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187-1158A-1W-2

UNIT 1: APHYRIC TO SPARSELY OLIVINE-PLAGIOCLASE PHYRIC BASALT

PIECES 1-5

INTERNAL CONTACTS: Pieces 1,2, and 5 have a glassy rind partially altered to palagonite (2 mm total width), which is strongly silicified (see alteration below).

PHENOCRYSTS:	Abund	ance	Size (mm)	Shape
	%	avg.	max.	min.	
Plagioclase	~1	<1	<1	<1	prismatic
Olivine	1	<1	1	<1	euhedral
Total	~2				

GROUNDMASS: Microcrystalline to fine-grained

COLOR: Gray when fresh brown to brown-gray overall

VESICLES: ~0.5 mm diameter. >1%

ALTERATION: In Piece 1 the palagonite has a 'cherty' appearance (subconchoidal fracture), Mn oxide is present in up to 30% of the cut glassy surface. The remaining ~70% is silica, present in two forms, blue cryptocrystalline silica and white botryoidal clusters of silica <<0.5 mm diameter. Overall there is a higher degree of silicification in this section than has been seen before in this leg. Blue cryptocrystalline silica and smectite lines vesicles throughout the section and white/blue cryptocrystalline silica coats platy minerals (probably Fe oxyhydroxide) replacing olivine. Piece 2 has white (bleached) alteration of the glass/chilled margin. Piece 2 has crystalline quartz/zeolite(?) filling a vesicle on a fracture which is orthogonal to the chilled margin. All pieces have weathered uncut edges, the oxidized zone is generally ~6 mm wide. Olivine has been partially replaced by Fe oxyhydroxide (<70%)in these zones. There is also replacement of groundmass by brown clays. Pink micrite dusts the outer surface of Pieces 1 and 2. Piece 5 has developed a significant Mn crust (~1 mm thick). All pieces have coatings of Mnoxides spots and silica on uncut surfaces.

STRUCTURE: Pillow lava as inferred from the glassy rinds and wedge shapes of Pieces 1, 2, and 5.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Piece 5 is aphyric but the other pieces have between 1.5% and 2.5% phenocrysts, predominantly olivine.



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UNIT 1: APHYRIC TO SPARSELY OLIVINE-PLAGIOCLASE PHYRIC BASALT

PIECES 1-9

GROUNDMASS: Fine-grained

COLOR: Gray when fresh, gray to brown when altered

- VEINS/FRACTURES: Piece 4 has a ~1 mm vein filled with blue cryptocrystalline silica and Mn oxide.
- ALTERATION: Some fine-grained groundmass has been replaced by a brown clay (e.g., Piece 1). In Pieces 6 chilled basalt has been replaced by gray clay and silica which highlights the spherulites. In Piece 9 the spherulites are surrounded by a brown alteration product. All pieces have some Mn oxide on the outside. On the outside of Piece 6 there is a crystalline quartz cemented sediment consisting of silicified orange palagonite and eroded spherulites with some olivine largely replaced by Fe oxyhydroxide. Oxidized margins around the outside of pieces are brown and ~8 mm wide on average. In Piece 3 white/blue/yellow material coats the inside of vesicles and cavities. STRUCTURE: These pieces are pebble to cobble sized rubble.
- ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Piece 1, 2, 3, 5, and 7 are aphyric, Piece 3 has a granular textured groundmass with acicular plagioclase up to 2 mm. Piece 4 is sparsely olivine-plagioclase phyric with 1%-2% phenocrysts (<1 mm) of which ~20% are micro-glomerocrysts <1 mm. Pieces 6 and 9 have a very fine grained chilled texture with spherulites.



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UNIT 1: APHYRIC TO SPARSELY OLIVINE-PLAGIOCLASE PHYRIC BASALT

PIECES 1-11

INTERNAL CONTA	CTS: Glass	sy rind	, ~1 mm	n fragn	nent on F	Piece 1.
PHENOCRYSTS:	Abundand	e	Size (n	nm)	Shape	
	%	avg.	max.	min.		

Plagioclase	~0.5	<1	<1	<1	prismatic				
Olivine	~1	<1	<1	<1	euhedral				
GROUNDMASS: Fine-grained									

COLOR: Medium gray

VEINS/FRACTURES: Piece 3 has a ~1 mm wide vein filled with silica and Fe stained material with a ~ 2 mm oxidized halo.

ALTERATION: Overall slight, olivine is generally fresh, replacement by Fe oxyhydroxide in the oxidized halo in Piece 3 and the ~4 mm weathered edge in Piece 6. Mn oxide spots are present on the outside of all pieces, usually associated with white cryptocrystalline silica. Piece 8 has cavities and vugs in the groundmass partially filled with Fe oxyhydroxide and silica. Vesicles (<0.5%) are lined with blue cryptocrystalline silica and smectite (e.g., Piece 5).

STRUCTURE: These pieces are pebble- to cobble-sized rubble. ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Piece 10 has ~2 mm diameter spherulites

highlighted by alteration of the groundmass to a brown clay /silica(?) and is encrusted with cryptocrystalline silica, broken spherulites have Mn oxide inside them. Micro glomerocrysts of olivine and plagioclase (~1 mm) comprise the majority of the phenocrysts in this section. Pieces 2, 4, and 9 are aphyric.

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UNIT 1: APHYRIC TO SPARSELY-OLIVINE-PLAGIOCLASE PHYRIC BASALT

PIECES 1-14

PHENOCRYSTS:	Abunda	nce	Size (mm)	Shape
	%	avg.	max.	min.	
Plagioclase	0.5-1	1.5	5	~1	prismatic
Olivine	0.5-1	<1	2	<1	euhedral
Total	1-2				

GROUNDMASS: Almost microcrystalline to fine-grained

COLOR: Medium gray when fresh, brownish-light gray when altered

VEINS/FRACTURES: There are thin, <<0.5 mm, fractures in Pieces 1, 6, 10 (filled with silica and Fe-stained material), and 13 the latter is crenelated. The fracture in Piece 6 has a 1 mm wide oxidized halo around it.

ALTERATION: Overall slightly altered. Olivine has largely (~70%) been replaced by Fe oxyhydroxide in the majority of pieces, more rarely by smectite (e.g., Piece 6). There is some (<3%) replacement of plagioclase by cream-white clay, especially close to the outer edges (e.g Piece 1). Groundmass has been partially replaced by Fe oxyhydroxide and smectite (<10% overall). In Pieces 1 and 2 groundmass alteration imparts a brown color to the cut face. In other pieces alteration is restricted to an oxidized margin associated with weathered edges, ranging from 0.5 mm in Piece 5 to 15 mm in Piece 4. There is a marked absence of surficial coatings such as Mn oxide spots, silica, or sediment, on the outside edges of this section (unlike previous sites STRUCTURE: Pebble- to cobble-sized rubble

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Although this section is described as one unit there are marked differences between the pieces, Piece 1 has the most abundant (~2%) and largest phenocrysts, approximately 40% of which make up glomerocryst up to 8 mm long. The groundmass has visible clinopyroxene infilling felty textured plagioclase (~1 mm) and a granular texture. Pieces 2, 3, 4 and 7 have a similar granular texture to Piece 1 but finer grained and with fewer phenocrysts (~1%). Pieces 5, 6, and 8 are fine-grained-microcrystalline, aphyric, and lack the granular texture. Pieces 10 to 14 are coarser grained than Piece 1 with a similar granular texture, but the groundmass is still generally <1. Piece 10 has a 15 mm long cluster of altered olivine crystals with interlocking plagioclase.



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UNIT 1: APHYRIC TO SPARSELY OLIVINE-PLAGIOCLASE PHYRIC BASALT

PIECES 1-5

PHENOCRYSTS:	Abundar	nce	Size (I	Shape	
	%	avg.	max.	min.	
Plagioclase	<1-1	<1	1.5	<1	prismatic
Olivine	<1-1	<1	2	<1	euhedral
Total	<2-2				

GROUNDMASS: Fine-grained

VESICLES: Rare (<<1%) vesicles filled with manganese in Piece 1.

COLOR: Medium gray to brownish-light gray when altered

ALTERATION: Overall the section is slightly altered. Olivine has largely (~80%) been replaced by Fe oxyhydroxide in the majority of pieces, but a creamy clay commonly fills cavities that are lined with Fe oxyhydroxide. This may be a two-stage replacement where olivine is replaced by Fe oxyhydroxide which in return is replaced by the creamy clay (e.g., Piece 5). Groundmass has been partially replaced by Fe oxyhydroxide and creamy clay (<10% overall). Piece 1 has a ~15 mm oxidized margin associated with weathered edges. There is a marked absence of surficial coatings such as Mn oxide spots (a few grains of Mn oxide on Piece 3), silica, or sediment, on the outside edges of this section (unlike previous sites).

STRUCTURE: Pebble- or cobble-sized rubble

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: The pieces in this section have a wide range of groundmass crystal sizes, similar to Section 1158B-2R-1, but all crystals are < 1mm. Piece 2 has a similar granular texture to Piece 3 in 1158B-2R-1. Piece 2 also has olivine and plagioclase glomerocrysts (up to 4 mm) made up of ~40% of the phenocrysts. Pieces 3 and 4 have very fine-grained groundmass.



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UNIT 1: APHYRIC TO SPARSELY OLIVINE-PLAGIOCLASE PHYRIC BASALT

PIECES 1-26







187-1158C-2R-1

UNIT 1: APHYRIC BASALT

PIECES 1-7

- **GROUNDMASS:** Fine-grained overall but Pieces 5 and 6 are granular whereas ~1 mm plagioclase forms a felty interlocking texture in Pieces 2, 3, 4, and 7. **COLOR:** Medium grav to grav
- VEINS/FRACTURES: 2-3 mm long fractures in Piece 1; <1 mm wide coated with smectite.
- ALTERATION: All pieces have smectite and Fe oxyhydroxide replacing 60% of olivine in the groundmass. Overall slight to moderate. There is a marked absence of surficial coatings such as Mn oxide spots (except for a Mn oxide crust on Piece 5), silica, or sediment, on the outside edges of this section (unlike previous sites).

STRUCTURE: None distinguishable.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Vesicles (<1%) are filled with smectite and/or Fe oxyhydroxide. In Piece 7 there is 7% olivine in the groundmass of which only ~10% is altered.

UNIT 2: DIABASE

PIECES 8-24

GROUNDMASS: Medium-grained to fine-grained **COLOR**: Gray to Brownish-gray

ALTERATION: Replacement of olivine in groundmass by Fe oxyhydroxide has resulted in Fe-staining of plagioclase giving the unit a more altered appearance than it actually is. There is ~5% olivine in this unit of which ~45% is altered. Vesicles are ~0.8 mm and filled with smectite, a pale cream fibrous mineral(?), or more rarely Mn oxide. Pieces 19 to 24 are more altered than the rest of this unit, ~10% of plagioclase has been replaced by a pale clay. The top of Piece 9 and bottom of Piece 14 have an oxidized zone ~ 15 mm wide, defined by an increased abundance of Fe oxyhydroxide. There is a marked absence of sufficial coatings such as Mn oxide spots, silica, or sediment, on the outside edges of this section (unlike previous sites).

- **STRUCTURE**: None, although this section could be interpreted as a chilled top and base with coarser grained material in the middle.
- ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: Pieces 19 to 24 are finer grained than the rest of this unit, with Piece 24 being finer grained than Pieces 19 to 23. Plagioclase is still ~1 mm in all 5 pieces, but has a felty texture, and is similar to Piece 7 of unit 1. There are rare plagioclase 'macrocrysts' between 3 and 5 mm (e.g., Piece 9). Clinopyroxene tends to be euhedral in this section (e.g., Piece 14), unlike Section 187-1158C-1W-1.



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UNIT 2: DIABASE

PIECES 1-11

GROUNDMASS: Medium- to fine-grained

COLOR: Brownish-gray

VESICLES:	Abundar	nce	Size	(mm)	Shape
	%	avg.	max.	min.	
	5-7	0.7	1	0.2	rounded

Filling: Infilled by pale yellow-tan concentrically zoned cryptocrystalline silica and clay(?).

- **ALTERATION:** Slightly altered overall. Replacement of olivine in groundmass by Fe oxyhydroxide has resulted in Fe-staining of plagioclase, and infilling of vesicles by a cream-tan clay/silicate gives the unit a more altered appearance than it actually is. There is a marked absence of surficial coatings such as Mn oxide spots, silica, or sediment, on the outside edges of this section (unlike previous sites).
- **STRUCTURE**: None, although this section could be interpreted as a continuation of the base of Section 2R-1.
- ADDITIONAL COMMENTS: There is a systematic decrease in crystal size with depth in this section. Plagioclase defines a felty texture and ranges from ~1 mm in Pieces 1, 2, and 3, to <0.5 mm in Pieces 6 to 11.

187-1158A-2R-1, 0-4	cm (TS #45)					Unit: 1	OBSERVER:	Gee		
ROCK NAME: WHERE SAMPLED: GRAIN SIZE: TEXTURE:	Fresh aphyri piece 1 fine grained intersertal	c basalt with a l to microcrystall	highly vesici line	ular chilled marg	in					
PRIMARY	PERCENT	PERCENT		SIZE (mm)		APPROX.				
MINERALOGY	PRESENT	ORIGINAL	min.	max.	av.	COMP.	MORPHOLOGY	COMMENTS		
PHENOCRYSTS										
Plagioclase										
Olivine										
Clinopyroxene										
GROUNDMASS										
Olivine	~1	~2	0.08	0.2	0.09		skeletal			
Plagioclase	~55	~55	0.4	3	1.8		hollow elongate 'box structures', also	Image 111: cross-section of parallel growth plagioclase box-		
							sehak and spherulitic arrangements	texture' up to 2 mm long. A combination of parallel growth and sheaf texture produce the felty texture apparent in hand specimen		
Clinopyroxene	~15	~20						specificit.		
Onaque Minerals	~?	~?								
Glass	~10	~21								
SECONDARY				SIZE (mm)						
MINERALOGY	PERCENT	-	min.	max.	av.		REPLACING / FILLING	COMMENTS		
Clays	~11						glass/clinopyroxene			
VESICLES/				SIZE (mm)						
CAVITIES	PERCENT	LOCATION	min.	max.	av.		FILLING / MORPHOLOGY	COMMENTS		
Vesicles	25	Top 2.5 cm	0.2	1	0.4		mainly unfilled (~95%), some clay. Rounded to globular.	Vesicularity increases from the top to the bottom of the thin section, i.e., from 0% to 25%.		
COMMENTS :	Groundmass n	odes exclude vesio	cles.							

187-1158A-3R-1, 10-1	3 cm (TS#46)					Unit: 1	OBSERVER:	Gee
ROCK NAME: WHERE SAMPLED: GRAIN SIZE: TEXTURE:	Fresh sparsel piece 3 fine grained intersertal	y olivine phyric	e basalt (aves line	icular)				
PRIMARY	PERCENT	PERCENT		SIZE (mm)		APPROX.		
MINERALOGY	PRESENT	ORIGINAL	min.	max.	av.	СОМР.	MORPHOLOGY	COMMENTS
PHENOCRYSTS Plagioclase								
Olivine	~2-3	~2-3	0.05	1	0.6		skeletal to equant	Seriate so min size is groundmass, glomerocrysts of 4/5 olivine crystals include ~40% of total phenocrysts. Clear glass melt inclusions in equant phenocryst olivine.
Clinopyroxene								
GROUNDMASS								
Olivine	~4	~4					equant to skeletal	
Plagioclase	~60	~60					prismatic to acicular and hollow	Sheaf, radial and trachytic plagioclase, some bow-tie with olivine, often 'snowball' effect around olivine glomerocrysts (Image 112).
Clinopyroxene	~14	~14					prismatic	
Opaque Minerals Glass	~18	~19						
SECONDARY				SIZE (mm)				
MINERALOGY	PERCENT	-	min.	max.	av.		REPLACING / FILLING	COMMENTS
Clays	~1						glass in groundmass	
opaques	<1				< 0.02		in altered glass	
VESICLES/				SIZE (mm)				
CAVITIES	PERCENT	LOCATION	min.	max.	av.		FILLING / MORPHOLOGY	COMMENTS
COMMENTS :								

187-1158B-2R-1, 0-3 G ROCK NAME: WHERE SAMPLED: GRAIN SIZE: TEXTURE:	cm (TS#47) Diabase, slig piece 1 medium grai	htly altered ined				Unit: 1	OBSERVER:	Gee
PRIMARY	PERCENT	PERCENT		SIZE (mm)		APPROX.		
MINERALOGY	PRESENT	ORIGINAL	min.	max.	av.	COMP.	MORPHOLOGY	COMMENTS
PHENOCRYSTS Plagioclase	2	~2.5	1	5	4		Subhedral laths (broken)	Disequilibrium textures, e.g. disrupted twin planes, sieve texture.
Olivine Clinopyroxene	_		-	-	-			oscillatory concentic zoning (Image 113), and overgrowths.
GROUNDMASS Olivine Plagioclase	46	48	0.8	3	12			Fe-staining of plagioclase, some radial intergrowth with
Inglociate	10	10	010	U	112			clinopyroxene.
Clinopyroxene	40	46	0.8	2.5	1.5			
Opaque Minerals	3	3	0.02	0.2	0.1		skeletal to euhedral	Resorbed/skeletal and with overgrowths, mainly magnetite some exsolved ilmenite and rare sulphides.
Glass								
SECONDARY				SIZE (mm)				
MINERALOGY	PERCENT	-	min.	max.	av.		REPLACING / FILLING	COMMENTS
Clays	~6.5						phenocrystic plagioclase along fractures and in sieve texture, and groundmass clinopyroxene.	
VESICLES/				SIZE (mm)				
CAVITIES	PERCENT	LOCATION	min.	max.	av.		FILLING / MORPHOLOGY	COMMENTS
COMMENTS :	The thin section nearly all clino	on has a brown colo pyroxene is affecte	ouration which ed to some deg	i is mainly due to F ree. Image 113 illus	e-staining o trates typica	f plagioclase, the a al groundmass text	lteration is not above 10% overall, but there ure and a plagioclae phenocryst but is more	e is an area at the bottom of the TS where alteration is ~20-30%, e altered than the majority of the TS.

187-1158B-2R-1, 55-5	58 cm (TS#48)					Unit:1	OBSERVßER:	Gee	
ROCK NAME: WHERE SAMPLED: GRAIN SIZE: TEXTURE:	Slightly alter piece 13 fine grained sub ophitic	red sparsely plaş	rioclase-oliv	ine phyric basalt					
PRIMARY	PERCENT	PERCENT		SIZE (mm)		APPROX.			
MINERALOGY	PRESENT	ORIGINAL	min.	max.	av.	СОМР.	MORPHOLOGY	COMMENTS	
PHENOCRYSTS									
Plagioclase	1		0.6	2	1.4		laths, anhedral to subhedral	Plagioclase glomerocrysts up to 2 mm as well as single crystals. Disrupted twinning, oscillatory concentric zoning and ragged/ broken crystals.	
Olivine	0	1	0.6	1.4	1.2		skeletal	Totally replaced.	
Clinopyroxene	<<1			0.7			euhedral	Sector zoned.	
GROUNDMASS Olivine									
Plagioclase	48		0.2	0.5	0.4		prismatic		
Clinopyroxene	33	40	0.2	0.8	0.6		anhedral	Clinopyroxene partially encloses plagioclase (sub ophitic) or forms radial growths with plagioclase. In sub ophitic areas the clinopyroxene may have unulose extinction.	
Opaque Minerals	1				< 0.02			F))	
Glass	2	8							
SECONDARY				SIZE (mm)					
MINERALOGY	PERCENT	-	min.	max.	av.		REPLACING / FILLING	COMMENTS	
Clays	14						glass in groundmass and olivine		
VESICLES/				SIZE (mm)					
CAVITIES	PERCENT	LOCATION	min.	max.	av.		FILLING / MORPHOLOGY	COMMENTS	
	<<1				0.6		clays		
COMMENTS :	Plagioclase and smaller clinopy	l olivine glomeroci vroxene may be the	ysts are up to end-product	4 mm across, all oli of the strain disloca	vine has bee ation seen in	en replaced by a co other areas of the	omplex intergrowth of clays and a high e TS. (Images 117 and 118).	birefringence mineral with straight extinction (Image 114). Areas with	

187-1158C-2R-1, 75-7	8 cm (TS#49)					Unit:2	OBSERVER:	Gee
ROCK NAME:	Diabase, slig	ht to moderatel	y altered					
WHERE SAMPLED:	piece 13		•					
GRAIN SIZE:	medium grai	ined						
TEXTURE:	sub ophitic							
PRIMARV	PERCENT	PERCENT		SIZE (mm)		APPROX.		
MINERALOGY	PRESENT	ORIGINAL	min.	max.	av.	Сомр.	MORPHOLOGY	COMMENTS
DUENOODVETS								
PHENOCRYSIS								
Plagioclase								
Olivine								
Clinopyroxene								
GROUNDMASS								
Olivine								
Plagioclase	48	49		4	2			Some dislocation twinning.
Clinopyroxene	38	49		4	3			All clinopyroxenes have some strain extinction, often radiating,
								the degree of strain varies from slight to almost dislocation, ie up
								to 6 degrees dislocation in the crystal lattice.
Opaque Minerals	2						skeletal/equant	Magnetite and ilmenite (ilmenite exsolution along cleavage planes).
Glass								
SECONDARY				SIZE (mm)				
MINERALOGY	PERCENT	-	min.	max.	av.		REPLACING / FILLING	COMMENTS
Clays	11						clinopyroxene	
Fe oxyhydroxides	1						clinopyroxene	
VESICLES/				SIZE (mm)				
CAVITIES	PERCENT	LOCATION	min.	max.	av.		FILLING / MORPHOLOGY	COMMENTS
Vesicles	<1							
COMMENTS :	Radiating clust	ers of plagioclase a	nd clinopyrox	ene as well as sub o	phitic textu	re. Clinopyroxene	size is difficult to measure because of	the strain extinction and the sub ophitic texture. Overall alteration is
	slight but local	lly moderate, i.e. al	ll clinopyroxen	e replaced by clays	and iddings	ite. Plagioclase is I	Fe-stained.	-

















