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- EN 13149-2:2004, Public transport Road vehicle scheduling and control systems Part 2: WORLDFIP cabling specifications
- CEN/TS 13149-3:2007, Public transport Road vehicle scheduling and control systems Part 3: WorldFIP message content
- EN 13149-4:2004, Public transport Road vehicle scheduling and control systems Part 4: General application rules for CANopen transmission buses
- EN 13149-5:2004, Public transport Road vehicle scheduling and control systems Part 5: CANopen cabling specifications
- CEN/TS 13149-6:2005, Public transport Road vehicle scheduling and control systems Part 6: CAN message content
- CEN/TS 13149-7:2015, Public transport Road vehicle scheduling and control systems Part 7: System and Network Architecture
- CEN/TS 13149-8:2013, Public transport Road vehicle scheduling and control systems Part 8: Physical layer for IP communication
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Introduction

This Technical Specification is Part 7 of a series of European Standards and Technical Specifications. The scope of this series is on-board data communication systems on public transport vehicles.

Public Transport (PT) vehicles have an increasing array of information and communications systems, including ticket machines, Automated Vehicle Location (AVL) systems, destination displays, passenger announcement systems, vehicle monitoring systems, etc. Other systems are beginning to be included such as advertising screens, tourist guides, WiFi "hotspots" and infotainment.

In addition, equipped PT vehicles will usually have a communications facility to enable voice and data to be exchanged with the control centre, other PT vehicles, PT infrastructure and roadside devices for instance in requesting priority at traffic signals. Many types of communication channel are used including public and private wireless communication networks.

These systems may be provided by a number of different suppliers and may need to be integrated. For instance:

- a ticket machine may need location information to update fare stages;
- next-stop and destination information may be drawn from schedule information held in the ticket machine;
- vehicle location systems may be used to drive signal priority requests.

As data exchange between functional units becomes more widespread, a networked approach begins to become efficient. With standardized underlying technology, the PT vehicle begins to look like a local area network: making use of IEEE 802 communications and the Internet Protocol (IP) suite.

Without a clear technology framework, integrating these systems would require complex technical discussions every time a device is procured. The existing EN 13149 standards recognized this long ago in respect of the core vehicle systems, but these have not been adapted to IP networking.

Existing Parts 1 to 6 of EN 13149 specify two independent frameworks, generally referred to as "WorldFIP" (Parts 1 to 3) and "CANbus" (Parts 4 to 6). These have not been developed with IP as a networking protocol and there has been strong interest in the community to migrate towards this approach. Parts 7 to 9 are therefore intended to provide an IP-based approach, with updated content (i.e. independent of Parts 1 to 6).

- CEN/TS 13149-7:2015 specifies the Network and System Architecture for on board equipment. It
 describes basic principles of communications including a general description of the network
 topology, addresses schematics, basic network services, a system overview and basic module
 architecture.
- CEN/TS 13149-8 specifies the Physical Layer for IP-communication networks on board PT vehicles.
 This part specifies the cables, connectors and other equipment including pin assignment and environmental requirements.
- prCEN/TS 13149-9¹ specifies in detail the profiles of basic and generic Services as well as profiles of specific services.

It is expected that EN 13149 Parts 1 to 6 will no longer be adopted once Parts 7 to 9 are complete. With these Technical Specifications, it will be easier to achieve:

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- more efficient development of PT components;
- lower cost, lower risks and a smoother on board integration of PT equipment;
- more efficient operation and maintenance of on board PT equipment;
- high quality intermodal passenger services based on intermodal PT information;
- integration of new PT services.

As an IP based solution, this Technical Specification draws on a range of IETF Requests for Comment (RFCs), not all of which may be formal standards. A list of those cited is presented in the Bibliography.

1 Scope

This Technical Specification specifies the general rules for an on-board data communication system between the different systems that may be used within public transport vehicles. This includes operational support systems, passenger information systems, fare collection systems, etc.

This Technical Specification describes:

- the requirements for an on board IP network;
- the overview architecture and components for an IP based on-board network;
- the modular structure of the network architecture;
- the Service Oriented Architecture (SOA) approach, and approach to defining services.

Systems directly related to the safe operation of the vehicle (including propulsion management, brake systems, door opening systems) are excluded from the scope of this Technical Specification and are dealt with in other standardization bodies. However, the architecture described in this Technical Specification may be used for support services such as safety information messages. Interfaces to safety-critical systems should be provided through dedicated gateways with appropriate security provisions; for the purposes of this Technical Specification, these are regarded as simply external information sources.

This Technical Specification is designed primarily for vehicles with a fixed primary structure, where networks can be installed on a permanent basis and the system configuration task consists largely of the integration, adjustment or removal of the functional end systems that produce and/or consume data. Public transport vehicles consisting of units linked temporarily for operational purposes (specifically, trains in which individual engines, cars or consists are routinely connected and disconnected) require additional mechanisms to enable the communications network itself to reconfigure. Such mechanisms are provided through other standards, notably the IEC 61375 series. (See also 5.9.)

2 Terms and definitions

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

2.1

application

piece of software constructed to capture, process and/or interpret data within the context of a business process; for example estimating vehicle location within the transport network

2.2

function

logical set of data processing activities that fulfils a business need

EXAMPLE Automated Vehicle Monitoring System (AVMS).

2.3

module

hardware or virtual component with an IP address on the IP network

EXAMPLE OnBoardUnit (on board computer).