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EXAMPLES (AACR2):

250		1a 1st ed.	Book has: "First edition"
250		1a 2nd ed.	Book has: "Second edition"
250		1a 3rd ed.	Book has: "Third edition"--and so forth
250		1a Ed. 4.	Book has: "Edition 4"
250		1a Augm. ed.	Book has: "Augmented edition"
250		1a Corr. ed.	Book has: "Corrected edition"

If the edition statement begins with a word rather than a number, the word is capitalized (and sometimes abbreviated if an authorized abbreviation exists). Subsequent words may or may not be capitalized. See the 5th example below.

Include the entire phrase when transcribing, but use no other abbreviations without consulting an authorized list of language abbreviations.

EXAMPLES (AACR2):

250		1a 1st American ed.	Book has: "First American ed."
250		1a 2nd ed.	Book has: "Second edition"

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250			‡ B o o k r e p r. s: " R e p r i n t e d M a r c h 1 9 8 9 w i t h c o r r e c t i o n s "	

Note that in the 4th example, above, there is no authorized abbreviation for "extensively," so it is transcribed in full.
Note that some of the months have abbreviations.

Authorized list of abbreviations is on the [Cataloging at Yale/Tools and Resources page](#) [1] under Cataloging Tools/Abbreviations, or go directly to [AACR2 Abbreviations \(Roman Alphabet\)](#) [2]

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Authorized abbreviations for months are given on [Abbreviations of the Names of the Months](#) [3].

RDA greatly simplifies edition transcription. *No cataloger supplied abbreviations*. If the source uses abbreviations, transcribe the abbreviations. In AACR2, since the last term was often an abbreviation, you may not have noticed that 250 always ends with a period, even if the last word is not abbreviated. LCPS* 1.7.1. says to add a period to the end of 250 if there is no period at the end. It is likely that there may be differences between the publisher submitted CIP data and the published book, so verify carefully against the edition statement in the book.

*LCPS: Library of Congress Policy Statements are the guidelines for Library of Congress catalogers & most national level libraries for applying RDA.

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250			1a Augmented edition.	Book has: "Augmented edition"
250			1a Corrected edition.	Book has: "Corrected edition"
250			1a First American ed.	Book has: "First American ed."
250			1a 2nd newly corrected edition.	Book has: "2nd newly corrected edition"
250			1a Third U.S. edition, revised.	Book has: "Third U.S. edition, revised"
250			1a 4th ed., extensively augmented & revised.	Book has: "4th edition, extensively augmented & revised"
250			1a Reprinted March 1989 with corrections.	Book has: "Reprinted March 1989 with corrections"

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[1] <https://web.library.yale.edu/cataloging/tools-resources/tools> [2]

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