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## Road vehicles — Multidimensional measurement and coordinate systems definition

*Véhicules routiers — Mesurage multidimensionnel et définition des  
systèmes de coordination*



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## Introduction

This document provides a unified method to handle and process various types of multidimensional displacement sensors for use in crash dummies and automotive crash testing. The content covers existing sensors and dummies, but the document also offers a generic method to handle future new dummies and/or sensors.

Multidimensional measurement systems are used in crash dummies (ATD, or anthropomorphic test device) to monitor the position of dummy features (e.g. ribs, abdomen, etc.) for injury assessment. The dummy feature position is typically expressed in an orthogonal coordinate system which is fixed to the thoracic spine of the dummy, see [Annex A](#). The systems covered in this document are an assembly of one distance sensor and one or two angle sensors, the axes of which are organised in a (rotating) spherical coordinate system, see [Figure C.1](#). Other 2- and 3-dimensional position measurement systems are outside the scope of this document. Although in this document a suit of ATD's and their features are discussed to explain the methodology, its scope is not limited to these examples and can be applied to any other ATD and its features.



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## 1 Scope

This document defines the measurement coordinate systems and presents the protocol to determine the sensor offsets to the chosen coordinate system. Finally, the method is presented how to process the sensor spherical coordinate system data to calculate the position of a dummy feature in three-dimensional space in the defined local orthogonal coordinate system.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

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

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

### 3.1

#### **multidimensional measurement system**

system that measures spatial position of a crash dummy feature (e.g. rib, abdomen, etc.) with respect to a defined reference feature (e.g. dummy spine) and its local coordinate system origin.

Note 1 to entry: Examples of multidimensional sensors and applications are given in the NOTES of [Figure 1](#), [Figure 2](#) and [Figure 3](#).

### 3.2

#### **radius**

distance between the centre of rotation at spine interface and centre of rotation at feature interface (e.g. dummy rib)

Note 1 to entry: The parameter radius ( $R$ ) is associated with the ISO MME Code DC for Distance, ISO/TS 13499[2].

### 3.3

#### **sensor Y-angle**

angle of the multidimensional sensor along Y-axis with respect to local orthogonal coordinate system

Note 1 to entry: The positive rotation direction is defined following SAE sign convention right hand rule.

### 3.4

#### **sensor Z-angle**

angle of the multidimensional sensor along Z-axis with respect to local orthogonal coordinate system

Note 1 to entry: The positive rotation direction is defined following SAE sign convention right hand rule.

Note 2 to entry: Examples of the angle definitions are given in the NOTES of [Figure 1](#), [Figure 2](#) and [Figure 3](#).