

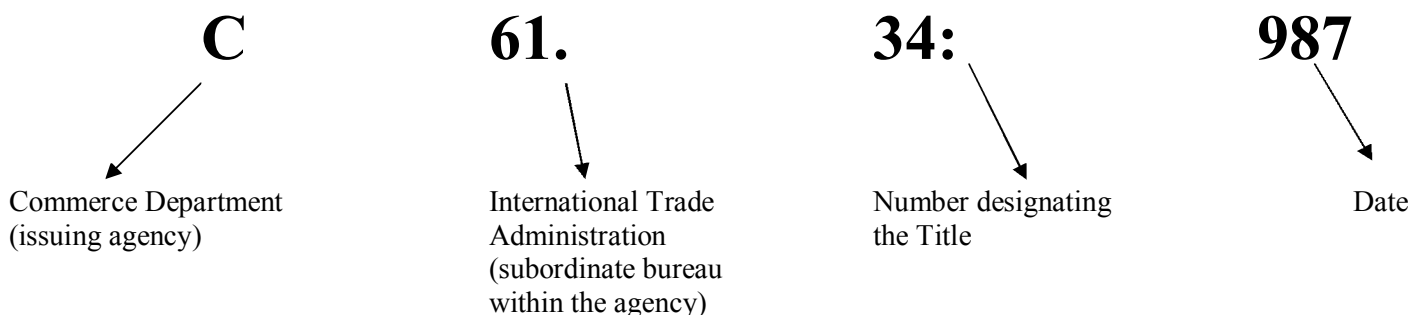
How to Find a U.S. Government Publication

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C 3.	Census Bureau
D	Defense Department
E	Energy Department
ED	Education Department
GA	General Accounting Office
HE	Health and Human Services Department
I	Interior Department
I 19.	U.S. Geological Survey
J	Justice Department
JU	Judiciary
L	Labor Department
LC	Library of Congress
NAS	National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA)
P	Postal Service
S	State Department
SI	Smithsonian Institution
T 22.	Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury Department
TD	Transportation Department
X, Y	Congress
Y 4.	Congressional Committees

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Title	Exact title of book or periodical	fcc record
Subject	Using official LC subject headings	clinton william
Keyword	Major word or phrase	education and statistics
Govt Doc Number	Superintendent of Documents [Su Docs] number	c 21.5
Author	Name of a person, or a government agency [not recommended]	smithsonian institution

Government documents will be shown, along with “regular” books and periodicals. Government documents locations are noted in the catalog as FEDERAL DOCS (LEVEL 3), and sometimes the format (such as microform or CD-ROM) is also noted. You can also limit your search to find only federal documents by selecting **federal documents** instead of **view entire collection** from the pull-down menu after the search box.

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REMEMBER, however, books and many periodicals and issues of periodicals published by the government before 1996 may not be listed. To find these documents it may be necessary to use a print index or other finding aid. Any document that we do not own can be ordered on interlibrary loan. Consult a Reference Librarian for more information or assistance.

Major Indexes of Government Documents

MarciveWeb DOCS (Internet) 1976 –

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Catalog of Government Publications 1994 – May 13, 2005

<http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cgp/index.html>

A listing of virtually everything printed by the government. See listings below for earlier years

Monthly Catalog (CD-ROM) 1996 - 1999

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Cumulative Subject Index to the Monthly Catalog of United States Government Publications

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Cumulative Title Index to United States Public Documents, 1789-1976

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Cumulative Personal Author Index <to> United States Government Publications Monthly Catalog

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