

ISO 21214 - Intelligent transport systems - Communications Access for land mobiles (CALM) - Infra-red systems

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Topic Description: CALM - komunikace s využitím infračerveného pásma (InfraRed)

Introduction, Explanation of Starting Points
Základní principy zavedení protokolů IR do systému CALM
Description of Architecture, Hierarchies, Roles, and Object Relationships
Popis architektury a protokolů IR na bázi CALM
Description of Process / Function / Method of Use
Detailní popis funkcí obsluhy IR interface CALM na staanici CALM
Description of Interfaces / APIs / System Structure
Detailní popisy rozhraní jednotlivých funkčních modulů IR v rámci CALM
Protocol / Algorithm / Computation Definition
Detailní parametrizace IR protokolu v rámci CALM až do nejnižších vrstev modelu OSI, kompatibilita s jiným InfraRed protokoly
Definition of Data Representation / Physical Meaning
Definition of Constants / Ranges / Restrictions

Introduction

The ISO 21214 international standard (hereinafter referred to as the described document) introduces a set of functional requirements for the communication interface of an ITS station.

The concept of ITS communications (formerly CALM) is a set of requirements aimed at unifying communication systems within ITS. It introduces the concept of an ITS station, which represents the basic building block of this communication architecture. For more information, see the Extract from ISO 21217.

A key feature of the ITS station is its ability to use various communication protocols with different access technologies. The described document specifies the method of data exchange, via an infrared interface operating at wavelengths from 850 nm to 1010 nm, and expands the interface specification with compatibility with the ITS station according to ISO 21217. For the purposes of the standard, this interface is referred to as IR. This is the second edition of the standard.

Note: The Extract presents only selected clauses and subclauses of the source standard, while keeping their original numbering.

Application

The document establishes principles for implementing the IR interface into an ITS station within CALM.

For public administration authorities, it provides basic technical information to form an idea of the possibilities of using the IR interface in the ITS environment.

For manufacturers of telematics devices and their operators, it defines the requirements for communication between ITS stations in the ITS interface environment.

1. Scope

The described document specifies requirements for the implementation of the IR communication interface into the access layer of the ITS-S station. The document further specifies requirements for the Communication Adaptation Layer (CAL) and the Management Adaptation Entity (MAE) layer of the ITS station.

2. Related Documents (Selection)

The related standards are primarily those of the ITS communication group (CALM). The chapter does not specify these standards in detail.

In addition to the ITS communication (CALM) standards, it references the following two standards:

ISO/IEC 8802-11:1999, Information technology — Telecommunications and information exchange between systems — Local and metropolitan area networks — Specific requirements — Part 11: Wireless LAN Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) specifications

IEC 60825-1, Safety of laser products – Part 1: Equipment classification, requirements and user's guide

3. Terms and Definitions

The standard introduces 36 new terms. Other terms and abbreviations are provided in ISO 21217 and other CALM standards. In a separate paragraph, the standard introduces terms for the optical characteristics of the interface. Examples of terms and definitions:

communication zone – spatial zone in which two CALM-IR units are able to communicate with acceptable performance

registration phase – phase where a master identifies devices newly entering his communication zone

wake-up window; WuW – special case of a broadcast window and is used to “wake-up” sleeping units entering the communication zone of an active master

Další termíny a zkratky z oboru ITS jsou obsaženy ve [slovníku ITS terminology](#).

4. Abbreviations

The standard contains 82 abbreviations. Example abbreviations:

CIR	circular QAM (<i>a type of quadrature amplitude modulation</i> <i>circular QAM</i>)
HHH	Hirt, Hassner, Heise (inventors of the HHH(1,13) code) (<i>packet coding and modulation developed specifically for IR communication</i>)
IR	infrared (<i>infrared-based communication interface</i>)
McW	multicast window
TDMA	time division multiple access
θ_H	horizontal opening angle
θ_V	vertical opening angle

Other terms and abbreviations from the ITS domain can be found in the *ITSTerminology* dictionary (www.itsterminology.org).

2 Conformance

This chapter contains a short paragraph with a single-line declaration stating that the standard conforms to the requirements of related international standards.

6 Requirements: Transmitter and Receiver Parameters

This chapter, spanning 3 pages, defines the requirements for the IR receiver and IR transmitter in the form of parameter tables.

Article **6.1 Transmitter wavelengths and bandwidth** and **Article 6.2 - Radiated power**, both on a single page, define the technical requirements for the transmitter (wavelength, bandwidth, radiated power). For example parameters, see Table 1. The chapter also defines 11 transmitter classes (based on radiated power).

Table 1 (Table 1 of the standard) - IR transmitter parameter specification

Parameter	Specification	
	Channel 870	
	Channel 970	
	(main channel)	
	(alternative channel)	
TX1 Nominal transmitter wavelength	870 nm	970 nm
TX2 Transmitter pass band	820 nm to 910 nm	920 nm to 1 010 nm
TX3 Coherence length	< 1 mm	
TX4 Total radiated power	Dependent on transmitter class (see 6.2)	
TX5 Minimum receiver in-band (RX2) radiated power	80 % of TX4	
TX6a Radiated power below pass band	not specified of TX4	< 10 %
TX6b Radiated power above pass band	< 10 % of TX4 specified	not

Article **6.3 Receiver wavelengths and bandwidths** and **Article 6.4 - Receiver class** span two pages and define, in the form of two tables, the technical requirements for the receiver (wavelength, bandwidth).

Chapter 6 also defines 16 receiver classes (based on receiver sensitivity).

7 Modulation and Coding

This chapter, spanning 3 pages, defines the basic set of requirements for modulation and coding in the IR environment. It provides the basic structure of a data packet at the OSI model physical layer, including pulse durations in μ s. It also defines interface communication profiles (see Table 2 (Table 9 of the standard) - Communication profiles).

Table 2 (excerpt of Table 9 of the standard): Communication profiles

	Profile 0 (base profile)	Profile 1 (default profile)	Profile 2	Profile 3	Profile 4	Profile 5	Profile 6
Data rate	1 Mb/s	2 Mb/s	8 Mb/s	16 Mb/s	32 Mb/s	64 Mb/s	128 Mb/s
Modulation	3/16 OOK-RZ	6/16 OOK-RZ	CIR-8 HHH(1,13)	CIR-16 HHH(1,13)	CIR-32 HHH(1,13)	CIR-64 HHH(1,13)	CIR-128 HHH(1,13)
Bit time T_{bit}	1 000 ns + -1 %	500 ns + -1 %	n.a.				
Chip time T_{chip}	1 000 ns + -1 %	500 ns + -1 %	83,4 ns $\pm$ 6,6 ns	41,7 ns $\pm$ 3,3 ns	20,8 ns $\pm$ 1,6 ns	10,4 ns	5,2 ns

8 Directivity and Communication Zones

This chapter, spanning 3 pages, defines the geometrical and spatial requirements for the interaction of IR-based communication interfaces. It first graphically displays the geometric space of IR communication, and then shows the geometric intersection of two IR communication interfaces (see Figure 1). The next part of the chapter defines communication zone shortcuts, which are essentially various geometric configurations of IR communication in space, with specific parameter values assigned according to the spatial arrangement shown in Figure 1.

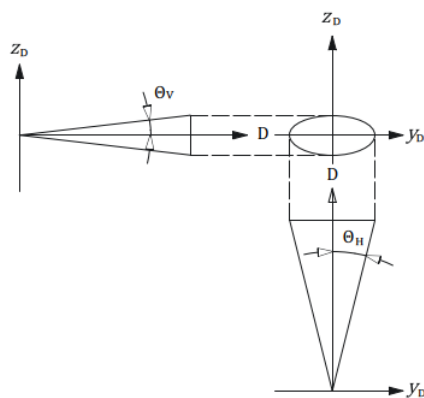


Figure 1 (Figure 5 in the standard) – Horizontal opening and vertical opening angles in IR communication

9 Frames and Windows

This chapter, spanning 20 pages, describes the general structure of communication frames in IR communication. It also defines the communication diagram for simultaneous communication of multiple IR units. Data frames are separated by a special frame structure, also described in this chapter. Frames are divided into communication windows, which are also defined in this chapter (management window, private window, multicast window, broadcast window, compatibility window, spare window, wake-up window).

10 MAC Commands

This chapter, spanning 35 pages, describes the commands at the data link layer of the OSI model, which are used to signal interface activity between MAC communication participants. The respective subchapters describe this signalling, based on the requirements of different control units of the ITS station (specifically the IR-CAL communication adaptation layer, the IR-MAE management adaptation entity, and the IR-ME management entity). The chapter also details individual MAC commands, in text and in parameter tables.

11 Registration Procedure

This chapter, spanning 4 pages, describes, in text, tables, and diagrams, the registration procedure used to register the IR interface into communication.

12 Window Management

This chapter, spanning 2 pages, describes, in text, the mechanism for managing communication windows within IR communication. This especially includes allocating sufficient communication time for individual IR interfaces in communication, managing communication windows for time-critical applications, controlling the required IR interface response time, and more.

13 IR Management Entity

This chapter, spanning 4 pages, describes, in text and tables, the basic features of the IR interface management entity (IR-ME), which is responsible for managing the IR MAC layer and the IR physical layer of the OSI model. This unit also ensures connectivity with the higher layers of the ITS station.

14 Adaptation

This chapter, spanning 6 pages, describes in text, diagrams, and tables, how to integrate the IR interface into the structure of the ITS station. The adaptation structure of the IR interface into the ITS station is shown in Figure 2.

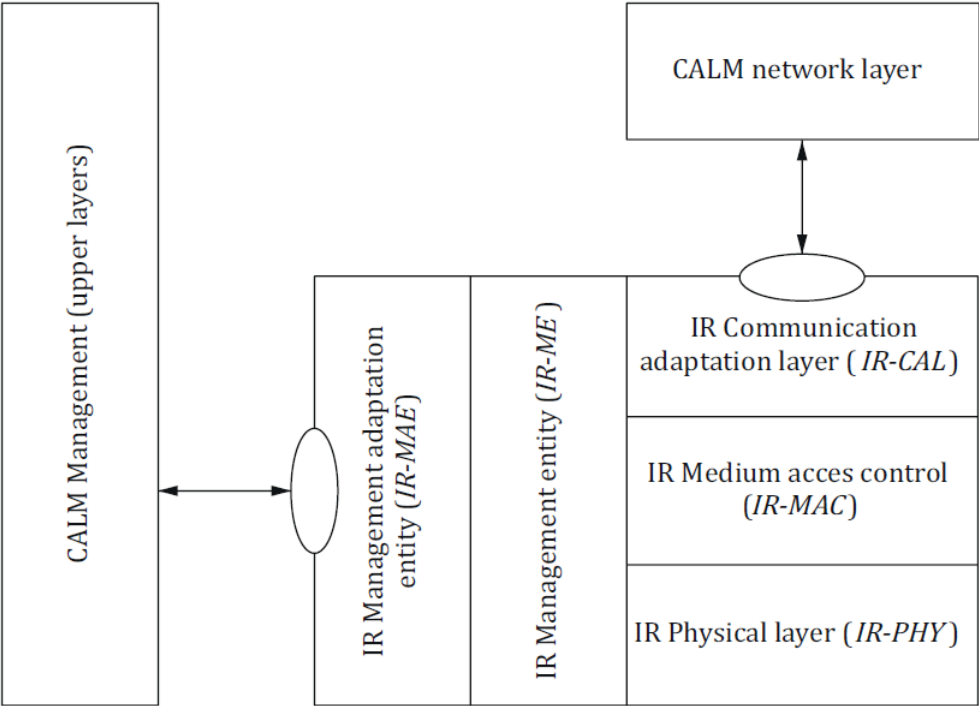


Figure 2 (Figure 17 in the standard) – Medium adaptation of the IR interface into the ITS station

15 Adoption of Other Standards and Internationally Accepted Practices

This one-paragraph chapter, with a reference to ISO 21217, describes how to apply the described document using local (regional) conditions and standards.

16 Marking and Labelling

This one-paragraph chapter defines the requirements for labelling devices that contain IR interfaces compatible with the described document.

17 Declaration of Patents and Intellectual Property

This chapter, spanning 3 pages, refers to patent ownership associated with the implementation of IR interfaces compatible with the described document.

Annex A (Normative) - Coding and Error Correction of Profiles 0 and 1 and of Commands

This 2-page annex contains textual and tabular definitions of error correction algorithms for the given communication profiles.

Annex B (Normative) - Coding and Modulation of Profile 2 to Profile 6

This 7-page annex contains textual and tabular definitions of error correction algorithms for the given communication profiles.

Annex C (Informative) - Link Power Budget

This 6-page annex contains texts, diagrams, and tables, describing the implementation of the IR interface where the power consumption in the “in-vehicle unit and roadside equipment” system is shifted to the roadside equipment. This model simplifies the implementation of the IR interface in vehicles.

Annex D (Informative) - Link Directivity Considerations

This 2-page annex provides texts and diagrams, with examples of antenna placement for the IR interface on vehicles.

Annex E (Informative) - Compatibility of CALM and Non-CALM Infrared Systems

This 2-page annex describes in text the basic mechanisms to ensure compatibility of the IR interface according to the described document with IR devices that do not meet the ISO 21214 requirements.

Annex F (Normative) - Specification of MR-IR Communication Protocol for Compatibility with ISO 21214

This 25-page annex describes in text, tables, and diagrams, the requirements for adapting the data layer of the existing MR-IR interface to achieve compatibility with the requirements of the described document.

Annex G (Informative) - Summary of changes between this version of ISO 21214 and the previously published version

This 2-page annex contains a list of changes, compared to the original edition of the standard.

Associated Terms

- [ITS on-board unit; on-board unit](#)

