

# How to Read a Credit Report

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**A detailed guide covering:**

Auto, Boat & Real Estate Loans  
Available Credit  
Derogatory Items  
Open Trade Line Inquiries  
Employment Information  
and more

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Dear Marine Dealership Professionals,

The revenue opportunity you gain by offering your customers the ability to finance their boat purchases is always significant. However, given the new boat inventory shortages many of you are experiencing in 2021 and may continue to experience in 2022, it is more important than ever for your team to make the most of each boat sale.

Not only can increasing the percentage of customers who finance with your dealership boost your income, but it can also make boat ownership more convenient and affordable for buyers.

That's one reason our team at the Marine Retailers Association is grateful to work with partners like 700Credit LLC to grow the consumer financing resources and education we offer you.

Whether you have an in-house Finance & Insurance Department or outsource your consumer financing to a trusted partner, learning how to read a credit report yourself or gaining the training materials to teach those you work with how to do so can help your dealership become more savvy at consumer financing, better manage spikes in traffic, and cross-train your team.

**Here's how to take advantage of all the credit report resources we've made available to you:**

1. Before you venture to the next page of this guide, [download the free Adobe Acrobat Reader DC app](#) on your computer (if you don't have it already). This will allow you to take advantage of the interactive nature of this guide. When you mouse over the red numbers, you'll be able to see the explanation for each section of the sample credit report.
2. For a deeper dive into this topic, [click here](#) to watch a pre-recorded webinar from Ken Hill of 700Credit LLC on: How to Read a Credit Report.
3. Finally, for an understanding of the unique credit report features of the three most popular credit bureaus, travel to a special area of the 700credit.com website by [clicking here](#).

Please join me in a big thanks to Ken Hill and his team at 700Credit LLC for their generosity in working with us to create this short, but practical guide and these accompanying resources!

Kind regards,



Liz Walz

*Want more education and resources? We would love to learn exactly what you're looking for. Send me your requests by e-mail at [liz@mraa.com](mailto:liz@mraa.com).*

# CREDIT REPORT

SECTION ONE: Demographic Information - This section includes applicant's name, including any aliases or misspellings reported by creditors, birth date, SSN, current and past home addresses, current and former phone numbers, current and past former phone numbers, current and past employers

**1** JANE AARDEN  
2 MAPLE CT  
WESTPORT, MA, 02790

**2** **DOB:** 11/01/1950  
**SSN:** 000-00-1234

**Date** 05/02/21

## PREVIOUS ADDRESSES:

Name	City	State	ZIP	Date Reported
<b>3</b> 5 SILVER RDG	WINDHAM	ME	04062	
11 HIGH DAM RD	WAREHAM	MA	025171	

## ALIASES:

**4** JANE DOE

## EMPLOYMENT:

	Employer	Occupation	Date Hired	Date Separated	Date Reported
Current	EMPLOYER X 2015 BROADWAY SUITE 5 LOS ANGELES, CA		02/30/10		
Previous	EMPLOYER Y 111 MAIN ST SAN DIEGO, CA			02/15/10	02/15/10

**Score Summary** - Includes: Scorecard Name, Score, Code and Code (Score Factor) Description which explain issues that may have affected the score in a negative fashion.

## Score Summary

Score Card	Score	<b>7</b> Code	Score Factor Description <b>8</b>
<b>6</b> FICO Risk V2	700	22	serious delinquency, derogatory public record or collection filed
		13	time since delinquency is too recent or unknown
		18	number of accounts with delinquency
National Risk Model	502	34	amount owed on delinquent accounts
		19	average age of accounts
		35	delinquency on bank installment loans
		01	too few accounts now current
Bankruptcy	925	08	presence of non-satisfactory ratings on accounts or lack of open accounts
		K	ratio of bank revolving balances to credit limits or lack of bank revolving account information
		C	presence of derogatory accounts
		H	recently active or lack of bank, retail or finance accounts
		B	presence of delinquent accounts



**Auto Summary** – the Auto Summary separates out the auto-only related loans in one location so they are easy to find and evaluate.

**Payment Pattern:**  
 Month to Month  
 payment history.  
 0 – Current  
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## Auto Summary

<b>Total Bal</b>	<b>Month Pay</b>	<b>Total Auto</b>	<b>Open Auto</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>90</b>
\$9,048	\$282	2	1	0	0	0

### Trades:

Account Name	Status	Dat Open	Curr Bal	Status	Monthly Pay	Mos Rep	Payment Pattern
Account Number		Opn/Clsd	Orig AMT	Date	Past Due	30 60 90	
TD BANK N.A. 0748M001	30 DAY DEL	09/26/2015 Open	\$9048 \$14,234	09/2016	\$282 -	27 00 00 00	1CCCCCCCC CCCCCCCCC
CITIZNSBNKNA 07421069	PAID	10/08/2009 Closed	\$0 \$15,952		\$301	48 00 00 00	CCCCCCCCC

**Bureau Summary** provides a summary list of all credit trades lines and sections found on the report including the summary number and rolled-up balances of: revolving & closed accounts, real estate (mortgages), open tradelines, inquiries, public records and derogatory accounts.

## Bureau Summary

<b>Public Records:</b>	3	<b>Past Due Amt:</b>	\$1,421	<b>Inquiries:</b>	3	<b>CNT:</b>	05/01/04/22
<b>Install Bal:</b>	\$31,380	<b>Sch/Est Pay:</b>	\$1,540	<b>Inqs/ 6 mo:</b>	0	<b>Sales Acctx:</b>	6
<b>R Estate Bal:</b>	\$234,005	<b>R Estate Pay:</b>	\$3,128	<b>Tradeline:</b>	10	<b>New Del/Drg:</b>	3
<b>Total Rev Bal:</b>	\$14,657	<b>Total Rev Avail:</b>	26%	<b>Paid Acct:</b>	3	<b>Was Del/Drg:</b>	1
						<b>Old Trade:</b>	01-68

**Trades Summary** - Provides a rolled-up summary of all trades including: High Credit, Credit Limit, Balance, Past Due, Monthly Payment and Available Credit %

## 10 Trades Summary

Total Trades	Oldest Trade	Current	Negative	History Negative	Public Records	Collections	30	60	90	Inquiries	Inquiries Last 6
10	01-68	0	0	0	3	1	5	1	4	3	0

  

	Number	High Credit	Credit Limit	Balance	Past Due	Monthly Payment	Available %
Revolving	4	\$22,429	\$20,000	\$14,657	\$0	\$435	26%
Mortgage	2	\$3,612	\$4,000	\$256	\$0	\$0	
Installment	4	\$0	\$1,000	\$265,380	\$1,421	\$4,549	
<b>TOTALS</b>	10	\$26,032	\$25,000	\$280,287	\$1,421	\$4,934	



**Collections** – Lists the creditor name, account number, industry, date reported/verified/closed, and open balance.

## Collections

Creditor/Original Creditor Member/Number Status Narratives	Account Number Industry Code	Date Reported Date Verified Date Closed	Amount Balance
<b>CREDIT AND COLLECTION / DR. JOHN KILDARE</b> 3980999 <b>COLLACCT</b> ACCOUNT INFORMATION DISPUTED BY CONSUMER	98E543182136 Service Professional	09/2020	\$9048 \$282

**Public Records** - Details include Public record type, member code and owner; Plaintiff Attorney Docket #; Dates for filed, verified and paid; and Amount Due

## Public Records

Public Record Type Owner / Member Code Court Name/ Code	Plaintiff Attorney Docket #	Date Filed Date Verified Date Paid	Amount Balance
County tax lien released Individual/ - SO CALIF DISTRICT COURT/ 3051111	- - 45078321	06/20/14 07/26/15 -	\$12,450 - -
Judgment Individual/ - COUNT SPR CT SANTA ANA/ 3019999	ALLIED COMPANY - 7505853	- 09/22/13 -	\$1,200 - -
Bankruptcy Chapter 13- petition filed Joint Account/ - U S BANKRUPTCY COURT/ 3009999	- - 35054539906234561	- 02/12/13 -	\$100,000 - -

**Inquiries** – Details on all inquiries made to the consumer credit file including Subscriber Name & Number, Date and Type of inquiry and Amount.

## Inquiry

Date	Subscriber Name Subscriber Number	Type	Amount
12/05/13	HEMLOCKS 2313849	-	-
12/03/13	BAY COMPANY 2390446	-	\$1,500,000
10/21/13	HILLSSIDE BANK 2240679	-	-

**Consumer Statements** – Information submitted by the consumer to the bureaus that they would like to have reported on their credit file for any potential requestors/viewers of their credit file to be aware of.

## Consumer Statements

Date	Consumer Statement
03/30/12	**#HK# ID SECURITY ALERT: FRAUDULENT APPLICATIONS MAY BE SUBMITTED IN MY NAME OR MY IDENTITY MAY HAVE BEEN USED WITHOUT MY CONSENT TO FRAUDULENTLY OBTAIN GOODS OR SERVICES. DO NOT EXTEND CREDIT WITHOUT FIRST CONTACTING ME AND VERIFYING ALL APPLICANT INFORMATION. THIS SECURITY ALERT WILL BE MAINTAINED FOR 90 DAYS BEGINNING 05-01-12.

**Trades (Revolving Accounts)** - All revolving accounts associated with applicant. Trades broken out into three sections: Revolving, Installment and Open Details of all trades including vendor name, high credit limit, current balance, terms.

### Payment Pattern:

Month to Month  
payment history.

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1 – 30 Days

2 – 60 Days

## 12 Trades - Revolving Accounts

Account Name/ID Account # Trade Type/KOB Status/Acct Type Comments	Opened Reported Paid Bal Date	Credit Limit High Credit Charge Off Past Due	Balance Orig Amt Closed Ind Owner	Month Pay MOS Rep Date Closed	Terms 30 60 90 Payment Pattern
13					
<b>ISLAND SAVINGS/</b> 1211248 40585525820 Revolving/Bank Credit Cards <b>CURR ACCT</b> / Credit Card, Terms REV ACCOUNT CLOSED AT CONSUMER'S REQUEST	06/14 07/15 - 10/17	\$7,000 \$5,700 - -	\$0 - CLOSED Joint Account	- 18 -	Revolving 0 0 0 B0CCCCCCCCC CCCCC
<b>BAY COMPANY/</b> 2390446 525556601 Revolving/Complete Department Stores <b>DELINQ 180</b> / Revolving Charge Account ACCOUNT PREVIOUSLY IN DISPUTE - NOW RESOLVED - REPORTED BY SUBSCRIBER	01/77 05/12 - 05/16	\$1,400 - - -	\$0 - CLOSED Joint Account	- 99 -	Revolving <b>1 1 4</b> 7654321CCCC0 0CCCCCCCCCCCC
<b>EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION/</b> 2390446 525556601 Revolving/Bank Credit Cards <b>CURR ACCT</b> / Credit Card, Terms REV	02/04 02/04 01/01/98 01/23/98	\$10,000 \$7,700 - -	\$6,029 - OPEN Joint Account	\$180 99 -	Revolving 0 0 0 CCCCCCCCCCCC C000000000CCCC
<b>STATE BANK/</b> 1299987 4271008232 Revolving/Bank Credit Cards <b>CURR ACCT</b> / Credit Card, Terms REV	01/99 01/99 05/01/16 06/15/16	\$10,000 \$9,612 - -	\$8,628 - OPEN Individual	\$255 85 -	Revolving 0 0 0 CCCCCCCCCCCC CCCCCCCC000CCCC

**Trades (Installment Accounts)** - All installment accounts associated with applicant within the last 7-10 years. Includes the name of the creditor, the date the account was opened, credit limit/high credit/charge off/past due, balance/original amount, Open/Closed & owner; how long it took applicant to pay off. Will also note their payment history/pattern and may include any late or missed payments.

**Payment Pattern:**

Month to Month  
payment history.

0 – Current

N – Current

C – Current

1 – 30 Days

2 – 60 Days

**14 Trades - Installment Accounts**

Account Name/ID Account # Trade Type/KOB Status/Acct Type Comments	Opened Reported Paid Bal Date	Credit Limit High Credit Charge Off Past Due	Balance Orig Amt Closed Ind Owner	Month Pay MOS Rep Date Closed	Terms 30 60 90 Payment Pattern
<b>HEMLOCKS/</b> 2313849 8285103111261 Installment/Complete Department Stores <b>CURR ACCT</b> / Installment Sales Contract	02/11 02/11 - 06/12	\$1,000 - - -	\$1,000 - OPEN Authorized User	- 17 -	024 Months 0 0 0 NNNNNNNNNNNN NNNNN
<b>BAY COMPANY/</b> 2390446 525556601 Revolving/Complete Department Stores <b>DELINQ 180</b> / Revolving Charge Account ACCOUNT PREVIOUSLY IN DISPUTE - NOW RESOLVED - REPORTED BY SUBSCRIBER	12/13 06/16 05/16 06/16	- - - \$456	\$11,050 \$22,350 OPEN Individual	\$465 31 -	048 Months 1 0 4 1CCCCCCCCCCCC CCCCCCCCCCCCC
<b>EMPLOYEES CREDIT UNION/</b> 2390446 525556601 Revolving/Bank Credit Cards <b>CURR ACCT</b> / Credit Card, Terms REV	03/14 12/14 11/01/19 12/17/19	- - - \$956	\$19,350 \$43,225 OPEN Joint Account	\$956 39 -	060 Months 3 0 0 1CCCCC1CCCC CCCCCCCCCCCCC
<b>STATE BANK/</b> 1299987 4271008232 Revolving/Bank Credit Cards <b>CURR ACCT</b> / Credit Card, Terms REV	05/11 05/11 12/01/12 01/15/13	- - - -	\$234,000 \$400,000 OPEN Individual	\$3,128 92 -	360 Months 0 0 0 CCCCCCCCCCCCC CCCCCCC000CCCC



### Key Terms for Numbered Sections

1. **Applicant Information:** Presents the most current information on the applicant (and co-applicant if applicable).
2. **SSN/Age:** Provides the date of birth and SSN of the applicant & co-applicant.
3. **Address Information:** Lists any previous addresses of applicant on record. May include the month/year reported.
4. **Name and AKA Information:** Displays any aliases the applicant has on record.
5. **Employment Information:** Employment information includes current employer and any former employers on record with the credit bureaus.
6. **FICO, National Risk Model, and Bankruptcy Scores**
7. **Factors:** Codes for activities that were factored into the overall credit score.
8. **Factor Descriptions:** Lists the description associated with each factor code.
9. **Available Credit:** Lists the total amount of open credit in all revolving credit lines.
10. **Trades Summary:** A summary of all open and closed loans on record for the consumer including: auto loans, real estate loans, and any open installment loans.
11. **Inquiries:** Provides a list all recent inquiries made on the consumer credit file, including the subscriber's name and code.
12. **Trade Lines – Revolving Accounts:** Lists details on all open revolving accounts including loan type, current status, credit limit etc.
13. **Payment History:** This section provides details on the type of loan and the payment history of the consumer.
14. **Trade Lines – Installment Accounts:** Lists all installment accounts associated with applicant within the last 7-10 years. Includes the name of the creditor, the date the account was opened, credit limit/high credit/charge off/past due, balance/original amount, open/closed, and how long it took applicant to pay off. It will also note their payment.



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