
**Road vehicles — Safety and
cybersecurity for automated driving
systems — Design, verification and
validation**

*Véhicules routiers — Sécurité et cybersécurité pour les systèmes de
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Introduction

Automated driving is one of the key modern technologies. In addition to offering broader access to mobility, it may also help to reduce the number of road traffic related accidents and crashes. When doing so, the safe operation of automated driving vehicles is one of the most important factors. Designed to supplement existing standards and publications on various aspects of safety, this document presents a more technical overview of the recommendations, guidance and methods to achieve a positive risk balance and to avoid unreasonable risk and cybersecurity related threats, emphasizing the importance of safety by design. This document closes the loop to provide a discussion with recommendations and methods on the verification and validation of automated driving systems.

Set forth are a proposed framework and guidelines focused on the safety and cybersecurity during the development, verification, validation, production and operation of automated driving systems for all stakeholders in the automotive and mobility world – from technology start-ups through to established OEMs and the tiered suppliers of key technologies.

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1 Scope

This document describes steps for developing and validating automated driving systems based on basic safety principles derived from worldwide applicable publications. It considers safety- and cybersecurity-by-design, as well as verification and validation methods for automated driving systems focused on vehicles with level 3 and level 4 features according to SAE J3016:2018. In addition, it outlines cybersecurity considerations intersecting with objectives for safety of automated driving systems.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions 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

automated driving system

ADS

set of *elements* (3.14) that offer a specific conditional or higher automated driving *use case* (3.63) in or for a specific *ODD* (3.37)

3.2

automated vehicle

AV

vehicle equipped with at least one conditional (SAE level 3) or higher (SAE level 4/level 5) *automated driving system* (3.1)

3.3

availability

capability (3.4) of a product to provide a stated function if demanded, under given conditions over its defined lifetime

Note 1 to entry: In the context of this document the product is the *automated driving system* (3.1).

Note 2 to entry: In the context of this document “availability” is defined solely referring to the automated driving system aspects and does not include human factor aspects.

[SOURCE: ISO 26262-1:2018, 3.7]

3.4

capability

ability of a product to deliver a function, feature or service

Note 1 to entry: In the context of this document the product is the *automated driving system* (3.1).

3.5

conventional driver

driver (3.11) who manually exercises in-vehicle braking, accelerating, steering and transmission gear selection input devices in order to operate the vehicle

[SOURCE: SAE J3016:2018, 3.29.1.1]

3.6

corner case

scenario (3.53) in which two or more parameter values are each within the *capabilities* (3.4) of the system, but together constitute a rare condition that challenges its capabilities

Note 1 to entry: In the context of this document the system is the *automated driving system* (3.1).

[SOURCE: ISO/PAS 21448:2019, Table 11]

3.7

crash

undesirable, unplanned event that leads to an unrecoverable loss due to unfavourable external conditions (e.g. human error), typically involving material damage, financial loss or human injuries and/or fatalities

3.8

cybersecurity

condition in which assets are sufficiently protected against threat *scenarios* (3.53) to electrical or electronic components of road vehicles and their functions

[SOURCE: ISO/SAE 21434]

3.9

degradation

state or transition to a state of the *item* (3.26) or *element* (3.14) with reduced functionality, performance, or both

Note 1 to entry: In the context of this document the item is the *automated driving system* (3.1).

[SOURCE: ISO 26262-1:2018, 3.28, modified — Note 1 to entry added.]

3.10

dependability

ability of a system to provide a service or function regarding the attributes of *reliability* (3.44), *availability* (3.3), maintainability, *safety* (3.51) and security (RAMSS)

Note 1 to entry: In the context of this document the system is the *automated driving system* (3.1).

3.11

driver

user (3.64) who performs in real-time part or all of the *DDT* (3.13) and/or DDT fallback for a particular vehicle

[SOURCE: SAE J3016:2018, 3.29.1, modified — The word "human" was removed from the term and the note was deleted.]

3.12

driver in the loop

DiL

execution of the target software on prototype or target hardware in the target vehicle or a mock-up, in which the environment is modified with virtual stimuli, and the driver's reaction influences the vehicle's behaviour

EXAMPLE Driving simulator or vehicle in the loop (ViL) (augmented reality for safety-related manoeuvres in real vehicles).

3.13 dynamic driving task DDT

all of the real-time operational and tactical functions required to operate a vehicle in on-road traffic

Note 1 to entry: This excludes the strategic functions such as trip scheduling and selecting destinations and waypoints, and includes without limitation:

- lateral vehicle motion control via steering (operational);
- longitudinal vehicle motion control via acceleration and deceleration (operational);
- monitoring the driving environment via object and event detection, recognition, classification, and response preparation (operational and tactical);
- object and event response execution (operational and tactical);
- manoeuvre planning (tactical); and
- enhancing conspicuity via lighting, signalling or gesturing, etc. (tactical).

[SOURCE: SAE J3016:2018, 3.13, modified — Note 1 to entry was previously part of the definition, the notes, figure and additional information were removed.]

3.14 element

at least first-level decomposition of *capabilities* (3.4) to a logical system architecture

Note 1 to entry: One or more elements realize one or more capabilities.

3.15 equivalence class

class being identified based on the division of inputs and outputs, such that a representative test value can be selected for each class

Note 1 to entry: See ISO 26262-6:2018, Table 8.

3.16 fail-degraded

property of the *item* (3.26) to operate with reduced functionality in the presence of a *fault* (3.20)

Note 1 to entry: This property can be realized as fail-degraded *capability* (3.4) of fail-degraded mode.

Note 2 to entry: In the context of this document the item is the *automated driving system* (3.1).

Note 3 to entry: This means that the item is fault-tolerant for a subset of its intended functionality.

Note 4 to entry: The absence of *unreasonable risk* (3.62) can require the duration of the presence of the fault to be time limited and/or system maintenance in a limited time frame.

Note 5 to entry: The absence of unreasonable risk in the presence of the fault can require limitations of the item behaviour.

3.17 fail-operational

property of the *item* (3.26) to maintain its full intended functionality in the presence of a *fault* (3.20)

Note 1 to entry: In the context of this document the item is the *automated driving system* (see 3.1).

Note 2 to entry: This means that the item is fault-tolerant for its intended functionality.

Note 3 to entry: The absence of *unreasonable risk* (3.62) can require the duration of the presence of the fault to be time limited and/or system maintenance in a limited time frame.

3.18

fail-safe

property of an *automated driving system* (3.1) to achieve a *minimal risk condition* (3.29) and to achieve a *safe state* (3.50) in the event of a *failure* (3.19)

Note 1 to entry: A fail-safe condition is to be reached for example, by means of: demanding the vehicle control to driver/vehicle operator (3.39) and/or switching off the automated driving function.

3.19

failure

termination of an intended behaviour of an *element* (3.14) or the *automated driving systems* (3.1) due to a *fault* (3.20) manifestation

[SOURCE: ISO 26262-1:2018, 3.50, modified — The term "automated driving system" replaces "item" and Note 1 to entry is not included here.]

3.20

fault

abnormal condition that can cause an *element* (3.14) or the *automated driving system* (3.1) to fail

[SOURCE: ISO 26262-1:2018, 3.54, modified — The term "automated driving system" replaces "item" and Notes to entry are not included here.]

3.21

field operational testing

FOT

use of large-scale testing programs aimed at generating a comprehensive assessment of the efficiency, quality, robustness and acceptance of transport solutions

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high definition map

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HD map

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maps with high level precision mostly used in the context of *automated driving system* (3.1) to give the vehicle precise information about the road environment

3.23

hardware in the closed loop

HiL

execution of target software on target hardware, whereby the hardware outputs influence the hardware inputs

Note 1 to entry: HiL executes the target software in real time.

EXAMPLE AUTOSAR stack on radar with no frontend.

3.24

hardware open loop

HoL

execution of target software on target hardware, whereby the hardware outputs do not influence the hardware inputs

EXAMPLE Monitor hardware testbench.

3.25

human-machine interaction

interdisciplinary interaction between a human and an *automated vehicle* (3.2), considering the human-machine interface (HMI) with the aim to develop a user interface that satisfies requirements regarding mental, cognitive and manual abilities of the *user* (3.64)

3.26 item

system or combination of systems, that implements a function or part of a function at the vehicle level

[SOURCE: ISO 26262-1:2018, 3.84, modified — The phrase “to which ISO 26262 is applied” and the Note 1 to entry were deleted.]

3.27 lagging measure

metrics that are assessed after deployment of an *automated driving system* (3.1) and provide confirmation that the *positive risk balance* (3.42) as well as the conformance with the safety-by-design techniques have been achieved

EXAMPLE Statistics for *crashes* (3.7) or other *safety* (3.51) events.

Note 1 to entry: See Reference [1].

3.28 leading measure

metrics that are derived from data that is assessed prior to deployment of an *automated driving system* (3.1) indicating that the automated driving system conforms with safety-by-design techniques to achieve a *positive risk balance* (3.42) and avoidance of *unreasonable risk* (3.62)

EXAMPLE A design *verification* (3.67) that the HMI guidelines were incorporated into the vehicle’s design.

Note 1 to entry: See Reference [1].

3.29 minimal risk condition MRC

condition to which a *user* (3.64) or an *automated driving system* (3.1) may bring a vehicle after performing the *minimal risk manoeuvre* (3.30) in order to reduce the risk of a *crash* (3.7) when a given trip cannot be completed

Note 1 to entry: The minimal risk condition integrates the meaning of avoidance of *unreasonable risk* (3.62), according to the ISO 26262:2018 series. They can be combined but they never exclude one each other.

[SOURCE: SAE J3016:2018, 3.17, modified — The term “minimal risk manoeuvre” replaces “DDT fallback”, the notes and examples were deleted and the Note 1 to entry was added.]

3.30 minimal risk manoeuvre MRM

automated driving system’s (3.1) *capability* (3.4) of transitioning the vehicle between nominal and *minimal risk conditions* (3.29)

3.31 operating mode awareness

driver’s (3.11) *capability* (3.4) to identify the current automation mode and his/her driving responsibility

3.32 naturalistic driving study NDS

driving study where research subjects are recruited to drive on public roads (not in a simulator or on a test track), where there is no in-vehicle experimenter or confederate vehicles, and where driving conditions are not experimentally controlled or manipulated

Note 1 to entry: Subjects are not instructed to drive differently than they normally would and the data collection instrumentation is unobtrusive.

Note 2 to entry: Typically, these studies last a minimum of several weeks for each subject and can go much longer.

Note 3 to entry: An approach during which the driver becomes unaware of observation as data is collected as discreetly as possible. This data is then used to examine the relationship between the driver, vehicle and/or environment.

**3.33
nominal performance**

performance of the system free from *fault* (3.20) and that meets its defined performance criteria

**3.34
non-vulnerable road user**

protected *road users* (3.46) such as *users* (3.64) in other vehicles, trucks, construction and agricultural machines

**3.35
object under test**

Out
item (3.26) or *element* (3.14) to be tested as planned and specified

Note 1 to entry: Similar usage as ISO 16750 for device under test.

**3.36
open road testing**

execution of target software on target hardware in the target vehicle with a *driver* (3.11), whereby the driving environment is real, road infrastructures are public and can be only partially controlled

EXAMPLE *Field operational testing* (3.21) or *naturalistic driving studies* (3.32), testing in the development vehicles.

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**3.37
operational design domain**
ODD

operating conditions under which a given *automated driving system* (3.1) or feature thereof is specifically designed to function, including, but not limited to, environmental, geographical, and time-of-day restrictions, and/or the requisite presence or absence of certain traffic or roadway characteristics

Note 1 to entry: These limitations, as from constraints as specified in operating conditions, reflect the technological *capability* (3.4) of the automated driving system.

[SOURCE: SAE J3016:2018, 3.22, modified — Note 1 to entry is added, and the note and examples are not included here.]

**3.38
ODD functional adaptation**

operational design domain functional adaptation
property of a system to operate safely with reduced performance in the case of detected functional insufficiencies inside the *ODD* (3.37)

EXAMPLE Speed adaptation because of low fuel level, or dense fog, or sensor performance insufficiencies.

**3.39
operator**

designated person, appropriately trained and authorized, to operate the vehicle

**3.40
other road user**

vulnerable road users (3.68) and *non-vulnerable road users* (3.34) with no role in the ego *automated vehicle* (3.2)

**3.41
passenger**

user (3.64) in a vehicle who has no role in the operation of that vehicle

3.42**positive risk balance**

benefit of sufficiently mitigating residual risk of traffic participation due to *automated vehicles* (3.2)

Note 1 to entry: This includes the expectation that automated vehicles cause less *crashes* (3.7) on average compared to those made by drivers.

Note 2 to entry: Positive risk balance is one of the concepts that can be considered when defining the acceptance criteria of ISO/PAS 21448:2019.

3.43**proving ground testing**

execution of target software on target hardware in the target vehicle in a realistic but controlled and private driving environment

Note 1 to entry: The driver can be real or a robot.

EXAMPLE Emergency braking assistant tests on soft crash target.

3.44**reliability**

ability of a system to continuously provide correct service

3.45**reprocessing**

replay of time stamped, recorded data to provide input for the *object under test* (3.35)

Note 1 to entry: The time stamp needs a sufficient time accuracy.

3.46**road user**

anyone who uses a road including sidewalk and other adjacent spaces

Note 1 to entry: Relationship between the human-related terms are shown in [Figure 1](#).

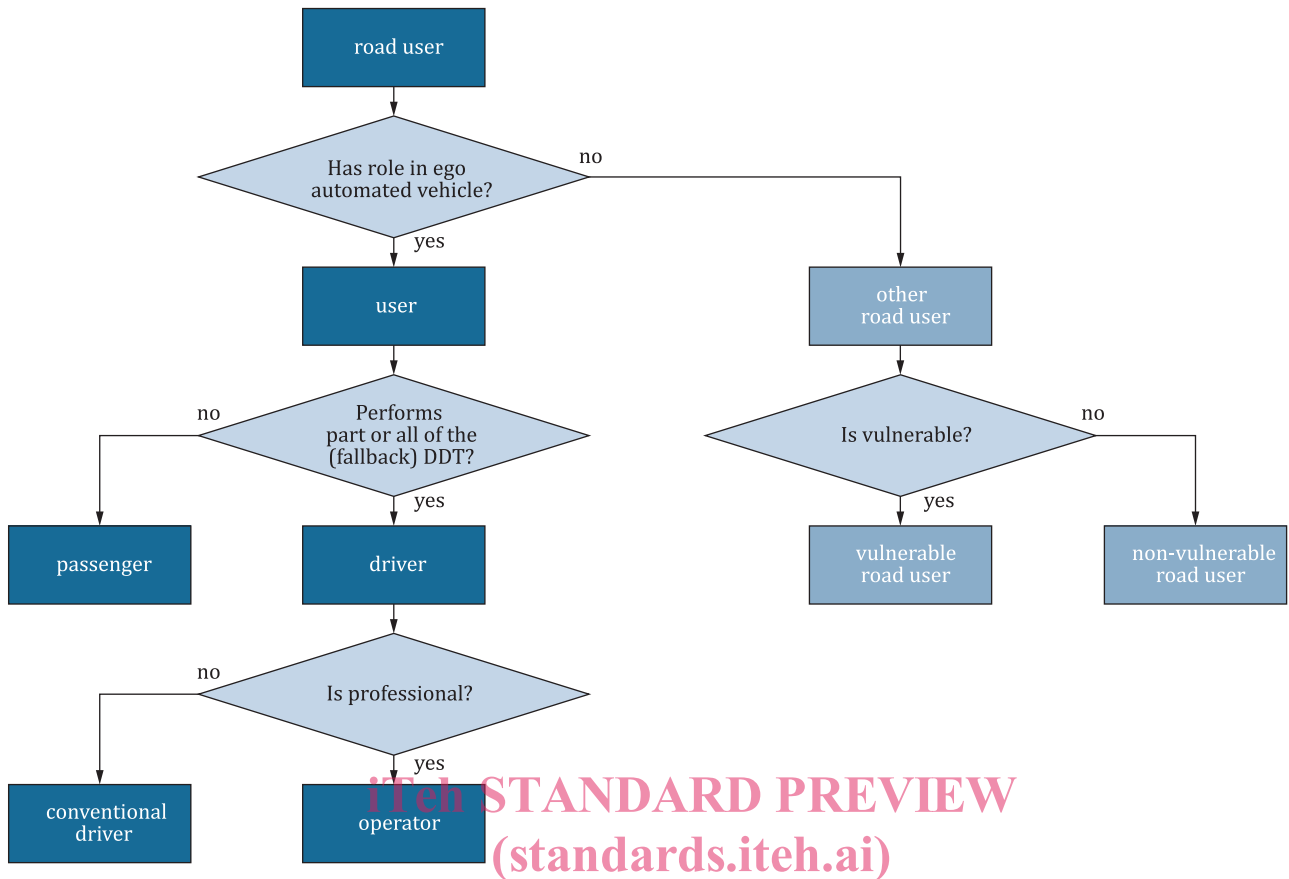


Figure 1 — Decision tree for terms related to automated driving systems

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3.47

remote driver

driver (3.11) who is not seated in a position to manually exercise in-vehicle braking, accelerating, steering and transmission gear selection input devices (if any) but is able to operate the vehicle

[SOURCE: SAE J3016:2018, 3.29.1.2, modified — The notes and examples were removed.]

3.48

remote operator

operator (3.39) who is not seated in a position to manually exercise in-vehicle braking, accelerating, steering and transmission gear selection input devices (if any) but is able to operate the vehicle with or without direct vision

3.49

SAE levels of driving automation

levels of driving automation as defined in SAE J3016

Note 1 to entry: Six levels of driving automation, ranging from no driving automation (level 0) to full driving automation (level 5), in the context of motor vehicles and their operation on roadways. See Table 1.

Table 1 — Level of automation SAE level

Level	Level of automation
	Driver performs part or all of the DDT
0	No driving automation
1	Driver assistance
2	Partial driving automation

Table 1 (continued)

Level	Level of automation
	ADS performs the entire DDT (while engaged)
3	Conditional driving automation
4	High driving automation
5	Full driving automation

3.50 safe state

operating mode that is reasonably safe

Note 1 to entry: The safe state is the state in which both *fail-safe* (3.18) and *fail-degraded* (3.16) systems will provide a solution (technically provided by an alternative functionality) to avoid risk, in an acceptable criterion, to any *road user* (3.46).

3.51 safety

absence of *unreasonable risk* (3.62)

[SOURCE: ISO 26262-1:2018, 3.132]

3.52 safety of the intended functionality SOTIF

absence of *unreasonable risk* (3.62) due to hazards resulting from functional insufficiencies of the intended functionality or by reasonably foreseeable misuse by *road users* (3.46)

[SOURCE: ISO/PAS 21448:2019, modified — The term "road users" replaces "persons".]

3.53 scenario

description of the consecutive time series of activities integrating the subject vehicle, all its external environment and their interactions in the process of performing a certain driving task

3.54 scene

snapshot of the *scenario* (3.53) at a given point of time

Note 1 to entry: Only a simulated scene can be all-embracing (i.e. objective, otherwise known as ground truth), whereby a real-world scene is incomplete, afflicted with *faults* (3.20) and uncertainties, and observed from a subjective perspective.

3.55 scenery

part of the environment that remains unchanged

3.56 simulation

approximated imitation of selected behavioural characteristics of one physical or abstract system by a static or dynamic model

Note 1 to entry: The simulation represents the behaviour over time in which the system or parts of it are replaced by the model. It includes *SiL* (3.58), *SoL* (3.57), *HiL* (3.23), *HoL* (3.24) and *DiL* (3.12).

3.57 software reprocessing open loop SoL

execution of target software on hardware, whereby the software decisions have no influence on the stimulus