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**Road vehicles — Tachograph systems —  
Part 3:  
Motion sensor interface**

*Véhicules routiers — Systèmes tachygraphes —*

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## Foreword

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— *Part 2: Recording unit, electrical interface* [ISO 16844-3:2004  
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— *Part 3: Motion sensor interface*

— *Part 4: CAN interface*

— *Part 5: Secured CAN interface*

— *Part 6: Diagnostics*

— *Part 7: Parameters*

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## Introduction

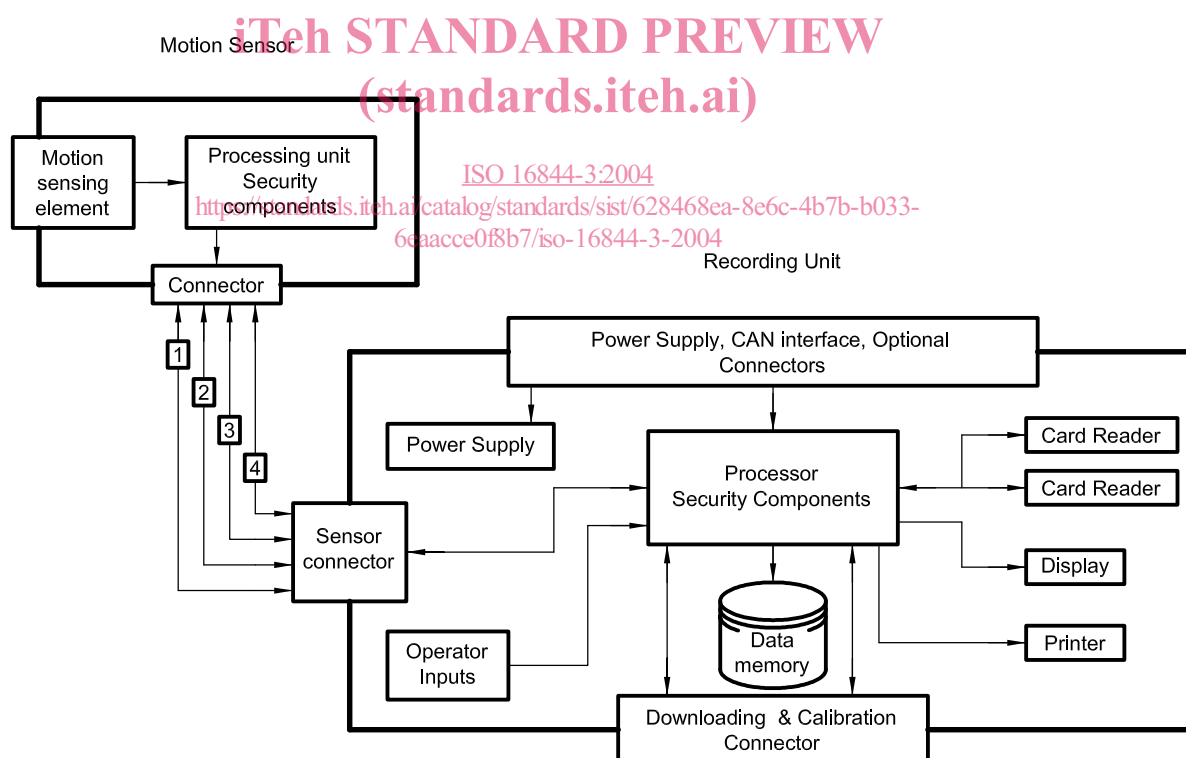
ISO 16844 supports and facilitates the communication between electronic units and a tachograph; the tachograph being based upon Council Regulations (EEC) No. 3820/85 <sup>[1]</sup> and (EEC) No. 3821/85 <sup>[2]</sup> and their amendments Council Regulation (EEC) No. 2135/98 <sup>[3]</sup> and Commission Regulation (EC) No. 1360/2002 <sup>[4]</sup>.

Its purpose is to ensure the compatibility of tachographs from various tachograph manufacturers.

The basis of the digital tachograph concept is a recording unit (RU) that stores data related to the activities of the drivers of a vehicle on which it is installed. When the RU is in normal operational status, the data stored in its memory are made accessible to various entities such as drivers, authorities, workshops and transport companies in a variety of ways: they may be displayed on a screen, printed by a printing device or downloaded to an external device. Access to stored data is controlled by a smart card inserted in the tachograph.

In order to prevent manipulation of the tachograph system, the speed signal sender (motion sensor) is provided with an encrypted data link.

A typical tachograph system is shown in Figure 1.



### Key

- 1 positive supply
- 2 battery minus
- 3 speed signal, real time
- 4 data signal in/out

Figure 1 — Typical tachograph system

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# Road vehicles — Tachograph systems —

## Part 3: Motion sensor interface

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 16844 specifies the physical and data link layers of the electrical interface connecting a motion sensor to a vehicle unit, used in tachograph systems in road vehicles to perform speed signal transmission and data interchange.

### 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.

ISO 15170-1, *Road vehicles — Four-pole electrical connectors with pins and twist lock — Part 1: Dimensions and classes of application*

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ISO/IEC 10116, *Information technology — Security techniques — Modes of operation for an n-bit block cipher*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

##### check sum

sum (two byte value) of the bytes pointed out at the corresponding location

#### 3.2

##### direction of movement

bit 6 of byte MF showing whether the vehicle moving direction is forward or reverse

#### 3.3

##### direction of movement ON

bit 7 of Byte MF showing whether the additional direction information is available or not

#### 3.4

##### identification key

key necessary for Initialization of a motion sensor, not stored in the sensor memory

NOTE The identification key is derived by adding a constant control vector of the value 48 21 5F 00 03 41 32 8A<sub>1</sub> || 00 68 4D 00 CB 21 70 1D hexadecimal on the master key ( $K_{ID}=K \text{ XOR CV}$ ).

#### 3.5

##### inter byte timing

possible pause between two bytes of a message

**3.6**

**header**

first four bytes of a message containing sync-byte, target, STX and length of the message

**3.7**

**key**

**master key**

key necessary for Initialization of a motion sensor, not stored in the sensor memory

**3.8**

**pairing key**

key only used during the pairing sequence

NOTE Every pairing key is unique to the motion sensor to which it belongs.

**3.9**

**reset**

restart of the motion sensor processing unit program

**3.10**

**RxD\_in**

signal within the motion sensor to the RxD input of the processing unit

**3.11**

**sensor signal**

frequency signal proportional to the speed within the motion sensor

**3.12**

**session key**

key used for messages to be encrypted

NOTE Every session key is unique to a special motion sensor and the vehicle unit to which it belongs.

**3.13**

**tail**

last two bytes of a message containing ETX and LRC

**3.14**

**triple DES**

multiple encryption or decryption of plain text or cipher text with different keys

NOTE 1 Encryption: first, the plain text is encrypted using a first key, then it is decrypted using a second key, and then it is encrypted again using a third key.

NOTE 2 Decryption: first, the cipher text is decrypted using the third key, then it is encrypted using the second key, and then it is decrypted again using the first key.

**3.15**

**two-key triple DES**

encryption algorithm similar to triple DES where the third key used is equal to the first one

**3.16**

**TxD\_out**

signal within the motion sensor from the TxD output of the processing unit



**3.17****vehicle unit**

recording equipment excluding the motion sensor and its connecting cables

NOTE The vehicle unit can either be a single unit or several units distributed in the vehicle, as long as it complies with the security requirements of [1], [2] and [3].

**3.18****voltage monitor**

hardware function that detects a drop of the supply voltage below a defined level

**3.19**

$K'_P$

key derived from the pairing used to encrypt the pairing data

**4 Symbols and abbreviated terms**

CS check sum

$CS_{high}$  high byte of CS

$CS_{low}$  low byte of CS

CV control vector

CVPI check value previous instruction

$D_A$  data for authentication

DES data encryption standard

$D_{Fs}$  data of file selected

DON direction of movement On

DM direction of movement

$D_S$  data of sensor (encrypted, i.e. two-key triple DES)

EXT end of text marker

$K$  master key

$K_{ID}$  identification key

$K_P$  pairing key

$K_S$  sessions key

LSB least significant byte

LRC longitudinal redundancy check

MF multi function byte

MSB most significant byte

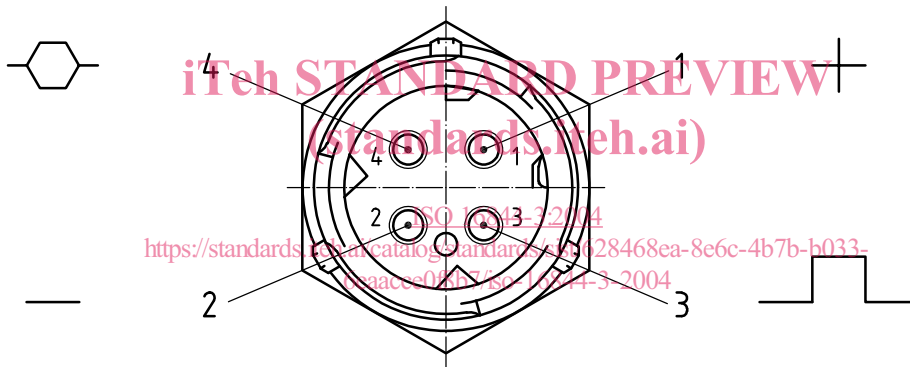
- NARA new audit record available
- $N_S$  extended serial number
- $P_D$  pairing data
- STX start of text
- VU vehicle unit
- XOR arithmetical exclusive OR

**5 Connector**

**5.1 Dimensions and pin allocation**

The connector used (see Figure 2) shall be according to ISO 15170-1, with coding No. 1, application class K3 (contact temperature range  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+140\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ , max. acceleration of vibrations  $300\text{ m/s}^2$ ).

The pin allocation shall be in accordance with Table 1.



**Key**

1 to 4 pin Nos.

**Figure 2 — Marking zone at fixed or free connector — Code 1**

**Table 1 — Pin allocation**

Pin No.	Function
1	Positive supply
2	Battery minus
3	Speed signal, real time
4	Data signal, in/out

## 5.2 Electrical specification

### 5.2.1 Electrical requirements

The allocated connector function shall be in accordance with Table 2 and valid within the temperature range  $-40\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$  to  $+135\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ .

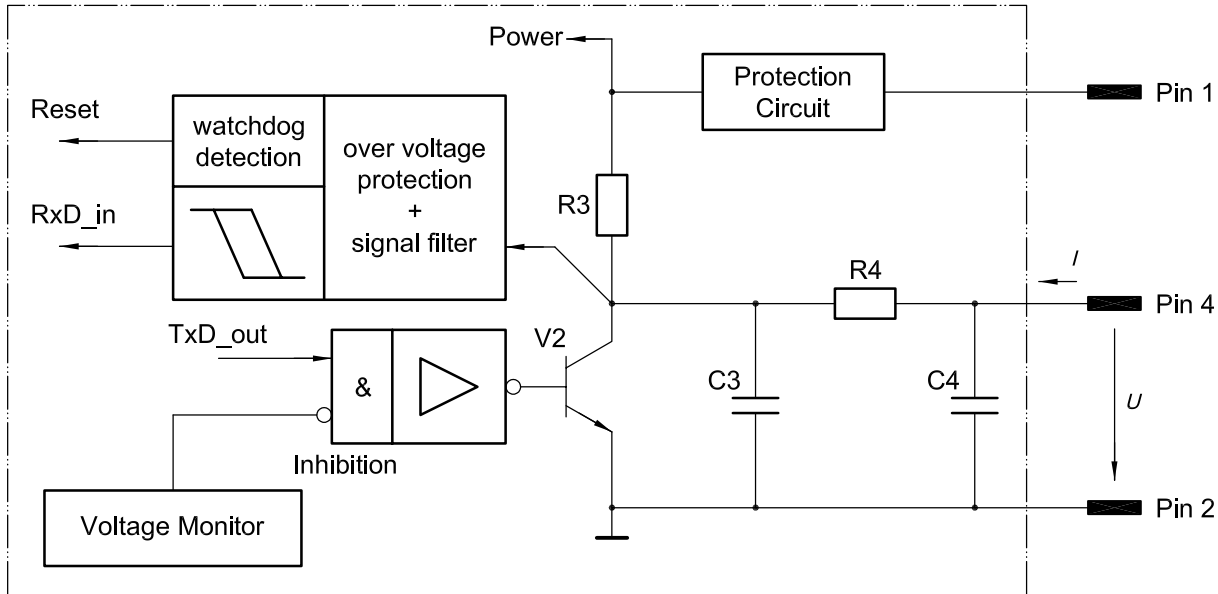
**Table 2 — Electrical requirements of allocated connector function**

Pole No.	Function	Parameter	Electrical requirements			Remark
			min.	typical.	max.	
1	Positive supply	Voltage	6.5 V	—	9 V	Reverse voltage protected <sup>b</sup>
		Current $I_S$	—	—	15 mA	Total unit current without direction signal current, see Clause 8.
2	Battery minus	—	—	—	—	See ISO 16844-2.
3	Speed signal real time <sup>a</sup>	$U_{low}$	—	—	0,8 V	$I = 250\text{ }\mu\text{A}^b$
		$U_{high}$	$U_{pos\ sply}$ -1,5 V	—	—	$I = -150\text{ }\mu\text{A}^b$
		Rise time (10 % to 90 %)	—	50 $\mu\text{s}$	—	Test condition: External pull up resistor 22 k $\Omega$ to positive supply ( $U_{pos\ sply}$ ); $U_{pos\ sply} = 6,5\text{ V}$ ; external capacitor 2 nF to battery minus.
		Fall time (90 % to 10 %)	—	10 $\mu\text{s}$	—	
		Frequency	—	—	<1,6 kHz	—
4	Data signal in/out <sup>a</sup>	$U_{low\ in}$	—	—	1,2 V	$I = -1\text{ mA}^b$
		$U_{high\ in}$	5,2 V	—	—	$I = -0,5\text{ mA}^b$
		$U_{low\ out}$	—	—	1 V	$I = 1\text{ mA}^b$
		$U_{high\ out}$	5,4 V	—	—	$I = -20\text{ }\mu\text{A}^b$
		Rise time (10 % to 90 %)	—	110 $\mu\text{s}$	—	Test condition: External pull up resistor 10 k $\Omega$ to positive supply ( $U_{pos\ sply}$ ); $U_{pos\ sply} = 6,5\text{ V}$ ; external capacitor 5 nF to battery minus.
		Fall time (90 % to 10 %)	—	10 $\mu\text{s}$	—	
		Baud rate	—	1200 Baud	—	Accuracy $\pm 3\%$
<sup>a</sup> Outputs shall be short circuit protected up to 28V and 1 min.						
<sup>b</sup> All values measured relative to pin 2.						

### 5.2.2 Block diagram data signal, in/out

Figure 3 shows a block diagram of the data interface hardware. If no communication takes place, the state of pin 4 shall be high. The incoming signal at pin 4 shall be filtered before it is used as an input signal to the processing unit.

The data TxD\_out shall only be transmitted if the voltage monitor shows that the supply voltage is within the specified range. See also 7.5.3.



R3 = 10 kΩ; R4 = 330 Ω; C3 = C4 = 2,2 nF

Figure 3 — Interface data signal — Example

5.2.3 Voltage monitoring and watchdog signal

5.2.3.1 Electrical requirements

The electrical requirements of the voltage monitoring of supply voltage over poles 1 and 2, and the watchdog signal, both submitted via pole 4, shall be in accordance with Table 3.

Table 3 — Requirements of the watchdog signal voltage monitor

Parameter	Electrical requirements			Remark
	Min.	Typical	Max.	
Voltage monitor <sup>a</sup>	5,0 V	—	$U_{pos\ sply}$ 6,5 V	If the supply voltage is below 6,5 V, the sensor may not reply to any request, but if it is below 5,0 V, it does not reply.
Watchdog signal <sup>b</sup>	$t_{don}$	—	1 s	Sensor watchdog reset delay time
	$t_{doff}$	—	1 s	Sensor watchdog recover time
	$t_{won}$	1 s	—	Watchdog on time
	$t_{woff}$	1 s	—	Watchdog off time

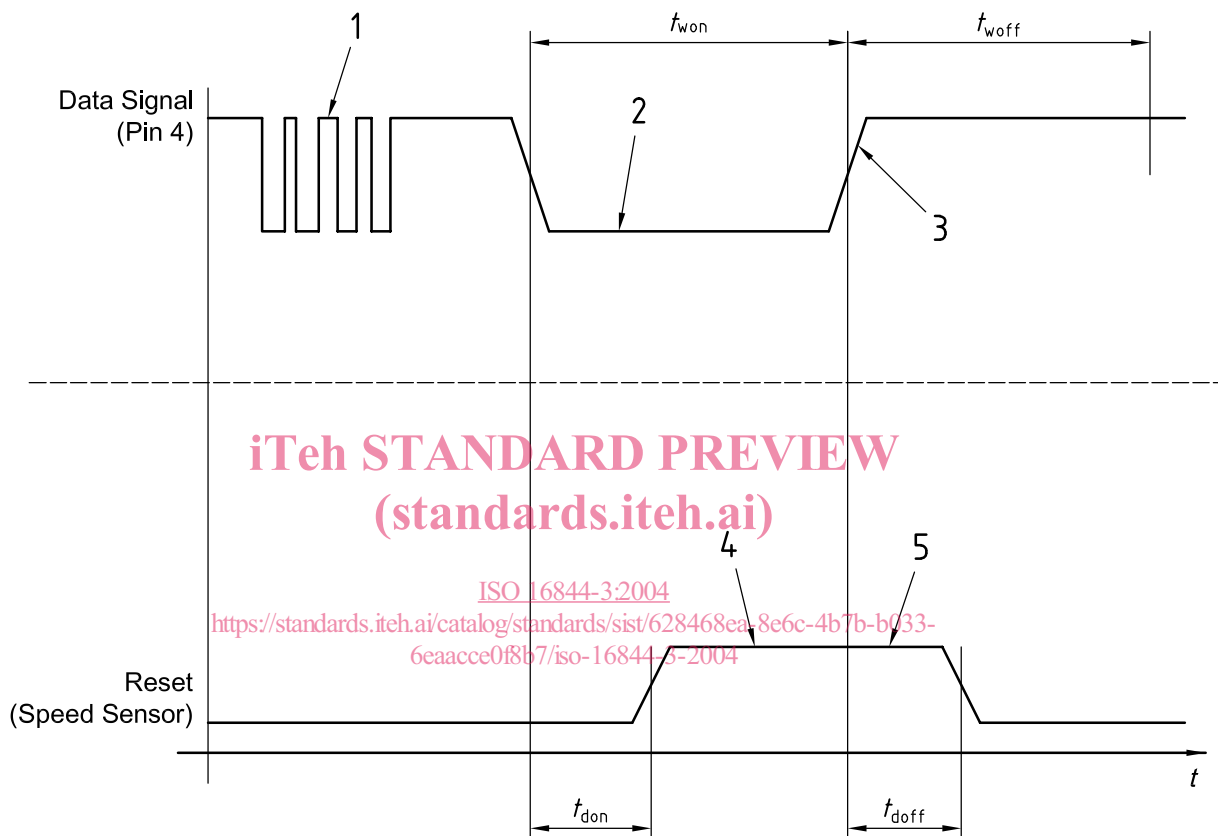
<sup>a</sup> See block diagram of data signal in Figure 3.

<sup>b</sup> See data signal (in)  $U_{low}$ , see 5.2.3.2.

### 5.2.3.2 Timing diagram watchdog signal

If the vehicle unit discovers a time-out of an expected response, it shall be possible to start another attempt or send a watchdog signal to the motion sensor in accordance with Figure 4 and, for voltage levels and timing, in accordance with Table 3. If the motion sensor detects a watchdog signal at pin 4, it shall restart its program (see 7.5.3)

The reset shall not effect the speed real time signal of pin 3.



#### Key

- 1 normal data signal
- 2 tachograph sends watchdog signal
- 3 requirement
- 4 watchdog detection
- 5 example

Figure 4 — Timing of watchdog signal