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Adaptive cruise control systems —
Performance requirements and test
procedures**

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Foreword

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The main changes compared to the previous editions are as follows:

- the third edition of ISO 15622 is extended with the performance requirements and test procedures for full speed range adaptive cruise control systems formerly described in ISO 22179:2009 (with minor changes);
- in-vehicle devices are allowed as a possible source for the acquisition of driver commands (set-speed-advice);
- curve classification and related dependencies have been removed;
- automatic start from hold is no longer prohibited.

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Introduction

The main system function of Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) is to control vehicle speed adaptively to a forward vehicle by using information about: (1) distance to forward vehicles, (2) the motion of the subject (ACC equipped) vehicle and (3) driver commands (see Figure 1). Based upon the information acquired, the controller (identified as “ACC control strategy” in Figure 1) sends commands to actuators for carrying out its longitudinal control strategy and it also sends status information to the driver. Optionally, the driver may choose to have the ACC use set speed advice from in-vehicle devices.

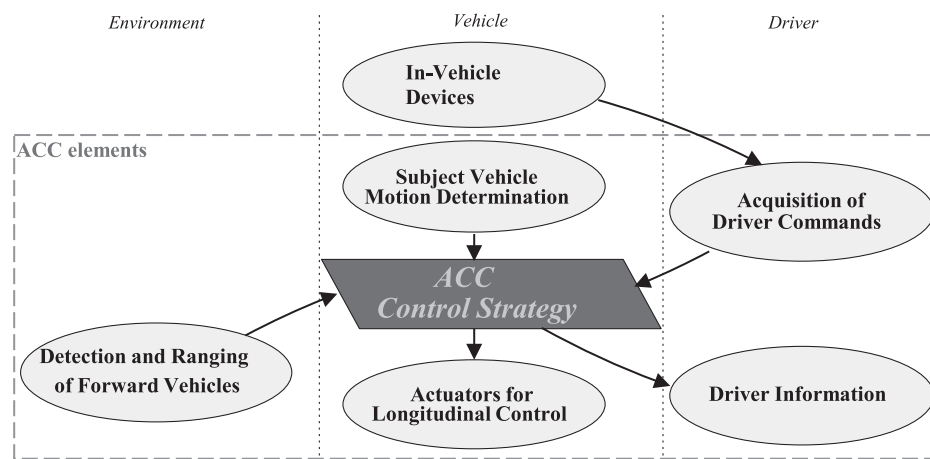


Figure 1 — Functional ACC elements

The goal of ACC is a partial automation of the longitudinal vehicle control and the reduction of the workload of the driver with the aim of supporting and relieving the driver in a convenient manner. The generic ACC system comprehends two classes: Full Speed Range ACC (FSRA) and Limited Speed Range ACC (LSRA).

This document can be used as a system level standard by other standards, which extend the ACC to a more detailed standard, e.g. for specific detection and ranging sensor concepts or higher level of functionality. Therefore, issues like specific requirements for the detection and ranging sensor function and performance or communication links for co-operative solutions will not be considered here.

Intelligent transport systems — Adaptive cruise control systems — Performance requirements and test procedures

1 Scope

This document contains the basic control strategy, minimum functionality requirements, basic driver interface elements, minimum requirements for diagnostics and reaction to failure, and performance test procedures for Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) systems.

ACC systems are realised as either Full Speed Range Adaptive Cruise Control (FSRA) systems or Limited Speed Range Adaptive Cruise Control (LSRA) systems. LSRA systems are further distinguished into two types, requiring manual or automatic clutch. Adaptive Cruise Control is fundamentally intended to provide longitudinal control of equipped vehicles while travelling on highways (roads where non-motorized vehicles and pedestrians are prohibited) under free-flowing and for FSRA-type systems also for congested traffic conditions. ACC can be augmented with other capabilities, such as forward obstacle warning. For FSRA-type systems the system will attempt to stop behind an already tracked vehicle within its limited deceleration capabilities and will be able to start again after the driver has input a request to the system to resume the journey from standstill. The system is not required to react to stationary or slow moving objects

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 2575, *Road vehicles — Symbols for controls, indicators and tell-tales*

UN/ECE Regulation No. 13-H. Uniform provisions concerning the approval of passenger cars with regard to braking

3 Terms and definitions

For the purpose of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

3.1

active brake control

function that causes application of the brake(s), not applied by the driver, in this case controlled by the ACC system

3.2

Adaptive Cruise Control

ACC

enhancement to conventional cruise control systems [see *conventional cruise control* (3.5)], which allows the subject vehicle to follow a forward vehicle at an appropriate distance by controlling the engine and/or power train and potentially the brake

3.3 brake

part in which the forces opposing the movement of the vehicle develop

Note 1 to entry: It can be a friction brake (when the forces are generated by friction between two parts of the vehicle moving relatively to one another); an electrical brake (when the forces are generated by electro-magnetic action between two parts of the vehicle moving relatively but not in contact with one another); a fluid brake (when the forces are generated by the action of a fluid situated between two parts of the vehicle moving relatively to one another); an engine brake (when the forces are derived from an artificial increase in the braking action, transmitted to the wheels, of the engine).

Note 2 to entry: Definition according to ECE-R 13-H, except for the purposes of this document, transmission control devices are not considered as brakes.

3.4 clearance

distance from the forward vehicle's trailing surface to the subject vehicle's leading surface

3.5 conventional cruise control

system capable of controlling the speed of a vehicle as set by the driver

3.6 forward vehicle

vehicle in front of and moving in the same direction and travelling on the same roadway as the *subject vehicle* (3.11)

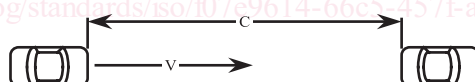
3.7 free-flowing traffic

smooth-flowing and heavy traffic excluding stop and go and emergency braking situations

3.8 time gap

τ

time gap calculated as clearance, c , divided by vehicle speed v



Key

c clearance

v vehicle speed

NOTE $\tau = c/v$.

Figure 2 — Time gap

3.9 set speed

desired travel speed, set either by the driver or by some control system that is external to the ACC system

Note 1 to entry: The set speed is the maximum desired speed of the vehicle while under ACC control.

3.10 steady state

condition whereby the value of the described parameter does not change with respect to time, distance, etc.

3.11**subject vehicle**

vehicle equipped with the ACC system in question and related to the topic of discussion

3.12**system states**

one of several stages or phases of system operation

Note 1 to entry: See [Figure 3](#).

3.12.1**ACC off state**

phase in which direct access for activation of “ACC active state” is disabled

3.12.2**ACC stand-by state**

phase in which there is no longitudinal control by ACC system and the system is ready for activation by the driver

3.12.3**ACC active state**

phase in which the system controls the speed and/or clearance

3.12.4**ACC speed control state**

phase in which the system controls the speed according to the set speed

3.12.5**ACC following control sub-state**

phase in which the system controls the clearance to the target vehicle according to the selected time gap

3.12.6**FSRA hold state**

phase in which the system is active during standstill

Note 1 to entry: Applied for FSRA-type systems only.

3.13**target vehicle**

vehicle that the subject vehicle follows

3.14**stationary object**

object in front of the subject vehicle which is stationary

3.15**slow moving object**

object in front of the subject vehicle which is moving with less than MAX [1,0 m/s, 10 % of subject vehicle speed] in the direction of the centreline of the subject vehicle

3.16**Full Speed Range Adaptive Cruise Control****FSRA cruise control**

class of *adaptive cruise control systems* ([3.2](#)), which allows the subject vehicle to follow a forward vehicle at an appropriate distance by controlling the engine and/or power train and the brake down to standstill

3.17

Limited Speed Range Adaptive Cruise Control

LSRA cruise control

class of *adaptive cruise control systems* (3.2), which allows the subject vehicle to follow a forward vehicle at an appropriate distance by controlling the engine and/or power train and the brake above a certain minimum velocity

3.18

in-vehicle device

manufacturer-integrated device that provides the ACC set-speed value without active communication to external devices

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

$a_{\text{lateral_max}}$	maximum allowed lateral acceleration in curves
a_{stopping}	longitudinal acceleration of the target vehicle at the automatic “stop” capability test
CTT	Coefficient for Test Target for infrared reflectors
c	clearance, inter vehicle distance
c_{min}	minimum clearance under steady state conditions for all speeds (including hold state)
d_0	distance, below which detection of a target vehicle is not required
d_1	distance, below which neither distance measurement nor determination of relative speed is required
d_2	distance for measurement purposes
d_{max}	maximum detection range on straight roads
R	circle radius, curve radius
R_{min}	minimum curve radius
RCS	RADAR Cross Section
v	the true subject vehicle speed over ground
v_{circle}	maximum speed on a curve for a given lateral acceleration $a_{\text{lateral_max}}$
$v_{\text{circle_start}}$	vehicle speed as it enters a curve of radius R
v_{low}	minimum operational speed
$v_{\text{set_max}}$	maximum selectable set speed
$v_{\text{set_min}}$	minimum selectable set speed
v_{stopping}	vehicle speed of the target vehicle at the automatic “stop” capability test
$v_{\text{vehicle_end}}$	vehicle speed at the end of a test
$v_{\text{vehicle_max}}$	maximum vehicle speed
$v_{\text{vehicle_start}}$	vehicle speed at the start of a test
τ	gap, time gap between vehicles

$\tau_{\max}(v)$	maximum possible steady-state time gap at a given speed v
τ_{\max}	maximum selectable time gap
τ_{\min}	minimum selectable time gap

5 Classification

5.1 Type of ACC systems

Different configurations of actuators for longitudinal control result in very different system behaviour. Therefore, based on the two different ACC classes, three types of ACC systems are addressed in this document.

Table 1 — Classification of ACC system types

Type	Manual clutch operation required	Operational speed range
FSRA	No	Full speed range
LSRA 1	Yes	Minimum operational speed v_{low}
LSRA 2	No	Minimum operational speed v_{low}

The deceleration capability of the ACC system shall be clearly stated in the vehicle owner's manual. All types incorporate active brake control. In case of active brake intervention in vehicles with a clutch pedal (type LSRA 1) the driver shall be informed clearly and early about a potential conflict between brake and engine idle control, if the clutch cannot be disengaged automatically. A practicable and unambiguous handing-over procedure shall be provided for the driver. See [6.3.1](#).

6 Requirements

6.1 Basic control strategy

ACC systems shall, as a minimum, provide the following control strategy and state transitions. The following constitutes the fundamental behaviour of ACC systems.

- When the ACC is active, the vehicle speed shall be controlled automatically either to maintain a clearance to a forward vehicle, or to maintain the set speed, whichever speed is lower. The change between these two control modes is made automatically by the ACC system.
- The steady-state clearance may be either self-adjusting by the system or adjustable by the driver (see [6.3.1](#)).
- If there is more than one forward vehicle, the one to be followed shall be selected automatically (see [6.2.3.3](#)).
- Only for FSRA-type: The state shall change from following control to hold state within a time period not to exceed 3 sec after the subject vehicle has come to a stop.
- Only for FSRA-type: In “Hold” state, automatic brake control shall be accomplished for keeping the subject vehicle stationary.
- Only for LSRA-type: The transition from “ACC stand-by” to “ACC active” shall be inhibited if the subject vehicle's speed is below a minimum operational speed, v_{low} . Additionally, if the vehicle's speed drops below v_{low} while the system is in the “ACC active” state, automatic acceleration shall be inhibited. Optionally, the ACC system may drop from “ACC active” to “ACC stand-by” (see [6.3.2](#) and [6.4](#)).