

The format prescribed by the NGDC always begins with the '40' NOAA SID identifier code. The AAVSO SID Coordinator assigns observer codes after the station is operating correctly and data is received regularly from that observer.

Column	Description
1-2	Data code; always 40
3-5	Blank
6-7	Year
8-9	Month
10-11	Day
12-13	Blank
14-17	Start time; UT hours and minutes event began
18	Start time qualifier; D = after, E = before, U = uncertain
19-22	End time; UT hours and minutes event ended
23	End time qualifier; D, E, U
24-27	Maximum time; UT hours and minutes of event maximum
28	Maximum time qualifier; D, E, U
29-44	Blank
45-46	SID Importance; sign in column 46
47-50	Blank
51	Definiteness
52-55	Code for monitored transmitter. The field consists of the final two station call letters and the two numbers which represent the frequency (kHz). The latter is rounded to the nearest integer. Example; the code for NSS at 21.4 kHz is recorded as SS21
56-69	Blank
70-72	Observer code; Example A82

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