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of transport information and control  
systems — Calibration tasks for  
methods which assess driver demand  
due to the use of in-vehicle systems**

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## Foreword

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This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO/TS 14198:2012), which has been technically revised. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- in addition to the Lane Change Test (LCT), the Detection Response Task (DRT) is added as a primary task;
- in addition to the Critical Tracking Task (CTT) and Surrogate Reference Task (SURT), the n-back task is added as calibration task.

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## Introduction

The number of standardized methods to assess driver attentional demand due to the use of in-vehicle information and communication devices is continuing to increase. In applying these methodologies, it is important to understand and document variability in participants' performance of standard calibration tasks and procedures across laboratories and/or time.

A suitable calibration task should have the following attributes:

- It should be robust against the variations in cultural background of participants.
- Properly applied, the task should give repeatable quantitative results. It should be sensitive to inappropriate variations in participants, equipment, location, experimenter and instruction.
- It should use durable and readily available equipment for conducting the task.
- It should apply to the driver population and be usable in a driving-like context.

A standardized calibration task can be used to produce a range of statistically stable, repeatable and comparable secondary task demands for a participant in an experimental setting. This setting can be used to assess the effect on driving performance of the attentional demand due to driver interaction with an information, entertainment, and control or communication system while a vehicle is in motion.

Different calibration tasks are specified in this document to cover calibration manual, visual, and cognitive aspects of various secondary task characteristics.

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# Road vehicles — Ergonomic aspects of transport information and control systems — Calibration tasks for methods which assess driver demand due to the use of in-vehicle systems

## 1 Scope

This document provides procedures that can be used as a secondary task in a dual task setting to determine whether that evaluation setting is standardized and valid for purposes of assessing driver attentional demand due to the use of an in-vehicle system. This document does not define calibration procedures for other evaluation activities that a laboratory might undertake.

This document provides guidance on selecting a calibration task given a specific primary task. The primary tasks of interest include those that would be used in the evaluation of attentional demand. Such primary tasks are defined in other documents.

The description of a calibration task includes its application, experimental setup, data collection, and procedures for analysis of results.

The purpose of this document is not to define a reference criterion as to whether a given secondary task is suitable for use while driving. Although specific settings of parameters of a calibration task might be used to realize such a predefined pass/fail criterion, this document does not provide such a criterion for a given level of attentional demand.

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## 2 Normative references

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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 26022:2010, *Road vehicles — Ergonomic aspects of transport information and control systems — Simulated lane change test to assess in-vehicle secondary task demand*

ISO 17488, *Road vehicles — Transport information and control systems — detection-response-task (DRT) for assessing attentional effects of cognitive load in driving*

ISO/IEC 7498-1, *Information technology — Open Systems Interconnection — Basic Reference Model: The Basic Model*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 7498-1 and the following 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/>

**3.1  
calibration task**

type of reference task used for the purpose of comparing different tests or test results between sites, or over time at a given site

**3.2  
criterion**  
threshold or value of a variable to be met

**3.3  
demand**  
total visual, auditory, cognitive, or physical resources required of the driver to accomplish the primary task and interact with a Transport Information and Control System (TICS) in a dual task setting

**3.4  
dual task**  
two tasks concurrently performed, typically the primary task plus the secondary task

**3.5  
environment**  
physical surroundings in which data are captured and collected, consequently, the level of control over the independent variables in a study

EXAMPLE Laboratory, simulator, test track, real road.

**3.6  
evaluation**  
procedure in which the effect of a Transport Information and Control System (TICS) or another device is assessed

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Note 1 to entry: It may be undertaken retrospectively after the TICS has been in use for a considerable time as a product.

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Note 2 to entry: The results of the evaluation will depend on the HMI, but also on the equipment reliability and subsequent behavioural changes which may affect driving performance.

**3.7  
method**  
high-level approach to an assessment, based on theory and principles, which implies an underlying rationale in the choice of assessment techniques

EXAMPLE Behaviour analysis, workload assessment, and analysis of psycho-physiological responses.

**3.8  
metric**  
quantitative measure of driver behaviour independent of the tool used to measure it

EXAMPLE Eye glance duration and vehicle speed.

**3.9  
performance**  
result of skill application demonstrated by a participant in performing a driving task or Transport Information and Control System (TICS) related task

**3.10  
primary task**  
task to be calibrated

Note 1 to entry: The Lane Change Test in ISO 26022 is one example a task that simulates or approximates a primary driving task.

Note 2 to entry: This document considers the Detection Response Task (ISO 17488) is the primary task to be calibrated even if performed with or without driving.



**3.11****primary driving task**

activities that the driver must undertake while driving including navigating, path following, manoeuvring, avoiding obstacles, and controlling speed; and which a participant may perform through the duration of a test (simulated substitute for driving)

**3.12****secondary task**

non-driving related additional task

Note 1 to entry: A calibration task for the purpose of this document.

**3.13****secondary task demand**

sum of visual, auditory, cognitive, motor, and speech resource demands required by a non-driving related task

**3.14****system paced secondary task**

activity in which the change from the current to the next state in the interaction between user and system is initiated by the system

Note 1 to entry: The pace can be fixed or variable.

**3.15****target bar**

moving line on the critical tracking task display which indicates the task error

**3.16****task**

process of achieving a specific and measurable goal using a prescribed method

**3.17****user paced secondary task**

activity in which the change from the current to the next state in the interaction between user and system is initiated by the user

**4 Abbreviated terms**

CI	Confidence Interval
CTT	Critical Tracking Task
DRT	Detection Response Task
LCT	Lane Change Test
MDEV	Mean Deviation (According to ISO 26022)
SURT	Surrogate Reference Task
TICS	Transport Information and Control System <sup>a</sup>

<sup>a</sup> A list of TICS fundamental services has been defined by ISO/TC 204/WG 1.

## 5 Calibration tasks

### 5.1 Principle and overview

For calibration purposes, a standardized calibration task shall be used as a secondary task in a dual task setting in combination with a method to assess attentional demand due to the use of an in-vehicle system. The dual task setting shall include a primary task and the secondary calibration task.

Examples for driving-like dual task settings may include the operation of a TICS secondary task in the Lane Change Test (LCT), in a driving simulator environment, or the Detection Response Task (DRT).

The calibration shall be performed in a setting that is intended for the assessment of secondary tasks and follow the training and experimental procedures of that method for assessing attentional demand.

Development of the calibration tasks and associated procedures have used the ISO 26022 LCT, and ISO 17488 DRT to represent the primary task. While the calibration tasks described herein are intended to be applicable to other primary task implementations and dual task settings, care shall be taken to ensure that the conditions are sufficiently similar to those of ISO 26022 or ISO 17488 considering equipment and instructions to ensure a valid application of this document and its procedures.

### 5.2 Types of calibration tasks

There are various possibilities to realize a calibration task. In the following subclauses, three example alternatives are specified in detail. These alternatives include a system-paced secondary task (critical tracking task, CTT), a user-paced secondary task (surrogate reference task, SURT), and an auditory-vocal delayed digit recall task (n-back). Both the CTT and SURT alternatives represent visual-manual tasks that can be used in a dual task setting and are recommended as calibration tasks while using the LCT as the primary task. Whereas the n-back is a cognitive task that can be used in a dual task setting and is recommended as a calibration task while using the DRT as the primary task.

### 5.3 Critical Tracking Task (CTT)

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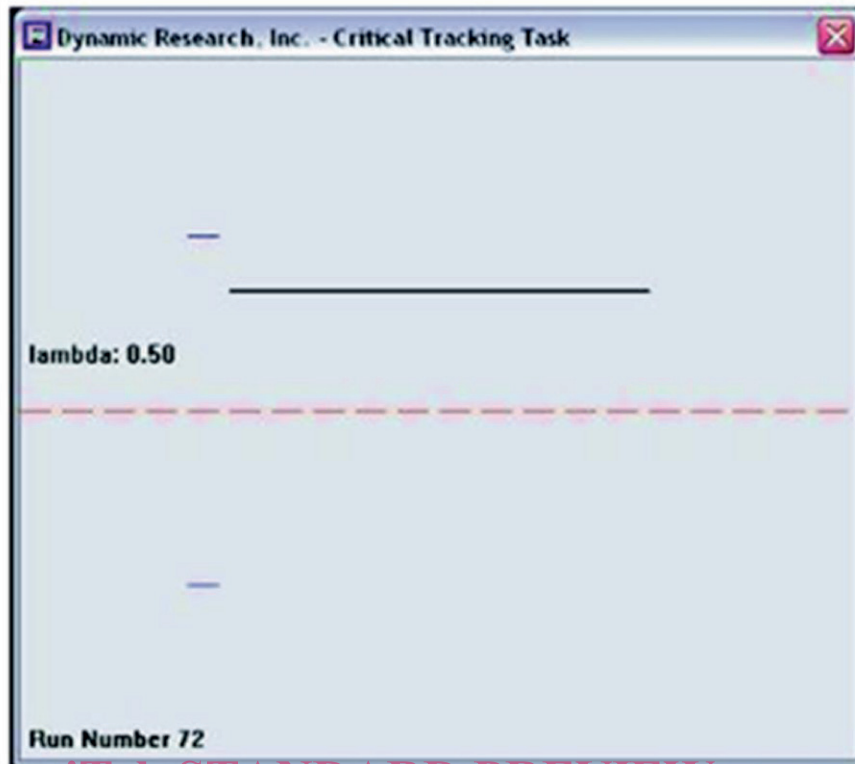
#### 5.3.1 Description

The CTT is a visual-manual task, which requires continuous control activity by the participant.

The participant controls the position of a vertically moving target bar with respect to a fiducial line (centreline) within a target area by manipulating up and down arrow keys. The arrow key control gives discrete commands to the target bar which moves it up and down. The up key moves the target bar up, and the down key moves it down.

The dynamics of the motion of the target bar are a first order instability. If the participant does nothing, the target bar moves (divergently) towards the edge of the display. The participant then has to make suitable corrective arrow key inputs to bring the target bar back towards the centre (the red dashed line in [Figure 1](#)).

A control system block diagram of the CTT is shown in [Figure 2](#).



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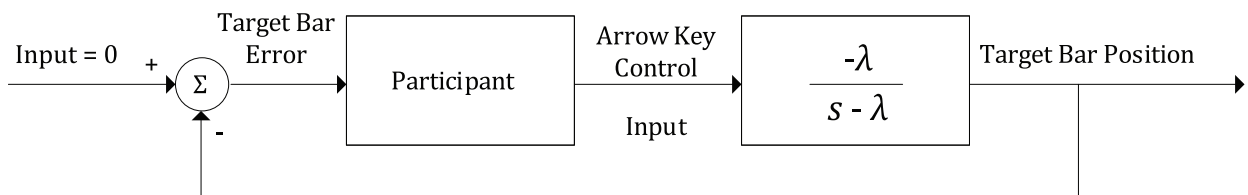
**Key**

- 1 target bar
- 2 centreline

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**Figure 1 — Typical screen of the CTT with target bar above the centreline**



**Key**

- $\lambda$  Level of instability or rate of divergence (adjustable).
- $s$  Laplace transform variable.

**Figure 2 — Control system block diagram of the CTT**

**5.3.2 Operation of the CTT**

When the program is first started, the screen will look like [Figure 1](#). Nothing will happen initially. The centreline is displayed as a red dashed horizontal line in the centre of the display. The target bar is displayed as a black line. The target bar will start to move away from the centreline showing an increasing error. Two short blue reference lines are shown above and below the centre to subdivide the screen for better orientation. The instruction to the participant is to control the position of the target bar with the arrow keys (arrow up key and arrow down key) and keep it as close to the centreline as possible so as to minimize the errors.

### 5.3.3 Setup for CTT

The setup consists of a screen with SVGA resolution plus keyboard should be as follows:

- The subtended vision angle (width) of the display area relative to participant's eyes shall be  $13^\circ \pm 1^\circ$  horizontally.
- 19 inch (483 mm) screen for a width to height ratio of display area of 4:3. For a display with a width to height ratio of 16:9 (and equivalent to a 19 inch screen), one should use a setup of with a 23 inch (584 mm) screen.
- The centre of the secondary display shall be positioned  $28^\circ \pm 2^\circ$  horizontally (right or left depending on the intended display position in the vehicle, LHD or RHD) and  $20^\circ \pm 2^\circ$  vertically from participant's straight ahead line of sight. For further details see [Annex A](#).
- To control the target bar movement, the arrow key of a standard PC keyboard (or an equivalent arrangement of keys, for example [Figure 3](#)) shall be used. Participants are allowed to place the keyboard in a comfortable position on the same side of the steering wheel as the CTT display on a table or console aside but not connected to their body.



Figure 3 — Example of key-pad to move the highlight and confirm target location result

### 5.3.4 Test conditions for CTT

The test in the dual task setting shall include one specified level of  $\lambda$ , 0,5, the CTT easy condition. The  $\lambda$  level shall be set prior to each run and kept constant during the run. In each run the primary task and the CTT task shall be performed for at least 2 min.

### 5.3.5 Participants for CTT

The CTT as a calibration task shall be performed in a dual task setting by at least 16 [ $n = 16$ ] participants who are licensed drivers. Participants should be familiar with the primary task as well as operation of the CTT. The level of participant familiarity shall be documented in the protocol. In the case of calibration using an LCT setting, it is recommended to select the participants according to ISO 26022, and following the sample description regarding age, gender and familiarity with primary and secondary task in Bengler, K., Mattes, S., Hamm, O., Hensel, M., 2010[2]. Typically, this was an average age of 32 to 45, gender balanced, and instructed and practiced in both the primary and secondary tasks.

### 5.3.6 Participant instruction for CTT

The following verbal/written instructions for CTT shall be given to the participant:

“A horizontal black target bar is displayed on the secondary task screen. There is also a red dashed horizontal line in the centre of the screen. When the task is started, the black target bar will tend to