

## Overpunch Character Map

The Invoice Report and Confirmation of Payment Report contain monetary fields formatted with over-punch characters, or Extended Binary Coded Decimal Interchange Code (EBCDIC). Because PDEs comply with the NCPDP format, PDEs must be submitted in EBCDIC. An example of over-punch, or EBCDIC is provided below.

0000000035**A** (In the example to the left the **A** converts to the number one (1) making the number 351. Because this is a monetary field and the decimal is implied the true monetary value is \$3.51. The number is considered positive because the letter A falls under the "Signed Positive" column (see chart below).

This column indicates the number that your symbol will convert to.

Notice the **POSITIVE** and **NEGATIVE** headers. If the letter or symbol falls in the **POSITIVE** column the entire number will be positive. If the letter or symbol falls in the **NEGATIVE** column the entire number will be negative.

Unit	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
0	{	}
1	A	J
2	B	K
3	C	L
4	D	M
5	E	N
6	F	O
7	G	P
8	H	Q
9	I	R

The two columns house the symbols that will be converted to a numeric character  
...Example:  
H = 8      Q = -8