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# Information processing – Graphical representations for the control characters of the 7-bit coded character set

## 1 SCOPE

This International Standard specifies graphical representations of the control characters of columns 0 and 1 of the ISO 7-bit coded character set for information interchange (ISO 646). It also provides graphical representations for the normally non-printing character SPACE (position 2/0 of the Code Table) and for the character DELETE (position 7/15 of the Code Table).

Two modes of representation are given in this International Standard :

- a set of specific symbols where a single character is required for the graphical representation of each of these normally non-printing characters;
- a set of alphanumeric representations comprising two characters derived from the abbreviations used in the ISO 7-bit table.

## 2 FIELD OF APPLICATION

These graphical representations are intended for use for display of control characters on devices when the graphical representation of these normally non-printing characters is required. Among the devices included are paper tape punches, printers and CRT equipment. Various areas of use are possible; for example, monitoring and diagnostic applications.

The precise font design is not part of this International Standard.

The implementation of some of the symbols does not imply that the whole set should be available.

Each alphanumeric representation is to be considered as a single symbol. It may occupy either one or more positions on a printed or displayed line depending on the implementation.

## 3 REFERENCE

ISO 646, *7-bit coded character set for information processing interchange*.

4 REPRESENTATIONS

Position in the 7-bit set table	Set table name	Meaning	Pictorial representation	Alphanumeric representation
0/0	<b>NUL</b>	Null		<b>NU</b>
0/1	<b>TC<sub>1</sub></b>	Start of heading		<b>SH</b>
0/2	<b>TC<sub>2</sub></b>	Start of text		<b>SX</b>
0/3	<b>TC<sub>3</sub></b>	End of text		<b>EX</b>
0/4	<b>TC<sub>4</sub></b>	End of transmission		<b>ET</b>
0/5	<b>TC<sub>5</sub></b>	Enquiry	 <sup>1)</sup>	<b>EQ</b>
0/6	<b>TC<sub>6</sub></b>	Acknowledge		<b>AK</b>
0/7	<b>BEL</b>	Bell		<b>BL</b>

1) The pictorial representation of position 0/5 is a schematic representation of  which may also be used when equipment allows it.

Position in the 7-bit set table	Set table name	Meaning	Pictorial representation	Alphanumeric representation
0/8	<b>FE<sub>0</sub></b>	Backspace		<b>BS</b>
0/9	<b>FE<sub>1</sub></b>	Horizontal tabulation		<b>HT</b>
0/10	<b>FE<sub>2</sub></b>	Line feed		<b>LF</b>
0/11	<b>FE<sub>3</sub></b>	Vertical tabulation		<b>VT</b>
0/12	<b>FE<sub>4</sub></b>	Form feed		<b>FF</b>
0/13	<b>FE<sub>5</sub></b>	Carriage return		<b>CR</b>
0/14	<b>SO</b>	Shift-out		<b>SO</b>
0/15	<b>SI</b>	Shift-in		<b>SI</b>

Position in the 7-bit set table	Set table name	Meaning	Pictorial representation	Alphanumeric representation
1/0	<b>TC<sub>7</sub></b>	Data link escape		<b>DL</b>
1/1	<b>DC<sub>1</sub></b>	Device control		<b>D1</b>
1/2	<b>DC<sub>2</sub></b>	-		<b>D2</b>
1/3	<b>DC<sub>3</sub></b>	-		<b>D3</b>
1/4	<b>DC<sub>4</sub></b>	-		<b>D4</b>
1/5	<b>TC<sub>8</sub></b>	Negative acknowledge		<b>NK</b>
1/6	<b>TC<sub>9</sub></b>	Synchronous idle		<b>SY</b>
1/7	<b>TC<sub>10</sub></b>	End of transmission block		<b>EB</b>