

Score	Loading Step Producing a Clean Shear
1	During Cutting or Digging of Block
2	While Stepping onto block (within 35 cm of top)
3	Pushing with Knees
4	One Jump
5	Second Jump
6	Step Down another 35 cm, Push once, three jumps
7	Does not fail

**Interpretation:**

**Red:** Slope is unstable, skier triggering of similar slopes is probable

**Yellow:** Stability is suspect, skier triggering of similar slopes is possible. Collect additional information and use caution.

**Green:** Stability is good. Safety measures are always appropriate.

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Rutschblock Quick-Reference	
<b>Limitations:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be done on a slope which is representative in slope angle as well as snowpack yet safe enough to perform the test.</li> <li>• Only tests layers deeper than ski penetration.</li> <li>• Can take some time and effort to do properly.</li> <li>• <b>Never</b> base your decision(s) on <b>only one</b> piece of data - even a Rutschblock score!</li> </ul>	
<p>This card is intended only as a reference, it is not instructional. To learn how to do a proper Rutschblock test and also how to put it into context take an avalanche safety course.</p>	
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Instructions:

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Cut out the two pieces above and paste them on opposite sides of a 3x5 card. Laminate the card. Carry with you in a convenient pack or clothing pocket.