

Title: Do we know how share split dividend shares are going to be distributed? Could they all go through Compushare?

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Smooth brain here, so may be way off on this...but per IBM Investors page, if IBM were to issue a stock split, it would be issued through the Transfer Agent. I know this seems to read more for a stock split, not dividend stock split, but still felt relevant.

Any chance Gamestop would issue this same way? Would this not help lock the float?? To keep it super simple (for me because my brain is smooth).

- * If the float is 1 million prior to dividend split
- * Say 25% is currently DRS'd (250,000)
- * Also say the float is only 100% sold for this example
- * New float with dividend is now 4 million
- * If the dividend split shares were all sent to compushare to be distributed and held, that would now make the DRS percentage of shares.....75% of new float (3 million) + amount that was previously DRS'd (250,000) = 3,250,000 which equals = 81.25% DRS.

From here, I don't even know what would happen. My brain hurts, I am leaving it here hoping some wrinkled brains can help because I am tired and typing this on my phone.

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IBM stock splits and IBM stock dividends

Frequently asked questions about IBM, our stock, finances and investing in the company. (Just copied over the most relevant)

How and when are stock split shares delivered?

IBM delivered stock split shares in 1997 and 1999 (the last two stock splits) using book entry. For stock splits prior to 1997, shares were delivered in certificate form and the stock certificates were mailed directly to the address of record for each stockholder. Stock split shares are credited to stockholder accounts on the payable date for the stock split. For example, the stock split record date for our last stock split was May 10, 1999 and split shares were credited to stockholders via book entry on the payable date of May 26, 1999. If a stockholder preferred a stock certificate instead of a book entry stock split credit, the stockholder could request one anytime after a split payable date.

What is book entry?

Book entry allows share ownership without stock certificates. This system is similar to that used with investments in a mutual fund or a corporate dividend reinvestment plan. You do not need to be enrolled in a dividend reinvestment plan to have book entry ownership.

Registered stockholders hold their book entry shares with the transfer agent, Computershare, which serves as the recordkeeper. When there is a transaction on the stockholder's account, the transfer agent records the transaction and mails a statement to the stockholder reflecting the transaction and the total number of shares owned. Stockholders may also request a book entry statement at any time.

What is the advantage of safekeeping/book entry share ownership?

When shares are held in book entry, you are relieved of the responsibility of storing a certificate and the risk of, and replacement cost associated with, the potential loss of the certificate. You can also sell book entry stock directly through the transfer agent or you can request a stock certificate at any time. Most IBM stockholders of record already have a book entry position at Computershare, formerly known as EquiServe. The 1997 two-for-one stock split was also handled with book entry.

Who mails the stock split book entry statement?

Our stock transfer agent, Computershare, formerly EquiServe, mails the book entry statement to stockholders of record. You should have received your statement on or near May 26, 1999.

Why does IBM use book entry for stock splits?

Book entry ownership provides these benefits to stockholders:

You may sell book entry shares directly through the transfer agent;

Stockholders no longer bear the risk of losing and the cost of replacing a stock certificate;

Stockholders can electronically transfer book entry shares directly to their broker from the transfer agent;

Book entry reduces the costs associated with issuing and delivering physical stock certificates.