

### 3. DATA RECORDING HANDBOOK

The data recording handbook is necessary for efficient recording from the classification system both in the laboratory and in the field. The handbook is designed to be held in the palm of one hand and to be water resistant in the field. It comprises the classification system and data recording cards. In the classification system, some entries have been abbreviated (Table 2) to allow the listing to fit within the dimensions of the handbook. The recording cards are stored in an inside pocket of the handbook (Figure 1). Each card has facility to record eight sample site recordings (Figure 2).

**Figure 1.** Example of the field handbook which contains the data recording cards.

The listing of data categories is that which appears in Table 1.

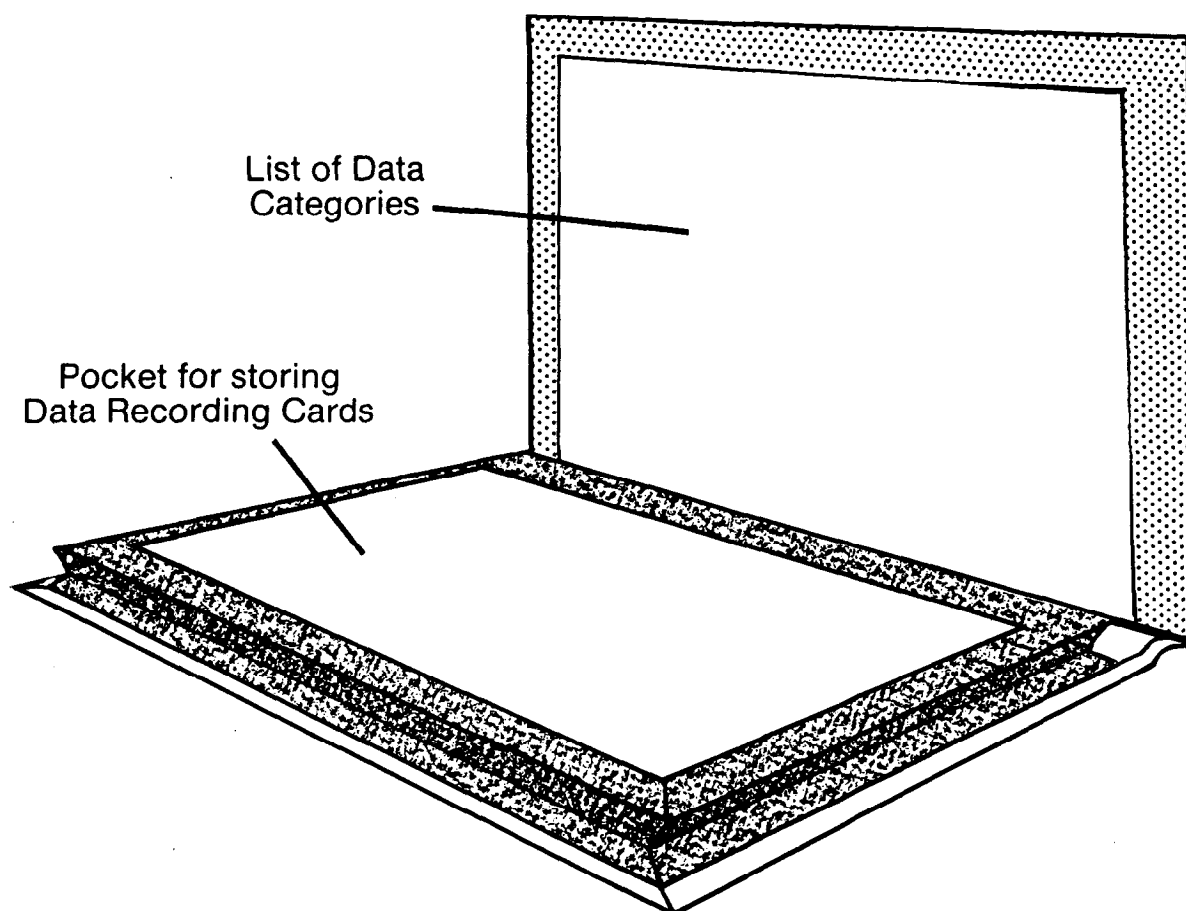


Table 2. Abbreviated entries for the classification system.

Abbreviated entry name	Complete entry name
L	Level
Mtple	Multiple
Spur Groove	Spur and Groove
Rf	Reef
Z	Zone
Shal	Shallow
Med	Medium
Req	Required
Smarine	Submarine
Chnl	Channel
Btwn	Between
Pn	Pattern
PN	Pattern in Level IV title
Encrust	Encrusting
Part	Partially
Clear	Cleared
Vegetatn	Vegetation
Engin	Engineering
Constr	Construction
Mixed	Mixed live and dead
Sgle	Single
Dep	Depression
Perm	Permanent
Temp	Temporary
.5	0.5 m water
Var Depth	Variable water depth
Lgt	Light
Cover	Covering
Hvy	Heavy