

stratus cloud

A uniform, featureless layer of cloud resembling fog but not resting on the ground; when this very low layer is broken up into irregular shreds, it is designated as fractostratus; 300 m - 600 m; widespread irregular stirring and lifting of the shallow layer of cool, damp air near the ground.

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PAC, 1990, 62, 2167 (*Glossary of atmospheric chemistry terms (Recommendations 1990)*) on page 2180