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Foreword

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— *Part 1: Reference architecture and definition of parameters to be standardized*

— *Part 2: Parameters for air interface communications below 135 kHz*

— *Part 3: Parameters for air interface communications at 13,56 MHz*

— *Part 4: Parameters for air interface communications at 2,45 GHz*

— *Part 6: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz General*

— *Part 61: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type A*

— *Part 62: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type B*

— *Part 63: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type C*

— *Part 64: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type D*

— *Part 7: Parameters for active air interface communications at 433 MHz*

Introduction

This part of ISO/IEC 18000 describes a passive backscatter radio frequency identification (RFID) system that supports the following system capabilities:

- identification and communication with multiple tags in the field;
- selection of a subgroup of tags for identification or with which to communicate;
- reading from and writing to or rewriting data many times to individual tags;
- user-controlled permanently lockable memory;
- data integrity protection;
- Interrogator-to-tag communications link with error detection;
- tag-to-Interrogator communications link with error detection;
- support for both passive back-scatter tags with or without batteries.

This part of ISO/IEC 18000 specifies the physical and logical requirements for a passive-backscatter, RFID system operating in the 860 MHz to 960 MHz frequency range. The system comprises Interrogators, also known as readers, and tags, also known as labels.

An Interrogator transmits information to a tag by modulating an RF signal in the 860 MHz to 960 MHz frequency range. The tag receives both information and operating energy from this RF signal. Passive tags are those which receive all of their operating energy from the Interrogator's RF waveform. If tags maintain a battery then they may operate using some passive principles; however, they do not necessarily get all their operating energy from the Interrogator's RF waveform.

An Interrogator receives information from a tag by transmitting a continuous-wave (CW) RF signal to the tag; the tag responds by modulating the reflection coefficient of its antenna, thereby backscattering an information signal to the Interrogator. The system is Interrogator-Talks-First (ITF), meaning that a tag modulates its antenna reflection coefficient with an information signal only after being directed to do so by an Interrogator.

Interrogators and tags are not required to talk simultaneously; rather, communications are half-duplex, meaning that Interrogators talk and tags listen, or vice versa.

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Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management —

Part 62: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type B

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 18000 defines the air interface for radio frequency identification (RFID) devices operating in the 860 MHz to 960 MHz Industrial, Scientific, and Medical (ISM) band used in item management applications. It provides a common technical specification for RFID devices that can be used by ISO committees developing RFID application standards. This part of ISO/IEC 18000 is intended to allow for compatibility and to encourage inter-operability of products for the growing RFID market in the international marketplace. It defines the forward and return link parameters for technical attributes including, but not limited to, operating frequency, operating channel accuracy, occupied channel bandwidth, maximum effective isotropic radiated power (EIRP), spurious emissions, modulation, duty cycle, data coding, bit rate, bit rate accuracy, bit transmission order, and, where appropriate, operating channels, frequency hop rate, hop sequence, spreading sequence, and chip rate. It further defines the communications protocol used in the air interface.

This part of ISO/IEC 18000 specifies the physical and logical requirements for a passive-backscatter, Interrogator-Talks-First (ITF) systems. The system comprises Interrogators, also known as readers, and tags, also known as labels. An Interrogator receives information from a tag by transmitting a continuous-wave (CW) RF signal to the tag; the tag responds by modulating the reflection coefficient of its antenna, thereby backscattering an information signal to the Interrogator. The system is ITF, meaning that a tag modulates its antenna reflection coefficient with an information signal only after being directed to do so by an Interrogator.

In detail, this part of ISO/IEC 18000 contains Type B.

Type B uses Manchester in the forward link and an adaptive binary-tree collision-arbitration algorithm.

This part of ISO/IEC 18000 specifies

- physical interactions (the signalling layer of the communication link) between Interrogators and tags,
- Interrogator and tag operating procedures and commands,
- the collision arbitration scheme used to identify a specific tag in a multiple-tag environment.

2 Conformance

2.1 Claiming conformance

To claim conformance with this part of ISO/IEC 18000, an Interrogator or tag shall comply with all relevant clauses of this part of ISO/IEC 18000, except those marked as “optional”. The Interrogator or tag shall also operate within local radio regulations, which can further restrict operation.

Relevant conformance test methods are provided in ISO/IEC TR 18047-6.

Conformance can also require a license from the owner of any intellectual property utilized by said device.

2.2 Interrogator conformance and obligations

To conform to this part of ISO/IEC 18000, an Interrogator shall

— support Type B

— implement the mandatory commands defined in this part of ISO/IEC 18000;

— modulate/transmit and receive/demodulate a sufficient set of the electrical signals defined in the signalling layer of this part of ISO/IEC 18000 to communicate with conformant tags; and

— operate within the applicable local regulations.

To conform to this part of ISO/IEC 18000, an Interrogator may

— implement any subset of the optional commands defined in this part of ISO/IEC 18000, and

— implement any proprietary and/or custom commands in conformance with this part of ISO/IEC 18000.

To conform to this part of ISO/IEC 18000, the Interrogator shall not

— implement any command that conflicts with this part of ISO/IEC 18000 or any of the parts 61, 63 and 64, or

— require the use of an optional, proprietary, or custom command to meet the requirements of this part of ISO/IEC 18000.

2.3 Tag conformance and obligations

To conform to this part of ISO/IEC 18000, a tag shall:

— support Type B;

— operate over the frequency range from 860 MHz to 960 MHz, inclusive;

— implement the mandatory commands defined in this part of ISO/IEC 18000 for the supported types;

— modulate a backscatter signal only after receiving the requisite command from an Interrogator; and

— conform to local radio regulations.

To conform to this part of ISO/IEC 18000, a tag may

— implement any subset of the optional commands defined in this part of ISO/IEC 18000; and

— implement any proprietary and/or custom commands as defined in 6.2.7.4 and 6.2.7.5.

To conform to this part of ISO/IEC 18000, a tag shall not:

— implement any command that conflicts with this part of ISO/IEC 18000 or any of the parts 61, 63 and 64;

— require the use of an optional, proprietary, or custom command to meet the requirements of this part of ISO/IEC 18000; or

— modulate a backscatter signal unless commanded to do so by an Interrogator using the signalling layer defined in this part of ISO/IEC 18000.

3 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/IEC 7816-6, *Identification cards — Integrated circuit cards — Part 6: Interindustry data elements for interchange*

ISO/IEC 15961, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification (RFID) for item management — Data protocol: application interface*

ISO/IEC 15962, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification (RFID) for item management — Data protocol: data encoding rules and logical memory functions*

ISO/IEC 18000-1, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management — Part 1: Reference architecture and definition of parameters to be standardized*

ISO/IEC 19762 (all parts), *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) techniques — Harmonized vocabulary*

4 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

4.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 19762 (all parts) and the following apply.

4.1.1
collision arbitration loop

algorithm used to prepare for and handle a dialogue between an Interrogator and a tag

NOTE This is also known as collision arbitration.

4.1.2
physical layer

data coding and modulation waveforms used in Interrogator-to-tag and tag-to-Interrogator signalling

4.2 Symbols

Cht	carrier high-level tolerance
Clt	carrier low-level tolerance
D	modulation depth of data coding pulse
f_c	frequency of operating field (carrier frequency)
M	number of subcarrier cycles per symbol
Mi	modulation index
Mb	modulation lower tolerance Type B
M_h	RF signal envelope ripple (overshoot)
M_l	RF signal envelope ripple (undershoot)
T_f or $T_{f,10\text{-}90\%}$	RF signal envelope fall time
T_{hf}	FHSS signal envelope fall time

T_{hr}	FHSS signal envelope rise time
T_{hs}	time for an FHSS signal to settle to within a specified percentage of its final value
T_r or $T_{r,10\text{-}90\%}$	RF signal envelope rise time
Tbmf	Manchester fall time
Tbmr	Manchester rise time
Tcf	carrier fall time
Tcr	carrier rise time
Tcs	carrier steady state time
Tf	fall time
Tfhf	carrier FHSS fall time
Tfhr	carrier FHSS rise time
Tfhs	carrier FHSS steady time
Tr	rise time
Trlb	return link bit time
$xxxx_2$	binary notation
$xxxx_h$	hexadecimal notation

4.3 Abbreviated terms

AFI	application family identifier
ASIC	application specific integrated circuit
ASK	Amplitude Shit Keying
CRC	cyclic redundancy check
CRC-16	sixteen bit CRC
DSSS	direct sequence spread spectrum
FHSS	frequency hopping spread spectrum
ITF	Interrogator-talks-first

NOTE The common usage is RTF (Reader-talks-first) but the more precise term is ITF, which is used throughout this part of ISO/IEC 18000.

LSB	least significant bit
MSB	most significant bit
NRZ	non return to zero
ppm	parts per million
RFU	reserved for future use
SOF	start of frame
Word	16 bits

5 Overview

5.1 Parameter tables

Table 1, Table 2, Table 3 and Table 4 contain the parameters for Type B in accordance with ISO/IEC 18000-1. Detailed description of the operating modes and parameters are specified in the subsequent clauses.

Table 1 — Interrogator to tag link parameters

Ref.	Parameter Name	Description
Int:1	Operating Frequency Range	860 MHz – 960 MHz, as required by the local regulations
Int:1a	Default Operating Frequency	In accordance with the local radio regulations.
Int:1b	Operating Channels (spread-spectrum systems)	In accordance with the local radio regulations.
Int:1c	Operating Frequency Accuracy	In accordance with the local radio regulations.
Int:1d	Frequency Hop Rate (frequency-hopping [FHSS] systems)	Where FHSS is permitted, the hop rate shall be in accordance with the local radio regulations.
Int:1e	Frequency Hop Sequence (frequency-hopping [FHSS] systems)	In accordance with the local radio regulations. Where not specified by such regulations a pseudo-random hopping sequence shall be used that ensures an even distribution of transmissions over available channels.
Int:2	Occupied Channel Bandwidth	In accordance with the local radio regulations.
Int:2a	Minimum Receiver Bandwidth	In accordance with the local radio regulations.
Int:3	Interrogator Transmit Maximum EIRP	In accordance with the local radio regulations.
Int:4	Interrogator Transmit Spurious Emissions	In accordance with the local radio regulations.
Int:4a	Interrogator Transmit Spurious Emissions, In-Band (spread-spectrum systems)	In accordance with the local radio regulations.
Int:4b	Interrogator Transmit Spurious Emissions, Out-of-Band	In accordance with the local radio regulations.
Int:5	Interrogator Transmitter Spectrum Mask	In accordance with the local radio regulations.
Int:6	Timing	See below Int: 6x.
Int:6a	Transmit-to-Receive Turn-Around Time	The Interrogator transmit/receive settling time shall not exceed 85 µs.
Int:6b	Receive-to-Transmit Turn-Around Time	As determined by the communication protocol – refer Tag: 6a.
Int:6c	Dwell Time or Interrogator Transmit Power-On Ramp	1500 µs, maximum settling time
Int:6d	Decay Time or Interrogator Transmit Power-Down Ramp	Maximum 1 ms.
Int:7	Modulation	Amplitude Modulation.
Int:7a	Spreading Sequence (direct-sequence [DSSS] systems)	Not applicable.
Int:7b	Chip Rate (spread-spectrum systems)	Not applicable.

Ref.	Parameter Name	Description
Int:7c	Chip Rate Accuracy (spread-spectrum systems)	Not applicable.
Int:7d	Modulation Depth	Nominal 18% or 100% .
Int:7e	Duty Cycle	In accordance with the local radio regulations.
Int:7f	FM Deviation	Not applicable.
Int:8	Data Coding	Manchester bi-phase
Int:9	Bit Rate	10 kbit/s or 40 kbit/s as constrained by the local radio regulations.
Int:9a	Bit Rate Accuracy	100 ppm
Int:10	Interrogator Transmit Modulation Accuracy	Not applicable..
Int:11	Preamble	Yes, See clause 6.1.7.3
Int:11a	Preamble Length	9 bits. See clause 6.1.7.3
Int:11b	Preamble Waveform(s)	See clause 6.1.7.3
Int:11c	Bit Sync Sequence	See clause 6.1.7.3
Int:11d	Frame Sync Sequence	Not Applicable.
Int:12	Scrambling (spread-spectrum systems)	Not Applicable.
Int:13	Bit Transmission Order	MSB is transmitted first
Int:14	Wake-up process	Presence of an appropriate RF signal at the tag followed by a wake-up command as required by the tag type. See relevant clauses.
Int:15	Polarization	Interrogator dependent. Not defined in this part of ISO/IEC 18000.

Table 2 — Tag to Interrogator link parameters

Ref.	Parameter Name	Description
Tag:1	Operating Frequency Range	860 MHz – 960 MHz, inclusive
Tag:1a	Default Operating Frequency	The tag shall respond to an Interrogator signal within the frequency range specified in Tag: 1.
Tag:1b	Operating Channels (spread-spectrum systems)	The tag shall respond to an Interrogator signal within the frequency range specified in Tag: 1.
Tag:1c	Operating Frequency Accuracy	The tag shall respond to an Interrogator signal within the frequency range specified in Tag: 1.
Tag:1d	Frequency Hop Rate (frequency-hopping [FHSS] systems)	Not applicable.
Tag:1e	Frequency Hop Sequence (frequency-hopping [FHSS] systems)	Not applicable.
Tag:2	Occupied Channel Bandwidth	In accordance with the local regulations
Tag:3	Transmit Maximum EIRP	In accordance with the local regulations
Tag:4	Transmit Spurious Emissions	In accordance with the local regulations
Tag:4a	Transmit Spurious Emissions, In-Band (spread spectrum systems)	In accordance with the local regulations
Tag:4b	Transmit Spurious Emissions, Out-of-Band	In accordance with the local regulations
Tag:5	Transmit Spectrum Mask	In accordance with the local regulations

Ref.	Parameter Name	Description
Tag:6a	Transmit-to-Receive Turn-Around Time	400 µs
Tag:6b	Receive-to-Transmit Turn-Around Time	Range 85 to 460 µs (see clause 6.1.8.2)
Tag:6c	Dwell Time or Transmit Power-On Ramp	Not applicable.
Tag:6d	Decay Time or Transmit Power-Down Ramp	Not applicable.
Tag:7	Modulation	Bi-state amplitude modulated backscatter.
Tag:7a	Spreading Sequence (direct sequence [DSSS] systems)	Not applicable.
Tag:7b	Chip Rate (spread spectrum systems)	Not applicable.
Tag:7c	Chip Rate Accuracy (spread spectrum systems)	Not applicable.
Tag:7d	On-Off Ratio	The tag Delta RCS (Varying Radar Cross Sectional area) affects system performance. A typical value is greater than 0.005 m^2.
Tag:7e	Subcarrier Frequency	Not applicable.
Tag:7f	Subcarrier Frequency Accuracy	Not applicable.
Tag:7g	Subcarrier Modulation	Not applicable.
Tag:7h	Duty Cycle	The tag shall transmit its response when commanded to do so by the Interrogator.
Tag:7i	FM Deviation	Not applicable.
Tag:8	Data Coding	Bi-phase space (FM0)
Tag:9	Bit Rate	Typical 40 kbit/s or 160 kbit/s (subject to tag clock tolerance see Table 8), The return bit rate selection for 160 kbit/s is defined in clause 6.1.7.4.5
Tag:9a	Bit Rate Accuracy	+/- 15% (refer to Table 8)
Tag:10	Tag Transmit Modulation Accuracy (frequency-hopping [FHSS] systems	Not applicable.
Tag:11	Preamble	The preamble is defined in clause 6.1.4.6
Tag:11a	Preamble Length	16 bits made up of a quiet period, followed by sync, followed by a code violation followed by an orthogonal code.
Tag:11b	Preamble Waveform	Bi-phase encoded data ‘1’.
Tag:11c	Bit-Sync Sequence	Included in the preamble.
Tag:11d	Frame-Sync Sequence	Included in the preamble.
Tag:12	Scrambling (spread-spectrum systems)	Not applicable.
Tag:13	Bit Transmission Order	MSB is transmitted first
Tag:14	Reserved	Deliberately left blank.
Tag:15	Polarization	Product design feature. Not defined in this part of ISO/IEC 18000.
Tag:16	Minimum Tag Receiver Bandwidth	860 – 960 MHz

Table 3 — Protocol parameters

Ref.	Parameter Name	Description
P:1	Who talks first	Interrogator
P:2	Tag addressing capability	See clause 6.2.2
P:3	Tag ID	Contained in tag memory and accessible by means of a command.
P:3a	Tag ID Length	64 bits.
P:3b	Tag ID Format	See clause B.1.2
P:4	Read size	Addressable in byte blocks.
P:5	Write Size	Addressable in byte blocks. Writing in blocks of 1, 2, 3 or 4 bytes. See details in relevant clauses.
P:6	Read Transaction Time	A single tag can typically be identified and have its first 128 bits of user memory read in less than 10 ms. This time may vary depending on the data rate used as constrained by the local radio regulations.
P:7	Write Transaction Time	Once a tag has been identified and selected, a 32-bit data block can typically be written in less than 20 ms. This time may vary depending on the data rate used as constrained by the local radio regulations.
P:8	Error detection	Interrogator to tag: CRC-16 Tag to Interrogator: CRC-16
P:9	Error correction	No forward error correction code used. Errors are handled by signalling an error to the Interrogator that then repeats its last transmission.
P:10	Memory size	No minimum user memory size is specified, but if user memory is provided it shall be an integer multiples of 4 bytes.
P:11	Command structure and extensibility	Several command codes are reserved for future use.

Table 4 — Anti-collision parameters

Ref.	Parameter Name	Description
A:1	Type (Probabilistic or Deterministic)	Probabilistic
A:2	Linearity	Essentially linear up to 2^{256} tags depending on size of data content.
A:3	Tag inventory capacity	The algorithm permits the reading of not less than 250 tags in the reading zone of the Interrogator.

6 Type B

6.1 Physical layer and data coding

6.1.1 Interrogator power-up waveform

The Interrogator power-up waveform shall comply with the mask specified in Figure 1 and Table 5.

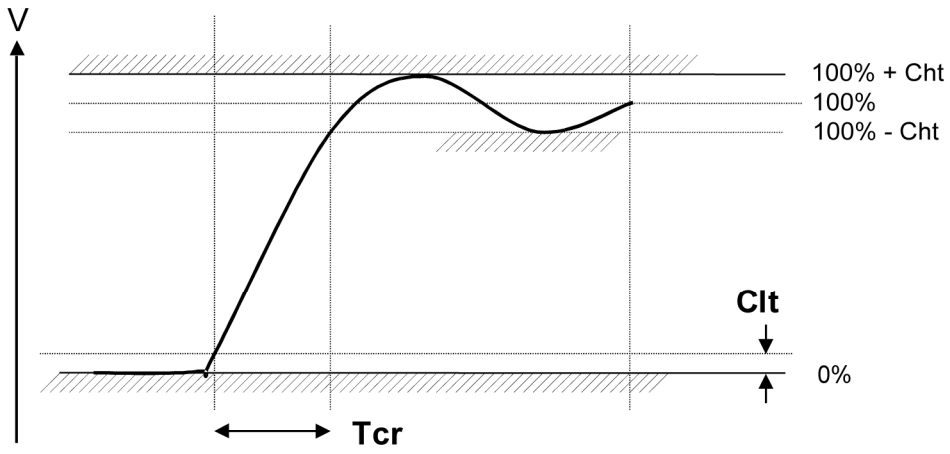

Figure 1 — Interrogator power-up waveform

Table 5 — Interrogator power-up waveform parameter values

Parameter	Min	Max
Tcs		1500µs
Tcr	1 µs	500 µs
Cht		10%
Clt		1%

6.1.2 Interrogator power-down

Once the carrier level has dropped below the ripple limit Cht, power down shall be monotonic and of duration Tcf, as specified in Figure 2 and Table 6.