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# 1 Scope

The present document provides the security aspects for the 5G system to facilitate vehicular communications for Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) services. The architecture for these V2X services is described in TS 23.287 [2], which is based on the service requirements defined in TS 22.185 [3] and TS 22.186 [4].

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# 2 References

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- [1] 3GPP TR 21.905: "Vocabulary for 3GPP Specifications".
- [2] 3GPP TS 23.287: "Architecture enhancements for 5G System (5GS) to support Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) services".
- [3] 3GPP TS 22.185: "Service requirements for V2X services; Stage 1".
- [4] 3GPP TS 22.186: "Service requirements for enhanced V2X scenarios".
- [5] 3GPP TS 33.185: "Security aspect for LTE support of Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) services".
- [6] 3GPP TS 33.501: "Security architecture and procedures for 5G system".
- [7] 3GPP TS 33.220: "Generic Authentication Architecture (GAA); Generic Bootstrapping Architecture (GBA)".
- [8] 3GPP TS 24.587: "Vehicle-to-Everything (V2X) services in 5G System (5GS); Stage 3".
- [9] 3GPP TS 38.323: "NR; Packet Data Convergence Protocol (PDCP) specification".

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# 3 Definitions of terms, symbols and abbreviations

## 3.1 Terms

Void

## 3.2 Symbols

Void

## 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in TR 21.905 [1] and the following apply. An abbreviation defined in the present document takes precedence over the definition of the same abbreviation, if any, in TR 21.905 [1].

5GC	5G Core
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NR	New Radio (5G)
NRPEK	NR PC5 Encryption Key
NRPIK	NR PC5 Integrity Key
V2X	Vehicle-to-Everything

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## 4 Overview of advanced V2X security architecture

### 4.1 General

The V2X architecture is described in TS 23.287 [2] which describes V2X communication over both the Uu reference point supported by E-UTRA connected to 5GC and/or NR connected to 5GC and PC5 reference point supported by E-UTRA and/or NR. The NR based PC5 reference point supports unicast, groupcast and broadcast modes (see TS 23.287 [2]).

The security for PC5 reference point supported by E-UTRA is given in TS 33.185 [5]. The security for the other cases is given in the present document.

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## 5 Security for V2X over NR based PC5 reference point

### 5.1 General

This clause contains the security and privacy requirements and specifies procedures that can achieve the requirements for V2X over NR based PC5 reference point except those for PC5 over E-UTRA which are given in TS 33.185 [5].

### 5.2 Common security

#### 5.2.1 General

This clause describes the security requirements and the procedures that are commonly applied for the all kinds of communication modes, i.e. unicast mode, groupcast mode and broadcast mode, which the NR based PC5 reference point supports.

#### 5.2.2 Requirements

##### 5.2.2.1 Requirements for Cross-RAT control authorization indication

The 5G System shall provide means to manage the cross-RAT PC5 control authorization.

#### 5.2.3 Procedures

##### 5.2.3.1 Cross-RAT PC5 control authorization indication

The procedures for the cross-RAT PC5 control authorization indication are specified in TS 23.287 [2] clause 6.5.

### 5.3 Security for unicast mode

#### 5.3.1 General

This clause describes the security requirements and the procedures that can be specifically applied for the NR based PC5 unicast mode.

## 5.3.2 Requirements

### 5.3.2.1 Requirements for securing the PC5 unicast link

The initiating UE shall establish a different security context for each receiving UE during the PC5 unicast link establishment if the security is activated.

PC5 unicast link security establishment between the initiating UE and each receiving UE shall be protected from man-in-the-middle attacks.

The system shall support confidentiality protection, integrity protection and replay protection of the user plane data of PC5 unicast.

The system shall support confidentiality protection, integrity protection and replay protection of signalling for PC5 unicast link.

The system shall support means of configuring the signalling and user plane security policies to UEs for a particular PC5 unicast link.

Signalling plane protection of the PC5 unicast link for a V2X service shall align with the PC5 signalling security policies of the communicating UEs.

User plane protection of the PC5 unicast link for a V2X service shall align with the PC5 user plane security policies of the communicating UEs.

### 5.3.2.2 Identity privacy requirements for the PC5 unicast link

The 5G System should provide means for mitigating trackability attacks on a UE during PC5 unicast communications.

The 5G System should provide means for mitigating link ability attacks on a UE during PC5 unicast communications.

NOTE: The 5G system provides means for mitigating trackability and link ability if security of the connection is activated.

## 5.3.3 Procedures

### 5.3.3.1 Securing the PC5 unicast link

#### 5.3.3.1.1 General

The NR based PC5 unicast communication procedures are described in TS 23.287 [2]. Clause 5.3.3.1 details how the security for this communication is established and used.

#### 5.3.3.1.2 Overview

##### 5.3.3.1.2.0 Security Context

The UE establishes a security context for each unicast link. The security context includes  $K_{\text{NRP-sess}}$ , NRPEK (if applicable), NRPIK, the chosen confidentiality (if applicable) and integrity algorithms, and PDCP counters used with each bearer. The UE updates the security context associated to the unicast link when the unicast link is rekeyed. The UE deletes the security context associated to a unicast link once the unicast link is released.

##### 5.3.3.1.2.1 Key hierarchy

PC5 unicast link uses 4 different layers of keying material as shown in figure 5.3.3.1.2.1-1.