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Order transmission interface (Purchase Order)

With the purchase order interface, you can process Unite orders faster and more efficiently.

Explanation of transmitted information

The following data is transmitted by Unite for each order:

Information on header level

Description	openTRANS segment	Specifications
Order number	ORDER_ID	Max. 21 characters; must be used as a reference number in every transaction. For more information about the order number, see the EDI interface overview page.
Buyer address	BUYER_PARTY	Address of the ordering customer (buyer), including PARTY_ID and VAT ID (depending on delivery country). For regular orders (via Spotmarket and Single Creditor BusinessShops), this refers to the respective Unite entity.
Supplier specific customer ID	BUYER_PARTY/PARTY_ID	Used to assign the order to your specific customer account.
Supplier address	SUPPLIER_PARTY	Supplier's address, including PARTY_ID.
Unite supplier number	SUPPLIER_PARTY/PARTY_ID	Please include the supplier number on every response document.
Invoice address	INVOICE_PARTY	Address of the invoice recipient (identical to BUYER_PARTY).
Delivery address	DELIVERY_PARTY	Delivery address of the goods recipient (customer). Note: The name fields within the address lines (NAME, NAME2, NAME3) may contain up to 70 characters each.

Information on item level (line level)

Description	openTRANS segment	Specifications
Line item number	LINE_ITEM_ID	
Item number	SUPPLIER_AID	Item number from your submitted catalogue. May also be used for shipping cost items.
Unite item number	BUYER_AID	Derived from SUPPLIER_AID with a Unite catalogue prefix.
Quantity ordered	QUANTITY	
Order unit	ORDER_UNIT	
Unit price	PRICE_AMOUNT	Net unit price of the item based on the price quantity (see PRICE_QUANTITY).
Total price	PRICE_LINE_AMOUNT	Net total price for the item line (PRICE_LINE_AMOUNT = PRICE_AMOUNT × QUANTITY ÷ PRICE_QUANTITY).
Price quantity	PRICE_QUANTITY	Quantity on which the unit price (PRICE_AMOUNT) is based. If the quantity is 1, this field is not transmitted.

Supported format and transport protocols

Unite uses the proven **openTRANS 1.0** (ORDER) data format to automatically and accurately transfer orders into your system. The transfer is sent via **email** by default or, optionally, via **HTTPS**.

If you require a different format or transport protocol, please reach out to your Unite contact.

Sample files for order transmission

Below you'll find sample files with comments and specifications:

Order using openTRANS Order

For orders placed via the Spotmarket or Single Creditor BusinessShops, Unite acts as both the buyer and invoice recipient.

supplier_order.zip
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Order using openTRANS C-Order

For orders from an Exclusive Catalogue or BusinessShop (transacting service: order forwarding), the end customer acts as the buyer, including an individual customer ID.

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