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# Space data and information transfer systems — Attitude data messages

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies two standard message formats for use in transferring spacecraft attitude information between space agencies: the attitude parameter message (APM) and the attitude ephemeris message (AEM). Such exchanges are used for:

- preflight planning for tracking or attitude estimation support;
- scheduling attitude and data processing support;
- carrying out attitude operations;
- performing attitude comparisons;
- carrying out attitude propagations and/or sensor predictions;
- testing to initialize sub-system simulators (communications, power, etc.).

This International Standard includes sets of requirements and criteria that the message formats have been designed to meet. For exchanges where these requirements do not capture the needs of the participating agencies, another mechanism may be selected.

The scope and field of application are furthermore detailed in subclause 1.2 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:

CCSDS 504.0-B-1, May 2008, *Attitude data messages*

For the purposes of international standardization, the modifications outlined below shall apply to the specific clauses and paragraphs of publication CCSDS 504.0-B-1.

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

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Add the following information to the reference indicated:

[4] Document CCSDS 301.0-B-3, January 2002, is equivalent to ISO 11104:2003.

[7] Document CCSDS 502.0-B-1, September 2004, is equivalent to ISO 22644:2006.

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## CCSDS RECOMMENDED STANDARD FOR ATTITUDE DATA MESSAGES

**FOREWORD**

This document is a Recommended Standard for Attitude Data Messages (ADMs) and has been prepared by the Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems (CCSDS). The set of attitude data messages described in this Recommended Standard is the baseline concept for attitude representation in data interchange applications that are cross-supported between Agencies of the CCSDS.

This Recommended Standard establishes a common framework and provides a common basis for the interchange of attitude data. It allows implementing organizations within each Agency to proceed coherently with the development of compatible derived standards for the flight and ground systems that are within their cognizance. Derived Agency standards may implement only a subset of the optional features allowed by the Recommended Standard and may incorporate features not addressed by this Recommended Standard.

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