

# Turrilites acutus Subzone

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**Base:** The base of the subzone is immediately below the first appearance of the ammonite *Turrilites acutus* (Robaszynski *et al.*, 1998), although previously it has been placed somewhat lower, at the top of the highest of three widely developed Cenomanian acmes of the brachiopod *Orbirhynchia mantelliana* (Bristow *et al.*, 1995).

**Top:** The top of the subzone is immediately below the first appearance of the ammonite *Acanthoceras jukesbrownei* (Robaszynski *et al.*, 1998)

**Range of index species:** The index species occurs in the lower half of the subzone only (Robaszynski *et al.*, 1998).

## Key fauna:

Brachiopoda: *Concinnithyris subundata*

Bivalvia: *Inoceramus atlanticus*

Ammonoidea: *Acanthoceras rhotomagense*  
*Turrilites acutus*

**Faunal abundance & preservation:** The subzone is rather sparsely fossiliferous, except for locally common terebratulid brachiopods. Ammonites are rather poorly preserved as iron-stained chalky moulds.

**Bio-markers:** *Inoceramus atlanticus* is common in the higher part of the subzone.

**Age:** Mid Cenomanian

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