

VI.5.3C-SYSTEM-MARO-MOD PROGRAM FCST FUNCTION MARO RUN TIME
MODIFICATIONS

Purpose

Run-time modifications (MODs) are used by Function MARO to enter 24 hour grid point precipitation data values (observed or forecast, depending upon the value of Technique FTWQPF).

These grid point values will replace any amount currently occupying the same grid point address. This is the only runtime modification currently available with the MARO Function.

Syntax

The runtime MOD uses free format card image form for input. The MOD begins with the MOD name of .GRIDPX. Each new grid address must begin on a new card image. Continuation of the data for a single grid point onto another card image is prohibited.

See Section VI.5.2C [[Hyperlink](#)] for a description of the command format symbols.

Form of Input

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.GRIDPX date  
grid-address 24_hour_precip [6_hour_precip]
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Parameter Description

| <u>Parameter</u> | <u>Required/ Optional</u> | <u>Maximum Characters</u> | <u>Description</u> |
|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|
| date | R | 12 | Hydrologic date of the input data <u>1/</u> |
| grid-address | R | 4 | Grid point address of the precipitation <u>2/</u> |
| 24_hour_precip | R | N/A | 24 hour precipitation value <u>3/</u> |
| 6_hour_precip | O | N/A | 6 hour precipitation value <u>3/ 4/</u> |

Notes:

1/ The date that appears here is the end of the hydrologic day for which the following runtime MOD data applies. The asterisk (*) date form indicating TODAY cannot be used.

- 2/ The grid point address field must specify grid boxes between 1 and 99 inclusive or the entire report will be discarded. The MOD will accept a real number in this field, but it will be truncated to an integer and given a validity check.
- 3/ The .GRIDPX MOD can accept either real or integer values in the precipitation fields. If the field is integer, then the input is assumed to be to the nearest 0.01 inch. If any precipitation amount exceeds the maximum precipitation amount given in Technique PP24MAX, a warning message is issued. If any precipitation amount is entered as a negative number, the entire report is discarded.
- 4/ The 6 hour precipitation field may contain up to 4 separate entries separated by spaces or commas. The use of the repeat factor (See VI.3.3B for an example) is permitted provided that the repeat factor is between 1 and 4 inclusive. Any repeat factor out of the permissible range will be changed to correspond to the number of 6 hour fields that remain to be processed and the precipitation amount following the repeat factor will be inserted in the remaining 6 hour fields. Any missing fields will be interpreted as zero amounts in the last missing periods.

Example

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.GRIDPX 072788
1105 1.50 1.20, 2*0, .30
1260 75 20 50 5
1325 52
0330 40 40
0105 45,0,10,25,10
1299 54 6*9
3284 62 3*0 62
ENDMOD
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Seven grid point precipitation values were input with the .GRIDPX MOD for the hydrologic date ending at 12Z on July 27, 1988. The data input was:

1. Grid point 1105, 24 hour precipitation 1.50 inches, with 1.20 inches in the first period (12Z-18Z), zero in the second period (18Z-00Z), zero in the third period (00Z-06Z) and 0.30 inches in the fourth period (06Z-12Z).
2. Grid point 1260, 24 hour precipitation 0.75 inches, with 0.20 inches in the first period, 0.50 inches in the second period, 0.05 inches in the third period and zero (assumed) in the fourth period.
3. Grid point 1325, 24 hour precipitation 0.52 inches, with no 6 hour distributions specified.
4. Grid point 330, 24 hour precipitation 0.40 inches, with all of it occurring in the first period (the precipitation for the second, third and fourth periods is assumed to be zero).

5. Grid point 105, 24 hour precipitation 0.45 inches, with zero in the first period, 0.10 inches in the second period, 0.25 inches in the third period and 0.10 inches in the fourth period.
6. Grid point 1299, 24 hour precipitation 0.54 inches. Since the repeat factor is out of the permissible range and there are four 6 hour fields left to process, the repeat factor will be changed to four. The distribution will then indicate 0.09 inches in the first, second, third and fourth, periods. NOTE: MARO does not store 6 hour precipitation explicitly. It stores 6 hour time distribution percentages, where each 6 hour distribution is expressed as a ratio of the 6 hour amount to the sum of the 6 hour amounts. Therefore, an even distribution would be shown.
7. Grid point 3284, 24 hour precipitation 0.62 inches, with zero in the first, second and third periods and 0.62 inches in the fourth period.