

# Climbing Grades Cheat Sheet

UIAA	French	Eastern Germany (Saxony, CZ)	Sierra (YDS, USA)	British (UK)		Ewbank (AUS, NZ)	Finland	Brazil	Bouldering		Norwegian	South Africa
				Adjectival	Technical				Fontainebleau	Vermin		
I	1	I	5.2					Isup				8
II	2	II	5.3			11		II				10
III	3	III	5.4			12		IIsup	2	3		11
IV	4	IV	5.5	4a	VD			III	3	4		12
V-	5a	V	5.6		S	13	5-	IIIsup		5-		13
V	5b	VI	5.7	4b	HS	14	5	IV	4a	5		14
V+				4c		15						15
VI-	5c	VIIa	5.8		VS	16	5+	IVsup		5+		16
VI	6a	VIIb	5.9	5a	HVS	17		V	4b	6-		17
VI+		VIIc	5.10a		E1	18	6-	Vsup		V0	6-/6	18
			5.10b	5b		19		VI				19
VII-	6b	VIIIa	5.10c		E2	20	6			V1	6	20
VII	6b+	VIIIb	5.10d	5c		21		VIsup	4c		6+	21
VII+	6c	VIIIc	5.11a		E3	22	6+	VIIa	5a	V2	7-	22
	6c+		5.11b			23					7	23
VIII-	7a	IXa	5.11c	6a	E4	24	7-	VIIb	5b	V3	7+	24
VIII	7a+	IXb	5.11d			25	7	VIIc	5c		7+/8-	25
VIII+	7b	IXc	5.12a		E5	26	7+	VIIIa	6a	V4	8-	26
	7b+		5.12b	6b			8-	VIIIb	6b		8	
IX-	7c	Xa	5.12c		E6	27	8	VIIIc	6c	V5	8/8+	27
IX	7c+	Xb	5.12d	6c		28	8+	IXa	7a	V6	8+	28
IX+	8a	Xc	5.13a		E7	29	9-	IXb	7a+	V7	9-	29
			5.13b				9	IXc	7b	V8		30
X-	8a+	XIa	5.13c	7a		30	9+	Xa	7b+	V9	9-/9	31
									7c			
X	8b	XIb	5.13d		E8	31	10-	Xb	7c+	V10	9	32
X+	8b+	XIc	5.14a			32	10	Xc	8a	V11	9/9+	33
			5.14b	7b		33	10+	XIa	8a+	V12	9+	34
XI-	8c/8c+		5.14c		E9	34	11-		8b	V13	10-	35
XI	9a		5.14d	7c		35	11		8b+	V14	10	36
									8c			
XI+	9a+		5.15a				11+		8c+	V15		37

## Aid climbing

A0	A free climb with an occasional aid move that does not require specialized aid gear ("aiders" or "etriers"). Pulling on gear during a free ascent is often referred to as A0.
A1	Requires specialized gear but all placements are solid and easy.
A2	Good placements, but sometimes tricky.
A3	Many difficult aid moves. Some of the placements might only hold body-weight, but the risk is still low.
A4	Many body-weight placements in a row. The risk is increasing.
A5	Enough body-weight placements in a row that a fall might result in a fall of at least 20 meters.

## Ice Climbing

M1-3	Easy. Low angle; usually no tools.
M4	Slabby to vertical with some technical dry tooling.
M5	Some sustained vertical dry tooling.
M6	Vertical to overhanging with difficult dry tooling.
M7	Overhanging; powerful and technical dry tooling; less than 10 m of hard climbing.
M8	Some nearly horizontal overhangs requiring very powerful and technical dry tooling; bouldery or longer cruxes than M7.
M9	Either continuously vertical or slightly overhanging with marginal or technical holds, or a juggy roof of 2 to 3 body lengths.
M10	At least 10 meters of horizontal rock or 30 meters of overhanging dry tooling with powerful moves and no rests.
M11	A ropelength of overhanging gymnastic climbing, or up to 15 meters of roof.
M12	M11 with bouldery, dynamic moves and tenuous technical holds.

## French Alpine Grades

F	facile (easy)
PD	peu difficile (not very difficult)
AD	assez difficile (fairly difficult)
D	difficile (difficult)
TD	trs difficile (very difficult)
ED1/2/3/4	extrmement difficile (extremely difficult)
ABO	abominablement difficile (Extremely difficult as well as being dangerous)

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