



THE GLOBAL LANGUAGE
OF BUSINESS

CHECK DIGIT CALCULATOR

HOW TO CALCULATE A DIGIT CHECK MANUALLY

ID KEY FORMAT	DIGIT POSITIONS																									
GTIN-8															N ₁	N ₂	N ₃	N ₄	N ₅	N ₆	N ₇	N ₈				
GTIN-12								N ₁	N ₂	N ₃	N ₄	N ₅	N ₆	N ₇	N ₈	N ₉	N ₁₀	N ₁₁	N ₁₂							
GTIN-13								N ₁	N ₂	N ₃	N ₄	N ₅	N ₆	N ₇	N ₈	N ₉	N ₁₀	N ₁₁	N ₁₂	N ₁₃						
GTIN-14								N ₁	N ₂	N ₃	N ₄	N ₅	N ₆	N ₇	N ₈	N ₉	N ₁₀	N ₁₁	N ₁₂	N ₁₃	N ₁₄					
SSCC	N ₁	N ₂	N ₃	N ₄	N ₅	N ₆	N ₇	N ₈	N ₉	N ₁₀	N ₁₁	N ₁₂	N ₁₃	N ₁₄	N ₁₅	N ₁₆	N ₁₇	N ₁₈								
STEP 1: Multiply value of each position by																										
	x3	x1	x3	x1	x3	x1	x3	x1	x3	x1	x3	x1	x3	x1	x3	x1	x3	x1	x3							
STEP 2: Add results together to create sum																										
STEP 3: Subtract the sum from the nearest equal or higher multiple of ten = CHECK DIGIT																										

THE FOLLOWING TABLE GIVES AN EXAMPLE TO ILLUSTRATE HOW A CHECK DIGIT IS CALCULATED

POSITIONS	N ₁	N ₂	N ₃	N ₄	N ₅	N ₆	N ₇	N ₈	N ₉	N ₁₀	N ₁₁	N ₁₂	N ₁₃
NUMBER WITHOUT CHECK DIGIT	6	2	9	1	0	4	1	5	0	0	2	1	-
STEP 1: Multiply	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	x	-
By	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	1	3	-
STEP 2: Add results	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	=	-
to create sum	6	6	9	3	0	12	1	15	0	0	2	3	=57
STEP 3: Subtract the sum from the nearest equal or higher multiple of ten = 60 - 57 = 3 (CHECK DIGIT)													
NUMBER WITH CHECK DIGIT	6	2	9	1	0	4	1	5	0	0	2	1	3

EXAMPLE: GTIN-12 (U.P.C.)

The Check Digit for a GTIN-12 (U.P.C.) ID Number is figured using the standard modulo calculation.

Here is how it works:

NUMBERING STRUCTURE POSITIONS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
STEP 1	6	1	4	1	4	1	2	1	0	2	2	
STEP 2	6	1	4	1	4	1	2	1	0	2	2	
STEP 3	Multiply the result of Step Two by three: (18x3=54)											
STEP 4	6	1	4	1	4	1	2	1	0	2	2	
STEP 5	Add the results of Step Three and Step Four: (54+6=60)											
STEP 6	6	1	4	1	4	1	2	1	0	2	2	0

STEP ONE:

Suppose you want to find the Check Digit for the GTIN-12 (U.P.C.) Number 61414121022. Set up a table with 12 columns, and put the number 61414121022 into Positions One through Eleven. Position Twelve will be blank because it is reserved for the Check Digit.

STEP TWO:

Add the numbers in Positions One, Three, Five, Seven, Nine, and Eleven: (6+4+4+2+0+2=18)

STEP THREE:

Multiply the result of Step Two by three: (18x3=54)

STEP FOUR:

Add the numbers in Positions Two, Four, Six, Eight, and Ten: (1+1+1+1+2=6)

STEP FIVE:

Add the results of Step Three and Step Four: (54+6=60)

STEP SIX:

The Check Digit is the smallest number needed to round the result of Step Five up to the nearest multiple of 10. In this example, the Check Digit is 0.