

TABLE 7-8 The DOT Occupational Characteristics, Fourth Edition

| Variable Label          | Description <sup>a</sup>  | Scoring               |
|-------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| <b>Worker functions</b> |   |                       |
| DATA                    | complexity of function in relation to data  | 0 to 6 <sup>b</sup>   |
| PEOPLE                  | complexity of function in relation to people                                      | 0 to 8 <sup>b</sup>   |
| THINGS                  | complexity of function in relation to things                                      | 0 to 7 <sup>b</sup>   |
| <b>Training times</b>   |   |                       |
| GED                     | general educational development   | 1 to 6                |
| SVP                     | specific vocational preparation   | 1 to 9                |
| <b>Aptitudes</b>        |   |                       |
| INTELL                  | intelligence  | 1 to 4 <sup>b,c</sup> |
| VERBAL                  | verbal aptitude   | 1 to 5 <sup>b</sup>   |
| NUMER                   | numerical aptitude  | 1 to 5 <sup>b</sup>   |
| SPATIAL                 | spatial perception  | 1 to 5 <sup>b</sup>   |
| FORM                    | form perception   | 1 to 5 <sup>b</sup>   |
| CLERICAL                | clerical perception   | 1 to 5 <sup>b</sup>   |
| MOTOR                   | motor coordination  | 1 to 5 <sup>b</sup>   |
| FINGDEX                 | finger dexterity  | 1 to 5 <sup>b</sup>   |
| MANDEX                  | manual dexterity  | 1 to 5 <sup>b</sup>   |
| EYEHAND                 | eye-hand-foot coordination  | 1 to 5 <sup>b</sup>   |
| COLORDIS                | color discrimination  | 1 to 5 <sup>b</sup>   |
| <b>Temperaments</b>     |   |                       |
| DCP                     | direction, control, and planning  | 0/1                   |
| FIF                     | feelings, ideas, or facts   | 0/1                   |
| INFLU                   | influencing people  | 0/1                   |
| SJC                     | sensory or judgmental criteria  | 0/1                   |
| MVC                     | measurable or verifiable criteria   | 0/1                   |
| DEPL                    | dealing with people   | 0/1                   |
| REPCON                  | repetitive or continuous processes  | 0/1                   |
| PUS                     | performing under stress   | 0/1                   |
| STS                     | set limits, tolerances, or standards  | 0/1                   |
| VARCH                   | variety and change  | 0/1                   |
| <b>Interests</b>        |   |                       |
| DATAKOM                 | communication of data versus activities with things                               | -1 to 1 <sup>d</sup>  |
| SCIENCE                 | scientific and technical activities versus business contact                       | -1 to 1 <sup>d</sup>  |
| ABSTRACT                | abstract and creative versus routine, concrete activities                         | -1 to 1 <sup>d</sup>  |
| MACHINE                 | activities involving processes, machines, or techniques versus social welfare     | -1 to 1 <sup>d</sup>  |
| TANGIBLE                | activities resulting in tangible, productive satisfaction versus prestige, esteem | -1 to 1 <sup>d</sup>  |
| <b>Physical demands</b> |   |                       |
| STRENGTH                | lifting, carrying, pulling, pushing   | 1 to 5                |
| CLIMB                   | climbing, balancing   | 0/1                   |