

Overpunch Character Map

The Invoice Report and Payment Confirmation Report contain monetary fields formatted with overpunch characters, or Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code (EBCDIC). Because PDEs comply with the NCPDP format, PDEs must be submitted in EBCDIC. An example of overpunch, or EBCDIC is provided below.

0000000035**A** (In the example to the left the **A** converts to the number one (1) making the number 351. Because this is a monetary field and the decimal is implied the true monetary value is \$3.51. The number is considered positive because the letter A falls under the "Signed Positive" column (see chart below).

This column indicates the number that your symbol will convert to.

Notice the **POSITIVE** and **NEGATIVE** headers. If the letter or symbol falls in the **POSITIVE** column the entire number will be positive. If the letter or symbol falls in the **NEGATIVE** column the entire number will be negative.

Unit	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
0	{	}
1	A	J
2	B	K
3	C	L
4	D	M
5	E	N
6	F	O
7	G	P
8	H	Q
9	I	R

The two columns house the symbols that will be converted to a numeric character
...Example:
H = 8 Q = -8