

Terrain Classification Table

Class	Terrain	Mobility	Unit Mobility/Special Training Required	Mountaineer Skill Level Required
1	Gentle Slopes/ trails	Walking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No special training required other than general environmental acclimation 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None
2	Steeper/rugged	Walking, some use of hands may be required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental acclimation recommended • Unit movement/SOP/battle drill training on steep terrain 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic mountaineers helpful, but not required
3	Easy climbing/ scrambling	Easy climbing, fixed ropes where exposed or fall risk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Environmental acclimation • Soldier load management • Unit movement/SOP/battle drill training on steep terrain • Unit movement on fixed lines 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic mountaineers are used to install simple fixed ropes and installations
4	Steep exposed	Fixed ropes required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive environmental acclimation • Soldier load management • Unit movement/SOP/battle drill training on steep terrain • Unit movement on fixed lines • Negotiation of near vertical obstacles •Route selection 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Basic mountaineers • Assault climber may be required to establish anchors, fixed ropes, and hauling systems
5	Near vertical/ vertical	Technical climbing required	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extensive environmental acclimation • Extensive Soldier load management • Assault climbing • Technical rope rescue • Rope ascending/descending 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assault climbers recommended to advise commanders and supervise complex rope systems