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| **Character** | **Description** | **Example** |
| G | Era designator | AD |
| y | Year in four digits | 2001 |
| M | Month in year | July or 07 |
| d | Day in month | 10 |
| h | Hour in A.M./P.M. (1~12) | 12 |
| H | Hour in day (0~23) | 22 |
| m | Minute in hour | 30 |
| s | Second in minute | 55 |
| S | Millisecond | 234 |
| E | Day in week | Tuesday |
| D | Day in year | 360 |
| F | Day of week in month | 2 (second Wed. in July) |
| w | Week in year | 40 |
| W | Week in month | 1 |
| a | A.M./P.M. marker | PM |
| k | Hour in day (1~24) | 24 |
| K | Hour in A.M./P.M. (0~11) | 10 |
| z | Time zone | Eastern Standard Time |
| ' | Escape for text | Delimiter |
| " | Single quote | ` |