

215 PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION

Field Definition

This field contains information on the physical characteristics of the item. This field corresponds to the ISBD Physical Description Area.

Occurrence

Optional. Repeatable when a separate physical description is needed to each component of a multimedia kit (EX 15).

Indicators

Indicator 1: blank (not defined)

Indicator 2: blank (not defined)

Subfields

\$a Specific Material Designation and Extent of Item

The name of the specific type of material to which the item belongs (EX 3, 6, 7-14) and/or an indication of the number of pieces or constituent parts (EX 1, 2, 5). Repeatable (EX 8).

\$c Other Physical Details

Physical data about an item other than that contained elsewhere in this field or in the notes fields, e.g. details of illustrative matter, whether an item has colour or sound, etc. (EX 9-10). Not repeatable.

\$d Dimensions

The linear measurements of an item and/or (in the case of an item which requires equipment for its use) dimensions relevant to the use of the item (EX 9), and/or the bibliographic format of older printed books (EX 16). This subfield also includes details of any container (EX 15). Repeatable after repeats of \$a (EX 8).

\$e Accompanying Material

A brief description of any material accompanying the item being described, which is intended to be used with the item (EX 4, 8). Repeatable.

Notes on Field Contents

The treatment of accompanying material will vary according to the cataloguer's view of its importance. Compare EX 4, 8, 15.

Punctuation at subfield boundaries should not be entered in the field; however, within a subfield, any separating punctuation is entered (see especially EX 4). For further information on the data content of this field, refer to the relevant ISBD. The correspondence between this field and ISBD specifications is illustrated below.

UNIMARC subfield	Element name	ISBD(G) section	Preceding punctuation
\$a	Specific material designation and extent of item	5.1	New area
\$c	Other physical details	5.2	:
\$d	Dimensions	5.3	;
\$e	Accompanying material	5.4	+

Related Fields

- 105 CODED DATA FIELD: BOOKS, Illustration Codes (character positions 0-3)
These character positions contain illustration codes that correspond to the illustration data in 215 \$c.
- 126 SOUND RECORDINGS: PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES
- 130 CODED DATA FIELD: MICROFORMS: PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES
- 307 NOTES PERTAINING TO PHYSICAL DESCRIPTION
Any detail concerning physical description which cannot be entered in field 215 may be entered as a note in field 307.

Examples

- EX 1: 215 ##\$a264 p., 24 leaves of plates\$cill., 17 facs.\$d21 cm\$el map
- EX 2: 215 ##\$ax, 32, 73 p., [1] leaf of plates\$cmaps\$d21 cm
- EX 3: 215 ##\$al folder (6 p.)\$cmaps, plans, charts, portraits\$d21 x 30 cm
- EX 4: 215 ##\$a3 vol. (49, 37, 18 p.)\$cill., col.maps\$d22 cm\$esound disk (16 min): 33 1/3 rpm., mono., 17.5 cm
- EX 5: 215 ##\$a35 S.\$c16 graph. Darst.\$d24 cm
- EX 6: 215 ##\$al map\$cbboth sides, col.\$d41 x 84 cm, folded to 22 x 10 cm
- EX 7: 215 ##\$al globe\$ccol., mounted on metal stand\$d31 cm in diam.
- EX 8: 215 ##\$al score(vi, 63p.)\$d20cm.\$al6 parts\$d32 cm.\$el booklet
The main components are a score and 16 parts. The heights of these items differ. There is an accompanying booklet.

EX 9: 215 ##\$al film reel (20 min., 570 m)\$c16 mm

The item is a silent black and white 16mm. 20 minute film reel on a nitrate base. It is 570 metres long. The catalogue entry would appear as follows:

1 film reel (20 min., 570 m) : nitrate, b&w, si. ; 16 mm

EX 10: 215 ##\$al videocassette (U-matic) (30 min.)\$ccol., sd.

The item is a colour videocassette in U-matic format, with sound, lasting 30 minutes.

EX 11: 215 ##\$al sound reel (100 min.)\$c19 cm/s., 4 track, adjacent

The item is a four-track sound reel with a playing time of 100 minutes at a speed of 19 cm./second. The track configuration is given.

EX 12: 215 ##\$al sound reel (50 min.)\$c38 cm/s., 2 track, stereo, Dolby processed

The item is a two-track stereo sound reel with a playing time of 50 minutes at a speed of 38 cm./second. A Dolby noise reduction system has been used.

EX 13: 215 ##\$al sound disc\$c33 1/3 rpm, coarse

The item is a sound disc with a playing speed of 33 1/3 rpm. The groove width is coarse.

EX 14: 215 ##\$al sound disc\$c78 rpm, vertical

The item is a sound disc with a playing speed of 78 rpm. The groove direction is vertical.

EX 15: 215 ##\$a3 filmstrips (96 fr.)\$ccol.\$d35 mm

215 ##\$a1 map\$ccol.\$d25×25 cm folding to 10×18 cm

215 ##\$a13 rocks and minerals\$din container, 14×9×2 cm

215 ##\$a1 wallchart\$ccol.\$d48×90 folding to 24×15 cm

EX 16: 215 ##\$a340 p., 4 leaves of plates\$coll.\$d4to (19 cm.)

The item is a book from the hand-press era.