

TABLE 3-6 Classification of Soils and Soil-Aggregate Mixtures*

General Classification	Granular Materials (35% or less passing 0.075 mm)							Silt-Clay Materials (More than 35% passing 0.075 mm)			
	A-1			A-2				A-7			
Group classification	A-1-a	A-1-b	A-3	A-2-4	A-2-5	A-2-6	A-2-7	A-4	A-5	A-6	A-7-5 A-7-6
Sieve analysis, percent passing:											
2.00 mm (No. 10)	50 max.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
0.425 mm (No. 40)	30 max.	50 max.	51 min.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
0.075 mm (No. 200)	15 max.	25 max.	10 max.	35 max.	35 max.	35 max.	35 max.	36 min.	36 min.	36 min.	36 min.
Characteristics of fraction passing 0.425 mm (No. 40):											
Liquid limit	—	—	—	40 max.	41 min.	40 max.	41 min.	40 max.	41 min.	40 max.	41 min.
Plasticity index	6 max.	—	NP	10 max.	10 max.	11 min.	11 min.	10 max.	10 max.	11 min.	11 min.
Usual types of significant constituent materials	Stone fragments, gravel, and sand	Fine sand	Silty or clayey gravel and sand	Silty soils	Clayey soils	Fair to Poor					
General rating as subgrade	Excellent to good							Fair to Poor			

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†Plasticity index of A-7-5 subgroup is equal to or less than LL minus 30. Plasticity index of A-7-6 subgroup is greater than LL minus 30 (see Fig. 3.5).

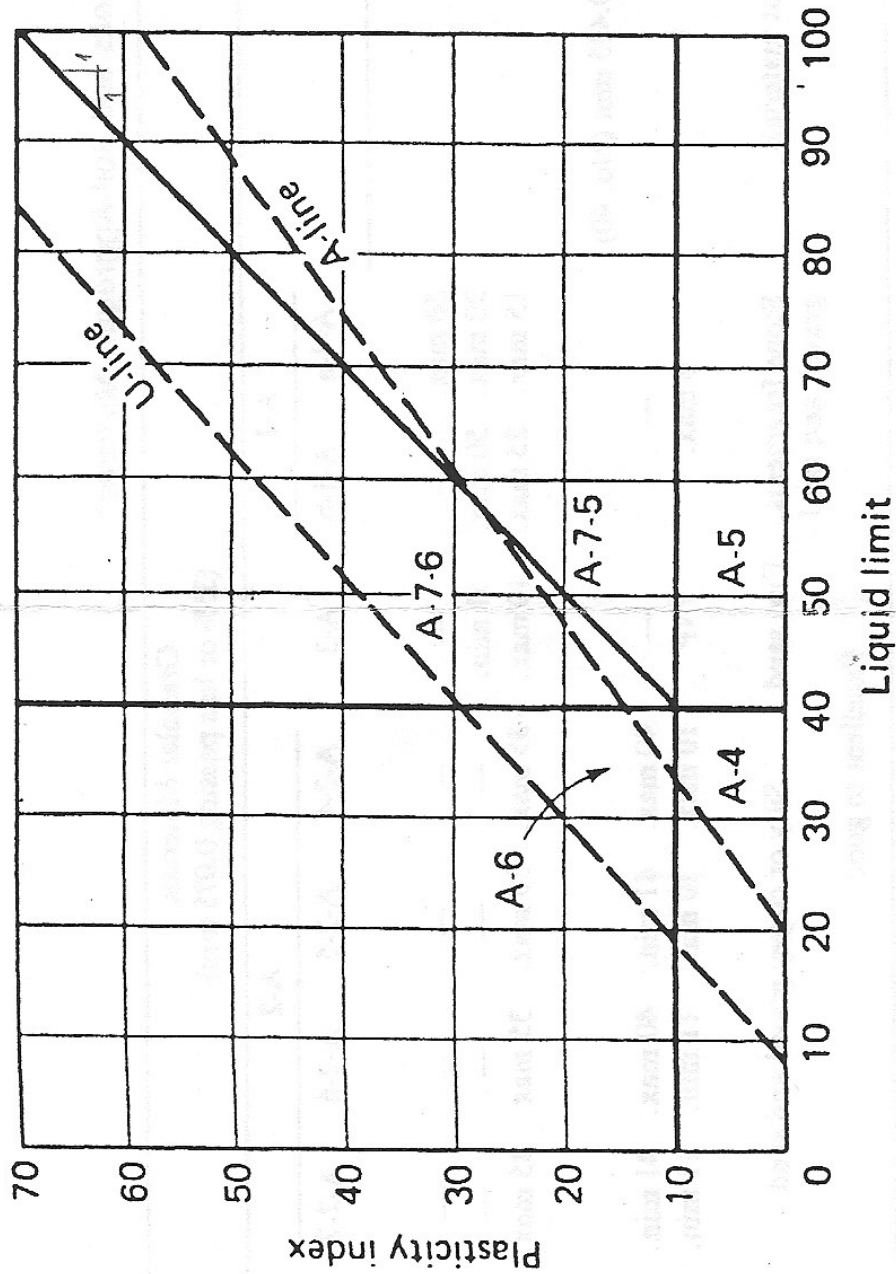


Fig. 3.5 Atterberg limits ranges for subgrade subgroups A-4, A-5, A-6, and A-7. Note that Casagrande's A-line and U-line have been superimposed on the chart (after Liu, 1970, and Al-Hussaini, 1977).