COMMENT CHECK

PURPOSE
Specifies whether data files are checked for the comment character on subsequent reads.

DESCRIPTION
This command allows comment lines to be embedded in data files without the user having to know which lines contain them. This command should not be used if there are not comment lines since it slows down the read.

SYNTAX
COMMENT CHECK <ON/OFF>
where ON specifies that data files are checked for comment characters and OFF specifies that they are not.

EXAMPLES
COMMENT CHECK ON
COMMENT CHECK OFF

NOTE
Comments are only looked for in column 1.

DEFAULT
Data files are not checked for comment lines.

SYNONYMS
None

RELATED COMMANDS
COMMENT CHARACTER	=	Define a character to be used as a comment character.
SKIP	=	Skip over lines at the beginning of a file on subsequent reads.

APPLICATIONS
Data input

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