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S'COOL Cloud Identification Chart

Altitude of Cloud Base

6 km

5 km

4 km

3 km

2 km

1 km

High

Mid

Low

cirrus

cirrostratus

cirrocumulus

contrails

CONVECTIVE CLOUDS

altostratus

altocumulus

stratus

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stratocumulus

cumulonimbus

nimbostratus

fog

cumulus

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