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Table	Description	TDS section
E	Table E lists the permitted values for <b>encoding indicator</b> together with the encoding methods and the character ranges supported by each method.	<a href="#">14.5.6</a>
K	Table K is derived from GS1 Gen Specs Figure 7.8.1-2, adding an additional column to indicate how many additional bits need to be read beyond the initial eight bits of the data header.	<a href="#">15.3</a>
F	After determining the GS1 Application Identifier key (whether 2,3 or 4 digits), a lookup in column a of Table F explains how the corresponding value is to be encoded.	
B	Table B calculates the <b>number of bits required to encode the value of a string of length L depending on the encoding method selected</b> . This table may be used to avoid the need for floating-point arithmetic calculations.	

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## 370 Foreword

### 371 Abstract

372 The EPC Tag Data Standard (TDS) defines the Electronic Product Code™, and also specifies the  
373 memory contents of Gen 2 RFID Tags. In more detail, TDS covers two broad areas:

- 374 ■ The specification of the Electronic Product Code (EPC), including its representation at various  
375 levels of the GS1 System Architecture and its correspondence to GS1 keys and other existing  
376 codes.
- 377 ■ The specification of data that is carried on Gen 2 RFID tags, including the EPC, "user memory"  
378 data, control information, and tag manufacture information.

### 379 Audience for this document

380 The target audience for this specification includes:

- 381 ■ EPC Middleware vendors
- 382 ■ RFID Tag users and encoders
- 383 ■ Reader vendors
- 384 ■ Application developers
- 385 ■ System integrators

### 386 Differences from EPC Tag Data Standard Version 1.6

387 The EPC Tag Data Standard Version 1.7 is fully backward-compatible with EPC Tag Data Standard  
388 Version 1.6.

389 The EPC Tag Data Standard Version 1.7 includes these new or enhanced features:

- 390 ■ A new EPC Scheme, the Component and Part Identifier (CPI) scheme, has been added ;
- 391 ■ Various typographical errors have been corrected.

### 392 Differences from EPC Tag Data Standard Version 1.7

393 The EPC Tag Data Standard Version 1.8 is fully backward-compatible with EPC Tag Data Standard  
394 Version 1.7.

395 The EPC Tag Data Standard Version 1.8 includes the following enhancements:

- 396 ■ The GIAI EPC Scheme has been allocated an additional Filter Value, "Rail Vehicle".

### 397 Differences from EPC Tag Data Standard Version 1.8

398 The EPC Tag Data Standard Version 1.9 is fully backward-compatible with EPC Tag Data Standard  
399 Version 1.8.

400 The EPC Tag Data Standard Version 1.9 includes the following enhancements:

- 401 ■ A new EPC Class URI to represent the combination of a GTIN plus a Batch/Lot (LGTIN) has been added.
- 402 ■ A new EPC Scheme the SerialisedGlobal Coupon Number (SGCN), has been added along with the SGCN-  
403 96 binary encoding.
- 404 ■ A new EPC Scheme, the Global Service Relation Number – Provider" (GSRNP), has been added along with  
405 the GSRNP-96 binary encoding. This corresponds to the addition of AI (8017) to [GS1GS14.0];

- 406 ■ The existing GSRN EPC Scheme is retitled Global Service Relation Number – Recipient to harmonise with  
407 [GS1GS14.0] update to AI (8018). The EPC Scheme name and URI is unchanged, however, to preserve  
408 backward compatibility with TDS 1.8 and earlier.
- 409 ■ New AIs are added to the Packed Objects ID Table for EPC User Memory, to harmonise TDS with  
410 [GS1GS14.0], thereby ensuring that all AIs can be encoded in both barcode and RFID data carriers:
  - 411 □ Packaging Component Number: AI (243)
  - 412 □ Global Coupon Number: AI (255)
  - 413 □ Country Subdivision of Origin: AI (427)
  - 414 □ National Healthcare Reimbursement Number (NHRN) – Germany PZN: AI (710)
  - 415 □ National Healthcare Reimbursement Number (NHRN) – France CIP: AI (711)
  - 416 □ National Healthcare Reimbursement Number (NHRN) – Spain CN: AI (712)
  - 417 □ National Healthcare Reimbursement Number (NHRN) – Brazil DRN: AI (713)
  - 418 □ Component Part Identifier (8010)
  - 419 □ Component / Part Identifier Serial Number (8011)
  - 420 □ Global Service Relation Number – Provider: AI (8017)
  - 421 □ Service Relation Instance Number (SRIN): AI (8019)
  - 422 □ Extended Packaging URL: AI (8200)
- 423 ■ DEPRECATED "Secondary data for specific health industry products" AI (22) in the Packed Objects ID  
424 Table for EPC User Memory, to harmonise TDS with the GS1 General Specifications;
- 425 ■ A new EPC binary encoding for the Global Document Type Identifier, GDTI-174, is to accommodate all  
426 values of the GDTI serial number permitted by [GS1GS14.0] (1 – 17 alphanumeric characters, compared  
427 to 1 – 17 numeric characters permitted in earlier versions of the GS1 General Specifications).
- 428 ■ DEPRECATED the GDTI-113 EPC Binary Encoding; the GDTI-174 Binary Encoding should be used instead
- 429 ■ Updated all [GS1GS14.0] version and section references;
- 430 ■ Marked Attribute Bits information as pertaining only to Gen2 v 1.x tags;
- 431 ■ Changed "*ItemReference*" to "*ItemRefAndIndicator*" in SGTIN general syntax;
- 432 ■ Corrected provision on number of characters in "String" Encoding method's validity test from "less than  
433 b/7" to "less than or equal to b/7";
- 434 ■ Corrected various errata.

## 435 Differences from EPC Tag Data Standard Version 1.9

436 The EPC Tag Data Standard Version 1.10 is fully backward-compatible with EPC Tag Data Standard  
437 Version 1.9.

438 The EPC Tag Data Standard Version 1.10 includes the following enhancements:

- 439 ■ New EPC URIs have been added to represent the following identifiers:
  - 440 □ GINC
  - 441 □ GSIN
  - 442 □ BIC container code
- 443 ■ Clarification has been added regarding SGTIN Filter Values "Full Case for Transport" and "Unit Load";
- 444 ■ GDTI EPC Scheme has been allocated an additional Filter Value, "Travel Document";
- 445 ■ ADI EPC Scheme has been allocated a number of additional Filter Values, to harmonise with the 2015  
446 release of ATA's Spec 2000;

- 447 ■ New AIs have been added to the Packed Objects ID Table for EPC User Memory, to harmonise TDS with  
448 [GS1GS17.0], thereby ensuring that all AIs can be encoded in both barcode and RFID data carriers:
- 449     □ Sell by date: AI (16)
- 450     □ Percentage discount of a coupon: AI (394n)
- 451     □ Catch area: AI (7005)
- 452     □ First freeze date: AI (7006)
- 453     □ Harvest date: AI (7007)
- 454     □ Species for fishery purposes: AI (7008)
- 455     □ Fishing gear type: AI (7009)
- 456     □ Production method: AI (7010)
- 457     □ Software version: AI (8012)
- 458     □ Loyalty points of a coupon: AI (8111)
- 459 ■ "GS1-128 Coupon Extended Code - NSC" AI (8102) has been marked as DEPRECATED;
- 460 ■ Format string for "International Bank Account Number (IBAN)" AI (8007) has been corrected;
- 461 ■ SGCN coding table has been corrected to include the SGCN header;
- 462 ■ Short Tag Identification within the TID Memory Bank has been updated to align with [UHFC1G2v2.0];
- 463 ■ Correspondence between EPCs and GS1 Keys has been updated to accommodate 4- and 5-digit GCPs, to  
464 align with [GS1GS17.0];
- 465 ■ Abstract, Audience and overview of Differences have been moved to a new "Foreword" section added  
466 after the Table of Contents.

## 467 Differences from EPC Tag Data Standard (TDS) Version 1.10

468 TDS v 1.11 is fully backward-compatible with TDS v 1.10.

469 TDS v 1.11 includes the following enhancements:

- 470 ■ A new EPC Scheme, the Individual Trade Item Piece (ITIP), has been added along with the ITIP-110 and  
471 ITIP-212 binary encodings.
- 472 ■ The following new AIs have been added to the Packed Objects ID Table for EPC User Memory, to  
473 harmonise TDS with [GS1GS17.1], thereby ensuring that all AIs can be encoded in both barcode and  
474 RFID data carriers:
- 475     □ GLN of the production or service location: AI (416)
- 476     □ Refurbishment lot ID: AI (7020)
- 477     □ Functional status: AI (7021)
- 478     □ Revision status: AI (7022)
- 479     □ Global Individual Asset Identifier (GIAI) of an Assembly: AI (7023)
- 480 ■ Format string for AIs 91-99 has been revised to allow for up to 90 characters (previously up to 30), in  
481 order to harmonise TDS with [GS1GS17.0];



**Note:** To harmonise with [GS1GS17.0], which have extended the length AIs 91-99 to 90 (previously 30) alphanumeric characters, TDS v 1.11 has extended the string format of AIs 91-99 (encoded by means of Packed Objects in User Memory) from 1\*30an (alphanumeric, length 1 to 30) to 1\*an (alphanumeric, no upper bound).

486 This revision to tables F.1 and Fs.2 of TDS is fully backward compatible, allowing a tag written  
487 per TDS 1.10 to decode properly per TDS 1.11. It is also mostly forward compatible, allowing  
488 a tag written per TDS 1.11 to decode properly per TDS 1.10, as long as the length of AI

489 91,...,99 is 30 or fewer. A tag written per TDS 1.10 with a longer value for one of these AIs  
490 may signal an error indicating that the value is too long, but other AIs will decode properly.  
491 Another minor issue is that the encoding algorithm will no longer enforce an upper limit on  
492 the length of an encoded value, so it will be possible to encode an AI 91-99 character value  
493 that is too long per [GS1GS] (e.g. 100 character). Therefore, **to ensure compliance with**  
494 **the GenSpecs and rest of the GS1 System, AI 91-99 character values encoded in**  
495 **User Memory should not exceed 90 characters in length.**

496 ■ Marked all EPC binary headers previously reserved for 64-bit encodings as now "Reserved for Future Use"  
497 (RFU), reflecting the July 2009 sunset of the 64-bit encodings.

## 498 Differences from EPC Tag Data Standard (TDS) Version 1.11

499 TDS v 1.12 is fully backward-compatible with TDS v 1.11.

500 TDS v 1.12 includes the following enhancements:

501 ■ The following EPC Schemes have been added:

502 ○ UPUI

503 ○ PGLN

504 ■ Guidance has been added (to section 7) to determine the length of the EPC CompanyPrefix component for  
505 individually assigned GS1 Keys

506 ■ "Fixed Width Integer" encoding and decoding methods have been added (to section 14) in support of  
507 ITIP,

508 ■ Coding method for the Piece and Total components of the ITIP has been corrected from "String" to "Fixed  
509 Width Integer"

510 ■ The following new AIs have been added to the Packed Objects ID Table for EPC User Memory, to  
511 harmonise TDS with [GS1GS19.1], thereby ensuring that all AIs can be encoded in both barcode and  
512 RFID data carriers:

513 □ Consumer product variant: AI (22)

514 □ Third party controlled, serialised extension of GTIN (TPX): AI (235)

515 □ Global Location Number of Party: AI (417)

516 □ National Healthcare Reimbursement Number (NHRN) – Portugal AIM: AI (714)

517 □ GS1 UIC with Extension 1 and Importer index (per EU 2018/574): AI (7040)

518 □ Global Model Number: AI (8013)

519 □ Identification of pieces of a trade item (ITIP) contained in a logistics unit: AI (8026)

520 □ Paperless coupon code identification for use in North America: AI (8112)

## 521 Differences from EPC Tag Data Standard (TDS) Version 1.12

522 TDS v 1.13 includes the following enhancement:

523 ■ Added IMOVN EPC URIO, to encode the IMO Vessel Number.

524 ■ Added Protocol ID: AI (7240) to the Packed Objects ID Table for EPC User Memory, to harmonise TDS  
525 with [GS1GS19.1], ensuring support for all GS1 AIs in User Memory.

526 ■ Corrected minor errata

527 TDS v 1.13 is fully backward-compatible with TDS v 1.12.

## 528 Differences from EPC Tag Data Standard (TDS) Version 1.13

529 TDS version 2.0 introduces twelve new EPC schemes and simplified binary encoding to promote  
 530 greater interoperability with barcodes. Existing EPC schemes already defined in TDS 1.13 remain  
 531 valid and are not deprecated. The new EPC schemes do not use partition tables and the length of  
 532 the GS1 Company Prefix is neither significant nor does it need to be known for the new binary  
 533 encodings. Each of the new EPC schemes may also be appended with additional AIDC data after the  
 534 EPC. Where appropriate, the new schemes make use of encoding indicators and length indicators to  
 535 support efficient binary encodings when encoding fewer characters than the maximum permitted or  
 536 when using a more restricted character set (e.g. only using digits where alphanumeric characters  
 537 are allowed).

538 In order to continue support for filtering and selection over the air interface based on the GS1  
 539 Company Prefix or the primary GS1 identifier (such as GTIN, SSCC etc.) the primary identifier is  
 540 encoded using 4 bits per digit in most of the new EPC schemes; the exceptions to this statement are  
 541 the new GIAI+ and CPI+ schemes because the GIAI and CPI permit alphanumeric characters to  
 542 follow immediately after the GS1 Company Prefix, so for GIAI+ and CPI+, it is only the initial  
 543 numeric digits of the GIAI and CPI that are encoded using 4 bits per digit. This can include any  
 544 initial all-numeric digits of the Individual Asset Identifier or the Component/Part Reference. These  
 545 are aligned on nibble boundaries and ensure that in each of the new schemes the primary identifier  
 546 and GS1 Company Prefix component appears at well-defined bit positions relative to the start of the  
 547 EPC/UII memory bank irrespective of the value of any indicator digit or extension digit that may be  
 548 present. No URN syntax is defined for the new EPC schemes but mappings to element strings and  
 549 GS1 Digital Link URIs are indicated. Because EPCIS/CBV 2.0 accepts a constrained subset of GS1  
 550 Digital Link URIs (specifically at instance-level granularity and without additional data attributes) as  
 551 a valid alternative to pure identity EPC URNs, there is no major need to define URN syntax for the  
 552 new EPC schemes introduced in TDS 2.0.

553 The filter values already defined for EPC schemes prior to TDS 2.0 remain valid and unaltered and  
 554 are carried forward into the corresponding new EPC schemes. For example, the new schemes  
 555 SGTIN+ and DSGTIN+ share the same set of filter values already defined for SGTIN-96 and SGTIN-  
 556 198.

557 TDS 2.0 also introduces a new EPC binary encoding, DSGTIN+, a date-prioritised serialised GTIN in  
 558 which a critical date value appears before the GTIN within the binary encoding. This is expected to  
 559 be particularly useful for perishable goods, stock rotation and management of goods with limited  
 560 remaining shelf life. This enables an RFID reader to select products from any brand owner or  
 561 manufacturer where the critical date matches a specified value such as products whose use-by date  
 562 or sell-by date is today, so that they can be removed from the sales area or discounted for quick  
 563 sale.

564 TDS 2.0 now mentions GS1 Digital Link and recognises that a constrained subset of GS1 Digital Link  
 565 URIs may be used in EPCIS/CBV v2.0 event data, as a valid alternative to pure identity EPC URNs.

566 TDS v 2.0 includes the following enhancements and changes with respect to TDS v 1.13:

- 567 ■ Sensor data (as encoded in the XPC bits) is included in "Business Data" carried by tags (section [9.1](#)).
- 568 ■ **Encodings new to TDS 2.0 are described counting bits from left to right.**
- 569 ■ Clarification that the Length bits (10h-14h) in the PC Bits represent the number of 16-bit words  
 570 comprising the EPC field (beginning with bit 20h), including any optional "AIDC data" appended to the  
 571 EPC itself.
- 572 ■ Description of the UMI bit (15h) has been aligned with § 6.3.2.1.2.2 of the Gen2v2 standard [UHFC1G2].
- 573 ■ Description of the XPC W1 indicator (16h) has been aligned with § 6.3.2.1.2.5 of [UHFC1G2].
- 574 ■ Description of the Attribute bits moved from section 11 to sections [9.3](#) and [9.4](#).
- 575 ■ Description of XPC bits added as new section [9.4](#), aligned with § 6.3.2.1.2.5 of [UHFC1G2].
- 576 ■ Most EPC encoding examples have been updated to use sample GCP 9521141; the SGTIN examples in  
 577 section [E](#) use GTIN 09506000134352 to illustrate a resolvable GS1 Digital Link URI.
- 578 ■ Twelve (12) new EPC Binary Headers in the F0-FB range have been added to section [14.2](#) for the new  
 579 "EPC+" encoding schemes.

- 580 ■ EPC Binary Header FE has been reserved as an 'Unspecified' / 'Pad' Header for use with optimised *Select*
- 581 functionality tentatively planned for Gen2v3.
- 582 ■ The "Integer" Encoding Method (section [14.3.1](#)) now provides an explicit reminder that "leading zeros
- 583 are not permitted".
- 584 ■ Section [14.5](#) specifies new Encoding/Decoding methods introduced in TDS 2.0, specifically:
- 585     □ "+AIDC Data Toggle Bit"
- 586     □ "Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String"
- 587     □ "Prioritised Date"
- 588     □ "Fixed-Length Numeric"
- 589     □ "Delimited/Terminated Numeric"
- 590     □ "Variable-length alphanumeric" (section [14.5.6](#)), including a decision tree to help
- 591 implementations determine the most efficient of the following encoding methods to use
- 592 (based on characters actually present in the value to be encoded):
- 593     - Variable-length numeric string
- 594     - Variable-length upper case hexadecimal
- 595     - Variable-length lower case hexadecimal
- 596     - Variable-length 6-bit file-safe URI-safe base 64
- 597     - Variable-length URN Code 40
- 598     - Variable-length 7-bit ASCII
- 599     □ "Single data bit"
- 600     □ "6-digit date YYYYMMDD"
- 601     □ "10-digit date+time YYYYMMDDhhmm"
- 602     □ "Variable-format date / date range"
- 603     □ "Variable-precision date+time"
- 604     □ "Country code (ISO 3166-1 alpha-2)"
- 605 ■ EPC Memory Bank Decoding procedures now specify (section [15.2.4](#)) one text string (rather than two text
- 606 strings in TDS 1.13) to include XPC\_W1 and XPC\_W2, when only the former or both of these exist,
- 607 ■ Section [15.3](#) details encoding and decoding of the new "'+AIDC data' following new EPC schemes in the
- 608 EPC/UII memory bank"
- 609 ■ Within the XTID Header (section [16.2.1](#)), an indicator (bit 9 in XTID) has been added to specify that the
- 610 XTID includes the Lock Bit Segment; for the Serialisation bits of the XTID Header, clarification has been
- 611 provided to state that bit 15 is MSB and bit 13 is LSB.
- 612 ■ The Optional Lock Bit Segment (section [16.2.6](#)) has been added to XTID, to indicate the current lock bit
- 613 settings for the memory banks on the tag,
- 614 ■ The STID URI (section [16.3](#)) has been corrected to reflect the X, S and F indicators and 9-bit MDID
- 615 introduced by Gen2 v2.
- 616 ■ User Memory Bank Contents (section [17](#)) have been updated to reflect support for ISO/IEC 20248 Digital
- 617 Signatures, and to refer to section [9.3](#) for an explanation of the UMI,
- 618 ■ Section [E](#) includes updated examples for all EPC (TDS 1.13) and EPC+ (TDS 2.0) schemes.
- 619 ■ Section [F](#) adds the following new GS1 Application Identifiers (AIs) for use in conjunction with Packed
- 620 Objects:
- 621     □ 395(\*\*\*)
- 622     □ 4300
- 623     □ 4301
- 624     □ 4302

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## 660 Differences from EPC Tag Data Standard Version 2.0

661 TDS v 2.1 is fully backward-compatible with TDS v 2.0.



- 662 TDS v 2.0 includes the following changes with respect to TDS v 1.13:
- 663 ■ Added index of figures
- 664 ■ Added index of tables
- 665 ■ Added text to Sections 6.3.16 and 14.6.12, General Identifier (GID), to indicate that **General Manager**
- 666 **Number issuance has been discontinued**, effective June 2023.
- 667 ■ Added index of encoding **Tables E, F, K** and **B**, introduced to TDS 2.0/2.1 in sections 14.5.6 and 15.3.
- 668 ■ Restored encoding Table B, which had been unintentionally omitted from the published version of TDS
- 669 2.0, to section 15.3. Table B calculates the number of bits required to encode the value of a string of
- 670 length L depending on the encoding method selected. This may be used to avoid the need for floating-
- 671 point arithmetic calculations.
- 672 ■ Restored missing rows to Table K, which had been unintentionally shortened in the published version of
- 673 TDS 2.0. Table K now includes all rows, including those where the AI key is 2 digits, so that those are
- 674 explicit; this means that any 2-digit string not present in the full Table K is currently also missing from
- 675 the corresponding table in GenSpecs and does not correspond to a currently defined AI key of 2, 3 or 4
- 676 digits.
- 677 ■ Corrected Table E to resolve contradiction between Table E and the encoding indicators mentioned in
- 678 sections 14.5.6.2 and 14.5.6.3.
- 679 ■ Section 17 (Packed Objects) now references new GS1 AI (8030) and clarifies the role of the Party GLN
- 680 (PGLN) as Domain Authority ID (DAID) when a [ISO20248] digital signature is associated with a GS1
- 681 element string.
- 682 ■ Section **F** adds the following new GS1 Application Identifiers (AIs) for use in conjunction with Packed
- 683 Objects:
- 684 □ AIDC media type: AI (7241)
- 685 □ Version Control Number (VCN): AI (7242)
- 686 □ Digital Signature (DigSig): AI (8030)
- 687 □ Test by date: AI 7011
- 688 □ Maximum temperature in Fahrenheit: AI (4330)
- 689 □ Maximum temperature in Celsius: AI (4331)
- 690 □ Minimum temperature in Fahrenheit: AI (4332)
- 691 □ Minimum temperature in Celsius: AI (4333)
- 692 ■ Typographical errors have been corrected in the *Packed Objects ID Table for Data Format 9*, in Sections
- 693 F.1 (non-normative tabular format) and F.2 (normative CSV format).
- 694 ■ The *Packed Objects ID Table for Data Format 9* in Section F.2 has been **supplemented with an**
- 695 **external, normative artefact in CSV format**.
- 696 TDS v 2.1 also corrects minor errors in non-normative examples and other errata discovered after
- 697 the publication of TDS v 2.0.

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## 699 Differences from EPC Tag Data Standard Version 2.1

- 700 TDS v 2.2 is fully backward-compatible with TDS v 2.1.
- 701 TDS v 2.2 includes the following changes with respect to TDS v 2.1:
- 702 ■ Various adjustments to align with TDT 2.2.
- 703 ■ Changed encoding method names and descriptions on section 14.5, to allow for leading zeros:
- 704 ○ "Fixed-Bit-Length Integer" (section [14.5.2](#)) is changed to "Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String"
- 705 ○ "Variable-length integer" (section [14.5.6.1](#)) is changed to "Variable Length Numeric string"

- 706 ○ "Variable-length integer without encoding indicator" (section [14.5.13](#)) is changed to "Variable-Length
- 707 Numeric String without encoding indicator"
- 708 ■ Added "Optional minus sign in 1 bit" encoding method (section 14.5.14)
- 709 ■ Added "Sequence indicator" encoding method (section 14.5.15)
- 710 ■ Section [E](#) adds the following new GS1 Application Identifiers (AIs) for use in conjunction with Packed
- 711 Objects:
  - 712 □ UN/CEFACT freight unit type: AI (7041)
  - 713 □ National Healthcare Reimbursement Number (NHRN) – Italy AIC: AI (716)
  - 714 □ Date of birth: AI (7250)
  - 715 □ Date and time of birth: AI (7251)
  - 716 □ Biological sex: AI (7252)
  - 717 □ Family name of person: AI (7253)
  - 718 □ Given name of person: AI (7254)
  - 719 □ Name suffix of person: AI (7255)
  - 720 □ Full name of person: AI (7256)
  - 721 □ Address of person: AI (7257)
  - 722 □ Baby birth sequence indicator: AI (7258)
  - 723 □ Baby of family name: AI (7259)
- 724 ■ A typographical error has been corrected in the *Packed Objects ID Table for Data Format 9*, in Section F.2
- 725 (normative CSV format).
- 726 TDS v 2.2 also corrects minor errors in non-normative examples and other errata discovered after
- 727 the publication of TDS v 2.1.
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## 729 **1 Introduction**

730 The EPC Tag Data Standard defines the Electronic Product Code™ (EPC), and specifies the memory

731 contents of Gen 2 RFID Tags. In more detail, TDS covers two broad areas:

- 732 ■ The specification of the Electronic Product Code, including its representation at various levels of the GS1
- 733 Architecture and its correspondence to GS1 keys and other existing codes.
- 734 ■ The specification of data that is carried on Gen 2 RFID tags, including the EPC, "user memory" data,
- 735 control information, and tag manufacture information.

736 The Electronic Product Code (EPC) is a universal identifier for any physical object. It is used in

737 information systems that need to track or otherwise refer to physical objects. A very large subset of

738 applications that use the EPC also rely upon RFID Tags as a data carrier. For this reason, a large

739 part of TDS is concerned with the encoding of EPCs onto RFID tags, along with defining the

740 standards for other data apart from the EPC that may be stored on a Gen 2 RFID tag.

741 Therefore, the two broad areas covered by TDS (the EPC and RFID) overlap in the parts where the

742 encoding of the EPC onto RFID tags is discussed. Nevertheless, it should always be remembered

743 that the EPC and RFID are not at all synonymous: EPC is an identifier, and RFID is a data carrier.

744 RFID tags contain other data besides EPC identifiers (and in some applications may not carry an EPC

745 identifier at all), and the EPC identifier exists in non-RFID contexts (those non-RFID contexts

746 including the URI form used within information systems, printed human-readable EPC URIs, and EPC

747 identifiers derived from barcode data following the procedures in this standard).

## 748 2 Terminology and typographical conventions

749 Within this specification, the terms SHALL, SHALL NOT, SHOULD, SHOULD NOT, MAY, NEED NOT,  
750 CAN, and CANNOT are to be interpreted as specified in Annex G of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2,  
751 2001, 4th edition [ISODir2]. When used in this way, these terms will always be shown in ALL CAPS;  
752 when these words appear in ordinary typeface they are intended to have their ordinary English  
753 meaning.

754 All sections of this document, with the exception of Section Introduction are normative, except  
755 where explicitly noted as non-normative.

756 The following typographical conventions are used throughout the document:

- 757 ■ ALL CAPS type is used for the special terms from [ISODir2] enumerated above.
- 758 ■ Monospace type is used for illustrations of identifiers and other character strings that exist within  
759 information systems.

760 The term "Gen 2 RFID Tag" (or just "Gen 2 Tag") as used in this specification refers to any RFID tag  
761 that conforms to the EPCglobal UHF Class 1 Generation 2 Air Interface, Version 1.2.0 or later  
762 [UHFC1G2], as well as any RFID tag that conforms to another air interface standard that shares the  
763 same memory map. Bitwise addresses within Gen 2 Tag memory banks are indicated using  
764 hexadecimal numerals ending with a subscript "h"; for example, 20<sub>h</sub> denotes bit address  
765 20 hexadecimal (32 decimal).

## 766 3 Overview of TDS

767 This section provides an overview of TDS and how the parts fit together.

768 TDS covers two broad areas:

- 769 ■ The specification of the EPC, including its representation at various levels of the GS1 System Architecture  
770 and its correspondence to GS1 keys and other existing codes.
- 771 ■ The specification of data that is carried on Gen 2 RFID tags, including the EPC, "user memory" data,  
772 control information, and tag manufacture information.

773 The EPC is a universal identifier for any physical object, although EPC URI formats are also defined  
774 for locations and organisations. It is used in information systems that need to track or otherwise  
775 refer to physical objects. Within computer systems, including electronic documents, databases, and  
776 electronic messages, the EPC takes the form of an Internet Uniform Resource Identifier (URI). This  
777 is true regardless of whether the EPC was originally read from an RFID tag or some other kind of  
778 data carrier. This URI is called the "Pure Identity EPC URI." The following is an example of a Pure  
779 Identity EPC URI:

780 `urn:epc:id:sgtin:9521141.012345.4711`

781 This same identifier can also be encoded as a canonical **GS1 Digital Link URI** [GS1DL] as follows:

782 `https://id.gs1.org/01/09521141123454/21/4711`

783 or as a non-canonical GS1 Digital link URI such as:

784 `https://example.com/01/09521141123454/21/4711`

785 or even (with some additional URI path information):

786 `https://example.com/some/path/info/01/09521141123454/21/4711`

787 *Note that these example GS1 Digital Link URIs are not currently configured to redirect to a*  
788 *demonstration Web page.*

789 A very large subset of applications that use EPCs also rely upon RFID tags as a data carrier. RFID is  
790 often a very appropriate data carrier technology to use for applications involving visibility of physical  
791 objects, because RFID permits data to be physically attached to an object such that reading the  
792 data is minimally invasive to material handling processes. For this reason, a large part of TDS is  
793 concerned with the encoding of EPCs onto RFID tags, along with defining the standards for other  
794 data apart from the EPC that may be stored on a Gen 2 RFID tag. Owing to memory limitations of  
795 RFID tags, the EPC is not stored in URI form on the tag, but is instead encoded into a compact

796 binary representation. This is called the "EPC Binary Encoding" and refers to on-tag encoding of the  
797 EPC, regardless of the choice of which specific EPC scheme is used.

798 Therefore, the two broad areas covered by TDS (the EPC and RFID) overlap in the parts where the  
799 encoding of the EPC onto RFID tags is discussed. Nevertheless, it should always be remembered  
800 that the EPC and RFID are not at all synonymous: EPC is an identifier, and RFID is a data carrier.  
801 RFID tags contain other data besides EPC identifiers (and in some applications may not carry an EPC  
802 identifier at all), and the EPC identifier exists in non-RFID contexts (those non-RFID contexts  
803 currently including the URI form used within information systems, printed human-readable EPC  
804 URIs, and EPC identifiers derived from barcode data following the procedures in this standard).

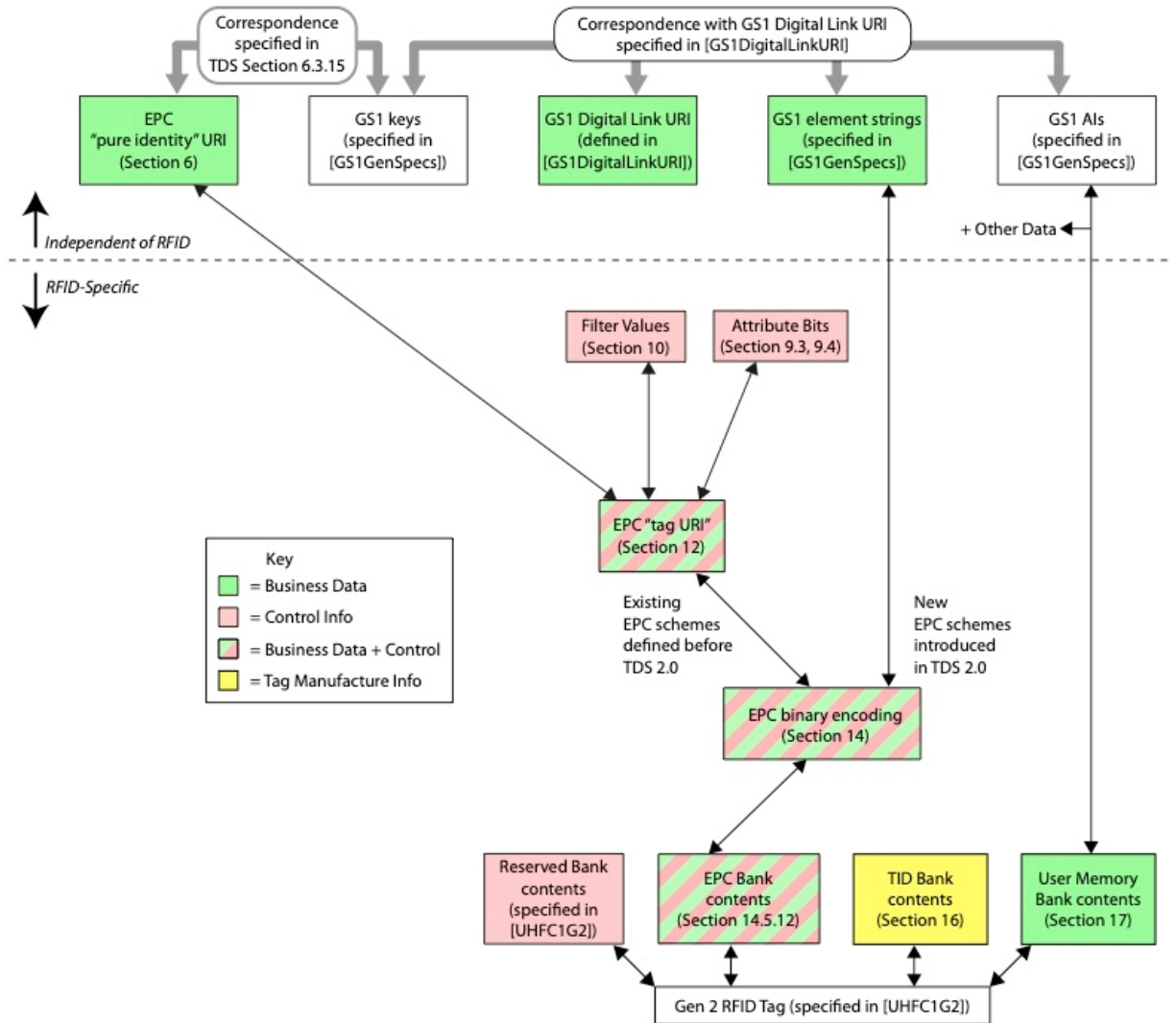
805 The term "Electronic Product Code" (or "EPC") is used when referring to the EPC regardless of the  
806 concrete form used to represent it. The term "Pure Identity EPC URI" is used to refer specifically to  
807 the text form the EPC takes within computer systems, including electronic documents, databases,  
808 and electronic messages. The term "EPC Binary Encoding" is used specifically to refer to the form  
809 the EPC takes within the memory of RFID tags.

810 The following figure illustrates the parts of TDS and how they fit together. (The colours in the figure  
811 refer to the types of data that may be stored on RFID tags, explained further in [Section 9.1](#)).

812 Note that filter values are included within the EPC Binary Encoding of many EPC schemes but are  
813 specific to RFID tags and (with the exception of Application Level Events (ALE)), are not included at  
814 any other layer of the GS1 System Architecture, nor are they present in element strings, pure  
815 identity EPC URIs nor GS1 Digital Link URIs. They are intended primarily for low-level applications  
816 rather than information exchange and do not reliably express logistic level (e.g. item, case, pallet),  
817 nor should they be confused with the indicator digit of a GTIN-14 or the extension digit of an SSCC.  
818 There are risks of relying on the filter value if this is not harmonised across the stakeholders who  
819 use it.

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**Figure 3-1** Organisation of the EPC Tag Data Standard (TDS)



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The first few sections define those aspects of the Electronic Product Code that are independent from RFID.

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Section 4 provides an overview of the Electronic Product Code (EPC) and how it relates to other GS1 standards and the GS1 General Specifications.

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Section 6 specifies the Pure Identity EPC URI form of the EPC. This is a textual form of the EPC, and is recommended for use in business applications and business documents as a universal identifier for any physical object for which visibility information is kept. In particular, this form is what is used as the "what" dimension of visibility data in the EPCIS specification, and is also available as an output from the Application Level Events (ALE) interface.

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Section 7 specifies the correspondence between Pure Identity EPC URIs as defined in Section 6 and barcode element strings as defined in the GS1 General Specifications.

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Section 7.11 specifies the Pure Identity Pattern URI, which is a syntax for representing sets of related EPCs, such as all EPCs for a given trade item regardless of serial number.

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The remaining sections address topics that are specific to RFID, including RFID-specific forms of the EPC as well as other data apart from the EPC that may be stored on Gen 2 RFID tags.

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Section 9 provides general information about the memory structure of Gen 2 RFID Tags.

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Sections 10 and 11 specify "control" information that is stored in the EPC memory bank of Gen 2 tags along with a binary-encoded form of the EPC (EPC Binary Encoding). Control information is used by RFID data capture applications to guide the data capture process by providing hints about

841 what kind of object the tag is affixed to. Control information is not part of the EPC, and does not  
842 comprise any part of the unique identity of a tagged object. There are two kinds of control  
843 information specified: the "filter value" (Section 10) that makes it easier to read desired tags in an  
844 environment where there may be other tags present, such as reading a pallet tag in the presence of  
845 a large number of item-level tags, and "Attribute bits" (Sections 9.3 and 9.4) that provide additional  
846 special attribute information such as alerting to the presence of hazardous material. The same  
847 "Attribute bits" are available regardless of what kind of EPC is used, whereas the available "filter  
848 values" are different depending on the type of EPC (and with certain types of EPCs, no filter value is  
849 available at all).

850 Section 12 specifies the "tag" Uniform Resource Identifiers, which is a compact string representation  
851 for the entire data content of the EPC memory bank of Gen 2 RFID Tags. This data content includes  
852 the EPC together with "control" information as defined in Section 9.1. In the "tag" URI, the EPC  
853 content of the EPC memory bank is represented in a form similar to the Pure Identity EPC URI.  
854 Unlike the Pure Identity EPC URI, however, the "tag" URI also includes the control information  
855 content of the EPC memory bank. The "tag" URI form is recommended for use in capture  
856 applications that need to read control information in order to capture data correctly, or that need to  
857 write the full contents of the EPC memory bank. "Tag" URIs are used in the Application Level Events  
858 (ALE) interface, both as an input (when writing tags) and as an output (when reading tags).

859 Section 13 specifies the EPC Tag Pattern URI, which is a syntax for representing sets of related RFID  
860 tags based on their EPC content, such as all tags containing EPCs for a given range of serial  
861 numbers for a given trade item.

862 Sections 14 and 9.2 specify the contents of the EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 RFID tag at the bit  
863 level. Section 14 specifies how to translate between the "tag" URI and the EPC Binary Encoding. The  
864 binary encoding is a bit-level representation of what is actually stored on the tag, and is also what is  
865 carried via the Low Level Reader Protocol (LLRP) interface. Section 9.2 specifies how this binary  
866 encoding is combined with Attribute bits and other control information in the EPC memory bank.

867 Section 16 specifies the binary encoding of the TID memory bank of Gen 2 RFID Tags.

868 Section 17 specifies the binary encoding of the User memory bank of Gen 2 RFID Tags.

## 869 4 The Electronic Product Code: A universal identifier for 870 physical objects

871 The Electronic Product Code is designed to facilitate business processes and applications that need  
872 to manipulate visibility data – data about observations of physical objects. The EPC is a universal  
873 identifier that provides a unique identity for any physical object. The EPC is designed to be unique  
874 across all physical objects in the world, over all time, and across all categories of physical objects. It  
875 is expressly intended for use by business applications that need to track all categories of physical  
876 objects, whatever they may be.

877 By contrast, GS1 identification keys defined in the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS] can identify  
878 categories of objects (GTIN), unique objects (SSCC, GLN, GIAI, GSRN, CPID), or a hybrid (GRAI,  
879 GDTI, GCN) that may identify either categories or unique objects depending on the absence or  
880 presence of a serial number. (Two other keys, GINC and GSIN, identify logical groupings, not  
881 physical objects.) The GTIN, as the only category identification key, requires a separate serial  
882 number to uniquely identify an object but that serial number is not considered part of the  
883 identification key.

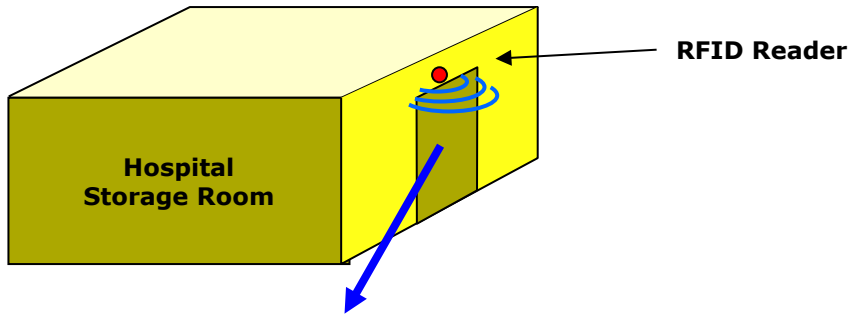
884 There is a well-defined correspondence between EPCs and GS1 keys. This allows any physical object  
885 that is already identified by a GS1 key (or GS1 key + serial number combination) to be used in an  
886 EPC context where any category of physical object may be observed. Likewise, it allows EPC data  
887 captured in a broad visibility context to be correlated with other business data that is specific to the  
888 category of object involved and which uses GS1 keys.

889 The remainder of this section elaborates on these points.

890 **4.1 The need for a universal identifier: an example**

891 The following example illustrates how visibility data arises, and the role the EPC plays as a unique  
 892 identifier for any physical object. In this example, there is a storage room in a hospital that holds  
 893 radioactive samples, among other things. The hospital safety officer needs to track what things have  
 894 been in the storage room and for how long, in order to ensure that exposure is kept within  
 895 acceptable limits. Each physical object that might enter the storage room is given a unique  
 896 Electronic Product Code, which is encoded onto an RFID Tag affixed to the object. An RFID reader  
 897 positioned at the storage room door generates visibility data as objects enter and exit the room, as  
 898 illustrated below.

899 **Figure 4-1** Example Visibility Data Stream



Visibility Data Stream at Storage Room Entrance			
Time	In / Out	EPC	Comment
8:23am	In	urn:epc:id:sgtin:9521141.012345.62852	10cc Syringe #62852 (trade item)
8:52am	In	urn:epc:id:grai:9521141.54321.2528	Pharma Tote #2528 (reusable transport)
8:59am	In	urn:epc:id:sgtin:9521141.012345.1542	10cc Syringe #1542 (trade item)
9:02am	Out	urn:epc:id:giai:9521141.17320508	Infusion Pump #52 (fixed asset)
9:32am	In	urn:epc:id:gsrc:9521141.0000010253	Nurse Jones (service relation)
9:42am	Out	urn:epc:id:gsrc:9521141.0000010253	Nurse Jones (service relation)
9:52am	In	urn:epc:id:gdti:9521141.00001.1618034	Patient Smith's chart (document)

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 901 As the illustration shows, the data stream of interest to the safety officer is a series of events, each  
 902 identifying a specific physical object and when it entered or exited the room. The unique EPC for  
 903 each object is an identifier that may be used to drive the business process. In this example, the EPC  
 904 (in Pure Identity EPC URI form) would be a primary key of a database that tracks the accumulated  
 905 exposure for each physical object; each entry/exit event pair for a given object would be used to  
 906 update the accumulated exposure database.

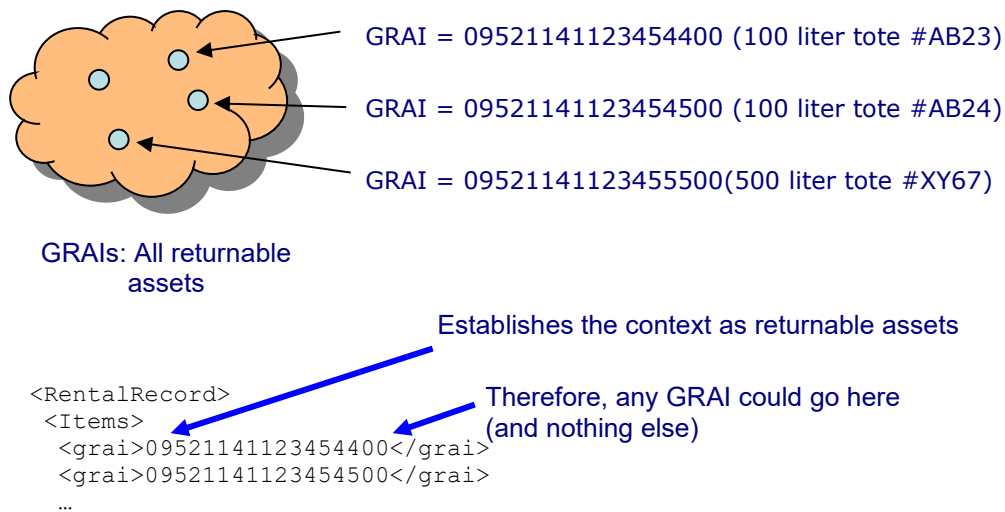
907 This example illustrates how the EPC is a single, *universal* identifier for any physical object. The  
 908 items being tracked here include all kinds of things: trade items, reusable transports, fixed assets,  
 909 service relations, documents, among others that might occur. By using the EPC, the application can  
 910 use a single identifier to refer to any physical object, and it is not necessary to make a special case  
 911 for each category of thing.

912 **4.2 Use of identifiers in a Business Data Context**

913 Generally speaking, an identifier is a member of set (or "namespace") of strings (names), such that  
 914 each identifier is associated with a specific thing or concept in the real world. Identifiers are used  
 915 within information systems to refer to the real world thing or concept in question. An identifier may  
 916 occur in an electronic record or file, in a database, in an electronic message, or any other data  
 917 context. In any given context, the producer and consumer must agree on which namespace of

918 identifiers is to be used; within that context, any identifier belonging to that namespace may be  
 919 used.  
 920 The keys defined in the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS1] are each a namespace of identifiers  
 921 for a particular category of real-world entity. For example, the Global Returnable Asset Identifier  
 922 (GRAI) is a key that is used to identify returnable assets, such as plastic totes and pallet skids. The  
 923 set of GRAI codes can be thought of as identifiers for the members of the set "all returnable assets."  
 924 A GRAI code may be used in a context where only returnable assets are expected; e.g., in a rental  
 925 agreement from a moving services company that rents returnable plastic crates to customers to  
 926 pack during a move. This is illustrated below.

927 **Figure 4-2** Illustration of GRAI Identifier Namespace

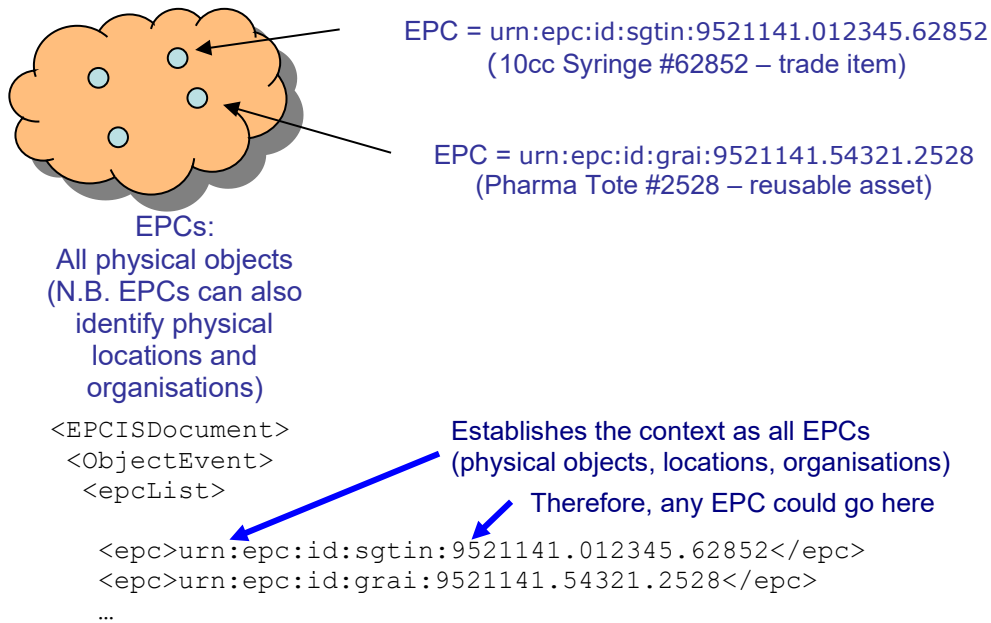


928 The upper part of the figure illustrates the GRAI identifier namespace. The lower part of the figure  
 929 shows how a GRAI might be used in the context of a rental agreement, where only a GRAI is  
 930 expected.  
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**Figure 4-3** Illustration of EPC Identifier Namespace



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In contrast, the EPC namespace is a space of identifiers for *any* physical object, physical location or organisation. The set of EPCs can be thought of as identifiers for the members of the set "all physical objects, physical locations or organisations." EPCs are used in contexts where any type of physical object may appear, such as in the set of observations arising in the hospital storage room example above. Note that the EPC URI as illustrated in [Figure 4-3](#) includes strings such as *sgtin*, *grai*, and so on as part of the EPC URI identifier. This is in contrast to GS1 Keys, where no such indication is part of the key itself; instead, this is indicated outside of the key, such as in the XML element name *<grai>* in the example in [Figure 4-2](#) in the Application Identifier (AI) that accompanies a GS1 key in a GS1 element string.

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### 4.3 Relationship between EPCs and GS1 keys

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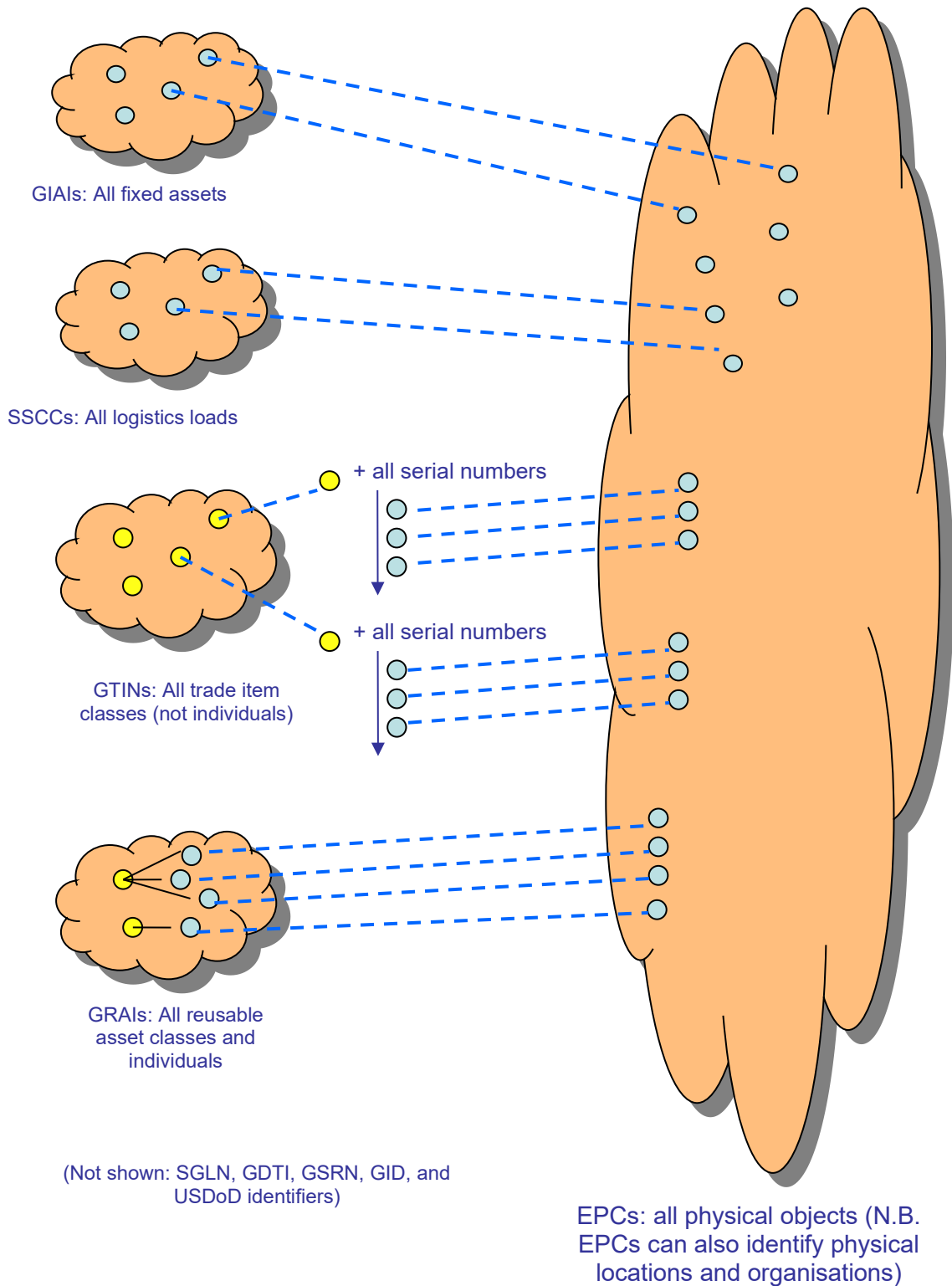
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There is a well-defined relationship between EPCs and GS1 keys. For each GS1 key that denotes an individual physical object, there is a corresponding EPC, including both an EPC URI and a binary encoding for use in RFID tags. In addition, each GS1 key that denotes a class or grouping of physical objects has a corresponding URI form. These correspondences are formally defined by conversion rules specified in [Section 7](#), which define how to map a GS1 key to the corresponding EPC value and vice versa. The well-defined correspondence between GS1 keys and EPCs allows for seamless migration of data between GS1 key and EPC contexts as necessary.

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**Figure 4-4** Illustration of Relationship of GS1 key and EPC Identifier Namespaces



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Not every GS1 key corresponds to an EPC, nor vice versa. Specifically:

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- A Global Trade Item Number (GTIN) by itself does not correspond to an EPC, because a GTIN identifies a *class* of trade items, not an individual trade item. The combination of a GTIN and a unique serial number, however, *does* correspond to an EPC. This combination is called a Serialised Global Trade Item Number, or SGTIN. The GS1 General Specifications do not define the SGTIN as a GS1 key.

- 958 ■ In the GS1 General Specifications, the Global Returnable Asset Identifier (GRAI) can be used to identify  
959 either a *class* of returnable assets, or an individual returnable asset, depending on whether the optional  
960 serial number is included. Only the form that includes a serial number, and thus identifies an individual,  
961 has a corresponding EPC. The same is true for the Global Document Type Identifier (GDTI) and the Global  
962 Coupon Number (GCN) – hereafter, in this context, "Serialized Global Coupon Number (SGCN)".
- 963 ■ There is an EPC corresponding to each Global Location Number (GLN), and there is also an EPC  
964 corresponding to each combination of a GLN with an extension component. Collectively, these EPCs are  
965 referred to as SGLNs.<sup>1</sup>
- 966 ■ EPCs include identifiers for which there is no corresponding GS1 key. These include the General Identifier  
967 and the US Department of Defense identifier and the Aerospace and Defense Identifier.

The following table summarises the EPC schemes defined in this specification and their correspondence to GS1 keys.

**Table 4-1** EPC Schemes and Corresponding GS1 keys

EPC Scheme	Tag Encodings	Corresponding GS1 key	Typical use
sgtin	sgtin-96 sgtin-198 sgtin+ dsgtin+	GTIN key (plus added serial number)	Trade item
sscc	sscc-96 sscc+	SSCC	Pallet load or other logistics unit load
sgln	sgln-96 sgln-195 sgln+	GLN of physical location (with or without additional extension)	Location
grai	grai-96 grai-170 grai+	GRAI (serial number mandatory)	Returnable/reusable asset
giai	giai-96 giai-202 giai+	GIAI	Fixed asset
gsrn	gsrn-96 gsrn+	GSRN – Recipient	Hospital admission or club membership
gsrnp	gsrnp-96 gsrnp+	GSRN for service provider	Medical caregiver or loyalty club
gdti	gdti-96 gdti-113 (DEPRECATED) gdti-174 gdti+	GDTI (serial number mandatory)	Document
cpi	cpi-96 cpi-var cpi+	[none]	Technical industries (e.g. automotive ) - components and parts
sgcn	sgcn-96 sgcn+	GCN (serial number mandatory)	Coupon

<sup>1</sup> Note that in this context, the letter "S" does not stand for "serialized" as it does in SGTIN. See Section [6.3.3](#) for an explanation.

EPC Scheme	Tag Encodings	Corresponding GS1 key	Typical use
ginc	[none]	GINC	Logical grouping of goods intended for transport as a whole, assigned by a freight forwarder
gsin	[none]	GSIN	Logical grouping of logistic units travelling under one despatch advice and/or bill of lading
itip	itip-110 itip-212 itip+	(8006) + (21)	One of multiple pieces comprising, and subordinate to, a whole (which is, in turn, identified by an SGTIN or the combination of AIs 01 + 21).
upui	[none]	GTIN + TPX	Pack identification to combat illicit trade
pglN	[none]	Party GLN	Identification of economic operator; identification of owning party or possessing party in the Chain of Custody (CoC) / Chain of Ownership (CoO)
gid	gid-96	[none]	Unspecified
usdod	usdod-96	[none]	US Dept of Defense supply chain
adi	adi-var	[none]	Aerospace and defense – aircraft and other parts and items
bic	[none]	[none]	Intermodal shipping containers
imovN	[none]	[none]	Vessel identificaton

971 **4.4 Use of the EPC in the GS1 System Architecture**

972 The GS1 System Architecture [GS1Arch] is a collection of hardware, software, and data standards,  
 973 together with shared network services, all in service of a common goal of enhancing business flows  
 974 and computer applications. The GS1 System Architecture includes software standards at various  
 975 levels of abstraction, from low-level interfaces to RFID reader devices all the way up to the business  
 976 application level.

977 The EPC and related structures specified herein are intended for use at different levels within the  
 978 GS1 System Architecture. Specifically:

- 979 ■ **Pure Identity EPC URI:** A representation of an EPC is as an Internet Uniform Resource Identifier (URI)  
 980 called the Pure Identity EPC URI. Before TDS 2.0, the Pure Identity EPC URI was the preferred way to  
 981 denote a specific physical object within business applications. The Pure Identity URI may also be used at  
 982 the data capture level when the EPC is to be read from an RFID tag or other data carrier, in a situation  
 983 where the additional "control" information present on an RFID tag is not needed.
- 984 ■ **GS1 Digital Link URI (as an alternative to Pure Identity EPC URIs):** Starting in TDS 2.0 and EPCIS  
 985 2.0 / CBV 2.0, there is now recognition that a GS1 Digital Link URI (or a constrained subset of these,  
 986 specifically at instance-level granularity and without additional data attributes) can provide an equivalent  
 987 way to denote a specific physical object within business applications and traceability data. Furthermore, a  
 988 GS1 Digital Link URI expresses GS1 Application Identifiers in a less convoluted syntax and can behave  
 989 like a URL, linking to multiple kinds of online information and services, making use of resolver  
 990 infrastructure for GS1 Digital Link and multiple link types defined in the GS1 Web vocabulary. GS1 Digital  
 991 Link URIs can also be used as Linked Data identifiers to express factual claims (e.g. using terms defined  
 992 in schema.org and the GS1 Web Vocabulary).
- 993 ■ **EPC Tag URI:** The EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 RFID Tag contains the EPC plus additional "control  
 994 information" that is used to guide the process of data capture from RFID tags. The EPC Tag URI is a URI

995 string that denotes a specific EPC together with specific settings for the control information found in the  
996 EPC memory bank. In other words, the EPC Tag URI is a text equivalent of the entire EPC memory bank  
997 contents. The EPC Tag URI is typically used at the data capture level when reading from an RFID tag in a  
998 situation where the control information is of interest to the capturing application. It is also used when  
999 writing the EPC memory bank of an RFID tag, in order to fully specify the contents to be written.

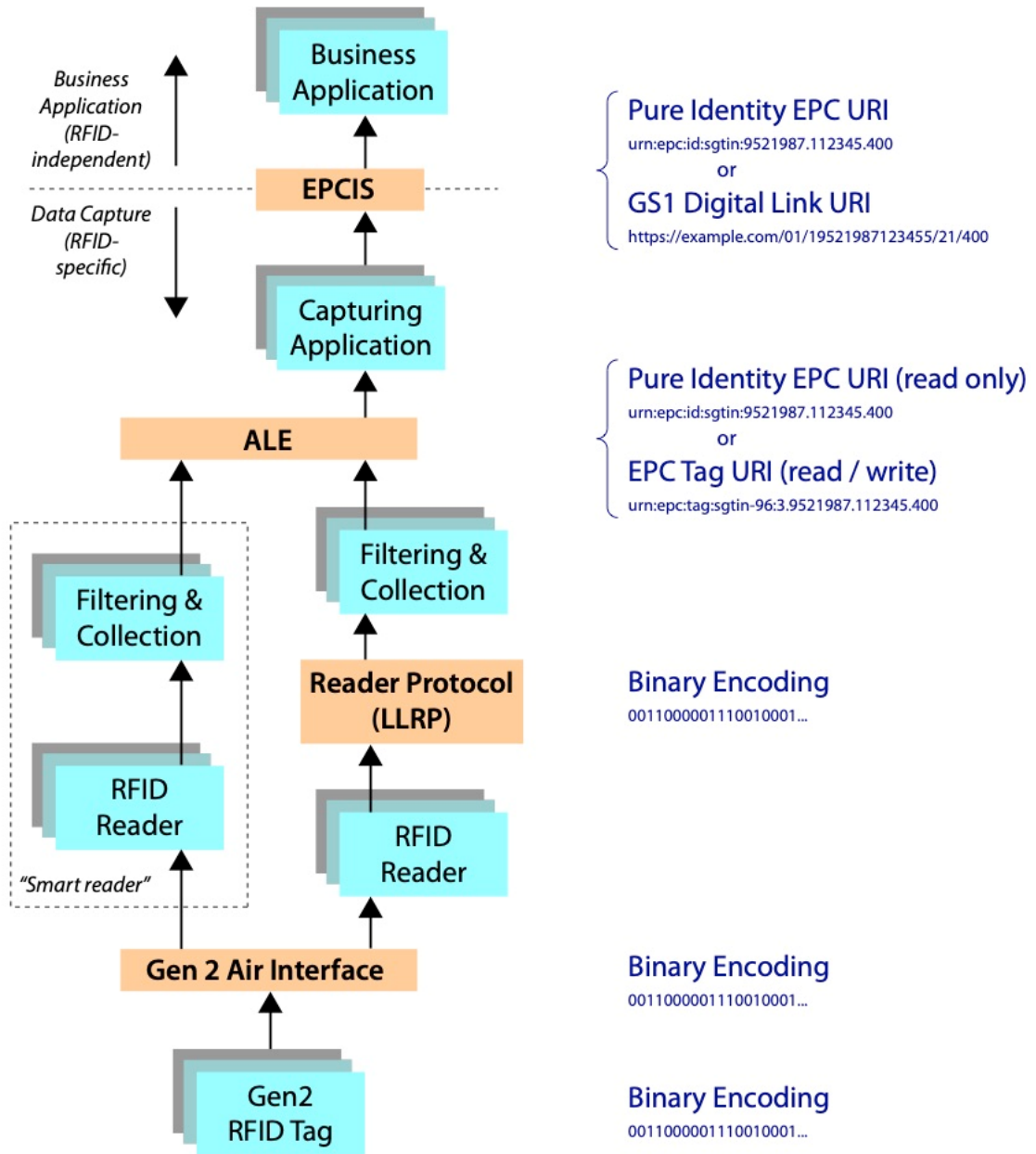
1000 ■ **Binary Encoding:** The EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 RFID Tag actually contains a compressed encoding  
1001 of the EPC and additional "control information" in a compact binary form. For the EPC schemes defined  
1002 before TDS 2.0, there is a 1-to-1 translation between EPC Tag URIs and the binary contents of a Gen 2  
1003 RFID Tag. For the new EPC schemes and binary encodings introduced in TDS 2.0, no new EPC Tag URI  
1004 syntax is defined and encoding/decoding is between the binary representation and the corresponding GS1  
1005 element strings or GS1 Digital Link URIs, as discussed in section [14.5](#). Normally, the binary encoding is  
1006 only encountered at a very low level of software or hardware, and is translated to the EPC Tag URI or  
1007 Pure Identity EPC URI form (for EPC schemes for which these are defined) before being presented to  
1008 application logic. The binary encoding of the new EPC schemes introduced in TDS 2.0 would be more  
1009 usually translated to GS1 element strings or GS1 Digital Link URIs. Starting in TDS 2.0 and EPCIS 2.0 /  
1010 CBV 2.0, there is now recognition that a GS1 Digital Link URI (or a constrained subset of these,  
1011 specifically at instance-level granularity and without additional data attributes) can provide an equivalent  
1012 way to denote a specific physical object within business applications and traceability data.

1013 Note that both the Pure Identity EPC URI and the GS1 Digital Link URI are independent of choice of  
1014 data carrier (e.g. EPC/RFID or barcodes), while the EPC Tag URI and the Binary Encoding are  
1015 specific to Gen 2 RFID Tags because they include RFID-specific "control information" in addition to  
1016 the unique EPC identifier.

1017 The figure below illustrates where these structures normally occur in relation to the layers of the  
1018 GS1 System Architecture.

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**Figure 4-5** EPC Structures used within the GS1 System Architecture



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1021 **5 Common grammar elements**

1022 The syntax of various URI forms defined herein is specified via ABNF grammar defined in [RFC5234]  
 1023 and [RFC7405]. The following grammar elements are used throughout this specification.

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1024 ZeroComponent = "0"
1025 NonZeroDigit = "1" / "2" / "3" / "4" / "5" / "6" / "7" / "8" / "9"
1026 Digit = "0" / NonZeroDigit
1027 NonZeroComponent = NonZeroDigit 0*Digit
1028
1029 NumericComponent = ZeroComponent / NonZeroComponent
1030 PaddedNumericComponent = 1*Digit
    
```

1031 PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty = 0\*Digit  
 1032  
 1033 UpperAlpha = %x41-5A ; A-Z  
 1034 LowerAlpha = %x61-7A ; a-z  
 1035 OtherChar = !" / "' / "(" / ")" / "\*" / "+" / "," / "-" / "." / ":" / ";" / "=" /  
 1036 " \_  
 1037 UpperHexChar = Digit / "A" / "B" / "C" / "D" / "E" / "F"  
 1038 HexChar = UpperHexChar / "a" / "b" / "c" / "d" / "e" / "f"  
 1039 HexComponent = 1\*UpperHexChar  
 1040 HexComponentOrEmpty = 0\*UpperHexChar  
 1041 Escape = "%" HexChar HexChar  
 1042  
 1043 GS3A3Char = Digit / UpperAlpha / LowerAlpha / OtherChar / Escape  
 1044 GS3A3Component = 1\*GS3A3Char  
 1045  
 1046 CPreChar = Digit / UpperAlpha / "-" / "%2F" / "%23"  
 1047 CPreComponent = 1\*CPreChar  
 1048 The syntactic construct `GS3A3Component` is used to represent fields of GS1 codes that permit  
 1049 alphanumeric and other characters as specified in Figure 7.12-1 of the GS1 General Specifications  
 1050 (see Annex A.) Owing to restrictions on URN syntax as defined by [RFC2141], not all characters  
 1051 permitted in the GS1 General Specifications may be represented directly in a URN. Specifically, the  
 1052 characters " (double quote), % (percent), & (ampersand), / (forward slash), < (less than), >  
 1053 (greater than), and ? (question mark) are permitted in the GS1 General Specifications but may not  
 1054 be included directly in a URN. To represent one of these characters in a URN, escape notation must  
 1055 be used in which the character is represented by a percent sign, followed by two hexadecimal digits  
 1056 that give the ASCII character code for the character.  
 1057 The syntactic construct `CPreComponent` is used to represent fields that permit upper-case  
 1058 alphanumeric and the characters hyphen, forward slash, and pound / number sign. Owing to  
 1059 restrictions on URN syntax as defined by [RFC2141], not all of these characters may be represented  
 1060 directly in a URN. Specifically, the characters # (pound / number sign) and / (forward slash) may  
 1061 not be included directly in a URN. To represent one of these characters in a URN, escape notation  
 1062 must be used in which the character is represented by a percent sign, followed by two hexadecimal  
 1063 digits that give the ASCII character code for the character.

## 1064 6 EPC URI

1065 This section specifies the "pure identity URI" form of the EPC, or simply the "EPC URI." Before TDS  
 1066 2.0, the EPC URI was the preferred way within an information system to denote a specific physical  
 1067 object. Starting in TDS 2.0 and EPCIS 2.0 / CBV 2.0, there is now recognition that a GS1 Digital  
 1068 Link URI (or a constrained subset of these, specifically at instance-level granularity and without  
 1069 additional data attributes) is an equivalent way to denote a specific physical object within business  
 1070 applications and traceability data, as discussed in further detail in section [4.4](#).

1071 The EPC URI is a string having the following form:

1072 `urn:epc:id:scheme:component1.component2....`

1073 where `scheme` names an EPC scheme, and `component1`, `component2`, and following parts are the  
 1074 remainder of the EPC whose precise form depends on which EPC scheme is used. The available EPC  
 1075 schemes are specified below in [Figure 6-1](#) in Section [6.3](#).

1076 An example of a specific EPC URI is the following, where the scheme is `sgtin`:

1077 `urn:epc:id:sgtin:95211141.012345.4711`

1078 Each EPC scheme provides a namespace of identifiers that can be used to identify physical objects  
1079 of a particular type. Collectively, the EPC URIs from all schemes are unique identifiers for any type  
1080 of physical object.

## 1081 **6.1 Use of the EPC URI**

1082 The structure of the EPC URI guarantees worldwide uniqueness of the EPC across all types of  
1083 physical objects and applications. In order to preserve worldwide uniqueness, each EPC URI must be  
1084 used in its entirety when a unique identifier is called for, and not broken into constituent parts nor  
1085 the `urn:epc:id:` prefix abbreviated or dropped.

1086 When asking the question "do these two data structures refer to the same physical object?", where  
1087 each data structure uses an EPC URI to refer to a physical object, the question may be answered  
1088 simply by comparing the full EPC URI strings as specified in [RFC3986], Section 6.2. In most cases,  
1089 the "simple string comparison" method suffices, though if a URI contains percent-encoding triplets  
1090 the hexadecimal digits may require case normalisation as described in [RFC3986], Section 6.2.2.1.  
1091 The construction of the EPC URI guarantees uniqueness across all categories of objects, provided  
1092 that the URI is used in its entirety.

1093 In other situations, applications may wish to exploit the internal structure of an EPC URI for  
1094 purposes of filtering, selection, or distribution. For example, an application may wish to query a  
1095 database for all records pertaining to instances of a specific product identified by a GTIN. This  
1096 amounts to querying for all EPCs whose GS1 Company Prefix and item reference components match  
1097 a given value, disregarding the serial number component. Another example is found in the Object  
1098 Name Service (ONS) [ONS], which uses the first component of an EPC to delegate a query to a  
1099 "local ONS" operated by an individual company. This allows the ONS system to scale in a way that  
1100 would be quite difficult if all ONS records were stored in a flat database maintained by a single  
1101 organisation. Note that although GS1's ONS standard has not yet been deprecated or withdrawn, it  
1102 is no longer maintained and the infrastructure for ONS is no longer supported by GS1 Global Office.  
1103 The GS1 Digital Link standard [GS1DL] specifies not only a Web URI syntax for GS1 identifiers but  
1104 also a resolver / resolution capability for linking a GS1 Digital Link URI to one or more sources of  
1105 relevant information and services, as a modern successor to ONS.

1106 While the internal structure of the EPC may be exploited for filtering, selection, and distribution as  
1107 illustrated above, it is essential that the EPC URI be used in its entirety when used as a unique  
1108 identifier.

## 1109 **6.2 Assignment of EPCs to physical objects**

1110 The act of allocating a new EPC and associating it with a specific physical object is called  
1111 "commissioning." It is the responsibility of applications and business processes that commission  
1112 EPCs to ensure that the same EPC is never assigned to two different physical objects; that is, to  
1113 ensure that commissioned EPCs are unique. Typically, commissioning applications will make use of  
1114 databases that record which EPCs have already been commissioned and which are still available. For  
1115 example, in an application that commissions SGTINs by assigning serial numbers sequentially, such  
1116 a database might record the last serial number used for each base GTIN.

1117 Because visibility data and other business data that refers to EPCs may continue to exist long after a  
1118 physical object ceases to exist, an EPC is ideally never reused to refer to a different physical object,  
1119 even if the reuse takes place after the original object ceases to exist. There are certain situations,  
1120 however, in which this is not possible; some of these are noted below. Therefore, applications that  
1121 process historical data using EPCs should be prepared for the possibility that an EPC may be reused  
1122 over time to refer to different physical objects, unless the application is known to operate in an  
1123 environment where such reuse is prevented.

1124 Seven of the EPC schemes specified herein correspond to GS1 keys, and so EPCs from those  
1125 schemes are used to identify physical objects that have a corresponding GS1 key. When assigning  
1126 these types of EPCs to physical objects, all relevant GS1 rules must be followed in addition to the  
1127 rules specified herein. This includes the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS], the GTIN Management  
1128 Standard, and so on. In particular, an EPC of this kind may only be commissioned by the licensee of  
1129 the GS1 Company Prefix that is part of the EPC, or has been delegated the authority to do so by the  
1130 GS1 Company Prefix licensee.



### 6.3 EPC URI syntax

This section specifies the syntax of an EPC URI.

The formal grammar for the EPC URI is as follows:

```
EPC-URI =
    SGTIN-URI /
    SSCC-URI /
    SGLN-URI /
    GRAI-URI /
    GIAI-URI /
    GSRN-URI /
    GDTI-URI /
    CPI-URI /
    SGCN-URI /
    GINC-URI /
    GSIN-URI /
    ITIP-URI /
    UPUI-URI /
    PGLN-URI /
    GID-URI /
    DOD-URI /
    ADI-URI /
    BIC-URI /
    IMOVN-URI
```

where the various alternatives on the right hand side are specified in the sections that follow.

Each EPC URI scheme is specified in one of the following subsections, as follows:

**Figure 6-1** EPC Schemes and Where the Pure Identity Form is Defined

EPC Scheme	Specified In	Corresponding GS1 key	Typical use
sgtin	Section <a href="#">6.3.1</a>	GTIN (with added serial number)	Trade item
sscc	Section <a href="#">6.3.2</a>	SSCC	Logistics unit
sgln	Section <a href="#">6.3.3</a>	GLN (with or without additional extension)	Location <sup>2</sup>
grai	Section <a href="#">6.3.4</a>	GRAI (serial number mandatory)	Returnable asset
giai	Section <a href="#">6.3.5</a>	GIAI	Fixed asset
gsrn	Section <a href="#">6.3.6</a>	GSRN – Recipient	Hospital admission or club membership

<sup>2</sup> While GLNs may be used to identify both locations and parties, the SGLN corresponds only to AI 414, which [GS1GS] specifies is to be used to identify locations, and not parties.

EPC Scheme	Specified In	Corresponding GS1 key	Typical use
gsrnp	Section <a href="#">6.3.7</a>	GSRN – Provider	Medical caregiver or loyalty club
gdti	Section <a href="#">6.3.8</a>	GDTI (serial number mandatory)	Document
cpi	Section <a href="#">6.3.9</a>	[none]	Technical industries (e.g. automotive sector) for unique identification of parts and components
sgcn	Section <a href="#">6.3.10</a>	GCN (serial number mandatory)	Coupon
ginc	Section <a href="#">6.3.11</a>	GINC	Logical grouping of goods intended for transport as a whole, assigned by a freight forwarder
gsin	Section <a href="#">6.3.12</a>	GSIN	Logical grouping of logistic units travelling under one despatch advice and/or bill of lading
itip	Section <a href="#">6.3.13</a>	AI (8006) combined with AI (21)	One of multiple pieces comprising, and subordinate to, a whole (which is, in turn, identified by an SGTIN or the combination of AIs 01 + 21).
upui	Section <a href="#">6.3.14</a>	GTIN and TPX	Pack identification to combat illicit trade
pglN	Section <a href="#">6.3.15</a>	Party GLN – AI (417)	Identification of economic operator; identification of owning party or possessing party in the Chain of Custody (CoC) / Chain of Ownership (CoO)
gid	Section <a href="#">6.3.16</a>	[none]	Unspecified
usdod	Section <a href="#">6.3.17</a>	[none]	US Dept of Defense supply chain
adi	Section <a href="#">6.3.18</a>	[none]	Aerospace and Defense sector for unique identification of aircraft and other parts and items
bic	Section <a href="#">6.3.19</a>	[none]	Intermodal shipping containers
imovN	Section <a href="#">6.3.20</a>	[none]	Vessel identificaton

Note that no new Pure Identity EPC URI formats are defined for the new EPC schemes and binary encodings introduced in TDS 2.0.

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### 6.3.1 Serialised Global Trade Item Number (SGTIN)

The Serialised Global Trade Item Number EPC scheme is used to assign a unique identity to an instance of a trade item, such as a specific instance of a product or SKU.

#### General syntax:

```
urn:epc:id:sgtin:CompanyPrefix.ItemRefAndIndicator.SerialNumber
```

#### Example:

```
urn:epc:id:sgtin:9521141.012345.4711
```

#### Grammar:

```
SGTIN-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:sgtin:" SGTINURIBody
```

```
SGTINURIBody = 2(PaddedNumericComponent ".") GS3A3Component
```

The number of characters in the two `PaddedNumericComponent` fields must total 13 (not including any of the dot characters).

The Serial Number field of the SGTIN-URI is expressed as a `GS3A3Component`, which permits the representation of all characters permitted in the Application Identifier 21 Serial Number according to the GS1 General Specifications. SGTIN-URIs that are derived from 96-bit tag encodings, however, will have Serial Numbers that consist only of digits and which have no leading zeros (unless the entire serial number consists of a single zero digit). These limitations are described in the encoding procedures, and in Section [12.3.1](#).

The SGTIN consists of the following elements:

- The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity or its delegates. This is the same as the GS1 Company Prefix digits within a GS1 GTIN key. See Section [7.3.2](#) for the case of a GTIN-8.
- The **Item Reference**, assigned by the managing entity to a particular object class. The Item Reference as it appears in the EPC URI is derived from the GTIN by concatenating the Indicator Digit of the GTIN (or a zero pad character, if the EPC URI is derived from a GTIN-8, GTIN-12, or GTIN-13) and the Item Reference digits, and treating the result as a single numeric string. See Section [7.3.2](#) for the case of a GTIN-8.
- The **Serial Number**, assigned by the managing entity to an individual object. The serial number is not part of the GTIN, but is formally a part of the SGTIN.

### 6.3.2 Serial Shipping Container Code (SSCC)

The Serial Shipping Container Code EPC scheme is used to assign a unique identity to a logistics handling unit, such as the aggregate contents of a shipping container or a pallet load.

#### General syntax:

```
urn:epc:id:sscc:CompanyPrefix.SerialReference
```

#### Example:

```
urn:epc:id:sscc:9521141.1234567890
```

#### Grammar:

```
SSCC-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:sscc:" SSCCURIbody
```

```
SSCCURIbody = PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponent
```

The number of characters in the two `PaddedNumericComponent` fields must total 17 (not including any of the dot characters).

1199 The SSCC consists of the following elements:

- 1200 ■ The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity. This is the same as the GS1 Company  
1201 Prefix digits within a GS1 SSCC key.
- 1202 ■ The **Serial Reference**, assigned by the managing entity to a particular logistics handling unit. The Serial  
1203 Reference as it appears in the EPC URI is derived from the SSCC by concatenating the Extension Digit of  
1204 the SSCC and the Serial Reference digits, and treating the result as a single numeric string.

### 1205 6.3.3 Global Location Number With or Without Extension (SGLN)

1206 The SGLN EPC scheme is used to assign a unique identity to a physical location, such as a specific  
1207 building or a specific unit of shelving within a warehouse.

#### 1208 **General syntax:**

1209 `urn:epc:id:sgln:CompanyPrefix.LocationReference.Extension`

#### 1210 **Example:**

1211 `urn:epc:id:sgln:9521141.12345.400`

#### 1212 **Grammar:**

1213 `SGLN-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:sgln:" SGLNURIBody`

1214 `SGLNURIBody = PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty "."`  
1215 `GS3A3Component`

1216 The number of characters in the two `PaddedNumericComponent` fields must total 12 (not including  
1217 any of the dot characters).

1218 The Extension field of the SGLN-URI is expressed as a `GS3A3Component`, which permits the  
1219 representation of all characters permitted in the Application Identifier 254 Extension according to  
1220 the GS1 General Specifications. SGLN-URIs that are derived from 96-bit tag encodings, however,  
1221 will have Extensions that consist only of digits and which have no leading zeros (unless the entire  
1222 extension consists of a single zero digit). These limitations are described in the encoding  
1223 procedures, and in Section [12.3.1](#).

1224 The SGLN consists of the following elements:

- 1225 ■ The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity. This is the same as the GS1 Company  
1226 Prefix digits within a GS1 GLN key.
- 1227 ■ The **Location Reference**, assigned uniquely by the managing entity to a specific physical location.
- 1228 ■ The **GLN Extension**, assigned by the managing entity to an individual unique location. If the entire GLN  
1229 Extension is just a single zero digit, it indicates that the SGLN stands for a GLN, without an extension.

1230 **!** **Non-Normative:** Explanation (non-normative): Note that the letter "S" in the term "SGLN"  
1231 does not stand for "serialised" as it does in SGTIN. This is because a GLN without an  
1232 extension also identifies a unique location, as opposed to a class of locations, and so both  
1233 GLN and GLN with extension may be considered as "serialised" identifiers. The term SGLN  
1234 merely distinguishes the EPC form, which can be used either for a GLN by itself or GLN with  
1235 extension, from the term GLN which always refers to the unextended GLN identifier. The  
1236 letter "S" does not stand for anything.

### 1237 6.3.4 Global Returnable Asset Identifier (GRAI)

1238 The Global Returnable Asset Identifier EPC scheme is used to assign a unique identity to a specific  
1239 returnable asset, such as a reusable shipping container or a pallet skid.

#### 1240 **General syntax:**

1241 `urn:epc:id:grai:CompanyPrefix.AssetType.SerialNumber`

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**Example:**

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```
urn:epc:id:grai:9521141.12345.400
```

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**Grammar:**

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```
GRAI-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:grai:" GRAIURIBody
```

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```
GRAIURIBody = PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty "."
```

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```
GS3A3Component
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The number of characters in the two `PaddedNumericComponent` fields must total 12 (not including any of the dot characters).

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The Serial Number field of the GRAI-URI is expressed as a `GS3A3Component`, which permits the representation of all characters permitted in the Serial Number according to the GS1 General Specifications. GRAI-URIs that are derived from 96-bit tag encodings, however, will have Serial Numbers that consist only of digits and which have no leading zeros (unless the entire serial number consists of a single zero digit). These limitations are described in the encoding procedures, and in Section [12.3.1](#).

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The GRAI consists of the following elements:

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- The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity. This is the same as the GS1 Company Prefix digits within a GS1 GRAI key.
- The **Asset Type**, assigned by the managing entity to a particular class of asset.
- The **Serial Number**, assigned by the managing entity to an individual object. Because an EPC always refers to a specific physical object rather than an asset class, the serial number is mandatory in the GRAI-EPC.

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### 6.3.5 Global Individual Asset Identifier (GIAI)

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The Global Individual Asset Identifier EPC scheme is used to assign a unique identity to a specific asset, such as a forklift or a computer.

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**General syntax:**

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```
urn:epc:id:giai:CompanyPrefix.IndividualAssetReference
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**Example:**

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```
urn:epc:id:giai:9521141.12345400
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**Grammar:**

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```
GIAI-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:giai:" GIAIURIBody
```

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```
GIAIURIBody = PaddedNumericComponent "." GS3A3Component
```

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The Individual Asset Reference field of the GIAI-URI is expressed as a `GS3A3Component`, which permits the representation of all characters permitted in the Serial Number according to the GS1 General Specifications. GIAI-URIs that are derived from 96-bit tag encodings, however, will have Serial Numbers that consist only of digits and which have no leading zeros (unless the entire serial number consists of a single zero digit). These limitations are described in the encoding procedures, and in Section [12.3.1](#).

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The GIAI consists of the following elements:

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- The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity. The Company Prefix is the same as the GS1 Company Prefix digits within a GS1 GIAI key.
- The **Individual Asset Reference**, assigned uniquely by the managing entity to a specific asset.

### 6.3.6 Global Service Relation Number – Recipient (GSRN)

The Global Service Relation Number EPC scheme is used to assign a unique identity to a service recipient.

#### General syntax:

`urn:epc:id:gsrcn:CompanyPrefix.ServiceReference`

#### Example:

`urn:epc:id:gsrcn:9521141.1234567890`

#### Grammar:

GSRN-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:gsrcn:" GSRNURIBody

GSRNURIBody = PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponent

The number of characters in the two PaddedNumericComponent fields must total 17 (not including any of the dot characters).

The GSRN consists of the following elements:

- The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity. This is the same as the GS1 Company Prefix digits within a GS1 GSRN key.
- The **Service Reference**, assigned by the managing entity to a particular service recipient.

### 6.3.7 Global Service Relation Number – Provider (GSRNP)

The Global Service Relation Number – Provider (GSRNP) EPC scheme is used to assign a unique identity to a service provider.

#### General syntax:

`urn:epc:id:gsrcnp:CompanyPrefix.ServiceReference`

#### Example:

`urn:epc:id:gsrcnp:9521141.1234567890`

#### Grammar:

GSRNP-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:gsrcnp:" GSRNURIBody

GSRNPURIBody = PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponent

The number of characters in the two PaddedNumericComponent fields must total 17 (not including any of the dot characters).

The GSRNP consists of the following elements:

- The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity. This is the same as the GS1 Company Prefix digits within a GS1 GSRN key.
- The **Service Reference**, assigned by the managing entity to a particular service provider.

### 6.3.8 Global Document Type Identifier (GDTI)

The Global Document Type Identifier EPC scheme is used to assign a unique identity to a specific document, such as land registration papers, an insurance policy, and others.

#### General syntax:

`urn:epc:id:gdti:CompanyPrefix.DocumentType.SerialNumber`

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**Example:**

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```
urn:epc:id:gdti:9521141.12345.400
```

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**Grammar:**

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```
GDTI-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:gdti:" GDTIURIBody
```

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```
GDTIURIBody = PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty "."
```

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```
GS3A3Component
```

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The number of characters in the first `PaddedNumericComponent` field and the

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`PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty` field must total 12 (not including any of the dot characters).

1328

The Serial Number field of the GDTI-URI is expressed as a `GS3A3Component`, which permits the

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representation of all characters permitted in the Serial Number according to the GS1 General

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Specifications. GDTI-URIs that are derived from 96-bit tag encodings, however, will have Serial

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Numbers that have no leading zeros (unless the entire serial number consists of a single zero digit).

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These limitations are described in the encoding procedures, and in Section [12.3.1](#).

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The GDTI consists of the following elements:

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- The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity. This is the same as the GS1 Company Prefix digits within a GS1 GDTI key.

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- The **Document Type**, assigned by the managing entity to a particular class of document.

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- The **Serial Number**, assigned by the managing entity to an individual document. Because an EPC always refers to a specific document rather than a document class, the serial number is mandatory in the GDTI-EPC.

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### 6.3.9 Component / Part Identifier (CPI)

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The Component / Part EPC identifier is designed for use by the technical industries (including the automotive sector) for the unique identification of parts or components.

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The CPI EPC construct provides a mechanism to directly encode unique identifiers in RFID tags and to use the URI representations at other layers of the GS1 System Architecture.

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**General syntax:**

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```
urn:epc:id:cpi:CompanyPrefix.ComponentPartReference.Serial
```

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**Example:**

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```
urn:epc:id:cpi:9521141.123ABC.123456789
```

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```
urn:epc:id:cpi:9521141.123456.123456789
```

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**Grammar:**

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```
CPI-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:cpi:" CPIURIBody
```

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```
CPIURIBody = PaddedNumericComponent "." CPreComponent "." NumericComponent
```

1353

The Component / Part Reference field of the CPI-URI is expressed as a `CPreComponent`, which

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permits the representation of all characters permitted in the Component / Part Reference according

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to the GS1 General Specifications. CPI-URIs that are derived from 96-bit tag encodings, however,

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will have Component / Part References that consist only of digits, with no leading zeros, and whose

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length is less than or equal to 15 minus the length of the GS1 Company Prefix. These limitations are

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described in the encoding procedures, and in Section [12.3.1](#).

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The CPI consists of the following elements:

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- The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity or its delegates.

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- The **Component/Part Reference**, assigned by the managing entity to a particular object class.

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- The **Serial Number**, assigned by the managing entity to an individual object.

1363 The managing entity or its delegates ensure that each CPI is issued to no more than one physical  
 1364 component or part. Typically this is achieved by assigning a component/part reference to designate  
 1365 a collection of instances of a part that share the same form, fit or function and then issuing serial  
 1366 number values uniquely within each value of component/part reference in order to distinguish  
 1367 between such instances.

### 1368 6.3.10 Serialised Global Coupon Number (SGCN)

1369 The Global Coupon Number EPC scheme is used to assign a unique identity to a coupon.

#### 1370 **General syntax:**

1371 `urn:epc:id:sgcn:CompanyPrefix.CouponReference.SerialComponent`

#### 1372 **Example:**

1373 `urn:epc:id:sgcn:4012345.67890.04711`

#### 1374 **Grammar:**

1375 `SGCN-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:sgcn:" SGCNURIBody`

1376 `SGCNURIBody = PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty "."`  
 1377 `PaddedNumericComponent`

1378 The number of characters in the first `PaddedNumericComponent` field and the  
 1379 `PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty` field must total 12 (not including any of the dot characters).

1380 The Serial Component field of the SGCN-URI is expressed as a `PaddedNumericComponent`, which  
 1381 may contain up to 12 digits, including leading zeros, as per the GS1 General Specifications. The  
 1382 SGCN consists of the following elements:

- 1383 ■ The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity. This is the same as the GS1 Company  
 1384 Prefix digits within a GS1 GCN key.
- 1385 ■ The **Coupon Reference**, assigned by the managing entity for the coupon.
- 1386 ■ The **Serial Component**, assigned by the managing entity to a unique instance of the coupon. Because an  
 1387 EPC always refers to a specific coupon rather than a coupon class, the serial number is mandatory in the  
 1388 SGCN-EPC.

### 1389 6.3.11 Global Identification Number for Consignment (GINC)

1390 The Global Identification Number for Consignment EPC scheme is used to assign a unique identity to  
 1391 a logical grouping of goods (one or more physical entities) that has been consigned to a freight  
 1392 forwarder and is intended to be transported as a whole.

#### 1393 **General syntax:**

1394 `urn:epc:id:ginc:CompanyPrefix.ConsignmentReference`

#### 1395 **Example:**

1396 `urn:epc:id:ginc:9521141.xyz3311cba`

#### 1397 **Grammar:**

1398 `GINC-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:ginc:" GINCURIBody`

1399 `GINCURIBody = PaddedNumericComponent "." GS3A3Component`

1400 The Consignment Reference field of the GINC-URI is expressed as a `GS3A3Component`, which  
 1401 permits the representation of all characters permitted in the Serial Number according to the GS1  
 1402 General Specifications.



1403 The GINC consists of the following elements:

- 1404 ■ The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity. The Company Prefix is the same as  
1405 the GS1 Company Prefix digits within a GS1 GINC key.
- 1406 ■ The **Consignment Reference**, assigned uniquely by the freight forwarder.

### 1407 6.3.12 Global Shipment Identification Number (GSIN)

1408 The Global Shipment Identification Number EPC scheme is used to assign a unique identity to a  
1409 logical grouping of logistic units for the purpose of a transport shipment from that consignor (seller)  
1410 to the consignee (buyer).

#### 1411 **General syntax:**

1412 `urn:epc:id:gsin:CompanyPrefix.ShipperReference`

#### 1413 **Example:**

1414 `urn:epc:id:gsin:9521141.123456789`

#### 1415 **Grammar:**

1416 `GSIN-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:gsin:" GSINURIBody`

1417 `GSINURIBody = PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponent`

1418 The number of characters in the two `PaddedNumericComponent` fields must total 16 (not including  
1419 the dot character).

1420 The GSIN consists of the following elements:

- 1421 ■ The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity. This is the same as the GS1 Company  
1422 Prefix digits within a GS1 GSIN key.
- 1423 ■ The **Shipper Reference**, assigned by the consignor (seller) of goods.

### 1424 6.3.13 Individual Trade Item Piece (ITIP)

1425 The Individual Trade Item Piece EPC scheme is used to assign a unique identity to a subordinate  
1426 element of a trade item (e.g., left and right shoes, suit trousers and jacket, DIY trade item consisting  
1427 of several physical units), the latter of which comprises multiple pieces.

#### 1428 **General syntax:**

1429 `urn:epc:id:itip:CompanyPrefix.ItemRefAndIndicator.Piece.Total.SerialNumber`

#### 1430 **Example:**

1431 `urn:epc:id:itip:9521141.012345.01.02.987`

#### 1432 **Grammar:**

1433 `ITIP-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:itip:" ITIPURIBody`

1434 `ITIPURIBody = 4(PaddedNumericComponent ".") GS3A3Component`

1435 The number of characters in the first two `PaddedNumericComponent` fields must total 13 (not  
1436 including any of the dot characters).

1437 The number of characters in each of the last two `PaddedNumericComponent` fields must be exactly  
1438 2 (not including any of the dot characters).

1439 The combined number of characters in the four `PaddedNumericComponent` fields must total 17  
1440 (not including any of the dot characters).

1441 The Serial Number field of the ITIP-URI is expressed as a `GS3A3Component`, which permits the  
1442 representation of all characters permitted in the Application Identifier 21 Serial Number according to

1443 the GS1 General Specifications. ITIP-URIs that are derived from 110-bit tag encodings, however,  
 1444 will have Serial Numbers that consist only of digits and which have no leading zeros (unless the  
 1445 entire serial number consists of a single zero digit). These limitations are described in the encoding  
 1446 procedures, and in Section [12.3.1](#).

1447 The ITIP consists of the following elements:

- 1448 ■ The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity or its delegates. This is the same as  
 1449 the GS1 Company Prefix digits within a GS1 GTIN key. See Section [7.3.2](#) for the case of a GTIN-8.
- 1450 ■ The **Item Reference**, assigned by the managing entity to a particular object class. The Item Reference  
 1451 as it appears in the EPC URI is derived from the GTIN by concatenating the Indicator Digit of the GTIN (or  
 1452 a zero pad character, if the EPC URI is derived from a GTIN-8, GTIN-12, or GTIN-13) and the Item  
 1453 Reference digits, and treating the result as a single numeric string. See Section [7.3.2](#) for the case of a  
 1454 GTIN-8.
- 1455 ■ The **Piece Number**
- 1456 ■ The **Total** Quantity of Pieces subordinate to the GTIN
- 1457 ■ The **Serial Number**, assigned by the managing entity to an individual object. The serial number is not  
 1458 part of the GTIN, but is formally a part of both the SGTIN and the ITIP.

### 1459 **6.3.14 Unit Pack Identifier (UPUI)**

1460 The Unit Pack Identifier EPC scheme is used to uniquely identify an individual item for tobacco  
 1461 traceability in accordance with EU 2018/574.

#### 1462 **General syntax:**

1463 `urn:epc:id:upui:CompanyPrefix.ItemRefAndIndicator.TPX`

#### 1464 **Example:**

1465 `urn:epc:id:upui:9521141.089456.51qIgY)%3C%26Jp3*j7'SDB`

#### 1466 **Grammar:**

1467 `UPUI-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:upui:" UPUI-URIBody`

1468 `UPUI-URIBody = 2 (PaddedNumericComponent ".") GS3A3Component`

1469 The number of characters in the first two `PaddedNumericComponent` fields must total 13 (not  
 1470 including any of the dot characters).

1471 The `TPX` field of the UPUI-URI is expressed as a `GS3A3Component`, which permits the  
 1472 representation of all characters permitted in Application Identifier (235), Third Party Controlled,  
 1473 Serialised Extension of GTIN, according to the GS1 General Specifications.

1474 The UPUI consists of the following elements:

- 1475 ■ The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity or its delegates. This is the same as  
 1476 the GS1 Company Prefix digits within a GS1 GTIN key. See Section [7.3.2](#) for the case of a GTIN-8.
- 1477 ■ The **Item Reference**, assigned by the managing entity to a particular object class. The Item Reference  
 1478 as it appears in the EPC URI is derived from the GTIN by concatenating the Indicator Digit of the GTIN (or  
 1479 a zero pad character, if the EPC URI is derived from a GTIN-8, GTIN-12, or GTIN-13) and the Item  
 1480 Reference digits, and treating the result as a single numeric string. See Section [7.3.2](#) for the case of a  
 1481 GTIN-8.
- 1482 ■ The **Third Party Controlled, Serialised Extension of GTIN**, assigned by a third party managing entity  
 1483 to an individual object to uniquely identify an individual item for tobacco traceability in accordance with EU  
 1484 2018/574.

### 1485 **6.3.15 Global Location Number of Party (PGLN)**

1486 The PGLN EPC scheme is used to assign a unique identity to a party, such as a an economic  
 1487 operator or a cost center.

1488           **General syntax:**  
 1489           urn:epc:id:pgl:n:*CompanyPrefix.PartyReference*

1490           **Example:**  
 1491           urn:epc:id:pgl:n:9521141.89012

1492           **Grammar:**  
 1493           PGLN-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:pgl:n:" PGLNURIBody  
 1494           PGLNURIBody = PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty  
 1495           The number of characters in the first PaddedNumericComponent field and the  
 1496           PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty field must total 12 (not including any of the dot characters).

1497           The PGLN consists of the following elements:

- 1498           ■ The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity. This is the same as the GS1 Company  
 1499           Prefix digits within a GS1 GLN key.
- 1500           ■ The **Party Reference**, assigned uniquely by the managing entity to a specific party.

### 1501   **6.3.16 General Identifier (GID)**

1502           The General Identifier EPC scheme is independent of any specifications or identity scheme outside  
 1503           TDS.

1504           **General syntax:**  
 1505           urn:epc:id:gid:*ManagerNumber.ObjectClass.SerialNumber*

1506           **Example:**  
 1507           urn:epc:id:gid:95100000.12345.400

1508           **Grammar:**  
 1509           GID-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:gid:" GIDURIBody  
 1510           GIDURIBody = 2(NumericComponent ".") NumericComponent

1511           The GID consists of the following elements:

- 1512           ■ The **General Manager Number** identifies an organisational entity (essentially a company, manager or  
 1513           other organisation) that is responsible for maintaining the numbers in subsequent fields – Object Class  
 1514           and Serial Number. Note that a General Manager Number is *not* a GS1 Company Prefix. A General  
 1515           Manager Number may only be used in GID EPCs. **NOTE that General Manager Number issuance has  
 1516           been discontinued**, effective June 2023.
- 1517           ■ The **Object Class** is used by an EPC managing entity to identify a class or "type" of thing. These object  
 1518           class numbers, of course, must be unique within each General Manager Number domain.
- 1519           ■ Finally, the **Serial Number** code, or serial number, is unique within each object class. In other words, the  
 1520           managing entity is responsible for assigning unique, non-repeating serial numbers for every instance  
 1521           within each object class.

### 1522   **6.3.17 US Department of Defense Identifier (DOD)**

1523           The US Department of Defense identifier is defined by the United States Department of Defense.  
 1524           This tag data construct may be used to encode 96-bit Class 1 tags for shipping goods to the United  
 1525           States Department of Defense by a supplier who has already been assigned a CAGE (Commercial  
 1526           and Government Entity) code.

1527           At the time of this writing, the details of what information to encode into these fields is explained in  
 1528           a document titled "United States Department of Defense Suppliers' Passive RFID Information Guide"  
 1529           [USDOD].

1530 Note that the DoD Guide explicitly recognises the value of cross-branch, globally applicable  
 1531 standards, advising that "suppliers that are EPCglobal subscribers and possess a unique [GS1]  
 1532 Company Prefix may use any of the identity types and encoding instructions described in the EPC™  
 1533 Tag Data Standards document to encode tags."

1534 **General syntax:**

1535 `urn:epc:id:usdod:CAGECodeOrDODAAC.SerialNumber`

1536 **Example:**

1537 `urn:epc:id:usdod:2S194.12345678901`

1538 **Grammar:**

1539 `DOD-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:usdod:" DODURIBody`

1540 `DODURIBody = CAGECodeOrDODAAC "." DoDSerialNumber`

1541 `CAGECodeOrDODAAC = CAGECode / DODAAC`

1542 `CAGECode = 5(CAGECodeOrDODAACChar)`

1543 `DODAAC = 6(CAGECodeOrDODAACChar)`

1544 `DoDSerialNumber = NumericComponent`

1545 `CAGECodeOrDODAACChar = Digit / %x41-48 / %x4A-4E / %x50-5A ; 0-9 A-H J-N P-Z`

1546 **6.3.18 Aerospace and Defense Identifier (ADI)**

1547 The variable-length Aerospace and Defense EPC identifier is designed for use by the aerospace and  
 1548 defense sector for the unique identification of parts or items. The existing unique identifier  
 1549 constructs are defined in the Air Transport Association (ATA) Spec 2000 standard [SPEC2000], and  
 1550 the US Department of Defense Guide to Uniquely Identifying items [UID]. The ADI EPC construct  
 1551 provides a mechanism to directly encode such unique identifiers in RFID tags and to use the URI  
 1552 representations in EPCIS and ALE.

1553 Within the Aerospace & Defense sector identification constructs supported by the ADI EPC,  
 1554 companies are uniquely identified by their Commercial And Government Entity (CAGE) code or by  
 1555 their Department of Defense Activity Address Code (DODAAC). The NATO CAGE (NCAGE) code is  
 1556 issued by NATO / Allied Committee 135 and is structurally equivalent to a CAGE code (five character  
 1557 uppercase alphanumeric excluding capital letters I and O) and is non-colliding with CAGE codes  
 1558 issued by the US Defense Logistics Information Service (DLIS). Note that in the remainder of this  
 1559 section, all references to CAGE apply equally to NCAGE.

1560 ATA Spec 2000 defines that a unique identifier may be constructed through the combination of the  
 1561 CAGE code or DODAAC together with either:

- 1562 ■ A serial number (SER) that is assigned uniquely within the CAGE code or DODAAC; or
- 1563 ■ An original part number (PNO) that is unique within the CAGE code or DODAAC and a sequential serial  
 1564 number (SEQ) that is uniquely assigned within that original part number.

1565 The US DoD Guide to Uniquely Identifying Items defines a number of acceptable methods for  
 1566 constructing unique item identifiers (UIIs). The UIIs that can be represented using the Aerospace  
 1567 and Defense EPC identifier are those that are constructed through the combination of a CAGE code  
 1568 or DODAAC together with either:

- 1569 ■ a serial number that is unique within the enterprise identifier. (UII Construct #1)
- 1570 ■ an original part number and a serial number that is unique within the original part number (a subset of  
 1571 UII Construct #2)

1572 Note that the US DoD UID guidelines recognise a number of unique identifiers based on GS1  
 1573 identifier keys as being valid UIDs. In particular, the SGTIN (GTIN + Serial Number), GIAI, and  
 1574 GRAI with full serialisation are recognised as valid UIDs. These may be represented in EPC form  
 1575 using the SGTIN, GIAI, and GRAI EPC schemes as specified in Sections [6.3.1](#), [6.3.5](#), and [6.3.4](#),  
 1576 respectively; the ADI EPC scheme is *not* used for this purpose. Conversely, the US DoD UID

1577 guidelines also recognise a wide range of enterprise identifiers issued by various issuing agencies  
 1578 other than those described above; such UIDs do not have a corresponding EPC representation.

1579 For purposes of identification via RFID of those aircraft parts that are traditionally not serialised or  
 1580 not required to be serialised for other purposes, the ADI EPC scheme may be used for assigning a  
 1581 unique identifier to a part. In this situation, the first character of the serial number component of  
 1582 the ADI EPC SHALL be a single '#' character. This is used to indicate that the serial number does not  
 1583 correspond to the serial number of a traditionally serialised part because the '#' character is not  
 1584 permitted to appear within the values associated with either the SER or SEQ text element identifiers  
 1585 in ATA Spec 2000 standard.

1586 For parts that are traditionally serialised / required to be serialised for purposes other than having a  
 1587 unique RFID identifier, and for all usage within US DoD UID guidelines, the '#' character SHALL NOT  
 1588 appear within the serial number element.

1589 The ATA Spec 2000 standard recommends that companies serialise uniquely within their CAGE code.  
 1590 For companies who do serialise uniquely within their CAGE code or DODAAC, a zero-length string  
 1591 SHALL be used in place of the Original Part Number element when constructing an EPC.

1592 **General syntax:**

1593 `urn:epc:id:adi:CAGECodeOrDODAAC.OriginalPartNumber.Serial`

1594 **Examples:**

1595 `urn:epc:id:adi:2S194..12345678901`

1596 `urn:epc:id:adi:W81X9C.3KL984PX1.2WMA52`

1597 **Grammar:**

1598 `ADI-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:adi:" ADIURIBody`

1599 `ADIURIBody = CAGECodeOrDODAAC "." ADIComponent "." ADIExtendedComponent`

1600 `ADIComponent = 0*ADICChar`

1601 `ADIExtendedComponent = 0*1"%23" 1*ADICChar`

1602 `ADICChar = UpperAlpha / Digit / OtherADICChar`

1603 `OtherADICChar = "-" / "%2F"`

1604 `CAGECodeOrDODAAC` is defined in Section [6.3.17](#).

1605 **6.3.19 BIC Container Code (BIC)**

1606 *ISO 6346 is an [international standard](#) covering the coding, identification and marking of [intermodal](#)*  
 1607 *[\(shipping\) containers](#) used within [containerized intermodal freight transport](#). The standard*  
 1608 *establishes a visual identification system for every container that includes a unique serial number*  
 1609 *(with [check digit](#)), the owner, a country code, a size, type and equipment category as well as any*  
 1610 *operational marks. The standard is managed by the [International Container Bureau \(BIC\)](#).*

1611 (source: [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO\\_6346#Identification\\_System](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/ISO_6346#Identification_System) )

1612 The BIC consists of the following elements:

- 1613 ■ The **owner code** consists of three capital letters of the Latin alphabet to indicate the owner or principal  
 1614 operator of the container. Such code needs to be registered at the [Bureau International des Conteneurs](#) in  
 1615 Paris to ensure uniqueness worldwide.
- 1616 ■ The **equipment category identifier** consists of one of the following capital letters of the Latin alphabet:  
 1617 □ U for all freight containers  
 1618 □ J for detachable freight container-related equipment  
 1619 □ Z for trailers and chassis

- 1620 ■ The **serial number** consists of 6 numeric digits, assigned by the owner or operator, uniquely identifying  
 1621 the container within that owner/operator's fleet.
- 1622 ■ The **check digit** consists of one numeric digit providing a means of validating the recording and  
 1623 transmission accuracies of the owner code and serial number.

1624 The individual elements of the BIC are not separated by dots (".") in the EPC URI syntax.

1625 **General syntax:**

1626 urn:epc:id:bic:*BICContainerCode*

1627 **Example:**

1628 urn:epc:id:bic:CSQU3054383

1629 **Grammar:**

1630 BIC-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:bic:" BICURIBody

1631 BICURIBody = OwnerCode EquipCatId SerialNumber CheckDigit

1632 OwnerCode = 3(OwnerCodeChar)

1633 EquipCatId = CatIdChar

1634 SerialNumber = 6(Digit)

1635 CheckDigit = Digit

1636 OwnerCodeChar = %x41-48 / %x4A-4E / %x50-5A ; A-H J-N P-Z

1637 CatIdChar = "J" / "U" / "Z"

1638 **6.3.20 IMO Vessel Number (IMOVN)**

1639 *The IMO (International Maritime Organization) ship identification number scheme was introduced in*  
 1640 *1987 through adoption of resolution A.600(15), as a measure aimed at enhancing "maritime safety,*  
 1641 *and pollution prevention and to facilitate the prevention of maritime fraud". It aimed at assigning a*  
 1642 *permanent number to each ship for identification purposes. That number would remain unchanged*  
 1643 *upon transfer of the ship to other flag(s) and would be inserted in the ship's certificates. When*  
 1644 *made mandatory, through SOLAS regulation XI/3 (adopted in 1994), specific criteria of passenger*  
 1645 *ships of 100 gross tonnage and upwards and all cargo ships of 300 gross tonnage and upwards were*  
 1646 *agreed.*

1647 *SOLAS regulation XI-1/3 requires ships' identification numbers to be permanently marked in a*  
 1648 *visible place either on the ship's hull or superstructure. Passenger ships should carry the marking on*  
 1649 *a horizontal surface visible from the air. Ships should also be marked with their ID numbers*  
 1650 *internally.*

1651 *This number is assigned to the total portion of the hull enclosing the machinery space and is the*  
 1652 *determining factor, should additional sections be added.*

1653 *The IMO number is never reassigned to another ship and is shown on the ship's certificates.*

1654 (source: <http://www.imo.org/en/OurWork/MSAS/Pages/IMO-identification-number-scheme.aspx>)

1655 The IMOVN consists of the following element:

- 1656 ■ a unique, **seven-digit vessel number**.

1657 **General syntax:**

1658 urn:epc:id:imovn:*IMOVesselNumber*

1659 **Example:**

1660 urn:epc:id:imovn:9176187

1662 **Grammar:**  
 1663 IMOVN-URI = %s"urn:epc:id:imovn:" IMOVNURIBody  
 1664 IMOVNURIBody = VesselNumber  
 1665 VesselNumber = 7(Digit)

## 6.4 EPC Class URI Syntax

1666 This section specifies the syntax of an EPC Class URI.  
 1667 The formal grammar for the EPC class URI is as follows:  
 1668 EPCClass-URI = LGTIN-URI  
 1669 where the various alternatives on the right hand side are specified in the sections that follow.  
 1670 Each EPC Class URI scheme is specified in one of the following subsections, as follows:  
 1671

**Table 6-1** EPC Class Schemes and Where the Pure Identity Form is Defined

EPC Class Scheme	Specified In	Corresponding GS1 key	Typical use
lgtin	Section 6.4.1	GTIN + Batch or Lot Number	Class of objects belonging to a given batch or lot

### 6.4.1 GTIN + Batch/Lot (LGTIN)

1673 The GTIN+ Batch/Lot scheme is used to denote a class of objects belonging to a given batch or lot  
 1674 of a given GTIN.  
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**General syntax:**

1676 `urn:epc:class:lgtin:CompanyPrefix.ItemRefAndIndicator.Lot`  
 1677

**Example:**

1678 `urn:epc:class:lgtin:4012345.012345.998877`  
 1679

**Grammar:**

1680 LGTIN-URI = %s"urn:epc:class:lgtin:" LGTINURIBody  
 1681 LGTINURIBody = 2(PaddedNumericComponent ".") GS3A3Component  
 1682

1683 The number of characters in the two `PaddedNumericComponent` fields must total 13 (not  
 1684 including any of the dot characters).

1685 The Lot field of the LGTIN-URI is expressed as a `GS3A3Component`, which permits the  
 1686 representation of all characters permitted in the Application Identifier (10) Batch or Lot Number  
 1687 according to the GS1 General Specifications.

1688 The LGTIN consists of the following elements:

- 1689 ■ The **GS1 Company Prefix**, assigned by GS1 to a managing entity or its delegates. This is the same as  
 1690 the GS1 Company Prefix digits within a GS1 GTIN key. See Section [7.3.2](#) for the case of a GTIN-8.
- 1691 ■ The **Item Reference and Indicator**, assigned by the managing entity to a particular object class. The  
 1692 Item Reference and Indicator as it appears in the EPC URI is derived from the GTIN by concatenating the  
 1693 Indicator Digit of the GTIN (or a zero pad character, if the EPC URI is derived from a GTIN-8, GTIN-12, or  
 1694 GTIN-13) and the Item Reference digits, and treating the result as a single numeric string. See  
 1695 Section [7.3.2](#) for the case of a GTIN-8.
- 1696 ■ The **Batch or Lot Number**, assigned by the managing entity to an distinct batch or lot of a class of  
 1697 objects. The batch or lot number is not part of the GTIN, but is used to distinguish individual groupings of  
 1698 the same class of objects from each other.

## 7 Correspondence between EPCs and GS1 Keys

As discussed in Section 4.3, there is a well-defined relationship between Electronic Product Codes (EPCs) and seven keys (plus the component / part identifier) defined in the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS]. This section specifies the correspondence between EPCs and GS1 keys.

### 7.1 The GS1 Company Prefix (GCP) in EPC encodings

The correspondence between EPCs and GS1 keys relies on identifying the portion of a GS1 key that is the GS1 Company Prefix. The GS1 Company Prefix (GCP) is a 4- to 12-digit number assigned by a GS1 Member Organisation to a managing entity, and the managing entity is free to create GS1 keys using that GCP. For purposes of the EPC Tag Data Standard, a 4- or 5-digit GCP is treated as a block of 100 6-digit GCPs or a block of 10 6-digit GCPs, respectively. In the EPC URI, the GCP is encoded in the *CompanyPrefix* component, which SHALL include the 4- or 5-digit GCP and the following 2 or 1 digits of the GS1 key, as though it were a 6-digit GCP. This value is then encoded into the EPC binary encodings using Partition Value 6 (binary: 110).

### 7.2 Determining length of the EPC CompanyPrefix component for individually assigned GS1 Keys

In some instances, a GS1 Member Organisation assigns an individually assigned (AKA "single issue" or "one off") GS1 key, such as a complete GTIN, GLN, or other key, to a subscribing organisation. In such cases, a subscribing organisation SHALL NOT use the digits comprising a particular individually assigned key to construct any other kind of GS1 key. For example, if a subscribing organisation is issued an individually assigned GLN, it SHALL NOT create SSCCs using the 12 digits of the individually assigned GLN as though it were a 12-digit GS1 Company Prefix.

Note that an individually assigned key will generally resolve (e.g., via GEPiR) back to the issuing MO—as the GCP in question has been assigned by the MO to itself for the purpose of generating individually assigned keys—rather than to the organisation to which the key was issued. The allocation of individually assigned keys, based on a common GCP, to disparate subscribing organisations who have no particular relationship to each other, effectively prevents use of the *CompanyPrefix* component of EPC encodings for purposes of filtering/correlation/querying to the level of an individual organisation.

#### 7.2.1 Individually assigned GTINs

When encoding an individually assigned GTIN as an EPC, the GTIN-12, GTIN-13 or GTIN-8 issued by the MO must first be converted to a 14-digit number by prepending two, one or six leading zeroes, respectively, to the individually assigned GTIN, as specified in sections and 7.3.1 and 7.3.2.

The individually assigned GTIN, after any necessary padding to increase its length to 14 digits, is stripped of its check digit (which is omitted from all EPC encodings) and indicator digit or leading zero, and SHALL be contained in the *CompanyPrefix* component of the EPC, whose length SHALL be fixed at 12 digits for an individually assigned GTIN. For a GTIN-12, GTIN-13 or GTIN-8, the *ItemRefAndIndicator* component of the resulting SGTIN EPC is a single zero digit. For a GTIN-14, the *ItemRefAndIndicator* component of the resulting SGTIN EPC consists of the GTIN-14's leading zero or indicator digit.

Note that these rules also apply to individually assigned GTINs assigned by third parties with the permission of GS1.

#### Syntax:

`urn:epc:id:sgtin:CompanyPrefix.ItemRefAndIndicator.SerialNumber`

#### Example:

GS1 element string: (01)09526567890126(21)4711

EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:sgtin:952656789012.0.4711`



1745 The corresponding EPC Binary encoding (SGTIN-96 and SGTIN-198) uses Partition Value 0, per  
1746 Table 14-2 (*SGTIN Partition Table*).

### 1747 **7.2.2 Individually assigned GLNs**

1748 When encoding an individually assigned GLN as an EPC, the entire individually assigned GLN  
1749 (stripped of its check digit, which is omitted from EPC encodings) occupies the *CompanyPrefix*  
1750 component of the EPC, whose length is fixed at 12 digits.

1751 For the resulting SGLN EPC, the *LocationReference* component is a zero-length string. The *Extension*  
1752 component of the SGLN EPC reflects the value of the GLN extension component, AI (254); if the  
1753 input GS1 element string did not include a GLN extension component (AI 254), the *Extension*  
1754 component of the SGLN EPC comprises a single zero digit ('0').

1755 Note that these rules also apply to individually assigned GLNs (e.g., national business numbers)  
1756 assigned by third parties with the permission of GS1.

#### 1757 **Syntax:**

1758 `urn:epc:id:sgln:CompanyPrefix..Extension`

#### 1759 **Example (without extension):**

1760 GS1 element string: (414) 9526567890126

1761 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:sgln:952656789012..0`

#### 1762 **Example (with extension):**

1763 GS1 element string: (414) 9526567890126 (254) 4711

1764 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:sgln:952656789012..4711`

1765 The corresponding EPC Binary encoding (SGLN-96 and SGLN-195) uses Partition Value 0, per Table  
1766 14-7 (*SGLN Partition Table*).

### 1767 **7.2.3 Other individually assigned GS1 Keys**

1768 Other individually assigned GS1 Keys (e.g., SSCC, GIAI) should be encoded as EPCs with  
1769 *CompanyPrefix* components that are 12 digits in length.

1770 In such cases, a subscribing organisation SHALL NOT use the digits comprising a particular  
1771 individually assigned key to construct any other GS1 key. For example, if a subscribing organisation  
1772 is issued an individually assigned SSCC, it SHALL NOT create additional SSCCs using the 12 digits of  
1773 the individually assigned SSCC as though it were a 12-digit GCP.

#### 1774 **Example (SSCC):**

1775 GS1 element string: (00) 095265678901234568

1776 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:sscc:952656789012.03456`

#### 1777 **Example (GIAI):**

1778 GS1 element string: (8004) 952656789012345678901234567890

1779 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:giai:952656789012.345678901234567890`

1780 The corresponding EPC Binary encoding uses Partition Value 0, per the respective Partition Table in  
1781 section [14](#).

## 1782 **7.3 Serialised Global Trade Item Number (SGTIN)**

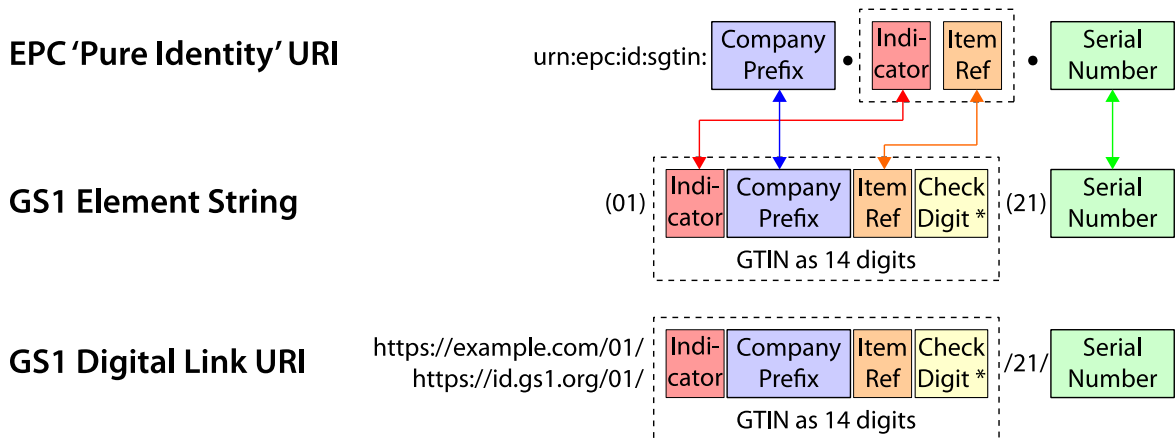
1783 The SGTIN EPC (Section [6.3.1](#)) does not correspond directly to any GS1 key, but instead  
1784 corresponds to a combination of a GTIN key plus a serial number. The serial number in the SGTIN is  
1785 defined to be equivalent to AI 21 in the GS1 General Specifications.

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The correspondence between the SGTIN EPC URI and a GS1 element string consisting of a GTIN key (AI 01) and a serial number (AI 21) is depicted graphically below:

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**Figure 7-1** Correspondence between SGTIN EPC URI and GS1 element string



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\* the GS1 Check Digit is calculated over the preceding digits

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(Note that in the case of a GTIN-12 or GTIN-13, a zero pad character takes the place of the Indicator Digit in the figure above.)

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Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be written as follows:

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EPC URI:  $urn:epc:id:sgtin:d_2...d_{(L+1)}.d_1d_{(L+2)}d_{(L+3)}...d_{13}.s_1s_2...s_K$

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GS1 element string:  $(01)d_1d_2...d_{14}(21)s_1s_2...s_K$

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where  $1 \leq K \leq 20$ .

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**To find the GS1 element string corresponding to an SGTIN EPC URI:**

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1. Number the digits of the first two components of the EPC as shown above. Note that there will always be a total of 13 digits.
2. Number the characters of the serial number (third) component of the EPC as shown above. Each  $s_i$  corresponds to either a single character or to a percent-escape triplet consisting of a % character followed by two hexadecimal digit characters.
3. Calculate the check digit  $d_{14} = (10 - ((3(d_1 + d_3 + d_5 + d_7 + d_9 + d_{11} + d_{13}) + (d_2 + d_4 + d_6 + d_8 + d_{10} + d_{12})) \bmod 10)) \bmod 10$ .
4. Arrange the resulting digits and characters as shown for the GS1 element string. If any  $s_i$  in the EPC URI is a percent-escape triplet %xx, in the GS1 element string replace the triplet with the corresponding character according to [Table I.3.1-1](#) (For a given percent-escape triplet %xx, find the row of [Table I.3.1-1](#) that contains xx in the "Hex Value" column; the "Graphic symbol" column then gives the corresponding character to use in the GS1 element string.)

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**To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes both a GTIN (AI 01) and a serial number (AI 21):**

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1. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.
2. Except for a GTIN-8, determine the number of digits  $L$  in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example, by reference to an external table of company prefixes. See [Section 7.3.2](#) for the case of a GTIN-8.
3. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC URI. Note that the GTIN check digit  $d_{14}$  is not included in the EPC URI. For each serial number character  $s_i$ , replace it with the corresponding value in

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1818 the "URI Form" column of [Table I.3.1-1](#) – either the character itself or a percent-escape triplet if  
 1819  $s_i$  is not a legal URI character.

1820 **Example:**

1821 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:sgtin:9521141.012345.32a%2Fb`

1822 GS1 element string: `(01)09521141123454(21)32a/b`

1823 In this example, the slash (/) character in the serial number must be represented as an escape  
 1824 triplet in the EPC URI.

### 1825 7.3.1 GTIN-12 and GTIN-13

1826 To find the EPC URI corresponding to the combination of a GTIN-12 or GTIN-13 and a serial  
 1827 number, first convert the GTIN-12 or GTIN-13 to a 14-digit number by adding two or one leading  
 1828 zero characters, respectively, as shown in [GS1GS] Section 3.3.2.

1829 **Example:**

1830 GTIN-12: 614141123452

1831 Corresponding 14-digit number: 00614141123452

1832 Corresponding SGTIN-EPC: `urn:epc:id:sgtin:0614141.012345.Serial`

1833 **Example:**

1834 GTIN-13: 9521141890127

1835 Corresponding 14-digit number: 09521141890127

1836 Corresponding SGTIN-EPC: `urn:epc:id:sgtin:9521141.089012.Serial`

### 1837 7.3.2 GTIN-8

1838 A GTIN-8 is a special case of the GTIN that is used to identify small trade items.

1839 The GTIN-8 code consists of eight digits  $N_1, N_2 \dots N_8$ , where the first digits  $N_1$  to  $N_L$  are the GS1-8  
 1840 Prefix (where  $L = 1, 2, \text{ or } 3$ ), the next digits  $N_{L+1}$  to  $N_7$  are the Item Reference, and the last digit  $N_8$   
 1841 is the check digit. The GS1-8 Prefix is a one-, two-, or three-digit index number, administered by  
 1842 the GS1 Global Office. It does not identify the origin of the item. The Item Reference is assigned by  
 1843 the GS1 Member Organisation. The GS1 Member Organisations provide procedures for obtaining  
 1844 GTIN-8s.

1845 To find the EPC URI corresponding to the combination of a GTIN-8 and a serial number, the  
 1846 following procedure SHALL be used. For the purpose of the procedure defined above in  
 1847 Section [7.2.3](#), the GS1 Company Prefix portion of the EPC shall be constructed by prepending five  
 1848 zeros to the first three digits of the GTIN-8; that is, the GS1 Company Prefix portion of the EPC is  
 1849 eight digits and shall be  $00000N_1N_2N_3$ . The Item Reference for the procedure shall be the remaining  
 1850 GTIN-8 digits apart from the check digit, that is,  $N_4$  to  $N_7$ . The Indicator Digit for the procedure shall  
 1851 be zero.

1852 **Example:**

1853 GTIN-8: 95010939

1854 Corresponding SGTIN-EPC: `urn:epc:id:sgtin:00000950.01093.Serial`

### 1855 7.3.3 RCN-8

1856 An RCN-8 is an 8-digit code beginning with GS1-8 Prefixes 0 or 2, as defined in [GS1GS]  
 1857 Section 2.1.11.1. These are reserved for company internal numbering, and are not GTIN-8 codes.  
 1858 RCN-8 codes SHALL NOT be used to construct SGTIN EPCs, and the procedure for GTN-8 codes does  
 1859 not apply.

1860 **7.3.4 Company Internal Numbering (GS1 Prefixes 04 and 0001 – 0007)**

1861 The GS1 General Specifications reserve codes beginning with either 04 or 0001 through 0007 for  
1862 company internal numbering. (See [GS1GS], Sections 2.1.11.2 and 2.1.11.3.)

1863 These numbers SHALL NOT be used to construct SGTIN EPCs. A future version of TDS may specify  
1864 normative rules for using Company Internal Numbering codes in EPCs.

1865 **7.3.5 Restricted Circulation (GS1 Prefixes 02 and 20 – 29)**

1866 The GS1 General Specifications reserve codes beginning with either 02 or 20 through 29 for  
1867 restricted circulation for geopolitical areas defined by GS1 member organisations and for variable  
1868 measure trade items. (See [GS1GS], Sections 2.1.11.1 and 2.1.11.1.4)

1869 These numbers SHALL NOT be used to construct SGTIN EPCs. A future version of TDS may specify  
1870 normative rules for using Restricted Circulation codes in EPCs.

1871 **7.3.6 Coupon Code Identification for Restricted Distribution (GS1 Prefixes 981-984  
1872 and 99)**

1873 Coupons may be identified by constructing codes according to Sections 2.6.1-2.6.3 of the GS1  
1874 General Specifications. The resulting numbers begin with GS1 Prefixes 981-984 and 99. Strictly  
1875 speaking, however, a coupon is not a trade item, and these coupon codes are not actually trade  
1876 item identification numbers.

1877 Therefore, coupon codes for restricted distribution SHALL NOT be used to construct SGTIN EPCs.

1878 **7.3.7 Refund Receipt (GS1 Prefix 980)**

1879 Section 2.6.4 of the GS1 General Specification specifies the construction of codes to represent  
1880 refund receipts, such as those created by bottle recycling machines for redemption at point-of-sale.  
1881 The resulting number begins with GS1 Prefix 980. Strictly speaking, however, a refund receipt is not  
1882 a trade item, and these refund receipt codes are not actually trade item identification numbers.

1883 Therefore, refund receipt codes SHALL NOT be used to construct SGTIN EPCs.

1884 **7.3.8 ISBN, ISMN, and ISSN (GS1 Prefixes 977, 978, or 979)**

1885 The GS1 General Specifications provide for the use of a 13-digit identifier to represent International  
1886 Standard Book Number, International Standard Music Number, and International Standard Serial  
1887 Number codes. The resulting code is a GTIN whose GS1 Prefix is 977, 978, or 979.

1888 **7.3.8.1 ISBN and ISMN**

1889 ISBN and ISMN codes are used for books and printed music, respectively. The codes are defined by  
1890 ISO (ISO 2108 for ISBN and ISO 10957 for ISMN) and administered by the International ISBN  
1891 Agency (<http://www.isbn-international.org/>) and affiliated national registration agencies. ISMN is a  
1892 separate organisation (<http://www.ismn-international.org/>) but its management and coding  
1893 structure are similar to the ones of ISBN.

1894 While these codes are not assigned by GS1, they have a very similar internal structure that readily  
1895 lends itself to similar treatment when creating EPCs. An ISBN code consists of the following parts,  
1896 shown below with the corresponding concept from the GS1 system:

1897	Prefix Element + Registrant Group Element	=	GS1 Prefix (978 or 979 plus more digits)
1898	Registrant Element	=	Remainder of GS1 Company Prefix
1899	Publication Element	=	Item Reference
1900	Check Digit	=	Check Digit

1901 The Registrant Group Elements are assigned to ISBN registration agencies, who in turn assign  
1902 Registrant Elements to publishers, who in turn assign Publication Elements to individual publication  
1903 editions. This exactly parallels the construction of GTIN codes. As in GTIN, the various components

1904 are of variable length, and as in GTIN, each publisher knows the combined length of the Registrant  
 1905 Group Element and Registrant Element, as the combination is assigned to the publisher. The total  
 1906 length of the "978" or "979" Prefix Element, the Registrant Group Element, and the Registrant  
 1907 Element is in the range of 6 to 12 digits, which is exactly the range of GS1 Company Prefix lengths  
 1908 permitted in the SGTIN EPC. The ISBN and ISMN can thus be used to construct SGTINs as specified  
 1909 in this standard.

1910 To find the EPC URI corresponding to the combination of an ISBN or ISMN and a serial number, the  
 1911 following procedure SHALL be used. For the purpose of the procedure defined above in  
 1912 Section 7.2.3, the GS1 Company Prefix portion of the EPC shall be constructed by concatenating the  
 1913 ISBN/ISMN Prefix Element (978 or 979), the Registrant Group Element, and the Registrant Element.  
 1914 The Item Reference for the procedure shall be the digits of the ISBN/ISMN Publication Element. The  
 1915 Indicator Digit for the procedure shall be zero.

1916 **Example:**

1917 ISBN: 978-81-7525-766-5

1918 Corresponding SGTIN-EPC: `urn:epc:id:sgtin:978817525.0766.Serial`

1919 **7.3.8.2 ISSN**

1920 The ISSN is the standardised international code which allows the identification of any serial  
 1921 publication, including electronic serials, independently of its country of publication, of its language or  
 1922 alphabet, of its frequency, medium, etc. The code is defined by ISO (ISO 3297) and administered by  
 1923 the International ISSN Agency (<http://www.issn.org/>).

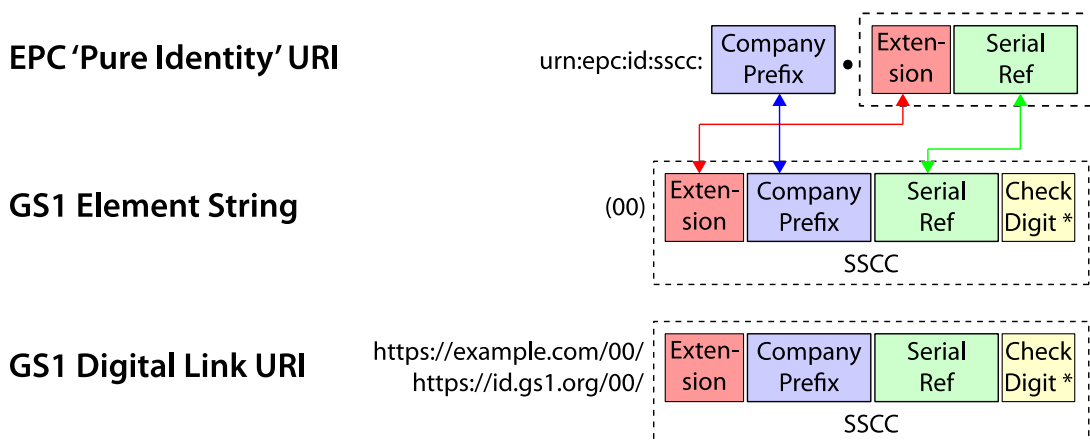
1924 The ISSN is a GTIN starting with the GS1 prefix 977. The ISSN structure does not allow it to be  
 1925 expressed in an SGTIN format. Therefore, pending formal requirements emerging from the serial  
 1926 publication sector, it is not currently possible to create an SGTIN on the basis of an ISSN.

1927 **7.4 Serial Shipping Container Code (SSCC)**

1928 The SSCC EPC (Section 6.3.2) corresponds directly to the SSCC key defined in Sections 2.2.1 and  
 1929 3.3.1 of the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS].

1930 The correspondence between the SSCC EPC URI and a GS1 element string consisting of an SSCC  
 1931 key (AI 00) is depicted graphically below:

1932 **Figure 7-2** Correspondence between SSCC EPC URI and GS1 element string



1933 \* the GS1 Check Digit is calculated over the preceding digits

1934 Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be  
 1935 written as follows:

1936 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:sscc:d2d3...d(L+1) . d1d(L+2) d(L+3)...d17`

1937 GS1 element string: (00)  $d_1 d_2 \dots d_{18}$

1938 **To find the GS1 element string corresponding to an SSCC EPC URI:**

- 1939 1. Number the digits of the two components of the EPC as shown above. Note that there will  
1940 always be a total of 17 digits.
- 1941 2. Calculate the check digit  $d_{18} = (10 - ((3(d_1 + d_3 + d_5 + d_7 + d_9 + d_{11} + d_{13} + d_{15} + d_{17}) +$   
1942  $(d_2 + d_4 + d_6 + d_8 + d_{10} + d_{12} + d_{14} + d_{16})) \bmod 10)) \bmod 10$ .
- 1943 3. Arrange the resulting digits and characters as shown for the GS1 element string.

1944 **To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes an SSCC (AI 00):**

- 1945 1. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.
- 1946 2. Determine the number of digits L in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example,  
1947 by reference to an external table of company prefixes.
- 1948 3. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC URI. Note that the SSCC check digit  $d_{18}$  is not included  
1949 in the EPC URI.

1950 **Example:**

1951 EPC URI: urn:epc:id:sscc:9521141.1234567890

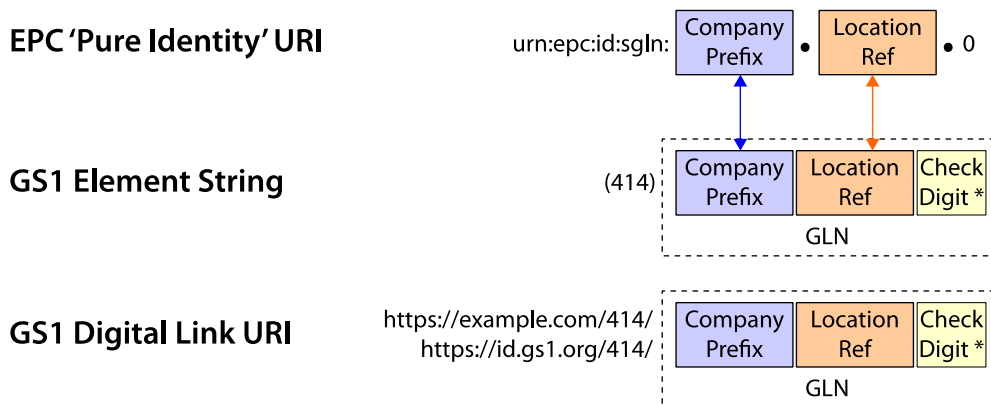
1952 GS1 element string: (00)195211412345678900

1953 **7.5 Global Location Number With or Without Extension (SGLN)**

1954 The SGLN EPC (Section 6.3.3) corresponds either directly to a Global Location Number key (GLN) as  
1955 specified in Sections 2.4.4 and 3.7.9 of the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS], or to the  
1956 combination of a GLN key plus an extension number as specified in Section 3.5.11 of [GS1GS]. An  
1957 extension number of zero is reserved to indicate that an SGLN EPC denotes an unextended GLN,  
1958 rather than a GLN plus extension. (See Section 6.3.3 for an explanation of the letter "S" in "SGLN.")

1959 The correspondence between the SGLN EPC URI and a GS1 element string consisting of a GLN key  
1960 (AI 414) *without* an extension is depicted graphically below:

1961 **Figure 7-3** Correspondence between SGLN EPC URI without extension and GS1 element string



\* the GS1 Check Digit is calculated over the preceding digits

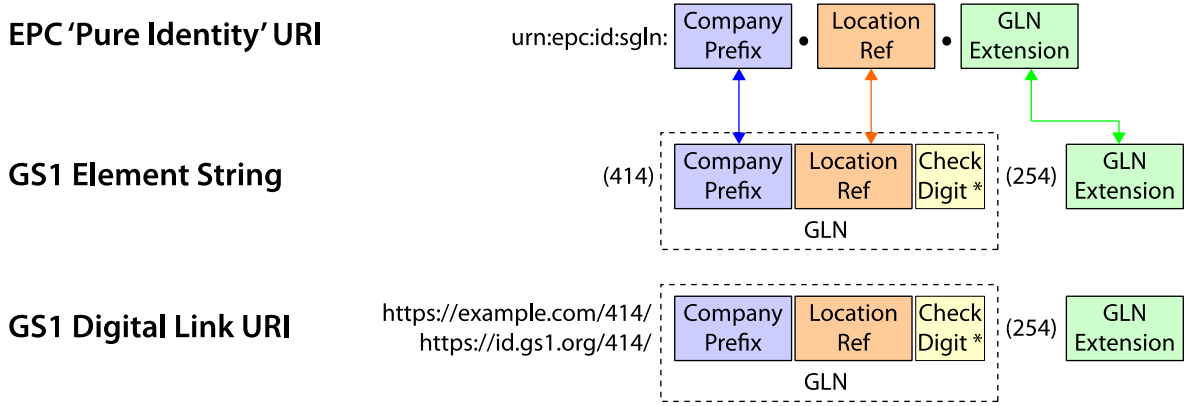
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The correspondence between the SGLN EPC URI and a GS1 element string consisting of a GLN key (AI 414) together with an extension (AI 254) is depicted graphically below:

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**Figure 7-4** Correspondence between SGLN EPC URI with extension and GS1 element string



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\* the GS1 Check Digit is calculated over the preceding digits

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Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be written as follows:

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EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:sgln:d1d2...dL.d(L+1)d(L+2)...d12.s1s2...sK`

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GS1 element string: `(414) d1d2...d13 (254) s1s2...sK`

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**To find the GS1 element string corresponding to an SGLN EPC URI:**

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1. Number the digits of the first two components of the EPC as shown above. Note that there will always be a total of 12 digits.
2. Number the characters of the *Extension* (third) component of the EPC as shown above. Each  $s_i$  corresponds to either a single character or to a percent-escape triplet consisting of a % character followed by two hexadecimal digit characters.
3. Calculate the check digit  $d_{13} = (10 - ((3(d_2 + d_4 + d_6 + d_8 + d_{10} + d_{12}) + (d_1 + d_3 + d_5 + d_7 + d_9 + d_{11})) \bmod 10)) \bmod 10$ .
4. Arrange the resulting digits and characters as shown for the GS1 element string. If any  $s_i$  in the EPC URI is a percent-escape triplet %xx, in the GS1 element string replace the triplet with the corresponding character according to [Table I.3.1-1](#) (For a given percent-escape triplet %xx, find the row of [Table I.3.1-1](#) that contains xx in the "Hex Value" column; the "Graphic symbol" column then gives the corresponding character to use in the GS1 element string.). If the serial number consists of a single character  $s_i$  and that character is the digit zero ('0'), omit the extension from the GS1 element string.

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**To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes a GLN (AI 414), with or without an accompanying extension (AI 254):**

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1. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.
2. Determine the number of digits  $L$  in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example, by reference to an external table of company prefixes.
3. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC URI. Note that the GLN check digit  $d_{13}$  is not included in the EPC URI. For each serial number character  $s_i$ , replace it with the corresponding value in the "URI Form" column of [Table I.3.1-1](#) – either the character itself or a percent-escape triplet if  $s_i$  is not a legal URI character. If the input GS1 element string did not include an extension (AI 254), use a single zero digit ('0') as the entire serial number  $s_1s_2...s_K$  in the EPC URI.

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1996 **Example (without extension):**  
 1997 EPC URI: urn:epc:id:sgln:9521141.12345.0  
 1998 GS1 element string: (414)9521141123454

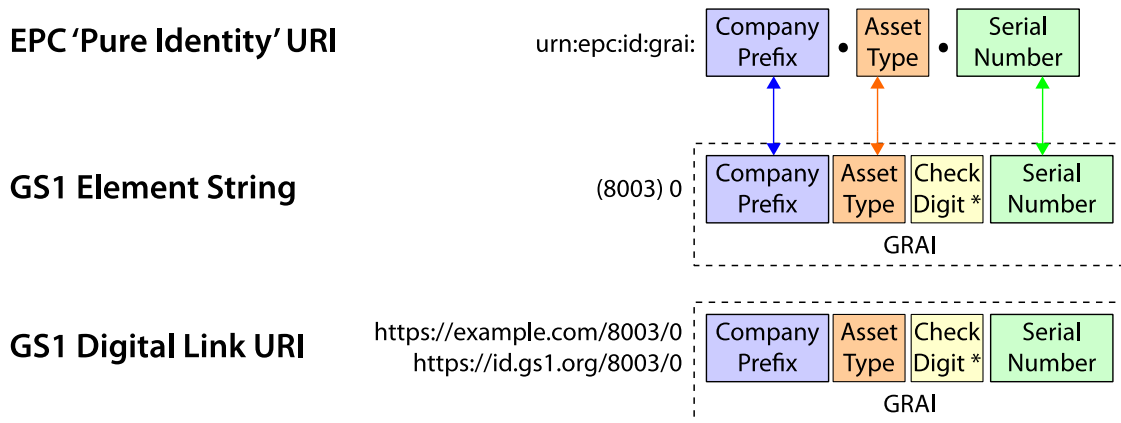
1999 **Example (with extension):**  
 2000 EPC URI: urn:epc:id:sgln:9521141.12345.32a%2Fb  
 2001 GS1 element string: (414)9521141123454(254)32a/b

2002 In this example, the slash (/) character in the serial number must be represented as an escape  
 2003 triplet in the EPC URI.

## 7.6 Global Returnable Asset Identifier (GRAI)

2004 The GRAI EPC (Section 6.3.4) corresponds directly to a serialised GRAI key defined in Sections 2.3.1  
 2005 and 3.9.3 of the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS]. Because an EPC always identifies a specific  
 2006 physical object, only GRAI keys that include the optional serial number have a corresponding GRAI  
 2007 EPC. GRAI keys that lack a serial number refer to asset classes rather than specific assets, and  
 2008 therefore do not have a corresponding EPC (just as a GTIN key without a serial number does not  
 2009 have a corresponding EPC).  
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**Figure 7-5** Correspondence between GRAI EPC URI and GS1 element string



\* the GS1 Check Digit is calculated over the preceding digits

2012 Note that the GS1 element string includes an extra zero ('0') digit following the Application Identifier  
 2013 (8003). This zero digit is extra padding in the element string, and is *not* part of the GRAI key itself.  
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2015 Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be  
 2016 written as follows:

2017 EPC URI: urn:epc:id:grai: $d_1d_2...d_L.d_{(L+1)}d_{(L+2)}...d_{12}.s_1s_2...s_K$

2018 GS1 element string: (8003)0 $d_1d_2...d_{13}s_1s_2...s_K$

### To find the GS1 element string corresponding to a GRAI EPC URI:

1. Number the digits of the first two components of the EPC as shown above. Note that there will always be a total of 12 digits.
2. Number the characters of the serial number (third) component of the EPC as shown above. Each  $s_i$  corresponds to either a single character or to a percent-escape triplet consisting of a % character followed by two hexadecimal digit characters.
3. Calculate the check digit  $d_{13} = (10 - ((3(d_2 + d_4 + d_6 + d_8 + d_{10} + d_{12}) + (d_1 + d_3 + d_5 + d_7 + d_9 + d_{11})) \bmod 10)) \bmod 10$ .



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4. Arrange the resulting digits and characters as shown for the GS1 element string. If any  $s_i$  in the EPC URI is a percent-escape triplet  $\%xx$ , in the GS1 element string replace the triplet with the corresponding character according to [Table I.3.1-1](#) (For a given percent-escape triplet  $\%xx$ , find the row of [Table I.3.1-1](#) that contains  $xx$  in the "Hex Value" column; the "Graphic symbol" column then gives the corresponding character to use in the GS1 element string.)

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**To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes a GRAI (AI 8003):**

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1. If the number of characters following the (8003) application identifier is less than or equal to 14, stop: this element string does not have a corresponding EPC because it does not include the optional serial number.

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2. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.

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3. Determine the number of digits  $L$  in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example, by reference to an external table of company prefixes.

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4. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC URI. Note that the GRAI check digit  $d_{13}$  is not included in the EPC URI. For each serial number character  $s_i$ , replace it with the corresponding value in the "URI Form" column of [Table I.3.1-1](#) – either the character itself or a percent-escape triplet if  $s_i$  is not a legal URI character.

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**Example:**

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EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:grai:9521141.12345.32a%2Fb`

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GS1 element string: `(8003)0952114112345432a/b`

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In this example, the slash (/) character in the serial number must be represented as an escape triplet in the EPC URI.

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**7.7 Global Individual Asset Identifier (GIAI)**

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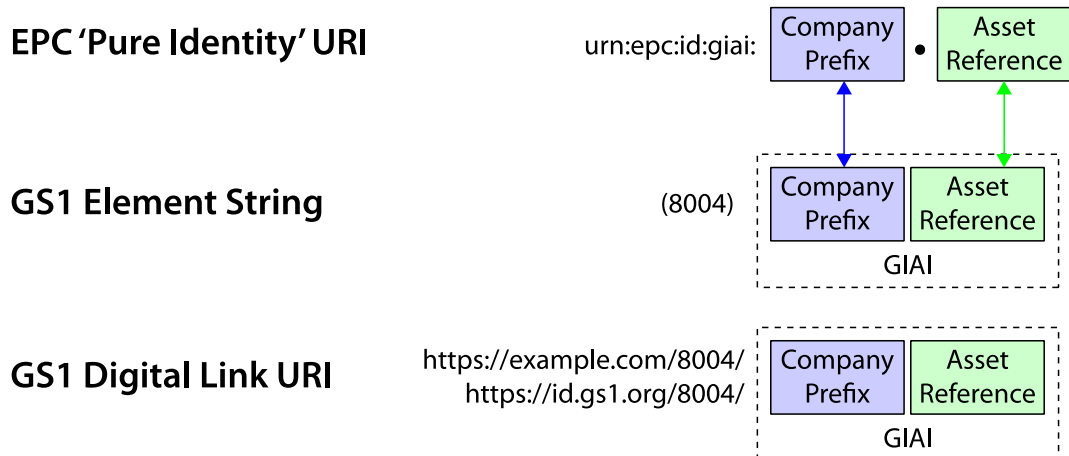
The GIAI EPC (Section [6.3.5](#)) corresponds directly to the GIAI key defined in Sections 2.3.2 and 3.9.4 of the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS].

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The correspondence between the GIAI EPC URI and a GS1 element string consisting of a GIAI key (AI 8004) is depicted graphically below:

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**Figure 7-6** Correspondence between GIAI EPC URI and GS1 element string



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Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be written as follows:

EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:giai:d1d2...dL.s1s2...sK`

2059 GS1 element string:  $(8004) d_1 d_2 \dots d_L s_1 s_2 \dots s_K$

2060 **To find the GS1 element string corresponding to a GIAI EPC URI:**

- 2061 1. Number the characters of the two components of the EPC as shown above. Each  $s_i$  corresponds  
 2062 to either a single character or to a percent-escape triplet consisting of a % character followed by  
 2063 two hexadecimal digit characters.
- 2064 2. Arrange the resulting digits and characters as shown for the GS1 element string. If any  $s_i$  in the  
 2065 EPC URI is a percent-escape triplet %xx, in the GS1 element string replace the triplet with the  
 2066 corresponding character according to [Table I.3.1-1](#) (For a given percent-escape triplet %xx, find  
 2067 the row of [Table I.3.1-1](#) that contains xx in the "Hex Value" column; the "Graphic symbol"  
 2068 column then gives the corresponding character to use in the GS1 element string.)

2069 **To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes a GIAI**  
 2070 **(AI 8004):**

- 2071 1. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.
- 2072 2. Determine the number of digits  $L$  in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example,  
 2073 by reference to an external table of company prefixes.
- 2074 3. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC URI. For each serial number character  $s_i$ , replace it  
 2075 with the corresponding value in the "URI Form" column of [Table I.3.1-1](#) – either the character  
 2076 itself or a percent-escape triplet if  $s_i$  is not a legal URI character.

2077 EPC URI: urn:epc:id:giai:9521141.32a%2Fb

2078 GS1 element string: (8004) 952114132a/b

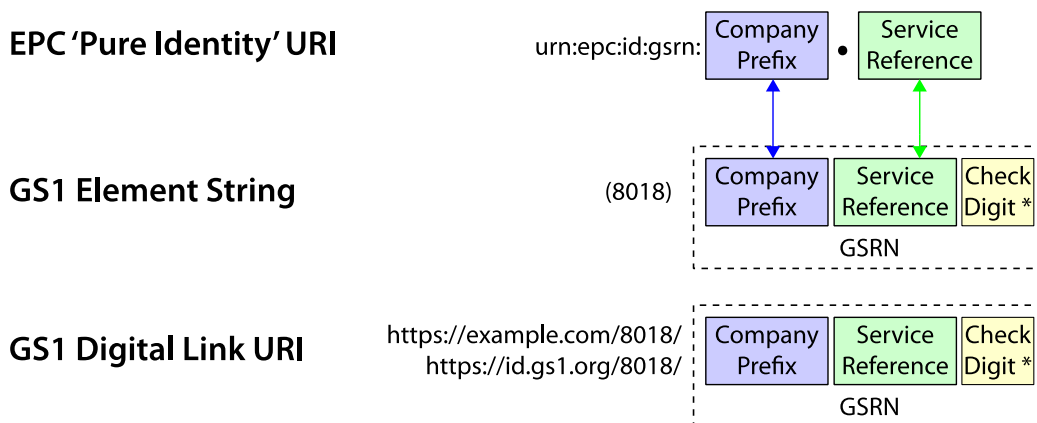
2079 In this example, the slash (/) character in the serial number must be represented as an escape  
 2080 triplet in the EPC URI.

2081 **7.8 Global Service Relation Number – Recipient (GSRN)**

2082 The GSRN EPC (Section [6.3.6](#)) corresponds directly to the GSRN – Recipient key defined in Sections  
 2083 2.5.2 and 3.9.14 of the [GS1 General Specifications \[GS1GS\]](#).

2084 The correspondence between the GSRN EPC URI and a GS1 element string consisting of a GSRN key  
 2085 (AI 8018) is depicted graphically below:

2086 **Figure 7-7** Correspondence between GSRN EPC URI and GS1 element string



\* the GS1 Check Digit is calculated over the preceding digits

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2088 Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be  
 2089 written as follows:

2090 EPC URI:  $urn:epc:id:gsrcn:d_1d_2...d_L.d_{(L+1)}d_{(L+2)}...d_{17}$

2091 GS1 element string:  $(8018)d_1d_2...d_{18}$

2092 **To find the GS1 element string corresponding to a GSRN EPC URI:**

- 2093 1. Number the digits of the two components of the EPC as shown above. Note that there will  
 2094 always be a total of 17 digits.
- 2095 2. Calculate the check digit  $d_{18} = (10 - ((3(d_1 + d_3 + d_5 + d_7 + d_9 + d_{11} + d_{13} + d_{15} + d_{17}) + (d_2 +$   
 2096  $d_4 + d_6 + d_8 + d_{10} + d_{12} + d_{14} + d_{16}))) \bmod 10) \bmod 10$ .
- 2097 3. Arrange the resulting digits and characters as shown for the GS1 element string.

2098 **To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes a GSRN –**  
 2099 **Recipient (AI 8018):**

- 2100 1. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.
- 2101 2. Determine the number of digits  $L$  in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example,  
 2102 by reference to an external table of company prefixes.
- 2103 3. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC URI. Note that the GSRN check digit  $d_{18}$  is not included  
 2104 in the EPC URI.

2105 **Example:**

2106 EPC URI:  $urn:epc:id:gsrcn:9521141.1234567890$

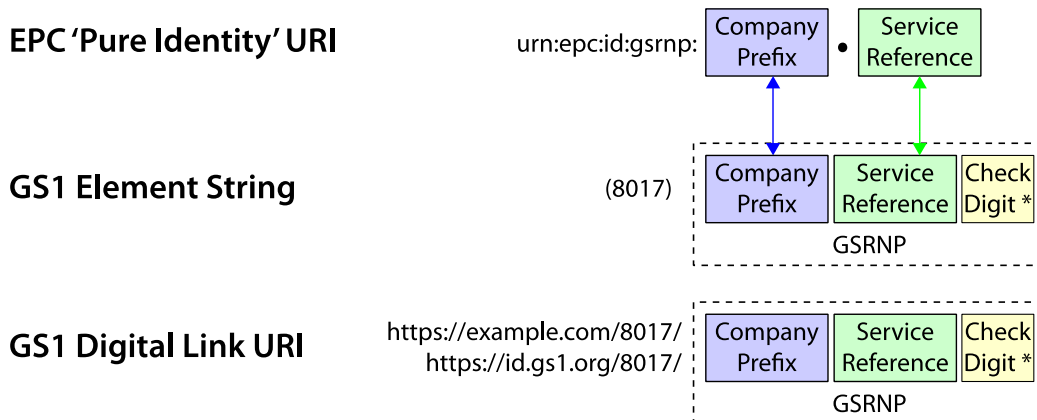
2107 GS1 element string:  $(8018)952114112345678906$

2108 **7.9 Global Service Relation Number – Provider (GSRNP)**

2109 The GSRNP EPC (Section 6.3.6) corresponds directly to the GSRN – Provider key defined in Sections  
 2110 2.5.1 and 3.9.14 of the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS].

2111 The correspondence between the GSRNP EPC URI and a GS1 element string consisting of a GSRN –  
 2112 Provider key (AI 8017) is depicted graphically below:

2113 **Figure 7-8** Correspondence between GSRNP EPC URI and GS1 element string



\* the GS1 Check Digit is calculated over the preceding digits

2114 Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be  
 2115 written as follows:

2116 EPC URI:  $urn:epc:id:gsrcnp:d_1d_2...d_L.d_{(L+1)}d_{(L+2)}...d_{17}$

2118 GS1 element string:  $(8017) d_1 d_2 \dots d_{18}$

2119 **To find the GS1 element string corresponding to a GSRNP EPC URI:**

- 2120 1. Number the digits of the two components of the EPC as shown above. Note that there will  
2121 always be a total of 17 digits.
- 2122 2. Calculate the check digit  $d_{18} = (10 - ((3(d_1 + d_3 + d_5 + d_7 + d_9 + d_{11} + d_{13} + d_{15} + d_{17}) + (d_2 +$   
2123  $d_4 + d_6 + d_8 + d_{10} + d_{12} + d_{14} + d_{16})) \bmod 10)) \bmod 10$ .
- 2124 3. Arrange the resulting digits and characters as shown for the GS1 element string.

2125 **To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes a GSRN –**  
2126 **Provider (AI 8017):**

- 2127 1. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.
- 2128 2. Determine the number of digits  $L$  in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example,  
2129 by reference to an external table of company prefixes.
- 2130 3. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC URI. Note that the GSRN check digit  $d_{18}$  is not included  
2131 in the EPC URI.

2132 **Example:**

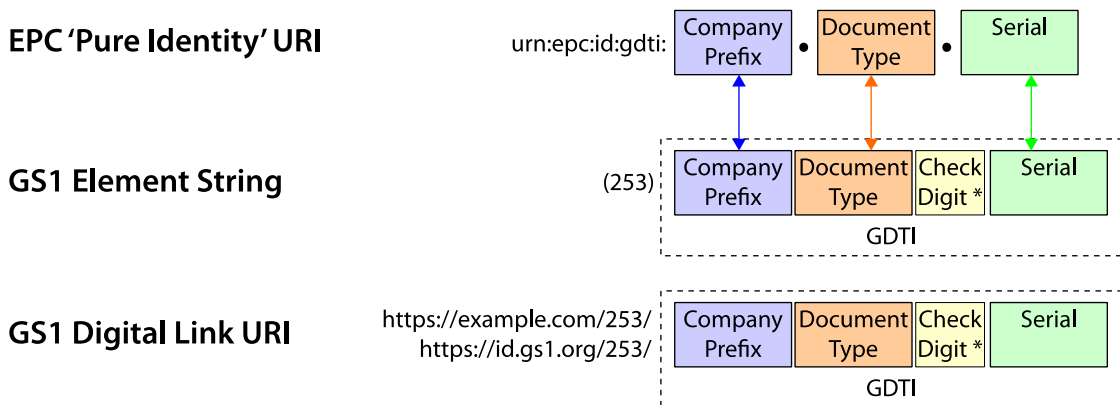
2133 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:gsrcnp:9521141.1234567890`

2134 GS1 element string:  $(8017) 952114112345678906$

2135 **7.10 Global Document Type Identifier (GDTI)**

2136 The GDTI EPC (Section 6.3.7) corresponds directly to a serialised GDTI key defined in Sections 2.6.9  
2137 and 3.5.10 of the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS]. Because an EPC always identifies a specific  
2138 physical object, only GDTI keys that include the optional serial number have a corresponding GDTI  
2139 EPC. GDTI keys that lack a serial number refer to document classes rather than specific documents,  
2140 and therefore do not have a corresponding EPC (just as a GTIN key without a serial number does  
2141 not have a corresponding EPC).

2142 **Figure 7-9** Correspondence between GDTI EPC URI and GS1 element string



\* the GS1 Check Digit is calculated over the preceding digits

2143 Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be  
2144 written as follows:  
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2146 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:gdti:d1d2...dL.d(L+1)d(L+2)...d12.s1s2...sK`

2147 GS1 element string:  $(253) d_1 d_2 \dots d_{13} s_1 s_2 \dots s_K$

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**To find the GS1 element string corresponding to a GDTI EPC URI:**

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1. Number the digits of the first two components of the EPC as shown above. Note that there will always be a total of 12 digits.

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2. Number the characters of the serial number (third) component of the EPC as shown above. Each  $s_i$  corresponds to either a single character or to a percent-escape triplet consisting of a % character followed by two hexadecimal digit characters.

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3. Calculate the check digit  $d_{13} = (10 - ((3(d_2 + d_4 + d_6 + d_8 + d_{10} + d_{12}) + (d_1 + d_3 + d_5 + d_7 + d_9 + d_{11})) \bmod 10)) \bmod 10$ .

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4. Arrange the resulting digits and characters as shown for the GS1 element string. If any  $s_i$  in the EPC URI is a percent-escape triplet %xx, in the GS1 element string replace the triplet with the corresponding character according to [Table I.3.1-1](#) (For a given percent-escape triplet %xx, find the row of [Table I.3.1-1](#) that contains xx in the "Hex Value" column; the "Graphic symbol" column then gives the corresponding character to use in the GS1 element string.)

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**To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes a GDTI (AI 253):**

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1. If the number of characters following the (253) application identifier is less than or equal to 13, stop: this element string does not have a corresponding EPC because it does not include the optional serial number.

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2. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.

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3. Determine the number of digits  $L$  in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example, by reference to an external table of company prefixes.

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4. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC URI. Note that the GDTI check digit  $d_{13}$  is not included in the EPC URI. For each serial number character  $s_i$ , replace it with the corresponding value in the "URI Form" column of [Table I.3.1-1](#) – either the character itself or a percent-escape triplet if  $s_i$  is not a legal URI character.

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**Example:**

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EPC URI: urn:epc:id:gdti:9521141.12345.006847

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GS1 element string: (253)9521141123454006847

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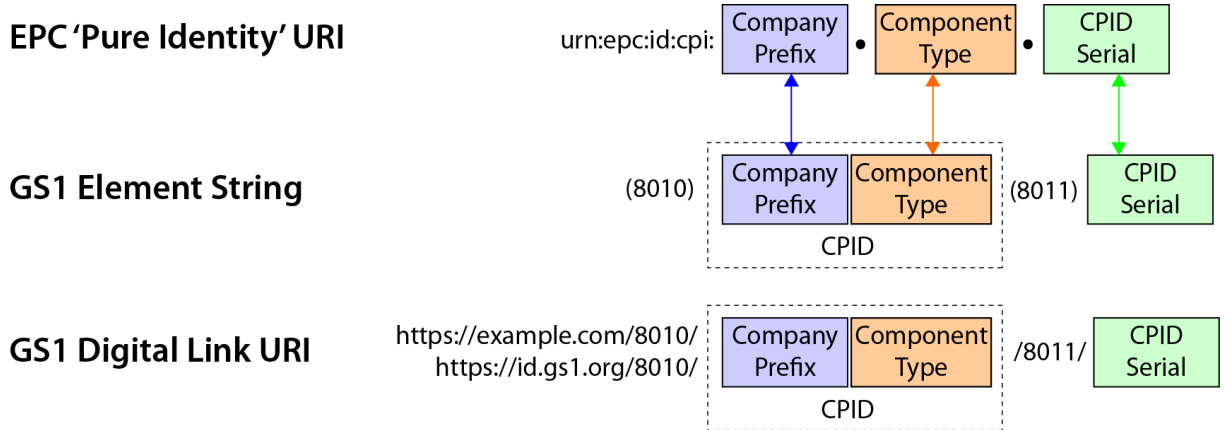
**7.11 Component and Part Identifier (CPI)**

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The CPI EPC (Section 6.3.9) does not correspond directly to any GS1 key, but instead corresponds to a combination of two data elements defined in sections 3.9.10 and 3.9.11 of the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS].

2179 The correspondence between the CPI EPC URI and a GS1 element string consisting of a Component  
 2180 / Part Identifier (AI 8010) and a Component / Part serial number (AI 8011) is depicted graphically  
 2181 below:

2182 **Figure 7-10** Correspondence between CPI EPC URI and GS1 element string



2183 Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be  
 2184 written as follows:

2185 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:cpi:d1d2...dL.d(L+1)d(L+2)...dN.s1s2...sK`

2186 GS1 element string: `(8010) d1d2...dN (8011) s1s2...sK`

2187 where  $1 \leq N \leq 30$  and  $1 \leq K \leq 12$ .

2188 **To find the GS1 element string corresponding to a CPI EPC URI:**

- 2189 1. Number the digits of the three components of the EPC as shown above. Each  $d_i$  in the second  
 2190 component corresponds to either a single character or to a percent-escape triplet consisting of a  
 2191 % character followed by two hexadecimal digit characters.
- 2192 2. Arrange the resulting digits and characters as shown for the GS1 element string. If any  $d_i$  in the  
 2193 EPC URI is a percent-escape triplet `%xx`, in the GS1 element string replace the triplet with the  
 2194 corresponding character according to [Table I.3.1-1 \(G\)](#). (For a given percent-escape triplet `%xx`,  
 2195 find the row of [Table I.3.1-1](#) that contains `xx` in the "Hex Value" column; the "Graphic symbol"  
 2196 column then gives the corresponding character to use in the GS1 element string.)

2197 **To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes both a  
 2198 Component / Part Identifier (AI 8010) and a Component / Part Serial Number (AI 8011):**

- 2199 1. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.
- 2200 2. Determine the number of digits  $L$  in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example,  
 2201 by reference to an external table of company prefixes.
- 2202 3. Arrange the characters as shown for the EPC URI. For each component/part character  $d_i$ ,  
 2203 replace it with the corresponding value in the "URI Form" column of [Table I.3.1-1 \(G\)](#) – either  
 2204 the character itself or a percent-escape triplet if  $d_i$  is not a legal URI character.

2205 **Example:**

2206 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:cpi:9521141.5PQ7%2FZ43.12345`

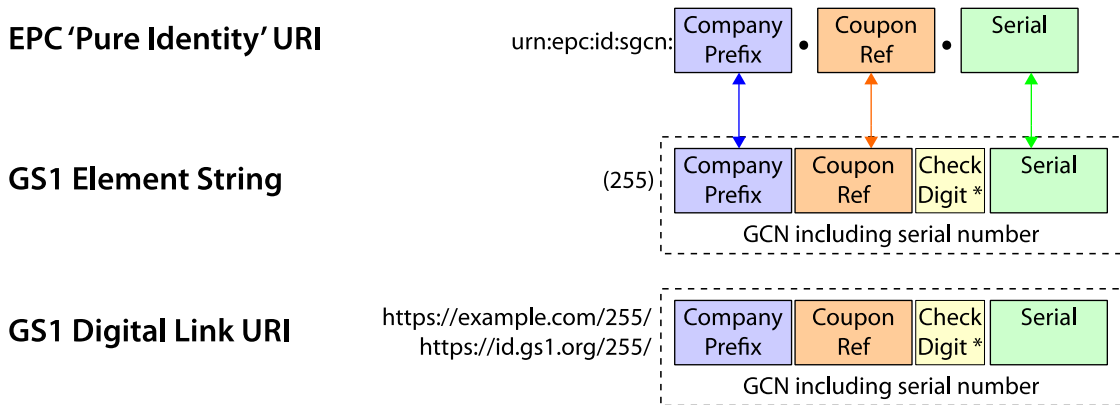
2207 GS1 element string: `(8010) 95211415PQ7/Z43 (8011) 12345`

2208 Spaces have been added to the GS1 element string for clarity, but they are not normally present. In  
 2209 this example, the slash (/) character in the component/part reference must be represented as an  
 2210 escape triplet in the EPC URI.  
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2212 **7.12 Serialised Global Coupon Number (SGCN)**

2213 The SGCN EPC (Section 6.3.10) corresponds directly to a serialised GCN key defined in  
 2214 Sections 2.6.1 and 3.5.12 of the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS]. Because an EPC always  
 2215 identifies a specific physical or digital object, only SGCN keys that include the serial number have a  
 2216 corresponding SGCN EPC. GCN keys that lack a serial number refer to coupon classes rather than  
 2217 specific coupons, and therefore do not have a corresponding EPC.

2218 **Figure 7-11** Correspondence between SGCN EPC URI and GS1 element string



\* the GS1 Check Digit is calculated over the preceding digits

2219 Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be  
 2220 written as follows:  
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2222 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:sgcn: d1d2...dL • d(L+1)d(L+2)...d12 • s1s2...sK`

2223 GS1 element string: `(255) d1d2...d13s1s2...sK`

2224 **To find the GS1 element string corresponding to a SGCN EPC URI:**

- 2225 1. Number the digits of the first two components of the EPC as shown above. Note that there will  
 2226 always be a total of 12 digits.
- 2227 2. Number the characters of the serial number (third) component of the EPC as shown above. Each  
 2228  $s_i$  is a digit character.
- 2229 3. Calculate the check digit  $d_{13} = (10 - ((3(d_2 + d_4 + d_6 + d_8 + d_{10} + d_{12}) + (d_1 + d_3 + d_5 + d_7 + d_9 + d_{11})) \bmod 10)) \bmod 10$ .
- 2231 4. Arrange the resulting digits as shown for the GS1 element string.

2232 **To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes a GCN (AI 255):**

- 2233 1. If the number of characters following the (255) application identifier is less than or equal to 13,  
 2234 stop: this element string does not have a corresponding EPC because it does not include the  
 2235 optional serial number.
- 2236 2. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.
- 2237 3. Determine the number of digits  $L$  in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example,  
 2238 by reference to an external table of company prefixes.
- 2239 4. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC URI. Note that the GCN check digit  $d_{13}$  is not included in  
 2240 the EPC URI.

2241 **Example:**

2242 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:sgcn:9521141.67890.04711`

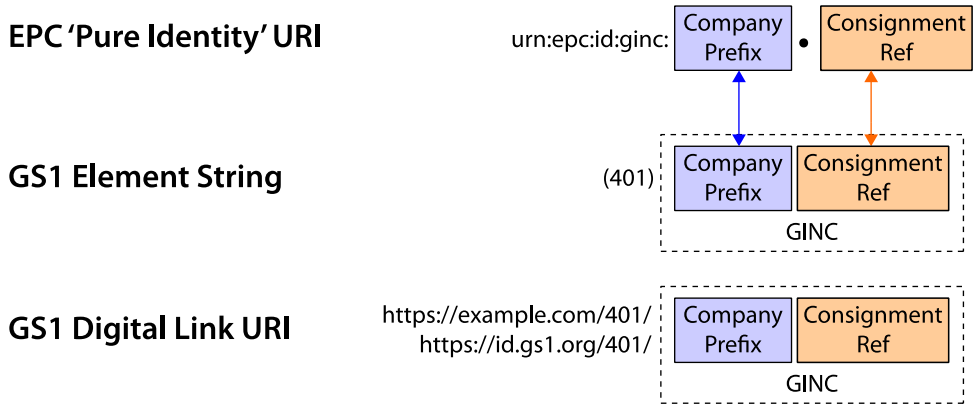
2243 GS1 element string: `(255)952114167890904711`

2244 **7.13 Global Identification Number for Consignment (GINC)**

2245 The GINC EPC (Section 6.5.1) corresponds directly to the GINC key defined in Sections 2.2.2 and  
 2246 3.7.2 of the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS].

2247 The correspondence between the GINC EPC URI and a GS1 element string consisting of a GINC key  
 2248 (AI 401) is depicted graphically below:

2249 **Figure 7-12** Correspondence between GINC EPC URI and GS1 element string



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 2251 Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be  
 2252 written as follows:

2253 EPC URI:  $urn:epc:id:ginc:d_1d_2...d_L.s_1s_2...s_K$

2254 GS1 element string:  $(401) d_1d_2...d_Ls_1s_2...s_K$

2255 **To find the GS1 element string corresponding to a GINC EPC URI:**

- 2256 1. Number the characters of the two components of the EPC as shown above. Each  $s_i$  corresponds  
 2257 to either a single character or to a percent-escape triplet consisting of a % character followed by  
 2258 two hexadecimal digit characters.
- 2259 2. Arrange the resulting digits and characters as shown for the GS1 element string. If any  $s_i$  in the  
 2260 EPC URI is a percent-escape triplet %xx, in the GS1 element string replace the triplet with the  
 2261 corresponding character according to [Table I.3.1-1](#) (For a given percent-escape triplet %xx, find  
 2262 the row of [Table I.3.1-1](#) that contains xx in the "Hex Value" column; the "Graphic symbol"  
 2263 column then gives the corresponding character to use in the GS1 element string.)

2264 **To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes a GINC (AI 401):**

- 2265 1. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.
- 2266 2. Determine the number of digits  $L$  in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example,  
 2267 by reference to an external table of company prefixes.
- 2268 3. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC URI. For each serial number character  $s_i$ , replace it  
 2269 with the corresponding value in the "URI Form" column of [Table I.3.1-1](#) – either the character  
 2270 itself or a percent-escape triplet if  $s_i$  is not a legal URI character.

2271 **Example:**

2272 EPC URI:  $urn:epc:id:ginc:9521141.xyz47\%2F11$

2273 GS1 element string:  $(401) 9521141xyz47/11$

2274 In this example, the slash (/) character in the serial number must be represented as an escape  
 2275 triplet in the EPC URI.

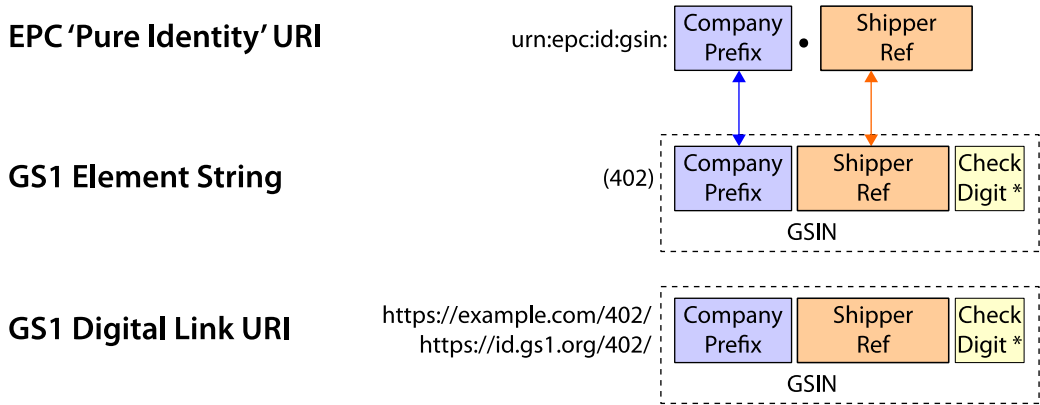


2276 **7.14 Global Shipment Identification Number (GSIN)**

2277 The GSIN EPC (Section 6.5.2) corresponds directly to the GSIN key defined in Sections 2.2.3 and  
 2278 3.7.3 of the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS].

2279 The correspondence between the GSIN EPC URI and a GS1 element string consisting of an GSIN key  
 2280 (AI 402) is depicted graphically below:

2281 **Figure 7-13** Correspondence between GSIN EPC URI and GS1 element string



\* the GS1 Check Digit is calculated over the preceding digits

2282  
 2283 Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be  
 2284 written as follows:

2285 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:gsin:d1d2...dL.d(L+1)d(L+2)d(L+3)...d16`

2286 GS1 element string: `(402) d1d2...d17`

2287 **To find the GS1 element string corresponding to an GSIN EPC URI:**

- 2288 1. Number the digits of the two components of the EPC as shown above. Note that there will  
 2289 always be a total of 16 digits.
- 2290 2. Calculate the check digit  $d_{17} = (10 - (((d_1 + d_3 + d_5 + d_7 + d_9 + d_{11} + d_{13} + d_{15}) + 3(d_2 + d_4 +$   
 2291  $d_6 + d_8 + d_{10} + d_{12} + d_{14} + d_{16})) \bmod 10)) \bmod 10$ .

2292 Arrange the resulting digits and characters as shown for the GS1 element string.

- 2293 1. To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes a GSIN (AI 402):  
 2294 2. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.  
 2295 3. Determine the number of digits *L* in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example,  
 2296 by reference to an external table of company prefixes.  
 2297 4. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC URI. Note that the GSIN check digit *d*<sub>17</sub> is not included  
 2298 in the EPC URI.

2299 **Example:**

2300 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:gsin:9521141.123456789`

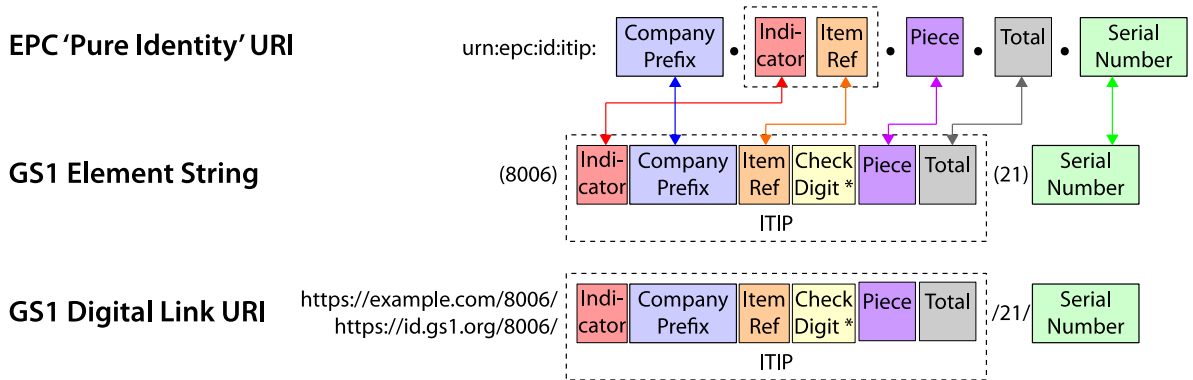
2301 GS1 element string: `(402) 95211411234567892`

2302 **7.15 Individual Trade Item Piece (ITIP)**

2303 The ITIP EPC (Section 6.3.13) does not correspond directly to any GS1 key, but instead  
 2304 corresponds to a combination of AIs (8006) and (21).

2305 The correspondence between the ITIP EPC URI and a GS1 element string consisting of AI (8006)  
 2306 and AI (21) is depicted graphically below:

2307 **Figure 7-14** Correspondence between ITIP EPC URI and GS1 element string



2308 \* the GS1 Check Digit is calculated over the preceding digits

2309 Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be  
 2310 written as follows:

2311 EPC URI: urn:epc:id:itip:d<sub>2</sub>...d<sub>(L+1)</sub> . d<sub>1</sub>d<sub>(L+2)</sub> d<sub>(L+3)</sub>...d<sub>13</sub> . ) . d<sub>1</sub>d<sub>2</sub> . d<sub>1</sub>d<sub>2</sub> . s<sub>1</sub>s<sub>2</sub>...s<sub>K</sub>

2312 GS1 element string: (8006) d<sub>1</sub>d<sub>2</sub>...d<sub>18</sub> (21) s<sub>1</sub>s<sub>2</sub>...s<sub>K</sub>

2313 where 1 ≤ K ≤ 20.

2314 **To find the GS1 element string corresponding to an ITIP EPC URI:**

- 2315 1. Number the digits of the first four components of the EPC as shown above. Note that there will  
 2316 always be a total of 17 digits.
- 2317 2. Number the characters of the serial number (seventh) component of the EPC as shown above.  
 2318 Each s<sub>i</sub> corresponds to either a single character or to a percent-escape triplet consisting of a %  
 2319 character followed by two hexadecimal digit characters.
- 2320 3. Calculate the check digit d<sub>14</sub> = (10 - ((3(d<sub>1</sub> + d<sub>3</sub> + d<sub>5</sub> + d<sub>7</sub> + d<sub>9</sub> + d<sub>11</sub> + d<sub>13</sub>) + (d<sub>2</sub> + d<sub>4</sub> + d<sub>6</sub> +  
 2321 d<sub>8</sub> + d<sub>10</sub> + d<sub>12</sub>)) mod 10)) mod 10.
- 2322 4. Arrange the resulting digits and characters as shown for the GS1 element string. If any s<sub>i</sub> in the  
 2323 EPC URI is a percent-escape triplet %xx, in the GS1 element string replace the triplet with the  
 2324 corresponding character according to [Table I.3.1-1](#) (For a given percent-escape triplet %xx, find  
 2325 the row of [Table I.3.1-1](#) that contains xx in the "Hex Value" column; the "Graphic symbol"  
 2326 column then gives the corresponding character to use in the GS1 element string.)

2327 **To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes both AI (8006)  
 2328 and AI (21):**

- 2329 1. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.

2330 Except for a GTIN-8, determine the number of digits L in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be  
 2331 done, for example, by reference to an external table of company prefixes. See Section [7.3.2](#) for the  
 2332 case of a GTIN-8.

- 2333 2. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC URI. Note that the GTIN check digit d<sub>14</sub> is not included  
 2334 in the EPC URI. For each serial number character s<sub>i</sub>, replace it with the corresponding value in  
 2335 the "URI Form" column of [Table I.3.1-1](#) – either the character itself or a percent-escape triplet if  
 2336 s<sub>i</sub> is not a legal URI character.

2337 **Example:**

2338 EPC URI: urn:epc:id:itip:9521141.012345.04.04.32a%2Fb

2339 GS1 element string: (8006)095211411234540404(21)32a/b

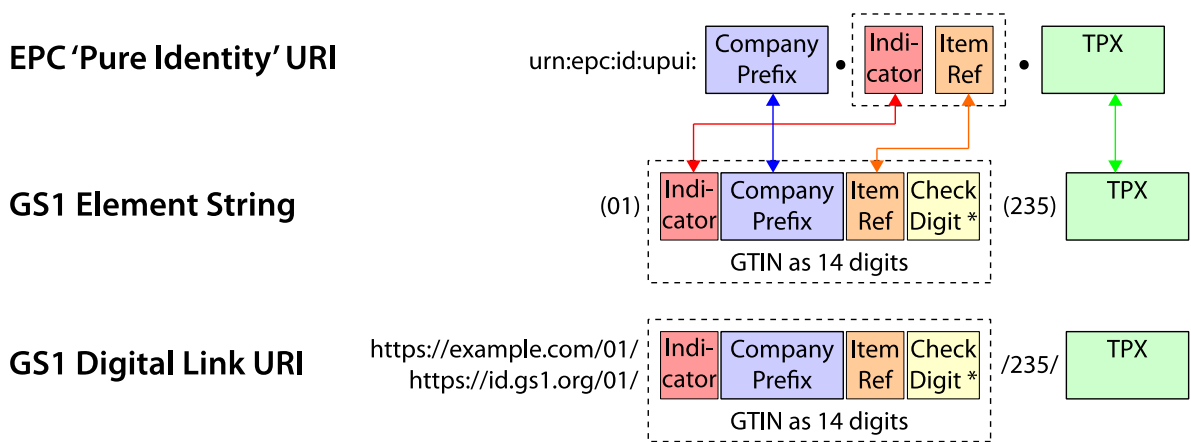
2340 In this example, the slash (/) character in the serial number must be represented as an escape  
2341 triplet in the EPC URI.

2342 **7.16 Unit Pack Identifier (UPUI)**

2343 The UPUI EPC (Section 6.3.14) does not correspond directly to any GS1 key, but instead  
2344 corresponds to a combination of a GTIN key plus a *Third Party Controlled, Serialised Extension of*  
2345 *GTIN* (TPX), as specified in the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS].

2346 The correspondence between the UPUI EPC URI and a GS1 element string consisting of a GTIN key  
2347 (AI 01) and a *Third Party Controlled, Serialised Extension of GTIN* (AI 235) is depicted graphically  
2348 below:

2349 **Figure 7-15** Correspondence between UPUI EPC URI and GS1 element string



\* the GS1 Check Digit is calculated over the preceding digits

2350  
2351 (Note that in the case of a GTIN-12 or GTIN-13, a zero pad character takes the place of the  
2352 Indicator Digit in the figure above.)

2353 Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be  
2354 written as follows:

2355 EPC URI: urn:epc:id:upui:d<sub>2</sub>...d<sub>(L+1)</sub>.d<sub>1</sub>d<sub>(L+2)</sub>d<sub>(L+3)</sub>...d<sub>13</sub>.s<sub>1</sub>s<sub>2</sub>...s<sub>K</sub>

2356 GS1 element string: (01)d<sub>1</sub>d<sub>2</sub>...d<sub>14</sub> (235)s<sub>1</sub>s<sub>2</sub>...s<sub>K</sub>

2357 where 1 ≤ K ≤ 28.

2358 **To find the GS1 element string corresponding to a UPUI EPC URI:**

- 2359 1. Number the digits of the first two components of the EPC as shown above. Note that there will  
2360 always be a total of 13 digits.
- 2361 2. Number the characters of the third component (TPX) of the EPC as shown above. Each s<sub>i</sub>  
2362 corresponds to either a single character or to a percent-escape triplet consisting of a % character  
2363 followed by two hexadecimal digit characters.
- 2364 3. Calculate the check digit d<sub>14</sub> = (10 - ((3(d<sub>1</sub> + d<sub>3</sub> + d<sub>5</sub> + d<sub>7</sub> + d<sub>9</sub> + d<sub>11</sub> + d<sub>13</sub>) + (d<sub>2</sub> + d<sub>4</sub> + d<sub>6</sub> +  
2365 d<sub>8</sub> + d<sub>10</sub> + d<sub>12</sub>)) mod 10)) mod 10.
- 2366 4. Arrange the resulting digits and characters as shown for the GS1 element string. If any s<sub>i</sub> in the  
2367 EPC URI is a percent-escape triplet %xx, in the GS1 element string replace the triplet with the  
2368 corresponding character according to [Table I.3.1-1](#) (For a given percent-escape triplet %xx, find  
2369 the row of [Table I.3.1-1](#) that contains xx in the "Hex Value" column; the "Graphic symbol"  
2370 column then gives the corresponding character to use in the GS1 element string.)

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**To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes both a GTIN (AI 01) and a Third Party Controlled, Serialised Extension of GTIN (AI 235):**

1. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.
2. Except for a GTIN-8, determine the number of digits  $L$  in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example, by reference to an external table of company prefixes. See Section 7.3.2 for the case of a GTIN-8.
3. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC URI. Note that the GTIN check digit  $d_{14}$  is not included in the EPC URI. For each serial number character  $s_i$ , replace it with the corresponding value in the "URI Form" column of Table I.3.1-1 – either the character itself or a percent-escape triplet if  $s_i$  is not a legal URI character.

**Example:**

EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:upui:9521141.089456.51qIqY)%3C%26Jp3*j7'SDB`

GS1 element string: `(01)09521141894569(235)51qIqY)<&Jp3*j7'SDB`

In this example, the 'less than' (<) and ampersand (&) characters in the serial number must be represented as an escape triplet in the EPC URI.

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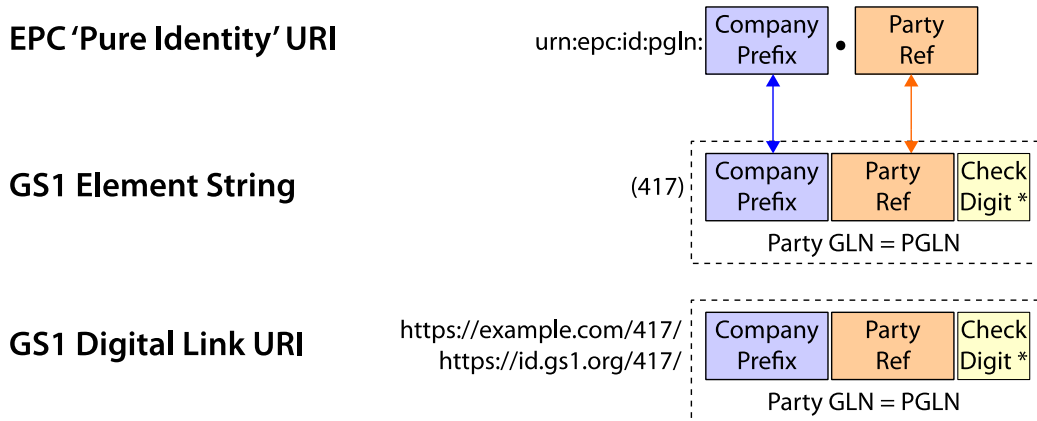
**7.17 Global Location Number of Party (PGLN)**

The PGLN EPC (Section 6.3.15) corresponds directly to the Global Location Number of a Party (PARTY) as specified in the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS].

The correspondence between the PGLN EPC URI and a GS1 element string consisting of a GLN Party key (AI 417) is depicted graphically below:

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**Figure 7-16** Correspondence between PGLN EPC URI without extension and GS1 element string



\* the GS1 Check Digit is calculated over the preceding digits

Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC URI and the GS1 element string be written as follows:

EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:pgln:d1d2...dL.d(L+1)d(L+2)...d12.s1s2...sK`

GS1 element string: `(417) d1d2...d13`

**To find the GS1 element string corresponding to an PGLN EPC URI:**

1. Number the digits of the first two components of the EPC as shown above. Note that there will always be a total of 12 digits.
2. Calculate the check digit  $d_{13} = (10 - ((3(d_2 + d_4 + d_6 + d_8 + d_{10} + d_{12}) + (d_1 + d_3 + d_5 + d_7 + d_9 + d_{11})) \text{ mod } 10)) \text{ mod } 10$ .

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2402 3. Arrange the resulting digits as shown for the GS1 element string.

2403 **To find the EPC URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes a GLN (AI 417):**

- 2404 1. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.
- 2405 2. Determine the number of digits  $L$  in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example,
- 2406 by reference to an external table of company prefixes.
- 2407 3. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC URI. Note that the GLN check digit  $d_{13}$  is not included in
- 2408 the EPC URI.

2409 **Example:**

2410 EPC URI: `urn:epc:id:pgln:9521141.89012`

2411 GS1 element string: `(417) 9521141890127`

2412 **7.18 GTIN + batch/lot (LGTIN)**

2413 The LGTIN EPC Class (Section 6.3.1) does not correspond directly to any GS1 key, but instead

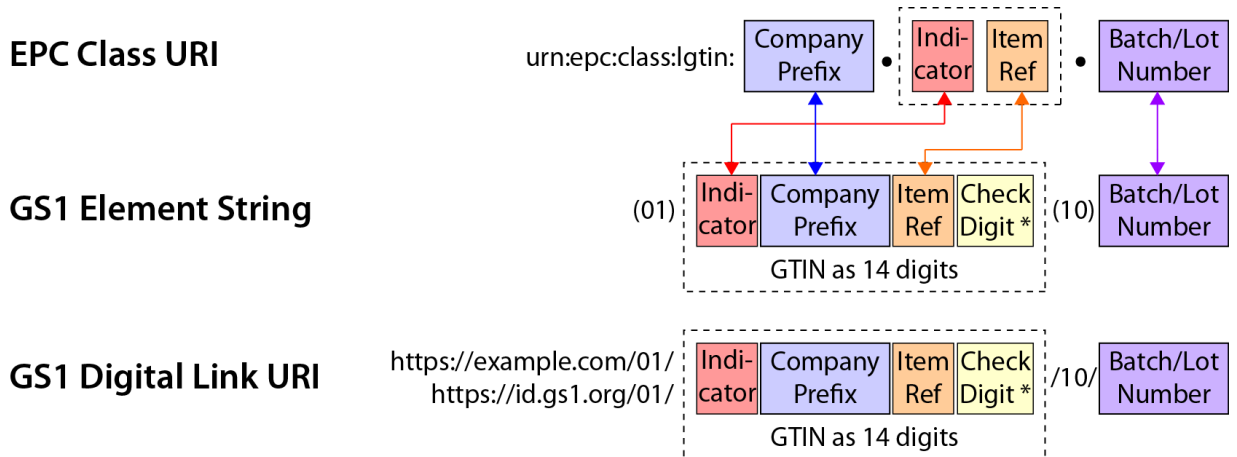
2414 corresponds to a combination of a GTIN key plus a Batch/Lot Number. The Batch/Lot Number in the

2415 LGTIN is defined to be equivalent to AI 10 in the GS1 General Specifications.

2416 The correspondence between the LGTIN EPC Class URI and a GS1 element string consisting of a

2417 GTIN key (AI 01) and a Batch/Lot Number (AI 10) is depicted graphically below:

2418 **Figure 7-17** Correspondence between LGTIN EPC Class URI and GS1 element string



2419 \* the GS1 Check Digit is calculated over the preceding digits

2420 (Note that in the case of a GTIN-12 or GTIN-13, a zero pad character takes the place of the

2421 Indicator Digit in the figure above.)

2422 Formally, the correspondence is defined as follows. Let the EPC Class URI and the GS1 element

2423 string be written as follows:

2424 EPC Class URI: `urn:epc:class:lgtn:d2d3...d(L+1).d1d(L+2)d(L+3)...d13.s1s2...sK`

2425 GS1 element string: `(01) d1d2...d14 (10) s1s2...sK`

2426 where  $1 \leq K \leq 20$ .

2427 **To find the GS1 element string corresponding to an LGTIN EPC Class URI:**

- 2428 1. Number the digits of the first two components of the URI as shown above. Note that there will
- 2429 always be a total of 13 digits.
- 2430 2. Number the characters of the Batch/Lot Number (third) component of the URI as shown above.
- 2431 Each  $s_i$  corresponds to either a single character or to a percent-escape triplet consisting of a %
- 2432 character followed by two hexadecimal digit characters.

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3. Calculate the check digit  $d_{14} = (10 - ((3(d_1 + d_3 + d_5 + d_7 + d_9 + d_{11} + d_{13}) + (d_2 + d_4 + d_6 + d_8 + d_{10} + d_{12})) \bmod 10)) \bmod 10$ .
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4. Arrange the resulting digits and characters as shown for the GS1 element string. If any  $s_i$  in the URI is a percent-escape triplet `%xx`, in the GS1 element string replace the triplet with the corresponding character according to [Table I.3.1-1](#) (For a given percent-escape triplet `%xx`, find the row of [Table I.3.1-1](#) that contains `xx` in the "Hex Value" column; the "Graphic symbol" column then gives the corresponding character to use in the GS1 element string.)

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**To find the EPC Class URI corresponding to a GS1 element string that includes both a GTIN (AI 01) and a Batch/Lot Number (AI 10):**

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1. Number the digits and characters of the GS1 element string as shown above.
  2. Except for a GTIN-8, determine the number of digits  $L$  in the GS1 Company Prefix. This may be done, for example, by reference to an external table of company prefixes. See [Section 7.3.2](#) for the case of a GTIN-8.
  3. Arrange the digits as shown for the EPC Class URI. Note that the GTIN check digit  $d_{14}$  is not included in the EPC Class URI. For each serial number character  $s_i$ , replace it with the corresponding value in the "URI Form" column of [Table I.3.1-1](#) – either the character itself or a percent-escape triplet if  $s_i$  is not a legal URI character.
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**Example:**

2451 EPC Class URI: `urn:epc:class:lgtin:9521141.712345.32a%2Fb`

2452 GS1 element string: `(01)79521141123453(10) 32a/b`

2453 In this example, the slash (/) character in the serial number must be represented as an escape  
2454 triplet in the EPC Class URI.

2455 For GTIN-12, GTIN-13, GTIN-8 and other forms of the GTIN, see the subsections of Section 7.1. The  
2456 considerations in those sections apply in an analogous manner to LGTIN.

## 2457 8 URIs for EPC Pure identity patterns

2458 Certain software applications need to specify rules for filtering lists of EPC pure identities according  
2459 to various criteria. This specification provides a Pure Identity Pattern URI form for this purpose. A  
2460 Pure Identity Pattern URI does not represent a single EPC, but rather refers to a set of EPCs. A  
2461 typical Pure Identity Pattern URI looks like this:

2462 `urn:epc:idpat:sgtin:0652642.*.*`

2463 This pattern refers to any EPC SGTIN, whose GS1 Company Prefix is 0652642, and whose Item  
2464 Reference and Serial Number may be anything at all. The tag length and filter bits are not  
2465 considered at all in matching the pattern to EPCs.

2466 The new EPC schemes defined in TDS v2.0 have not defined an equivalent EPC Pure Identity URI  
2467 syntax nor a corresponding EPC Pure Identity Pattern URI syntax; instead the encoding/decoding is  
2468 between the binary string and the corresponding GS1 element string, GS1 Digital Link URI or  
2469 equivalently, the set of GS1 Application Identifiers and their values, as shown in [Figure 3-1](#).

2470 In general, there is a Pure Identity Pattern URI scheme corresponding to each Pure Identity EPC URI  
2471 scheme ([Section 6.3](#)), whose syntax is essentially identical except that any number of fields starting  
2472 at the right may be a star (\*). This is more restrictive than EPC Tag Pattern URIs ([Section 13](#)), in  
2473 that the star characters must occupy adjacent rightmost fields and the range syntax is not allowed  
2474 at all.

2475 The pure identity pattern URI for the DoD Construct is as follows:

2476 `urn:epc:idpat:usdod:CAGECodeOrDODAACPat.serialNumberPat`

2477 with similar restrictions on the use of star (\*).

## 8.1 Syntax

The grammar for Pure Identity Pattern URIs is given below.

IDPatURI = %s"urn:epc:idpat:" IDPatBody

IDPatBody =

GIDIDPatURIBody /

SGTINIDPatURIBody /

SGLNIDPatURIBody /

GIAIIDPatURIBody /

SSCCIDPatURIBody /

GRAIIDPatURIBody /

GSRNIDPatURIBody /

GSRNPIDPatURIBody /

GDTIIDPatURIBody /

SGCNIDPatURIBody /

GINCIDPatURIBody /

GSINIDPatURIBody /

DODIDPatURIBody /

ADIIDPatURIBody /

CPIIDPatURIBody /

ITIPIDPartURIBody /

UPUIIDPatURIBody/

PGLNIDPatURIBody

GIDIDPatURIBody = %s"gid:" GIDIDPatURIMain

GIDIDPatURIMain =

2(NumericComponent ".") NumericComponent

/ 2(NumericComponent ".") "\*"

/ NumericComponent ".\*.\*"

/ ".\*.\*"

SGTINIDPatURIBody = %s"sgtin:" SGTINPatURIMain

SGTINPatURIMain =

2(PaddedNumericComponent ".") GS3A3Component

/ 2(PaddedNumericComponent ".") "\*"

/ PaddedNumericComponent ".\*.\*"

/ ".\*.\*"

GRAIIDPatURIBody = %s"grai:" SGLNGRAIIDPatURIMain

SGLNIDPatURIBody = %s"sgln:" SGLNGRAIIDPatURIMain

SGLNGRAIIDPatURIMain =

PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty "."

GS3A3Component

/ PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty ".\*"

/ PaddedNumericComponent ".\*.\*"

/ ".\*.\*"

SSCCIDPatURIBody = %s"sscc:" SSCCIDPatURIMain

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2521 SSSCIDPatURIMain =
2522   PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponent
2523   / PaddedNumericComponent "*"
2524   / "*.*"

2525 GIAIIDPatURIBody = %s"giai:" GIAIIDPatURIMain

2526 GIAIIDPatURIMain =
2527   PaddedNumericComponent "." GS3A3Component
2528   / PaddedNumericComponent "*"
2529   / "*.*"

2530 GSRNIDPatURIBody = %s"gsrn:" GSRNIDPatURIMain

2531 GSRNPIDPatURIBody = %s"gsrnp:" GSRNIDPatURIMain

2532 GSRNIDPatURIMain =
2533   PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponent
2534   / PaddedNumericComponent "*"
2535   / "*.*"

2536 GDTIIDPatURIBody = %s"gdtdi:" GDTIIDPatURIMain

2537 GDTIIDPatURIMain =
2538   PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty "."
2539   GS3A3Component
2540   / PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty "*"
2541   / PaddedNumericComponent "*.*"
2542   / "*.*.*"

2543 CPIIDPatURIBody = %s"cpid:" CPIIDPatMain

2544 CPIIDPatMain =
2545   PaddedNumericComponent "." CPRefComponent "." NumericComponent
2546   / PaddedNumericComponent "." CPRefComponent "*"
2547   / PaddedNumericComponent "*.*"
2548   / "*.*.*"

2549 SGCNIDPatURIBody = %s"sgcn:" SGCNIDPatURIMain

2550 SGCNIDPatURIMain =
2551   PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty "."
2552   PaddedNumericComponent
2553   / PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty "*"
2554   / PaddedNumericComponent "*.*"
2555   / "*.*.*"

2556 GINCIDPatURIBody = %s"ginc:" GINCIDPatURIMain

2557 GINCIDPatURIMain =
2558   PaddedNumericComponent "." GS3A3Component
2559   / PaddedNumericComponent "*"
2560   / "*.*"

2561 GSINIDPatURIBody = %s"gsin:" GSINIDPatURIMain

2562 GSINIDPatURIMain =
2563   PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedNumericComponent
2564   / PaddedNumericComponent "*"
2565   / "*.*"

2566 ITIPIDPatURIBody = %s"itip:" ITIPPatURIMain

2567 ITIPPatURIMain =
2568   4(PaddedNumericComponent ".") GS3A3Component
2569   / 4(PaddedNumericComponent ".") "*"

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2570 / 2(PaddedNumericComponent ".") "*.*.*"
2571 / PaddedNumericComponent ".*.*.*.*"
2572 / ".*.*.*.*.*"
2573 UPUIIDPatURIBody = %s"upui:" UPUIPatURIMain
2574 UPUIPatURIMain =
2575     2(PaddedNumericComponent ".") GS3A3Component
2576 / 2(PaddedNumericComponent ".") "*"
2577 / PaddedNumericComponent ".*.*"
2578 / ".*.*.*"
2579 PGLNIDPatURIBody = %s"pgln:" PGLNPatURIMain
2580 PGLNPatURIMain =
2581     2(PaddedNumericComponent ".")
2582 / PaddedNumericComponent ".*"
2583 / ".*.*"
2584 DODIDPatURIBody = %s"usdod:" DODIDPatMain
2585 DODIDPatMain =
2586     CAGECodeOrDODAAC "." DoDSerialNumber
2587 / CAGECodeOrDODAAC ".*"
2588 / ".*.*"
2589 ADIIDPatURIBody = %s"adi:" ADIIDPatMain
2590 ADIIDPatMain =
2591     CAGECodeOrDODAAC "." ADIComponent "." ADIExtendedComponent
2592 / CAGECodeOrDODAAC "." ADIComponent ".*"
2593 / CAGECodeOrDODAAC ".*.*"
2594 / ".*.*.*"
2595 BICIDPatURIBody = %s"bic:" BICIDPatMain
2596 BICIDPatMain = BICURIBody / "*"
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2598 IMOVNIDPatURIBody = %s"imovn:" IMOVNPatMain
2599 IMOVNPatMain = VesselNumber / "*"
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## 8.2 Semantics

The meaning of a Pure Identity Pattern URI (`urn:epc:idpat:`) is formally defined as denoting a set of a set of pure identity EPCs, respectively.

The set of EPCs denoted by a specific Pure Identity Pattern URI is defined by the following decision procedure, which says whether a given Pure Identity EPC URI belongs to the set denoted by the Pure Identity Pattern URI.

Let `urn:epc:idpat:Scheme:P1.P2...Pn` be a Pure Identity Pattern URI. Let `urn:epc:id:Scheme:C1.C2...Cn` be a Pure Identity EPC URI, where the `Scheme` field of both URIs is the same. The number of components ( $n$ ) depends on the value of `Scheme`.

First, any Pure Identity EPC URI component  $C_i$  is said to *match* the corresponding Pure Identity Pattern URI component  $P_i$  if:

- $P_i$  is a `NumericComponent`, and  $C_i$  is equal to  $P_i$ ; or
- $P_i$  is a `PaddedNumericComponent`, and  $C_i$  is equal to  $P_i$  both in numeric value as well as in length; or
- $P_i$  is a `GS3A3Component`, `ADIExtendedComponent`, `ADIComponent`, or `CPRefComponent` and  $C_i$  is equal to  $P_i$ , character for character; or

- 2617 ■  $P_i$  is a `CAGECodeOrDODAAC`, and  $C_i$  is equal to  $P_i$ ; or
  - 2618 ■  $P_i$  is a `StarComponent` (and  $C_i$  is anything at all)
- 2619 Then the Pure Identity EPC URI is a member of the set denoted by the Pure Identity Pattern URI if  
 2620 and only if  $C_i$  matches  $P_i$  for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

## 2621 9 Memory Organisation of Gen 2 RFID tags

### 2622 9.1 Types of Tag Data

2623 RFID Tags, particularly Gen 2 RFID tags, may carry data of three different kinds:

- 2624 ■ **Business Data:** Information that describes the physical object to which the tag is affixed. This  
 2625 information includes the EPC that uniquely identifies the physical object, and may also include other data  
 2626 elements carried on the tag. This information is what business applications act upon, and so this data is  
 2627 commonly transferred between the data capture level and the business application level in a typical  
 2628 implementation architecture. Most standardised business data on an RFID tag is equivalent to business  
 2629 data that may be found in other data carriers, such as barcodes. Business data can also include sensor  
 2630 data (e.g., as encoded in the XPC bits).
- 2631 ■ **Control Information:** Information that is used by data capture applications to help control the process  
 2632 of interacting with tags. Control Information includes data that helps a capturing application filter out tags  
 2633 from large populations to increase read efficiency, special handling information that affects the behaviour  
 2634 of capturing application, information that controls tag security features, and so on. Control Information is  
 2635 typically *not* passed directly to business applications, though Control Information may influence how a  
 2636 capturing application presents business data to the business application level. Unlike Business Data,  
 2637 Control Information has no equivalent in barcodes or other data carriers.
- 2638 ■ **Tag Manufacture Information:** Information that describes the Tag itself, as opposed to the physical  
 2639 object to which the tag is affixed. Tag Manufacture information includes a manufacturer ID and a code  
 2640 that indicates the tag model. It may also include information that describes tag capabilities, as well as a  
 2641 unique serial number assigned at manufacture time. Usually, Tag Manufacture Information is like Control  
 2642 Information in that it is used by capture applications but not directly passed to business applications. In  
 2643 some applications, the unique serial number that may be a part of Tag Manufacture Information is used in  
 2644 addition to the EPC, and so acts like Business Data. Like Control Information, Tag Manufacture  
 2645 Information has no equivalent in barcodes or other data carriers.

2646 It should be noted that these categories are slightly subjective, and the lines may be blurred in  
 2647 certain applications. However, they are useful for understanding how TDS is structured, and are a  
 2648 good guide for their effective and correct use.

2649 The following table summarises the information above.

2650 **Table 9-1** Kinds of Data on a Gen 2 RFID Tag

Information type	Description	Where on Gen 2 Tag	Where typically used	Bar Code Equivalent
<i>Business Data</i>	Describes the physical object to which the tag is affixed.	EPC Bank (excluding PC and XPC bits, and filter value within EPC) User Memory Bank	Data Capture layer and Business Application layer	Yes: GS1 keys, Application Identifiers (AIs)
<i>Control Information</i>	Facilitates efficient tag interaction	Reserved Bank EPC Bank: PC and XPC bits, and filter value within EPC	Data Capture layer	No
<i>Tag Manufacture Information</i>	Describes the tag itself, as opposed to the physical object to which the tag is affixed	TID Bank	Data Capture layer Unique tag manufacture serial number may reach Business Application layer	No

## 2651 9.2 Gen 2 Tag Memory Map

2652 Binary data structures defined in TDS are intended for use in RFID Tags, particularly in UHF Class 1  
 2653 Gen 2 tags (also known as ISO/IEC 18000-63 [ISO18000-63] tags). The air interface standard  
 2654 [UHFC1G2] specifies the structure of memory on Gen 2 tags, as shown in Figure 9-1. Specifically, it  
 2655 specifies that memory in these tags consists of four separately addressable banks, numbered 00,  
 2656 01, 10, and 11. It also specifies the intended use of each bank, and constraints upon the content of  
 2657 each bank dictated by the behaviour of the air interface. For example, the layout and meaning of  
 2658 the Reserved bank (bank 00), which contains passwords that govern certain air interface  
 2659 commands, is fully specified in [UHFC1G2].

2660 For those memory banks and memory locations that have no special meaning to the air interface  
 2661 (i.e., are "just data" as far as the air interface is concerned), TDS normatively specifies the content  
 2662 and meaning of these memory locations.

2663 Following the convention established in [UHFC1G2], memory addresses are described using  
 2664 hexadecimal bit addresses, where each bank begins with bit 00<sub>h</sub> and extends upward to as many  
 2665 bits as each bank contains, the capacity of each bank being constrained in some respects by  
 2666 [UHFC1G2] but ultimately may vary with each tag make and model. Bit 00<sub>h</sub> is considered the most  
 2667 significant bit of each bank, and when binary fields are laid out into tag memory the most significant  
 2668 bit of any given field occupies the lowest-numbered bit address occupied by that field.

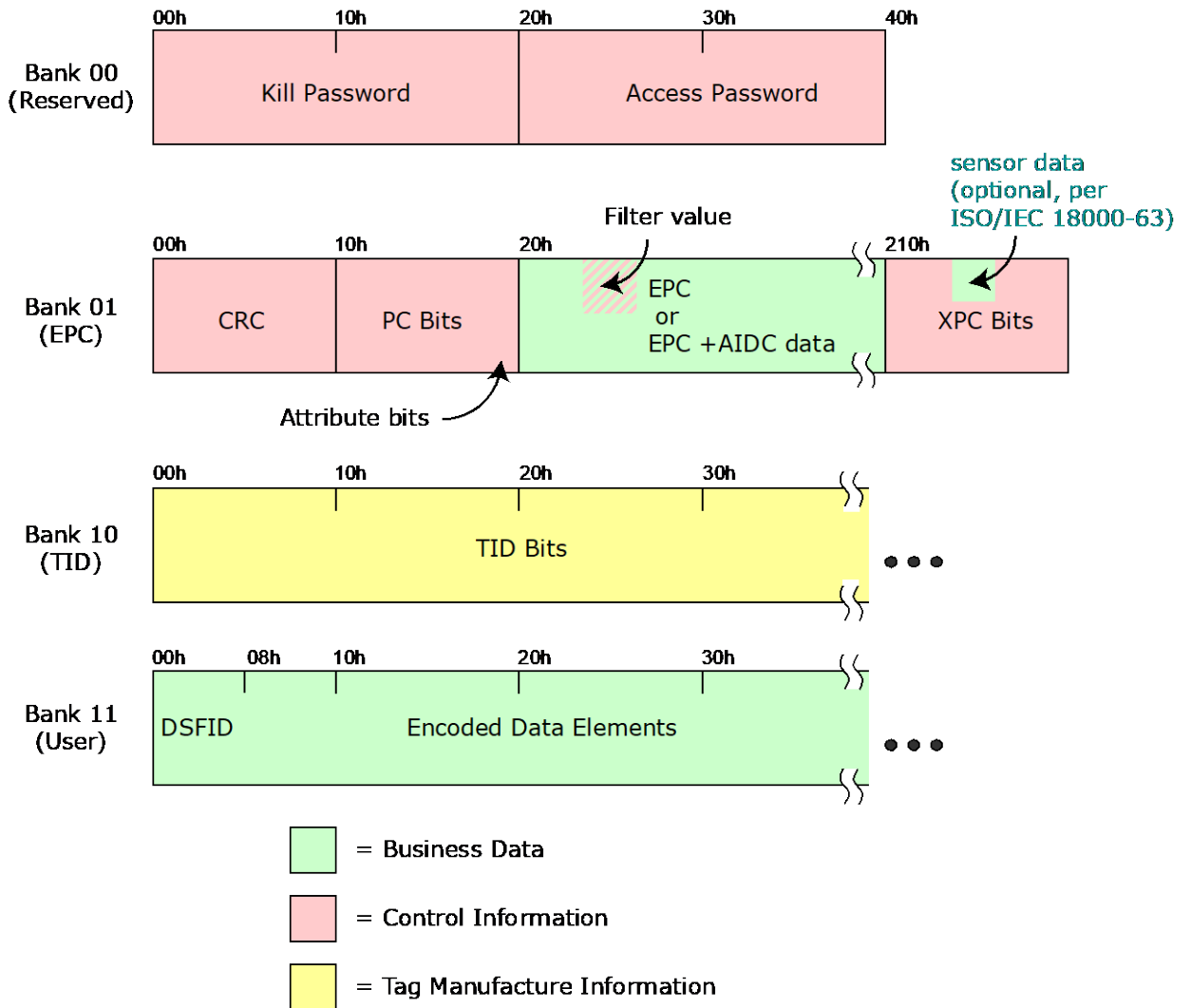
2669 NOTE: For reasons of TDS 1.x continuity, with respect to individual fields, the least significant bit of  
 2670 individual TDS 1.x fields is numbered zero. For example, the TDS 1.x-era specification of Access  
 2671 Password is a 32-bit unsigned integer consisting of bits  $b_{31}b_{30}...b_0$ , where  $b_{31}$  is the most significant  
 2672 bit and  $b_0$  is the least significant bit. When the Access Password is stored at address 20<sub>h</sub> – 3F<sub>h</sub>  
 2673 (inclusive) in the Reserved bank of a Gen 2 tag, the most significant bit  $b_{31}$  is stored at tag address  
 2674 20<sub>h</sub> and the least significant bit  $b_0$  is stored at address 3F<sub>h</sub>.

2675 **NOTE: Encodings new to TDS 2.0 are described counting bits from left to right.**

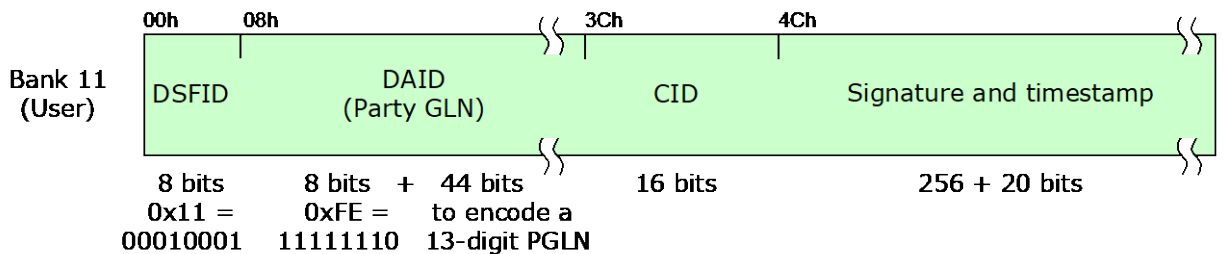
2676 The following figure shows the layout of memory on a Gen 2 tag, The colours indicate the type of  
 2677 data following the categorisation in [Figure 3-1](#).

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**Figure 9-1** Gen 2 Tag Memory Map



Encoding an ISO/IEC 20248 DigSig in user memory using DSFID = 0x11 (Data Format 17)



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The following table describes the fields in the memory map above.

**Table 9-2** Gen 2 Memory Map

Bank	Bits	Field	Description	Category	Where Specified
Bank 00 (Reserved)	00 <sub>h</sub> – 1F <sub>h</sub>	Kill Passwd	A 32-bit password that must be presented to the tag in order to complete the Gen 2 "kill" command.	Control Info	[UHFC1G2]
	20 <sub>h</sub> – 2F <sub>h</sub>	Access Passwd	A 32-bit password that must be presented to the tag in order to perform privileged operations	Control Info	[UHFC1G2]
Bank 01 (EPC)	00 <sub>h</sub> – 0F <sub>h</sub>	CRC	A 16-bit Cyclic Redundancy Check computed over the contents of the EPC bank.	Control Info	[UHFC1G2]
	10 <sub>h</sub> – 1F <sub>h</sub>	PC Bits	Protocol Control bits (see below)	Control Info	(see below)
	20 <sub>h</sub> – end	EPC	Electronic Product Code, plus filter value and any optionally included "AIDC data" (normatively specified in TDS 2.0) appended to the EPC itself. Note that the DSGTIN+ scheme supports the expression of a prioritised date field ahead of the GTIN within its binary encoding. This is then <b>zero-filled to the word boundary</b> .  The Electronic Product code is a globally unique identifier for the physical object to which the tag is affixed. The filter value provides a means to improve tag read efficiency by selecting a subset of tags of interest.	Business Data (except filter value, which is Control Info)	The EPC is defined in Sections <a href="#">6</a> , <a href="#">7</a> , and <a href="#">13</a> . The filter values are defined in Section <a href="#">10</a> .
	210 <sub>h</sub> – 21F <sub>h</sub>	XPC Bits	Extended Protocol Control bits. If bit 16 <sub>h</sub> of the EPC bank is set to one, then bits 210 <sub>h</sub> – 21F <sub>h</sub> (inclusive) contain additional protocol control bits as specified in [UHFC1G2]	Control Info	[UHFC1G2]
Bank 10 (TID)	00 <sub>h</sub> – end	TID Bits	Tag Identification bits, which provide information about the tag itself, as opposed to the physical object to which the tag is affixed.	Tag Manufacture Info	Section <a href="#">16</a>

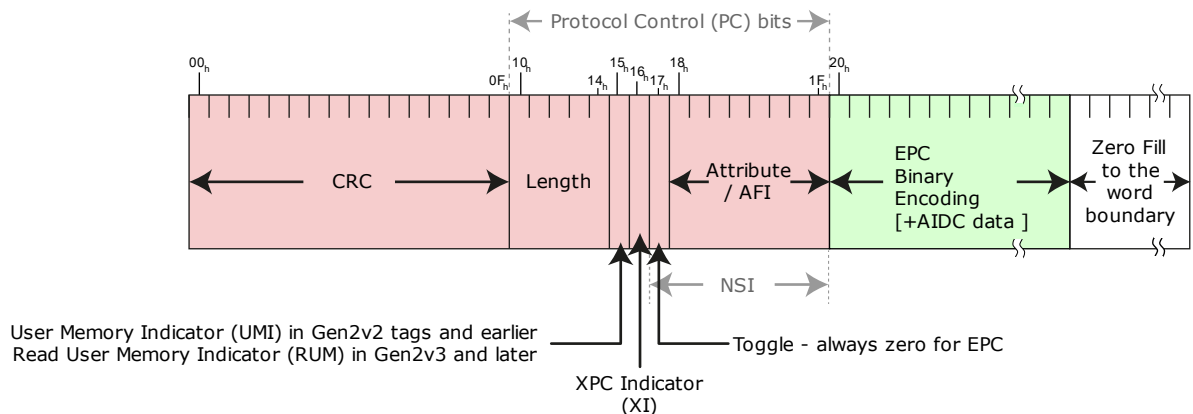
Bank	Bits	Field	Description	Category	Where Specified
Bank 11 (User)	00 <sub>h</sub> – end	DSFID	<p>Logically, the content of user memory is a set of name-value pairs, where the name part is an OID [ASN.1] and the value is a character string. Physically, the first few bits are a Data Storage Format Identifier as specified in ISO/IEC 15961 [ISO15961] and ISO/IEC 15962 [ISO15962]. The DSFID specifies the format for the remainder of the user memory bank. The DSFID is typically eight bits in length, but may be extended further as specified in [ISO15961].</p> <p>When the DSFID specifies Access Method 2, the format of the remainder of user memory is "Packed Objects" as specified in Section 17. This format is recommended for use in EPC applications. The physical encoding in the Packed Objects data format is as a sequence of "Packed Objects," where each Packed Object includes one or more name-value pairs whose values are compacted together.</p> <p>When the DSFID specifies Access Method 17, the format of the remainder of user memory after the 8-bit DSFID (set to 00010001) is an ISO/IEC 20248 DigSig (digital signature data structure) consisting of:            Domain Authority ID (DAID) = 8 bits (set to 11111110) +44 bits to encode the GS1 Party GLN (417) of the organisation that is accountable for the signature,            Certificate ID (CID) = 16 bits,            Signature and timestamp = 256+20 bits. A 20 bit timestamp supports a signing period of one year, with a resolution of minutes.</p>	Business Data	[ISO15961], [ISO15962], Section 17

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The following figure illustrates in greater detail the first few bits of the EPC Bank (Bank 01), and in particular shows the various fields within the Protocol Control bits (bits 10<sub>h</sub> – 1F<sub>h</sub>, inclusive).

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**Figure 9-2** Gen 2 Protocol Control (PC) Bits Memory Map



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2687 **9.3 PC bits**

2688 The following table specifies the meaning of the PC bits:

2689 **Table 9-3** Gen 2 Protocol Control (PC) Bits Memory Map

Bits	Field	Name	Description
10 <sub>h</sub> – 14 <sub>h</sub>	L4-L0	Length	Represents the number of 16-bit words comprising the EPC field (below), beginning with the 8-bit, EPC Binary Header at 20 <sub>h</sub> and including any optional "AIDC data" (normatively specified in TDS 2.0) appended to the EPC itself. Note that the DSGTIN+ scheme enables a prioritised date value to be encoded before the GTIN in the binary encoding. See discussion in Section <a href="#">15.1.1</a> for the encoding of this field.
15 <sub>h</sub>	<b>UMI</b> (Gen2v2 tags and earlier)	User Memory Indicator	<p><b>(for Gen2v2 tags and earlier)</b></p> <p>Bit 15<sub>h</sub> may be fixed by the Tag manufacturer or computed by the Tag.</p> <p>If UMI=0: If <b>fixed</b>, the Tag does not have File_0 (User Memory) and is incapable of allocating memory to it. If <b>computed</b>, then File_0 (User Memory) is not allocated or does not contain data.</p> <p>If UMI=1: If <b>fixed</b>, the Tag has File 0 (User Memory) or is capable of allocating memory to it. If <b>computed</b>, then File_0 (User Memory) is allocated and contains data.</p>
	<b>RUM</b> (Gen2v3 tags and later)	Read User Memory indicator	<p><b>(for Gen2v3 tags and later)</b></p> <p>Bit 15<sub>h</sub> indicates that a Tag has memory allocated to File_0 and, if the Interrogator initiated the inventory round using a <i>QueryX</i>, that the Tag has encoded data in File_0. A Tag shall compute <b>RUM</b> according to Table 6-17 of [UHFC1G2] regardless of the lock or permalock status of EPC memory or the untraceability status of File_0.</p> <p>If an Interrogator changes a Tag's User Word Count (UWC) value (see [UHFC1G2]) or changes the number of words allocated to File_0 memory, then a Tag's <b>RUM</b> may be incorrect until the Interrogator power-cycles the Tag. Additionally, <b>RUM</b> may change without power cycling; for example, a Tag with memory allocated to File_0 and with UWC=0 will have <b>RUM</b>=0<sub>2</sub> after <i>QueryX</i> begins initializing an inventory round, but after a <i>Write</i> to the StoredPC, then <b>RUM</b> may change since the Tag may recompute its StoredCRC.</p>

Bits	Field	Name	Description
16 <sub>h</sub>	XI	XPC W1 Indicator	<p>Indicates whether an XPC W1 is present for the specific circumstances described below.</p> <p>If XI=0: Either (i) Tag has no XPC_W1, or (ii) T=0 and either bits 210<sub>h</sub>–217<sub>h</sub> or bits 210<sub>h</sub>–218<sub>h</sub> (at tag manufacturer's option) of EPC memory are all zero, or (iii) T=1 and bits 210<sub>h</sub>–21F<sub>h</sub> of EPC memory are all zero.</p> <p>If XI=1: Tag has an XPC_W1 and either (i) T=0 and at least one bit of 210<sub>h</sub>–217<sub>h</sub> or 210<sub>h</sub>–218<sub>h</sub> (at tag manufacturer's option) of EPC memory is nonzero, or (ii) T=1 and at least one bit of 210<sub>h</sub>–21F<sub>h</sub> of EPC memory is nonzero.</p>
17 <sub>h</sub>	T	Numbering System Identifier Toggle	<p>If T=0: Indicates a GS1 EPCglobal application, encoded in compliance with TDS.</p> <p>If T=1: Indicates a <b>non-GS1 EPCglobal application, not encoded in compliance with TDS</b>. In particular, indicates that bits 18<sub>h</sub> – 1F<sub>h</sub> contain the ISO Application Family Identifier (AFI) as defined in [ISO15961] and the remainder of the EPC bank contains a Unique Item Identifier (UII) appropriate for that AFI.</p>
18 <sub>h</sub> – 1F <sub>h</sub> (if toggle=0)		RFU (Gen2v2, Gen2v3 tags) or Attribute bits (Gen v1.x tags)	<p>Gen2 v1.x tags: Bits that may guide the handling of the physical object to which the tag is affixed.</p>
18 <sub>h</sub> – 1F <sub>h</sub> (if toggle=1)	AFI	Application Family Identifier	<p>An Application Family Identifier that specifies a non-GS1 EPCglobal application, not encoded in compliance with TDS, for which the remainder of the EPC bank contains a Unique Item Identifier (UII) appropriate for that AFI. (see [ISO15961])</p>

2690 Bits 17<sub>h</sub> – 1F<sub>h</sub> (inclusive) are collectively known as the Numbering System Identifier (NSI). It should  
 2691 be noted, however, that when the toggle bit (bit 17<sub>h</sub>) is zero, the numbering system is always the  
 2692 Electronic Product Code (EPC), and bits 18<sub>h</sub> – 1F<sub>h</sub> contain the Attribute bits whose purpose is  
 2693 completely unrelated to identifying the numbering system being used.

2694 The Attribute bits are "control information" that may be used by capturing applications to guide the  
 2695 capture process. Attribute Bits may be used to determine whether the physical object to which a tag  
 2696 is affixed requires special handling of any kind.

2697 Attribute bits are available for all EPC types. The Attribute bit definitions specified here apply  
 2698 regardless of which EPC scheme is used.

2699 Because Attribute bits are not part of the EPC, they are not included when the EPC is represented as  
 2700 a pure identity URI **or as a GS1 Digital Link URI**, nor should the Attribute bits be considered as  
 2701 part of the EPC by business applications. Capturing applications may, however, read the Attribute  
 2702 bits and pass them upwards to business applications in some data field other than the EPC. It should  
 2703 be recognised, however, that the purpose of the Attribute bits is to assist in the data capture and  
 2704 physical handling process, and in most cases the Attribute bits will be of limited or no value to  
 2705 business applications. The Attribute bits are not intended to provide reliable master data or product  
 2706 descriptive attributes for business applications to use.



2707 **9.4 XPC bits**

 2708 The following table specifies the meaning of the XPC bits for tags whose Numbering System Identifier  
 2709 Toggle (T, bit 17h) is zero.

 2710 *For tags whose Numbering System Identifier Toggle is non-zero, please refer to [ISO18000-63] for*  
 2711 *XPC bit assignments.*

 2712 **Table 9-4** Gen 2 Extended Protocol Control (XPC) Bits Memory Map

Bits	Field	Description	Settings
210 <sub>h</sub>	XEB	XPC_W2 indicator	0: Tag has no XPC_W2 or all bits of XPC_W2 are zero-valued 1: Tag has an XPC_W2 and at least one bit of XPC_W2 is nonzero
211 <sub>h</sub> – 213 <sub>h</sub>	RFU	Reserved for future use	Annex L of Gen2 v2 permits using the ISO XPC bit definitions; accordingly, bits 211 <sub>h</sub> -217 <sub>h</sub> might not be fixed zeroes. Specifically, bits 214 <sub>h</sub> to 217 <sub>h</sub> are used by sensor tags
214 <sub>h</sub> – 217 <sub>h</sub>	RFU (Gen2v2 tags and earlier)		
214 <sub>h</sub>	<b>SA</b> (Gen2v3 tags and later)	Sensor Alarm indicator	0: Tag is not reporting an alarm condition or does not support the SA flag 1: Tag is reporting an alarm condition
215 <sub>h</sub>	<b>SS</b> (Gen2v3 tags and later)	Simple Sensor indicator	0: Tag does not have a Simple Sensor 1: Tag has a Simple Sensor
216 <sub>h</sub>	<b>FS</b> (Gen2v3 tags and later)	Full Function Sensor indicator	0: Tag does not have a Full Function Sensor 1: Tag has a Full Function Sensor
217 <sub>h</sub>	<b>SN</b> (Gen2v3 tags and later)	Snapshot Sensor indicator	0: Tag does not have a Snapshot Sensor 1: Tag has a Snapshot Sensor
218 <sub>h</sub>	B	Battery-assisted passive indicator	0: Tag is passive or does not support the B flag 1: Tag is battery-assisted
219 <sub>h</sub>	C	Computed response indicator	0: ResponseBuffer is empty or Tag does not support a ResponseBuffer 1: ResponseBuffer contains a response
21A <sub>h</sub>	SLI	SL indicator	0: Tag has a deasserted SL flag or does not support the SLI bit 1: Tag has an asserted SL flag
21B <sub>h</sub>	TN	Tag Notification indicator	0: Tag does not assert a notification or does not support the TN bit 1: Tag asserts a notification
21C <sub>h</sub>	U	Untraceable indicator	0: Tag is traceable or does not support the U bit 1: Tag is untraceable
21D <sub>h</sub>	K	Killable indicator	0: Tag is not killable by Kill command or does not support the K bit 1: Tag can be killed by Kill command.
21E <sub>h</sub>	NR	Non-Removable indicator	0: Tag is removable from its host item or does not support the NR bit 1: Tag is not removable from its host item

Bits	Field	Description	Settings
21F <sub>h</sub>	H	Hazmat indicator	0: Tagged item is not hazardous material or Tag does not support the H bit 1: Tagged item is hazardous material Hazardous materials are defined by government regulations. Generally, a hazardous material (HazMat) is any item or agent (biological, chemical, radiological, and/or physical), which has the potential to cause harm to humans, animals, or the environment, either by itself or through interaction with other factors.

**NOTE:**

Per section 6.3.2.1.2.2 Protocol-control (PC) word (StoredPC and PacketPC) of Gen2v2:  
**"If a Tag has T=0, XI=0, implements an XPC\_W1, and is not truncating then the Tag substitutes the 8 LSBs of XPC\_W1 (i.e. EPC memory 218h – 21Fh) for the 8 LSBs of the StoredPC (i.e. PC memory 18h – 1Fh) in its reply."**

**ALSO NOTE:**

Gen2 *Inventory* operations do not use the READ, WRITE, or BLOCKWRITE commands for obtaining the contents of the EPC memory bank. Instead, Gen2 *Inventory* operations use the ACK command, and the host will only receive the PacketPC, which combines info from both the StoredPC and XPC\_W1. The ACK command may also include the XPC\_W1 in its entirety for a sensor tag.

Capture of the EPC memory bank (MB01) is a process that is optimized by the air protocol. As such, what is commonly referred to as the "PC word" during capture is really the 8 most significant bits (MSBs) of the Protocol Control (PC) bits, concatenated with 8 least significant bits (LSBs) of the Extended Protocol Control (XPC) bits when XI=0; when XI=1, the "PC word" during capture consists of all 16 PC bits, along with all 16 XPC bits.

## 10 Filter Value

The filter value is additional control information that may be included in the EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 tag. The intended use of the filter value is to allow an RFID reader to select or deselect the tags corresponding to certain physical objects, to make it easier to read the desired tags in an environment where there may be other tags present in the environment. For example, if the goal is to read the single tag on a pallet, and it is expected that there may be hundreds or thousands of item-level tags present, the performance of the capturing application may be improved by using the Gen 2 air interface to select the pallet tag and deselect the item-level tags.

Filter values are available for all EPC types except for the General Identifier (GID). There is a different set of standardised filter value values associated with each type of EPC, as specified below.

It is essential to understand that the filter value is additional "control information" that is *not* part of the Electronic Product Code. The filter value does not contribute to the unique identity of the EPC. For example, it is *not* permissible to attach two RFID tags to different physical objects where both tags contain the same EPC, even if the filter values are different on the two tags.

Because the filter value is not part of the EPC, the filter value is *not* included when the EPC is represented as a pure identity URI, element string or GS1 Digital Link URI, nor should the filter value be considered as part of the EPC by business applications. It is also important to note that filter values can only be used within EPC RFID data carriers and there is no barcode equivalent. Nor should filter values be confused with the indicator digit of a GTIN nor the extension digit of an SSCC.

Capturing applications may, however, read the filter value and pass it upwards to business applications in some data field other than the EPC. It should be recognised, however, that the purpose of the filter values is to assist in the data capture process, and in most cases the filter value will be of limited or no value to business applications. The filter value is *not* intended to provide a reliable packaging-level indicator for business applications to use.

2752 **10.1 Use of "Reserved" and "All Others" Filter Values**

2753 In the following sections, filter values marked as "reserved" are reserved for assignment by GS1 in  
 2754 future versions of this specification. Implementations of the encoding and decoding rules specified  
 2755 herein SHALL accept any value of the filter values, whether reserved or not. Applications, however,  
 2756 SHOULD NOT direct an encoder to write a reserved value to a tag, nor rely upon a reserved value  
 2757 decoded from a tag, as doing so may cause interoperability problems if a reserved value is assigned  
 2758 in a future revision to this specification.

2759 Each EPC scheme includes a filter value identified as "All Others." This filter value means that the  
 2760 object to which the tag is affixed does not match the description of any of the other filter values  
 2761 defined for that EPC scheme. In some cases, the "All Others" filter value may appear on a tag that  
 2762 was encoded to conform to an earlier version of this specification, at which time no other suitable  
 2763 filter value was available. When encoding a new tag, the filter value should be set to match the  
 2764 description of the object to which the tag is affixed, with "All Others" being used only if a suitable  
 2765 filter value for the object is not defined in this specification.

2766 **10.2 Filter Values for SGTIN and DSGTIN+ EPC Tags**

2767 The normative specifications for Filter Values for SGTIN EPC Tags are specified below.

2768 **Table 10-1** SGTIN Filter Values

Type	Filter Value	Binary Value
All Others (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	0	000
Point of Sale (POS) Trade Item	1	001
Full Case for Transport *	2	010
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	3	011
Inner Pack Trade Item Grouping for Handling	4	100
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	5	101
Unit Load **	6	110
Unit inside Trade Item or component inside a product not intended for individual sale	7	111

2769 \* When used as the EPC Filter Value for an SGTIN, "**Full Case for Transport**" denotes a case or  
 2770 carton whose composition of multiple POS trade items is standardised via master data and can be  
 2771 consistently (re-) ordered in this configuration by referencing a single GTIN.

2772 \*\* When used as the EPC Filter Value for an SGTIN, "**Unit Load**" denotes one or more trade items  
 2773 contained on a pallet or other type of load carrier (e.g. roly, dolly, tote, garment rack, bag, sack,  
 2774 etc.) \*, making them suitable for transport, stacking, and storage as a unit, whose composition is  
 2775 standardised via master data and can be consistently (re-)ordered in this configuration by  
 2776 referencing a single GTIN.

2777 **10.3 Filter Values for SSCC EPC Tags**

2778 The normative specifications for Filter Values for SSCC EPC Tags are specified below.

2779 **Table 10-2** SSCC Filter Values

Type	Filter Value	Binary Value
All Others (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	0	000
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	1	001
Full Case for Transport	2	010
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	3	011
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	4	100
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	5	101

Type	Filter Value	Binary Value
Unit Load	6	110
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	7	111

2780 **10.4 Filter Values for SGLN EPC Tags**

2781 **Table 10-3** SGLN Filter Values

Type	Filter Value	Binary Value
All Others (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	0	000
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	1	001
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	2	010
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	3	011
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	4	100
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	5	101
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	6	110
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	7	111

2782 **10.5 Filter Values for GRAI EPC Tags**

2783 **Table 10-4** GRAI Filter Values

Type	Filter Value	Binary Value
All Others (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	0	000
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	1	001
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	2	010
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	3	011
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	4	100
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	5	101
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	6	110
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	7	111

2784 **10.6 Filter Values for GIAI EPC Tags**

2785 **Table 10-5** GIAI Filter Values

Type	Filter Value	Binary Value
All Others (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	0	000
Rail Vehicle	1	001
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	2	010
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	3	011
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	4	100
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	5	101
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	6	110
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	7	111

2786 **10.7 Filter Values for GSRN and GSRNP EPC Tags**

2787 **Table 10-6** GSRN and GSRNP Filter Values

Type	Filter Value	Binary Value
All Others (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	0	000
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	1	001
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	2	010
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	3	011
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	4	100
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	5	101
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	6	110
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	7	111

2788 **10.8 Filter Values for GDTI EPC Tags**

2789 **Table 10-7** GDTI Filter Values

Type	Filter Value	Binary Value
All Others (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	0	000
Travel Document *	1	001
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	2	010
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	3	011
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	4	100
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	5	101
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	6	110
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	7	111

2790 \* A **Travel Document** is an identity document issued by a government or international treaty  
 2791 organisation to facilitate the movement of individuals across international boundaries.

2792 **10.9 Filter Values for CPI EPC Tags**

2793 **Table 10-8** CPI Filter Values

Type	Filter Value	Binary Value
All Others (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	0	000
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	1	001
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	2	010
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	3	011
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	4	100
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	5	101
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	6	110
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	7	111

2794 **10.10 Filter Values for SGCN EPC Tags**

2795 **Table 10-9** SGCN Filter Values

Type	Filter Value	Binary Value
All Others (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	0	000
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	1	001
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	2	010
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	3	011
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	4	100
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	5	101
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	6	110
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	7	111

2796 **10.11 Filter Values for ITIP EPC Tags**

2797 **Table 10-10** ITIP Filter Values

Type	Filter Value	Binary Value
All Others (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	0	000
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	1	001
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	2	010
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	3	011
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	4	100
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	5	101
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	6	110
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	7	111

2798 **10.12 Filter Values for GID EPC Tags**

2799 The GID EPC scheme does not provide for the use of filter values.

2800 **10.13 Filter Values for DOD EPC Tags**

2801 Filter values for US DoD EPC Tags are as specified in [USDOD].

2802 **10.14 Filter Values for ADI EPC Tags**

2803 **Table 10-11** ADI Filter Values

Type	Filter Value	Binary Value
All Others (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	0	000000
Item, other than an item to which filter values 8 through 63 apply	1	000001
Carton	2	000010
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	3 thru 5	000011 thru 000101
Pallet	6	000110
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	7	000111
Seat cushions	8	001000

Type	Filter Value	Binary Value
Seat covers	9	001001
Seat belts	10	001010
Galley, Galley carts and other Galley Service Equipment	11	001011
Unit Load Devices, cargo containers	12	001100
Aircraft Security items (life vest boxes, rear lavatory walls, lavatory ceiling access hatches)	13	001101
Life vests	14	001110
Oxygen generators	15	001111
Engine components	16	010000
Avionics	17	010001
Experimental ("flight test") equipment	18	010010
Other emergency equipment (smoke masks, PBE, crash axes, medical kits, smoke detectors, flashlights, safety cards, etc.)	19	010011
Other rotables; e.g., line or base replaceable	20	010100
Other repairable	21	010101
Other cabin interior	22	010110
Other repair (exclude component); e.g., structure item repair	23	010111
Passenger Seats (structure)	24	011000
IFE (In-Flight Entertainment) Systems	25	011001
Reserved (see Section <a href="#">10.1</a> )	26 thru 55	011010 thru 110111
Location Identifier (*)	56	111000
Documentation	57	111001
Tools	58	111010
Ground Support Equipment	59	111011
Other Non-flyable equipment	60	111100
Reserved for internal company use	61 thru 63	111101 thru 111111

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**!** **Non-Normative:** When assigning filter values to tagged parts, the filter values chosen should be as specific as possible. For example, a filter value of 17 (Avionics) is a better choice for a radar black box than the more general category of 20 (Other Rotables). On the other hand, a filter value of 20 (Other Rotables) would be appropriate for a radar antenna in the nose cone of a plane since 17 (Avionics) would not be accurate.

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**✓** **Note:** location identifier may act differently from an item "identifying" tag in that it identifies a location that may be referenced by other items. Thus, an item might have an identification tag, but also a location tag. An example might be a particular part of an aircraft or even the entire aircraft.

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**!** **Non-Normative:** One example of "location" could be a particular airplane "tail number". For example, Airline XYZ has a fleet of 200 737s with the same interior configuration, and once you are inside of it, you can't tell which particular 737 you are in. This Airline wants to place RFID "location marker(s)" with the tail number encoded, and place them inside the passenger doors, or cargo hold doors. The doors could end up having two tags, one is for the door itself, i.e. it has the door part number, serial number, and things, and another tag is for "location" purpose.

## 11 Attribute bits (refer to 9.3 and 9.4)

This contents of this section have now been subsumed into sections [9.3](#) and [9.4](#).

## 12 EPC Tag URI and EPC Raw URI

The EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 tag contains a binary-encoded EPC, along with other control information. Applications do not normally process binary data directly. An application wishing to read the EPC may receive the EPC as a Pure Identity EPC URI, as defined in Section [6](#). In other situations, however, a capturing application may be interested in the control information on the tag as well as the EPC. Also, an application that writes the EPC memory bank needs to specify the values for control information that are written along with the EPC. In both of these situations, the EPC Tag URI and EPC Raw URI may be used.

For EPC schemes defined in TDS before TDS v2.0, the EPC Tag URI specifies both the EPC and the values of control information in the EPC memory bank. It also specifies which of several variant binary coding schemes is to be used (e.g., the choice between SGTIN-96 and SGTIN-198). As such, an EPC Tag URI completely and uniquely specifies the contents of the EPC memory bank for those EPC schemes for which it is defined. The EPC Raw URI also specifies the complete contents of the EPC memory bank, but represents the memory contents as a single decimal or hexadecimal numeral. The new EPC schemes defined in TDS v2.0 have not defined an equivalent EPC Tag URI syntax; instead the encoding/decoding is between the binary string and the corresponding GS1 element string, GS1 Digital Link URI or equivalently, the set of GS1 Application Identifiers and their values, as shown in [Figure 3-1](#). It should also be noted that the new EPC schemes defined in TDS 2.0 all permit the encoding of additional AIDC data after the EPC within the EPC/UII memory bank, as an alternative to encoding such data in the user memory bank.

### 12.1 Structure of the EPC Tag URI and EPC Raw URI

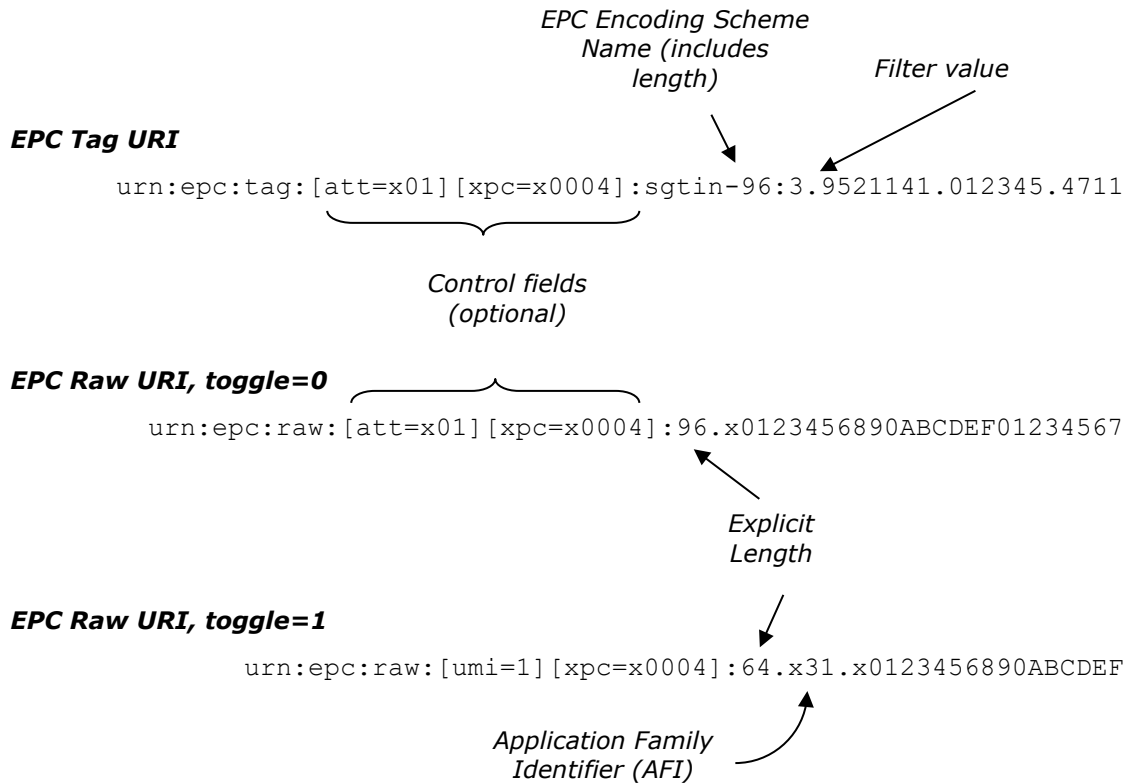
The EPC Tag URI begins with `urn:epc:tag:`, and is used when the EPC memory bank contains a valid EPC. EPC Tag URIs resemble Pure Identity EPC URIs, but with added control information. The EPC Raw URI begins with `urn:epc:raw:`, and is used when the EPC memory bank does not contain a valid EPC. This includes situations where the toggle bit (bit  $17_n$ ) is set to one, as well as situations where the toggle bit is set to zero but the remainder of the EPC bank does not conform to the coding rules specified in Section [14](#), either because the header bits are unassigned or the remainder of the binary encoding violates a validity check for that header.

The following figure illustrates these URI forms.



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**Figure 12-1** Illustration of EPC Tag URI and EPC Raw URI



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2853 The first form in the figure, the EPC Tag URI, is used for a valid EPC. It resembles the Pure Identity  
 2854 EPC URI, with the addition of optional control information fields as specified in Section 12.2.2 and a  
 2855 (non-optional) filter value. The EPC scheme name (`sgtin-96` in the example above) specifies a  
 2856 particular binary encoding scheme, and so it includes the length of the encoding. This is in contrast  
 2857 to the Pure Identity EPC URI which identifies an EPC scheme but not a specific binary encoding  
 2858 (e.g., `sgtin` but not specifically `sgtin-96`).

2859 The EPC raw URI illustrated by the second example in the figure can be used whenever the toggle  
 2860 bit (bit 17<sub>h</sub>) is zero, but is typically only used if the first form cannot (that is, if the contents of the  
 2861 EPC bank cannot be decoded according to Section 14.3.9). It specifies the contents of bit 20<sub>h</sub>  
 2862 onward as a single hexadecimal numeral. The number of bits in this numeral is determined by the  
 2863 "length" field in the EPC bank of the tag (bits 10<sub>h</sub> – 14<sub>h</sub>). (The grammar in Section 12.4 includes a  
 2864 variant of this form in which the contents are specified as a decimal numeral. This form is  
 2865 deprecated.)

2866 The EPC Raw URI illustrated by the third example in the figure is used when the toggle bit (bit 17<sub>h</sub>)  
 2867 is one. It is similar to the second form, but with an additional field between the length and payload  
 2868 that reports the value of the AFI field (bits 18<sub>h</sub> – 1F<sub>h</sub>) as a hexadecimal numeral.

2869 Each of these forms is fully defined by the encoding and decoding procedures specified in Sections  
 2870 14.3 and 14.4.

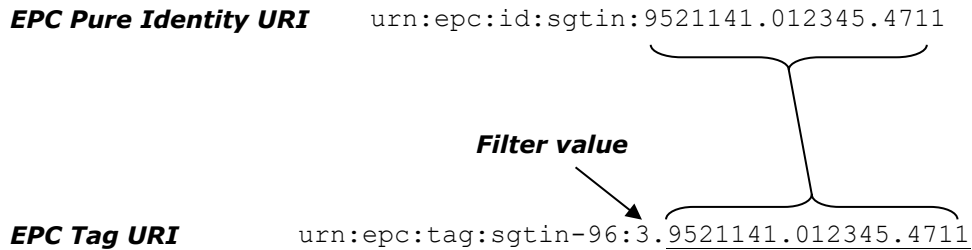
2871 **12.2 Control Information**

2872 The EPC Tag URI and EPC Raw URI specify the complete contents of the Gen 2 EPC memory bank,  
 2873 including control information such as filter values and Attribute bits. This section specifies how  
 2874 control information is included in these URIs.

2875 **12.2.1 Filter Values**

2876 Filter values are only available when the EPC bank contains a valid EPC, and only then when the EPC  
 2877 is an EPC scheme other than GID. In the EPC Tag URI, the filter value is indicated as an additional  
 2878 field following the scheme name and preceding the remainder of the EPC, as illustrated below:

2879 **Figure 12-2** Illustration of Filter Value within EPC Tag URI



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 2881 The filter value is a decimal integer. The allowed values of the filter value are specified in  
 2882 Section [10](#).

2883 **12.2.2 Other control information fields**

2884 Control information in the EPC bank apart from the filter values is stored separately from the EPC.  
 2885 Such information can be represented both in the EPC Tag URI and the EPC Raw URI, using the  
 2886 name-value pair syntax described below.

2887 In both URI forms, control field name-value pairs may occur following the urn:epc:tag: or  
 2888 urn:epc:raw:, as illustrated below:

2889 urn:epc:tag:[att=x01][xpc=x0004]:sgtin-96:3.9521141.112345.400

2890 urn:epc:raw:[att=x01][xpc=x0004]:96.x012345689ABCDEF01234567

2891 Each element in square brackets specifies the value of one control information field. An omitted field  
 2892 is equivalent to specifying a value of zero. As a limiting case, if no control information fields are  
 2893 specified in the URI it is equivalent to specifying a value of zero for all fields. This provides back-  
 2894 compatibility with earlier versions of TDS.

2895 The available control information fields are specified in the following table.

2896 **Table 12-1** Control information fields

Field	Syntax	Description	Read/Write
Attribute Bits	[att=xNN]	The value of the Attribute bits (bits 18 <sub>n</sub> - 1F <sub>n</sub> ), as a two-digit hexadecimal numeral NN. This field is only available if the toggle bit (bit 17 <sub>n</sub> ) is zero.	Read / Write
User Memory Indicator	[umi=B]	The value of the user memory indicator bit (bit 15 <sub>n</sub> ). The value B is either the digit 0 or the digit 1.	Read / Write Note that certain Gen 2 Tags may ignore the value written to this bit, and some may calculate the value of the bit from the contents of user memory. See [UHFC1G2].
Extended PC Bits	[xpc=xNNNN]	The value of the XPC bits (bits 210 <sub>n</sub> -21F <sub>n</sub> ) as a four-digit hexadecimal numeral NNNN.	Read only

2897 The user memory indicator and extended PC bits are calculated by the tag as a function of other  
 2898 information on the tag or based on operations performed to the tag. Therefore, these fields cannot  
 2899 be written directly. When reading from a tag, any of the control information fields may appear in the

2900 URI that results from decoding the EPC memory bank. When writing a tag, the `umi` and `xpc` fields  
 2901 will be ignored when encoding the URI into the tag.

2902 To aid in decoding, any control information fields that appear in a URI must occur in alphabetical  
 2903 order (the same order as in the table above).

2904 **!** **Non-Normative:** Examples: The following examples illustrate the use of control information  
 2905 fields in the EPC Tag URI and EPC Raw URI.

2906 `urn:epc:tag:sgtin-96:3.9521141.112345.400`

2907 This is a tag with an SGTIN EPC, filter bits = 3, the hazardous material Attribute bit set to  
 2908 zero, no user memory (user memory indicator = 0), and not recommissioned (extended PC =  
 2909 0). This illustrates back-compatibility with earlier versions of the Tag Data Standard.

2910 This is a tag with an SGTIN EPC, filter bits = 3, the hazardous material Attribute bit set to  
 2911 one, no user memory (user memory indicator = 0), and not recommissioned (extended PC =  
 2912 0). This URI might be specified by an application wishing to commission a tag with the  
 2913 hazardous material bit set to one and the filter bits and EPC as shown.

2914 `urn:epc:raw:[att=x01][umi=1][xpc=x0004]:96.x1234567890ABCDEF01234567`

2915 This is a tag with toggle=0, random data in bits 20<sub>h</sub> onward (not decodable as an EPC), the  
 2916 hazardous material Attribute bit set to one, non-zero contents in user memory, and has been  
 2917 recommissioned (as indicated by the extended PC).

2918 `urn:epc:raw:[xpc=x0001]:96.xC1.x1234567890ABCDEF01234567`

2919 This is a tag with toggle=1, Application Family Indicator = C1 (hexadecimal), and has had its  
 2920 user memory killed (as indicated by the extended PC).

## 2921 12.3 EPC Tag URI and EPC Pure Identity URI

2922 The Pure Identity EPC URI as defined in Section 6 is a representation of an EPC for use in  
 2923 information systems. The only information in a Pure Identity EPC URI is the EPC itself. The EPC Tag  
 2924 URI, in contrast, contains additional information: it specifies the contents of all control information  
 2925 fields in the EPC memory bank, and it also specifies which encoding scheme is used to encode the  
 2926 EPC into binary. Therefore, to convert a Pure Identity EPC URI to an EPC Tag URI, additional  
 2927 information must be provided. Conversely, to extract a Pure Identity EPC URI from an EPC Tag URI,  
 2928 this additional information is removed. The procedures in this section specify how these conversions  
 2929 are done.

### 2930 12.3.1 EPC Binary Coding Schemes

2931 For each EPC scheme as specified in Section 6, there are one or more corresponding EPC Binary  
 2932 Coding Schemes that determine how the EPC is encoded into binary representation for use in RFID  
 2933 tags. When there is more than one EPC Binary Coding Scheme available for a given EPC scheme, a  
 2934 user must choose which binary coding scheme to use. In general, the shorter binary coding schemes  
 2935 result in fewer bits and therefore permit the use of less expensive RFID tags containing less  
 2936 memory, but are restricted in the range of serial numbers that are permitted. The longer binary  
 2937 coding schemes allow for the full range of serial numbers permitted by the GS1 General  
 2938 Specifications, but require more bits and therefore more expensive RFID tags. TDS 2.0 introduces  
 2939 several new EPC schemes and corresponding binary encodings that support simpler  
 2940 encoding/decoding rules and efficient variable-length encoding using the most efficient character set  
 2941 for the actual value being encoded. The new EPC schemes and binary encodings introduced in TDS  
 2942 2.0 do not use partition tables and require no knowledge of the length of the GS1 Company Prefix;  
 2943 this is intended to improve interoperability between EPC and other data carriers such as 1D and 2D  
 2944 barcodes, in which the length of the GS1 Company Prefix is not considered to be significant.

2945 For EPC schemes defined before TDS 2.0, it is important to note that two EPCs are the same if and  
 2946 only if the Pure Identity EPC URIs are character for character identical. A long binary encoding (e.g.,  
 2947 SGTIN-198) is *not* a different EPC from a short binary encoding (e.g., SGTIN-96) if the GS1  
 2948 Company Prefix, item reference with indicator, and serial numbers are identical. The new EPC  
 2949 binary encodings introduced in TDS v2.0 do not define corresponding Pure Identity EPC URIs but

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their values are considered to be equivalent to those encoded in a short binary encoding (e.g., SGTIN-96) or a long binary encoding (e.g., SGTIN-198) if they all correspond to the same canonical GS1 Digital Link URI or the same GS1 element string, e.g. if the SGTIN-96, SGTIN-198, SGTIN+ or DSGTIN+ all express the same value for GTIN, AI (01) and Serial Number, AI (21).

All EPC schemes defined before TDS 2.0 remain valid in TDS 2.0. However, the new EPC schemes and binary encodings introduced in TDS 2.0 may be particularly suitable for the following scenarios:

1. When there is a desire/need to encode additional AIDC data after the EPC within the EPC/UII memory bank
2. When there is a desire or need to simplify encoding/decoding or difficulty in determining the length of a GS1 Company Prefix.
3. When there is a desire to use fewer bits than the maximum when using alphanumeric values with a constrained character set or where a variable-length value is significantly shorter than its maximum permitted length. In such situations, the encoding indicators and length indicators in the new EPC schemes may result in a lower total bit count than for the equivalent "long" EPC schemes defined before TDS 2.0.

The following table enumerates the available EPC binary coding schemes, and indicates the limitations imposed on serial numbers.

**Table 12-2** EPC Binary Coding Schemes and their limitations

EPC Scheme	EPC Binary Coding Scheme	EPC + Filter Bit Count	Includes Filter Value	Serial number limitation
sgtin	sgtin-96	96	Yes	Numeric-only, no leading zeros, decimal value must be less than $2^{38}$ (i.e., decimal value less than or equal to 274,877,906,943).
	sgtin-198	198	Yes	All values permitted by GS1 General Specifications (up to 20 alphanumeric characters)
	sgtin+	Variable up to 216		
	dsgtin+	Variable up to 236		
sscc	sscc-96	96	Yes	All values permitted by GS1 General Specifications (11 – 5 decimal digits including extension digit, depending on GS1 Company Prefix length)
	sscc+	84		
sgln	sgln-96	96	Yes	Numeric-only, no leading zeros, decimal value must be less than $2^{41}$ (i.e., decimal value less than or equal to 2,199,023,255,551).
	sgln-195	195	Yes	All values permitted by GS1 General Specifications (up to 20 alphanumeric characters)
	sgln+	Variable up to 212		
grai	grai-96	96	Yes	Numeric-only, no leading zeros, decimal value must be less than $2^{38}$ (i.e., decimal value less than or equal to 274,877,906,943).
	grai-170	170	Yes	All values permitted by GS1 General Specifications (up to 16 alphanumeric characters)
	grai+	Variable up to 188		
giai	giai-96	96	Yes	Numeric-only, no leading zeros, decimal value must be less than a limit that varies according to the length of the GS1 Company Prefix. See Section <a href="#">14.6.5.1</a> .
	giai-202	202	Yes	All values permitted by GS1 General Specifications (up to 18 – 24 alphanumeric characters, depending on company prefix length)
	giai+	Variable up to 216		

EPC Scheme	EPC Binary Coding Scheme	EPC + Filter Bit Count	Includes Filter Value	Serial number limitation
gsrn	gsrn-96	96	Yes	All values permitted by GS1 General Specifications (11 – 5 decimal digits, depending on GS1 Company Prefix length)
	gsrn+	84		
gsrnp	gsrnp-96	96	Yes	All values permitted by GS1 General Specifications (11 – 5 decimal digits, depending on GS1 Company Prefix length)
	gsrnp+	84		
gdti	gdti-96	96	Yes	Numeric-only, no leading zeros, decimal value must be less than $2^{41}$ (i.e., decimal value less than or equal to 2,199,023,255,551).
	gdti-113 (DEPRECATED as of TDS 1.9)	113	Yes	All values permitted by GS1 General Specifications prior to [GS1GS12.0] (up to 17 decimal digits, with or without leading zeros)
	gdti-174	174	Yes	All values permitted by GS1 General Specifications (up to 17 alphanumeric characters)
	gdti+	Variable up to 191		
sgcn	sgcn-96	96	Yes	Numeric only, up to 12 decimal digits, with or without leading zeros.
	sgcn+	Variable up to 108		
itip	itip-110	110	Yes	Numeric-only, no leading zeros, decimal value must be less than $2^{38}$ (i.e., decimal value less than or equal to 274,877,906,943).
	itip-212	212	Yes	All values permitted by GS1 General Specifications (up to 20 alphanumeric characters)
	itip+	Variable up to 232		
gid	gid-96	96	No	Numeric-only, no leading zeros, decimal value must be less than $2^{36}$ (i.e., decimal value must be less than or equal to 68,719,476,735).
usdod	usdod-96	96	See "United States Department of Defense Supplier's Passive RFID Information Guide" [USDOD].	
adi	adi-var	Variable	Yes	See Section <a href="#">14.6.14.1</a>
cpi	cpi-96	96	Yes	Serial Number: Numeric-only, no leading zeros, decimal value must be less than $2^{31}$ (i.e., decimal value less than or equal to 2,147,483,647). The component/part reference is also limited to values that are numeric-only, with no leading zeros, and whose length is less than or equal to 15 minus the length of the GS1 Company Prefix
	cpi-var	Variable	Yes	All values permitted by GS1 General Specifications (up to 12 decimal digits, no leading zeros).
	cpi+	Variable up to 274		



**Non-Normative:** Explanation: For the SGTIN, SGLN, GRAI, and GIAI EPC schemes, the serial number according to the GS1 General Specifications is a variable length, alphanumeric string. This means that serial number 34, 034, 0034, etc, are all different serial numbers, as are P34, 34P, 0P34, P034, and so forth. In order to provide for up to 20 alphanumeric characters, 140 bits are required to encode the serial number within schemes such as SGTIN-198 that were defined before TDS 2.0. This is why the "long" binary encodings all have such a large number of bits. Similar considerations apply to the GDTI EPC scheme, except that the

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2975 GDTI only allows digit characters (but still permits leading zeros). For the new EPC binary  
 2976 encodings introduced in TDS 2.0, instead of allocating sufficient bit capacity to accommodate  
 2977 the maximum permitted length of serial number components and all permitted characters, the  
 2978 new EPC schemes use encoding indicators and length indicators to enable fewer bits to be  
 2979 used if the actual value of a serial number component is shorter than the maximum permitted  
 2980 length or if it uses a more constrained character set (e.g. only uses numeric digits even where  
 2981 alphanumeric characters are permitted). This is explained in further detail in section [14.5](#).

2982 In order to accommodate the very common 96-bit RFID tag, additional binary coding schemes  
 2983 are introduced that only require 96 bits. In order to fit within 96 bits, some serial numbers  
 2984 have to be excluded. The 96-bit encodings of SGTIN, SGLN, GRAI, GIAI, and GDTI are limited  
 2985 to serial numbers that consist only of digits, which do not have leading zeros (unless the  
 2986 serial number consists in its entirety of a single 0 digit), and whose value when considered as  
 2987 a decimal numeral is less than  $2^B$ , where B is the number of bits available in the binary coding  
 2988 scheme. The choice to exclude serial numbers with leading zeros was an arbitrary design  
 2989 choice at the time the 96-bit encodings were first defined; for example, an alternative would  
 2990 have been to permit leading zeros, at the expense of excluding other serial numbers. But it is  
 2991 impossible to escape the fact that in B bits there can be no more than  $2^B$  different serial  
 2992 numbers.

2993 When decoding a "long" binary encoding defined before TDS 2.0 or any of the new EPC binary  
 2994 encodings introduced in TDS 2.0, it is not permissible to strip off leading zeros when the  
 2995 binary encoding includes leading zero characters. Likewise, when encoding an EPC into either  
 2996 the "short" or "long" form or new EPC binary encodings introduced in TDS 2.0, it is not  
 2997 permissible to strip off leading zeros prior to encoding. This means that EPCs whose serial  
 2998 numbers have leading zeros can only be encoded in the "long" form or in the new EPC binary  
 2999 encodings introduced in TDS 2.0, which are also capable of preserving leading zeros.

3000 In certain applications, it is desirable for the serial number to always contain a specific  
 3001 number of characters. Reasons for this may include wanting a predictable length for the EPC  
 3002 URI string, or for having a predictable size for a corresponding barcode encoding of the same  
 3003 identifier. In certain barcode applications, this is accomplished through the use of leading  
 3004 zeros. If 96-bit tags are used, however, the option to use leading zeros does not exist.

3005 Therefore, in applications that both require 96-bit tags and require that the serial number be  
 3006 a fixed number of characters, it is recommended that numeric serial numbers be used that  
 3007 are in the range  $10^D \leq \text{serial} < 10^{D+1}$ , where D is the desired number of digits. For example, if  
 3008 11-digit serial numbers are desired, an application can use serial numbers in the range  
 3009 10,000,000,000 through 99,999,999,999. Such applications must take care to use serial  
 3010 numbers that fit within the constraints of 96-bit tags. For example, if 12-digit serial numbers  
 3011 are desired for SGTIN-96 encodings, then the serial numbers must be in the range  
 3012 100,000,000,000 through 274,877,906,943.

3013 It should be remembered, however, that many applications do not require a fixed number of  
 3014 characters in the serial number, and so all serial numbers from 0 through the maximum value  
 3015 (without leading zeros) may be used with 96-bit tags.

### 3016 12.3.2 EPC Pure Identity URI to EPC Tag URI

3017 **Given:**

- 3018 ■ An EPC Pure Identity URI as specified in Section [6.3](#). This is a string that matches the EPC-URI  
 3019 production of the grammar in Section [6.3](#).
- 3020 ■ A selection of a binary coding scheme to use. This is one of the binary coding schemes specified in the  
 3021 "EPC Binary Coding Scheme" column of [Table 12-2](#). The chosen binary coding scheme must be one that  
 3022 corresponds to the EPC scheme in the EPC Pure Identity URI.
- 3023 ■ A filter value, if the "Includes Filter Value" column of [Table 12-2](#) indicates that the binary encoding  
 3024 includes a filter value.
- 3025 ■ The value of the Attribute bits.

- 3026 ■ The value of the user memory indicator.

3027 **Validation:**

- 3028 ■ The serial number portion of the EPC (the characters following the rightmost dot character) must conform  
 3029 to any restrictions implied by the selected binary coding scheme, as specified by the "Serial Number  
 3030 Limitation" column of [Table 12-2](#).  
 3031 ■ The filter value must be in the range  $0 \leq filter \leq 7$ .

3032 **Procedure:**

- 3033 1. Starting with the EPC Pure Identity URI, replace the prefix `urn:epc:id:` with `urn:epc:tag:.`  
 3034 2. Replace the EPC scheme name with the selected EPC binary coding scheme name. For example,  
 3035 replace `sgtin` with `sgtin-96` or `sgtin-198`.  
 3036 3. If the selected binary coding scheme includes a filter value, insert the filter value as a single  
 3037 decimal digit following the rightmost colon (":") character of the URI, followed by a dot (".")  
 3038 character.  
 3039 4. If the Attribute bits are non-zero, construct a string `[att=xNN]`, where NN is the value of the  
 3040 Attribute bits as a 2-digit hexadecimal numeral.  
 3041 5. If the user memory indicator is non-zero, construct a string `[umi=1]`.  
 3042 6. If Step 4 or Step 5 yielded a non-empty string, insert those strings following the rightmost colon  
 3043 (":") character of the URI, followed by an additional colon character.  
 3044 7. The resulting string is the EPC Tag URI.

3045 **12.3.3 EPC Tag URI to EPC Pure Identity URI**

3046 **Given:**

- 3047 1. An EPC Tag URI as specified in Section 12. This is a string that matches the `TagURI` production  
 3048 of the grammar in Section 12.4.

3049 **Procedure:**

- 3050 1. Starting with the EPC Tag URI, replace the prefix `urn:epc:tag:` with `urn:epc:id:.`  
 3051 2. Replace the EPC binary coding scheme name with the corresponding EPC scheme name. For  
 3052 example, replace `sgtin-96` or `sgtin-198` with `sgtin`.  
 3053 3. If the coding scheme includes a filter value, remove the filter value (the digit following the  
 3054 rightmost colon character) and the following dot (".") character.  
 3055 4. If the URI contains one or more control fields as specified in Section 12.2.2, remove them and  
 3056 the following colon character.  
 3057 5. The resulting string is the Pure Identity EPC URI.

3058 **12.4 Grammar**

3059 The following grammar specifies the syntax of the EPC Tag URI and EPC Raw URI. The grammar  
 3060 makes reference to grammatical elements defined in Sections 5 and 6.3.

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3061 TagOrRawURI = TagURI / RawURI
3062 TagURI = %s"urn:epc:tag:" TagURIControlBody
3063 TagURIControlBody = 0*1( ControlField+ ":" ) TagURIBody
3064 TagURIBody = SGTINTagURIBody / SSCCTagURIBody / SGLNTagURIBody /
3065 GRAITagURIBody / GIAITagURIBody / GDTITagURIBody /
3066 GSRNTagURIBody / GSRNPTagURIBody / ITIPTagURIBody /
3067 GIDTagURIBody / SGCNTagURIBody / DODTagURIBody /
3068 ADITagUriBody / CPITagURIBody
  
```

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3069
3070 SGTINTagURIBody = SGTINEncName ":" NumericComponent "." SGTINURIBody
3071 SGTINEncName = %s"sgtin-96" / %s"sgtin-198"
3072 SSCCTagURIBody = SSCCEncName ":" NumericComponent "." SSCCURIBody
3073 SSCCEncName = %s"sscc-96"
3074 SGLNTagURIBody = SGLNEncName ":" NumericComponent "." SGLNURIBody
3075 SGLNEncName = %s"sgln-96" / %s"sgln-195"
3076 GRAITagURIBody = GRAIEncName ":" NumericComponent "." GRAIURIBody
3077 GRAIEncName = %s"grai-96" / %s"grai-170"
3078 GIAITagURIBody = GIAIEncName ":" NumericComponent "." GIAIURIBody
3079 GIAIEncName = %s"giai-96" / %s"giai-202"
3080 GSRNTagURIBody = GSRNEncName ":" NumericComponent "." GSRNURIBody
3081 GSRNEncName = %s"gsrn-96"
3082 GSRNPEncName = %s"gsrnp-96"
3083 GDTITagURIBody = GDTIEncName ":" NumericComponent "." GDTIURIBody
3084 GDTIEncName = %s"gdtd-96" / %s"gdtd-113" / %s"gdtd-174"
3085 CPITagURIBody = CPIEncName ":" NumericComponent "." CPIURIBody
3086 CPIEncName = %s"cp-96" / %s"cp-var"
3087 SGCNTagURIBody = SGCNEncName ":" NumericComponent "." SGCNURIBody
3088 SGCNEncName = %s"sgcn-96"
3089 ITIPTagURIBody = ITIPEncName ":" NumericComponent "." ITIPURIBody
3090 ITIPEncName = %s"itip-110" / %s"itip-212"
3091 GIDTagURIBody = GIDEncName ":" GIDURIBody
3092 GIDEncName = %s"gid-96"
3093 DODTagURIBody = DODEncName ":" NumericComponent "." DODURIBody
3094 DODEncName = %s"usdod-96"
3095 ADITagURIBody = ADIEncName ":" NumericComponent "." ADIURIBody
3096 ADIEncName = %s"adi-var"
3097 RawURI = %s"urn:epc:raw:" RawURIControlBody
3098 RawURIControlBody = 0*1( ControlField+ ":") RawURIBody
3099 RawURIBody = DecimalRawURIBody / HexRawURIBody / AFIRawURIBody
3100 DecimalRawURIBody = NonZeroComponent "." NumericComponent
3101 HexRawURIBody = NonZeroComponent ".x" HexComponentOrEmpty
3102 AFIRawURIBody = NonZeroComponent ".x" HexComponent ".x" HexComponentOrEmpty
3103 ControlField = "[" ControlName "=" ControlValue "]"
3104 ControlName = %s"att" / %s"umi" / %s"xpc"
3105 ControlValue = BinaryControlValue / HexControlValue
3106 BinaryControlValue = "0" / "1"
3107 HexControlValue = %s"x" HexComponent
  
```

### 13 URIs for EPC Tag Encoding patterns

3108 Certain software applications need to specify rules for filtering lists of tags according to various
 3109 criteria. This specification provides an EPC Tag Pattern URI for this purpose. An EPC Tag Pattern URI
 3110 does not represent a single tag encoding, but rather refers to a set of tag encodings. A typical
 3111 pattern looks like this:
 3112
 3113 `urn:epc:pat:sgtin-96:3.0652642.[102400-204700].*`

3114 This pattern refers to any tag containing a 96-bit SGTIN EPC Binary Encoding, whose Filter field is 3,
 3115 whose GS1 Company Prefix is 0652642, whose Item Reference is in the range  $102400 \leq$ 
 3116 *itemReference*  $\leq 204700$ , and whose Serial Number may be anything at all.

3117 In general, for all EPC schemes defined before TDS v2.0, there is an EPC Tag Pattern URI scheme
 3118 corresponding to each of those EPC Binary Encoding schemes, whose syntax is essentially identical
 3119 except that ranges or the star (\*) character may be used in each field.

3120 The new EPC schemes defined in TDS v2.0 have not defined an equivalent EPC Tag URI syntax nor a
 3121 corresponding EPC Tag Pattern URI syntax; instead the encoding/decoding is between the binary
 3122 string and the corresponding GS1 element string, GS1 Digital Link URI or equivalently, the set of
 3123 GS1 Application Identifiers and their values, as shown in [Figure 3-1](#)



3124 For the SGTIN, SSCC, SGLN, GRAI, GIAI, GSRN, GDTI, SGCN and ITIP patterns, the pattern syntax  
 3125 slightly restricts how wildcards and ranges may be combined. Only two possibilities are permitted  
 3126 for the `CompanyPrefix` field. One, it may be a star (\*), in which case the following field  
 3127 (`ItemReference`, `SerialReference`, `LocationReference`,  
 3128 `AssetType`, `IndividualAssetReference`, `ServiceReference`, `DocumentType`,  
 3129 `CouponReference`, `Piece` or `Total`) must also be a star. Two, it may be a specific company  
 3130 prefix, in which case the following field may be a number, a range, or a star. A range may not be  
 3131 specified for the `CompanyPrefix`.

3132 **!** **Non-Normative:** Explanation: Because the company prefix is variable length, a range may  
 3133 not be specified, as the range might span different lengths. When a particular company prefix  
 3134 is specified, however, it is possible to match ranges or all values of the following field,  
 3135 because its length is fixed for a given company prefix. The other case that is allowed is when  
 3136 both fields are a star, which works for all tag encodings because the corresponding tag fields  
 3137 (including the `Partition` field, where present) are simply ignored.

3138 The pattern URI for the DoD Construct is as follows:

3139 `urn:epc:pat:usdod-96:filterPat.CAGECodeOrDODAACPat.serialNumberPat`

3140 where `filterPat` is either a filter value, a range of the form `[lo-hi]`, or a \* character;  
 3141 `CAGECodeOrDODAACPat` is either a CAGE Code/DODAAC or a \* character; and `serialNumberPat`  
 3142 is either a serial number, a range of the form `[lo-hi]`, or a \* character.

3143 The pattern URI for the Aerospace and Defense (ADI) identifier is as follows:

3144 `urn:epc:pat:adi-`  
 3145 `var:filterPat.CAGECodeOrDODAACPat.partNumberPat.serialNumberPat`

3146 where `filterPat` is either a filter value, a range of the form `[lo-hi]`, or a \* character;  
 3147 `CAGECodeOrDODAACPat` is either a CAGE Code/DODAAC or a \* character; `partNumberPat` is  
 3148 either an empty string, a part number, or a \* character; and `serialNumberPat` is either a serial  
 3149 number or a \* character.

3150 The pattern URI for the Component / Part (CPI) identifier is as follows:

3151 `urn:epc:pat:cpi-96:filterPat.CPI96PatBody.serialNumberPat`

3152 or

3153 `urn:epc:pat:cpi-var:filterPat.CPIVarPatBody`

3154 where `filterPat` is either a filter value, a range of the form `[lo-hi]`, or a \* character;  
 3155 `CPI96PatBody` is either \*.\* or a GS1 Company Prefix followed by a dot and either a numeric  
 3156 component/part number, a range in the form `[lo-hi]`, or a \* character; `serialNumberPat` is  
 3157 either a serial number or a \* character or a range in the form `[lo-hi]`; and `CPIVarPatBody` is  
 3158 either \*.\*.\* or a GS1 Company Prefix followed by a dot followed by a component/part reference  
 3159 followed by a dot followed by either a component/part serial number, a range in the form `[lo-hi]` or  
 3160 a \* character.

## 3161 13.1 Syntax

3162 The syntax of EPC Tag Pattern URIs is defined by the grammar below.

3163 `PatURI = %s"urn:epc:pat:" PatBody`

3164 `PatBody =`

3165 `GIDPatURIBody /`  
 3166 `SGTINPatURIBody /`  
 3167 `SGTINAlphaPatURIBody /`  
 3168 `SGLNGRAI96PatURIBody /`  
 3169 `SGLNGRAIAlphaPatURIBody /`  
 3170 `SSCCPatURIBody /`  
 3171 `GIAI96PatURIBody /`

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3172          GIAIAlphaPatURIBody /
3173          GSRNPatURIBody /
3174          GSRNPPatURIBody /
3175          GDTIPatURIBody /
3176          CPIVarPatURIBody /
3177          SGCNPatURIBody /
3178          ITIPPatURIBody /
3179          USDOD96PatURIBody /
3180          ITIP212PatURIBody /
3181          ADIVarPatURIBody /
3182          CPI96PatURIBody
3183  GIDPatURIBody = %s"gid-96:" 2(PatComponent ".") PatComponent
3184  SGTIN96PatURIBody = %s"sgtin-96:" PatComponent "." GS1PatBody "."
3185  PatComponent
3186  SGTINAlphaPatURIBody = %s"sgtin-198:" PatComponent "." GS1PatBody "."
3187  GS3A3PatComponent
3188  SGLNGRAI96PatURIBody = SGLNGRAI96TagEncName ":" PatComponent "." GS1EpatBody
3189  "." PatComponent
3190  SGLNGRAI96TagEncName = %s"sgln-96" / %s"grai-96"
3191  SGLNGRAIAlphaPatURIBody = SGLNGRAIAlphaTagEncName ":" PatComponent "."
3192  GS1EpatBody "." GS3A3PatComponent
3193  SGLNGRAIAlphaTagEncName = %s"sgln-195" / %s"grai-170"
3194  SSSCPatURIBody = %s"sscc-96:" PatComponent "." GS1PatBody
3195  GIAI96PatURIBody = %s"giai-96:" PatComponent "." GS1PatBody
3196  GIAIAlphaPatURIBody = %s"giai-202:" PatComponent "." GS1GS3A3PatBody
3197  GSRNPatURIBody = %s"gsrn-96:" PatComponent "." GS1PatBody
3198  GSRNPPatURIBody = %s"gsrnp-96:" PatComponent "." GS1PatBody
3199  GDTIPatURIBody = GDTI96PatURIBody / GDTI113PatURIBody/ GDTI174PatURIBody
3200  GDTI96PatURIBody = %s"gdtd-96:" PatComponent "." GS1EpatBody "."
3201  PatComponent
3202  GDTI113PatURIBody = %s"gdtd-113:" PatComponent "." GS1EpatBody "."
3203  PaddedNumericOrStarComponent
3204  GDTI174PatURIBody = %s"gdtd-174:" PatComponent "." GS1EpatBody "."
3205  GS3A3PatComponent
3206  CPI96PatURIBody = %s"cpi-96:" PatComponent "." GS1PatBody "." PatComponent
3207  CPIVarPatURIBody = %s"cpi-var:" PatComponent "." CPIVarPatBody
3208  CPIVarPatBody = "*.*.*"
3209  / PaddedNumericComponent "." CPreComponent "." PatComponent
3210  SGCNPatURIBody = SGCN96PatURIBody
3211  SGCN96PatURIBody = %s"sgcn-96:" PatComponent "." GS1EpatBody "."
3212  PaddedNumericOrStarComponent
3213  ITIP110PatURIBody = %s"itip-110:" PatComponent "." GS1PatBody "."
3214  PatComponent "." PatComponent "." PatComponent
3215  ITIP212PatURIBody = %s"itip-212:" PatComponent "." GS1PatBody "."
3216  PatComponent "." PatComponent "." GS3A3PatComponent
3217  USDOD96PatURIBody = %s"usdod-96:" PatComponent "." CAGECodeOrDODAACPat "."
3218  PatComponent
3219  ADIVarPatURIBody = %s"adi-var:" PatComponent "." CAGECodeOrDODAACPat "."
3220  ADIPatComponent "." ADIExtendedPatComponent
3221  PaddedNumericOrStarComponent = PaddedNumericComponent / StarComponent
3222  GS1PatBody = "*.*" / ( PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedPatComponent )
3223  GS1EpatBody = "*.*" / ( PaddedNumericComponent "." PaddedOrEmptyPatComponent
3224  )
3225  GS1GS3A3PatBody = "*.*" / ( PaddedNumericComponent "." GS3A3PatComponent )
3226  PatComponent = NumericComponent / StarComponent / RangeComponent
3227  PaddedPatComponent = PaddedNumericComponent / StarComponent / RangeComponent
3228  PaddedOrEmptyPatComponent = PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty
3229  / StarComponent
3230  / RangeComponent
3231  GS3A3PatComponent = GS3A3Component / StarComponent

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3232 CAGECodeOrDODAACPat = CAGECodeOrDODAAC / StarComponent  
 3233 ADIPatComponent= ADIComponent / StarComponent  
 3234 ADIExtendedPatComponent = ADIExtendedComponent / StarComponent  
 3235 StarComponent = "\*"   
 3236 RangeComponent = "[" NumericComponent "-" NumericComponent "]"

3237 For a RangeComponent to be legal, the numeric value of the first NumericComponent must be  
 3238 less than or equal to the numeric value of the second NumericComponent.

## 3239 13.2 Semantics

3240 The meaning of an EPC Tag Pattern URI (urn:epc:pat:) is formally defined as denoting a set of  
 3241 EPC Tag URIs.

3242 The set of EPCs denoted by a specific EPC Tag Pattern URI is defined by the following decision  
 3243 procedure, which says whether a given EPC Tag URI belongs to the set denoted by the EPC Tag  
 3244 Pattern URI.

3245 Let urn:epc:pat:EncName:P1.I..Pn be an EPC Tag Pattern URI. Let  
 3246 urn:epc:tag:EncName:IC2...Cn be an EPC Tag URI, where the EncName field of both URIs is  
 3247 the same. The number of components (n) depends on the value of EncName.

3248 First, any EPC Tag URI component Ci is said to *match* the corresponding EPC Tag Pattern URI  
 3249 component Pi if:

- 3250 ■ Pi is a NumericComponent, and Ci is equal to Pi; or
- 3251 ■ Pi is a PaddedNumericComponent, and Ci is equal to Pi both in numeric value as well as in length; or
- 3252 ■ Pi is a GS3A3Component, ADIExtendedComponent, ADIComponent, or CPRefComponent and Ci is  
 3253 equal to Pi, character for character; or
- 3254 ■ Pi is a CAGECodeOrDODAAC, and Ci is equal to Pi; or
- 3255 ■ Pi is a RangeComponent [lo-hi], and  $lo \leq Ci \leq hi$ ; or
- 3256 ■ Pi is a StarComponent (and Ci is anything at all)

3257 Then the EPC Tag URI is a member of the set denoted by the EPC Pattern URI if and only if Ci  
 3258 matches Pi for all  $1 \leq i \leq n$ .

## 3259 14 EPC Binary Encoding

3260 This section specifies how EPC Tag URIs or element strings (GS1 Application Identifiers and their  
 3261 values) are encoded into binary strings, and conversely how a binary string is decoded into an EPC  
 3262 Tag URI (if possible) or element string (GS1 Application Identifiers and their values). The binary  
 3263 strings defined by the encoding and decoding procedures in this section are suitable for use in the  
 3264 EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 tag.

3265 The general structure of an EPC Binary Encoding as used on a tag is as a string of bits (i.e., a binary  
 3266 representation), consisting of a fixed length header followed by a series of fields whose overall  
 3267 length, structure, and function are determined by the header value. The assigned header values are  
 3268 specified in Section [14.2](#). Both the encoding and decoding procedures are driven by coding tables  
 3269 specified in Section [14.6](#). Each coding table specifies, for a given header value, the structure of the  
 3270 fields following the header.

3271 EPC schemes are defined for most of the globally unique instance identifiers that can be constructed  
 3272 using GS1 identification keys – so not only for GTIN but also SSCC, GRAI, GIAI etc. However,  
 3273 binary encodings have only been defined for those where there is a strong case for encoding an EPC  
 3274 in an RFID data carrier (e.g. for a serialised product instance or for a logistic unit, asset physical  
 3275 location) but not for organisations nor for groupings of logistic units that correspond to  
 3276 consignments or shipments.

3277 TDS 2.0 introduces alternative modernised EPC binary encodings for all EPC schemes based on GS1  
 3278 identifiers, for which a binary encoding was already defined in TDS 1.13. These new EPC binary

3279 encodings have much simpler translation to/from GS1 element strings on barcodes, with no need to  
 3280 know the length of the GS1 Company Prefix, no omission of the check digit and no rearrangement of  
 3281 the indicator digit of the GTIN nor the extension digit of the SSCC. The encoding/decoding is  
 3282 between the binary string and the corresponding GS1 element string, GS1 Digital Link URI or  
 3283 equivalently, the set of GS1 Application Identifiers and their values, as shown in [Figure 3-1](#). These  
 3284 new EPC binary encodings all have names ending '+', to denote that they also offer the option of  
 3285 encoding additional +AIDC data after the EPC binary string. No EPC Tag URI syntax is defined for  
 3286 any of the new EPC schemes introduced in TDS 2.0, so instead of referring to Sections [14.3](#) and  
 3287 [14.4](#) for the encoding and decoding procedures, Section [14.5](#) explains the encoding and decoding  
 3288 procedures for the new EPC schemes introduced in TDS v2.0 and should be read in conjunction with  
 3289 the relevant binary coding table from Section [14.6](#), which provides the binary coding tables for all  
 3290 EPC schemes (old and new). A requirement for TDS 2.0 conformance is that implementations of  
 3291 decoders SHALL support all of the new encoding and decoding methods in Section 14.5.  
 3292 Implementers of encoders SHALL support all of the new encoding methods in Section 14.5 that are  
 3293 explicitly mentioned within columns b or i of Table F in Section [15.3](#).

3294 The older EPC schemes defined before TDS 2.0 remain valid and for these EPC schemes, the  
 3295 complete procedure for encoding an EPC Tag URI into the binary contents of the EPC memory bank  
 3296 of a Gen 2 tag is specified in Section [15.1.1](#). The procedure in Section [15.1.1](#) uses the procedure  
 3297 defined below in Section [14.3](#) (encoding URI to binary) to do the bulk of the work. Conversely, the  
 3298 complete procedure for decoding the binary contents of the EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 tag into  
 3299 an EPC Tag URI (or EPC Raw URI, if necessary) is specified in Section [15.2.2](#). The procedure in  
 3300 Section [15.2.2](#) uses the procedure defined below in Section [14.4](#) (decoding binary to URI) to do the  
 3301 bulk of the work.


## 3302 14.1 Overview of Binary Encoding

3303 To convert an EPC Tag URI to the EPC Binary Encoding, follow the procedure specified in  
 3304 Section [14.3](#), which is summarised as follows. First, the appropriate coding table is selected from  
 3305 among the tables specified in Section [14.4.9](#). The correct coding table is the one whose "URI  
 3306 Template" entry matches the given EPC Tag URI. Each column in the coding table corresponds to a  
 3307 bit field within the final binary encoding. Within each column, a "Coding Method" is specified that  
 3308 says how to calculate the corresponding bits of the binary encoding, given some portion of the URI  
 3309 as input. The encoding details for each "Coding Method" are given in subsections of Section [14.3](#).

3310 To convert an EPC Binary Encoding into an EPC Tag URI, follow the procedure specified in  
 3311 Section [14.4](#), which is summarised as follows. First, the most significant eight bits are looked up in  
 3312 the table of EPC binary headers ([Table 14-1](#) in Section [14.2](#)). This identifies the EPC coding scheme,  
 3313 which in turn selects a coding table from among those specified in Section [14.6](#). Each column in the  
 3314 coding table corresponds to a bit field in the input binary encoding. Within each column, a "Coding  
 3315 Method" is specified that says how to calculate a corresponding portion of the output URI, given that  
 3316 bit field as input. The decoding details for each "Coding Method" are given in subsections of  
 3317 Section [14.4](#).

## 3318 14.2 EPC Binary Headers

3319 As already noted, the general structure of an EPC Binary Encoding as used on a tag is as a string of  
 3320 bits (i.e., a binary representation), consisting of a fixed length, 8 bit, header followed by a series of  
 3321 fields whose overall length, structure, and function are determined by the header value. For future  
 3322 expansion purpose, a header value of 11111111 is defined, to indicate that longer headers beyond  
 3323 8 bits is used; this provides for future expansion so that more than 256 header values may be  
 3324 accommodated by using longer headers. Therefore, the present specification provides for up to 255  
 3325 8-bit headers, plus a currently undetermined number of longer headers.

3326  **Non-Normative:** Back-compatibility note: In earlier versions of TDS, the header was of  
 3327 variable length, using a tiered approach in which a zero value in each tier indicated that the  
 3328 header was drawn from the next longer tier. For the encodings defined in the earlier  
 3329 specification, headers were either 2 bits or 8 bits. Given that a zero value is reserved to  
 3330 indicate a header in the next longer tier, the 2-bit header had 3 possible values (01, 10, and  
 3331 11, not 00), and the 8-bit header had 63 possible values (recognising that the first 2 bits

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must be 00 and 00000000 is reserved to allow headers that are longer than 8 bits). The 2-bit headers were only used in conjunction with certain 64-bit EPC Binary Encodings.

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In more recent versions of TDS, the tiered header approach has been abandoned. Also, all 64-bit encodings (including all encodings that used 2-bit headers) have been deprecated, and should not be used in new applications.

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The encoding schemes defined in this version of TDS are shown in [Table 14-1](#). The table also indicates currently unassigned header values that are "Reserved for Future Use" (RFU). All header values that had been reserved for legacy 64-bit encodings, defined in prior versions of the EPC Tag Data Standard, were sunset, effective 1 July, 2009, as previously announced by EPCglobal on 1 July, 2006.

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**Table 14-1** EPC Binary Header Values

Header Value (binary)	Header Value (hexadecimal)	Encoding Length (bits)	Coding Scheme
0000 0000	00	NA	Unprogrammed Tag
0000 0001	01	NA	Reserved for Future Use
0000 001x	02,03	NA	Reserved for Future Use
0000 01xx	04,05	NA	Reserved for Future Use
	06,07	NA	Reserved for Future Use
0000 1000	08		Reserved for Future Use
0000 1001	09		Reserved for Future Use
0000 1010	0A		Reserved for Future Use
0000 1011	0B		Reserved for Future Use
0000 1100 to 0000 1111	0C to 0F		Reserved for Future Use
0001 0000 to 0010 1011	10 to 2B	NA  NA	Reserved for Future Use
0010 1100	2C	96	GDTI-96
0010 1101	2D	96	GSRN-96
0010 1110	2E	96	GSRNP-96
0010 1111	2F	96	USDoD-96
0011 0000	30	96	SGTIN-96
0011 0001	31	96	SSCC-96
0011 0010	32	96	SGLN-96
0011 0011	33	96	GRAI-96
0011 0100	34	96	GIAI-96
0011 0101	35	96	GID-96
0011 0110	36	198	SGTIN-198
0011 0111	37	170	GRAI-170
0011 1000	38	202	GIAI-202
0011 1001	39	195	SGLN-195

Header Value (binary)	Header Value (hexadecimal)	Encoding Length (bits)	Coding Scheme
0011 1010	3A	113	GDTI-113 (DEPRECATED as of TDS 1.9)
0011 1011	3B	Variable	ADI-var
0011 1100	3C	96	CPI-96
0011 1101	3D	Variable	CPI-var
0011 1110	3E	174	GDTI-174
0011 1111	3F	96	SGCN-96
0100 0000	40	110	ITIP-110
0100 0001	41	212	ITIP-212
0100 0010 to 0111 1111	42 to 7F		Reserved for Future Use
1000 0000 to 1011 1111	80 to BF		Reserved for Future Use
1100 0000 to 1100 1101	C0 to CD		Reserved for Future Use
1100 1110	CE		Reserved for Future Use
1100 1111 to 1110 0001	CF to E1		Reserved for Future Use
1110 0010	E2		E2 remains PERMANENTLY RESERVED to avoid confusion with the first eight bits of TID memory (Section 16).
1110 0011 to 11010 1111	E3 to EF		Reserved for Future Use
1111 0000	F0	variable	CPI+
1111 0001	F1	variable	GRAI+
1111 0010	F2	variable	SGLN+
1111 0011	F3	variable	ITIP+
1111 0100	F4	84	GSRN+
1111 0101	F5	84	GSRNP+
1111 0110	F6	variable	GDTI+
1111 0111	F7	variable	SGTIN+
1111 1000	F8	variable	SGCN+
1111 1001	F9	84	SSCC+
1111 1010	FA	variable	GIAI+
1111 1011	FB	variable	DSGTIN+
1111 1100	FC		RFU
1111 1101	FD		RFU

Header Value (binary)	Header Value (hexadecimal)	Encoding Length (bits)	Coding Scheme
1111 1110	FE		'Unspecified' / 'Pad' Header for use with optimised <i>Select</i> functionality tentatively planned for Gen2v3
1111 1111	FF	NA	Reserved for Future Use (expressly reserved for headers longer than 8 bits)

3343 **14.3 Encoding procedure**

3344 The following procedure encodes an EPC Tag URI into a bit string containing the encoded EPC and  
 3345 the filter value (for EPC schemes that have a filter value and for EPC schemes for which an EPC Tag  
 3346 URI is defined; no EPC Tag URI format is defined for new EPC schemes introduced in TDS 2.0 – for  
 3347 those schemes, the starting point for encoding is the corresponding GS1 element string or  
 3348 equivalently, the set of GS1 Application Identifiers and their values. For all new EPC schemes  
 3349 introduced in TDS 2.0, please refer to section 14.5 instead). This bit string is suitable for storing in  
 3350 the EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 Tag beginning at bit 20h. See Section 15.1.1 for the complete  
 3351 procedure for encoding the entire EPC memory bank, including control information that resides  
 3352 outside of the encoded EPC. (The procedure in Section 15.1.1 uses the procedure below as a  
 3353 subroutine.)

3354 **Given:**

- 3355 ■ An EPC Tag URI of the form `urn:epc:tag:scheme:remainder`

3356 **Yields:**

- 3357 ■ A bit string containing the EPC binary encoding of the specified EPC Tag URI, containing the encoded EPC  
 3358 together with the filter value (if applicable); OR
- 3359 ■ An exception indicating that the EPC Tag URI could not be encoded.

3360 **Procedure:**

- 3361 1. Use the `scheme` to identify the coding table for this URI scheme. If no such scheme exists,  
 3362 stop: this URI is not syntactically legal.
- 3363 2. Confirm that the URI syntactically matches the URI template associated with the coding table. If  
 3364 not, stop: this URI is not syntactically legal.
- 3365 3. Read the coding table left-to-right, and construct the encoding specified in each column to  
 3366 obtain a bit string. If the "Coding Segment Bit Count" row of the table specifies a fixed number  
 3367 of bits, the bit string so obtained will always be of this length. The method for encoding each  
 3368 column depends on the "Coding Method" row of the table. If the "Coding Method" row specifies a  
 3369 specific bit string, use that bit string for that column. Otherwise, consult the following sections  
 3370 that specify the encoding methods. If the encoding of any segment fails, stop: this URI cannot  
 3371 be encoded.
- 3372 4. Concatenate the bit strings from Step 3 to form a single bit string. If the overall binary length  
 3373 specified by the scheme is of fixed length, then the bit string so obtained will always be of that  
 3374 length. The position of each segment within the concatenated bit string is as specified in the "Bit  
 3375 Position" row of the coding table. Section 15.1.1 specifies the procedure that uses the result of  
 3376 this step for encoding the EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 tag.

3377 The following sections specify the procedures to be used in Step 3.

3378 **14.3.1 "Integer" Encoding Method**

3379 The Integer encoding method is used for a segment that appears as a decimal integer in the URI,  
 3380 and as a binary integer in the binary encoding.

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**Input:**

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The input to the encoding method is the URI portion indicated in the "URI portion" row of the encoding table, a character string with no dot (".") characters.

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**Validity Test:**

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The input character string must satisfy the following:

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- It must match the grammar for `NumericComponent` as specified in Section 5.

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- The value of the string SHALL be considered as a decimal integer (i.e., leading zeros are not permitted) and SHALL be less than  $2^b$ , where  $b$  is the value specified in the "Coding Segment Bit Count" row of the encoding table.

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If any of the above tests fails, the encoding of the URI fails.

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**Output:**

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The encoding of this segment is a  $b$ -bit integer (padded to the left with zero bits as necessary), where  $b$  is the value specified in the "Coding Segment Bit Count" row of the encoding table, whose value is the value of the input character string considered as a decimal integer.

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### 14.3.2 "String" Encoding method

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The String encoding method is used for a segment that appears as an alphanumeric string in the URI, and as an ISO/IEC 646 [ISO646] (ASCII) encoded bit string in the binary encoding.

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**Input:**

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The input to the encoding method is the URI portion indicated in the "URI portion" row of the encoding table, a character string with no dot (".") characters.

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**Validity Test:**

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The input character string must satisfy the following:

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- It must match the grammar for `GS3A3Component` as specified in Section 5.

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- For each portion of the string that matches the `Escape` production of the grammar specified in Section 5 (that is, a 3-character sequence consisting of a % character followed by two hexadecimal digits), the two hexadecimal characters following the % character must map to one of the 82 allowed characters specified in [Table I.3.1-1](#).

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- The number of characters must be less than or equal to  $b/7$ , where  $b$  is the value specified in the "Coding Segment Bit Count" row of the coding table.

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If any of the above tests fails, the encoding of the URI fails.

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Consider the input to be a string of zero or more characters  $s_1s_2...s_N$ , where each character  $s_i$  is either a single character or a 3-character sequence matching the `Escape` production of the grammar (that is, a 3-character sequence consisting of a % character followed by two hexadecimal digits). Translate each character to a 7-bit string. For a single character, the corresponding 7-bit string is specified in [Table I.3.1-1](#). For an `Escape` sequence, the 7-bit string is the value of the two hexadecimal characters considered as a 7-bit integer. Concatenating those 7-bit strings in the order corresponding to the input, then pad to the right with zero bits as necessary to total  $b$  bits, where  $b$  is the value specified in the "Coding Segment Bit Count" row of the coding table. (The number of padding bits will be  $b - 7N$ .) The resulting  $b$ -bit string is the output.

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### 14.3.3 "Partition Table" Encoding method

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The Partition Table encoding method is used for a segment that appears in the URI as a pair of variable-length numeric fields separated by a dot (".") character, and in the binary encoding as a 3-



3424 bit "partition" field followed by two variable length binary integers. The number of characters in the  
 3425 two URI fields always totals to a constant number of characters, and the number of bits in the  
 3426 binary encoding likewise totals to a constant number of bits.

3427 The Partition Table encoding method makes use of a "partition table." The specific partition table to  
 3428 use is specified in the coding table for a given EPC scheme.

3429 **Input:**

3430 The input to the encoding method is the URI portion indicated in the "URI portion" row of the  
 3431 encoding table. This consists of two strings of digits separated by a dot (".") character. For the  
 3432 purpose of this encoding procedure, the digit strings to the left and right of the dot are denoted *C*  
 3433 and *D*, respectively.

3434 **Validity Test:**

3435 The input must satisfy the following:

- 3436 ■ *C* must match the grammar for `PaddedNumericComponent` as specified in Section 5.
- 3437 ■ *D* must match the grammar for `PaddedNumericComponentOrEmpty` as specified in Section 5.
- 3438 ■ The number of digits in *C* must match one of the values specified in the "GS1 Company Prefix Digits (L)"  
 3439 column of the partition table. The corresponding row is called the "matching partition table row" in the  
 3440 remainder of the encoding procedure.
- 3441 ■ The number of digits in *D* must match the corresponding value specified in the other field digits column of  
 3442 the matching partition table row. Note that if the other field digits column specifies zero, then *D* must be  
 3443 the empty string, implying the overall input segment ends with a "dot" character.

3444 **Output:**

3445 Construct the output bit string by concatenating the following three components:

- 3446 ■ The value *P* specified in the "partition value" column of the matching partition table row, as a 3-bit binary  
 3447 integer.
- 3448 ■ The value of *C* considered as a decimal integer, converted to an *M*-bit binary integer, where *M* is the  
 3449 number of bits specified in the "GS1 Company Prefix bits" column of the matching partition table row.
- 3450 ■ The value of *D* considered as a decimal integer, converted to an *N*-bit binary integer, where *N* is the  
 3451 number of bits specified in the other field bits column of the matching partition table row. If *D* is the  
 3452 empty string, the value of the *N*-bit integer is zero.

3453 The resulting bit string is  $(3 + M + N)$  bits in length, which always equals the "Coding Segment Bit  
 3454 Count" for this segment as indicated in the coding table.

3455 **14.3.4 "Unpadded Partition Table" Encoding method**

3456 The Unpadded Partition Table encoding method is used for a segment that appears in the URI as a  
 3457 pair of variable-length numeric fields separated by a dot (".") character, and in the binary encoding  
 3458 as a 3-bit "partition" field followed by two variable length binary integers. The number of characters  
 3459 in the two URI fields is always less than or equal to a known limit, and the number of bits in the  
 3460 binary encoding is always a constant number of bits.

3461 The Unpadded Partition Table encoding method makes use of a "partition table." The specific  
 3462 partition table to use is specified in the coding table for a given EPC scheme.

3463 **Input:**

3464 The input to the encoding method is the URI portion indicated in the "URI portion" row of the  
 3465 encoding table. This consists of two strings of digits separated by a dot (".") character. For the  
 3466 purpose of this encoding procedure, the digit strings to the left and right of the dot are denoted *C*  
 3467 and *D*, respectively.

### Validity Test:

The input must satisfy the following:

- *C* must match the grammar for `PaddedNumericComponent` as specified in Section 5.
- *D* must match the grammar for `NumericComponent` as specified in Section 5.
- The number of digits in *C* must match one of the values specified in the "GS1 Company Prefix Digits (L)" column of the partition table. The corresponding row is called the "matching partition table row" in the remainder of the encoding procedure.
- The value of *D*, considered as a decimal integer, must be less than  $2^N$ , where *N* is the number of bits specified in the other field bits column of the matching partition table row.

### Output:

Construct the output bit string by concatenating the following three components:

- The value *P* specified in the "partition value" column of the matching partition table row, as a 3-bit binary integer.
- The value of *C* considered as a decimal integer, converted to an *M*-bit binary integer, where *M* is the number of bits specified in the "GS1 Company Prefix bits" column of the matching partition table row.
- The value of *D* considered as a decimal integer, converted to an *N*-bit binary integer, where *N* is the number of bits specified in the other field bits column of the matching partition table row. If *D* is the empty string, the value of the *N*-bit integer is zero.

The resulting bit string is  $(3 + M + N)$  bits in length, which always equals the "Coding Segment Bit Count" for this segment as indicated in the coding table.

## 14.3.5 "String Partition Table" Encoding method

The String Partition Table encoding method is used for a segment that appears in the URI as a variable-length numeric field and a variable-length string field separated by a dot (".") character, and in the binary encoding as a 3-bit "partition" field followed by a variable length binary integer and a variable length binary-encoded character string. The number of characters in the two URI fields is always less than or equal to a known limit (counting a 3-character escape sequence as a single character), and the number of bits in the binary encoding is padded if necessary to a constant number of bits.

The Partition Table encoding method makes use of a "partition table." The specific partition table to use is specified in the coding table for a given EPC scheme.

### Input:

The input to the encoding method is the URI portion indicated in the "URI portion" row of the encoding table. This consists of two strings separated by a dot (".") character. For the purpose of this encoding procedure, the strings to the left and right of the dot are denoted *C* and *D*, respectively.

### Validity Test:

The input must satisfy the following:

- *C* must match the grammar for `PaddedNumericComponent` as specified in Section 5.
- *D* must match the grammar for `GS3A3Component` as specified in Section 5.
- The number of digits in *C* must match one of the values specified in the "GS1 Company Prefix Digits (L)" column of the partition table. The corresponding row is called the "matching partition table row" in the remainder of the encoding procedure.
- The number of characters in *D* must be less than or equal to the corresponding value specified in the other field maximum characters column of the matching partition table row. For the purposes of this rule, an escape triplet (`%nn`) is counted as one character.

- 3513 ■ For each portion of  $D$  that matches the `Escape` production of the grammar specified in Section 5 (that is,  
 3514 a 3-character sequence consisting of a % character followed by two hexadecimal digits), the two  
 3515 hexadecimal characters following the % character must map to one of the 82 allowed characters specified  
 3516 in [Table I.3.1-1](#).

3517 **Output:**

3518 Construct the output bit string by concatenating the following three components:

- 3519 ■ The value  $P$  specified in the "partition value" column of the matching partition table row, as a 3-bit binary  
 3520 integer.
- 3521 ■ The value of  $C$  considered as a decimal integer, converted to an  $M$ -bit binary integer, where  $M$  is the  
 3522 number of bits specified in the "GS1 Company Prefix bits" column of the matching partition table row.
- 3523 ■ The value of  $D$  converted to an  $N$ -bit binary string, where  $N$  is the number of bits specified in the other  
 3524 field bits column of the matching partition table row. This  $N$ -bit binary string is constructed as follows.  
 3525 Consider  $D$  to be a string of zero or more characters  $s_1s_2...s_N$ , where each character  $s_i$  is either a single  
 3526 character or a 3-character sequence matching the `Escape` production of the grammar (that is, a 3-  
 3527 character sequence consisting of a % character followed by two hexadecimal digits). Translate each  
 3528 character to a 7-bit string. For a single character, the corresponding 7-bit string is specified in [Table](#)  
 3529 [I.3.1-1](#). For an `Escape` sequence, the 7-bit string is the value of the two hexadecimal characters  
 3530 considered as a 7-bit integer. Concatenate those 7-bit strings in the order corresponding to the input,  
 3531 then pad with zero bits as necessary to total  $N$  bits.
- 3532 The resulting bit string is  $(3 + M + N)$  bits in length, which always equals the "Coding Segment Bit  
 3533 Count" for this segment as indicated in the coding table.

3534 **14.3.6 "Numeric String" Encoding method**

3535 The Numeric String encoding method is used for a segment that appears as a numeric string in the  
 3536 URI, possibly including leading zeros. The leading zeros are preserved in the binary encoding by  
 3537 prepending a "1" digit to the numeric string before encoding.

3538 **Input:**

3539 The input to the encoding method is the URI portion indicated in the "URI portion" row of the  
 3540 encoding table, a character string with no dot (".") characters.

3541 **Validity Test:**

3542 The input character string must satisfy the following:

- 3543 ■ It must match the grammar for `PaddedNumericComponent` as specified in Section 5.
- 3544 ■ The number of digits in the string,  $D$ , must be such that  $2 \times 10^D < 2^b$ , where  $b$  is the value specified in  
 3545 the "Coding Segment Bit Count" row of the encoding table. (For the GDTI-113 scheme,  $b = 58$  and  
 3546 therefore the number of digits  $D$  must be less than or equal to 17. GDTI-113 and SGCN-96 are the only  
 3547 schemes that uses this encoding method.)
- 3548 If any of the above tests fails, the encoding of the URI fails.

3549 **Output:**

3550 Construct the output bit string as follows:

- 3551 ■ Prepend the character "1" to the left of the input character string.
- 3552 ■ Convert the resulting string to a  $b$ -bit integer (padded to the left with zero bits as necessary), where  $b$  is  
 3553 the value specified in the "bit count" row of the encoding table, whose value is the value of the input  
 3554 character string considered as a decimal integer.

### 14.3.7 "6-bit CAGE/DODAAC" Encoding method

The 6-Bit CAGE/DoDAAC encoding method is used for a segment that appears as a 5-character CAGE code or 6-character DoDAAC in the URI, and as a 36-bit encoded bit string in the binary encoding.

#### Input:

The input to the encoding method is the URI portion indicated in the "URI portion" row of the encoding table, a 5- or 6-character string with no dot (".") characters.

#### Validity Test:

The input character string must satisfy the following:

- It must match the grammar for `CAGECodeOrDODAAC` as specified in Section [6.3.17](#).

If the above test fails, the encoding of the URI fails.

#### Output:

Consider the input to be a string of five or six characters  $d_1d_2\dots d_N$ , where each character  $d_i$  is a single character. Translate each character to a 6-bit string using [Table I.3.1-1 \(G\)](#). Concatenate those 6-bit strings in the order corresponding to the input. If the input was five characters, prepend the 6-bit value 100000 to the left of the result. The resulting 36-bit string is the output.

### 14.3.8 "6-Bit Variable String" Encoding method

The 6-Bit Variable String encoding method is used for a segment that appears in the URI as a string field, and in the binary encoding as variable length null-terminated binary-encoded character string.

#### Input:

The input to the encoding method is the URI portion indicated in the "URI portion" row of the encoding table.

#### Validity Test:

The input must satisfy the following:

- The input must match the grammar for the corresponding portion of the URI as specified in the appropriate subsection of Section [6.3](#).
- The number of characters in the input must be greater than or equal to the minimum number of characters and less than or equal to the maximum number of characters specified in the footnote to the coding table for this coding table column. For the purposes of this rule, an escape triplet (`%nn`) is counted as one character.
- For each portion of the input that matches the `Escape` production of the grammar specified in Section [5](#) (that is, a 3-character sequence consisting of a `%` character followed by two hexadecimal digits), the two hexadecimal characters following the `%` character must map to one of the characters specified in [Table I.3.1-1 \(G\)](#), and the character so mapped must satisfy any other constraints specified in the coding table for this coding segment.
- For each portion of the input that is a single character (as opposed to a 3-character escape sequence), that character must satisfy any other constraints specified in the coding table for this coding segment.

#### Output:

Consider the input to be a string of zero or more characters  $s_1s_2\dots s_N$ , where each character  $s_i$  is either a single character or a 3-character sequence matching the `Escape` production of the grammar (that is, a 3-character sequence consisting of a `%` character followed by two hexadecimal digits). Translate each character to a 6-bit string. For a single character, the corresponding 6-bit string is specified in [Table I.3.1-1 \(G\)](#). For an `Escape` sequence, the corresponding 6-bit string is specified in [Table I.3.1-1 \(G\)](#) by finding the escape sequence in the "URI Form" column.

3599 Concatenate those 6-bit strings in the order corresponding to the input, then append six zero bits  
 3600 (000000).

3601 The resulting bit string is of variable length, but is always at least 6 bits and is always a multiple of  
 3602 6 bits.

### 3603 14.3.9 "6-Bit Variable String Partition Table" Encoding method

3604 The 6-Bit Variable String Partition Table encoding method is used for a segment that appears in the  
 3605 URI as a variable-length numeric field and a variable-length string field separated by a dot (".")  
 3606 character, and in the binary encoding as a 3-bit "partition" field followed by a variable length binary  
 3607 integer and a null-terminated binary-encoded character string. The number of characters in the two  
 3608 URI fields is always less than or equal to a known limit (counting a 3-character escape sequence as  
 3609 a single character), and the number of bits in the binary encoding is also less than or equal to a  
 3610 known limit.

3611 The 6-Bit Variable String Partition Table encoding method makes use of a "partition table." The  
 3612 specific partition table to use is specified in the coding table for a given EPC scheme.

#### 3613 **Input:**

3614 The input to the encoding method is the URI portion indicated in the "URI portion" row of the  
 3615 encoding table. This consists of two strings separated by a dot (".") character. For the purpose of  
 3616 this encoding procedure, the strings to the left and right of the dot are denoted *C* and *D*,  
 3617 respectively.

#### 3618 **Validity Test:**

3619 The input must satisfy the following:

- 3620 ■ The input must match the grammar for the corresponding portion of the URI as specified in the  
 3621 appropriate subsection of Section [6.3](#).
- 3622 ■ The number of digits in *C* must match one of the values specified in the "GS1 Company Prefix Digits (L)"  
 3623 column of the partition table. The corresponding row is called the "matching partition table row" in the  
 3624 remainder of the encoding procedure.
- 3625 ■ The number of characters in *D* must be less than or equal to the corresponding value specified in the  
 3626 other field maximum characters column of the matching partition table row. For the purposes of this rule,  
 3627 an escape triplet (`%nn`) is counted as one character.
- 3628 ■ For each portion of *D* that matches the `Escape` production of the grammar specified in Section [5](#) (that is,  
 3629 a 3-character sequence consisting of a `%` character followed by two hexadecimal digits), the two  
 3630 hexadecimal characters following the `%` character must map to one of the 39 allowed characters specified  
 3631 in [Table I.3.1-1 \(G\)](#).

#### 3632 **Output:**

3633 Construct the output bit string by concatenating the following three components:

- 3634 ■ The value *P* specified in the "partition value" column of the matching partition table row, as a 3-bit binary  
 3635 integer.
- 3636 ■ The value of *C* considered as a decimal integer, converted to an *M*-bit binary integer, where *M* is the  
 3637 number of bits specified in the "GS1 Company Prefix bits" column of the matching partition table row.
- 3638 ■ The value of *D* converted to an *N*-bit binary string, where *N* is less than or equal to the number of bits  
 3639 specified in the other field maximum bits column of the matching partition table row. This binary string is  
 3640 constructed as follows. Consider *D* to be a string of one or more characters  $s_1s_2...s_N$ , where each  
 3641 character  $s_i$  is either a single character or a 3-character sequence matching the `Escape` production of  
 3642 the grammar (that is, a 3-character sequence consisting of a `%` character followed by two hexadecimal  
 3643 digits). Translate each character to a 6-bit string. For a single character, the corresponding 6-bit string is  
 3644 specified in [Table I.3.1-1 \(G\)](#). For an `Escape` sequence, the 6-bit string is the value of the two  
 3645 hexadecimal characters considered as a 6-bit integer. Concatenate those 6-bit strings in the order  
 3646 corresponding to the input, then add six zero bits.

3647 The resulting bit string is  $(3 + M + N)$  bits in length, which is always less than or equal to the  
 3648 maximum "Coding Segment Bit Count" for this segment as indicated in the coding table.

### 3649 14.3.10 "Fixed Width Integer" Encoding Method

3650 The Fixed Width Integer encoding method is used for a segment that appears as a zero-padded  
 3651 decimal integer in the URI, and as a binary integer in the binary encoding.

#### 3652 **Input:**

3653 The input to the encoding method is the URI portion indicated in the "URI portion" row of the  
 3654 encoding table, an all-numeric character string with no dot (".") characters.

#### 3655 **Validity Test:**

3656 The input character string must satisfy the following:

- 3657 ■ It must match the grammar for `PaddedNumericComponent` as specified in Section 5.
- 3658 ■ The value of the string when considered as a non-negative decimal integer must be less than  $((10^D) - 1)$   
 3659 where  $D = \text{int}(b \cdot \log(2) / \log(10))$ , where  $b$  is the value specified in the "Coding Segment Bit Count" row of  
 3660 the encoding table.

3661 If any of the above tests fails, the encoding of the URI fails.

#### 3662 **Output:**

3663 The encoding of this segment is a  $b$ -bit integer (padded to the left with zero bits as necessary),  
 3664 where  $b$  is the value specified in the "Coding Segment Bit Count" row of the encoding table, whose  
 3665 value is the value of the input character string considered as a decimal integer.

## 3666 14.4 Decoding procedure

3667 This procedure decodes a bit string as found beginning at bit  $20_h$  in the EPC memory bank of a Gen  
 3668 2 Tag into an EPC Tag URI (This section only applies for EPC schemes for which an EPC Tag URI is  
 3669 defined; no EPC Tag URI format is defined for new EPC schemes introduced in TDS 2.0 – for those  
 3670 schemes, the result of decoding is the corresponding GS1 element string or equivalently, the set of  
 3671 GS1 Application Identifiers and their values. For all new EPC schemes introduced in TDS 2.0, please  
 3672 refer to section 14.5 instead). This procedure only decodes the EPC and filter value (if applicable).  
 3673 Section 15.2.2 gives the complete procedure for decoding the entire contents of the EPC memory  
 3674 bank, including control information that is stored outside of the encoded EPC. The procedure in  
 3675 Section 15.2.2 should be used by most applications. (The procedure in Section 15.2.2 uses the  
 3676 procedure below as a subroutine.)

#### 3677 **Given:**

- 3678 ■ A bit string consisting of  $N$  bits  $b_{N-1} b_{N-2} \dots b_0$

#### 3679 **Yields:**

- 3680 ■ An EPC Tag URI beginning with `urn:epc:tag:`, which does not contain control information fields (other  
 3681 than the filter value if the EPC scheme includes a filter value); OR
- 3682 ■ An exception indicating that the bit string cannot be decoded into an EPC Tag URI.

#### 3683 **Procedure:**

- 3684 1. Extract the most significant eight bits, the EPC header:  $b_{N-1} b_{N-2} \dots b_{N-8}$ . Referring to [Table 14-1](#) in  
 3685 Section 14.2, use the header to identify the coding table for this binary encoding and the  
 3686 encoding bit length  $B$ . If no coding table exists for this header, stop: this binary encoding cannot  
 3687 be decoded.
- 3688 2. Confirm that the total number of bits  $N$  is greater than or equal to the total number of bits  $B$   
 3689 specified for this header in [Table 14-1](#). If not, stop: this binary encoding cannot be decoded.

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3. If necessary, truncate the least significant bits of the input to match the number of bits specified in [Table 14-1](#). That is, if [Table 14-1](#) specifies  $B$  bits, retain bits  $b_{N-1} b_{N-2} \dots b_{N-B}$ . For the remainder of this procedure, consider the remaining bits to be numbered  $b_{B-1} b_{B-2} \dots b_0$ . (The purpose of this step is to remove any trailing zero padding bits that may have been read due to word-oriented data transfer.)
  4. For a variable-length coding scheme, there is no  $B$  specified in [Table 14-1](#) and so this step must be omitted. There may be trailing zero padding bits remaining after all segments are decoded in Step 4, below; if so, ignore them.
  5. Separate the bits of the binary encoding into segments according to the "bit position" row of the coding table. For each segment, decode the bits to obtain a character string that will be used as a portion of the final URI. The method for decoding each column depends on the "coding method" row of the table. If the "coding method" row specifies a specific bit string, the corresponding bits of the input must match those bits exactly; if not, stop: this binary encoding cannot be decoded. Otherwise, consult the following sections that specify the decoding methods. If the decoding of any segment fails, stop: this binary encoding cannot be decoded.
  6. For a variable-length coding segment, the coding method is applied beginning with the bit following the bits consumed by the previous coding column. That is, if the previous coding column (the column to the left of this one) consumed bits up to and including bit  $b_i$ , then the most significant bit for decoding this segment is bit  $b_{i-1}$ . The coding method will determine where the ending bit for this segment is.
  7. Concatenate the following strings to obtain the final URI: the string `urn:epc:tag:`, the scheme name as specified in the coding table, a colon (":") character, and the strings obtained in Step 4, inserting a dot (".") character between adjacent strings.

3713 The following sections specify the procedures to be used in Step 4.

#### 3714 **14.4.1 "Integer" Decoding method**

3715 The Integer decoding method is used for a segment that appears as a decimal integer in the URI,  
3716 and as a binary integer in the binary encoding.

##### 3717 **Input:**

3718 The input to the decoding method is the bit string identified in the "bit position" row of the coding  
3719 table.

##### 3720 **Validity Test:**

3721 There are no validity tests for this decoding method.

##### 3722 **Output:**

3723 The decoding of this segment is a decimal numeral whose value is the value of the input considered  
3724 as an unsigned binary integer. The output shall not begin with a zero character if it is two or more  
3725 digits in length.

#### 3726 **14.4.2 "String" Decoding method**

3727 The String decoding method is used for a segment that appears as an alphanumeric string in the  
3728 URI, and as an ISO/IEC 646 [ISO646] (ASCII) encoded bit string in the binary encoding.

##### 3729 **Input:**

3730 The input to the decoding method is the bit string identified in the "bit position" row of the coding  
3731 table. This length of this bit string is always a multiple of seven.

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**Validity Test:**

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The input bit string must satisfy the following:

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- Each 7-bit segment must have a value corresponding to a character specified in [Table I.3.1-1](#), or be all zeros.

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- All 7-bit segments following an all-zero segment must also be all zeros.

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- The first 7-bit segment must not be all zeros. (In other words, the string must contain at least one character.)

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If any of the above tests fails, the decoding of the segment fails.

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**Output:**

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Translate each 7-bit segment, up to but not including the first all-zero segment (if any), into a single character or 3-character escape triplet by looking up the 7-bit segment in [Table I.3.1-1](#), and using the value found in the "URI Form" column. Concatenate the characters and/or 3-character triplets in the order corresponding to the input bit string. The resulting character string is the output. This character string matches the GS3A3 production of the grammar in Section [5](#).

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**14.4.3 "Partition Table" Decoding method**

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The Partition Table decoding method is used for a segment that appears in the URI as a pair of variable-length numeric fields separated by a dot (".") character, and in the binary encoding as a 3-bit "partition" field followed by two variable length binary integers. The number of characters in the two URI fields always totals to a constant number of characters, and the number of bits in the binary encoding likewise totals to a constant number of bits.

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The Partition Table decoding method makes use of a "partition table." The specific partition table to use is specified in the coding table for a given EPC scheme.

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**Input:**

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The input to the decoding method is the bit string identified in the "bit position" row of the coding table. Logically, this bit string is divided into three substrings, consisting of a 3-bit "partition" value, followed by two substrings of variable length.

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**Validity Test:**

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The input must satisfy the following:

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- The three most significant bits of the input bit string, considered as a binary integer, must match one of the values specified in the "partition value" column of the partition table. The corresponding row is called the "matching partition table row" in the remainder of the decoding procedure.

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- Extract the  $M$  next most significant bits of the input bit string following the three partition bits, where  $M$  is the value specified in the "Company Prefix Bits" column of the matching partition table row. Consider these  $M$  bits to be an unsigned binary integer,  $C$ . The value of  $C$  must be less than  $10^L$ , where  $L$  is the value specified in the "GS1 Company Prefix Digits (L)" column of the matching partition table row.

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- There are  $N$  bits remaining in the input bit string, where  $N$  is the value specified in the other field bits column of the matching partition table row. Consider these  $N$  bits to be an unsigned binary integer,  $D$ . The value of  $D$  must be less than  $10^K$ , where  $K$  is the value specified in the other field digits (K) column of the matching partition table row. Note that if  $K = 0$ , then the value of  $D$  must be zero.

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**Output:**

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Construct the output character string by concatenating the following three components:

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- The value  $C$  converted to a decimal numeral, padding on the left with zero ("0") characters to make  $L$  digits in total.

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- A dot (".") character.



- 3776 ■ The value  $D$  converted to a decimal numeral, padding on the left with zero ("0") characters to make  $K$   
 3777 digits in total. If  $K = 0$ , append no characters to the dot above (in this case, the final URI string will have  
 3778 two adjacent dot characters when this segment is combined with the following segment).

#### 3779 14.4.4 "Unpadded Partition Table" Decoding method

3780 The Unpadded Partition Table decoding method is used for a segment that appears in the URI as a  
 3781 pair of variable-length numeric fields separated by a dot (".") character, and in the binary encoding  
 3782 as a 3-bit "partition" field followed by two variable length binary integers. The number of characters  
 3783 in the two URI fields is always less than or equal to a known limit, and the number of bits in the  
 3784 binary encoding is always a constant number of bits.

3785 The Unpadded Partition Table decoding method makes use of a "partition table." The specific  
 3786 partition table to use is specified in the coding table for a given EPC scheme.

##### 3787 **Input:**

3788 The input to the decoding method is the bit string identified in the "bit position" row of the coding  
 3789 table. Logically, this bit string is divided into three substrings, consisting of a 3-bit "partition" value,  
 3790 followed by two substrings of variable length.

##### 3791 **Validity Test:**

3792 The input must satisfy the following:

- 3793 ■ The three most significant bits of the input bit string, considered as a binary integer, must match one of  
 3794 the values specified in the "partition value" column of the partition table. The corresponding row is called  
 3795 the "matching partition table row" in the remainder of the decoding procedure.
- 3796 ■ Extract the  $M$  next most significant bits of the input bit string following the three partition bits, where  $M$  is  
 3797 the value specified in the "Company Prefix Bits" column of the matching partition table row. Consider these  
 3798  $M$  bits to be an unsigned binary integer,  $C$ . The value of  $C$  must be less than  $10^L$ , where  $L$  is the value  
 3799 specified in the "GS1 Company Prefix Digits (L)" column of the matching partition table row.
- 3800 ■ There are  $N$  bits remaining in the input bit string, where  $N$  is the value specified in the other field bits  
 3801 column of the matching partition table row. Consider these  $N$  bits to be an unsigned binary integer,  $D$ .

##### 3802 **Output:**

3803 Construct the output character string by concatenating the following three components:

- 3804 ■ The value  $C$  converted to a decimal numeral, padding on the left with zero ("0") characters to make  $L$  digits  
 3805 in total.
- 3806 ■ A dot (".") character.
- 3807 ■ The value  $D$  converted to a decimal numeral, with no leading zeros (except that if  $D = 0$  it is converted to  
 3808 a single zero digit).

#### 3809 14.4.5 "String Partition Table" Decoding method

3810 The String Partition Table decoding method is used for a segment that appears in the URI as a  
 3811 variable-length numeric field and a variable-length string field separated by a dot (".") character,  
 3812 and in the binary encoding as a 3-bit "partition" field followed by a variable length binary integer  
 3813 and a variable length binary-encoded character string. The number of characters in the two URI  
 3814 fields is always less than or equal to a known limit (counting a 3-character escape sequence as a  
 3815 single character), and the number of bits in the binary encoding is padded if necessary to a constant  
 3816 number of bits.

3817 The Partition Table decoding method makes use of a "partition table." The specific partition table to  
 3818 use is specified in the coding table for a given EPC scheme.

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**Input:**

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The input to the decoding method is the bit string identified in the "bit position" row of the coding table. Logically, this bit string is divided into three substrings, consisting of a 3-bit "partition" value, followed by two substrings of variable length.

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**Validity Test:**

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The input must satisfy the following:

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- The three most significant bits of the input bit string, considered as a binary integer, must match one of the values specified in the "partition value" column of the partition table. The corresponding row is called the "matching partition table row" in the remainder of the decoding procedure.

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- Extract the  $M$  next most significant bits of the input bit string following the three partition bits, where  $M$  is the value specified in the "Company Prefix Bits" column of the matching partition table row. Consider these  $M$  bits to be an unsigned binary integer,  $C$ . The value of  $C$  must be less than  $10^L$ , where  $L$  is the value specified in the "GS1 Company Prefix Digits (L)" column of the matching partition table row.

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- There are  $N$  bits remaining in the input bit string, where  $N$  is the value specified in the other field bits column of the matching partition table row. These bits must consist of one or more non-zero 7-bit segments followed by zero or more all-zero bits.

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- The number of non-zero 7-bit segments that precede the all-zero bits (if any) must be less or equal to than  $K$ , where  $K$  is the value specified in the "Maximum Characters" column of the matching partition table row.

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- Each of the non-zero 7-bit segments must have a value corresponding to a character specified in [Table I.3.1-1](#).

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**Output:**

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Construct the output character string by concatenating the following three components:

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- The value  $C$  converted to a decimal numeral, padding on the left with zero ("0") characters to make  $L$  digits in total.

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- A dot (".") character.

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- A character string determined as follows. Translate each non-zero 7-bit segment as determined by the validity test into a single character or 3-character escape triplet by looking up the 7-bit segment in [Table I.3.1-1](#), and using the value found in the "URI Form" column. Concatenate the characters and/or 3-character triplet in the order corresponding to the input bit string.

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**14.4.6 "Numeric String" Decoding method**

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The Numeric String decoding method is used for a segment that appears as a numeric string in the URI, possibly including leading zeros. The leading zeros are preserved in the binary encoding by prepending a "1" digit to the numeric string before encoding.

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**Input:**

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The input to the decoding method is the bit string identified in the "bit position" row of the coding table.

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**Validity Test:**

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The input must be such that the decoding procedure below does not fail.

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**Output:**

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Construct the output string as follows.

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- Convert the input bit string to a decimal numeral without leading zeros whose value is the value of the input considered as an unsigned binary integer.

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- If the numeral from the previous step does not begin with a "1" character, stop: the input is invalid.

- 3863 ■ If the numeral from the previous step consists only of one character, stop: the input is invalid (because  
3864 this would correspond to an empty numeric string).
- 3865 ■ Delete the leading "1" character from the numeral.
- 3866 ■ The resulting string is the output.

#### 3867 **14.4.7 "6-Bit CAGE/DoDAAC" Decoding method**

3868 The 6-Bit CAGE/DoDAAC decoding method is used for a segment that appears as a 5-character  
3869 CAGE code or 6-character DoDAAC code in the URI, and as a 36-bit encoded bit string in the binary  
3870 encoding.

##### 3871 **Input:**

3872 The input to the decoding method is the bit string identified in the "bit position" row of the coding  
3873 table. This length of this bit string is always 36 bits.

##### 3874 **Validity Test:**

3875 The input bit string must satisfy the following:

- 3876 ■ When the bit string is considered as consisting of six 6-bit segments, each 6-bit segment must have a  
3877 value corresponding to a character specified in [Table I.3.1-1 \(G\)](#) except that the first 6-bit segment may  
3878 also be the value 100000.
- 3879 ■ The first 6-bit segment must be the value 100000, or correspond to a digit character, or an uppercase  
3880 alphabetic character excluding the letters I and O.
- 3881 ■ The remaining five 6-bit segments must correspond to a digit character or an uppercase alphabetic  
3882 character excluding the letters I and O.

3883 If any of the above tests fails, the decoding of the segment fails.

##### 3884 **Output:**

3885 Disregard the first 6-bit segment if it is equal to 100000. Translate each of the remaining five or six  
3886 6-bit segments into a single character by looking up the 6-bit segment in [Table I.3.1-1 \(G\)](#) and  
3887 using the value found in the "URI Form" column. Concatenate the characters in the order  
3888 corresponding to the input bit string. The resulting character string is the output. This character  
3889 string matches the `CAGECodeOrDODAAC` production of the grammar in Section [6.3.17](#).

#### 3890 **14.4.8 "6-Bit Variable String" Decoding method**

3891 The 6-Bit Variable String decoding method is used for a segment that appears in the URI as a  
3892 variable-length string field, and in the binary encoding as a variable-length null-terminated binary-  
3893 encoded character string.

##### 3894 **Input:**

3895 The input to the decoding method is the bit string that begins in the next least significant bit  
3896 position following the previous coding segment. Only a portion of this bit string is consumed by this  
3897 decoding method, as described below.

##### 3898 **Validity Test:**

3899 The input must be such that the decoding procedure below does not fail.

##### 3900 **Output:**

3901 Construct the output string as follows.

- 3902 ■ Beginning with the most significant bit of the input, divide the input into adjacent 6-bit segments, until a  
3903 terminating segment consisting of all zero bits (000000) is found. If the input is exhausted before an all-  
3904 zero segment is found, stop: the input is invalid.

- 3905 ■ The number of 6-bit segments preceding the terminating segment must be greater than or equal to the  
 3906 minimum number of characters and less than or equal to the maximum number of characters specified in  
 3907 the footnote to the coding table for this coding table column. If not, stop: the input is invalid.
- 3908 ■ For each 6-bit segment preceding the terminating segment, consult [Table I.3.1-1 \(G\)](#) to find the  
 3909 character corresponding to the value of the 6-bit segment. If there is no character in the table  
 3910 corresponding to the 6-bit segment, stop: the input is invalid.
- 3911 ■ If the input violates any other constraint indicated in the coding table, stop: the input is invalid.
- 3912 ■ Translate each 6-bit segment preceding the terminating segment into a single character or 3-character  
 3913 escape triplet by looking up the 6-bit segment in [Table I.3.1-1 \(G\)](#) and using the value found in the "URI  
 3914 Form" column. Concatenate the characters and/or 3-character triplets in the order corresponding to the  
 3915 input bit string. The resulting string is the output of the decoding procedure.
- 3916 ■ If any columns remain in the coding table, the decoding procedure for the next column resumes with the  
 3917 next least significant bit after the terminating 000000 segment.

#### 3918 **14.4.9 "6-Bit Variable String Partition Table" Decoding method**

3919 The 6-Bit Variable String Partition Table decoding method is used for a segment that appears in the  
 3920 URI as a variable-length numeric field and a variable-length string field separated by a dot (".")  
 3921 character, and in the binary encoding as a 3-bit "partition" field followed by a variable length binary  
 3922 integer and a null-terminated binary-encoded character string. The number of characters in the two  
 3923 URI fields is always less than or equal to a known limit (counting a 3-character escape sequence as  
 3924 a single character), and the number of bits in the binary encoding is also less than or equal to a  
 3925 known limit.

3926 The 6-Bit Variable String Partition Table decoding method makes use of a "partition table." The  
 3927 specific partition table to use is specified in the coding table for a given EPC scheme.

##### 3928 **Input:**

3929 The input to the decoding method is the bit string identified in the "bit position" row of the coding  
 3930 table. Logically, this bit string is divided into three substrings, consisting of a 3-bit "partition" value,  
 3931 followed by two substrings of variable length.

##### 3932 **Validity Test:**

3933 The input must satisfy the following:

- 3934 ■ The three most significant bits of the input bit string, considered as a binary integer, must match one of  
 3935 the values specified in the "partition value" column of the partition table. The corresponding row is called  
 3936 the "matching partition table row" in the remainder of the decoding procedure.
- 3937 ■ Extract the  $M$  next most significant bits of the input bit string following the three partition bits, where  $M$  is  
 3938 the value specified in the "Company Prefix Bits" column of the matching partition table row. Consider  
 3939 these  $M$  bits to be an unsigned binary integer,  $C$ . The value of  $C$  must be less than  $10^L$ , where  $L$  is the  
 3940 value specified in the "GS1 Company Prefix Digits (L)" column of the matching partition table row.
- 3941 ■ There are up to  $N$  bits remaining in the input bit string, where  $N$  is the value specified in the other field  
 3942 maximum bits column of the matching partition table row. These bits must begin with one or more non-  
 3943 zero 6-bit segments followed by six all-zero bits. Any additional bits after the six all-zero bits belong to  
 3944 the next coding segment in the coding table.
- 3945 ■ The number of non-zero 6-bit segments that precede the all-zero bits must be less or equal to than  $K$ ,  
 3946 where  $K$  is the value specified in the "Maximum Characters" column of the matching partition table row.
- 3947 ■ Each of the non-zero 6-bit segments must have a value corresponding to a character specified in [Table](#)  
 3948 [I.3.1-1 \(G\)](#)

##### 3949 **Output:**

3950 Construct the output character string by concatenating the following three components:

- 3951 ■ The value  $C$  converted to a decimal numeral, padding on the left with zero ("0") characters to make  $L$   
 3952 digits in total.

- 3953 ■ A dot (".") character.
- 3954 ■ A character string determined as follows. Translate each non-zero 6-bit segment as determined by the validity test into a single character or 3-character escape triplet by looking up the 6-bit segment in [Table I.3.1-1 \(G\)](#) and using the value found in the "URI Form" column. Concatenate the characters and/or 3-character triplet in the order corresponding to the input bit string.

3958 **14.4.10 "Fixed Width Integer" Decoding method**

3959 The Integer decoding method is used for a segment that appears as a zero-padded decimal integer  
3960 in the URI, and as a binary integer in the binary encoding.

3961 **Input:**

3962 The input to the decoding method is the bit string identified in the "bit position" row of the coding  
3963 table.

3964 **Validity Test:**

3965 Given a sequence of bits of length  $b$ , calculate  $i_{max}$  as follows:

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$$D = \text{int}(b \cdot \log(2) / \log(10))$$

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$$i_{max} = 10^D - 1$$

3968 Interpret the sequence of bits of length  $b$  as a non-negative integer value,  $i$

3970 If  $i > i_{max}$  then decoding fails because the bits correspond to a value that cannot be expressed in  $D$   
3971 digits.

3972 **Output:**

3973 The decoding of this segment is a decimal numeral whose value is the value of the input considered  
3974 as an unsigned binary integer. The output is padded to the left, so that the total number of digits  $D$   
3975 is given by  $D = \text{int}(b \cdot \log(2) / \log(10))$ .

3976 **14.5 Encoding/Decoding methods introduced in TDS 2.0**

3977 TDS 2.0 introduces several new binary encoding/decoding methods that are used both within the  
3978 construction and parsing of the new EPC identifiers as well as for the expression of additional AIDC  
3979 data beyond the end of the EPC identifier, as summarised in the table below and detailed in the  
3980 following subsections, which explain the encoding and decoding methods for each:

3981 **Table 14-2 Summary of Encoding/Decoding methods introduced in TDS 2.0**

Method name	Section	Used within binary encoding of new EPC identifiers	Used within binary encoding of '+AIDC data'
<a href="#">"+AIDC Data Toggle Bit"</a>	<a href="#">14.5.1</a>	Yes – to indicate whether additional AIDC data follows after the EPC identifier	No
<a href="#">"Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String"</a>	<a href="#">14.5.2</a>	Yes – for filter value	Yes – e.g. for (20) Internal Product Variant
<a href="#">"Prioritised Date"</a>	<a href="#">14.5.3</a>	Yes – within DSGTIN+	No
<a href="#">"Fixed-Length Numeric"</a>	<a href="#">14.5.4</a>	Yes for most primary GS1 identification keys (e.g. GTIN, SSCC etc.). Not used by GIAI or CPI	Yes – when expressing additional GS1 identification keys within +AIDC data (e.g. expressing a GRAI in conjunction with an SGTIN+ EPC)

Method name	Section	Used within binary encoding of new EPC identifiers	Used within binary encoding of '+AIDC data'
" <a href="#">Delimited/Terminated Numeric</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.5</a>	Yes – used for GIAI or CPI	Yes – used for GIAI or CPI
" <a href="#">Variable-length alphanumeric</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.6</a>	Yes – e.g. for (21) Serial Number within SGTIN+, DSGTIN+, ITIP+	Yes – e.g. for (10) Batch/Lot Number
" <a href="#">Variable-length numeric string</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.6.1</a>	Yes – if value uses only 0-9 (leading zero digits are preserved)	Yes – if value uses only 0-9 (leading zero digits are preserved)
" <a href="#">Variable-length upper case hexadecimal</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.6.2</a>	Yes – if value uses only characters 0123456789ABCDEF	Yes – if value uses only characters 0123456789ABCDEF
" <a href="#">Variable-length lower case hexadecimal</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.6.3</a>	Yes – if value uses only characters 0123456789abcdef	Yes – if value uses only characters 0123456789abcdef
" <a href="#">Variable-length 6-bit file-safe URI-safe base 64</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.6.4</a>	Yes – if value uses only characters 0-9 A-Z a-z hyphen or underscore	Yes – if value uses only characters 0-9 A-Z a-z hyphen or underscore
" <a href="#">Variable-length URN Code 40</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.6.5</a>	Yes – if value uses only 0-9 A-Z colon, dot or hyphen	Yes – if value uses only 0-9 A-Z colon, dot or hyphen
" <a href="#">Variable-length 7-bit ASCII</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.6.6</a>	Yes – if value contains characters within the 82-character GS1 invariant subset of [ISO646] OTHER than digits 0-9 or letters A-Z a-z or hyphen, or underscore.	Yes – if value contains characters within the 82-character GS1 invariant subset of [ISO646] OTHER than digits 0-9 or letters A-Z a-z or hyphen, or underscore.
" <a href="#">Single data bit</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.7</a>	No	Yes – e.g. for AI (4321), (4322), (4323)
" <a href="#">6-digit date YYMMDD</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.8</a>	No – but see Prioritised Date within DSGTIN+, section 14.5.3	Yes – e.g. for AI (17)
" <a href="#">10-digit date+time YYMMDDhhmm</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.9</a>	No	Yes – e.g. for AI (4324), (4325), (7003)
" <a href="#">Variable-format date / date range</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.10</a>	No	Yes – e.g. for AI (7007) = Harvest date / Harvest date range
" <a href="#">Variable-precision date+time</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.11</a>	No	Yes – e.g. for AI (8008) = Production date+time
" <a href="#">Country code (ISO 3166-1 alpha-2)</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.12</a>	No	Yes –for AI (4307) and (4317)
" <a href="#">Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator</a> "	<a href="#">14.5.13</a>	Yes – in CPI+ and SGCN+	Yes – for (255),(30),(37), (3900)-(3909), (3910)-(3919), (3920)-(3929), (3930)-(3939), (423), (425), (7004), (8011) and (8019)
"Optional minus sign in 1 bit"	14.5.14	No	Yes - for (4330) and (4331).
"Sequence indicator"	14.5.15	No	Yes - for (7258).

3982 **14.5.1 "+AIDC Data Toggle Bit"**

3983 The Data Toggle Bit encoding method is used for a segment that appears as a single bit in the  
 3984 binary encoding that indicates whether or not additional AIDC data is encoded after the EPC within  
 3985 the EPC/UII memory bank. This is primarily useful for 'Select' filtering over the air interface.

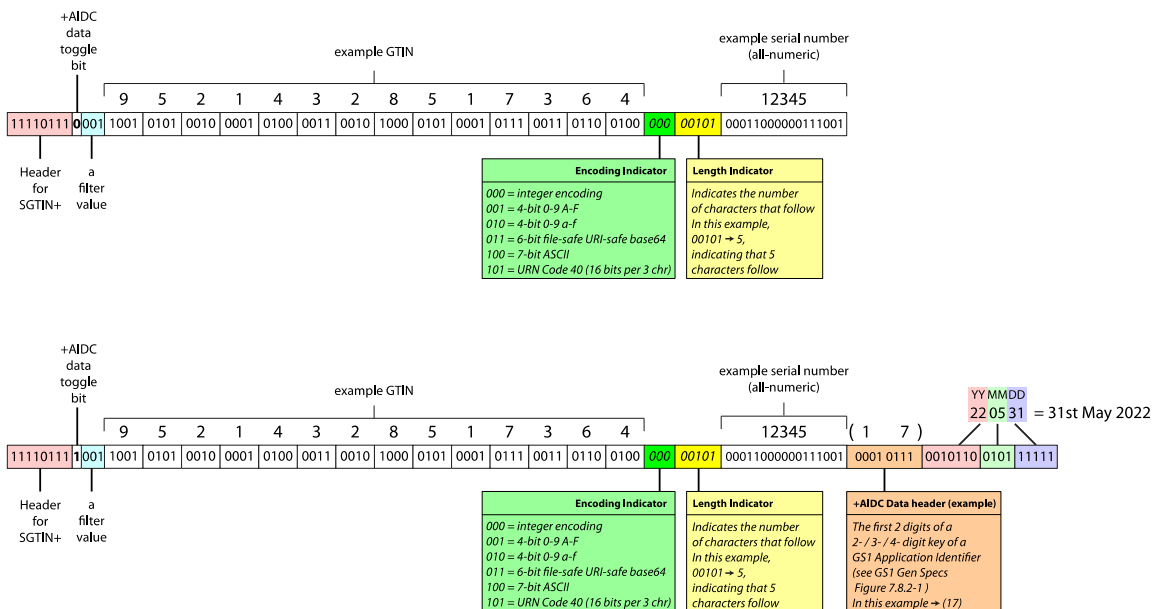
3986 The data toggle bit is a single bit that appears immediately after the 8-bit header of the new EPC  
 3987 schemes and before the 3-bit filter value. Whoever / whatever encodes an EPC identifier into an  
 3988 RFID tag has the responsibility to set the +AIDC data toggle bit correctly. Note that the +AIDC data  
 3989 toggle bit is primarily used for selection of tag populations via the air interface and a non-essential  
 3990 role in the decoding procedure if the guidance at the end of Section 15.3 is followed, to determine  
 3991 whether or not any additional +AIDC data has been encoded after the end of the EPC identifier.

3992 If no additional AIDC data is encoded, the data toggle bit SHALL be set to 0.

3993 If additional AIDC is encoded, the data toggle bit SHALL be set to 1.

3994 The figure below shows an example of the use of the +AIDC data toggle bit.

3995 **Figure 14-1** Example of the use of the +AIDC data toggle bit



3996 **14.5.1.1 Encoding:**

3998 **Input:**

3999 The input to the encoding method is a Boolean value, in which:  
 4000 true = additional AIDC data is to be encoded after the EPC within the EPC/UII memory bank  
 4001 false = no additional AIDC data is to be encoded after the EPC within the EPC/UII memory bank

4002 **Validity Test:**

4003 The input must be either true or false, otherwise the encoding fails.

4004 **Output:**

4005 The encoding of this segment is a single bit, in which true is encoded as 1 while false is encoded as  
 4006 0.

#### 4007 14.5.1.2 Decoding:

##### 4008 **Input:**

4009 The input to the decoding method is a single bit, which is interpreted as follows:  
4010 1 = additional AIDC data is to be encoded after the EPC within the EPC/UII memory bank  
4011 0 = no additional AIDC data is to be encoded after the EPC within the EPC/UII memory bank

##### 4012 **Validity Test:**

4013 The output must be either true or false, otherwise the decoding fails.

##### 4014 **Output:**

4015 The encoding of this segment is a Boolean value, in which 0 is interpreted as false (i.e. no additional  
4016 AIDC data is to be encoded after the EPC within the EPC/UII memory bank ), whereas 1 is  
4017 interpreted as true (i.e. additional AIDC data is to be encoded after the EPC within the EPC/UII  
4018 memory bank). If the +AIDC data toggle bit is set to 1, then refer to section [15.3](#) for further details  
4019 about extraction of AIDC data that follows after new EPC schemes within the EPC/UII memory bank.

#### 4020 14.5.2 "Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String"

4021 The Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String encoding method is used for a segment that can represent  
4022 numeric digits 0-9 using approximately 3.32 bits per digit, but using 3 bits in the case of a single  
4023 digit filter value in the range 0-7. When this method is used to encode the value of a GS1  
4024 Application Identifier, it is necessary to use Table F to determine the expected bit length, by locating  
4025 the row for which the GS1 Application Identifier key is shown in column a, then reading the  
4026 expected bit length from column e.

##### 4027 14.5.2.1 Encoding

##### 4028 **Input:**

4029 The input to the encoding method is a numeric string consisting only of digits 0-9. The expected  
4030 number of bits must be determined from Table F (see introduction above) unless this method is  
4031 being used to encode the filter value as 3 bits.

##### 4032 **Validity Test:**

4033 The input must be a numeric string consisting only of digits 0-9, otherwise the encoding fails.  
4034 Leading digits of zero ('0') are permitted and SHALL be reinstated upon decoding.

##### 4035 **Output:**

4036 Convert the base 10 value to binary and if necessary left-pad with '0' bits to reach the expected bit  
4037 length. This is the output of this encoding method.

##### 4038 14.5.2.2 Decoding

##### 4039 **Input:**

4040 The input to the decoding method is a fixed-length binary string of N bits, where N is determined  
4041 from Table F (see introduction above) unless this method is being used to decode the filter value as  
4042 3 bits.

##### 4043 **Validity Test:**

4044 The output must be a numeric string consisting only of digits 0-9.

##### 4045 **Output:**

4046 Read N bits and convert the value to an unsigned base 10 integer. Refer to Table F to determine  
4047 the expected length in digits, shown in column d for the row that includes the GS1 Application  
4048 Identifier key in column a. Convert the base 10 integer value to a numeric string and if

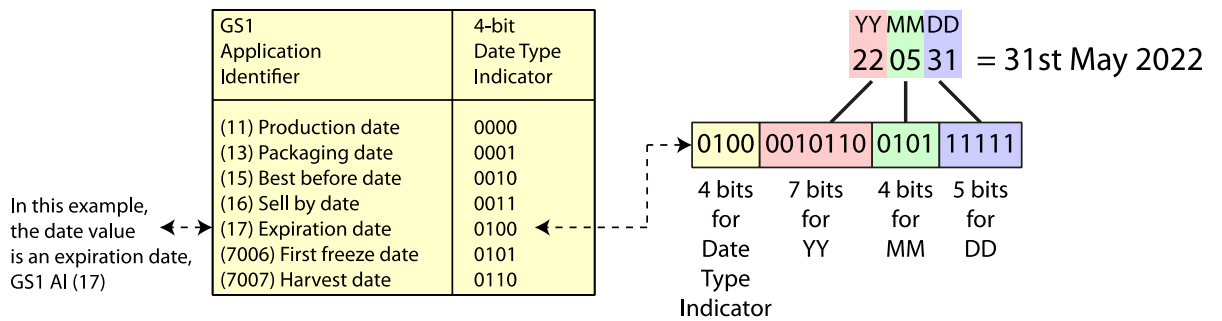


4049 necessary, left-pad with digits of '0' to reach the expected number of digits, as shown in column d of  
 4050 Table F. The result is the output of this decoding method.

4051 **14.5.3 "Prioritised Date"**

4052 The Prioritised Date encoding method is used within the DSGTIN+ scheme for a segment that  
 4053 represents a date value in a well-defined position within the binary string (irrespective of the length  
 4054 or character set used for the serial number), to support air interface filtering on a date of interest.  
 4055 This is particularly useful to enable efficient scanning of perishable items with limited remaining  
 4056 shelf life or to ensure that all expired / expiring products have been removed from sale. The  
 4057 prioritised date format only supports 6-digit date values (YYMMDD) and includes a four-bit date type  
 4058 indicator to express the meaning of the value – whether it corresponds to (11) production date, (17)  
 4059 expiration date, (7007) harvest date, (16) sell-by date etc, as illustrated in the figure below.

4060 **Figure 14-2** Prioritised date format support for 6-digit date values



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 4062 Within the binary encoding of the DSGTIN+ scheme, the 4-bit date type indicator appears  
 4063 immediately after the filter bits, i.e. 12 bits after the start of the EPC, starting at 2C<sub>h</sub>.

4064 Its 4-bit string value must be one of the values shown in the table below. All other values are  
 4065 reserved for future use.

GS1 Application Identifier	4-bit string for date type indicator
(11) Production date	0000
(13) Packaging date	0001
(15) Best before date	0010
(16) Sell by date	0011
(17) Expiration date	0100
(7006) First freeze date	0101
(7007) Harvest date	0110

4066 **14.5.3.1 Encoding**

4067 **Input:**

4068 The input to the encoding method is a date-related GS1 Application Identifier and a 6-digit numeric  
 4069 string representing a date value in the format YYMMDD, as expected in the GS1 General  
 4070 Specifications.

4071 **Validity Test:**

4072 The GS1 Application Identifier must appear listed within the table above and the 6-digit numeric  
 4073 string must only consist of digits 0-9 and is further constrained to be a plausible date value,  
 4074 meaning that the third and fourth digits are always in the range 01-12 and the fifth and sixth digits  
 4075 are always in the range 00-31 and do not indicate a day-of-month value that is greater than the

4076 number of days in the month indicated by the third and fourth Digits. e.g. if the third and fourth  
4077 digits are "09" then a value of "31" for the fifth and sixth digits would be invalid because September  
4078 can only contain 30 days.

4079 **Output:**

4080 Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output. Lookup the GS1 Application Identifier in  
4081 the table below and append the corresponding four bits to the binary string buffer as the date type  
4082 indicator.

4083 Consider the input string as pairs of digits in which the first two digits are YY, the next two digits are  
4084 MM and the final two digits are DD.

4085 Convert YY to a decimal integer (e.g. '22' → 22 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then  
4086 if the resulting binary string for YY is less than seven bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0'  
4087 to reach a total of seven bits. Append these seven bits to the binary string buffer.

4088 Convert MM to a decimal integer (e.g. '05' → 5 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then  
4089 if the resulting binary string for MM is less than four bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0'  
4090 to reach a total of four bits. Append these four bits to the binary string buffer.

4091 Convert DD to a decimal integer (e.g. '31' → 31 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then  
4092 if the resulting binary string for DD is less than five bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0'  
4093 to reach a total of five bits. Append these five bits to the binary string buffer.

4094 The binary string buffer should now consist of a total of 20 bits and should be considered as the  
4095 output of this encoding method.

#### 4096 **14.5.3.2 Decoding**

4097 **Input:**

4098 The input to the decoding method is a binary string of 20 bits.

4099 **Validity Test:**

4100 The left-most four bits must appear in the date table above, to indicate a specific date type,  
4101 otherwise encoding fails. The next sixteen bits will be decoded as a 6-digit numeric string  
4102 representing a date formatted as YYMMDD. After decoding, the third and fourth digits are always in  
4103 the range 01-12 and the fifth and sixth digits are always in the range 00-31 and do not indicate a  
4104 day-of-month value that is greater than the number of days in the month indicated by the third and  
4105 fourth Digits. e.g. if the third and fourth digits are "09" then a value of "31" for the fifth and sixth  
4106 digits would be invalid because September can only contain 30 days.

4107 **Output:**

4108 Lookup the left-most four bits in the table above to identify the GS1 Application Identifier to which  
4109 the YYMMDD value corresponds.

4110 Create an empty string buffer to receive the six-digit output value YYMMDD.

4111 Treat the remaining sixteen bits as an encoding of the value.

4112 Working from left to right, read the next 7 bits as unsigned binary integer y, then convert to a base  
4113 10 value YY, padding to the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10  
4114 was in the range 0-9.

4115 Read the next 4 bits as unsigned binary integer m, then convert to a base 10 value MM, padding to  
4116 the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.

4117 Read the next 5 bits as unsigned binary integer d, then convert to a base 10 value DD, padding to  
4118 the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.

4119 Check that MM is within the range 01-12 and that DD is within the range 00-31 and does not exceed  
4120 the number of days in the month for the month indicated by MM. Otherwise decoding fails.

4121 Concatenate YY MM and DD in sequence as the output value YYMMDD for the date-related GS1  
 4122 Application Identifier identified by the date type indicator (the left-most four bits of the binary input  
 4123 string).

4124 **14.5.4 "Fixed-Length Numeric"**

4125 The Fixed-Length Numeric encoding method is used for a segment that can represent numeric digits  
 4126 0-9 using 4 bits per digit/character, preserving leading zero digits and (where possible) aligning with  
 4127 nibble (half-byte) boundaries to support air interface filtering on a known sequence of digits (such  
 4128 as a known GS1 Company Prefix), irrespective of any initial indicator digit or extension digit that  
 4129 may be present. The encoding and decoding methods use the following table:  
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4131 **Table 14-3 "Fixed-Length Numeric" encoding table**

Numeric character	4-bit sequence
0	0000
1	0001
2	0010
3	0011
4	0100
5	0101
6	0110
7	0111
8	1000
9	1001

4132 **14.5.4.1 Encoding**

4133 **Input:**

4134 The input to the encoding method is a fixed-length string of N characters, each of which is either a  
 4135 numeric digit in the range 0-9.

4136 **Validity Test:**

4137 The input must not contain any characters except for digits 0-9, otherwise the encoding fails.

4138 **Output:**

4139 Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output. Working from left to right, consider  
 4140 each character of the input string. Lookup the character in the table above and append the  
 4141 corresponding sequence of four bits to the binary string buffer. Continue until each character of the  
 4142 input string has been processed. For an input string of N digits, the binary string buffer should now  
 4143 contain 4N bits and is considered to be the output of this encoding method.

4144 **14.5.4.2 Decoding**

4145 **Input:**

4146 The input to the decoding method is a fixed-length binary string of 4N bits, considered as a  
 4147 concatenation of N groups of 4-bit sequences

4148 **Validity Test:**

4149 Each of the 4-bit sequences in the input must appear within the table above, otherwise decoding  
 4150 fails. The output must not contain any characters except for digits 0-9, otherwise the decoding fails

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**Output:**

4152 Create an empty string buffer to receive the numeric string output. Working from left to right,  
 4153 consider each set of four bits of the input string, moving the cursor to the right by four bits each  
 4154 time. Lookup the four bit sequence in the table above and append the corresponding character to  
 4155 the output string buffer. Continue until no further bits remain to be processed in the binary input  
 4156 string. For a binary input string of 4N bits, the output string buffer should now contain N digits 0-9  
 4157 and is considered to be the output of this decoding method.

4158 **14.5.5 "Delimited/Terminated Numeric"**

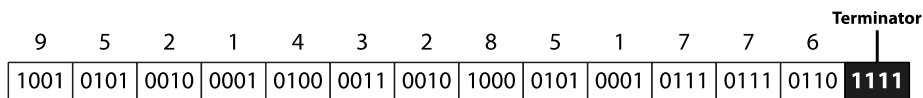
4159 The Delimited/Terminated 4-bit Integer encoding method is used for a segment that can represent a  
 4160 variable-length string that begins with numeric digits 0-9, preserving leading zero digits and (where  
 4161 possible) aligning with nibble (half-byte) boundaries to support air interface filtering on a known  
 4162 sequence of digits, irrespective of any initial indicator digit or extension digit that may be present.

4163 If the string contains no characters except digits 0-9, a 4-bit terminator '1111' indicates the end of  
 4164 the string.

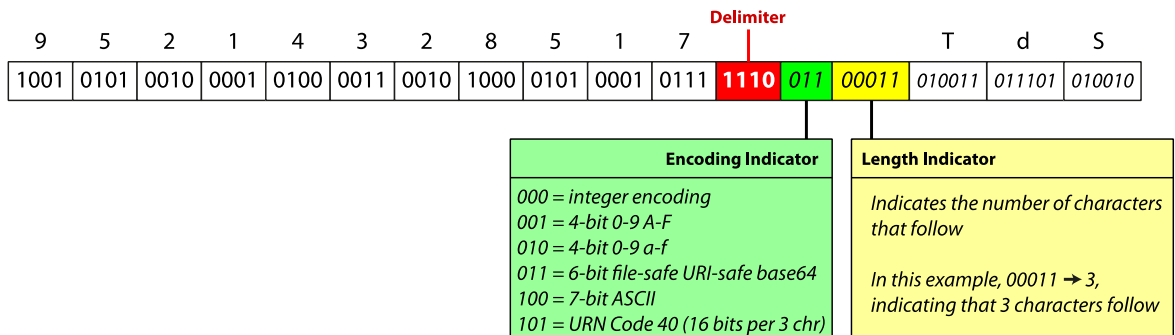
4165 If the string contains characters other than numeric digits 0-9, a 4-bit delimiter indicates the end of  
 4166 the initial all-numeric substring, with the remainder of the string (starting with the first character  
 4167 that is not a digit 0-9) being encoded using the variable-length alphanumeric method.  
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**Figure 14-3** Example of numeric delimiter and terminator

(a) All-numeric values always end with the 4-bit terminator '1111'



(b) For other values that are not all-numeric, a 4-bit delimiter '1110' indicates the end of the initial all-numeric part



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The encoding and decoding methods use the following table for all of the initial digits:

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4172 **Table 14-4** Encoding table for initial digits of "Delimited/Terminated Numeric" encoding method

Numeric character	4-bit sequence	Interpretation
0	0000	Numeric digit '0'
1	0001	Numeric digit '1'
2	0010	Numeric digit '2'
3	0011	Numeric digit '3'
4	0100	Numeric digit '4'

Numeric character	4-bit sequence	Interpretation
5	0101	Numeric digit '5'
6	0110	Numeric digit '6'
7	0111	Numeric digit '7'
8	1000	Numeric digit '8'
9	1001	Numeric digit '9'
<i>Delimiter</i>	1110	End of the initial all-numeric substring; the remainder of the string uses the variable-length alphanumeric – see section <a href="#">14.5.6</a> and its subsections.
<i>Terminator</i>	1111	End of a string that is all-numeric

4173 **14.5.5.1 Encoding**

4174 **Input:**

4175 The input to the encoding method is a string of characters, either consisting only of digits 0-9 or  
4176 with an initial substring that consists only of digits 0-9.

4177 **Validity Test:**

4178 The input must begin with a sequence of numeric digits 0-9, preserving leading zero digits, but may  
4179 be followed by a string of alphanumeric or symbol characters that are permitted for the value of this  
4180 GS1 Application Identifier.

4181 **Output:**

4182 Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output. Working from left to right, consider  
4183 each character of the input string. If the character is a digit 0-9, lookup the

4184 Lookup the digit in the table below and append the corresponding sequence of four bits to the binary  
4185 string buffer. Continue until each character of the input string has been processed. Finally, if no  
4186 variable-length alphanumeric segment follows, append a terminator sequence of four bits ('1111')  
4187 otherwise, if a variable-length alphanumeric segment follows, append a delimiter sequence of four  
4188 bits ('1110'). For an input string of N digits, the binary string buffer should now contain (4N+4) bits  
4189 and is considered to be the output of this encoding method. If the input string was not all-numeric,  
4190 the binary string buffer should be further appended with the output of applying the variable-length  
4191 alphanumeric method to the remaining characters– see section [14.5.6](#)

4192 **14.5.5.2 Decoding**

4193 **Input:**

4194 The input to the encoding method is a binary string

4195 **Validity Test:**

4196 The output must begin with a sequence of numeric digits 0-9, preserving leading zero digits, but  
4197 may be followed by a string of alphanumeric or symbol characters that are permitted for the value  
4198 of this GS1 Application Identifier.

4199 **Output:**

4200 Create an empty string buffer to receive the output. Working from left to right, consider each  
4201 excessive group of four bits as a hexadecimal character.

4202 If the four bits correspond to a digit 0-9, append this character to the output buffer. If the four bits  
4203 are '1111' (hexadecimal character F), the final terminator has been read and indicates the end of an

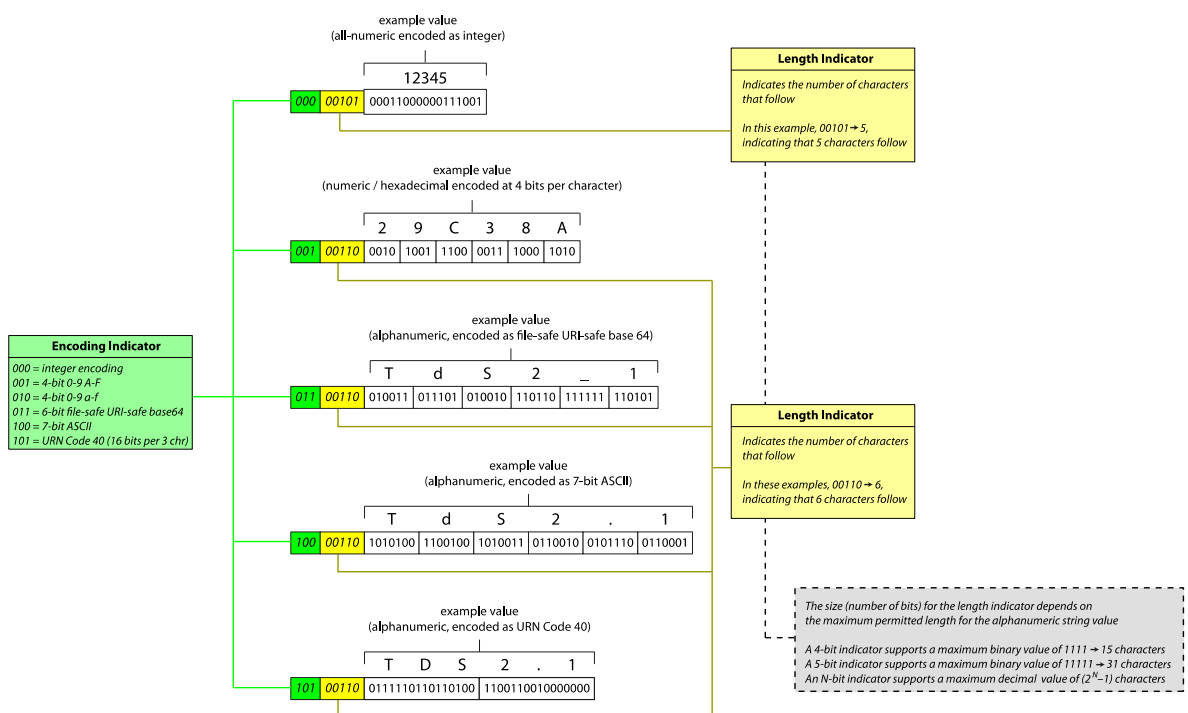
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all-numeric value; the output is the all-numeric contents of the output string buffer. If the four bits are '1110' (hexadecimal character E), the delimiter character has now been read, indicating that the next character is not a digit but instead decoding switches after reading the delimiter '1110' to the variable-length alphanumeric method and the next bits are a 3-bit encoding indicator, followed by a length indicator (see column g of Table F). The final output consists of the all-numeric contents of the output string buffer from this method, concatenated with with the output of the variable length alphanumeric method used to decode the remaining bits.

4211 **14.5.6 "Variable-length alphanumeric"**

The Variable-length Alphanumeric encoding method is used to encode variable-length alphanumeric strings using the minimum number of bits. This requires knowledge of the length of the string to be encoded, as well as analysis of the character set required to express the value. Shorter lengths and more restricted character sets result in fewer bits.

**Figure 14-4** Examples of "Variable-length alphanumeric" encoding method



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When encoding, implementations may use **the decision tree below**, to determine the most efficient encoding method to use, based on the characters actually present in the value to be encoded, then use that method specified in the relevant subsection. Having said that, a tag that is encoded using a less efficient encoding method may still conform to TDS 2.0 provided that the actual encoding method used has been correctly indicated via the three encoding indicator bits.

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When decoding, the first three bits are the encoding indicator. Refer to the decision tree flowchart or Table E (encoding indicator values) to determine which subsection to use for the value of the encoding indicator.

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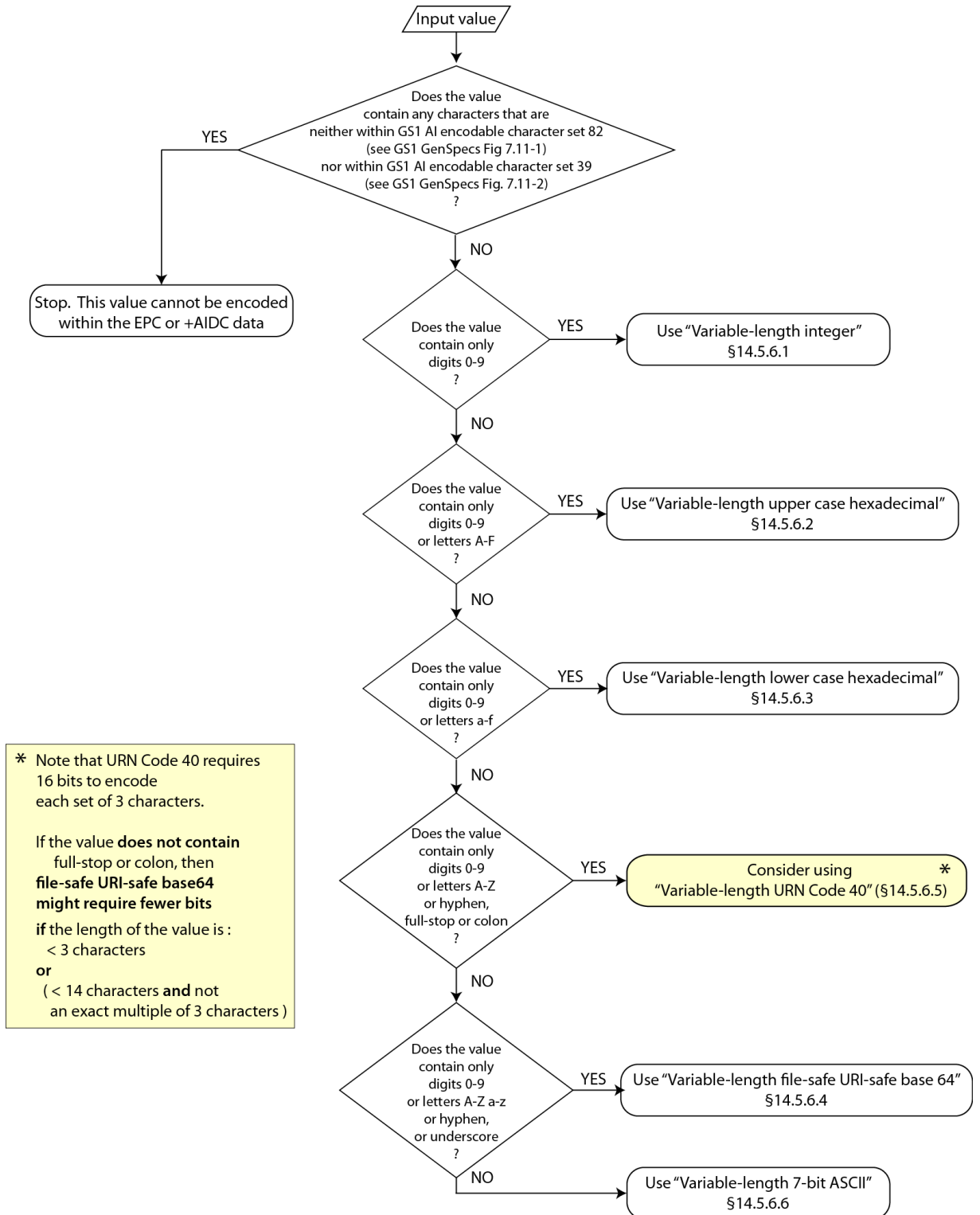
Although the decision tree flowchart and Table E provide guidance about which encoding method is likely to require the fewest bits for the actual value being encoded, the use of a less efficient encoding method is permitted, provided that the encoding indicator is set correctly.

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Note also that although the ["Variable-length URN Code 40" \(§14.5.6.5\)](#) method is slightly more efficient (at 16 bits per 3 characters) than the ["Variable-length 6-bit file-safe URI-safe base 64" \(§14.5.6.4\)](#) method (at 6 bits per character), there are situations where use of the latter may result in fewer bits, particularly if the length of the value is less than 3 characters or if it is less than 14 characters and not an exact multiple of 3 characters. For values longer than 13 characters, ["Variable-length URN Code 40" \(§14.5.6.5\)](#) may be more efficient, if its more restricted character set is sufficient to express the value being encoded.

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**Figure 14-5** Decision tree flowchart to select the most efficient encoding method based on the value being encoded



\* Note that URN Code 40 requires 16 bits to encode each set of 3 characters.

If the value **does not** contain full-stop or colon, then **file-safe URI-safe base64** might require fewer bits if the length of the value is :  
 < 3 characters  
 or  
 (< 14 characters **and** not an exact multiple of 3 characters)

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**Table E** – lists the permitted values for **encoding indicator** together with the encoding methods and the character ranges supported by each method

3-bit encoding indicator	Coding method name	Defined in TDS section	Supported characters	Number of bits per character
000 = 0	Variable-length numeric string	<a href="#">14.5.6.1</a>	0-9	≈ 3.32 bits per digit, rounded up to next integer
001 = 1	Variable-length upper case hexadecimal	<a href="#">14.5.6.2</a>	0-9 A-F	4 bits per digit or hexadecimal character
010 = 2	Variable-length lower case hexadecimal	<a href="#">14.5.6.3</a>	0-9 a-f	4 bits per digit or hexadecimal character
011 = 3	Variable-length file-safe URI-safe base 64	<a href="#">14.5.6.4</a>	0-9 A-Z a-z _ -	6 bits per character
100 = 4	Variable-length 7-bit ASCII	<a href="#">14.5.6.6</a>	All 82 characters within GS1 Gen Specs Fig 7.11-1 OR All 39 characters within GS1 Gen Specs Fig 7.11-2	7 bits per character
101 = 5	Variable-length URN Code 40	<a href="#">14.5.6.5</a>	0-9 A-Z . : -	≈ 5.33 bits per character (16 bits per 3 characters)
110 = 6	Reserved for future use			
111 = 7	Reserved for encoding indicators longer than 3 bits			

4245 **14.5.6.1 "Variable-length numeric string"**

4246 The Variable-length numeric string encoding method is used to encode variable-length numeric  
4247 strings as unsigned binary integers using the minimum number of bits. It preserves leading zeros,  
4248 since the decoding method is required to left-pad the decoded integer to the number of digits  
4249 indicated by the length indicator that was encoded. This method requires knowledge of L, the  
4250 length of the string to be encoded, as well as  $L_{max}$ , the maximum permitted length for such a string.

4251 Note: this is similar to the Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String method (§14.5.2) except that the  
4252 binary value is appended after appropriate encoding indicator (three bits set to 000) and length  
4253 indicator.

4254 **14.5.6.1.1 Encoding**

4255 **Input:**

4256 The input to the encoding method is a numeric string of length L consisting only of digits 0-9.

4257 **Validity Test:**

4258 If the input string contains characters other than digits 0-9 or length  $L > L_{max}$ , encoding fails.

4259 **Output:**

4260 Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output. Append three bits '000' to the binary  
4261 string buffer, to set an encoding indicator value of '0'.

4262 Lookup  $b_{LI}$ , the number of bits for expressing the length indicator in Table F.



4263 Convert the actual length  $L$  from a base 10 integer to a binary value, then if necessary, pad to the  
 4264 left with bits of '0' to reach a total length  $b_{LI}$  for the binary string representing the length indicator.

4265 If  $L_{max} = 1$ , the binary string representing the length indicator is empty, of zero length.

4266 Append the binary string representing the length indicator to the binary string buffer.

4267 Convert the input string of  $L$  digits 0-9 to a base10 integer then convert this to an unsigned binary  
 4268 integer,  $v$ .

4269 Calculate  $b_v$ , the number of bits for expressing the value either via a lookup of  $L$  in table B and  
 4270 reading the value in the column titled 'Integer encoding' or using the following formula:  
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$$b_v = \text{ceiling}(L \cdot \log(10) / \log(2))$$

4273 If necessary, pad the binary string  $v$  with bits of '0' to reach a total length  $b_v$  for the binary string  
 4274 representing the numeric string value.

4275 After any necessary padding, append binary string  $v$  (of length  $b_v$ ) to the binary string buffer.

4276 The contents of the binary string buffer is now the binary output of this encoding method.

#### 4277 **14.5.6.1.2 Decoding**

##### 4278 **Input:**

4279 The input to the decoding method is a binary string for which the leftmost three bits must be '000'.

##### 4280 **Validity Test:**

4281 If the leftmost three bits of the input binary string do not match '000', decoding fails.

4282 If the output string contains characters other than digits 0-9 or if length  $L > L_{max}$ , decoding fails.

##### 4283 **Output:**

4284 Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output.

4285 Read the first three bits of the input binary string as the encoding indicator and check that these  
 4286 match '000', otherwise this decoding method cannot be used.

4287 Lookup  $b_{LI}$ , the number of bits for expressing the length indicator in Table F.

4288 Read the next  $b_{LI}$  bits of the binary input string as the length indicator and convert this binary value  
 4289 to an unsigned base 10 integer  $L$ , the number of characters that are encoded. Within the binary  
 4290 input string, move the cursor past the  $b_{LI}$  length indicator bits to begin decoding the actual value.

4291 Calculate  $b_v$ , the number of bits for expressing the value either via a lookup of  $L$  in table B and  
 4292 reading the value in the column titled 'Integer encoding' or using the following formula:  
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$$4294 \quad b_v = \text{ceiling}(L \cdot \log(10) / \log(2))$$

4295 Read the next  $b_v$  bits from the binary string and convert this to an unsigned base 10 integer  $V$ .

4296 Convert  $V$  to a numeric string. If  $V$  is fewer than  $L$  digits in length, left-pad  $V$  with digits of '0' to  
 4297 reach a total of  $L$  digits. The resulting  $L$ -digit numeric string value  $V$  (with any necessary left-  
 4298 padding) is the output of this decoding method.

#### 4299 **14.5.6.2 "Variable-length upper case hexadecimal"**

4300 The Variable-length upper case hexadecimal method is used to encode variable-length strings  
 4301 consisting of digits 0-9 and letters A-F as unsigned binary integers using four bits per character.  
 4302 This requires knowledge of  $L$ , the length of the string to be encoded, as well as  $L_{max}$ , the maximum  
 4303 permitted length for such a string.

4304 This method uses the following table to map each character 0-9 A-F to a 4 bit binary string:

4305 **Table 14-5 Mapping table for "Variable-length upper case hexadecimal" encoding method**

Character	4-bit binary string
0	0000
1	0001
2	0010
3	0011
4	0100
5	0101
6	0110
7	0111

Character	4-bit binary string
8	1000
9	1001
A	1010
B	1011
C	1100
D	1101
E	1110
F	1111

4306 **14.5.6.2.1 Encoding**

4307 **Input:**

4308 The input to the encoding method is a numeric string of length L consisting only of digits 0-9 or  
4309 letters A-F.

4310 **Validity Test:**

4311 If the input string contains characters other than digits 0-9 or letters A-F or length  $L > L_{max}$ ,  
4312 encoding fails.

4313 **Output:**

4314 Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output. Append three bits '001' to the binary  
4315 string buffer, to set an encoding indicator value of '1'.

4316 Lookup  $b_{LI}$ , the number of bits for expressing the length indicator in Table F.

4317 Convert the actual length L from a base 10 integer to a binary value, then if necessary, pad to the  
4318 left with bits of '0' to reach a total length  $b_{LI}$  for the binary string representing the length indicator.

4319 If  $L_{max} = 1$ , the binary string representing the length indicator is empty, of zero length.

4320 Append the binary string representing the length indicator to the binary string buffer.

4321 Working from left to right across the input string, lookup each character in the table above and  
4322 append the corresponding four bits to the binary string buffer. Repeat until all L characters of the  
4323 input string have been processed.

4324 The contents of the binary string buffer is now the output of this encoding method.

4325 **14.5.6.2.2 Decoding**

4326 **Input:**

4327 The input to the encoding method is a binary string whose leftmost three bits are '001',  
4328 corresponding to an encoding indicator value '1' for this method.

4329 **Validity Test:**

4330 If the input binary string does not begin with bits '001' this decoding method cannot be used.

4331 If the output string contains characters other than digits 0-9 or letters A-F or is of length  $L > L_{max}$ ,  
4332 decoding fails.

4333 **Output:**

4334 Create an empty string buffer to receive the output.

4335 Read three bits from the binary input string and check that these match '001', otherwise decoding fails. Within the binary input string, advance the cursor beyond those leftmost three bits.

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4337 Lookup  $b_{LI}$ , the number of bits for expressing the length indicator in Table F.

4338 Read  $b_{LI}$  bits from the binary input string and convert this unsigned integer value to base 10 value  $L$ , the number of characters that are to be decoded. Within the binary input string, advance the cursor beyond the  $b_{LI}$  length indicator bits. Repeat the follow procedure  $L$  times, once per character to be decoded:

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4342 Read the next four bits from the binary input string and advance the cursor beyond the bits that have just been read. Lookup the four bits in the table above and append the corresponding character to the output string buffer.

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4345 When  $L$  characters have been decoded, the contents of the output string buffer is the output of this decoding method.

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4347 **14.5.6.3 "Variable-length lower case hexadecimal"**

4348 The Variable-length lower case hexadecimal method is used to encode variable-length strings consisting of digits 0-9 and letters a-f as unsigned binary integers using four bits per character. This requires knowledge of  $L$ , the length of the string to be encoded, as well as  $L_{max}$ , the maximum permitted length for such a string.

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4352 This method uses the following table to map each character 0-9 a-f to a 4 bit binary string:

4353 **Table 14-6 Mapping table for "Variable-length lower case hexadecimal" encoding method**

Character	4-bit binary string
0	0000
1	0001
2	0010
3	0011
4	0100
5	0101
6	0110
7	0111

Character	4-bit binary string
8	1000
9	1001
a	1010
b	1011
c	1100
d	1101
e	1110
f	1111

4354 **14.5.6.3.1 Encoding**

4355 **Input:**

4356 The input to the encoding method is a numeric string of length  $L$  consisting only of digits 0-9 or letters a-f.

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4358 **Validity Test:**

4359 If the input string contains characters other than digits 0-9 or letters a-f or length  $L > L_{max}$ ,

4360 encoding fails.

4361 **Output:**

4362 Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output. Append three bits '010' to the binary string buffer, to set an encoding indicator value of '2'.

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- 4364 Lookup  $b_{LI}$ , the number of bits for expressing the length indicator in Table F.
- 4365 Convert the actual length  $L$  from a base 10 integer to a binary value, then if necessary, pad to the
- 4366 left with bits of '0' to reach a total length  $b_{LI}$  for the binary string representing the length indicator.
- 4367 If  $L_{max} = 1$ , the binary string representing the length indicator is empty, of zero length.
- 4368 Append the binary string representing the length indicator to the binary string buffer.
- 4369 Working from left to right across the input string, lookup each character in the table above and
- 4370 append the corresponding four bits to the binary string buffer. Repeat until all  $L$  characters of the
- 4371 input string have been processed.
- 4372 The contents of the binary string buffer is now the output of this encoding method.

4373 **14.5.6.3.2 Decoding**

4374 **Input:**

4375 The input to the encoding method is a binary string whose leftmost three bits are '010',  
 4376 corresponding to an encoding indicator value '2' for this method.

4377 **Validity Test:**

4378 If the input binary string does not begin with bits '010' this decoding method cannot be used.  
 4379 If the output string contains characters other than digits 0-9 or letters a-f or is of length  $L > L_{max}$ ,  
 4380 decoding fails.

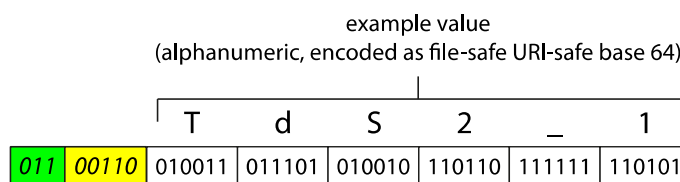
4381 **Output:**

- 4382 Create an empty string buffer to receive the output.
- 4383 Read three bits from the binary input string and check that these match '010', otherwise decoding
- 4384 fails. Within the binary input string, advance the cursor beyond those leftmost three bits.
- 4385 Lookup  $b_{LI}$ , the number of bits for expressing the length indicator in Table F.
- 4386 Read  $b_{LI}$  bits from the binary input string and convert this unsigned integer value to base 10 value
- 4387  $L$ , the number of characters that are to be decoded. Within the binary input string, advance the
- 4388 cursor beyond the  $b_{LI}$  length indicator bits. Repeat the follow procedure  $L$  times, once per character
- 4389 to be decoded:
- 4390 Read the next four bits from the binary input string and advance the cursor beyond the bits that
- 4391 have just been read. Lookup the four bits in the table above and append the corresponding
- 4392 character to the output string buffer.
- 4393 When  $L$  characters have been decoded, the contents of the output string buffer is the output of this
- 4394 decoding method.

4395 **14.5.6.4 "Variable-length 6-bit file-safe URI-safe base 64"**

4396 The Variable-length file-safe base64 encoding method is used to encode variable-length strings of  
 4397 digits 0-9, upper case letters A-Z, lower case letters a-z, hyphen or underscore characters using 6  
 4398 bits per character. This requires knowledge of  $L$ , the length of the string to be encoded, as well as  
 4399  $L_{max}$ , the maximum permitted length for such a string.

4400 **Figure 14-6** Example value - alphanumeric, encoded as file-safe URI-safe base 64



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**Table 14-7 Mapping table for "Variable-length 6-bit file-safe URI-safe base 64" encoding method**

Character	6-bit binary string
A	000000
B	000001
C	000010
D	000011
E	000100
F	000101
G	000110
H	000111
I	001000
J	001001
K	001010
L	001011
M	001100
N	001101
O	001110
P	001111
Q	010000
R	010001
S	010010
T	010011
U	010100
V	010101
W	010110
X	010111
Y	011000
Z	011001
a	011010
b	011011
c	011100
d	011101

Character	6-bit binary string
g	100000
h	100001
i	100010
j	100011
k	100100
l	100101
m	100110
n	100111
o	101000
p	101001
q	101010
r	101011
s	101100
t	101101
u	101110
v	101111
w	110000
x	110001
y	110010
z	110011
0	110100
1	110101
2	110110
3	110111
4	111000
5	111001
6	111010
7	111011
8	111100
9	111101

e	011110
f	011111

- (hyphen)	111110
_ (underscore)	111111

#### 14.5.6.4.1 Encoding

##### Input:

The input to the encoding method is a string of length  $L$  consisting only of digits 0-9 or upper case letters A-Z, colon, hyphen and full-stop (period/dot).

##### Validity Test:

If the input string contains characters other than digits 0-9 or upper case letters A-Z, colon, hyphen and full-stop (period/dot) or length  $L > L_{max}$ , encoding fails.

##### Output:

Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output. Append three bits '011' to the binary string buffer, to set an encoding indicator value of '3'.

Lookup  $b_{LI}$ , the number of bits for expressing the length indicator in Table F.

Convert the actual length  $L$  from a base 10 integer to a binary value, then if necessary, pad to the left with bits of '0' to reach a total length  $b_{LI}$  for the binary string representing the length indicator.

If  $L_{max} = 1$ , the binary string representing the length indicator is empty, of zero length.

Append the binary string representing the length indicator to the binary string buffer.

Starting at the beginning of the input string and moving left-to-right, considering each character in turn until no further characters remain to be encoded, lookup the character in the table below and append the corresponding set of six bits to the binary string buffer.

The contents of the binary string buffer is now the binary output of this encoding method.

#### 14.5.6.4.2 Decoding

##### Input:

The input to the encoding method is a binary string whose leftmost three bits are '011', corresponding to an encoding indicator value '3' for this method.

##### Validity Test:

If the input binary string does not begin with bits '011' this decoding method cannot be used.

If the output string contains characters other than digits 0-9 or letters A-Z a-z, hyphen or underscore or is of length  $L > L_{max}$ , decoding fails.

##### Output:

Create an empty string buffer to receive the output.

Read three bits from the binary input string and check that these match '011', otherwise decoding fails. Within the binary input string, advance the cursor beyond those leftmost three bits.

Lookup  $b_{LI}$ , the number of bits for expressing the length indicator in Table F.

Read  $b_{LI}$  bits from the binary input string and convert this unsigned integer value to base 10 value  $L$ , the number of characters that are to be decoded. Within the binary input string, advance the cursor beyond the  $b_{LI}$  length indicator bits. Repeat the follow procedure  $L$  times, once per character to be decoded:

Read the next six bits from the binary input string and advance the cursor beyond the bits that have just been read. Lookup the six bits in the table above and append the corresponding character to the output string buffer.

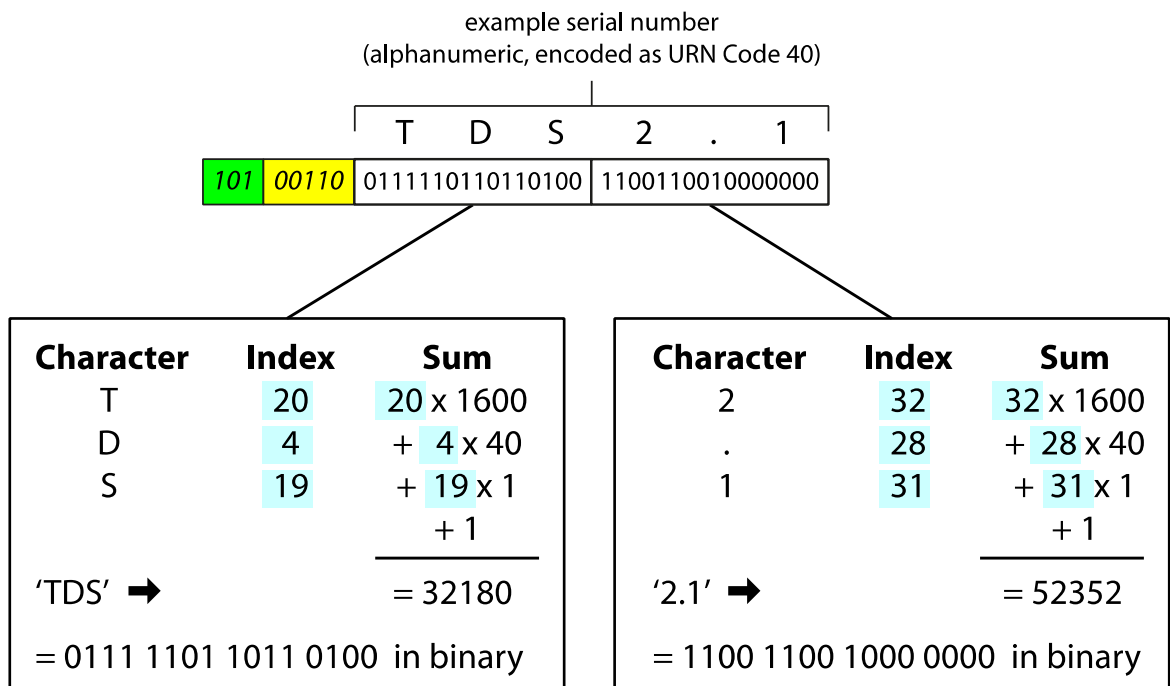
4442 When L characters have been decoded, the contents of the output string buffer is the output of this  
 4443 decoding method.

4444 **14.5.6.5 "Variable-length URN Code 40"**

4445 The Variable-length URN Code 40 encoding method is used to encode variable-length strings of  
 4446 digits 0-9, upper case letters A-Z, colon, hyphen and full-stop (period/dot) using 16 bits for each set  
 4447 of 3 characters. This requires knowledge of L, the length of the string to be encoded, as well as  
 4448  $L_{max}$ , the maximum permitted length for such a string.

4449 The figure below illustrates the use of the variable-length URN Code 40 method to encode 6  
 4450 characters.

4451 **Figure 14-7** Use of the "Variable-length URN Code 40" method to encode 6 characters



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 4453 URN Code 40 uses the following character table to map supportable characters to index values that  
 4454 are used in the calculation:

4455 **Table 14-8 URN Code 40 character table**

Character	Index
PAD character	0
A	1
B	2
C	3
D	4
E	5
F	6
G	7
H	8

Character	Index
T	20
U	21
V	22
W	23
X	24
Y	25
Z	26
- (hyphen)	27
. (full stop)	28

I	9
J	10
K	11
L	12
M	13
N	14
O	15
P	16
Q	17
R	18
S	19

: (colon)	29
0	30
1	31
2	32
3	33
4	34
5	35
6	36
7	37
8	38
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4456 **14.5.6.5.1 Encoding**

4457 **Input:**

4458 The input to the encoding method is a string of length L consisting only of digits 0-9 or upper case  
 4459 letters A-Z, colon, hyphen and full-stop (period/dot). The maximum permitted length for the value  
 4460 (  $L_{max}$  ) must also be known.

4461 **Validity Test:**

4462 If the input string contains characters other than digits 0-9 or upper case letters A-Z, colon, hyphen  
 4463 and full-stop (period/dot) or length  $L > L_{max}$ , encoding fails.

4464 **Output:**

4465 Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output. Append three bits '101' to the binary  
 4466 string buffer, to set an encoding indicator value of '5'.

4467 Lookup  $b_{LI}$ , the number of bits for expressing the length indicator in Table F.

4468 Convert the actual length L from a base 10 integer to a binary value, then if necessary, pad to the  
 4469 left with bits of '0' to reach a total length  $b_{LI}$  for the binary string representing the length indicator.

4470 If  $L_{max} = 1$ , the binary string representing the length indicator is empty, of zero length.

4471 Append the binary string representing the length indicator to the binary string buffer.

4472 Working from left to right across the input string, consider each successive group of three  
 4473 characters. If the final group only contains one or two characters, consider the final group to be  
 4474 appended at the right with two or one pad characters respectively, to reach a total of three  
 4475 characters.

4476 Within each group of three characters, lookup the corresponding index values for each character.  $i_1$   
 4477 is the index value for the first character,  $i_2$  the index for the second character and  $i_3$  is the index for  
 4478 the third character. Calculate  $r = (1600i_1 + 40i_2 + i_3 + 1)$ . Convert r to binary and if necessary,  
 4479 left-pad with bits of '0' to reach a total of 16 bits. Append this 16 bit string to the binary string  
 4480 buffer and repeat this process for the next group of three characters until no further groups remain  
 4481 to be processed.

4482 The contents of the binary string buffer is now the binary output of this encoding method.



4483 **14.5.6.5.2 Decoding**

4484 **Input:**

4485 The input to the decoding method is a binary string. The maximum permitted length for the value (  
4486  $L_{max}$ ) must also be known.

4487 **Validity Test:**

4488 If the leftmost three bits of the binary input string are not '101' then this method cannot be used  
4489 because the encoding indicator does not correspond to this method.

4490 If the output string contains characters other than digits 0-9 or upper case letters A-Z, colon,  
4491 hyphen and full-stop (period/dot) or length  $L > L_{max}$ , encoding fails.

4492 **Output:**

4493 Create an empty string buffer to receive the output. Working from left to right across the binary  
4494 input string, read the first three bits and check that these are '101', the encoding indicator value for  
4495 this method. Otherwise, this method cannot be used.

4496 Lookup  $b_{LI}$ , the number of bits for expressing the length indicator in Table F.

4497 Read  $b_{LI}$  bits as the length indicator and convert that unsigned binary integer to a base 10 value  $L$ ,  
4498 the number of characters to be read. Move the cursor of the binary string past the three-bit  
4499 encoding indicator '101' and the length indicator of  $b_{LI}$  bits to begin reading the encoded data.

4500 If  $L$  is exactly divisible by 3, the number of iterations  $n = L/3$ , otherwise  $n = \text{ceiling}(L/3)$ .

4501 Repeat the following procedure  $n$  times, reading and processing 16 bits from the input binary string  
4502 on each iteration and advancing the cursor accordingly:

4503 For each iteration, convert the 16 bit string to a base 10 unsigned integer  $r$ .

4504 Calculate  $i_3 = (r-1)\%40$  where  $\%$  is the modulo division operator and  $(r-1)\%40$  is the  
4505 remainder of  $(r-1)$  after division by 40.

4506 Calculate  $i_2 = ((r-1 - i_3)/40)\%40$

4507 Calculate  $i_1 = ((r-1 - i_3 - 40i_2)/1600)$

4508 Lookup  $i_1$  in the table above and append the corresponding character to the output string buffer.

4509 If  $i_2 > 0$ , lookup  $i_2$  in the table above and append the corresponding character to the output string  
4510 buffer.

4511 If  $i_3 > 0$ , lookup  $i_3$  in the table above and append the corresponding character to the output string  
4512 buffer.

4513 After all  $n$  iterations have been completed, the contents of the output string buffer are considered to  
4514 be the output of this decoding method.

4515 **14.5.6.6 "Variable-length 7-bit ASCII"**

4516 The Variable-length 7-bit ASCII encoding method is used to encode variable-length strings of  
4517 characters within the 82-character GS1 invariant subset of ISO/IEC 646 [ISO646] or within the 39  
4518 character GS1 invariant subset of ISO/IEC 646 using 7 bits per character. This requires knowledge  
4519 of  $L$ , the length of the string to be encoded, as well as  $L_{max}$ , the maximum permitted length for such  
4520 a string.

4521 This method uses the following character table, mapping characters to 7 bit sequences.

4522 **Table 14-9 Character table for "Variable-length 7-bit ASCII" encoding method**

Character	7-bit binary string
!	0100001

Character	7-bit binary string
M	1001101

Character	7-bit binary string
"	0100010
#	0100011
%	0100101
&	0100110
'	0100111
(	0101000
)	0101001
*	0101010
+	0101011
,	0101100
-	0101101
.	0101110
/	0101111
0	0110000
1	0110001
2	0110010
3	0110011
4	0110100
5	0110101
6	0110110
7	0110111
8	0111000
9	0111001
:	0111010
;	0111011
<	0111100
=	0111101
>	0111110
?	0111111
A	1000001
B	1000010

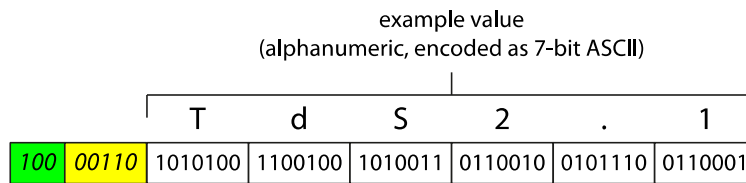
Character	7-bit binary string
N	1001110
O	1001111
P	1010000
Q	1010001
R	1010010
S	1010011
T	1010100
U	1010101
V	1010110
W	1010111
X	1011000
Y	1011001
Z	1011010
_	1011111
a	1100001
b	1100010
c	1100011
d	1100100
e	1100101
f	1100110
g	1100111
h	1101000
i	1101001
j	1101010
k	1101011
l	1101100
m	1101101
n	1101110
o	1101111
p	1110000
q	1110001

Character	7-bit binary string
C	1000011
D	1000100
E	1000101
F	1000110
G	1000111
H	1001000
I	1001001
J	1001010
K	1001011
L	1001100

Character	7-bit binary string
r	1110010
s	1110011
t	1110100
u	1110101
v	1110110
w	1110111
x	1111000
y	1111001
z	1111010

The following figure provides a worked example to illustrate this method.

**Figure 14-8** Example of alphanumeric encoded as 7-bit ASCII



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4526 **14.5.6.6.1 Encoding**

4527 **Input:**

4528 The input to the encoding method is a string of length L consisting only of characters appearing  
4529 within the 82-character GS1 invariant subset of ISO/IEC 646 or within the 39 character GS1  
4530 invariant subset of ISO/IEC 646. See GS1 General Specifications, Figures 7.11-1 and 7.11-2.

4531 **Validity Test:**

4532 If the input string contains characters other than those appearing within the 82-character GS1  
4533 invariant subset of ISO/IEC 646 or within the 39 character GS1 invariant subset of ISO/IEC 646 or  
4534 length L > L<sub>max</sub>, encoding fails.

4535 **Output:**

4536 Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output. Append three bits '100' to the binary  
4537 string buffer, to set an encoding indicator value of '4'.

4538 Lookup b<sub>LI</sub>, the number of bits for expressing the length indicator in Table F.

4539 Convert the actual length L from a base 10 integer to a binary value, then if necessary, pad to the  
4540 left with bits of '0' to reach a total length b<sub>LI</sub> for the binary string representing the length indicator.

4541 If L<sub>max</sub> = 1, the binary string representing the length indicator is empty, of zero length.

4542 Append the binary string representing the length indicator to the binary string buffer.

4543 Starting at the beginning of the input string and moving left-to-right, considering each character in  
4544 turn until no further characters remain to be encoded, lookup the character in the table below and  
4545 append the corresponding set of seven bits to the binary string buffer.

4546 The contents of the binary string buffer is now the binary output of this encoding method.

#### 4547 **14.5.6.6.2 Decoding**

##### 4548 **Input:**

4549 The input to the decoding method is a binary string. The maximum permitted length for the value ( $L_{max}$ ) must also be known.  
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##### 4551 **Validity Test:**

4552 If the leftmost three bits of the binary input string are not '100' then this method cannot be used  
4553 because the encoding indicator does not correspond to this method.

4554 If the output string contains characters other than digits 0-9 or letters A-Z a-z,  
4555 h148ninitialiunderscore or if its length  $L > L_{max}$ , decoding fails.

##### 4556 **Output:**

4557 Create an empty string buffer to receive the output. Working from left to right across the binary  
4558 input string, read the first three bits and check that these are '100', the encoding indicator value for  
4559 this method. Otherwise, this method cannot be used.

4560 Lookup  $b_{LI}$ , the number of bits for expressing the length indicator in Table F.

4561 Read  $b_{LI}$  bits from the binary input string and convert this unsigned integer value to base 10 value  
4562  $L$ , the number of characters that are to be decoded. Within the binary input string, advance the  
4563 cursor beyond the leftmost encoding indicator bits '100' and the  $b_{LI}$  length indicator bits. Repeat the  
4564 follow procedure  $L$  times, once per character to be decoded:

4565 Read the next seven bits from the binary input string and advance the cursor beyond the bits that  
4566 have just been read. Lookup the seven bits in the table above and append the corresponding  
4567 character to the output string buffer.

4568 When  $L$  characters have been decoded, the contents of the output string buffer is the output of this  
4569 decoding method.

#### 4570 **14.5.7 "Single data bit"**

4571 GS1 Application Identifiers (4321), (4322), (4323) use a single digit of '0' or '1' to represent a single  
4572 bit Boolean value in which '0' indicates false, whereas '1' indicates true.

##### 4573 **14.5.7.1 Encoding**

##### 4574 **Input:**

4575 The input to the encoding method is one decimal digit, 0 ("false") or 1 ("true").

##### 4576 **Validity Test:**

4577 The input must consist of exactly one decimal digit, which must be 0 or 1,

##### 4578 **Output:**

4579 The output is a lone bit, 0 or 1.

##### 4580 **14.5.7.2 Decoding**

##### 4581 **Input:**

4582 The input to the encoding method is a lone bit, 0 or 1.

##### 4583 **Validity Test:**

4584 The input must consist of exactly one bit, otherwise the encoding fails.

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**Output:**

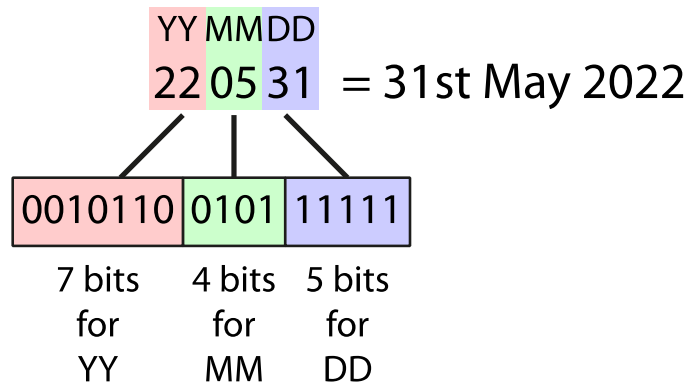
If the single bit is 0, it is decoded as decimal value 0. If the single bit is 1, it is decoded as decimal value 1. 0 = false, 1 = true.

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**14.5.8 "6-digit date YYMMDD"**

Several GS1 Application Identifiers express a date value as a six-digit numeric string formatted as YYMMDD, in which YY represents the year, MM represents the month and DD represents the day of the month. Such a numeric string value can be efficiently encoded using 16 bits as shown in the figure below, using 7 bits to encode YY, 4 bits to encode MM and 5 bits to encode DD:

**Figure 14-9** Efficient encoding of YYMMDD date value using 16 bits



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**14.5.8.1 Encoding**

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**Input:**

The input to the encoding method is a 6-digit numeric string representing a date value in the format YYMMDD, as expected in the GS1 General Specifications.

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**Validity Test:**

The 6-digit numeric string must only consist of digits 0-9 and is further constrained to be a plausible date value, meaning that the third and fourth digits are always in the range 01-12 and the fifth and sixth digits are always in the range 00-31 and do not indicate a day-of-month value that is greater than the number of days in the month indicated by the third and fourth Digits. e.g. if the third and fourth digits are "09" then a value of "31" for the fifth and sixth digits would be invalid because September can only contain 30 days.

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**Output:**

4607 Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output.

4608 Consider the input string as pairs of digits in which the first two digits are YY, the next two digits are MM and the final two digits are DD.

4610 Convert YY to a decimal integer (e.g. '22' → 22 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then if the resulting binary string for YY is less than seven bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0' to reach a total of seven bits. Append these seven bits to the binary string buffer.

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4613 Convert MM to a decimal integer (e.g. '05' → 5 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then if the resulting binary string for MM is less than four bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0' to reach a total of four bits. Append these four bits to the binary string buffer.

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4616 Convert DD to a decimal integer (e.g. '31' → 31 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then if the resulting binary string for DD is less than five bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0' to reach a total of five bits. Append these five bits to the binary string buffer.

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4619 The binary string buffer should now consist of a total of 16 bits and should be considered as the

4620 output of this encoding method.

4621 **14.5.8.2 Decoding**

4622 **Input:**

4623 The input to the decoding method is a binary string of 16 bits.

4624 **Validity Test:**

4625 The sixteen bits will be decoded as a 6-digit numeric string representing a date formatted as  
 4626 YYMMDD. After decoding, the third and fourth digits must always be in the range 01-12 and the  
 4627 fifth and sixth digits must always be in the range 00-31 and must not indicate a day-of-month value  
 4628 that is greater than the number of days in the month indicated by the third and fourth Digits. e.g. if  
 4629 the third and fourth digits are "09" then a value of "31" for the fifth and sixth digits would be invalid  
 4630 because September can only contain 30 days.

4631 **Output:**

4632 Create an empty string buffer to receive the six-digit output value YYMMDD.

4633 Treat the sixteen bits as an encoding of the date value.

4634 Working from left to right, read the first 7 bits as unsigned binary integer y, then convert to a base  
 4635 10 value YY, padding to the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10  
 4636 was in the range 0-9.

4637 Read the next 4 bits as unsigned binary integer m, then convert to a base 10 value MM, padding to  
 4638 the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.

4639 Read the next 5 bits as unsigned binary integer d, then convert to a base 10 value DD, padding to  
 4640 the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.

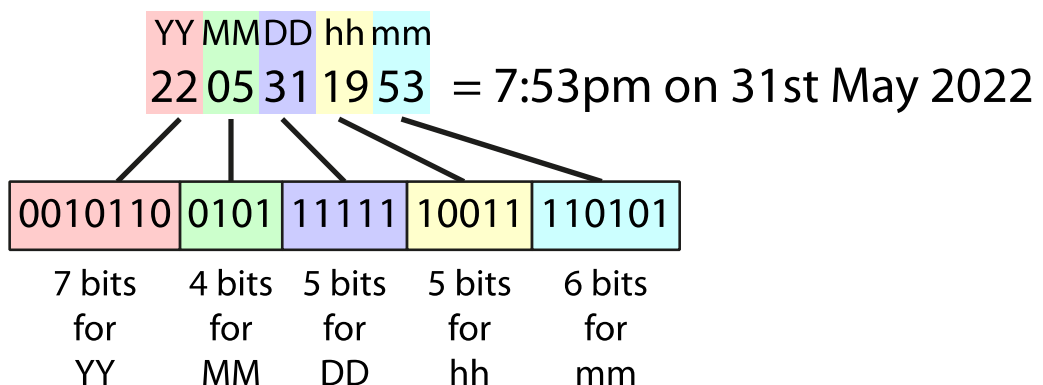
4641 Check that MM is within the range 01-12 and that DD is within the range 00-31 and does not exceed  
 4642 the number of days in the month for the month indicated by MM. Otherwise decoding fails.

4643 Concatenate YY MM and DD in sequence as the output value YYMMDD.

4644 **14.5.9 "10-digit date+time YYMMDDhhmm"**

4645 GS1 Application Identifiers (4324), (4325), (7003) use a 10-digit numeric string to express a date  
 4646 format YYMMDDhhmm in which YY represents the year, MM represents the month, DD represents  
 4647 the day of the month, hh represents the hour of the day and mm represents the minutes. Such a  
 4648 numeric string value can be efficiently encoded using 27 bits as shown in the figure below, using 7  
 4649 bits to encode YY, 4 bits to encode MM, 5 bits to encode DD, 5 bits to encode hh and 6 bits to  
 4650 encode mm:

4651 **Figure 14-10** Encoding of YYMMDDhhmm date time value using 27 bits



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4653 **14.5.9.1 Encoding**4654 **Input:**

4655 The input to the encoding method is a 10-digit numeric string representing a date value in the  
4656 format YYMMDDhhmm, as expected in the GS1 General Specifications.

4657 **Validity Test:**

4658 The 10-digit numeric string must only consist of digits 0-9 and is further constrained to be a  
4659 plausible date+time value, meaning that the third and fourth digits are always in the range 01-12  
4660 and the fifth and sixth digits are always in the range 00-31 and do not indicate a day-of-month  
4661 value that is greater than the number of days in the month indicated by the third and fourth Digits.  
4662 e.g. if the third and fourth digits are "09" then a value of "31" for the fifth and sixth digits would be  
4663 invalid because September can only contain 30 days. The seventh and eighth digits must be in the  
4664 range 00-24, while the ninth and tenth digits must be in the range 00-59.

4665 **Output:**

4666 Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output.

4667 Consider the input string as pairs of digits in which the first two digits are YY, the next two digits are  
4668 MM, followed by two digits DD, a further two digits hh and a final two digits mm.

4669 Convert YY to a decimal integer (e.g. '22' → 22 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then  
4670 if the resulting binary string for YY is less than seven bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0'  
4671 to reach a total of seven bits. Append these seven bits to the binary string buffer.

4672 Convert MM to a decimal integer (e.g. '05' → 5 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then  
4673 if the resulting binary string for MM is less than four bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0'  
4674 to reach a total of four bits. Append these four bits to the binary string buffer.

4675 Convert DD to a decimal integer (e.g. '31' → 31 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then  
4676 if the resulting binary string for DD is less than five bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0'  
4677 to reach a total of five bits. Append these five bits to the binary string buffer.

4678 Convert hh to a decimal integer (e.g. '07' → 7 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then if  
4679 the resulting binary string for hh is less than five bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0' to  
4680 reach a total of five bits. Append these five bits to the binary string buffer.

4681 Convert mm to a decimal integer (e.g. '59' → 59 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value,  
4682 then if the resulting binary string for mm is less than six bits in length, pad to the left with bits set  
4683 to '0' to reach a total of six bits. Append these six bits to the binary string buffer.

4684 The binary string buffer should now consist of a total of 27 bits and should be considered as the  
4685 output of this encoding method.

4686 **14.5.9.2 Decoding**4687 **Input:**

4688 The input to the decoding method is a binary string of 27 bits.

4689 **Validity Test:**

4690 The sixteen bits will be decoded as a 10-digit numeric string representing a date formatted as  
4691 YYMMDDhhmm. After decoding, the third and fourth digits must always be in the range 01-12 and  
4692 the fifth and sixth digits must always be in the range 00-31 and must not indicate a day-of-month  
4693 value that is greater than the number of days in the month indicated by the third and fourth Digits.  
4694 e.g. if the third and fourth digits are "09" then a value of "31" for the fifth and sixth digits would be  
4695 invalid because September can only contain 30 days. The seventh and eighth digits must be in the  
4696 range 00-24, while the ninth and tenth digits must be in the range 00-59.

4697 **Output:**

4698 Create an empty string buffer to receive the ten-digit output value YYMMDDhhmm.

4699 Treat the 27 bits as an encoding of the date+time value.

4700 Working from left to right, read the first 7 bits as unsigned binary integer *y*, then convert to a base  
 4701 10 value *YY*, padding to the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10  
 4702 was in the range 0-9.

4703 Read the next 4 bits as unsigned binary integer *m*, then convert to a base 10 value *MM*, padding to  
 4704 the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.

4705 Read the next 5 bits as unsigned binary integer *d*, then convert to a base 10 value *DD*, padding to  
 4706 the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.

4707 Read the next 5 bits as unsigned binary integer *h*, then convert to a base 10 value *hh*, padding to  
 4708 the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.

4709 Read the next 6 bits as unsigned binary integer *n*, then convert to a base 10 value *mm*, padding to  
 4710 the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.

4711 Check that *MM* is within the range 01-12 and that *DD* is within the range 00-31 and does not exceed  
 4712 the number of days in the month for the month indicated by *MM*. Otherwise decoding fails.

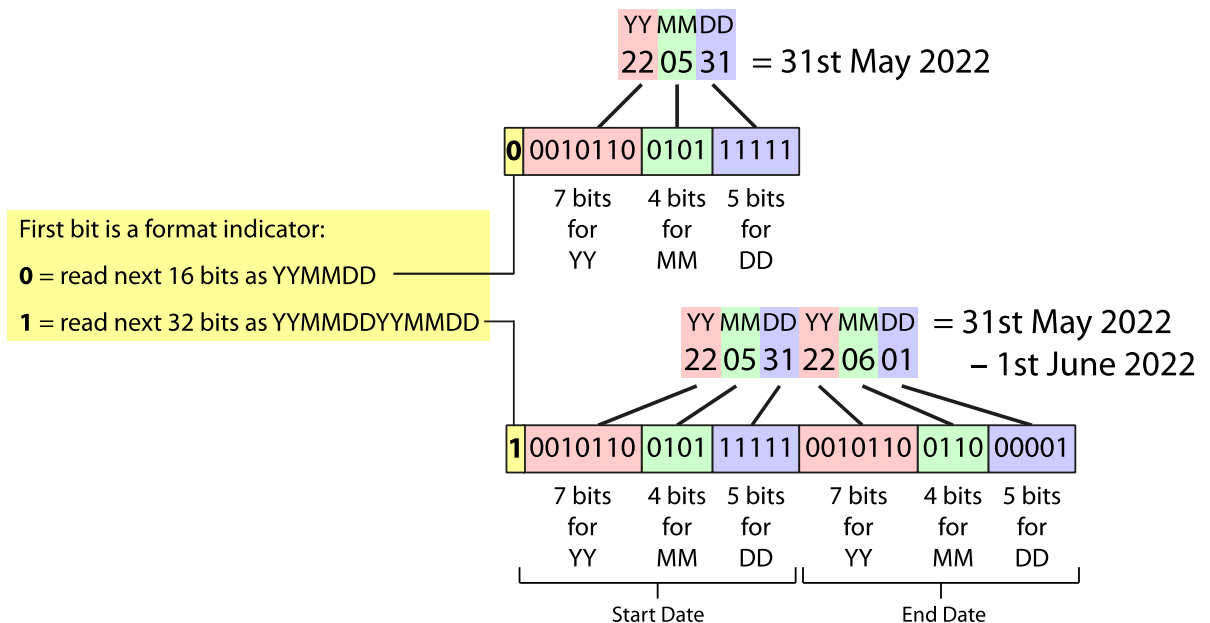
4713 Check that *hh* is within the range 00-24 and that *mm* is within the range 00-59. If *hh* is '24' then  
 4714 *mm* must be '00' otherwise decoding fails

4715 Concatenate *YY MM DD hh mm* in sequence as the output value *YYMMDDhhmm*.

4716 **14.5.10 "Variable-format date / date range"**

4717 GS1 Application Identifier (7007) expresses either a harvest date or a harvest date range (indicating  
 4718 a start date then an end date). A single *YYMMDD* date value can be efficiently encoded using 16  
 4719 bits, whereas a date range consisting of a start date and end date will require 32 bits. In order to  
 4720 distinguish between these two possibilities, this method uses a single bit format indicator as shown  
 4721 in the figure below. If that single bit format indicator is set to 0, a single date value *YYMMDD* is  
 4722 expected. If the single bit format indicator is set to 1, a pair of date values *YYMMDD YYMMDD* is  
 4723 expected, to express a date range.

4724 **Figure 14-11** Encoding of "Variable-format date / date range"



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**4726 14.5.10.1 Encoding****4727 Input:**

4728 The input to the encoding method is either a 6-digit numeric string representing a date value in the  
4729 format YYMMDD, or a 12 digit numeric string representing a date range in the format  
4730 YYMMDDYYMMDD as expected in the GS1 General Specifications.

**4731 Validity Test:**

4732 A 6-digit numeric string must only consist of digits 0-9 and is further constrained to be a plausible  
4733 date value, meaning that the third and fourth digits are always in the range 01-12 and the fifth and  
4734 sixth digits are always in the range 00-31 and do not indicate a day-of-month value that is greater  
4735 than the number of days in the month indicated by the third and fourth Digits. e.g. if the third and  
4736 fourth digits are "09" then a value of "31" for the fifth and sixth digits would be invalid because  
4737 September can only contain 30 days. A 12-digit numeric string must only consist of digits 0-9 and  
4738 both the first six digits and last six digits are further constrained to be a plausible date value, as  
4739 previously explained.

**4740 Output:**

4741 Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output.

4742 If the input is a 6-digit string in the format YYMMDD, append a single bit of '0' to the binary string  
4743 buffer. If the input is a 12-digit string in the format YYMMDD, append a single bit of '1' to the  
4744 binary string buffer.

4745 Perform the following procedure once if the input is a 6-digit string YYMMDD or perform it twice,  
4746 with each set of six digits YYMMDD for the date range if the input is a 12-digit string  
4747 YYMMDDYYMMDD.

4748 Consider the input string as pairs of digits in which the first two digits are YY, the next two digits are  
4749 MM and the final two digits are DD.

4750 Convert YY to a decimal integer (e.g. '22' → 22 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then  
4751 if the resulting binary string for YY is less than seven bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0'  
4752 to reach a total of seven bits. Append these seven bits to the binary string buffer.

4753 Convert MM to a decimal integer (e.g. '05' → 5 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then  
4754 if the resulting binary string for MM is less than four bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0'  
4755 to reach a total of four bits. Append these four bits to the binary string buffer.

4756 Convert DD to a decimal integer (e.g. '31' → 31 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then  
4757 if the resulting binary string for DD is less than five bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0'  
4758 to reach a total of five bits. Append these five bits to the binary string buffer.

4759 The binary string buffer should now consist of a total of 17 bits (for a 6-digit input of YYMMDD) or  
4760 33 bits (for a 12-digit input of YYMMDDYYMMDD) and should be considered as the output of this  
4761 encoding method.

**4762 14.5.10.2 Decoding****4763 Input:**

4764 The input to the decoding method is a binary string of 17 bits or 33 bits, of which the first bit is a  
4765 date format indicator, where '0' indicates that 16 bits follow, to be decoded as a 6-digit date string  
4766 YYMMDD, whereas '1' indicates that 32 bits follow, to be decoded as a 12-digit date range string  
4767 YYMMDDYYMMDD.

**4768 Validity Test:**

4769 Each set of sixteen bits will be decoded as a 6-digit numeric string representing a date formatted as  
4770 YYMMDD. After decoding, the third and fourth digits must always be in the range 01-12 and the  
4771 fifth and sixth digits must always be in the range 00-31 and must not indicate a day-of-month value  
4772 that is greater than the number of days in the month indicated by the third and fourth Digits. e.g. if

4773 the third and fourth digits are "09" then a value of "31" for the fifth and sixth digits would be invalid  
 4774 because September can only contain 30 days.

4775 **Output:**

4776 Create an empty string buffer to receive the six-digit output value YYMMDD or the twelve-digit  
 4777 output value YYMMDDYYMMDD.

4778 Read the left-most bit of the binary input string and move the cursor beyond it, to begin reading  
 4779 data. If the single bit value is '0', perform the following procedure once. If the single bit value is  
 4780 '1', perform the following procedure twice.

4781 Treat the next sixteen bits as an encoding of a date value.

4782 Working from left to right, read the first 7 bits as unsigned binary integer *y*, then convert to a base  
 4783 10 value YY, padding to the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10  
 4784 was in the range 0-9.

4785 Read the next 4 bits as unsigned binary integer *m*, then convert to a base 10 value MM, padding to  
 4786 the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.

4787 Read the next 5 bits as unsigned binary integer *d*, then convert to a base 10 value DD, padding to  
 4788 the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.

4789 Check that MM is within the range 01-12 and that DD is within the range 00-31 and does not exceed  
 4790 the number of days in the month for the month indicated by MM. Otherwise decoding fails.

4791 Concatenate YY MM and DD in sequence as the output value YYMMDD and append this to the output  
 4792 string buffer.

4793 If the initial bit of the binary input string was set to '1', ensure that the procedure above has been  
 4794 performed twice, for both the start date and the end date, both formatted as YYMMDD.

4795 The output string buffer should now consist of either a 6-digit numeric string representing a date  
 4796 formatted as YYMMDD or a 12-digit numeric string representing a date range formatted as  
 4797 YYMMDDYYMMDD. This is the output of this decoding method.

4798 **14.5.11 "Variable-precision date+time"**

4799 GS1 Application Identifier (8008) expresses a production date and time with a choice of three  
 4800 formats that differ in the precision of the time value, either hours, hours and minutes or hours,  
 4801 minutes and seconds, as shown in the figure below.

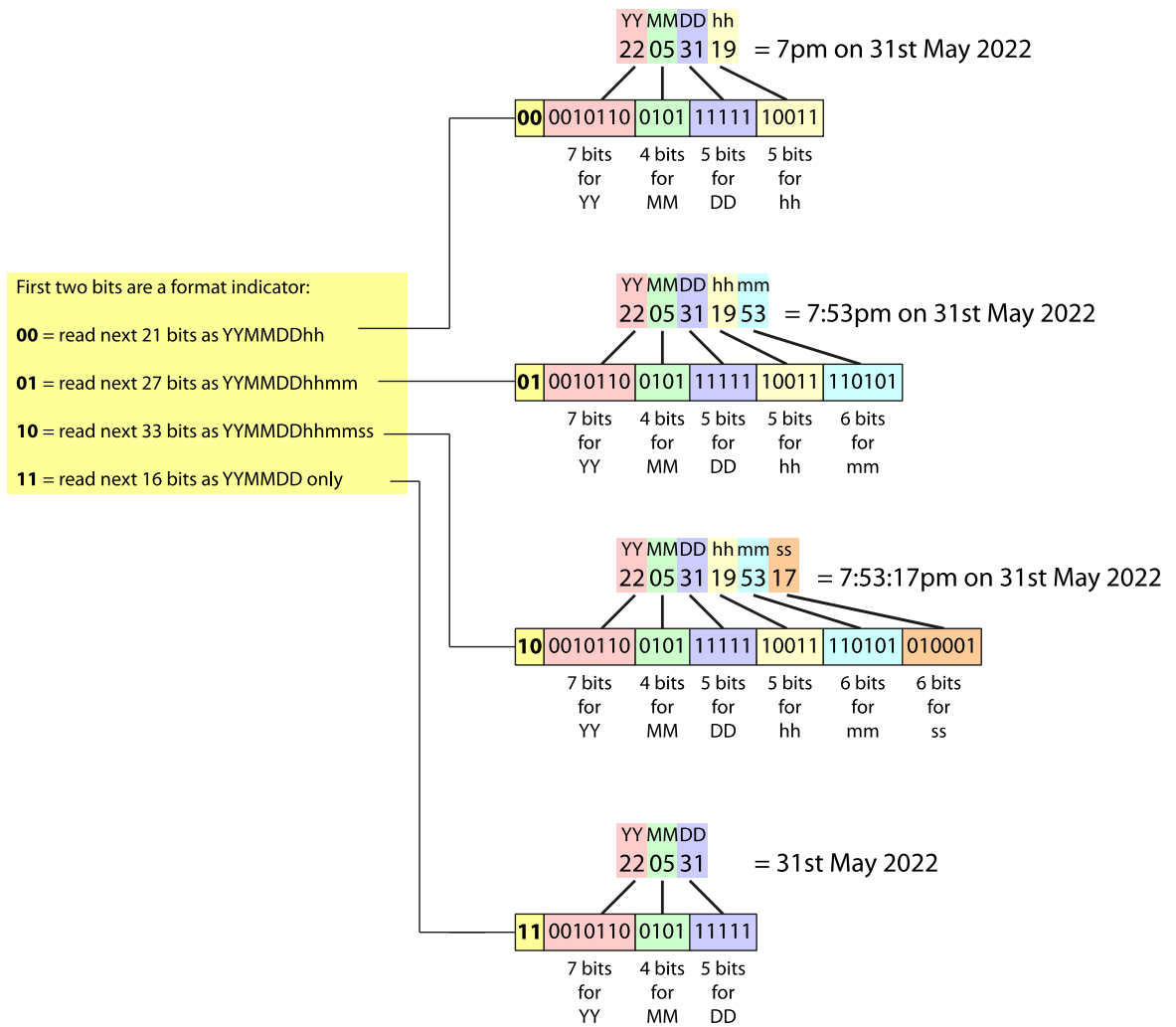
4802 GS1 Application Identifier (7011) expresses a test-by date, either as a date in YYMMDD format or as  
 4803 a date-time that also expresses hours and minutes,

4804 A numeric string representing a date formatted as YYMMDD can be encoded in 16 bits.  
 4805 A numeric string representing a date+hours formatted as YYMMDDhh can be encoded in 21 bits.  
 4806 A numeric string representing a date+hours+minutes formatted as YYMMDDhhmm can be encoded  
 4807 in 27 bits.  
 4808 A numeric string representing a date+hours+minutes+seconds formatted as YYMMDDhhmmss can  
 4809 be encoded in 33 bits.

4810 To distinguish between these four alternatives, the binary encoding begins with a two-bit format  
 4811 indicator whose value is '00' for YYMMDDhh, '01' for YYMMDDhhmm, '10' for YYMMDDhhmmss or  
 4812 '11' for YYMMDD.

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**Figure 14-12** Encoding of "Variable-precision date+time"



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4815 **14.5.11.1 Encoding**

4816 **Input:**

4817 The input to the encoding method is either a 6-digit numeric string representing a date in the format  
 4818 YYMMDD, a 8-digit numeric string representing a date+time value in the format YYMMDDhh, a 10-  
 4819 digit numeric string representing a date+time value in the format YYMMDDhhmm or a 12-digit  
 4820 numeric string representing a date+time value in the format YYMMDDhhmmss, as expected in the  
 4821 GS1 General Specifications.

4822 **Validity Test:**

4823 The numeric string must only consist of digits 0-9 and is further constrained to be a plausible date  
 4824 or date+time value, meaning that the third and fourth digits are always in the range 01-12 and the  
 4825 fifth and sixth digits are always in the range 00-31 and do not indicate a day-of-month value that is  
 4826 greater than the number of days in the month indicated by the third and fourth Digits. e.g. if the  
 4827 third and fourth digits are "09" then a value of "31" for the fifth and sixth digits would be invalid  
 4828 because September can only contain 30 days. The seventh and eighth digits (if present) must be in  
 4829 the range 00-24, while the ninth and tenth digits (if present) must be in the range 00-59 and the  
 4830 eleventh and twelfth digits (if present) must also be in the range 00-59.

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**Output:**

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Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output.

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If the input string was a 6-digit numeric string formatted as YYMMDD, append '11' to the binary string buffer. If the input string was a 8-digit numeric string formatted as YYMMDDhh, append '00' to the binary string buffer. If the input string was 10-digit numeric string formatted as YYMMDDhhmm, append '01' to the binary string buffer. If the input string was 12-digit numeric string formatted as YYMMDDhhmmss, append '10' to the binary string buffer.

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Consider the input string as pairs of digits in which the first two digits are YY, the next two digits are MM, followed by two digits DD, then (if present) a further two digits hh and (if present) two digits mm and (if present) two digits ss.

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Convert YY to a decimal integer (e.g. '22' → 22 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then if the resulting binary string for YY is less than seven bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0' to reach a total of seven bits. Append these seven bits to the binary string buffer.

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Convert MM to a decimal integer (e.g. '05' → 5 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then if the resulting binary string for MM is less than four bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0' to reach a total of four bits. Append these four bits to the binary string buffer.

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Convert DD to a decimal integer (e.g. '31' → 31 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then if the resulting binary string for DD is less than five bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0' to reach a total of five bits. Append these five bits to the binary string buffer.

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If present, convert hh to a decimal integer (e.g. '07' → 7 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then if the resulting binary string for hh is less than five bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0' to reach a total of five bits. Append these five bits to the binary string buffer.

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If present, convert mm to a decimal integer (e.g. '59' → 59 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then if the resulting binary string for mm is less than six bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0' to reach a total of six bits. Append these six bits to the binary string buffer.

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If present, convert ss to a decimal integer (e.g. '59' → 59 ) and convert this to an unsigned binary value, then if the resulting binary string for ss is less than six bits in length, pad to the left with bits set to '0' to reach a total of six bits. Append these six bits to the binary string buffer.

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The binary string buffer should now consist of a total of either 18 bits (for a 6-digit input YYMMDD) or 23 bits (for an 8-digit input YYMMDDhh) or 29 bits (for a 10-digit input YYMMDDhhmm) or 35 bits (for a 12-digit input YYMMDDhhmmss) and should be considered as the output of this encoding method.

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### 14.5.11.2 Decoding

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**Input:**

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The input to the decoding method is a binary string of either 18, 23, 29 or 35 bits.

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**Validity Test:**

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The leftmost two bits are a date+time format indicator. As shown in Figure 14-12, the value of these two bits determine how many further bits should be read and how they should be interpreted.

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In all situations, the next 16 bits will be decoded as a 6-digit numeric string representing a date formatted as YYMMDD, using 7 bit for YY, followed by 4 bits for MM, then 5 bits for DD. If the initial two bits for the date+time format indicator have a value other than '11', further groups of bits shall be read and interpreted as follows, in sequence: 5 bits for hh, 6 bits for mm and 6 bits for ss.

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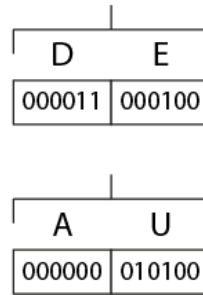
After decoding the initial 16 bits after the two-bit indicator, the third and fourth digits must always be in the range 01-12 for MM and the fifth and sixth digits must always be in the range 00-31 for DD and must not indicate a day-of-month value that is greater than the number of days in the month indicated by the third and fourth digits. e.g. if the third and fourth digits are "09" then a value of "31" for the fifth and sixth digits would be invalid because September can only contain 30 days. The seventh and eighth digits (if present) must be in the range 00-24 for hh, while the ninth and tenth digits (if present) must be in the range 00-59 for mm and the eleventh and twelfth digits (if present) must also be in the range 00-59 for ss.

4881	<b>Output:</b>
4882	Create an empty string buffer to receive the output value.
4883	Read the leftmost two bits of the binary input string and move the cursor beyond those initial two bits. If the value is '00', the next 21 bits will be decoded to an 8-digit numeric string YYMMDDhh.
4884	If the value is '01', the next 27 bits will be decoded to a 10-digit numeric string YYMMDDhhmm.
4885	If the value is '10', the next 33 bits will be decoded to a 12-digit numeric string YYMMDDhhmmss.
4886	If the value is '11', the next 16 bits will be decoded to a 6-digit numeric string YYMMDD.
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4888	Working from left to right, read the first 7 bits as unsigned binary integer y, then convert to a base 10 value YY, padding to the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.
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4891	Read the next 4 bits as unsigned binary integer m, then convert to a base 10 value MM, padding to the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.
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4893	If present, read the next 5 bits as unsigned binary integer d, then convert to a base 10 value DD, padding to the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.
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4896	If present, read the next 5 bits as unsigned binary integer h, then convert to a base 10 value hh, padding to the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.
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4899	If present, read the next 6 bits as unsigned binary integer n, then convert to a base 10 value mm, padding to the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.
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4902	If present, read the next 6 bits as unsigned binary integer s, then convert to a base 10 value ss, padding to the left with a single '0' digit if the initial result after conversion to base 10 was in the range 0-9.
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4905	Check that MM is within the range 01-12 and that DD is within the range 00-31 and does not exceed the number of days in the month for the month indicated by MM. Otherwise decoding fails.
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4907	Check that hh (if present) is within the range 00-24 and that mm (if present) is within the range 00-59 and that ss (if present) is also within the range 00-59. If hh is '24' then both mm and ss (if present) must be '00', otherwise decoding fails.
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4910	If the initial two-bit date indicator was '00', concatenate YY MM DD hh in sequence as the output value YYMMDDhh.
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4912	If the initial two-bit date indicator was '01', concatenate YY MM DD hh mm in sequence as the output value YYMMDDhhmm.
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4914	If the initial two-bit date indicator was '10', concatenate YY MM DD hh mm ss in sequence as the output value YYMMDDhhmmss.
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4916	If the initial two-bit date indicator was '11', concatenate YY MM DD in sequence as the output value YYMMDD.
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4919	<b>14.5.12 "Country code (ISO 3166-1 alpha-2)"</b>
4920	The Country code (ISO 3166-1 alpha-2) encoding method is used to encode two-letter strings of upper case letters A-Z using 6 bits per character, using the file-safe URI-safe base64 alphabet for the binary encoding of each letter.
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**Figure 14-13** ISO 3166-1 alpha-2 country code encoded as file-safe URI base 64

Two letters  
(encoded as file-safe URI-safe base 64)



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**Table 14-10** Encoding table for "Country code (ISO 3166-1 alpha-2)"

Character	6-bit binary string
A	000000
B	000001
C	000010
D	000011
E	000100
F	000101
G	000110
H	000111
I	001000
J	001001
K	001010
L	001011
M	001100
N	001101
O	001110
P	001111
Q	010000
R	010001
S	010010
T	010011
U	010100
V	010101
W	010110
X	010111
Y	011000
Z	011001

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**14.5.12.1 Encoding**

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**Input:**

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The input to the encoding method is a string of two upper case letters A-Z.

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**Validity Test:**

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If the input string contains characters other than upper case letters A-Z or is not exactly two characters in length, encoding fails.

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**Output:**

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Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output.

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Lookup the first character in the table above and append the corresponding set of six bits to the binary string buffer.

4937 Lookup the second character in the table above and append the corresponding set of six bits to the  
 4938 binary string buffer.  
 4939 The contents of the binary string buffer is now the binary output of this encoding method.

#### 4940 **14.5.12.2 Decoding**

##### 4941 **Input:**

4942 The input to the encoding method is a binary string of 12 bits.

##### 4943 **Validity Test:**

4944 If the output string contains characters other than upper case letters A-Z, decoding fails.

##### 4945 **Output:**

4946 Create an empty string buffer to receive the output.

4947 Read the first six bits from the binary input string. Lookup the six bits in the table above and  
 4948 append the corresponding character to the output string buffer.

4949 Read the next (final) six bits from the binary input string. Lookup the six bits in the table above and  
 4950 append the corresponding character to the output string buffer.

4951 The contents of the output string buffer is the output of this decoding method.

#### 4952 **14.5.13 "Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator"**

4953 The 'Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator' encoding method is used to encode  
 4954 variable-length numeric strings as unsigned binary integers using the minimum number of bits.

4955 It is very similar to the method " (§14.5.6.1) option within "Variable-length alphanumeric" (§14.5.6)  
 4956 but is used in situations where the value is defined within the GS1 General Specifications to be  
 4957 strictly numeric rather than alphanumeric, so no encoding indicator is used within this method.

4958 It preserves leading zeros, since the decoding method is required to left-pad the decoded integer to  
 4959 the number of digits indicated by the length indicator that was encoded. This method requires  
 4960 knowledge of  $L$ , the length of the string to be encoded, as well as  $L_{max}$ , the maximum permitted  
 4961 length for such a string.

4962 Note: this is also similar to the "Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String" method (§14.5.2) except that the  
 4963 length is not fixed and the binary value is appended after an appropriate length indicator (but no  
 4964 encoding indicator).

#### 4965 **14.5.13.1 Encoding**

##### 4966 **Input:**

4967 The input to the encoding method is a numeric string of length  $L$  consisting only of digits 0-9.

##### 4968 **Validity Test:**

4969 If the input string contains characters other than digits 0-9 or length  $L > L_{max}$ , encoding fails.

##### 4970 **Output:**

4971 Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output.

4972 Lookup  $b_{LI}$ , the number of bits for expressing the length indicator in Table F.

4973 Convert the actual length  $L$  from a base 10 integer to a binary value, then if necessary, pad to the  
 4974 left with bits of '0' to reach a total length  $b_{LI}$  for the binary string representing the length indicator.

4975 If  $L_{max} = 1$ , the binary string representing the length indicator is empty, of zero length.

4976 Append the binary string representing the length indicator to the binary string buffer.

4977 Convert the input string of L digits 0-9 to a base 10 integer then convert this to an unsigned binary  
4978 integer, v.

4979 Calculate  $b_v$ , the number of bits for expressing the value either via a lookup of L in table B and  
4980 reading the value in the column titled 'Integer encoding' or using the following formula:  
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$$b_v = \text{ceiling}(L \cdot \log(10) / \log(2))$$

4983 If necessary, pad the binary string v with bits of '0' to reach a total length  $b_v$  for the binary string  
4984 representing the numeric string value.

4985 After any necessary padding, append binary string v (of length  $b_v$ ) to the binary string buffer.  
4986 The contents of the binary string buffer is now the binary output of this encoding method.

#### 4987 **14.5.13.2 Decoding**

##### 4988 **Input:**

4989 The input to the decoding method is a binary string.

##### 4990 **Validity Test:**

4991 If the output string contains characters other than digits 0-9 or if length  $L > L_{\text{max}}$ , decoding fails.

##### 4992 **Output:**

4993 Create an empty binary string buffer to receive the output.

4994 Lookup  $b_{LI}$ , the number of bits for expressing the length indicator in Table F.

4995 Read the next  $b_{LI}$  bits of the binary input string as the length indicator and convert this binary value  
4996 to an unsigned base 10 integer L, the number of characters that are encoded. Within the binary  
4997 input string, move the cursor past the  $b_{LI}$  length indicator bits to begin decoding the actual value.

4998 Calculate  $b_v$ , the number of bits for expressing the value either via a lookup of L in table B and  
4999 reading the value in the column titled 'Integer encoding' or using the following formula:

$$5000 \quad b_v = \text{ceiling}(L \cdot \log(10) / \log(2))$$

5002 Read the next  $b_v$  bits from the binary string and convert this to an unsigned base 10 integer V.

5003 Convert V to a numeric string. If V is fewer than L digits in length, left-pad V with digits of '0' to  
5004 reach a total of L digits. The resulting L-digit numeric string value V (with any necessary left-  
5005 padding) is the output of this decoding method.

#### 5006 **14.5.14 "Optional minus sign in 1 bit"**

5007 GS1 Application Identifiers (4330), (4331), (4332), (4333) express a 6 digit value for  
5008 maximum/minimum temperature in hundredths of degrees Celsius or Fahrenheit and use an  
5009 optional trailing minus sign to indicate if the temperature is negative.

5010 To support efficient encoding of the optional trailing minus sign, this method uses a single bit value  
5011 in which '0' indicates an empty string (used for positive temperature values in the Celsius and  
5012 Fahrenheit scales), whereas '1' indicates the presence of a trailing minus sign (used for negative  
5013 temperature values in the Celsius and Fahrenheit scales).

#### 5014 **14.5.14.1 Encoding**

##### 5015 **Input:**

5016 The input to the encoding method is a string, either the empty string "" or a single minus/hyphen  
5017 character "-". The empty string will be mapped to a single bit with value 0. The single  
5018 minus/hyphen character will be mapped to a single bit with value 1



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**Validity Test:**

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The input must consist of either the empty string "" or a single minus/hyphen character "-"

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**Output:**

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The output is a single bit, 0 or 1.

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If the input is the empty string "", the output shall be a single bit set to value 0.

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If the input is a single minus/hyphen character "-", the output shall be a single bit set to value 1.

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**14.5.14.2 Decoding**

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**Input:**

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The input to the encoding method is a single bit, 0 or 1.

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**Validity Test:**

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The input must consist of exactly one bit, otherwise the encoding fails.

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**Output:**

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If the single bit is 0, it is decoded as an empty string "".

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If the single bit is 1, it is decoded as a single minus/hyphen character "-".

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**14.5.15 "Sequence indicator"**

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GS1 Application Identifier (7258) expresses a 3 character value for baby birth sequence indicator using the format of a single digit, followed by a literal forward slash or solidus, followed by a final single digit. For example, a value of "1/3" indicates the first of three triplets.

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To support efficient encoding of this value format, this method encodes the value as two single digits without encoding the literal forward slash or solidus. Upon decoding from binary, the literal forward slash or solidus is reinstated. Each digit is encoded as a fixed-length binary sequence of four bits.

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**14.5.15.1 Encoding**

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**Input:**

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The input to the encoding method is a string of the format "n/m" where n and m are digit characters in the range 1-9 only, separated by a literal forward slash or solidus character.

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**Validity Test:**

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The input must consist of a string of the format "n/m" where n and m are digit characters in the range 1-9 only, separated by a literal forward slash or solidus character.

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**Output:**

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Create an empty binary string buffer

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Extract the first digit character, n, convert to a base 10 integer in the range 1-9 then convert that to binary, padding to the left with bits of '0' to reach a total of four bits, then append this to the binary string buffer. For example, if the first digit character is "1", the sequence "0001" should be appended to the buffer. If the first digit character is "9", the sequence "1001" should be appended to the buffer.

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Extract the third digit character, m, convert to a base 10 integer in the range 1-9 then convert that to binary, padding to the left with bits of '0' to reach a total of four bits, then append this to the binary string buffer. For example, if the third digit character is "3", the sequence "0011" should be

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5059 appended to the buffer. If the third digit character is "9", the sequence "1001" should be appended  
 5060 to the buffer.

5061 The binary string buffer should now consist of eight bits. These should be returned as the output.

#### 5062 **14.5.15.2 Decoding**

##### 5063 **Input:**

5064 The input to the encoding method is a sequence of eight bits.

##### 5065 **Validity Test:**

5066 The input must consist of exactly eight bits, otherwise the decoding fails.

5067 Furthermore, treating the eight bits as two concatenated groups of four bits, the corresponding base  
 5068 10 integer value for each group should be in the range 1-9, otherwise the decoding fails.

##### 5069 **Output:**

5070 Create an empty string buffer for the output.

5071 Extract the first four bits from the input and convert these to a base 10 integer value in the range 1-  
 5072 9, then convert this to a single string digit character in the range "1" – "9" and append this to the  
 5073 output buffer.

5074 Append the forward slash or solidus character "/" to the output buffer.

5075 Extract the final four bits from the input and convert these to a base 10 integer value in the range  
 5076 1-9, then convert this to a single string digit character in the range "1" – "9" and append this to the  
 5077 output buffer.

5078 Return the output buffer as a 3-character string of the format "n/m" where n and m are digit  
 5079 characters in the range "1"-"9".

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#### 5081 **14.6 EPC Binary coding tables**

5082 This section specifies coding tables for use with the encoding procedure of Section [14.3](#) and the  
 5083 decoding procedure of Section [14.3.4](#).

5084 For EPC schemes defined before TDS 2.0, the "Bit Position" row of each coding table illustrates the  
 5085 relative bit positions of segments within each binary encoding. Before TDS 2.0, the "Bit Position"  
 5086 row only took a 'counting down' approach, in which the highest subscript indicates the most  
 5087 significant bit, and subscript 0 indicates the least significant bit. Note that this is opposite to the way  
 5088 RFID tag memory bank bit addresses are normally indicated, where address 0 is the most significant  
 5089 bit. In TDS 2.0, for the older EPC schemes, two "Bit Position" rows are shown, one taking the  
 5090 previous 'counting down' approach, from most significant bit to least significant bit, with the bit  
 5091 count decreasing from left to right, as well as separate row using the 'counting up' approach, in  
 5092 which  $b_0$  is the left-most bit and  $b_0$ - $b_7$  always correspond to the EPC header bits, with the bit count  
 5093 increasing from left to right.

5094 For new EPC schemes defined in TDS 2.0 (those whose name ends with '+', e.g. SGTIN+), because  
 5095 many of these involve variable-length components and multiple alternative encodings and the  
 5096 possibility of additional +AIDC data appended after the EPC, the "Bit Position" row of each new EPC  
 5097 coding table is shown only with a 'counting up' approach from left to right, in which  $b_0$  is the left-  
 5098 most bit and  $b_0$ - $b_7$  bits always correspond to the EPC header bits. Note that this 'counting up'  
 5099 approach is different from the 'counting down' approach taken for the older EPC schemes because  
 5100 the total bit count for most of the new EPC schemes is variable, typically depending on the length  
 5101 and character set used in the actual value being encoded for the serial component, so for most of  
 5102 the new EPC schemes introduced in TDS 2.0, 'counting down' from the most significant bit at the left  
 5103 to least significant bit at the right cannot even provide a consistent formula or expression for the  
 5104 numbering the bits that correspond to the header, +AIDC toggle bit, filter bit or primary GS1  
 5105 identification key.

5106 **14.6.1 Serialised Global Trade Item Number (SGTIN)**

 5107 Two coding schemes for the SGTIN are specified, a 96-bit encoding (SGTIN-96) and a 198-bit  
 5108 encoding (SGTIN-198). The SGTIN-198 encoding allows for the full range of serial numbers up to 20  
 5109 alphanumeric characters as specified in [GS1GS]. The SGTIN-96 encoding allows for numeric-only  
 5110 serial numbers, without leading zeros, whose value is less than  $2^{38}$  (that is, from 0 through  
 5111 274,877,906,943, inclusive).

5112 Both SGTIN coding schemes make reference to the following partition table.

 5113 **Table 14-11** SGTIN Partition Table

Partition Value ( <i>P</i> )	GS1 Company Prefix		Indicator/Pad Digit and Item Reference	
	Bits ( <i>M</i> )	Digits ( <i>L</i> )	Bits ( <i>N</i> )	Digits
0	40	12	4	1
1	37	11	7	2
2	34	10	10	3
3	30	9	14	4
4	27	8	17	5
5	24	7	20	6
6	20	6	24	7

 5114 **14.6.1.1 SGTIN-96 coding table**

 5115 **Table 14-12** SGTIN-96 coding table

Scheme	SGTIN-96					
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:sgtin-96:F.C.I.S					
<b>Total Bits</b>	96					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix (*)	Indicator (**) / Item Reference	Serial
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	24-4	38
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	7-1 digits	up to 12 digits in range 0 – 274,877,906,943 without preservation of leading zeros
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	GTIN			Serial
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C . I			S
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	47			38
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)	$b_{95}b_{94}...b_{88}$	$b_{87}b_{86}b_{85}$	$b_{84}b_{83}...b_{38}$			$b_{37}b_{36}...b_0$

Scheme	SGTIN-96			
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)	$b_0b_1\dots b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}\dots b_{57}$	$b_{58}b_{59}\dots b_{95}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	00110000	Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1	Partition <a href="#">Table 14-11</a> §14.3.3 §14.4.3	Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1

5116 (\*) See Section [7.3.2](#) for the case of an SGTIN derived from a GTIN-8.

5117 (\*\*) Note that in the case of an SGTIN derived from a GTIN-12 or GTIN-13, a zero pad digit takes  
5118 the place of the Indicator Digit. In all cases, see Section [7.2.3](#) for the definition of how the Indicator  
5119 Digit (or zero pad) and the Item Reference are combined into this segment of the EPC.

5120 **14.6.1.2 SGTIN-198 coding table**

5121 **Table 14-13** SGTIN-198 coding table

Scheme	SGTIN-198					
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:sgtin-198:F.C.I.S					
<b>Total Bits</b>	198					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix (*)	Indicator (**)/ Item Reference	Serial
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	24-4	140
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	7-1 digits	up to 20 characters
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	GTIN			Serial
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C.I			S
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	47			140
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)	$b_{197}b_{196}\dots b_{190}$	$b_{189}b_{188}b_{187}$	$b_{186}b_{185}\dots b_{140}$			$b_{139}b_{138}\dots b_0$
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)	$b_0b_1\dots b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}\dots b_{57}$			$b_{58}b_{59}\dots b_{197}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	00110110	Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1	Partition <a href="#">Table 14-11</a> §14.3.3 §14.4.3			String §14.3.2 §14.4.2

5122 (\*) See Section [7.3.2](#) for the case of an SGTIN derived from a GTIN-8.

5123 (\*\*) Note that in the case of an SGTIN derived from a GTIN-12 or GTIN-13, a zero pad digit takes  
5124 the place of the Indicator Digit. In all cases, see Section [7.2.3](#) for the definition of how the Indicator  
5125 Digit (or zero pad) and the Item Reference are combined into this segment of the EPC.

5126 **14.6.1.3 SGTIN+**

5127 The **SGTIN+** coding scheme uses the following **coding** table.

5128 **Table 14-5** SGTIN+ coding table

Scheme	SGTIN+				
<b>GS1 Digital Link URI syntax</b>	https://id.gs1.org/01/{gtin}/21/{serial}				
<b>Total Bits</b>	Up to 216 bits				
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	+Data Toggle	Filter	GTIN	Serial Number
<b>Corresponding GS1 AI</b>				(01)	(21)
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	1	3	56	3 bit encoding indicator + 5 bit length indicator + up to 140 bits
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0 or 1)	1 digit (0-7)	14 digits	up to 20 characters
<b>Bit Position (counting up)*</b>	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8$	$b_9b_{10}b_{11}$	$b_{12}b_{13}...b_{67}$	$b_{68}b_{69}b_{70}...$
<b>Coding Method</b>	11110111	+AIDC Data Toggle Bit §14.5.1	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	Fixed-Length Numeric §14.5.4	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6

5129 \* Note that for the SGTIN+ and all other EPC schemes new to TDS 2.0, the **"Bit Position" row of**  
 5130 **each new EPC coding table is shown only with a 'counting up' approach from left to right,**  
 5131 in which  $b_0$  is the left-most bit and  $b_0-b_7$  bits always correspond to the EPC header bits.

5132 **14.6.1.4 DSGTIN+**

5133 The **DSGTIN+** coding scheme uses the following **coding** table.

5134 **Table 14-6** DSGTIN+ coding table

Scheme	DSGTIN+					
<b>GS1 Digital Link URI syntax</b>	https://id.gs1.org/01/{gtin}/21/{serial}					
<b>Total Bits</b>	Up to 236 bits					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	+Data Toggle	Filter	Date	GTIN	Serial Number
<b>Corresponding GS1 AI</b>				One of (11),(13),(15),(16),(17),(7006),(7007) as indicated	(01)	(21)
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	1	3	4 bit date type indicator + 16 bit date value	56	3 bit encoding indicator + 5 bit length indicator + up to 140 bits

Scheme	DSGTIN+					
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0 or 1)	1 digit (0-7)	date type indicator and 6-digit date YYMMDD	14 digits	up to 20 characters
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)*	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8$	$b_9b_{10}b_{11}$	$b_{12}b_{13}...b_{30}b_{31}$	$b_{32}b_{33}...b_{87}$	$b_{88}b_{89}b_{90}...$
<b>Coding Method</b>	111110 11	+AIDC Data Toggle Bit §14.5.1	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	Prioritised Date §14.5.3	Fixed-Length Numeric §14.5.4	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6

\* Note that for the DSGTIN+ and all other EPC schemes new to TDS 2.0, the **"Bit Position" row of each new EPC coding table is shown only with a 'counting up' approach from left to right**, in which  $b_0$  is the left-most bit and  $b_0$ - $b_7$  bits always correspond to the EPC header bits.

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### 14.6.2 Serial Shipping Container Code (SSCC)

Two coding schemes for the SSCC are specified:

- **SSCC-96** (TDS 1.x) is fixed at 96 bits length, is GCP-partitioned, and allows for the full range of SSCCs as specified in [GS1GS].
- **SSCC+** is fixed at 84 bits length, is not GCP-partitioned, and allows for simplified interoperability with the full range of SSCCs in their GS1 element string form, as specified in [GS1GS].

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#### 14.6.2.1 SSCC-96

The **SSCC-96** coding scheme uses the following **partition** table.

**Table 14-7** SSCC Partition Table

Partition Value ( <i>P</i> )	GS1 Company Prefix		Extension Digit and Serial Reference	
	Bits ( <i>M</i> )	Digits ( <i>L</i> )	Bits ( <i>N</i> )	Digits
0	40	12	18	5
1	37	11	21	6
2	34	10	24	7
3	30	9	28	8
4	27	8	31	9
5	24	7	34	10
6	20	6	38	11

The **SSCC-96** coding scheme uses the following **coding** table.

**Table 14-8** SSCC-96 coding table

Scheme	SSCC-96
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:sscc-96:F.C.S
<b>Total Bits</b>	96

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Scheme	SSCC-96					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix	Extension / Serial Reference	(Reserved)
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	38-18	24
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	11-5 digits	
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	SSCC			(Reserved)
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C . S			
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	61			24
<b>Bit Position (counting down)</b>	$b_{95}b_{94}...b_{88}$	$b_{87}b_{86}b_{85}$	$b_{84}b_{83}...b_{24}$			$b_{23}b_{36}...b_0$
<b>Bit Position (counting up)</b>	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{71}$			$b_{72}b_{73}...b_{95}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	00110001	Integer <a href="#">§14.3.1</a> <a href="#">§14.4.1</a>	Partition <a href="#">Table 14-7</a> <a href="#">§14.3.3</a> <a href="#">§14.4.3</a>			00...0 (24 zero bits)

5150 **14.6.2.2 SSCC+**

5151 The **SSCC+** coding scheme uses the following **coding** table.

5152 **Table 14-9** SSCC+ coding table

Scheme	SSCC+			
<b>GS1 Digital Link URI syntax</b>	https://id.gs1.org/00/{sscc}			
<b>Total Bits</b>	84			
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	+Data Toggle	Filter	SSCC
<b>Corresponding GS1 AI</b>				(00)
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	1	3	72
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0 or 1)	1 digit (0-7)	18 digits
<b>Bit Position (counting up)*</b>	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8$	$b_9b_{10}b_{11}$	$b_{12}b_{13}...b_{83}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	11111001	+AIDC Data Toggle Bit <a href="#">§14.5.1</a>	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String <a href="#">§14.5.2</a>	Fixed-Length Numeric <a href="#">§14.5.4</a>

5153 \* Note that for the SSCC+ and other other EPC schemes new to TDS 2.0, the **"Bit Position" row**  
 5154 **of each new EPC coding table is shown only with a 'counting up' approach from left to**  
 5155 **right**, in which  $b_0$  is the left-most bit and  $b_0$ - $b_7$  bits always correspond to the EPC header bits.

5156 **14.6.3 Global Location Number with or without Extension (SGLN)**

5157 Two coding schemes for the SGLN are specified, a 96-bit encoding (SGLN-96) and a 195-bit  
 5158 encoding (SGLN-195). The SGLN-195 encoding allows for the full range of GLN extensions up to 20  
 5159 alphanumeric characters as specified in [GS1GS]. The SGLN-96 encoding allows for numeric-only  
 5160 GLN extensions, without leading zeros, whose value is less than  $2^{41}$  (that is, from 0 through  
 5161 2,199,023,255,551, inclusive). Note that an extension value of 0 is reserved to indicate that the  
 5162 SGLN is equivalent to the GLN indicated by the GS1 Company Prefix and location reference; this  
 5163 value is available in both the SGLN-96 and the SGLN-195 encodings.

5164 Both SGLN coding schemes make reference to the following partition table.

5165 **Table 14-10** SGLN Partition Table

Partition Value ( <i>P</i> )	GS1 Company Prefix		Location Reference	
	Bits ( <i>M</i> )	Digits ( <i>L</i> )	Bits ( <i>N</i> )	Digits
0	40	12	1	0
1	37	11	4	1
2	34	10	7	2
3	30	9	11	3
4	27	8	14	4
5	24	7	17	5
6	20	6	21	6

5166 **14.6.3.1 SGLN-96 coding table**

5167 **Table 14-11** SGLN-96 coding table

Scheme	SGLN-96					
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:sgln-96:F.C.L.E					
<b>Total Bits</b>	96					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix	Location Reference	Extension
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	21-1	41
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	6-0 digits	Up to 13 digits in range 0 – 2,199,023,255,551 without preservation of leading zeros
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	GLN			Extension
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C.L			E
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	44			41



Scheme	SGLN-96			
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)	$b_{95}b_{94}...b_{88}$	$b_{87}b_{86}b_{85}$	$b_{84}b_{83}...b_{41}$	$b_{40}b_{39}...b_0$
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{54}$	$b_{55}b_{56}...b_{95}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	00110010	Integer <a href="#">§14.3.1</a> <a href="#">§14.4.1</a>	Partition <a href="#">Table 14-10</a> <a href="#">§14.3.3</a> <a href="#">§14.4.3</a>	Integer <a href="#">§14.3.1</a> <a href="#">§14.4.1</a>

5168 **14.6.3.2 SGLN-195 coding table**

5169 **Table 14-12** SGLN-195 coding table

Scheme	SGLN-195					
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:sgln-195:F.C.L.E					
<b>Total Bits</b>	195					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix	Location Reference	Extension
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	21-1	140
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	6-0 digits	up to 20 characters
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	GLN			Extension
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C.L			E
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	44			140
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)	$b_{194}b_{193}...b_{187}$	$b_{186}b_{185}b_{184}$	$b_{183}b_{182}...b_{140}$			$b_{139}b_{138}...b_0$
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{54}$			$b_{55}b_{56}...b_{194}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	00111001	Integer <a href="#">§14.3.1</a> <a href="#">§14.4.1</a>	Partition <a href="#">Table 14-10</a> <a href="#">§14.3.3</a> <a href="#">§14.4.3</a>			String <a href="#">§14.3.2</a> <a href="#">§14.4.2</a>

5170 **14.6.3.3 SGLN+**

5171 The **SGLN+** coding scheme uses the following **coding** table.

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**Table 14-13** SGLN+ coding table

Scheme	SGLN+				
<b>GS1 Digital Link URI syntax</b>	https://id.gs1.org/414/{gln}/254/{glnextension}				
<b>Total Bits</b>	Up to 212 bits				
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	+Data Toggle	Filter	GLN	GLN Extension
<b>Corresponding GS1 AI</b>				(414)	(254)
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	1	3	52	3 bit encoding indicator + 5 bit length indicator + up to 140 bits for GLN Extension
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0 or 1)	1 digit (0-7)	13 digits	up to 20 characters
<b>Bit Position (counting up)*</b>	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8$	$b_9b_{10}b_{11}$	$b_{12}b_{13}...b_{63}$	$b_{64}b_{65}b_{66}...$
<b>Coding Method</b>	11110010	+AIDC Data Toggle Bit §14.5.1	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	Fixed-Length Numeric §14.5.4	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6

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\* Note that for the SGLN+ and other other EPC schemes new to TDS 2.0, the **"Bit Position" row of each new EPC coding table is shown only with a 'counting up' approach from left to right**, in which  $b_0$  is the left-most bit and  $b_0-b_7$  bits always correspond to the EPC header bits.

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**14.6.4 Global Returnable Asset Identifier (GRAI)**

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Two coding schemes for the GRAI are specified, a 96-bit encoding (GRAI-96) and a 170-bit encoding (GRAI-170). The GRAI-170 encoding allows for the full range of serial numbers up to 16 alphanumeric characters as specified in [GS1GS]. The GRAI-96 encoding allows for numeric-only serial numbers, without leading zeros, whose value is less than  $2^{38}$  (that is, from 0 through 274,877,906,943, inclusive).

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Only GRAIs that include the optional serial number may be represented as EPCs. A GRAI without a serial number represents an asset class, rather than a specific instance, and therefore may not be used as an EPC (just as a non-serialised GTIN may not be used as an EPC).

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Both GRAI coding schemes make reference to the following partition table.

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**Table 14-14** GRAI Partition Table

Partition Value (P)	Company Prefix		Asset Type	
	Bits (M)	Digits (L)	Bits (N)	Digits
0	40	12	4	0
1	37	11	7	1
2	34	10	10	2
3	30	9	14	3
4	27	8	17	4
5	24	7	20	5
6	20	6	24	6

5187 **14.6.4.1 GRAI-96 coding table**

 5188 **Table 14-15** GRAI-96 coding table

Scheme	GRAI-96					
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:grai-96:F.C.A.S					
<b>Total Bits</b>	96					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix	Asset Type	Serial
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	24-4	38
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digit	6-0 digits	Up to 12 digits in range 0 – 274,877,906,943 without preservation of leading zeros
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition + Company Prefix + Asset Type		Serial	
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C.A		S	
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	47		38	
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)	$b_{95}b_{94}...b_{88}$	$b_{87}b_{86}b_{85}$	$b_{84}b_{83}...b_{38}$		$b_{37}b_{36}...b_0$	
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{57}$		$b_{58}b_{59}...b_{95}$	
<b>Coding Method</b>	00110011	Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1	Partition <a href="#">Table 14-14</a> §14.3.3 §14.4.3		Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1	

 5189 **14.6.4.2 GRAI-170 coding table**

 5190 **Table 14-15** GRAI-170 coding table

Scheme	GRAI-170					
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:grai-170:F.C.A.S					
<b>Total Bits</b>	170					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix	Asset Type	Serial
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	24-4	112

Scheme	GRAI-170					
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	6-0 digits	Up to 16 characters
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition + Company Prefix + Asset Type		Serial	
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C . A		S	
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	47		112	
<b>Bit Position (counting down)</b>	$b_{169}b_{168}...b_{162}$	$b_{161}b_{160}b_{159}$	$b_{158}b_{157}...b_{112}$		$b_{111}b_{110}...b_0$	
<b>Bit Position (counting up)</b>	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{57}$		$b_{58}b_{59}...b_{169}$	
<b>Coding Method</b>	00110111	Integer <a href="#">§14.3.1</a> <a href="#">§14.4.1</a>	Partition <a href="#">Table 14-14</a> <a href="#">§14.3.3</a> <a href="#">§14.4.3</a>		String <a href="#">§14.3.2</a> <a href="#">§14.4.2</a>	

5191 **14.6.4.3 GRAI+**

5192 The **GRAI+** coding scheme uses the following **coding** table.

5193 **Table 14-16** GRAI+ coding table

Scheme	GRAI+					
<b>GS1 Digital Link URI syntax</b>	https://id.gs1.org/8003/{grai}					
<b>Total Bits</b>	Up to 188 bits					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	+Data Toggle	Filter	Leading pad '0' then 13-digit GRAI	GRAI Serial Component	
<b>Corresponding GS1 AI</b>				(8003)		
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	1	3	56	3 bit encoding indicator + 5 bit length indicator + up to 112 bits	
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0 or 1)	1 digit (0-7)	14 digits	Up to 16 characters	
<b>Bit Position (counting up)*</b>	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8$	$b_9b_{10}b_{11}$	$b_{12}b_{13}...b_{67}$	$b_{68}b_{69}b_{70}...$	
<b>Coding Method</b>	11110001	+AIDC Data Toggle Bit <a href="#">§14.5.1</a>	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String <a href="#">§14.5.2</a>	Fixed-Length Numeric <a href="#">§14.5.4</a>	Variable-length alphanumeric <a href="#">§14.5.6</a>	

5194 \* Note that for the GRAI+ and other other EPC schemes new to TDS 2.0, the **"Bit Position" row**  
 5195 **of each new EPC coding table is shown only with a 'counting up' approach from left to**  
 5196 **right**, in which  $b_0$  is the left-most bit and  $b_0$ - $b_7$  bits always correspond to the EPC header bits.

5197 **14.6.5 Global Individual Asset Identifier (GIAI)**

5198 Two coding schemes for the GIAI are specified, a 96-bit encoding (GIAI-96) and a 202-bit encoding  
 5199 (GIAI-202). The GIAI-202 encoding allows for the full range of serial numbers up to 24  
 5200 alphanumeric characters as specified in [GS1GS]. The GIAI-96 encoding allows for numeric-only  
 5201 serial numbers, without leading zeros, whose value is, up to a limit that varies with the length of the  
 5202 GS1 Company Prefix.

5203 Each GIAI coding schemes make reference to a different partition table, specified alongside the  
 5204 corresponding coding table in the subsections below.

5205 **14.6.5.1 GIAI-96 Partition Table and coding table**

5206 The GIAI-96 coding scheme makes use of the following partition table.

5207 **Table 14-17** GIAI-96 Partition Table

Partition Value (P)	Company Prefix		Individual Asset Reference	
	Bits (M)	Digits (L)	Bits (N)	Max Digits (K)
0	40	12	42	13
1	37	11	45	14
2	34	10	48	15
3	30	9	52	16
4	27	8	55	17
5	24	7	58	18
6	20	6	62	19

5208 **Table 14-18** GIAI-96 coding table

Scheme	GIAI-96				
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:giai-96:F.C.A				
<b>Total Bits</b>	96				
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix	Individual Asset Reference
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	62-42
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	19-13 digits without preservation of leading zeros
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	GIAI		
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C.A		
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	85		
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)	$b_{95}b_{94}...b_{88}$	$b_{87}b_{86}b_{85}$	$b_{84}b_{83}...b_0$		
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{95}$		

Scheme	GIAI-96		
Coding Method	00110100	Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1	Unpadded Partition <a href="#">Table 14-17</a> §14.3.4 §14.4.4

5209 **14.6.5.2 GIAI-202 Partition Table and coding table**

5210 The GIAI-202 coding scheme makes use of the following partition table.

5211 **Table 14-20** GIAI-202 Partition Table

Partition Value ( <i>P</i> )	Company Prefix		Individual Asset Reference	
	Bits ( <i>M</i> )	Digits ( <i>L</i> )	Bits ( <i>N</i> )	Maximum Characters
0	40	12	148	18
1	37	11	151	19
2	34	10	154	20
3	30	9	158	21
4	27	8	161	22
5	24	7	164	23
6	20	6	168	24

5212 **Table 14-21** GIAI-202 coding table

Scheme	GIAI-202				
URI Template	urn:epc:tag:giai-202:F.C.A				
Total Bits	202				
Logical Segment	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix	Individual Asset Reference
Logical Segment Bit Count	8	3	3	20-40	168-148
Logical Segment Character Count		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	24-18 characters
Coding Segment	EPC Header	Filter	GIAI		
URI portion		F	C.A		
Coding Segment Bit Count	8	3	191		
Bit Position (counting down)	$b_{201}b_{200}...b_{194}$	$b_{193}b_{192}b_{191}$	$b_{190}b_{189}...b_0$		
Bit Position (counting up)	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{201}$		
Coding Method	00111000	Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1	String Partition <a href="#">Table 14-20</a> §14.3.5 §14.4.5		

5213 **14.6.5.3 GIAI+ Coding table**

5214 The GIAI+ coding scheme makes use of the following coding table.

5215 **Table 14-22** GIAI+ coding table

Scheme	GIAI+			
<b>GS1 Digital Link URI syntax</b>	https://id.gs1.org/8004/{giai}			
<b>Total Bits</b>	Up to 222 bits (assuming shortest initial all-numeric sequence to be 4 digits)			
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	+Data Toggle	Filter	GIAI
<b>Corresponding GS1 AI</b>				(8004)
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	1	3	4n (for initial n digits) + 4 bit terminator OR 4n (for initial n digits) + 4 bit delimiter + 3 bit encoding indicator + 5 bit length indicator + up to (210-7n) bits
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0 or 1)	1 digit (0-7)	Up to 30 characters
<b>Bit Position (counting up)*</b>	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8$	$b_9b_{10}b_{11}$	$b_{12}b_{13}...$
<b>Coding Method</b>	11111010	+AIDC Data Toggle Bit <a href="#">§14.5.1</a>	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String <a href="#">§14.5.2</a>	Delimited/terminated Numeric ( <a href="#">§14.5.5</a> ) (followed by Variable-length alphanumeric ( <a href="#">§14.5.6</a> ) for any characters after the initial n digits)

5216 \* Note that for the GIAI+ and other other EPC schemes new to TDS 2.0, the **"Bit Position" row of**  
 5217 **each new EPC coding table is shown only with a 'counting up' approach from left to right,**  
 5218 in which  $b_0$  is the left-most bit and  $b_0-b_7$  bits always correspond to the EPC header bits.

5219 **14.6.6 Global Service Relation Number - Recipient (GSRN)**

5220 Two encoding schemes for the GSRN are specified:

- 5221 • **GSRN-96** (TDS 1.x) is fixed at 96 bits length, is GCP-partitioned, and allows for the full  
 5222 range of "Recipient" GSRNs corresponding to AI (8018), as specified in [GS1GS].
- 5223 • **GSRN+** is fixed at 84 bits length, is not GCP-partitioned, and allows for simplified  
 5224 interoperability with the full range of "Recipient" GSRNs corresponding to AI (8018), in their  
 5225 GS1 element string form, as specified in [GS1GS].

5226 **14.6.6.1 GSRN-96**

5227 The **GSRN-96** coding scheme uses the following **partition** table.

5228 **Table 14-23** GSRN Partition Table

Partition Value (P)	Company Prefix		Service Reference	
	Bits (M)	Digits (L)	Bits (N)	Digits
0	40	12	18	5
1	37	11	21	6

Partition Value (P)	Company Prefix		Service Reference	
2	34	10	24	7
3	30	9	28	8
4	27	8	31	9
5	24	7	34	10
6	20	6	38	11

5229 The **GSRN-96** coding scheme uses the following **coding** table.

5230 **Table 14-24** GSRN-96 coding table

Scheme	GSRN-96					
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:gsrcn-96:F.C.S					
<b>Total Bits</b>	96					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix	Service Reference	(Reserved)
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	38-18	24
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	11-5 digits	
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	GSRN			(Reserved)
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C.S			
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	61			24
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)	$b_{95}b_{94}...b_{88}$	$b_{87}b_{86}b_{85}$	$b_{84}b_{83}...b_{24}$			$b_{23}b_{22}...b_0$
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{71}$			$b_{72}b_{73}...b_{95}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	00101101	Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1	Partition <a href="#">Table 14-23</a> §14.3.3 §14.4.3			00...0 (24 zero bits)

5231 **14.6.6.2 GSRN+**

5232 The **GSRN+** coding scheme uses the following **coding** table.

5233 **Table 14-25** GSRN+ coding table

Scheme	GSRN+
<b>GS1 Digital Link URI syntax</b>	https://id.gs1.org/8018/{gsrcn}
<b>Total Bits</b>	84



Scheme	GSRN+			
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	+Data Toggle	Filter	GSRN
<b>Corresponding GS1 AI</b>				8018
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	1	3	72
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0 or 1)	1 digit (0-7)	18 digits
<b>Bit Position (counting up)*</b>	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8$	$b_9b_{10}b_{11}$	$b_{12}b_{13}...b_{83}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	11110100	+AIDC Data Toggle Bit §14.5.1	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	Fixed-Length Numeric §14.5.4

\* Note that for the GSRN+ and other other EPC schemes new to TDS 2.0, the "Bit Position" row of each new EPC coding table is shown only with a 'counting up' approach from left to right, in which  $b_0$  is the left-most bit and  $b_0$ - $b_7$  bits always correspond to the EPC header bits.

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### 14.6.7 Global Service Relation Number - Provider (GSRNP)

Two encoding schemes for the GSRNP are specified:

- **GSRNP-96** (TDS 1.x) is fixed at 96 bits length, is GCP-partitioned, and allows for the full range of "Provider" GSRNs corresponding to AI (8017), as specified in [GS1GS].
- **GSRNP+** is fixed at 84 bits length, is not GCP-partitioned, and allows for simplified interoperability with the full range of "Provider" GSRNs corresponding to AI (8018), in their GS1 element string form, as specified in [GS1GS].

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#### 14.6.7.1 GSRNP-96

The **GSRNP-96** coding scheme uses the following **partition** table.

**Table 14-26** GSRNP Partition Table

Partition Value ( <i>P</i> )	Company Prefix		Service Reference	
	Bits ( <i>M</i> )	Digits ( <i>L</i> )	Bits ( <i>N</i> )	Digits
0	40	12	18	5
1	37	11	21	6
2	34	10	24	7
3	30	9	28	8
4	27	8	31	9
5	24	7	34	10
6	20	6	38	11

The **GSRNP-96** coding scheme uses the following **coding** table.

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**Table 14-27** GSRNP-96 coding table

Scheme	GSRNP-96					
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:gsrcnp-96:F.C.S					
<b>Total Bits</b>	96					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix	Service Reference	(Reserved)
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	38-18	24
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	11-5 digits	
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	GSRN			(Reserved)
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C.S			
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	61			24
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)	$b_{95}b_{94}...b_{88}$	$b_{87}b_{86}b_{85}$	$b_{84}b_{83}...b_{24}$			$b_{23}b_{22}...b_0$
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{71}$			$b_{72}b_{73}...b_{95}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	00101110	Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1	Partition <a href="#">Table 14-23</a> §14.3.3 §14.4.3			00...0 (24 zero bits)

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**14.6.7.2 GSRNP+**

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 The **GSRNP+** coding scheme uses the following **coding** table.

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**Table 14-28** GSRNP+ coding table

Scheme	GSRNP+			
<b>GS1 Digital Link URI syntax</b>	https://id.gs1.org/8017/{gsrcnp}			
<b>Total Bits</b>	84			
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	+Data Toggle	Filter	GSRN
<b>Corresponding GS1 AI</b>				8017
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	1	3	72
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0 or 1)	1 digit (0-7)	18 digits
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)*	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8$	$b_9b_{10}b_{11}$	$b_{12}b_{13}...b_{83}$

Scheme	GSRNP+			
<b>Coding Method</b>	11110101	+AIDC Data Toggle Bit <a href="#">§14.5.1</a>	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String <a href="#">§14.5.2</a>	Fixed-Length Numeric <a href="#">§14.5.4</a>

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\* Note that for the GSRNP+ and other other EPC schemes new to TDS 2.0, the "Bit Position" row of each new EPC coding table is shown only with a 'counting up' approach from left to right, in which  $b_0$  is the left-most bit and  $b_0$ - $b_7$  bits always correspond to the EPC header bits.

5255 **14.6.8 Global Document Type Identifier (GDTI)**

5256 Three coding schemes for the GDTI specified, a 96-bit encoding (GDTI-96), a 113-bit encoding  
5257 (GDTI-113, DEPRECATED as of TDS 1.9), and a 174-bit encoding (GDTI-174). The GDTI-174  
5258 encoding allows for the full range of document serialisation up to 17 alphanumeric characters, as  
5259 specified in [GS1GS]. The deprecated GDTI-113 encoding allows for a reduced range of document  
5260 serial numbers up to 17 numeric characters (including leading zeros) as originally specified in  
5261 [GS1GS]. The GDTI-96 encoding allows for document serial numbers without leading zeros whose  
5262 value is less than  $2^{41}$  (that is, from 0 through 2,199,023,255,551, inclusive).

5263 Only GDTIs that include the optional serial number may be represented as EPCs. A GDTI without a  
5264 serial number represents a document class, rather than a specific document, and therefore may not  
5265 be used as an EPC (just as a non-serialised GTIN may not be used as an EPC).

5266 Both GDTI coding schemes make reference to the following partition table.

5267 **Table 14-29** GDTI Partition Table

Partition Value ( <i>P</i> )	Company Prefix		Document Type	
	Bits ( <i>M</i> )	Digits ( <i>L</i> )	Bits ( <i>N</i> )	Digits
0	40	12	1	0
1	37	11	4	1
2	34	10	7	2
3	30	9	11	3
4	27	8	14	4
5	24	7	17	5
6	20	6	21	6

5268 **14.6.8.1 GDTI-96 coding table**

5269 **Table 14-30** GDTI-96 coding table

Scheme	GDTI-96					
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:gdti-96:F.C.D.S					
<b>Total Bits</b>	96					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix	Document Type	Serial
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	21-1	41

Scheme		GDTI-96				
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	6-0 digits	Up to 13 digits in range 0 – 2,199,023,255,551 without preservation of leading zeros
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition + Company Prefix + Document Type		Serial	
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C . D		S	
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	44		41	
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)	$b_{95}b_{94}...b_{88}$	$b_{87}b_{86}b_{85}$	$b_{84}b_{83}...b_{41}$		$b_{40}b_{39}...b_0$	
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{54}$		$b_{55}b_{56}...b_{95}$	
<b>Coding Method</b>	00101100	Integer <a href="#">§14.3.1</a> <a href="#">§14.4.1</a>	Partition <a href="#">Table 14-29</a> <a href="#">§14.3.3</a> <a href="#">§14.4.3</a>		Integer <a href="#">§14.3.1</a> <a href="#">§14.4.1</a>	

5270 **14.6.8.2 GDTI-113 coding table**

5271 **Table 14-31** GDTI-113 coding table

Scheme		GDTI-113				
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:gdti-113:F.C.D.S					
<b>Total Bits</b>	113					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix	Document Type	Serial
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	21-1	58
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	6-0 digits	Up to 17 digits without preservation of leading zeros
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition + Company Prefix + Document Type		Serial	
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C . D		S	
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	44		58	

Scheme					GDTI-113				
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)	$b_{112}b_{111}...b_{105}$		$b_{104}b_{103}b_{102}$		$b_{101}b_{100}...b_{58}$			$b_{57}b_{56}...b_0$	
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)	$b_0b_1...b_7$		$b_8b_9b_{10}$		$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{54}$			$b_{55}b_{56}...b_{112}$	
<b>Coding Method</b>	00111010		Integer <a href="#">§14.3.1</a> <a href="#">§14.4.1</a>		Partition <a href="#">Table 14-29</a>			Numeric String <a href="#">§14.3.6</a>	

5272 **14.6.8.3 GDTI-174 coding table**

5273 **Table 14-32** GDTI-174 coding table

Scheme								GDTI-174							
<b>URI Template</b>		urn:epc:tag:gdti-174:F.C.A.S													
<b>Total Bits</b>		174													
<b>Logical Segment</b>		EPC Header		Filter		Partition		GS1 Company Prefix		Document Type		Serial			
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>		8		3		3		20-40		21-1		119			
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>				1 digit (0-7)		1 digit (6-0)		6-12 digits		6-0 digits		Up to 17 characters			
<b>Coding Segment</b>		EPC Header		Filter		Partition + Company Prefix + Asset Type				Serial					
<b>URI portion</b>				F		C.A				S					
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>		8		3		44				119					
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)		$b_{173}b_{172}...b_{166}$		$b_{165}b_{164}b_{163}$		$b_{162}b_{161}...b_{119}$				$b_{118}b_{117}...b_0$					
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)		$b_0b_1...b_7$		$b_8b_9b_{10}$		$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{54}$				$b_{55}b_{56}...b_{173}$					
<b>Coding Method</b>		00111110		Integer <a href="#">§14.3.1</a> <a href="#">§14.4.1</a>		Partition <a href="#">Table 14-29</a> <a href="#">§14.3.3</a> <a href="#">§14.4.3</a>				String <a href="#">§14.3.2</a> <a href="#">§14.4.2</a>					

5274 **14.6.8.4 GDTI+**

5275 The **GDTI+** coding scheme uses the following **coding** table.

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**Table 14-33** GDTI+ coding table

Scheme	GDTI+				
<b>GS1 Digital Link URI syntax</b>	https://id.gs1.org/253/{gdti}				
<b>Total Bits</b>	Up to 191 bits				
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	+Data Toggle	Filter	GDTI	GDTI Serial Component
<b>Corresponding GS1 AI</b>				(253)	
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	1	3	52	3 bit encoding indicator + 5 bit length indicator + up to 119 bits
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0 or 1)	1 digit (0-7)	13 digits	Up to 17 characters
<b>Bit Position (counting up)*</b>	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8$	$b_9b_{10}b_{11}$	$b_{12}b_{13}...b_{63}$	$b_{64}b_{65}... b_{(B-1)}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	11110110	+AIDC Data Toggle Bit §14.5.1	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	Fixed-Length Numeric §14.5.4	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6

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\* Note that for the GDTI+ and other EPC schemes new to TDS 2.0, the "Bit Position" row of each new EPC coding table is shown only with a 'counting up' approach from left to right, in which  $b_0$  is the left-most bit and  $b_0-b_7$  bits always correspond to the EPC header bits.

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**14.6.9 CPI Identifier (CPI)**

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Two coding schemes for the CPI identifier are specified: the 96-bit scheme CPI-96 and the variable-length encoding CPI-var. CPI-96 makes use of Partition Table 14-34 and CPI-var makes use of Partition Table 14-35.

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**Table 14-34** CPI-96 Partition Table

Partition Value (P)	GS1 Company Prefix		Component/Part Reference	
	Bits (M)	Digits (L)	Bits (N)	Maximum Digits
0	40	12	11	3
1	37	11	14	4
2	34	10	17	5
3	30	9	21	6
4	27	8	24	7
5	24	7	27	8
6	20	6	31	9

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**Table 14-35** CPI-var Partition Table

Partition Value ( <i>P</i> )	GS1 Company Prefix		Component/Part Reference	
	Bits ( <i>M</i> )	Digits ( <i>L</i> )	Maximum Bits ** ( <i>N</i> )	Maximum Characters
0	40	12	114	18
1	37	11	120	19
2	34	10	126	20
3	30	9	132	21
4	27	8	138	22
5	24	7	144	23
6	20	6	150	24

\*\* The number of bits depends on the number of characters in the Component/Part Reference; see Sections [14.3.9](#) and [14.4.9](#).

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5288 **14.6.9.1 CPI-96 coding table**

**Table 14-19** CPI-96 coding table

Scheme	CPI-96					
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:cpi-96:F.C.P.S					
<b>Total Bits</b>	96					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix	Component / Part Reference	Serial
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	31-11	31
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	9-3 digits without preservation of leading zeros	Up to 10 digits in range 0 - 2,147,483,647 without preservation of leading zeros
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Component/Part Identifier			Component / Part Serial Number
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C.P			S
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	54			31
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)	$b_{95}b_{94}...b_{88}$	$b_{87}b_{86}b_{85}$	$b_{84}b_{83}...b_{31}$			$b_{30}b_{29}...b_0$
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{64}$			$b_{65}b_{67}...b_{95}$

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<b>Scheme</b>	CPI-96			
<b>Coding Method</b>	00111100	Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1	Unpadded Partition <a href="#">Table 14-34</a> §14.3.4 §14.4.4	Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1

5290 **14.6.9.2 CPI-var coding table**

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**Table 14-20** CPI-var coding table

<b>Scheme</b>	CPI-var					
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:cpi-var:F.C.P.S					
<b>Total Bits</b>	Variable: between 86 and 224 bits (inclusive)					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix	Component / Part Reference	Serial
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	12-150 (variable)	40 (fixed)
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	24-18 characters	Up to 12 digits without preservation of leading zeros
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Component/Part Identifier			Component / Part Serial Number
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C.P			S
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	Up to 173 bits			40
<b>Bit Position (counting down)</b>	$b_{B-1}b_{B-2}...b_{B-8}$	$b_{B-9}b_{B-10}b_{B-11}$	$b_{B-12}b_{B-13}...b_{40}$			$b_{39}b_{38}...b_0$
<b>Bit Position (counting up)</b>	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{(B-41)}$			$b_{(B-40)}b_{(B-39)}...b_{(B-1)}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	00111101	Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1	6-Bit Variable String Partition <a href="#">Table 14-35</a> §14.3.9 14.4.9			Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1

5292 **14.6.9.3 CPI+ coding table**

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**Table 14-21** CPI+ coding table

<b>Scheme</b>	CPI+				
<b>GS1 Digital Link URI syntax</b>	https://id.gs1.org/8010/{cpi}/8011/{cpi_serial}				
<b>Total Bits</b>	Up to 266 bits (if at least first 4 characters of CPI are all-numeric)				
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	+Data Toggle	Filter	CPI	CPI Serial



Scheme	CPI+				
Corresponding GS1 AI				(8010)	(8011)
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	1	3	4n (for initial n digits) + 4 bit terminator OR 4n (for initial n digits) + 4 bit delimiter + 3 bit encoding indicator + 5 bit length indicator + up to (210-7n) bits	4 bit length indicator + up to 40 bits
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0 or 1)	1 digit (0-7)	Up to 30 characters with preservation of leading zeros	Up to 12 digits with preservation of leading zeros
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)*	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8$	$b_9b_{10}b_{11}$	$b_{12}b_{13}...$	$..b_{(B-2)}b_{(B-1)}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	11110000	+AIDC Data Toggle Bit <a href="#">§14.5.1</a>	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String <a href="#">§14.5.2</a>	Delimited/terminated Numeric ( <a href="#">§14.5.5</a> ) (followed by Variable-length alphanumeric ( <a href="#">§14.5.6</a> ) for any characters after the initial n digits)	Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator <a href="#">§14.5.13</a> (using 4-bit length indicator, $b_{LI} = 4$ )

\* Note that for the CPI+ and other other EPC schemes new to TDS 2.0, the "Bit Position" row of each new EPC coding table is shown only with a 'counting up' approach from left to right, in which  $b_0$  is the left-most bit and  $b_0-b_7$  bits always correspond to the EPC header bits.

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### 14.6.10 Global Coupon Number (SGCN)

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A lone, 96-bit coding scheme (SGCN-96) is specified for the SGCN, allowing for the full range of coupon serial component numbers up to 12 numeric characters (including leading zeros) as specified in [GS1GS]. Only SGCNs that include the serial number may be represented as EPCs. A GCN without a serial number represents a coupon class, rather than a specific coupon, and therefore may not be used as an EPC (just as a non-serialised GTIN may not be used as an EPC).

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The SGCN coding scheme makes reference to the following partition table.

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**Table 14-39** SGCN Partition Table

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Partition Value (P)	Company Prefix		Coupon Reference	
	Bits (M)	Digits (L)	Bits (N)	Digits
0	40	12	1	0
1	37	11	4	1
2	34	10	7	2
3	30	9	11	3
4	27	8	14	4

Partition Value (P)	Company Prefix		Coupon Reference	
5	24	7	17	5
6	20	6	21	6

5305 **14.6.10.1 SGCN-96 coding table**

5306 **Table 14-40** SGCN-96 coding table

Scheme	SGCN-96					
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:sgcn-96:F.C.D.S					
<b>Total Bits</b>	96					
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix	Coupon Reference	Serial Component
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	21-1	41
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (6-0)	6-12 digits	6-0 digits	Up to 12 digits with preservation of leading zeros
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition + Company Prefix + Coupon Reference		Serial	
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C.D		S	
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	44		41	
<b>Bit Position (counting down)</b>	$b_{95}b_{94}...b_{88}$	$b_{87}b_{86}b_{85}$	$b_{84}b_{83}...b_{41}$		$b_{40}b_{39}...b_0$	
<b>Bit Position (counting up)</b>	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{54}$		$b_{55}b_{56}...b_{95}$	
<b>Coding Method</b>	00111111	Integer <a href="#">§14.3.1</a> <a href="#">§14.4.1</a>	Partition <a href="#">Table 14-39</a> <a href="#">§14.3.3</a> <a href="#">§14.4.3</a>		Numeric String <a href="#">§14.3.6</a> <a href="#">§14.4.6</a>	

5307 **14.6.10.2 SGCN+**

5308 The **SGCN+** coding scheme uses the following **coding** table.

5309 **Table 14-41** SGCN+ coding table

Scheme	SGLN+				
<b>GS1 Digital Link URI syntax</b>	https://id.gs1.org/255/{gcn}				
<b>Total Bits</b>	Up to 108 bits				
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	+Data Toggle	Filter	GCN without optional serial component	GCN serial component
<b>Corresponding GS1 AI</b>					(255)

Scheme	SGLN+				
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	1	3	52	4 bit length indicator + up to 40 bits
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0 or 1)	1 digit (0-7)	13 digits	Up to 12 digits
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)*	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8$	$b_9b_{10}b_{11}$	$b_{12}b_{13}...b_{63}$	$b_{64}b_{65}b_{66}...$
<b>Coding Method</b>	11111000	+AIDC Data Toggle Bit <a href="#">§14.5.1</a>	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String <a href="#">§14.5.2</a>	Fixed-Length Numeric <a href="#">§14.5.4</a>	Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator <a href="#">§14.5.13</a> (using 4-bit length indicator, $b_{LI} = 4$ )

\* Note that for the SGCN+ and other other EPC schemes new to TDS 2.0, the "Bit Position" row of each new EPC coding table is shown only with a 'counting up' approach from left to right, in which  $b_0$  is the left-most bit and  $b_0$ - $b_7$  bits always correspond to the EPC header bits.

### 14.6.11 Individual Trade Item Piece (ITIP)

Two coding schemes for the ITIP are specified, a 110-bit encoding (ITIP-110) and a 212-bit encoding (ITIP-212). The ITIP-212 encoding allows for the full range of serial numbers up to 20 alphanumeric characters as specified in [GS1GS]. The ITIP-110 encoding allows for numeric-only serial numbers, without leading zeros, whose value is less than  $2^{38}$  (that is, from 0 through 274,877,906,943, inclusive).

Both ITIP coding schemes make reference to the following partition table.

**Table 14-42** ITIP Partition Table

Partition Value ( $P$ )	GS1 Company Prefix		Indicator/Pad Digit and Item Reference	
	Bits ( $M$ )	Digits ( $L$ )	Bits ( $N$ )	Digits
0	40	12	4	1
1	37	11	7	2
2	34	10	10	3
3	30	9	14	4
4	27	8	17	5
5	24	7	20	6
6	20	6	24	7

#### 14.6.11.1 ITIP-110 coding table

**Table 14-43** ITIP-110 coding table

<b>Scheme</b>	ITIP-110	
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:itip-110:F.C.I.PT.S	
<b>Total Bits</b>	110	

Scheme		ITIP-110						
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix (*)	Indicator (**) / Item Reference	Piece	Total	Serial
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	24-4	7	7	38
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (0-6)	6-12 digits	7-1 digits	2 digits	2 digits	up to 12 digits in range 0 – 274,877,906,943 without preservation of leading zeros
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	GTIN			Piece	Total	Serial
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C . I			P	T	S
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	47			7	7	38
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)	$b_{109}b_{108} \dots b_{102}$	$b_{101}b_{100}b_{99}$	$b_{98}b_{97} \dots b_{52}$			$b_{51}b_{50} \dots b_{45}$	$b_{44}b_{43} \dots b_{38}$	$b_{37}b_{36} \dots b_0$
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)	$b_0b_1 \dots b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12} \dots b_{57}$			$b_{58}b_{59} \dots b_{64}$	$b_{65}b_{66} \dots b_{71}$	$b_{72}b_{73} \dots b_{109}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	01000000	Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1	Partition <a href="#">Table 14-11</a> §14.3.3 §14.4.3			Fixed Width Integer §14.3.1 0 §14.4.1 0	Fixed Width Integer §14.3.10 §14.4.10	Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1

5323 (\*) See Section [7.3.2](#) for the case of an SGTIN derived from a GTIN-8.

5324 (\*\*) Note that in the case of an ITIP derived from a GTIN-12 or GTIN-13, a zero pad digit takes the  
 5325 place of the Indicator Digit. In all cases, see Section [7.2.3](#) for the definition of how the Indicator  
 5326 Digit (or zero pad) and the Item Reference are combined into this segment of the EPC.

5327 **14.6.11.2 ITIP-212 coding table**

5328 **Table 14-44** ITIP-212 coding table

Scheme		ITIP-212	
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:itip-212:F.C.I.PT.S		
<b>Total Bits</b>	212		

Scheme ITIP-212								
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	Partition	GS1 Company Prefix (*)	Indicator (**) / Item Reference	Piece	Total	Serial
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	3	20-40	24-4	7	7	140
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0-7)	1 digit (0-6)	6-12 digits	7-1 digits	2 digits	2 digits	up to 20 characters with preservation of leading zeros
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	GTIN			Piece	Total	Serial
<b>URI portion</b>		F	C . I			P	T	S
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	3	47			7	7	140
<b>Bit Position (counting down)</b>	$b_{211}b_{210}...b_{204}$	$b_{203}b_{202}b_{201}$	$b_{200}b_{199}...b_{154}$			$b_{153}b_{152}...b_{147}$	$b_{146}b_{145}...b_{140}$	$b_{139}b_{138}...b_0$
<b>Bit Position (counting up)</b>	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9b_{10}$	$b_{11}b_{12}...b_{57}$			$b_{58}b_{59}...b_{64}$	$b_{65}b_{66}...b_{71}$	$b_{72}b_{73}...b_{211}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	01000001	Integer §14.3.1 §14.4.1	Partition <a href="#">Table 14-11</a> §14.3.3 §14.4.3			Fixed Width Integer §14.3.10 §14.4.10	Fixed Width Integer §14.3.10 §14.4.10	String §14.3.2 §14.4.2

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(\*) See Section [7.3.2](#) for the case of an SGTIN derived from a GTIN-8.

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(\*\*) Note that in the case of an ITIP derived from a GTIN-12 or GTIN-13, a zero pad digit takes the place of the Indicator Digit. In all cases, see Section [7.2.3](#) for the definition of how the Indicator Digit (or zero pad) and the Item Reference are combined into this segment of the EPC.

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**14.6.11.3 ITIP+**

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The **ITIP+** coding scheme uses the following **coding** table.

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**Table 14-45** ITIP+ coding table

Scheme ITIP+					
<b>GS1 Digital Link URI syntax</b>	https://id.gs1.org/8006/{itip}/21/{serial}				
<b>Total Bits</b>	Up to 232 bits				
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	+Data Toggle	Filter	ITIP	Serial Number

Scheme	ITIP+				
<b>Corresponding GS1 AI</b>				(8006)	(21)
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	1	3	72	3 bit encoding indicator + 5 bit length indicator + up to 140 bits
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>		1 digit (0 or 1)	1 digit (0-7)	18 digits	up to 20 characters with preservation of leading zeros
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)*	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8$	$b_9b_{10}b_{11}$	$b_{12}b_{13}...b_{83}$	$b_{84}b_{85}b_{86}...$
<b>Coding Method</b>	11110011	+AIDC Data Toggle Bit <a href="#">§14.5.1</a>	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String <a href="#">§14.5.2</a>	Fixed-Length Numeric <a href="#">§14.5.4</a>	Variable-length alphanumeric <a href="#">§14.5.6</a>

\* Note that for the ITIP+ and other other EPC schemes new to TDS 2.0, the "Bit Position" row of each new EPC coding table is shown only with a 'counting up' approach from left to right, in which  $b_0$  is the left-most bit and  $b_0-b_7$  bits always correspond to the EPC header bits.

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### 14.6.12 General Identifier (GID)

One coding scheme for the GID is specified: the 96-bit encoding GID-96. No partition table is required.

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#### 14.6.12.1 GID-96 coding table

**Table 14-22** GID-96 coding table

Scheme	GID-96			
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:gid-96:M.C.S			
<b>Total Bits</b>	96			
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	General Manager Number <sup>3</sup>	Object Class	Serial Number
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	28	24	36
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	General Manager Number	Object Class	Serial Number
<b>URI portion</b>		M	C	S
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	28	24	36
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)	$b_{95}b_{94}...b_{88}$	$b_{87}b_{86}...b_{60}$	$b_{59}b_{58}...b_{36}$	$b_{35}b_{34}...b_0$
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)	$b_0b_1...b_7$	$b_8b_9...b_{35}$	$b_{36}b_{37}...b_{59}$	$b_{60}b_{61}...b_{95}$

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<sup>3</sup> **NOTE** that General Manager Number issuance has been discontinued, effective June 2023.

Scheme	GID-96			
<b>Coding Method</b>	00110101	Integer <a href="#">§14.3.1</a> <a href="#">§14.4.1</a>	Integer <a href="#">§14.3.1</a> <a href="#">§14.4.1</a>	Integer <a href="#">§14.3.1</a> <a href="#">§14.4.1</a>

5344 **14.6.13 DoD Identifier**

5345 At the time of this writing, the details of the DoD encoding is explained in a document titled "United  
5346 States Department of Defense Supplier's Passive RFID Information Guide" that can be obtained at  
5347 the United States Department of Defense's web site  
5348 ([https://www.dla.mil/Portals/104/Documents/TroopSupport/CloTex/CT\\_RFID\\_GUIDE\\_2011.pdf](https://www.dla.mil/Portals/104/Documents/TroopSupport/CloTex/CT_RFID_GUIDE_2011.pdf) ).

5349 **14.6.14 ADI Identifier (ADI)**

5350 One coding scheme for the ADI identifier is specified: the variable-length encoding ADI-var. No  
5351 partition table is required.

5352 **14.6.14.1 ADI-var coding table**

5353 **Table 14-23** ADI-var coding table

Scheme	ADI-var				
<b>URI Template</b>	urn:epc:tag:adi-var:F.D.P.S				
<b>Total Bits</b>	Variable: between 68 and 434 bits (inclusive)				
<b>Logical Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	CAGE/ DoDAAC	Part Number	Serial Number
<b>Logical Segment Bit Count</b>	8	6	36	Variable	Variable
<b>Logical Segment Character Count</b>			6 characters	1-33 characters	2-31 characters
<b>Coding Segment</b>	EPC Header	Filter	CAGE/ DoDAAC	Part Number	Serial Number
<b>URI Portion</b>		F	D	P	S
<b>Coding Segment Bit Count</b>	8	6	36	Variable (6 – 198)	Variable (12 – 186)
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting down)	$b_{B-1}b_{B-2}...b_{B-8}$	$b_{B-9}b_{B-10}...b_{B-14}$	$b_{B-15}b_{B-16}...b_{B-50}$	$b_{B-51}b_{B-52}...$	$...b_1b_0$
<b>Bit Position</b> (counting up)	$b_0..b_7$	$b_8..b_{13}$	$b_{14}..b_{49}$	$b_{50} b_{51}...$	$...b_{B-2}b_{B-1}$
<b>Coding Method</b>	00111011	Integer <a href="#">§14.3.1</a> <a href="#">§14.4.1</a>	6-bit CAGE/ DoDAAC <a href="#">§14.3.7</a> <a href="#">§14.4.7</a>	6-bit Variable String <a href="#">§14.3.8</a> <a href="#">§14.4.8</a>	6-bit Variable String <a href="#">§14.3.8</a> <a href="#">§14.4.8</a>

5354 **Notes:**

5355 The number of characters in the Part Number segment must be greater than or equal to zero and  
5356 less than or equal to 32. In the binary encoding, a 6-bit zero terminator is always present.

5357 The number of characters in the Serial Number segment must be greater than or equal to one and  
 5358 less than or equal to 30. In the binary encoding, a 6-bit zero terminator is always present.  
 5359 The "#" character (represented in the URI by the escape sequence %23) may appear as the first  
 5360 character of the Serial Number segment, but otherwise may not appear in the Part Number segment  
 5361 or elsewhere in the Serial Number segment.

5362 **15 EPC Memory Bank contents**

5363 This section specifies how to translate the EPC Tag URI and EPC Raw URI into the binary contents of  
 5364 the EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 Tag, and vice versa.

5365 **15.1 Encoding procedures**

5366 This section specifies how to translate the EPC Tag URI and EPC Raw URI into the binary contents of  
 5367 the EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 Tag.

5368 **15.1.1 EPC Tag URI into Gen 2 EPC Memory Bank**

5369 **Given:**

- 5370 ■ An EPC Tag URI beginning with `urn:epc:tag:`

5371 **Encoding procedure:**

- 5372 1. If the URI is not syntactically valid according to Section 12.4, stop: this URI cannot be encoded.
- 5373 2. Apply the encoding procedure of Section 14.3 to the URI. The result is a binary string of *N* bits.  
 5374 If the encoding procedure fails, stop: this URI cannot be encoded.
- 5375 3. Fill in the Gen 2 EPC Memory Bank according to the following table:

5376 **Table 15-1** Recipe to Fill In Gen 2 EPC Memory Bank from EPC Tag URI

Bits	Field	Contents
00 <sub>h</sub> – 0F <sub>h</sub>	CRC	CRC code calculated from the remainder of the memory bank. (Normally, this is calculated automatically by the reader, and so software that implements this procedure need not be concerned with it.)
10 <sub>h</sub> – 14 <sub>h</sub>	Length	The number of bits, <i>N</i> , in the EPC binary encoding determined in Step 2 above, divided by 16, and rounded up to the next higher integer if <i>N</i> was not a multiple of 16.
15 <sub>h</sub>	User Memory Indicator	If the EPC Tag URI includes a control field [ <code>umi=1</code> ], a one bit. If the EPC Tag URI includes a control field [ <code>umi=0</code> ] or does not contain a <code>umi</code> control field, a zero bit. Note that certain Gen 2 Tags may ignore the value written to this bit, and instead calculate the value of the bit from the contents of user memory. See [UHFC1G2].
16 <sub>h</sub>	XPC Indicator	This bit is calculated by the tag and ignored by the tag when the tag is written, and so is disregarded by this encoding procedure.
17 <sub>h</sub>	Toggle	0, indicating that the EPC bank contains an EPC
18 <sub>h</sub> – 1F <sub>h</sub>	Attribute Bits	If the EPC Tag URI includes a control field [ <code>att=xNN</code> ], the value <code>NN</code> considered as an 8-bit hexadecimal number. If the EPC Tag URI does not contain such a control field, zero.
20 <sub>h</sub> – ?	EPC/UII	The <i>N</i> bits obtained from the EPC binary encoding procedure in Step 2 above, followed by enough zero bits to bring the total number of bits to a multiple of 16 (0 – 15 extra zero bits)



**15.1.2 EPC Raw URI into Gen 2 EPC Memory Bank**

**Given:**

- An EPC Raw URI beginning with `urn:epc:raw:.` Such a URI has one of the following three forms:

`urn:epc:raw:OptionalControlFields:Length.xHexPayload`

`urn:epc:raw:OptionalControlFields:Length.xAFI.xHexPayload`

`urn:epc:raw:OptionalControlFields:Length.DecimalPayload`

**Encoding procedure:**

1. If the URI is not syntactically valid according to the grammar in Section 12.4, stop: this URI cannot be encoded.
2. Extract the leftmost `NonZeroComponent` according to the grammar (the `Length` field in the templates above). This component immediately follows the rightmost colon (`:`) character. Consider this as a decimal integer,  $N$ . This is the number of bits in the raw payload.
3. Determine the toggle bit and AFI (if any):
  - a. If the body of the URI matches the `DecimalRawURIBody` or `HexRawURIBody` production of the grammar (the first and third templates above), the toggle bit is zero.
  - b. If the body of the URI matches the `AFIRawURIBody` production of the grammar (the second template above), the toggle bit is one. The AFI is the value of the leftmost `HexComponent` within the `AFIRawURIBody` (the `AFI` field in the template above), considered as an 8-bit unsigned hexadecimal integer. If the value of the `HexComponent` is greater than or equal to 256, stop: this URI cannot be encoded.
4. Determine the EPC/UII payload:
  - c. If the body of the URI matches the `HexRawURIBody` production of the grammar (first template above) or `AFIRawURIBody` production of the grammar (second template above), the payload is the rightmost `HexComponent` within the body (the `HexPayload` field in the templates above), considered as an  $N$ -bit unsigned hexadecimal integer, where  $N$  is as determined in Step 2 above. If the value of this `HexComponent` greater than or equal to  $2^N$ , stop: this URI cannot be encoded.
  - d. If the body of the URI matches the `DecimalRawURIBody` production of the grammar (third template above), the payload is the rightmost `NumericComponent` within the body (the `DecimalPayload` field in the template above), considered as an  $N$ -bit unsigned decimal integer, where  $N$  is as determined in Step 2 above. If the value of this `NumericComponent` greater than or equal to  $2^N$ , stop: this URI cannot be encoded.
5. Fill in the Gen 2 EPC Memory Bank according to the following table:

**Table 15-2** Recipe to Fill In Gen 2 EPC Memory Bank from EPC Raw URI

Bits	Field	Contents
00 <sub>n</sub> – 0F <sub>n</sub>	CRC	CRC code calculated from the remainder of the memory bank. (Normally, this is calculated automatically by the reader, and so software that implements this procedure need not be concerned with it.)
10 <sub>n</sub> – 14 <sub>n</sub>	Length	The number of bits, $N$ , in the EPC binary encoding determined in Step 2 above, divided by 16, and rounded up to the next higher integer if $N$ was not a multiple of 16.
15 <sub>n</sub>	User Memory Indicator	This bit is calculated by the tag and ignored by the tag when the tag is written, and so is disregarded by this encoding procedure.
16 <sub>n</sub>	XPC Indicator	This bit is calculated by the tag and ignored by the tag when the tag is written, and so is disregarded by this encoding procedure.
17 <sub>n</sub>	Toggle	The value determined in Step 3, above.

Bits	Field	Contents
18 <sub>h</sub> – 1F <sub>h</sub>	AFI / Attribute Bits	If the toggle determined in Step 3 is one, the value of the AFI determined in Step 3.2. Otherwise, If the URI includes a control field [ <code>att=xNN</code> ], the value NN considered as an 8-bit hexadecimal number. If the URI does not contain such a control field, zero.
20 <sub>h</sub> – ?	EPC/UII	The <i>N</i> bits determined in Step 4 above, followed by enough zero bits to bring the total number of bits to a multiple of 16 (0 – 15 extra zero bits)

## 5411 15.2 Decoding procedures

5412 This section specifies how to translate the binary contents of the EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 Tag  
5413 into the EPC Tag URI and EPC Raw URI.

### 5414 15.2.1 Gen 2 EPC Memory Bank into EPC Raw URI

5415 **Given:**

- 5416 ■ The contents of the EPC Memory Bank of a Gen 2 tag

5417 **Procedure:**

- 5418 1. Extract the length bits, bits 10<sub>h</sub> – 14<sub>h</sub>. Consider these bits to be an unsigned integer *L*.
- 5419 2. Calculate  $N = 16L$ .
- 5420 3. If bit 17<sub>h</sub> is set to one, extract bits 18<sub>h</sub> – 1F<sub>h</sub> and consider them to be an unsigned integer *A*.  
5421 Construct a string consisting of the letter "x", followed by *A* as a 2-digit hexadecimal numeral  
5422 (using digits and uppercase letters only), followed by a period (".").
- 5423 4. Apply the decoding procedure of Section [15.2.4](#) to decode control fields.
- 5424 5. Extract *N* bits beginning at bit 20<sub>h</sub> and consider them to be an unsigned integer *V*. Construct a  
5425 string consisting of the letter "x" followed by *V* as a (*N*/4)-digit hexadecimal numeral (using  
5426 digits and uppercase letters only).
- 5427 6. Construct a string consisting of "urn:epc:raw:", followed by the result from Step 4 (if not  
5428 empty), followed by *N* as a decimal numeral without leading zeros, followed by a period ("."),  
5429 followed by the result from Step 3 (if not empty), followed by the result from Step 5. This is the  
5430 final EPC Raw URI.

### 5431 15.2.2 Gen 2 EPC Memory Bank into EPC Tag URI

5432 This procedure decodes the contents of a Gen 2 EPC Memory bank into an EPC Tag URI beginning  
5433 with `urn:epc:tag:` if the memory contains a valid EPC, or into an EPC Raw URI beginning  
5434 `urn:epc:raw:` otherwise.

5435 **Given:**

- 5436 ■ The contents of the EPC Memory Bank of a Gen 2 tag

5437 **Procedure:**

- 5438 1. Extract the length bits, bits 10<sub>h</sub> – 14<sub>h</sub>. Consider these bits to be an unsigned integer *L*.
- 5439 2. Calculate  $N = 16L$ .
- 5440 3. Extract *N* bits beginning at bit 20<sub>h</sub>. Apply the decoding procedure of Section [14.3.9](#), passing the  
5441 *N* bits as the input to that procedure.
- 5442 4. If the decoding procedure of Section [14.3.9](#) fails, continue with the decoding procedure of  
5443 Section [15.2.1](#) to compute an EPC Raw URI. Otherwise, the decoding procedure of  
5444 Section [14.3.9](#) yielded an EPC Tag URI beginning `urn:epc:tag:.`. Continue to the next step.

- 5445 5. Apply the decoding procedure of Section [15.2.4](#) to decode control fields.
- 5446 6. Insert the result from Section [15.2.4](#) (including any trailing colon) into the EPC Tag URI
- 5447 obtained in Step 4, immediately following the `urn:epc:tag:` prefix. (If Section [15.2.4](#) yielded
- 5448 an empty string, this result is identical to what was obtained in Step 4.) The result is the final
- 5449 EPC Tag URI.

### 5450 15.2.3 Gen 2 EPC Memory Bank into Pure Identity EPC URI

5451 This procedure decodes the contents of a Gen 2 EPC Memory bank into a Pure Identity EPC URI

5452 beginning with `urn:epc:id:` if the memory contains a valid EPC, or into an EPC Raw URI beginning

5453 `urn:epc:raw:` otherwise.

5454 **Given:**

- 5455 ■ The contents of the EPC Memory Bank of a Gen 2 tag

5456 **Procedure:**

- 5457 1. Apply the decoding procedure of Section [15.2.2](#) to obtain either an EPC Tag URI or an EPC Raw
- 5458 URI. If an EPC Raw URI is obtained, this is the final result.
- 5459 2. Otherwise, apply the procedure of Section [12.3.3](#) to the EPC Tag URI from Step 1 to obtain a
- 5460 Pure Identity EPC URI. This is the final result.

### 5461 15.2.4 Decoding of control information

5462 This procedure is used as a subroutine by the decoding procedures in Sections [15.2.1](#) and [15.2.2](#). It

5463 calculates a string that is inserted immediately following the `urn:epc:tag:` or `urn:epc:raw:`

5464 prefix, containing the values of all non-zero control information fields (apart from the filter value). If

5465 all such fields are zero, this procedure returns an empty string, in which case nothing additional is

5466 inserted after the `urn:epc:tag:` or `urn:epc:raw:` prefix.

5467 **Given:**

- 5468 ■ The contents of the EPC Memory Bank of a Gen 2 tag

5469 **Procedure:**

- 5470 1. If bit  $17_h$  is zero, extract bits  $18_h - 1F_h$  and consider them to be an unsigned integer  $A$ . If  $A$  is
- 5471 non-zero, append the string `[att=xAA]` (square brackets included) to  $CF$ , where  $AA$  is the value
- 5472 of  $A$  as a two-digit hexadecimal numeral.
- 5473 2. If bit  $15_h$  is non-zero, append the string `[umi=1]` (square brackets included) to  $CF$ .
- 5474 3. If bit  $16_h$  is non-zero, extract bits  $210_h - 21F_h$  and consider them to be an unsigned integer  $X$ .
- 5475 Append the string `[xpc-w1=xXXXX]` (square brackets included) to  $CF$ , where  $XXXX$  is the value
- 5476 of  $X$  as a four-digit hexadecimal numeral. Note that in the Gen 2 air interface, bits  $210_h - 21F_h$
- 5477 are inserted into the backscattered inventory data immediately following bit  $1F_h$ , when bit  $16_h$  is
- 5478 non-zero. See [UHFC1G2]. If bit  $210_h$  is non-zero, extract bits  $220_h - 22F_h$  and consider them to
- 5479 be an unsigned integer  $Y$ . Append the string `[xpc=xXXXXYYYY]` (square brackets included) to
- 5480  $CF$ , where  $YYYY$  is the value of  $Y$  as a four-digit hexadecimal numeral. Note that in the Gen 2 air
- 5481 interface, bits  $220_h - 22F_h$  are inserted into the backscattered inventory data immediately
- 5482 following bit  $21F_h$ , when bit  $210_h$  is non-zero. See [UHFC1G2].
- 5483 4. Return the resulting string (which may be empty).

## 5484 15.3 '+AIDC data' following new EPC schemes in the EPC/UII memory bank

5485 All of the new EPC schemes introduced in TDS 2.0 (DSGTIN+, SGTIN+ etc.) support appending of a

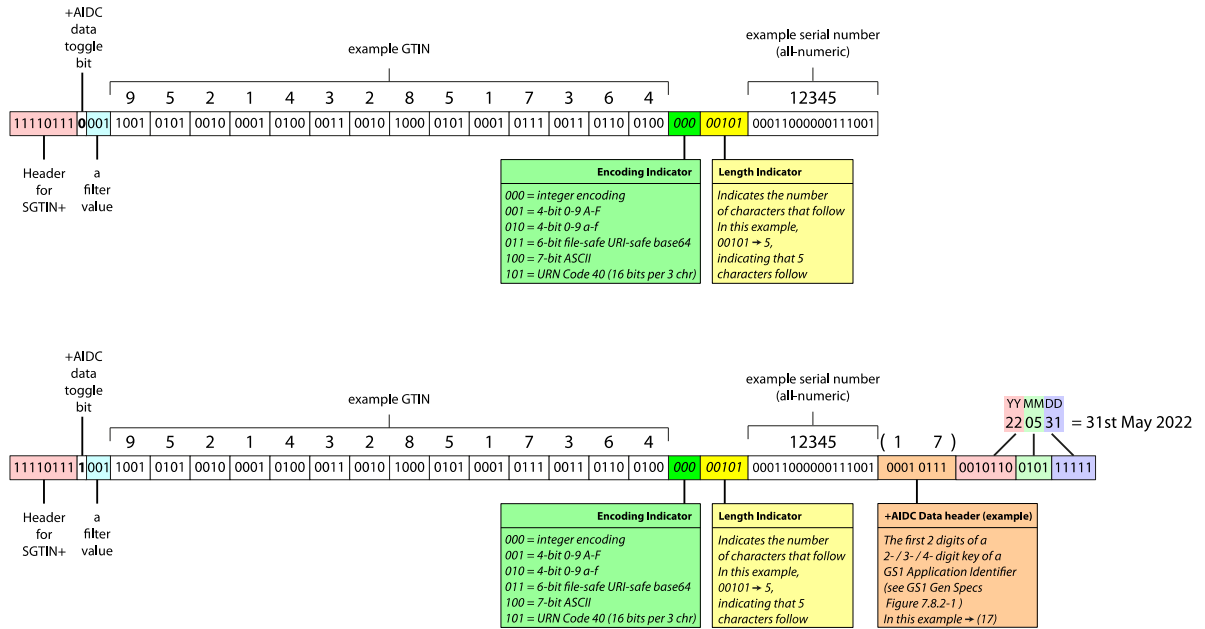
5486 AIDC data beyond the end of the EPC within the EPC/UII memory bank.

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A single bit that follows immediately after the 8-bit EPC header of the new EPC schemes serves as a toggle bit for '+AIDC data'. If this bit is set 1, additional AIDC data is expected after the EPC. If this bit is set to 0 no additional AIDC data is expected.

This is illustrated in the figure below:

**Figure 15-1** Example of '+AIDC data' in EPC/UII memory



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Each set of additional AIDC data begins with an 8-bit AIDC data header, which is interpreted as two 4-bit hexadecimal characters. If either or both of these characters are in the range A-F, these indicate a special header typically used for optimisation purposes or reserved for future use. Otherwise, if both of these characters are in the range 0 to 9, they should be interpreted as the first two digits of a GS1 Application Identifier key. GS1 Application Identifier keys consists of two, three or four digits, such as (01), (414), (8003). By consulting Figure 7.8.1-2 within the GS1 General Specifications, it is possible to determine whether additional digits need to be read for GS1 Application Identifier keys that are three or four digits in length.

For example, in Figure 7.8.1-2 within the GS1 General Specifications, 41 is always the start of a 3-digit key 41n, while 80 is always the start of a 4-digit key, 80nn. Table K is derived from GS1 Gen Specs Figure 7.8.1-2, adding an additional column to indicate how many additional bits need to be read beyond the initial eight bits of the data header.

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**Table K** is shown in full below. It is derived from Figure 7.8.1-2 of the GS1 General Specifications and includes an extra column that indicates the number of additional bits to be read.

First two digits	GS1 AI length	Additional bits to read
00	2	0
01	2	0
02	2	0
10	2	0
11	2	0
12	2	0
13	2	0
15	2	0
16	2	0
17	2	0
20	2	0
21	2	0
22	2	0
23	3	4
24	3	4
25	3	4
31	4	8
32	4	8
33	4	8
34	4	8
35	4	8
36	4	8

First two digits	GS1 AI length	Additional bits to read
37	2	0
39	4	8
40	3	4
41	3	4
42	3	4
43	4	8
70	4	8
71	3	4
72	4	8
80	4	8
81	4	8
82	4	8
90	2	0
91	2	0
92	2	0
93	2	0
94	2	0
95	2	0
96	2	0
97	2	0
98	2	0
99	2	0

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If the first two digits are not shown in Table K, no GS1 Application Identifier key begins with those two digits.

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If a 2-digit key is indicated, no additional bits must be read – the 8-bit data header is interpreted as a two-digit GS1 Application Identifier key.

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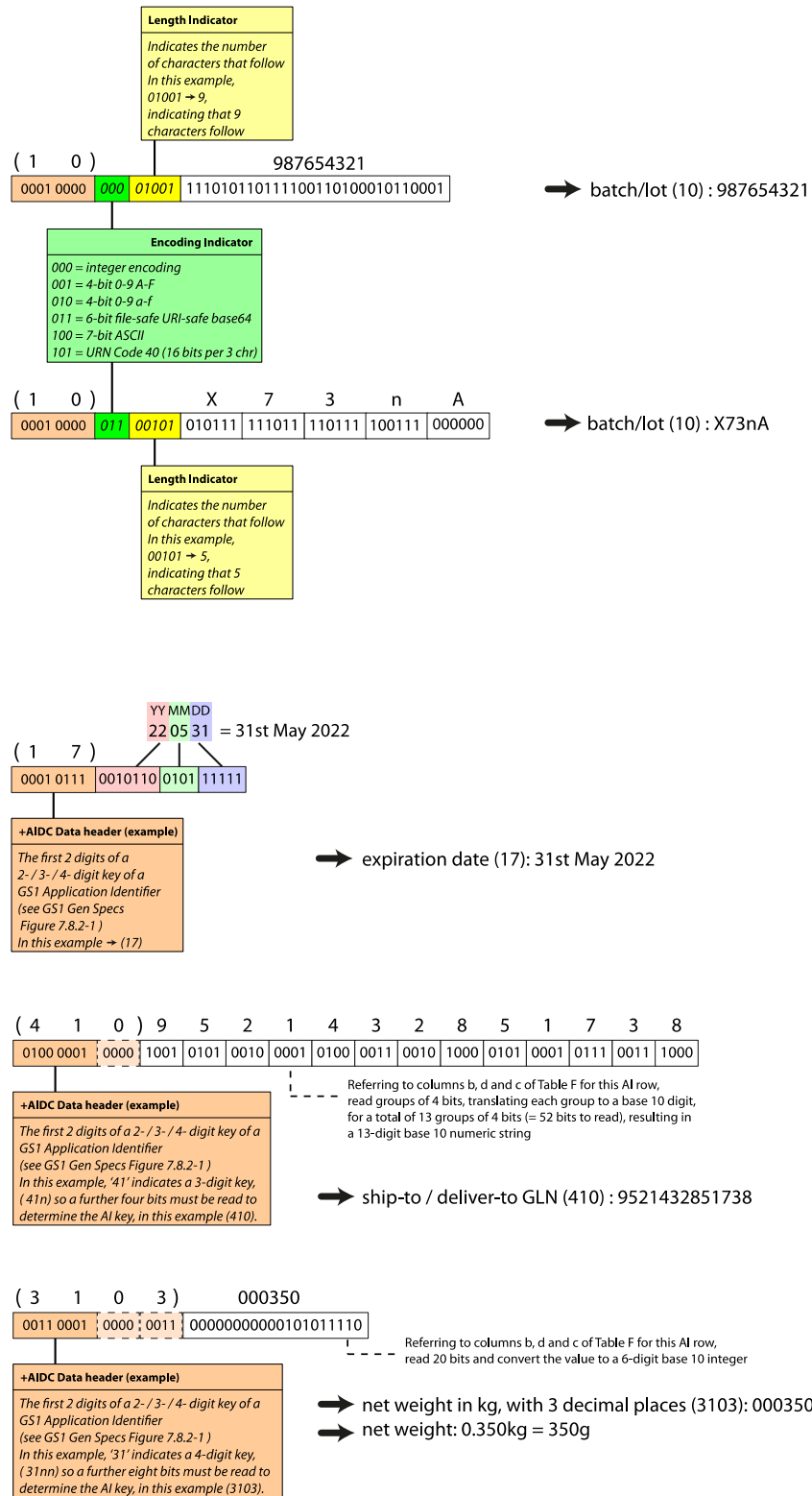
If a 3-digit key is indicated, four additional bits must be read beyond the 8-bit data header and interpreted as the third digit of the GS1 Application Identifier key.

If a 4-digit key is indicated, a further eight bits must be read after the 8-bit data header and

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interpreted as the third and fourth digits of the GS1 Application Identifier key. This is illustrated in the Figure below:

**Figure 15-2** Reading and interpreting additional bits after the 8-bit data header



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After determining the GS1 Application Identifier key (whether 2,3 or 4 digits), a lookup in column a of Table F explains how the corresponding value is to be encoded. Most values consist of a single component which is either numeric or alphanumeric and may be fixed length or variable length.

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However, a small number of values consist of two components where the second component is typically variable-length and maybe alphanumeric or numeric, while the first component is typically fixed length.

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Locate the row containing GS1 Application Identifier key in column a of Table F, then read column b to determine the encoding for the first component of the value.

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If the first component is fixed-length, the number of characters is shown in column d and the number of bits is shown in column e. For the examples shown in the figure above, the extract of Table F is shown below:

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If the value is variable-length, column h indicates the maximum number of characters permitted for the first component and column g specifies the number of bits for the length indicator.

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**Table F** is shown in full below. Note that a small number of GS1 Application Identifiers have a second component in Table F, shown as values in columns i-o, which are analogous to columns b-h but apply to the second component that is encoded in binary immediately after the first component. The GS1 Application Identifiers that use a second component are the following: (253), (255), (3910)-(3919), (3930)-(3939), (421), (4330)-(4333), (7030)-(7039), (7040), (8003).

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Table F – GS1 Application Identifiers and details about the format of their values and encoding of their values in binary

a	b	d	e	f	g	h	i	k	l	m	n	o
AI	First component						Second component					
	Format	Fixed length #chr	Fixed length #bits	Encoding indicator #bits	Length indicator #bits	Max. Length (chrs)	Format	Fixed length #chr	Fixed length #bits	Encoding indicator #bits	Length indicator #bits required	Max. Length (chrs)
		L			b <sub>LI</sub>	L <sub>max</sub>		L			b <sub>LI</sub>	L <sub>max</sub>
00	Fixed-length numeric §14.5.4	18	72									
01	Fixed-length numeric §14.5.4	14	56									
02	Fixed-length numeric §14.5.4	14	56									
10	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	20						
11	6-digit date YYMMDD §14.5.8	6	16									



12	6-digit date YYYYMMDD <a href="#">§14.5.8</a>	6	16										
13	6-digit date YYYYMMDD <a href="#">§14.5.8</a>	6	16										
15	6-digit date YYYYMMDD <a href="#">§14.5.8</a>	6	16										
16	6-digit date YYYYMMDD <a href="#">§14.5.8</a>	6	16										
17	6-digit date YYYYMMDD <a href="#">§14.5.8</a>	6	16										
20	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String <a href="#">§14.5.2</a>	2	7										
21	Variable-length alphanumeric <a href="#">§14.5.6</a>			3	5	20							
22	Variable-length alphanumeric <a href="#">§14.5.6</a>			3	5	20							
235	Variable-length alphanumeric <a href="#">§14.5.6</a>			3	5	28							
240	Variable-length alphanumeric <a href="#">§14.5.6</a>			3	5	30							
241	Variable-length alphanumeric <a href="#">§14.5.6</a>			3	5	30							
242	Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator <a href="#">§14.5.13</a>				3	6							
243	Variable-length alphanumeric <a href="#">§14.5.6</a>			3	5	20							

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251	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	30							
253	Fixed-length numeric §14.5.4	13	52				Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	17	
254	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	20							
255	Fixed-length numeric §14.5.4	13	52				Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator §14.5.13				4	12	
30	Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator §14.5.13				4	8							
3100-3105	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3110-3115	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3120-3125	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3130-3135	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										

3140 -3145	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3150 -3155	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3160 -3165	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3200 -3205	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3210 -3215	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3220 -3225	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3230 -3235	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3240 -3245	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3250 -3255	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3260 -3265	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3270 -3275	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3280 -3285	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3290 -3295	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										

3300 -3305	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3310 -3315	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3320 -3325	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3330 -3335	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3340 -3345	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3350 -3355	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3360 -3365	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3370 -3375	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3400 -3405	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3410 -3415	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3420 -3425	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3430 -3435	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3440 -3445	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										

3450 -3455	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3460 -3465	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3470 -3475	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3480 -3485	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3490 -3495	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3500 -3505	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3510 -3515	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3520 -3525	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3530 -3535	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3540 -3545	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3550 -3555	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3560 -3565	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3570 -3575	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										

3600-3605	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3610-3615	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3620-3625	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3630-3635	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3640-3645	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3650-3655	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3660-3665	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3670-3675	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3680-3685	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
3690-3695	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
37	Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator §14.5.13				4	8							
3900-3909	Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator §14.5.13				4	15							
3910-3919	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	3	10					Variable-length				4	15

								numeric string without encoding indicator §14.5.13					
3920-3929	Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator §14.5.13				4	15							
3930-3939	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	3	10					Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator §14.5.13				4	15
3940-3943	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	4	14										
3950-3953	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
400	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	30							
401	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	30							
402	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	17	57										
403	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	30							
410-417	Fixed-length numeric §14.5.4	13	52										

420	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	20							
421	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	3	10				Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	4	9	
422	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	3	10										
423	Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator §14.5.13				4	15							
424	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	3	10										
425	Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator §14.5.13				4	15							
426	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	3	10										
427	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	2	3							
4300	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	6	35							
4301	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	6	35							
4302	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	70							
4303	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	70							



4304	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	70							
4305	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	70							
4306	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	70							
4307	Country code (ISO 3166-1 alpha-2) §14.5.12	2	12										
4308	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	30							
4309	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	20	67										
4310	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	6	35							
4311	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	6	35							
4312	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	70							
4313	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	70							
4314	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	70							
4315	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	70							
4316	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	70							

4317	Country code (ISO 3166-1 alpha-2) <a href="#">§14.5.12</a>	2	12										
4318	Variable-length alphanumeric <a href="#">§14.5.6</a>			3	5	20							
4319	Variable-length alphanumeric <a href="#">§14.5.6</a>			3	5	30							
4320	Variable-length alphanumeric <a href="#">§14.5.6</a>			3	6	35							
4321	Single data bit <a href="#">§14.5.7</a>	1	1										
4322	Single data bit <a href="#">§14.5.7</a>	1	1										
4323	Single data bit <a href="#">§14.5.7</a>	1	1										
4324	10-digit date+time YYMMDDhhmm <a href="#">§14.5.9</a>	10	27										
4325	10-digit date+time YYMMDDhhmm <a href="#">§14.5.9</a>	10	27										
4326	6-digit date YYMMDD <a href="#">§14.5.8</a>	6	16										
4330	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String <a href="#">§14.5.2</a>	6	20				Optional minus sign in 1 bit ( <a href="#">§14.5.14</a> )		1				1
4331	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String <a href="#">§14.5.2</a>	6	20				Optional minus sign in 1 bit ( <a href="#">§14.5.14</a> )		1				1

4332	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20					Optional minus sign in 1 bit (§14.5.14)		1			1
4333	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20					Optional minus sign in 1 bit (§14.5.14)		1			1
7001	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	13	44										
7002	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	30							
7003	10-digit date+time YYMMDDhhmm §14.5.9	10	27										
7004	Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator §14.5.13				3	4							
7005	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	4	12							
7006	6-digit date YYMMDD §14.5.8	6	16										
7007	Variable-format date / date range §14.5.10												
7008	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	2	3							
7009	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	4	10							
7010	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	2	2							

7011	Variable-precision date+time §14.5.11												
7020	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	20							
7021	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	20							
7022	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	20							
7023	Delimited/terminated numeric §14.5.5			3	5	30							
7030-7039	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	3	10					Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	27
7040	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	3	4							
7041	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	3	4							
710-716	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	20							
7230-7239	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	30							
7240	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	20							
7241	Fixed-length numeric §14.5.4	2	8										
7242	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	25							

7250	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	8	27										
7251	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	12	40										
7252	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	1	4										
7253	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	6	40							
7254	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	6	30							
7255	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	4	10							
7256	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	90							
7257	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	70							
7258	Sequence indicator §14.5.15	3	8										
7259	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	6	40							
8001	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	14	47										
8002	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	20							
8003	Fixed-length numeric §14.5.4	14	56				Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	16	

8004	Delimited/terminated numeric §14.5.5			3	5	30							
8005	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	6	20										
8006	Fixed-length numeric §14.5.4	18	72										
8007	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	24							
8008	Variable-precision date+time §14.5.11												
8009	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	6	50							
8010	Delimited/terminated numeric §14.5.5			3	5	30							
8011	Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator §14.5.13				4	12							
8012	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	20							
8013	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	25							
8017	Fixed-length numeric §14.5.4	18	72										
8018	Fixed-length numeric §14.5.4	18	72										
8019	Variable-length numeric string without encoding indicator §14.5.13				4	10							

8020	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	25							
8026	Fixed-length numeric §14.5.4	18	72										
8030	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	90							
8110	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	70							
8111	Fixed-Bit-Length Numeric String §14.5.2	4	14										
8112	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	70							
8200	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	70							
90	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	5	30							
91-99	Variable-length alphanumeric §14.5.6			3	7	90							

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Note that the following data attributes are intentionally omitted:

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Identification of a Made-to-order (MtO) trade item (GTIN) [AI (03)] and Highly Individualised Device Registration Identifier (HIDRI) [AI (8014)] are defined for the Master Unique Device Identifiers – Device Identifier (M-UDI-DI) restricted application, and as such are not permitted for use in an EPC/RFID data carrier.

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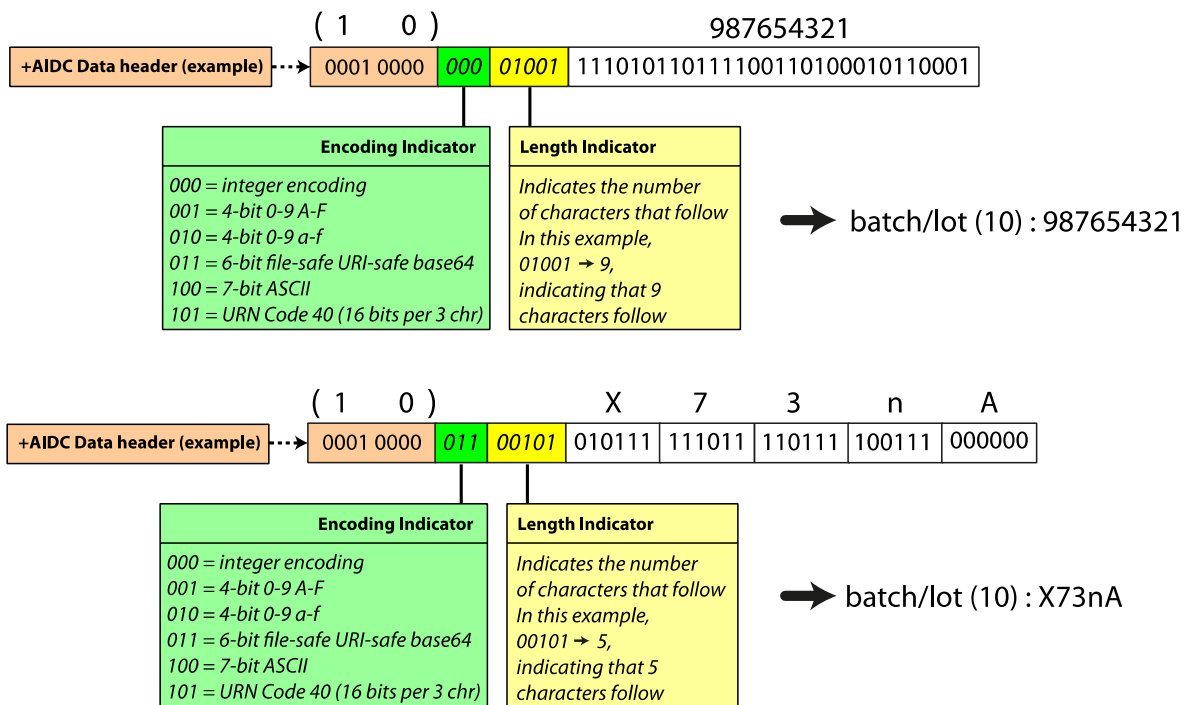
**Table E** (see Section 14.5.6) lists the permitted values for encoding indicator together with the encoding methods and the character ranges supported by each method.

Note that variable-length numeric values do not use an encoding indicator but typically do use a length indicator. The exception to the statement above is for the GIAI and CPI, which use the 'terminated/delimited' encoding method, in which a delimiter or terminator character marks the end of an initial all-numeric sequence. If the remainder is an alphanumeric sequence, the delimiter character is followed by an encoding indicator, length indicator and the encoding of the alphanumeric sequence.

Where present, the length indicator always indicates the total number of characters or digits for that value or component. For example a value 00101 indicates a length of 5 characters.

The figure below shows two examples for encoding a batch/lot number, one all-numeric, the other alphanumeric. The two examples illustrate different values of encoding indicator and length indicator, as well as the corresponding bit layouts. Note that because the first example is all-numeric, integer encoding at 3.32bits per digit can be used, whereas the second example is mixed case alphanumeric, but because it is not using any symbol characters, we can use file-safe URI-safe base64 encoding at 6 bits per character.

**Figure 15-3** Examples of encoding all-numeric and alphanumeric batch/lot number



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The number of bits required for the length indicator depends on the maximum permitted length for the value (or the value of the first / second component shown in Table F). Columns g and n of Table F indicate the number of bits to be used for the length indicator (where present), for the first and second components respectively.

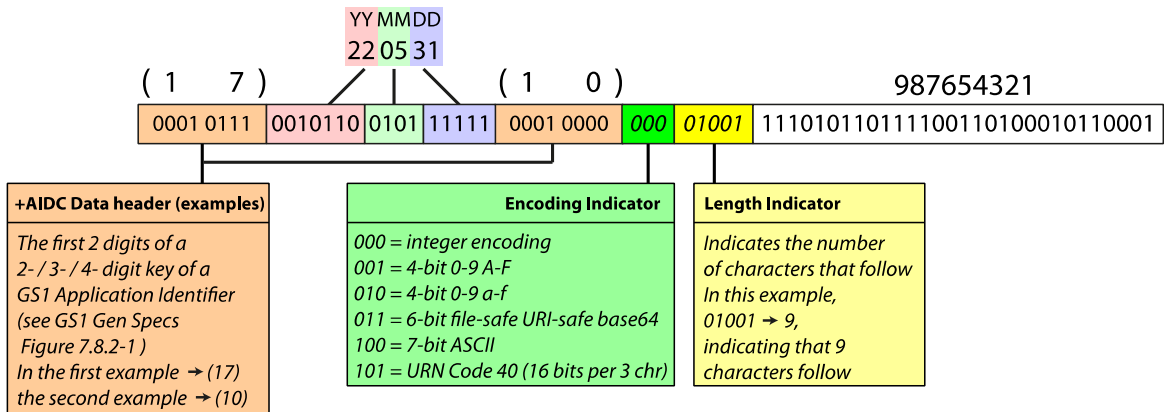
Date values and date-time values use particularly optimised encodings to save bits and column b of Table F indicates dedicated methods for efficiently encoding/decoding date value or date+time values.

It is possible to encode more than one AIDC data value after the EPC by repeating the procedure and adding further data headers for each successive GS1 Application Identifier and its value. This is illustrated in the following figure. All remaining bits up to the next 16-bit word boundary SHALL be set to '0'.



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**Figure 15-4** Encoding more than one AIDC data value after the EPC



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When decoding +AIDC data encoded after the EPC, the decoding procedure should be repeated if the number of 16-bit words indicated by the Gen 2 Protocol Control bits 10<sub>h</sub> – 14<sub>h</sub> indicate that further bits have been encoded. If fewer than 8 bits remain before the indicated word count is reached, there can be no further +AIDC data. Otherwise, if at least 8 further bits remain, consider the following three options:

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- If the next 8-bits are not '00000000', repeat the procedure, considering those 8 bits as the next +AIDC data header.

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- If the next 8 bit are '00000000' and at least 72 bits remain, consider those 8 bits as a +AIDC data header for an SSCC (00) and decode the following 72 bits using the Fixed-length Numeric method described in §14.5.4.

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- If the next 8 bit are '00000000' and fewer than 72 bits remain, stop, since this cannot be decoded as an SSCC (00).

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All additional AIDC data expressed within the EPC/UII memory bank SHALL observe the rules regarding mandatory associations and invalid pairs of GS1 Application Identifiers, defined in the GS1 General Specifications and considering the GS1 Application Identifiers that are effectively already expressed by the EPC identifier itself, e.g. (01) and (21) in the case of SGTIN+.

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The non-binary values decoded for AIDC data expressed within the EPC/UII memory bank SHALL observe the rules regarding format and content that are defined for the corresponding GS1 Application Identifier within the GS1 General Specifications.

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**Table B** (shown below) calculates the number of bits required to encode the value of a string of length L depending on the encoding method selected. This table may be used to avoid the need for floating-point arithmetic calculations.

	Encoding indicator 000	Encoding indicator 001 or 010	Encoding indicator 101	Encoding indicator 011	Encoding indicator 100
L = Number of digits or characters	Integer encoding  @ ≈ 3.32 bits / digit	Numeric string encoding  @ 4 bits / digit	URN Code 40 encoding  @ 16 bits per 3 characters	File-safe base 64 encoding  @ 6 bits per character	Truncated ASCII encoding  @7 bits per character
1	4	4	16	6	7
2	7	8	16	12	14
3	10	12	16	18	21
4	14	16	32	24	28
5	17	20	32	30	35

	Encoding indicator 000	Encoding indicator 001 or 010	Encoding indicator 101	Encoding indicator 011	Encoding indicator 100
6	20	24	32	36	42
7	24	28	48	42	49
8	27	32	48	48	56
9	30	36	48	54	63
10	34	40	64	60	70
11	37	44	64	66	77
12	40	48	64	72	84
13	44	52	80	78	91
14	47	56	80	84	98
15	50	60	80	90	105
16	54	64	96	96	112
17	57	68	96	102	119
18	60	72	96	108	126
19	64	76	112	114	133
20	67	80	112	120	140
21	70	84	112	126	147
22	74	88	128	132	154
23	77	92	128	138	161
24	80	96	128	144	168
25	84	100	144	150	175
26	87	104	144	156	182
27	90	108	144	162	189
28	94	112	160	168	196
29	97	116	160	174	203
30	100	120	160	180	210
31	103	124	176	186	217
32	107	128	176	192	224
33	110	132	176	198	231
34	113	136	192	204	238
35	117	140	192	210	245
36	120	144	192	216	252
37	123	148	208	222	259
38	127	152	208	228	266
39	130	156	208	234	273
40	133	160	224	240	280
41	137	164	224	246	287
42	140	168	224	252	294
43	143	172	240	258	301
44	147	176	240	264	308

	Encoding indicator 000	Encoding indicator 001 or 010	Encoding indicator 101	Encoding indicator 011	Encoding indicator 100
45	150	180	240	270	315
46	153	184	256	276	322
47	157	188	256	282	329
48	160	192	256	288	336
49	163	196	272	294	343
50	167	200	272	300	350
51	170	204	272	306	357
52	173	208	288	312	364
53	177	212	288	318	371
54	180	216	288	324	378
55	183	220	304	330	385
56	187	224	304	336	392
57	190	228	304	342	399
58	193	232	320	348	406
59	196	236	320	354	413
60	200	240	320	360	420
61	203	244	336	366	427
62	206	248	336	372	434
63	210	252	336	378	441
64	213	256	352	384	448
65	216	260	352	390	455
66	220	264	352	396	462
67	223	268	368	402	469
68	226	272	368	408	476
69	230	276	368	414	483
70	233	280	384	420	490
71	236	284	384	426	497
72	240	288	384	432	504
73	243	292	400	438	511
74	246	296	400	444	518
75	250	300	400	450	525
76	253	304	416	456	532
77	256	308	416	462	539
78	260	312	416	468	546
79	263	316	432	474	553
80	266	320	432	480	560
81	270	324	432	486	567
82	273	328	448	492	574
83	276	332	448	498	581

	Encoding indicator 000	Encoding indicator 001 or 010	Encoding indicator 101	Encoding indicator 011	Encoding indicator 100
84	280	336	448	504	588
85	283	340	464	510	595
86	286	344	464	516	602
87	290	348	464	522	609
88	293	352	480	528	616
89	296	356	480	534	623
90	299	360	480	540	630

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## 5600 16 Tag Identification (TID) Memory Bank Contents

5601 To conform to this specification, the Tag Identification memory bank (bank 10) SHALL contain an 8  
5602 bit ISO/IEC 15963 [ISO15963] allocation class identifier of E2<sub>h</sub> at memory locations 00<sub>h</sub> to 07<sub>h</sub>. TID  
5603 memory above location 07<sub>h</sub> SHALL be configured as follows:

- 5604 ■ 08<sub>h</sub>: XTID (**X**) indicator (whether a Tag implements Extended Tag Identification, XTID)
- 5605 ■ 09<sub>h</sub>: Security (**S**) indicator (whether a Tag supports the *Authenticate* and/or *Challenge* commands)
- 5606 ■ 0A<sub>h</sub>: File (**F**) indicator (whether a Tag supports the *FileOpen* command)
- 5607 ■ 0B<sub>h</sub> to 13<sub>h</sub>: a 9-bit mask-designer identifier (**MDID**) available from GS1
- 5608 ■ 14<sub>h</sub> to 1F<sub>h</sub>: a 12-bit, Tag-manufacturer-defined Tag Model Number (**TMN**)
- 5609 ■ above 1F<sub>h</sub>: as defined in section 16.2 below

5610 The Tag model number (TMN) may be assigned any value by the holder of a given MDID. However,  
5611 [UHFC1G2] states "TID memory locations above 07<sub>h</sub> shall be defined according to the registration  
5612 authority defined by this class identifier value and shall contain, at a minimum, sufficient identifying  
5613 information for an Interrogator to uniquely identify the custom commands and/or optional features  
5614 that a Tag supports." For the allocation class identifier of E2<sub>h</sub> this information is the MDID and TMN,  
5615 regardless of whether the extended TID is present or not. If two tags differ in custom commands  
5616 and/or optional features, they must be assigned different MDID/TMN combinations. In particular, if  
5617 two tags contain an extended TID and the values in their respective extended TIDs differ in any  
5618 value other than the value of the serial number, they must be assigned a different MDID/TMN  
5619 combination. (The serial number by definition must be different for any two tags having the same  
5620 MDID and TMN, so that the Serialised Tag Identification specified in Section 16.2.6 is globally  
5621 unique.) For tags that do not contain an extended TID, it should be possible in principle to use the  
5622 MDID and TMN to look up the same information that would be encoded in the extended TID were it  
5623 actually present on the tag, and so again a different MDID/TMN combination must be used if two  
5624 tags differ in the capabilities as they would be described by the extended TID, were it actually  
5625 present.

5626 TID memory locations 00<sub>h</sub> to 1F<sub>h</sub> SHALL be permalocked at time of manufacture. If the Tag  
5627 implements an XTID then the entire XTID SHALL also be permalocked at time of manufacture.

5628 **As of Gen2v3, tags with allocation class identifier E2<sub>h</sub> SHALL support a serialised TID by**  
5629 **using a unique serial number**, as defined in section 16.2.2 below.

### 5630 16.1 Short Tag Identification (TID)

5631 If the XTID indicator ("X" bit 08<sub>h</sub> of the TID bank) is set to zero, the TID bank only contains the  
5632 allocation class identifier, XTID ("X"), Security ("S") and File ("F") indicators, the mask designer  
5633 identifier (MDID), and Tag model number (TMN), as specified above. Readers and applications that  
5634 are not configured to handle the extended TID will treat all TIDs as short tag identification,  
5635 regardless of whether the XTID indicator is zero or one.

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**Note:** The memory maps depicted in this document are identical to how they are depicted in [UHFC1G2]. The lowest word address starts at the bottom of the map and increases as you go up the map. The bit address reads from left to right starting with bit zero and ending with bit fifteen. The fields (MDID, TMN, etc) described in the document put their most significant bit (highest bit number) into the lowest bit address in memory and the least significant bit (bit zero) into the highest bit address in memory. Take the ISO/IEC 15963 [ISO15963] allocation class identifier of E2h = 111000102 as an example. The most significant bit of this field is a one and it resides at address 00h of the TID memory bank. The least significant bit value is a zero and it resides at address 07h of the TID memory bank. When tags backscatter data in response to a read command they transmit each word starting from bit address zero and ending with bit address fifteen.

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**Table 16-1** Short TID format

TID MEM BANK BIT ADDRESS	BIT ADDRESS WITHIN WORD (In Hexadecimal)															
	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
10 <sub>h</sub> -1F <sub>h</sub>	MDID[3:0]				TAG MODEL NUMBER[11:0]											
00 <sub>h</sub> -0F <sub>h</sub>	E2 <sub>h</sub>								X	S	F	MDID [8:4]				

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## 16.2 Extended Tag identification (XTID)

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The XTID is intended to provide more information to end users about the capabilities of tags that are observed in their RFID applications. The XTID extends the format by adding support for serialisation and information about key features implemented by the tag.

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If the XTID bit (bit 08<sub>h</sub> of the TID bank) is set to one, the TID bank SHALL contain the allocation class identifier, mask designer identifier (MDID), and Tag model number (TMN) as specified above, and SHALL also contain additional information as specified in this section.

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If the XTID bit as defined above is one, TID memory locations 20<sub>h</sub> to 2F<sub>h</sub> SHALL contain a 16-bit XTID header as specified in Section 16.2.1. The values in the XTID header specify what additional information is present in memory locations 30<sub>h</sub> and above. TID memory locations 00<sub>h</sub> through 2F<sub>h</sub> are the only fixed location fields in the extended TID; all fields following the XTID header can vary in their location in memory depending on the values in the XTID header.

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The information in the XTID following the XTID header SHALL consist of zero or more multi-word "segments," each segment being divided into one or more "fields," each field providing certain information about the tag as specified below. The XTID header indicates which of the XTID segments the tag mask-designer has chosen to include. The order of the XTID segments in the TID bank shall follow the order that they are listed in the XTID header from most significant bit to least significant bit. If an XTID segment is not present then segments at less significant bits in the XTID header shall move to lower TID memory addresses to keep the XTID memory structure contiguous. In this way a minimum amount of memory is used to provide a serial number and/or describe the features of the tag. A fully populated XTID is shown in the table below.

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**Non-Normative:** The XTID header corresponding to this memory map would be 0011110000000000<sub>2</sub>. If the tag only contained a 48 bit serial number the XTID header would be 0010000000000000<sub>2</sub>. The serial number would start at bit address 30<sub>h</sub> and end at bit address 5F<sub>h</sub>. If the tag contained just the BlockWrite and BlockErase segment and the User Memory and BlockPermaLock segment the XTID header would be 0000110000000000<sub>2</sub>. The BlockWrite and BlockErase segment would start at bit address 30<sub>h</sub> and end at bit address 6F<sub>h</sub>. The User Memory and BlockPermaLock segment would start at bit address 70<sub>h</sub> and end at bit address 8F<sub>h</sub>.

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**Table 16-2 Non-Normative example:** Extended Tag Identification (XTID) format for the TID memory bank

TDS Reference Section	TID MEM BANK BIT ADDRESS	BIT ADDRESS WITHIN WORD (In Hexadecimal)															
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
<a href="#">16.2.5</a>	C0 <sub>n</sub> -CF <sub>n</sub>	User Memory and BlockPermaLock Segment [15:0]															
	B0 <sub>n</sub> -BF <sub>n</sub>	User Memory and BlockPermaLock Segment [31:16]															
<a href="#">16.2.4</a>	A0 <sub>n</sub> -AF <sub>n</sub>	BlockWrite and BlockErase Segment [15:0]															
	90 <sub>n</sub> -9F <sub>n</sub>	BlockWrite and BlockErase Segment [31:16]															
	80 <sub>n</sub> -8F <sub>n</sub>	BlockWrite and BlockErase Segment [47:32]															
	70 <sub>n</sub> -7F <sub>n</sub>	BlockWrite and BlockErase Segment [63:48]															
<a href="#">16.2.3</a>	60 <sub>n</sub> -6F <sub>n</sub>	Optional Command Support Segment [15:0]															
<a href="#">16.2.2</a>	50 <sub>n</sub> -5F <sub>n</sub>	Serial Number Segment [15:0]															
	40 <sub>n</sub> -4F <sub>n</sub>	Serial Number Segment [31:16]															
	30 <sub>n</sub> -3F <sub>n</sub>	Serial Number Segment [47:32]															
<a href="#">16.2.1</a>	20 <sub>n</sub> -2F <sub>n</sub>	XTID Header Segment [15:0]															
<a href="#">16.1</a>	10 <sub>n</sub> -1F <sub>n</sub>	Refer to <a href="#">Table 16-1</a>															
	00 <sub>n</sub> -0F <sub>n</sub>																

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Note that this example depicts the memory mapping when the serialisation bits in the XTID header (see Table 16-3), are set to 001, indicating the XTID Serial Number is 48 bits long. Other settings of the serialisation bits in the XTID header will shift the addresses of the Optional Command Support Segment, the BlockWrite and BlockErase Segment and the User Memory and BlockPermaLock Segment.

5684 **16.2.1 XTID Header**

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The XTID header is shown in [Table 16-3](#). It contains defined and reserved for future use (RFU) bits. The extended header bit and RFU bits (bits 9 through 0) shall be set to zero to comply with this version of the specification. Bits 15 through 13 of the XTID header word indicate the presence and size of serialisation on the tag. If they are set to zero then there is no serialisation in the XTID. If they are not zero then there is a tag serial number immediately following the header. The optional features currently in bits 12 through 10 are handled differently. A zero indicates the reader needs to perform a database look up or that the tag does not support the optional feature. A one indicates that the tag supports the optional feature and that the XTID contains the segment describing this feature.

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Note that the contents of the XTID header uniquely determine the overall length of the XTID as well as the starting address for each included XTID segment.

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**Table 16-3** The XTID header

Bit Position in Word	Field	Description
0	Extended Header Present	If non-zero, specifies that additional XTID header bits are present beyond the 16 XTID header bits specified herein. This provides a mechanism to extend the XTID in future versions of the EPC Tag Data Standard. This bit SHALL be set to zero to comply with this version of the EPC Tag Data Standard.  If zero, specifies that the XTID header only contains the 16 bits defined herein.
1 - 8	RFU	Reserved for future use. These bits SHALL be zero to comply with this version of the EPC Tag Data Standard

Bit Position in Word	Field	Description
9	Lock Bit Segment	If non-zero, specifies that the XTID includes the Lock Bit segment specified in Section 16.2.6. If zero, specifies that the XTID does not include the Lock Bit segment word.
10	User Memory and Block Perma Lock Segment Present	If non-zero, specifies that the XTID includes the User Memory and Block PermaLock segment specified in Section 16.2.5. If zero, specifies that the XTID does not include the User Memory and Block PermaLock words.
11	BlockWrite and BlockErase Segment Present	If non-zero, specifies that the XTID includes the BlockWrite and BlockErase segment specified in Section 16.2.4. If zero, specifies that the XTID does not include the BlockWrite and BlockErase words.
12	Optional Command Support Segment Present	If non-zero, specifies that the XTID includes the Optional Command Support segment specified in Section 16.2.3. If zero, specifies that the XTID does not include the Optional Command Support word.
13 – 15	Serialisation	If non-zero, specifies that the XTID includes a unique serial number, whose length in bits is $48 + 16(N - 1)$ , where $N$ is the value of this field. If zero, specifies that the XTID does not include a unique serial number. As of Gen2v3, tags with allocation class identifier E2 <sub>h</sub> SHALL support a serialised TID by using a unique serial number. Bit 15 is the MSB; bit 13 is the LSB.

5697 **16.2.2 XTID Serialisation**

5698 The length of the XTID serialisation is specified in the XTID header. The managing entity specified  
5699 by the tag mask designer ID is responsible for assigning unique serial numbers for each tag model  
5700 number. The length of the serial number uses the following algorithm:

- 5701 0: Indicates no serialisation
- 5702 1-7: Length in bits =  $48 + ((\text{Value}-1) * 16)$

5703 **16.2.3 Optional Command Support segment**

5704 If bit twelve is set in the XTID header then the following word is added to the XTID. Bit fields that  
5705 are left as zero indicate that the tag does not support that feature. The description of the features is  
5706 as follows.

5707 **Table 16-4** Optional Command Support XTID Word

Bit Position in Segment	Field	Description
0-4	Max EPC Size	This five bit field shall indicate the maximum size that can be programmed into the first five bits of the PC.
5	Recom Support	If this bit is set, the tag supports recommissioning as specified in [UHFC1G2].
6	Access	If this bit is set, it indicates that the tag supports the access command.
7	Separate Lockbits	If this bit is set, it means that the tag supports lock bits for each memory bank rather than the simplest implementation of a single lock bit for the entire tag.
8	Auto UMI Support	If this bit is set, it means that the tag automatically sets its user memory indicator bit in the PC word.
9	PJM Support	If this bit is set, it indicates that the tag supports phase jitter modulation. This is an optional modulation mode supported only in Gen 2 HF tags.

Bit Position in Segment	Field	Description
10	BlockErase Supported	If set, this indicates that the tag supports the BlockErase command. How the tag supports the BlockErase command is described in Section <a href="#">16.2.4</a> . A manufacture may choose to set this bit, but not include the BlockWrite and BlockErase field if how to use the command needs further explanation through a database lookup.
11	BlockWrite Supported	If set, this indicates that the tag supports the BlockWrite command. How the tag supports the BlockErase command is described in Section <a href="#">16.2.4</a> . A manufacture may choose to set this bit, but not include the BlockWrite and BlockErase field if how to use the command needs further explanation through a database lookup.
12	BlockPermaLock Supported	If set, this indicates that the tag supports the BlockPermaLock command. How the tag supports the BlockPermaLock command is described in Section <a href="#">16.2.5</a> . A manufacture may choose to set this bit, but not include the BlockPermaLock and User Memory field if how to use the command needs further explanation through a database lookup.
13-15	[RFU]	These bits are RFU and should be set to zero.

5708 **16.2.4 BlockWrite and BlockErase segment**

5709 If bit eleven of the XTID header is set then the XTID shall include the four-word BlockWrite and  
 5710 BlockErase segment. To indicate that a command is not supported, the tag shall have all fields  
 5711 related to that command set to zero. This SHALL always be the case when the Optional Command  
 5712 Support Segment (Section [16.2.3](#)) is present and it indicates that BlockWrite or BlockErase is not  
 5713 supported. The descriptions of the fields are as follows.

5714 **Table 16-5** XTID Block Write and Block Erase Information

Bit Position in Segment	Field	Description
0-7	Block Write Size	Max block size that the tag supports for the BlockWrite command. This value should be between 1-255 if the BlockWrite command is described in this field.
8	Variable Size Block Write	This bit is used to indicate if the tag supports BlockWrite commands with variable sized blocks. If the value is zero the tag only supports writing blocks exactly the maximum block size indicated in bits [7-0]. If the value is one the tag supports writing blocks less than the maximum block size indicated in bits [7-0].
9-16	Block Write EPC Address Offset	This indicates the starting word address of the first full block that may be written to using BlockWrite in the EPC memory bank.
17	No Block Write EPC address alignment	This bit is used to indicate if the tag memory architecture has hard block boundaries in the EPC memory bank. If the value is zero the tag has hard block boundaries in the EPC memory bank. The tag will not accept BlockWrite commands that start in one block and end in another block. These block boundaries are determined by the max block size and the starting address of the first full block. All blocks have the same maximum size. If the value is one the tag has no block boundaries in the EPC memory bank. It will accept all BlockWrite commands that are within the memory bank.
18-25	Block Write User Address Offset	This indicates the starting word address of the first full block that may be written to using BlockWrite in the User memory.



Bit Position in Segment	Field	Description
26	No Block Write User Address Alignment	<p>This bit is used to indicate if the tag memory architecture has hard block boundaries in the USER memory bank.</p> <p>If the value is zero the tag has hard block boundaries in the USER memory bank. The tag will not accept BlockWrite commands that start in one block and end in another block. These block boundaries are determined by the max block size and the starting address of the first full block. All blocks have the same maximum size.</p> <p>If the value is one the tag has no block boundaries in the USER memory bank. It will accept all BlockWrite commands that are within the memory bank.</p>
27-31	[RFU]	These bits are RFU and should be set to zero.
32-39	Size of Block Erase	Max block size that the tag supports for the BlockErase command. This value should be between 1-255 if the BlockErase command is described in this field.
40	Variable Size Block Erase	<p>This bit is used to indicate if the tag supports BlockErase commands with variable sized blocks.</p> <p>If the value is zero the tag only supports erasing blocks exactly the maximum block size indicated in bits [39-32].</p> <p>If the value is one the tag supports erasing blocks less than the maximum block size indicated in bits [39-32].</p>
41-48	Block Erase EPC Address Offset	This indicates the starting address of the first full block that may be erased in EPC memory bank.
49	No Block Erase EPC Address Alignment	<p>This bit is used to indicate if the tag memory architecture has hard block boundaries in the EPC memory bank.</p> <p>If the value is zero the tag has hard block boundaries in the EPC memory bank. The tag will not accept BlockErase commands that start in one block and end in another block. These block boundaries are determined by the max block size and the starting address of the first full block. All blocks have the same maximum size.</p> <p>If the value is one the tag has no block boundaries in the EPC memory bank. It will accept all BlockErase commands that are within the memory bank.</p>
50-57	Block Erase User Address Offset	This indicates the starting address of the first full block that may be erased in User memory bank.
58	No Block Erase User Address Alignment	<p>Bit 58: This bit is used to indicate if the tag memory architecture has hard block boundaries in the USER memory bank.</p> <p>If the value is zero the tag has hard block boundaries in the USER memory bank. The tag will not accept BlockErase commands that start in one block and end in another block. These block boundaries are determined by the max block size and the starting address of the first full block. All blocks have the same maximum size.</p> <p>If the value is one the tag has no block boundaries in the USER memory bank. It will accept all BlockErase commands that are within the memory bank.</p>
59-63	[RFU]	These bits are reserved for future use and should be set to zero.

5715 **16.2.5 User Memory and BlockPermaLock segment**

5716 This two-word segment is present in the XTID if bit 10 of the XTID header is set. Bits 15-0 shall  
 5717 indicate the size of user memory in words. Bits 31-16 shall indicate the size of the blocks in the  
 5718 USER memory bank in words for the BlockPermaLock command. Note: These block sizes only apply  
 5719 to the BlockPermaLock command and are independent of the BlockWrite and BlockErase commands.

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**Table 16-6** XTID Block PermaLock and User Memory Information

Bit Position in Segment	Field	Description
0-15	User Memory Size	Number of 16-bit words in user memory.
16-31	BlockPermaLock Block Size	<p>If non-zero, the size in words of each block that may be block perma-locked. That is, the block perma-lock feature allows blocks of <math>N*16</math> bits to be locked, where <math>N</math> is the value of this field.</p> <p>If zero, then the XTID does not describe the block size for the BlockPermaLock feature. The tag may or may not support block perma-locking.</p> <p>This field SHALL be zero if the Optional Command Support Segment (Section 16.2.3) is present and its BlockPermaLockSupported bit is zero.</p>

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### 16.2.6 Optional Lock Bit segment

This one-word segment is present in the XTID if bit 9 of the XTID header is set. Bits 0-5 shall indicate the current lock bit settings for the memory banks on the tag.

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**Table 16-7** Lock Bit Information

Bit Position in Segment	Field	Description
0	File_0 memory (perma-lock)	<p>The lock bits are defined by the Lock command in the air protocol specification available at <a href="https://www.gs1.org/standards/epc-rfid/uhf-air-interface-protocol">https://www.gs1.org/standards/epc-rfid/uhf-air-interface-protocol</a></p>
1	File_0 memory (pwd write)	
2	TID memory (perma-lock)	
3	TID memory (pwd write)	
4	EPC memory (perma-lock)	
5	EPC memory (pwd writ-)	
6-15	[RFU]	These bits are reserved for future use and should be set to zero.

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## 16.3 Serialised Tag Identification (STID)

This section specifies a URI form for the serialisation encoded within an XTID, called the Serialised Tag Identifier (STID). The STID URI form may be used by business applications that use the serialised TID to uniquely identify the tag onto which an EPC has been programmed. The STID URI is intended to supplement, not replace, the EPC for those applications that make use of RFID tag serialisation in addition to the EPC that uniquely identifies the physical object to which the tag is affixed; e.g., in an application that uses the STID to help ensure a tag has not been counterfeited.

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### 16.3.1 STID URI grammar

The syntax of the STID URI is specified by the following grammar:

STID-URI = %s"urn:epc:stid:" 2( %s"x" HexComponent "." ) %s"x" HexComponent

where the first and second HexComponents SHALL consist of exactly three UpperHexChars and the third HexComponent SHALL consist of 12, 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, or 36 UpperHexChars.

The first HexComponent is the value of bits 08h-13h. For tags using the Gen2 v1.x air interface, this consists of the 12-bit Tag Mask Designer ID (MDID); for tags using Gen2 v2 and later versions of the air interface, these twelve bits consist of the three X, S and F indicators (bits 08h-0Ah), followed by the 9-bit MDID (bits 0Bh-13h) as specified in Section 16.1.

The second HexComponent is the value of the Tag Model Number as specified in Section 16.1.

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5742 The third `HexComponent` is the value of the XTID serial number as specified in Sections  
 5743 [16.2.1](#) and [16.2.2](#). The number of `UpperHexChars` in the third `HexComponent` is equal to the  
 5744 number of bits in the XTID serial number divided by four.

### 5745 **16.3.2 Decoding procedure: TID Bank Contents to STID URI**

5746 The following procedure specifies how to construct an STID URI given the contents of the TID bank  
 5747 of a Gen 2 Tag.

5748 **Given:**

- 5749 ■ The contents of the TID memory bank of a Gen 2 Tag, as a bit string  $b_0b_1\dots b_{N-1}$ , where the number of bits  
 5750  $N$  is at least 48.

5751 **Yields:**

- 5752 ■ An STID-URI

5753 **Procedure:**


- 5754 1. Bits  $b_0\dots b_7$  should match the value 11100010. If not, stop: this TID bank contents does not  
 5755 contain a TDS-compliant XTID.
- 5756 2. Bit  $b_8$  should be set to one. If not, stop: this TID bank contents does not contain a TDS-  
 5757 compliant XTID.
- 5758 3. Consider bits  $b_8\dots b_{19}$  as a 12-bit unsigned integer. For tags using the Gen2 v1.x air interface,  
 5759 this consists of the 12-bit Tag Mask Designer ID (MDID); for tags using Gen2 v2 and later  
 5760 versions of the air interface, these twelve bits consist of the three X, S and F indicators  
 5761 ( $b_8, b_9, b_{10}$ ), followed by the 9-bit MDID ( $b_{11}\dots b_{19}$ ).
- 5762 4. Consider bits  $b_{20}\dots b_{31}$  as a 12-bit unsigned integer. This is the Tag Model Number.
- 5763 5. Consider bits  $b_{32}\dots b_{34}$  as a 3-bit unsigned integer  $V$ . If  $V$  equals zero, stop: this TID bank  
 5764 contents does not contain a serial number. Otherwise, calculate the length of the serial number  
 5765  $L = 4 + 16(V - 1)$ . Consider bits  $b_{48}b_{49}\dots b_{48+L-1}$  as an  $L$ -bit unsigned integer. This is the serial  
 5766 number.
- 5767 6. Construct the STID-URI by concatenating the following strings: the prefix `urn:epc:stid:`, the  
 5768 lowercase letter `x`, the value of  $b_8\dots b_{19}$  from Step 3 as a 3-character hexadecimal numeral, a dot  
 5769 (`.`) character, the lowercase letter `x`, the value of the Tag Model Number from Step 4 as a 3-  
 5770 character hexadecimal numeral, a dot (`.`) character, the lowercase letter `x`, and the value of the  
 5771 serial number from Step 5 as a  $(L/4)$ -character hexadecimal numeral. Only uppercase letters `A`  
 5772 through `F` shall be used in constructing the hexadecimal numerals.

## 5773 **17 User Memory Bank Contents**

5774 The User Memory Bank provides a variable size memory to store additional data attributes related to  
 5775 the object identified in the EPC Memory Bank of the tag.

5776 User memory may or may not be present on a given tag. The User Memory Indicator (UMI), within  
 5777 the PC bits, is specified in section [9.3](#).

5778 To conform with this specification, the first eight bits of the User Memory Bank SHALL contain a  
 5779 Data Storage Format Identifier (DSFID) as specified in [ISO15962]. This maintains compatibility  
 5780 with other standards. The DSFID consists of three logical fields: Access Method, Extended Syntax  
 5781 Indicator, and Data Format. The Access Method is specified in the two most significant bits of the  
 5782 DSFID, and is encoded with the value "10" to designate the "Packed Objects" Access Method as  
 5783 specified in Annex I herein if the "Packed Objects" Access Method is employed, and is encoded with  
 5784 the value "00" to designate the "No-Directory" Access Method as specified in [ISO15962] if the "No-  
 5785 Directory" Access Method is employed. The next bit is set to one if there is a second DSFID byte  
 5786 present. The five least significant bits specify the Data Format, which indicates what data system  
 5787 predominates in the memory contents. If GS1 Application Identifiers (AIs) predominate, the value of  
 5788 "01001" specifies the GS1 Data Format 9 as registered with ISO, which provides most efficient

- 5789 support for the use of AI data elements. Annex I through Annex M of this specification contain the  
 5790 complete specification of the "Packed Objects" Access Method; this content appears in ISO/IEC  
 5791 15962 [ISO15962] as Annex [I](#) through [M](#), respectively,. A complete definition of the DSFID is  
 5792 specified in [ISO15962]. A complete definition of the table that governs the Packed Objects  
 5793 encoding of Application Identifiers (AIs) is specified by GS1 and registered with ISO under the  
 5794 procedures of [ISO15962], and is reproduced in [E.3](#). This table is similar in format to the  
 5795 hypothetical example shown as Table L-1 in [L](#), but with entries to accommodate encoding of all valid  
 5796 Application Identifiers.
- 5797 A tag whose User Memory Bank programming conforms to this specification SHALL be encoded  
 5798 using either the Packed Objects Access Method or the No-Directory Access Method, provided that if  
 5799 the No-Directory Access Method is used that the "application-defined" compaction mode as specified  
 5800 in [ISO15962] SHALL NOT be used. A tag whose User Memory Bank programming conforms to this  
 5801 specification MAY use any registered Data Format including Data Format 9.
- 5802 An ISO/IEC 20248 [ISO20248] digital signature (to authenticate the tag data) may be stored in  
 5803 User Memory encoded as GS1 AI (8030) using Packed Objects (Data Format 9) or natively and more  
 5804 efficiently using Data Format 17, since the CIDSnip is encoded as binary data. The CIDSnip  
 5805 corresponds to the value of AI (8030) and consists of the [ISO20248] Domain Authority Identifier  
 5806 (DAID – the party who is accountable for the digital signature), the Certificate Identifier (CID),  
 5807 signature, timestamp and optional client-specific data fields, though these are typically absent. In  
 5808 both cases the EPC is included in the signature using the [ISO20248] readmethod pragma. It is  
 5809 recommended to include the TID (using the readmethod pragma) in the digital signature to provide  
 5810 for tag data copy detection. The [ISO20248] Domain Authority Identifier (DAID – the party who is  
 5811 accountable for the digital signature) and the GS1 Party GLN (PGLN) -- corresponding to GS1 AI  
 5812 (417) -- are equivalent. Whenever a [ISO20248] digital signature is associated with a GS1 element  
 5813 string, the DAID SHALL use the PGLN. See [ISO20248] clause 7.5.
- 5814 An ISO/IEC 20248 DigSig construct expressed using GS1 Application Identifier (8030) can be most  
 5815 efficiently encoded in User Memory using Data Format 17 (rather than Packed Objects using Data  
 5816 Format 9) which is a total length of 352 bits when the signing period is one calendar year with a  
 5817 resolution of minutes. The length remains the same with any additional data signed, which is placed  
 5818 elsewhere, for example an authentication code printed in UV-fluorescent ink or embedded in an  
 5819 hologram or watermark. Such data is included in the signature, but not stored in the DigSig  
 5820 construct.
- 5821 Where the Packed Objects specification in [I](#) makes reference to Extensible Bit Vectors (EBVs), the  
 5822 format specified in Annex [D](#) SHALL be used.
- 5823 A hardware or software component that conforms to this specification for User Memory Bank  
 5824 reading and writing SHALL fully implement the Packed Objects Access Method as specified in  
 5825 Annexes [I](#) through [M](#) of this specification (implying support for all registered Data Formats), SHALL  
 5826 implement the No-Directory Access Method as specified in [ISO15962], and MAY implement other  
 5827 Access Methods defined in [ISO15962] and subsequent versions of that standard. A hardware or  
 5828 software component NEED NOT, however, implement the "application-defined" compaction mode of  
 5829 the No-Directory Access Method as specified in [ISO15962]. A hardware or software component  
 5830 whose intended function is only to initialise tags (e.g., a printer) may conform to a subset of this  
 5831 specification by implementing either the Packed Objects or the No-Directory access method, but in  
 5832 this case NEED NOT implement both.
- 5833  **Non-Normative:** Explanation: This specification allows two methods of encoding data in user  
 5834 memory. The ISO/IEC 15962 "No-Directory" Access Method has an installed base owing to its  
 5835 longer history and acceptance within certain end user communities. The Packed Objects  
 5836 Access Method was developed to provide for more efficient reading and writing of tags, and  
 5837 less tag memory consumption.
- 5838 The "application-defined" compaction mode of the No-Directory Access Method is not allowed  
 5839 because it cannot be understood by a receiving system unless both sides have the same  
 5840 definition of how the compaction works.
- 5841 Note that the Packed Objects Access Method supports the encoding of data either with or  
 5842 without a directory-like structure for random access. The fact that the other access method is

5843 named "No-Directory" in [ISO15962] should not be taken to imply that the Packed Objects  
 5844 Access Method always includes a directory.

5845 **18 Conformance**

5846 TDS by its nature has an impact on many parts of the GS1 System Architecture. Unlike other  
 5847 standards that define a specific hardware or software interface, TDS defines data formats, along  
 5848 with procedures for converting between equivalent formats. Both the data formats and the  
 5849 conversion procedures are employed by a variety of hardware, software, and data components in  
 5850 any given system.

5851 This section defines what it means to conform to TDs. As noted above, there are many types of  
 5852 system components that have the potential to conform to various parts of the TDS, and these are  
 5853 enumerated below.

5854 **18.1 Conformance of RFID Tag Data**

5855 The data programmed on a Gen 2 RFID tag may be in conformance with TDS as specified below.  
 5856 Conformance may be assessed separately for the contents of each memory bank.

5857 Each memory bank may be in an "uninitialised" state or an "initialised" state. The uninitialised state  
 5858 indicates that the memory bank contains no data, and is typically only used between the time a tag  
 5859 is manufactured and the time it is first programmed for use by an application. The conformance  
 5860 requirements are given separately for each state, where applicable.

5861 **18.1.1 Conformance of Reserved Memory Bank (Bank 00)**

5862 The contents of the Reserved memory bank (Bank 00) of a Gen 2 tag is not subject to conformance  
 5863 to the EPC Tag Data Standard. The contents of the Reserved memory bank is specified in  
 5864 [UHFC1G2].

5865 **18.1.2 Conformance of EPC Memory Bank (Bank 01)**

5866 The contents of the EPC memory bank (Bank 01) of a Gen 2 tag are subject to conformance to the  
 5867 EPC Tag Data Standard (TDS) as follows.


5868 The contents of the EPC memory bank conform to TDS in the uninitialised state if all of the following  
 5869 are true:

- 5870 ■ Bit 17<sub>h</sub> SHALL be set to zero.
- 5871 ■ Bits 18<sub>h</sub> through 1F<sub>h</sub> (inclusive), the Attribute bits, SHALL be set to zero.
- 5872 ■ Bits 20<sub>h</sub> through 27<sub>h</sub> (inclusive) SHALL be set to zero, indicating an uninitialised EPC Memory Bank.
- 5873 ■ All other bits of the EPC memory bank SHALL be as specified in Section 9 and/or [UHFC1G2], as  
 5874 applicable.

5875 The contents of the EPC memory bank conform to TDS in the initialised state if all of the following  
 5876 are true:

- 5877 ■ Bit 17<sub>h</sub> SHALL be set to zero.
- 5878 ■ Bits 18<sub>h</sub> through 1F<sub>h</sub> (inclusive), the Attribute bits, SHALL be as specified in Sections 9.3 and 9.4.
- 5879 ■ Bits 20<sub>h</sub> through 27<sub>h</sub> (inclusive) SHALL be set to a valid EPC header value as specified in [Table 14-1](#) that  
 5880 is, a header value not marked as "reserved" or "unprogrammed tag" in the table.
- 5881 ■ Let N be the value of the "encoding length" column of the row of [Table 14-1](#) corresponding to the header  
 5882 value, and let M be equal to 20<sub>h</sub> + N - 1. Bits 20<sub>h</sub> through M SHALL be a valid EPC binary encoding; that  
 5883 is, the decoding procedure of Section [14.3.7](#) when applied to these bits SHALL NOT raise an exception.
- 5884 ■ Bits M+1 through the end of the EPC memory bank or bit 20F<sub>h</sub> (whichever occurs first) SHALL be set to  
 5885 zero.

5886 ■ All other bits of the EPC memory bank SHALL be as specified in Section 9 and/or [UHFC1G2], as  
5887 applicable.

5888  **Non-Normative:** Explanation: A consequence of the above requirements is that to conform  
5889 to this specification, no additional application data (such as a second EPC) may be put in the  
5890 EPC memory bank beyond the EPC that begins at bit 20<sub>h</sub>.

5891 **18.1.3 Conformance of TID Memory Bank (Bank 10)**

5892 The contents of the TID memory bank (Bank 10) of a Gen 2 tag is subject to conformance to TDS,  
5893 as specified in Section 16.

5894 **18.1.4 Conformance of User Memory Bank (Bank 11)**

5895 The contents of the User memory bank (Bank 11) of a Gen 2 tag is subject to conformance to TDS,  
5896 as specified in Section 17.

5897 **18.2 Conformance of Hardware and Software Components**

5898 Hardware and software components may process data that is read from or written to Gen 2 RFID  
5899 tags. Hardware and software components may also manipulate Electronic Product Codes in various  
5900 forms regardless of whether RFID tags are involved. All such uses may be subject to conformance to  
5901 TDS as specified below. Exactly what is required to conform depends on what the intended or  
5902 claimed function of the hardware or software component is.

5903 **18.2.1 Conformance of hardware and software Components That Produce or Consume**  
5904 **Gen 2 Memory Bank Contents**

5905 This section specifies conformance of hardware and software components that produce and consume  
5906 the contents of a memory bank of a Gen 2 tag. This includes components that interact directly with  
5907 tags via the Gen 2 Air Interface as well as components that manipulate a software representation of  
5908 raw memory contents

5909 **Definitions:**

5910 ■ **Bank X Consumer** (where X is a specific memory bank of a Gen 2 tag): A hardware or software component  
5911 that accepts as input via some external interface the contents of Bank X of a Gen 2 tag. This includes  
5912 components that read tags via the Gen 2 Air Interface (i.e., readers), as well as components that manipulate  
5913 a software representation of raw memory contents (e.g., "middleware" software that receives a  
5914 hexadecimal-formatted image of tag memory from an interrogator as input).

5915 ■ **Bank X Producer** (where X is a specific memory bank of a Gen 2 tag): A hardware or software component  
5916 that outputs via some external interface the contents of Bank X of a Gen 2. This includes components that  
5917 interact directly with tags via the Gen 2 Air Interface (i.e., write-capable interrogators and printers – the  
5918 memory contents delivered to the tag is an output via the air interface), as well as components that  
5919 manipulate a software representation of raw memory contents (e.g., software that outputs a "write"  
5920 command to an interrogator, delivering a hexadecimal-formatted image of tag memory as part of the  
5921 command).

5922 A hardware or software component that "passes through" the raw contents of tag memory Bank X  
5923 from one external interface to another is simultaneously a Bank X Consumer and a Bank X Producer.  
5924 For example, consider a reader device that accepts as input from an application via its network "wire  
5925 protocol" a command to write EPC tag memory, where the command includes a hexadecimal-  
5926 formatted image of the tag memory that the application wishes to write, and then writes that image  
5927 to a tag via the Gen 2 Air Interface. That device is a Bank 01 Consumer with respect to its "wire  
5928 protocol," and a Bank 01 Producer with respect to the Gen 2 Air Interface. The conformance  
5929 requirements below insure that such a device is capable of accepting from an application and writing  
5930 to a tag any EPC bank contents that is valid according to this specification.

5931 The following conformance requirements apply to Bank X Consumers and Producers as defined  
5932 above:

- 5933 ■ A Bank 01 (EPC bank) Consumer SHALL accept as input any memory contents that conforms to this  
5934 specification, as conformance is specified in Section [18.1.2](#).
- 5935 ■ If a Bank 01 Consumer interprets the contents of the EPC memory bank received as input, it SHALL do so  
5936 in a manner consistent with the definitions of EPC memory bank contents in this specification.
- 5937 ■ A Bank 01 (EPC bank) Producer SHALL produce as output memory contents that conforms to this  
5938 specification, as conformance is specified in Section [18.1.2](#), whenever the hardware or software  
5939 component produces output for Bank 01 containing an EPC. A Bank 01 Producer MAY produce output  
5940 containing a non-EPC if it sets bit 17<sub>h</sub> to one.
- 5941 ■ If a Bank 01 Producer constructs the contents of the EPC memory bank from component parts, it SHALL  
5942 do so in a manner consistent with this.
- 5943 ■ A Bank 10 (TID Bank) Consumer SHALL accept as input any memory contents that conforms to this  
5944 specification, as conformance is specified in Section [18.1.3](#).
- 5945 ■ If a Bank 10 Consumer interprets the contents of the TID memory bank received as input, it SHALL do so  
5946 in a manner consistent with the definitions of TID memory bank contents in this specification.
- 5947 ■ A Bank 10 (TID bank) Producer SHALL produce as output memory contents that conforms to this  
5948 specification, as conformance is specified in Section [18.1.3](#).
- 5949 ■ If a Bank 10 Producer constructs the contents of the TID memory bank from component parts, it SHALL  
5950 do so in a manner consistent with this specification.
- 5951 ■ Conformance for hardware or software components that read or write the User memory bank (Bank 11)  
5952 SHALL be as specified in Section [17](#).

5953 **18.2.2 Conformance of hardware and software Components that Produce or Consume**  
5954 **URI Forms of the EPC**

5955 This section specifies conformance of hardware and software components that use URIs as specified  
5956 herein as inputs or outputs.

5957 **Definitions:**

- 5958 ■ **EPC URI Consumer:** A hardware or software component that accepts an EPC URI as input via some  
5959 external interface. An EPC URI Consumer may be further classified as a Pure Identity URI EPC Consumer  
5960 if it accepts an EPC Pure Identity URI as an input, or an EPC Tag/Raw URI Consumer if it accepts an EPC  
5961 Tag URI or EPC Raw URI as input.
- 5962 ■ **EPC URI Producer:** A hardware or software component that produces an EPC URI as output via some  
5963 external interface. An EPC URI Producer may be further classified as a Pure Identity URI EPC Producer if it  
5964 produces an EPC Pure Identity URI as an output, or an EPC Tag/Raw URI Producer if it produces an EPC  
5965 Tag URI or EPC Raw URI as output.

5966 A given hardware or software component may satisfy more than one of the above definitions, in  
5967 which case it is subject to all of the relevant conformance tests below.

5968 **The following conformance requirements apply to Pure Identity URI EPC Consumers:**

- 5969 ■ A Pure Identity URI EPC Consumer SHALL accept as input any string that satisfies the grammar of  
5970 Section [6](#), including all constraints on the number of characters in various components.
- 5971 ■ A Pure Identity URI EPC Consumer SHALL reject as invalid any input string that begins with the  
5972 characters `urn:epc:id:` that does not satisfy the grammar of Section [6](#), including all constraints on the  
5973 number of characters in various components.
- 5974 ■ If a Pure Identity URI EPC Consumer interprets the contents of a Pure Identity URI, it SHALL do so in a  
5975 manner consistent with the definitions of the Pure Identity EPC URI in this specification and the  
5976 specifications referenced herein (including the GS1 General Specifications).

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**The following conformance requirements apply to Pure Identity URI EPC Producers:**

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- A Pure Identity EPC URI Producer SHALL produce as output strings that satisfy the grammar in Section 6, including all constraints on the number of characters in various components.

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- A Pure Identity EPC URI Producer SHALL NOT produce as output a string that begins with the characters `urn:epc:id:` that does not satisfy the grammar of Section 6, including all constraints on the number of characters in various components.

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- If a Pure Identity EPC URI Producer constructs a Pure Identity EPC URI from component parts, it SHALL do so in a manner consistent with this specification.

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**The following conformance requirements apply to EPC Tag/Raw URI Consumers:**

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- An EPC Tag/Raw URI Consumer SHALL accept as input any string that satisfies the `TagURI` production of the grammar of Section 12.4, and that can be encoded according to Section 14.3 without causing an exception.

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- An EPC Tag/Raw URI Consumer MAY accept as input any string that satisfies the `RawURI` production of the grammar of Section 12.4.

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- An EPC Tag/Raw URI Consumer SHALL reject as invalid any input string that begins with the characters `urn:epc:tag:` that does not satisfy the grammar of Section 12.4, or that causes the encoding procedure of Section 14.3 to raise an exception.

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- An EPC Tag/Raw URI Consumer that accepts EPC Raw URIs as input SHALL reject as invalid any input string that begins with the characters `urn:epc:raw:` that does not satisfy the grammar of Section 12.4.

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- To the extent that an EPC Tag/Raw URI Consumer interprets the contents of an EPC Tag URI or EPC Raw URI, it SHALL do so in a manner consistent with the definitions of the EPC Tag URI and EPC Raw URI in this specification and the specifications referenced herein (including the GS1 General Specifications).

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**The following conformance requirements apply to EPC Tag/Raw URI Producers:**

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- An EPC Tag/Raw URI Producer SHALL produce as output strings that satisfy the `TagURI` production or the `RawURI` production of the grammar of Section 12.4, provided that any output string that satisfies the `TagURI` production must be encodable according to the encoding procedure of Section 14.3 without raising an exception.

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- An EPC Tag/Raw URI Producer SHALL NOT produce as output a string that begins with the characters `urn:epc:tag:` or `urn:epc:raw:` except as specified in the previous bullet.

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- If an EPC Tag/Raw URI Producer constructs an EPC Tag URI or EPC Raw URI from component parts, it SHALL do so in a manner consistent with this specification.

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**18.2.3 Conformance of hardware and software components that translate between EPC Forms**

This section specifies conformance for hardware and software components that translate between EPC forms, such as translating an EPC binary encoding to an EPC Tag URI, an EPC Tag URI to a Pure Identity EPC URI, a Pure Identity EPC URI to an EPC Tag URI, or an EPC Tag URI to the contents of the EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 tag. Any such component by definition accepts these forms as inputs or outputs, and is therefore also subject to the relevant parts of Sections 18.2.1 and 18.2.2.

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- A hardware or software component that takes the contents of the EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 tag as input and produces the corresponding EPC Tag URI or EPC Raw URI as output SHALL produce an output equivalent to applying the decoding procedure of Section 15.2.2 to the input.

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- A hardware or software component that takes the contents of the EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 tag as input and produces the corresponding EPC Tag URI or EPC Raw URI as output SHALL produce an output equivalent to applying the decoding procedure of Section 15.2.3 to the input.

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- A hardware or software component that takes an EPC Tag URI as input and produces the corresponding Pure Identity EPC URI as output SHALL produce an output equivalent to applying the procedure of Section 12.3.3 to the input.



- 6024 ■ A hardware or software component that takes an EPC Tag URI as input and produces the contents of the  
6025 EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 tag as output (whether by actually writing a tag or by producing a software  
6026 representation of raw memory contents as output) SHALL produce an output equivalent to applying the  
6027 procedure of Section [15.1.1](#) to the input.

6028 **18.3 Conformance of Human Readable Forms of the EPC and of EPC Memory**  
6029 **Bank contents**

6030 This section specifies conformance for human readable representations of an EPC. Human readable  
6031 representations may be used on printed labels, in documents, etc. This section does not specify the  
6032 conditions under which a human readable representation of an EPC or RFID tag contents shall or  
6033 should be printed on any label, packaging, or other medium; it only specifies what is a conforming  
6034 human readable representation when it is desired to include one.

- 6035 ■ To conform to this specification, a human readable representation of an electronic product code SHALL be  
6036 a Pure Identity EPC URI as specified in Section [6](#).
- 6037 ■ To conform to this specification, a human readable representation of the entire contents of the EPC  
6038 memory bank of a Gen 2 tag SHALL be an EPC Tag URI or an EPC Raw URI as specified in Section [12](#). An  
6039 EPC Tag URI SHOULD be used when it is possible to do so (that is, when the memory bank contents  
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## A Character Set for Alphanumeric Serial Numbers

The following table specifies the characters that are permitted by the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS] for use in alphanumeric serial numbers. The columns are as follows:

- **Graphic symbol:** The printed representation of the character as used in human-readable forms.
- **Name:** The common name for the character
- **Hex Value:** A hexadecimal numeral that gives the 7-bit binary value for the character as used in EPC binary encodings. This hexadecimal value is always equal to the ISO/IEC 646 [ISO646] (ASCII) code for the character.
- **URI Form:** The representation of the character within Pure Identity EPC URI and EPC Tag URI forms. This is either a single character whose ASCII code is equal to the value in the "hex value" column, or an escape triplet consisting of a percent character followed by two characters giving the hexadecimal value for the character.

**Table I.3.1-1 Characters Permitted in Alphanumeric Serial Numbers**

Graphic symbol	Name	Hex Value	URI Form	Graphic symbol	Name	Hex Value	URI Form
!	Exclamation Mark	21	!	M	Capital Letter M	4D	M
"	Quotation Mark	22	%22	N	Capital Letter N	4E	N
%	Percent Sign	25	%25	O	Capital Letter O	4F	O
&	Ampersand	26	%26	P	Capital Letter P	50	P
'	Apostrophe	27	'	Q	Capital Letter Q	51	Q
(	Left Parenthesis	28	(	R	Capital Letter R	52	R
)	Right Parenthesis	29	)	S	Capital Letter S	53	S
*	Asterisk	2A	*	T	Capital Letter T	54	T
+	Plus sign	2B	+	U	Capital Letter U	55	U
,	Comma	2C	,	V	Capital Letter V	56	V
-	Hyphen/ Minus	2D	-	W	Capital Letter W	57	W
.	Full Stop	2E	.	X	Capital Letter X	58	X
/	Solidus	2F	%2F	Y	Capital Letter Y	59	Y
0	Digit Zero	30	0	Z	Capital Letter Z	5A	Z
1	Digit One	31	1	_	Low Line	5F	_
2	Digit Two	32	2	a	Small Letter a	61	a
3	Digit Three	33	3	b	Small Letter b	62	b
4	Digit Four	34	4	c	Small Letter c	63	c

Graphic symbol	Name	Hex Value	URI Form	Graphic symbol	Name	Hex Value	URI Form
5	Digit Five	35	5	d	Small Letter d	64	d
6	Digit Six	36	6	e	Small Letter e	65	e
7	Digit Seven	37	7	f	Small Letter f	66	f
8	Digit Eight	38	8	g	Small Letter g	67	g
9	Digit Nine	39	9	h	Small Letter h	68	h
:	Colon	3A	:	i	Small Letter i	69	i
;	Semicolon	3B	;	j	Small Letter j	6A	j
<	Less-than Sign	3C	%3C	k	Small Letter k	6B	k
=	Equals Sign	3D	=	l	Small Letter l	6C	l
>	Greater-than Sign	3E	%3E	m	Small Letter m	6D	m
?	Question Mark	3F	%3F	n	Small Letter n	6E	n
A	Capital Letter A	41	A	o	Small Letter o	6F	o
B	Capital Letter B	42	B	p	Small Letter p	70	p
C	Capital Letter C	43	C	q	Small Letter q	71	q
D	Capital Letter D	44	D	r	Small Letter r	72	r
E	Capital Letter E	45	E	s	Small Letter s	73	s
F	Capital Letter F	46	F	t	Small Letter t	74	t
G	Capital Letter G	47	G	u	Small Letter u	75	u
H	Capital Letter H	48	H	v	Small Letter v	76	v
I	Capital Letter I	49	I	w	Small Letter w	77	w
J	Capital Letter J	4A	J	x	Small Letter x	78	x
K	Capital Letter K	4B	K	y	Small Letter y	79	y
L	Capital Letter L	4C	L	z	Small Letter z	7A	z

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## B Glossary (non-normative)

Please refer to the [www.gs1.org/glossary](http://www.gs1.org/glossary) for the latest version of the glossary.

Term	Defined Where	Meaning
Application Identifier (AI)	[GS1GS]	A numeric code that identifies a data element within a GS1 element string.
Attribute Bits	Sections <a href="#">9.3</a> and <a href="#">9.4</a>	An 8-bit field of control information that is stored in the EPC Memory Bank of a Gen 2 RFID Tag when the tag contains an EPC. The Attribute Bits includes data that guides the handling of the object to which the tag is affixed, for example a bit that indicates the presence of hazardous material.
Barcode		A data carrier that holds text data in the form of light and dark markings which may be read by an optical reader device.
Control Information	Section <a href="#">9.1</a>	Information that is used by data capture applications to help control the process of interacting with RFID Tags. Control Information includes data that helps a capturing application filter out tags from large populations to increase read efficiency, special handling information that affects the behaviour of capturing application, information that controls tag security features, and so on. Control Information is typically <i>not</i> passed directly to business applications, though Control Information may influence how a capturing application presents business data to the business application level. Unlike Business Data, Control Information has no equivalent in bar codes or other data carriers.
Data Carrier		Generic term for a marking or device that is used to physically attach data to a physical object. Examples of data carriers include Bar Codes and RFID Tags.
Electronic Product Code (EPC)	Section <a href="#">4</a>	<p>A universal identifier for any physical object. The EPC is designed so that every physical object of interest to information systems may be given an EPC that is globally unique and persistent through time.</p> <p>The primary representation of an EPC was previously in the form of a Pure Identity EPC URI (<i>q.v.</i>), which is a unique string that may be used in information systems, electronic messages, databases, and other contexts. A secondary representation, the EPC Binary Encoding (<i>q.v.</i>) is available for use in RFID Tags and other settings where a compact binary representation is required.</p> <p>Starting in TDS 2.0 and EPCIS 2.0 / CBV 2.0, there is now recognition that a GS1 Digital Link URI (or a constrained subset of these, specifically at instance-level granularity and without additional data attributes) is an equivalent way to denote a specific physical object within business applications and traceability data, with a number of advantages, such as ease of linking/redirection to multiple kinds of online information and services, making use of multiple link types and the resolver infrastructure for GS1 Digital Link. GS1 Digital Link URIs can also be used as identifiers within machine-interpretable Linked Data that expresses factual claims.</p>
EPC	Section <a href="#">4</a>	See Electronic Product Code
EPC Bank (of a Gen 2 RFID Tag)	[UHFC1G2]	Bank 01 of a Gen 2 RFID Tag as specified in [UHFC1G2]. The EPC Bank holds the EPC Binary Encoding of an EPC, together with additional control information as specified in Section <a href="#">7.11</a> .
EPC Binary Encoding	Section <a href="#">13</a>	A compact encoding of an Electronic Product Code, together with a filter value (if the encoding scheme includes a filter value), into a binary bit string that is suitable for storage in RFID Tags, including the EPC Memory Bank of a Gen 2 RFID Tag. Owing to trade-offs between data capacity and the number of bits in the encoded value, more than one binary encoding scheme exists for certain EPC schemes.

Term	Defined Where	Meaning
EPC Binary Encoding Scheme	Section <a href="#">13</a>	A particular format for the encoding of an Electronic Product Code, together with a Filter Value in some cases, into an EPC Binary Encoding. Each EPC Scheme has at least one corresponding EPC Binary Encoding Scheme. from a specified combination of data elements. Owing to trade-offs between data capacity and the number of bits in the encoded value, more than one binary encoding scheme exists for certain EPC schemes. An EPC Binary Encoding begins with an 8-bit header that identifies which binary encoding scheme is used for that binary encoding; this serves to identify how the remainder of the binary encoding is to be interpreted.
EPC Pure Identity URI	Section <a href="#">6</a>	See Pure Identity EPC URI.
EPC Raw URI	Section <a href="#">12</a>	A representation of the complete contents of the EPC Memory Bank of a Gen 2 RFID Tag,
EPC Scheme	Section <a href="#">6</a>	A particular format for the construction of an Electronic Product Code from a specified combination of data elements. A Pure Identity EPC URI begins with the name of the EPC Scheme used for that URI, which both serves to ensure global uniqueness of the complete URI as well as identify how the remainder of the URI is to be interpreted. Each type of GS1 key has a corresponding EPC Scheme that allows for the construction of an EPC that corresponds to the value of a GS1 key, under certain conditions. Other EPC Schemes exist that allow for construction of EPCs not related to GS1 keys.
EPC Tag URI	Section <a href="#">12</a>	A representation of the complete contents of the EPC Memory Bank of a Gen 2 RFID Tag, in the form of an Internet Uniform Resource Identifier that includes a decoded representation of EPC data fields, usable when the EPC Memory Bank contains a valid EPC Binary Encoding. Because the EPC Tag URI represents the complete contents of the EPC Memory Bank, it includes control information in addition to the EPC, in contrast to the Pure Identity EPC URI.
Extended Tag Identification (XTID)	Section <a href="#">16</a>	Information that may be included in the TID Bank of a Gen 2 RFID Tag in addition to the make and model information. The XTID may include a manufacturer-assigned unique serial number and may also include other information that describes the capabilities of the tag.
Filter Value	Section <a href="#">10</a>	A 3-bit field of control information that is stored in the EPC Memory Bank of a Gen 2 RFID Tag when the tag contains certain types of EPCs. The filter value makes it easier to read desired RFID Tags in an environment where there may be other tags present, such as reading a pallet tag in the presence of a large number of item-level tags.
Gen 2 RFID Tag	Section <a href="#">7.11</a>	An RFID Tag that conforms to one of the EPCglobal Gen 2 family of air interface protocols. This includes the UHF Class 1 Gen 2 Air Interface [UHFC1G2], and other standards currently under development within GS1.
GS1 Company Prefix	[GS1GS]	Part of the GS1 System identification number consisting of a GS1 Prefix and a Company Number, both of which are allocated by GS1 Member Organisations.
GS1 element string	[GS1GS]	The combination of a GS1 Application Identifier and GS1 Application Identifier Data Field.
GS1 key	[GS1GS]	A generic term for identification keys defined in the GS1 General Specifications [GS1GS], namely the GTIN, SSCC, GLN, GRAI, GIAI, GSRN, GDTI, GSIN, GINC, CPID, GCN and GMN.
Pure Identity EPC URI	Section <a href="#">6</a>	A concrete representation of an Electronic Product Code. The Pure Identity EPC URI is an Internet Uniform Resource Identifier that contains an Electronic Product Code and no other information.
Radio-Frequency Identification (RFID) Tag		A data carrier that holds binary data, which may be affixed to a physical object, and which communicates the data to a interrogator ("reader") device through radio.
Reserved Bank (of a Gen 2 RFID Tag)	[UHFC1G2]	Bank 00 of a Gen 2 RFID Tag as specified in [UHFC1G2]. The Reserved Bank holds the access password and the kill password.

Term	Defined Where	Meaning
Tag Identification (TID)	[UHFC1G2]	Information that describes a Gen 2 RFID Tag itself, as opposed to describing the physical object to which the tag is affixed. The TID includes an indication of the make and model of the tag, and may also include Extended TID (XTID) information.
TID Bank (of a Gen 2 RFID Tag)	[UHFC1G2]	Bank 10 of a Gen 2 RFID Tag as specified in [UHFC1G2]. The TID Bank holds the TID and XTID ( <i>q.v.</i> ).
Uniform Resource Identifier (URI)	[RFC3986]	A compact sequence of characters that identifies an abstract or physical resource. A URI may be further classified as a Uniform Resource Name (URN) or a Uniform Resource Locator (URL), <i>q.v.</i>
Uniform Resource Locator (URL)	[RFC3986]	A Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) that, in addition to identifying a resource, provides a means of locating the resource by describing its primary access mechanism (e.g., its network "location").
Uniform Resource Name (URN)	[RFC3986], [RFC2141]	A Uniform Resource Identifier (URI) that is part of the <code>urn</code> scheme as specified by [RFC2141]. Such URIs refer to a specific resource independent of its network location or other method of access, or which may not have a network location at all. The term URN may also refer to any other URI having similar properties.  Because an Electronic Product Code is a unique identifier for a physical object that does not necessarily have a network location or other method of access, URNs are used to represent EPCs.
User Memory Bank (of a Gen 2 RFID Tag)	[UHFC1G2]	Bank 11 of a Gen 2 RFID Tag as specified in [UHFC1G2]. The User Memory may be used to hold additional business data elements beyond the EPC.

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6101 [quely%20Identify%20Items%20v3.0.pdf](https://dodprocurementtoolbox.com/cms/sites/default/files/resources/DoD%20Guide%20to%20Uniquely%20Identify%20Items%20v3.0.pdf).
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## D Extensible Bit Vectors

An Extensible Bit Vector (EBV) is a data structure with an extensible data range.

An EBV is an array of blocks. Each block contains a single extension bit followed by a specific number of data bits. If B is the total number of bits in one block, then a block contains B – 1 data bits. The notation EBV-*n* used in this specification indicates an EBV with a block size of *n*; e.g., EBV-8 denotes an EBV with B=8.

The data value represented by an EBV is simply the bit string formed by the data bits as read from left to right, ignoring all extension bits. The last block of an EBV has an extension bit of zero, and all blocks of an EBV preceding the last block (if any) have an extension bit of one.

The following table illustrates different values represented in EBV-6 format and EBV-8 format. Spaces are added to the EBVs for visual clarity.

Value	EBV-6	EBV-8
0	000000	00000000
1	000001	00000001
31 ( $2^5-1$ )	011111	00011111
32 ( $2^5$ )	100001 000000	00100000
33 ( $2^5+1$ )	100001 000001	00100001
127 ( $2^7-1$ )	100011 011111	01111111
128 ( $2^7$ )	100100 000000	10000001 00000000
129 ( $2^7+1$ )	100100 000001	10000001 00000001
16384 ( $2^{14}$ )	110000 100000 000000	10000001 10000000 00000000

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The Packed Objects specification in [I](#) makes use of EBV-3, EBV-6, and EBV-8.



## E (non-normative) Examples: EPC encoding and decoding

This section presents two detailed examples showing encoding and decoding between the Serialised Global Identification Number (SGTIN) and the EPC memory bank of a Gen 2 RFID tag, and summary examples showing various encodings of all EPC schemes.

As these are merely illustrative examples, in all cases the indicated normative sections of this specification should be consulted for the definitive rules for encoding and decoding. The diagrams and accompanying notes in this section are not intended to be a complete specification for encoding or decoding, but instead serve only to illustrate the highlights of how the normative encoding and decoding procedures function. The procedures for encoding other types of identifiers are different in significant ways, and the appropriate sections of this specification should be consulted.

### E.1 Encoding a Serialised Global Trade Item Number (SGTIN) to SGTIN-96

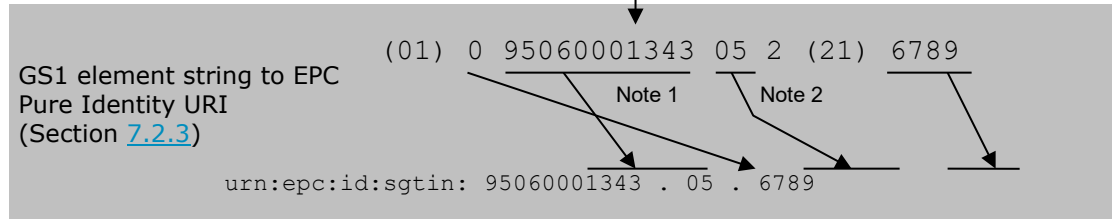
This example illustrates the encoding of a GS1 element string containing a Serialised Global Trade Item Number (SGTIN) into an EPC Gen 2 RFID tag using the SGTIN-96 EPC scheme, with intermediate steps including the EPC URI, the EPC Tag URI, and the EPC Binary Encoding.

In some applications, only a part of this illustration is relevant. For example, an application may only need to transform a GS1 element string into an EPC URI, in which case only the top of the illustration is needed.

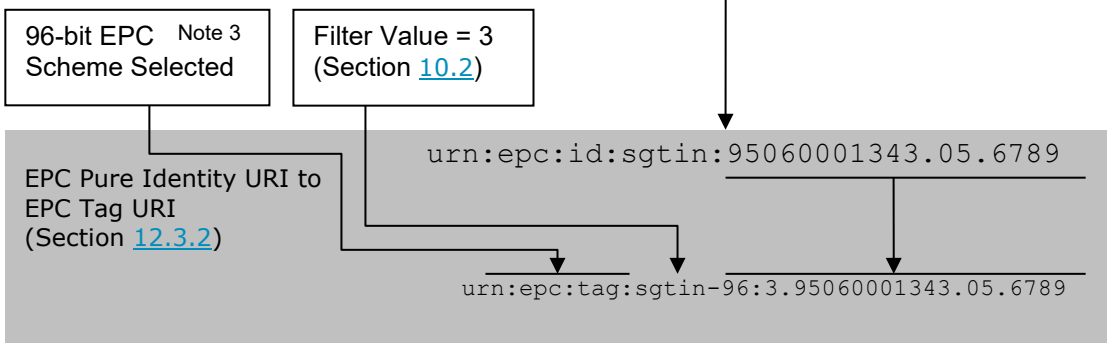
The illustration below makes reference to the following notes:

- **Note 1:** The step of converting a GS1 element string into the EPC Pure Identity URI requires that the number of digits in the GS1 Company Prefix be determined; e.g., by reference to an external table of company prefixes. In this example, the GS1 Company Prefix is shown to be seven digits.
- **Note 2:** The check digit in GTIN as it appears in the GS1 element string is not included in the EPC Pure Identity URI.
- **Note 3:** The SGTIN-96 EPC scheme may only be used if the Serial Number meets certain constraints. Specifically, the serial number must (a) consist only of digit characters; (b) not begin with a zero digit (unless the entire serial number is the single digit '0'); and (c) correspond to a decimal numeral whose numeric value that is less than  $2^{38}$  (less than 274,877,906,944). For all other serial numbers, the SGTIN-198 EPC scheme must be used. Note that the EPC URI is identical regardless of whether SGTIN-96 or SGTIN-198 is used in the RFID Tag.
- **Note 4:** EPC Binary Encoding header values are defined in Section [14.2](#).
- **Note 5:** The number of bits in the GS1 Company Prefix and Indicator/Item Reference fields in the EPC Binary Encoding depends on the number of digits in the GS1 Company Prefix portion of the EPC URI, and this is indicated by a code in the Partition field of the EPC Binary Encoding. See [14.2](#). (for the SGTIN EPC only).
- **Note 6:** The Serial field of the EPC Binary Encoding for SGTIN-96 is 38 bits.

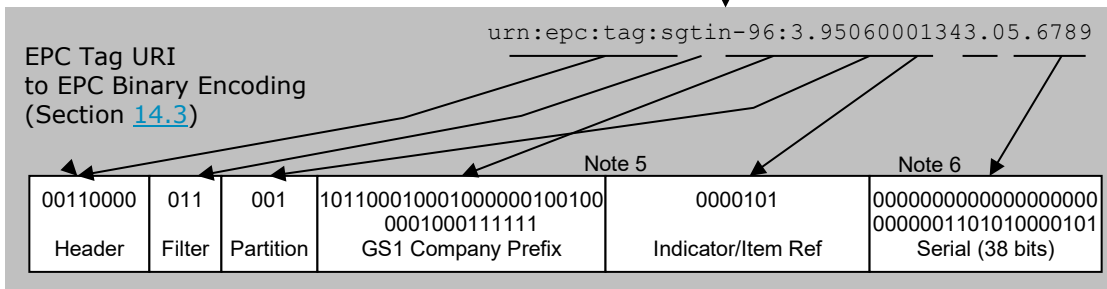
GS1 element string (01) 09506000134352 (21) 6789  
 GS1 Digital Link URI <https://id.gs1.org/01/09506000134352/21/6789>



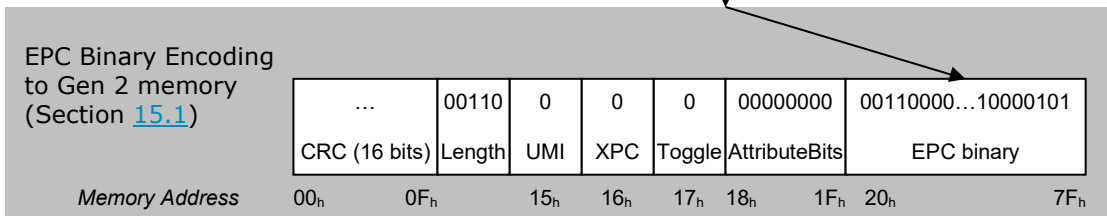
EPC Pure Identity URI urn:epc:id:sgtin:95060001343.05.6789



EPC Tag URI urn:epc:tag:sgtin-96:3.95060001343.05.6789



EPC Binary 0011000001100110110001000100000010010000010001111110000101000000000000  
 00000000000000001101010000101



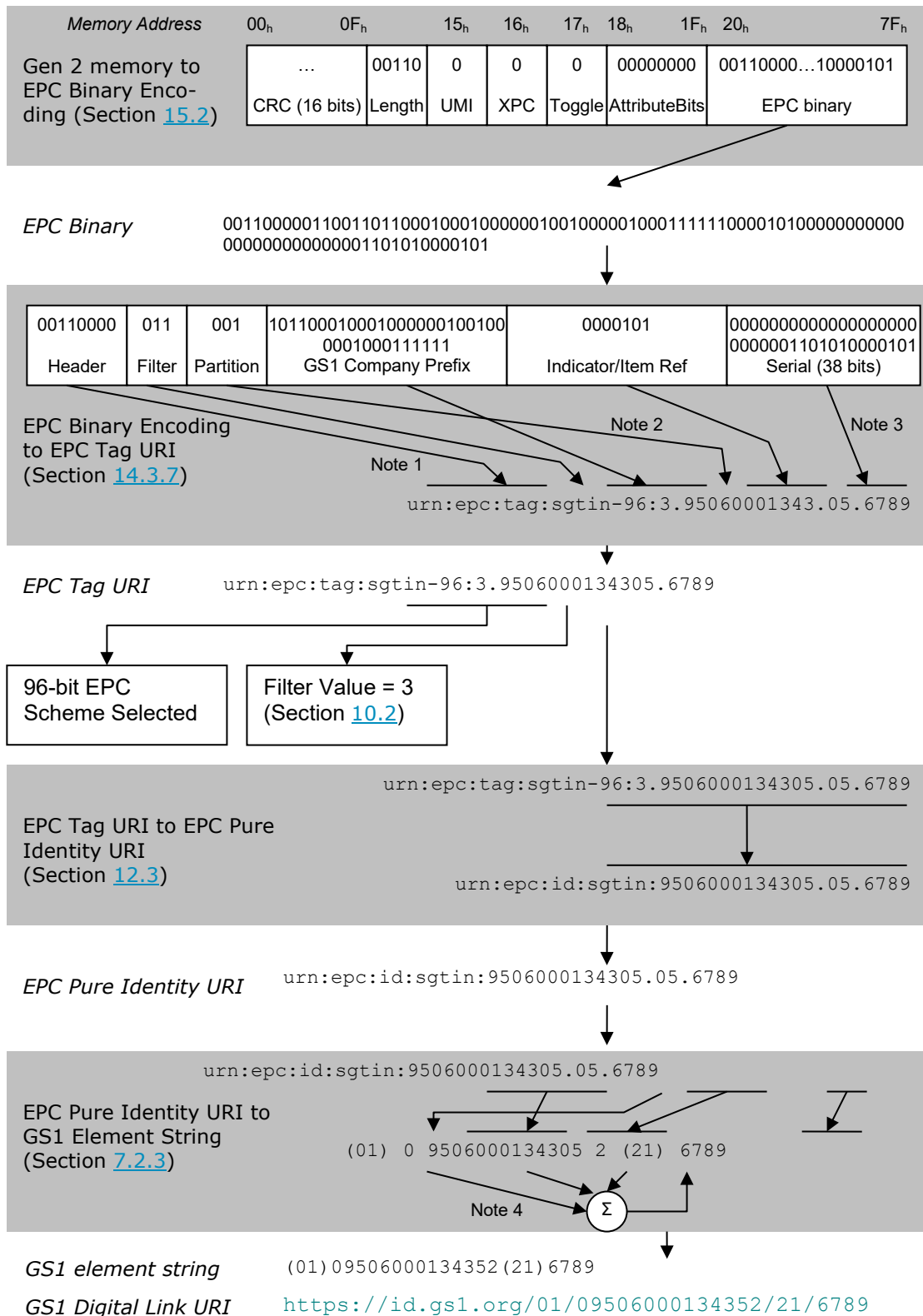
## E.2 Decoding an SGTIN-96 to a Serialised Global Trade Item Number (SGTIN)

This example illustrates the decoding of an EPC Gen 2 RFID tag containing an SGTIN-96 EPC Binary Encoding into a GS1 element string containing a Serialised Global Trade Item Number (SGTIN), with intermediate steps including the EPC Binary Encoding, the EPC Tag URI, and the EPC URI.

In some applications, only a part of this illustration is relevant. For example, an application may only need to convert an EPC binary encoding to an EPC URI, in which case only the top of the illustration is needed.

The illustration below makes reference to the following notes:

- **Note 1:** The EPC Binary Encoding header indicates how to interpret the remainder of the binary data, and the EPC scheme name to be included in the EPC Tag URI. EPC Binary Encoding header values are defined in Section [14.2](#).
- **Note 2:** The Partition field of the EPC Binary Encoding contains a code that indicates the number of bits in the GS1 Company Prefix field and the Indicator/Item Reference field. The partition code also determines the number of decimal digits to be used for those fields in the EPC Tag URI (the decimal representation for those two fields is padded on the left with zero characters as necessary). See Section [14.2](#). (for the SGTIN EPC only).
- **Note 3:** For the SGTIN-96 EPC scheme, the Serial Number field is decoded by interpreting the bits as a binary integer and converting to a decimal numeral without leading zeros (unless all serial number bits are zero, which decodes as the string "0"). Serial numbers containing non-digit characters or that begin with leading zero characters may only be encoded in the SGTIN-198 EPC scheme.
- **Note 4:** The check digit in the GS1 element string is calculated from other digits in the EPC Pure Identity URI, as specified in Section [7.2.3](#).









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GSRNP-96	
GS1 element string	(8017)952114112345678906
GS1 Digital Link URI	https://example.com/8017/952114112345678906
EPC URI	urn:epc:id:gsrnp:9521141.1234567890
EPC Tag URI	urn:epc:tag:gsrnp-96:3.9521141.1234567890
EPC Binary Encoding (hex)	2E76451FD4499602D2000000

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GSRNP+	
GS1 element string	(8017)952114112345678906
GS1 Digital Link URI	https://example.com/8017/952114112345678906
EPC Binary Encoding (hex)	F53952114112345678906

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GDTI-96	
GS1 element string	(253)95211411234545678
GS1 Digital Link URI	https://example.com/253/95211411234545678
EPC URI	urn:epc:id:gdti:9521141.12345.5678
EPC Tag URI	urn:epc:tag:gdti-96:3.9521141.12345.5678
EPC Binary Encoding (hex)	2C76451FD46072000000162E

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GDTI-174	
GS1 element string	(253)9521141987650ABCDefgh012345678
GS1 Digital Link URI	https://example.com/253/9521141987650ABCDefgh012345678
EPC URI	urn:epc:id:gdti:9521141.98765.ABCDefgh012345678
EPC Tag URI	urn:epc:tag:gdti-174:3.9521141.98765.ABCDefgh012345678
EPC Binary Encoding (hex)	3E76451FD7039B061438997367D0C18B266D1AB66EE0

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GDTI+	
GS1 element string	(253)95211411234545678
GS1 Digital Link URI	https://example.com/253/95211411234545678
EPC Binary Encoding (hex)	F6395211411234540458B8

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CPI-96	
GS1 element string	(8010)952114198765(8011)12345
GS1 Digital Link URI	https://example.com/8010/952114198765/8011/12345
EPC URI	urn:epc:id:cpi:9521141.98765.12345
EPC Tag URI	urn:epc:tag:cpi-96:3.9521141.98765.12345
EPC Binary Encoding (hex)	3C76451FD400C0E680003039



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CPI-var	
GS1 element string	(8010)95211415PQ7/Z43(8011)12345
GS1 Digital Link URI	https://example.com/8010/95211415PQ7%2FZ43/8011/12345
EPC URI	urn:epc:id:cpi:9521141.5PQ7%2FZ43.12345
EPC Tag URI	urn:epc:tag:cpi-var:3.9521141.5PQ7%2FZ43.12345
EPC Binary Encoding (hex)	3D76451FD75411DEF6B4CC00000003039000

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CPI+	
GS1 element string	(8010)95211415PQ7/Z43(8011)12345
GS1 Digital Link URI	https://example.com/8010/95211415PQ7%2FZ43/8011/12345
EPC Binary Encoding (hex)	F0395211415E87A145BAFB4D19A8C0E4

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SGCN-96	
GS1 element string	(255)952114167890904711
GS1 Digital Link URI	https://example.com/255/952114167890904711
EPC URI	urn:epc:id:sgcn:9521141.67890.04711
EPC Tag URI	urn:epc:tag:sgcn-96:3.9521141.67890.04711
EPC Binary Encoding (hex)	3F76451FD612640000019907

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SGCN+	
GS1 element string	(255)952114167890904711
GS1 Digital Link URI	https://example.com/255/952114167890904711
EPC Binary Encoding (hex)	F839521141678909509338

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GID-96	
EPC URI	urn:epc:id:gid:952056.2718.1414
EPC Tag URI	urn:epc:tag:gid-96:952056.2718.1414
EPC Binary Encoding (hex)	3500E86F8000A9E000000586

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USDOD-96	
EPC URI	urn:epc:id:usdod:CAGEY.5678
EPC Tag URI	urn:epc:tag:usdod-96:3.CAGEY.5678
EPC Binary Encoding (hex)	2F320434147455900000162E

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ADI-var	
EPC URI	urn:epc:id:adi:35962.PQ7VZ4.M37GXB92
EPC Tag URI	urn:epc:tag:adi-var:3.35962.PQ7VZ4.M37GXB92
EPC Binary Encoding (hex)	3B0E0CF5E76C9047759AD00373DC7602E7200



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## F Packed objects ID Table for Data Format 9

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This section provides the Packed Objects ID Table for Data Format 9, which defines Packed Objects ID values, OIDs, and format strings for GS1 Application Identifiers.

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Section [F.1](#) is a non-normative listing of the content of the ID Table for Data Format 9, in a human readable, tabular format. Section [F.2](#) is the normative table, in machine readable, comma-separated-value format, as registered with ISO. As of TDS 2.1, **Section F.2 is supplemented with an external, normative artefact in CSV format.**

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Note that the following data attributes are intentionally omitted:

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Identification of a Made-to-order (MtO) trade item (GTIN) [AI (03)] and Highly Individualised Device Registration Identifier (HIDRI) [AI (8014)] are defined for the Master Unique Device Identifiers – Device Identifier (M-UDI-DI) restricted application, and as such are not permitted for use in an EPC/RFID data carrier.

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### F.1 Tabular Format (non-normative)

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This section is a non-normative listing of the content of the ID Table for Data Format 9, in a human readable, tabular format. See Section [F.2](#) for the normative, machine readable, comma-separated-value format, as registered with ISO.

K-Text = GS1 AI ID Table for ISO/IEC 15961 Format 9						
K-Version = 1.00						
K-ISO15434=05						
K-Text = Primary Base Table						
K-TableID = F9B0						
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9						
K-IDsize = 90						
AI or AIs	IDvalue	OIDs	IDstring	Name	Data Title	FormatString
00	1	0	00	SSCC (Serial Shipping Container Code)	SSCC	18n
01	2	1	01	Global Trade Item Number	GTIN	14n
02 + 37	3	(2)(37)	(02)(37)	GTIN + Count of trade items contained in a logistic unit	CONTENT + COUNT	(14n)(1*8n)
10	4	10	10	Batch or lot number	BATCH/LOT	1*20an
11	5	11	11	Production date (YYMMDD)	PROD DATE	6n
12	6	12	12	Due date (YYMMDD)	DUE DATE	6n
13	7	13	13	Packaging date (YYMMDD)	PACK DATE	6n
15	8	15	15	Best before date (YYMMDD)	BEST BEFORE OR SELL BY	6n
17	9	17	17	Expiration date (YYMMDD)	USE BY OR EXPIRY	6n
20	10	20	20	Internal product variant	VARIANT	2n
21	11	21	21	Serial number	SERIAL	1*20an

K-Text = GS1 AI ID Table for ISO/IEC 15961 Format 9						
22	12	22	22	Consumer product variant	CPV	1*20an
240	13	240	240	Additional product identification assigned by the manufacturer	ADDITIONAL ID	1*30an
241	14	241	241	Customer part number	CUST. PART NO.	1*30an
242	15	242	242	Made-to-Order Variation Number	VARIATION NUMBER	1*6n
250	16	250	250	Secondary serial number	SECONDARY SERIAL	1*30an
251	17	251	251	Reference to source entity	REF. TO SOURCE	1*30an
253	18	253	253	Global Document Type Identifier	DOC. ID	13n 0*17an
30	19	30	30	Variable count of items (Variable Measure Trade Item)	VAR. COUNT	1*8n
310n 320n etc	20	K-Secondary = S00		Net weight, kilograms or pounds or troy oz (Variable Measure Trade Item)		
311n 321n etc	21	K-Secondary = S01		Length of first dimension (Variable Measure Trade Item)		
312n 324n etc	22	K-Secondary = S02		Width, diameter, or second dimension (Variable Measure Trade Item)		
313n 327n etc	23	K-Secondary = S03		Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension (Variable Measure Trade Item)		
314n 350n etc	24	K-Secondary = S04		Area (Variable Measure Trade Item)		
315n 316n etc	25	K-Secondary = S05		Net volume (Variable Measure Trade Item)		
330n or 340n	26	330%x30-36 / 340%x30-36	330%x30-36 / 340%x30-36	Logistic weight, kilograms or pounds	GROSS WEIGHT (kg) or (lb)	6n / 6n
331n, 341n, etc	27	K-Secondary = S09		Length or first dimension		
332n, 344n, etc	28	K-Secondary = S10		Width, diameter, or second dimension		

K-Text = GS1 AI ID Table for ISO/IEC 15961 Format 9						
333n, 347n, etc	29	K-Secondary = S11		Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension		
334n 353n etc	30	K-Secondary = S07		Logistic Area		
335n 336n etc	31	K-Secondary = S06	335%x30-36	Logistic volume		
337(***)	32	337%x30-36	337%x30-36	Kilograms per square metre	KG PER m^2	6n
390n or 391n	33	390%x30-39 / 391%x30-39	390%x30-39 / 391%x30-39	Amount payable - single monetary area or with ISO currency code	AMOUNT	1*15n / 4*18n
392n or 393n	34	392%x30-39 / 393%x30-39	392%x30-39 / 393%x30-39	Amount payable for Variable Measure Trade Item - single monetary unit or ISO cc	PRICE	1*15n / 4*18n
400	35	400	400	Customer's purchase order number	ORDER NUMBER	1*30an
401	36	401	401	Global Identification Number for Consignment	GINC	1*30an
402	37	402	402	Global Shipment Identification Number	GSIN	17n
403	38	403	403	Routing code	ROUTE	1*30an
410	39	410	410	Ship to - Deliver to Global Location Number	SHIP TO LOC	13n
411	40	411	420	Bill to - Invoice to Global Location Number	BILL TO	13n
412	41	412	412	Purchased from Global Location Number	PURCHASE FROM	13n
413	42	413	413	Ship for - Deliver for - Forward to Global Location Number	SHIP FOR LOC	13n
414 and 254	43	(414) [254]	(414) [254]	Identification of a physical location GLN, and optional Extension	LOC No + GLN EXTENSION	(13n) [1*20an]
415 and 8020	44	(415) (8020)	(415) (8020)	Global Location Number of the Invoicing Party and Payment Slip Reference Number	PAY + REF No	(13n) (1*25an)
420 or 421	45	(420/421)	(420/421)	Ship-to / Deliver-to postal code	SHIP TO POST	(1*20an / 3n 1*9an)

K-Text = GS1 AI ID Table for ISO/IEC 15961 Format 9						
422	46	422	422	Country of origin of a trade item	ORIGIN	3n
423	47	423	423	Country of initial processing	COUNTRY - INITIAL PROCESS	3*15n
424	48	424	424	Country of processing	COUNTRY - INITIAL PROCESS	3n
425	49	425	425	Country of disassembly	COUNTRY - DISASSEMBLY	3n
426	50	426	426	Country covering full process chain	COUNTRY - FULL PROCESS	3n
7001	51	7001	7001	NATO stock number	NSN	13n
7002	52	7002	7002	UN/ECE meat carcasses and cuts classification	MEAT CUT	1*30an
7003	53	7003	7003	Expiration Date and Time	EXPIRY DATE/TIME	10n
7004	54	7004	7004	Active Potency	ACTIVE POTENCY	1*4n
703s	55	7030	7030	Approval number of processor with ISO country code	PROCESSOR # s	3n 1*27an
703s	56	7031	7031	Approval number of processor with ISO country code	PROCESSOR # s	3n 1*27an
703s	57	7032	7032	Approval number of processor with ISO country code	PROCESSOR # s	3n 1*27an
703s	58	7033	7033	Approval number of processor with ISO country code	PROCESSOR # s	3n 1*27an
703s	59	7034	7034	Approval number of processor with ISO country code	PROCESSOR # s	3n 1*27an
703s	60	7035	7035	Approval number of processor with ISO country code	PROCESSOR # s	3n 1*27an
703s	61	7036	7036	Approval number of processor with ISO country code	PROCESSOR # s	3n 1*27an
703s	62	7037	7037	Approval number of processor with ISO country code	PROCESSOR # s	3n 1*27an
703s	63	7038	7038	Approval number of processor with ISO country code	PROCESSOR # s	3n 1*27an
703s	64	7039	7039	Approval number of processor with ISO country code	PROCESSOR # s	3n 1*27an
8001	65	8001	8001	Roll products - width, length, core diameter, direction, splices	DIMENSIONS	14n

K-Text = GS1 AI ID Table for ISO/IEC 15961 Format 9						
8002	66	8002	8002	Electronic serial identifier for cellular mobile telephones	CMT No	1*20an
8003	67	8003	8003	Global Returnable Asset Identifier	GRAI	14n 0*16an
8004	68	8004	8004	Global Individual Asset Identifier	GIAI	1*30an
8005	69	8005	8005	Price per unit of measure	PRICE PER UNIT	6n
8006	70	8006	8006	Identification of the component of a trade item	ITIP	18n
8007	71	8007	8007	International Bank Account Number	IBAN	1*34an
8008	72	8008	8008	Date and time of production	PROD TIME	8*12n
8018	73	8018	8018	Global Service Relation Number - Recipient	GSRN - RECIPIENT	18n
8100 8101 etc	74	K-Secondary = S08		Coupon Codes		
90	75	90	90	Information mutually agreed between trading partners (including FACT DIs)	INTERNAL	1*30an
91	76	91	91	Company internal information	INTERNAL	1*an
92	77	92	92	Company internal information	INTERNAL	1*an
93	78	93	93	Company internal information	INTERNAL	1*an
94	79	94	94	Company internal information	INTERNAL	1*an
95	80	95	95	Company internal information	INTERNAL	1*an
96	81	96	96	Company internal information	INTERNAL	1*an
97	82	97	97	Company internal information	INTERNAL	1*an
98	83	98	98	Company internal information	INTERNAL	1*an
99	84	99	99	Company internal information	INTERNAL	1*an
nnn	85	K-Secondary = S12		Additional AIs		
K-TableEnd = F9B0						

K-Text = Sec. IDT - Net weight, kilograms or pounds or troy oz (Variable Measure Trade Item)						
K-TableID = F9S00						
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9						
K-IDsize = 4						
AI or AIs	IDvalue	OIDs	IDstring	Name	Data Title	FormatString
310(***)	0	310%x30-35	310%x30-35	Net weight, kilograms (Variable Measure Trade Item)	NET WEIGHT (kg)	6n
320(***)	1	320%x30-35	320%x30-35	Net weight, pounds (Variable Measure Trade Item)	NET WEIGHT (lb)	6n
356(***)	2	356%x30-35	356%x30-35	Net weight, troy ounces (Variable Measure Trade Item)	NET WEIGHT (t)	6n
K-TableEnd = F9S00						

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K-Text = Sec. IDT - Length of first dimension (Variable Measure Trade Item)						
K-TableID = F9S01						
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9						
K-IDsize = 4						
AI or AIs	IDvalue	OIDs	IDstring	Name	Data Title	FormatString
311(***)	0	311%x30-35	311%x30-35	Length of first dimension, metres (Variable Measure Trade Item)	LENGTH (m)	6n
321(***)	1	321%x30-35	321%x30-35	Length or first dimension, inches (Variable Measure Trade Item)	LENGTH (i)	6n
322(***)	2	322%x30-35	322%x30-35	Length or first dimension, feet (Variable Measure Trade Item)	LENGTH (f)	6n
323(***)	3	323%x30-35	323%x30-35	Length or first dimension, yards (Variable Measure Trade Item)	LENGTH (y)	6n
K-TableEnd = F9S01						

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K-Text = Sec. IDT - Width, diameter, or second dimension (Variable Measure Trade Item)						
K-TableID = F9S02						
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9						
K-IDsize = 4						
AI or AIs	IDvalue	OIDs	IDstring	Name	Data Title	FormatString



K-Text = Sec. IDT - Width, diameter, or second dimension (Variable Measure Trade Item)						
312(***)	0	312%x30-35	312%x30-35	Width, diameter, or second dimension, metres (Variable Measure Trade Item)	WIDTH (m)	6n
324(***)	1	324%x30-35	324%x30-35	Width, diameter, or second dimension, inches (Variable Measure Trade Item)	WIDTH (i)	6n
325(***)	2	325%x30-35	325%x30-35	Width, diameter, or second dimension, (Variable Measure Trade Item)	WIDTH (f)	6n
326(***)	3	326%x30-35	326%x30-35	Width, diameter, or second dimension, yards (Variable Measure Trade Item)	WIDTH (y)	6n
K-TableEnd = F9S02						

6228

K-Text = Sec. IDT - Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension (Variable Measure Trade Item)						
K-TableID = F9S03						
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9						
K-IDsize = 4						
AI or AIs	IDvalue	OIDs	IDstring	Name	Data Title	FormatString
313(***)	0	313%x30-35	313%x30-35	Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension, metres (Variable Measure Trade Item)	HEIGHT (m)	6n
327(***)	1	327%x30-35	327%x30-35	Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension, inches (Variable Measure Trade Item)	HEIGHT (i)	6n
328(***)	2	328%x30-35	328%x30-35	Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension, feet (Variable Measure Trade Item)	HEIGHT (f)	6n

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K-Text = Sec. IDT - Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension (Variable Measure Trade Item)						
329(***)	3	329%x30-35	329%x30-35	Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension, yards (Variable Measure Trade Item)	HEIGHT (y)	6n
K-TableEnd = F9S03						

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K-Text = Sec. IDT - Area (Variable Measure Trade Item)						
K-TableID = F9S04						
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9						
K-IDsize = 4						
AI or AIs	IDvalue	OIDs	IDstring	Name	Data Title	FormatString
314(***)	0	314%x30-35	314%x30-35	Area, square metres (Variable Measure Trade Item)	AREA (m^2)	6n
350(***)	1	350%x30-35	350%x30-35	Area, square inches (Variable Measure Trade Item)	AREA (i^2)	6n
351(***)	2	351%x30-35	351%x30-35	Area, square feet (Variable Measure Trade Item)	AREA (f2)	6n
352(***)	3	352%x30-35	352%x30-35	Area, square yards (Variable Measure Trade Item)	AREA (y2)	6n
K-TableEnd = F9S04						

K-Text = Sec. IDT - Net volume (Variable Measure Trade Item)						
K-TableID = F9S05						
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9						
K-IDsize = 8						
AI or AIs	IDvalue	OIDs	IDstring	Name	Data Title	FormatString
315(***)	0	315%x30-35	315%x30-35	Net volume, litres (Variable Measure Trade Item)	NET VOLUME (l)	6n
316(***)	1	316%x30-35	316%x30-35	Net volume, cubic metres (Variable Measure Trade Item)	NET VOLUME (m3)	6n
357(***)	2	357%x30-35	357%x30-35	Net weight (or volume), ounces (Variable Measure Trade Item)	NET VOLUME (oz)	6n

K-Text = Sec. IDT - Net volume (Variable Measure Trade Item)						
360(***)	3	360%x30-35	360%x30-35	Net volume, quarts (Variable Measure Trade Item)	NET VOLUME (q)	6n
361(***)	4	361%x30-35	361%x30-35	Net volume, gallons U.S. (Variable Measure Trade Item)	NET VOLUME (g)	6n
364(***)	5	364%x30-35	364%x30-35	Net volume, cubic inches	VOLUME (i <sup>3</sup> ), log	6n
365(***)	6	365%x30-35	365%x30-35	Net volume, cubic feet (Variable Measure Trade Item)	VOLUME (f <sup>3</sup> ), log	6n
366(***)	7	366%x30-35	366%x30-35	Net volume, cubic yards (Variable Measure Trade Item)	VOLUME (y <sup>3</sup> ), log	6n
K-TableEnd = F9S05						

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K-Text = Sec. IDT - Logistic Volume						
K-TableID = F9S06						
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9						
K-IDsize = 8						
AI or AIs	IDvalue	OIDs	IDstring	Name	Data Title	FormatString
335(***)	0	335%x30-35	335%x30-35	Logistic volume, litres	VOLUME (l), log	6n
336(***)	1	336%x30-35	336%x30-35	Logistic volume, cubic meters	VOLUME (m <sup>3</sup> ), log	6n
362(***)	2	362%x30-35	362%x30-35	Logistic volume, quarts	VOLUME (q), log	6n
363(***)	3	363%x30-35	363%x30-35	Logistic volume, gallons	VOLUME (g), log	6n
367(***)	4	367%x30-35	367%x30-35	Logistic volume, cubic inches	VOLUME (i), log	6n
368(***)	5	368%x30-35	368%x30-35	Logistic volume, cubic feet	VOLUME (f), log	6n
369(***)	6	369%x30-35	369%x30-35	Logistic volume, cubic yards	VOLUME (y <sup>3</sup> ), log	6n
K-TableEnd = F9S06						

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K-Text = Sec. IDT - Logistic Area						
K-TableID = F9S07						
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9						
K-IDsize = 4						
AI or AIs	IDvalue	OIDs	IDstring	Name	Data Title	FormatString

K-Text = Sec. IDT - Logistic Area						
334(***)	0	334%x30-35	334%x30-35	Area, square metres	AREA (m <sup>2</sup> ), log	6n
353(***)	1	353%x30-35	353%x30-35	Area, square inches	AREA (i <sup>2</sup> ), log	6n
354(***)	2	354%x30-35	354%x30-35	Area, square feet	AREA (f <sup>2</sup> ), log	6n
355(***)	3	355%x30-35	355%x30-35	Area, square yards	AREA (y <sup>2</sup> ), log	6n
K-TableEnd = F9S07						

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K-Text = Sec. IDT - Coupon Codes						
K-TableID = F9S08						
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9						
K-IDsize = 8						
AI or AIs	IDvalue	OIDs	IDstring	Name	Data Title	FormatString
8100	0	8100	8100	GS1-128 Coupon Extended Code - NSC + Offer Code <b>** DEPRECATED as of GS15i2 **</b>	-	6n
8101	1	8101	8101	GS1-128 Coupon Extended Code - NSC + Offer Code + end of offer code <b>** DEPRECATED as of GS15i2 **</b>	-	10n
8102	2	8102	8102	GS1-128 Coupon Extended Code - NSC <b>** DEPRECATED as of GS15i2 **</b>	-	2n
8110	3	8110	8110	Coupon Code Identification for Use in North America		1*70an
8111	4	8111	8111	Loyalty points of a coupon	POINTS	4n
K-TableEnd = F9S08						

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K-Text = Sec. IDT - Length or first dimension						
K-TableID = F9S09						
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9						
K-IDsize = 4						
AI or AIs	IDvalue	OIDs	IDstring	Name	Data Title	FormatString
331(***)	0	331%x30-35	331%x30-35	Length or first dimension, metres	LENGTH (m), log	6n

K-Text = Sec. IDT - Length or first dimension						
341(***)	1	341%x30-35	341%x30-35	Length or first dimension, inches	LENGTH (i), log	6n
342(***)	2	342%x30-35	342%x30-35	Length or first dimension, feet	LENGTH (f), log	6n
343(***)	3	343%x30-35	343%x30-35	Length or first dimension, yards	LENGTH (y), log	6n
K-TableEnd = F9S09						

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K-Text = Sec. IDT - Width, diameter, or second dimension						
K-TableID = F9S10						
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9						
K-IDsize = 4						
AI or AIs	IDvalue	OIDs	IDstring	Name	Data Title	FormatString
332(***)	0	332%x30-35	332%x30-35	Width, diameter, or second dimension, metres	WIDTH (m), log	6n
344(***)	1	344%x30-35	344%x30-35	Width, diameter, or second dimension	WIDTH (i), log	6n
345(***)	2	345%x30-35	345%x30-35	Width, diameter, or second dimension	WIDTH (f), log	6n
346(***)	3	346%x30-35	346%x30-35	Width, diameter, or second dimension	WIDTH (y), log	6n
K-TableEnd = F9S10						

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K-Text = Sec. IDT - Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension						
K-TableID = F9S11						
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9						
K-IDsize = 4						
AI or AIs	IDvalue	OIDs	IDstring	Name	Data Title	FormatString
333(***)	0	333%x30-35	333%x30-35	Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension, metres	HEIGHT (m), log	6n
347(***)	1	347%x30-35	347%x30-35	Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension	HEIGHT (i), log	6n

K-Text = Sec. IDT - Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension						
348(***)	2	348%x30-35	348%x30-35	Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension	HEIGHT (f), log	6n
349(***)	3	349%x30-35	349%x30-35	Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension	HEIGHT (y), log	6n
K-TableEnd = F9S11						

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K-Text = Sec. IDT - Additional AIs						
K-TableID = F9S12						
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9						
K-IDsize = 128						
AI or AIs	IDvalue	OIDs	IDstring	Name	Data Title	FormatString
243	0	243	243	Packaging Component Number	PCN	1*20an
255	1	255	255	Global Coupon Number	GCN	13n 0*12n
427	2	427	427	Country Subdivision of Origin Code for a Trade Item	ORIGIN SUBDIVISION	1*3an
710	3	710	710	National Healthcare Reimbursement Number - Germany (PZN)	NHRN PZN	3n 1*27an
711	4	711	711	National Healthcare Reimbursement Number - France (CIP)	NHRN CIP	3n 1*27an
712	5	712	712	National Healthcare Reimbursement Number - Spain (CN)	NHRN CN	3n 1*27an
713	6	713	713	National Healthcare Reimbursement Number - Brazil (DRN)	NHRN DRN	3n 1*27an
8010	7	8010	8010	Component / Part Identifier	CPID	1*30an
8011	8	8011	8011	Component / Part Identifier Serial Number	CPID Serial	1*12n
8017	9	8017	8017	Global Service Relation Number - Provider	GSRN - PROVIDER	18n
8019	10	8019	8019	Service Relation Instance Number	SRIN	1*10n

K-Text = Sec. IDT - Additional AIs						
8200	11	8200	8200	Extended Packaging URL	PRODUCT URL	1*70an
16	12	16	16	Sell by date (YYMMDD)	SELL BY	6n
394n	13	394%x30-33	394%x30-33	Percentage discount of a coupon	PCT OFF	4n
7005	14	7005	7005	Catch area	CATCH AREA	1*12an
7006	15	7006	7006	First freeze date	FIRST FREEZE DATE	6n
7007	16	7007	7007	Harvest date	HARVEST DATE	6*12an
7008	17	7008	7008	Species for fishery purposes	ACQUATIC SPECIES	1*3an
7009	18	7009	7009	Fishing gear type	FISHING GEAR TYPE	1*10an
7010	19	7010	7010	Production method	PROD METHOD	1*2an
8012	20	8012	8012	Software version	VERSION	1*20an
416	21	416	416	GLN of the production or service location	PROD/SERV /LOC	13n
7020	22	7020	7020	Refurbishment lot ID	REFURB LOT	1*20an
7021	23	7021	7021	Functional status	FUNC STAT	1*20an
7022	24	7022	7022	Revision status	REV STAT	1*20an
7023	25	7023	7023	Global Individual Asset Identifier (GIAI) of an assembly	GIAI - ASSEMBLY	1*30an
235	26	235	235	Third party controlled, serialised extension of GTIN	TPX	1*28an
417	27	417	417	Global Location Number of Party	PARTY	13n
714	28	714	714	National Healthcare Reimbursement Number - Portugal (AIM)	NHRN AIM	1*an20
7040	29	7040	7040	Unique Identification Code with Extensions (per EU 2018/574)	UIC	1n 1*3an
8013	30	8013	8013	Global Model Number	GMN	1*an30

K-Text = Sec. IDT - Additional AIs						
8026	31	8026	8026	Identification of pieces of a trade item (ITIP) contained in a logistics unit	ITIP CONTENT	18n
8112	32	8112	8112	Paperless coupon code identification for use in North America		1*an70
7240	33	7240	7240	Protocol ID	PROTOCOL	1*20an
395(***)	34	395%x30-35	395%x30-35	Amount Payable per unit of measure single monetary area (variable measure trade item)	PRICE/UoM	6n
4300	35	4300	4300	Ship-to / Deliver-to company name	SHIP TO COMP	1*35an
4301	36	4301	4301	Ship-to / Deliver-to contact name: AI	SHIP TO NAME	1*35an
4302	37	4302	4302	Ship-to / Deliver-to address line 1: AI	SHIP TO ADD1	1*70an
4303	38	4303	4303	Ship-to / Deliver-to address line 2: AI	SHIP TO ADD2	1*70an
4304	39	4304	4304	Ship-to / Deliver-to suburb	SHIP TO SUB	1*70an
4305	40	4305	4305	Ship-to / Deliver-to locality	SHIP TO LOC	1*70an
4306	41	4306	4306	Ship-to / Deliver-to region	SHIP TO REG	1*70an
4307	42	4307	4307	Ship-to / Deliver-to country code	SHIP TO COUNTRY	2an
4308	43	4308	4308	Ship-to / Deliver-to telephone number	SHIP TO PHONE	1*30an
4309	44	4309	4309	Ship-to / Deliver-to GEO location	SHIP TO GEO	20n
4310	45	4310	4310	Return-to company name	RTN TO COMP	1*35an
4311	46	4311	4311	Return-to contact name	RTN TO NAME	1*35an
4312	47	4312	4312	Return-to address line 1	RTN TO ADD1	1*70an
4313	48	4313	4313	Return-to address line 2	RTN TO ADD2	1*70an
4314	49	4314	4314	Return-to suburb	RTN TO SUB	1*70an
4315	50	4315	4315	Return-to locality	RTN TO LOC	1*70an
4316	51	4316	4316	Return-to region	RTN TO REG	1*70an



K-Text = Sec. IDT - Additional AIs						
4317	52	4317	4317	Return-to country code	RTN TO COUNTRY	2an
4318	53	4318	4318	Return-to postal code	RTN TO POST	1*20an
4319	54	4319	4319	Return-to telephone number	RTN TO PHONE	1*30an
4320	55	4320	4320	Service code description	SRV DESCRIPTION	1*35an
4321	56	4321	4321	Dangerous goods flag	DANGEROUS GOODS	1n
4322	57	4322	4322	Authority to leave flag	AUTH LEAV	1n
4323	58	4323	4323	Signature required flag	SIG REQUIRED	1n
4324	59	4324	4324	Not before delivery date/time	NBEF DEL DT	10n
4325	60	4325	4325	Not after delivery date/time	NAFT DEL DT	10n
4326	61	4326	4326	Release date	REL DATE	6n
715	62	715	715	National Healthcare Reimbursement Number - United States of America NDC	NHRN NDC	1*an20
723s	63	7230	7230	Certification reference	CERT # s	2an 1*28an
723s	64	7231	7231	Certification reference	CERT # s	2an 1*28an
723s	65	7232	7232	Certification reference	CERT # s	2an 1*28an
723s	66	7233	7233	Certification reference	CERT # s	2an 1*28an
723s	67	7234	7234	Certification reference	CERT # s	2an 1*28an
723s	68	7235	7235	Certification reference	CERT # s	2an 1*28an
723s	69	7236	7236	Certification reference	CERT # s	2an 1*28an
723s	70	7237	7237	Certification reference	CERT # s	2an 1*28an
723s	71	7238	7238	Certification reference	CERT # s	2an 1*28an
723s	72	7239	7239	Certification reference	CERT # s	2an 1*28an
7241	73	7241	7241	AIDC media type	AIDC MEDIA TYPE	2n
7242	74	7242	7242	Version Control Number (VCN)	VCN	1*25an

K-Text = Sec. IDT - Additional AIs						
8030	75	8030	8030	Digital Signature (DigSig)	DIGSIG	1*90an
7011	76	7011	7011	Test by date	TEST BY DATE	6n 0*4n
4330	77	4330	4330	Maximum temperature in Fahrenheit	MAX TEMP F	6n 0*1an
4331	78	4331	4331	Maximum temperature in Celsius	MAX TEMP C	6n 0*1an
4332	79	4332	4332	Minimum temperature in Fahrenheit	MIN TEMP F	6n 0*1an
4333	80	4333	4333	Minimum temperature in Celsius	MIN TEMP C	6n 0*1an
7002	81	7002	7002	UNECE meat carcasses and cuts classification	MEAT CUT	1*30an
7041	82	7041	7041	UN/CEFACT freight unit type	UFRGT UNIT TYPE	1*an4
716	83	716	716	National Healthcare Reimbursement Number - Italy AIC	NHRN AIC	1*an20
7250	84	7250	7250	Date of birth	DOB	8n
7251	85	7251	7251	Date and time of birth	DOB TIME	12n
7252	86	7252	7252	Biological sex	BIO SEX	1n
7253	87	7253	7253	Family name of person	FAMILY NAME	1*an40
7254	88	7254	7254	Given name of person	GIVEN NAME	1*an40
7255	89	7255	7255	Name suffix of person	SUFFIX	1*an10
7256	90	7256	7256	Full name of person	FULL NAME	1*an90
7257	91	7257	7257	Address of person	PERSON ADDR	1*an70
7258	92	7258	7258	Baby birth sequence indicator	BIRTH SEQUENCE	1*an1 1n 1*an1
7259	93	7259	7259	Baby of family name	BABY	1*an40
K-TableEnd = F9S12						

6238 **F.2 Comma-Separated-Value (CSV) format**

6239 This section is the Packed Objects ID Table for Data Format 9 (GS1 Application Identifiers) in  
 6240 machine readable, comma-separated-value format, as registered with ISO. See Section [F.1](#) for a  
 6241 non-normative listing of the content of the ID Table for Data Format 9, in a human readable, tabular  
 6242 format.

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K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9,,,,,,
K-IDsize = 90,,,,,,
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0,1,0,0,SSCC (Serial Shipping Container Code),SSCC,18n
1,2,1,1,Global Trade Item Number,GTIN,14n
02 + 37,3,(2)(37),(02)(37),GTIN + Count of trade items contained in a logistic
unit,CONTENT + COUNT,(14n)(1*8n)
10,4,10,10,Batch or lot number,BATCH/LOT,1*20an
11,5,11,11,Production date (YYMMDD),PROD DATE,6n
12,6,12,12,Due date (YYMMDD),DUE DATE,6n
13,7,13,13,Packaging date (YYMMDD),PACK DATE,6n
15,8,15,15,Best before date (YYMMDD),BEST BEFORE OR SELL BY,6n
17,9,17,17,Expiration date (YYMMDD),USE BY OR EXPIRY,6n
20,10,20,20,Internal product variant,VARIANT,2n
21,11,21,21,Serial number,SERIAL,1*20an
22,12,22,22,Consumer product variant,CPV,1*20an
240,13,240,240,Additional product identification assigned by the
manufacturer,ADDITIONAL ID,1*30an
241,14,241,241,Customer part number,CUST. PART NO.,1*30an
242,15,242,242,Made-to-Order Variation Number,VARIATION NUMBER,1*6n
250,16,250,250,Secondary serial number,SECONDARY SERIAL,1*30an
251,17,251,251,Reference to source entity,REF. TO SOURCE,1*30an
253,18,253,253,Global Document Type Identifier,DOC. ID,13n 0*17an
30,19,30,30,Variable count,VAR. COUNT,1*8n
310n 320n etc,20,K-Secondary = S00,, "Net weight, kilograms or pounds or troy oz
(Variable Measure Trade Item)",,
311n 321n etc,21,K-Secondary = S01,, "Length of first dimension (Variable Measure
Trade Item)",,
312n 324n etc,22,K-Secondary = S02,, "Width, diameter, or second dimension (Variable
Measure Trade Item)",,
313n 327n etc,23,K-Secondary = S03,, "Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension
(Variable Measure Trade Item)",,
314n 350n etc,24,K-Secondary = S04,, "Area (Variable Measure Trade Item)",,
315n 316n etc,25,K-Secondary = S05,, "Net volume (Variable Measure Trade Item)",,
330n or 340n,26,330%x30-36 / 340%x30-36,330%x30-36 / 340%x30-36, "Logistic weight,
kilograms or pounds",GROSS WEIGHT (kg) or (lb),6n / 6n
"331n, 341n, etc",27,K-Secondary = S09,, "Length or first dimension",,
"332n, 344n, etc",28,K-Secondary = S10,, "Width, diameter, or second dimension",,
"333n, 347n, etc",29,K-Secondary = S11,, "Depth, thickness, height, or third
dimension",,
334n 353n etc,30,K-Secondary = S07,, "Logistic Area",,
335n 336n etc,31,K-Secondary = S06,335%x30-36,Logistic volume,,
337(**),32,337%x30-36,337%x30-36,Kilograms per square metre,KG PER M^2,6n
390n or 391n,33,390%x30-39 / 391%x30-39,390%x30-39 / 391%x30-39,Amount payable -
single monetary area or with ISO currency code,AMOUNT,1*15n / 4*18n
392n or 393n,34,392%x30-39 / 393%x30-39,392%x30-39 / 393%x30-39,Amount payable for
Variable Measure Trade Item - single monetary unit or ISO cc, PRICE,1*15n / 4*18n
400,35,400,400,Customer's purchase order number,ORDER NUMBER,1*30an
401,36,401,401,Global Identification Number for Consignment,GINC,1*30an
402,37,402,402,Global Shipment Identification Number,GSIN,17n
403,38,403,403,Routing code,ROUTE,1*30an

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6307 410,39,410,410,Ship to - Deliver to Global Location Number,SHIP TO LOC,13n  
6308 411,40,411,411,Bill to - Invoice to Global Location Number,BILL TO,13n  
6309 412,41,412,412,Purchased from Global Location Number,PURCHASE FROM,13n  
6310 413,42,413,413,Ship for - Deliver for - Forward to Global Location Number,SHIP FOR  
6311 LOC,13n  
6312 414 and 254,43,(414) [254],(414) [254],"Identification of a physical location GLN,  
6313 and optional Extension",LOC No + GLN EXTENSION,(13n) [1\*20an]  
6314 415 and 8020,44,(415) (8020),(415) (8020),Global Location Number of the Invoicing  
6315 Party and Payment Slip Reference Number,PAY + REF No,(13n) (1\*25an)  
6316 420 or 421,45,(420/421),(420/421),Ship-to / Deliver-to postal code,SHIP TO  
6317 POST,(1\*20an / 3n 1\*9an)  
6318 422,46,422,422,Country of origin of a trade item,ORIGIN,3n  
6319 423,47,423,423,Country of initial processing,COUNTRY - INITIAL PROCESS.,3\*15n  
6320 424,48,424,424,Country of processing,COUNTRY - PROCESS.,3n  
6321 425,49,425,425,Country of disassembly,COUNTRY - DISASSEMBLY,3n  
6322 426,50,426,426,Country covering full process chain,COUNTRY - FULL PROCESS,3n  
6323 7001,51,7001,7001,NATO stock number,NSN,13n  
6324 7002,52,7002,7002,UN/ECE meat carcasses and cuts classification,MEAT CUT,1\*30an  
6325 7003,53,7003,7003,Expiration Date and Time,EXPIRY DATE/TIME,10n  
6326 7004,54,7004,7004,Active Potency,ACTIVE POTENCY,1\*4n  
6327 703s,55,7030,7030,Approval number of processor with ISO country code,PROCESSOR #  
6328 s,3n 1\*27an  
6329 703s,56,7031,7031,Approval number of processor with ISO country code,PROCESSOR #  
6330 s,3n 1\*27an  
6331 703s,57,7032,7032,Approval number of processor with ISO country code,PROCESSOR #  
6332 s,3n 1\*27an  
6333 703s,58,7033,7033,Approval number of processor with ISO country code,PROCESSOR #  
6334 s,3n 1\*27an  
6335 703s,59,7034,7034,Approval number of processor with ISO country code,PROCESSOR #  
6336 s,3n 1\*27an  
6337 703s,60,7035,7035,Approval number of processor with ISO country code,PROCESSOR #  
6338 s,3n 1\*27an  
6339 703s,61,7036,7036,Approval number of processor with ISO country code,PROCESSOR #  
6340 s,3n 1\*27an  
6341 703s,62,7037,7037,Approval number of processor with ISO country code,PROCESSOR #  
6342 s,3n 1\*27an  
6343 703s,63,7038,7038,Approval number of processor with ISO country code,PROCESSOR #  
6344 s,3n 1\*27an  
6345 703s,64,7039,7039,Approval number of processor with ISO country code,PROCESSOR #  
6346 s,3n 1\*27an  
6347 8001,65,8001,8001,"Roll products - width, length, core diameter, direction,  
6348 splices",DIMENSIONS,14n  
6349 8002,66,8002,8002,Electronic serial identifier for cellular mobile telephones,CMT  
6350 No,1\*20an  
6351 8003,67,8003,8003,Global Returnable Asset Identifier,GRAI,14n 0\*16an  
6352 8004,68,8004,8004,Global Individual Asset Identifier,GIAI,1\*30an  
6353 8005,69,8005,8005,Price per unit of measure,PRICE PER UNIT,6n  
6354 8006,70,8006,8006,Identification of the component of a trade item,GCTIN,18n  
6355 8007,71,8007,8007,International Bank Account Number,IBAN,1\*30an  
6356 8008,72,8008,8008,Date and time of production,PROD TIME,8\*12n  
6357 8018,73,8018,8018,Global Service Relation Number - Recipient,GSRN - RECIPIENT,18n  
6358 8100 8101 etc,74,K-Secondary = S08,,Coupon Codes,,  
6359 90,75,90,90,Information mutually agreed between trading partners (including FACT  
6360 Dis),INTERNAL,1\*30an  
6361 91,76,91,91,Company internal information,INTERNAL,1\*an  
6362 92,77,92,92,Company internal information,INTERNAL,1\*an  
6363 93,78,93,93,Company internal information,INTERNAL,1\*an  
6364 94,79,94,94,Company internal information,INTERNAL,1\*an  
6365 95,80,95,95,Company internal information,INTERNAL,1\*an  
6366 96,81,96,96,Company internal information,INTERNAL,1\*an  
6367 97,82,97,97,Company internal information,INTERNAL,1\*an  
6368 98,83,98,98,Company internal information,INTERNAL,1\*an  
6369 99,84,99,99,Company internal information,INTERNAL,1\*an  
6370 nnn,85,K-Secondary = S12,,Additional AIs,,  
6371 K-TableEnd = F9B0,,,,,  
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6373 "K-Text = Sec. IDT - Net weight, kilograms or pounds or troy oz (Variable Measure
6374 Trade Item)",,,,,,
6375 K-TableID = F9S00,,,,,
6376 K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9,,,,,
6377 K-IDsize = 4,,,,,
6378 AI or AIs,IDvalue,OIDs,IDstring,Name,Data Title,FormatString
6379 310(***),0,310%x30-35,310%x30-35,"Net weight, kilograms (Variable Measure Trade
6380 Item)",NET WEIGHT (kg),6n
6381 320(***),1,320%x30-35,320%x30-35,"Net weight, pounds (Variable Measure Trade
6382 Item)",NET WEIGHT (lb),6n
6383 356(***),2,356%x30-35,356%x30-35,"Net weight, troy ounces (Variable Measure Trade
6384 Item)",NET WEIGHT (t),6n
6385 K-TableEnd = F9S00,,,,,
6386
6387 K-Text = Sec. IDT - Length of first dimension (Variable Measure Trade Item),,,,,,
6388 K-TableID = F9S01,,,,,
6389 K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9,,,,,
6390 K-IDsize = 4,,,,,
6391 AI or AIs,IDvalue,OIDs,IDstring,Name,Data Title,FormatString
6392 311(***),0,311%x30-35,311%x30-35,"Length of first dimension, metres (Variable
6393 Measure Trade Item)",LENGTH (m),6n
6394 321(***),1,321%x30-35,321%x30-35,"Length or first dimension, inches (Variable
6395 Measure Trade Item)",LENGTH (i),6n
6396 322(***),2,322%x30-35,322%x30-35,"Length or first dimension, feet (Variable Measure
6397 Trade Item)",LENGTH (f),6n
6398 323(***),3,323%x30-35,323%x30-35,"Length or first dimension, yards (Variable
6399 Measure Trade Item)",LENGTH (y),6n
6400 K-TableEnd = F9S01,,,,,
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6402 "K-Text = Sec. IDT - Width, diameter, or second dimension (Variable Measure Trade
6403 Item)",,,,,,
6404 K-TableID = F9S02,,,,,
6405 K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9,,,,,
6406 K-IDsize = 4,,,,,
6407 AI or AIs,IDvalue,OIDs,IDstring,Name,Data Title,FormatString
6408 312(***),0,312%x30-35,312%x30-35,"Width, diameter, or second dimension, metres
6409 (Variable Measure Trade Item)",WIDTH (m),6n
6410 324(***),1,324%x30-35,324%x30-35,"Width, diameter, or second dimension, inches
6411 (Variable Measure Trade Item)",WIDTH (i),6n
6412 325(***),2,325%x30-35,325%x30-35,"Width, diameter, or second dimension, (Variable
6413 Measure Trade Item)",WIDTH (f),6n
6414 326(***),3,326%x30-35,326%x30-35,"Width, diameter, or second dimension, yards
6415 (Variable Measure Trade Item)",WIDTH (y),6n
6416 K-TableEnd = F9S02,,,,,
6417
6418 "K-Text = Sec. IDT - Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension (Variable Measure
6419 Trade Item)",,,,,,
6420 K-TableID = F9S03,,,,,
6421 K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9,,,,,
6422 K-IDsize = 4,,,,,
6423 AI or AIs,IDvalue,OIDs,IDstring,Name,Data Title,FormatString
6424 313(***),0,313%x30-35,313%x30-35,"Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension,
6425 metres (Variable Measure Trade Item)",HEIGHT (m),6n
6426 327(***),1,327%x30-35,327%x30-35,"Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension,
6427 inches (Variable Measure Trade Item)",HEIGHT (i),6n
6428 328(***),2,328%x30-35,328%x30-35,"Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension,
6429 feet (Variable Measure Trade Item)",HEIGHT (f),6n
6430 329(***),3,329%x30-35,329%x30-35,"Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension,
6431 yards (Variable Measure Trade Item)",HEIGHT (y),6n
6432 K-TableEnd = F9S03,,,,,
6433
6434 K-Text = Sec. IDT - Area (Variable Measure Trade Item),,,,,,
6435 K-TableID = F9S04,,,,,
6436 K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9,,,,,
6437 K-IDsize = 4,,,,,
6438 AI or AIs,IDvalue,OIDs,IDstring,Name,Data Title,FormatString

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6439      314 (**), 0, 314%x30-35, 314%x30-35, "Area, square metres (Variable Measure Trade
6440      Item)", AREA (m^2), 6n
6441      350 (**), 1, 350%x30-35, 350%x30-35, "Area, square inches (Variable Measure Trade
6442      Item)", AREA (i^2), 6n
6443      351 (**), 2, 351%x30-35, 351%x30-35, "Area, square feet (Variable Measure Trade
6444      Item)", AREA (f^2), 6n
6445      352 (**), 3, 352%x30-35, 352%x30-35, "Area, square yards (Variable Measure Trade
6446      Item)", AREA (y^2), 6n
6447      K-TableEnd = F9S04,,,,,,,,
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6449      K-Text = Sec. IDT - Net volume (Variable Measure Trade Item),,,,,,
6450      K-TableID = F9S05,,,,,,,,
6451      K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9,,,,,,,,
6452      K-IDsize = 8,,,,,,,,
6453      AI or AIs, IDvalue, OIDs, IDstring, Name, Data Title, FormatString
6454      315 (**), 0, 315%x30-35, 315%x30-35, "Net volume, litres (Variable Measure Trade
6455      Item)", NET VOLUME (l), 6n
6456      316 (**), 1, 316%x30-35, 316%x30-35, "Net volume, cubic metres (Variable Measure Trade
6457      Item)", NET VOLUME (m^3), 6n
6458      357 (**), 2, 357%x30-35, 357%x30-35, "Net weight (or volume), ounces (Variable Measure
6459      Trade Item)", NET VOLUME (oz), 6n
6460      360 (**), 3, 360%x30-35, 360%x30-35, "Net volume, quarts (Variable Measure Trade
6461      Item)", NET VOLUME (q), 6n
6462      361 (**), 4, 361%x30-35, 361%x30-35, "Net volume, gallons U.S. (Variable Measure Trade
6463      Item)", NET VOLUME (g), 6n
6464      364 (**), 5, 364%x30-35, 364%x30-35, "Net volume, cubic inches", "VOLUME (i^3), log", 6n
6465      365 (**), 6, 365%x30-35, 365%x30-35, "Net volume, cubic feet (Variable Measure Trade
6466      Item)", "VOLUME (f^3), log", 6n
6467      366 (**), 7, 366%x30-35, 366%x30-35, "Net volume, cubic yards (Variable Measure Trade
6468      Item)", "VOLUME (y^3), log", 6n
6469      K-TableEnd = F9S05,,,,,,,,
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6471      K-Text = Sec. IDT - Logistic Volume,,,,,,
6472      K-TableID = F9S06,,,,,,,,
6473      K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9,,,,,,,,
6474      K-IDsize = 8,,,,,,,,
6475      AI or AIs, IDvalue, OIDs, IDstring, Name, Data Title, FormatString
6476      335 (**), 0, 335%x30-35, 335%x30-35, "Logistic volume, litres", "VOLUME (l), log", 6n
6477      336 (**), 1, 336%x30-35, 336%x30-35, "Logistic volume, cubic meters", "VOLUME (m^3),
6478      log", 6n
6479      362 (**), 2, 362%x30-35, 362%x30-35, "Logistic volume, quarts", "VOLUME (q), log", 6n
6480      363 (**), 3, 363%x30-35, 363%x30-35, "Logistic volume, gallons", "VOLUME (g), log", 6n
6481      367 (**), 4, 367%x30-35, 367%x30-35, "Logistic volume, cubic inches", "VOLUME (q),
6482      log", 6n
6483      368 (**), 5, 368%x30-35, 368%x30-35, "Logistic volume, cubic feet", "VOLUME (g), log", 6n
6484      369 (**), 6, 369%x30-35, 369%x30-35, "Logistic volume, cubic yards", "VOLUME (i^3),
6485      log", 6n
6486      K-TableEnd = F9S06,,,,,,,,
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6488      K-Text = Sec. IDT - Logistic Area,,,,,,
6489      K-TableID = F9S07,,,,,,,,
6490      K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9,,,,,,,,
6491      K-IDsize = 4,,,,,,,,
6492      AI or AIs, IDvalue, OIDs, IDstring, Name, Data Title, FormatString
6493      334 (**), 0, 334%x30-35, 334%x30-35, "Area, square metres", "AREA (m^2), log", 6n
6494      353 (**), 1, 353%x30-35, 353%x30-35, "Area, square inches", "AREA (i^2), log", 6n
6495      354 (**), 2, 354%x30-35, 354%x30-35, "Area, square feet", "AREA (f^2), log", 6n
6496      355 (**), 3, 355%x30-35, 355%x30-35, "Area, square yards", "AREA (y^2), log", 6n
6497      K-TableEnd = F9S07,,,,,,,,
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6499      K-Text = Sec. IDT - Coupon Codes,,,,,,
6500      K-TableID = F9S08,,,,,,,,
6501      K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9,,,,,,,,
6502      K-IDsize = 8,,,,,,,,
6503      AI or AIs, IDvalue, OIDs, IDstring, Name, Data Title, FormatString

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6504 8100,0,8100,8100,GS1-128 Coupon Extended Code - NSC + Offer Code \*\* DEPRECATED as of  
6505 GS1GS15i2 \*\*, -, 6n  
6506 8101,1,8101,8101,GS1-128 Coupon Extended Code - NSC + Offer Code + end of offer  
6507 code \*\* DEPRECATED as of GS1GS15i2 \*\*, -, 10n  
6508 8102,2,8102,8102,GS1-128 Coupon Extended Code - NSC \*\* DEPRECATED as of GS1GS15i2  
6509 \*\*, -, 2n  
6510 8110,3,8110,8110,Coupon Code Identification for Use in North America,,1\*70an  
6511 8111,22,8111,8111,Loyalty points of a coupon,POINTS,4n  
6512 K-TableEnd = F9S08,,,,,  
6513  
6514 K-Text = Sec. IDT - Length or first dimension,,,,,  
6515 K-TableID = F9S09,,,,,  
6516 K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9,,,,,  
6517 K-IDsize = 4,,,,,  
6518 AI or AIs, IDvalue, OIDs, IDstring, Name, Data Title, FormatString  
6519 331(\*\*\*),0,331%x30-35,331%x30-35,"Length or first dimension, metres", "LENGTH (m),  
6520 log", 6n  
6521 341(\*\*\*),1,341%x30-35,341%x30-35,"Length or first dimension, inches", "LENGTH (i),  
6522 log", 6n  
6523 342(\*\*\*),2,342%x30-35,342%x30-35,"Length or first dimension, feet", "LENGTH (f),  
6524 log", 6n  
6525 343(\*\*\*),3,343%x30-35,343%x30-35,"Length or first dimension, yards", "LENGTH (y),  
6526 log", 6n  
6527 K-TableEnd = F9S09,,,,,  
6528  
6529 "K-Text = Sec. IDT - Width, diameter, or second dimension",,,,,,  
6530 K-TableID = F9S10,,,,,  
6531 K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9,,,,,  
6532 K-IDsize = 4,,,,,  
6533 AI or AIs, IDvalue, OIDs, IDstring, Name, Data Title, FormatString  
6534 332(\*\*\*),0,332%x30-35,332%x30-35,"Width, diameter, or second dimension,  
6535 metres", "WIDTH (m), log", 6n  
6536 344(\*\*\*),1,344%x30-35,344%x30-35,"Width, diameter, or second dimension", "WIDTH  
6537 (i), log", 6n  
6538 345(\*\*\*),2,345%x30-35,345%x30-35,"Width, diameter, or second dimension", "WIDTH  
6539 (f), log", 6n  
6540 346(\*\*\*),3,346%x30-35,346%x30-35,"Width, diameter, or second dimension", "WIDTH  
6541 (y), log", 6n  
6542 K-TableEnd = F9S10,,,,,  
6543  
6544 "K-Text = Sec. IDT - Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension",,,,,,  
6545 K-TableID = F9S11,,,,,  
6546 K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.9,,,,,  
6547 K-IDsize = 4,,,,,  
6548 AI or AIs, IDvalue, OIDs, IDstring, Name, Data Title, FormatString  
6549 333(\*\*\*),0,333%x30-35,333%x30-35,"Depth, thickness, height, or third dimension,  
6550 metres", "HEIGHT (m), log", 6n  
6551 347(\*\*\*),1,347%x30-35,347%x30-35,"Depth, thickness, height, or third  
6552 dimension", "HEIGHT (i), log", 6n  
6553 348(\*\*\*),2,348%x30-35,348%x30-35,"Depth, thickness, height, or third  
6554 dimension", "HEIGHT (f), log", 6n  
6555 349(\*\*\*),3,349%x30-35,349%x30-35,"Depth, thickness, height, or third  
6556 dimension", "HEIGHT (y), log", 6n  
6557 K-TableEnd = F9S11,,,,,  
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6559 K-Text = Sec. IDT - Additional AIs,,,,,  
6560 K-TableID = F9S12,,,,,  
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6562 K-IDsize = 128,,,,,  
6563 AI or AIs, IDvalue, OIDs, IDstring, Name, Data Title, FormatString  
6564 243,0,243,243, Packaging Component Number, PCN, 1\*20an  
6565 255,1,255,255, Global Coupon Number, GCN, 13n 0\*12n  
6566 427,2,427,427, Country Subdivision of Origin Code for a Trade Item, ORIGIN  
6567 SUBDIVISION, 1\*3an  
6568 710,3,710,710, National Healthcare Reimbursement Number - Germany (PZN), NHRN PZN, 3n  
6569 1\*27an



6570 711,4,711,711,National Healthcare Reimbursement Number - France (CIP),NHRN CIP,3n  
6571 1\*27an  
6572 712,5,712,712,National Healthcare Reimbursement Number - Spain (CN),NHRN CN,3n  
6573 1\*27an  
6574 713,6,713,713,National Healthcare Reimbursement Number - Brazil (DRN),NHRN DRN,3n  
6575 1\*27an  
6576 8010,7,8010,8010,Component / Part Identifier,CPID,1\*30an  
6577 8011,8,8011,8011,Component / Part Identifier Serial Number,CPID Serial,1\*12n  
6578 8017,9,8017,8017,Global Service Relation Number - Provider,GSRN - PROVIDER,18n  
6579 8019,10,8019,8019,Service Relation Instance Number,SRIN,1\*10n  
6580 8200,11,8200,8200,Extended Packaging URL,PRODUCT URL,1\*70an  
6581 16,12,16,16,Sell by date (YYMMDD),SELL BY,6n  
6582 394n,13,394%x30-39,394%x30-39,Percentage discount of a coupon,PCT OFF,4n  
6583 7005,14,7005,7005,Catch area,CATCH AREA,1\*12an  
6584 7006,15,7006,7006,First freeze date,FIRST FREEZE DATE,6n  
6585 7007,16,7007,7007,Harvest date,HARVEST DATE,6\*12an  
6586 7008,17,7008,7008,Species for fishery purposes,ACQUATIC SPECIES,1\*3an  
6587 7009,18,7009,7009,Fishing gear type,FISHING GEAR TYPE,1\*10an  
6588 7010,19,7010,7010,Production method,PROD METHOD,1\*2an  
6589 8012,20,8012,8012,Software version,VERSION,1\*20an  
6590 416,21,416,416,GLN of the production or servie location,PROD/SERV/LOC,13n  
6591 7020,22,7020,7020,Refurbishment lot ID,REFURB LOT,1\*20an  
6592 7021,23,7021,7021,Functional status,FUNC STAT,1\*20an  
6593 7022,24,7022,7022,Revision status,REV STAT,1\*20an  
6594 7023,25,7023,7023,Global Individual Assset Identifier (GIAI) of an Assembly,GIAI-  
6595 ASSEMBLY,1\*30an  
6596 235,26,235,235,"Third party controlled, serialised extension of GTIN",TPX,1\*28n  
6597 417,27,417,417,Global Location Number of Party,PGLN,13n  
6598 714,28,714,714,National Healthcare Reimbursement Number - Portugal (AIM),NHRH  
6599 AIM,1\*an20  
6600 7040,29,7040,7040,Unique Identification Code with Extensions (per EU 2018/574),UIC,  
6601 1n 1\*3an  
6602 8013,30,8013,8013,Global Model Number,GMN,1\*an30  
6603 8026,31,8026,8026,Identification of pieces of a trade item (ITIP) contained in a  
6604 logistics unit,ITIP CONTENT,18n  
6605 8112,32,8112,8112,Paperless coupon code identification for use in North  
6606 America,,1\*an70  
6607 7240,33,7240,7240,Protocol ID,PROTOCOL,1\*20an  
6608 395(\*\*),34,395%x30-35,395%x30-35,Amount Payable per unit of measure single  
6609 monetary area (variable measure trade item),PRICE/UoM,6n  
6610 4300,35,4300,4300,Ship-to / Deliver-to company name,SHIP TO COMP,1\*35an  
6611 4301,36,4301,4301,Ship-to / Deliver-to contact name,SHIP TO NAME,1\*35an  
6612 4302,37,4302,4302,Ship-to / Deliver-to address line 1,SHIP TO ADD1,1\*70an  
6613 4303,38,4303,4303,Ship-to / Deliver-to address line 2,SHIP TO ADD2,1\*70an  
6614 4304,39,4304,4304,Ship-to / Deliver-to suburb,SHIP TO SUB,1\*70an  
6615 4305,40,4305,4305,Ship-to / Deliver-to locality,SHIP TO LOC,1\*70an  
6616 4306,41,4306,4306,Ship-to / Deliver-to region,SHIP TO REG,1\*70an  
6617 4307,42,4307,4307,Ship-to / Deliver-to country code,SHIP TO COUNTRY,2an  
6618 4308,43,4308,4308,Ship-to / Deliver-to telephone number,SHIP TO PHONE,1\*30an  
6619 4309,44,4309,4309,Ship-to / Deliver-to GEO location,SHIP TO GEO,20n  
6620 4310,45,4310,4310,Return-to company name,RTN TO COMP,1\*35an  
6621 4311,46,4311,4311,Return-to contact name,RTN TO NAME,1\*35an  
6622 4312,47,4312,4312,Return-to address line 1,RTN TO ADD1,1\*70an  
6623 4313,48,4313,4313,Return-to address line 2,RTN TO ADD2,1\*70an  
6624 4314,49,4314,4314,Return-to suburb,RTN TO SUB,1\*70an  
6625 4315,50,4315,4315,Return-to locality,RTN TO LOC,1\*70an  
6626 4316,51,4316,4316,Return-to region,RTN TO REG,1\*70an  
6627 4317,52,4317,4317,Return-to country code,RTN TO COUNTRY,2an  
6628 4318,53,4318,4318,Return-to postal code,RTN TO POST,1\*20an  
6629 4319,54,4319,4319,Return-to telephone number,RTN TO PHONE,1\*30an  
6630 4320,55,4320,4320,Service code,SRV,1\*35an  
6631 4321,56,4321,4321,Dangerous goods flag,DANGEROUS GOODS,1n  
6632 4322,57,4322,4322,Authority to leave flag,AUTH LEAV,1n  
6633 4323,58,4323,4323,Signature required flag,SIG REQUIRED,1n  
6634 4324,59,4324,4324,Not before delivery date/time,NBEF DEL DT,10n  
6635 4325,60,4325,4325,Not after delivery date/time,NAFT DEL DT,10n





6636 4326,61,4326,4326,Release date,REL DATE,6n  
6637 715,62,715,715,National Healthcare Reimbursement Number - United States of America  
6638 (NDC),NHRN NDC,1\*an20  
6639 723s,63,7230,7230,Certification reference,CERT # s,2an 1\*28an  
6640 723s,64,7231,7231,Certification reference,CERT # s,2an 1\*28an  
6641 723s,65,7232,7232,Certification reference,CERT # s,2an 1\*28an  
6642 723s,66,7233,7233,Certification reference,CERT # s,2an 1\*28an  
6643 723s,67,7234,7234,Certification reference,CERT # s,2an 1\*28an  
6644 723s,68,7235,7235,Certification reference,CERT # s,2an 1\*28an  
6645 723s,69,7236,7236,Certification reference,CERT # s,2an 1\*28an  
6646 723s,70,7237,7237,Certification reference,CERT # s,2an 1\*28an  
6647 723s,71,7238,7238,Certification reference,CERT # s,2an 1\*28an  
6648 723s,72,7239,7239,Certification reference,CERT # s,2an 1\*28an  
6649 7241,73,7241,7241,AIDC Media Type,AIDC MEDIA TYPE,2an  
6650 7242,74,7242,7242,Version Control Number (VCN),VCN,1\*25an  
6651 8030,75,7239,8030,Digital Signature (DigSig),DIGSIG,1\*90an  
6652 7011,76,7011,7011,Test by date,TEST BY DATE,6n 0\*4n  
6653 4330,77,4330,4330,Maximum temperature in Fahrenheit,MAX TEMP F,6n 0\*1an  
6654 4331,78,4331,4331,Maximum temperature in Celsius,MAX TEMP C,6n 0\*1an  
6655 4332,79,4332,4332,Minimum temperature in Farenheit,MIN TEMP F,6n 0\*1an  
6656 4333,80,4333,4333,Minimum temperature in Celsius,MIN TEMP C,6n 0\*1an  
6657 7002,81,7002,7002,UNECE meat carcasses and cuts classification,MEAT CUT,1\*30an  
6658 7041,82,7041,7041,UN/CEFACT freight unit type,UFRGT UNIT TYPE,1\*an4  
6659 716,83,716,716, National Healthcare Reimbursement Number - Italy AIC,NHRN AIC,1\*an20  
6660 7250,84,7250,7250,Date of birth,DOB,8n  
6661 7251,85,7251,7251,Date and time of birth,DOB TIME,12n  
6662 7252,86,7252,7252,Biological sex,BIO SEX,1n  
6663 7253,87,7253,7253,Family name of person,FAMILY NAME,1\*an40  
6664 7254,88,7254,7254,Given name of person,GIVEN NAME,1\*an40  
6665 7255,89,7255,7255,Name suffix of person,SUFFIX,1\*an10  
6666 7256,90,7256,7256,Full name of person,FULL NAME,1\*an90  
6667 7257,91,7257,7257,Address of person,PERSON ADDR,1\*an70  
6668 7258,92,7258,7258,Baby birth sequence indicator,BIRTH SEQUENCE,1\*an1 1n 1\*an1  
6669 7259,93,7259,7259,Baby birth of family,BABY,1\*an40  
6670 K-TableEnd = F9S12,,,,,,

6671 **G 6-Bit Alphanumeric Character Set**

6672 The following table specifies the characters that are used in the Component / Part Reference in CPI  
 6673 EPCs and in the original part number and serial number in ADI EPCs. A subset of these characters  
 6674 are also used for the CAGE/DoDAAC code in ADI EPCs. The columns are as follows:

- 6675 ■ **Graphic symbol:** The printed representation of the character as used in human-readable forms.
- 6676 ■ **Name:** The common name for the character
- 6677 ■ **Binary Value:** A Binary numeral that gives the 6-bit binary value for the character as used in EPC binary  
 6678 encodings. This binary value is always equal to the least significant six bits of the ISO/IEC 646 [ISO646]  
 6679 (ASCII) code for the character.
- 6680 ■ **URI Form:** The representation of the character within Pure Identity EPC URI and EPC Tag URI forms. This  
 6681 is either a single character whose ASCII code's least significant six bits is equal to the value in the "binary  
 6682 value" column, or an escape triplet consisting of a percent character followed by two characters giving the  
 6683 hexadecimal value for the character.

6684 **Table I.3.1-1** Characters Permitted in 6-bit Alphanumeric Fields

Graphic symbol	Name	Binary value	URI Form	Graphic symbol	Name	Binary value	URI Form
#	Pound/ Number Sign	100011	%23	H	Capital H	001000	H
-	Hyphen/ Minus Sign	101101	-	I	Capital I	001001	I
/	Forward Slash	101111	%2F	J	Capital J	001010	J
0	Zero Digit	110000	0	K	Capital K	001011	K
1	One Digit	110001	1	L	Capital L	001100	L
2	Two Digit	110010	2	M	Capital M	001101	M
3	Three Digit	110011	3	N	Capital N	001110	N
4	Four Digit	110100	4	O	Capital O	001111	O
5	Five Digit	110101	5	P	Capital P	010000	P
6	Six Digit	110110	6	Q	Capital Q	010001	Q
7	Seven Digit	110111	7	R	Capital R	010010	R
8	Eight Digit	111000	8	S	Capital S	010011	S
9	Nine Digit	111001	9	T	Capital T	010100	T
A	Capital A	000001	A	U	Capital U	010101	U
B	Capital B	000010	B	V	Capital V	010110	V
C	Capital C	000011	C	W	Capital W	010111	W
D	Capital D	000100	D	X	Capital X	011000	X
E	Capital E	000101	E	Y	Capital Y	011001	Y
F	Capital F	000110	F	Z	Capital Letter Z	011010	Z
G	Capital G	000111	G				

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## **H (Intentionally Omitted)**

[This annex is omitted so that Annexes I through M, which specify Packed Objects, have the same annex letters as the corresponding annexes of ISO/IEC 15962, 2nd Edition.]

## 6688 I Packed Objects structure

### 6689 I.1 Overview

6690 The Packed Objects format provides for efficient encoding and access of user data. The Packed  
 6691 Objects format offers increased encoding efficiency compared to the No-Directory and Directory  
 6692 Access-Methods partly by utilising sophisticated compaction methods, partly by defining an inherent  
 6693 directory structure at the front of each Packed Object (before any of its data is encoded) that  
 6694 supports random access while reducing the fixed overhead of some prior methods, and partly by  
 6695 utilising data-system-specific information (such as the GS1 definitions of fixed-length Application  
 6696 Identifiers).

### 6697 I.2 Overview of Packed Objects documentation

6698 The formal description of Packed Objects is presented in this Annex and Annexes J, K, L, and M, as  
 6699 follows:


- 6700 ■ The overall structure of Packed Objects is described in Section [I.3](#).
- 6701 ■ The individual sections of a Packed Object are described in Sections [I.4](#) through [I.9](#).
- 6702 ■ The structure and features of ID Tables (utilised by Packed Objects to represent various data system  
 6703 identifiers) are described in Annex [J](#).
- 6704 ■ The numerical bases and character sets used in Packed Objects are described in Annex [K](#).
- 6705 ■ An encoding algorithm and worked example are described in Annex [L](#).
- 6706 ■ The decoding algorithm for Packed Objects is described in Annex [M](#).

6707 In addition, note that all descriptions of specific ID Tables for use with Packed Objects are registered  
 6708 separately, under the procedures of ISO/IEC 15961-2 as is the complete formal description of the  
 6709 machine-readable format for registered ID Tables.

### 6710 I.3 High-Level Packed Objects format design

#### 6711 I.3.1 Overview

6712 The Packed Objects memory format consists of a sequence in memory of one or more "Packed  
 6713 Objects" data structures. Each Packed Object may contain either encoded data or directory  
 6714 information, but not both. The first Packed Object in memory is preceded by a DSFID. The DSFID  
 6715 indicates use of Packed Objects as the memory's Access Method, and indicates the registered Data  
 6716 Format that is the default format for every Packed Object in that memory. Every Packed Object may  
 6717 be optionally preceded or followed by padding patterns (if needed for alignment on word or block  
 6718 boundaries). In addition, at most one Packed Object in memory may optionally be preceded by a  
 6719 pointer to a Directory Packed Object (this pointer may itself be optionally followed by padding). This  
 6720 series of Packed Objects is terminated by optional padding followed by one or more zero-valued  
 6721 octets aligned on byte boundaries. See [Figure I.3.1-1](#), which shows this sequence when appearing in  
 6722 an RFID tag.

6723  **Note:** Because the data structures within an encoded Packed Object are bit-aligned rather  
 6724 than byte-aligned, this Annex uses the term 'octet' instead of 'byte' except in case where an  
 6725 eight-bit quantity must be aligned on a byte boundary.

6726 **Figure I.3.1-1** Overall Memory structure when using Packed Objects

DSFID	Optional Pointer* And/Or Padding	First Packed Object	Optional Pointer* And/Or Padding	Optional Second Packed Object	...	Optional Packed Object	Optional Pointer* And/Or Padding	Zero Octet(s)
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6727 \*Note: the Optional Pointer to a Directory Packed Object may appear at most only once in memory

6728 Every Packed Object represents a sequence of one or more data system Identifiers, each specified  
 6729 by reference to an entry within a Base ID Table from a registered data format. The entry is  
 6730 referenced by its relative position within the Base Table; this relative position or Base Table index is  
 6731 referred to throughout this specification as an "ID Value." There are two different Packed Objects  
 6732 methods available for representing a sequence of Identifiers by reference to their ID Values:

- 6733 ■ An ID List Packed Object (IDLPO) encodes a series of ID Values as a list, whose length depends on the  
 6734 number of data items being represented;
- 6735 ■ An ID Map Packed Object (IDMPO) instead encodes a fixed-length bit array, whose length depends on the  
 6736 total number of entries defined in the registered Base Table. Each bit in the array is '1' if the  
 6737 corresponding table entry is represented by the Packed Object, and is '0' otherwise.

6738 An ID List is the default Packed Objects format, because it uses fewer bits than an ID Map, if the list  
 6739 contains only a small percentage of the data system's defined ID Values. However, if the Packed  
 6740 Object includes more than about one-quarter of the defined entries, then an ID Map requires fewer  
 6741 bits. For example, if a data system has sixteen entries, then each ID Value (table index) is a four bit  
 6742 quantity, and a list of four ID Values takes as many bits as would the complete ID Map. An ID Map's  
 6743 fixed-length characteristic makes it especially suitable for use in a Directory Packed Object, which  
 6744 lists all of the Identifiers in all of the Packed Objects in memory (see Section I.9. The overall  
 6745 structure of a Packed Object is the same, whether an IDLPO or an IDMPO, as shown in Figure I 3-2  
 6746 and as described in the next subsection.

6747 **Figure I.3.1-2** Packed object structure

Optional Format Flags	Object Info Section ( <b>IDLPO</b> or <b>IDMPO</b> )	Secondary ID Section (if needed)	Aux Format Section (if needed)	Data Section (if needed)
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6748 Packed objects may be made "editable", by adding an optional Addendum subsection to the end of  
 6749 the Object Info section, which includes a pointer to an "Addendum Packed Object" where additions  
 6750 and/or deletions have been made. One or more such "chains" of editable "parent" and "child"  
 6751 Packed Objects may be present within the overall sequence of Packed Objects in memory, but no  
 6752 more than one chain of Directory Packed Objects may be present.

6753 **I.3.2 Descriptions of each section of a Packed Object's structure**

6754 Each Packed Object consists of several bit-aligned sections (that is, no pad bits between sections  
 6755 are used), carried in a variable number of octets. All required and optional Packed Objects formats  
 6756 are encompassed by the following ordered list of Packed Objects sections. Following this list, each  
 6757 Packed Objects section is introduced, and later sections of this Annex describe each Packed Objects  
 6758 section in detail.

- 6759 ■ **Format Flags:** A Packed Object may optionally begin with the pattern '0000' which is reserved to  
 6760 introduce one or more Format Flags, as described in I.4.2. These flags may indicate use of the non-  
 6761 default ID Map format. If the Format Flags are not present, then the Packed Object defaults to the ID List  
 6762 format.
  - 6763 □ Certain flag patterns indicate an inter-Object pattern (Directory Pointer or Padding)
  - 6764 □ Other flag patterns indicate the Packed Object's type (Map or. List), and may indicated the  
 6765 presence of an optional Addendum subsection for editing.
- 6766 ■ **Object Info:** All Packed Objects contain an Object Info Section which includes Object Length Information  
 6767 and ID Value Information:
  - 6768 □ Object Length Information includes an ObjectLength field (indicating the overall length of  
 6769 the Packed Object in octets) followed by Pad Indicator bit, so that the number of significant  
 6770 bits in the Packed Object can be determined.
  - 6771 □ ID Value Information indicates which Identifiers are present and in what order, and (if an  
 6772 IDLPO) also includes a leading NumberOfIDs field, indicating how many ID Values are  
 6773 encoded in the ID List.

6774 The Object Info section is encoded in one of the following formats, as shown in [Figure I.3.2-1](#) and  
 6775 [Figure I.3.2-2](#).

- 6776 ■ ID List (IDLPO) Object Info format:
    - 6777 □ Object Length (EBV-6) plus Pad Indicator bit
    - 6778 □ A single ID List or an ID Lists Section (depending on Format Flags)
  - 6779 ■ ID Map (IDMPO) Object Info format:
    - 6780 □ One or more ID Map sections
    - 6781 □ Object Length (EBV-6) plus Pad Indicator bit
- 6782 For either of these Object Info formats, an Optional Addendum subsection may be present at the  
6783 end of the Object Info section.
- 6784 ■ **Secondary ID Bits:** A Packed Object may include a Secondary ID section, if needed to encode additional  
6785 bits that are defined for some classes of IDs (these bits complete the definition of the ID).
  - 6786 ■ **Aux Format Bits:** A Data Packed Object may include an Aux Format Section, which if present encodes  
6787 one or more bits that are defined to support data compression, but do not contribute to defining the ID.
  - 6788 ■ **Data Section:** A Data Packed Object includes a Data Section, representing the compressed data  
6789 associated with each of the identifiers listed within the Packed Object. This section is omitted in a  
6790 Directory Packed Object, and in a Packed Object that uses No-directory compaction (see [I.7.1](#)).  
6791 Depending on the declaration of data format in the relevant ID table, the Data section will contain either  
6792 or both of two subsections:
    - 6793 □ **Known-Length Numerics subsection:** this subsection compacts and concatenates all of  
6794 the non-empty data strings that are known a priori to be numeric.
    - 6795 □ **AlphaNumeric subsection:** this subsection concatenates and compacts all of the non-  
6796 empty data strings that are not a priori known to be all-numeric.

6797 **Figure I.3.2-1** IDLPO Object Info Structure

Object Info, in a Default ID List PO				or	Object Info, in a Non-default ID List PO		
Object Length	Number Of IDs	ID List	Optional Addendum		Object Length	ID Lists Section (one or more lists)	Optional Addendum

6798 **Figure I.3.2-2** IDMPO Object Info Structure

Object Info, in an ID Map PO		
ID Map Section (one or more maps)	Object Length	Optional Addendum

6799 **I.4 Format Flags section**

6800 The default layout of memory, under the Packed Objects access method, consists of a leading  
6801 DSFID, immediately followed by an ID List Packed Object (at the next byte boundary), then  
6802 optionally additional ID List Packed Objects (each beginning at the next byte boundary), and  
6803 terminated by a zero-valued octet at the next byte boundary (indicating that no additional Packed  
6804 Objects are encoded). This section defines the valid Format Flags patterns that may appear at the  
6805 expected start of a Packed Object to override the default layout if desired (for example, by changing  
6806 the Packed Object's format, or by inserting padding patterns to align the next Packed Object on a  
6807 word or block boundary). The set of defined patterns are shown below.

6808 **Table I.3.2-1** Format Flag

Bit Pattern	Description	Additional Info	See Section
0000 0000	Termination Pattern	No more Packed Objects follow	<a href="#">I.4.1</a>
LLLLLL xx	First octet of an IDLPO	For any LLLLLL > 3	<a href="#">I.5</a>
0000	Format Flags starting pattern	(if the full EBV-6 is non-zero)	<a href="#">I.4.2</a>
0000 10NA	IDLPO with: N = 1: non-default Info A = 1: Addendum Present	If N = 1: allows multiple ID tables If A = 1: Addendum ptr(s) at end of Object Info section	<a href="#">I.4.3</a>
0000 01xx	Inter-PO pattern	A Directory Pointer, or padding	<a href="#">I.4.4</a>

Bit Pattern	Description	Additional Info	See Section
0000 0100	Signifies a padding octet	No padding length indicator follows	<a href="#">I.4.4</a>
0000 0101	Signifies run-length padding	An EBV-8 padding length follows	<a href="#">I.4.4</a>
0000 0110	RFU		<a href="#">I.4.4</a>
0000 0111	Directory pointer	Followed by EBV-8 pattern	<a href="#">I.4.4</a>
0000 11xx	ID Map Packed Object		<a href="#">I.4.2</a>
0000 0001 0000 0010 0000 0011	[Invalid]	Invalid pattern	

6809 **I.4.1 Data terminating flag pattern**

6810 A pattern of eight or more '0' bits at the expected start of a Packed Object denotes that no more  
6811 Packed Objects are present in the remainder of memory.


6812 NOTE: Six successive '0' bits at the expected start of a Packed Object would (if interpreted as a Packed  
6813 Object) indicate an ID List Packed Object of length zero.

6814 **I.4.2 Format flag section starting bit patterns**

6815 A non-zero EBV-6 with a leading pattern of "0000" is used as a Format Flags section Indication  
6816 Pattern. The additional bits following an initial '0000' format Flag Indicating Pattern are defined as  
6817 follows:

- 6818 ■ A following two-bit pattern of '10' (creating an initial pattern of '000010') indicates an IDLPO with at least  
6819 one non-default optional feature (see [I.4.3](#))
- 6820 ■ A following two-bit pattern of '11' indicates an IDMPO, which is a Packed Object using an ID Map format  
6821 instead of ID List-format. The ID Map section (see [I.9](#)) immediately follows this two-bit pattern.
- 6822 ■ A following two-bit pattern of '01' signifies an External pattern (Padding pattern or Pointer) prior to the  
6823 start of the next Packed Object (see [I.4.4](#))

6824 A leading EBV-6 Object Length of less than four is invalid as a Packed Objects length.

6825  **Note:** The shortest possible Packed Object is an IDLPO, for a data system using four bits per  
6826 ID Value, encoding a single ID Value. This Packed Object has a total of 14 fixed bits.  
6827 Therefore, a two-octet Packed Object would only contain two data bits, and is invalid. A three-  
6828 octet Packed Object would be able to encode a single data item up to three digits long. In  
6829 order to preserve "3" as an invalid length in this scenario, the Packed Objects encoder shall  
6830 encode a leading Format Flags section (with all options set to zero, if desired) in order to  
6831 increase the object length to four.

6832 **I.4.3 IDLPO Format Flags**

6833 The appearance of '000010' at the expected start of a Packed Object is followed by two additional  
6834 bits, to form a complete IDLPO Format Flags section of "000010NA", where:

- 6835 ■ If the first additional bit 'N' is '1', then a non-default format is employed for the IDLPO Object Info  
6836 section. Whereas the default IDLPO format allows for only a single ID List (utilising the registration's  
6837 default Base ID Table), the optional non-default IDLPO Object Info format supports a sequence of one or  
6838 more ID Lists, and each such list begins with identifying information as to which registered table it  
6839 represents (see [I.5.1](#)).
- 6840 ■ If the second additional bit 'A' is '1', then an Addendum subsection is present at the end of the Object  
6841 Info section (see [I.5.6](#)).

#### 6842 I.4.4 Patterns for use between Packed Objects

6843 The appearance of '000001' at the expected start of a Packed Object is used to indicate either  
6844 padding or a directory pointer, as follows:

- 6845 ■ A following two-bit pattern of '11' indicates that a Directory Packed Object Pointer follows the pattern.  
6846 The pointer is one or more octets in length, in EBV-8 format. This pointer may be Null (a value of zero),  
6847 but if non-zero, indicates the number of octets from the start of the pointer to the start of a Directory  
6848 Packed Object (which if editable, shall be the first in its "chain"). For example, if the Format Flags byte for  
6849 a Directory Pointer is encoded at byte offset 1, the Pointer itself occupies bytes beginning at offset 2, and  
6850 the Directory starts at byte offset 9, then the Dir Ptr encodes the value "7" in EBV-8 format. A Directory  
6851 Packed Object Pointer may appear before the first Packed Object in memory, or at any other position  
6852 where a Packed Object may begin, but may only appear once in a given data carrier memory, and (if non-  
6853 null) must be at a lower address than the Directory it points to. The first octet after this pointer may be  
6854 padding (as defined immediately below), a new set of Format Flag patterns, or the start of an ID List  
6855 Packed Object.
- 6856 ■ A following two-bit pattern of '00' indicates that the full eight-bit pattern of '00000100' serves as a  
6857 padding byte, so that the next Packed Object may begin on a desired word or block boundary. This  
6858 pattern may repeat as necessary to achieve the desired alignment.
- 6859 ■ A following two-bit pattern of '01' as a run-length padding indicator, and shall be immediately followed by  
6860 an EBV-8 indicating the number of octets from the start of the EBV-8 itself to the start of the next Packed  
6861 Object (for example, if the next Packed Object follows immediately, the EBV-8 has a value of one). This  
6862 mechanism eliminates the need to write many words of memory in order to pad out a large memory  
6863 block.
- 6864 ■ A following two-bit pattern of '10' is Reserved.

#### 6865 I.5 Object Info section

6866 Each Packed Object's Object Info section contains both Length Information (the size of the Packed  
6867 Object, in bits and in octets), and ID Values Information. A Packed Object encodes representations  
6868 of one or more data system Identifiers and (if a Data Packed Object) also encodes their associated  
6869 data elements (AI strings, DI strings, etc). The ID Values information encodes a complete listing of  
6870 all the Identifiers (AIs, DIs, etc) encoded in the Packed Object, or (in a Directory Packed Object) all  
6871 the Identifiers encoded anywhere in memory.

6872 To conserve encoded and transmitted bits, data system Identifiers (each typically represented in  
6873 data systems by either two, three, or four ASCII characters) is represented within a Packed Object  
6874 by an ID Value, representing an index denoting an entry in a registered Base Table of ID Values. A  
6875 single ID Value may represent a single Object Identifier, or may represent a commonly-used  
6876 sequence of Object Identifiers. In some cases, the ID Value represents a "class" of related Object  
6877 Identifiers, or an Object Identifier sequence in which one or more Object Identifiers are optionally  
6878 encoded; in these cases, Secondary ID Bits (see [I.6](#)) are encoded in order to specify which selection  
6879 or option was chosen when the Packed Object was encoded. A "fully-qualified ID Value" (FQIDV) is  
6880 an ID Value, plus a particular choice of associated Secondary ID bits (if any are invoked by the ID  
6881 Value's table entry). Only one instance of a particular fully-qualified ID Value may appear in a data  
6882 carrier's Data Packed Objects, but a particular ID Value may appear more than once, if each time it  
6883 is "qualified" by different Secondary ID Bits. If an ID Value does appear more than once, all  
6884 occurrences shall be in a single Packed Object (or within a single "chain" of a Packed Object plus its  
6885 Addenda).

6886 There are two methods defined for encoding ID Values: an ID List Packed Object uses a variable-  
6887 length list of ID Value bit fields, whereas an ID Map Packed Object uses a fixed-length bit array.  
6888 Unless a Packed Object's format is modified by an initial Format Flags pattern, the Packed Object's  
6889 format defaults to that of an ID List Packed Object (IDLPO), containing a single ID List, whose ID  
6890 Values correspond to the default Base ID Table of the registered Data Format. Optional Format Flags  
6891 can change the format of the ID Section to either an IDMPO format, or to an IDLPO format encoding  
6892 an ID Lists section (which supports multiple ID Tables, including non-default data systems).

6893 Although the ordering of information within the Object Info section varies with the chosen format  
6894 (see [I.5.1](#)), the Object Info section of every Packed Object shall provide Length information as  
6895 defined in [I.5.2](#), and ID Values information (see [I.5.3](#)) as defined in [I.5.4](#), or [I.5.5](#). The Object Info



6896 section (of either an IDLPO or an IDMPO) may conclude with an optional Addendum subsection (see  
6897 [I.5.6](#)).

6898 **I.5.1 Object Info formats**

6899 **IDLPO default Object Info format**

6900 The default IDLPO Object Info format is used for a Packed Object either without a leading Format  
6901 Flags section, or with a Format Flags section indicating an IDLPO with a possible Addendum and a  
6902 default Object Info section. The default IDLPO Object Info section contains a single ID List  
6903 (optionally followed by an Addendum subsection if so indicated by the Format Flags). The format of  
6904 the default IDLPO Object Info section is shown in the table below.

6905 **Table I.5.1-1** Default IDLPO Object Info format

Field Name:	Length Information	NumberOfIDs	ID Listing	Addendum subsection
Usage:	The number of octets in this Object, plus a last-octet pad indicator	number of ID Values in this Object (minus one)	A single list of ID Values; value size depends on registered Data Format	Optional pointer(s) to other Objects containing Edit information
Structure:	Variable: see <a href="#">I.5.2</a>	Variable:EBV-3	See <a href="#">I.5.4</a>	See <a href="#">I.5.6</a>

6906 In a IDLPO’s Object Info section, the NumberOfIDs field is an EBV-3 Extensible Bit Vector, consisting  
6907 of one or more repetitions of an Extension Bit followed by 2 value bits. This EBV-3 encodes one less  
6908 than the number of ID Values on the associated ID Listing. For example, an EBV-3 of ‘101 000’  
6909 indicates  $(4 + 0 + 1) = 5$  IDs values. The Length Information is as described in [I.5.2](#) for all Packed  
6910 Objects. The next fields are an ID Listing (see [I.5.4](#)) and an optional Addendum subsection (see  
6911 [I.5.6](#)).

6912 **IDLPO non-default Object Info format**

6913 Leading Format Flags may modify the Object Info structure of an IDLPO, so that it may contain  
6914 more than one ID Listing, in an ID Lists section (which also allows non-default ID tables to be  
6915 employed). The non-default IDLPO Object Info structure is shown in the table below.

6916 **Table I.5.1-2** Non-Default IDLPO Object Info format

Field Name:	Length Info	ID Lists Section, first List			Optional Additional ID List(s)	Null App Indicator (single zero bit)	Addendum Subsection
		Application Indicator	Number of IDs	ID Listing			
Usage:	The number of octets in this Object, plus a last-octet pad indicator	Indicates the selected ID Table and the size of each entry	Number Of ID Values on the list (minus one)	Listing of ID Values, then one F/R Use bit	Zero or more repeated lists, each for a different ID Table		Optional pointer(s) to other Objects containing Edit information
Structure:	see <a href="#">I.5.2</a>	see <a href="#">I.5.3</a>	See <a href="#">I.5.1</a>	See <a href="#">I.5.4</a> and <a href="#">I.5.3</a>	References in previous columns	See <a href="#">I.5.3</a>	See <a href="#">I.5.6</a>

6917 **IDMPO Object Info format**

6918 Leading Format Flags may define the Object Info structure to be an IDMPO, in which the Length  
6919 Information (and optional Addendum subsection) follow an ID Map section (see [I.5.5](#)). This  
6920 arrangement ensures that the ID Map is in a fixed location for a given application, of benefit when  
6921 used as a Directory. The IDMPO Object Info structure is shown in the table below.

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**Table I.5.1-3** IDMPO Object Info format

Field Name:	ID Map section	Length Information	Addendum
Usage:	One or more ID Map structures, each using a different ID Table	The number of octets in this Object, plus a last-octet pad indicator	Optional pointer(s) to other Objects containing Edit information
Structure:	see <a href="#">I.5.3</a>	See <a href="#">I.5.2</a>	See <a href="#">I.5.6</a>

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**I.5.2 Length Information**

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The format of the Length information, always present in the Object Info section of any Packed Object, is shown in the table below.

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**Table I.5.2-1** Packed Object Length information

Field Name:	ObjectLength	Pad Indicator
Usage:	The number of 8-bit bytes in this Object This includes the 1st byte of this Packed Object, including its IDLPO/IDMPO format flags if present. It excludes patterns for use between Packed Objects, as specified in <a href="#">I.4.4</a>	If '1': the Object's last byte contains at least 1 pad
Structure:	Variable: EBV-6	Fixed: 1 bit

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The first field, ObjectLength, is an EBV-6 Extensible Bit Vector, consisting of one or more repetitions of an Extension Bit and 5 value bits. An EBV-6 of '000100' (value of 4) indicates a four-byte Packed Object, An EBV-6 of '100001 000000' (value of 32) indicates a 32-byte Object, and so on.

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The Pad Indicator bit immediately follows the end of the EBV-6 ObjectLength. This bit is set to '0' if there are no padding bits in the last byte of the Packed Object. If set to '1', then bitwise padding begins with the least-significant or rightmost '1' bit of the last byte, and the padding consists of this rightmost '1' bit, plus any '0' bits to the right of that bit. This method effectively uses a *single* bit to indicate a *three*-bit quantity (i.e., the number of trailing pad bits). When a receiving system wants to determine the total number of bits (rather than bytes) in a Packed Object, it would examine the ObjectLength field of the Packed Object (to determine the number of bytes) and multiply the result by eight, and (if the Pad Indicator bit is set) examine the last byte of the Packed Object and decrement the bit count by (1 plus the number of '0' bits following the rightmost '1' bit of that final byte).

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**I.5.3 General description of ID values**

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A registered data format defines (at a minimum) a Primary Base ID Table (a detailed specification for registered ID tables may be found in Annex J). This base table defines the data system Identifier(s) represented by each row of the table, any Secondary ID Bits or Aux Format bits invoked by each table entry, and various implicit rules (taken from a predefined rule set) that decoding systems shall use when interpreting data encoded according to each entry. When a data item is encoded in a Packed Object, its associated table entry is identified by the entry's relative position in the Base Table. This table position or index is the ID Value that is represented in Packed Objects.

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A Base Table containing a given number of entries inherently specifies the number of bits needed to encode a table index (i.e., an ID Value) in an ID List Packed Object (as the Log (base 2) of the number of entries). Since current and future data system ID Tables will vary in unpredictable ways in terms of their numbers of table entries, there is a need to pre-define an ID Value Size mechanism that allows for future extensibility to accommodate new tables, while minimising decoder complexity and minimising the need to upgrade decoding software (other than the addition of new tables). Therefore, regardless of the exact number of Base Table entries defined, each Base Table definition shall utilise one of the predefined sizes for ID Value encodings defined in Table I 5-5 (any unused entries shall be labelled as reserved, as provided in Annex J). The ID Size Bit pattern is encoded in a Packed Object only when it uses a non-default Base ID Table. Some entries in the table indicate a size that is not an integral power of two. When encoding (into an IDLPO) ID Values from tables that utilise such sizes, each pair of ID Values is encoded by multiplying the earlier ID of the pair by the

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base specified in the fourth column of Table I-5-5 and adding the later ID of the pair, and encoding the result in the number of bits specified in the fourth column. If there is a trailing single ID Value for this ID Table, it is encoded in the number of bits specified in the third column of the table below.

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**Table I.5.3-1** Defined ID Value sizes

ID Size Bit pattern		Maximum number of Table Entries	Number of Bits per single or trailing ID Value, and how encoded	Number of Bits per pair of ID Values, and how encoded
000		Up to 16	4, as 1 Base 16 value	8, as 2 Base 16 values
001		Up to 22	5, as 1 Base 22 value	9, as 2 Base 22 values
010		Up to 32	5, as 1 Base 32 value	10, as 2 Base 32 values
011		Up to 45	6, as 1 Base 45 value	11, as 2 Base 45 values
100		Up to 64	6, as 1 Base 64 value	12, as 2 Base 64 values
101		Up to 90	7, as 1 Base 90 value	13, as 2 Base 90 values
110		Up to 128	7, as 1 Base 128 value	14, as 2 Base 128 values
1110		Up to 256	8, as 1 Base 256 value	16, as 2 Base 256 values
111100		Up to 512	9, as 1 Base 512 value	18, as 2 Base 512 values
111101		Up to 1024	10, as 1 Base 1024 value	20, as 2 Base 1024 values
111110		Up to 2048	11, as 1 Base 2048 value	22, as 2 Base 2048 values
111111		Up to 4096	12, as 1 Base 4096 value	24, as 2 Base 4096 values

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**Application indicator subsection**

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An Application Indicator subsection can be utilised to indicate use of ID Values from a default or non-default ID Table. This subsection is required in every IDMPO, but is only required in an IDLPO that uses the non-default format supporting multiple ID Lists.

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An Application Indicator consists of the following components:

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- A single AppIndicatorPresent bit, which if '0' means that no additional ID List or Map follows. Note that this bit is always omitted for the first List or Map in an Object Info section. When this bit is present and '0', then none of the following bit fields are encoded.

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- A single ExternalReg bit that, if '1', indicates use of an ID Table from a registration other than the memory's default. If '1', this bit is immediately followed by a 9-bit representation of a Data Format registered under ISO/IEC 15961.

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- An ID Size pattern which denotes a table size (and therefore an ID Map bit length, when used in an IDMPO), which shall be one of the patterns defined by [Table I.5.2-1](#). The table size indicated in this field must be less than or equal to the table size indicated in the selected ID table. The purpose of this field is so that the decoder can parse past the ID List or ID Map, even if the ID Table is not available to the decoder.

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- A three-bit ID Subset pattern. The registered data format's Primary Base ID Table, if used by the current Packed Object, shall always be indicated by an encoded ID Subset pattern of '000'. However, up to seven Alternate Base Tables may also be defined in the registration (with varying ID Sizes), and a choice from among these can be indicated by the encoded Subset pattern. This feature can be useful to define smaller sector-specific or application-specific subsets of a full data system, thus substantially reducing the size of the encoded ID Map.

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### Full/Restricted Use bits

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When contemplating the use of new ID Table registrations, or registrations for external data systems, application designers may utilise a "restricted use" encoding option that adds some overhead to a Packed Object but in exchange results in a format that can be fully decoded by receiving systems not in possession of the new or external ID table. With the exception of a IDLPO using the default Object Info format, one Full/Restricted Use bit is encoded immediately after each ID table is represented in the ID Map section or ID Lists section of a Data or Directory Packed Object. In a Directory Packed Object, this bit shall always be set to '0' and its value ignored. If an encoder wishes to utilise the "restricted use" option in an IDLPO, it shall preface the IDLPO with a Format Flags section invoking the non-default Object Info format.

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If a "Full/Restricted Use" bit is '0' then the encoding of data strings from the corresponding registered ID Table makes full use of the ID table's IDstring and FormatString information. If the bit is '1', then this signifies that some encoding overhead was added to the Secondary ID section and (in the case of Packed-Object compaction) the Aux Format section, so that a decoder without access to the table can nonetheless output OIDs and data from the Packed Object according to the scheme specified in [J.4.1](#). Specifically, a Full/Restricted Use bit set to '1' indicates that:

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- for each encoded ID Value, the encoder added an EBV-3 indicator to the Secondary ID section, to indicate how many Secondary ID bits were invoked by that ID Value. If the EBV-3 is nonzero, then the Secondary ID bits (as indicated by the table entry) immediately follow, followed in turn by another EBV-3, until the entire list of ID Values has been represented.

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- the encoder did not take advantage of the information from the referenced table's FormatString column. Instead, corresponding to each ID Value, the encoder inserted an EBV-3 into the Aux Format section, indicating the number of discrete data string lengths invoked by the ID Value (which could be more than one due to combinations and/or optional components), followed by the indicated number of string lengths, each length encoded as though there were no FormatString in the ID table. All data items were encoded in the A/N subsection of the Data section.

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### I.5.4 ID Values representation in an ID Value-list Packed Object

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Each ID Value is represented within an IDLPO on a list of bit fields; the number of bit fields on the list is determined from the NumberOfIDs field (see Section [I.5.6](#)). Each ID Value bit field's length is in the range of four to eleven bits, depending on the size of the Base Table index it represents. In the optional non-default format for an IDLPO's Object Info section, a single Packed Object may contain multiple ID List subsections, each referencing a different ID Table. In this non-default format, each ID List subsection consists of an Application Indicator subsection (which terminates the ID Lists, if it begins with a '0' bit), followed by an EBV-3 NumberOfIDs, an ID List, and a Full/Restricted Use flag.

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### I.5.5 ID Values representation in an ID Map Packed Object

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Encoding an ID Map can be more efficient than encoding a list of ID Values, when representing a relatively large number of ID Values (constituting more than about 10 percent of a large Base Table's entries, or about 25 percent of a small Base Table's entries). When encoded in an ID Map, each ID Value is represented by its relative position within the map (for example, the first ID Map bit represents ID Value "0", the third bit represents ID Value "2", and the last bit represents ID Value 'n' (corresponding to the last entry of a Base Table with (n+1) entries). The value of each bit within an ID Map indicates whether the corresponding ID Value is present (if the bit is '1') or absent (if '0'). An ID Map is always encoded as part of an ID Map Section structure (see [I.9.1](#)).

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### I.5.6 Optional Addendum subsection of the Object Info section

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The Packed Object Addendum feature supports basic editing operations, specifically the ability to add, delete, or replace individual data items in a previously-written Packed Object, without a need to rewrite the entire Packed Object. A Packed Object that does not contain an Addendum subsection cannot be edited in this fashion, and must be completely rewritten if changes are required.

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An Addendum subsection consists of a Reverse Links bit, followed by a Child bit, followed by either one or two EBV-6 links. Links from a Data Packed Object shall only go to other Data Packed Objects as addenda; links from a Directory Packed Object shall only go to other Directory Packed Objects as

7039 addenda. The standard Packed Object structure rules apply, with some restrictions that are  
7040 described in [1.5.6](#).

7041 The Reverse Links bit shall be set identically in every Packed Object of the same "chain." The  
7042 Reverse Links bit is defined as follows:

- 7043 ■ If the Reverse Links bit is '0', then each child in this chain of Packed Objects is at a higher memory  
7044 location than its parent. The link to a Child is encoded as the number of octets (plus one) that are in  
7045 between the last octet of the current Packed Object and the first octet of the Child. The link to the parent  
7046 is encoded as the number of octets (plus one) that are in between the first octet of the parent Packed  
7047 Object and the first octet of the current Packed Object.
- 7048 ■ If the Reverse Links bit is '1', then each child in this chain of Packed Objects is at a lower memory  
7049 location than its parent. The link to a Child is encoded as the number of octets (plus one) that are in  
7050 between the first octet of the current Packed Object and the first octet of the Child. The link to the parent  
7051 is encoded as the number of octets (plus one) that are in between the last octet of the current Packed  
7052 Object and the first octet of the parent.

7053 The Child bit is defined as follows:

- 7054 ■ If the Child bit is a '0', then this Packed Object is an editable "Parentless" Packed Object (i.e., the first of  
7055 a chain), and in this case the Child bit is immediately followed by a single EBV-6 link to the first "child"  
7056 Packed Object that contains editing addenda for the parent.
- 7057 ■ If the Child bit is a '1', then this Packed Object is an editable "child" of an edited "parent," and the bit is  
7058 immediately followed by one EBV-6 link to the "parent" and a second EBV-6 line to the next "child"  
7059 Packed Object that contains editing addenda for the parent.


7060 A link value of zero is a Null pointer (no child exists), and in a Packed Object whose Child bit is '0',  
7061 this indicates that the Packed Object is editable, but has not yet been edited. A link to the Parent is  
7062 provided, so that a Directory may indicate the presence and location of an ID Value in an Addendum  
7063 Packed Object, while still providing an interrogator with the ability to efficiently locate the other ID  
7064 Values that are logically associated with the original "parent" Packed Object. A link value of zero is  
7065 invalid as a pointer towards a Parent.

7066 In order to allow room for a sufficiently-large link, when the future location of the next "child" is  
7067 unknown at the time the parent is encoded, it is permissible to use the "redundant" form of the  
7068 EBV-6 (for example using "100000 000000" to represent a link value of zero).

#### 7069 **Addendum "EditingOP" list (only in ID List Packed Objects)**

7070 In an IDLPO only, each Addendum section of a "child" ID List Packed Object contains a set of  
7071 "EditingOp" bits encoded immediately after its last EBV-6 link. The number of such bits is  
7072 determined from the number of entries on the Addendum Packed Object's ID list. For each ID Value  
7073 on this list, the corresponding EditingOp bit or bits are defined as follows:

- 7074 ■ '1' means that the corresponding Fully-Qualified ID Value (FQIDV) is Replaced. A Replace operation has  
7075 the effect that the data originally associated with the FQIDV matching the FQIDV in this Addendum  
7076 Packed Object shall be ignored, and logically replaced by the Aux Format bits and data encoded in this  
7077 Addendum Packed Object)
- 7078 ■ '00' means that the corresponding FQIDV is Deleted but not replaced. In this case, neither the Aux  
7079 Format bits nor the data associated with this ID Value are encoded in the Addendum Packed Object.
- 7080 ■ '01' means that the corresponding FQIDV is Added (either this FQIDV was not previously encoded, or it  
7081 was previously deleted without replacement). In this case, the associated Aux Format Bits and data shall  
7082 be encoded in the Addendum Packed Object.

7083  **Note:** If an application requests several "edit" operations at once (including some Delete or  
7084 Replace operations as well as Adds) then implementations can achieve more efficient  
7085 encoding if the Adds share the Addendum overhead, rather than being implemented in a new  
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**Packed Objects containing an addendum subsection**

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A Packed Object containing an Addendum subsection is otherwise identical in structure to other Packed Objects. However, the following observations apply:

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- A "parentless" Packed Object (the first in a chain) may be either an ID List Packed Object or an ID Map Packed Object (and a parentless IDMPO may be either a Data or Directory IDMPO). When a "parentless" PO is a directory, only directory IDMPOs may be used as addenda. A Directory IDMPO's Map bits shall be updated to correctly reflect the end state of the chain of additions and deletions to the memory bank; an Addendum to the Directory is not utilised to perform this maintenance (a Directory Addendum may only add new structural components, as described later in this section). In contrast, when the edited parentless object is an ID List Packed Object or ID Map Packed Object, its ID List or ID Map cannot be updated to reflect the end state of the aggregate Object (parents plus children).

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- Although a "child" may be either an ID List or an ID Map Packed Object, only an IDLPO can indicate deletions or changes to the current set of fully-qualified ID Values and associated data that is embodied in the chain.

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- When a child is an IDMPO, it shall only be utilised to add (not delete or modify) structural information, and shall not be used to modify existing information. In a Directory chain, a child IDMPO may add new ID tables, or may add a new AuxMap section or subsections, or may extend an existing PO Index Table or ObjectOffsets list. In a Data chain, an IDMPO shall not be used as an Addendum, except to add new ID Tables.

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- When a child is an IDLPO, its ID list (followed by "EditingOp" bits) lists only those FQIDVs that have been deleted, added, or replaced, relative to the cumulative ID list from the prior Objects linked to it.

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**I.6 Secondary ID Bits section**

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The Packed Objects design requirements include a requirement that all of the data system Identifiers (AI's, DI's, etc.) encoded in a Packed Object's can be fully recognised without expanding the compressed data, even though some ID Values provide only a partially-qualified Identifier. As a result, if any of the ID Values invoke Secondary ID bits, the Object Info section shall be followed by a Secondary ID Bits section. Examples include a four-bit field to identify the third digit of a group of related Logistics AIs.

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Secondary ID bits can be invoked for several reasons, as needed in order to fully specify Identifiers. For example, a single ID Table entry's ID Value may specify a choice between two similar identifiers (requiring one encoded bit to select one of the two IDs at the time of encoding), or may specify a combination of required and optional identifiers (requiring one encoded bit to enable or disable each option). The available mechanisms are described in Annex J. All resulting Secondary ID bit fields are concatenated in this Secondary ID Bits section, in the same order as the ID Values that invoked them were listed within the Packed Object. Note that the Secondary ID Bits section is identically defined, whether the Packed Object is an IDLPO or an IDMPO, but is not present in a Directory IDMPO.

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**I.7 Aux Format section**

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The Aux Format section of a Data Packed Object encodes auxiliary information for the decoding process. A Directory Packed Object does not contain an Aux Format section. In a Data Packed Object, the Aux Format section begins with "Compact-Parameter" bits as defined in the table below.

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**Table I.5.6-1** Compact-Parameter bit patterns

Bit Pattern	Compaction method used in this Packed Object	Reference
'1'	"Packed-Object" compaction	See <a href="#">I.7.2</a>
'000'	"Application-Defined", as defined for the No-Directory access method	See <a href="#">I.7.1</a>
'001'	"Compact", as defined for the No-Directory access method	See <a href="#">I.7.1</a>
'010'	"UTF-8", as defined for the No-Directory access method	See <a href="#">I.7.1</a>
'011bbbb'	('bbbb' shall be in the range of 4..14): reserved for future definition	See <a href="#">I.7.1</a>

7130 If the Compact-Parameter bit pattern is '1', then the remainder of the Aux Format section is  
 7131 encoded as described in [I.7.2](#); otherwise, the remainder of the Aux Format section is encoded. See  
 7132 [I.7.1](#) as described in [I.7.1](#).

### 7133 **I.7.1 Support for No-Directory compaction methods**

7134 If any of the No-Directory compaction methods were selected by the Compact-Parameter bits, then  
 7135 the Compact-Parameter bits are followed by a byte-alignment padding pattern consisting of zero or  
 7136 more '0' bits followed by a single '1' bit, so that the next bit after the '1' is aligned as the most-  
 7137 significant bit of the next byte.

7138 This next byte is defined as the first octet of a "No-Directory Data section", which is used in place of  
 7139 the Data section described in I.8. The data strings of this Packed Object are encoded in the order  
 7140 indicated by the Object Info section of the Packed Object, compacted exactly as described in Annex  
 7141 D of [ISO15962] (Encoding rules for No-Directory Access-Method), with the following two  
 7142 exceptions:

- 7143 ■ The Object-Identifier is not encoded in the "No-Directory Data section", because it has already been  
 7144 encoded into the Object Info and Secondary ID sections.
- 7145 ■ The Precursor is modified in that only the three Compaction Type Code bits are significant, and the other  
 7146 bits in the Precursor are set to '0'.

7147 Therefore, each of the data strings invoked by the ID Table entry are separately encoded in a  
 7148 modified data set structure as:

7149 <modified precursor> <length of compacted object> <compacted object octets>

7150 The <compacted object octets> are determined and encoded as described in D.1.1 and D.1.2 of  
 7151 [ISO15962] and the <length of compacted object> is determined and encoded as described in D.2  
 7152 of [ISO15962].

7153 Following the last data set, a terminating precursor value of zero shall not be encoded (the decoding  
 7154 system recognises the end of the data using the encoded ObjectLength of the Packed Object).

### 7155 **I.7.2 Support for the packed-object compaction method**

7156 If the Packed-Object compaction method was selected by the Compact-Parameter bits, then the  
 7157 Compact-Parameter bits are followed by zero or more Aux Format bits, as may be invoked by the ID  
 7158 Table entries used in this Packed Object. The Aux Format bits are then immediately followed by a  
 7159 Data section that uses the Packed-Object compaction method described in I.8.

7160 An ID Table entry that was designed for use with the Packed-Object compaction method can call for  
 7161 various types of auxiliary information beyond the complete indication of the ID itself (such as bit  
 7162 fields to indicate a variable data length, to aid the data compaction process). All such bit fields are  
 7163 concatenated in this portion, in the order called for by the ID List or Map. Note that the Aux Format  
 7164 section is identically defined, whether the Packed Object is an IDLPO or an IDMPO.

7165 An ID Table entry invokes Aux Format length bits for all entries that are not specified as fixed-length  
 7166 in the table (however, these length bits are not actually encoded if they correspond to the last data  
 7167 item encoded in the A/N subsection of a Packed Object). This information allows the decoding  
 7168 system to parse the decoded data into strings of the appropriate lengths. An encoded Aux Format  
 7169 length entry utilises a variable number of bits, determined from the specified range between the  
 7170 shortest and longest data strings allowed for the data item, as follows:

- 7171 ■ If a maximum length is specified, and the specified range (defined as the maximum length minus the  
 7172 minimum length) is less than eight, or greater than 44, then lengths in this range are encoded in the  
 7173 fewest number of bits that can express lengths within that range, and an encoded value of zero  
 7174 represents the minimum length specified in the format string. For example, if the range is specified as  
 7175 from three to six characters, then lengths are encoded using two bits, and '00' represents a length of  
 7176 three.
- 7177 ■ Otherwise (including the case of an unspecified maximum length), the value (actual length – specified  
 7178 minimum) is encoded in a variable number of bits, as follows:
- 7179 ■ Values from 0 to 14 (representing lengths from 1 to 15, if the specified minimum length is one character,  
 7180 for example) are encoded in four bits

- 7181 ■ Values from 15 to 29 are encoded in eight bits (a prefix of '1111' followed by four bits representing values  
7182 from 15 ('0000') to 29 ('1110')
- 7183 ■ Values from 30 to 44 are encoded in twelve bits (a prefix of '1111 1111' followed by four bits  
7184 representing values from 30 ('0000') to 44 ('1110')
- 7185 ■ Values greater than 44 are encoded as a twelve-bit prefix of all '1's, followed by an EBV-6 indication of  
7186 (value - 44).

7187 **Notes:**

- 7188 ■ if a range is specified with identical upper and lower bounds (i.e., a range of zero), this is treated as a  
7189 fixed length, not a variable length, and no Aux Format bits are invoked.
- 7190 ■ If a range is unspecified, or has unspecified upper or lower bounds, then this is treated as a default lower  
7191 bound of one, and/or an unlimited upper bound.

7192 **I.8 Data section**

7193 A Data section is always present in a Packed Object, except in the case of a Directory Packed Object  
7194 or Directory Addendum Packed Object (which encode no data elements), the case of a Data  
7195 Addendum Packed Object containing only Delete operations, and the case of a Packed Object that  
7196 uses No-directory compaction (see [I.7.1](#)). When a Data section is present, it follows the Object Info  
7197 section (and the Secondary ID and Aux Format sections, if present). Depending on the  
7198 characteristics of the encoded IDs and data strings, the Data section may include one or both of two  
7199 subsections in the following order: a Known-Length Numerics subsection, and an AlphaNumerics  
7200 subsection. The following paragraphs provide detailed descriptions of each of these Data Section  
7201 subsections. If all of the subsections of the Data section are utilised in a Packed Object, then the  
7202 layout of the Data section is as shown in the table below.

7203 **Table I.7.2-1** Maximum Structure of a Packed Objects Data section

Known-Length Numeric subsection				AlphaNumeric subsection							
				A/N Header Bits				Binary Data Segments			
1 <sup>st</sup> KLN	2 <sup>nd</sup> KLN	...	Last KLN	Non-Num	Prefix Bit,	Suffix Bit,	Char Map	Ext'd. Num	Ext'd Non-Num	Base 10	Non-Num Binary
Binary	Binary		Binary	Base Bit(s)	Prefix Run(s)	Suffix Run(s)		Binary	Binary	Binary	

7204 **I.8.1 Known-length-Numerics subsection of the data section**

7205 For always-numeric data strings, the ID table may indicate a fixed number of digits (this fixed-  
7206 length information is not encoded in the Packed Object) and/or a variable number of digits (in which  
7207 case the string's length was encoded in the Aux Format section, as described above). When a single  
7208 data item is specified in the FormatString column (see [J.2.3](#)) as containing a fixed-length numeric  
7209 string followed by a variable-length string, the numeric string is encoded in the Known-length-  
7210 numerics subsection and the alphanumeric string in the Alphanumeric subsection.

7211 The summation of fixed-length information (derived directly from the ID table) plus variable-length  
7212 information (derived from encoded bits as just described) results in a "known-length entry" for each  
7213 of the always-numeric strings encoded in the current Packed Object. Each all-numeric data string in  
7214 a Packed Object (if described as all-numeric in the ID Table) is encoded by converting the digit  
7215 string into a single Binary number (up to 160 bits, representing a binary value between 0 and (10<sup>48</sup>-  
7216 1)). Figure K-1 in Annex [K](#) shows the number of bits required to represent a given number of digits.  
7217 If an all-numeric string contains more than 48 digits, then the first 48 are encoded as one 160-bit  
7218 group, followed by the next group of up to 48 digits, and so on. Finally, the Binary values for each  
7219 all-numeric data string in the Object are themselves concatenated to form the Known-length-  
7220 Numerics subsection.



## 7221 I.8.2 Alphanumeric subsection of the data section

7222 The Alphanumeric (A/N) subsection, if present, encodes all of the Packed Object's data from any  
 7223 data strings that were not already encoded in the Known-length Numerics subsection. If there are  
 7224 no alphanumeric characters to encode, the entire A/N subsection is omitted. The Alphanumeric  
 7225 subsection can encode any mix of digits and non-digit ASCII characters, or eight-bit data. The digit  
 7226 characters within this data are encoded separately, at an average efficiency of 4.322 bits per digit or  
 7227 better, depending on the character sequence. The non-digit characters are independently encoded  
 7228 at an average efficiency that varies between 5.91 bits per character or better (all uppercase letters),  
 7229 to a worst-case limit of 9 bits per character (if the character mix requires Base 256 encoding of non-  
 7230 numeric characters).

7231 An Alphanumeric subsection consists of a series of A/N Header bits (see I.8.2.1), followed by from  
 7232 one to four Binary segments (each segment representing data encoded in a single numerical Base,  
 7233 such as Base 10 or Base 30, see I.8.2.4), padded if necessary to complete the final byte (see I  
 7234 8.2.5).

### 7235 A/N Header Bits

7236 The A/N Header Bits are defined as follows:

- 7237 ■ One or two Non-Numeric Base bits, as follows:
  - 7238 □ '0' indicates that Base 30 was chosen for the non-numeric Base;
  - 7239 □ '10' indicates that Base 74 was chosen for the non-numeric Base;
  - 7240 □ '11' indicates that Base 256 was chosen for the non-numeric Base
- 7241 ■ Either a single '0' bit (indicating that no Character Map Prefix is encoded), or a '1' bit followed by one or  
 7242 more "Runs" of six Prefix bits as defined in I.8.2.3.
- 7243 ■ Either a single '0' bit (indicating that no Character Map Suffix is encoded), or a '1' bit followed by one or  
 7244 more "Runs" of six Suffix bits as defined in I.8.2.3.
- 7245 ■ A variable-length "Character Map" bit pattern (see I.8.2.2), representing the base of each of the data  
 7246 characters, if any, that were not accounted for by a Prefix or Suffix.

### 7247 Dual-base Character-map encoding

7248 Compaction of the ordered list of alphanumeric data strings (excluding those data strings already  
 7249 encoded in the Known-Length Numerics subsection) is achieved by first concatenating the data  
 7250 characters into a single data string (the individual string lengths have already been recorded in the  
 7251 Aux Format section). Each of the data characters is classified as either Base 10 (for numeric digits),  
 7252 Base 30 non-numeric (primarily uppercase A-Z), Base 74 non-numeric (which includes both  
 7253 uppercase and lowercase alphas, and other ASCII characters), or Base 256 characters. These  
 7254 character sets are fully defined in Annex K. All characters from the Base 74 set are also accessible  
 7255 from Base 30 via the use of an extra "shift" value (as are most of the lower 128 characters in the  
 7256 Base 256 set). Depending on the relative percentage of "native" Base 30 values vs. other values in  
 7257 the data string, one of those bases is selected as the more efficient choice for a non-numeric base.

7258 Next, the precise sequence of numeric and non-numeric characters is recorded and encoded, using  
 7259 a variable-length bit pattern, called a "character map," where each '0' represents a Base 10 value  
 7260 (encoding a digit) and each '1' represents a value for a non-numeric character (in the selected  
 7261 base). Note that, (for example) if Base 30 encoding was selected, each data character (other than  
 7262 uppercase letters and the space character) needs to be represented by a pair of base-30 values, and  
 7263 thus each such data character is represented by a *pair* of '1' bits in the character map.

### 7264 Prefix and Suffix Run-Length encoding

7265 For improved efficiency in cases where the concatenated sequence includes runs of six or more  
 7266 values from the same base, provision is made for optional run-length representations of one or  
 7267 more Prefix or Suffix "Runs" (single-base character sequences), which can replace the first and/or  
 7268 last portions of the character map. The encoder shall not create a Run that separates a Shift value  
 7269 from its next (shifted) value, and thus a Run always represents an integral number of source  
 7270 characters.

7271 An optional Prefix Representation, if present, consists of one or more occurrences of a Prefix Run.  
 7272 Each Prefix Run consists of one Run Position bit, followed by two Basis Bits, then followed by three  
 7273 Run Length bits, defined as follows:

- 7274 ■ The Run Position bit, if '0', indicates that at least one more Prefix Run is encoded following this one  
 7275 (representing another set of source characters to the right of the current set). The Run Position bit, if '1',  
 7276 indicates that the current Prefix Run is the last (rightmost) Prefix Run of the A/N subsection.
- 7277 ■ The first basis bit indicates a choice of numeric vs. non-numeric base, and the second basis bit, if '1',  
 7278 indicates that the chosen base is extended to include characters from the "opposite" base. Thus, '00'  
 7279 indicates a run-length-encoded sequence of base 10 values; '01' indicates a sequence that is primarily  
 7280 (but not entirely) digits, encoded in Base 13; '10' indicates a sequence a sequence of values from the  
 7281 non-numeric base that was selected earlier in the A/N header, and '11' indicates a sequence of values  
 7282 primarily from that non-numeric base, but extended to include digit characters as well. Note an  
 7283 exception: if the non-numeric base that was selected in the A/N header is Base 256, then the "extended"  
 7284 version is defined to be Base 40.
- 7285 ■ The 3-bit Run Length value assumes a minimum useable run of six same-base characters, and the length  
 7286 value is further divided by 2. Thus, the possible 3-bit Run Length values of 0, 1, 2, ... 7 indicate a Run of  
 7287 6, 8, 10, ... 20 characters from the same base. Note that a trailing "odd" character value at the end of a  
 7288 same-base sequence must be represented by adding a bit to the Character Map.

7289 An optional Suffix Representation, if present, is a series of one or more Suffix Runs, each identical in  
 7290 format to the Prefix Run just described. Consistent with that description, note that the Run Position  
 7291 bit, if '1', indicates that the current Suffix Run is the last (rightmost) Suffix Run of the A/N  
 7292 subsection, and thus any preceding Suffix Runs represented source characters to the left of this final  
 7293 Suffix Run.

## 7294 Encoding into Binary Segments

7295 Immediately after the last bit of the Character Map, up to four binary numbers are encoded, each  
 7296 representing all of the characters that were encoded in a single base system. First, a base-13 bit  
 7297 sequence is encoded (if one or more Prefix or Suffix Runs called for base-13 encoding). If present,  
 7298 this bit sequence directly represents the binary number resulting from encoding the combined  
 7299 sequence of all Prefix and Suffix characters (in that order) classified as Base 13 (ignoring any  
 7300 intervening characters not thus classified) as a single value, or in other words, applying a base 13 to  
 7301 Binary conversion. The number of bits to encode in this sequence is directly determined from the  
 7302 number of base-13 values being represented, as called for by the sum of the Prefix and Suffix Run  
 7303 lengths for base 13 sequences. The number of bits, for a given number of Base 13 values, is  
 7304 determined from the Figure in Annex K. Next, an Extended-NonNumeric Base segment (either Base-  
 7305 40 or Base 84) is similarly encoded (if any Prefix or Suffix Runs called for Extended-NonNumeric  
 7306 encoding).

7307 Next, a Base-10 Binary segment is encoded that directly represents the binary number resulting  
 7308 from encoding the sequence of the digits in the Prefix and/or character map and/or Suffix (ignoring  
 7309 any intervening non-digit characters) as a single value, or in other words, applying a base 10 to  
 7310 Binary conversion. The number of bits to encode in this sequence is directly determined from the  
 7311 number of digits being represented, as shown in Annex K.

7312 Immediately after the last bit of the Base-10 bit sequence (if any), a non-numeric (Base 30, Base  
 7313 74, or Base 256) bit sequence is encoded (if the character map indicates at least one non-numeric  
 7314 character). This bit sequence represents the binary number resulting from a base-30 to Binary  
 7315 conversion (or a Base-74 to Binary conversion, or a direct transfer of Base-256 values) of the  
 7316 sequence of non-digit characters in the data (ignoring any intervening digits). Again, the number of  
 7317 encoded bits is directly determined from the number of non-numeric values being represented, as  
 7318 shown in Annex K. Note that if Base 256 was selected as the non-Numeric base, then the encoder is  
 7319 free to classify and encode each digit either as Base 10 or as Base 256 (Base 10 will be more  
 7320 efficient, unless outweighed by the ability to take advantage of a long Prefix or Suffix).

7321 Note that an Alphanumeric subsection ends with several variable-length bit fields (the character  
 7322 map, and one or more Binary sections (representing the numeric and non-numeric Binary values).  
 7323 Note further that none of the lengths of these three variable-length bit fields are explicitly encoded  
 7324 (although one or two Extended-Base Binary segments may also be present, these have known  
 7325 lengths, determined from Prefix and/or Suffix runs). In order to determine the boundaries between  
 7326 these three variable-length fields, the decoder needs to implement a procedure, using knowledge of

7327 the remaining number of daIa bits, in order to correctly parse the Alphanumeric subsection. An  
 7328 example of such a procedure is described in Annex [M](#).

7329 **Padding the last Byte**

7330 The last (least-significant) bit of the final Binary segment is also the last significant bit of the Packed  
 7331 Object. If there are any remaining bit positions in the last byte to be filled with pad bits, then the  
 7332 most significant pad bit shall be set to '1', and any remaining less-significant pad bits shall be set to  
 7333 '0'. The decoder can determine the total number of non-pad bits in a Packed Object by examining  
 7334 the Length Section of the Packed Object (and if the Pad Indicator bit of that section is '1', by also  
 7335 examining the last byte of the Packed Object).

7336 **I.9 ID Map and Directory encoding options**

7337 An ID Map can be more efficient than a list of ID Values, when encoding a relatively large number of  
 7338 ID Values. Additionally, an ID Map representation is advantageous for use in a Directory Packed  
 7339 Object. The ID Map itself (the first major subsection of every ID Map section) is structured  
 7340 identically whether in a Data or Directory IDMPO, but a Directory IDMPO's ID Map section contains  
 7341 additional optional subsections. The structure of an ID Map section, containing one or more ID  
 7342 Maps, is described in the section below, explained in terms of its usage in a Data IDMPO;  
 7343 subsequent sections explain the added structural elements in a Directory IDMPO.

7344 **I.9.1 ID Map Section structure**

7345 An IDMPO represents ID Values using a structure called an ID Map section, containing one or more  
 7346 ID Maps. Each ID Value encoded in a Data IDMPO is represented as a '1' bit within an ID Map bit  
 7347 field, whose fixed length is equal to the number of entries in the corresponding Base Table.  
 7348 Conversely, each '0' in the ID Map Field indicates the absence of the corresponding ID Value. Since  
 7349 the total number of '1' bits within the ID Map Field equals the number of ID Values being  
 7350 represented, no explicit NumberOfIDs field is encoded. In order to implement the range of  
 7351 functionality made possible by this representation, the ID Map Section contains elements other than  
 7352 the ID Map itself. If present, the optional ID Map Section immediately follows the leading pattern  
 7353 indicating an IDMPO (as was described in [I.4.2](#)), and contains the following elements in the order  
 7354 listed below:

- 7355 ■ An Application Indicator subsection (see [I.5.3](#))
- 7356 ■ an ID Map bit field (whose length is determined from the ID Size in the Application Indicator)
- 7357 ■ a Full/Restricted Use bit (see [I.5.3](#))
- 7358 ■ (the above sequence forms an ID Map, which may optionally repeat multiple times)
- 7359 ■ a Data/Directory indicator bit,
- 7360 ■ an optional AuxMap section (never present in a Data IDMPO), and
- 7361 ■ Closing Flag(s), consisting of an "Addendum Flag" bit. If '1', then an Addendum subsection is present at  
 7362 the end of the Object Info section (after the Object Length Information).

7363 These elements, shown in the table below as a maximum structure (every element is present), are  
 7364 described in each of the next subsections.

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**Table I.9.1-1** ID Map section

First ID Map		Optional additional ID Map(s)		Null App Indicator (single zero bit)	Data/Directory Indicator Bit	(If directory) Optional AuxMap Section	Closing Flag Bit(s)
App Indicator	ID Map Bit Field (ends with F/R bit)	App Indicator	ID Map Field (ends with F/R bit)				
See <a href="#">I.5.3</a>	See <a href="#">I.9.1</a> and <a href="#">I.5.3</a>	As previous	As previous	See <a href="#">I.5.3</a>		See I.9.2	Addendum Flag Bit

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When an ID Map section is encoded, it is always followed by an Object Length and Pad Indicator, and optionally followed by an Addendum subsection (all as have been previously defined), and then may be followed by any of the other sections defined for Packed Objects, except that a Directory IDMPO shall not include a Data section.

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**ID Map and ID Map bit field**

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An ID Map usually consists of an Application Indicator followed by an ID Map bit field, ending with a Full/Restricted Use bit. An ID Map bit field consists of a single "MapPresent" flag bit, then (if MapPresent is '1') a number of bits equal to the length determined from the ID Size pattern within the Application Indicator, plus one (the Full/Restricted Use bit). The ID Map bit field indicates the presence/absence of encoded data items corresponding to entries in a specific registered Primary or Alternate Base Table. The choice of base table is indicated by the encoded combination of DSFID and Application Indicator pattern that precedes the ID Map bit field. The MSB of the ID Map bit field corresponds to ID Value 0 in the base table, the next bit corresponds to ID Value 1, and so on.

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In a Data Packed Object's ID Map bit field, each '1' bit indicates that this Packed Object contains an encoded occurrence of the data item corresponding to an entry in the registered Base Table associated with this ID Map. Note that the valid encoded entry may be found either in the first ("parentless") Packed Object of the chain (the one containing the ID Map) or in an Addendum IDLPO of that chain. Note further that one or more data entries may be encoded in an IDMPO, but marked "invalid" (by a Delete entry in an Addendum IDLPO).

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An ID Map shall not correspond to a Secondary ID Table instead of a Base ID Table. Note that data items encoded in a "parentless" Data IDMPO shall appear in the same relative order in which they are listed in the associated Base Table. However, additional "out of order" data items may be added to an existing data IDMPO by appending an Addendum IDLPO to the Object.

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An ID Map cannot indicate a specific number of instances (greater than one) of the same ID Value, and this would seemingly imply that only one data instance using a given ID Value can be encoded in a Data IDMPO. However, the ID Map method needs to support the case where more two or more encoded data items are from the same identifier "class" (and thus share the same ID Value). The following mechanisms address this need:

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- Another data item of the same class can be encoded in an Addendum IDLPO of the IDMPO. Multiple occurrences of the same ID Value can appear on an ID List, each associated with different encoded values of the Secondary ID bits.

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- A series of two or more encoded instances of the same "class" can be efficiently indicated by a single instance of an ID Value (or equivalently by a single ID Map bit), if the corresponding Base Table entry defines a "Repeat" Bit (see [J.2.2](#)).

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An ID Map section may contain multiple ID Maps; a null Application Indicator section (with its AppIndicatorPresent bit set to '0') terminates the list of ID Maps.

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**Data/Directory and AuxMap indicator bits**

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A Data/Directory indicator bit is always encoded immediately following the last ID Map. By definition, a Data IDMPO has its Data/Directory bit set to '0', and a Directory IDMPO has its Data/Directory bit set to '1'. If the Data/Directory bit is set to '1', it is immediately followed by an AuxMap indicator bit which, if '1', indicates that an optional AuxMap section immediately follows.

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Closing Flags bit(s)

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The ID Map section ends with a single Closing Flag:

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- The final bit of the Closing Flags is an Addendum Flag Bit which, if '1', indicates that there is an optional Addendum subsection encoded at the end of the Object Info section of the Packed Object. If present, the Addendum subsection is as described in Section [I.5.6](#).

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### I.9.2 Directory Packed Objects

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A "Directory Packed Object" is an IDMPO whose Directory bit is set to '1'. Its only inherent difference from a Data IDMPO is that it does not contain any encoded data items. However, additional mechanisms and usage considerations apply only to a Directory Packed Object, and these are described in the following subsections.

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#### ID Maps in a Directory IDMPO

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Although the structure of an ID Map is identical whether in a Data or Directory IDMPO, the semantics of the structure are somewhat different. In a Directory Packed Object's ID Map bit field, each '1' bit indicates that a Data Packed Object in the same data carrier memory bank contains a valid data item associated with the corresponding entry in the specified Base Table for this ID Map. Optionally, a Directory Packed Object may further indicate *which* Packed Object contains each data item (see the description of the optional AuxMap section below).

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Note that, in contrast to a Data IDMPO, there is no required correlation between the order of bits in a Directory's ID Map and the order in which these data items are subsequently encoded in memory within a sequence of Data Packed Objects.

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#### Optional AuxMap Section (Directory IDMPOs only)

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An AuxMap Section optionally allows a Directory IDMPO's ID Map to indicate not only presence/absence of all the data items in this memory bank of the tag, but also which Packed Object encodes each data item. If the AuxMap indicator bit is '1', then an AuxMap section shall be encoded immediately after this bit. If encoded, the AuxMap section shall contain one PO Index Field for each of the ID Maps that precede this section. After the last PO Index Field, the AuxMap Section may optionally encode an ObjectOffsets list, where each ObjectOffset generally indicates the number of bytes from the start of the previous Packed Object to the start of the next Packed Object. This AuxMap structure is shown (for an example IDMPO with two ID Maps) in the table below.

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**Table I.9.2-1** Optional AuxMap section structure

PO Index Field for first ID Map		PO Index Field for second ID Map		Object Offsets Present bit	Optional ObjectOffsets subsection				
POindex Length	POindex Table	POindex Length	POindex Table		Object Offsets Multiplier	Object1 offset (EBV6)	Object2 offset (EBV6)	...	ObjectN offset (EBV6)

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Each PO Index Field has the following structure and semantics:

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- A three-bit POindexLength field, indicating the number of index bits encoded for each entry in the PO Index Table that immediately follows this field (unless the POindex length is '000', which means that no PO Index Table follows).

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- A PO Index Table, consisting of an array of bits, one bit (or group of bits, depending on the POindexLength) for every bit in the corresponding ID Map of this directory Packed Object. A PO Index Table entry (i.e., a "PO Index") indicates (by relative order) which Packed Object contains the data item indicated by the corresponding '1' bit in the ID Map. If an ID Map bit is '0', the corresponding PO Index Table entry is present but its contents are ignored.

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- Every Packed Object is assigned an index value in sequence, without regard as to whether it is a "parentless" Packed Object or a "child" of another Packed Object, or whether it is a Data or Directory Packed Object.

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- 7449 ■ If the PO Index is within the first PO Index Table (for the associated ID Map) of the Directory "chain",  
7450 then:
- 7451     □ a PO Index of zero refers to the first Packed Object in memory,  
7452     □ a value of one refers to the next Packed Object in memory, and so on  
7453     □ a value of  $m$ , where  $m$  is the largest value that can be encoded in the PO Index (given the  
7454     number of bits per index that was set in the POindexLength), indicates a Packed Object  
7455     whose relative index (position in memory) is  $m$  or higher. This definition allows Packed  
7456     Objects higher than  $m$  to be indexed in an Addendum Directory Packed Object, as described  
7457     immediately below. If no Addendum exists, then the precise position is either  $m$  or some  
7458     indeterminate position greater than  $m$ .
- 7459 ■ If the PO Index is not within the first PO Index Table of the directory chain for the associated ID Map (i.e.,  
7460 it is in an Addendum IDMPO), then:
- 7461     □ a PO Index of zero indicates that a prior PO Index Table of the chain provided the index  
7462     information,  
7463     □ a PO Index of  $n$  ( $n > 0$ ) refers to the  $n$ th Packed Object above the highest index value  
7464     available in the immediate parent directory PO; e.g., if the maximum index value in the  
7465     immediate parent directory PO refers to PO number "3 or greater," then a PO index of 1 in  
7466     this addendum refers to PO number 4.  
7467     □ A PO Index of  $m$  (as defined above) similarly indicates a Packed Object whose position is the  
7468      $m$ th position, or higher, than the limit of the previous table in the chain.
- 7469 ■ If the valid instance of an ID Value is in an Addendum Packed Object, an implementation may choose to  
7470 set a PO Index to point directly to that Addendum, or may instead continue to point to the Packed Object  
7471 in the chain that originally contained the ID Value.  
7472 NOTE: The first approach sometimes leads to faster searching; the second sometimes leads to faster  
7473 directory updates.
- 7474     After the last PO Index Field, the AuxMap section ends with (at minimum) a single "ObjectOffsets  
7475     Present" bit. A '0' value of this bit indicates that no ObjectOffsets subsection is encoded. If instead  
7476     this bit is a '1', it is immediately followed by an ObjectOffsets subsection, which holds a list of EBV-6  
7477     "offsets" (the number of octets between the start of a Packed Object and the start of the next  
7478     Packed Object). If present, the ObjectOffsets subsection consists of an ObjectOffsetsMultiplier  
7479     followed by an Object Offsets list, defined as follows:
- 7480 ■ An EBV-6 ObjectOffsetsMultiplier, whose value, when multiplied by 6, sets the total number of bits  
7481 reserved for the entire ObjectOffsets list. The value of this multiplier should be selected to ideally result in  
7482 sufficient storage to hold the offsets for the maximum number of Packed Objects that can be indexed by  
7483 this Directory Packed Object's PO Index Table (given the value in the POindexLength field, and given  
7484 some estimated average size for those Packed Objects).
- 7485 ■ a fixed-sized field containing a list of EBV-6 ObjectOffsets. The size of this field is exactly the number of  
7486 bits as calculated from the ObjectOffsetsMultiplier. The first ObjectOffset represents the start of the  
7487 second Packed Object in memory, relative to the first octet of memory (there would be little benefit in  
7488 reserving extra space to store the offset of the first Packed Object). Each succeeding ObjectOffset  
7489 indicates the start of the next Packed Object (relative to the previous ObjectOffset on the list), and the  
7490 final ObjectOffset on the list points to the all-zero termination pattern where the next Packed Object may  
7491 be written. An invalid offset of zero (EBV-6 pattern "000000") shall be used to terminate the ObjectOffset  
7492 list. If the reserved storage space is fully occupied, it need not include this terminating pattern.
- 7493 ■ In applications where the average Packed Object Length is difficult to predict, the reserved ObjectOffset  
7494 storage space may sometimes prove to be insufficient. In this case, an Addendum Packed Object can be  
7495 appended to the Directory Packed Object. This Addendum Directory Packed Object may contain null  
7496 subsections for all but its ObjectOffsets subsection. Alternately, if it is anticipated that the capacity of the  
7497 PO Index Table will also eventually be exceeded, then the Addendum Packed Object may also contain one  
7498 or more non-null PO Index fields. Note that in a given instance of an AuxMap section, either a PO Index  
7499 Table or an ObjectOffsets subsection may be the first to exceed its capacity. Therefore, the first position  
7500 referenced by an ObjectOffsets list in an Addendum Packed Object need not coincide with the first  
7501 position referenced by the PO Index Table of that same Addendum. Specifically, in an Addendum Packed  
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### Usage as a Presence/Absence Directory

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In many applications, an Interrogator may choose to read the entire contents of any data carrier containing one or more "target" data items of interest. In such applications, the positional information of those data items within the memory is not needed during the initial reading operations; only a presence/absence indication is needed at this processing stage. An ID Map can form a particularly efficient Presence/Absence directory for denoting the contents of a data carrier in such applications. A full directory structure encodes the offset or address (memory location) of every data element within the data carrier, which requires the writing of a large number of bits (typically 32 bits or more per data item). Inevitably, such an approach also requires reading a large number of bits over the air, just to determine whether an identifier of interest is present on a particular tag. In contrast, when only presence/absence information is needed, using an ID Map conveys the same information using only one bit per data item defined in the data system. The entire ID Map can be typically represented in 128 bits or less, and stays the same size as more data items are written to the tag.

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A "Presence/Absence Directory" Packed Object is defined as a Directory IDMPO that does not contain a PO Index, and therefore provides no encoded information as to where individual data items reside within the data carrier. A Presence/Absence Directory can be converted to an "Indexed Directory" Packed Object (see I.9.2.4) by adding a PO Index in an Addendum Packed Object, as a "child" of the Presence/Absence Packed Object.

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### Usage as an Indexed Directory

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In many applications involving large memories, an Interrogator may choose to read a Directory section covering the entire memory's contents, and then issue subsequent Reads to fetch the "target" data items of interest. In such applications, the positional information of those data items within the memory is important, but if many data items are added to a large memory over time, the directory itself can grow to an undesirable size.

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An ID Map, used in conjunction with an AuxMap containing a PO Index, can form a particularly-efficient "Indexed Directory" for denoting the contents of an RFID tag, and their approximate locations as well. Unlike a full tag directory structure, which encodes the offset or address (memory location) of every data element within the data carrier, an Indexed Directory encodes a small relative position or index indicating which Packed Object contains each data element. An application designer may choose to also encode the locations of each Packed Object in an optional ObjectOffsets subsection as described above, so that a decoding system, upon reading the Indexed Directory alone, can calculate the start addresses of all Packed Objects in memory.

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The utility of an ID Map used in this way is enhanced by the rule of most data systems that a given identifier may only appear once within a single data carrier. This rule, when an Indexed Directory is utilised with Packed Object encoding of the data in subsequent objects, can provide nearly-complete random access to reading data using relatively few directory bits. As an example, an ID Map directory (one bit per defined ID) can be associated with an additional AuxMap "PO Index" array (using, for example, three bits per defined ID). Using this arrangement, an interrogator would read the Directory Packed Object, and examine its ID Map to determine if the desired data item were present on the tag. If so, it would examine the 3 "PO Index" bits corresponding to that data item, to determine which of the first 8 Packed Objects on the tag contain the desired data item. If an optional ObjectOffsets subsection was encoded, then the Interrogator can calculate the starting address of the desired Packed Object directly; otherwise, the interrogator may perform successive read operations in order to fetch the desired Packed Object.

7549 **J Packed Objects ID tables**

7550 **J.1 Packed Objects data format registration file structure**

7551 A Packed Objects registered Data Format file consists of a series of "Keyword lines" and one or more  
 7552 ID Tables. Blank lines may occur anywhere within a Data Format File, and are ignored. Also, any  
 7553 line may end with extra blank columns, which are also ignored.

- 7554 ■ A Keyword line consists of a Keyword (which always starts with "K-") followed by an equals sign and a  
 7555 character string, which assigns a value to that Keyword. Zero or more space characters may be present  
 7556 on either side of the equals sign. Some Keyword lines shall appear only once, at the top of the  
 7557 registration file, and others may appear multiple times, once for each ID Table in the file.
- 7558 ■ An ID Table lists a series of ID Values (as defined in [1.5.3](#)). Each row of an ID Table contains a single ID  
 7559 Value (in a required "IDvalue" column), and additional columns may associate Object IDs (OIDs), ID  
 7560 strings, Format strings, and other information with that ID Value. A registration file always includes a  
 7561 single "Primary" Base ID Table, zero or more "Alternate" Base ID Tables, and may also include one or  
 7562 more Secondary ID Tables (that are referenced by one or more Base ID Table entries).

7563 To illustrate the file format, a hypothetical data system registration is shown in Figure J-1. In this  
 7564 hypothetical data system, each ID Value is associated with one or more OIDs and corresponding ID  
 7565 strings. The following subsections explain the syntax shown in the Figure.

7566 **Figure I.9.2-1** Hypothetical Data Format registration file

<b>K-Text = Hypothetical Data Format 100</b>				
<b>K-Version = 1.0</b>				
<b>K-TableID = F100B0</b>				
<b>K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.12345.100</b>				
<b>K-IDsize = 16</b>				
<b>IDvalue</b>	<b>OIDs</b>	<b>IDstring</b>	<b>Explanation</b>	<b>FormatString</b>
<b>0</b>	99	1Z	Legacy ID "1Z" corresponds to OID 99, is assigned IDval 0	14n
<b>1</b>	9%x30-33	7%x42-45	An OID in the range 90..93, Corresponding to ID 7B..7E	1*8an
<b>2</b>	(10)(20)(25)(37)	(A)(B)(C)(D)	a commonly-used set of IDs	(1n)(2n)(3n)(4n)
<b>3</b>	26/27	1A/2B	Either 1A or 2B is encoded, but not both	10n / 20n
<b>4</b>	(30) [31]	(2A) [3B]	2A is always encoded, optionally followed by 3B	(11n) [1*20n]
<b>5</b>	(40/41/42) (53) [55]	(4A/4B/4C) (5D) [5E]	One of A/B/C is encoded, then D, and optionally E	(1n/2n/3n) (4n) [5n]
<b>6</b>	(60/61/(64)[66])	(6A /6B / (6C) [6D])	Selections, one of which includes an Option	(1n / 2n / (3n)[4n])



**K-TableEnd = F100B0**

7567 **J.1.1 File Header section**

7568 Keyword lines in the File Header (the first portion of every registration file) may occur in any order,  
7569 and are as follows:

- 7570 ■ **(Mandatory) K-Version = nn.nn**, which the registering body assigns, to ensure that any future  
7571 revisions to their registration are clearly labelled.
- 7572 ■ **(Optional) K-Interpretation = string**, where the "string" argument shall be one of the following: "ISO-  
7573 646", "UTF-8", "ECI-nnnnnn" (where nnnnnn is a registered six-digit ECI number), ISO-8859-nn, or  
7574 "UNSPECIFIED". The Default interpretation is "UNSPECIFIED". This keyword line allows non-default  
7575 interpretations to be placed on the octets of data strings that are decoded from Packed Objects.
- 7576 ■ **(Optional) K-ISO15434=nn**, where "nn" represents a Format Indicator (a two-digit numeric identifier)  
7577 as defined in ISO/IEC 15434. This keyword line allows receiving systems to optionally represent a  
7578 decoded Packed Object as a fully-compliant ISO/IEC 15434 message. There is no default value for this  
7579 keyword line.
- 7580 ■ **(Optional) K-AppPunc = nn**, where nn represents (in decimal) the octet value of an ASCII character  
7581 that is commonly used for punctuation in this application. If this keyword line is not present, the default  
7582 Application Punctuation character is the hyphen.

7583 In addition, h may be included using the optional Keyword assignment line "K-text = string", and  
7584 may appear zero or more times within a File Header or Table Header, but not in an ID Table body.

7585 **J.1.2 Table Header section**

7586 One or more Table Header sections (each introducing an ID Table) follow the File Header section.  
7587 Each Table Header begins with a K-TableID keyword line, followed by a series of additional required  
7588 and optional Keyword lines (which may occur in any order), as follows:

- 7589 ■ **(Mandatory) K-TableID = FnnXnn**, where **Fnn** represents the ISO-assigned Data Format number  
7590 (where 'nn' represents one or more decimal digits), and Xnn (where 'X' is either 'B' or 'S') is a registrant-  
7591 assigned Table ID for each ID Table in the file. The first ID Table shall always be the Primary Base ID  
7592 Table of the registration, with a Table ID of "B0". As many as seven additional "Alternate" Base ID Tables  
7593 may be included, with higher sequential "Bnn" Table IDs. Secondary ID Tables may be included, with  
7594 sequential Table IDs of the form "Snn".
- 7595 ■ **(Mandatory) K-IDsize = nn**. For a base ID table, the value **nn** shall be one of the values from the  
7596 "Maximum number of Table Entries" column of Table I 5-5. For a secondary ID table, the value **nn** shall  
7597 be a power of two (even if not present in Table I 5-5).
- 7598 ■ **(Optional) K-RootOID = urn:oid:i.j.k.ff** where:
  - 7599 □ **i, j, and k** are the leading arcs of the OID (as many arcs as required) and
  - 7600 □ **ff** is the last arc of the Root OID (typically, the registered Data Format number)

7601 If the K-RootOID keyword is not present, then the default Root OID is:

- 7602 □ **urn:oid:1.0.15961.ff**, where "ff" is the registered Data Format number

- 7603 ■ **Other optional Keyword lines:** in order to override the file-level defaults (to set different values for a  
7604 particular table), a Table Header may invoke one or more of the Optional Keyword lines listed in for the  
7605 File Header section.

7606 The end of the Table Header section is the first non-blank line that does not begin with a Keyword.  
7607 This first non-blank line shall list the titles for every column in the ID Table that immediately follows  
7608 this line; column titles are case-sensitive.

7609 An Alternate Base ID Table, if present, is identical in format to the Primary Base ID Table (but  
7610 usually represents a smaller choice of identifiers, targeted for a specific application).

7611 A Secondary ID Table can be invoked by a keyword in a Base Table's **OIDs** column. A Secondary ID  
7612 Table is equivalent to a single Selection list (see [J.3](#)) for a single ID Value of a Base ID Table (except  
7613 that a Secondary table uses K-Idsize to explicitly define the number of Secondary ID bits per ID);

7614 the IDvalue column of a Secondary table lists the value of the corresponding Secondary ID bits  
 7615 pattern for each row in the Secondary Table. An **OIDs** entry in a Secondary ID Table shall not itself  
 7616 contain a Selection list nor invoke another Secondary ID Table.

### 7617 **J.1.3 ID Table section**

7618 Each ID table consists of a series of one or more rows, each row including a mandatory "IDvalue"  
 7619 column, several defined Optional columns (such as "OIDs", "IDstring", and "FormatString"), and any  
 7620 number of Informative columns (such as the "Explanation" column in the hypothetical example  
 7621 shown above).

7622 Each ID Table ends with a required Keyword line of the form:

7623 ■ **K-TableEnd = FnnXnn**, where **FnnXnn** shall match the preceding **K-TableID** keyword line that  
 7624 introduced the table.

7625 The syntax and requirements of all Mandatory and Optional columns shall be as described J.2.

## 7626 **J.2 Mandatory and optional ID table columns**

7627 Each ID Table in a Packed Objects registration shall include an IDvalue column, and may include  
 7628 other columns that are defined in this specification as Optional, and/or Informative columns (whose  
 7629 column heading is not defined in this specification).

### 7630 **J.2.1 IDvalue column (Mandatory)**

7631 Each ID Table in a Packed Objects registration shall include an IDvalue column. The ID Values on  
 7632 successive rows shall increase monotonically. However, the table may terminate before reaching the  
 7633 full number of rows indicated by the Keyword line containing **K-IDsize**. In this case, a receiving  
 7634 system will assume that all remaining ID Values are reserved for future assignment (as if the OIDs  
 7635 column contained the keyword "K-RFA"). If a registered Base ID Table does not include the optional  
 7636 OIDs column described below, then the IDvalue shall be used as the last arc of the OID.

### 7637 **J.2.2 OIDs and IDstring columns (Optional)**

7638 A Packed Objects registration always assigns a final OID arc to each identifier (either a number  
 7639 assigned in the "OIDs" column as will be described below, or if that column is absent, the IDvalue is  
 7640 assigned as the default final arc). The OIDs column is required rather than optional, if a single  
 7641 IDvalue is intended to represent either a combination of OIDs or a choice between OIDs (one or  
 7642 more Secondary ID bits are invoked by any entry that presents a choice of OIDs).

7643 A Packed Objects registration may include an IDstring column, which if present assigns an ASCII-  
 7644 string name for each OID. If no name is provided, systems must refer to the identifier by its OID  
 7645 (see [J.3](#)). However, many registrations will be based on data systems that do have an ASCII  
 7646 representation for each defined Identifier, and receiving systems may optionally output a  
 7647 representation based on those strings. If so, the ID Table may contain a column indicating the  
 7648 IDstring that corresponds to each OID. An empty IDstring cell means that there is no corresponding  
 7649 ASCII string associated with the OID. A non-empty IDstring shall provide a name for every OID  
 7650 invoked by the OIDs column of that row (or a single name, if no OIDs column is present). Therefore,  
 7651 the sequence of combination and selection operations in an IDstring shall exactly match those in the  
 7652 row's OIDs column.

7653 A non-empty **OIDs** cell may contain either a keyword, an ASCII string representing (in decimal) a  
 7654 single OID value, or a compound string (in ABNF notation) that defines a choice and/or a  
 7655 combination of OIDs. The detailed syntax for compound OID strings in this column (which also  
 7656 applies to the IDstring column) is as defined in section [J.3](#). Instead of containing a simple or  
 7657 compound OID representation, an OIDs entry may contain one of the following Keywords:

- 7658 ■ **K-Verbatim = OIDddBnn**, where "dd" represents the chosen penultimate arc of the OID, and "Bnn"  
 7659 indicates one of the Base 10, Base 40, or Base 74 encoding tables. This entry invokes a number of  
 7660 Secondary ID bits that serve two purposes:
  - 7661 □ They encode an ASCII identifier "name" that might not have existed at the time the table  
 7662 was registered. The name is encoded in the Secondary ID bits section as a series of Base-n

7663 values representing the ASCII characters of the name, preceded by a four-bit field indicating  
 7664 the number of Base-n values that follow (zero is permissible, in order to support RFA entries  
 7665 as described below).

7666 □ The cumulative value of these Secondary ID bits, considered as a single unsigned binary  
 7667 integer and converted to decimal, is the final "arc" of the OID for this "verbatim-encoded"  
 7668 identifier.

7669 ■ **K-Secondary = Snn**, where "Snn" represents the Table ID of a Secondary ID Table in the same  
 7670 registration file. This is equivalent to a Base ID Table row OID entry that contains a single Selection list  
 7671 (with no other components at the top level), but instead of listing these components in the Base ID Table,  
 7672 each component is listed as a separate row in the Secondary ID Table, where each may be assigned a  
 7673 unique OID, ID string, and FormatString.

7674 ■ **K-Proprietary=OIDddPnn**, where nn represents a fixed number of Secondary ID bits that encode an  
 7675 optional Enterprise Identifier indicating who wrote the proprietary data (an entry of **K-**  
 7676 **Proprietary=OIDddP0** indicates an "anonymous" proprietary data item).

7677 ■ **K-RFA = OIDddbnn**, where "Bnn" is as defined above for Verbatim encoding, except that "B0" is a valid  
 7678 assignment (meaning that no Secondary ID bits are invoked). This keyword represents a Reserved for  
 7679 Future Assignment entry, with an option for Verbatim encoding of the Identifier "name" once a name is  
 7680 assigned by the entity who registered this Data Format. Encoders may use this entry, with a four-bit  
 7681 "verbatim" length of zero, until an Identifier "name" is assigned. A specific FormatString may be assigned  
 7682 to K-RFA entries, or the default a/n encoding may be utilised.

7683 Finally, any OIDs entry may end with a single "**R**" character (preceded by one or more space  
 7684 characters), to indicate that a "Repeat" bit shall be encoded as the last Secondary ID bit invoked by  
 7685 the entry. If '1', this bit indicates that another instance of this class of identifier is also encoded  
 7686 (that is, this bit acts as if a repeat of the ID Value were encoded on an ID list). If '1', then this bit is  
 7687 followed by another series of Secondary ID bits, to represent the particulars of this additional  
 7688 instance of the ID Value.

7689 An IDstring column shall not contain any of the above-listed Keyword entries, and an IDstring entry  
 7690 shall be empty when the corresponding OIDs entry contains a Keyword.

7691 **J.2.3 FormatString column (Optional)**

7692 An ID Table may optionally define the data characteristics of the data associated with a particular  
 7693 identifier, in order to facilitate data compaction. If present, the FormatString entry specifies whether  
 7694 a data item is all-numeric or alphanumeric (i.e., may contain characters other than the decimal  
 7695 digits), and specifies either a fixed length or a variable length. If no FormatString entry is present,  
 7696 then the default data characteristic is alphanumeric. If no FormatString entry is present, or if the  
 7697 entry does not specify a length, then any length  $\geq 1$  is permitted. Unless a single fixed length is  
 7698 specified, the length of each encoded data item is encoded in the Aux Format section of the Packed  
 7699 Object, as specified in [I.7](#).

7700 If a given IDstring entry defines more than a single identifier, then the corresponding FormatString  
 7701 column shall show a format string for each such identifier, using the same sequence of punctuation  
 7702 characters (disregarding concatenation) as was used in the corresponding IDstring.

7703 The format string for a single identifier shall be one of the following:

- 7704 ■ A length qualifier followed by "n" (for always-numeric data);
- 7705 ■ A length qualifier followed by "an" (for data that may contain non-digits); or
- 7706 ■ A fixed-length qualifier, followed by "n", followed by one or more space characters, followed by a  
 7707 variable-length qualifier, followed by "an".

7708 A length qualifier shall be either null (that is, no qualifier present, indicating that any length  $\geq 1$  is  
 7709 legal), a single decimal number (indicating a fixed length) or a length range of the form "i\*j", where  
 7710 "I" represents the minimum allowed length of the data item, "j" represents the maximum allowed  
 7711 length, and  $i \leq j$ . In the latter case, if "j" is omitted, it means the maximum length is unlimited.

7712 Data corresponding to an "n" in the FormatString are encoded in the KLN subsection; data  
 7713 corresponding to an "an" in the FormatString are encoded in the A/N subsection.

7714 When a given instance of the data item is encoded in a Packed Object, its length is encoded in the  
 7715 Aux Format section as specified in [1.7.2](#). The minimum value of the range is not itself encoded, but  
 7716 is specified in the ID Table's FormatString column.

7717 **Example:**

7718 A FormatString entry of "3\*6n" indicates an all-numeric data item whose length is always between  
 7719 three and six digits inclusive. A given length is encoded in two bits, where '00' would indicate a  
 7720 string of digits whose length is "3", and '11' would indicate a string length of six digits.

#### 7721 **J.2.4 Interp column (Optional)**

7722 Some registrations may wish to specify information needed for output representations of the Packed  
 7723 Object's contents, other than the default OID representation of the arcs of each encoded identifier.  
 7724 If this information is invariant for a particular table, the registration file may include keyword lines  
 7725 as previously defined. If the interpretation varies from row to row within a table, then an Interp  
 7726 column may be added to the ID Table. This column entry, if present, may contain one or more of  
 7727 the following keyword assignments (separated by semicolons), as were previously defined (see J.1.1.1  
 7728 and J.1.2):

7729 ■ K-RootOID = urn:oid:i.j.k.l...

7730 ■ K-Interpretation = string

7731 ■ K-ISO15434=nn

7732 If used, these override (for a particular Identifier) the default file-level values and/or those specified  
 7733 in the Table Header section.

### 7734 **J.3 Syntax of OIDs, IDstring, and FormatString Columns**

7735 In a given ID Table entry, the OIDs, IDString, and FormatString column may indicate one or more  
 7736 mechanisms described in this section. [1.3.1](#) specifies the semantics of the mechanisms, and [1.3.2](#)  
 7737 specifies the formal grammar for the ID Table columns.

#### 7738 **J.3.1 Semantics for OIDs, IDString, and FormatString Columns**

7739 In the descriptions below, the word "Identifier" means either an OID final arc (in the context of the  
 7740 OIDs column) or an IDString name (in the context of the IDstring column). If both columns are  
 7741 present, only the OIDs column actually invokes Secondary ID bits.

7742 ■ A **Single component** resolving to a single Identifier, in which case no additional Secondary ID bits are  
 7743 invoked.

7744 ■ (For OIDs and IDString columns only) A single component resolving to one of a series of closely-related  
 7745 Identifiers, where the Identifier's string representation varies only at one or more character positions.  
 7746 This is indicated using the **Concatenation** operator '%' to introduce a range of ASCII characters at a  
 7747 specified position. For example, an OID whose final arc is defined as "391n", where the fourth digit 'n' can  
 7748 be any digit from '0' to '6' (ASCII characters 30<sub>hex</sub> to 36<sub>hex</sub> inclusive) is represented by the component  
 7749 **391%x30-39** (note that no spaces are allowed). A Concatenation invokes the minimum number of  
 7750 Secondary ID digits needed to indicate the specified range. When both an OIDs column and an IDstring  
 7751 column are populated for a given row, both shall contain the same number of concatenations, with the same  
 7752 ranges (so that the numbers and values of Secondary ID bits invoked are consistent). However, the  
 7753 minimum value listed for the two ranges can differ, so that (for example) the OID's digit can range from 0  
 7754 to 3, while the corresponding IDstring character can range from "B" to "E" if so desired. Note that the use  
 7755 of Concatenation inherently constrains the relationship between OID and IDString, and so Concatenation  
 7756 may not be useable under all circumstances (the Selection operation described below usually provides an  
 7757 alternative).

7758 ■ A **Combination** of two or more identifier components in an ordered sequence, indicated by surrounding  
 7759 each component of the sequence with parentheses. For example, an IDstring entry **(A)(%x30-**  
 7760 **37B)(2C)** indicates that the associated ID Value represents a sequence of the following three identifiers:

7761 ■ Identifier "A", then

- 7762 ■ An identifier within the range "0B" to "7B" (invoking three Secondary ID bits to represent the choice of  
7763 leading character), then
- 7764 ■ Identifier "2C
- 7765       Note that a Combination does not itself invoke any Secondary ID bits (unless one or more of its  
7766       components do).
- 7767 ■ An **Optional** component is indicated by surrounding the component in brackets, which may viewed as a  
7768 "conditional combination." For example the entry (A) [B][C][D] indicates that the ID Value represents  
7769 identifier A, optionally followed by B, C, and/or D. A list of Options invokes one Secondary ID bit for each  
7770 component in brackets, wherein a '1' indicates that the optional component was encoded.
- 7771 ■ A **Selection** between several mutually-exclusive components is indicated by separating the components by  
7772 forward slash characters. For example, the IDstring entry **(A/B/C/(D)(E))** indicates that the fully-  
7773 qualified ID Value represents a single choice from a list of four choices (the fourth of which is a  
7774 Combination). A Selection invokes the minimum number of Secondary ID bits needed to indicate a choice  
7775 from a list of the specified number of components.
- 7776       In general, a "compound" OIDs or IDstring entry may contain any or all of the above operations.  
7777       However, to ensure that a single left-to-right parsing of an OIDs entry results in a deterministic set  
7778       of Secondary ID bits (which are encoded in the same left-to-right order in which they are invoked by  
7779       the OIDs entry), the following restrictions are applied:
- 7780 ■ A given Identifier may only appear once in an OIDs entry. For example, the entry (A)(B/A) is invalid
- 7781 ■ A OIDs entry may contain at most a single Selection list
- 7782 ■ There is no restriction on the number of Combinations (because they invoke no Secondary ID bits)
- 7783 ■ There is no restriction on the total number of Concatenations in an OIDs entry, but no single Component  
7784 may contain more than two Concatenation operators.
- 7785 ■ An Optional component may be a component of a Selection list, but an Optional component may not be a  
7786 compound component, and therefore shall not include a Selection list nor a Combination nor Concatenation.
- 7787 ■ A OIDs or IDstring entry may not include the characters '\(', '\)', '\[', '\]', '\%', '\-', or '\/', unless used as an  
7788 Operator as described above. If one of these characters is part of a defined data system Identifier "name",  
7789 then it shall be represented as a single literal Concatenated character.

### 7790 **J.3.2 Formal Grammar for OIDs, IDString, and FormatString Columns**

7791 In each ID Table entry, the contents of the OIDs, IDString, and FormatString columns shall conform  
7792 to the following grammar for Expr, unless the column is empty or (in the case of the OIDs column)  
7793 it contains a keyword as specified in [1.2.2](#). All three columns share the same grammar, except that  
7794 the syntax for COMPONENT is different for each column as specified below. In a given ID Table Entry,  
7795 the contents of the OIDs, IDString, and FormatString column (except if empty) shall have identical  
7796 parse trees according to this grammar, except that the COMPONENTs may be different. Space  
7797 characters are permitted (and ignored) anywhere in an Expr, except that in the interior of a  
7798 COMPONENT spaces are only permitted where explicitly specified below.

7799 Expr = SelectionExpr / "(" SelectionExpr ")" / SelectionSubexpr

7800 SelectionExpr = SelectionSubexpr 1\*( "/" SelectionSubexpr )

7801 SelectionSubexpr = COMPONENT / ComboExpr

7802 ComboExpr = 1\*ComboSubexpr

7803 ComboSubexpr = "(" COMPONENT ")" / "[" COMPONENT "]"

7804 For the OIDs column, COMPONENT shall conform to the following grammar:

7810 COMPONENT\_OIDs = 1\*(COMPONENT\_OIDs\_Char / Concat)

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7812 COMPONENT\_OIDs\_Char = 1\*(%x30-39) ; 0-9  
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7814 For the IDString column, COMPONENT shall conform to the following grammar:

7815 COMPONENT\_IDString = UnquotedIDString / QuotedIDString

7816 UnquotedIDString = 1\*(UnquotedIDStringChar / Concat)

7817 UnquotedIDStringChar = %x30-39 / %x41-5A / %x61-7A / "\_" ; 0-9 A-Z a-z \_

7818 QuotedIDString = QUOTE 1\*QuotedIDStringConstituent QUOTE

7819 QuotedIDStringConstituent = " " / "!" / "#".~" / (QUOTE QUOTE)

7820 QUOTE = %x22 ; ASCII double quote

7821 QUOTE refers to ASCII character 34 (decimal), the double quote character.

7822 When the QuotedIDString form for COMPONENT\_IDString is used, the beginning and ending  
7823 QUOTE characters shall *not* be considered part of the IDString. Between the beginning and ending  
7824 QUOTE, all ASCII characters in the range 32 (decimal) through 126 (decimal), inclusive, are allowed,  
7825 except that two QUOTE characters in a row shall denote a single double-quote character to be  
7826 included in the IDString.

7827 In the QuotedIDString form, a % character does not denote the concatenation operator, but  
7828 instead is just a percent character included literally in the IDString. To use the concatenation  
7829 operator, the UnquotedIDString form must be used. In that case, a degenerate concatenation  
7830 operator (where the start character equals the end character) may be used to include a character  
7831 into the IDString that is not one of the characters listed for UnquotedIDStringChar.

7832 For the FormatString column, COMPONENT shall conform to the following grammar:

7833 COMPONENT\_FormatString = 0\*1Range ("an" / "n")  
7834 / FixedRange "n" 1\*" " VarRange "an"

7835 Range = FixedRange / VarRange

7836 FixedRange = Number

7837 VarRange = Number "\*" 0\*1(Number)

7838 Number = 1\*(%x30-39) ; 0-9

7839 The syntax for COMPONENT for the OIDs and IDString columns make reference to Concat, whose  
7840 syntax is specified as follows:

7841 Concat = "%" "x" HexChar "-" HexChar

7842 HexChar = (%x30-39 / %x41-46) ; 0-9 A-F

7843 The hex value following the hyphen shall be greater than or equal to the hex value preceding the  
7844 hyphen. In the OIDs column, each hex value shall be in the range 30<sub>hex</sub> to 39<sub>hex</sub>, inclusive. In the  
7845 IDString column, each hex value shall be in the range 20<sub>hex</sub> to 7E<sub>hex</sub>, inclusive.

## 7854 J.4 OID input/output representation

7855 The default method for representing the contents of a Packed Object to a receiving system is as a  
7856 series of name/value pairs, where the name is an OID, and the value is the decoded data string  
7857 associated with that OID. Unless otherwise specified by a **K-RootOID** keyword line, the default root  
7858 OID is **urn:oid:1.0.15961.ff**, where **ff** is the Data Format encoded in the DSFID. The final arc of  
7859 the OID is (by default) the IDvalue, but this is typically overridden by an entry in the OIDs column.  
7860 Note that an encoded Application Indicator (see [I.5.3](#)) may change **ff** from the value indicated by  
7861 the DSFID.

7862 If supported by information in the ID Table's IDstring column, a receiving system may translate the  
 7863 OID output into various alternative formats, based on the IDString representation of the OIDs. One  
 7864 such format, as described in ISO/IEC 15434, requires as additional information a two-digit Format  
 7865 identifier; a table registration may provide this information using the **K-ISO15434** keyword as  
 7866 described above.

7867 The combination of the K-RootOID keyword and the OIDs column provides the registering entity an  
 7868 ability to assign OIDs to data system identifiers without regard to how they are actually encoded,  
 7869 and therefore the same OID assignment can apply regardless of the access method.

#### 7870 **J.4.1 "ID Value OID" output representation**

7871 If the receiving system does not have access to the relevant ID Table (possibly because it is newly-  
 7872 registered), the Packed Objects decoder will not have sufficient information to convert the IDvalue  
 7873 (plus Secondary ID bits) to the intended OID. In order to ease the introduction of new or external  
 7874 tables, encoders have an option to follow "restricted use" rules (see [I.5.3](#)).

7875 When a receiving system has decoded a Packed Object encoded following "restricted use" rules, but  
 7876 does not have access to the indicated ID Table, it shall construct an "ID Value OID" in the following  
 7877 format:

7878 **urn:oid:1.0.15961.300.ff.bb.idval.secbits**

7879 where **1.0.15961.300** is a Root OID with a reserved Data Format of "300" that is never encoded in  
 7880 a DSFID, but is used to distinguish an "ID Value OID" from a true OID (as would have been used if  
 7881 the ID Table were available). The reserved value of 300 is followed by the encoded table's Data  
 7882 Format (**ff**) (which may be different from the DSFID's default), the table ID (**bb**) (always '0', unless  
 7883 otherwise indicated via an encoded Application Indicator), the encoded ID value, and the decimal  
 7884 representation of the invoked Secondary ID bits. This process creates a unique OID for each unique  
 7885 fully-qualified ID Value. For example, using the hypothetical ID Table shown in Annex [L](#) (but  
 7886 assuming, for illustration purposes, that the table's specified Root OID is **urn:oid:1.0.12345.9**,  
 7887 then an "AMOUNT" ID with a fourth digit of '2' has a true OID of:

7888 **urn:oid:1.0.12345.9.3912**

7889 **and an "ID Value OID" of**

7890 **urn:oid:1.0.15961.300.9.0.51.2**

7891 When a single ID Value represents multiple component identifiers via combinations or optional  
 7892 components, their multiple OIDs and data strings shall be represented separately, each using the  
 7893 same "ID Value OID" (up through and including the Secondary ID bits arc), but adding as a final arc  
 7894 the component number (starting with "1" for the first component decoded under that IDvalue).

7895 If the decoding system encounters a Packed Object that references an ID Table that is unavailable  
 7896 to the decoder, but the encoder chose not to set the "Restricted Use" bit in the Application Indicator,  
 7897 then the decoder shall either discard the Packed Object, or relay the entire Packed Object to the  
 7898 receiving system as a single undecoded binary entity, a sequence of octets of the length specified in  
 7899 the ObjectLength field of the Packed Object. The OID for an undecoded Packed Object shall be  
 7900 **urn:oid:1.0.15961.301.ff.n**, where "301" is a Data Format reserved to indicate an undecoded  
 7901 Packed Object, "ff" shall be the Data Format encoded in the DSFID at the start of memory, and an  
 7902 optional final arc 'n' may be incremented sequentially to distinguish between multiple undecoded  
 7903 Packed Objects in the same data carrier memory.

## K Packed Objects encoding tables

Packed Objects primarily utilise two encoding bases:

- 7906 ■ Base 10, which encodes each of the digits '0' through '9' in one Base 10 value
- 7907 ■ Base 30, which encodes the capital letters and selectable punctuation in one Base-30 value, and encodes  
7908 punctuation and control characters from the remainder of the ASCII character set in two base-30 values  
7909 (using a Shift mechanism)

For situations where a high percentage of the input data's non-numeric characters would require pairs of base-30 values, two alternative bases, Base 74 and Base 256, are also defined:

- 7912 ■ The values in the Base 74 set correspond to the invariant subset of ISO/IEC 646 [ISO646] (which  
7913 includes the GS1 character set), but with the digits eliminated, and with the addition of GS and <space>  
7914 (GS is supported for uses other than as a data delimiter).
- 7915 ■ The values in the Base 256 set may convey octets with no graphical-character interpretation, or  
7916 "extended ASCII values" as defined in ISO/IEC 8859-6 [ISO8859-6], or UTF-8 (the interpretation may be  
7917 set in the registered ID Table for an application). The characters '0' through '9' (ASCII values 48 through  
7918 57) are supported, and an encoder may therefore encode the digits either by using a prefix or suffix (in  
7919 Base 256) or by using a character map (in Base 10). Note that in GS1 data, FNC1 is represented by ASCII  
7920 <GS> (octet value 29<sub>dec</sub>).

Finally, there are situations where compaction efficiency can be enhanced by run-length encoding of base indicators, rather than by character map bits, when a long run of characters can be classified into a single base. To facilitate that classification, additional "extension" bases are added, only for use in Prefix and Suffix Runs.

- 7925 ■ In order to support run-length encoding of a primarily-numeric string with a few interspersed letters, a  
7926 Base 13 is defined, per Table B-2
- 7927 ■ Two of these extension bases (Base 40 and Base 84) are simply defined, in that they extend the  
7928 corresponding non-numeric bases (Base 30 and Base 74, respectively) to also include the ten decimal  
7929 digits. The additional entries, for characters '0' through '9', are added as the next ten sequential values  
7930 (values 30 through 39 for Base 40, and values 74 through 83 for Base 84).
- 7931 ■ The "extended" version of Base 256 is defined as Base 40. This allows an encoder the option of encoding  
7932 a few ASCII control or upper-ASCII characters in Base 256, while using a Prefix and/or Suffix to more  
7933 efficiently encode the remaining non-numeric characters.

The number of bits required to encode various numbers of Base 10, Base 16, Base 30, Base 40, Base 74, and Base 84 characters are shown in Figure B-1. In all cases, a limit is placed on the size of a single input group, selected so as to output a group no larger than 20 octets.



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**Figure J.4.1-1** Required number of bits for a given number of Base 'N' values

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7938 /* Base10 encoding accepts up to 48 input values per group: */
7939 static const unsigned char bitsForNumBase10[] = {
7940 /* 0 - 9 */ 0, 4, 7, 10, 14, 17, 20, 24, 27, 30,
7941 /* 10 - 19 */ 34, 37, 40, 44, 47, 50, 54, 57, 60, 64,
7942 /* 20 - 29 */ 67, 70, 74, 77, 80, 84, 87, 90, 94, 97,
7943 /* 30 - 39 */ 100, 103, 107, 110, 113, 117, 120, 123, 127, 130,
7944 /* 40 - 48 */ 133, 137, 140, 143, 147, 150, 153, 157, 160};
7945
7946 /* Base13 encoding accepts up to 43 input values per group: */
7947 static const unsigned char bitsForNumBase13[] = {
7948 /* 0 - 9 */ 0, 4, 8, 12, 15, 19, 23, 26, 30, 34,
7949 /* 10 - 19 */ 38, 41, 45, 49, 52, 56, 60, 63, 67, 71,
7950 /* 20 - 29 */ 75, 78, 82, 86, 89, 93, 97, 100, 104, 108,
7951 /* 30 - 39 */ 112, 115, 119, 123, 126, 130, 134, 137, 141, 145,
7952 /* 40 - 43 */ 149, 152, 156, 160 };
7953
7954 /* Base30 encoding accepts up to 32 input values per group: */
7955 static const unsigned char bitsForNumBase30[] = {
7956 /* 0 - 9 */ 0, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45,
7957 /* 10 - 19 */ 50, 54, 59, 64, 69, 74, 79, 84, 89, 94,
7958 /* 20 - 29 */ 99, 104, 108, 113, 118, 123, 128, 133, 138, 143,
7959 /* 30 - 32 */ 148, 153, 158};
7960
7961 /* Base40 encoding accepts up to 30 input values per group: */
7962 static const unsigned char bitsForNumBase40[] = {
7963 /* 0 - 9 */ 0, 6, 11, 16, 22, 27, 32, 38, 43, 48,
7964 /* 10 - 19 */ 54, 59, 64, 70, 75, 80, 86, 91, 96, 102,
7965 /* 20 - 29 */ 107, 112, 118, 123, 128, 134, 139, 144, 150, 155,
7966 /* 30 */ 160 };
7967
7968 /* Base74 encoding accepts up to 25 input values per group: */
7969 static const unsigned char bitsForNumBase74[] = {
7970 /* 0 - 9 */ 0, 7, 13, 19, 25, 32, 38, 44, 50, 56,
7971 /* 10 - 19 */ 63, 69, 75, 81, 87, 94, 100, 106, 112, 118,
7972 /* 20 - 25 */ 125, 131, 137, 143, 150, 156 };
7973
7974 /* Base84 encoding accepts up to 25 input values per group: */
7975 static const unsigned char bitsForNumBase84[] = {
7976 /* 0 - 9 */ 0, 7, 13, 20, 26, 32, 39, 45, 52, 58,
7977 /* 10 - 19 */ 64, 71, 77, 84, 90, 96, 103, 109, 116, 122,
7978 /* 20 - 25 */ 128, 135, 141, 148, 154, 160 };

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**Table J.4.1-1** Base 30 Character set

Val	Basic set		Shift 1 set		Shift 2 set	
	Char	Decimal	Char	Decimal	Char	Decimal
0	A-Punc <sup>1</sup>	N/A	NUL	0	space	32
1	A	65	SOH	1	!	33
2	B	66	STX	2	"	34
3	C	67	ETX	3	#	35
4	D	68	EOT	4	\$	36
5	E	69	ENQ	5	%	37
6	F	70	ACK	6	&	38
7	G	71	BEL	7	`	39
8	H	72	BS	8	(	40
9	I	73	HT	9	)	41
10	J	74	LF	10	*	42

Val	Basic set		Shift 1 set		Shift 2 set	
11	K	75	VT	11	+	43
12	L	76	FF	12	,	44
13	M	77	CR	13	-	45
14	N	78	SO	14	.	46
15	O	79	SI	15	/	47
16	P	80	DLE	16	:	58
17	Q	81	ETB	23	;	59
18	R	82	ESC	27	<	60
19	S	83	FS	28	=	61
20	T	84	GS	29	>	62
21	U	85	RS	30	?	63
22	V	86	US	31	@	64
23	W	87	invalid	N/A	\	92
24	X	88	invalid	N/A	^	94
25	Y	89	invalid	N/A	_	95
26	Z	90	[	91	`	96
27	Shift 1	N/A	]	93		124
28	Shift 2	N/A	{	123	~	126
29	P-Punc <sup>2</sup>	N/A	}	125	invalid	N/A

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Note 1: **Application-Specified Punctuation** character (Value 0 of the Basic set) is defined by default as the ASCII hyphen character (45<sub>dec</sub>), but may be redefined by a registered Data Format

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Note 2: **Programmable Punctuation** character (Value 29 of the Basic set): the first appearance of P-Punc in the alphanumeric data for a Packed Object, whether that first appearance is compacted into the Base 30 segment or the Base 40 segment, acts as a <Shift 2>, and also "programs" the character to be represented by second and subsequent appearances of P-Punc (in either segment) for the remainder of the alphanumeric data in that Packed Object. The Base 30 or Base 40 value immediately following that first appearance is interpreted using the Shift 2 column (Punctuation), and assigned to subsequent instances of P-Punc for the Packed Object.

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**Table J.4.1-2** Base 13 Character set

Value	Basic set		Shift 1 set		Shift 2 set		Shift 3 set	
	Char	Decimal	Char	Decimal	Char	Decimal	Char	Decimal
0	0	48	A	65	N	78	space	32
1	1	49	B	66	O	79	\$	36
2	2	50	C	67	P	80	%	37
3	3	51	D	68	Q	81	&	38
4	4	52	E	69	R	82	*	42
5	5	53	F	70	S	83	+	43
6	6	54	G	71	T	84	,	44
7	7	55	H	72	U	85	-	45
8	8	56	I	73	V	86	.	46
9	9	57	J	74	W	87	/	47
10	Shift1	N/A	K	75	X	88	?	63
11	Shift2	N/A	L	76	Y	89	_	95
12	Shift3	N/A	M	77	Z	90	<GS>	29

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**Table J.4.1-3** Base 40 Character set

Val	Basic set		Shift 1 set		Shift 2 set	
	Char	Decimal	Char	Decimal	Char	Decimal
0	See Table K-1					
...	...					
29	See Table K-1					
30	0	48				
31	1	49				
32	2	50				
33	3	51				
34	4	52				
35	5	53				
36	6	54				
37	7	55				
38	8	56				
39	9	57				

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**Table J.4.1-4** Character Set

Val	Char	Decimal	Val	Char	Decimal	Val	Char	Decimal
0	GS	29	25	F	70	50	d	100
1	!	33	26	G	71	51	e	101
2	"	34	27	H	72	52	f	102
3	%	37	28	I	73	53	g	103
4	&	38	29	J	74	54	h	104
5	'	39	30	K	75	55	i	105

Val	Char	Decimal	Val	Char	Decimal	Val	Char	Decimal
6	(	40	31	L	76	56	j	106
7	)	41	32	M	77	57	k	107
8	*	42	33	N	78	58	l	108
9	+	43	34	O	79	59	m	109
10	,	44	35	P	80	60	n	110
11	-	45	36	Q	81	61	o	111
12	.	46	37	R	82	62	p	112
13	/	47	38	S	83	63	q	113
14	:	58	39	T	84	64	r	114
15	;	59	40	U	85	65	s	115
16	<	60	41	V	86	66	t	116
17	=	61	42	W	87	67	u	117
18	>	62	43	X	88	68	v	118
19	?	63	44	Y	89	69	w	119
20	A	65	45	Z	90	70	x	120
21	B	66	46	_	95	71	y	121
22	C	67	47	a	97	72	z	122
23	D	68	48	b	98	73	Space	32
24	E	69	49	c	99			

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**Table J.4.1-5** Base 84 Character Set

Val	Char	Decimal	Val	Char	Decimal	Val	Char	Decimal
0	FNC1	N/A	25	F		50	d	
1-73	See Table K-4							
74	0	48	78	4	52	82	8	56
75	1	49	79	5	53	83	9	57
76	2	50	80	6	54			
77	3	51	81	7	55			

## L Encoding Packed Objects (non-normative)

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In order to illustrate a number of the techniques that can be invoked when encoding a Packed Object, the following sample input data consists of data elements from a hypothetical data system. This data represents:

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- An Expiration date (OID 7) of October 31, 2006, represented as a six-digit number 061031.

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- An Amount Payable (OID 3n) of 1234.56 Euros, represented as a digit string 978123456 ("978" is the ISO Country Code indicating that the amount payable is in Euros). As shown in Table L-1, this data element is all-numeric, with at least 4 digits and at most 18 digits. In this example, the OID "3n" will be "32", where the "2" in the data element name indicates the decimal point is located two digits from the right.

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- A Lot Number (OID 1) of 1A23B456CD

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The application will present the above input to the encoder as a list of OID/Value pairs. The resulting input data, represented below as a single data string (wherein each OID final arc is shown in parentheses) is:

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(7)061031(32)978123456(1)1A23B456CD

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The example uses a hypothetical ID Table. In this hypothetical table, each ID Value is a seven-bit index into the Base ID Table; the entries relevant to this example are shown in Table L-1.

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Encoding is performed in the following steps:

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- Three data elements are to be encoded, using Table L-1.

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- As shown in the table's IDstring column, the combination of OID 7 and OID 1 is efficiently supported (because it is commonly seen in applications), and thus the encoder re-orders the input so that 7 and 1 are adjacent and in the order indicated in the OIDs column:

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- (7)061031(1)1A23B456CD(32)978123456

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- Now, this OID pair can be assigned a single ID Value of 125 (decimal). The FormatString column for this entry shows that the encoded data will always consist of a fixed-length 6-digit string, followed by a variable-length alphanumeric string.

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- Also as shown in Table L-1, OID 3n has an ID Value of 51 (decimal). The OIDs column for this entry shows that the OID is formed by concatenating "3" with a suffix consisting of a single character in the range 30<sub>hex</sub> to 39<sub>hex</sub> (i.e., a decimal digit). Since that is a range of ten possibilities, a four-bit number will need to be encoded in the Secondary ID section to indicate which suffix character was chosen. The FormatString column for this entry shows that its data is variable-length numeric; the variable length information will require four bits to be encoded in the Aux Format section.

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- Since only a small percentage of the 128-entry ID Table is utilised in this Packed Object, the encoder chooses an ID List format, rather than an ID Map format. As this is the default format, no Format Flags section is required.

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- This results in the following Object Info section:

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- EBV-6 (ObjectLength): the value is TBD at this stage of the encoding process

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- Pad Indicator bit: TBD at this stage

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- EBV-3 (numberOfIDs) of 001 (meaning two ID Values will follow)

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- An ID List, including:

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- First ID Value: 125 (dec) in 7 bits, representing OID 7 followed by OID 1

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- Second ID Value: 51 (decimal) in 7 bits, representing OID 3n

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- A Secondary ID section is encoded as '0010', indicating the trailing '2' of the 3n OID. It so happens this '2' means that two digits follow the implied decimal point, but that information is not needed in order to encode or decode the Packed Object.

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- Next, an Aux Format section is encoded. An initial '1' bit is encoded, invoking the Packed-Object compaction method. Of the three OIDs, only OID (3n) requires encoded Aux Format information: a four-bit pattern of '0101' (representing "six" variable-length digits – as "one" is the first allowed choice, a pattern of "0101" denotes "six").

8041 ■ Next, the encoder encodes the first data item, for OID 7, which is defined as a fixed-length six-digit data  
 8042 item. The six digits of the source data string are "061031", which are converted to a sequence of six  
 8043 Base-10 values by subtracting 30<sub>hex</sub> from each character of the string (the resulting values are denoted as  
 8044 values v<sub>5</sub> through v<sub>0</sub> in the formula below). These are then converted to a single Binary value, using the  
 8045 following formula:

$$\square 10^5 * v_5 + 10^4 * v_4 + 10^3 * v_3 + 10^2 * v_2 + 10^1 * v_1 + 10^0 * v_0$$

8047 According to Figure K-1, a six-digit number is always encoded into 20 bits (regardless of any  
 8048 leading zero's in the input), resulting in a Binary string of:

8049 "0000 11101110 01100111"

8050 ■ The next data item is for OID 1, but since the table indicates that this OID's data is alphanumeric,  
 8051 encoding into the Packed Object is deferred until after all of the known-length numeric data is encoded.

8052 ■ Next, the encoder finds that OID 3n is defined by Table L-1 as all-numeric, whose length of 9 (in this  
 8053 example) was encoded as (9 - 4 = 5) into four bits within the Aux Format subsection. Thus, a Known-  
 8054 Length-Numeric subsection is encoded for this data item, consisting of a binary value bit-pattern encoding  
 8055 9 digits. Using Figure K-1 in Annex K, the encoder determines that 30 bits need to be encoded in order to  
 8056 represent a 9-digit number as a binary value. In this example, the binary value equivalent of  
 8057 "978123456" is the 30-bit binary sequence:

8058 "111010010011001111101011000000"

8059 ■ At this point, encoding of the Known-Length Numeric subsection of the Data Section is complete.

8060 Note that, so far, the total number of encoded bits is (3 + 6 + 1 + 7 + 7 + 4 + 5 + 20 + 30) or 83  
 8061 bits, representing the IDLPO Length Section (assuming that a single EBV-6 vector remains sufficient  
 8062 to encode the Packed Object's length), two 7-bit ID Values, the Secondary ID and Aux Format  
 8063 sections, and two Known-Length-Numeric compacted binary fields.

8064 At this stage, only one non-numeric data string (for OID 1) remains to be encoded in the  
 8065 Alphanumeric subsection. The 10-character source data string is "1A23B456CD". This string  
 8066 contains no characters requiring a base-30 Shift out of the basic Base-30 character set, and so  
 8067 Base-30 is selected for the non-numeric base (and so the first bit of the Alphanumeric subsection is  
 8068 set to '0' accordingly). The data string has no substrings with six or more successive characters  
 8069 from the same base, and so the next two bits are set to '00' (indicating that neither a Prefix nor a  
 8070 Suffix is run-length encoded). Thus, a full 10-bit Character Map needs to be encoded next. Its  
 8071 specific bit pattern is '0100100011', indicating the specific sequence of digits and non-digits in the  
 8072 source data string "1A23B456CD".

8073 Up to this point, the Alphanumeric subsection contains the 13-bit sequence '0 00 0100100011'.  
 8074 From Annex K, it can be determined that lengths of the two final bit sequences (encoding the Base-  
 8075 10 and Base-30 components of the source data string) are 20 bits (for the six digits) and 20 bits  
 8076 (for the four uppercase letters using Base 30). The six digits of the source data string  
 8077 "1A23B456CD" are "123456", which encodes to a 20-bit sequence of:

8078 "00011110001001000000"

8079 which is appended to the end of the 13-bit sequence cited at the start of this paragraph.

8080 The four non-digits of the source data string are "ABCD", which are converted (using Table K-1) to a  
 8081 sequence of four Base-30 values 1, 2, 3, and 4 (denoted as values v<sub>3</sub> through v<sub>0</sub> in the formula  
 8082 below. These are then converted to a single Binary value, using the following formula:

$$30^3 * v_3 + 30^2 * v_2 + 30^1 * v_1 + 30^0 * v_0$$

8084 In this example, the formula calculates as (27000 \* 1 + 900 \* 2 + 30 \* 3 + 1 \* 4) which is equal to  
 8085 070DE (hexadecimal) encoded as the 20-bit sequence "00000111000011011110" which is appended  
 8086 to the end of the previous 20-bit sequence. Thus, the AlphaNumeric section contains a total of (13 +  
 8087 20 + 20) or 53 bits, appended immediately after the previous 83 bits, for a grand total of 136  
 8088 significant bits in the Packed Object.

8089 The final encoding step is to calculate the full length of the Packed Object (to encode the EBV-6  
 8090 within the Length Section) and to pad-out the last byte (if necessary). Dividing 136 by eight shows  
 8091 that a total of 17 bytes are required to hold the Packed Object, and that no pad bits are required in  
 8092 the last byte. Thus, the EBV-6 portion of the Length Section is "010001", where this EBV-6 value  
 8093 indicates 17 bytes in the Object. Following that, the Pad Indicator bit is set to '0' indicating that no  
 8094 padding bits are present in the last data byte.

8095 The complete encoding process may be summarised as follows:

8096 Original input: (7)061031(32)978123456(1)1A23B456CD

8097 Re-ordered as: (7)061031(1)1A23B456CD(32)978123456

8098

8099 FORMAT FLAGS SECTION: (empty)

8100 OBJECT INFO SECTION:

8101 ebvObjectLen: 010001

8102 paddingPresent: 0

8103 ebvNumIDs: 001

8104 IDvals: 1111101 0110011

8105 SECONDARY ID SECTION:

8106 IDbits: 0010

8107 AUX FORMAT SECTION:

8108 auxFormatbits: 1 0101

8109 DATA SECTION:

8110 KLnumeric: 0000 11101110 01100111 111010 01001100 11111010 11000000

8111 ANheader: 0

8112 ANprefix: 0

8113 ANsuffix: 0

8114 ANmap: 01 00100011

8115 ANdigitVal: 0001 11100010 01000000

8116 ANnonDigitsVal: 0000 01110000 11011110

8117 Padding: none

8118 Total Bits in Packed Object: 136; when byte aligned: 136

8119 Output as: 44 7E B3 2A 87 73 3F 49 9F 58 01 23 1E 24 00 70 DE

8120 Table L-1 shows the relevant subset of a hypothetical ID Table for a hypothetical ISO-registered  
8121 Data Format 99.

8122 **Table J.4.1-1** hypothetical Base ID Table, for the example in Annex L

K-Version = 1.0			
K-TableID = F99B0			
K-RootOID = urn:oid:1.0.15961.99			
K-IDsize = 128			
IDvalue	OIDs	Data Title	FormatString
3	1	BATCH/LOT	1*20an
8	7	USE BY OR EXPIRY	6n
51	3%x30-39	AMOUNT	4*18n
125	(7) (1)	EXPIRY + BATCH/LOT	(6n) (1*20an)
K-TableEnd = F99B0			

## 8123 M Decoding Packed Objects (non-normative)

### 8124 M.1 Overview

8125 The decode process begins by decoding the first byte of the memory as a DSFID. If the leading two  
 8126 bits indicate the Packed Objects access method, then the remainder of this Annex applies. From the  
 8127 remainder of the DSFID octet or octets, determine the Data Format, which shall be applied as the  
 8128 default Data Format for all of the Packed Objects in this memory. From the Data Format, determine  
 8129 the default ID Table which shall be used to process the ID Values in each Packed Object.

8130 Typically, the decoder takes a first pass through the initial ID Values list, as described earlier, in  
 8131 order to complete the list of identifiers. If the decoder finds any identifiers of interest in a Packed  
 8132 Object (or if it has been asked to report back all the data strings from a tag's memory), then it will  
 8133 need to record the implied fixed lengths (from the ID table) and the encoded variable lengths (from  
 8134 the Aux Format subsection), in order to parse the Packed Object's compressed data. The decoder,  
 8135 when recording any variable-length bit patterns, must first convert them to variable string lengths  
 8136 per the table (for example, a three-bit pattern may indicate a variable string length in the range of  
 8137 two to nine).

8138 Starting at the first byte-aligned position after the end of the DSFID, parse the remaining memory  
 8139 contents until the end of encoded data, repeating the remainder of this section until a Terminating  
 8140 Pattern is reached.

8141 Determine from the leading bit pattern (see [I.4](#)) which one of the following conditions applies:

- 8142 1. there are no further Packed Objects in Memory (if the leading 8-bit pattern is all zeroes, this  
 8143 indicates the Terminating Pattern)
- 8144 2. one or more Padding bytes are present. If padding is present, skip the padding bytes, which are  
 8145 as described in Annex [I](#), and examine the first non-pad byte.
- 8146 3. a Directory Pointer is encoded. If present, record the offset indicated by the following bytes, and  
 8147 then continue examining from the next byte in memory
- 8148 4. a Format Flags section is present, in which case process this section according to the format  
 8149 described in Annex [I](#)
- 8150 5. a default-format Packed Object begins at this location

8151 If the Packed Object had a Format Flags section, then this section may indicate that the Packed  
 8152 Object is of the ID Map format, otherwise it is of the ID List format. According to the indicated  
 8153 format, parse the Object Information section to determine the Object Length and ID information  
 8154 contained in the Packed Object. See Annex [I](#) for the details of the two formats. Regardless of the  
 8155 format, this step results in a known Object length (in bits) and an ordered list of the ID Values  
 8156 encoded in the Packed Object. From the governing ID Table, determine the list of characteristics for  
 8157 each ID (such as the presence and number of Secondary ID bits).

8158 Parse the Secondary ID section of the Object, based on the number of Secondary ID bits invoked by  
 8159 each ID Value in sequence. From this information, create a list of the fully-qualified ID Values  
 8160 (FQIDVs) that are encoded in the Packed Object.

8161 Parse the Aux Format section of the Object, based on the number of Aux Format bits invoked by  
 8162 each FQIDV in sequence.

8163 Parse the Data section of the Packed Object:

- 8164 1. If one or more of the FQIDVs indicate all-numeric data, then the Packed Object's Data section  
 8165 contains a Known-Length Numeric subsection, wherein the digit strings of these all-numeric  
 8166 items have been encoded as a series of binary quantities. Using the known length of each of  
 8167 these all-numeric data items, parse the correct numbers of bits for each data item, and convert  
 8168 each set of bits to a string of decimal digits.
- 8169 2. If (after parsing the preceding sections) one or more of the FQIDVs indicate alphanumeric data,  
 8170 then the Packed Object's Data section contains an AlphaNumeric subsection, wherein the  
 8171 character strings of these alphanumeric items have been concatenated and encoded into the  
 8172 structure defined in Annex [I](#). Decode this data using the "Decoding Alphanumeric data"  
 8173 procedure outlined below.



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3. For each FQIDV in the decoded sequence:
  4. convert the FQIDV to an OID, by appending the OID string defined in the registered format's ID Table to the root OID string defined in that ID Table (or to the default Root OID, if none is defined in the table)
  5. Complete the OID/Value pair by parsing out the next sequence of decoded characters. The length of this sequence is determined directly from the ID Table (if the FQIDV is specified as fixed length) or from a corresponding entry encoded within the Aux Format section.

## 8181 M.2 Decoding alphanumeric data

8182 Within the Alphanumeric subsection of a Packed Object, the total number of data characters is not  
 8183 encoded, nor is the bit length of the character map, nor are the bit lengths of the succeeding Binary  
 8184 sections (representing the numeric and non-numeric Binary values). As a result, the decoder must  
 8185 follow a specific procedure in order to correctly parse the AlphaNumeric section.

8186 When decoding the A/N subsection using this procedure, the decoder will first count the number of  
 8187 non-bitmapped values in each base (as indicated by the various Prefix and Suffix Runs), and (from  
 8188 that count) will determine the number of bits required to encode these numbers of values in these  
 8189 bases. The procedure can then calculate, from the remaining number of bits, the number of  
 8190 explicitly-encoded character map bits. After separately decoding the various binary fields (one field  
 8191 for each base that was used), the decoder "re-interleaves" the decoded ASCII characters in the  
 8192 correct order.

8193 The A/N subsection decoding procedure is as follows:

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- Determine the total number of non-pad bits in the Packed Object, as described in section [I.8.2](#)
  - Keep a count of the total number of bits parsed thus far, as each of the subsections prior to the Alphanumeric subsection is processed
  - Parse the initial Header bits of the Alphanumeric subsection, up to but not including the Character Map, and add this number to previous value of TotalBitsParsed.
  - Initialise a DigitsCount to the total number of base-10 values indicated by the Prefix and Suffix (which may be zero)
  - Initialise an ExtDigitsCount to the total number of base-13 values indicated by the Prefix and Suffix (which may be zero)
  - Initialise a NonDigitsCount to the total number of base-30, base 74, or base-256 values indicated by the Prefix and Suffix (which may be zero)
  - Initialise an ExtNonDigitsCount to the total number of base-40 or base 84 values indicated by the Prefix and Suffix (which may be zero)
  - Calculate Extended-base Bit Counts: Using the tables in Annex [K](#), calculate two numbers:
    - ExtDigitBits, the number of bits required to encode the number of base-13 values indicated by ExtDigitsCount, and
    - ExtNonDigitBits, the number of bits required to encode the number of base-40 (or base-84) values indicated by ExtNonDigitsCount
    - Add ExtDigitBits and ExtNonDigitBits to TotalBitsParsed
  - Create a PrefixCharacterMap bit string, a sequence of zero or more quad-base character-map pairs, as indicated by the Prefix bits just parsed. Use quad-base bit pairs defined as follows:
    - '00' indicates a base 10 value;
    - '01' indicates a character encoded in Base 13;
    - '10' indicates the non-numeric base that was selected earlier in the A/N header, and
    - '11' indicates the Extended version of the non-numeric base that was selected earlier
  - Create a SuffixCharacterMap bit string, a sequence of zero or more quad-base character-map pairs, as indicated by the Suffix bits just parsed.

- 8221 ■ Initialise the FinalCharacterMap bit string and the MainCharacterMap bit string to an empty string
- 8222 ■ **Calculate running Bit Counts:** Using the tables in Annex B, calculate two numbers:
  - 8223 □ DigitBits, the number of bits required to encode the number of base-10 values currently indicated by DigitsCount, and
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  - 8225 □ NonDigitBits, the number of bits required to encode the number of base-30 (or base 74 or base-256) values currently indicated by NonDigitsCount
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- 8227 ■ set AlnumBits equal to the sum of DigitBits plus NonDigitBits
- 8228 ■ if the sum of TotalBitsParsed and AlnumBits equals the total number of non-pad bits in the Packed Object, then no more bits remain to be parsed from the character map, and so the remaining bit patterns, representing Binary values, are ready to be converted back to extended base values and/or base 10/base 30/base 74/base-256 values (skip to the **Final Decoding** steps below). Otherwise, get the next encoded bit from the encoded Character map, convert the bit to a quad-base bit-pair by converting each '0' to '00' and each '1' to '10', append the pair to the end of the MainCharacterMap bit string, and:
  - 8234 □ If the encoded map bit was '0', increment DigitsCount,
  - 8235 □ Else if '1', increment NonDigitsCount
  - 8236 □ Loop back to the **Calculate running Bit Counts** step above and continue
- 8237 ■ **Final decoding steps:** once the encoded Character Map bits have been fully parsed:
  - 8238 □ Fetch the next set of zero or more bits, whose length is indicated by ExtDigitBits. Convert this number of bits from Binary values to a series of base 13 values, and store the resulting array of values as ExtDigitVals.
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  - 8241 □ Fetch the next set of zero or more bits, whose length is indicated by ExtNonDigitBits. Convert this number of bits from Binary values to a series of base 40 or base 84 values (depending on the selection indicated in the A/N Header), and store the resulting array of values as ExtNonDigitVals.
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  - 8245 □ Fetch the next set of bits, whose length is indicated by DigitBits. Convert this number of bits from Binary values to a series of base 10 values, and store the resulting array of values as DigitVals.
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  - 8248 □ Fetch the final set of bits, whose length is indicated by NonDigitBits. Convert this number of bits from Binary values to a series of base 30 or base 74 or base 256 values (depending on the value of the first bits of the Alphanumeric subsection), and store the resulting array of values as NonDigitVals.
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  - 8252 □ Create the FinalCharacterMap bit string by copying to it, in this order, the previously-created PrefixCharacterMap bit string, then the MainCharacterMap string, and finally append the previously-created SuffixCharacterMap bit string to the end of the FinalCharacterMap string.
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  - 8255 □ Create an interleaved character string, representing the concatenated data strings from all of the non-numeric data strings of the Packed Object, by parsing through the FinalCharacterMap, and:
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- 8258 ■ For each '00' bit-pair encountered in the FinalCharacterMap, copy the next value from DigitVals to InterleavedString (add 48 to each value to convert to ASCII);
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- 8260 ■ For each '01' bit-pair encountered in the FinalCharacterMap, fetch the next value from ExtDigitVals, and use Table K-2 to convert that value to ASCII (or, if the value is a Base 13 shift, then increment past the next '01' pair in the FinalCharacterMap, and use that Base 13 shift value plus the next Base 13 value from ExtDigitVals to convert the pair of values to ASCII). Store the result to InterleavedString;
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- 8264 ■ For each '10' bit-pair encountered in the FinalCharacterMap, get the next character from NonDigitVals, convert its base value to an ASCII value using Annex K, and store the resulting ASCII value into InterleavedString. Fetch and process an additional Base 30 value for every Base 30 Shift values encountered, to create and store a single ASCII character.
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- 8268 ■ For each '11' bit-pair encountered in the FinalCharacterMap, get the next character from ExtNonDigitVals, convert its base value to an ASCII value using Annex K, and store the resulting ASCII value into InterleavedString, processing any Shifts as previously described.
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Once the full FinalCharacterMap has been parsed, the InterleavedString is completely populated. Starting from the first AlphaNumeric entry on the ID list, copy characters from the InterleavedString to each such entry, ending each copy operation after the number of characters indicated by the corresponding Aux Format length bits, or at the end of the InterleavedString, whichever comes first.