WAC 296-20-280  Categories of permanent dorso-lumbar and lumbo-
sacral impairments.  (1) No objective clinical findings. Subjective
complaints and/or sensory losses may be present or absent.
(2) Mild low back impairment, with mild intermittent objective
clinical findings of such impairment but no significant X-ray findings
and no significant objective motor loss. Subjective complaints and/or
sensory losses may be present.
(3) Mild low back impairment, with mild continuous or moderate
intermittent objective clinical findings of such impairment but with-
out significant X-ray findings or significant objective motor loss.
This and subsequent categories include: The presence or absence
of reflex and/or sensory losses; the presence or absence of pain lo-
cally and/or radiating into an extremity or extremities; the presence
or absence of a laminectomy or discectomy with normally expected re-
siduals.
(4) Mild low back impairment, with mild continuous or moderate
intermittent objective clinical findings of such impairment, with mild
but significant X-ray findings and with mild but significant motor
loss objectively demonstrated by atrophy and weakness of a specific
muscle or muscle group.
This and subsequent categories include the presence or absence of
a surgical fusion with normally expected residuals.
(5) Moderate low back impairment, with moderate continuous or
marked intermittent objective clinical findings of such impairment,
with moderate X-ray findings and with mild but significant motor loss
objectively demonstrated by atrophy and weakness of a specific muscle
or muscle group.
(6) Marked low back impairment, with marked intermittent objec-
tive clinical findings of such impairment, with moderate or marked X-
ray findings and with moderate motor loss objectively demonstrated by
atrophy and weakness of a specific muscle or muscle group.
(7) Marked low back impairment, with marked continuous objective
clinical findings of such impairment, with marked X-ray findings and
with marked motor loss objectively demonstrated by marked atrophy and
weakness of a specific muscle or muscle group.
(8) Essentially total loss of low back functions, with marked X-
ray findings and with marked motor loss objectively demonstrated by
marked atrophy and weakness of a muscle group or groups.

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