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Display unit communication interface**

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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 16844-4:2015), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- part 5 of this series (ISO 16844-5) has been removed due to its technical irrelevance,
- correction of the typos and mistakes in the text,
- adoption of the content according to the new version of the ISO guidelines,
- adoption of the content according to the new technical requirements,
- alignment of the content regarding to the referred standards.

A list of all parts in the ISO 16844 series can be found on the ISO website.

Any feedback or questions on this document should be directed to the user's national standards body. A complete listing of these bodies can be found at [www.iso.org/members.html](http://www.iso.org/members.html).

Introduction

This document supports and facilitates the communication between electronic control units (ECUs) and a digital tachograph.

The digital tachograph concept is based upon a recording equipment storing data, related to the activities of the various drivers driving the vehicle, on which it is installed.

During the normal operational status of the recording equipment, data stored in its memory are accessible to different entities (drivers, authorities, workshops, transport companies) in different ways (displayed on a screen, printed by a printing device, downloaded to an external device). Access to stored data is controlled by a smart card inserted in the tachograph.

A typical tachograph system is shown in Figure 1.

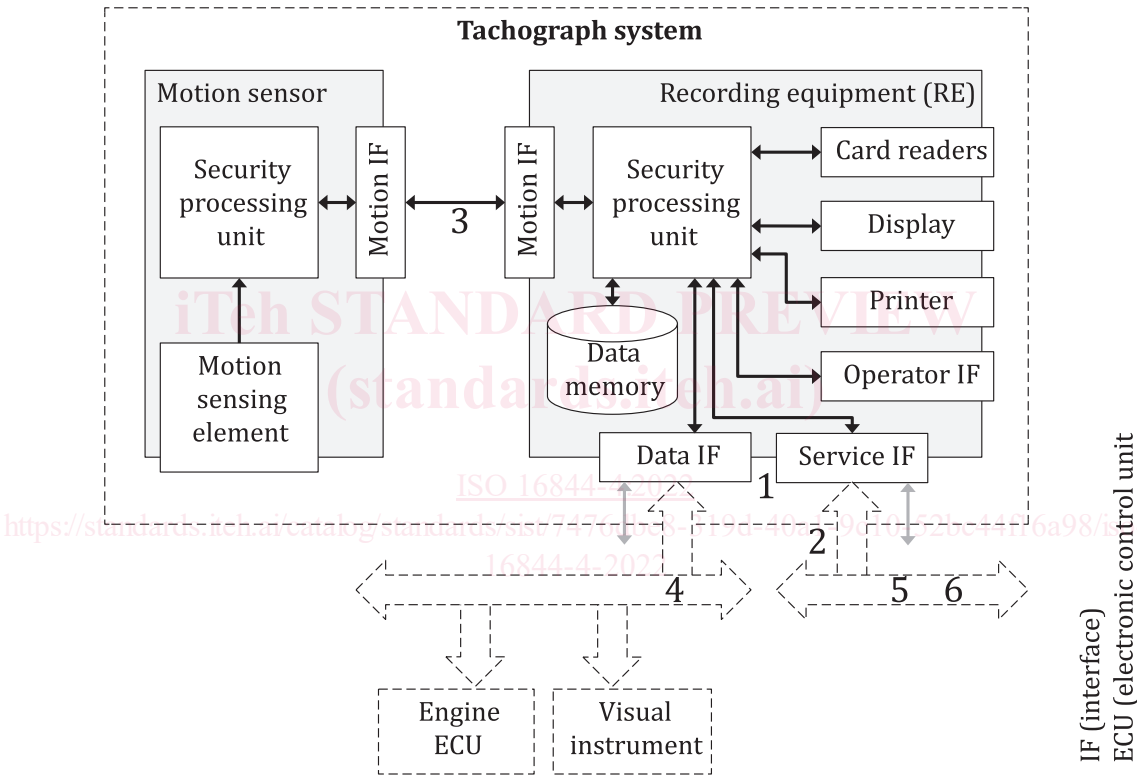


Figure 1 — Typical ISO 16844-conformant tachograph system



# Road vehicles — Tachograph systems —

## Part 4: Display unit communication interface

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the CAN-based data communication between the display unit and other devices connected to an SAE J1939-based in-vehicle network. The provided requirements and recommendations cover physical, data link, network, and application layers according to the OSI reference model. Additionally, it specifies the parameter groups, which are supported.

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

ISO 16844-1, *Road vehicles — Tachograph systems — Part 1: Recording equipment data and service connector*

ISO 16844-7, *Road vehicles — Tachograph systems — Part 7: Parameters*

SAE J1939-11, *Physical Layer-250K bits/s, Twisted Shielded Pair*

SAE J1939-14, *Physical Layer, 500 Kbps*

SAE J1939-21, *Data Link Layer*<sup>1)</sup>

SAE J1939-71, *Vehicle Application Layer*

SAE J1939DA, *Digital Annex*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 16844-1 and the following apply.

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

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

#### 3.1

##### visual instrument

speedometer and display(s) for odometer and trip meter data

1) SAE does not use the terminology of the OSI reference model: the application and transport layer is named data link layer (SAE J1939/21) and the parameter value specification is named vehicle application layer (SAE J1939/71). The parameter specifications are provided in SAE J1939DA.

## 4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the following the following symbols and abbreviated terms apply.

|            |                                  |
|------------|----------------------------------|
| ACK        | positive acknowledge             |
| BAM        | broadcast announce message       |
| CAN        | controller area network          |
| DA         | destination address              |
| DP         | data page                        |
| ECU        | electronic control unit          |
| EDP        | extended data page               |
| EOL        | end-of-line                      |
| LSB        | least significant bit/byte       |
| MSB        | most significant bit/byte        |
| NACK       | negative acknowledge             |
| OSI        | open systems interconnection     |
| P          | priority                         |
| PDU        | protocol data unit               |
| PF         | PDU format                       |
| PG         | parameter group                  |
| PGN        | parameter group number           |
| Phase_Seg1 | phase buffer segment 1           |
| Phase_Seg2 | phase buffer segment 2           |
| Prop_Seg   | propagation time segment         |
| PS         | PDU specific                     |
| RE         | recording equipment              |
| SA         | source address                   |
| Sync_Seg   | synchronization segment          |
| TP.DT      | transport protocol data transfer |
| $t_{BIT}$  | bit time                         |
| $t_q$      | time quanta                      |
| $t_{SEG1}$ | timing segment 1                 |
| $t_{SEG2}$ | timing segment 2                 |



|           |                               |
|-----------|-------------------------------|
| $t_{SJW}$ | synchronization jump width    |
| VIN       | vehicle identification number |

## 5 CAN physical layer requirements

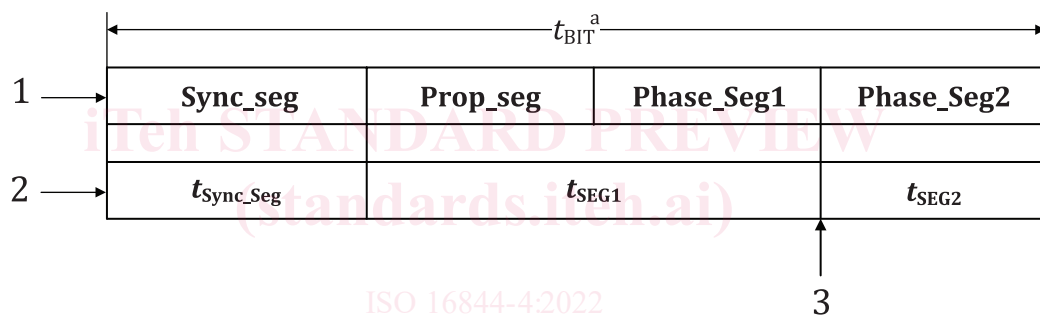
### 5.1 General

The CAN physical layer interface shall meet the requirements of SAE J1939-11 and SAE J1939-14 unless otherwise specified in this document. The CAN cabling and termination is not in the scope of this document.

### 5.2 CAN bit-timing requirements

#### 5.2.1 General

Figure 2 shows the terms used in this document and those defined in ISO 11898-1. According to ISO 11898-1 the  $t_{Sync\_Seg}$  has the length of 1  $t_q$ .



#### Key

- 1 ISO 11898 terms
- 2 ISO 16844 terms
- 3 sample-point
- <sup>a</sup> Nominal bit-time.

**Figure 2 — Partition of bit time**

For both specified bit-rates, 250 kbit/s and 500 kbit/s, the single sampling mode shall be used. The sample-point shall be between 80 % and 88 % of the nominal bit-time.

The following formula is used to calculate  $t_{SEG1}$ :

$$t_{SEG1} = t_{BIT} - t_q - t_{SEG2}$$

#### 5.2.2 CAN bit-timing requirements for 250 kbit/s

Table 1 specifies the CAN bit-timing parameters for 250 kbit/s.

**Table 1 — CAN bit-timing parameter values for 250 kbit/s, single data sampling mode**

| Parameter | Timing setting |          |          |
|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|
|           | Minimum        | Nominal  | Maximum  |
| $t_{BIT}$ | 3 980 ns       | 4 000 ns | 4 020 ns |

**Table 1** (continued)

| Parameter | Timing setting |         |         |
|-----------|----------------|---------|---------|
|           | Minimum        | Nominal | Maximum |
| $t_q$     | —              | —       | 400 ns  |

Table 2 specifies  $t_{SJW}$  and  $t_{SEG2}$  for several  $t_q$  values.

**Table 2 — CAN bit-timing parameter values for 250 kbit/s for a given time quanta,  $t_q$** 

| $t_q$  | $t_{SJW}$ | $t_{SEG2}$ |
|--------|-----------|------------|
| 200 ns | 600 ns    | 600 ns     |
| 250 ns | 500 ns    | 750 ns     |
| 334 ns | 668 ns    | 668 ns     |
| 400 ns | 800 ns    | 800 ns     |

### 5.2.3 CAN bit-timing requirements for 500 kbit/s

Table 3 specifies the CAN bit-timing parameters for 500 kbit/s.

**Table 3 — CAN bit-timing parameter values for 500 kbit/s, single data sampling mode**

| Parameter | Timing setting |          |          |
|-----------|----------------|----------|----------|
|           | Minimum        | Nominal  | Maximum  |
| $t_{BIT}$ | 1 980 ns       | 2 000 ns | 2 020 ns |
| $t_q$     | —              | —        | 200 ns   |

Table 4 specifies  $t_{SJW}$  and  $t_{SEG2}$  for several  $t_q$  values.

**Table 4 — CAN bit-timing parameter values for 500 kbit/s for a given time quanta,  $t_q$** 

| $t_q$  | $t_{SJW}$ | $t_{SEG2}$ |
|--------|-----------|------------|
| 100 ns | 300 ns    | 400 ns     |
| 125 ns | 375 ns    | 375 ns     |
| 167 ns | 334 ns    | 334 ns     |
| 200 ns | 400 ns    | 400 ns     |

## 6 CAN data link layer requirements

The CAN data link layer shall comply with ISO 11898-1. Only CAN frames in classical extended frame format (CEFF) shall be transmitted. Remote frames shall not be transmitted.

## 7 Transport layer requirements

The transport layer shall comply with BAM as well as TP.DT as specified in SAE J1939-21.

## 8 Application layer

### 8.1 General requirements and permissions

The application layer shall comply with SAE J1939-21.

If the RE can provide the requested PG, it shall transmit it. If the RE cannot provide the requested PG, it shall respond with a NACK as specified in SAE J1939-21 in the case that it is addressed directly with addresses as specified in [Clause 10](#). In case of a global address, the RE shall ignore the RQST parameter group.

The CAN interface of the RE shall support the following messages (for details see SAE J1939DA):

- time/date (TD);
- vehicle identification (VI);
- high-resolution vehicle distance (HRVD);
- service information (SERV);
- reset (RESET);
- tachograph (TCO1);
- driver's identification (DI);
- time/date adjust (TDA);
- electronic engine controller 1 (EEC1).

The CAN interface of the RE may support the following messages (for details see SAE J1939DA):

- cab illumination (CL);
- and those specified in the [Clause 9](#).

Each parameter placed in the PG data field shall be implemented as specified in ISO 16844-7.

For parameters with a length of more than one byte, the LSB shall be located on the lower byte position. ASCII data shall be transmitted with the first character first. Exceptions are noted where applicable.

NOTE The PGNs in [Clause 8](#) can also be specified in SAE J1939<sup>[4]</sup> but are added here to provide an application specific baseline. Compatibility issues are addressed in the definition.

## 8.2 RQST — Request message

The request message shall comply with SAE J1939-21.

## 8.3 ACKM — Acknowledgement message

The acknowledgement message shall be according to SAE J1939-71. [Table 6](#) specifies the control byte values.

**Table 6 — Control byte specification**

| Control byte | Definition              | Use  |
|--------------|-------------------------|--|
| 0            | Positive acknowledgment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— When the local time adjustment was successful (see <a href="#">8.11</a>).</li> <li>— When the trip distance was reset (see <a href="#">8.8</a>).</li> </ul>         |
| 1            | Negative acknowledgment | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— When a non-supported PGN was requested with a specific request.</li> <li>— When the local time adjustment was not successful (see <a href="#">8.11</a>).</li> </ul> |
| 3            | Cannot respond          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>— When the PGN is supported but RE is busy and cannot respond now. Repeat request later.</li> </ul>   |