
NEW SOUND RECORDING FORMATS—Library of Congress Practice

This statement is meant to cover certain descriptive aspects (GMD, physical description, and notes) associated with recent and emerging sound recording formats. As new formats are cataloged at the Library of Congress, they will be incorporated into this list. The guidelines are meant to aid Library of Congress catalogers and are meant to reflect only Library of Congress practice.

Currently the list covers the following:

Compact Disc Formats:

- Dual Discs
- Mini CDs
- Mini Discs
- SACD
- Shaped Discs

DVD Formats:

- CD/DVD Combos
- Dual Discs
- DVD Audio

Electronic Resources:

- CD-ROMs
 - Midi Files
 - MP3 Files
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COMPACT DISC FORMATS

Dual Discs

Definition: 4 ¾ inch discs with one side that functions as a standard audio compact disc and one side that functions as a standard DVD. The DVD side may contain enhanced audio, images, video, games, etc. The following guidelines apply to items for which the **sound recording is determined to be the dominant content**.



Leader	Type “i” or “j” as appropriate
006	<i>[For DVD video] if appropriate</i>
007	<i>[For standard CD]</i>
007	<i>[For DVD audio] if appropriate</i>
245	GMD = [sound recording]
300	1 DualDisc : \$b digital ; \$c 4 ¾ in.
500	Hybrid CD/DVD-video disc. <i>[or, Hybrid CD/DVD-audio disc.]</i>
538	\$a <i>[quote system requirements if present; if not present, do not provide a note]</i>

Mini CDs

Definition: Do not confuse with MiniDiscs (see below). These are standardly formatted CDs that measure 3 1/8 inches. Some come with an adapter enabling them to play in all standard CD players.



007	/06 = z (other)
245	GMD = [sound recording]
300	\$a 1 sound disc : \$b digital ; \$c 3 1/8 in.
500	Compact disc.

MiniDiscs

Definition: MiniDiscs were announced in 1991 by Sony as a disc based digital medium for recording and distributing consumer audio that is near CD in quality. In 1993 Sony announced *MD Data*, a version of the MiniDisc for storing computer data. There are two physically distinct types of discs: *Premastered MDs*, similar to CDs in operation and manufacture, and *Recordable MDs*, which can be recorded on repeatedly and employ magneto-optical technology. The disc itself is enclosed in a small (7cm x 7cm) cartridge.



007	sz fsnnnmmned (Attn: /01 = z and /06 = n)
245	GMD = [sound recording]
300	1 sound disc cartridge : \$b digital ; \$c 3 in.
500	MiniDisc.
538	\$a [<i>quote system requirements if present; if not present, provide no note</i>]

