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Foreword

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ISO 17215 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Road vehicles — Video communication interface for cameras (VCIC):*

— *Part 1: General information and use case definition*

— *Part 2: Service discovery and control*

— *Part 3: Camera message dictionary*

— *Part 4: Implementation of communication requirements*

Introduction

Driver assistance systems are more and more common in road vehicles. From the beginning, cameras were part of this trend. Analogue cameras were used in the beginning because of lower complexity of the first systems. With increasing demand for more advanced functionality, digital image processing has been introduced. So-called one box design cameras (combining a digital image sensor and a processing unit) appeared in the vehicles.

Currently, the market demands such systems with multiple functions. Even different viewing directions are in use. It seems to be common sense that 6 up to 12 cameras in a single vehicle will be seen in the next future. Out of this and the limitation in size, power consumption, etc. it will lead to designs where the cameras are separated from the processing unit. Therefore, a high performance digital interface between camera and processing unit is necessary.

This International Standard has been established in order to define the use cases, the communication protocol, and the physical layer requirements of a video communication interface for cameras, which covers the needs of driver assistance applications.

The video communication interface for cameras

— incorporates the needs of the whole life cycle of an automotive grade digital camera,

— utilizes existing standards to define a long-term stable state-of-art video communication interface for cameras usable for operating and diagnosis purpose,

— can be easily adapted to new physical data link layers including wired and wireless connections by using existing adaption layers, and

— is compatible with AUTOSAR.

This part of ISO 17215 is related to the general information and use case definition. This is a general overview International Standard which is not related to the OSI model.

To achieve this, it is based on the Open Systems Interconnection (OSI) basic reference model specified in ISO/IEC 7498-1 and ISO/IEC 10731, which structures communication systems into seven layers. When mapped on this model, the protocol and physical layer requirements specified by this International Standard, in accordance with Table 1 are broken into following layers:

— application (layer 7), specified in ISO 17215-3;

— presentation layer (layer 6), specified in ISO 17215-2;

— session layer (layer 5), specified in ISO 17215-2;

— transport protocol (layer 4), specified in ISO 17215-4, ISO 13400-2;

— network layer (layer 3), specified in ISO 17215-4, ISO 13400-2;

— data link layer (layer 2), specified in ISO 17215-4, ISO 13400-3;

— physical layer (layer 1), specified in ISO 17215-4, ISO 13400-3.

Table 1 — Specifications applicable to the OSI layers

Applicability	OSI 7 layers	Video communication interface for cameras		Camera diagnostics
Seven layers according to ISO 7498–1 and ISO/IEC 10731	Application (layer 7)	ISO 17215-3		
	Presentation (layer 6)	ISO 17215-2		
	Session (layer 5)	ISO 17215-2		
	Transport (layer 4)	ISO 17215-4	Other future interface standards	ISO 13400-2
	Network (layer 3)			
	Data link (layer 2)	ISO 17215-4		ISO 13400-3
	Physical (layer 1)			

ISO 17215-1 has been established in order to define the use cases for vehicle communication systems implemented on a video communication interface for cameras; it is an overall International Standard not related to the OSI model.

ISO 17215-3 covers the application layer implementation of the video communication interface for cameras; it includes the API.

ISO 17215-2 covers the presentation layer implementation of the video communication interface for cameras.

ISO 17215-4 is the common standard for the OSI layers 1 to 4 for video communication interface for cameras. It complements ISO 13400-2 and ISO 13400-3 and adds the requirement for video transmission over Ethernet.

ISO 17215-2 and ISO 17215-3 (OSI layer 5 to 7) services have been defined to be independent of the ISO 17215-4 (OSI layer 1 to 4) implementation. Therefore, ISO 17215-4 could be replaced by other future communication International Standard.

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1 Scope

This part of ISO 17215 specifies the standardized camera messages and data types used by a VCIC camera (OSI Layer 7).

The scope of the camera application interface (API) and its context are shown in Figure 1.

Applications hosted on ECUs want to communicate with one or more cameras (e.g. "Ask camera for parameters."). If the applications can use standardized services supported by the cameras (API layer 7), the development of a vision application should be independent of the camera used. The services can be implemented by general libraries.

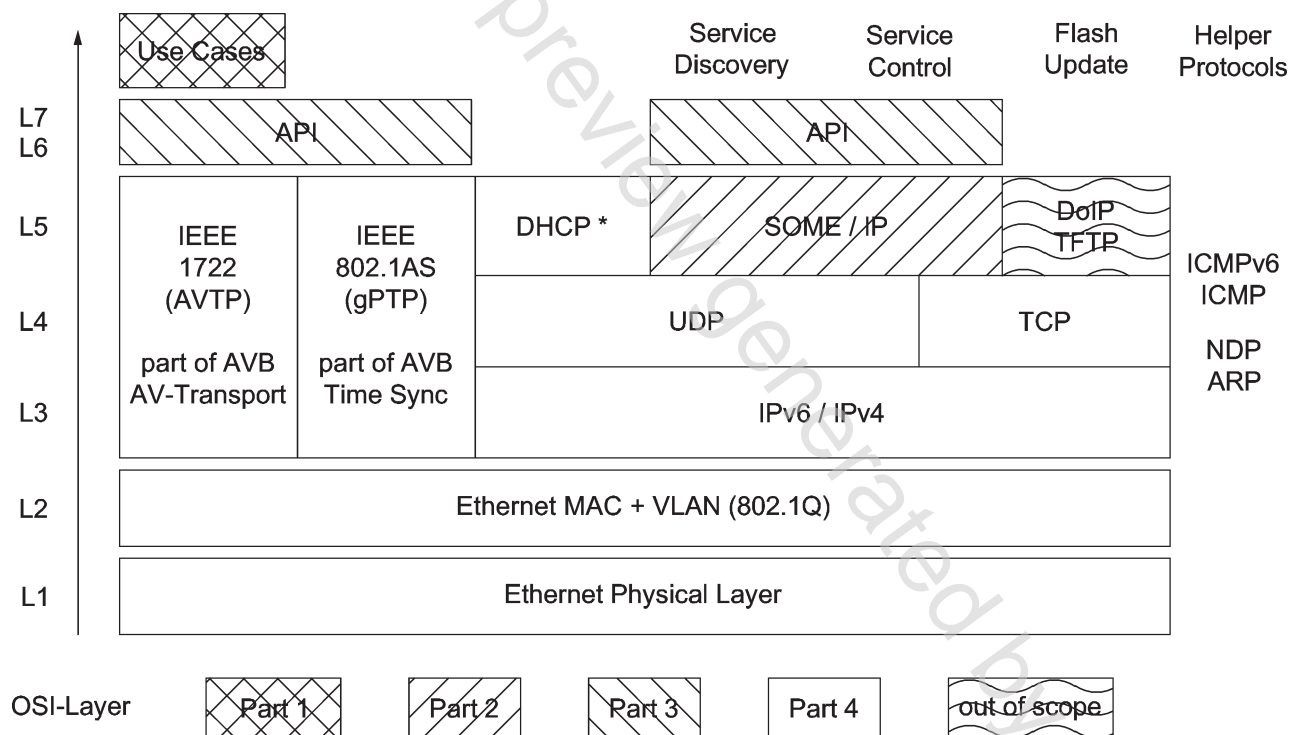The definition of streaming data are not an issue of this API.

Figure 1 — Overview of ISO 17215

The general terminology defined in ISO 17215-1 is also used in this part of ISO 17215.

2   Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO°7498-1, *Information processing systems — Open systems interconnection — Basic reference model*

ISO/IEC 10731, *Information technology — Open Systems Interconnection — Basic Reference Model — Conventions for the definition of OSI services*

ISO 17215 (all parts), *Road vehicles —Video communication interface for cameras (VCIC)*

3   Terms and definitions, symbols, and abbreviated terms

3.1   Terms and definitions

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

3.1.1
camera identification number
individual camera identification number that identifies the supplier, camera type, and individual camera (e.g. MEE-32140-194565432-DD2RT supplier, camera type, serial number)

3.1.2
camera register
internal HW registers of the camera

3.1.3
extrinsic parameters
denotes the coordinate system transformations from 3D world (vehicle) coordinates (m,°) to 3D-camera coordinates (m,°)

3.1.4
focal length
distance over which initially collimated rays are brought to a focus

3.1.5
frame rate
update rate per time of camera images

3.1.6
global shutter
exposure that exposes all pixels at the same time

3.1.7
histogram
type of histogram that acts as a graphical representation of the tonal distribution in a digital image

3.1.8
intrinsic camera parameters
denote the coordinate system transformations from 3D camera (m) to 2D pixel coordinates (pixel)