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ISBT 128 Tools and Resources

ISBT 128 is a global standard for the identification, labeling and information processing of human blood, tissue and organ products across international borders and health care systems. The [AABB](#) has mandated that accredited blood banks and transfusion services convert to ISBT 128 labeling by May 2008. In preparation for this conversion, the American Red Cross will be converting its own blood product labels from Codabar to ISBT 128. Once the conversion takes place, hospital customers must be able to receive ISBT 128 labels to use American Red Cross blood products and services. It is essential that hospitals are prepared for this transition to ensure continuity of service. Below are tools and reference documents to help hospitals prepare for the transition to ISBT 128. If you need additional assistance, please contact us at: isbt128@usa.redcross.org.

Tools to prepare for ISBT 128 Conversion:

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- [Translation Table Codabar to ISBT 128](#) PDF
- [How to Read the ISBT 128 Label](#) PDF
- [ISBT 128 Impact on Hospitals](#) PDF

ISBT 128 Reference Documents:

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- [Industry Consensus Standard - ISBT 128 Nov 99](#) PDF
- [ICCBBA An Introduction to ISBT 128 3rd edition](#) PDF
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