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List of Abbreviations

AgN	Hagios Nikolaos Museum	kg	kilogram(s)
ASCSA	American School of Classical Studies at Athens	km	kilometer
C	clay object (not a vessel)	L	liter(s)
ca.	circa	L.	length
cf.	comparable to (in faunal analyses)	LG	Late Geometric
cm	centimeter(s)	LH	Late Helladic
d.	diameter	LM	Late Minoan
dim.	dimension	M	metal object
EM	Early Minoan	m	meter(s)
EO	Early Orientalizing	m asl	meters above sea level
esp.	especially	max.	maximum
est.	estimated	ME	μικρό εύρημα (small find)
ext.	exterior	MH	Middle Helladic
FN	Final Neolithic	mL	milliliter(s)
g	gram(s)	MM	Middle Minoan
h.	height	mm	millimeter(s)
ha	hectare(s)	mni	minimum number of individuals
INSTAP	Institute for Aegean Prehistory	MPD	maximum preserved dimensions
INSTAP SCEC	Institute for Aegean Prehistory Study Center for East Crete	NISP	number of identified specimens
int.	interior	P	pottery object
		pers. comm.	personal communication

pers. obs.	personal observation	ST	stone tool
PG	Protogeometric	th.	thickness
poss.	possible	UNID	unidentified specimen
pres.	preserved	w.	width
pXRF	portable X-ray fluorescence spectrometry	wt.	weight
S	stone object	XRF	X-ray fluorescence spectrometry