

EXPLANATION

Total Intensity
 25000 Contours of total intensity expressed in nanoTeslas. Total intensity is the strength (magnitude) of the magnetic field vector and is always positive. Hatchures point in direction of decreasing values.
 20000
 15000
 10000
 5000
 0
 -5000
 -10000
 -15000
 -20000

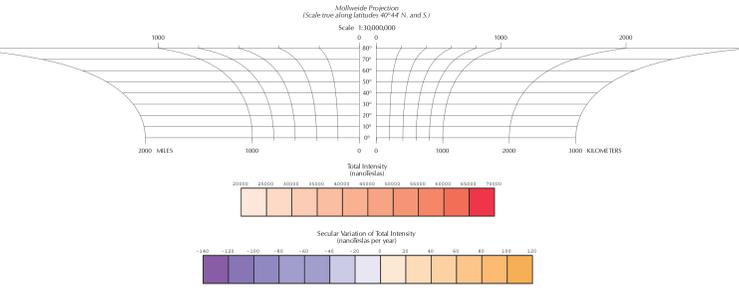
Secular Variation of Total Intensity
 50 Contours of the estimated rate of change of total intensity (secular variation) expressed in nanoTeslas per year. To apply change, add algebraically. Hatchures point in direction of decreasing values.
 0
 -50
 -100
 -150
 -200
 -250
 -300
 -350
 -400
 -450
 -500

Point value of total intensity expressed in nanoTeslas. Point values enclosed by a single contour are local maxima or minima.

Point value of the estimated rate of change of total intensity (secular variation) expressed in nanoTeslas per year. If apply change, add algebraically. Point values enclosed by a single contour are local maxima or minima.

North and south magnetic poles. Magnetic poles are defined as the locations at which the horizontal magnetic intensity, computed from the degree and order spherical harmonic International Geomagnetic Reference Field 2005 model, is effectively zero at 2000.0.

Geomagnetic observatory recording data since 1990



TOTAL INTENSITY CHART THE INTERNATIONAL GEOMAGNETIC REFERENCE FIELD, 2005

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DISCUSSION
 This is one of five world charts showing the declination, inclination, horizontal intensity, vertical component, and total intensity of the Earth's magnetic field at mean sea level at the beginning of 2005. The charts are based on the International Geomagnetic Reference Field (IGRF) main model for 2005 and secular change model for 2005-2010. The IGRF is referenced to the World Geodetic System 1984 ellipsoid. Additional information about the USGS geomagnetism program is available at: <http://geomag.usgs.gov/>.

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