

Technical Information regarding PZN Coding

- Check Digit Calculations of PZN, PPN and Basic UDI-DI -



Check digit calculation of the PZN

The check digit of the PZN is calculated based on mod 11. Each digit of the PZN is weighted with a different factor from one to nine. The sum is formed across the products and divided by 11. The whole number remainder is the check digit.

If the remainder is the number 10, this digit sequence is not used as PZN.

Example – Formation of the check digit of a PZN:

For the PZN with the digit sequence of “2758089”, the check digit “9” is calculated as follows:

PZN	1st digit	2nd digit	3rd digit	4th digit	5th digit	6th digit	7th digit	check digit
	2	7	5	8	0	8	9	9
Weighting factor	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	
Product from digit and weighting factor	2	14	15	32	0	48	63	
Sum	174							
Division	174 / 11 = 15 Remainder 9							

As a result, the complete PZN is: 27580899

Check digit calculation of the PPN and the Basic UDI-DI

The check digit of the PPN and the Basic UDI-DI is calculated based on mod 97. In the process, the decimal values of the ASCII table from 00 to 127 are assigned to the characters of the initial string of the PPN / Basic UDI-DI. Each digit of this string is weighted with a factor. The product of the ASCII decimal values are added up and divided by 97. As a numerical value, the remainder forms the two-digit check digit from 00 to 99. A one-digit remainder is filled with a leading zero. The remainder is adopted as a numerical value and not represented by the corresponding ASCII character.

Therefore, it is ensured that the check digit of the PPN and the Basic UDI-DI consists of digits only. As a result, numeric sequences also remain numeric.

The weighting of the digits starts on the left with two and increases by one for each following digit. This algorithm provides the check digit for both purely numeric and alphanumeric strings.

[To the IFA PPN Check Digit Generator.](#)

For additional information on the PZN and PPN plus Basic UDI-DI, see www.ifaffm.de

Example – Check digit generation for a PPN:

For the German market, the PPN contains the 8-digit PZN with the preceding Product Registration Agency Code (PRA Code) “11”. For the PPN with PRA Code “11” and PZN “03752864”, the check digit is calculated as follows:

PPN	PRA Code		PZN								check digits PPN	
	1	1	0	3	7	5	2	8	6	4	1	4
ASCII character value	49	49	48	51	55	53	50	56	54	52		
Weighting factor	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
Product from decimal value and weighting factor	98	147	192	255	330	371	400	504	540	572		
Sum	3409											
Division	3409 / 97 = 35 remainder 14											

The check digit is built by the numeric remainder 14 and represents the last two digits of the PPN. As a result, this is the complete PPN: 110375286414

Example - Check digit generation of a Basic UDI-DI:

The Basic UDI-DI contains the elements IAC, Manufacturer Code and Device Group Code. For the exemplary used values, the check digit is calculated as follows:

Basic UDI-DI	IAC		Manufacturer Code					Device Group Code																check digits		
	P	P	1	2	3	4	5	A	B	C	D	.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	.	9	0	0	4	
ASCII character value	80	80	49	50	51	52	53	65	66	67	68	46	49	50	51	52	53	54	55	56	46	57	48			
Weighting factor	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24			
Product from decimal value and weighting factor	160	240	196	250	306	364	424	585	660	737	816	598	686	750	816	884	954	1026	1100	1176	1012	1311	1152			
Sum	16203																									
Division	16203 / 97 = 167 remainder 4 ▶																									

The check digit is built by the numeric remainder 4, expressed by “04”, and represents the last two digits of the Basic UDI-DI. As a result, this is the complete Basic UDI-DI: PP12345ABCD.12345678.9004