

Nec2 Short reference card (Source: Cards.rtf from 4NEC2 application, see <https://www.qsl.net/4nec2/>)

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11		
GW	Wire geom	Tag Nr	nr of segs	X1	Y1	Z1	X2	Y2	Z2	wire radius		
GM	Geom Move	Tag increm	new structs	Rot X (deg)	Rot X (deg)	Rot Z (deg)	Mov X	Mov Y	Mov Z	From Tag		
GR	Geom Rotate	Tag increm	total structs									
GE	no gnd	0		no ground plane present (Free Space)								
	ground plane	1		Ground plane present, wire-ends for Z=0 are 'connected' to ground (GN card required; screen- and wire radius on GN card should be blank)								
	ground	-1		Ground present, wire-ends are not 'connected' to ground (GN card required)								
EX	Voltage Src	0	tag nr	segm nr	XX ->	real volts	imag volts	(19: 0 No act.; 1 print rel.admit. matrix asymetry) (20: 0 No act.; 1 print imp's for frequency loop)				
(*)	Current src	6	tag nr	segm nr	XX ->	real amps	imag amps					
FR	linear	0	Nr of steps	0	0	start Mc	Step size	F1 = F0 + step				
	log	1	nr of steps	0	0	start Mc	Step size	F1 = F0 * step				
GN	free space	-1								Nullifies previous ground settings		
	finite ground	0	nr rad. wires	0	0	diel. Const	Cond. S/m	radius screen	radius wires	(In meters) See also GE card RP card must be set to 4		
	perfect ground	1										
	sommer norton	2	0	0	0	diel. Const	Cond. S/m			note: conductivity must be negative for frequency loop		
LD	nullify	-1										
	serie RLC	0	tag nr	start segm	0/end segm	R ohms	L Henry	C Farad	LD card always in series with EX and TL cards			
	parall	1	see 0			see 0			LD4 does not supno automatic frequency scaling			
	serie RLC	2	see 0			R oh/m	L H/m	C F/m	Grounds: cond: diel:			
	parall	3	see 0			see 2			Sea water: 5.0 80			
	impe-dance	4	see 0			Resis. Ohms	React. Ohms	-	Good ground: .01 10			
	wire cond.	5	see 0			Cond. mho/m			Poor ground: .001 4			
(*)	LC trap	6	See 0			Q-coil	L henry	C farad	Polar ice .0001 1			
(*)	Insula-ted wire	7	See 0			Diel. const	Coat radius		Fresh water .002 80			
TL	trans line	tag-nr port 1	seg-nr port1	tag-nr port 2	seg-nr port 2	imped ohms	Length mtrs	admit real 1	admit ima 1	admit real 2	admit ima 2	
		a) Multiple ports are connected in parallel					b) If connected to segment with LD; LD is in serie with TL					
RP	normal	0	theta steps	phi steps	XNDA	theta start	Phi start	Theta stsize	phi stsize	far fld dist.	norm gain F	
	add surf wave	1	see 0	XNDA:							Add surface wave	
	ground cond's	2..3	see 0	17: 0: major/minor axis; 1: vert/hor gain							Special ground conditions	
	ground screen	4	see 0	18: 0: no norm gain; 1-5: normalized gain							Ground-screen; must be specified in GN card !	
	gnd scr, cond's	5..6	see 0	19: 0: power gain; 1: directive gain							Both ground-screen and special ground conditions	
				20: 0: no avaraging; 1: avar gain; 2 avar gain								
				(see also page 78 doc.)								
PQ	no charges	-1										
	charges	0	tag nr	start segm	0/end segm							
PT	all curr	-2										
	no curr	-1										
	Curr.	0	tag nr	start segm	0/end segm							

	Receiv-pattern	1..3	tag nr	start segm	0/end segm							See page 74 manual
Geometry cards		I1	I2	F1	F2	F3	F4					
		3-5	6-10	11-20	21-30	31-40	41-50					
Prog-ctrl cards		I1	I2	I3	I4	F1	F2	F3	F4	F5	F6	
		3-5	6-10	11-15	16-20	21-30	31-40	41-50	51-60	61-70	71-80	

Note:

This summary is far from complete. It only lists the most important cards used by the author for his initial steps on the antenna-modeling path.

Use the 'Nec-editor' (See '[Settings](#)' option on the 'Main' form) or consult the Nec-2 user-manual to assist with filling the appropriate positions for the different Nec-2 cards.