Table 4.5 Values of constant m_i for intact rock by rock Group (values in parenthesis are estimates)

Rock type	Class	Group	Texture: Coarse	Medium	Fine	Very fine
SEDIMENTARY	Clastic		Conglomerates (21±3) Breccias (19±5)	Sandstones 17±4	Siltstones 7±2 Greywackes (18±3)	Claystones 4±2 Shales (6±2) Marls (7±2)
	Non-Clastic	Carbonates	Crystalline Limestone (12±3)	Sparitic Limestones (10±2)	Micritic Limestones (9±2)	Dolomites (9±3)
		Evaporites		Gypsum 8±2	Anhydrite 12±2	
		Organic				Chalk 7±2
METAMORPHIC	Non foliated		Marble 9±3	Hornfels (19±4) Metasandstone (19±3)	Quartzites 20±3	
	Slightly foliated		Migmatite (29±3)	Amphibolites 26±6	Gneiss 28±5	
	Foliated*			Schists 12±3	Phyllites (7±3)	Slates 7±4
IGNEOUS	Plutonic	Light	Granite 32±3	Diorite 25±5 Granodiorite (29±3)		
		Dark	Gabbro 27±3 Norite 20±5	Dolerite (16±5)		
	Hypabyssal		Porphyries (20±5)		Diabase (15±5)	Peridotite (25±5)
	Volcanic	Lava		Rhyolite (25±5) Andesite 25±5	Dacite (25±3) Basalt (25±5)	Obsidian (19±3)
		Pyroclastic	Agglomerate (19±3)	Breccia (19±5)	Tuff (13±5)	

* These values are for intact rock specimens tested normal to bedding or foliation. The value of m_i will be significantly different if failure occurs along a weakness plane.

3: Hoek-Brown rock mass classification system, 1995

GENERALIZED HOEK-BROWN CRITERION

$$\sigma_1' = \sigma_3' + \sigma_c \left(m_b \frac{\sigma_3'}{\sigma_c} + s \right)^a$$

σ_1' = major principal effective stress at failure

σ_3' = minor principal effective stress at failure

σ_c = uniaxial compressive strength of *intact* pieces of rock

m_b, s and a are constants which depend on the composition, structure and surface conditions of the rock mass

STRUCTURE

SURFACE CONDITION

STRUCTURE		VERY GOOD Very rough, unweathered surfaces	GOOD Rough, slightly weathered, iron stained surfaces	FAIR Smooth, moderately weathered or altered surfaces	POOR Slickensided, highly weathered surfaces with compact coatings or fillings containing angular rock fragments	VERY POOR Slickensided, highly weathered surfaces with soft clay coatings or fillings
BLOCKY - very well interlocked undisturbed rock mass consisting of cubical blocks formed by three orthogonal discontinuity sets	m_b / m_i	0.60	0.40	0.26	0.16	0.08
	s	0.190	0.062	0.015	0.003	0.0004
	a	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5
	E_m	75,000	40,000	20,000	9,000	3,000
	ν	0.2	0.2	0.25	0.25	0.25
	GSI	85	75	62	48	34
VERY BLOCKY - interlocked, partially disturbed rock mass with angular blocks formed by four or more discontinuity sets	m_b / m_i	0.40	0.29	0.16	0.11	0.07
	s	0.062	0.021	0.003	0.001	0
	a	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.53
	E_m	40,000	24,000	9,000	5,000	2,500
	ν	0.2	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.3
	GSI	75	65	48	38	25
BLOCKY/SEAMY - folded and faulted with many intersecting discontinuities forming angular blocks	m_b / m_i	0.24	0.17	0.12	0.08	0.06
	s	0.012	0.004	0.001	0	0
	a	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.55
	E_m	18,000	10,000	6,000	3,000	2,000
	ν	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.3	0.3
	GSI	60	50	40	30	20
CRUSHED - poorly interlocked, heavily broken rock mass with a mixture of angular and rounded blocks	m_b / m_i	0.17	0.12	0.08	0.06	0.04
	s	0.004	0.001	0	0	0
	a	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.55	0.6
	E_m	10,000	6,000	3,000	2,000	1,000
	ν	0.25	0.25	0.3	0.3	0.3
	GSI	50	40	30	20	10