

Medium cloud type:

WMO code 0515: Clouds of the genera Altocumulus, Altostratus, etc.

- / - altocumulus, altostratus and nimbostratus invisible owing to darkness, fog, blowing dust, sand, or other phenomena; or because of the presence of a continuous layer of lower clouds
- 0 - no altocumulus, altostratus or nimbostratus
- 1 - altostratus, the greater part of which is semi-transparent; through this part the sun or moon may be weakly visible, as through ground glass
- 2 - altostratus, the greater part of which is sufficiently dense to hide the sun or moon, or nimbostratus
- 3 - altocumulus, the greater part of which is semi-transparent; the various elements of the cloud change only slowly and are all at a single level
- 4 - patches (often in the form of almonds or fish) of altocumulus, the greater part of which is semi-transparent; the clouds occur at one or more levels and the elements are continually changing in appearance
- 5 - semi-transparent altocumulus in bands, or altocumulus, in one or more continuous layer (semi-transparent or opaque), progressively invading the sky; these generally thicken as a whole
- 6 - altocumulus resulting from the spreading out of cumulus or cumulonimbus
- 7 - altocumulus in two or more layers, usually opaque in places, and not progressively invading the sky; or opaque layer of altocumulus, not progressively invading the sky; or altocumulus together with altostratus or nimbostratus
- 8 - altocumulus with sproutings in the form of small towers or battlements, or altocumulus having the appearance of cumuliform tufts
- 9 - altocumulus of a chaotic sky, generally at several levels