

## stratocumulus cloud

A layer of patches composed of laminae or globular masses arranged in groups, lines or waves and having a soft, grey appearance; very often the rolls are so close together that their edges join and give the undersurface a wavy character; the process of formation (cumulogenesis) involves the spreading out of the tops of cumulus clouds, the latter having disappeared; < 2000 m; usually warmer than  $-5\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ; vertical velocities usually  $< 0.1\text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

**Source:**

PAC, 1990, 62, 2167 (*Glossary of atmospheric chemistry terms (Recommendations 1990)*) on page 2180

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**NOTE:**

An error in this entry in the printed version of the Compendium (omission of a minus sign) has been corrected.