## Zero Coupon Bond Investments

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Most investments in treasury securities are reflected at par value with a separate line for unrealized discount on the FMS 2108 as prescribed in the Treasury Financial Manual (TFM) volume 1, part 2, chapter 4200, appendix 1. The exception is investment in treasury zero coupon bonds which are reported at par and adjusted to market value on the FMS 2108. The market value adjustment is necessary to meet the Department of Treasury policy for scoring zero coupon bond investments against the debt subject to limit, the statutory ceiling of the amount of U.S. debt outstanding. It was agreed that the market value basis was preferable to the par value basis for scoring zero coupon bonds against the debt subject to limit because scoring these securities at par would adversely affect the debt subject to limit.

Each month the Department of Treasury provides the market value adjustment to the agencies. The agencies are to report the adjustment on their SF 224 Statement of Transactions. If the market value increases, the agency reports the following on the SF 224:

| Column 1 - TAFS |  | Column 2- Receipts |
| :---: | :--- | :--- |
| (72) 89X5227 |  | 1,000 Credit |
| 89X5227.2 |  | 1,000 |

If the market value decreases, the agency reports the following on the SF 224:

| Column 1 - TAFS | Column 2- Receipts |
| :---: | :---: |
| (72) 89X5227 | 1,000 |
| 89X5227.2 | 1,000 C |

The subclass (72) represents discount on treasury zero coupon bonds. Subclass (72) activity corresponds to .931 on the FMS 2108. The point .2 account is a receipt account for earnings on investments.

On the FMS 2108, the par value of the zero is reflected as investments in Treasury securities as 971 activity. The discount and the market value adjustments are reflected as unamortized discount designated as .931 activity.

Five SGL accounts are proposed to capture the activity for investment in zero coupon bonds.

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Account Title: Investments in U.S. Zero Coupon Bonds Issued by Public Debt
Account Number: }163
Normal Balance: Debit
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Definition: The par value of U.S. Treasury zero coupon bonds issued by the Bureau of Public Debt.

| Account Title: | Discount on U.S. Zero Coupon Bonds Issued by Public Debt |
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| Account Number: | 1631 |
| Normal Balance: | Credit |

Definition: The full discount of U. S. treasury zero coupon bonds issued by the Bureau of Public Debt and held by an agency.

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Account Title: Amortization of Discount U.S. Zero Coupon Bonds Issued by Public Debt
Account Number: }163
Normal Balance: Either
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Definition: The amortization amount of discounts on U.S. zero coupon bonds issued by the Bureau of Public Debt and held by an agency. In the FACTS II database, the normal balance assigned to this account is "debit".

## Account Title: Market Adjustment - Investments in Zero Coupon Bonds <br> Account Number: 1638 <br> Normal Balance: Either

Definition: The accumulated unrealized holding gains and losses for zero coupon bond investments due to adjustments to market value. In the FACTS II database, the normal balance assigned to this account is "debit"

## Account Title: Contra Market Adjustment - Investments in Zero Coupon Bonds Account Number: 1639 <br> Normal Balance: Either

Definition: The offset to market adjustments for investments in zero coupon bonds. The account provides a mechanism for zero coupon bonds to be reported on a basis other than market value on the balance sheet.

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The following scenario reflects investment activity for a special or trust fund. The fund collects receipts that are available for investment but not obligation. If funds are available for obligation, use the appropriate SGL account in place of SGL 4394.



[^0]| 6.At year end the discount on the note is <br> amortized. SFFAS No. 1 requires agencies to <br> use the interest method (paragraph 71). | Budgetary <br> None | Proprietary <br> 1613 Amortization of Discount and Premium on U.S. <br> Treasury Securities Issued by Public Debt <br> 5310 Interest Revenue | $\$ 150,000$ |
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| 7. Pre closing adjusted trial balance | Budgetary <br> 4114 Appropriated Trust or Special Fund Receipts <br> 4394 Receipts Not Available for Obligation <br> Upon Collection <br> Proprietary <br> 1010 Fund Balance with Treasury <br> 1610 Investments in U.S. Securities <br> Issued by Public Debt <br> 1611 Discount in U.S. Securities <br> Issued by Public Debt <br> 1613 Amortization of Discount and Premium on U.S. <br> Treasury Securities Issued by Public Debt <br> 1630 Investments in U.S. Zero Coupon Bonds Issued <br> by Public Debt <br> 1631 Discount in U.S. Zero Coupon Bonds <br> Issued by Public Debt <br> 1633 Amortization of Discount on U.S. Zero Coupon <br> Bonds Issued by Public Debt <br> 1638 Market Adjustment - Investments in Zero <br> Coupon Bonds <br> 1639 Contra Market Adjustment - Investments in Zero Coupon Bonds <br> 5310 Interest Revenue <br> 5900 Other Revenue | $\$ 65,000,000$ <br> \$ 32,500,000 <br> \$ 9,000,000 <br> \$ 150,000 <br> \$200,000,000 <br> \$ 9,000,000 <br> \$ 5,000,000 <br> \$255,650,000 | \$65,000,000 <br> \$ 1,500,000 <br> $\mathbf{\$ 1 8 0 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ <br> $\$ \mathbf{5 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ <br> $\$ 9,150,000$ <br> $\$ 60,000,000$ <br> $\$ 255,650,000$ |
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| 8. Closing entries | Budgetary <br> 4201 Total Actual Resources Collected <br> 4114 Appropriated Trust or Special Fund Receipts <br> Proprietary <br> 5310 Interest Revenue <br> 5900 Other Revenue <br> 3310 Cumulative Results of Operations | $\$ 65,000,000$ $\begin{aligned} & \$ 9,150,000 \\ & \$ 60,000,000 \end{aligned}$ | $\$ 65,000,000$ $\$ 69,150,000$ |



| 10. Balance Sheet | Assets <br> Investments <br> 1610 <br> 1611 <br> 1613 <br> 1630 <br> 1631 <br> 1633 <br> 1638 <br> 1639 <br> Total assets <br> Net position <br> 3310 | $\$$ $9,000,000$ <br> $\$$ $1,500,000)$ <br> $\$$ 150,000 <br> $\mathbf{\$ 2 0 0 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0}$  <br> $\$ \mathbf{\$ ( 1 8 0 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0})$  <br> $\$$ $\mathbf{9 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ <br> $\$$ $\mathbf{5 , 0 0 0 , 0 0 0}$ <br> $\$$ $(\mathbf{5 , 0 0 0}, 000)$ | \$ 32,500,000 <br> $\$ 36,650,000$ <br> $\$ 69,150,000$ $\begin{aligned} & \$ \underline{69,150,000} \\ & \underline{\$ 69,150,000} \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 11. Net Cost Statement | Costs <br> Less earned revenues <br> Net Cost | $\begin{aligned} & 5310 \\ & 5900 \end{aligned}$ | Not applicable <br> \$ (9,150,000) <br> $\frac{\$(60,000,000)}{\$(69,150,000)}$ |



| 14. SF 133 | 1A. Appropriations 4114 E <br>  $-4394 \mathrm{E}-\mathrm{B}$ <br> 7.  <br> 11.  | $\begin{aligned} & \$ 65,000,000 \\ & \$(65,000,000) \\ & \hline \$ 0 \\ & \$ 0 \end{aligned}$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 15. Schedule N Unavailable Collections | 0199 Balances, start of year <br> 02xx <br> Earnings on investments <br> Fees <br> 0400 Total: balances and collections <br> 05xx Appropriations (-) <br> 0799 Balance, end of year | $\$ 0$ <br> $\$ 5,000,000$ <br> $\$ 60,000,000$ <br> $\$ 65,000,000$ <br> $\$ \quad 0$ |



| 18. Statement of Financing | 1F. Exchange revenue not in budget 5900E <br> 3A. Depreciation and amortization 1613 subtract net debit balance 1633 subtract net debit balance <br> 5. Net cost | $\begin{aligned} & \$(60,000,000) \\ & \$ \quad(150,000) \\ & \$(\mathbf{9 , 0 0 0}, 000) \\ & \$(69,150,000) \end{aligned}$ |
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[^0]:    ${ }^{1}$ If the zero coupon bond is reported at market value on the balance sheet, SGL account 7180 Unrealized Gains - Investments may be used in place of SGL 1639 in transaction \#4. If the market value decreases, use SGL 7280 Unrealized Losses - Investments.

