

## New Options Symbols

## Reference Guide

## Snapshot of formats

Original symbol	<b>AAQED</b> (A call on Apple Inc. that expires on May 22, 2010 with a \$20 strike price.)
Root symbols	<b>AAQ</b> (pre-consolidation) <b>AAPL</b> (post-consolidation)
New Schwab format	<b>AAPL 05/22/2010 20.00 C</b>
New industry format	<b>AAPL 100522C00020000</b>
New Schwab format, adjusted option	<b>AAPL1 10/16/2010 50.00 P</b>
New Schwab format, index option	<b>DJX 08/21/2010 45.00 P</b>

## New Schwab format (post-consolidation)

## Hypothetical example

A call on Apple Inc. that expires May 22, 2010 with a \$20 strike price.

**AAPL 05/22/2010 20.00 C**

## 4 data elements

1	2			3		4
Underlying security (root symbol)	Expiration month	Expiration day	Expiration year	Strike price (dollars)	Strike price (decimals)	Call/Put indicator
<b>AAPL</b>	<b>05</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>2010</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>.00</b>	<b>C</b>

## How the new Schwab format changes will appear through consolidation

## Symbols

Hypothetical example	<b>AAQED</b>	
Original symbol		
After conversion, but before consolidation	<b>AAQ 05/22/2010 20.00 C</b>	The symbol has changed to the new format, but still retains the old root symbol.
After consolidation	<b>AAPL 05/22/2010 20.00 C</b>	The root symbol has changed from AAQ to AAPL, the underlying ticker symbol for Apple.

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## 2010 important dates to remember

**January 23****January 23****February 12****March 12****April 9****April 23****May 7****May 14**

Conversion to new Schwab symbol

Option order entry briefly unavailable\*

OCC deadline for all firms to convert to the new symbol

First consolidation: Special options

Second consolidation: "A" to "C" options

Third consolidation: "D" to "I" options

Fourth consolidation: "J" to "R" options

Fifth consolidation: "S" to "Z" options

\*From 2:00 a.m. ET, for approximately 4 to 6 hours.

## Important reminders

**Open option orders:** All open orders will be converted to the new option symbol format on your behalf at the conversion and at all five consolidation events. You will not need to do anything yourself. Your order, including expiration dates, will remain the same.

**Brackets and trailing stop orders:** All brackets and trailing stop orders placed on option symbols will be canceled by Schwab at the conversion. In addition, brackets and trailing stop orders with an option symbol that has an underlying ticker symbol going through consolidation will be canceled at that particular consolidation event. You will need to reestablish these canceled items after each event. Please consult the Key Details section at [www.schwab.com.hk/newoptionsymbols\\_en](http://www.schwab.com.hk/newoptionsymbols_en) for detailed information on how to do this.

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