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network —**

**Part 2:  
Physical layer**

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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 11783-2:2012), which has been technically revised. It also incorporates the Technical Corrigendum ISO 11783-2:2012/Cor 1:2012. The main changes compared to the previous edition are as follows:

- inclusion of physical layer aspects previously listed in other documents of the ISO 11783 series;
- addition of a twisted pair physical layer;
- updates to parameters of the physical layer components to reflect the current state of art;
- updates to test criteria to verify the conformance of implementations to this document.

A list of all the parts in the ISO 11783 series can be found on the ISO website.

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## Introduction

ISO 11783-1 to ISO 11783-14 specify a communications system for agricultural equipment based on the ISO 11898<sup>[1]</sup> protocol. SAE J1939 documents, on which parts of ISO 11783 are based, were developed jointly for use in truck and bus applications and for construction and agricultural applications. Joint documents were completed to allow electronic units that meet the truck and bus SAE J1939 specifications to be used by agricultural and forestry equipment with minimal changes. General information on the ISO 11783 series is to be found in ISO 11783-1.

# Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Serial control and communications data network —

## Part 2: Physical layer

### 1 Scope

ISO 11783 specifies a serial data network for control and communications on forestry or agricultural tractors and mounted, semi-mounted, towed or self-propelled implements. Its purpose is to standardize the method and format of transfer of data between sensors, actuators, control elements, and information-storage and -display units, whether mounted on, or part of, the tractor or implement. ISO 11783 also provides an open interconnect system for on-board electronic systems used by agriculture and forestry equipment. It is intended to enable electronic control units (ECUs) to communicate with each other, providing a standardized system.

This document defines and describes the network's 250 kbit/s, twisted, non-shielded, quad-cable physical layer and an alternative cable and architecture named twisted pair physical layer (TPPL) based on a 250 kbit/s, un-shielded, twisted pair cable network layer which is fully backward compatible to twisted quad based machines and devices.

NOTE Where not differently specified, requirements are valid for both twisted quad and TPPL.

### 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 1724, *Road vehicles — Connectors for the electrical connection of towing and towed vehicles — 7-pole connector type 12 N (normal) for vehicles with 12 V nominal supply voltage*

ISO 11783-1, *Tractors and machinery for agriculture and forestry — Serial control and communications data network — Part 1: General standard for mobile data communication*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 11783-1 and the following apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

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

#### 3.1

##### ECU Type I

electronic control unit without internal termination