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## Foreword

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ISO 16844 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Road vehicles — Tachograph systems*:

- Part 1: *Electrical connectors*
- Part 2: *Electrical interface with recording unit*
- Part 3: *Motion sensor interface*
- Part 4: *CAN interface*
- Part 5: *Secured CAN interface*
- Part 6: *Diagnostics*
- Part 7: *Parameters*

## Introduction

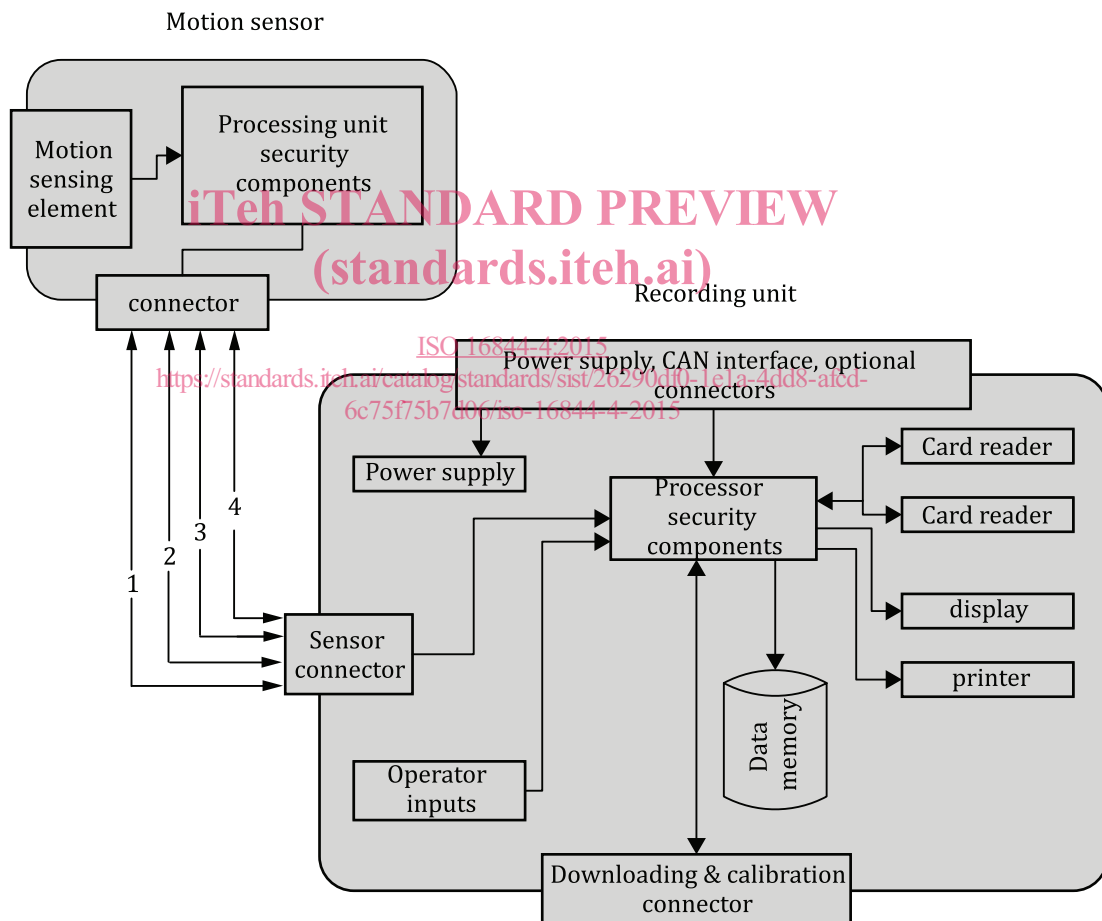
This International Standard supports and facilitates the communication between electronic control units and a tachograph. The tachograph is based upon the European Council Regulation (EC) No 561/2006<sup>[1]</sup> and (EEC) No 3821/85<sup>[2]</sup> as last amended.

The digital tachograph concept is based upon an RU storing data, related to the activities of the various drivers driving the vehicle, on which it is installed.

During the normal operational status of the RU, data stored in its memory are accessible to different entities (drivers, authorities, workshops, transport companies) in different ways (displayed on a screen, printed by a printing device, downloaded to an external device). Access to stored data is controlled by 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 4: CAN interface

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 16844 specifies the controller area network (CAN) interface for the interchange of digital information between a road vehicle's tachograph system and vehicle units, and within the tachograph system itself. It specifies parameters of, and requirements for, the application of physical and data link layers of the electrical connection used in the electronic systems.

### 2 Normative reference

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 11898-1, *Road vehicles — Controller area network (CAN) — Part 1: Data link layer and physical signalling*

ISO 16844-7, *Road vehicles — Tachograph systems — Part 7: Parameters*

### 3 Terms and definitions

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

#### 3.1

##### recording unit

##### RU

part of the tachograph system which acquires and stores data concerning the vehicle and its driver(s) and their activities

Note 1 to entry: A recording unit is also referenced as a vehicle unit in other standards, both are synonyms.

#### 3.2

##### visual instrument

speedometer and display(s) for odometer and trip meter data

### 4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

|     |                            |
|-----|----------------------------|
| ACK | positive acknowledge       |
| BAM | broadcast announce message |
| CAN | controller area network    |
| DA  | destination address        |
| DP  | data page                  |
| ECU | electronic control unit    |

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|            |                                  |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| EDP        | extended data page               |
| EOL        | end-of-line                      |
| LSB        | least significant bit/byte       |
| MSB        | most significant bit/byte        |
| NACK       | negative acknowledge             |
| P          | priority                         |
| PDU        | protocol data unit               |
| PF         | PDU format                       |
| PG         | parameter group                  |
| PGN        | parameter group number           |
| Phase_Seg1 | phase buffer segment 1           |
| Phase_Seg2 | phase buffer segment 2           |
| Prop_Seg   | propagation time segment         |
| PS         | PDU specific                     |
| RU         | recording unit                   |
| SA         | source address                   |
| Sync_Seg   | synchronization segment          |
| TP.DT      | transport protocol data transfer |
| $t_s$      | bit time                         |
| $t_q$      | time quanta                      |
| $t_{SEG1}$ | timing segment 1                 |
| $t_{SEG2}$ | timing segment 2                 |
| $t_{SJW}$  | synchronization jump width       |
| VIN        | vehicle identification number    |

## 5 Physical layer application requirements

### 5.1 General

The physical layer shall meet the requirements of SAE J1939-11<sup>[4]</sup> for 250 kbit/s and SAE J1939-14<sup>[5]</sup> for 500 kbit/s unless otherwise specified in this part of ISO 16844.



## 5.2 Bit timing requirements

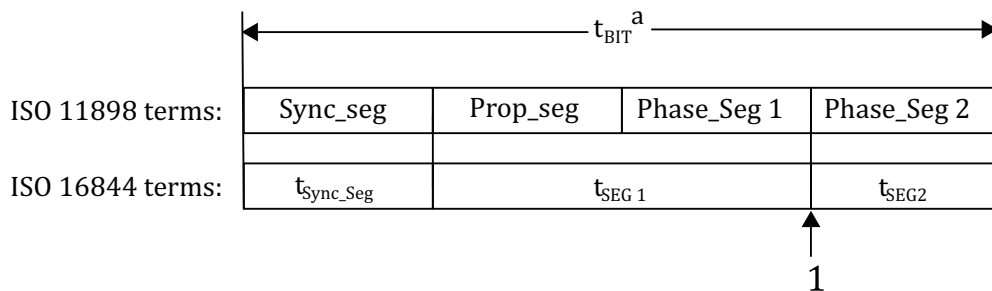
### 5.2.1 General

The following values of CAN bit timing parameters specified in ISO 11898-1 shall be used for the settings of the tachograph ECUs as given in [Figure 2](#).

$$t_{\text{Sync\_Seg}} = 1t_q$$

$$t_{\text{SEG1}} = t_{\text{Prop\_Seg}} + t_{\text{Phase\_Seg1}}$$

$$t_{\text{SEG2}} = t_{\text{Phase\_Seg2}}$$



**Key**

- 1 sample point
- <sup>a</sup> Nominal bit time.

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**Figure 2 — Partition of bit time**  
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### 5.2.2 CAN bit timing requirements for 250 kbit/s

For a physical layer configured to 250 kbit/s, the parameter values given in [Table 1](#) shall apply.

**Table 1 — CAN bit timing parameter values for 250 kbit/s, single data sampling mode**

| Parameter         | Timing setting                                   |  |  |
|-------------------|--|--|--|
|                   | Min  | Nominal  | Max  |
| $t_B$             | 3 980 ns   | 4 000 ns   | 4 020 ns   |
| $t_q$             | —  | —  | 400 ns   |
| $t_{\text{SEG1}}$ | $t_{\text{SEG1}} = t_B - 1t_q - t_{\text{SEG2}}$ | $t_{\text{SEG1}} = t_B - 1t_q - t_{\text{SEG2}}$ | $t_{\text{SEG1}} = t_B - 1t_q - t_{\text{SEG2}}$ |

The CAN bit timing values shall also comply with the following conditions:

- nominal bit rate: 250 kbit/s  $\pm 0,5\%$ ;
- sample point: between 80 % and 88 % of nominal bit time of single data sampling mode.

Values for the bit timing shall be according to [Table 2](#), which is based on time quanta,  $t_q$ .

**Table 2 — CAN bit timing parameter values for 250 kbit/s for a given time quanta,  $t_q$**

| Parameter |           |            |
|-----------|-----------|------------|
| $t_q$     | $t_{sjw}$ | $t_{SEG2}$ |
| 200 ns    | 600 ns    | 600 ns     |
| 250 ns    | 500 ns    | 750 ns     |
| 334 ns    | 668 ns    | 668 ns     |
| 400 ns    | 800 ns    | 800 ns     |

### 5.2.3 CAN bit timing requirements for 500 kbit/s

For a physical layer configured to 500 kbit/s, the parameter values given in [Table 3](#) shall apply.

**Table 3 — CAN bit timing parameter values for 500 kbit/s, single data sampling mode**

| Parameter  | Timing setting                     |                                    |                                    |
|------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
|            | Min                                | Nominal                            | Max                                |
| $t_B$      | 1 980 ns                           | 2 000 ns                           | 2 020 ns                           |
| $t_q$      | —                                  | —                                  | 200 ns                             |
| $t_{SEG1}$ | $t_{SEG1} = t_B - 1t_q - t_{SEG2}$ | $t_{SEG1} = t_B - 1t_q - t_{SEG2}$ | $t_{SEG1} = t_B - 1t_q - t_{SEG2}$ |

The CAN bit timing values shall also comply with the following conditions:

- nominal bit rate: 500 kbit/s  $\pm 1$  %;
- clock tolerance:  $\pm 0,05$  %;
- sample point: between 80 % and 88 % of nominal bit time of single data sampling mode.

Values for the bit timing shall be according to [Table 4](#), which is based on time quanta,  $t_q$ .

**Table 4 — CAN bit timing parameter values for 500 kbit/s for a given time quanta,  $t_q$**

| Parameter values |           |            |
|------------------|-----------|------------|
| $t_q$            | $t_{sjw}$ | $t_{SEG2}$ |
| 100 ns           | 300 ns    | 400 ns     |
| 125 ns           | 375 ns    | 375 ns     |
| 167 ns           | 334 ns    | 334 ns     |
| 200 ns           | 400 ns    | 400 ns     |

## 6 Data link layer application requirements

### 6.1 Message frame format

#### 6.1.1 General

For the data link layer, the application layer provides a string of information that is assimilated into a PDU. The PDU provides a framework for organizing the information, which shall be sent in the CAN data frame.

The 29-bit identifier shall be in accordance with ISO 11898-1.

The PDU shall consist of seven fields in addition to the specific CAN fields specified in [Figure 3](#).

The PDU fields shall contain P, EDP, DP, PF, PS, which may be a DA or a GE, SA, and data field.

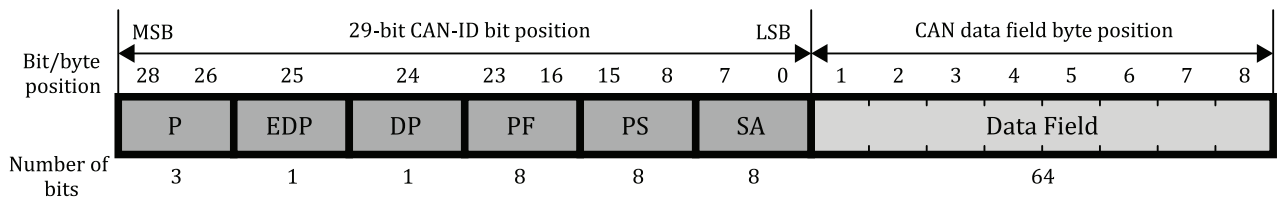


Figure 3 — Usage of 29 bit CAN identifier and data field

NOTE For compatibility with other definitions (e.g. ISO 11898-1, J1939), the bit positions of the identifier field start with index 0, and the bit/byte positions within the data field start with index 1.

### 6.1.2 Priority (P) bits

This 3-bit subfield shall be used to optimize PDU message latency for transmission onto the bus only and shall have no other specific meaning. It shall not be used for message validation on receiver side and should be globally masked off by the receiver (ignored). The priority of any PDU may be set from highest,  $0_{10}$  ( $000_2$ ), to lowest,  $7_{10}$  ( $111_2$ ) and will use the default values as given in the PGN specifications. Other values may be specified by the system integrator (vehicle manufacturer).

### 6.1.3 Extended data page (EDP) bit

This 1-bit subfield shall be used in conjunction with the DP subfield to select a range of PGNs. The definition of a PGN is given in 6.2.

### 6.1.4 Data page (DP) bit

This 1-bit subfield shall be used in conjunction with the EDP subfield to select a range of PGNs. The definition of a PGN is given in 6.2.

### 6.1.5 PDU format (PF) field

This 8-bit subfield shall determine the PDU format and the transmission method as specified in 6.2.

### 6.1.6 PDU specific (PS) field

#### 6.1.6.1 General

This 8-bit subfield shall depend on the PDU format. For a PDU1 format, the PDU specific (PS) subfield is a destination address (DA); for a PDU2 format, the PS subfield is a group extension (GE).

#### 6.1.6.2 Destination address (DA) field

The DA addresses the ECU intended to receive and act upon the message. In case of the global destination address ( $255_{10}/FF_{16}$ ), all nodes shall process the PDU.

#### 6.1.6.3 Group extension (GE) field

The GE field extends the four least significant bits of the PF field, and provides 4 096 PGNs. It indicates that the PS field is a group extension when the four most significant bits of PF field are set.

### 6.1.7 Source address (SA) field

The SA field shall be 8-bit long. There shall be only one device on the network with a given SA, i.e. the SA assures that the CAN identifiers are unique.