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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 11783-3:2014), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- updates wording with respect to ISO 11898-1 (exclude the usage of CAN Flexible Data Rate);
- allows BAM.TP to be sent with 10 ms;
- ACKNOWLEDGEMENT PG supports Extended Identifier Type when Request2 utilizes it.

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Introduction

ISO 11783 specifies a communications system for agricultural equipment based on the ISO 11898-1 CAN protocol. SAE J 1939 documents¹⁾, on which parts of ISO 11783 are based, were developed jointly for use in truck and bus applications and for construction and agriculture applications. Joint documents have been completed to allow electronic units that meet the truck and bus SAE J 1939 specifications to be used by agricultural and forestry equipment with minimal changes. General information on ISO 11783 can be found in ISO 11783-1.

The purpose of ISO 11783 is to provide an open, interconnected system for on-board electronic systems. It is intended to enable electronic control units (ECUs) to communicate with each other, providing a standardized system.

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Part 3: Data link layer

1 Scope

This document specifies the application, the network layer protocols and the mapping to the controller area network (CAN) data link layer protocol as specified in ISO 11898-1. The application layer specifies protocol data units (PDU), which can be mapped to Classical CAN data frames using the Classical Extended Frame Format (CEFF). For PDUs exceeding the length of the CEFF-formatted data frames, this document specifies transport layer protocols and the mapping to CEFF-formatted data frames.

2 Normative references

The following documents are referred to in the text in such a way that some or all of their content constitutes requirements 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 11783-1, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Serial control and communications data network — Part 1: General standard for mobile data communication*

ISO 11783-5, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Serial control and communications data network — Part 5: Network management*

ISO 11783-7, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Serial control and communications data network — Part 7: Implement messages application layer*

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

ISO 15765-2, *Road vehicles — Diagnostic communication over Controller Area Network (DoCAN) — Part 2: Transport protocol and network layer services*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11783-1 and ISO 11898-1 apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>

4 General description

The data link layer enables the reliable transfer of data across the physical link. This consists of sending the CAN classical data frame with the necessary synchronization, sequence control, error control and flow control. The flow control is accomplished through a consistent message frame format.

5 Technical requirements

5.1 Message frame format

5.1.1 General

The message frame format shall conform to the CAN requirements. The CAN specification referenced throughout this document is specified in ISO 11898-1. When there are differences between the CAN specification and this document, this document shall be the governing document.

The CAN document specifies, in an information-routing-related discussion, that control function addresses are not used. While this is true for some applications of CAN, it is not true for ISO 11783. The definition of the ISO 11783 network requires that control function addressing be used to prevent multiple control functions from using the same CAN identifier field. Many additional requirements exist in ISO 11783 that are not specified by CAN.

ISO 11898-1 specifies two classical frame formats: Classical Basic Frame Format (CBFF) and CEFF. ISO 11898-1 compatibility implies that messages of both formats can potentially be present on a single network, by using certain bit coding which allows for the recognition of the different formats. Up to this point, ISO 11783 also accommodates both message frame formats. However, ISO 11783 only defines a full strategy for standardized communications using the CEFF. All CBFF messages are for proprietary use following the rules defined in this document. Any FD Frame Format shall not be used on the ISO 11783 network.

ISO 11783 controllers shall therefore use the CEFF. CBFF messages may reside on the network, but only in accordance with this document.

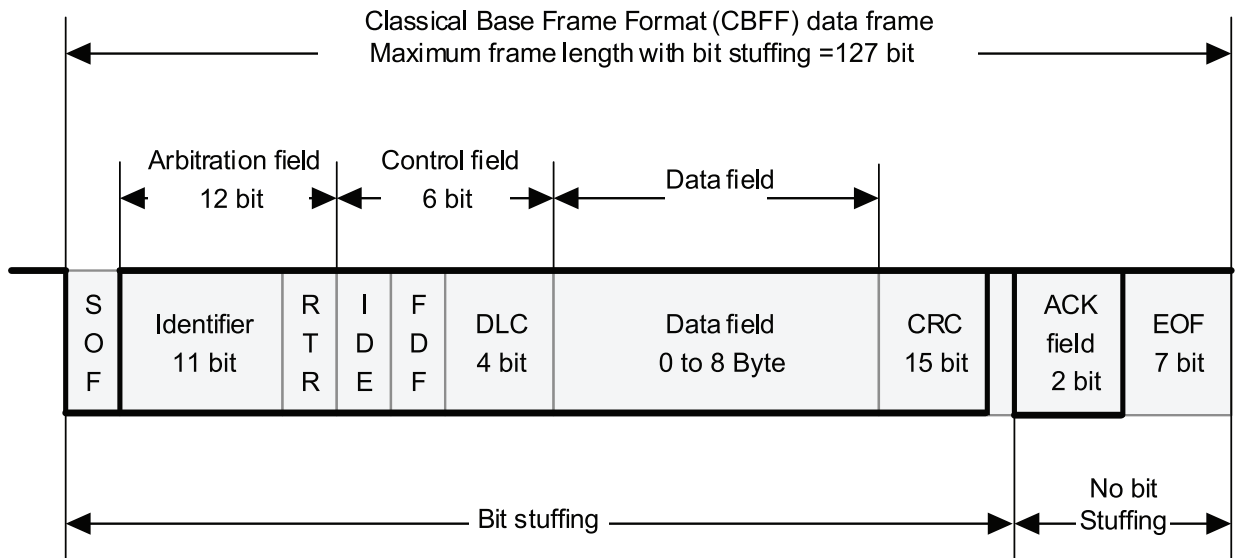
The classical CAN data frame is parsed into different bit fields, as shown in [Figure 1](#). The number and parsing of the bits in the arbitration and control field differs between the CBFF and CEFF messages. CBFF messages, as shown in [Figure 1 a](#)), contain 11 identifier bits in the arbitration field, whereas the arbitration field of CEFF messages, as shown in [Figure 1 b](#)), contain 29 identifier bits. ISO 11783 has further defined the identifier bits in the arbitration field of the CAN message frame formats. These definitions are given in [Table 1](#).

5.1.2 Message frame format according to ISO 11783 (ISO 11898-1 CEFF)

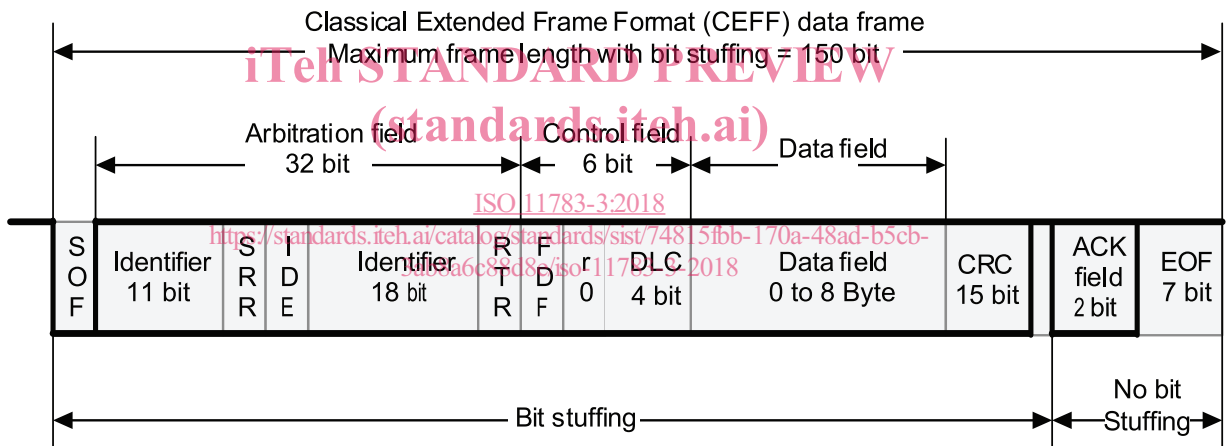
The CEFF message, illustrated by [Figure 1](#), encompasses a single protocol data unit (PDU). The PDU consists of seven predefined fields, assimilated from information provided by the application layer:

- Priority;
- Extended Data Page (EDP);
- Data Page (DP);
- PDU Format (PF),
- PDU Specific (PS), which can be Destination Address (DA), Group Extension (GE) or proprietary;
- Source Address (SA);
- Data.

See [5.2](#) for a detailed description of each field and [5.3](#) for PDU formats.



a) Classical Base Frame Format (CBFF)



b) Classical Extended Frame Format (CEFF)

Figure 1 — Classical CAN data frames

The fields are then packaged into one classical CAN data frame and sent over the physical media to other network controllers. The layers of the OSI model that ISO 11783 supports are shown in [Figure 2](#). It is possible that some parameter group definitions require more than one classical CAN data frame in order to send their information.

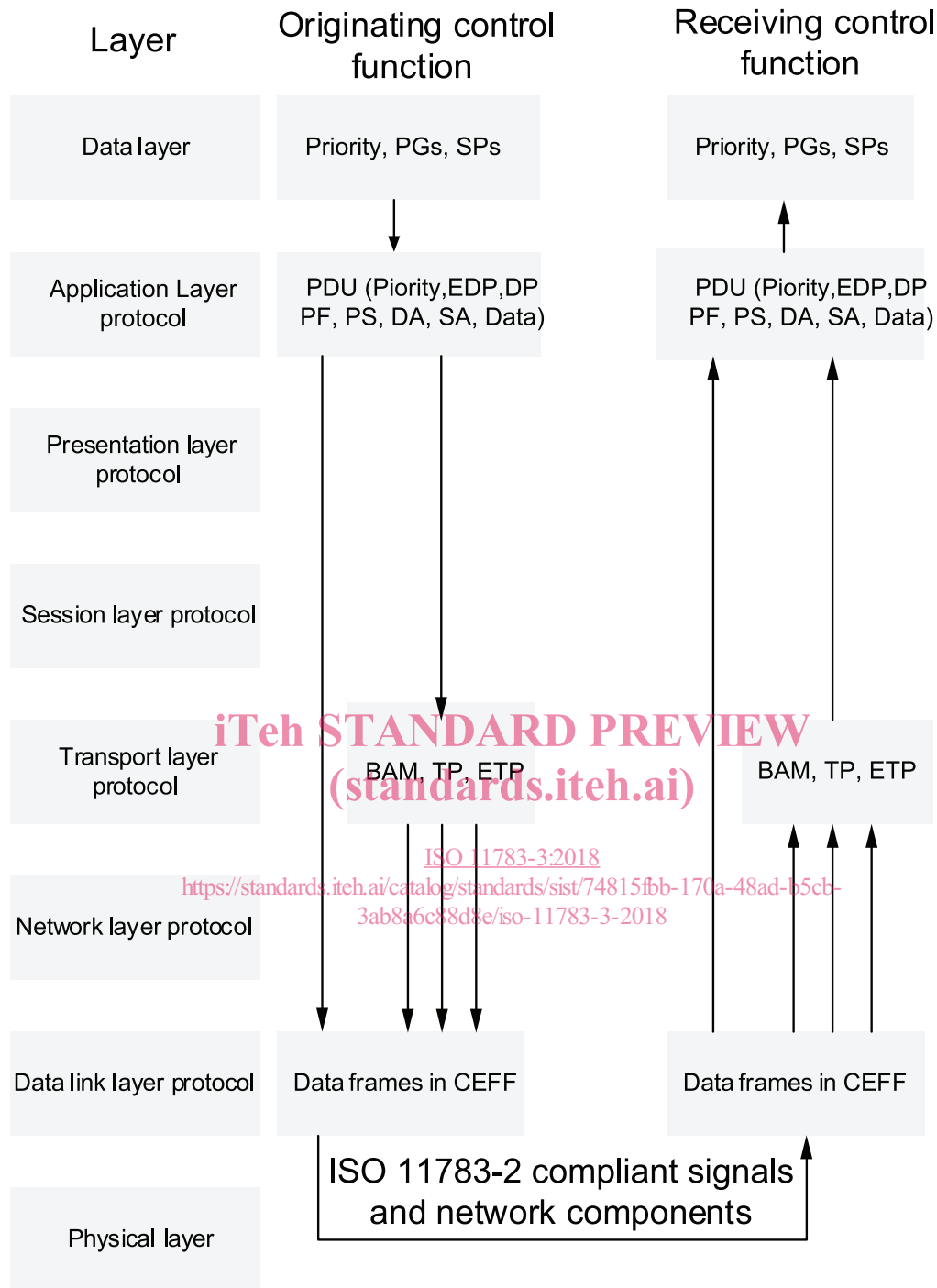


Figure 2 — Application of OSI model according to ISO 11783

Table 1 shows the arbitration and control fields of the 29 bit identifier for CAN, 29 bit identifier for ISO 11783 and 11 bit identifier for CAN, and the use of the 11 bit identifier on an ISO 11783 network. A complete definition for each of the bit field assignments according to ISO 11783 is given in 5.3. In ISO 11783, the CAN data frame data field is described as Bytes 1 to 8. Byte 1’s MSB (most significant bit), Bit 8, is the first bit sent closest to the data length code (DLC). Byte 8’s LSB (least significant bit), Bit 1, is the last of the data bits to be sent and is closest to the cyclic redundancy check (CRC) field. See Figure 3.

When the extended data page (EDP) is equal to 1 and the data page (DP) is equal to 1, the CAN frame is identified as an ISO 15765-2 formatted frame. ISO 15765-2 specifies diagnostic communication

over CAN (DoCAN). Therefore, the processing of this specific CAN frame format does not follow the definitions specified in ISO 11783 and shall be in accordance with ISO 15765-2 (see 5.2.4).

Table 1 — Mapping of ISO 11783 into CAN arbitration and control fields

Bit number	29 bit identifier		11 bit identifier	
	CAN	ISO 11783	CAN	ISO 11783 ^b
1	SOF	SOF ^a	SOF	SOF ^a
2	ID28	P3	ID28	P3
3	ID27	P2	ID27	P2
4	ID26	P1	ID26	P1
5	ID25	EDP	ID25	ID8 ^a
6	ID24	DP	ID24	ID7 ^a
7	ID23	PF8	ID23	ID6 ^a
8	ID22	PF7	ID22	ID5 ^a
9	ID21	PF6	ID21	ID4 ^a
10	ID20	PF5	ID20	ID3 ^a
11	ID19	PF4	ID19	ID2 ^a
12	ID18	PF3	ID18	ID1 ^a
13	SRR (r)	SRR ^a	RTR (x)	RTR ^a (d)
14	IDE (r)	IDE ^a	IDE (d)	IDE ^a
15	ID17	PF2	FDF (d)	FDF ^a
16	ID16	PF1	DLC4	DLC4
17	ID15	PS8	DLC3	DLC3
18	ID14	PS7	DLC2	DLC2
19	ID13	PS6	DLC1	DLC1
20	ID12	PS5		
21	ID11	PS4		
22	ID10	PS3		
23	ID9	PS2		
24	ID8	PS1		
25	ID7	SA8		
26	ID6	SA7		
27	ID5	SA6		
28	ID4	SA5		
29	ID3	SA4		
30	ID2	SA3		
31	ID1	SA2		
32	ID0	SA1		
33	RTR (x)	RTR ^a (d)		
34	FDF (x)	FDF ^a (d)		
35	r0 (d)	r0 ^a		

Table 1 (continued)

Bit number	29 bit identifier		11 bit identifier	
	CAN	ISO 11783	CAN	ISO 11783 ^b
36	DLC4	DLC4		
37	DLC3	DLC3		
38	DLC2	DLC2		
39	DLC1	DLC1		
SOF	Start of Frame bit		EDP	Extended Data Page according to ISO 11783
ID##	Identifier bit number (#)		SA#	Source Address bit number (#) according to ISO 11783
SRR	Substitute Remote Request		DP	Data Page according to ISO 11783
RTR	Remote Transmission Request bit		PF#	PDU Format bit number (#) according to ISO 11783
IDE	Identifier Extension bit		PS#	PDU Specific bit number (#) according to ISO 11783
FDI	FD Format Indicator		(d)	dominant bit
r#	CAN reserved bit number (#)		(r)	recessive bit
DLC#	Data Length Code bit number (#)		(x)	bit state dependent on message
P#	Priority bit number (#) according to ISO 11783			

^a CAN-defined bit, unchanged in ISO 11783.
^b Required format of proprietary 11 bit identifiers.

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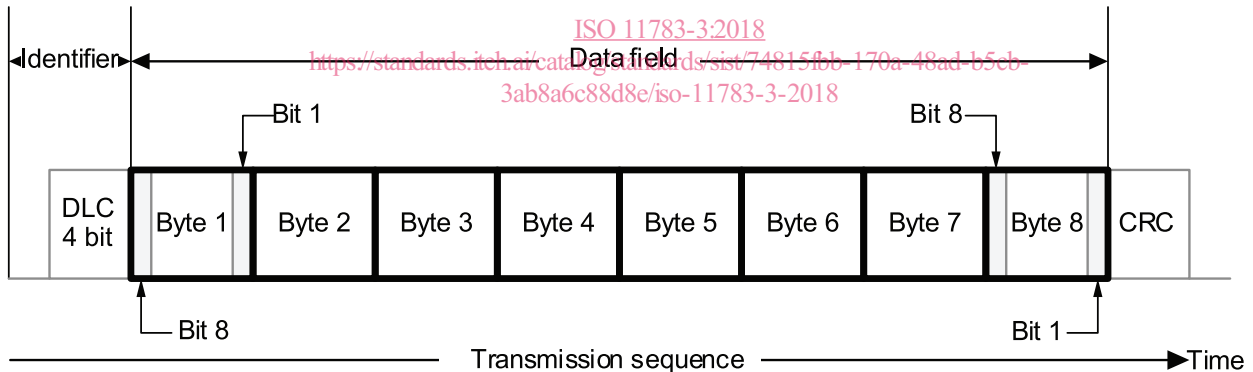


Figure 3 — Classical CAN data field

5.1.3 Parameter group numbers (PGN)

Whenever it is necessary to identify a parameter group in the data field of a classical CAN data frame, this is expressed in 24 bit. The 24 bit value is sent the least significant byte (LSB) first (see Table 2), also according to which the most significant byte (MSB) is sent third and the middle byte second and the LSB first. The 24 bit PGN is determined from the following constituent components: 6 bit set to zero, Extended Data Page bit, Data Page bit, PDU Format field (8 bit), and PDU Specific field (8 bit).

The procedure for the bit fields to be converted to PGN is as follows. The six MSB of the PGN are set to zero. Then the Extended Data Page bit, Data Page bit and PDU Format field are copied into the next 10 bit. If the PF value is less than 240 (F0₁₆) then the LSB of the PGN is set to zero. Otherwise, it is set

to the value of the PS field. See [Table 2](#) for an illustration of the PGN, their corresponding bits and their conversion to a decimal number.

NOTE Not all 131 072 combinations (2¹⁷) are available to be assigned as PGN. Only a total of 8 672 combinations are available for assignment {calculated as: 2 pages × [240 + (16 × 256)] = 8 672}, using the conventions specified in this document. See ISO 11783-1 for the latest PGN assignments.

Table 2 — Parameter group number (PGN) examples

PGN constituent components					PGN		Numbers of assignable PGs	Cumulative numbers of PGs	ISO- or manufacturer-assigned
PGN (MSB)		PGN Byte 2 sent second in CAN data frame	PGN (LSB)		Dec ₁₀	Hex ₁₆			
Byte 1 sent third in CAN data frame	Bit 8-3		Byte 3 sent first in CAN data frame	Bit 8-1					
EDP	DP	PF	PS						
Bit 2	Bit 1	Bit 8-1	Bit 8-1						
0	0	0	0	0	0	000000 ₁₆			ISO
							239	239	
0	0	0	238	0	60 928	00EE00 ₁₆			
0	0	0	239	0	61 184	00EF00 ₁₆	1	240	MF
0	0	0	240	0	61 440	00F000 ₁₆			ISO
							3 840		
0	0	0	254	255	65 279	00FEFF ₁₆		4 080	
0	0	0	255	0	65 280	00FF00 ₁₆			
							256		MF
0	0	0	255	255	65 535	00FFFF ₁₆		4 336	
0	0	1	0	0	65 536	010000 ₁₆			
0	0	1	238	0	126 464	01EE00 ₁₆	239		ISO
0	0	1	239	0	126 720	01EF00 ₁₆	240	4576	MF
0	0	1	240	0	126 976	01F000 ₁₆			
							4 096		ISO
0	0	1	255	255	131 071	01FFFF ₁₆		8 672	

5.1.4 ISO 11783 support of ISO 11898-1 CBFF messages

Controllers on the ISO 11783 network may support the CBFF (11 bit identifier) message format. Though these are not compatible with the ISO 11783 message structure, to accommodate the co-existence of the two formats, a minimum level of definition is given. This minimum definition allows controllers that use this format to not interfere with other controllers. CBFF messages are defined as being proprietary. In reference to [Table 1](#), the 11 bit identifier field is parsed as follows: the three most significant bits are used as priority bits; the eight least significant bits identify the SA of the PDU. Priority bits are described in [5.2.2](#). The SA is described in [5.2.7](#).

Incorrect bus arbitration can occur when two messages, one base frame and one extended frame, access the bus at the same time. The source address (SA) is a higher relative priority in the base frame messages than in the extended frame messages. The message with an 11 bit identifier (base frame) can have an SA indicating a higher priority than that of the Extended Data Page bit, Data Page bit and PDU Format of the 29 bit identifier (extended frame) message. The three priority bits should be used to achieve the correct bus arbitration.

IMPORTANT — ISO 11783 defines a full strategy for standardized communications using the CEFF. Hardware that does not conform to ISO 11898-1 shall not be used on the network, since these versions of hardware do not allow the CEFF messages to be communicated.

5.2 Protocol data unit (PDU)

5.2.1 General

The applications and/or network layer provide a string of information that is assimilated into a protocol data unit. The protocol data unit provides a framework for organizing the information that is essential to each classical CAN data frame sent. The protocol data unit (PDU) of the ISO 11783 network shall consist of the seven fields listed in 5.1.2 and specified below. These fields shall then be packaged into one or more classical CAN data frames and sent over the physical media to other network controllers. There is only one PDU per classical CAN data frame.

NOTE Some PGN definitions require more than one classical CAN data frame for sending the corresponding data.

Certain bits of the classical CAN data frame fields are left out of the PDU definition because they are controlled entirely by the CAN specification and are invisible to all of the OSI layers above the data link layer. These include the SOF, SRR, IDE, RTR, FDF, CRC, ACK and EOF fields, and parts of the control field. They are defined by the CAN protocol definition and remain unmodified by ISO 11783.

The PDU fields (see Figure 4) are specified in 5.2.2 to 5.2.8.

	Priority,	EDP	DP _r	PF _r	PS	SA	Data
No. of bits	...3...	...1...	...1...	...8...	...8...	...8...	...64...

Figure 4 — PDU fields
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5.2.2 Priority (P)

Priority bits are used to optimize message latency for transmission onto the bus only. They should be globally masked off by the receiving controller (ignored). The priority of any message can be set from highest, 0 (000₂), to lowest, 7 (111₂). The default for all control oriented messages is 3 (011₂). The default for all other informational, proprietary, request and NACK messages is 6 (110₂). This permits the priority to be raised or lowered in the future as new PGN values are assigned and bus traffic changes. A recommended priority is assigned to each PGN when it is added to the application layer standards. However, the priority field should be reprogrammable to allow for network tuning by the manufacturers if the need arises.

5.2.3 Extended data page (EDP)

The extended data page (EDP) bit is used in conjunction with the data page bit to determine the structure of the CAN identifier of the classical CAN data frame. All ISO 11783 messages shall set the extended data page bit to ZERO on transmit. (See Table 3 for the defined uses of the EDP and DP fields.) It is possible that future definitions will expand the PDU Format field, defining new PDU formats, expanding the priority field, or increasing the address space.

5.2.4 Data page (DP)

The data page (DP) bit is used in conjunction with the EDP bit to determine the structure of the CAN identifier of the classical CAN data frame. With the EDP set to 0, the DP bit selects between page 0 and page 1 of the PGN descriptions. See Table 3.

Table 3 — Definition of extended data page (EDP) and data page (DP) use

EDP Bit 25	DP Bit 24	Description
CAN ID Bit 25	CAN ID Bit 24	
0	0	ISO 11783 page 0 PGN
0	1	ISO 11783 page 1 PGN
1	0	ISO 11783 reserved
1	1	ISO 15765-2 defined PGN

NOTE The EDP and DP of the CAN 29 bit identifier being set to “112” identifies it as an ISO 15765-2 message. This means that the remaining bits of the CAN identifier is *not* set up as specified by ISO 11783; CAN frames following this format are not described in ISO 11783.

5.2.5 PDU format (PF)

PDU format (PF) is an 8 bit field that determines the PDU format and is one of the fields used to determine the PGN assigned to the classical CAN data field. PGN are used to identify or label commands, data, some requests, acknowledgements and negative acknowledgements, as well as for identifying or labelling information that requires one or more classical CAN data frames to communicate the information. If there is more information than can fit in eight data bytes, a multi-packet message is required to be sent. If there are eight or less data bytes, then a single classical CAN data frame is used. A PGN can represent one or more parameters, where a parameter is a piece of data such as engine rotations per minute. Even though a PGN label can be used for one parameter, it is recommended that multiple parameters be grouped so that all 8 byte of the data field are used.

The definition of two proprietary PGN allows both PDU1 and PDU2 formats to be used. The interpretation of the proprietary information varies between manufacturers.

EXAMPLE Even though two different engines can use a common set of standard PGNs, it is probable that one manufacturer’s proprietary communications will be different from another’s.

5.2.6 PDU Specific (PS)

The PDU specific (PS) field is an 8 bit field whose definition depends on its PDU format, which determines whether it will be a DA or GE field. See [Table 4](#).

Table 4 — Definition of PDU Specific (PS) field

PDU format	PF	PS
PDU1	0–239	Destination Address (DA)
PDU2	240–255	Group Extension (GE)

The DA field defines the specific address to which the message is being sent. Any other controller should ignore this message. The global destination address (255) requires all controllers to listen and respond accordingly as message recipients.

The GE field, in conjunction with the four least significant bits of the PF field, provides for 4 096 parameter groups per data page. These are only available using the GE format PDU (PDU2).

NOTE When the four most significant bits of the PDU format field are set, it indicates that the PS field is a GE field.

In addition, 240 parameter groups are provided in each data page for use only in the destination-specific format PDU (PDU1 format). In total, 8 672 parameter groups are available to be defined using the two data pages currently available.