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Foreword

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This fourth edition cancels and replaces the third edition (ISO 11783-7:2015) which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Amendment ISO 11783-7:2015/Amd 1:2018.

The main changes are as follows:

- the annexes have been moved to ISO 11783 electronic database (<http://www.isobus.net/>);
- the technical requirements of parameter definitions have been clarified;
- all requirements from annexes have been moved to the main clauses except parameter definitions.

A list of all parts in the ISO 11783 series can be found on the ISO website.

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Introduction

ISO 11783 specifies a communications system for agricultural equipment based on the ISO 11898-1^[1] protocol. SAE J1939^[2] documents, 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 were completed to allow electronic units that meet the truck and bus SAE J1939 specifications to be used by agricultural and forestry equipment with minimal changes.

General information on ISO 11783 is to 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.

The ISO 11783 series specifies a serial data network for control and communications on forestry or agricultural tractors and mounted, semi-mounted, towed or self-propelled implements. Its purpose is to standardize the method and format of transfer of data between sensors, actuators, control elements and information storage and display units, whether mounted on, or part of, the tractor or implement.

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Part 7: Implement messages application layer

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS — Caution is to be taken with any automatic control of implements carried out using a message defined in this document. See ISO 11783-9 for safe-mode operations.

1 Scope

This document describes the implement messages application layer of the network, specifying the message set and defining the messages used for communication with and between tractors and connected implements.

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 3166-1, *Codes for the representation of names of countries and their subdivisions — Part 1: Country code*

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 11783-3, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Serial control and communications data network — Part 3: Data link layer*

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

ISO 11783-9, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Serial control and communications data network — Part 9: Tractor ECU*

ISO 11783-10, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Serial control and communications data network — Part 10: Task controller and management information system data interchange*

ISO 11783-12, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Serial control and communications data network — Part 12: Diagnostics services*

ISO 11783-13, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Serial control and communications data network — Part 13: File server*

IEC 61162-3, *Maritime navigation and radio communication equipment and systems — Digital interfaces — Part 3: Serial data instrument network*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11783-1 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/>

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service provider

network control function — whether in a single ECU or one control function of many within an ECU — that works and communicates with a working set as a separate entity

Note 1 to entry: It is not a member of the working set being described, but can be a member or master of another working set.

4 General requirements and recommendations

4.1 General

The message set specified by this document is designed to support the basic needs of an implement for information from a tractor, as well as limited controls enabling coordination between implement and tractor. The message set supports messages containing information on

- time,
- ground speed,
- distance,
- navigation,
- PTO (power take-off) parameters,
- three-point hitch,
- general process data, and
- lighting function parameters.

Some of the messages specified in this document are transmitted periodically and others are transmitted upon request.

The message parameters and parameter groups are defined in an electronic database as described in [4.2](#).

4.2 ISO 11783-7 electronic database

The electronic database with the ISO 11783-7 PGN and SPN assignments is accessible at: <http://www.isobus.net/>. The database contains information for the following.

- ISO 11783 Parameter definitions

The electronic database provides the current listing of the ISO 11783-7 parameter definitions which have been assigned and which are officially registered by SAE J1939. In J1939 terminology, a parameter is known as "Suspect Parameter" or "SP". A unique number is assigned to each parameter. This number is the "Suspect Parameter Number" or "SPN".

The electronic database provides the current listing of the ISO 11783-7 parameter groups (PGs) which have been assigned and which are officially registered by SAE J1939. A unique number is assigned to each parameter group. This number is the "Parameter Group Number" or "PGN".

The parameter definitions in the electronic database shall contain references to ISO 3166-1, ISO 11783-3, ISO 11783-5, ISO 11783-9, ISO 11783-10, ISO 11783-12 and ISO 11783-13.

5 Technical requirements

5.1 Overview

The application layer provides a means for application processes to access the OSI environment. This layer contains management functions and generally useful mechanisms to support applications.

5.2 General guidelines

5.2.1 Signal characterization

It is the intent of the SAE J1939/ISO 11783 network to provide current data and signals from a source so that it can be used by other nodes (CFs).

It is recommended that the time between physical data acquisition of a signal and the transmission of the data not exceed twice the repetition rate defined for the data. Additional constraints may be defined for certain parameters.

5.2.2 Message format

The message format of SAE J1939/ISO 11783 uses the parameter group number as the label for a group of parameters. Each of the parameters within the group can be expressed in ASCII, as scaled data defined by the ranges described in 5.2.4, or as function states consisting of two or more bits. Alphanumeric data is transmitted with the most significant byte first.

Most significant byte first for ASCII or alphanumeric data means the individual characters are positioned in the data field in left-to-right reading order of the ASCII string. The leftmost character of the ASCII string shall be transmitted first, and the rightmost character of the ASCII string shall be transmitted last. For example, if the ASCII string is, "The quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog", then the ASCII character "T" shall be positioned so it is transmitted first, and the ASCII character "g" shall be positioned so it is transmitted last.

In general, characters conform to the ASCII character set as defined in ISO/IEC 8859-1.

Parameters consisting of two or more data bytes are transmitted least significant byte first. Further description of bit placement within a message is described in 5.5.3.

The type of data shall also be identified for each parameter. In J1939, data can be either status or measured; in ISO 11783, data can be either one of the J1939 types or estimated or command.

Each parameter has a data type of either a command or measured.

— Status

Status specifies the present state of a multi-state parameter or function as a result of action taken by the transmitting node (CF). This action is the result of a calculation which uses local and/or network "measured" and/or "status" and/or "estimated" and/or "command" information. Note that specific confirmation of this action is not necessarily assured. For instance, the status may indicate that a solenoid has been activated, yet no measurement may have been taken to ensure the solenoid accomplished its function.

EXAMPLE 1 Engine brakes are enabled, PTO speed control is active, cruise control is active.

— Measured

Measured data conveys the current value of a parameter, as measured or observed by the transmitting CF, determining the condition of the defined parameter.

EXAMPLE 2 Ground-based speed, hitch position, PTO engagement, implement in-work state.

— Estimated

Estimated data means that the value is achieved indirectly, without direct measurement.

EXAMPLE 3 Auxiliary valve estimated flow, General purpose valve estimated flow, Estimated curvature.

— Command

Command data specifies the desired state of a multistate parameter, function or numerical value as requested by a transmitting CF. Specific confirmation of a command is not required. For example, the command can request a solenoid be activated, yet no measurement be taken to ensure the solenoid has accomplished its function.

The tractor is not required to execute any command. The tractor may use its own logic to decide when it's appropriate to execute any command.

EXAMPLE 4 Engage PTO, extend auxiliary valve state, activate headlight high-beam, move rear hitch.

A device shall not receive parameter data from the network segment and retransmit that same parameter data using the same parameter back onto the same network segment.

5.2.3 ISO Latin 1 character set

There are 191 graphic characters of the ISO/IEC 8859-1 Latin 1 Character set shown in [Figure 1](#). Unless otherwise specified, only these 191 character values are permitted for ASCII parameters. The terminology “ASCII characters” and “printable ASCII characters” are used in SAE J1939/ISO 11783 to refer to this set of 191 graphic character values.

The remaining 65 characters values (0 through 31 and 127 through 159) are control functions. According to ISO/IEC 8859-1, these character values are defined in ISO/IEC 6429. The terminology “ASCII control characters” and “non-printable ASCII characters” are used in SAE J1939/ISO 11783 to refer to this set of 65 character values. As specified in ISO/IEC 6429, the character value 0 (zero) is the “NULL” character.

Horizontal boldface characters are the single hexadecimal digit representing the lower nibble of the single byte code for the character. Vertical boldface characters are the single hexadecimal digit representing the upper nibble of the single byte code for the character.

	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
0	----- should not be displayed -----															
1	----- should not be displayed -----															
2	space!	"	#	\$	%	&	'	()	*	+	,	-	.	/	
3	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	:	;	<	=	>	?
4	@	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O
5	P	Q	R	S	T	U	V	W	X	Y	Z	[\]	^	_
6	`	a	b	c	d	e	f	g	h	i	j	k	l	m	n	o
7	p	q	r	s	t	u	v	w	x	y	z	{		}	~	nil
8	----- should not be displayed -----															
9	----- should not be displayed -----															
A	nil	ı	ϕ	£	¤	¥		§	¨	©	ª	«	¬	-	®	¯
B	°	±	²	³	´	µ	¶	·	¹	º	»	¼	½	¾	¿	
C	À	Á	Â	Ã	Ä	Å	Æ	Ç	È	É	Ê	Ë	Ì	Í	Î	Ï
D	Ð	Ñ	Ò	Ó	Ô	Õ	Ö	×	Ø	Ù	Ú	Û	Ü	Ý	Þ	ß
E	à	á	â	ã	ä	å	æ	ç	è	é	ê	ë	ì	í	î	ï
F	ð	ñ	ò	ó	ô	õ	ö	÷	ø	ù	ú	û	ü	ý	þ	ÿ

Figure 1 — ISO 8859-1 Latin 1 Character set

5.2.4 Parameter ranges

Table 1 defines the ranges used to determine the validity of a transmitted signal. Table 2 defines the ranges used to denote the state of a discrete parameter, and Table 3 defines the ranges used to denote the state of a control mode command. The values in the range “error indicator” provide a means for a module (CF) to immediately indicate that valid parametric data is not currently available due to some type of error in the sensor, sub-system, or module (CF).

The values in the range “not available” provide a means for a module to transmit a message which contains a parameter that is not available or not supported in that module. The values in the range “not requested” provide a means for a device to transmit a command message and identify those parameters where no response is expected from the receiving device.

If a component (CF) failure prevents the transmission of valid data for a parameter, the error indicator as described in Tables 1 and 2 shall be used in place of that parameter’s data. However, if the measured or calculated data has yielded a value that is valid, yet exceeds the defined parameter range, the error indicator shall not be used. The data shall be transmitted using the appropriate minimum or maximum parameter value. If the sensor cannot determine if the measured or calculated data are valid, it shall send the error indicator.

The operational range of the signal includes the valid signal range as well as any parameter-specific indicators that have been defined.

There are some exceptions where the entire range is valid for transmission and no means to broadcast “not available” exists. These are generally limited to parameters that are broadcast using the ASCII character set, parameters that are counters that wrap around once the limit is achieved, CRC calculations that use the entire range, parameters that are used to represent a manufacturer ID, a parameter group number (PGN), a suspect parameter number (SPN), or a failure mode indicator (FMI), and some bit-mapped parameters that use the entire range.

5.2.5 Assignment of ranges to new parameters

This subclause is intended to define a set of recommended scaling, limit, offset, and transfer function (SLOTS) which can be used when parameters are added to SAE J1939/ISO 11783. This permits data consistency to be maintained as much as possible between parameters of a given type (temperature, pressure, speed, etc.). Each SLOT is intended to provide a range and resolution suitable for most parameters within a given type. When necessary, a different scaling factor or offset can be used. All

SLOTS should be based on a power of two, scaling from another SLOT. This will minimize the maths required for any internal scaling and reduce the opportunity for misinterpreted values. Preferably, offsets should be selected on the following basis:

- a) Offset = 0, or
- b) Offset = 50 % (equal ± range)

The ISO 11783-7 electronic database defines the recommended SLOTS to be used when ranges are assigned to new parameters.

Unless otherwise specified, all pressure SLOTS are measured as gage pressure.

Table 1 — Logical signal ranges

Parameter size	Valid signal	Parameter-specific indicator	Reserved range for future indicator bits	Error indicator	Not available or Not requested
4 bits	0 ₁₆ to A ₁₆	B ₁₆	C ₁₆ to D ₁₆	E ₁₆	F ₁₆
8 bits	0 ₁₆ to FA ₁₆	FB ₁₆	FC ₁₆ to FD ₁₆	FE ₁₆	FF ₁₆
10 bits	0 ₁₆ to 3FA ₁₆	3FB ₁₆	3FC ₁₆ to 3FD ₁₆	3FE ₁₆	3FF ₁₆
12 bits	0 ₁₆ to FAF ₁₆	FB0 ₁₆ to FBF ₁₆	FC0 ₁₆ to FDF ₁₆	FE0 ₁₆ to FEF ₁₆	FF0 ₁₆ to FF ₁₆
16 bits	0 ₁₆ to FAFF ₁₆	FB00 ₁₆ to FBFF ₁₆	FC00 ₁₆ to FDF ₁₆	FE00 ₁₆ to FEFF ₁₆	FF00 ₁₆ to FFFF ₁₆
20 bits	0 ₁₆ to FAFFF ₁₆	FB000 ₁₆ to FBFFF ₁₆	FC000 ₁₆ to FDF ₁₆	FE000 ₁₆ to FEFFF ₁₆	FF000 ₁₆ to FFFF ₁₆
24 bits	0 ₁₆ to FAFFF ₁₆	FB0000 ₁₆ to FBFFF ₁₆	FC0000 ₁₆ to FDF ₁₆	FE0000 ₁₆ to FEFFF ₁₆	FF0000 ₁₆ to FFFF ₁₆
28 bits	0 ₁₆ to FAFFFF ₁₆	FB00000 ₁₆ to FBFFFF ₁₆	FC00000 ₁₆ to FDF ₁₆	FE00000 ₁₆ to FEFFFF ₁₆	FF00000 ₁₆ to FFFFF ₁₆
32 bits	0 ₁₆ to FAFFFFF ₁₆	FB000000 ₁₆ to FBFFFFF ₁₆	FC000000 ₁₆ to FDF ₁₆	FE000000 ₁₆ to FEFFFFF ₁₆	FF000000 ₁₆ to FFFFFF ₁₆

Table 2 — Transmitted values for discrete parameters (measured or estimated)

Range name	Transmitted value
Disabled (Off, passive, etc.)	00 ₂
Enabled (On, active, etc.)	01 ₂
Error indicator	10 ₂
Not available or not installed	11 ₂

Table 3 — Transmitted values for control commands

Range name	Transmitted value
Command to disable function (turn Off, etc.)	00 ₂
Command to enable function (turn On, etc.)	01 ₂
Reserved	10 ₂
Don't care/take no action (leave function as is)	11 ₂

5.2.6 Adding parameters to groups

Several of the parameter groups contain bytes that are not defined and may be replaced with new parameters, as appropriate. If existing parameter group definitions do not permit the inclusion of a new parameter, a new parameter group may be defined. Per ISO 11783-1:2017 Annex A: "Request forms to obtain new ISO 11783-1 parameter group, address and identity assignments or request updates to the descriptions of existing ISO 11783-1 parameter group, address and identity assignments are available on the electronic database, accessible at: <http://www.isobus.net/>.

The maintenance agency (MA) appointed by the ISO Technical Management Board (ISO/TMB) processes the requests and synchronizes the code registrations with the SAE J1939 committee.