

Discussion of Observed Building Damages in Tamarasheni (26 August 2008)

The typical building damages identified in the satellite image below (Worldview1 - 50cm) from 19 August 2008 are generally consistent with building fires which leave the interior and exterior masonry walls intact but destroy the wood-frame roof. There are no observed impact craters in this area which would be expected from mortars or missile explosions. Of the identified damaged buildings, there are a minority with collapsed exterior walls located along the main north-south road (P2), which is a common damage signature from ground artillery. It should be noted that these damages are similar to those observed in central Tskhinvali, where both suspected fire and possible artillery damage signatures exist.

(The first image contains the damage assessment points-the bottom image without the points)

