

DATA APPLICATION
RESERVATION BOOKING DESIGNATOR (RBD) BY CABIN ANSWER TABLE
RECORD A02

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1.0. OVERVIEW

The RBD Answer table product provides subscribers with a listing of carriers' RBDs and their associated cabin (Premium First, First, Premium Business, Business, Premium Economy, and Economy). A carrier's RBD Answer Table may consist of several sequences with a listing of RBDs and their associated cabin that apply only if specific global indicator, geographic locale, travel/ticketing dates flight numbers and equipment are matched.

This data application explains processing for RBD Answer table when used by the following ATPCO products:

- Category 31 – Voluntary Changes
- Optional Services
- Baggage Allowance and Charges
- Tax Collection & Distribution
- Branded Fares
- Carrier-Imposed (YQ/YR) Fees

Refer to the individual Data Application to understand how each product uses the RBD Answer Table.

Note:

The RBD Answer table product may be used wherever there is a need to identify the cabin for a specific RBD or list RBD's for a specific cabin. Other ATPCO products such as Automated Rules; Category 23 (Miscellaneous Fare Tags) could also use the answer table but at this time there is no defined data application specific to other products.

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1.1. *Data Requirements*

In order to match the appropriate RBD Answer Table sequence, it is necessary to know the following information:

- Origin and destination points of the travel being validated
- Travel dates of the travel being validated
- The ticketing date of the ticket pertaining to the travel being validated
- The global direction of travel being validated
- The carrier's code whose cabin information is being validated
- The carrier's flight number on the travel being validated
- The equipment code on the travel being validated

Refer to the individual data application which references the RBD Answer Table for the specific match criteria needed to match the appropriate sequence.

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2.0. DEFINITIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

2.1. Definitions

Please refer to the Glossary of Terms. There are no specific definitions for the RBD Answer Table.

2.2. Assumptions

If processing is unable to find an A02 entry for the carrier, then use the IATA Reso 728 RBD by cabin mapping specified under carrier YY.

- a) If RBD matches a recurring segment of YY data, then use the cabin matched as the cabin for the RBD being processed.
- b) If RBD does not match any recurring segment of YY data, then assume that the RBD maps to Economy cabin.

If processing is able to find an A02 entry for the carrier but none of the sequences within the carrier data matched, then use the IATA Reso 728 RBD by cabin mapping specified under carrier YY.

- a) If RBD matches a recurring segment of YY data, then use the cabin matched as the cabin for the RBD being processed.
- b) If RBD does not match any recurring segment of YY data, then assume that the RBD maps to Economy cabin.

If processing is able to find a matching A02 entry for the carrier and matched the fixed data on the sequence but the RBD does not exist in the recurring segment, then the assumption is that the carrier has no cabin defined for the RBD. Do not process A02 record for carrier YY.

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3.0. DETAILED FIELD PROCESSING

Byte Location	Match / Action	Definition / Processing
Byte 1-3 Record Type	Key Match	Indicates the Record number for which the data is formatted.
Bytes 4-6 Carrier	Key Match	Carrier code associated with the travel being validated or value “YY” to indicate IATA Reso 728 default RBD by cabin mapping.
Bytes 7-14 Filler	Not Applicable	Reserved for future use.
Bytes 15-21 Sequence Number	Key Match/Action	Specifies the order in which the records must be read.
Bytes 22-27/Bytes 28-33 Travel Effective/Discontinue Dates	Match	Specifies the first and last travel dates for which this record is effective. These are also the maintenance dates that the subscribers use for data loading.
Bytes 34-35 Global Indicator	Match	Specifies global direction of fare component or travel being validated.
Byte 36 Type	Match	Indicates the type of location found in bytes 37-41 -- LOC 1 (e.g., city, nation, zone, etc.)
Bytes 37-41 LOC 1	Match	Specifies the origin/destination of the travel being validated.
Byte 42 Type	Match	Indicates the type of location found in bytes 43-47 -- LOC 2 (e.g., city, nation, zone, etc.)
Bytes 43-47 LOC 2	Match	Specifies the origin/destination of the travel being validated.
Bytes 48-53/Bytes 54-59 First Ticketing Date/Last Ticketing Date	Match	Specifies the first and last ticketing dates for which the data in this record applies.

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Byte Location	Match / Action	Definition / Processing
Bytes 60-63 FLIGHT NO 1	Match	If FLIGHT NO 2 (bytes 64-67) is blank, specifies a specific flight number for which the data in the record applies. If FLIGHT NO 2 (bytes 64-67) is not blank, specifies the first flight number in a range of flight numbers for which the data in the record applies.
Bytes 64-67 FLIGHT NO 2	Match	Specifies the last flight number in a range of flight numbers for which the data in the record applies.
Bytes 68-70 EQUIPMENT	Match	Specifies the equipment code for which the data in this record applies.
Bytes 60-73 Filler	Not applicable	Reserved for future use.
Bytes 74-75 # of Segments	Action	Indicates the number of recurring segments. Maximum of 10 segments per sequence.
Byte 76 Cabin	Match/Action	Specifies the applicable cabin with which the RBD is associated.
Bytes 77-78, 79-80, 81-82, 83-84, 85-86, 87-88, 89-90, 91-92, 93-94, 95-96 RBDs	Match/Action	Indicates the RBD(s) associated with the cabin specified in byte 76. The RBD value must be a one to two alpha character and is left justified.

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4.0. PROCESSING

The RBD Answer Table records are assigned sequence numbers and the relationship is OR between sequences. The relationship between the match fields within a sequence is “AND”, except for the RBD fields, meaning all match fields for a given Answer Table record must be matched. Once a match is made to all fixed portions on a sequence of the Answer Table record, this is considered the “matched sequence” and processing will not continue to read higher number sequences. If a match is not made to the sequence, processing will read to the next sequence until a match is found.

Refer to the individual data application document which references the RBD Answer Table to determine how to process if no sequence is matched and for specific match criteria and application of the RBD Answer Table.

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4.1. Application of Data for the RBD Answer Table

4.1.1. Carrier (bytes 4-6)

Processing will match to the carrier code whose cabin information is being validated (e.g., Marketing carrier, Operating carrier, Fare Owning carrier). IATA Reso 728 default RBD by cabin mapping is specified as carrier YY.

Note: Please refer to Assumptions section to determine when to process YY default data.

Example 1

Record A02

Bytes 15-21 Sequence #	Bytes 4-6 Carrier	Byte 76 Cabin	Bytes 77-78 RBD1	Bytes 79-80 RBD2	Bytes 81-82 RBD3
1000	XX	Y	B	V	Q
2000	ZZ	Y	Q	N	T

The data indicates that for carrier XX RBD values B or V or Q map to the economy cabin, and for carrier ZZ RBD values Q or N or T map to the economy cabin.

Example 2

Record A02

Bytes 15-21 Sequence #	Bytes 4-6 Carrier	Byte 76 Cabin	Bytes 77-78 RBD1	Bytes 79-80 RBD2	Bytes 81-82 RBD3
1000	XX	Y	B	V	Q
2000	XX	Y	S	N	T

The data indicates that for carrier XX RBD values B or V or Q or S or N or T map to the economy cabin.

Category 31 – Voluntary Change

Match the Carrier against the fare owning carrier (or secondary carrier in some cases) of the fare component being processed against Category 31.

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Optional Services (Service Type F)

Match the carrier against the marketing/operating carrier of the sector that contains the RBD which cabin is being determined.

Baggage Allowance and Charges (Service Types A, B, C, E, P)

Match the carrier against marketing/operating carrier of the sector that contains the RBD which cabin is being determined.

Refer to the individual data application document which references the RBD Answer Table for the specific match criteria needed to validate against this field.

4.1.2. Travel Effective/Discontinue Dates (bytes 22-27-28-33)

These fields specify the First and/or Last Travel Dates for the record. The subscription header record determines the maintenance dates while the Travel Effective dates work in the context of the product using the Answer Table. The First Date begins on the first minute of that date (12:01 a.m.), and the Last Date ends on the last minute of that date (12:00 midnight). Processing will match these dates against the departure date of the travel being validated against Record A02.

A date will always be present in the Effective Date field (bytes 22-27). The Discontinue Date field (bytes 28-33) may contain a specific date or may contain 999999 signifying there is no restriction on the Travel Discontinue date, subject to the remaining data within the record.

Example

Record A02

Bytes 15-21 Sequence #	Bytes 4-6 Carrier	Bytes 22-27 Eff Date	Bytes 28-33 Disc Date	Byte 76 Cabin	Bytes 77-78 RBD1	Bytes 79-80 RBD2	Bytes 81-82 RBD3
1000	XX	150601	150731	Y	B	V	Q
2000	XX	150801	999999	Y	Q	N	T

The data indicates that for carrier XX for travel between 01 June 2015 and 31 July 2015, RBDs B or V or Q are in the economy cabin, and for travel effective 01 August 2015 RBDs Q or N or T are in the economy cabin.

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Category 31 – Voluntary Change

Match the Travel Effective/Discontinue dates against the departure from the origin of the fare component being processed (Refer to Category 31 data application to determine whether to match against the new or old ticket). If the departure date is on/after the Effective Date and on/before the Discontinue Date, then processing matches this field and continues matching other fields in this record. If the departure date is not on/after Effective Date and/or not on/before Discontinue Date, then processing no matches the record and continues to the next record.

Optional Services (Service Type F)

Match the Travel Effective/Discontinue date against the departure date from the origin of the sector being processed. If the departure date is on/after the Effective Date and on/before the Discontinue Date, then processing matches this field and continues matching other fields in this record. If the departure date is not on/after Effective Date and/or not on/before Discontinue Date, then processing no matches the record and continues to the next record.

Baggage Allowance and Charges (Service Types A, B, C, E, P)

Match the Travel Effective/Discontinue date against the departure date from the origin of the sector being processed. If the departure date is on/after the Effective Date and on/before the Discontinue Date, then processing matches this field and continues matching other fields in this record. If the departure date is not on/after Effective Date and/or not on/before Discontinue Date, then processing no matches the record and continues to the next record.

Refer to the individual data application document which references the RBD Answer Table for the specific match criteria needed to validate against these fields.

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4.1.3. Global Indicator (bytes 34-35)

Processing will match the global indicator of the sector/fare component being validated.

Category 31 – Voluntary Change

For Category 31 processing, match Global Indicator to the global indicator of the fare component being processed. If the Global Indicator matches the global indicator of the fare component being processed, then processing matches this field and continues matching other fields in this record. If the Global Indicator does not match the global indicator of the fare component being processed, then processing no matches the record and continues to the next record.

Optional Services(Service Type F)

For Optional Services processing, match Global Indicator to the global direction of travel of the sector being processed. If the Global Indicator matches the global direction of travel of the sector, then processing matches this field and continues matching other fields in this record. If the Global Indicator does not match the global direction of travel of the sector being processed, then processing no matches the record and continues to the next record.

Baggage Allowance and Charges (Service Types A, B, C, E, P)

For Baggage Allowance & Charges processing, match Global Indicator to the global direction of travel of the sector being processed. If the Global Indicator matches the global direction of the sector, then processing matches this field and continues matching other fields in this record. If the Global Indicator does not match the global direction of travel of the sector being processed, then processing no matches the record and continues to the next record.

Refer to the individual data application document which references the RBD Answer Table for the specific match criteria needed to validate against this field.

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When this field is blank, there are no restrictions on the global indicator of the sector or fare component being validated, subject to the remaining data within the record.

The valid values for this field are:

Global Indicator	Definition
AP	Via Atlantic and Pacific
AT	Via Atlantic
CT	Circle Trip
EH	Within Eastern Hemisphere
FE	Far East
PA	Via South, Central, or North Pacific
PN	Between TC1 and TC3 via the Pacific and via North America
RU	Russia – Area 3
RW	Round the World
SA	South Atlantic only
TS	Via Siberia
WH	Within Western Hemisphere
BLANK	No restriction.

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4.1.4. Loc1/Loc2 (bytes 36-41/42-47)

These fields specify the end points of the travel being validated against Record A02.

Category 31 – Voluntary Change

For Category 31 processing, match Loc1/Loc2 to the end points of the fare component being processed.

When data is present in both LOC1 (bytes 36-41) and LOC 2 (bytes 42-47):

- If LOC 1 is the origin and LOC 2 is the destination, then the fare component being processed must be from LOC 1 to LOC 2.
- If LOC 2 is the origin and LOC 1 is the destination, then the fare component being processed must be from LOC 2 to LOC 1.

When data is present in LOC 1 (bytes 36-41) and LOC 2 (bytes 147-155) is Blank:

- The fare component being processed must be from LOC 1 to any point or To LOC 1 from any point.

If the end points of the fare component being processed satisfy at least one of the above conditions then processing matches this field and continues matching other fields in this record. If the end points of the fare component being processed do not satisfy one of the above conditions, then processing no matches the record and continues to the next record.

Optional Services (Service Type F)

Match Loc1/Loc2 to the end points of the sector being processed.

When data is present in both Loc1 (bytes 36-41) and LOC 2 (bytes 42-47):

- If LOC 1 is the origin and LOC 2 is the destination, then the sector being processed must be from LOC 1 to LOC 2.
- If LOC 2 is the origin and LOC 1 is the destination, then the sector being processed must be from LOC 2 to LOC 1.

When data is present in LOC 1 (bytes 36-41) and LOC 2 (bytes 147-155) is Blank:

- The end points of the sector being processed must be from LOC 1 to any point or To LOC 1 from any point.

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If the end points of the sector being processed satisfy at least one of the above conditions then processing matches this field and continues matching other fields in this record. If the end points of the sector being processed do not satisfy one of the above conditions, then processing no matches the record and continues to the next record.

Baggage Allowance and Charges (Service Types A, B, C, E, P)

Match Loc1/Loc2 to the end points of the sector being processed.

When data is present in both LOC1 (bytes 36-41) and LOC 2 (bytes 42-47):

- If LOC 1 is the origin and LOC 2 is the destination, then the sector being processed must be from LOC 1 to LOC 2.
- If LOC 2 is the origin and LOC 1 is the destination, then the sector being processed must be from LOC 2 to LOC 1.

When data is present in LOC 1 (bytes 36-41) and LOC 2 (bytes 147-155) is Blank:

- The end points of the sector being processed must be from LOC 1 to any point or to LOC 1 from any point.

If the end points of the sector being processed satisfy at least one of the above conditions then processing matches this field and continues matching other fields in this record. If the end points of the sector being processed do not satisfy one of the above conditions, then processing no matches the record and continues to the next record.

Refer to the individual data application document which references the RBD Answer Table for the specific match criteria needed to validate against these fields. The geographic location data in LOC 1 and LOC 2 may be defined as an Area, Zone, Country, State, or City or Airport.

When these fields are blank, there are no restrictions on the origin or destination of the travel being validated, subject to the remainder of the data in the record. Refer to the individual data application document which references the RBD Answer Table for the specific match criteria needed to validate against this field.

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4.1.5. First Ticketing /Last Ticketing Dates (bytes 48-53/54-59)

These fields specify the First and/or Last Ticket Dates for the record.

Category 31 – Voluntary Change

For Category 31 processing, match First Ticketing/Last Ticketing to the ticket issue date of the original ticket. If the ticket issue date of the original ticket is on/after First Ticket Date and on/before Last Ticket Date, then processing matches this field and continues matching other fields in this record. If the ticket issue date of the original ticket is not on/after First Ticketing and on/before Last Ticketing, then processing no matches the record and continues to the next record.

Optional Services(Service Type F)

Validation of these dates is against the date the service is being displayed/sold/ticketed.

- If the display/sale/ticket date for the service is on/after First Ticket Date and on/before Last Ticket Date, then processing matches this field and continues matching other fields in this record.
- If the display/sale/ticket date is not on/after First Ticket Date and on/before Last Ticket Date, then processing no matches the record and continues to the next record.

Baggage Allowance & Charges (Service Types A, B, C, E, P)

Processing will use the ticket issue date of the passenger ticket or the reissue date of a reissued passenger ticket for the current passenger ticket in hand to validate against these fields.

- If the passenger ticket issue date is on/after the First Ticket Date and on/before the Last Ticket Date, then processing matches this field and continues matching other fields in this record.
- If the passenger ticket issue date is not on/after the First Ticket Date and on/before the Last Ticket Date, then processing no matches the record and continues to the next record.

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Refer to the individual data application document which references the RBD Answer Table for the specific match criteria needed to validate against these fields.

Value 999999 may be present in either or both of these fields and signifies there is no restriction on the First and/or Last Ticket date, respectively, subject to the remaining data within the record.

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4.1.6. First Flight Number/Last Flight Number (bytes 60-63/64-67)

These fields specify the flight number or a range of flight numbers of the travel being validated against Record A02. If the First Flight Number is specified but the Last Flight Number is blank, only the first flight number is validated.

Example 1

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Bytes 15-21 Sequence #	Bytes 4-6 Carrier	Bytes 37-41 Loc1	Bytes 43-47 Loc2	Bytes 60-63 Flight No 1	Bytes 64-67 Flight No 2	Byte 76 Cabin	Bytes 77-78 RBD1	Bytes 79-80 RBD2	Bytes 81-82 RBD3
1000	XX	WAS	LON	1234		Y	B	V	Q
2000	XX	LON	FRA	5432		Y	Q	N	T

The data indicates that RBD values B or V or Q are mapped to the economy cabin (Y) for carrier XX flight segments between WAS and LON with the flight number 1234, and that RBD values Q or N or T are mapped to the economy cabin (Y) for carrier XX flight segments between LON and FRA on flight number 5432.

Example 2

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Bytes 15-21 Sequence #	Bytes 4-6 Carrier	Bytes 37-41 Loc1	Bytes 43-47 Loc2	Bytes 60-63 Flight No 1	Bytes 64-67 Flight No 2	Byte 76 Cabin	Bytes 77-78 RBD1	Bytes 79-80 RBD2	Bytes 81-82 RBD3
1000	XX	WAS	LON	1234	1300	Y	B	V	Q

The data indicates that RBD values B or V or Q are mapped to the economy cabin (Y) for carrier XX flight segments between WAS and LON with a flight number between 1234 and 1300 inclusive.

Refer to the individual data application document which references the RBD Answer Table for the specific match criteria needed to validate against these fields.

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4.1.7. Equipment (bytes 68-70)

This field specifies the equipment code of the travel being validated against Record A02. If this field is specified, then the cabin mapping applies to all sectors operated on this equipment.

Example

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Bytes 15-21 Sequence #	Bytes 4-6 Carrier	Bytes 37-41 Loc1	Bytes 43-47 Loc2	Bytes 68-70 Equipment	Byte 76 Cabin	Bytes 77-78 RBD1	Bytes 79-80 RBD2	Bytes 81-82 RBD3
1000	XX	WAS	LON	787	Y	B	V	Q
2000	XX	LON	FRA	380	Y	Q	N	T

The data indicates that RBD values B or V or Q are mapped to the economy cabin (Y) for carrier XX flight segments between WAS and LON on Boeing 787 equipment, and that RBD values Q or N or T are mapped to the economy cabin (Y) for carrier XX flight segments between LON and FRA on Airbus 380 equipment.

Refer to the individual data application document which references the RBD Answer Table for the specific match criteria needed to validate against these fields.

4.1.8. Number of Segments (byte 74-75)

The RBD and cabin data will be stored in the recurring segment (bytes 76-96) of the Answer Table. A minimum of 1 segment is required with a maximum of 10 and the relationship between segments is OR. This field indicates the number of recurring segments for a sequence.

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4.1.9. Cabin (byte 76)

This is a recurring field. It specifies the cabin to which the RBDs in bytes 77-96 correspond.

The valid values for this field are:

Value R	Premium First Class
Value F	First Class
Value J	Premium Business Class
Value C	Business Class
Value W	Premium Economy Class
Value Y	Economy Class

4.1.10. RBDs (byte 77-96)

This is a recurring field. It is used to list all the RBDs that correspond to the cabin specified in byte 76. The RBD value must be a one to two alpha character and is left justified. A minimum of 1 RBD is required with a maximum of 10 per recurring segment. There is an OR relationship between the RBD fields when processing RBD-cabin mapping.

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5.0. TRAVEL SEGMENT INDICATOR (TSI)

Travel segment indicators are not applicable in the RBD Answer Table.

6.0. CODING CONVENTIONS

- Carriers should indicate all available RBDs of a cabin in which the carrier may be the marketing, operating, or fare owning carrier on an itinerary.
- Sequences should be coded most specific provisions first (lower sequence number) and general provisions last (higher sequence numbers).