

**A**s part of our work documenting existing conditions of a variety of materials, Vertical Access has developed a conditions glossary to illustrate and standardize survey terms.

The Vertical Access conditions glossary incorporates visual and descriptive content. It is material-based, with different material “libraries.” The terms used are meant to describe the existing condition, without making any judgment on the cause of the condition and without prescription for repair. In this sense, it is intended to be a first look, with analysis and evaluation following from the documentation.

Vertical Access uses the glossary as an in-house training document to achieve greater consistency among staff surveyors. We also share the document with other team members on projects that we work on, so that all of the members of a project team can use a common vocabulary when discussing the types of conditions to be recorded.


Our conditions glossary exists primarily as a searchable database available online:

<http://www.vertical-access.com/glossary.html>


The glossary is a work in progress, with comments and suggestions for improvement encouraged.

For an in depth discussion of Conditions Clossaries, read Evan’s article here: <http://www.apti.org/clientuploads/publications/PracticePoints/PracticePoints12.pdf>


Material	Stone	TPAS Code	Exf
Condition	Surface Exfoliated	Severity Units	Depth of loss in 1/8" increments
Condition Description	Loss of outer surface of a masonry unit in layers.	Amount Units	Area affected in sq. ft.
		AutoCAD Layer	Stn SurfLoss Exfol




Exfoliation in sandstone.jpg



Exfoliation in sandstone 2.jpg



Exfoliation in limestone 3.jpg



Exfoliation in limestone 4.jpg



*Stone spall removed + steel*



*Brick spall missing*