



# PILLAR ORDER IMBALANCES FEED CLIENT SPECIFICATION

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NYSE ARCA ORDER IMBALANCES FEED

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## PREFACE

### DOCUMENT HISTORY

VERSION	DATE	CHANGE DESCRIPTION
2.1b	May 8, 2017	Added 5 fields supporting LULD amendment 12 (day 1, defaulted to 0) Corrected tables of trading and publication times
2.1c	May 26, 2017	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corrected NYSE Imbalance publication frequencies</li> <li>The Imbalance Side field pertains to the Total Imbalance Qty field</li> <li>Clarified that the 2 clearing price fields will be initially 0</li> <li>Clarified that Qty fields are truncated to round lots for NYSE</li> </ul>
2.1d	September 22, 2017	v2.1d contains no changes in feed behavior, only spec clarifications Updated Section 3 and field descriptions in Section 2 to include specialized information for NYSE Tape A symbols
2.1e	November 20, 2017	Updated the Imbalance the Clearing Price fields and 5 trailing fields – no longer set to 0 for Arca and American
2.1f	February 1, 2018	No feed changes. Corrected 5 trailing fields: for NYSE, 0 for now. Corrected descriptions: ClosingOnlyClearingPrice, AuctionStatus
2.2	December 3, 2018	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Updates throughout applicable to NYSE under Pillar.</li> <li>Renamed Closing Only Clearing Price to Auction Only Clearing Price.</li> </ul> <p>The 3 new trailing fields in the Imbalance message contain only default values in non-NYSE markets.</p>
2.2a	March 8, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corrected the imbalance publication time to 3:50pm.</li> <li>Defaulted the significant imbalance - till a future implementation date.</li> </ul>
2.2b	December 19, 2019	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Corrected order imbalance publication time to be 8am for the NYSE Core Auction</li> </ul>
2.2c	May 28, 2020	Added clarification on the Imbalance Freeze Status field
2.2d	Jan 14, 2021	Updated that the Exchange would disseminate Auction Imbalance Information if a security is an IPO or Direct Listing.
2.2e	July 30, 2021	Updated the MOC LOC Cutoff timer to 10 minutes in Section 3.1
2.2f	March 21, 2022	Updated document for new NYSE logo and links. No content changes.

VERSION	DATE	CHANGE DESCRIPTION
2.2g	June 30, 2022	Added clarification on 'Reference Price' in msgtype 105.
2.2h	November 30, 2022	Updated Section 1.1 for clarifications on publication timings.
2.2j	February 22, 2024	Updated Section 1.2 Control Message Types to account for new feed start time of 2:00am EST
2.2k	July 25, 2024	Updated Section 1.2 Control Message Types to account for new feed start time of 2:00am EST  Updated section 2.1 NYSE Auctions to indicate that Closing D orders are included in all Closing Imbalance messages (previously, they were only included five minutes before scheduled closing time)
2.2l	November 15, 2024	Replaced Regulatory Imbalance language with Significant Imbalance language throughout document and imbalance message (msg type 105) structure. Removed significant imbalance indicator from imbalance message (msg type 105) and replace with reserved field

## REFERENCE MATERIAL

The following lists the associated documents, which either should be read in conjunction with this document or which provide other relevant information for the user:

- [Common Client Specification](#)
- [ICE Global Network](#)
- [NYSE Symbology](#)
- [IP Addresses](#)

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## FURTHER INFORMATION

For additional information about the product, visit the [Order Imbalances Feed Product Page](#).

For updated capacity figures, visit the [capacity stats page](#).



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# 1 Pillar Order Imbalances Datafeed

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This real-time low latency product provides imbalance data published during auctions of all traded securities on the NYSE Group equity exchanges: NYSE, NYSE American and NYSE Arca. This data is intended for clients who require a direct standalone feed with timestamps provided directly from the Exchange matching engines.

## 1.1 IMBALANCE PUBLICATION TIMES

Scheduled trading session times on normal and early-close days for all NYSE markets can be found [here](#).

Trading halts and re-opens can occur anytime during any session. Trading halts can last from one session into the next.

Regularly scheduled auctions occur at the following times.

**All times are US Eastern Time**

DESCRIPTION	MARKET	SECURITIES	NORMAL AUCTION PERIOD
<b>Early Opening Auction</b>	Arca	All auction eligible securities.	3:30am - 4:00am ET
	American	All primary listed securities.	6:30am - 7:00am ET
<b>Core Opening Auction</b>	Arca American	All primary listed securities.	8:00am - 9:30am ET
	NYSE	All primary listed securities.	8:00am - until the security opens
<b>Closing Auction</b>	Arca	All auction eligible securities.	3:00pm - 4:00pm ET
	American	All primary listed securities.	3:00pm - 4:00pm ET
	NYSE	All primary listed securities.	3:50pm - until the security closes

During auction periods, Imbalance messages are published every second if changed from the previous publication.

On early closing days, the Closing auction runs from 12:00pm to 1:00pm for ARCA and American. For NYSE, the closing auction runs from 12:50 until the security closes.

## 1.2 CONTROL MESSAGE TYPES

For all markets, the initial publication of Symbol Index Mapping messages occurs shortly after feed start time at 2:00am ET. For exact timing on each market, see section “8.4 Proprietary Data - Production Hours” of the Pillar Equities Common Client Specification

MSGTYPE	DESCRIPTION
1	Sequence Number Reset
3	Symbol Index Mapping
10	Retransmission Request Message
11	Request Response Message
12	Heartbeat Response Message
13	Symbol Index Mapping Request Message
15	Refresh Request Message
31	Message Unavailable
32	Symbol Clear
34	Security Status Message
35	Refresh Header Message

## 1.3 REFRESH MESSAGE TYPES

The following refresh message types are supported on this datafeed:

MSGTYPE	DESCRIPTION
35	Refresh Header Message
3	Symbol Index Mapping
105	Imbalance Message
34	Security Status Message

## 2 Information on Auctions

### 2.1 NYSE AUCTIONS

The NYSE market conducts auctions for NYSE-listed (Tape A) symbols only.

As a part of the auction process, Imbalance messages are published every second if there is any change from the previous second.

During an NYSE auction, in calculating the imbalance at a price point on the book, NYSE Pillar considers the following to be an imbalance:

AUCTION TYPE	DESCRIPTION
<p><b>Opening Auction (M)</b> <b>and</b> <b>Re-Opening Auction (H)</b></p>	<p><b>Interest Included</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All electronic interest eligible to trade in the opening auction</li> <li>▪ DMM interest as needed to offset the imbalance</li> </ul> <p><b>Order Cancellation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Orders can be cancelled at any time up to the conclusion of the auction</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference Price Calculation</b></p> <p>The Reference Price is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The consolidated last sale* if no Mandatory Indication has been published</li> <li>▪ The consolidated last sale* if it is within the indication range</li> <li>▪ The indication low price if it is higher than the consolidated last sale*</li> <li>▪ The indication high price if it is lower than the consolidated last sale*</li> </ul> <p>* If there's no consolidated last sale price, the previous close price is used</p>
<p><b>Closing Auction (C)</b></p>	<p><b>Interest Included</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ For Paired Quantity, Unpaired Quantity, and Total Imbalance Quantity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MOC and LOC orders</li> <li>○ Imbalance offset orders</li> <li>○ Closing D orders</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ For Continuous Book Clearing Price: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ All electronic interest eligible to trade in the closing auction</li> <li>○ DMM interest as needed to offset the imbalance</li> </ul> </li> <li>▪ For Auction Interest Clearing Price: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ MOC and LOC orders</li> <li>○ Imbalance offset orders</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><b>Order Cancellation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Orders can be cancelled any time during the auction period, except for MOC, LOC and Imbalance offset orders, which can be cancelled only up to 10 minutes before the scheduled closing time.</li> </ul>



AUCTION TYPE	DESCRIPTION
	<p><b>Reference Price Calculation</b></p> <p>The Reference Price is</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The NYSE last sale if it is at or within the NYSE best quote</li> <li>▪ The NYSE best bid if the NYSE best bid is higher than the NYSE last sale</li> <li>▪ The NYSE best offer if the NYSE best offer is lower than the NYSE last sale</li> </ul>
<p><b>Significant Imbalance Closing Auction (R)</b></p>	<p><b>Interest Included</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ MOC and LOC orders</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference Price Calculation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The NYSE last sale if it is at or within the NYSE best quote*</li> <li>▪ The NYSE best bid if the NYSE best bid is higher than the NYSE last sale*</li> <li>▪ The NYSE best offer if the NYSE best offer is lower than the NYSE last sale*</li> </ul> <p>* If there's no NYSE last sale price, the NYSE previous close price is used</p>
<p><b>Extreme Imbalance Closing Auction (P)</b></p>	<p><b>Interest Included</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ All electronic interest eligible to trade in the closing auction</li> </ul> <p><b>Reference Price Calculation</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ The Reference Price is the NYSE last sale*</li> </ul> <p>* If there's no NYSE last sale price, the NYSE previous close price is used</p>

## 2.2 NYSE ARCA AND NYSE AMERICAN AUCTIONS

Three single-price auctions are conducted during the day: the Early Opening Auction, the Core Opening Auction and the Closing Auction. As a part of the auction process, Imbalance messages are published every second if there is any change from the previous second.

The NYSE American market conducts auctions for NYSE American primary securities only.

The NYSE Arca market conducts auctions on all securities.

This description covers normal cases. For complete detail on exception cases, see Rule 7.35.

### 2.2.1 Indicative Match Price

The Indicative Match Price is the price that maximizes executable volume of auction-eligible shares, subject to Auction Collars.

- It includes the non-displayed quantity of Reserve Orders.
- If two or more prices maximize executable volume equally, in an effort to maintain continuity, the Indicative Match Price is whichever price is closest to the Reference Price.
- The final auction execution price is the Indicative Match Price at auction time.

During an auction, in calculating the imbalance at a price point on the book, NYSE Arca and American consider the following to be an imbalance:

- Market orders
- Any interest whose price is at or better than the book price point

### 2.2.2 Imbalance Calculation

AUCTION TYPE	DESCRIPTION
Early Opening Auction (O)	<p><b>Interest Included</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Limit Orders designated for the Early Trading Session.</li> <li>2. During the last minute before the Early Opening Auction time, the non-displayed quantity of Reserve Orders designated for the Early Open Auction is included in the Matched Volume and Total Imbalance Volume.</li> </ol> <p><b>Order Cancellation</b></p> <p>Orders can be cancelled at any time up to the conclusion of the auction.</p> <p><b>Reference Price</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Reference Price is normally the listing market’s previous Official Closing Price. See Rule 7.35 for full detail.</li> </ul> <p>Unexecuted session 1 eligible orders become eligible for the Early Session immediately upon conclusion of the Early Opening Auction.</p>

AUCTION TYPE	DESCRIPTION
<b>Core Opening Auction (M) and Re-Opening Auction (H)</b>	<p><b>Interest Included</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Limit, Market, MOO, LOO and Primary Peg orders</li> <li>2. During the last 5 seconds before the Core Opening Auction time, the non-displayed quantity of Reserve Orders is included in the Matched Volume and Total Imbalance Volume.</li> </ol> <p><b>Order Cancellation</b></p> <p>Orders can be cancelled any time during the auction, except for MOO and LOO orders which can be cancelled only up to 1 minute before the conclusion of the auction.</p> <p><b>Reference Price</b></p> <p>The Reference Price is normally the midpoint of the NBBO. See Rule 7.35 for full detail.</p>
<b>Closing Auction (C)</b>	<p><b>Interest Included</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Limit, Market, MOC, and LOC Orders</li> <li>2. During the last minute before the Closing Auction time for Arca (last ten minutes before the Closing Auction time for American), the non-displayed quantity of Reserve Orders is included in the Matched Volume and Total Imbalance Volume.</li> </ol> <p><b>Reference Price</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Reference Price is normally the consolidated last sale.</li> </ul> <p>If the price closest to the Reference Price would trade through the exchange book, the indicative match price will be the best price available where no trade through occurs. See Rule 7.35 for full detail.</p>

### 3 Imbalance Message – Msg Type 105

Imbalance messages are published once a second during auctions to update price and volume information. If there is no change to the calculated fields, no message will be generated. See Information on Auctions for details on the auction process in the NYSE, Arca and American markets.

See the Common Client Specification for details on Symbol Index Mapping messages and Price field format.

FIELD NAME	OFFSET	SIZE	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
<b>Msg Size</b>	0	2	Binary	Size of the message: 73 bytes
<b>Msg Type</b>	2	2	Binary	This field identifies the type of message. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 105 – Imbalance Message</li> </ul>
<b>SourceTime</b>	4	4	Binary	The time when this msg was generated in the order book, in secs since 1/1/1970 00:00:00 UTC.
<b>SourceTimeNS</b>	8	4	Binary	The nanosecond offset from the Source Time
<b>SymbolIndex</b>	12	4	Binary	The ID of the symbol in the Symbol Index msg
<b>SymbolSeqNum</b>	16	4	Binary	The sequence number of this message in the set of all messages for this symbol
<b>ReferencePrice</b>	20	4	Binary	See Information on Auctions in Section 2 for details.
<b>PairedQty</b>	24	4	Binary	For non-NYSE markets, the number of shares paired off at the Indicative Match Price.  For NYSE, the number of shares paired off at the Reference Price.
<b>TotalImbalanceQty</b>	28	4	Binary	For non-NYSE markets, the total imbalance quantity at the Indicative Match Price.  For NYSE, the total imbalance quantity at the Reference Price.  When Auction Type=P (NYSE only), this field will be set to the Extreme Order Imbalance quantity.
<b>MarketImbalanceQty</b>	32	4	Binary	The total market order imbalance quantity at the Indicative Match Price.  For NYSE, unused and defaulted to 0.

FIELD NAME	OFFSET	SIZE	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
<b>AuctionTime</b>	36	2	Binary	Projected Auction Time (hhmm)
<b>AuctionType</b>	38	1	ASCII	Valid values: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'O' – Early Opening Auction (non-NYSE only)</li> <li>• 'M' – Core Opening Auction</li> <li>• 'H' – Reopening Auction (Halt resume)</li> <li>• 'C' – Closing Auction</li> <li>• 'P' – Extreme Closing Imbalance (NYSE only)</li> <li>• 'R' – Significant Closing Imbalance (NYSE only)</li> </ul>
<b>ImbalanceSide</b>	39	1	ASCII	The side of the Total Imbalance Quantity: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'B' – Buy side</li> <li>• 'S' – Sell side</li> <li>• ' ' - space – No imbalance</li> </ul>
<b>ContinuousBook ClearingPrice</b>	40	4	Binary	For non-NYSE markets, the price at which all interest on the book can trade, including auction and imbalance offset interest, and disregarding auction collars.  For NYSE, the price closest to the reference price where the imbalance is 0. For significant imbalances, or if a continuous book clearing price is not reached, this field is defaulted to 0.
<b>AuctionInterest ClearingPrice</b>	44	4	Binary	For non-NYSE markets, the price at which all eligible auction-only interest would trade, subject to auction collars.  For the NYSE closing auction only, the price closest to the reference price where the imbalance of closing-only interest is 0. If a closing-only clearing price is not reached, this field is defaulted to 0.
<b>SSRFilingPrice</b>	48	4	Binary	For non-NYSE markets, not supported and defaulted to 0.  For NYSE non-Significant imbalances, if a Sell Short Restriction is in effect, the price at which Sell Short interest will be filed.

FIELD NAME	OFFSET	SIZE	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
<b>IndicativeMatchPrice</b>	52	4	Binary	For non-NYSE markets, the price at which the highest number of shares would trade, subject to auction collars. It includes the non-displayed quantity of Reserve Orders. See Information on Auctions for details.  For NYSE, set to 0.
<b>UpperCollar</b>	56	4	Binary	If the IndicativeMatchPrice is not strictly between the UpperCollar and the LowerCollar, special auction rules apply. See Rule 7.35 for details  For NYSE, set to 0
<b>LowerCollar</b>	60	4	Binary	If the IndicativeMatchPrice is not strictly between the UpperCollar and the LowerCollar, special auction rules apply. See Rule 7.35 for details.  For NYSE, set to 0
<b>AuctionStatus</b>	64	1	Binary	Indicates whether the auction will run: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 - Will run as always for Open and Close</li> <li>• 1 - Will run, interest exists inside or at the collars or is fully paired off</li> <li>• 2 – Will not run because there is an imbalance through the collars</li> <li>• 3 – Will not run, will transition to the Closing Auction instead</li> </ul>
<b>FreezeStatus</b>	65	1	Binary	Freeze status is the Imbalance Freeze status - MOC/LOC orders are accepted on the side opposite to the Significant imbalance. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 0 - Imbalance freeze not in effect</li> <li>• 1 - Imbalance freeze is in effect</li> </ul> NYSE market has an imbalance freeze for the closing. Arca market has imbalance freeze for opening and re-opening.
<b>NumExtensions</b>	66	1	Binary	Number of times the halt period has been extended  For NYSE, set to 0

FIELD NAME	OFFSET	SIZE	FORMAT	DESCRIPTION
<b>Unpaired Qty</b>	67	4	Binary	For NYSE only, during the Closing Auction, the number of unpaired shares priced at or better than the Reference Price.  For non-NYSE markets, 0.
<b>Unpaired Side</b>	71	1	ASCII	For NYSE only, the side of the Unpaired Qty <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 'B' - buy side</li> <li>• 'S' - sell side</li> <li>• '' - space - not applicable</li> </ul>
<b>Reserved</b>	72	1	ASCII	Reserved for future use

#### 4 Product IDs

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EXCHANGE	PRODUCT ID	DESCRIPTION
<b>NYSE</b>	8	NYSE Order Imbalances Feed
<b>NYSE American</b>	58	NYSE American Order Imbalance Feed
<b>NYSE Arca</b>	158	NYSE Arca Order Imbalance Feed