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- ◆ **Scud (Fractus) clouds**
 - ◆ **Low, detached clouds caught in the outflow beneath a thunderstorm.**
 - ◆ **Easily mistaken for a funnel cloud.**

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- ◆ **Gust Fronts**
 - ◆ **The leading edge of gusty surface winds from a thunderstorm downdraft.**

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- ◆ **Wall Cloud**

- ◆ **A rotating cloud that forms beneath the base of a thunderstorm.**



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◆ Funnel cloud

- ◆ A funnel-shaped cloud associated with rotation.
- ◆ A visible tornado that has not touched the ground.



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