

051 INTERNATIONAL STANDARD MUSICAL WORK CODE (ISWC)

Field Definition and Scope

An International Standard Musical Work Code (ISWC) that identifies musical works and not physical products.

Subfields & Occurrence

Field/Subfield	Field/Subfield Name	Repeatability	Occurrence
051	INTERNATIONAL STANDARD MUSICAL WORK CODE (ISWC)	NR	O
a	Number ISWC	NR	MA
z	Erroneous ISWC	R	O

Indicators

Indicator	Value	Description
1	#	blank (not defined)
2	#	blank (not defined)

Subfields Description

\$a Number ISWC

A correctly applied ISWC including hyphens. The ISWCs are assigned by the ISWC international agency. Not repeatable. Mandatory unless \$z is present.

\$z Erroneous ISWC

An ISWC that has been identified as being erroneously applied to a musical work or is otherwise invalid.

It may have been allocated to two different musical works and in this instance cancelled, or it may have been incorrectly printed. Repeatable.

Notes on Field Contents

ISWC Structure

The ISWC is used to identify a musical work or any derivation of a musical work, according to the provisions of ISO 15707. An ISWC consists of eleven digits. Whenever it is printed or written, the number is preceded by the letters ISWC. In countries where the Latin alphabet is not used, an abbreviation in the local script may be used in addition to the Latin letters ISWC.

The ISWC is divided into three elements, each of which is separated by a hyphen:

Prefix: The letter “T”.

(Musical) work identifier: This consists of nine numerical digits.

Check digit: The third element of the ISWC is the check digit. This is calculated using a MOD 10 algorithm.

Data Format

The letters ISWC, which are usually found printed with the ISWC on items, should not be entered in field 051. They are mandatory when the ISWC is written or printed, including when the ISWC is displayed in an authority record. Any ISWC which is found to appear wrongly on an item or elsewhere can be entered

in subfield \$z, Erroneous ISWC, which is provided to give access to records that may have been requested by an erroneous number. Hyphens are inserted to separate the three parts of the number in the \$a or \$z subfield. The purpose of the hyphens in the ISWC is to separate the distinct parts. When an ISTC is displayed in an authority record the inclusion of the hyphens is mandatory. Dots can be used in the identifier in order to facilitate the reading. No other punctuation is permitted.

Related Fields

061 INTERNATIONAL STANDARD RECORDING CODE (ISRC)
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Examples

EX 1
051 ##\$aT-345346800-1
The code ISWC T-345346800-1.

History

2009	New field.
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