

Table 18.1 Acoustic velocities for various materials - Ellis and Singer, 2007, *Well Logging for Earth Scientists*, 2nd ed., Springer  
in turn adapted from Timur A (1987) Acoustic logging. In Bradley H (ed) Petroleum production handbook. SPE, Dallas TX

<b>Nonporous solids</b>		Vc (ft/s)		Vs (ft/s)		Vc (m/s)		Vs (m/s)		1/Vc (us/m)		1/Vs (us/m)	
Anhydrite		20000		11400		6098		3476		164		288	
Calcite		20100				6128		0		163			
Cement (cured)		12000				3659		0		273			
Dolomite		23000		12700		7012		3872		143		258	
Granite		19700		11200		6006		3415		166		293	
Gypsum		19000				5793		0		173			
Limestone		21000		11100		6402		3384		156		295	
Quartz		18900		12000		5762		3659		174		273	
Salt		15000		8000		4573		2439		219		410	
Steel		20000		9500		6098		2896		164		345	
<b>Water-saturated porous rocks in situ</b>													
	Porosity												
Dolomites	5-20%	20000	15000	11000	7500	6098	4573	3354	2287	164	219	298	437
Limestones	5-20%	18500	13000	9500	7000	5640	3963	2896	2134	177	252	345	469
Sandstones	5-20%	16500	11500	9500	6000	5030	3506	2896	1829	199	285	345	547
Sands (unconsolidated)	20-25%	11500	9000	4000	1700	3506	2744	1220	518	285	364	820	1929
Shales		7000	17000			2134	5183			469	193		
<b>Liquids</b>													
Water (pure)		4800				1463				683			
Water (100,00 mg/L of NaCl)		5200				1585				631			
Water (200,00 mg/L of NaCl)		5500				1677				596			
Drilling mud		5700	3600			1738	1098			575	911		
Petroleum		4200				1280				781			
<b>Gases</b>													
Air (dry or moist)		1100				335				2982			
Hydrogen		4250				1296				772			
Methane		1500				457				2187			