

Key (MARC 384)

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Note: this page was created with music cataloging in mind.

Use in conjunction with [Recording key for musical works](#) [3] (RDA 6.17) and [Best practices for music cataloging](#) [4]

See also [380](#) [5]: Form of work | [381](#) [6]: Other distinguishing characteristics of work or expression | [382](#) [7]: Medium of performance | [383](#) [8]: Numeric designation of musical work

Sources: LC MARC 21 format for [bibliographic date](#) [9] and [authority data](#) [10] and [DCM Z1](#) [11]

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In **bibliographic** and **authority** records: the set of pitch relationships that establishes a single pitch class as a tonal center, or principal tonal center, for a musical work or expression. May be used to differentiate a musical work or expression from another with the same title.

Currently, 384 fields are not added to authority records for authorized access points representing arrangements.

Instructions for PCC catalogers in [Descriptive Cataloging Manual \(DCM\) Z1](#) [11], section on field 384:

° Best practices:

- » Encode when available for [works](#) [12].
- » Do not encode for [expressions](#) [13].
- » In case of doubt, do not encode.

Indicators

1st	0 = original key 1 = transposed key
2nd	blank

Subfields

‡a	Key: The pitch name and the mode (e.g., major or minor).
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Examples

384 0_ G major
384 0_ F# minor
384 0_ A minor/E minor [mode indicated in the [AAP](#) [14]: ‡r A minor/E minor (no2008048534)]
384 0_ B♭ [no mode indicated in the [AAP](#) [14]: ‡r B♭]
384 0_ C [no mode indicated]
384 0_ F? major/minor [mode indicated in the [AAP](#) [14]: ‡r F? major/minor (n 2014046262)]

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