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The main changes with respect to EN 16603-60-20:2014 are:

- Update of several definitions in clause 3.2 including update of some of the Figures.
- Update of list of Abbreviated term in clause 3.3.
- Addition of the Nomenclature in clause 3.4
- Addition of a standard set of core commands and telemetry (or functional interfaces) prepared in the context of SAVOIR initiative in clauses 4.1.5, 4.1.6, 4.1.7 and Annex I.
- Clause 5.1.1 rewritten.
- Addition of new clause 5.13 "Robustness to solar events" addressing robustness and performance in presence of solar events.
- Heading of clauses 5.2, 5.2.3, 5.4 updated.
- Addition of new clauses
- 5.2.4 "Provision for tests";
- 5.9.4.1 "Probability of correct attitude determination";
- 5.9.4.2 "Probability of false attitude determination";
- 5.9.4.3 "Probability of invalid attitude solution"
- Update of Clause 5 and Annex B and Annex G to be fully consistent with the Control Performance Standard ECSS-E-ST-60-10 and to remove irrelevant duplications.

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## Introduction

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In recent years there have been rapid developments in star sensor technology, in particular with a great increase in sensor autonomy and capabilities. This Standard is intended to support the variety of star sensors either available or under development.

This Standard defines the terminology and specification definitions for the performance of star sensors (in particular, star trackers and autonomous star trackers). It focuses on the specific issues involved in the specification of performances of star sensors and is intended to be used as a structured set of systematic provisions.

This Standard is not intended to replace textbook material on star sensor technology, and such material is intentionally avoided. The readers and users of this Standard are assumed to possess general knowledge of star sensor technology and its application to space missions.

This document defines and normalizes terms used in star sensor performance specifications, as well as some performance assessment conditions:

- sensor components
- sensor capabilities
- sensor types
- sensor reference frames
- general performance conditions including temperature, radiation, dynamic and stray light
- sensor performance metrics

This document also defines a standard core of functional interfaces which help to harmonize the majority of commands and telemetry necessary to operate star sensors.

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## Scope

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This Standard specifies star sensor performances as part of a space project. The Standard covers all aspects of performances, including nomenclature, definitions, and performance requirements for the performance specification of star sensors.

The Standard focuses on:

- performance specifications (including the impact of temperature, radiation and straylight environments);
- robustness (ability to maintain functionalities under non nominal environmental conditions).

Other specification types, for example mass and power, housekeeping data and data structures, are outside the scope of this Standard.

This Standard also proposes a standard core of functional interfaces defined by unit suppliers and avionics primes in the context of Space AVionics Open Interface aRchitecture (SAVOIR) initiative.

When viewed from the perspective of a specific project context, the requirements defined in this Standard should be tailored to match the genuine requirements of a particular profile and circumstances of a project.

This standard may be tailored for the specific characteristics and constraints of a space project in conformance with ECSS-S-ST-00.

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| EN reference   | Reference in text | Title   |
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| EN 16601-00-01 | ECSS-S-ST-00-01   | ECSS system – Glossary of terms   |
| EN 16603-60-10 | ECSS-E-ST-60-10   | Space engineering – Control performance   |
| EN 16603-60-30 | ECSS-E-ST-60-30   | Space engineering – Satellite attitude and orbit control system (AOCS) requirements |