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# Space data and information transfer systems — Conjunction data message

## 1 Scope

This Conjunction Data Message (CDM) International Standard specifies a standard message format for use in exchanging spacecraft conjunction information between originators of Conjunction Assessments (CAs) and satellite owner/operators and other authorized parties. Such exchanges are used to inform satellite owner/operators of conjunctions between objects in space to enable consistent warning by different organizations employing diverse CA techniques.

This International Standard will:

- a) facilitate interoperability and enable consistent warning between data originators who supply CA and the satellite owner/operators who use it;
- b) facilitate automation for the CA processes; and
- c) provide critical information to enable timely CA decisions.

This document includes requirements and criteria that the message format has been designed to meet (see Annex D). Also included are informative descriptions of conjunction information pertinent to performing CA (see Annex E).

This International Standard is applicable to satellite operations in all environments in which close approaches and collisions among satellites are concerns. It contains the specification for a CDM designed for applications involving conjunction information interchange between originators of CAs and recipients. Conjunction information includes data types such as miss distance, probability of collision, Time of Closest Approach (TCA), and closest approach relative position and velocity. Further information describing the conjunction information contained in this message can be found in section 3 and Annex E.

This message is suited for exchanges that involve manual or automated interaction. The attributes of a CDM make it suitable for use in machine-to-machine interfaces because of the large amount of data typically present. The CDM is self contained. However, additional information could be specified in an Interface Control Document (ICD) written jointly by the service originator and recipients.

It is desirable that CDM originators maintain consistency with respect to the optional keywords provided in their implementations; i.e., it is desirable that the composition of the CDMs provided not change on a frequent basis.

This International Standard is applicable only to the message format and content, but not to its transmission nor to the algorithms used to produce the data within. The method of transmitting the message between exchange partners is beyond the scope of this document and could be specified in an ICD.

The methods used to predict conjunctions and calculate the probability of collision, and the definition of the conjunction assessment accuracy underlying a particular CDM, are also outside the scope of this International Standard (the interested reader can consult references in Annex F).

## 2 Requirements

Requirements are the technical recommendations made in the following publication (reproduced on the following pages), which is adopted as an International Standard:

CCSDS 508.0-B-1, June 2013, Conjunction Data Message

For the purposes of international standardization, the modifications outlined below shall apply to the specific clauses and paragraphs of publication CCSDS 508.0-B-1.

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This part is information which is relevant to the CCSDS publication only.

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Add the following information to the reference indicated:

[5] Document CCSDS 301.0-B-4, November 2010, is equivalent to ISO 11104:2011.

[6] Document CCSDS 505.0-B-1, December 2010, is equivalent to ISO 17107:2011.

## 3 Revision of publication CCSDS 508.0-B-1

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This document is a Recommended Standard for Conjunction Data Messages (CDMs) and has been prepared by the CCSDS. The CDM described in this Recommended Standard is the baseline concept for conjunction information interchange applications between interested parties.

This Recommended Standard establishes a common framework and provides a common basis for the format of conjunction information exchange between originators of conjunction assessment data and satellite owner/operators. It allows implementing organizations within each conjunction assessment originator to proceed coherently with the development of compatible derived standards for the flight and ground systems that are within their cognizance. Derived Agency standards can implement only a subset of the optional features allowed by the Recommended Standard and can incorporate features not addressed by this Recommended Standard.

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