





Colorado Projectile Point Database — Completeness Guide — 7-9-2023

The projectile point images shown below are typical of shapes used as a guide to classify “completeness” of projectile points in the Colorado Projectile Point Database. “Completeness” is subjective and some projectile points may fit two classifications. Only one classification is listed for each projectile point in the database.

The classification below is not intended to be a formal archaeological representation of projectile point “completeness.”

COMPLETENESS	DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE
complete	no parts are broken or missing	
nearly complete	one or two small pieces are missing, such as the tip or part of a shoulder or part of a base	
complete base only	a complete hafting element on both sides — the base, stem, tangs, shoulders, barbs	
one side of base is complete	a complete hafting element on one side — the base, stem, tangs, shoulders, barbs	
non-diagnostic but recorded	likely a point, but can't be identified as one of the typical shapes, such as Side Notched or Stemmed, etc. — or too many parts missing	