



Item Management - Vendor Item Description & Model Characters and Unit of Measure (UOM) Abbreviations

The below lists approved and not approved special characters for vendors when entering Item Descriptions and Models during item setup in the Item Management Application (IMA). Spaces, Alphabetical (A-Z) and Numerical (0-9) characters are all **approved**.

Character Length Limitations:

- **Item Description** – must be **33 characters** or less, including spaces. Must be consistent with dimensional attributes and may be used for the creation of the Lowe’s Item Description.
- **Model Number** – must be **20 characters** or less, including spaces. For SOS (Special Order Sales) items this attribute must match exactly the model number loaded into Rithum (previously CommerceHub).

Special Character	Approved to use in Item Description?	Approved to use in Model Number?
#	Yes - except if used for pounds	Yes - except if used for pounds
+	Yes	Yes
(	Yes	Yes
)	Yes	Yes
-	Yes	Yes
.	Yes	Yes
/	Yes	Yes
'	Yes	Yes
_	No	Yes
=	No	Yes
,	No	Yes
\$	No	Yes
&	No	Yes
[	No	Yes
]	No	Yes
~	No	No
"	No	No
!	No	No
@	No	No
%	No	No
^	No	No
*	No	No
®	No	No
™	No	No
?	No	No
{	No	No
}	No	No
	No	No
\	No	No
<	No	No
>	No	No

Unit of Measure	Abbreviation	Example Usage
Bundle	bdl	2-bdl
Centimeter	cm	6cm
Count	ct	3-ct
Cubic Centimeter	cc	160cc
Cubic Foot / Feet	cu ft	6-cu ft
Cubic Inch	cu in	10-cu in
Depth	D	4-in D
Diameter	dia	12-in dia
Gallon	gal	10-gal
Gallons Per Minute	GPM	2.5-GPM
Foot / Feet	ft	8-ft
Fluid Ounce	fl oz	0.5-fl oz
Foot Pounds	ft-lbs	50-ft-lbs
Height	H	4-ft H
Horsepower	HP	24-HP
Inch	in	3-in
Length	L	15-1/4-in L
Linear Foot / Feet	lin ft	5-lin ft
Liters Per Minute	LPM	9.5-LPM
Meter	m	6m
Millimeter	mm	17mm
Ounce	oz	8-oz
Piece	pc	3-pc
Pint	pt	70-pt
Pound	lb	10-lb
Pounds Per Square Inch	PSI	2500-PSI
Quart	qt	8-qt
Revolutions Per Minute	RPM	3,600-RPM
Square Foot / Feet	sq ft	100-sq ft
Width	W	8-ft W
Yard	yd	3-yd