

The average daily balance method

The new balance

The amount of a finance charge is



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Billing Periods	Payment	End-of-day Balance	Number of Days	Sum of Balances
3/1 - 3/14		\$438.65	14	\$6,141.10
3/15	\$110.73	327.92	1	327.92
3/16 - 3/31		327.92	16	5,246.72

Maria Stevens received her March statement from the Charge-o-Rama credit card company. What is her daily balance according to the above information? Express your answer as a dollar amount to the nearest cent.

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4/1 - 4/17		\$406.59	17	
4/18	\$149.72	256.87	1	
4/19 - 4/30		256.87	12	

Steve Johnson received his April statement from the Max-it-On credit card company. What is his daily balance according to the above information? Express your answer as a dollar amount to the nearest cent.

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3/1 - 3/18		\$442.07	18	
3/19	\$136.24	305.83	1	
3/20 - 3/31		305.83	12	

Maria Johnson received her March statement from the Buy-it-you Die credit card company. If the periodic rate for the average daily balance is 2.9%, what is the finance charge this month for the account according to the above information? Express your answer as a dollar amount to the nearest cent.

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6/1 - 6/16		\$546.96	16	\$8,751.36
6/17	\$168.76	378.20	1	378.20
6/18 - 6/30		378.20	13	4,916.60

Veronica Galatino received her June statement from the Buy-it-you Die credit card company. If the periodic rate for the average daily balance is 1.8%, what is the finance charge this month for the account according to the above information? Express your answer as a dollar amount to the nearest cent.

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7/1 - 7/16		\$596.54	16	\$9,544.64
7/17		461.93	1	461.93
7/18 - 7/31		461.93	14	6,467.02

Maria Escalante received her July statement from the Charge-o-Ramona credit card company. The periodic rate for the average daily balance is 1.7% and Maria made purchases totaling \$206.60. What is the new balance as of July 31? Express your answer as a dollar amount to the nearest cent.