

**soil consistence**

Attribute of soil expressed in degree of cohesion and adhesion, or in resistance to deformation or rupture; consistence includes: the resistance of soil material to rupture, resistance to penetration, the plasticity, toughness, or stickiness of puddled soil material, and the manner in which the soil material behaves when subjected to compression; general classifications of soil consistence include loose, friable, very friable, firm, very firm, and extremely firm.