

The ANSCR Classification System for Sound Recordings

ANSCR categories

The Alpha-Numeric System for Classification of Recordings (ANSCR) is composed of 46 major categories into which all sound recordings are organized. Call numbers are composed of four lines (Line 1, the ANSCR category; Line 2, first four letters of the composer, performer, author's surname, title or topic; Line 3, first three letters of the title or the significant word in the title; Line 4, first letter of the performer's surname and the last two numbers of the recording company's production number.):

Example of ANSCR Label for Visible by the group 4 Him:

MG
4HIM
VIS
F262

Line 1: Contemporary Christian/Gospel (MG)

Line 2: 4Him (4HIM)

Line 3: Visible (VIS)

Line 4: 4Him, Word Entertainment LLC WD2-886262 (F262)

A	Music Appreciation: History and Commentary
B	Operas: Complete and Highlights
C	Choral Music
D	Vocal Music
(E)	Orchestral music
EA	Orchestral music: General Orchestral
EB	Orchestral music: Ballet Music
EC	Orchestral music: Concertos
ES	Orchestral music: Symphonies
F	Chamber Music
(G)	Solo Instrumental Music
GG	Solo Instrumental Music: Guitar
GO	Solo Instrumental Music: Organ
GP	Solo Instrumental Music: Piano
GS	Solo Instrumental Music: Stringed Instruments

GV	Solo Instrumental Music: Violin
GW	Solo Instrumental Music: Wind Instruments
GX	Solo Instrumental Music: Percussion Instruments
H	Band Music
J	Electronic, Mechanical Music
K	Musical Shows and Operettas: Complete and Excerpts
L	Soundtrack Music: Motion Pictures and Television
MA	Popular Music
MC	Country/Western
MG	Contemporary Christian/Gospel
MJ	Jazz
MN	New Age
MR	Rock, Rhythm and Blues, etc.
P	Folk and Ethnic Music (National)
Q	Folk and Ethnic Music (International)
R	Holiday Music
RC	Christmas Music
S	Varieties and Humor
SR	Varieties and Humor: Radio Transcriptions
ST	Varieties and Humor: Television Transcriptions
T	Plays
U	Poetry
V	Prose (Fiction)
VN	Prose (Nonfiction)
W	Documentary: History and Commentary
X	Instructional or Informational Spoken Recordings
Y	Sounds and Special Effects
(Z)	Children's Recordings
ZI	Children's Recordings: Instructional
ZM	Children's Recordings: Music
ZR	Children's Recordings: Holiday Music
ZRC	Children's Recordings: Christmas Music

ZS	Children's Recordings: Spoken
ZU	Children's Recordings: Poetry