

SECTION 148 – TUFF

3123. Tuff is a compacted deposit of verified fine material ejected from volcanoes. Deposits are found in the western mountainous regions of the American continent, on South and West Pacific islands, in southern and Central Europe, the northern parts of Africa, and the eastern coasts of Asia. The stage of consolidation varies, and deposits are usually stratified and may cover very large areas.



Figure 31-6: Tuff

3124. For practical purpose tuff is a soft, workable rock, which cannot be loosened by dozer blades, but which can be cut and uprooted by tractor-drawn rooter, and which can also be quarried by hand tools. The surface is then graded and final compacting and finishing are done with smooth-wheel rollers.