

## Specifications H 2083

**BACKGROUND:** Specifications are detailed descriptions or assessments of requirements, dimensions, materials, etc., for a proposed building, structure, product, etc. This instruction sheet provides guidelines for assigning the heading **Specifications** and the subdivision **-Specifications**. The free-floating subdivision **-Contracts and specifications**, previously used under headings for engineering and construction, was discontinued in 1989. It was replaced by the free-floating subdivision **-Specifications** and by phrase headings for types of contracts, for example, **Construction contracts** and **Road construction contracts**.

**1. General.** Assign the heading **Specifications** (*May Subd Geog*) to general works on specifications.

### **2. Special topics.**

**a. Engineering and construction.** Assign the free-floating subdivision **-Specifications** (*May Subd Geog*) as a form or topical subdivision under headings for types of engineering or construction to works that contain or discuss detailed descriptions or assessments of requirements for construction or engineering projects. Code the subdivision as a \$v subfield for works that contain specifications and as an \$x subfield for works that discuss specifications. *Examples:*

```
650 #0 $a Bridges $v Specifications.  
650 #0 $a Bus terminals $x Specifications $z Great Britain.  
650 #0 $a Engineering $x Specifications $z United States.
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Assign the subdivision **-Specifications** under the heading for the object designed or constructed rather than under the construction or engineering process, if both headings exist. *Examples:*

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650 #0 $a Bridges, Arched $v Specifications.  
[not 650 #0 $a Bridges, Arched $x Design and construction  
$x Specifications.]
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### 2. *Special topics.* (Continued)

*b. Other topics.* Assign the free-floating subdivision **-Specifications** (*May Subd Geog*) as a form or topical subdivision under kinds of products or merchandise, types of industries, etc., to works that contain or discuss detailed descriptions of the requirements for materials, dimensions, etc., to be used in products manufactured or supplied. Code the subdivision as a \$v subfield for works that contain specifications and as an \$x subfield for works that discuss specifications. *Examples:*

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650 #0 $a Automobiles $x Specifications $z United States.  
650 #0 $a Construction industry $x Specifications $z Great  
      Britain.  
650 #0 $a Optical materials $v Specifications $z France.
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Assign the subdivision under an industry only in those cases where the discussion of specifications is not limited to a single product of the industry.