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- in Table 1 the "comment" block delimiter has been renamed "TAG" block delimiter,
- new identifiers have been added to Table 4,
- the following sentences have been removed from 8.3 as they are not used by other standards prepared by technical committee 80: ALM and MLA which described almanac data from satellite navigation systems, DCN which described DECCA data, DSI and DSR

which controlled the DSC transponder, GLC and LCD which described LORAN data, and GMP which supported land use of map projections,

- new sentences CBR, GFA, HBT, NAK, MEB, POS, TTD and VER have been added,
- corrections have been made to the following sentences: ABK, BBM, DOR, FIR, SSD, TUT, and VTG,
- extra fields have been added to AIR to support further ITU messages,
- new fields have been added to GBS, GRS, GSA and GSV to support new satellite navigation systems,
- a new navigational status indicator has been added to GNS and RMC,
- a new sentence status flag had been added to DDC, FSI, HSC and NRM,
- three additional tests have been added to Annex B.

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## INTRODUCTION

International standard IEC 61162 is a four part standard which specifies four digital interfaces for application in marine navigation, radiocommunication and system integration. The four parts are:

- IEC 61162-1 Single talker and multiple listeners;
- IEC 61162-2 Single talker and multiple listeners, high speed transmission;
- IEC 61162-3 Multiple talkers and multiple listeners – Serial data instrument network;
- IEC 61162-4 Multiple talkers and multiple listeners – Ship systems interconnection.

IEC technical committee 80 interface standards are developed with input from manufacturers, private and government organisations and equipment operators. The information is intended to meet the needs of users at the time of publication, but users should recognise that as applications and technology change, interface standards should change as well. Users of this standard are advised to immediately inform the IEC of any perceived inadequacies therein.

The first edition of IEC 61162-1 was published in 1995. The second edition published in 2000 removed some sentences which were no longer in use, added some new sentences and included details of the ship equipment defined in IMO resolutions together with appropriate sentences for communication between them. This information was subsequently removed from the third edition when it became the practice to specify the sentence formatters in the individual standards for equipment.

The third edition published in 2007 introduced a re-arrangement of the text and new sentences particularly to support the Automatic Identification System and the Voyage Data Recorder. The third edition also introduced a further type of start of sentence delimiter. The conventional delimiter "\$" was retained for the conventional sentences which are now called parametric sentences. The new delimiter "!" identifies sentences that conform to special purpose encapsulation.

This fourth edition removes some sentences which are not in use, adds some new sentences for new applications and makes some corrections and additions. In particular the sentences of relevance to satellite navigation receivers have been expanded to facilitate the description of new satellite systems.

Liaison has been maintained with NMEA and this edition has been aligned where appropriate with NMEA 0183 version 4.00.

# MARITIME NAVIGATION AND RADIOCOMMUNICATION EQUIPMENT AND SYSTEMS – DIGITAL INTERFACES –

## Part 1: Single talker and multiple listeners

### 1 Scope

This part of IEC 61162 contains the requirements for data communication between maritime electronic instruments, navigation and radiocommunication equipment when interconnected via an appropriate system.

This part of IEC 61162 is intended to support one-way serial data transmission from a single talker to one or more listeners. This data is in printable ASCII form and may include information such as position, speed, depth, frequency allocation, etc. Typical messages may be from about 11 to a maximum of 79 characters in length and generally require transmission no more rapidly than one message per second.

The electrical definitions in this standard are not intended to accommodate high-bandwidth applications such as radar or video imagery, or intensive database or file transfer applications. Since there is no provision for guaranteed delivery of messages and only limited error checking capability, this standard should be used with caution in all safety applications.

For applications where a faster transmission rate is necessary, reference should be made to IEC 61162-2.

### 2 Normative references

The following referenced documents are indispensable for the application 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.

IEC 60945:2002, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – General requirements – Methods of testing and required test results*

IEC 61162-2:1998, *Maritime navigation and radiocommunication equipment and systems – Digital interfaces – Part 2: Single talker and multiple listeners, high-speed transmission*

ISO/IEC 8859-1:1998, *Information technology – 8-bit single-byte coded graphic character sets – Part 1: Latin alphabet No.1*

ITU-T X.27/V.11:1996, *Electrical characteristics for balanced double-current interchange circuits operating at data signalling rates up to 10 Mbit/s*

### 3 Terms and definitions

Common terms are defined in the glossary of Annex A. Where there is a conflict, terms are interpreted, wherever possible, in accordance with the references in Clause 2.

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

#### 3.1

##### **talker**

any device which sends data to other devices. The type of talker is identified by a 2-character mnemonic as listed in 8.2 (see Table 4)

#### 3.2

##### **listener**

any device which receives data from another device

### 4 Manufacturer's documentation

Operator manuals or other appropriate literature provided for equipment that is intended to meet the requirements of this standard shall contain the following information:

- a) identification of the A and B signal lines;
- b) the output drive capability as a talker;
- c) a list of approved sentences, noting unused fields, proprietary sentences transmitted as a talker and transmission interval for each sentence;
- d) the load requirements as a listener;
- e) a list of sentences and associated data fields that are required as a listener;
- f) the current software and hardware revision if this is relevant to the interface;
- g) an electrical description or schematic of the listener/talker input/output circuits citing actual components and devices used, including connector type and part number;
- h) the version number and date of update of the standard for which compliance is sought.

### 5 Hardware specification

#### 5.1 General

NOTE Guidelines on methods of testing are given in Annex B.

One talker and multiple listeners may be connected in parallel over an interconnecting wire. The number of listeners depends on the output capability and input drive requirements of individual devices.

#### 5.2 Interconnecting wire

Interconnection between devices may be by means of a two-conductor, shielded, twisted-pair wire.

#### 5.3 Conductor definitions

The conductors referred to in this standard are the signal lines A and B, and shield.

## 5.4 Electrical connections/shield requirements

All signal line A connections are connected in parallel with all device A connections and all signal line B connections are connected in parallel with all device B connections. The shields of all listener cables should be connected to the talker chassis only and should not be connected at each listener.

## 5.5 Connector

No standard connector is specified. Wherever possible readily available commercial connectors shall be used. Manufacturers shall provide means for user identification of the connections used.

## 5.6 Electrical signal characteristics

### 5.6.1 General

This subclause describes the electrical characteristics of transmitters and receivers.

### 5.6.2 Signal state definitions

The idle, marking, logical 1, OFF or stop bit states are defined by a negative voltage on line A with respect to line B.

The active, spacing, logical 0, ON or start bit states are defined by a positive voltage on line A with respect to line B.

It should be noted that the above A with respect to B levels are inverted from the voltage input/output requirements of standard UARTs and that many line drivers and receivers provide a logic inversion.

### 5.6.3 Talker drive circuits

No provision is made for more than a single talker to be connected to the bus. The drive circuit used to provide the signal A and the return B shall meet, as a minimum, the requirements of ITU-T X.27/V.11.

### 5.6.4 Listener receive circuits

Multiple listeners may be connected to a single talker. The listener receive circuit shall consist of an opto-isolator and shall have protective circuits to limit current, reverse bias and power dissipation at the opto-diode as shown in Figure 1. Reference is made to example circuits in 9.2.

The receive circuit shall be designed for operation with a minimum differential input voltage of 2,0 V<sup>1</sup> and shall not take more than 2,0 mA from the line at that voltage.

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<sup>1</sup> For reasons of compatibility with equipment designed to comply with earlier versions of NMEA 0183, it is noted that the idle, marking, logical "1", OFF or stop bit state had previously been defined to be in the range –15,0 V to +0,5 V. The active, spacing, logical "0", ON or start bit state was defined to be in the range +4,0 V to +15,0 V while sourcing was not less than 15 mA.

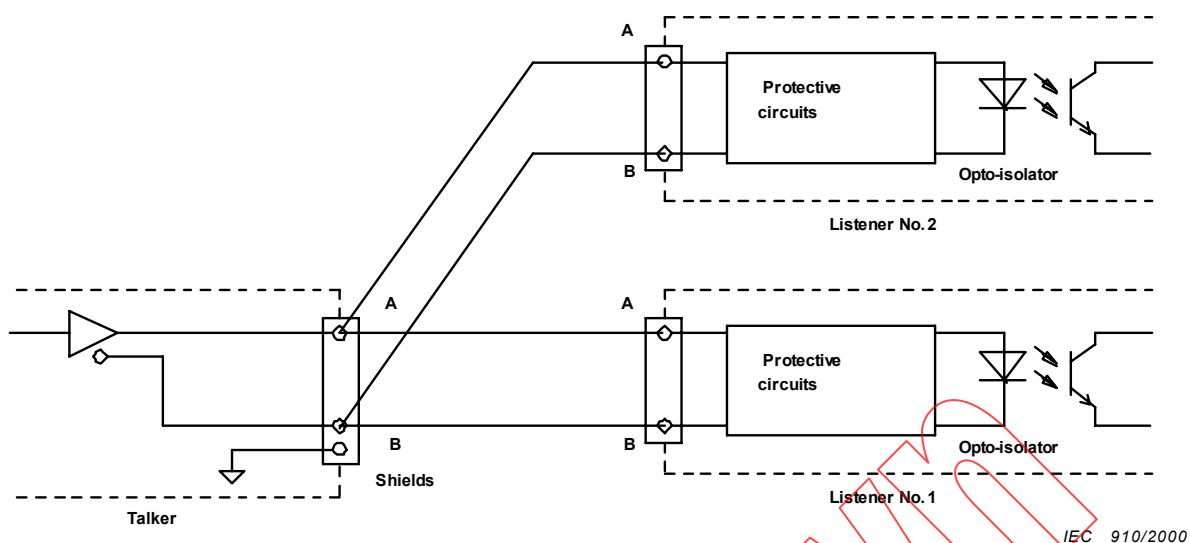


Figure 1 – Listener receive circuit

### 5.6.5 Electrical isolation

Within a listener, there shall be no direct electrical connection between the signal line A, return line B, or shield and ship's ground or power. Isolation from ship's ground is required.

### 5.6.6 Maximum voltage on bus

The maximum applied voltage between signal lines A and B and between either line and ground shall be in accordance with ITU-T X.27/V.11.

For protection against mis-wiring and for use with earlier talker designs, all receive circuit devices shall be capable of withstanding 15 V between signal lines A and B and between either line and ground for an indefinite period.

## 6 Data transmission

Data is transmitted in serial asynchronous form in accordance with the standards referenced in Clause 2. The first bit is a start bit and is followed by data bits, least-significant-bit first, as illustrated by Figure 2.

The following parameters are used:

- baud rate 4 800;
- data bits 8 (D7 = 0), parity none;
- stop bits 1.

