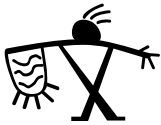


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Chris "Howie" Howell on Go Dog, Go

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Format

This guide uses the V system for rating boulder problems. The V system is an open ended system. According to John Sherman "intimidating, scary, loose, or bad landings have no effect on the V grade—only the physical difficulty counts—that is, the technicality of the moves combined with the demands on one's power and endurance." Sherman goes on to say that a problem whether top-roped or not keeps the same rating and therefore a scary V2 may be more difficult for a person to boulder than a safe V5. Furthermore, Sherman says it may be harder to do a V6 without beta than a V7 with beta.

The V system is its own system and probably shouldn't be compared to the Yosemite Decimal System. However, we all like to compare things so here is a comparison found in another book by Sherman, *Stone Crusade*.

YDS	V-SCALE
5.8	V0-
5.9	V0
5.10a/b	V0+
5.10c/d	V1
5.11a/b	V2
5.11a/b	V3
5.11c/d	V4
5.12-	V5
5.12	V6
5.12+	V7
5.13-	V8
5.13	V9
5.13+	V10
5.14-	V11
5.14	V12
5.14+	V13