## 135 CODED DATA FIELD: ELECTRONIC RESOURCES

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## \$a/1 Special Material Designation

A one-character code indicates the type of data carrier.

а	cartridge magnetic tape	Removable module containing a secondary storage medium such as magnetic tape.
b	computer chip cartridge	Removable module containing a miniaturized electronic circuit, mass-produced on a tiny chip or wafer of silicon, designed to provide additional processing, memory, or storage capacity to a computer. Includes several types of solid-state, memory/storage devices such as non-rewritable ROM-chip cartridges and rewritable flash drives (e.g. USB keys).
с	computer optical disc cartridge	Removable module containing one or more nonmagnetic discs used to store digital information.
d	computer disc, type unspecified	A disc whose type is not specified.
e	computer disc cartridge, type unspecified	A disc cartridge whose type is not specified.
f	computer magnetic cassette tape	Removable module, somewhat like an audio cassette, that contains magnetic tape that can be written on and read from by a tape drive.
h	magnetic tape for main-frame computers	Removable spool containing magnetic tape that can be written on and read from by a tape drive.
j	magnetic disk	Digital information storage medium usually consisting of a thin Mylar disk coated with a magnetic material that permits the recording of data. Magnetic disks come in various sizes. They are also known as floppy disks, stiffy disks, computer diskettes, or floppy diskettes.
k	computer card	A card containing digitally encoded data designed for use with a computer.
m	computer magneto-optical disk	Erasable or semi-erasable storage medium, similar to a CD-ROM disc, capable of storing data at a very high density. The disc is written to and read from using a laser beam used to heat the recording surface to a point at which regions of the surface of the disk become magnetically aligned to store bits of data
0	computer optical disk	Medium that uses a series of laser-burned micron-sized holes (pits) on a special recording surface to store data. Recorded data is read optically. These discs are usually a read-only medium. Commonly found computer optical disc formats include: CD-A, CD-I, CD-R, CD-ROM, CD-ROM-XA, DVD-ROM and Photo CD.
r	online	A special material designation for digital resources that are accessed, processed, executed, etc. remotely.
S	standalone device	Standalone devices consist of storage and reader components as an integrated standalone device. The data storage medium cannot be removed from the playback device with which it is issued. The data carried

		on the medium can only be read using the integrated special-purpose device.
u	unknown	Special material designation for the digital resource is
		not specified, e.g., it may be a digital resource that
		changes its medium over time.
Z	other	None of the other codes is appropriate.

## **Related Fields**

183 CODED DATA FIELD – TYPE OF CARRIER
203 CONTENT FORM AND MEDIA TYPE
230 MATERIAL SPECIFIC AREA: ELECTRONIC RESOURCE CHARACTERISTICS
231 DIGITAL FILE CHARACTERISTICS (PROVISIONAL)
283 CARRIER TYPE
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