

Explanation of columns in flatfile

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| CuspID | = | GeoNet event identification number |
| Origin time | = | Origin time of earthquake in UTC |
| Record | = | Record name |
| Mw | = | Moment magnitude |
| MwUncert | = | Uncertainty in moment magnitude estimate |
| TectClass | = | Tectonic classification, either ‘crustal’, ‘interface’, or ‘slab’ |
| Mech | = | Focal mechanism, as defined by McVerry et al., (2006) S → strike-slip, with rake angle δ , $-33 \leq \delta \leq 33$, $147 \leq \delta \leq 180$, $-180 \leq \delta \leq -147$ N → normal, $-146 \leq \delta \leq -34$ R → reverse, $67 \leq \delta \leq 123$ O → oblique with a reverse component, $34 \leq \delta \leq 66$, $124 \leq \delta \leq 146$ U → unknown |
| PreferredFaultPlane | = | 1 if one fault plane orientation is preferred out of the two conjugate fault planes in the moment tensor = 0 if the preferred fault plane is unknown |
| Strike | = | Strike angle (degrees). If PreferredFaultPlane = 1, this is the likely fault strike, otherwise it is only one of two possible strikes |
| Dip | = | Dip angle (degrees) |
| Rake | = | Rake angle (degrees) |
| Location | = | Reference for the preferred location special → special studies (see references) geonet → standard GeoNet catalogue nllloc → relocation using the NonLinLoc algorithm simulps → relocation using the SimulPS algorithm fdsn → the FDSN catalogue |
| HypLat | = | Hypocenter latitude |
| HypLon | = | Hypocenter longitude |
| StationLat | = | Latitude of recording station |
| StationLon | = | Longitude of recording station |
| HypN | = | Northing of hypocenter in NZMG co-ordinates (metres) |
| HypE | = | Easting of hypocenter in NZMG co-ordinates (metres) |
| StationN | = | Northing of recording station in NZMG co-ordinates (metres) |
| StationE | = | Easting of recording station in NZMG co-ordinates (metres) |
| LENGTH_km | = | Inferred rupture length along strike (km) |
| WIDTH_km | = | Inferred down-dip rupture width (km) |
| Repi_km | = | Epicentral distance (km) |
| Rhyp_km | = | Hypocentral distance (km) |
| Rjb_km | = | Joyner-Boore distance (km) |
| Rrup_km | = | Closest distance from station to rupture plane (km) |
| Rx_km | = | Hanging wall distance metric R_x (km) |
| Ry_km | = | Hanging wall distance metric R_y (km) |
| Rvol_km | = | Volcanic path distance (km) |
| HypDepth_km | = | Hypocenter depth (km) |
| ZTOR_km | = | Depth to top of rupture plane (km) |
| HWFW | = | Hanging wall flag hw → Station located on hanging wall fw → Station located on foot wall nu → No hanging wall effects |
| SiteCode | = | GeoNet station identifier |
| SiteClass1170 | = | NZS1170.5:2004 site classification |
| Vs30 | = | Time-averaged shear-wave velocity in the top 30 m (m/s) |
| Vs30Uncert | = | Quality of V_{S30} estimate |
| Tsite | = | Low-strain fundamental site period (s) |
| TsiteUncert | = | Quality of T_{site} estimate |
| Z1 | = | Depth below ground surface to a shear-wave velocity of 1 km/s (m) |
| Z1Uncert | = | Quality of Z_1 estimate |

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| Directivity | = | Identified directivity pulse 1 → pulse-like motions have been identified 0 → pulse-like motions have not been identified |
| Pulse_or | = | Orientation of identified directivity pulse either equals the component orientation in degrees, or -99999 if not applicable |
| Pulse_T | = | Period of identified directivity pulse either equals the period in seconds, or -99999 if not applicable |
| S_Trigger_Flag | = | Flag indicating whether the recording triggered between the P and S arrivals 1 → the recording triggered after the P-arrival (beginning of recording may not be captured) 0 → a clear P-arrival was observed |
| fcButterHP | = | Corner frequency of Butterworth high-pass filter (Hz) |
| finiLP | = | Initiation frequency of the low-pass sinusoidal transition filter (Hz) |
| fmin | = | Minimum usable frequency of the recording (Hz) |
| fmax | = | Maximum usable frequency of the recording (Hz) |
| References | = | Published references associated with the event location, moment tensor, fault plane solution etc. |

The columns of ground motion data then follow. For example ‘f100.0000SA_RotD50’ is the spectral acceleration for a SDOF oscillator with resonant frequency of 100 Hz, and the definition of horizontal component is RotD50. Ground motion values of -99999 represent oscillator frequencies outside the minimum usable frequency of a given recording. PSA values are given in units of g , peak ground velocities are given in m/s and Fourier amplitudes are in $g \cdot s$. For the significant duration flatfile, the data are provided for $D_{5-75\%}$, $D_{5-95\%}$ and $D_{20-80\%}$, for the two as-recorded horizontal components (H1 and H2), as well as for the geometric mean (GM). All duration data are provided in units of seconds.