## **Copy Editing and Proofreading Symbols**

Symbol	Meaning	Example
2)	Delete	Remove the End fitting.
2	Close up	The tolerances are with in the range.
2	Delete and Close up	Deltete and close up the gap.
$\wedge$	Insert	The box is inserted correctly.
#	Space	The procedure is incorrect.
	Transpose	Remove the fitting end.
/ or lc	Lower case	The Engineer and manager agreed.
	Capitalize	A representative of <u>nasa</u> was present.
	Capitalize first letter and lower case remainder	GARRETT PRODUCTS are great.
stet	Let stand	Remove the battery cables.
¶	New paragraph	The box is fulfiThe meeting will be on Thursday.
no ¶	Remove paragraph break	The meeting will be on Thursday.  ¶ no- All members must attend.
$\rightarrow$	Move to a new position	All members attended who were new.
	Move left	Remove the faulty part.
	Flush left	Move left.
	Flush right	Move right.
	Move right	Remove the faulty part.
	Center	
	Raise	162
	Lower	16 <sup>2</sup>
$\wedge$	Superscript	162
$\vee$	Subscript	162/
$\odot$	Period	Rewrite the procedure Then complete the tasks.
\\ \\	Apostrophe or single quote	The companys policies were rewritten.
<i>/</i> ,\	Semicolon	He left however, he returned later.

Symbol	Meaning	Example
A	Colon	There were three items nuts, bolts, and screws.
$\wedge$	Comma	Apply pressure to the first second and third bolts.
-	Hyphen	A valuable byproduct was created.
<b>अ</b>	Spell out	The info was incorrect. sp
	Abbreviate	The part was twelve feet long.
or =	Align	Personnel Facilities    Equipment
	Underscore	The part was listed under Electrical.
	Run in with previous line	He rewrote the pages) (and went home.
<u> </u>	Em dash	It was the beginning so I thought.
<u> </u>	En dash	The value is 120 408.
(ital)	Set in italics	The book was titled Technical Writing Styles. (ital)
(bf)	Set in bold	This is the only time we can offer this price.
wf	Wrong font	This is the first step in the procedure. Wf
sm cap =	Set in small caps	Set the MFG REGISTER to zero. Sm cap

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Center		]Table 4-1[
Close up	$\bigcirc$	The tolerances are within the range.
Colon	A	There were three items, nuts, bolts, and screws.

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Comma	<i>/</i> \	Apply pressure to the first second and third bolts.
Delete	2)	Remove the End fitting.
Delete and close up	2	Deltete and close up the gap.
Em dash	<u> </u>	It was the beginning so I thought.
En dash	$\frac{1}{N}$	The value is $120/408$ .
Flush left		Move left.
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Hyphen	-	A valuable byproduct was created.
Insert	$\wedge$	The box is inserted correctly.
Let Stand	stet	Remove the battery cables.
Lower		162
Lower case	/ or lc	The Engineer and manager agreed.
Move left		Remove the faulty part.
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Move to a new position	$\rightarrow$	All members attended who were new.
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Period	$\odot$	Rewrite the procedure Then complete the tasks.
Raise		162
Remove paragraph break	no ¶	The meeting will be on Thursday.  ¶ no- All members must attend.
Run in with previous line		He rewrote the pages and went home.
Semicolon	<i>^</i> ;\	He left however, he returned later.
Set in bold	(bf)	This is the only time we can offer this price
Set in italics	(ital)	The book was titled Technical Writing Styles (ital)
Set in small caps	=	Set the MFG REGISTER to zero (sm cap)
Space	#	The
Spell out		The info was incorrect. Sp
Subscript	$\vee$	162/

Meaning	Symbol	Example
Superscript	$\wedge$	162
Transpose		Remove the fitting end.
Underscore		The part was listed under Electrical.
Wrong font	wf	This is the first step in the procedure, wf

## Ten Rules of Proofreading

- 1. Never proofread your own copy.
- 2. Read everything in the copy straight through from the beginning to end.
- 3. Read copy backward to catch spelling errors.
- 4. Read pages out of order.
- 5. Have proofreaders initial the copy they check.
- 6. Have someone read numbers while you check hardcopy.
- 7. Take short breaks so you can concentrate more clearly.
- 8. List errors you spot over a month.
- 9. Alter your routine.
- 10. Make your marks legible and understandable.

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