

Company Identifiers

Many databases have unique codes or names which specifically identify a company (or group / fund) in a database. Sometimes these identifiers are not specific to one database and then you can use them to merge company data from more than one database into a new data set for your research. Some company identifiers, however, appear to be unique and unchangeable but when you research them carefully they are not and may (through time) even be used by more than one company. A typical example is the Ticker or Ticker symbol used by companies at stock exchanges: a Ticker may be popular and is sometimes purchased from one company by another company. CUSIP and the ISIN are often *reasonably* reliable identifiers.

Company Identifier	SDC Platinum			Datastream	Compustat Global ¹	Compustat Emerging Markets ¹	Compustat North America ¹	CRSP ¹	Amadeus ¹	Zephyr	NYSE T & A ¹	LexisNexis
	M&A	VX	GNI									
Company Name (or Fund)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes
Ticker (Stock exchange)	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes ²
Stock Index ID												Yes ²
CUSIP	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes		Yes	Yes				Yes ²
Sedol	Yes		Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes		Yes			Yes ²
ISIN			Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes	Yes		Yes ²
BvDEP ID Numbers									Yes	Yes		
S&P identification number						Yes						Yes ²
DSCode	Yes			Yes								Yes ²
Extel Ref. No.												Yes ²
GVKEY					Yes		Yes					
Disclo Number												Yes ²
CIK Number							Yes					
PERMCO								Yes				
Bloomberg code												Yes ²
Worldscope Number												Yes ²
NSIN												Yes ²
Hoover ID												Yes ²
Chamber of Commerce									Yes			Yes ²

¹ Can be searched through the Wharton interface; ² Availability depends on the source in LexisNexis

