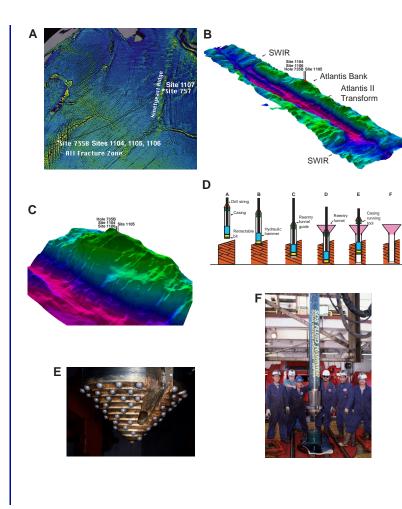
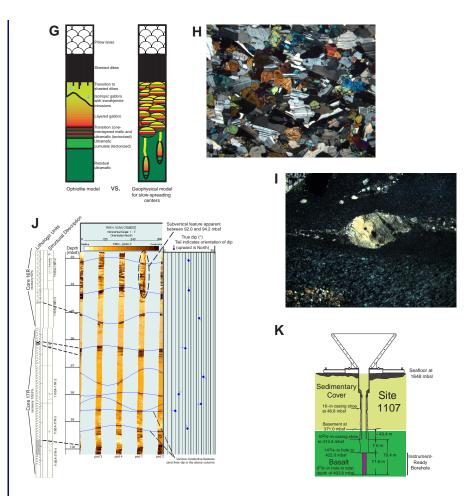


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JOI, TAMU, and LDEO have worked together successfully for many years to manage the Ocean Drilling Program. We look forward to many exciting discoveries and continued international collaboration as we further our scientific mission, especially the planning for the future of ocean drilling beyond 2003.

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Site 1105

Visual Core Descriptions · Thin Sections

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This CD-ROM contains an ASCII version of **Table T15: Major oxide and trace element analyses of gabbros from Hole 1105A**, from Chapter 4, Hammer Drill Site (1104 and 1106) and Site 1105.

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All table files with .TXT extensions will automatically open into Excel. If you do not have Excel installed on your computer, you may view these files through other spreadsheet or text-editor programs. Open the application of your choice, select File > Open, and open the ASCII file.

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This CD-ROM contains a QuickTime movie file that shows the bathymetry of the Atlantis II Transform, which offsets the Southwest Indian Ridge, showing the position of the Atlantis Bank. The user can manually rotate and zoom in on the image. Please note that QuickTime Version 4.0 software is provided on the CD, but is only available for the Macintosh and PC platforms.

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The 179 Initial Reports CD-ROM contains supplementary data provided by the volume authors.

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The Appendix contains the igneous data collected during this leg, which are recorded in a set of seven Microsoft Excel spreadsheets. The files within the Appendix are explained in detail in the README.TXT file. The "APPENDIX" directory contains the following Excel 5.0 (.XLS) and ASCII (.TXT) files:

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A site map showing the drilling locations for this leg and maps showing the drilling locations of all Ocean Drilling Program (ODP) and Deep Sea Drilling Project (DSDP) drilling sites are available in PDF format.

ODP Leg 179 Site Map

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