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### REFERENCE MATERIAL

The following lists the associated documents, which either should be read in conjunction with this document or which provide other relevant information for the user:

- [IGN Information](#)
- [NYSE Symbology](#)
- [IP Addresses](#)

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

- For additional information about the product, visit the [PILLAR TOP Feed Product Page](#)
- For updated capacity statistics, visit the [Capacity](#) page.

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

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This real-time low latency product provides top of book quote, trades, RFQ and imbalance data for all traded series on the respective NYSE Options exchanges. This data is intended for clients who require a direct, unconsolidated feed and timestamps provided directly from the Exchange matching engines.

- **BBO** - This real-time low latency product provides top of book quote data for all traded series on the respective NYSE Options exchanges. This data is intended for clients who require a direct, unconsolidated feed and timestamps provided directly from the Exchange matching engines.
- **TRADES** - This real-time high performance product provides trade data for all traded series on respective NYSE Options market. This trade data is intended for trading applications which require a direct feed with timestamps representing matching engine event times.
  - For each market, bundling mirrors publications to the OPRA.
    - For continuous trading at NYSE Options markets, each 2-sided execution even in the same event results in the publication of a separate Trade message. All auction prints are unbundled.
- **RFQs** - This real-time time high performance product provides request for quote data for Outright RFQ
- **IMBALANCES** - This real-time time high performance product provides imbalance data published during opening and reopening auctions of all traded series on this options exchanges.

### 1.1 Publication Times

Please refer to the market open pre-opening, early trading, core trading and late trading session times on:

<https://www.nyse.com/markets/hours-calendars>

## 2. CONTROL MESSAGE TYPES USED IN THE DATA FEEDS

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See the Pillar Common Client Specification for details on all control messages.

MSG TYPE	DESCRIPTION
1	Sequence Number Reset
2	Time Reference Message
3	Symbol Index Mapping
10	Retransmission Request Message
11	Request Response Message
12	Heartbeat Response Message
13	Symbol Index Mapping Request Message
15	Refresh Request Message
31	Message Unavailable
32	Symbol Clear
34	Security Status Message
35	Refresh Header Message
50	Outright Series Index Mapping
51	Options Status Message

### 3. TOP MESSAGES

#### 3.1 Options Quote Message – Msg Type 340

An Options quote message is sent when any event results in a new top of book value on either side of the market.

The values published in Options Quote message from Pillar (prices, quantities, quote conditions) shall be the same as the ones published in Quote message to OPRA

See the Pillar Common Client Specification for details on Symbol/Series Index and Time Reference messages.

FIELD NAME	OFF SET	SIZE (BYTES)	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
<b>Msg Size</b>	0	2	Binary	Size of the message: 42 bytes
<b>Msg Type</b>	2	2	Binary	The type of message: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 340 – Options Quote Message</li> </ul>
<b>SourceTimeNS</b>	4	4	Binary	The nanosecond offset (UTC Time) from the Time Reference message.
<b>SeriesIndex</b>	8	4	Binary	The unique ID of this series within this market.
<b>SeriesSeqNum</b>	12	4	Binary	The series sequence number.
<b>Ask Price</b>	16	4	Signed Binary	The Ask price. Use the Price scale from the Series Index message.
<b>Ask Volume</b>	20	4	Binary	Total quantity available at the above Ask price
<b>Bid Price</b>	24	4	Signed Binary	The Bid price. Use the Price scale from the Series Index message.
<b>Bid Volume</b>	28	4	Binary	Total quantity available at the above Bid price.
<b>Quote Condition</b>	32	1	ASCII	All markets <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 – Regular Trading</li> <li>• 3 – Trading Halted</li> </ul>
<b>Reserved</b>	33	1	ASCII	Reserved for future use
<b>AskCustomerVolume</b>	34	4	Binary	*Total quantity of customer orders at the Ask price
<b>BidCustomerVolume</b>	38	4	Binary	*Total quantity of customer orders at the Bid price

\*For American, customer volume includes non-professional customers only

\*For Arca, customer volume includes non-professional and professional customers

### 3.2 Options Trade Message – Msg Type 320

An Options Trade message is sent when there is an execution on the order book.

All trades are reported from Pillar regardless of quantity, with the following exceptions:

- a. Cabinet trades
- b. Trades at away exchanges for any routed interest

See the Pillar Common Client Specification for details on Symbol/Series Index Mapping messages.

FIELD NAME	OFFSET	SIZE (BYTES)	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
<b>Msg Size</b>	0	2	Binary	Size of the message: 36 bytes
<b>Msg Type</b>	2	2	Binary	The type of message: 320 – Options Trade Message
<b>SourceTime</b>	4	4	Binary	The time when this msg was generated in the order book, in seconds since Jan 1, 1970 00:00:00 UTC.
<b>SourceTimeNS</b>	8	4	Binary	The nanosecond offset (UTC Time) from the Time Reference message.
<b>SeriesIndex</b>	12	4	Binary	The unique ID of this series within this market.
<b>SeriesSeqNum</b>	16	4	Binary	The series sequence number.
<b>TradeID</b>	20	4	Binary	Unique identifier for this trade.
<b>Price</b>	24	4	Signed Binary	The price of the Trade. Use the Price scale from the series index mapping.
<b>Volume</b>	28	4	Binary	The volume of the trade in contracts.
<b>TradeCond1</b>	32	1	ASCII	Settlement related conditions. Valid values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “a” – outright series order/quote trading electronically with a outright series CUBE order or outright series CUBE order trading electronically with outright series CUBE Contra order</li> <li>• “c” – trading of a outright series QCC order</li> <li>• “e” – outright series floor trade</li> <li>• “l” – all outright series electronic trades (excluding away market executions) that were not part of the following transactions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Outright series CUBE auction</li> <li>○ Outright series QCC</li> <li>○ Complex order trading electronically with the outright series orders/quotes</li> <li>○ ISO trade</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

FIELD NAME	OFFSET	SIZE (BYTES)	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• “S” – all outright series trades that are generated as part of an Intermarket Sweep order</li> <li>• “f” – complex order trades that were not part of the following transactions               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Complex CUBE auction</li> <li>○ Complex QCC</li> <li>○ Complex order trading electronically with the outright series orders/quotes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• “g” – complex order trading electronically with a complex CUBE order or complex CUBE order trading electronically with Complex CUBE Contra order</li> <li>• “h” – trading of a complex QCC order</li> <li>• “i” – complex order to complex order floor trade</li> <li>• “j” – complex order trading electronically with the outright series orders/quotes</li> <li>• “m” – complex order to outright series order floor trade</li> <li>• “p” – complex order with stock to complex order with stock floor trade</li> <li>• “s” (lowercase) – complex order with stock to outright series order floor trade</li> <li>• “H” – Transaction is a late report of the opening trade, but is in the correct sequence; i.e., no other transactions have been reported for the particular option contract.</li> <li>• “F” – Transaction is a late report of the opening trade and is out of sequence; i.e., other transactions have been reported for the particular option contract.</li> <li>• “D” – Transaction is being reported late, but is in the correct sequence; i.e., no later transactions have been reported for the particular option contract.</li> <li>• “B” – Transaction is being reported late and is out of sequence; i.e., later transactions have</li> </ul>



FIELD NAME	OFFSET	SIZE (BYTES)	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
				been reported for the particular option contract.
<b>TradeCond2</b>	33	1	ASCII	Valid values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ' ' – (space or 0x20)</li> <li>• O – Market Center Opening Trade</li> <li>• 5 – Reopening Trade</li> </ul>
<b>Reserved</b>	34	1	ASCII	Reserved for future use
<b>TradeCond4</b>	35	1	ASCII	Valid values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ' ' – (space or 0x20)</li> <li>• Q – Official Open Price</li> </ul>

### 3.3 Options Trade Cancel Message – Msg Type 321

In the event that an earlier trade has been reported in error, an Options Trade Cancel message is sent.

Customers who are building a record of today's trades should remove the cancelled trade from their records and adjust any statistics accordingly.

See the Pillar Common Client Specification for details on Symbol/Series Index Mapping messages.

FIELD NAME	OFFSE T	SIZE (BYTES)	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
<b>Msg Size</b>	0	2	Binary	Size of the message: 24 bytes
<b>Msg Type</b>	2	2	Binary	The type of message: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>321 – Options Trade Cancel Message</li> </ul>
<b>SourceTime</b>	4	4	Binary	The time when this msg was generated in the order book, in seconds since Jan 1, 1970 00:00:00 UTC.
<b>SourceTimeNS</b>	8	4	Binary	The nanosecond offset (UTC Time) from the Time Reference message.
<b>SeriesIndex</b>	12	4	Binary	The unique ID of this series within this market
<b>SeriesSeqNum</b>	16	4	Binary	The series sequence number.
<b>OriginalTradeID</b>	20	4	Binary	The original TradeID of the Trade being cancelled.

### 3.4 Options Trade Correction Message – Msg Type 322

In the event that an earlier trade has been reported with one or multiple fields in error, an Options Trade Correction message is sent.

Customers who are building a record of today’s trades should correct the specified trade in their records and adjust any statistics accordingly.

See the Pillar Common Client Specification for details on Symbol/Series Index Mapping messages.

FIELD NAME	OFFSE T	SIZE (BYTES)	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
<b>Msg Size</b>	0	2	Binary	Size of the message: 40 bytes
<b>Msg Type</b>	2	2	Binary	The type of message: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>322 – Options Trade Correction Message</li> </ul>
<b>SourceTime</b>	4	4	Binary	The time when this msg was generated in the order book, in seconds since Jan 1, 1970 00:00:00 UTC.
<b>SourceTimeNS</b>	8	4	Binary	The nanosecond offset (UTC Time) from the Time Reference message.
<b>SeriesIndex</b>	12	4	Binary	The unique ID of this series within this market.
<b>SeriesSeqNum</b>	16	4	Binary	The series sequence number.
<b>OriginalTradeID</b>	20	4	Binary	The original TradeID of the Trade message being corrected.
<b>TradeID</b>	24	4	Binary	The TradeID of the corrected Trade message.
<b>Price</b>	28	4	Signed Binary	The corrected price of the Trade. Use the Price scale from the series index mapping.
<b>Volume</b>	32	4	Binary	The corrected volume of the trade in contracts.
<b>TradeCond1</b>	36	1	ASCII	Settlement related conditions. Valid values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>“H” – Transaction is a late report of the opening trade, but is in the correct sequence; i.e., no other transactions have been reported for the particular option contract.</li> <li>“F” – Transaction is a late report of the opening trade and is out of sequence; i.e., other transactions have been reported for the particular option contract.</li> <li>“D” – Transaction is being reported late, but is in the correct sequence; i.e., no later transactions have been reported for the particular option contract.</li> <li>“B” – Transaction is being reported late and is out of sequence; i.e., later</li> </ul>

FIELD NAME	OFFSE T	SIZE (BYTES)	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
				transactions have been reported for the particular option contract.
<b>Reserved 1</b>	37	1	ASCII	Reserved for future use
<b>Reserved 2</b>	38	1	ASCII	Reserved for future use
<b>Reserved 3</b>	39	1	ASCII	Reserved for future use

### 3.5 Options Imbalance Message – Msg Type 305

Options Imbalance messages are published every 5 seconds during opening and reopening auctions to update price and volume information.

If there is no change to the imbalance calculation fields, this message will not be generated.

FIELD NAME	OFFSET	SIZE	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
<b>Msg Size</b>	0	2	Binary	Size of the message: 65 bytes
<b>Msg Type</b>	2	2	Binary	This field identifies the type of message. 305 – Options Imbalance Message
<b>SourceTime</b>	4	4	Binary	The time when this msg was generated in the order book, in seconds since Jan 1, 1970 00:00:00 UTC.
<b>SourceTimeNS</b>	8	4	Binary	The nanosecond offset (UTC Time) from the Time Reference message.
<b>SeriesIndex</b>	12	4	Binary	The unique ID of this series within this market.
<b>SeriesSeqNum</b>	16	4	Binary	The sequence number of this message in the set of all messages for this series
<b>Reserved</b>	20	4	Binary	Reserved for future use
<b>PairedQty</b>	24	4	Binary	The number of contracts paired off at the Indicative Match Price.
<b>TotalImbalanceQty</b>	28	4	Binary	The total imbalance quantity at the Indicative Match Price.
<b>MarketImbalanceQty</b>	32	4	Binary	The total market order imbalance quantity at the Indicative Match Price.
<b>Reserved</b>	36	2	Binary	Reserved for future use
<b>AuctionType</b>	38	1	ASCII	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• M – Core Opening Auction</li> <li>• H – Reopening Auction (Halt resume)</li> </ul>
<b>ImbalanceSide</b>	39	1	ASCII	The side of the TotalImbalanceQty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B – Buy side</li> <li>• S – Sell side</li> <li>• ‘ ’ – (space or 0x20) if no imbalance</li> </ul>
<b>ContinuousBook ClearingPrice</b>	40	4	Signed Binary	The price at which all interest on the book can trade, including auction and imbalance offset interest, and disregarding auction collars.

FIELD NAME	OFFSET	SIZE	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
<b>AuctionInterest ClearingPrice</b>	44	4	Signed Binary	The price at which all eligible auction-only interest would trade, subject to auction collars.
<b>Reserved</b>	48	4	Binary	Reserved for future use
<b>IndicativeMatchPrice</b>	52	4	Signed Binary	The price at which the highest number of contracts would trade, subject to auction collars. It includes the non-displayed quantity of Reserve Orders. See Information on Auctions for details.
<b>Upper Collar</b>	56	4	Signed Binary	Legal width bid for option
<b>Lower Collar</b>	60	4	Signed Binary	Legal width offer for option
<b>Auction Status</b>	64	1	Binary	Indicates whether the auction will run <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 – Will run as usual</li> <li>• 4 – Auction will not run because legal width quote does not exist</li> <li>• 5 – Auction will not run because market maker quote is not received</li> </ul>

### 3.6 Series RFQ Message – Msg Type 307

The Request for Series RFQ message is published for outright series. It is generated by the matching engine to solicit interest in an auction or order.

See the Pillar Common Client Specification for details on Symbol/Series Index Mapping messages and Price field format.

FIELD NAME	SIZE	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
<b>Msg Size</b>	2	Binary	Size of the message: 44 bytes
<b>Msg Type</b>	2	Binary	The type of message <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 307 – Series RFQ Msg</li> </ul>
<b>SourceTime</b>	4	Binary	The time when this msg was generated in the order book, in seconds since Jan 1, 1970 00:00:00 UTC.
<b>SourceTimeNS</b>	4	Binary	The nanosecond offset (UTC Time) from the Time Reference message.
<b>SeriesIndex</b>	4	Binary	The unique ID of this series within this market.
<b>SeriesSeqNum</b>	4	Binary	The sequence number of this message in the set of all messages for this series
<b>Side</b>	1	ASCII	Side of the RFQ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B – Buy</li> <li>• S – Sell</li> </ul>
<b>Type</b>	1	ASCII	Order Type of CUBE/BOLD/COA <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• B – BOLD (Outright only)</li> <li>• C – COA (Complex only)</li> <li>• F – FLEX Price Improvement CUBE</li> <li>• L – FLEX AON Solicitation CUBE</li> <li>• P – Price Improvement CUBE</li> <li>• S – AON Solicitation CUBE</li> </ul>

FIELD NAME	SIZE	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
<b>Capacity</b>	1	ASCII	<p>Customer or Firm capacity specified with the order. Values include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ' ' – (space or 0x20)</li> <li>• 0 – Customer</li> <li>• 1 – Firm</li> <li>• 2 – Broker Dealer</li> <li>• 3 – Market Maker</li> <li>• 5 – Away Market Maker</li> <li>• 8 – Professional Customer</li> </ul> <p>This field is used only for BOLD (Type = B).</p>
<b>Total quantity</b>	4	Binary	Total quantity
<b>Working Price</b>	4	Signed Binary	RFQ Price
<b>Participant</b>	4	Binary	<p>OCC Number for the Clearing firm specified with the order.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• '0' – (0x00) when no OCC Number was specified.</li> </ul> <p>This field is only used for BOLD (Type = B).</p>
<b>AuctionID</b>	8	Binary	Auction ID for CUBE/COA
<b>RFQ Status</b>	1	ASCII	<p>This status field is used for CUBE/COA (Type = C).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• O – Start of RFQ Auction</li> <li>• Q – End of RFQ Auction</li> </ul>



## 4. OUTRIGHT SERIES SUMMARY MESSAGE – MSG TYPE 323

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The outright series summary message is sent every 60 seconds, on a separate multicast channel from the main feed.

The message is sent regardless of whether there has been a change to the series in the last 60 seconds or not. If no trades are published for a series during a given day, no outright series Summary message is generated.

Note: only outright series will publish the Outright Series Summary message. Outright Series Summary Message (with the exception of the Opening trade) will not include any cancelled trades and routed trades which were not published.

The Series Summary message will provide the following trade statistics per series: high, low, open, close and total volume

- a) High shall correspond to the highest trade price of the day
- b) Low shall correspond to the lowest trade price of the day
- c) Open shall correspond to the first trade price of the day
- d) Close shall correspond to the last trade price of the day
- e) Total number of contracts traded for the day

If a trade has been corrected, only the corrected value will be taken into account for the Series summary.

The Opening or First trade shall always be considered as the First trade even if it is cancelled later in the session. Furthermore, the Opening trade price published will be used as the First price in the Series summary message.

#### 4.1 Message Structure for Outright Series Summary Message

FIELD NAME	OFFSET	SIZE (BYTES)	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
<b>Msg Size</b>	0	2	Binary	Size of the message: 36 bytes
<b>Msg Type</b>	2	2	Binary	The type of message: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 323 – Outright Series Summary Message</li> </ul>
<b>SourceTime</b>	4	4	Binary	The time when this msg was generated in the order book, in seconds since Jan 1, 1970 00:00:00 UTC.
<b>SourceTimeNS</b>	8	4	Binary	The nanosecond offset (UTC Time) from the Time Reference message.
<b>SeriesIndex</b>	12	4	Binary	The unique ID of this series within this market.
<b>HighPrice</b>	16	4	Signed Binary	The Highest price of the series for the day. Use the Price scale from the series mapping index.
<b>LowPrice</b>	20	4	Signed Binary	The Lowest price of the series for the day. Use the Price scale from the series mapping index.
<b>Open</b>	24	4	Signed Binary	The First price of the series for the day. Use the Price scale from the series mapping index.
<b>Close</b>	28	4	Signed Binary	The Last price of the series for the day. Use the Price scale from the series index mapping.
<b>TotalVolume</b>	32	4	Binary	The cumulative volume for the outright series throughout the day.

## 5. PRODUCT ID

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EXCHANGE	PRODUCT ID	DESCRIPTION
NYSE ARCA Options	162	NYSE Arca TOP - BBO
NYSE ARCA Options	165	NYSE Arca TOP - Trades
NYSE ARCA Options	164	NYSE Arca TOP - Imbalances
NYSE AMERICAN Options	172	NYSE American TOP - BBO
NYSE AMERICAN Options	175	NYSE American TOP - Trades
NYSE AMERICAN Options	174	NYSE American TOP - Imbalances