A Record - Header

The A record is the first record in the file, and contains important customer identification and control fields. *An error in any of these fields will cause the file to reject.*

Field No.	Field Name	Position	Size	Format	Comments
1	Record Type	1	1	AN	Constant A
2	Record Count	2-10	9	N	Constant 000000001
3	Customer Number	11-20	10	N	Assigned by Scotiabank
4	File Creation Number	21-24	4	N	This number is used to prevent the inadvertent processing of duplicate files. It <i>must</i> contain the value 0000 for each test file, and it <i>must</i> be a unique nonzero value for each production file processed by Scotiabank. We recommend starting with FCN 0001 and incrementing this number by one for each production file submitted. Production files will be rejected if this field is not unique.
5	File Creation Date	25-30	6	N	Julian format - 0yyddd where yy are the last two digits of the year and ddd is the day number within the year, in the range 001-366. Example: October 2, 2001 is represented as 001275. The file will be rejected if this field is invalid, contains a date in the future, or contains a date more than ten days prior to the transmission date.
6	Scotiabank Data Centre	31-35	5	N	Constant 00220
7	Filler	36-1464	1429		Must be Spaces