



How to Format Delta Import Files

Overview

A **Delta** Import loads only changed or modified poles into Alden ONE. Delta files follow the same tab-delimited format as Full files but include additional rules related to the **operation type**.

Template Rules

Alden provides the Delta Import template. Follow these rules:

1. Do Not copy the first row

- Row 1 = instructions
- Row 2 = actual column headers (must be first row in your file)

2. Operation Types

Each row must specify one of the following:

- Add
- Update
- Delete
- Replace

3. Required Fields

Some fields are required depending on the operation:



Field	Add	Update	Delete	Replace
LegacyPoleID	Required	Required	Required	Required
Latitude	Required	Optional	Optional	Required
Longitude	Required	Optional	Optional	Required
PoleHeight	Required	Not required	Not required	Required
PoleClass	Required	Not required	Not required	Required
InstallDate	Required	Not required	Not required	Required

4. Dependent Fields

Blue-shaded fields depend on the operation type.

Examples:

- **PoleOwner:** Required for Add/Delete/Replace, not required for Update
- **Custodian:** Only used when joint-ownership rules apply

5. Standard Fields

Gray-shaded “Standard” fields should be filled in if you have the data. If not, leave blank.

6. File Naming

Delta files must follow this format:

```
CompanyNamePoleDelta_YYYYMMDD_HHMISS.txt
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