

Subject: Seven characters defined by the C standard need names  
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2 Edits refer to 02-007. Page and line numbers are displayed in the margin. Absent other  
 3 instructions, a page and line number or line number range implies all of the indicated text is to  
 4 be replaced by associated text, while a page and line number followed by + (-) indicates that  
 5 associated text is to be inserted after (before) the indicated line. Remarks are noted in the  
 6 margin, or appear between [ and ] in the text.

7 [The values of the seven escape sequences for “Character display semantics” (5.2.2 of the C  
 8 standard) are not provided in Section 15. The following table provides them.]

9 The following entities shall be named constants of type character with a length parameter of 372:17-22  
 10 one. The kind parameter value shall be equal to the value of C\_CHAR unless C\_CHAR = -1, in  
 11 which case the kind parameter value shall be the same as for default kind. The values of these  
 12 constants are specified in Table 1. In the case that C\_CHAR ≠ -1 the value is specified using  
 13 C syntax. The semantics of these values are explained in 5.2.1 and 5.2.2 of the C standard.

Table 1: Names of C characters with special semantics

Name	C definition	Value	
		C_CHAR = -1	C_CHAR ≠ -1
C_NULL_CHAR	null character	CHAR(0)	'\0'
C_ALERT	alert	ACHAR(7)	'\a'
C_BACKSPACE	backspace	ACHAR(8)	'\b'
C_FORM_FEED	form feed	ACHAR(12)	'\f'
C_NEW_LINE	new line	ACHAR(10)	'\n'
C_CARRIAGE_RETURN	carriage return	ACHAR(13)	'\r'
C_HORIZONTAL_TAB	horizontal tab	ACHAR(9)	'\t'
C_VERTICAL_TAB	vertical tab	ACHAR(11)	'\v'