

TECTONIC PLATE BOUNDARY COMPARISON CHART

BOUNDARY TYPE	MOTION	TOPOGRAPHIC FEATURES	GEOLOGIC EVENTS	REAL-WORLD EXAMPLES
Divergent (Oceanic)	Spreading / Moving Apart	Mid-ocean ridge, Central rift valley	Sea-floor spreading, Shallow earthquakes, Volcanic activity	<i>Mid-Atlantic Ridge, East Pacific Rise</i>
Divergent (Continental)	Spreading / Moving Apart	Rift valley, Linear lakes/seas	Continental rifting, Volcanic eruptions, Normal faulting	<i>East African Rift, Red Sea</i>
Convergent (O-C Subduction)	Collision / Subduction	Trench, Volcanic mountain arc	Deep earthquakes, Explosive volcanism, Subduction	<i>Andes Mountains, Cascade Range</i>
Convergent (O-O Subduction)	Collision / Subduction	Deep ocean trench, Island arc	Frequent earthquakes, Volcanic island formation, Tsunami risk	<i>Mariana Trench, Aleutian Islands</i>
Convergent (C-C Collision)	Collision / Uplift	High mountain ranges, Plateaus	Intense folding and faulting, Deep earthquakes, No volcanoes	<i>Himalayas, Appalachian Mountains</i>
Transform	Lateral Sliding	Fault lines, Offset features (streams, fences)	Frequent shallow earthquakes, Crust is neither created nor destroyed	<i>San Andreas Fault, Alpine Fault</i>