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This document is to be read in conjunction with IEC 62351-3:2014, IEC 62351-3/AMD1:2018 and IEC 62351-3/AMD2:2020.

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## INTRODUCTION

This technical specification describes test cases for conformance testing of telecontrol equipment or systems integrating the IEC 62351-3 security extension for profiles including TCP/IP.

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## POWER SYSTEMS MANAGEMENT AND ASSOCIATED INFORMATION EXCHANGE – DATA AND COMMUNICATIONS SECURITY –

### Part 100-3: Conformance test cases for IEC 62351-3, the secure communication extension for profiles including TCP/IP

## 1 Scope

This part of IEC 62351, which is a technical specification, describes test cases of data and communication security for telecontrol equipment, Substation Automation Systems [SAS] and telecontrol systems, including front-end functions of SCADA.

The goal of this document is to enable interoperability by providing a standard method of testing protocol implementations to verify that a device fulfils the requirement of IEC 62351-3. Note that conformity to IEC 62351-3 does not guarantee interoperability between devices using different implementations. It is expected that using this specification during testing will minimize the risk of non-interoperability. A basic condition for this interoperability is a passed conformance test of both devices.

The scope of this document is the specification of common available procedures and definitions for conformance and/or interoperability testing to ensure conformity to IEC 62351-3. The conformance test cases defined here are focused to verify the conformant integration of the underlying authentication/encryption protocol (TLS), as specified in IEC 62351-3, to protect TCP/IP based communications.

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This document is not intended to test the underlying authentication/encryption protocol required by IEC 62351-3 to be implemented over TCP/IP (TLS). The conformance testing of the authentication/encryption protocol over TCP/IP is outside the scope of this document.

This document deals with data and communication security conformance testing; therefore, other requirements, such as safety or EMC are not covered. These requirements are covered by other standards (if applicable) and the proof of compliance for these topics is done according to these standards.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements of this document. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.<sup>1</sup>

IEC TS 62351-2:2008, *Power systems management and associated information exchange - Data and communications security - Part 2: Glossary of terms*

IEC 62351-3:2014, *Power systems management and associated information exchange – Data and communications security – Part 3: Communication network and system security – Profiles*

<sup>1</sup> The base standard always takes precedence. In case of ambiguity between this technical specification and the base standards (IEC 62351-3), this part of IEC 62351 needs to be clarified or amended.

When testing, negative behavior is not described in the base standard, the behavior described in this document prevails and should be observed. The conformance statement produced after testing indicates any lack of conformance to either the test plan or the base standard.

*including TCP/IP*

IEC 62351-3:2014/AMD1:2018, IEC 62351-3:2014/AMD2:2019

### 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in IEC TS 62351-2 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

##### 3.1.1

##### **client**

device receiving or requesting services or information from server devices

Note 1 to entry: In some specifications, a device is commonly called "controlling station" or "master" or "master station".

##### 3.1.2

##### **interoperability**

ability of two or more telecontrol devices from the same vendor, or different vendors, to exchange information and use that information for correct cooperation

##### 3.1.3

##### **Message Authentication Code (MAC)**

calculated value used by a receiving station to authenticate and check the integrity of an information

##### 3.1.4

##### **normal procedure tests**

set of test cases to verify that the device fulfils the requirements of IEC 62351-3 in the expected (normal) conditions

##### 3.1.5

##### **Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement (PICS)**

summary of the referencing standard capabilities of the system to be tested

##### 3.1.6

##### **Protocol Implementation Document (PID)**

document which describes complete functionalities and system specific information

Note 1 to entry: The PID consists of the PICS and the PIXIT.

##### 3.1.7

##### **protocol Implementation eXtra Information for Testing (PIXIT)**

system specific information contained in the PIXIT document regarding the capabilities of the system to be tested, which specifies which items are optional

##### 3.1.8

##### **resiliency tests**

set of test cases to verify that the device fulfils the requirements of IEC 62351-3 in reacting to the unexpected (error) conditions

### 3.1.9

#### **server**

device that provides information or services to client devices

Note 1 to entry: In some specifications, a server is commonly called "controlled station" or "outstation" or "slave".

### 3.1.10

#### **test equipment**

all tools and instruments which simulate and verify the communication traffic, inputs and/or outputs of the system under test

### 3.1.11

#### **test initiator**

party initiating a conformance test of a device that is executed by a test facility

### 3.1.12

#### **test facility**

supplier-independent organization which is able to provide appropriate test equipment and trained staff for conformance testing

## 3.2 Abbreviated terms

Refer to IEC 62351-2 for a list of applicable abbreviated terms. The abbreviations listed below are included here because they are specific to IEC 62351-3 and they may be useful for reading this document as an independent document.

CRL	Certificate Revocation List
DUT	Device Under Test
IP	Inter-Networking Protocol
MAC	Message Authentication Code
OCSP	Online Certificate Status Protocol
PICS	Protocol Implementation Conformance Statement
PID	Protocol Implementation Document (=PICS + PIXIT)
PIXIT	Protocol Implementation eXtra Information for Testing
SAS	Substation Automation System
SCADA	Supervisory Control And Data Acquisition
TCP	Transport Control Protocol

## 4 General

### 4.1 Normatives covered by this document

This document defines the conformance test cases for the requirements defined in IEC 62351-3:2014, IEC 62351-3:2014/AMD1:2018, IEC 62351-3:2014/AMD2:2019 and the parts of the series requiring conformance to IEC 62351-3.

In addition to the test cases described in this document there are further test cases necessary for TLS base protocol RFC as well as test cases depending on the content provided in the certificates. An example may be the RBAC extension specified in IEC 62351-8 or certificate profiles defined in IEC 62351-9.

## 4.2 Conformance testing structure

### 4.2.1 General

IEC 62351-3 defines the requirements related to the authentication/encryption protocol, procedures and methods to be implemented at TCP/IP (transport) level.

The conformance test cases are divided into three clauses:

- Clause 5: Verification of configuration parameters. This clause contains the parameters specified by the standards referencing IEC 62351-3 (see IEC 62351-3:2014/AMD1:2018, Clause 7) and affecting the protocol behavior.
- Clause 6: Verification of IEC 62351-3 requirements. The goal of this clause is to verify that DUT is conformant to the requirements of the IEC 62351-3.
- Clause 7: Test result chart. This clause contains the results of the test cases listed in Clause 6 for each supported value of the configuration parameters listed in Clause 5.

The test cases are organized in tables. They are numbered, their numbering syntax is: Subclause number (where the table is located) + test case number.

In the column 'Reference' each test case has a direct reference to IEC 62351-3 where the clause under test is defined. PICS or PIXIT could be found in the "Reference" column for some test cases whenever the execution of the test case shall take into account specific parameter values declared in the PICS or PIXIT of the DUT.

Test cases are mandatory depending on the description in the column 'Required'. The following situations are possible:

M = Mandatory test case. The test is referencing to a clause that is mandatory in IEC 62351-3.

PICS

or

PIXIT = Mandatory test case if the functionality is enabled in the PICS or PIXIT by marking the applicable check box or declaring the applicable value.

### 4.2.2 Conformance testing addressed per station type

The test cases in Clause 6 to verify the requirements defined in IEC 62351-3 are addressed per station type (client and server).

### 4.2.3 Normal procedure tests and resiliency tests

IEC 62351-3 specifies how each station (client and server) shall execute the procedures in normal conditions (expected behavior) and also how it shall behave when unexpected or fault events occur during their execution (negative behaviors). So, for each procedure in Clause 6 the test cases are also divided in two sections: the normal procedures test cases addressing the expected behaviors and the resiliency test cases addressing unexpected or fault events.

Normal Procedure tests and Resiliency tests shall be performed according to the parameters values supported by the DUT as defined in Clause 6, declared in the PICS and in the PIXIT of the DUT.

All the tests defined in this technical specification shall be executed for client stations and server stations unless otherwise specified in the test cases.

### 4.3 Conformance testing requirements

#### 4.3.1 Testing within the context of an application

The test cases listed in this document shall be executed within the context of an application. The DUT claiming conformance to IEC 62351-3 shall execute an application protocol defined in a standard requiring conformance to IEC 62351-3.

#### 4.3.2 Requirements for the device under test

The entity submitting the device for testing shall provide the following:

- a) The device ready for testing;
- b) The Protocol Implementation Document (PID);
- c) Instruction manuals detailing the installation and operation of the device or assistance for operating the DUT during the test.

A device is ready for testing when the following requisites are satisfied:

- d) The DUT is able to operate as a client or server station according to the PID (depending on the type of DUT).
- e) The DUT must be fully configured according to the PID and shall be able to execute all the functionality of the protocol implementation as described in the PID.
- f) The functionality described in the PID related to data points such as parameter loading, read procedure, command transmission, etc. is implemented with a representative sub-set of data points.
- g) Verification of the data points shall be possible in a human readable way or format, and the verification of analogue and digital status changes is possible.

#### 4.3.3 Requirements for the test facility

The following requirements shall be satisfied by the test facility:

The documentation provided with the DUT shall be inspected for correctness and completeness. Also, the software and hardware versions of the DUT shall be verified.

- Conformance testing shall be customized for the DUT based on the capabilities identified in the PID (=PICS+PIXIT). Upon this customization, the test facility shall communicate what the tailored test plan will cover.
- The test cases listed in Clauses 5 and 6 shall be performed with no errors detected during testing.
- The test cases in Clause 6 should be performed in the order listed and the steps in each test case shall be followed, which means that the DUT is able to function as described in the specific test case.
- For each test case listed in Clauses 5 and 6 the test results need to be marked in the appropriate column of the test result chart in Clause 7. Each test case can either pass (Passed), or fail (Failed), or be not applicable (NA) when the configuration value is not supported by the device, or the test case cannot be performed (Empty). Ideally, there should be no empty boxes when the conformance testing is completed.
- Release a conformance test report of the DUT to the test initiator.

All test cases listed in Clause 7 should be verified automatically by a testing software or verified manually by review of the test history log after execution of the test procedures. The simulator is preferably flexible in adding or changing test cases in order to be adaptable to changes in the protocol standard and the PID provided with the DUT. In all cases, the test shall be reproducible over time by test engineers in the test facility.