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Symbols, abbreviations, and other designations are used minimally in this volume. Although they can add clarity to descriptions and diagrams, because the same abbreviations have been used historically for different anatomical features, they can be confusing to anyone other than the author. Thus, usage of most of the abbreviations and symbols listed below is discouraged because of potential confusion, and because it adds further jargon, making the terminology of crinoids even more opaque for the beginning student and others. It is also the policy of the *Treatise on Invertebrate Paleontology* to avoid abbreviations where possible. Nevertheless, these abbreviations and symbols are a part of the crinoid literature and therefore, a listing is given below.

Patterns and abbreviations presented herein include shading and patterns for select calyx plates, designation of rays using the Carpenter ray system (CARPENTER, 1884 in 1884–1888), designation of certain posterior plates, a scheme to describe heteromorphic columns (WEBSTER, 1974), and a scheme to describe fixed interray plating (AUSICH & KAMMER, 1991). For some highly unusual taxa, such as the Calceocrinidae, unique abbreviations may also be used.






Five patterns are used to designate specific calyx plates, as noted in Table 1.

Following the Carpenter ray system (CARPENTER, 1884 in 1884–1888), the letters A, B, C, D, and E designate rays; and, correspondingly, AB, BC, CD, DE, and EA designate interrays. A is the anterior, and

CD is the posterior. Two important posterior interray plates are commonly designated with letters on plate diagrams: P for the primanal and X for the anal X plate.

WEBSTER (1974) introduced a scheme to designate the cycles of internodal plates in a heteromorphic column. N212 indicates a column with a nodal (N), priminternodal (1), and secundinternodals (2). A subsequent nodal is assumed after this sequence. With the exception of the proximal-most interradial plates, specific names for individual fixed interradial plates are not recommended (AUSICH & KAMMER, 1991). Instead, a shorthand indication of the number of plates in progression from proximal to distal is recommended. For posterior interrays in camerate crinoids with fixed plates, P-3-2-1 indicates the primanal (P) followed by a range with three plates, a range with two plates, and a final range with one plate. For fixed regular interrays, 1-2-4-5 indicates the first interradial plate (1) followed by a range with two plates, a range with four plates, and a final range with five plates.

TABLE 1. Patterns used in plate diagrams to designate important calyx plates.

	radial plate or superradial plate
	posterior interray plates, fixed interradials, interambulacrals, or fixed intrabrachials
	radial plates
	inferradial plates
	fixed brachials in disparids

Historically, various other abbreviations and symbols have also been used to denote specific plates, parts, articulations, or orientation directions of the crinoid endoskeleton. In some instances, an abbreviation is used by different authors for different skeletal features or different abbreviations are used for the same feature, which has led to confusion. BATHER (1900) proposed the first of these schemes, but there have been many revisions and changes of usage since 1900. LANE (1978) summarized symbols applied to crinoid morphology, and ROUX, MESSING, and AMÉZIANE (2002) summarized abbreviations commonly used for extant crinoids.

Below is a listing of more commonly used morphological abbreviations in crinoid literature. The list was initially compiled by N. GARY LANE for the Part T *Treatise* volume (1978, p. 243–244). This revised list includes the LANE list with minor modifications plus the addition of more symbols. LANE (1978) compiled these from the references cited below, and letters in parentheses after an abbreviation or symbol indicates the source, which is noted after each abbreviation in the following lists. Additional references are also added as appropriate.

Sources for these abbreviations include:

AUSICH, 1996 (WIA)
 AUSICH & KAMMER, 1991 (AK)
 AUSICH & others, 2020 (AWCS)
 BATHER, 1900 (Ba)
 BRETT, 1981 (Ba)
 CARPENTER, 1884 in 1884–1888 (Ca)
 CLARK, 1915 (C)
 GISLÉN, 1924 (G)
 JAEKEL, 1918 (J)
 KAMMER & others, 2013 (KSZAD)
 MOORE & others, 1978 (M)
 MESSING & DEARBORN, 1990 (MD)
 MOORE & LAUDON, 1943 (ML)
 MOORE, JEFFORDS, & MILLER, 1968 (MJM)
 MOORE, 1952 (MLF)
 ROUX, MESSING, & AMÉZIANE, 2002 (RMA)
 WEBSTER, 1974 (We)
 WRIGHT, 1950 (Wr)

An even more elaborate system of symbols is in MOORE and LAUDON (1941).

ALPHABETICAL SYMBOLS

A, B, C, D, E	Carpenter ray system lettering scheme to designate the 5 rays of an echinoderm, with A the anterior (Ca)
A	anterior; anterior ray or radius (ML)
A	areola (MJM)
AB, BC, CD, DE, EA	lettering scheme to designate the 5 inter-rays of echinoderms, CD the posterior, using the Carpenter ray system (Ca)
adamb	adambulacral plate; plural, adambb
Ai	aerolar index (MJM)
AIB	anterior infrabasal plate (Wr)
AB (also A-B)	interray between A ray and B ray (C)
ACP	ambulacral cover plates (KSZAD)
A ₁ -A ₂	left and right brachials, respectively, of A-ray arm (C)
Amb	ambulacral (Ba, ML, MLF); plural, AmbAmb (ML), Ambb (MLF)
Ant	anterior (MLF)
AntL	antero-left (MLF)
AntR	antero-right (MLF)
ant.R.	anterior radius (Ba)
AR	anterior radial (ML)
Ax or AX	axillary (ML, MLF); plural, AxAx (ML), Axx (MLF), (M)
ax	entire brachitaxis (RMA)
B	basal plate (Ba, ML, MLF); plural, BB (ML, MLF)
B	B ray or radials (Ca)
BC (also B-C)	interray between B ray and C ray (C)
B circlet	basal plate circlet (Wr)
B ₁ -B ₂	left and right brachials, respectively, of B-ray arm (C)
Br	brachial (ML, MLF); free brachial (Ba); plural, BrBr (ML), Brr (MLF)
Brax	axillary brachial (RMA)
Br ₁ or Br1	first brachial (C)
Br ₂ or Br2	second brachial (C)
Br4	fifth brachial plate of an undivided arm
$\overline{\text{Br}}$	fixed brachial (Ba)
BrT	brachitaxis (M)

C	columnal (MLF); plural, CC	in	internodal (M); plural, inn
C	C ray or radials (Ca)	IN	internodal (MJM)
C	crenularium (MJM)	IN	internode (MJM)
CD (also C-D)	interray between C ray and D ray, posterior position (C)	iN-1	first-order internodal (M)
C ₁ - C ₂	left and right brachials, respectively, of C-ray arm (C)	iN-2	second-order internodal (M)
CBr	cup brachial (MLF); plural, CBr	iN-3	third-order internodal (M)
CIBr	cup primibrachial (MLF); plural, CIBr	iN-4	fourth-order internodal (M)
CIIBr	cup secundibrachial (MLF); plural, CIIBr	Ini	internodal index (MJM)
Cd	centrodorsal plate (G)	iP	intrapinnular (M); plural, iPP
Ci	cirral plate (MLF); plural, Cii	IR	interradius (Ba)
D	D ray or radius (Ca)	iR	inferradial (ML); interrarial (MLF); plural, iRR
DE (also D-E)	interray between D ray and E ray (C)	iRA	inferradianal (ML)
DFR	divergence of articular ridges on opposite columnal articula (MJM)	ISBr	intersecundibrachial (ML, Wr); plural, ISBrBr
DS	dististele (We)	ITBr	ITBr intertertibrachial (ML); plural, ITBrBr
D ₁ - D ₂	left and right brachials, respectively, of D-ray arm (C)	K	columnal (MJM)
E	E ray or radius (Ca); epifacet (MJM)	L	lumen (MJM)
Ei	epifacetal index (MJM)	L	lintel (WIA)
EA (also E-A)	interray between E ray and A ray (C)	LAIB	left anterior infrabasal plate (Wr)
E ₁ - E ₂	left and right brachials, respectively, of E-ray arm (C)	LAB	left anterior basal plate (Wr)
F	articular facet (M)	LAR	left anterior radial plate (Wr)
Fi	articular facetal index (MJM)	Li	luminal index (MJM)
fBr	fixed brachial (ML); plural, fBrBr	LPB	left posterior basal plate (Wr)
Hi	height index (MJM)	LX	left proximal plate of the anal sac (Wr)
IAMB	interambulacral (Ba, MLF); plural, IAMBAMB (Wr)	MS	mesistele (We)
iAMB	interambulacral (Ba, MLF); plural, iAMBb	MCT	mutable collagenous tissue (Wilke, 2020)
iamb	interambulacral (M); plural, iambb	N	nodal (MJM); plural, NN (M)
IB	infrabasal (Ba, C, ML, MLF); plural, IBB	Ni	nodal index (MJM)
IBr	interbrachial (ML); plural, IBrBr	NT	noditaxis (MJM)
IBr	primibrachial (RMA)	O	oral plate; plural, OO
IBr1	first interbrachial plate (RMA)	O1–O5	oral plates (sensu KSZAD)
iBr	interbrachial (Ba, C, MLF, Wr); plural, iBr, IBrBr	P	perilumen (MJM)
iIAMB	interprimambulacral (Ba)	P	pinnule (MD)
iIBr	intersecundibrachial (Ba)	P	primanal (J)
iIAMB	intersecundambulacral (Ba)	P _a	first inner pinnule (C)
		P _b	second proximal pinnule (C)
		P _c	third proximal pinnule (C)
		P _d	distichal pinnule (C)
		P _p	palmar pinnule (C)

P ₂	second outer pinnule (C)	3IN or 3	tertinternodal (We)
P ₂ -P _b	second pair of proximal pinnules (C)	4IN or 4	quartinternodal (We)
P ₃	third outer pinnule (C)	<i>Note: the following are Roman numerals (I, II, III, IV, V) and not the capital letters I or V.</i>	
PAX	axillary primibrachial; plural, PAXAx (Wr)	IAx	primaxil (Ba); plural IAxx (MLF)
PB	posterior basal plate (Wr)	IAmb	primambulacral (Ba)
PBr	primibrachial plates; plural, PBrBR; numbered PBr ₁ , PBr ₂ , PBr ₃ , etc. from proximal to distal (Wr)	Ibr	primibrachial (M); plural Ibr
Pi	periluminal index (MJM)	IBr	free primibrachial (Ba); primibrachial (C, MLF); costal (C)
PPCP	primary peristomial cover plates (KSZAD)	IBr ₁ -IBr ₂	free first primibrachial, free second primibrachial (Ba); first primibrachial, second primibrachial (MLF)
PS	proxistele (We)	IBr ₃	third primibrachial plate (RMA)
QBr	quartibrachial, plural (Wr)	IBr ₃₊₄	third and fourth primibrachial for a syzygial pair (MD)
R	radial plate (Ba, ML, MLF); plural, RR	IBr ₂	costal axillary (C)
RA	radial plate (Ba, ML, MLF)	$\overline{\text{IBr}}$	fixed primibrachial (Ba)
RAB	right anterior basal plate (Wr)	IIAx	secundaxillary (Ba); plural, IIAx (MLF)
RAIM	right anterior infrabasal plate (Wr)	IIBr	free secundibrachial (Ba)
RAR	right anterior radial plate (Wr)	IIBr	secundibrachial (C) (MLF); plural, IIBr (MLF)
R circlet	radial plate circlet (Wr)	IIBr	distichal (C)
RPB	right posterior basal plate (Wr)	IIBr ₄	fourth brachial plate in the primibrachitaxis (RMA)
RPIB	right posterior infrabasal plate (Wr)	IIBr ₄	entire secundibrachitaxis (RMA)
RX	right sac plate (Wr)	IIBr ₄	fourth secundibrachial (RMA)
SAX	axillary secundibrachial, plural, SAXAx (Wr)	IIIBr _{5ax}	third brachitaxis has 5 brachial plates (RMA)
SBr	secundibrachial plates; plural, SBrBR; numbered SBr ₁ , SBr ₂ , SBr ₃ , etc. from proximal to distal (Wr)	$\overline{\text{IIBr}}$	fixed secundibrachial (Ba)
SCP	shared cover plates (KSZAD)	IIBr ₁ -IIBr ₂	first secundibrachial, second secundibrachial (Ba, MLF)
SR	superradial plate (M); plural, SRR	IIIBr	tertibrachial (Ba, C)
T	taxis (MJM)	IIIBr	palmar brachial (C)
TBr	tertibrachial, plural (Wr)	IIIBr _{xx}	third postradial axillary (C)
T-plate	subanal (Br)	IVBr	first post-palmar brachial (C)
X	anal X plate; plural, XX	IVBr	tertibrachials (C)
Z	zygum (MJM)	VBr	second post-palmar brachial (C)
Zi	zygal index (MJM)	VIBr	third post-palmar brachial (C)

NUMERICAL SYMBOLS

1-2-3-4	proximal to distal sequence of the number of plates in successive ranges of fixed regular interrarial plates (number varies per taxon) (AK)	P-3-4-5	proximal to distal sequence of the number of plates in successive ranges of fixed posterior interrarial plates, P is for primanal (number varies per taxon) (AK)
IIN or 1	priminternodal (We)	N-3-2-1-2-3	Nodal (N) and internodal pattern in the column (We)
2IN or 2	secundinternodal (We)		

MISCELLANEOUS SYMBOLS

- ankylosis (G)
 Δ deltoid plate (Ba)
 / armllet or ramule (G)
 $\bar{1}$, $\underline{2}$ bar over or under numeral that stands for brachial indicates position of pinnule (G)
 + syzygy (G)
 □ synarthy (G)

The list presented here is an attempt to be comprehensive but may not be complete. However, it should be helpful in decoding crinoid literature. These patterns, abbreviations, and symbols can be useful for labeling morphological features in diagrams, accompanied by a key to avoid confusion.

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