

## 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
<b>Order number</b>	ORDER_ID	Max. 21 characters; must be used as a reference number in every transaction.  For more information about the order number, <a href="#">see the EDI interface overview page</a> .
<b>Buyer address</b>	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.
<b>Supplier specific customer ID</b>	BUYER_PARTY/PARTY_ID	Used to assign the order to your specific customer account.
<b>Supplier address</b>	SUPPLIER_PARTY	Supplier's address, including PARTY_ID.
<b>Unite supplier number</b>	SUPPLIER_PARTY/PARTY_ID	Please include the supplier number on every response document.
<b>Invoice address</b>	INVOICE_PARTY	Address of the invoice recipient (identical to BUYER_PARTY).
<b>Delivery address</b>	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
<b>Line item number</b>	LINE_ITEM_ID	
<b>Item number</b>	SUPPLIER_AID	Item number from your submitted catalogue. May also be used for shipping cost items.
<b>Unite item number</b>	BUYER_AID	Derived from SUPPLIER_AID with a Unite catalogue prefix.
<b>Quantity ordered</b>	QUANTITY	
<b>Order unit</b>	ORDER_UNIT	
<b>Unit price</b>	PRICE_AMOUNT	Net unit price of the item based on the price quantity (see PRICE_QUANTITY).
<b>Total price</b>	PRICE_LINE_AMOUNT	Net total price for the item line ( $PRICE\_LINE\_AMOUNT = PRICE\_AMOUNT \times QUANTITY \div PRICE\_QUANTITY$ ).
<b>Price quantity</b>	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.

 [supplier\\_c-order.zip](#)  
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