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## ***Glossary of Commonly Used EDI Terms***

### **“850”**

Purchase Order Transaction Set used with Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

### **“855”**

Purchase Order Acknowledgment Transaction Set used with Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

### **“856”**

Advance Ship Notice Transaction Set used with Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

### **“810”**

Invoice Transaction Set used with Electronic Data Interchange (EDI).

### **ANSI**

American National Standards Institute. This organization is the coordinator for national standards in the United States.

### **ANSI X12**

A set of standards published by the American National Standards Institute for use in formatting and handling purchasing-related documents transmitted by electronic data interchange (EDI).

### **Communications Software**

Software necessary to transmit EDI documents.

### **Document**

Structured file that is sent to a manufacturer. With ASC X12 usage, a document is a transaction set.

### **DUNS Number**

A nine-digit number assigned and maintained by Dun and Bradstreet to identify unique business establishments. DUNS numbers are assigned worldwide and include US, Canadian, and international organizations.

### **EDI**

Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) is commonly defined as computer-to-computer electronic exchange of business documents in a standard format.



### **Electronic Envelope**

An electronic envelope consists of codes that mark the boundaries of electronic documents. The electronic envelope contains EDI documents, sender and receiver information.

### **Electronic Mailbox**

A term used to refer to the place where an EDI transmission is stored for pick-up or delivery within a third-party service system. Trading partners can also maintain mailboxes within their own domains.

### **Functional Acknowledgment**

A transaction set that acts as a certified mail receipt to confirm that the intended recipient actually received the EDI documents that have been sent.

### **Mapping**

This is a process of identifying the relationship of standard EDI data elements to application data elements. A map is the link between a trading partner's proprietary data format and the related EDI transaction set.

### **Sender/Receiver ID**

A unique number or series of characters that identifies a trading partner on all EDI networks.

### **Trading Partner**

A term sometimes used by customers and vendors to indicate they are in an EDI relationship.

### **Translation**

The act of accepting documents in other than standard format and translating them to the standard.

### **Universal Retailer ID**

A unique number assigned to the originator of the EDI data to identify them to the manufacturer.

### **VAN (Value Added Network)**

A third party service that acts as an electronic postal system for EDI transactions. VANs are equipped to accept a variety of telecommunications protocols, thus enabling connectivity between organizations with different telecommunications protocols.