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# Space data and information transfer systems — AOS (advanced orbiting systems) space data link protocol

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the advanced orbiting systems (AOS) space data link protocol, a data link layer protocol as defined in ISO/IEC 7498-1, that is to be used over space-to-ground, ground-to-space, or space-to-space communications links by space missions.

The scope and field of application are furthermore detailed in subclauses 1.2 and 1.3 of the enclosed CCSDS publication.

## 2 Requirements

Requirements are the technical recommendations made in the following publication (reproduced on the following pages), which is adopted as an International Standard:

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For the purposes of international standardization, the modifications outlined below shall apply to the specific clauses and paragraphs of the publication CCSDS 732.0-B-2.

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This part is information which is relevant to the CCSDS publication only.

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[3] Document CCSDS 131.0-B-1, September 2003, is equivalent to ISO 22641:2005.

[6] Document CCSDS 133.0-B-1, September 2003, is equivalent to ISO 22646:2005.

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[B4] Document CCSDS 910.4-B-1, May 1996, is equivalent to ISO 15396:1998.

[B5] Document CCSDS 232.0-B-1, September 2003, is equivalent to ISO 22664:2005.

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## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR AOS SPACE DATA LINK PROTOCOL

**FOREWORD**

This document is a technical Recommendation for use in developing flight and ground systems for space missions and has been prepared by the Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems (CCSDS). The Advanced Orbiting Systems (AOS) Space Data Link Protocol described herein is intended for missions that are cross-supported between Agencies of the CCSDS.

This Recommendation specifies a communications protocol to be used by space missions to transfer space application data over ground-to-space or space-to-space communications links. This Recommendation is developed from the specifications of the Data Link Layer portion of an older CCSDS Recommendation (reference [B2]), which defines essentially the same protocol and services but in a slightly different context.

This Recommendation does not change the major technical contents defined in reference [B2], but the presentation of the specification has been changed so that:

- a) this protocol can be used to transfer any data over any space link in either direction;
- b) all CCSDS space link protocols are specified in a unified manner;
- c) the specification matches the OSI Basic Reference Model (references [1] and [2]).

Together with the change in presentation, a few technical specifications in reference [B2] have been changed in order to define all Space Data Link Protocols in a unified way. Also, some technical terms in reference [B2] have been changed in order to unify the terminology used in all the CCSDS Recommendations that define space link. These changes are listed in annex C of this Recommendation.

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