

Openreach Free Issue: HOW TO UNPACK AND RECORD THE RECEIPT OF OPENREACH CABLE

Standard Operating Procedure

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Section 1: Introduction

Purpose

The purpose of this SOP is to explain how to:

- Check, record and store new cable deliveries from Openreach and their suppliers.
- Identify the difference between drums, reels and coils.
- How the different documents aid the unpacking process.

Scope

This SOP is for all **Warehouse Operatives** and **Store's Leads** who receive deliveries from Openreach.

The receipt of stores is in the **SOP**, **HOW TO UNPACK AND RECORD THE RECEIPT OF OPENREACH STORES**.

This SOP is not for Satellite STAs receiving inter-site transfers.

Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of all **Warehouse Operatives** and **Store's Leads** to receive and record deliveries from Openreach and their third party suppliers

Only those trained in this SOP must unpack deliveries.

Section 2: Deliveries to STAs

Openreach will only deliver to an approved Ship To Address known as an 'STA'. All sites have a unique six-digit **STA code.** For sites operating under the Demand Driven Material Replenishment Resource Planning (DDMRP) process, they will also have a unique **T Location**.

Each STA has a dedicated delivery day, but deliveries could arrive on other days.

STAs will fall into one of three categories:

- Restricted delivery is limited to specific work streams e.g. GFAST
- DSLAMs delivery is limited to DSLAMs
- Unrestricted delivery has no restrictions



Section 3: Advance Ship Notes

The sites operating under DDMRP will receive automatically generated emails relating to their expected delivery from the Openreach mailbox (wmssup@bt.com).

Each document is an **Advance Ship Note** (ASN) and these are emailed to the **contractor's generic stores email.**

Please note that ASNs for cable can arrive before or after the delivery so this cannot be used to record the delivery.

A copy is sent to the National Logistics mailbox.

The ASN will consist of two documents containing the same information.

- a **PDF version** of the shipment containing bar codes
- an **Excel document** itemising the delivery in spreadsheet format.

Examples of ASN cable documents below:

Note the two different order numbers.





Also, note how the total amount of cable expected is listed as one line entry, even though this is for multiple drums.

There is no guarantee that drums will arrive in the same week, so you could have a part-delivery.

Cable can arrive on the weekly dedicated-delivery from Openreach's or direct from the supplier on any day.

Print Cable ASNs and keep them in a file awaiting delivery.

Section 4: Daily Status Report

Everyday **National Logistics** will also **email** a copy of the updated **Daily Status Report** to the **contractor's generic stores email** addresses.

Tab 2 of the report will contain a list of the **Open Deliveries** for all STAs.

The **ASNs received should tally with the Open Deliveries** tab of the Daily Status Report.

Some cable ASNs are generated on the evening before the Order Date and others are generated the evening before the Due Date.

Manually raised orders starting VK, PR or FS will not appear on the Daily Status Report, but should appear on an ASN.

National Logistics recommends printing off the Open Deliveries section tab for the relevant T Code the day before the delivery.

Examples of cable shown on the DSR.

55731 CABLE PET 10/0.5 (REEL OF 200M

55733 CABLE PET 20/0.5 (REEL OF 200M

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Item Co	Item Description	*	MR/PO →	T	Line Numb 🔻	Original Order C	Order Da ▼	Due Dat ▼
90059	36F ULWOH CABLE 11KV 1000M		B8001436 0263947		0001	1000	16-Nov-20	03-Dec-20
90059	36F ULWOH CABLE 11KV 1000M		B8001436 0264016		0001	1000	17-Nov-20	03-Dec-20
90059	36F ULWOH CABLE 11KV 1000M		B8001436 0264217		0001	4000	19-Nov-20	03-Dec-20
90059	36F ULWOH CABLE 11KV 1000M		B8001436 0264299		0001	2000	20-Nov-20	04-Dec-20
92343	COF600 36F UG ONLY 2000M STER		B8001842 0021025		0001	8000	25-Nov-20	09-Dec-20
92343	COF600 36F UG ONLY 2000M STER		B8001842 0021044		0001	2000	26-Nov-20	10-Dec-20
Item Co ▼	Item Description	, T	MR/PO	•	Line Numb ▼	Original Order O	Order Da ▼	Due Dat ▼
67522	CABLE PET 50/0.5 (IN METRES)		901919215		0001	200	24-Nov-20	30-Nov-20
34468	CABLE PET 2/0.5 (200M REELS)		901919895		0023	5	26-Nov-20	30-Nov-20

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0029

0030

26-Nov-20

30-Nov-20

26-Nov-20 30-Nov-20



Section 5: Delivery

If the site has a forklift truck then the site is responsible for unloading the cable. If the site does not have a fork lift truck the delivery will be on a vehicle with a Moffatt and the driver will unload.

The delivery from Openreach will not have a delivery note.

NOTE: Your signature is confirmation to the driver that he has made a delivery. You are not signing to say the delivery has been checked and is correct.

Deliveries from third party suppliers will supply a Delivery Note.



Cable ID numbers

Cable drums have an identification number printed or scored into the drum and this must be recorded as it required for registering the drum or reel on MATS.

If there is a delivery note, record the drum numbers on the paperwork – see example above.

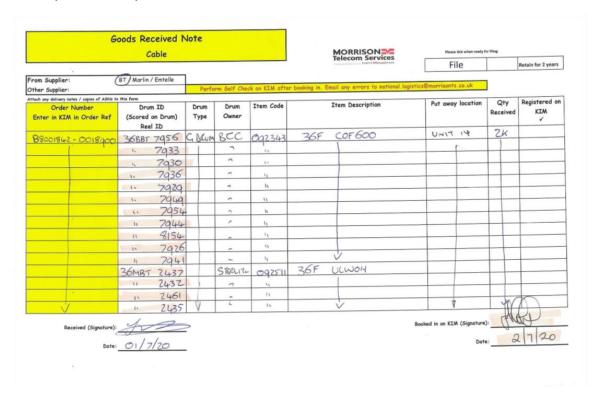


Goods Received Note

All cable must be recorded on a Goods Received Note for the purpose of registering the drums on MATS

Goods Received Note Cable								
			MORRISON Telecom Services	Please tick when ready for filing				
					A part of MiCroseptionvices	File		Retain for 2 years
From Supplier:	BT / Marlin / Emtelle	Please	e circle, as app	propriate				
Other Supplier:		Perfor	m Self Check	on MATS af	ter booking in. Email any errors to national.logist	ics@morrisonts.co.uk (OO NOT tr	y and correct
Attach any delivery notes / copies of ASNs								
Order Number (Copy and Paste into MATS from Advance Ship Note or Daily Status Report)	Drum ID (Scored on Drum) or Reel ID (Use Order Number and then hyphen 1, hyphen 2, etc.)	Drum Type (Refer to Drum Sizes tab)	(Find on the	Part number	Description	Put away location	Qty Received	Registered on MATs tick or intital
Received (Signature):					Registered	in on MATS (Signature):		
Date:						Date:		

Example of completed form:





Section 6: Finding Order Numbers on the Drum Label

Photograph each drum label to aid the registration process and provide a record for checking and reporting errors. **Save a copy of the photographs in a Word document in the shared drive, as you may need to refer to later if there is an invoice query.** Give the files names the order number and the date to aid finding them, if required – e.g. 'B8001436 0262770 - 30.10.20'.

There are various types of order numbers:

MR/PO: 9-digits number generated automatically by Openreach system

B8: 16-digit blanket order numbers found on cable drums

VK: Items which have been ordered on the old 'Vendor Kanban' process

For every drum or reel the following checks need to be completed:

- The correct cable has been suppled
- The length in meterage is recorded
- The order number is correct
- The drum number is recorded
- The reels are assigned a unique ID number.

Example of drum labels are shown below which will be stapled to the drum.













Section 7: Numbering Reels with no ID

A reel that arrives without an ID number will have to be given a unique identity number.

You will need to **physically write this number on the reel** in permanent marker or marker paint. **Write the drum ID on the inner reel** so that it is visible when the drums are stacked end-to-end.

Use the **Order Number and Line Number** from the Daily Status Report to identify the drums.

Extract from Daily Status Report

53003 T95	CABLE PET 20/0.5 (IN METRES)	101527691	0001	
53003 T95	CABLE PET 20/0.5 (IN METRES)	101527691	0002	
53003 T95	CABLE PET 20/0.5 (IN METRES)	101527691	0003	
53003 T95	CABLE PET 20/0.5 (IN METRES)	101527691	0004	

Use 101527691-0001 for drum one, 101527691-0002 drum two, 101527691-0003 for drum three and 101527691-0004 for drum four.

This methodology makes it easier to identify drums for audit purposes.

Drum Sizes

If the drum size is not shown on the label refer to the table below and choose the drum closest to the size:

Generally, BT drums will start BT, so BTG indicates a G drum, BTJ indicates a J drum.

The reason for recording the drum size it related to returns so that Openreach can calculate the volume of space it will need in the vehicle.

Reel 6:	0.850m x 0.254m x 0.30	95m (2ft 9in x 10in x 1ft)	
Reel 2:	1.060m x 0.406m x 0.61	.0m (3ft 6in x 1ft 3in x 2ft)	
Reel 1:	1.060m x 0.254m x 0.30	5m (3ft 6in x 10in x 1ft)	
E Drum:	Approx.	0.80m x 0.80m x 0.33m	(3ft x 3ft x 1ft)
F Drum:	Approx.	1.00m x 1.00m x 0.66m	(4ft x 4ft x 2ft)
G Drum:	Approx.	1.20m x 1.20m x 1.00m	(4.5ft x 4.5ft x 3ft)
J Drums:	Unsure of dimensions		
L Drums:	Unsure of dimensions		
M Drums:	Approx.	2.00m x 2.00m x 1.00m	(6.5ft x 6.5ft x 3ft)
N Drums:	Approx.	2.00m x 2.00m x 0.66m	(6.5ft x 6.5ft x 2ft)
P Drums:	Approx.	2.50m x 2.50m x 1.00m	(7.5ft x 7.5ft x 3ft)



Coils

Coils are supplied without a reel or a drum.

Use the same methodology for numbering cables as reels and attach a label with the ID number written on it.



Cable supplied as 'Stock'

Cable that arrives from Magna Park and supplied on small reels is classified in the same way as Stock and does not need allocating a drum number. The order quantity is the total number of reels expected.

Supplier Name	T locatio 🔻	Item Co ▼	Item Description	MR/PO 🔻	Line Numb 🔻	Original Order C
Magna Park NDC	T06	34468	CABLE PET 2/0.5 (200M REELS)	901919895	0023	5
Magna Park NDC	T06	55731	CABLE PET 10/0.5 (REEL OF 200M	901919895	0029	6
Magna Park NDC	T06	55733	CABLE PET 20/0.5 (REEL OF 200M	901919895	0030	2
Magna Park NDC	T07	55733	CABLE PET 20/0.5 (REEL OF 200M	901919517	0014	2
Magna Park NDC	T07	55734	CABLE PET 50/0.5 (REEL OF 100M	901919517	0015	5
Magna Park NDC	T07	55734	CABLE PET 50/0.5 (REEL OF 100M	901919517	0015	5
Magna Park NDC	T95	55732	CABLE PET 20/0.5 (REEL OF 100M	901919152	0003	8



Section 8: Damaged Cable

It is imperative that when damaged items are received that OR have full details to trace the delivery. Please email details immediately to national.logistics@morrisonts.co.uk.

National Logistics will contact Openreach on your behalf and provide you with full instructions of what to do with the cable. **Quarantine the drum until further notice**.

Please provide:

- A photo of the delivery sheet
- Put in writing if the cable is useable or unusable
- Drum ID
- Item code
- Barcode
- Length
- A photograph of the damaged drum



Section 9: Storage of Cable

Fibre and **Sub-Duct** can be stored outside.

Copper must be kept indoors or in a locked and secure cable compound.





Section 10: Time-Critical Activities

Once the cable is recorded on the GRNs, pass all of the documentation to the MATS administrator (if the receipting process activity is done by another person). If not, you are ready to start receipting in MATS. Please refer to SOP, HOW TO RECEIPT NEW CABLE IN MATS.

It is imperative the delivery is opened, checked and put-away the same day or the following working day.

The booking in transactions relating to the delivery must be complete in MATS before 12 noon on the days stated (1300 hours in BST).

Delivery day

Monday Receipt in MATS before 12 noon on Wednesday

Tuesday Receipt in MATS before 12 noon on Thursday

Wednesday Receipt in MATS before 12 noon on Friday

Thursday Receipt in MATS before 12 noon on Monday

Friday Receipt in MATS before 12 noon on Tuesday

All MATS transactions are automatically uploaded to Openreach daily. The Planning Board for the next delivery cycle runs automatically on the same evening as the cut-off day, so if transactions for both incoming and outgoing materials have not been transacted the supply of stores the following week will be impacted.

Section 11: Compliance

If two or more contractors are working out of the same STA, sufficient controls MUST be in place to ensure **cable is physically segregated for each contractor**.

Contractor STAs are **financially responsible to MTS** for the stock and cable stored in its compound, so it must comply with the instructions in this SOP.

Failure to comply with these processes will result in your STA being **temporarily closed** until it can demonstrate compliance. If it is reopened and fails a second time, then it risks being **closed permanently** and contractors will have to travel to an MTS STA for stores.



Section 12: Document Retention Policy

The retention period is **two full calendar years** for stores documents. You may need to refer to them to check for errors in the audit process.