

MARC 33x fields for RDA material description (vs. GMD)

NOTE: The general material designation (GMD) is expressed in MARC for AACR2r as 245 \$h. MARC for RDA replaces this subfield with a “triple” of fields (336/7/8) identifying *content*, *media* format and *carrier* or physical format of the cataloged item. This allows the given work to be distinguished by the RDA categories of “expression” and “manifestation” in catalog search with greater precision than before. These fields can be repeated to describe multi-format items (e.g. kits) – and individually repeated for complex description (see “Video Game” below).

It is the policy of the Sage Cataloging Committee to create/populate field 999 based on its value or the values of fields 336/7/8, as available.

Book or Magazine

<https://sagestaff.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Cheatsheet-Book-2023.pdf>

<https://sagestaff.org/wp-content/uploads/2022/12/MARC-Serial-cheatsheet-2022.pdf>

=336 \\\$atext\$btxt\$2rdacontent

=337 \\\$aunmediated\$bn\$2rdamedia

=338 \\\$avolume\$bnc\$2rdacarrier

=336 \\\$atext\$btxt\$2rdacontent

=336 \\\$astill image\$bsti\$2rdacontent

=337 \\\$aunmediated\$bn\$2rdamedia

=338 \\\$avolume\$bnc\$2rdacarrier

=336 \\\$acartographic image\$bcri\$2rdacontent

=340 \\\$nlarge print\$2rdafs

Audiobook (CD):

<https://sagestaff.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Cheatsheet-Audiobook-2023.pdf>

=336 \\\$aspoken word\$bspw\$2rdacontent

=337 \\\$aaudio\$bs\$2rdamedia

=338 \\\$aaudio disc\$bsd\$2rdacarrier

=344 \\\$adigital\$2rdatr

=344 \\\$boptical\$2rdarm

=347 \\\$aaudio file\$2rdaft

=347 \\\$bCD audio

=538 \\\$aCompact disc.

Audiobook (MP3):

=336 \\\$aspoken word\$bspw\$2rdacontent

=337 \\\$aaudio\$bs\$2rdamedia

=337 \\\$acomputer\$bc\$2rdamedia

=338 \\\$aaudio disc\$bsd\$2rdacarrier

=338 \\\$acomputer disc\$bcd\$2rdacarrier

=344 \\\$adigital\$2rdatr

=344 \\\$boptical\$2rdarm

=347 \\\$aaudio file\$2rdaft

=347 \\\$bMP3

=538 \\\$aCompact disc, MP3 format.

Example 5XX entries:

=538 \\\$iSystem requirements:\$aCD/MP3 player or PC with MP3-capable software.
=500 \\\$aThis audiobook is encoded in MP3 format and will only play on CD players that are MP3 compatible.

Audiobook (Cassette tape):

=336 \\\$aspoken word\$bspw\$2rdacontent
=337 \\\$audio\$bs\$2rdamedia
=338 \\\$audiocassette\$bss\$2rdacarrier

Playaway, GoReader (self-contained audio-media players)

=336 \\\$aspoken word\$bspw\$2rdacontent
=337 \\\$audio\$bs\$2rdamedia
=337 \\\$acomputer\$bc\$2rdamedia
=338 \\\$aother\$bsz\$2rdacarrier
=344 \\\$adigital\$2rdatr
=344 \\\$bnon-volatile flash memory
=347 \\\$audio file\$2rdaft
=347 \\\$bGoReader audio (or Playaway)

Recorded Music (CD):

<https://sagestaff.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Cheatsheet-Music-2023.pdf>

=336 \\\$aperformed music\$bprm\$2rdacontent
=337 \\\$audio\$bs\$2rdamedia
=338 \\\$audio disc\$bsd\$2rdacarrier
=344 \\\$adigital\$2rdatr
=344 \\\$boptical\$2rdarm
=344 \\\$gstereo\$2rdacpc (or \$gmono)
=347 \\\$audio file\$2rdaft
=347 \\\$bCD audio (or MP3)

DVD :

<https://sagestaff.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/01/Cheatsheet-Video-2023.pdf>

=336 \\\$atwo-dimensional moving image\$btdi\$2rdacontent
=337 \\\$avideo\$bv\$2rdamedia
=338 \\\$avideodisc\$bvd\$2rdacarrier
=340 \\\$gpolychrome\$2rdacc
=344 \\\$adigital\$2rdatr
=344 \\\$boptical\$2rdarm
=344 \\\$gstereo\$2rdacpc
=344 \\\$hDolby Digital 2.0\$2rdaspc
=345 \\\$c1.85:1
=345 \\\$dwide screen\$2rdaar
=346 \\\$bNTSC\$2rdabs
=347 \\\$avideo file\$2rdaft
=347 \\\$bDVD video
=347 \\\$eregion 1\$2rdare

EX: (=538 \\\$aDVD, region 1; wide screen (1.85:1); Dolby Digital 2.0 stereo.)

=344 \\\$gsurround\$2rdacpc
=344 \\\$hDolby Digital 5.1\$2rdaspc
EX: (**=538 \\\$aDVD, region 1; Dolby Digital 5.1 surround.**)
(can have either or both 2.0 and 5.1)

=344 \\\$gsurround\$2rdacpc
=344 \\\$h7.1 DTS-HD master audio
=347 \\\$bBlu-ray
=347 \\\$eregion A\$2rdare
EX: (**=538 \\\$aBlu-ray, region A; 7.1 DTS-HDMA; requires Blu-ray player.**)

=380 \\\$aMotion pictures
=380 \\\$aTelevision program
=380 \\\$aDocumentary television programs

VHS Video:

=336 \\\$atwo-dimensional moving image\$btdi\$2rdacontent
=337 \\\$avideo\$bv\$2rdamedia
=338 \\\$avideocassette\$bv\$2rdacarrier

E-book or Web site (e.g. OverDrive title):

=336 \\\$atext\$btxt\$2rdacontent
=337 \\\$acomputer\$bc\$2rdamedia
=338 \\\$aonline resource\$bcr\$2rdacarrier
=347 \\\$atext file\$2rdaft

Computer Disc (CD-ROM)

=336 \\\$acomputer program\$bcop\$2rdacontent
=337 \\\$acomputer\$bc\$2rdamedia
=338 \\\$acomputer disc\$bcd\$2rdacarrier

Video Game (disc):

=336 \\\$atwo-dimensional moving image\$btdi\$2rdacontent
=336 \\\$acomputer program\$bcop\$2rdacontent
=337 \\\$acomputer\$bc\$2rdamedia
=338 \\\$acomputer disc\$bcd\$2rdacarrier
=344 \\\$adigital\$2rdatr
=344 \\\$boptical\$2rdarm

Video Game (cartridge):

=336 \\\$atwo-dimensional moving image\$btdi\$2rdacontent
=336 \\\$acomputer program\$bcop\$2rdacontent
=337 \\\$acomputer\$bc\$2rdamedia
=337 \\\$avideo\$bv\$2rdamedia
=338 \\\$acomputer chip cartridge\$bcb\$2rdacarrier
=344 \\\$adigital\$2rdatr
=344 \\\$boptical\$2rdarm

=347 \\\$adata file\$avideo file\$2rdaft
=347 \\\$bNintendo Switch (console name)
=380 \\\$aVideo game

3 dimensional object and Library of Things/LOT

=336 \\\$athree-dimensional form\$btdf\$2rdacontent
=337 \\\$aunmediated\$bn\$2rdamedia
=338 \\\$aobject\$bnr\$2rdacarrier

It can be seen that by using appropriate values in these fields, a wide range of “material types” (AACR2r) can be established (e.g. “Recorded Music – Cassette” substitutes “audiocassette” in 338 \$a). These values for \$a are drawn from controlled vocabularies, which can be found at the following links:

- RDA Content Terms (336 \$a): <http://www.loc.gov/standards/valuelist/rdacontent.html>
- RDA Media Terms (337 \$a): <http://www.loc.gov/standards/valuelist/rdamedia.html>
- RDA Carrier Terms (338 \$a): <http://www.loc.gov/standards/valuelist/rdacarrier.html>