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This document was prepared by Technical Committee ISO/TC 22, *Road vehicles*, Subcommittee SC 31, *Data communication*.

This second edition cancels and replaces the first edition (ISO 17987-2:2016), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- ~~—~~ master and slave terms used for the LIN node types in the ISO 17987 series are replaced within this document with inclusive language terms commander and responder. This also applies for abbreviations and file formats NCF and LDF;
- ~~—~~ updates in the network layer error handling ([7.6.3\(7.6.3\)](#));
- ~~—~~ LDF and NCF format are adapted and extended to cover the same functional scope and allowing a lossless format transition for responder nodes;
- ~~—~~ editorial updates and several statements improved to avoid ambiguities.

A list of all parts in the ISO 17987 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

The LIN protocol as proposed is an automotive focused low speed universal asynchronous receiver transmitter (UART) based network. Some of the key characteristics of the LIN protocol are signal based communication, schedule table-based frame transfer, commander/responder communication with error detection, node configuration and diagnostic service transportation.

The LIN protocol is for low-cost automotive control applications as, for example, door module and air conditioning systems. It serves as a communication infrastructure for low-speed control applications in vehicles by providing:

- ~~—~~signal based communication to exchange information between applications in different nodes;
- ~~—~~bitrate support from 1 kbit/s to 20 kbit/s;
- ~~—~~deterministic schedule table-based frame communication;
- ~~—~~network management that wakes up and puts the LIN cluster into sleep mode in a controlled manner;
- ~~—~~status management that provides error handling and error signalling;
- ~~—~~transport layer that allows large amount of data to be transported (such as diagnostic services);
- ~~—~~specification of how to handle diagnostic services;
- ~~—~~electrical physical layer specifications;
- ~~—~~node description language describing properties of responder nodes;
- ~~—~~network description file describing behaviour of communication;
- ~~—~~application ~~programmer's~~ programming interface.

The ISO 17987 series is based on the open systems interconnection (OSI) basic reference model as specified in ISO/IEC 7498-1 which structures communication systems into seven layers.

The OSI model structures data communication into seven layers called (top down) application layer (layer 7), presentation layer, session layer, transport layer, network layer, data link layer and physical layer (layer 1). A subset of these layers is used in the ISO 17987 series.

The ISO 17987 series distinguishes between the services provided by a layer to the layer above it and the protocol used by the layer to send a message between the peer entities of that layer. The reason for this distinction is to make the services, especially the application layer services and the transport layer services, reusable also for other types of networks than LIN. In this way, the protocol is hidden from the service user and it is possible to change the protocol if special system requirements demand it.

The ISO 17987 series provides all documents and references required to support the implementation of the requirements related to the following.

- ~~—~~ISO 17987-1: provides an overview of the ISO 17987 series and structure along with the use case definitions and a common set of resources (definitions, references) for use by all subsequent parts.
- ~~—~~ISO 17987-2 (this document): specifies the requirements related to the transport protocol and the network layer requirements to transport the PDU of a message between LIN nodes.

- ~~—~~ISO 17987-3: specifies the requirements for implementations of the LIN protocol on the logical level of abstraction. Hardware related properties are hidden in the defined constraints.
- ~~—~~ISO 17987-4: specifies the requirements for implementations of active hardware components which are necessary to interconnect the protocol implementation.
- ~~—~~ISO/TR 17987-5: specifies the LIN application ~~programmersprogramming~~ interface (API) and the node configuration and identification services. The node configuration and identification services are specified in the API and define how a responder node is configured and how a responder node uses the identification service.
- ~~—~~ISO 17987-6: specifies tests to check the conformance of the LIN protocol implementation according to ISO 17987-2 and ISO 17987-3. This comprises tests for the data link layer, the network layer and the transport layer.
- ~~—~~ISO 17987-7: specifies tests to check the conformance of the LIN electrical physical layer implementation (logical level of abstraction) according to ISO 17987-4.

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# Road vehicles — Local Interconnect Network (LIN) —

## Part 2: Transport protocol and network layer services

### 1 Scope

This document specifies a transport protocol and network layer services tailored to meet the requirements of LIN--based vehicle network systems on local interconnect networks. The protocol specifies an unconfirmed communication.

The LIN protocol supports the standardized service primitive interface as specified in ISO 14229--2.

This document provides the transport protocol and network layer services to support different application layer implementations such as:

- —normal communication messages, and
- —diagnostic communication messages.

The transport layer defines transportation of data that is contained in one or more frames. The transport layer messages are transported by diagnostic frames. A standardized API is specified for the transport layer.

Use of the transport layer is targeting systems where diagnostics are performed on the backbone bus (e.g. CAN) and where the system builder wants to use the same diagnostic capabilities on the LIN sub-bus clusters. The messages are in fact identical to ones in ISO 15765--2 and the PDUs carrying the messages are very similar.

The goals of the transport layer are:

- —to have low load on commander node,
- —to provide full (or a subset thereof) diagnostics directly on the responder nodes, and
- —to target clusters built with powerful LIN nodes (not the mainstream low cost).

A typical system configuration is shown in [Figure 1](#)Figure 1.

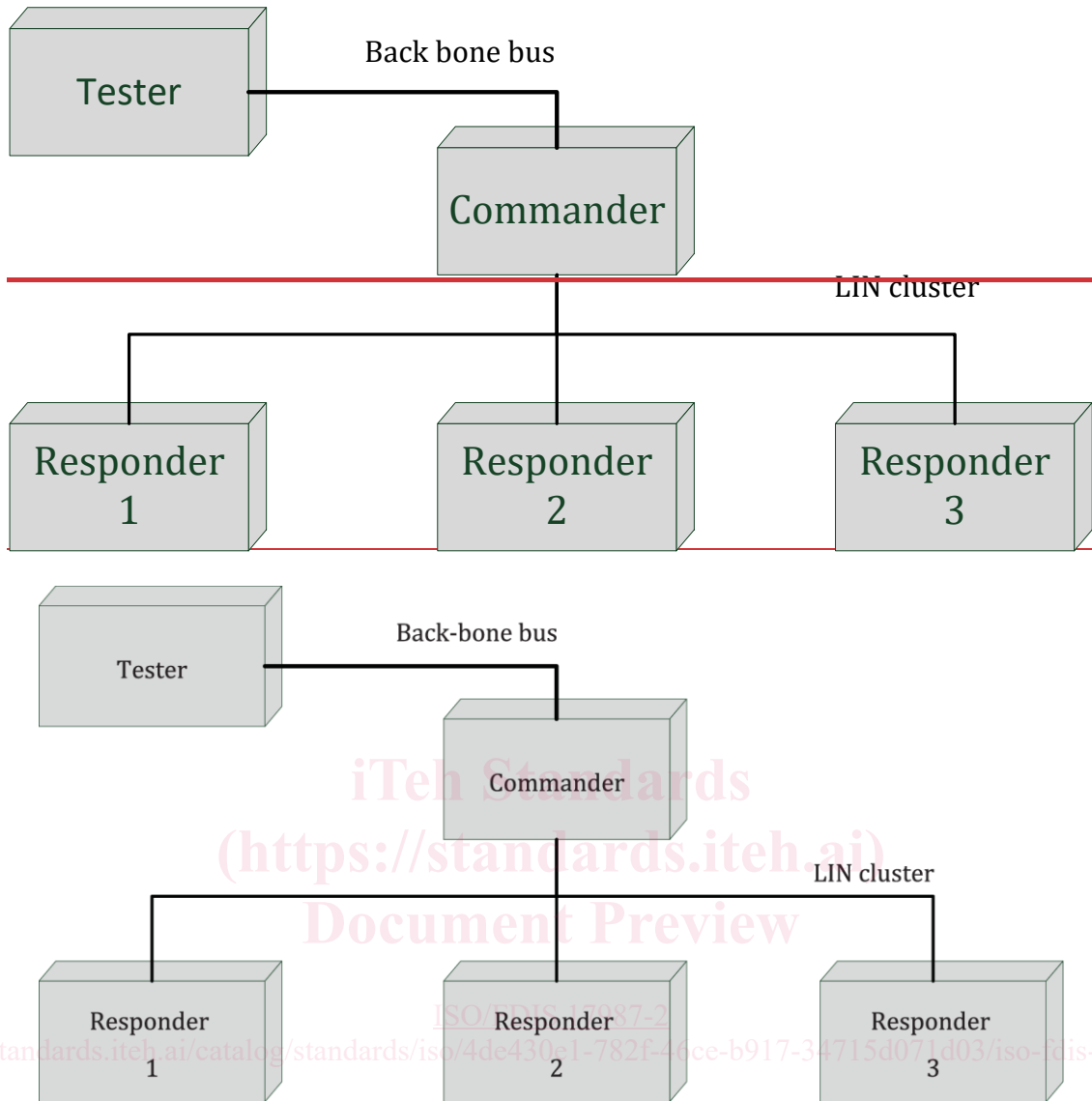


Figure 1 — Typical system setup for a LIN cluster using the transport layer

## 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/IEC 7498-1, *Information technology — Open Systems Interconnection — Basic Reference Model: The Basic Model*

ISO 14229-1, *Road vehicles — Unified diagnostic services (UDS) — Part 1: ~~Specification and requirements~~Application layer*

ISO 14229-2, *Road vehicles — Unified diagnostic services (UDS) — Part 2: Session layer services*

ISO 14229-7, *Road vehicles — Unified diagnostic services (UDS) — Part 7: UDS on local interconnect network (UDSonLIN)*

ISO\_17987-1:—<sup>1</sup>, Road vehicles — Local Interconnect Network (LIN) — Part 1: General information and use case ~~definition~~ISOdefinition

ISO\_17987-3:—<sup>2,1</sup>, Road vehicles — Local Interconnect Network (LIN) — Part 3: Protocol specification

### 3 Terms, definitions, symbols and abbreviated terms

#### 3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 17987-1, ISO/IEC 7498-1 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/>

##### 3.1.1 ~~3.1.1~~

##### **broadcast NAD**

NAD of value 7F<sub>16</sub>, used in requests which are received and processed by all responder nodes

##### 3.1.2 ~~3.1.2~~

##### **configured NAD**

value in the range of (01<sub>16</sub> to 7D<sub>16</sub>) which is assigned to each responder node

Note 1 to entry: The assignment of configured NAD to each responder node is defined in the LDF. The configured NAD is used for node configuration and identification services, as well as UDS services according to ISO 14229-7.

Note 2 to entry: When communication is initialized configured NADs of responder nodes may be identical. The commander node shall assign unique configured NADs to all responder nodes before diagnostic communication begins.

Note 3 to entry: Setting or altering the configured NAD in a responder node can be done by the following ways:

- —the commander node assigns a new configured NAD to a responder node supporting the "Assign NAD" service;
- —an API call in a responder node assigns the configured NAD;
- —the configured NAD is assigned with a static configuration.

##### 3.1.3 ~~3.1.3~~

##### **functional NAD**

7E<sub>16</sub>

value used to broadcast diagnostic requests

##### 3.1.4 ~~3.1.4~~

##### **initial NAD**

constant/static value in the range of 01<sub>16</sub> to 7D<sub>16</sub>

Note 1 to entry: Initial NAD value may be derived from a pin configuration, EEPROM or responder node position detection algorithm before entering the operational state (regular LIN communication).

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<sup>2</sup> Second edition under preparation. Stage at the time of publication: ISO/DIS 17987-3:2024.

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Note 2 to entry: The combination of initial NAD, Supplier ID and Function ID unique for each responder node is used in the "Assign NAD" command allowing an unambiguous *configured NAD* ~~(3.1.2)~~ assignment.

Note 3 to entry: If no initial NAD is defined for a responder node (LDF, NCF) the value is identical to the configured NAD.

### **3.1.5** ~~3.1.5~~

#### **P2 timing parameter**

application timing parameter for the ECU(s) and the external test equipment

### **3.1.6** ~~3.1.6~~

#### **P2\* timing parameter**

enhanced response timing parameter for the ECU(s) application after response pending frame transmission

### **3.1.7** ~~3.1.7~~

#### **P4 timing parameter**

timing parameter for the ECU(s) application defining the time between reception of a request and the final response

## **3.2 Symbols**

µs      microsecond

ms      millisecond

|      The vertical bar indicates choice. Either the left-hand side or the right-hand side of the vertical bar shall appear

## **3.3 Abbreviated terms**

API      application ~~programmers~~programming interface

BNF      Bachus-Naur format

CAN      Controller Area Network

CRF      Commander request frame

CF      ConsecutiveFrame

FF      FirstFrame

kbps      represents the unit kbit/s in exchange formats

LDF      LIN description file

L\_Data      data link data

N\_AI      network address information

N\_As      network layer timing parameter As

N\_As<sub>max</sub>      timeout on As

N\_Cr      network layer timing parameter Cr

N\_Cr<sub>max</sub>      timeout on Cr

N-Cs      network layer timing parameter Cs

N-Cs<sub>max</sub>      timeout on Cs

N\_Data      network data

N\_PCI      network protocol control information

N_PCIttype	network protocol control information type
N_PDU	network protocol data unit
N_SA	network source address
N_SDU	network service data unit
N_TAtype	network target address type
N_USData	network layer LIN data transfer service name
NAD	node address for responder nodes
NCF	node capability file
NCL	node capability language
NRC	negative response code
NWL	network layer
OBD	on-board diagnostics
OSI	Open Systems Interconnection
PDU	protocol data unit
PID	protected identifier
RRF	responder response frame
RSID	response service identifier
SF	SingleFrame
SID	service identifier
SN	SequenceNumber
ST <sub>min</sub>	SeparationTime minimum

## 4 Conventions

The ISO 17987 series and ISO 14229--7 are based on the conventions specified in the OSI **Service Conventions** (ISO/IEC 10731) as they apply for physical layer, protocol, transport protocol and network layer services and diagnostic services.

## 5 Network management

### 5.1 Network management general information

Network management in a LIN cluster refers to cluster wake up and go-to-sleep only. Other network management features, for example, configuration detection and limp home management are left to the application.

### 5.2 LIN node communication state diagram

The state diagram in [Figure 2](#) shows the behaviour model for LIN communication state.

— Bus sleep

Bus sleep state is entered after the first connection to a power source and the system initialization, reset or when a go-to-sleep command is transmitted by the commander or received by the responder node. The level on the bus is set to recessive. Only the wake-up signal may be transmitted on the cluster.

— Operational

The protocol behaviour (transmitting and receiving frames) specified in this document only applies to the operational state.

NOTE The bus sleep state does not necessarily correlate to the node's power state.

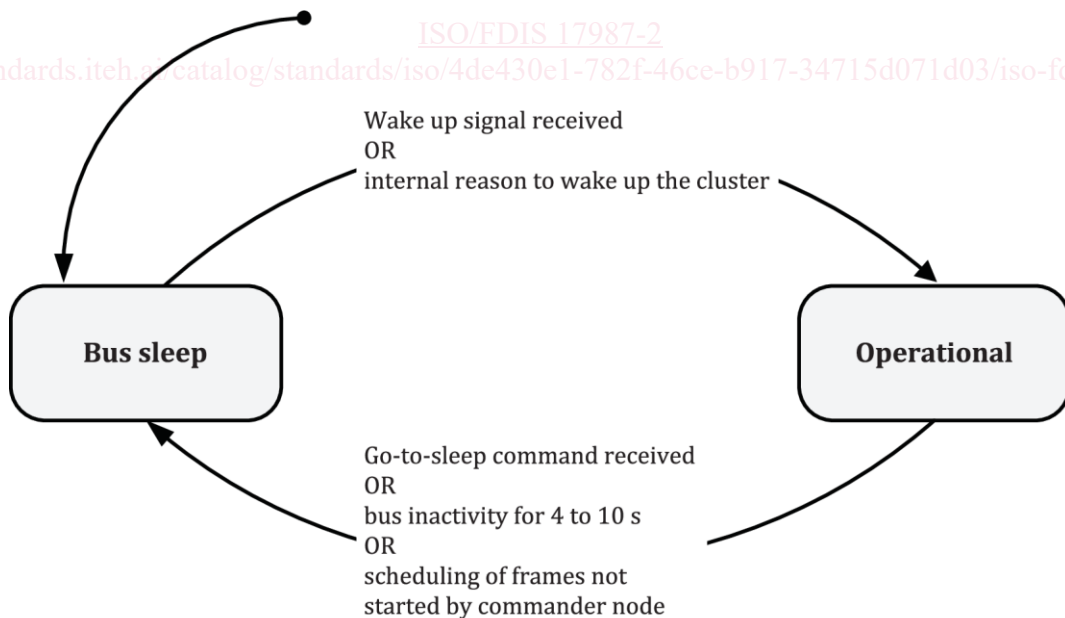
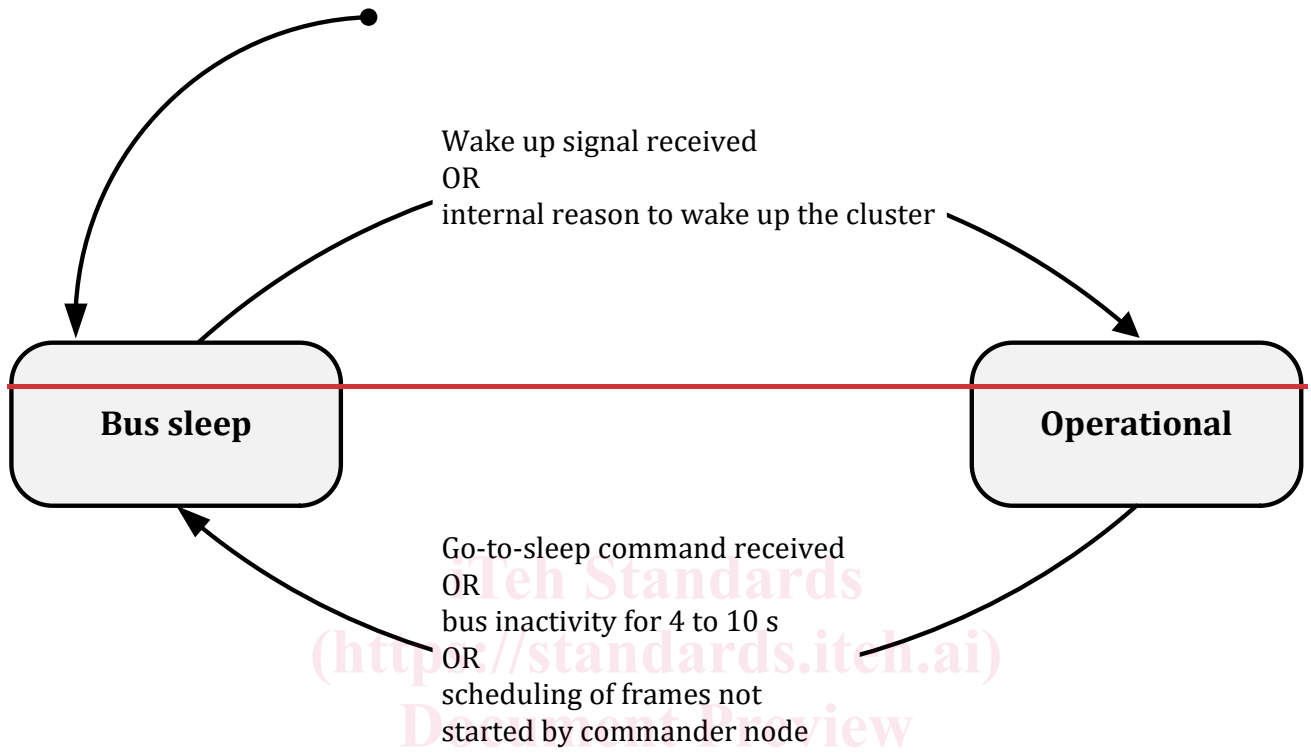


Figure 2 — LIN node communication state diagram