121 CARTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS – PHYSICAL ATTRIBUTES

This field contains coded data relating to the physical attributes of cartographic materials.

Subfields & repeatability

FIELI	FIELD/SUBFIELD REPEATABILITY		REPEATABILITY
121		Cartographic materials – physical attributes	nr
	a	Physical dimension	nr
	b	Primary cartographic image	r
	c	Physical medium	nr
	d	Creation technique	nr
	e	Form of reproduction	nr
	f	Geodetic adjustment	nr
	g	Physical form of publication	nr
	h	Altitude of sensor	nr
	i	Attitude of sensor	nr
	j	Spectral bands	nr
	k	Quality of image	nr
	l	Cloud cover	nr
	m	Mean value of ground resolution	nr

Subfields from a to g are designed for entering general data, and subfields from h to m for entering data for aerial photography and remote sensing images.

Indicators

Indicator values are not defined.

SUBFIELDS

121a Physical dimension

A code indicates the physical dimension of the item.

a	2-dimensional
b	3-dimensional

121b Primary cartographic image

A code indicates the technique used for the creation of the primary cartographic image.

a	manually and plotted
	E.g. maps produced by plotting instruments such as stereo plotters with or without computer assistance; maps drawn or painted by hand.
b	photographically
	E.g. cartographic items produced by conventional (visible spectrum) aerial photographic techniques such as aerial photography, photo maps, orthophotos.
c	by computer
	E.g. maps produced by a computer line printer.
d	by active remote sensing techniques
	E.g. radar remote sensing image. Excludes techniques covered by codes "a", "b" or "c".
e	by passive remote sensing techniques
	E.g. MSS satellite remote sensing image. Excludes techniques covered by codes "a", "b" or "c".

Repeatable if e.g. photo map enhanced with line map features is coded by "b" and "a".

121c Physical medium

A two-character code indicates the physical medium of the cartographic item. The first character of the code indicates the general type of the physical medium. The second character gives the specific type. This code is used to show that the cartographic item is made of the material indicated, e.g. when the cartographic item is a metal plate, a lithographic stone, a scribed plate on a plastic base, etc.

	NON-PHOTOGRAPHIC MEDIUM
aa	paper
ab	wood
ac	stone
ad	metal
ae	synthetics (e.g. plastics, vinyl)
af	skin (e.g. parchment, vellum)
ag	textile including man-made fibre textiles (e.g. silk, cloth, nylon)
ah	magnetic storage medium - computer compatible
ai	magnetic storage medium - not computer compatible
aj	tracing paper
ak	cardboard
ap	plaster
au	unknown
az	other non-photographic medium

	PHOTOGRAPHIC MEDIUM
ba	transparent or opaque flexible base positive
bb	transparent or opaque flexible base negative
bc	transparent or opaque non-flexible base positive
bd	transparent or opaque non-flexible base negative
bz	other photographic medium

121d Creation technique

A code indicates the final step creation technique of the original cartographic item.

a	manuscript
	Hand drawn, including constructions of unique items as stone carvings, models, etc.
b	printing
	Offset, engraving, wood block print, lithographed, stamped, Braille, relief, etc. (e.g. printed photomap enhanced with line map feature).
c	photocopying
	A macroform hard copy produced directly on opaque material by radiant energy through contact or projection (e.g. photomap on photographic paper).
d	microphotography
	A microform copy on transparent material produced either by filming or by computer output.
u	unknown
y	the cartographic item is not a final product
	An item is not a final product but is on pre-production medium as specified in subfield $121c$ – <i>Physical medium</i> .
Z	other

121e Form of reproduction

A code indicates the form of reproduction of the item.

a	by hand
b	printed
c	photography
d	transfer line print (e.g. Xerox, blueprints, ozalid)
y	not a reproduction

121f Geodetic adjustment

A code indicates the geodetic adjustment of the item.

a	no adjustment
b	adjusted but without grid system
c	adjusted with grid system

121g Physical form of publication

A code indicates the physical form of publication of the item.

a	single
b	in parts

	Published as a series, published as a serial, published in sections.
c	atlas including loose-leaf published atlas
	Also a loose-leaf published atlas.
d	as a separate supplement to a journal, monograph, etc.
	A cartographic item is a supplement of a serial, monograph, etc.
e	bound into a journal, monograph, etc.
	A cartographic item bound into a serial, monograph, etc.
Z	other

121h Altitude of sensor

A code indicates the altitude of the sensor's platform for cartographic item.

a	terrestrial
b	aerial
c	space

121i Attitude of sensor

A code indicates the attitude of the sensed image resulting from the angle of the sensor when recording the image for cartographic item.

a	low oblique
b	high oblique
c	vertical

121j Spectral bands

A subfield is applicable only to remote sensing. Two numeric characters indicate the number of spectral bands involved (01 to 99). The number is right justified, unused positions contain zeros.

121k Quality of image

A code indicates the quality of the image.

a	poor
b	fair
c	good
d	very good

1211 Cloud cover

A numeric character indicates the cloud cover in eighths.

1	1/8 cover
2	2/8 cover
3	3/8 cover
4	4/8 cover
5	5/8 cover
6	6/8 cover
7	7/8 cover
8	completely covered by clouds

121m Mean value of ground resolution

A subfield is applicable only to remote sensing. A two-character code indicates the mean value of the ground resolution. The first character may contain a numeric value or an indication that the ground resolution is less than 1 cm or greater than 9 km.

-	less than 1 cm
1–9	numeric value
+	greater than 9 km

The other character may contain a code for the metric unit used.

c	centimetres			
i	decimetres			
m	metres			
d	decametres			
h	hectometres			
k	kilometres			

Examples: Mean ground resolution of 5 cm: "5c"; 80 m: "8d"; 10 km: "+k".

RELATED FIELDS

120 CARTOGRAPHIC MATERIALS – GENERAL

EXAMPLES

1. *

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	121	$\Box\Box$	aa caa db ga
			(A map is printed on paper and it is issued as a separate publication.)

2. *

121 uu **aa c**aa **da g**a
(A hand drawn map on paper.)