

ceilometer ascii files are composed of 5721 rows,8 columns.

Each row corresponds to one segment of 15-second data.

column 1 = hr

column 2 = min

column 3 = sec

column 4 = a status flag:

0 = no significant backscatter

1 = 1 cloud base detected

2 = 2 cloud bases detected

3 = 3 cloud bases detected

4 = full obscuration determined but no cloud base detected

(this can be either precipitation, or a cloud base higher than the visibility range of the instrument)

5 = some obscuration detected but determined to be transparent

column 5 : visibility range (m)

column 6: height of lowest cloud base if present (m)

column 7: height of 2nd cloud base if present (m)

column 8: height of 3rd cloud base if present (m)

-999 signifies a missing value