

# Message Format and Severity Levels

## Message Format

ATM messages have the general format:

```
ATMnnn ss (MESSAGE TEXT) [additional information]
```

—where

*nnn* is the message number

*ss* is the severity code (in hexadecimal)

Some messages have additional information following the message text.

## Message Severity Levels

The following table explains the general meaning of each severity level:

Severity Level	Description
00	Software AG use
04	Information only
08	Echo and confirmation
10	Warnings
14	Operator communication failure
18	Important shutdown messages
20	Initialization failure reasons
24	ABEND notification and information
FF	Special, unsuppressable messages

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