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This first edition cancels and replaces the first edition ~~,(ISO/TR 4804:2020)~~, which has been technically revised.

The main changes ~~compared to the previous edition~~ are as follows:

- a fully revised scope;
- the inclusion of objectives and requirements for normative clauses of the ~~TSD~~document;
- a revised presentation of the overarching safety strategy applicable to ADS development (including the addition of clarifications on assumptions and requirements that are to be allocated externally to the ADS);
- connections to cybersecurity concerns; and
- a revision of ~~informative Annexes~~ ~~annexes~~ with example applications and further considerations of ~~Artificial Intelligence~~ ~~artificial intelligence~~ safety.

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Introduction

Automated driving is one of the key emerging technologies for road vehicles, where major goals in deploying automated driving systems include the societal benefits due to broader access to mobility and the reduction of human driver related crashes. Successful deployment is contingent upon ensuring safety of the ADS. This document presents guidance and requirements for achieving safety through the ADS development, including design, verification and validation, as well as operation post deployment.

The successful design and deployment of the ADS can involve a variety of stakeholders, from technology, component, and ~~sub-system~~subsystem suppliers to system integrators and vehicle OEMs, as well as transportation service providers and regulatory bodies; this document is intended to be used by all those involved.

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

1 Scope

This document provides guidance for achieving and demonstrating safety of an automated driving system (ADS) integrated in a road vehicle. The approach is based on safety principles derived from worldwide applicable publications and top-level safety objectives. It considers safety by design, verification and validation, and post deployment activities for level 3 and level 4 ADS features defined according to [ISO/SAE PAS 22736](#)^[2]. In addition, it outlines cybersecurity considerations.

The application of this document is intended for road vehicles, including trucks and buses and excluding motorcycles and mopeds.

Any ADS or related elements that are in operation, or under development, prior to the publication of this document are exempted from the application of this document.

NOTE While not covered in this document, safety during development activities is a key consideration. Development includes activities of design, verification and validation.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms and definitions

3.1 General

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

ISO and IEC maintain [terminological 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/>

3.2.1 Human-related terms

3.2.1.1 road user

traffic participant on, or adjacent to, an active roadway

Note 1 to entry: ~~persons~~ **Persons** operating an automated driving system (ADS) (3.2) remotely are considered as persons adjacent to the road.

Note 2 to entry: [Figure 1](#) provides an overview how terms are hierarchically defined, e.g. a *driver* (3.1.3) is a specific *user* (3.2.1.2).

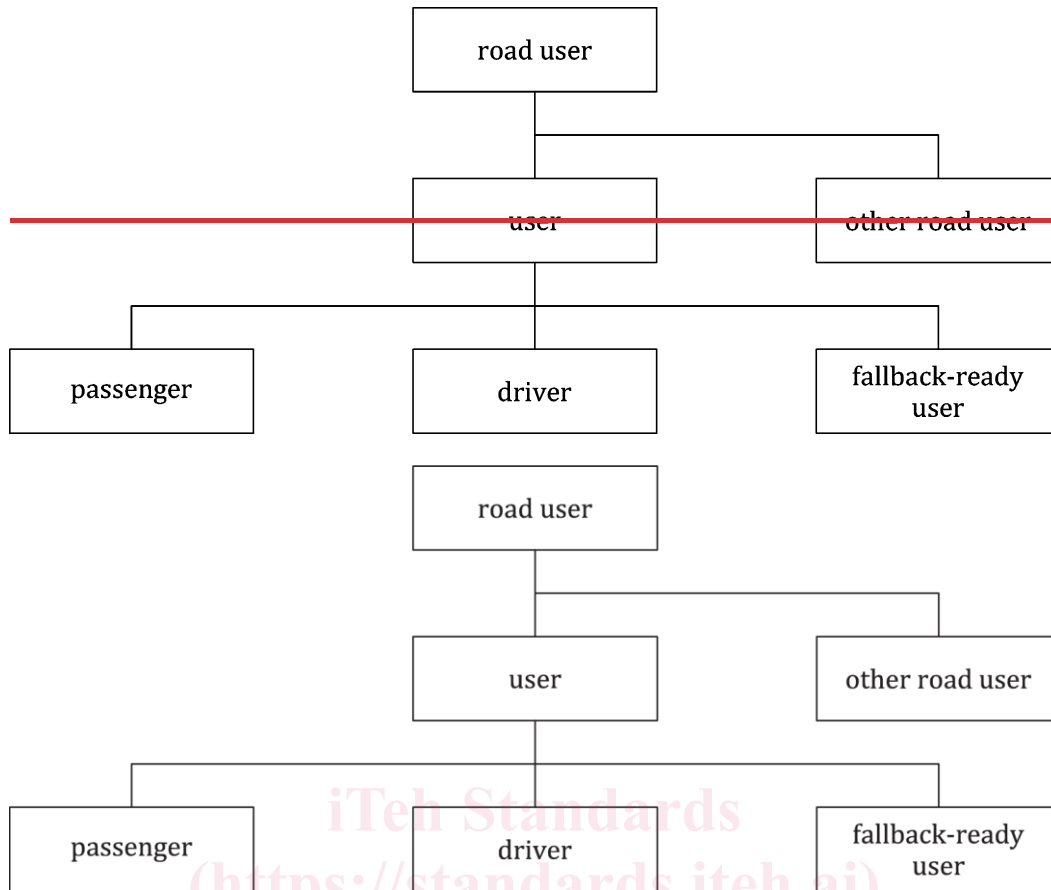


Figure 1 — Structure of human-related terms

[SOURCE: ~~with modification: removed SAE J3216:2021, 4.13.1, modified — "for the purpose of travelling; added note 1" has been deleted and note 2 with the overview figure of the term hierarchy notes to entry and Figure 1 were added.~~]

3.2.23.1.2 3.2.2

user

ADS user

road user (3.1.1) who has a role with regard to the subject *automated driving system (ADS)*- (3.2-) equipped vehicle

Note 1 to entry: A user can either be a *driver* (3.1.3), or a *passenger* (3.1.4), or a *fallback-ready user* (3.1.5). These roles do not overlap and may be performed in varying sequences during a given trip. An example can be found in Annex A.6.

[SOURCE: , with modification: inserted "who has a" to comply with ISO insertion rule; removed "a general term referencing the", and note 1 regarding consistency with terms in this subclause, and not exhaustive.]

3.2.23.1.3 3.2.3

driver

user (3.1.2) who performs *in real-time* part or all of the DDT ~~in real-time~~ or the *DDT fallback* (3.11) to operate a particular vehicle

EXAMPLE ~~person~~ *Person* with a driving licence who operates the vehicle.

Note 1 to entry: Consistent with Reference [4,] the term "operator" can be used instead of driver if the vehicle's operation requires special training and authorization.

[SOURCE: , with modification: grammatically rearranged the definition to match the substitution rule.]

3.2.4

[SOURCE: ISO/SAE PAS 22736:2021, 3.31.1, modified — "To operate" has been added, Note was replaced by Note 1 to entry and the example was added.]

3.1.4

passenger

user (3.1.2) in a vehicle who has no role in the operation of that vehicle

EXAMPLE 1 The person seated in the "driver's seat" of a vehicle equipped with a *level 4 ADS feature* (3.3) designed to automate high-speed vehicle operation on access-controlled *free-ways/freeways* is a passenger while this level 4 ADS feature \ominus is engaged. This same person, however, is a *driver* (3.1.3) before engaging this level 4 ADS feature and again after disengaging the feature in order to exit the controlled access *free-way/freeway*.

EXAMPLE 2 The users \ominus of an L4 *automated driving system (ADS)*- (3.2-) equipped vehicle are passengers whenever the L4 ADS feature \ominus is engaged.

[SOURCE: ,ISO/SAE PAS 22736:2021, 3.31.2 ~~with modification, to fit the substitution rule, on, modified — Examples 2 and 3 have been removed, a new example 2 clarified "ADS-equipped vehicle" and singular usage, removed one note, and modified another~~has been added.]

3.2.4.3.1.5 3.2.5

fallback-ready user

user (3.1.2) of an engaged *Level/level 3 ADS feature* (3.3) who is properly qualified and able to operate the vehicle and is receptive to ADS-issued requests to intervene and to evident DDT performance-relevant system *failures* (3.12) in the vehicle compelling him or her to perform the *DDT fallback* (3.11)

[SOURCE: ~~with modification: removed 'the', ISO/SAE PAS 22736:2021, 3.31.3, modified — 'of a vehicle equipped', has been deleted after "user" and replaced 'with' by 'of', and removed the notes to focus on the definition~~have also been removed.]

3.2.5.3.1.6 3.2.6

other road user

road user (3.1.1) who has no role with regard to the subject *automated driving system (ADS)*- (3.2-) equipped vehicle

Note 1 to entry: The other road user can also be a *user* (3.1.2) of another ADS-equipped vehicle.

Note 2 to entry: Other road users can affect what the subject ADS \ominus -equipped vehicle will do, but the subject automated driving system \ominus decides what to do.

3.3.2.3.3

automated driving system

ADS

hardware and software that are collectively capable of performing the entire *dynamic driving task (DDT)* (3.10) on a sustained basis, regardless of whether or not it is limited to a specific *operational design domain (ODD)* (3.20)

Note 1 to entry: An ADS can consist of on-board and/or off-board elements.

Note 2 to entry: This term is used specifically to describe an L3 or L4 driving automation system.

[SOURCE: ,ISO/SAE PAS 22736:2021, 3.2 ~~with modification, added note 1, added note 2, modified some — Note has been deleted and replaced by Note 1 to entry, Note 2 to entry was previously a modified~~ portion of the definition ~~and made it note 3.~~]

3.4.3.3.4**ADS feature**

ADS (3.2)'s design-specific functionality at a given level of driving automation within a particular *operational design domain* (ODD) (3.20), if applicable

EXAMPLE Highway pilot, automated valet parking.

Note 1 to entry: A given ADS ~~Θ~~ can have multiple ADS features, each associated with a particular level of driving automation and *dynamic driving task* (DDT) (3.10~~ΘDD~~) specification.

[SOURCE: with major modifications to fit to the scope of this document: focus on L3 and L4, removed notes and examples to focus on the application of the term in this document.]

3.5.3.4.3.5**ADS safety case**

structured argument, supported by evidence, that provides a compelling, comprehensible and valid claim that the *automated driving system* (ADS)- (3.2)- equipped vehicle has been developed to achieve *safety* (3.24) for a given ADS feature (3.43) in a given environment

Note 1 to entry: Including intentional and unintentional *reasonably foreseeable* (3.21) engagement or disengagement sequences.

Note 2 to entry: Adapted from Reference [5] [SOURCE: with modification: replaced "body of evidence" by "evidence", and "system" by "ADS".]

3.6], 13.2.1.

3.6.3.5**availability**

capability to continue to provide a stated function under given conditions once the function is active

Note 1 to entry: In the context of this document, availability is defined solely referring to the *automated driving system* (ADS) (3.2) aspects and does not include human factor aspects.

[SOURCE: , 3.7 with modification: removed "of a product" for consistency with the insertion rule.]

3.7

Note 2 to entry: Adapted from ISO 26262-1:2018, 3.7.

3.6**conflict**

situation where the trajectory of one or more *road users* (3.1.1), *other road user* (3.1.6), or objects lead to an *incident* (3.16)

3.7 3.8**crash**

situation in which the subject *automated driving system* (ADS)- (3.2)- equipped vehicle has any contact with at least one other conflict partner either on or off the ~~traffic way~~ *trafficway*, either moving or stationary (fixed or non-fixed), that is observable or in which kinetic energy is measurably transferred or dissipated

[SOURCE: with modification: added 'ADS-equipped'; removed internal references ISO/TR 21974-1:2018, 3.4, modified — Added "ADS-equipped" and deleted notes to entry.]

3.8 3.9**cybersecurity**

condition in which assets are sufficiently protected against threat scenarios to the automated driving system (ADS) (3.2) of road vehicles, their functions and their electrical or electronic components

~~Note 1 to entry: In this document, for the sake of brevity, the term cybersecurity is used instead of road vehicle cybersecurity.~~

~~Note 2 to Note 1 to entry: This can include considerations of malicious modifications to the driving environment.~~

[SOURCE: ~~ISO/SAE 21434:2021, 3.1.9 with modification: Replaced, modified — "item" was replaced by "ADS" and the Note 1 to entry was replaced.~~]

3.9 3.10**dual-mode vehicle**

automated driving system (ADS) (3.2)- ~~(3.2)-~~ equipped vehicle designed to enable either driverless operation or operation by an *in-vehicle driver*

[SOURCE: ~~ISO/SAE PAS 22736:2021, 3.32.2 with modification, removed, modified — "under routine/normal operating conditions within its given ODD", removed 'for "for complete trips" trips" and Notes were deleted.~~]

3.10 3.11**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~~lateral vehicle motion control via steering (operational);
- ~~Longitudinal~~longitudinal vehicle motion control via acceleration and deceleration (operational);
- ~~Monitoring~~monitoring the driving environment via object and event detection, recognition, classification, and response preparation (operational and tactical);
- ~~Object~~object and event response execution (operational and tactical);
- ~~Manoeuvre~~manoeuvre planning (tactical); and
- ~~Enhance~~enhancing conspicuity via lighting, signalling or gesturing, etc. (tactical).

[SOURCE: ~~ISO/SAE PAS 22736:2021, 3.10 with modification, fit, modified — Note 1 to substitution rule by moving major text entry was previously part of the definition to note 1, and deleted all notes and figures to focus on the definition were deleted.~~]

3.11 3.12**DDT fallback**

response by the user (3.1.2) to either perform the dynamic driving task (DDT) (3.10) or achieve ~~an a minimal risk condition (MRC)~~ (1) (3.17) after occurrence of DDT ~~performance-relevant system failures (3.12),~~ or (2) upon operational design domain (ODD) (3.20) exit, or the response by an automated driving system (ADS) (3.2) to achieve an MRC, given the same circumstances

[SOURCE: ~~3.12 with modification, did not take over ISO/SAE PAS 22736:2021, 3.12, modified — Notes, examples and figures, as their meaning needs to be adapted for this document, were deleted all notes to focus on the definition.~~]

3.12 3.13**failure**

deviation from an intended behaviour of the *automated driving system (ADS)* (3.2) due to a *fault* (3.13) manifestation

[SOURCE: ~~ISO 26262-1:2018~~, 3.50 ~~with modification: Replaced, modified — "item by ADS and removed element," was replaced "termination of by "ADS", "termination of" was replaced by "deviation from" and Note 1 to 'deviation from' entry was deleted.~~]

3.13 3.14**fault**

abnormal condition that can cause the *automated driving system (ADS)* (3.2) to fail

[SOURCE: ~~ISO 26262-1:2018~~, 3.54 ~~with modification: Replaced, modified — "item by ADS and removed element" was replaced by "ADS" and Notes to entry was deleted.~~]

3.14 3.15**harm**

physical injury or damage to the health of persons

[SOURCE: ~~ISO 26262-1:2018~~, 3.74]

3.15 3.16**HD map**

map with high level precision and/or high level of detail mostly used in the context of the *automated driving system (ADS)* (3.2) to give the ADS Θ precise information about the road environment

3.16 3.17**incident**

event that could have caused or actually caused *harm* (3.14) or property damage, or an anomaly that has the potential to cause harm Θ or property damage in the future

Note 1 to entry: Incident includes near-miss.

[SOURCE: ~~, 2.9 with modification: split the definition to account differently for "event" and "anomaly" and added "in the future".~~]

3.17 3.18**minimal risk condition****MRC**

stable, stopped condition to which a *user* (3.1.2) or an *automated driving system (ADS)* (3.2) may bring a vehicle after performing the *DDT fallback* (3.11) in order to reduce the risk of an *incident* (3.16) when a given trip cannot or should not be continued

Note 1 to entry: The minimal risk condition integrates the meaning of avoidance of *unreasonable risk* (3.26), according to ~~the ISO 26262 series.~~

[SOURCE: ~~ISO/SAE PAS 22736:2021~~, 3.16 ~~with modification, modified — "crash" replaced "crash" by "incident", deleted all notes and examples to focus on the definition were deleted.~~]

3.18 3.19**minimal risk manoeuvre****MRM**

vehicle movement directed by the *automated driving system (ADS)* (3.2) or by the *fallback-ready user* (3.1.5) during *DDT fallback* (3.11) to achieve ~~an a minimal risk condition (MRC) (3.18/17)~~

3.19 ~~3.20~~**object and event detection and response****OEDR**

subtasks of the *dynamic driving task* (DDT) (3.10) that include monitoring the driving environment and executing an appropriate response to such objects and events

[SOURCE:]

~~3.21~~

[SOURCE: ISO/SAE PAS 22736:2021, 3.19, modified — "(detecting, recognizing, and classifying objects and events and preparing to respond as needed)" and "(i.e., as needed to complete the DDT and/or DDT fallback)". were deleted.]

3.20**operational design domain****ODD**

operating conditions under which an *automated driving system* (ADS) (3.2) 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

[SOURCE: ~~ISO/SAE PAS 22736:2021, 3.21~~ with modification, replaced — "a given driving automation system" was replaced by "ADS", and ~~deleted all notes to focus on the definition and examples were deleted.~~]

~~3.20~~ 3.21 ~~3.22~~**reasonably foreseeable**

technically possible and with a credible or measurable rate of occurrence

Note 1 to entry: Expected misuse can be understood as a ~~sub-class~~ subclass of reasonably foreseeable events.

[SOURCE: ~~ISO 26262-1:2018, 3.120~~]

~~3.21~~ 3.22 ~~3.23~~**risk acceptance criterion**

criterion representing the absence of an unreasonable level of risk

EXAMPLE The comparison with an equivalent vehicle-level effect that is proven in use to be controllable by the driver (3.1.3) can support the definition of risk acceptance criteria. For instance, the trajectory perturbation due to an unwanted lane keeping assist function intervention might be compared to a lateral wind gust to define an acceptable level of authority for the function.

Note 1 to entry: The risk acceptance criteria can be of qualitative as well as quantitative nature, e.g. physical parameters that define when a specific behaviour is considered as hazardous behaviour, maximum number of incidents (3.16) per hour, as low as reasonably practicable (ALARP).

[SOURCE: ISO 21448:2022, 3.1 with modification: Term is named as risk, modified — The term was originally acceptance criterion instead of only acceptance criterion, emphasizing the risk aspect in the context of ADS safety and example 1 was removed.]

~~3.22~~ 3.23 ~~3.24~~**safe**

free from unreasonable risk (3.26)

~~3.23~~ 3.24 ~~3.25~~**safety**

absence of unreasonable risk (3.26)

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

~~3.24~~3.25 ~~3.26~~

safety capability

property of an *automated driving system (ADS)* (3.2) needed for *safe* (3.23) operation

Note 1 to entry: Several safety capabilities are needed to ensure safe ~~Θ~~ operation for an ADS ~~Θ~~.

Note 2 to entry: Safety capabilities are not only defined for the *dynamic driving task(DDT)* (3.10), but also for the *DDT fallback* (3.11) and *post-incident* (3.16) behaviour.

Note 3 to entry: Safety capabilities can be systematical (e.g. behavioural), but also of other types like operational, or organizational.

~~3.25~~3.26 ~~3.27~~

unreasonable risk

risk judged to be unacceptable in a certain context according to valid societal moral concepts

[SOURCE: ~~ISO 26262-1:2018~~, 3.176]

~~3.26~~3.27 ~~3.28~~

validation

activities to determine that the operation of the ADS-equipped vehicle achieves *safety* (3.24) for an *ADS feature* (3.3) in the intended environment

Note 1 to entry: The intended environment does not have to be equal to the *operational design domain (ODD)* (3.20~~ODD~~).

Note 2 to entry: The term validation in this document is limited to safety; development can include other types of validation.

~~3.27~~3.28 ~~3.29~~

verification

activities to determine that an examined object meets its specified safety requirements

[SOURCE: ~~ISO 26262-1:2018~~, 3.180 ~~with modification: simplified definition, removed, modified — "activities to" was added, "whether or not" was deleted and inserted "activities to".~~ ~~the example was deleted.~~]

4—Abbreviations

4 Abbreviated terms

L3	level 3
L4	level 4
HMI	human machine interface
ITS	intelligent transportation system
V&V	verification (3.28) and validation (3.27)
VRU	vulnerable road user (3.1.1)