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**Space data and information transfer  
systems — Spacecraft Onboard Interface  
Services — Subnetwork Test Service**

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## 1 Scope

This International Standard is one of a family of documents specifying the SOIS-compliant services to be provided by onboard subnetworks.

This International Standard defines services and service interfaces provided by the SOIS Subnetwork Test Service. Its scope is to specify the service only and not to specify methods of providing the service over a variety of onboard data links.

This International Standard conforms to the principles set out in the Spacecraft Onboard Interface Services Green Book and is intended to be applied together with it. The protocols which provide this service are to be documented for individual links, and this may be in the purview of individual missions, agencies, or CCSDS, depending on future circumstance.

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

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

CCSDS 855.0-M-1, December 2009, Spacecraft Onboard Interface Services — Subnetwork Test Service.

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## Recommendation for Space Data System Practices

# SPACECRAFT ONBOARD INTERFACE SERVICES— SUBNETWORK TEST SERVICE

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This **Recommended Practice** specifies a service to be used by space missions to test communications functionality of the node subnetwork interface and to test connectivity within the subnetwork. The SOIS Subnetwork Test Service is a simple service which is provided by data link-specific mechanisms within the subnetwork layers. The service interface is only present in the data system invoking the service. The SOIS Subnetwork Test Service provides a common service interface regardless of the particular type of data link being used for communication.

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