

Dictionary for ISSN identifiers

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I routinely use an “internal dictionary” summarizing the relationship between the ISSN (International Standard Serial Number) and EXFOR journal reference codes based on the title list provided by CrossRef (<https://apps.crossref.org/titleList/>). This dictionary could be added in the official dictionary transmission as Dictionary 44 if other centres would like to receive its up-to-date version.

Extraction from Trans Dictionary 44:

-----1-----	-----2-----	-----3-----	-----4-----	-----5-----	-----6-----
00014141	P 1V	BCS			
00016705	P 1V	AHP	1	53	
00018732	PE1V	14606976 AIP			
...					
00032700	PE1V	15206882 AC			
00033804	PE1V	15213889 ADP			
	The Volume number seen on the article website is different from the one on the article hard copy.				
00034169	PE1V	12864838 APH			
00034916	PE1V	1096035X AP			
...					
00114626	PE1V	15729486 CZJ	1	10CZJ/B	11 39
...					
00443328	PS1V	09397922 ZP	271		
...					

A journal may have two ISSN identifiers for paper and electronic medias. If both exist, the ISSN identifier for paper media (P) is treated as the code, and the one for electronic media (E) is treated as an alternative ISSN.

Example:

ISSN of APH (Annales de Physique) is 00034169 (paper) and 12864838 (electronic)

A journal also may have two possible ISSN identifiers within a volume depending on the issue. In such a case, the second one is treated as a secondary (S) ISSN.

Example:

ISSN of ZP (Zeitschrift für Physik) is 00443328 (primary) and 09397922 (secondary). For Vol. 263, the primary one is seen on CrossRef for Issue 1 and 5, and the secondary one is seen for Issues 2 to 4 on CrossRef. (N.B. The secondary ISSN is originally defined for ZP/A, but some ZP issues are registered in CrossRef. with this secondary ISSN. This is probably a mistake in registration.)

Note that currently this dictionary collects ISSN identifiers necessary to find a DOI in the CrossRef database. For example, Helvetica Physica Acta (HPA) adopts DataCite as the DOI registration agency, and its ISSNs (00180238 for print, 22971971 for electronic) are not included in this dictionary.

Dictionary 44: ISSN identifier

Line	Contents	Format	Archive	Trans	CHEX
1	Code	A8	13-20	1-8	
	Media type	A1	44	12	
	P – paper or primary				
	E – electronic				
	Media type for alternative ISSN	A1	45	13	
	E – electronic				
	S – secondary				
	DOI registerer identifier	I1	46	14	
	1 – CrossRef				
	Range type identifier	A1	47	15	
	V – volume				
	Y – year				
	Alternative ISSN	A8	49-56	17-24	
	Reference code 1	A6	58-63	26-31	
	Lower boundary of range 1	A5	64-68	32-36	
	Upper boundary of range 1	A5	69-73	37-41	
	Reference code 2	A6	74-79	42-47	
	Lower boundary of range 2	A5	80-84	48-52	
	Upper boundary of range 2	A5	85-89	53-57	
	Reference code 3	A6	90-95	N/A	
	Lower boundary of range 3	A5	96-100	N/A	
	Upper boundary of range 3	A5	101-105	N/A	
	Reference code 4	A6	106-111	N/A	
	Lower boundary of range 4	A5	112-116	N/A	
	Upper boundary of range 4	A5	117-121	N/A	
2+	Comment	A55	(44-98)	(12-66)	

In this opportunity, I summarize below the dictionary numbers used in the past since it is better not to use the same dictionary number for another purpose in the future.

Dict. #	Name	Replaced by
9	Chemical compounds	Dict. 209
10	Trans Process/parameter (Quantity SF1)	
	Archive Standard reaction	
11	Trans Function (Quantity SF2)	
	Archive Forbidden reactions (old CINDA)	
12	Trans Modifier (Quantity SF3)	
	Archive Old CINDA quantities	
13	Trans Particle	
	Archive Reaction type	Dict. 213
14	Trans Quantity (SF1-SF4)	
	Archive Reaction dimension	
27	Nuclides	Dict. 227
28	Incident particles (REACTION SF2)	
29	Product particles (REACTION SF3)	
36	Quantities (SF5-8)	Dict. 236
41	Conversion table of quantity (Dict. 14) to REACTION formalism	
42	CINDA quantities	
124	Archive Data headings (for plotting)	
125	Archive Data units (for plotting)	
136	Archive Quantities (for plotting)	