fe**: 1.19 x 10^-3
- **Magnetic susceptibility**: 1.19 x 10^-3
- **Stable inclination**: 85.07

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**Lithology**: Massive basalt similar to Core 13. Vesicles are filled. Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts are generally less abundant than Cores 6-11. Frequency of pillow rinds and glassy margins decreased about 30% compared to Core 13.

**Mineralogy**: Olivine and plagioclase phenocrysts present but abundance is down from above. Olivines are generally more iddingsitized than Cores 6-11.

**Alteration**: Width and abundance of brown alteration halos around cracks have decreased. Groundmass alteration (primarily vesicle fillings) is far more pervasive. Fractures are typically filled but thickness <2 mm. Palagonitization of glass is more advanced. Ratio of fresh to altered material 80/20.

**Shipboard Data**

- **Porosity (%)**: 4.5
- **Wet Bulk Density**: 2.70
- **Grain Density**: 2.70

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**Shipboard Data**

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- **Wet Bulk Density**: 2.70
- **Grain Density**: 2.70
VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS

LEG 4 6 8 0 1 4 0 2

Depth: 227.0 m to 228.5 m

Visual Description
Lithology: Massive basalt similar to Core 13. Vesicles are filled. Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts are generally less abundant than Cores 6-11. Frequency of pillow rinds and glassy margins decreased about 30% compared to Core 13.

Mineralogy: Olivine and plagioclase phenocrysts present but abundance is down from above. Olivines are generally more de-hydrous than Cores 6-11.

Alteration: Width and abundance of brown alteration halos around cracks have decreased. Groundmass alteration (primarily vesicle fillings) is far more pervasive. Fractures are typically filled but thickness <2 mm. Palagonitization of glass is more advanced. Ratio of fresh to altered material 80:20.

Thin Section Description
Phenocrysts: <1% plagioclase (1.5 mm)
Groundmass: olivine, -2%, 0.1 mm, skeletal; plagioclase 2%, radiating bundles of needles; clinopyroxene, dendritic and granular; glass, partially altered tachylite
Vesicles: 1-2%, mostly filled
Texture: intersertal to intergranular
Alteration: local clay replacing glass, vesicles filled by clay

Shipboard Data
Bulk Analysis: 17-19 cm

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Al2O3 Loss on Ignition -14.54

Physical Properties: 17-19 cm

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Magnetic Data: 1.40 x 10^3

Stable Inclination -77.0

Visual Description
Lithology: Massive basalt similar to Core 13. Vesicles are filled. Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts are generally less abundant than Cores 6-11. Frequency of pillow rinds and glassy margins decreased about 30% compared to Core 13.

Mineralogy: Olivine and plagioclase phenocrysts present but abundance is down from above. Olivines are generally more de-hydrous than Cores 6-11.

Alteration: Width and abundance of brown alteration halos around cracks have decreased. Groundmass alteration (primarily vesicle fillings) is far more pervasive. Fractures are typically filled but thickness <2 mm. Palagonitization of glass is more advanced. Ratio of fresh to altered material 80:20.

Thin Section Description
Phenocrysts: <1% plagioclase (1.5 mm)
Groundmass: olivine, -2%, 0.1 mm, skeletal; plagioclase 2%, radiating bundles of needles; clinopyroxene, dendritic and granular; glass, partially altered tachylite
Vesicles: 1-2%, mostly filled
Texture: intersertal to intergranular
Alteration: local clay replacing glass, vesicles filled by clay

Shipboard Data
Magnetic Data: 1.79 x 10^3

Stable Inclination -73.0

Physical Properties: 5.8

Wet Bulk Density 2.72
Grain Density 2.81
Visual Description

From aphyric to sparsely phyric basalt with glass rinds (3) toward the top of the core, to coarser grained basalt at the bottom of the section. The transition from basalt fine to coarser grained takes place in sample #12 (bottom).

The vesicularity, on the other hand, decreases from top to bottom but more rapidly than the grain size increases; sample #10 does not display vesicles anymore. Sample #9 is characterized by a sharp increase of the amount (and size?) of the iddingsitized olivine phenocrysts. The alteration progressively decreases and the 45 lowest cm of the section are almost fresh. However, white mineral secondary fillings of fissures are found down to the bottom. This section probably represents the fine-grained upper part of a thick basaltic lava unit (flow or sill?) with a few pillows on its upper surface.

Thin Section Description

Phenocrysts: <1% plagioclase (to 2 mm)
Groundmass: olivine, 1-2%, to 0.1 mm, granular; plagioclase, fine-grained, intergrown with clinopyroxene; clinopyroxene, 34%, to 1 mm, laths and skeletal laths; opaque, 5%, anhedral to branching skeletons
Vesicles: a few, filled
Texture: intergranular to intersertal
Alteration: olivine to iddingsite, clay and calcite filling vesicles

Shipboard Data

Bulk Analysis: 85-87 cm

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Visual Description

Fine- to medium-grained basalt, sparsely phyric, with 1-2% plagioclase phenocrysts (much less than 5%). Grain size appears to coarsen downwards from less than 1 mm to plagioclase laths greater than 1 mm.

Top third of section altered to grayish brown with occasional crosscutting carbonate veins. Alteration ends abruptly with change to fresh gray diabase. Last piece in end of section has light brown alteration rim at base (about 1 cm thick).

Part of large flow which occupies most of Core 18, Sections 1 to 5.

Thin Section Description

Phenocrysts: <1% plagioclase (to 2 mm)
Groundmass: olivine, 1-2%, to 0.1 mm, granular; plagioclase, fine-grained, intergrown with clinopyroxene; clinopyroxene, 5%, to 1 mm, laths and skeletal laths; opaques, 5%, anhedral to branching skeletons
Vesicles: filled
Texture: intergranular to interstitial
Alteration: iddingsitized olivine, clay and calcite filling vesicles

Shipboard Data

Bulk Analysis: 129-131 cm

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VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS

**Depth:** 239.0 m to 240.5 m

**Visual Description**

**Structure:** Massive lava flow or sill, single unit.

**Texture:** Fine-grained dolerite (groundmass plagioclase needles <1 mm long) in the upper portion, to medium-grained dolerite (1-2 mm) in the lower portion. Gradual grain size variation.

**Mineralogy:** Rare phenocryst of plagioclase (1-3 mm) and olivine (1-4 mm). Almost lacking vesicles.

**Alteration:** 3-33 cm: fresh - a little altered in the groundmass; 33-78 cm: little to moderately altered in the groundmass; and 78-148 cm: moderately altered with fairly abundant (5%) irregular voids filled with white secondary minerals.

**Part of lava flow or sill which occupies most of Core 15, Sections 1 to 5.**

**Thin Section Description**

**Groundmass:** olivine, 3-15%, 0.6 mm, subhedral; plagioclase, 50-60%, skeletal, to 2.5 mm; clinopyroxene, 30-50%, 1 mm, anhedral; opaque, 5%, 0.1 mm, skeletal; glass, <1%.

**Vesicles:** 1%, round, to 0.4 mm, filled intersertal

**Texture:** intersertal

**Alteration:** olivine altered to clay, glass to clay, vesicles filled with brown clay

**Shipboard Data**

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**Physical Properties:** 69-71 cm

- **Density:** 2.69 g/cm³
- **Porosity:** 5.8%

**Stable Inclination:** -63.5°

**Visual Description**

Medium-grained basalt grading down to fine-grained basalt at bottom of section. Largely fresh with irregular patches of brown alteration. Sparsely phytic with plagioclase phenocrysts 1-3 cm (less than 1%). Occasional carbonate veins in some samples.

**Part of large flow or sill which occupies most of Core 15, Section 1 through 5.**

**Thin Section Description**

**Phenocrysts:** plagioclase (to ~6 cm)

**Groundmass:** olivine, 1-10%, to 0.7 mm, euhedral; plagioclase, 50%, to 2 mm, skeletal; clinopyroxene, 40%, to 1 mm, euhedral; opaque, 3%, to 0.1 mm, skeletal; glass, <1%

**Vesicles:** 0.5 mm, filled intersertal

**Texture:** iridescent

**Alteration:** clay filling in crystals

**Shipboard Data**

**Bulk Analysis:** 76-79 cm

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**Physical Properties:** 69-71 cm

- **Density:** 2.69 g/cm³
- **Porosity:** 5.8%

**Stable Inclination:** -63.5°
**VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS**

**Structure:** Pieces 1 to 12 (3-120 cm) - Part of single unit of massive aphyric or sparsely phyric lava flow or sill, which occupies most of Core 15, Sections 1 to 5. Pieces 13 and 14 - Porphyritic basalt.

**Texture:** Pieces 1 to 12 - Fine-grained basalt (no variation of groundmass grain size). Aphyric to sparsely phyric. Pieces 13 and 14 - Porphyritic basalt.

**Mineralogy:** Pieces 1 to 12 - Rare phenocryst of olivine (1-2 mm) and plagioclase (1-5 mm). Coarse glomerophyric aggregate of olivine and plagioclase in piece #9. Rare vesicles often filled with secondary minerals. Piece #13 - Plagioclase phenocrysts, 10-15%, 1-3 mm; olivine phenocrysts 5%, 1-3 mm. Piece #14 - Plagioclase phenocrysts (10-15%), 2-5 mm; olivine phenocrysts 5%, 1-3 mm; rare vesicles (0.5 mm).

**Alteration:** Pieces 1 to 12 - Weak alteration in the groundmass throughout. Uncommon thin white veins. Piece #13 - Slight alteration of the groundmass. Piece #14 - Moderate to extensive alteration of the groundmass.

**Visual Description**

**Structure:** Uniform basalt - no visible pillows, no variation in texture.

**Texture:** Ten to twenty percent phenocrysts - microlitic groundmass.

**Mineralogy:** Olivine and plagioclase phenocrysts. Plagioclase/olivine = 3/1. No systematic variation in phenocrysts. Small areas with few phenocrysts - piece #10 appears to be poorer in phenocrysts.

**Alteration:** 1) Brown alteration of basalt. 2) Vesicle filling with gray clay, zeolites, and carbonate. 3) Veins of carbonate and zeolite.

**Thin Section Description**

Phenocrysts: olivine, 5%, to 4 mm; plagioclase, 20%, to 4 mm; euhedral-skeletal

**Groundmass:** olivine, 25%; plagioclase, 25%; to 0.5 mm, skeletal; clinopyroxene, 10%, 20%; sericite; opaque, 5%, 4%, glass, 30%

**Vesicles:** 35%

**Texture:** Porphyritic-intersertal

**Alteration:** Vesicles clay lined, glass altered

**Shipboard Data**

**Bulk Analysis:**
- **SiO₂:** 49.39
- **Al₂O₃:** 16.08
- **Fe₂O₃:** 8.16
- **MgO:** 9.21
- **CaO:** 7.86
- **Na₂O:** 12.16
- **K₂O:** 2.42
- **TiO₂:** 0.16
- **P₂O₅:** 0.16
- **Zr:** 11.0

**Magnetic Data:**
- **Intensity (emu/cc):** 2.41 x 10⁻³
- **Stable Inclination:** -10.0

**Physical Properties:**
- **Vp (km/sec):** 4.7
- **Porosity (%):** 12.6
- **Wet Bulk Density:** 2.53
- **Grain Density:** 2.76
Visual Description
Structure: Basalt pillow sequence - flow units up to at least 30 cm thick.
Texture: Primarily porphyritic with microlitic groundmass. Pillow rims have glass margin, variolitic zone, and microlitic interior.
Mineralogy: Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts (15-20%). No major variation, plagioclase/olivine ~3/1. Olivine (1 to 2 mm) mostly altered to iddingsite. Plagioclase (1 to 7 mm) contains abundant dark inclusions.
Alteration: 1) Basalt altered brown. 2) Veins of carbonate, zeolite(?), Fe-OH?, clay(?). 3) Vesicles filled with clay(?) and carbonate.

Thin Section Description
Phenocrysts: olivine, 4%, to 2 mm; plagioclase, 16%, to 3 mm, euhedral-skeletal
Groundmass: olivine, 2%; 20µ; plagioclase, to 0.3 mm, skeletal; clinopyroxene, 15%, to 80µ, dendrites; opaques, 5%, 4µ; glass, 20%.
Vesicles: 5%, 100µ, some filled
Texture: porphyritic-intersertal
Alteration: vesicles, clay and calcite filled

Shipboard Data
Bulk Analysis:
- Bulk (cm)
- Magnetic Data: 40-62 cm
  - Magnetic Data: 40-62 cm
  - Intensity (emu/cc) 3.68 x 10^-3
  - Stable Inclination -11.0

Physical Properties:
- Density 2.73
- Water Content 2.73
- Grain Density ---
Visual Core Description

Structure: Basalt pillow sequence - flow units up to at least 30 cm thick. Many pillow margins.

Texture: Primarily porphyritic with microlitic groundmass. Pillow rims have glass margin, variolitic zone, and microlitic interior.

Mineralogy: Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts (15-20%). No major variation: plagioclase/olivine = 3/1. Olivine (1 to 2 mm) mostly altered to iddingsite. Plagioclase (1 to 7 mm) contains abundant dark inclusions.

Alteration: 1) Basalt altered brown. 2) Veins of carbonate, zeolite(?), Fe-O-OH?, clay(?). 3) Vesicles filled with clay(?). 

Thin Section Description

Phenocrysts: olivine, 3%, to 2 mm, subhedral; plagioclase, 15%, to 6 mm, subhedral-skeletal; spinel

Groundmass: olivine, 1-2%, anhedral-skeletal; plagioclase, 25%, to 2 mm, laths; clinopyroxene, dendrites

Vesicles: 1%, to 0.1 mm

Texture: porphyritic-intersertal

Alteration: glass to clay; calcite vesicle filling

Shipboard Data

Bulk Analysis: 20-22 cm

Magnetic Data: 20-22 cm

\[ \text{SiO}_2 \] 49.00 \( \text{MgO} \) --

Intensity (emu/cc) 2.78 x 10^-3

\[ \text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \] 16.03 Loss on Ignition -1.86

\[ \text{MgO} \] 7.06 \( \text{FeO}^\text{tot} \) 0.70

\[ \text{CaO} \] 12.72 \( \text{MgO} \) 0.26

\[ \text{Na}_2\text{O} \] 2.49 \( \text{CO}_2 \) 347.0

\[ \text{K}_2\text{O} \] 0.23 \( \text{Cl} \) 13.8

\[ \text{TiO}_2 \] 1.33 \( \text{Sr} \) 83.0

\[ \text{P}_2\text{O}_5 \] 0.12 \( \text{Zr} \) 81.0

Physical Properties: 79-81 cm

\( \text{CaO} \) 12.36 \( \text{H}_2\text{O} \) 3.8

\( \text{Vp} \) (km/sec) 6.0

\( \text{Porosity} \) (%) 4.3

\( \text{Grain Density} \) 2.77

\( \text{Wet Bulk Density} \) 2.7
**Visual Description**

Structure: Basalt pillow sequence with interbedded well-lithified carbonate oze.

Texture: Limestone - dense, fine-grained. Basalt - primarily microlitic. Pillow margins have glassy rim and variolitic zone with microlitic interior. Basalt is porphyritic.

Mineralogy: Plagioclase and olivine phyric - 20% phenocrysts. Plagioclase/olivine ratio 2.5/1. Olivine 3 to 10 mm, plagioclase 1 to 5 mm. Plagioclase with abundant dark inclusions. A few olivines with Cr-spinel inclusions.

Alteration: 1) Basalt altered brown along cracks. 2) Vesicles filled with dark clay, zeolites (?) and carbonate. 3) Olivine altered to iddingsite. 4) Vesicles filled with carbonate and pink zeolite (?)

**Thin Section Description**

Phenocrysts: olivine, 2%, to 2 mm; plagioclase, 15% to 5 mm, euhedral to rounded. Groundmass: olivine, 15%, 0.05 mm; plagioclase, 30%, to 1 mm, skeletal laths; clinopyroxene, 10%, to 0.5 mm, dendrites, opaques, 35%, -10 mm, glass, 10%. Vesicles: 2%, to 1 mm

Texture: Porphyritic-Intersertal

Alteration: glass altering to clay

**Shipboard Data**

Physical Properties: 132-134 cm

- Vp (km/sec): 5.5
- Porosity (%): 4.8
- Wet Bulk Density: 2.68
- Grain Density: 2.76

**Magnetic Data**: 132-134 cm

- Intensity (emu/cc): 2.1 x 10^-3
- Stable inclination: -1.0

**Analysis**: 49.25

- SiO₂: 49.75
- Al₂O₃: 16.85
- Fe₂O₃: 9.52
- MgO: 7.78
- CaO: 10.38
- Na₂O: 2.39
- K₂O: 0.22
- TiO₂: 1.21
- Fe₂O₃: 0.11

- Loss on ignition: 2.49
- H₂O: 0.32
- CO₂: 0.59
- Cr: 0.22
- Mg: 0.44
- Sr: 0.14

- Loss on ignition: 2.49
- H₂O: 0.32
- CO₂: 0.59
- Cr: 0.22
- Mg: 0.44
- Sr: 0.14

**Visual Description**

Structure: Basalt pillow sequence.

Texture: Basalt - primarily microlitic. Pillow margins have glassy rim and variolitic zone with microlitic interior. Basalt is porphyritic.

Mineralogy: Plagioclase and olivine phyric - 20% phenocrysts. Plagioclase/olivine ratio 2.5/1. Olivine 1 to 2 mm, plagioclase 1 to 5 mm. Plagioclase with abundant dark inclusions. A few olivines with Cr-spinel inclusions.

Alteration: 1) Basalt altered brown along cracks. 2) Vesicles filled with dark clay, zeolites (?) and carbonate. 3) Olivine altered to iddingsite. 4) Vesicles filled with carbonate and pink zeolite (?)

**Shipboard Data**

Physical Properties: 132-134 cm

- Vp (km/sec): 5.5
- Porosity (%): 4.8
- Wet Bulk Density: 2.68
- Grain Density: 2.76
VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION
FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS

Depth: 272.0 m to 273.0 m

Visual Description
Structure: Basalt pillow sequence.
Texture: Basalt - primarily microlitic. Pillow margins, have glassy rim, and variolitic zone, with microlitic interior. Basalt is porphyritic.
Mineralogy: Plagioclase and olivine phyric - 20% phenocrysts. Plagioclase/olivine = 2.5. Olivine 1 to 2 mm, plagioclase 1 to 5 mm. Plagioclase with abundant dark inclusions. A few olivines with Cr-spinel inclusions.
Alteration: 1) Basalt altered brown along cracks. 2) Vesicles filled with dark clay, zeolites(?) and carbonate. 3) Olivine altered to iddingsite. 4) Veins filled with carbonate and pink zeolite(?).

Thin Section Description
Phenocrysts: olivine, 2%, to 2 mm, anhedral; plagioclase, 20%, to 7 mm, euhedral to rounded
Groundmass: olivine, 25%, 0.3 mm, anhedral; plagioclase, 25%, to 1 mm, skeletal laths; clinopyroxene, 25%, to 1 mm; opaques, 5%; glass 15%
Texture: porphyritic-interstitial
Alteration: glass to clay, calcite filling cracks

Shipboard Data
Magnetic Data: 32-35 cm
Intensity (emu/cc) 2.78 x 10^3
Stable inclination -7.5

Physical Properties: 95-97 cm
Vp (km/sec) 4.8
Porosity (%) 12.4
Wet Bulk Density 2.62
Grain Density 2.76
Visual Description
Lithology and Mineralogy: Core 18 consists of plagioclase-olivine phyric basalts which are very similar to those in Core 17. Plagioclase is larger (1-7 mm) and more abundant than olivine. Glassy crusts are present sporadically.

Alteration: The degree of alteration varies but some olivine in the samples is replaced by iddingsite. Where the groundmass is oxidized brown, the olivines are all totally replaced. The glass is generally fresh but the areas nearby are typically brown.

Thin Section Description
Phenocrysts: olivine, 3%; euhedral-subhedral; plagioclase, 20%, 1-5 mm, euhedral-subhedral; spinel, <1%, 0.4 mm
Groundmass: olivine, <5%; plagioclase, 30%, 0.5 mm; clinopyroxene; glass
Vesicles: 1%, <0.5 mm
Texture: porphyritic-intersertal
Alteration: olivine to clay, glass to clay, clay filling vesicles

Shipboard Data
Bulk Analysis: 117-119 cm
Magnetic Data: 117-119 cm
Depth: 274.5 m to 276.0 m
**Visual Description**

Plagioclase-olivine phyric basalt, lava, the same unit as Core 18, Section 2.

Olivine phenocrysts: 1-2 mm, 2%; plagioclase phenocrysts: 2-7 mm, 10%. Vesicles: <1%, 1 mm.

Slightly to moderately altered. Olivine altered to iddingsite in the moderately altered zone.

**Thin Section Description**

Phenocrysts: olivine, <1%, to 1.6 mm, subhedral; plagioclase, 22%, to 3.2 mm, euhedral-skeletal; spinel, <1%, 0.3 mm

Groundmass: plagioclase, 30%, 0.1-0.4 mm; clinopyroxene, 28%, microlites; glass, 0.1 to 0.4 mm

Texture: porphyritic-intergranular

Alteration: olivine and glass to clay

**Shipboard Data**

Bulk Analysis: 4-6 cm

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**Visual Description**

Seven phyric basaltic pillows and pillow fragments. Ten to fifteen per cent plagioclase phenocrysts (3-5 mm) and 1-2% olivine phenocrysts (1-2 mm). Two complete pillow cross-sections with matrix in between at preserved contact. The pillows are up to 60 cm thick, are moderately altered for about 5-10 cm around their margins, with fresh cores and about 5% vesicles near their margins. Fresh glass has unaltered olivine and plagioclase. A few carbonate veins cut across the pillows.

**Thin Section Description**

Phenocrysts: olivine, 3%, 0.1-0.5 mm, subhedral; plagioclase, 25%, 0.5 to 5 mm, euhedral; spinel, <1%, subhedral

Groundmass: plagioclase, 35%, 0.1-0.2 mm, very fine-grained; clinopyroxene, 30%, very fine-grained; opaque, 3%, euhedral-
anhedral

Vesicles: 2%, filled

Texture: porphyritic-intergranular

Alteration: olivine to iddingsite, vesicles filled with clay

**Shipboard Data**

Bulk Analysis: 53-55 cm

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**Physical Properties**

Vp (km/sec): 6.5
Porosity (%): 5.7
Wet Bulk Density: 2.92
Grain Density: 2.92
**Visual Core Description for Igneous Rocks**

**Visual Description**
- Structure: Mecascopically the same plagioclase-olivine phyric pillow basalt unit as in previous cores. Glassy rinds found in pieces #1 (3-5 cm), #88 (50-65 cm), and #96 (139-141 cm).
- Texture: Glassy to intersertal, porphyritic texture. Vesicles: 0.5 mm, <0.5%.
- Mineralogy: Olivine phenocryst: 1-2 mm, 2-3%; Plagioclase phenocrysts: 2-4 mm (max. 10 mm), 15-20%.
- Alteration: There are two alteration units except for alteration zone next to glassy rinds (#1, #5B, #9G). Pieces #2 to #4: slightly to moderately altered in groundmass; olivine phenocrysts are altered to iddingsite. Pieces #6 to #9D: moderately altered in groundmass; olivine phenocrysts are altered to iddingsite; abundant calcite + Mn-oxide vein (up to 5 mm thick).

**Shipboard Data**

- Magnetic Data: 33-35 cm
  - Intensity (emu/cc): 3.15 x 10^-3
  - Stable Inclination: 0.5

- Physical Properties: 34-35 cm
  - Total (cm): 14-16
  - Porosity (%): 44
  - Water Bulk Density: 2.62
  - Grain Density: 2.91

**Visual Description**
- Structure: Pillow lavas alternating with indurated carbonate oozes.
- Texture and Mineralogy: From glassy to phyric with 15 to 25% plagioclase phenocrysts (up to 6.5 mm) and with 5 to 10% generally iddingsitized, olivine phenocrysts, (up to 4 mm) set in a aphanitic matrix. A few small (rarely up to 1 mm) round and hollow vesicles.
- Alteration: Generally moderately to weakly altered but never really fresh. Few zones are more altered with carbonate and/or zeolites filling narrow fissures. Olivine is generally altered to "iddingsite.

**Shipboard Data**

- Magnetic Data: 33-35 cm
  - Intensity (emu/cc): 2.87 x 10^-3
  - Stable Inclination: 3.5

- Physical Properties: 34-35 cm
  - Total (cm): 139.0
  - Porosity (%): 2.87
VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS

**Visual Description**

**Structure:** Basaltic pillow sequence, at least 9 flow units. Maximum size up to at least 30 cm. Numerous fractures filled by carbonate sediment or veins.

**Texture:** Sediment or veins very fine-grained. Basalt: pillows have glassy rims, variolitic zone, and microlitic interiors. Some glass palagonitized.

**Mineralogy:** Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts (15-20%). Plagioclase/olivine 4/1. Olivine iddingsitized. Plagioclase has numerous dark inclusions.

**Alteration:** 1) Basalt browned up. 2) Carbonate and clay vein fillings.

**Thin Section Description**

- **Phenocrysts:** olivine, 4%, to 3 mm, subhedral to anhedral; plagioclase, 20%, to 5 mm, subhedral-rounded-skeletal
- **Groundmass:** olivine, 1% to 0.3 mm, anhedral; plagioclase, 15%, to 0.5 mm, skeletal; clinopyroxene, 20%, to 0.4 mm, dendrites; opaque, 5%, 4-10y, skeletal, glass, 30%
- **Vesicles:** 5%, to 3 mm, some filled with devitrified glass

**Texture:** porphyritic-intersertal

**Alteration:** zeolite fills vesicles

**Shipboard Data**

- **Magnetic Data:** 71-73 cm
  - Intensity (emu/cc): $2.19 \times 10^{-3}$
  - Stable inclination: -1.5º
- **Physical Properties:** 21-23 cm
  - Vp (km/sec): 5.3
  - Porosity (%): 5.0
  - Wet Bulk Density: 3.80
  - Grain Density: 2.80

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**Visual Description**

**Structure:** Basaltic pillow sequence, at least 9 flow units. Maximum size up to at least 30 cm. Numerous fractures filled by carbonate sediment or veins.

**Texture:** Sediment or veins very fine-grained. Basalt: pillows have glassy rims, variolitic zone, and microlitic interiors. Some glass palagonitized.

**Mineralogy:** Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts (15-20%). Plagioclase/olivine 4/1. Olivine iddingsitized. Plagioclase has numerous dark inclusions.

**Alteration:** 1) Basalt browned up. 2) Carbonate and clay vein fillings.

**Thin Section Description**

- **Phenocrysts:** olivine, 2-3% to 1 mm, subhedral; plagioclase, 20%, to 2 mm, subhedral to anhedral; spinel, trace, to 2.5 mm
- **Groundmass:** olivine, trace, to 0.01 mm, anhedral; plagioclase, 20%, to 0.2 mm, skeletal; clinopyroxene; opaque, to 0.1 mm, skeletal
- **Vesicles:** 1%, to 0.5 mm, round

**Texture:** porphyritic-intergranular

**Alteration:** glass and olivine to clay, calcite and clay fill vesicles

**Shipboard Data**

- **Magnetic Data:** 16-18 cm
  - Intensity (emu/cc): $2.75 \times 10^{-3}$
  - Stable inclination: -7.5º
- **Physical Properties:** 96-98 cm
  - Vp (km/sec): 5.6
  - Porosity (%): 3.2
  - Wet Bulk Density: 2.84
  - Grain Density: 2.90

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**Analysis:**

- **SiO₂:** 49.88
- **Al₂O₃:** 17.65
- **Fe₂O₃:** 9.06
- **MgO:** 7.44
- **CaO:** 12.70
- **Na₂O:** 2.42
- **K₂O:** 0.21
- **TiO₂:** 0.16
- **MnO:** 0.11
- **H₂O:** 139.0
- **H₂O:** 364.0
- **CO₂:** 2.42
- **CO₂:** 0.21
- **Sr:** 139.0
- **Sr:** 144.0
- **Zr:** 73.0
- **Cr:** 364.0
- **Cr:** 3.2
- **Fe:** 364.0
- **Fe:** 2.84
- **V:** 139.0
- **V:** 2.80
- **Mo:** 139.0
- **Mo:** 2.80
- **Sr:** 139.0
- **Sr:** 144.0
- **Zr:** 73.0
Visual Description

Structure: Basalt pillow sequence, at least 5 flow units. Maximum size up to at least 30 cm. Numerous fractures filled by carbonate sediment or veins.

Texture: Sediment or veins very fine-grained. Basalt: pillows have glassy rims, variolitic zone, and microlitic interiors. Some glass palagonitized.

Mineralogy: Plagioclase and olivine phenocrysts (15-20%). Plagioclase/olivine = 4/1. Olivine iddingsitized. Plagioclase has numerous dark inclusions.

Alteration: 1) Basalt browned up. 2) Carbonate and clay vein fillings.

Shipboard Data

Magnetic Data: 107-109 cm
Intensity (emu/cc) $2.63 \times 10^{-3}$
Stable Inclination $-8.5$
**VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS**

**Visual Description**
- Structure: Basalt pillow sequence. Some fracturing.
- Texture: Primarily microlitic. Pillow margins have glass, variolitic zone, and microlitic interior.
- Mineralogy: Plagioclase and olivine phyric =20% total phenocrysts. Plagioclase/olivine =4/1. Plagioclase up to 7 mm, olivine to 4 mm. Plagioclase has abundant dark inclusions.

**Thin Section Description**
- Phenocrysts: olivine, 3%, to 1.5 mm, anhedral; plagioclase, 20%, to 8 mm, anhedral-subhedral; spinel, trace
- Groundmass: olivine, 1%, to 0.1 mm, anhedral-skeletal; plagioclase, 15-20%, to 0.4 mm, laths; clinopyroxene, dendrites; opaque, to 0.01 mm, skeletal
- Vesicles: 1%, filled with clay or mesostasis
- Texture: porphyritic-intergranular
- Alteration: clay replacing olivine and glass

**Shipboard Data**
- Bulk Analysis: 24-26 cm
  - SiO₂: 49.67
  - Al₂O₃: 17.73
  - Fe₂O₃: 0.59
  - MgO: 8.43
  - CaO: 12.00
  - Na₂O: 2.26
  - K₂O: 0.18
  - TiO₂: 1.01
- Magnetic Data: 24-26 cm
  - Intensity (emu/cc): 3.79 x 10⁻³
  - Stable inclination: 5.0
- Physical Properties: 45-47 cm
  - Vp (km/sec): 5.4
  - Porosity (%): 3.5
  - Bulk Density: 2.89
  - Grain Density: 2.89

**VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS**

**Visual Description**
- Mineralogy and Lithology: Plagioclase-olivine porphyritic basalt. Spinel is also present as inclusions in both phenocryst phases and in groundmass. Plagioclase/olivine =5/1. Plagioclase up to 9 mm; olivine up to 4 mm. Plagioclase shows a characteristic gniomorphous texture. Glassy margins (fresh) are present throughout core.
- Alteration: Basalts are generally fresh but vesicles are nearly always filled with a blue-green clay(? phase. Fractures and sometimes olivine are filled and replaced by the same material. However, olivine is generally not replaced. Brown haloes around fractures are up to 1 cm in width.

**Thin Section Description**
- Phenocrysts: olivine, <5%, to 2.5 mm; plagioclase, 20% to 3 mm; spinel, <1%
- Groundmass: olivine, <1%; plagioclase, 5%; glass, 60%; tachylite
- Vesicles: <2%, <1 mm, filled
- Texture: porphyritic-intergranular
- Alteration: clay filling vesicles and replacing olivine

**Shipboard Data**
- Bulk Analysis: 93-95 cm
  - SiO₂: 49.39
  - Al₂O₃: 17.96
  - Fe₂O₃: 0.49
  - MgO: 8.49
  - CaO: 12.54
  - Na₂O: 0.18
  - K₂O: 0.16
- Magnetic Data: 93-95 cm
  - Intensity (emu/cc): 3.78 x 10⁻³
  - Stable inclination: 2.5
- Physical Properties: 45-47 cm
  - Vp (km/sec): 5.4
  - Porosity (%): 3.5
  - Bulk Density: 2.89
  - Grain Density: 2.89
**VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS**

**Depth:** 307.0 m to 308.5 m

- **Visual Description:**
  - **Mineralogy and Lithology:** Plagioclase-olivine porphyritic basalt. Spinel is also present as inclusions in both phenocryst phases and in groundmass. Plagioclase/olivine ratio is 5:1. Plagioclase up to 5 mm - olivine up to 3 mm. Plagioclase shows a characteristic phenocrystic texture. Glassy margins (fresh) are present throughout core.
  - **Alteration:** Basalts are generally fresh but vesicles are nearly always filled with a blue-green claylike phase. Fractures and sometimes olivine are filled and replaced by the same material. However, olivine is generally not replaced. Brown halos around fractures are up to 1 cm in width.

- **Shipboard Data:**
  - **Magnetic Data:**
    - **Intensity (emu/cc):** $3.16 \times 10^{-3}$
    - **Stable Inclination:** -4.5°
  - **Physical Properties:**
    - **Vp (km/sec):** 5.6
    - **Porosity [%]:** 2.8
    - **Wet Bulk Density:** 2.81
    - **Grain Density:** 2.86

**VISUAL CORE DESCRIPTION FOR IGNEOUS ROCKS**

**Depth:** 308.5 m to 310.0 m

- **Visual Description:**
  - **Mineralogy and Lithology:** Plagioclase-olivine porphyritic basalt. Spinel is also present as inclusions in both phenocryst phases and in groundmass. Plagioclase/olivine ratio is 5:1. Plagioclase up to 5 mm - olivine up to 3 mm. Plagioclase shows a characteristic phenocrystic texture. Glassy margins (fresh) are present throughout core.
  - **Alteration:** Basalts are generally fresh but vesicles are nearly always filled with a blue-green claylike phase. Fractures and sometimes olivine are filled and replaced by the same material. However, olivine is generally not replaced. Brown halos around fractures are up to 1 cm in width.

- **Shipboard Data:**
  - **Magnetic Data:**
    - **Intensity (emu/cc):** $3.16 \times 10^{-3}$
    - **Stable Inclination:** -4.5°
Visual Description

Lithology: Plagioclase-olivine porphyritic basalt. Spinel is also present as inclusions in both phenocryst phases and in groundmass. Plagioclase/olivine = 5:1. Plagioclase up to 5 mm - olivine up to 3 mm. Plagioclase shows a characteristic glomerphyric texture. Glassy margins (fresh) are present throughout core.

Alteration: Basalts are generally fresh but vesicles are nearly always filled with a blue-green clay phase. Fractures and sometimes olivine are filled and replaced by the same material. However, olivine is generally not replaced. Brown halos around fractures are up to 1 cm in width.

Shipboard Data

Physical Properties: 55-57 cm
Vp (km/sec) 5.4
Porosity (%) 5.0
Wet Bulk Density 2.81
Grain Density 2.91

Visual Description

Lithology: A) 0-50 cm rather irregular vesicular basalt fragments. B) 50-78 cm partly palagonitized sideromelane pillow-rind breccia cemented by zeolites. C) 78-127 cm more massive, fine-grained basalt (some pillow margins) some with breccia adhering.

Mineralogy: In strong contrast to previous units, basalt is only sparsely phyric (<1%) with olivine more abundant than plagioclase, both generally <1 mm.

Alteration: 0-50 cm much more altered (pervasively) than most previous rocks, probably "weathered" top of new lithologic unit. "Holes" may not be (in part) original vesicles, but "weathered-out" cavities filled with abundant coating: manganese crust and globules as lining of cavities, abundant zeolites, carbonate, some clay, silica? The most unusual rock is the palagonitized sideromelane breccia, the upper part of which appears clearly bedded, reflecting a process of fragmentation (spalling-off of pillow rind/granulation due to thermal shocks?) followed by sorting and sedimentation. Or the whole section is still part of a pillow basalt sequence.

Thin Section Description

Phenocrysts: olivine, <1%, 0.2 mm, euhedral; plagioclase, <1%, 1 mm, rounded
Groundmass: olivine, <5%; plagioclase, <2%, microlites; glass
Vesicles: <5%, mostly unfilled
Texture: intersertal
Alteration: clay, calcite, and zeolite fill vesicles, glass to clay and ferromagnesioide.

Shipboard Data

Bulk Analysis: 87-89 cm
Magnetic Data: 80-82 cm
SiO₂ 49.08 MnO 0.18
Al₂O₃ 16.01 Loss on ignition 1.50
Fe₂O₃ 10.08 Intensity (emu/cc) 2.27 x 10⁻⁴
CaO 7.37 K₂O 0.76
MgO 7.73 H₂O 0.76
Na₂O 2.59 CO₂ 0.17
K₂O 0.35 Cr 364.0
TiO₂ 1.56 Ni 140.0
P₂O₅ 0.17 Sr 163.0
Total 106.0
**Visual Core Description for Igneous Rocks**

**Depth:** 345.0 m to 354.0 m

**Visual Description**
Partly palagonitized sideromelane (fresh, dense) breccia cemented by zeolite crusts. As in Core 24, some angular more crystallized basalt pieces, sometimes but not always representing pillow rinds. Thus, there must have been unusually violent processes of fragmentation (rapid extrusion? high pile of pillows?). Perhaps fewer and smaller phenocrysts than in Core 24. Low recovery in Cores 23-25 may be due to abundance of breccias and/or bad weather.

**Thin Section Description**
Phenocrysts: olivine, -15, -2 mm; plagioclase, -15, -1.5 mm, rounded
Groundmass: olivine, -20, plagioclase, 20-30%, glass, 70%, tachylite
Vesicles: ?/1, some filled by glass
Texture: intersertal

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**Magnetic Data:**

- **Intensity (emu/cc):** 2.17 x 10⁻⁵
- **Stable inclination:** 45.0°

**Physical Properties:**

- **Vp (km/sec):** 5.7
- **Porosity (%):** 6.0
- **Wet Bulk Density:** 2.83
- **Grain Density:** 2.90

**Altitude: 324.5 m to 326.0 m**

**Visual Description**
Core 24 is similar in lithology to Core 23: fine-grained basalt, pillow-rind fragments, palagonitized sideromelane pillow-rind breccia cemented by zeolite in non-glassy basalt.

Vesicles partly filled by carbonate - but generally open! except for bluish clay lining. Fewer breccias and pillow rinds than in Core 23.

Olivine with spinel inclusions and plagioclase phenocrysts with <1 vol. % but slightly more abundant and slightly larger than in Core 23.

Alteration moderate, as in lower Core 23. Olivine and plagioclase phenocrysts generally fresh. Sideromelane in breccias is 50% palagonitized. Carbonate and zeolite dominant alteration products.

**Thin Section Description**
Phenocrysts: olivine, <1%, <2 mm; plagioclase, <1%, <1.5 mm, rounded
Groundmass: olivine, -20, plagioclase, 20-30%, glass, 70%, tachylite
Vesicles: ?/1, some filled by glass
Texture: intersertal

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**Magnetic Data:**

- **Intensity (emu/cc):** 2.17 x 10⁻⁵
- **Stable inclination:** 45.0°

**Physical Properties:**

- **Vp (km/sec):** 5.7
- **Porosity (%):** 6.0
- **Wet Bulk Density:** 2.83
- **Grain Density:** 2.90

**Altitude: 324.5 m to 326.0 m**
Visual Description

Structure: One weathered basalt fragment and one small chip or variolitic pillow rind.

Mineralogy: Olivine and plagioclase sparsely phyric basalt. A few olivine phenocrysts, 0.3-1 mm, and frequent plagioclase phenocrysts, 0.5-4 mm with rounded shapes. Glass fragment contains a few olivine and plagioclase phenocrysts, 1-0.5 mm and 1 mm respectively totaling less than 0.5%.

Alteration: Basalt fragment has a weathered appearance, is brownish green-gray in color, and has frequent vesicles filled with fibrous zeolites and a second white mineral (calcite?). Olivine is altered to iddingsite. In the glassy pillow margin, the glass between the varioles appears quite fresh, while the olivine is altered to palagonite at the surface.

Thin Section Description

Phenocrysts: olivine, 3%, 0.2-1.5 mm, euhedral; plagioclase, 5%, 0.2-2 mm, subhedral; spinel, 0.5-4 mm, subhedral

Groundmass: plagioclase, 50%, variolitic; clinopyroxene, 20-30%, granules and microlites; opaque, 6%, 10-50 µ, anhedral-dendritic

Vesicles: filled

Texture: porphyritic-intergranular

Alteration: olivine to iddingsite, groundmass to clay, calcite filling vesicles

Shipboard Data

Magnetic Data: 10-12 cm

Intensity (emu/cc): 2.46 x 10^-3

Stable Inclination: -5.25
**Visual Core Description for Igneous Rocks**

**LEG SITE: 356A and 356B**

**Depth:** 377.5 m to 379.0 m

*VISUAL DESCRIPTION*

**For Igneous Rocks**

**Initial Description:** Basaltic sand and gravel with one basalt pillow and two pieces of basaltic sandstone. Some sand ranges from about 1 mm at the top to about 4 mm at bottom. Sixty percent angular to subrounded fragments of crystalline basalt, 40% angular fragments of fine basaltic glass, about 1% olivine and plagioclase grains. Basalt pillow is 5 cm in diameter, with a bread crust rind and 2 cm central cavity. Greenish sandstone are same as the loose sand. Piece #2 is bedded with one fine and one medium bed. Piece #3 is uniform sandstone.

**Shipboard Data**

**Bulk Analysis:**

- **SiO₂:** 48.96%
- **Al₂O₃:** 15.83%
- **Fe₂O₃:** 16.85%
- **MgO:** 7.53%
- **CaO:** 11.50%
- **Na₂O:** 2.56%
- **K₂O:** 0.25%
- **TiO₂:** 1.49%
- **P₂O₅:** 0.18%
- **MgO:** 0.18%
- **Loss on Ignition:** 0.80%

**Physical Properties:**

- **Porosity (%):** 30.0%
- **Wet Bulk Density:** 2.85

**Stable Inclination:** 17.07°

**Minerals:**

- **Olivine phenocryst**, 1-3 mm, 0-3%
- **Plagioclase phenocryst**, 1-5 mm, 0-12%
- **Olivine/plagioclase ratio**, 2-10, average 4.

**Alteration:** Little alteration in the groundmass of some samples. Olivine is partly altered to iddingsite, botryoidal secondary minerals in vesicles and cracks, not common. Coating along crack surface: Mn-oxides, smectite.

**Thin Section Description**

- **Phenocrysts:** Olivine, plagioclase
- **Groundmass:** Olivine, plagioclase, 50%, 0.1-0.3 mm, laths; clinopyroxene, 20%, 0.1 mm, granular, opaque, fine-grained

**Textures:**

- **Intergranular

**Alteration:** Olivine to iddingsite, zeolite vesicle filling

**Magnetic Data:**

- **Intensity (emu/cc):** 2.59 x 10⁻³
- **Stable Inclination:** 17.07°

**Stable Inclination:** -14.8° (-20.5°)

**Magnetic Properties:**

- **Porosity (%)**
- **Wet Bulk Density**
- **Grain Density

**Lost on Ignition:**

- **SiO₂:** 49.17%
- **Al₂O₃:** 15.88%
- **Fe₂O₃:** 10.13%
- **MgO:** 7.48%
- **CaO:** 11.66%
- **Na₂O:** 3.63%
- **K₂O:** 0.34%
- **P₂O₅:** 0.18%
- **MgO:** 0.18%
- **Loss on Ignition:** -0.80%

**X-ray Diffraction:**

- **H₂O:** 6.77
- **Na₂O:** 6.77
- **CaO:** 0.20
- **MgO:** 1.20
- **Zr:** 1.20
- **Sr:** 1.20
- **Zr:** 1.20

**Clasts:**

- **Basalt pillow:** 5 cm diameter, with a bread crust rind and 2 cm central cavity.
- **Greenish sandstone:** Same as loose sand.
- **Component:** Basaltic sand and gravel with one basalt pillow and two pieces of basaltic sandstone.

**Pattern:**

- **Hand Sample:** Basaltic sand and gravel with one basalt pillow and two pieces of basaltic sandstone.
- **Deep:** Basaltic sand and gravel with one basalt pillow and two pieces of basaltic sandstone.

**Visual Core Description for Igneous Rocks**

**LEG SITE: 356A and 356B**

**Depth:** 396.5 m to 388.0 m

*VISUAL DESCRIPTION*

**Structure:** Probably several basalt pillows. Phenoecrist content varies irregularly from the top to the bottom. Textures: Aphyric-phyric, glassy-variolitic-fine-grained intersertal texture. Vesicles, usually 0.2-0.5 mm, 1-3%, max. 7 mm.

**Mineralogy:**

- **Olivine phenocryst**, 1-3 mm, 0-3%
- **Plagioclase phenocryst**, 1-5 mm, 0-12%
- **Olivine-plagioclase ratio**, 2-10, average 4.

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**Textures:**

- **Intergranular

**Alteration:** Olivine to iddingsite, zeolite vesicle filling

**Magnetic Data:**

- **Intensity (emu/cc):** 2.59 x 10⁻³
- **Stable Inclination:** 17.07°

**Stable Inclination:** -14.8° (-20.5°)

**Magnetic Properties:**

- **Porosity (%)**
- **Wet Bulk Density**
- **Grain Density

**Lost on Ignition:**

- **SiO₂:** 49.17%
- **Al₂O₃:** 15.88%
- **Fe₂O₃:** 10.13%
- **MgO:** 7.48%
- **CaO:** 11.66%
- **Na₂O:** 3.63%
- **K₂O:** 0.34%
- **P₂O₅:** 0.18%
- **MgO:** 0.18%
- **Loss on Ignition:** -0.80%

**X-ray Diffraction:**

- **H₂O:** 6.77
- **Na₂O:** 6.77
- **CaO:** 0.20
- **MgO:** 1.20
- **Zr:** 1.20
- **Sr:** 1.20
- **Zr:** 1.20

**Clasts:**

- **Basalt pillow:** 5 cm diameter, with a bread crust rind and 2 cm central cavity.
- **Greenish sandstone:** Same as loose sand.
- **Component:** Basaltic sand and gravel with one basalt pillow and two pieces of basaltic sandstone.

**Pattern:**

- **Hand Sample:** Basaltic sand and gravel with one basalt pillow and two pieces of basaltic sandstone.
- **Deep:** Basaltic sand and gravel with one basalt pillow and two pieces of basaltic sandstone.
Visual Core Description for Igneous Rocks

Visual Description:
Basaltic gravel, fragments from 2 mm to 1 1/2 cm. Mostly basalt and glass. Also olivine and plagioclase crystals, zeolite spherules, and fine-grained basalt. Not bedded.

Depth: 396.0 m to 397.5 m
Site 396B

HOLE 396A AND 396B