

2-- DESCRIPTIVE INFORMATION BLOCK

Description and Scope of Fields

This block contains those areas covered by the ISBD with the exception of notes and standard numbers. Definitions and further information on the use on the ISBD data elements are found in the ISBD documents. The following fields are defined:

200	Title and Statement of Responsibility
204	[General Material Designation *Obsolete*]
205	Edition Statement
206	Material Specific Area: Cartographic Materials Resources - Mathematical Data
207	Material Specific Area: Serials— Numbering of Continuing Resources
208	Material Specific Area: Printed Music Specific Statement
210	Publication, Distribution, etc.
211	Projected Publication Date
215	Physical Description
225	Series
230	Material Specific Area: Electronic Resource Characteristics
251	Organization and Arrangement of Materials

Notes on Contents of Block

Unless stated otherwise in a particular field, ISBD punctuation is not entered at subfield boundaries or at the end of a field. This rule also applies to parallel data introduced by subfield \$d in fields 200, 205, 208 and 225. In all other positions the equals sign and space ('= ') should be entered explicitly whenever it occurs in the description; '= ' then replaces any other ISBD punctuation that would normally be generated at a subfield boundary.

In certain fields in the 2-- block, guidance is given as to the ISBD punctuation which is generated from the subfield identifier. This is intended only as a rough guide and the appropriate ISBD is in all cases the authority.

Data elements in this block should not be generated automatically from data elements in other parts of a source record in instances where the source record lacks these elements. For example, if the source record does not have a data element 'statement of responsibility as found on the item', the access point fields (equivalent to UNIMARC 7--) should not be used to generate one since there will be no way of ensuring that data in such a generated subfield would add anything to the descriptive area of the record. Similarly a series statement (field 225) should not be generated automatically from a series access point (field 410). Nevertheless, since the 200 \$a subfield is mandatory, a title from the source record must be entered in this subfield whether or not it is in ISBD form.

In cases where the full range of subfields cannot be used (for example, when a record is converted from another format), the accompanying documentation should give details.

205 ##\$a3rd ed., 2nd (corrected) impression [should be 3rd ed.\$b2nd ...]

Related Fields

RECORD LABEL, descriptive cataloguing (character position 18)

If a UNIMARC record does not for whatever reason contain data entered according to the provisions of ISBD, then character position 18 of the RECORD LABEL, descriptive cataloguing form, should contain the code "n" for non-ISBD form, "i" for partial or incomplete form or "x" for ISBD not applicable, depending on the amount of divergence