

## Climbing Grades Compared



| UIAA    | French | Saxon Swiss<br>(Saxony) | British<br>(Tech) | British<br>(Adj) | USA<br>(Sierra) | Nordic<br>(FIN) | Nordic<br>(SWE/NOR) | Fb Grade<br>(Boulder) | V Grade<br>(Boulder) | Aid Climbing | Ice Climbing |
|---------|--------|-------------------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|-----------------------|----------------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1       | 1      | I                       | 1                 | M                | 5.0             | 1               | 1                   | 1                     | VB-                  | A0           | WI 1-2       |
| 2       | 2      | II                      | 2                 | M/D              | 5.1             | 2               | 2                   | 1                     | VB-                  | A0           | WI 1-2       |
| 3       | 3      | III                     | 3                 | D                | 5.2             | 2/3             | 2/3                 | 1/2                   | VB-                  | A0           | WI 1-2       |
| 4       | 4      | IV                      | 4a                | D/VD             | 5.3             | 3               | 3                   | 2                     | VB-                  | A1           | WI 1-2       |
| 4+      | 4+     | IV/V                    | 4a                | VD               | 5.4             | 4               | 4                   | 2                     | VB-                  | A1           | WI 1-2       |
| 5-      | 5a     | V                       | 4a/4b             | S                | 5.5             | 5-              | 5-                  | 2/3                   | VB-/VB               | A1           | WI 3         |
| 5       | 5a/5b  | VI                      | 4b                | HS               | 5.6             | 5               | 5                   | 3                     | VB                   | A1           | WI 3         |
| 5+      | 5b     | VI/VIIa                 | 4c                | HS/VS            | 5.7             | 5/5+            | 5/5+                | 4a                    | VB/V0-               | A2           | WI 3         |
| 6-      | 5b/5c  | VIIa                    | 4c/5a             | VS               | 5.8             | 5+              | 5+                  | 4a/4b                 | V0-                  | A2           | WI 3         |
| 6       | 5c     | VIIb                    | 5a                | HVS              | 5.9             | 5+/6-           | 6-                  | 4b                    | V0-/V0               | A2           | WI 3         |
| 6+      | 6a     | VIIc                    | 5a/5b             | E1               | 5.10a           | 6-              | 6-/6                | 4c                    | V0                   | A2           | WI 4         |
| 7-      | 6a+    | VIIIa                   | 5b                | E1/E2            | 5.10b           | 6-/6            | 6                   | 5a                    | V0+                  | A2           | WI 4         |
| 7       | 6b     | VIIIb                   | 5b/5c             | E2               | 5.10c           | 6               | 6+                  | 5b                    | V1                   | A3 - A5      | WI 4         |
| 7+      | 6b+    | VIIIc                   | 5c                | E2/E3            | 5.10d           | 6/6+            | 7-                  | 5c                    | V1/V2                | A3 - A5      | WI 5         |
| 7+/8-   | 6c     | VIIIc/IXa               | 5c                | E3               | 5.11a           | 6+              | 7-/7                | 6a                    | V2                   | A3 - A5      | WI 5         |
| 8-      | 6c+    | IXa                     | 5c/6a             | E3/E4            | 5.11b           | 6+/7-           | 7                   | 6a+                   | V2/V3                | A3 - A5      | WI 5         |
| 8       | 7a     | IXb                     | 6a                | E4               | 5.11c           | 7-              | 7+                  | 6b                    | V3                   | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 8+      | 7a+    | IXc                     | 6a                | E4/E5            | 5.11d           | 7               | 7+/8-               | 6b+                   | V3/V4                | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 8+/9-   | 7b     | Ixc/Xa                  | 6a/6b             | E5               | 5.12a           | 7+              | 8-                  | 6b+/6c                | V4                   | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 9-      | 7b+    | Xa                      | 6b                | E5/E6            | 5.12b           | 8-              | 8-/8                | 6c                    | V4                   | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 9       | 7c     | Xb                      | 6b / 6c           | E6               | 5.12c           | 8               | 8                   | 6c+                   | V4/V5                | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 9+      | 7c+    | Xc                      | 6c                | E6/E7            | 5.12d           | 8+              | 8/8+                | 7a                    | V5                   | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 9+/10-  | 8a     | Xc                      | 6c                | E7               | 5.13a           | 9-              | 8+                  | 7a+                   | V6                   | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 10-     | 8a/8a+ | Xc/XIa                  | 6c/7a             | E7/E8            | 5.13b           | 9               | 9-                  | 7a+/7b                | V6/V7                | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 10-     | 8a+    | XIa                     | 7a                | E8               | 5.13c           | 9+              | 9-                  | 7b                    | V7                   | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 10      | 8b     | XIb                     | 7a                | E9               | 5.13d           | 10-             | 9                   | 7b+                   | V8                   | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 10+     | 8b+    | XIc                     | 7a/7b             | E9/E10           | 5.14a           | 10              | 9/9+                | 7c                    | V9                   | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 10+/11- | 8c     | XIc/XIIa                | 7b                | E10              | 5.14b           | 10+             | 9+                  | 7c+                   | V10                  | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 11-     | 8c+    | XIIa                    | 7b                | E11              | 5.14c           | 11-             | 9+                  | 7c+/8a                | V10/V11              | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 11      | 9a     | XIIb                    | 7b                | E11              | 5.14d           | 11              | > 9+                | 8a                    | V11                  | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 11      | 9a/9a+ | XIIb                    | > 7b              | > E11            | 5.14d/5.15a     | 11/11+          | > 9+                | 8a+                   | V12                  | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 11/11+  | 9a+    | XIIb/XIIc               | > 7b              | > E11            | 5.15a           | 11+             | > 9+                | 8a+/8b                | V12/V13              | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 11+     | 9a+/9b | XIIc                    | > 7b              | > E11            | 5.15a/5.15b     | > 11+           | > 9+                | 8b                    | V13                  | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 11+/12- | 9b     | XIIc                    | > 7b              | > E11            | 5.15b           | > 11+           | > 9+                | 8b+                   | V14                  | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 12-     | 9b+    | > XIIc                  | > 7b              | > E11            | 5.15c           | > 11+           | > 9+                | 8c                    | V15                  | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |
| 12      | 9c     | > XIIc                  | > 7b              | > E11            | 5.15d           | > 11+           | > 9+                | 8c+                   | V16                  | A3 - A5      | (WI5-6)      |