

TEXAS CLOVIS FLUTED POINT SURVEY

In 1985, Dr. David Meltzer initiated a survey of Clovis fluted points in Texas. That survey continues to the present, and currently there are well over 544 Clovis fluted points recorded by the Texas Clovis Fluted Point Survey. Clovis fluted points occur throughout the state, with concentrations on the High Plains, Coast, and along an arc through central Texas following the Balcones Escarpment along which high quality chert and freshwater were readily available. That distribution does not correlate with later Paleoindian remains, except very generally, implying differences in land use strategies over Paleoindian times, and suggesting Clovis adaptations may be quite different than those of the Paleoindians who followed. The majority of Texas Clovis points were made of Edwards chert from central Texas, with a minority fashioned of Alibates agatized dolomite and Tecovas jasper from the High Plains. The most recent published report, including morphometric analyses and summary data, is Meltzer and Bever (2007).

In this section, you will find a PDF of the survey form Dr. Meltzer developed for this survey. Print this form out, complete it and send this to me along with photographs (with scale) of the artifact in question. I will get back to you soon, and might want to arrange a meeting so that I might examine the specimen in person.

Sequence _____

County _____

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Please attach a tracing of the outline (or a photocopy) of both faces of the fluted point. Be sure to show the outline of the flute(s), broken areas, and the extent of edge grinding. If possible, please take measurements in centimeters.

1. Maximum length	<input type="text"/>	2. Maximum width	<input type="text"/>
3. Width of base	<input type="text"/>	4. Distance from maximum width to base	<input type="text"/>
5. Maximum thickness	<input type="text"/>	6. Distance from maximum thickness to base	<input type="text"/>
7. Maximum flute thickness	<input type="text"/>	8. Basal concavity depth	<input type="text"/>
9. Obverse flute length	<input type="text"/>	10. Obverse flute width	<input type="text"/>
11. Reverse flute length	<input type="text"/>	12. Reverse flute width	<input type="text"/>
13. Number of flutes obverse	<input type="text"/>	14. Number of flutes reverse	<input type="text"/>
15. Length of grinding left edge	<input type="text"/>	16. Length of grinding right edge	<input type="text"/>
17. Basal grinding	<input type="text" value="Yes"/> <input type="text" value="No"/>	18. Measurements in	<input type="text" value="cm"/> <input type="text" value="in"/>

19. Location where point was discovered: _____

(Please be as specific as possible, and include county name)

20. Artifacts or features found with the point: _____

21. Color and type of stone material: _____

22. Please print name and address: _____

Please return the completed form to:
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