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What are all these bands called?

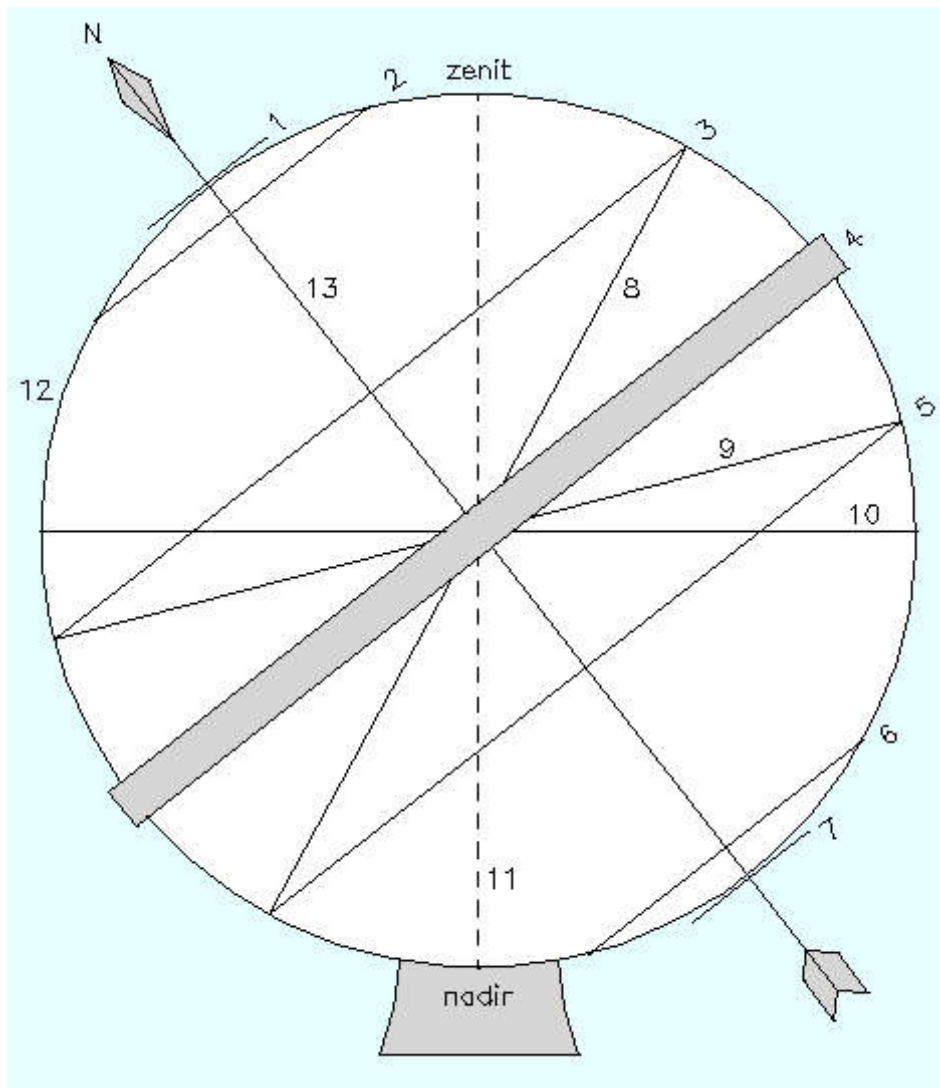
The figure below shows an **armillary dial** or a **Sphaera Armillaris Gnomonica** in the Northern Hemisphere.

What are the names of all the circular bands we see in its construction?

This page lists all their designations.

Note that number 13 is the east-west band through the poles, and not the **style** or **polos**.

One will not always find all bands on every armillary dial.



1	Polus Arcticus
2	Circulus Arcticus
3	Tropicus Cancrī
4	Linea Equinoctiorum
5	Tropicus Capricorni
6	Circulus Antarcticus
7	Polus Antarcticus

8 and 9	Ecliptica or Zodiacus
10	Circulus Horizontalis
11	Primus Verticalis
12	Meridianus or Colorus Solstitiorum
13	Colorus Aequinoctiorum

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