Visual Materials: 008

008 -- General Description (Visual)

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**Publication Status (Type of date)**: *Valid Code Required*

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Single items (Leader/Bibliographic level m or a):

- **e**: **Detailed date.** Detailed date which contains the month (and possibly day) in addition to the year is present.
  
  **Example**: Imprint on etching “Pubd. May 27th 1795 by H. Humphrey"

- **s**: **Single known date/probable date.** Single known or probable year represented by four digits.
• **q**: Questionable date. For a single item when the exact date is not known but a range of years for the date can be specified (e.g. between 1824 and 1846).

**Collections (Leader/Bibliographic level c):**

• **i**: Inclusive dates of collection. Code for a span of dates. Record bulk dates, if appropriate, in 264 |c. For several things with one date (e.g., several photographs, same day and/or year but created separately), use i and repeat the date in both Date 1 and Date 2.

• **m**: Multiple dates. Code for two distinct years that do not comprise a span.

**Date 1 (yyyy) /Beginning Date of Publication** *Required*
**Date 2 (yyyy) /Ending Date of Publication** *Required for Publication status e, q, i, or m*

The date (i.e. year) consists of four digits. Missing digits are represented by the letter u except when an item issued over a period of years is incomplete when 9999 is entered in Date 2.

For Publication status **s**, leave Date 2 blank.

If the date on the item is misprinted or wrong, put the correct date in the fixed fields and the 260 field as instructed for that element. A date in Date 1 and 2 should always match 260 ‡c.

For exact dates, put the year in Date/1 and put the month (MM) and day (DD) in Date/2:

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**Place of publication, production, or execution** *Valid Code Required*

The choice of the MARC code from the dropdown menu is related to information in field 264 ‡a. Three fill characters (‡‡‡) may be used in place of a valid code, but their use is discouraged. When fill is used in 008/15-17, all three positions must contain the fill character.

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**xx#** [Place is completely unknown]

**vp#** [Various places]

**Running Time** *Valid Code Required*

For visual materials (two-dimensional, not a motion picture or a videorecording) use

**nnn** : Not applicable

**Audience** *Not Required*

For all original or historical graphic material use: _ : Unknown or not specified

**Accompanying Matter (Obsolete)** Leave blank (__)

For visual materials use: _ : (OBSOLETE) No accompanying matter

**Government Publication** *Not Required*
For visual materials generally use:

_: Not a government publication

If you are cataloging a government publication, consult the MARC codes for appropriate level.

o: Government publication-level undetermined (check the BSR).

Form of Item  Valid Code Required

For visual materials use: _ [None of the following]

Type of Material  Valid Code Required

Choose the appropriate code for the material from the drop down menu. Refer to MARC Standard for description of the terms types of materials [1].

For prints and photographs use:  k : Graphic
For drawings and paintings use:  a : Art original
For reproductions of drawings and paintings use:  c : Art reproduction
For reproductions of non-art, e.g. photographs:  i : Picture

Technique  Valid Code Required

For visual materials use:

n : Not applicable

Language  Valid Code Required

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Modified Record  Valid Code Required

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