
IEC 60870-5-104
Interoperability Document for:

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9 Interoperability

This companion standard presents sets of parameters and alternatives from which subsets must be selected to implement particular telecontrol systems. Certain parameter values, such as the choice of "structured" or "unstructured" fields of the INFORMATION OBJECT ADDRESS of ASDUs represent mutually exclusive alternatives. This means that only one value of the defined parameters is admitted per system. Other parameters, such as the listed set of different process information in command and in monitor direction allow the specification of the complete set or subsets, as appropriate for given applications. This clause summarizes the parameters of the previous clauses to facilitate a suitable selection for a specific application. If a system is composed of equipment stemming from different manufacturers, it is necessary that all partners agree on the selected parameters.

The interoperability list is defined as in IEC 60870-5-101 and extended with parameters used in this standard. The text descriptions of parameters which are not applicable to this companion standard are strike-through (corresponding check box is marked black).

NOTE In addition, the full specification of a system may require individual selection of certain parameters for certain parts of the system, such as the individual selection of scaling factors for individually addressable measured values.

The selected parameters should be marked in the white boxes as follows:

- ☐ Function or ASDU is not used
- ☒ Function or ASDU is used as standardized (default)
- ☒ Function or ASDU is used in reverse mode
- ☒ Function or ASDU is used in standard and reverse mode

The possible selection (blank, X, R, or B) is specified for each specific Clause or parameter.

A black check box indicates that the option cannot be selected in this companion standard.

9.1 System or device

(system-specific parameter, indicate the definition of a system or a device by marking one of the following with an "X")

- ☐ System definition
- ☐ Controlling station definition (master)
- ☒ Controlled station definition (slave)

8.2 Network configuration

(network-specific parameter, all configurations that are used are to be marked with an "X")

- | | |
|---|--|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Point-to-point | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multipoint-partyline |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multiple point-to-point | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Multipoint-star |

9.3 Physical layer

(network-specific parameter, all interfaces and data rates that are used are to be marked with an “X”)

Transmission speed (control direction)

Unbalanced interchange
Circuit V.24/V.28
Standard

☐ ~~100 bit/s~~
☐ ~~200 bit/s~~
☐ ~~300 bit/s~~
☐ ~~600 bit/s~~
☐ ~~1 200 bit/s~~

Unbalanced interchange
Circuit V.24/V.28
Recommended if >1 200 bit/s

☐ ~~2 400 bit/s~~
☐ ~~4 800 bit/s~~
☐ ~~9 600 bit/s~~

Balanced interchange
Circuit X.24/X.27

☐ ~~2 400 bit/s~~ ☐ ~~56 000 bit/s~~
☐ ~~4 800 bit/s~~ ☐ ~~64 000 bit/s~~
☐ ~~9 600 bit/s~~
☐ ~~19 200 bit/s~~
☐ ~~38 400 bit/s~~

Transmission speed (monitor direction)

Unbalanced interchange
Circuit V.24/V.28
Standard

☐ ~~100 bit/s~~
☐ ~~200 bit/s~~
☐ ~~300 bit/s~~
☐ ~~600 bit/s~~
☐ ~~1 200 bit/s~~

Unbalanced interchange
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☐ ~~9 600 bit/s~~
☐ ~~19 200 bit/s~~
☐ ~~38 400 bit/s~~

9.4 Link layer

(network-specific parameter, all options that are used are to be marked with an “X”. Specify the maximum frame length. If a non-standard assignment of class 2 messages is implemented for unbalanced transmission, indicate the type ID and COT of all messages assigned to class 2.)

~~Frame format FT 1.2, single character 1 and the fixed time out interval are used exclusively in this companion standard.~~

Link transmission procedure

- ☒ Balanced transmission
- ☒ Unbalanced transmission

Address field of the link

- ☒ Not present (balanced transmission only)
- ☒ One octet
- ☒ Structured
- ☒ Unstructured

When using an unbalanced link layer, the following ASDU types are returned in class 2 messages (low priority) with the indicated causes of transmission:

☒ The standard assignment of ASDUs to class 2 messages is used as follows:

Type identification	Cause of transmission
9, 11, 13, 21	<1>

☒ A special assignment of ASDUs to class 2 messages is used as follows:

Type identification	Cause of transmission

NOTE In response to a class 2 poll, a controlled station may respond with class 1 data when there is no class 2 data available.

9.5 Application layer

Transmission mode for application data

Mode 1 (least significant octet first), as defined in 4.10 of IEC 60870-5-4, is used exclusively in this companion standard.

Common address of ASDU

(system-specific parameter, all configurations that are used are to be marked with an "X")

- ☐ One octet
- ☒ Two octets

Information object address

(system-specific parameter, all configurations that are used are to be marked with an "X")

- ☐ One octet
- ☐ Two octets
- ☒ Three octets
- ☐ Structured
- ☒ Unstructured

Cause of transmission

(system-specific parameter, all configurations that are used are to be marked with an “X”)

☐ One octet

☒ Two octets (with originator address)
Originator address is set to zero if not used

Length of APDU

(system-specific parameter, specify the maximum length of the APDU per system)

The maximum length of the APDU is 253 (default). The maximum length may be reduced by the system.

Maximum length of APDU per system

Selection of standard ASDUs

Process information in monitor direction

(station-specific parameter, mark each type ID with an “X” if it is only used in the standard direction, “R” if only used in the reverse direction, and “B” if used in both directions)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<1> := Single-point information	M_SP_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<2> := Single-point information with time tag	M_SP_TA_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<3> := Double-point information	M_DP_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<4> := Double-point information with time tag	M_DP_TA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<5> := Step position information	M_ST_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<6> := Step position information with time tag	M_ST_TA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<7> := Bitstring of 32 bit	M_BO_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<8> := Bitstring of 32 bit with time tag	M_BO_TA_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<9> := Measured value, normalized value	M_ME_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<10> := Measured value, normalized value with time tag	M_ME_TA_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<11> := Measured value, scaled value	M_ME_NB_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<12> := Measured value, scaled value with time tag	M_ME_TB_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<13> := Measured value, short floating point value	M_ME_NC_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<14> := Measured value, short floating point value with time tag	M_ME_TC_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<15> := Integrated totals	M_IT_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<16> := Integrated totals with time tag	M_IT_TA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<17> := Event of protection equipment with time tag	M_EP_TA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<18> := Packed start events of protection equipment with time tag	M_EP_TB_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<19> := Packed output circuit information of protection equipment with time tag	M_EP_TC_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<20> := Packed single-point information with status change detection	M_PS_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<21> := Measured value, normalized value without quality descriptor	M_ME_ND_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<30> := Single-point information with time tag CP56Time2a	M_SP_TB_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<31> := Double-point information with time tag CP56Time2a	M_DP_TB_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<32> := Step position information with time tag CP56Time2a	M_ST_TB_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<33> := Bitstring of 32 bit with time tag CP56Time2a	M_BO_TB_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<34> := Measured value, normalized value with time tag CP56Time2a	M_ME_TD_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<35> := Measured value, scaled value with time tag CP56Time2a	M_ME_TE_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<36> := Measured value, short floating point value with time tag CP56Time2a	M_ME_TF_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<37> := Integrated totals with time tag CP56Time2a	M_IT_TB_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<38> := Event of protection equipment with time tag CP56Time2a	M_EP_TD_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<39> := Packed start events of protection equipment with time tag CP56Time2a	M_EP_TE_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<40> := Packed output circuit information of protection equipment with time tag CP56Time2a	M_EP_TF_1

Either ASDUs of the set <2>, <4>, <6>, <8>, <10>, <12>, <14>, <16>, <17>, <18>, <19> or of the set <30 –40> are used.

Process information in control direction

(station-specific parameter, mark each type ID with an “**X**” if it is only used in the standard direction, “**R**” if only used in the reverse direction, and “**B**” if used in both directions)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<45> := Single command	C_SC_NA_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<46> := Double command	C_DC_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<47> := Regulating step command	C_RC_NA_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<48> := Set point command, normalized value	C_SE_NA_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<49> := Set point command, scaled value	C_SE_NB_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<50> := Set point command, short floating point value	C_SE_NC_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<51> := Bitstring of 32 bit	C_BO_NA_1

System information in monitor direction

(station-specific parameter, mark with an “**X**” if it is only used in the standard direction, “**R**” if only used in the reverse direction, and “**B**” if used in both directions)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<70> := End of initialization	M_EI_NA_1
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System information in control direction

(station-specific parameter, mark each type ID with an “**X**” if it is only used in the standard direction, “**R**” if only used in the reverse direction, and “**B**” if used in both directions)

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<100>:= Interrogation command	C_IC_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<101>:= Counter interrogation command	C_CI_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<102>:= Read command	C_RD_NA_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<103>:= Clock synchronization command	C_CS_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<104>:= Test command	C_TS_NA_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<105>:= Reset process command	C_RP_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<106>:= Delay acquisition command	C_CD_NA_1
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<107>:= Test command with time tag CP56Time2a	C_TS_TA_1

Parameter in control direction

(station-specific parameter, mark each type ID with an “**X**” if it is only used in the standard direction, “**R**” if only used in the reverse direction, and “**B**” if used in both directions)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<110>:= Parameter of measured value, normalized value	P_ME_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<111>:= Parameter of measured value, scaled value	P_ME_NB_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<112>:= Parameter of measured value, short floating point value	P_ME_NC_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<113>:= Parameter activation	P_AC_NA_1

File transfer

(station-specific parameter, mark each type ID with an “**X**” if it is only used in the standard direction, “**R**” if only used in the reverse direction, and “**B**” if used in both directions)

<input type="checkbox"/>	<120>:= File ready	F_FR_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<121>:= Section ready	F_SR_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<122>:= Call directory, select file, call file, call section	F_SC_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<123>:= Last section, last segment	F_LS_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<124>:= Ack file, ack section	F_AF_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<125>:= Segment	F_SG_NA_1
<input type="checkbox"/>	<126>:= Directory {blank or X, only available in monitor (standard) direction}	F_DR_TA_1

Type identification and cause of transmission assignments

(station-specific parameters)

Shaded boxes are not required.

Blank = function or ASDU is not used.

Mark type identification/cause of transmission combinations:

“**X**” if used only in the standard direction;

“**R**” if used only in the reverse direction;

“**B**” if used in both directions.

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Type Identification		Cause of transmission																			
		1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	20 to 36	37 to 41	44	45	46	47	
<50>	C_SE_NC_1						x	x			x										
<51>	C_BO_NA_1																				
<70>	M_EI_NA_1				x																
<100>	C_IC_NA_1						x	x			x										
<101>	C_CI_NA_1																				
<102>	C_RD_NA_1																				
<103>	C_CS_NA_1			x			x	x													
<104>	C_TS_NA_1																				
<105>	C_RP_NA_1						x	x													
<106>	C_CD_NA_1																				
<107>	C_TS_TA_1						x	x													
<110>	P_ME_NA_1																				
<111>	P_ME_NB_1																				
<112>	P_ME_NC_1																				
<113>	P_AC_NA_1																				
<120>	F_FR_NA_1																				
<121>	F_SR_NA_1																				
<122>	F_SC_NA_1																				
<123>	F_LS_NA_1																				
<124>	F_AF_NA_1																				
<125>	F_SG_NA_1																				
<126>	F_DR_TA_1 ^{a)}																				

a) Blank or X only.

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8.6 Basic application functions

Station initialization

(station-specific parameter, mark with an “X” if function is used)

☒ Remote initialization

Cyclic data transmission

(station-specific parameter, mark with an “X” if function is used only in the standard direction, “R” if used only in the reverse direction, and “B” if used in both directions)

☒ Cyclic data transmission

Read procedure

(station-specific parameter, mark with an “X” if function is used only in the standard direction, “R” if used only in the reverse direction, and “B” if used in both directions)

☐ Read procedure

Spontaneous transmission

(station-specific parameter, mark with an “X” if function is used only in the standard direction, “R” if used only in the reverse direction, and “B” if used in both directions)

☒ Spontaneous transmission

Double transmission of information objects with cause of transmission spontaneous

(station-specific parameter, mark each information type with an “X” where both a type ID without time and corresponding type ID with time are issued in response to a single spontaneous change of a monitored object)

The following type identifications may be transmitted in succession caused by a single status change of an information object. The particular information object addresses for which double transmission is enabled are defined in a project-specific list.

- ☐ Single-point information M_SP_NA_1, M_SP_TA_1, M_SP_TB_1 and M_PS_NA_1
- ☐ Double-point information M_DP_NA_1, M_DP_TA_1 and M_DP_TB_1
- ☐ Step position information M_ST_NA_1, M_ST_TA_1 and M_ST_TB_1
- ☐ Bitstring of 32 bit M_BO_NA_1, M_BO_TA_1 and M_BO_TB_1
(if defined for a specific project, see 7.2.1.1)
- ☐ Measured value, normalized value M_ME_NA_1, M_ME_TA_1, M_ME_ND_1 and M_ME_TD_1
- ☐ Measured value, scaled value M_ME_NB_1, M_ME_TB_1 and M_ME_TE_1
- ☐ Measured value, short floating point number M_ME_NC_1, M_ME_TC_1 and M_ME_TF_1

Station interrogation

(station-specific parameter, mark with an “X” if function is used only in the standard direction, “R” if used only in the reverse direction, and “B” if used in both directions)

- | | | |
|--|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> global | <input type="checkbox"/> group 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> group 13 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> group 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> group 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> group 14 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> group 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> group 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> group 15 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> group 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> group 10 | <input type="checkbox"/> group 16 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> group 4 | <input type="checkbox"/> group 11 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> group 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> group 12 | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> group 6 | | |
- Information object addresses assigned to each group must be shown in a separate table

Clock synchronization

(station-specific parameter, mark with an “X” if function is used only in the standard direction, “R” if used only in the reverse direction, and “B” if used in both directions)

- ☒ Clock synchronization

Command transmission

(object-specific parameter, mark with an “X” if function is used only in the standard direction, “R” if used only in the reverse direction, and “B” if used in both directions)

- ☒ Direct command transmission
- ☒ Direct set point command transmission
- ☒ Select and execute command
- ☒ Select and execute set point command
- ☐ C_SE ACTTERM used
- ☒ No additional definition
- ☒ Short-pulse duration (duration determined by a system parameter in the controlled station)
- ☒ Long-pulse duration (duration determined by a system parameter in the controlled station)
- ☒ Persistent output

- ☒ Supervision of maximum delay in command direction of commands and set point commands
- 120 s

Maximum allowable delay of commands and set point commands

Transmission of integrated totals

(station- or object-specific parameter, mark with an “X” if function is used only in the standard direction, “R” if used only in the reverse direction, and “B” if used in both directions)

- ☒ Mode A: local freeze with spontaneous transmission
- ☒ Mode B: local freeze with counter interrogation
- ☐ Mode C: freeze and transmit by counter interrogation commands
- ☐ Mode D: freeze by counter-interrogation command, frozen values reported spontaneously

- ☐ Counter read
- ☐ Counter freeze without reset
- ☐ Counter freeze with reset
- ☐ Counter reset

- ☒ General request counter
- ☐ Request counter group 1
- ☐ Request counter group 2
- ☐ Request counter group 3
- ☐ Request counter group 4

Parameter loading

(object-specific parameter, mark with an “**X**” if function is used only in the standard direction, “**R**” if used only in the reverse direction, and “**B**” if used in both directions)

- ☐ Threshold value
- ☐ Smoothing factor
- ☐ Low limit for transmission of measured value
- ☐ High limit for transmission of measured

Parameter activation

(object-specific parameter, mark with an “**X**” if function is used only in the standard direction, “**R**” if used only in the reverse direction, and “**B**” if used in both directions)

- ☐ Act/deact of persistent cyclic or periodic transmission of the addressed object

Test procedure

(station-specific parameter, mark with an “**X**” if function is used only in the standard direction, “**R**” if used only in the reverse direction, and “**B**” if used in both directions)

- ☒ Test procedure

File transfer

(station-specific parameter, mark with an “**X**” if function is used)

File transfer in monitor direction

- ☐ Transparent file
- ☐ Transmission of disturbance data of protection equipment
- ☐ Transmission of sequences of events
- ☐ Transmission of sequences of recorded analogue values

File transfer in control direction

- ☐ Transparent file

Background scan

(station-specific parameter, mark with an “**X**” if function is used only in the standard direction, “**R**” if used only in the reverse direction, and “**B**” if used in both directions)

- ☐ Background scan

Acquisition of transmission delay

(station-specific parameter, mark with an “**X**” if function is used only in the standard direction, “**R**” if used only in the reverse direction, and “**B**” if used in both directions)

■ Acquisition of transmission delay

Definition of time outs

Parameter	Default value	Remarks	Selected value
t ₀	30 s	Time-out of connection establishment	
t ₁	15 s	Time-out of send or test APDUs	
t ₂	10 s	Time-out for acknowledges in case of no data messages t ₂ < t ₁	
t ₃	20 s	Time-out for sending test frames in case of a long idle state	

Maximum range of values for all time-outs: 1 to 255 s, accuracy 1 s.

Maximum number of outstanding I format APDUs k and latest acknowledge APDUs (w)

Parameter	Default value	Remarks	Selected value
k	12 APDUs	Maximum difference receive sequence number to send state	
w	8 APDUs	Maximum difference receive sequence number to send state	

Maximum range of values k: 1 to 32767 (2¹⁵–1) APDUs, accuracy 1 APDU

Maximum range of values w: 1 to 32767 APDUs, accuracy 1 APDU (Recommendation: w should not exceed two-thirds of k).

Portnumber

Parameter	Default value	Remarks
Portnumber	2404	In all cases

RFC 2200 suite

RFC 2200 is an official Internet Standard which describes the state of standardization of protocols used in the Internet as determined by the Internet Architecture Board (IAB). It offers a broad spectrum of actual standards used in the Internet. The suitable selection of documents from RFC 2200 defined in this standard for given projects has to be chosen by the user of this standard.

- ☒ Ethernet 802.3
- ☐ Serial X.21 interface
- ☐ Other selection from RFC 2200: