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## 5.32 Onoz Formation - ONO

### Carboniferous

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**Description:** The formation overlies the Namur Dolostones and includes 2 members, from base to top:

- **Parc Member (PRC):** Alternating dark limestones (bioclastic packstones to grainstones), dolomitic limestones and dolomites. Bed thickness varies widely. The limestones have yielded a poorly diversified fauna of rugose corals, brachiopods and vermetid gastropods. Fenestral limestones occur in the upper third of the member.

- **Leurquin Member (LEU):** Dark, thin- to thick-bedded limestones with a remarkable development of algal facies (Ortonella and Solenopora oncoids) including also beds of oolitic grainstones and some breccias.

**Stratotype:** Two abandoned quarries on the left bank of the R. Orneau at Onoz (NSA).

**Area:** The formation extends across the Orneau and Ligne valleys on the northern border of the NSA. Eastwards, it passes into the Terwagne Formation and into the Neffe Formation.

**Thickness:** Parc Member, at least 37 m; Leurquin Member, more than 45 m.

**Age:** Moliniacian (early Visean). *Dorodotia briarti* occurs in the lowermost part and indicates the RC5 Zone. Cf4b(?) – dForaminifer Subzones.

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