

GMDs versus Carrier Types on Bibliographic Records in WorkFlows

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Bibliographic records created according to the **Anglo American Cataloging Rules (AACR2)** use bracketed terms after the title to indicate the format of the title. The bracketed format term in the title line is called a **General Material Designation (GMD)**. Here are examples of GMDs you are used to seeing after titles include:

[electronic resource]

[kit]

[sound recording]

[videorecording]

Below is an example of a record with the GMD [sound recording]. The GMD appears in the title line on the result list and in the record.

The screenshot shows a library catalog interface. At the top, there's a search bar with the following criteria: Author: baldacci, Title: hit, Series: (empty), Subject: (empty), General: (empty), and Library: ALL. Below the search bar, it says "ADVANCED SEARCH KEYWORD Author BALDACC, AND Title HIT, ALL: 7 records".

Title	Author	Carrier Type	Pub. Year
The hit [electronic resource]	Baldacci, David.		2013
The hit [sound recording]	Baldacci, David.		2013
The hit [sound recording]	Baldacci, David.		2013
The hit [electronic resource]	Baldacci, David.		2013
The hit	Baldacci, David	audio disc	2013

Below the table is a detailed record for "The hit [sound recording]". The record includes the following fields:

- Leader:** imla0c
- key:** ocn828862663
- Data source:** OCoLC
- Date/time stamp:** 20130627105030.0
- Fixed field data:** sd fungnmmned
- Fixed field data:** 130301r20132013riunnnn f n eng d
- Cataloging Source:** BBAA eng BBAA OCLCO JST ZGH
- ISBN:** 9781619699434
- ISBN:** 1619699435
- Issue #:** SLD3096 AudioGO
- Issue #:** 2-AG943 AudioGO
- Local system #:** (OCoLC)828862663
- LC Call Number:** PS3552.A446 H58 2013b
- Dewey Decimal Classification Number:** 813/.54
- Local holdings:** KAAA
- Personal Author:** Baldacci, David.
- Title:** The hit [sound recording] / David Baldacci.
- Edition:** Unabridged.
- Publication info:** North Kingstown, RI : AudioGO ; [New York] : Hachette Audio, p2013.
- Physical description:** 10 sound discs (11 hr., 45 min.) : digital ; 4 3/4 in.
- General Note:** Compact disc.
- General Note:** Title from container.
- Summary:** Skilled assassin Will Robie is asked by the U.S. government to track down fellow assassin Jessica Reel, who has gone rogue, but during his pursuit...
- General Note:** Narrated by Ron McLarty with Orlagh Cassidy.

Bibliographic records created according to the new cataloging rules, **Resource Description & Access (RDA)**, do not use the bracketed GMD in the title line. Instead, RDA uses a **carrier type term**, toward the middle of the record in the 338 field, to indicate the physical format of the title. Effective December 10, 2013, a new column labeled “Carrier Type” will appear in the result list in WorkFlows when you search for records in one of these wizards:

- Call Number and Item Maintenance
- Item Search and Display
- Delete Title, Call Numbers or Items
- Add Item
- Edit Item
- Transfers

The “Carrier Type” column will display the term from the 338 field if the record contains this field. Here are examples of terms you are likely to see in the “Carrier Type” column, along with the formats they describe:

Carrier Type Term:	Used for These Formats:
audio disc	book on CD, music CD
audiocassette	book on cassette tape, music cassette tape
computer disc	CD-ROM, video games
online resource	e-book, e-audiobook, streaming video
other	Playaway
volume	Regular or large print book, paperback book, board book, other textual resource
videocassette	VHS cassette tape
videodisc	DVD, Blu-ray disc
This is not a complete list of carrier type terms. For a complete list, see http://goo.gl/g2vCeK	

Below is an example of a record with the carrier type term “audio disc.” This term appears in the “Carrier Type” column on the result list and in the record.

Call Number and Item Maintenance x

Number and Item Maintenance

Author: baldacci AND Title: hit AND Search

Series: AND Subject: AND Reset

General: AND Periodical Title:

Library: ALL

Current:

ADVANCED SEARCH KEYWORD Author BALDACCI, AND Title HIT, ALL: 7 records

Title	Author	Carrier Type	Pub. Year
The hit [sound recording]	Baldacci, David.		2013
The hit [electronic resource]	Baldacci, David.		2013
The hit	Baldacci, David	audio disc	2013
The hit	Baldacci, David	volume	2013
The hit	Baldacci, David	volume	2013

Description Call Number/Item

Issue # 2-11621 Hachette Audio

Local system # (OCoLC)806014887 (OCoLC)806014890 (OCoLC)824964241 (OCoLC)835196353 (OCoLC)840057184 (OCoLC)841435678

Stock number Hachette Audio, CJO Little Brown Order Dept Three Center Plaza, Boston, MA, USA, 02108-2003 SAN 200-2205

Language Code eng eng

Geographic Area Code n-us---

LC Call Number PS3552.A446 H58 2013ab

Dewey Decimal Classification Number 813/.54

Local holdings IHXA

Personal Author [Baldacci, David](#)

Title [The hit / David Baldacci.](#)

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Physical description 10 audio discs (approximately 12 hr.) : CD audio, digital ; 4 3/4 in.

Duration 120000

Content Type spoken word spw rdacontent

Media Type audio s rdamedia

Carrier Type audio disc

Sound Details digital optical rda

Digital File Details CD audio rda

General Note Title from disc label.

General Note Compact disc.

Summary No one else can match will Robie's talents as a hitman. No one, except Jessica Reel. A fellow assassin, Reel is every bit as lethal as Robie. And

Performer Read by Ron McLarty and Oriagh Cassidy.