Tips for carrying out a search using a manuscript's call number

Some manuscript call numbers can be complex, including several elements such as the collection, Arabic numbers and/or Roman numerals, the format, etc.
The simpler and more succinct your search, the more successful the result will be. In the majority of cases, we would advise you to limit your search to the following fields:
1. Enter the location where the work is kept
2. Enter the name of the library/archive
3. Enter the Arabic numbers that generally constitute the main part of the call number

Carrying out a search based on a call number composed of two numerical segments

- **Do not search under: 1385-88**
- **Search under: 1385 or 1388**

Note
- Our database cannot read the hyphen on your computer's keyboard; please do not use it when making a search.
- In order to increase the percentage of positive responses, it is better to carry out an individual search on both possible sets of numbers which are in fact part of one and the same call number.

Carrying out a search based on a call number composed of Roman and Arabic numerals

- **Do not search under: II.320**
- **Search under: II 320 or 320**

Note
- Do not enter a full stop after the Roman numerals and leave a space between the Roman and Arabic numerals.

Carrying out a search based on a call number composed of the title of the collection

- **Do not search under: Palat(inus). gr. 450**
- **Search under: Pal. gr. 450 or gr. 450 or 450**

- **Do not search under: Plutei…**
- **Search under: Plut.**

Note
- When a collection includes part of a manuscript's call number, its complete name (see the list below) may have been entered into the database or an abbreviated form (also refer to the corresponding list at the end of the document). In general, the search can therefore be carried out based on the complete name of the collection or on part of it.
- A search in an abbreviated collection must be carried out according to the form featured in the list below, otherwise your search may be unsuccessful.
- Make sure you respect the punctuation. However, the search is not case sensitive.

Mention of the format
When the format is part of the call number, it can be indicated in a variety of ways according to the institutions and their respective catalogues. This is why it is preferable not to take this element into account when carrying out your search. Here are all the different forms present in our database:

- **F or fol. or 2°**
- **Q or qu. or 4°**
- **O or oct. or 8°**

List of the principal collections included in our database.

- Additional
- Alcobaça
- Amiatino
- Arundel
- Ashburnham
- Ashmole
- Auctarius
- Augiensis
- Augustei

- Banco Rari
- Barocci
- Bodley
- Bonifatianus
- Burney
- Capponi
- Clarke
- Coislin
- Coll. Baluze
- Coll. Bourgogne
- Coll. Clairambault
- Coll. Colbert
- Coll. Doat
- Coll. Duchesne
- Coll. Dupuy
- Coll. Moreau
- Conventi soppressi
- copte
- Corale
- Cosin
- Cotton Claudius, Cotton Vitellius, etc.
- Cromwell
- Diez B. Santen
- Digby
- D'Orville
- Douce
- Edili
- Egerton
- Fabricius
- Fonds Godefroy
- Fonds Plimpton
- Garret
- Görres
- Gudiani
- Gwysaney
- Hamilton
- Harley
- Hatton
- Helmsted
- Hunter
- Junius
- Lansdowne
- Lipsius
- Lobkovic Roudnicky
- Mac Clean
- Magliabechi
- Marlay Cutting
- Musaeo (e)
- Nuove accessioni
- Panton
- Peniarth
- Perizonius
- Phillipps
- Porkington
- Rawlinson
- Rehdiger
- Ripoll
- Roe
- Rothschild
- Royal
- Salem
- San Marco
- Scaliger
- Selden Supra
- Series nova

- Sessoriano
- Sloane
- Stowe
- Strozzi
- Tanner
- Tempi
- Thott
- Ventimiliano
- Vossius
- Vulcanius
- Wake
- Weissenburg
- Yates Thompson

List of the principle abbreviated collections included in our database.
Please note that a search can be carried out by combining two or more abbreviated collections according to the type of manuscript you are looking for and the place where it is kept. For example: fr. 220 *or* nouv. acq. fr. 220.

- Aemil.
- Amplon.
- Arch. di San Pietro
- Arch. eccl.
- Arch. segr.
- Barb.
- Borg.
- Borgh.
- all.
- angl.
- arab.
- arm.
- Canon.
- Cgm
- Chig.
- class.
- Clm
- Clmae
- Cpl
- esp.
- fr.
- fragm.
- gall.
- Gen.
- germ.
- gr.
- Gronov.
- Hist.
- Hist. Helv.
- ital.
- lat.
- Laud.
- misc.
- Mp. th.
- Mus.
- nouv. acq.
- Ottob.
- Pal.
- Paulin.
- Plut. (for Plutei)
- Reg.
- Rh
- Ross.
- S. Creus
- S. Cugat
- suppl.
- Theol.

- Urb.
- Vat.
- Vitr.