

GEOBASE

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GEOBASE contains:

- comprehensive and multidisciplinary coverage of research literature across the earth sciences
- references and abstracts of articles from over 2000 journals, (peer reviewed and trade), books, conference proceedings
- links to full text of most articles
- coverage from 1980 onwards
- over 1.8 million records with (100,000 added each year)
- publications from over 60 countries (including non-English literature).

Use GEOBASE to find:

- human and physical geography
- geology
- environmental sciences
- oceanography
- geomechanics.

Tips:

- Select specific fields from the pull-down menu to the right of the search box.
- Use * to search for words that begin with the same letters: lithospher*.
- Search for exact phrases using quotation marks, eg. "spacial modeling".
- Use **Search History** to combine previous searches.
- Fine tune results using data facets.
- Set up personal account for weekly alerts and saved searches.

Look for similar information in:

- Agriculture and natural resources index
- Australian heritage bibliography
- Environmental sciences and pollution management
- Georef
- Web of Science.

GEOBASE looks like this:

The screenshot displays the Engineering Village search interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'Search History', 'Selected Records', 'My Profile', 'My Alerts', and 'End Session'. Below this, a menu bar includes 'Tags + Groups', 'Easy Search', 'Quick Search', 'Expert Search', 'Thesaurus', 'eBook Search', 'Ask an Expert', and 'Help'. The main content area is divided into several sections:

- Databases:** A sidebar on the left lists databases with brief descriptions: Compendex, EI Patents, GEOBASE (selected), Inspec, and Referex.
- SELECT DATABASE:** A section with checkboxes for 'All', 'Compendex', 'Inspec', 'GEOBASE' (checked), 'US Patents', 'EP Patents', and 'Referex'.
- SEARCH FOR:** A search box containing 'peterson jim' and two 'AND' operators.
- SEARCH III:** Three dropdown menus, all set to 'All fields'.
- LIMIT BY:** Three dropdown menus for 'All document types', 'Treatment type not available', and 'Discipline type not available'.
- SORT BY:** Radio buttons for 'Relevance' (selected) and 'Publication year', and a checkbox for 'Autostemming off'.
- Language and Date:** A dropdown for 'All Languages', a date range from '1973' to '2008', and a dropdown for '1 Updates'.
- Buttons:** 'Search' and 'Reset' buttons.
- Browse Indexes:** A sidebar on the right with links for 'Author', 'Author affiliation', 'Controlled term', and 'Serial title'.

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