

RSP6 ticket format

<https://git.eta.st/eta/rsp6-decoder>

Bit start	Bit end	Length	Datatype	Description	Notes
0 - 1		1	bool	manual inspection required	
1 - 8		7	unknown		many different values, meaning unknown
8 - 62		54	string	ticket reference	
62 - 68		6	string	checksum character	
68 - 72		4	int	version number	
72 - 73		1	bool	is standard class ticket	
73 - 91		18	string	Lennon ticket type	
91 - 109		18	string	fare label	as per the fares data
109 - 133		24	string	origin	4-digit NLC
133 - 157		24	string	destination	4-digit NLC
157 - 181		24	string	retailer	4-digit NLC
181 - 182		1	bool	is child ticket	
182 - 184		2	int	coupon type	[0, 1, 2, 3] ⇒ (single, season, return-outbound, return-inbound)
184 - 194		10	int	discount code	as per the fares data
194 - 211		17	int	route code	as per the fares data
211 - 225		14	int	start time, days	since 1997-01-01
225 - 236		11	int	start time, seconds	
236 - 238		2	int	depart time flag	[0, 1, 2, 3] ⇒ (none, ???, Specific, Suggested)
238 - 255		17	int	passenger ID	see Rust code for how to decode, but this isn't really used
255 - 327		72	string	passenger name	
327 - 329		2	int	passenger gender	don't know what the mappings are; never seen this!
329 - 347		18	string	restriction code	
347 - 371		24	string	Unknown — some NLC?	but encoded differently to normal chars; LNER tix have this usually zero
371 - 372		1	unknown		
372 - 373		1	bool	bidirectional	
379 - 383		4	int	limited duration code	see Rust code for lookup table; old-style mTickets only?
383 - 384		1	bool	free text is extended	
384 - 385		1	bool	is full ticket	
385 - 386		1	bool	contains free text	
386 - 390		4	int	number of reservations	
390 - 404		14	int	purchase time, days	since 1997-01-01
404 - 415		11	int	purchase time, seconds	
415 - 436		21	int	price (pence)	
449 - 497		48	string	purchase reference	
497 - 506		9	int	days of validity	zero in this field means "1 day only"
506 - 512		6	unknown		always zero so far
512 - 518		6	char	reserved service ID, first char	
518 - 524		6	char	reserved service ID, second char	
524 - 538		14	int	reserved service ID, numbers	
538 - 544		6	char	reserved coach letter	
544 - 550		6	char	reserved seat letter	
550 - 557		7	int	reserved seat number	
557 - 783		226	string	free text	
779 - 863		84	string	extended free text	
863 - 928		65	unknown		

General notes on decoding

Treat the ticket, after base26-decoding, as one long big-endian bitfield.
Indices and lengths are all measured in bits.

booleans are either 0 (false) or 1 (true).

integers are big-endian integers of the size specified.

strings and chars are composed of 6-bit wide integers; add 32 to the integer value to get an ASCII character code.

Time is specified as a number of days since 1997-01-01 (the year of privatisation!), and seconds since midnight.

PURCHASE DETAILS — only present if "is full ticket" is set (shift below bits up if not)

RESERVATIONS — repeated as indicated under "number of reservations" (can be none)

FREE TEXT — if "contains free text" is set, starts where reservations end until bit 783 or 863, depending on "free text is extended"