

Tai Script arranged by phonemes—Vowels and Tones

Notes: 1. All vowels are shown with a leader (...), and 'x', or an initial Tai glottal stop to clarify how the vowel positions relative to the initial consonant.

2. The position of the upper combining vowels is quite flexible. Often they are over the initial consonant, but they may be written over the final consonant or partly over both initial and final consonants.

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Lafont transcribed the character in the cell to the left as an /aj/, but I think it should be an /o/

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*The context of the above item seems to indicate that these are alternate styles--not that the two graphs are used together as a digraph. But it is unclear.

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Lao Vowel sign A*		◌̃	◌̃																						
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