

Star Database Notations used by Astronomers

Notation	Other Common Notations	Origin	Content, & Order (if any)	Date(s)
Greek Letters	Bayer	Johann Bayer - in his star atlas <i>Uranometria</i>	Stars - in (generally) descending brightness in each Constellation	1603
Numbers	Flamsteed #	Astronomers who published John Flamsteed's work	Stars - west-to-east (increasing RA) in each Constellation	1725
HN#	H#	William Herschel	"Nebulous objects"	1786 & 1789
HJ#	H#, h#	John Herschel	Nebulae and Star Clusters	1833 & 1847
HD#		Henry Draper	Stars (spectral classifications)	1918 - 1924
S####	ä####, STF#### (Struve The Father)	F. G. Wilhelm Struve ("the Father")	Double stars in the northern hemisphere	1827, 1837, 1875, & 1878
OS###	Oä#### or ää#### or STT###	Otto Wilhelm Struve ("the Son")	Double Stars - Pulkovo Catalog	1866
OSS###	Oää#### or äää#### or STS###	Otto Wilhelm Struve ("the Son's Supplements")	Double Stars - Pulkovo Supplements	1874, 1875, & 1878
R through ZZ		Friedrich W. A. Argelander	Variable Stars in each Constellation	1862
ADS#		R. G. Aitken's Double Star Catalog	Double stars within 120 deg of the North Pole	1932
SAO#		Smithsonian Astrophysical Observatory Star Catalog - K. L. Haramundanis	Stars	1966

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