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frequency identification for item
management — Methods for
localization of RFID tags**

*Technologies de l'information — Identification par radiofréquence
(RFID) pour la gestion d'objets — Méthodes pour la localisation
d'étiquettes RFID*



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Introduction

Technology progress continuously achieves longer read ranges for RFID and in particular UHF RFID. With increasing communication ranges, the actual possible location of a tag around an interrogator gets larger and larger and there is often demand for more precise details on the tag location around the interrogator.

This document addresses tag localization by additionally superimposing a wideband localization signal to the communication between interrogator and tag.

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1 Scope

This document defines how to use the RFID air interface standards of the ISO/IEC 18000 series that are based on backscatter technology for localization of RFID tags, specifically tags which are ISO/IEC 18000-4, ISO/IEC 18000-61, ISO/IEC 18000-62, ISO/IEC 18000-63 and ISO/IEC 18000-64 compliant.

This document specifies the physical and logical requirements for localization. The system comprises interrogators, also known as readers, and tags, also known as labels. An interrogator receives information from a tag by transmitting a modulated RF signal to the tag and the tag responds by modulating the reflection coefficient of its antenna, thereby backscattering an information signal to the interrogator. The modulated RF signal for data exchange is based on the relevant part of the ISO/IEC 18000 series and, in addition, there is a superimposed modulated RF signal with the same or different carrier frequency intended for localization. This document describes the signals required for localization, the method to derive localization information from the signals received by the interrogator and the requirements onto tags and interrogators.

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/IEC 18000-63, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management — Part 63: Parameters for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz Type C*

ISO/IEC 18047-6, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification device conformance test methods — Part 6: Test methods for air interface communications at 860 MHz to 960 MHz*

ISO/IEC 19762, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) techniques — Harmonized vocabulary*

3 Terms and definitions

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- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
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3.1

information-bit

single bit of information sent from the tag to the interrogator

Note 1 to entry: Depending on the selected modulation of the backscatter link, an information-bit is represented by multiple modulation-bits.