
**Radiofrequency identification of
animals —**

**Part 3:
Evaluation of performance of RFID
transponders conforming with ISO
11784 and ISO 11785**

Identification des animaux par radiofréquence —

*Partie 3: Évaluation de la performance des transpondeurs RFID
conformes à l'ISO 11784 et à l'ISO 11785*

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Foreword

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

- quality of the figures has been improved (see [Clause 7](#)).

A list of all parts in the ISO 24631 series can be found on the ISO website.

Introduction

ISO has appointed a registration authority (RA) competent to register manufacturer codes used in the radiofrequency identification (RFID) of animals in accordance with ISO 11784 and ISO 11785.

The registration authority for ISO 11784 and ISO 11785 can be found under http://www.iso.org/iso/home/standards_development/list_of_iso_technical_committees/maintenance_agencies.htm.

This document deals with the performance of RFID transponders, of which the main types used for animal identification are

- injectable transponders,
- electronic ear tag transponders,
- electronic ruminal bolus transponders,
- leg tag transponders, and
- tag attachments.

This document permits the characterization of the two RFID communication paths: the energy transfer from transceiver to transponder and the data transfer from transponder to transceiver. This characterization can be obtained from the results of two measurements: the first determining the minimal activating magnetic field strength needed for transmitting the information and the second the transponder modulation amplitude. Both measurements use a reference measurement antenna configuration under conditions allowing the absolute values to be obtained for comparison of data between the tested transponders. Additional measurements that contribute to the performance assessment of the transponders are the bit length stability in the case of FDX-B transponders and the frequency stability in the case of HDX transponders. These parameters can be measured using the same measurement antenna configuration.

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1 Scope

This document provides the means of evaluating the performance of ISO 11784- and ISO 11785-conformant radiofrequency identification (RFID) transponders used in the individual identification of animals.

The test procedures specified in this document are recognized by the Federation of European Companion Animals Veterinary Association (FECAVA) and World Small Animal Veterinarian Association (WSAVA) and as such can be applied also to companion animals.

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 11784, *Radio frequency identification of animals — Code structure*

ISO 11785:1996, *Radio frequency identification of animals — Technical concept*

ISO 24631-1, *Radiofrequency identification of animals — Part 1: Evaluation of conformance of RFID transponders with ISO 11784 and ISO 11785 (including granting and use of a manufacturer code)*

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:

- IEC Electropedia: available at <http://www.electropedia.org/>
- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <http://www.iso.org/obp>

3.1

accreditation

third-party attestation related to a conformity assessment body conveying formal demonstration of its competence to carry out specific conformity assessment tasks

[SOURCE: ISO/IEC 17000:2004, 5.6]

3.2

activation field

electromagnetic field with a frequency of 134,2 kHz

3.3

bit length stability

stability of an FDX-B transponder (3.18) expressed by the standard deviation of the duration of one-bit information

3.4

country code

three-digit numeric code representing a country in accordance with ISO 3166-1

3.5

frequency stability

stability of an HDX *transponder* (3.18) expressed by the standard deviation of the two frequencies representing the low and high bit of an FSK-modulated signal

3.6

identification code

code used to identify the animal individually, at the national and, in combination with a *country code* (3.4), international levels

Note 1 to entry: It is a national responsibility to ensure the uniqueness of national ID codes.

3.7

laboratory reference transceiver

transceiver (3.17) used to test the *transponders* (3.18) generating the *activation field* (3.2), able to read FDX-B and HDX transponders

3.8

manufacturer

company that submits an application for conformance testing or for the granting and use of a *manufacturer code* (3.9) for *transponders* (3.18) in conformance with ISO 11784 and ISO 11785 while accepting the conditions set forth in ISO 24631-1:2017, Annexes B, C and E

3.9

manufacturer code

MFC

three-digit number granted by the RA to a *manufacturer* (3.8) under the conditions set forth in ISO 24631-1:2017, Annex E, whose range and placement within the code structure are in accordance with ISO 11784

Note 1 to entry: Only one manufacturer code is granted to the same manufacturer.

3.10

product code

six-digit number granted (and registered) by the *registration authority* (3.14) to a *manufacturer* (3.8) for a certain type of *transponder* (3.18), formatted such that its first part is the *manufacturer code* (3.9) and second part a three-digit serial number

3.11

RA-recognized test centre

accredited test centre meeting the criteria of the *registration authority* (3.14)

3.12

RA-registered transponder

transponder (3.18) registered by the *registration authority* (3.14)

3.13

RA-registered manufacturer

manufacturer (3.8) with one or more *RA-registered transponders* (3.12)

3.14

registration authority

RA

entity that approves test laboratories and issues and registers *manufacturer* (3.8) and *product codes* (3.10)

3.15**retagging**

process that assigns to a new *transponder* ([3.18](#)) the same identification number as a transponder that has been lost or that is no longer readable

3.16**retagging counter**

three-bit field for counting the number of *retagging* ([3.15](#))

3.17**transceiver**

device used to communicate with the transponder

3.18**transponder**

radio frequency identification (RFID) device that transmits its stored information when activated by a *transceiver* ([3.17](#)) and that may be able to store new information

Note 1 to entry: See ISO 24631-1 for definitions of the main types.

3.19**transponder modulation amplitude**

characterization of the transponder signal strength sent back to the *transceiver* ([3.17](#))

Note 1 to entry: For FDX-B it corresponds to the modulation depth; for HDX to the average voltage depth.

3.20**transponder minimal activating magnetic field strength**

minimal value of magnetic field strength needed to obtain full activity of the transponder

Note 1 to entry: The transponder is activated after having been placed in a magnetic field whose strength depends on the antenna, chip and packaging design. Full activity is obtained when the transponder is supplied with energy sufficient to transmit the complete data according to ISO 11785.

3.21**user information field**

five-bit field for additional user information, used only in conjunction with the *country code* ([3.4](#))

4 Conformance

Test centres recognized by the registration authority (RA) shall perform transponder testing using the procedures specified in [Clause 7](#) and shall report the test results to the RA. These tests are in accordance with the technical requirements of ISO 11784 and ISO 11785. The manufacturer shall apply for transponder testing by completing and submitting to the RA the application form provided in [Annex A](#). Only transponders with a product code issued by the RA (see ISO 24631-1) shall be tested. A transponder test report shall be accorded to a manufacturer whose transponder product has been tested as per [Clause 7](#).

5 Abbreviated terms

CN	compensating network
CRC	cyclic redundancy check
FDX-B	full duplex communication protocol (conforming to ISO 11785, excluding protocols mentioned in ISO 11785:1996, Annex A)
FSK	frequency shift keying