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**Road vehicles — Communication  
between vehicle and external  
equipment for emissions-related  
diagnostics —**

Part 3:

**Diagnostic connector and related  
electrical circuits: Specification and use**

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## Foreword

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The procedures used to develop this document and those intended for its further maintenance are described in the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 1. In particular the different approval criteria needed for the different types of ISO documents should be noted. This document was drafted in accordance with the editorial rules of the ISO/IEC Directives, Part 2 (see [www.iso.org/directives](http://www.iso.org/directives)).

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The committee responsible for this document is ISO/TC 22, *Road vehicles*, Subcommittee SC 31, *Data communication*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 15031-3:2004), which has been technically revised.

ISO 15031 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Road vehicles — Communication between vehicle and external equipment for emissions-related diagnostics*:

- *Part 1: General information and use case definition*
- *Part 2: Guidance on terms, definitions, abbreviations and acronyms*
- *Part 3: Diagnostic connector and related electrical circuits: Specification and use*
- *Part 4: External test equipment*
- *Part 5: Emissions-related diagnostic services*
- *Part 6: Diagnostic trouble code definitions*
- *Part 7: Data link security*

## Introduction

ISO 15031 consists of a number of parts which, taken together, provide a coherent self-consistent set of specifications to facilitate emissions-related diagnostics. ISO 15031-1 provides an introduction to the series of International Standards. ISO 15031-2 through ISO 15031-7 are based on SAE recommended practices. This part of ISO 15031 is based on SAE J1962 (Diagnostic connector).

ISO 15031 includes the communication between the vehicle's on-board diagnostic (OBD) systems and test equipment implemented across vehicles within the scope of the legislated emissions-related OBD.

To achieve this, it is based on the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) Basic Reference Model in accordance with ISO/IEC 7498-1 and ISO/IEC 10731, which structures communication systems into seven layers. When mapped on this model, the services specified by ISO 15031 are broken into the following in accordance with [Table 1](#).

- Diagnostic services (layer 7), specified in the following:
  - ISO 15031-5 (emissions-related OBD);
  - ISO 27145-3 (WWH-OBD).
- Presentation layer (layer 6), specified in the following:
  - ISO 15031-2, SAE J1930-DA;
  - ISO 15031-5, SAE J1979-DA;
  - ISO 15031-6, SAE J2012-DA (OBD);
  - ISO 27145-2, SAE J2012-DA (WWH-OBD).
- Session layer services (layer 5), specified in the following:
  - ISO 14229-2 supports ISO 15765-4 DoCAN and ISO 14230-4 DoK-Line protocols;
  - ISO 14229-2 is not applicable to the SAE J1850 and ISO 9141-2 protocols.
- Transport layer services (layer 4), specified in the following:
  - DoCAN: ISO 15765-2 Transport protocol and network layer services;
  - SAE J1850: ISO 15031-5 Emissions-related diagnostic services;
  - ISO 9141-2: ISO 15031-5 Emissions-related diagnostic services;
  - DoK-Line: ISO 14230-4, ISO 15031-5 Emissions-related diagnostic services.
- Network layer services (layer 3), specified in the following:
  - DoCAN: ISO 15765-2 Transport protocol and network layer services;
  - SAE J1850: ISO 15031-5 Emissions-related diagnostic services;
  - ISO 9141-2: ISO 15031-5 Emissions-related diagnostic services;
  - DoK-Line: ISO 14230-4, ISO 15031-5 Emissions-related diagnostic services.
- Data link layer (layer 2), specified in the following:
  - DoCAN: ISO 15765-4, ISO 11898-1;
  - SAE J1850;
  - ISO 9141-2;

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- DoK-Line: ISO 14230-2.
- Physical layer (layer 1), specified in the following:
  - DoCAN: ISO 15765-4, ISO 11898-1, ISO 11898-2;
  - SAE J1850;
  - ISO 9141-2;
  - DoK-Line: ISO 14230-1.

**Table 1 — Legislated emissions-related OBD/WWH-OBD diagnostic specifications applicable to the OSI layers**

Applicability	OSI 7 layers	Emissions-related OBD communication requirements				Emissions-related WWH-OBD communication requirements		
Seven layers according to ISO/IEC 7498-1 and ISO/IEC 10731	Application (layer 7)	ISO 15031-5				ISO 27145-3		
	Presentation (layer 6)	ISO 15031-2, ISO 15031-5, ISO 15031-6				ISO 27145-2		
		SAE J1930-DA/SAE J1979-DA				SAE J1930-DA/SAE J1979-DA		
		SAE J2012-DA (OBD)				SAE J2012-DA (WWH-OBD)		
	Session (layer 5)	Not applicable		ISO 14229-2				
	Transport (layer 4)	ISO 15031-5		ISO 14230-4	ISO 15765-2	ISO 15765-2	ISO 13400-2	
	Network (layer 3)	ISO 15031-5		ISO 14230-2	ISO 11898-1	ISO 15765-4	ISO 11898-1	ISO 27145-4
Data link (layer 2)	SAE J1850	ISO 9141-2	ISO 14230-1	ISO 11898-1, ISO 11898-2	ISO 11898-1, ISO 11898-2	ISO 13400-3		

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## Part 3: Diagnostic connector and related electrical circuits: Specification and use

### 1 Scope

This part of ISO 15031 references the latest publication of SAE J1962.

On-board diagnostic (OBD) regulations require road vehicles to be equipped with a standardized connector for purposes of access to OBD information by ISO 15031-4 compliant external test equipment. This part of ISO 15031 describes the requirements for the physical connection and associated pin usage to allow for standard access to the OBD data.

The first edition of this part of ISO 15031 was based on SAE J1962 and was intended to meet European OBD requirements for 2000 and later model year vehicles, and added a modified connector type to accommodate vehicles with a 24 V system. This revised part of ISO 15031 is technically equivalent to SAE J1962 with the exception of the specific requirements identified in the document.

This part of ISO 15031 specifies additional requirements related to right hand driven (RHD) vehicles.

[Annex A](#) and [Annex B](#) are for information and not required to fulfil emissions-related OBD.

### 2 Normative references

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.

SAE J1962:2015, *Diagnostic connector*

### 3 Terms, definitions and abbreviated terms

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions of SAE J1962 apply.

#### 3.2 Abbreviated terms

ACL	additional communication line
CAN	Controller Area Network
RHD	right-hand-driven

## 4 Conventions

ISO 15031 is based on the conventions discussed in the OSI Service Conventions (ISO/IEC 10731) as they apply for diagnostic services.

## 5 Connector requirements

### 5.1 Normative reference to SAE J1962

This part of ISO 15031 corresponds to SAE J1962 diagnostic connector.

### 5.2 RHD vehicle connector system performance requirements

For RHD vehicles the performance requirement “It shall also withstand a force of 220 N applied in all other axial directions without mechanical failure.” as specified in SAE J1962:2015, 5.10.4 e) does not apply.

### 5.3 RHD location and position of vehicle connector type A

This definition replaces SAE J1962: 2015, 4.1.1.

RHD vehicles with connector type A shall have the connector located in the first row foot well region.

The vehicle connector shall be securely mounted to the vehicle in order to facilitate mating and un-mating.

The connector shall be mounted such that the face of the vehicle connector is pointing downward (90° from horizontal, the -z direction) or toward the rear of the vehicle (0° from horizontal, the -x direction), or any angle in between (see SAE J1962: 2015 Figure 2). Tolerance:  $\pm 5^\circ$

The connector may be mounted vertically or horizontally, (see SAE J1962: 2015 Figure 2), but may not be oriented in any other angles. <https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/4ae0e7e0-0fd0-498c-b737-f12d11d6283f/iso-15031-3-2016>

## 6 Ethernet

The reference to the Ethernet connector layout, pin-out information and simplified test equipment circuitry example for Ethernet option #1 and #2 is specified in [Annex A](#).

## 7 ACL for on-board pyrotechnic devices

The reference to the ACL for on-board pyrotechnic devices connector layout and pin-out information is specified in [Annex B](#).



**Annex A**  
(informative)

**Ethernet pin assignment option #1 and #2 according to ISO 13400-4**

The requirements of Ethernet pin assignment option #1 and #2 are specified in ISO 13400-4.

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