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**Road vehicles — Tachograph  
systems —**

Part 2:  
**Recording unit communication  
interface**

*Véhicules routiers — Systèmes tachygraphes —*

*Partie 2: Interface de communication de l'unité d'enregistrement*



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## Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 16844-2:2011), which has been technically revised.

The main changes are as follows:

- part 5 of this series (ISO 16844-5) has been removed due to its technical irrelevance,
- correction of the typos and mistakes in the text,
- adoption of the content according to the new version of the ISO guidelines,
- adoption of the content according to the new technical requirements,
- alignment of the content regarding to the referred standards.

A list of all parts in the ISO 16844 series can be found on the ISO website.

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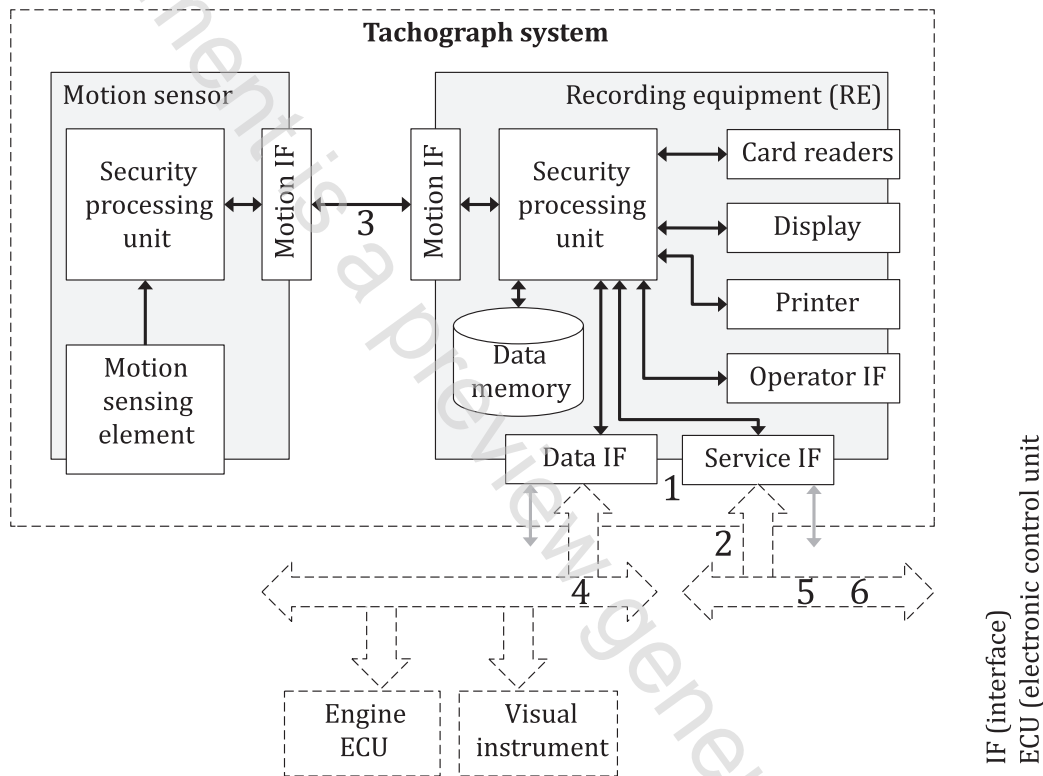
## Introduction

This document supports and facilitates the communication between electronic control units (ECUs) and a digital tachograph.

The digital tachograph concept is based upon a recording equipment storing data, related to the activities of the various drivers driving the vehicle, on which it is installed.

During the normal operational status of the recording equipment, data stored in its memory are accessible to different entities (drivers, authorities, workshops, transport companies) in different ways (displayed on a screen, printed by a printing device, downloaded to an external device). Access to stored data is controlled by a smart card inserted in the tachograph.

A typical tachograph system is shown in [Figure 1](#).



### Key

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|---|--|---|---|
| 1 | data and service IF connector standardized in ISO 16844-1                        | 4 | CAN-based data IF including parameter groups standardized in ISO 16844-4                    |
| 2 | electrical data and service IF requirements standardized in ISO 16844-2          | 5 | optional CAN-based service IF standardized in ISO 16844-6                                   |
| 3 | communication interface between motion sensor and RE standardized in ISO 16844-3 | 6 | data identifier (DID) specification for the optional service IF standardized in ISO 16844-7 |

**Figure 1 — Typical ISO 16844-conformant tachograph system**



# Road vehicles — Tachograph systems —

## Part 2: Recording unit communication interface

### 1 Scope

This document specifies the electrical interfaces of the data and the service interfaces. The electrical interfaces to the CAN-based in-vehicle networks are not in the scope of this document.

### 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 16844-1, *Road vehicles — Tachograph systems — Part 1: Recording equipment data and service connector*

ISO 16844-3, *Road vehicles — Tachograph systems — Part 3: Communication interface between motion sensor and recording equipment*

ISO 16844-4, *Road vehicles — Tachograph systems — Part 4: CAN-based data interface including parameter groups*

### 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 16844-1 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/>

### 4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

$f$	speed pulse frequency in hertz (Hz)
$I$	current
$k$	tachograph constant in pulses per kilometre (pulses/km)
$U_{\text{high}}$	voltage, high level
$U_{\text{low}}$	voltage, low level
$T$	complete speed pulse duration in second (s)
$t$	positive speed pulse duration in millisecond (ms)
CAN	controller area network