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- Annex E, containing the character code tables to be used in RDS has been updated;
- RadioText Plus has been added as a new feature in Annex P;
- Enhanced RadioText has been added as a new feature in Annex Q.

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1 Scope

This International Standard describes the Radio Data System, RDS, intended for application to VHF/FM sound broadcasts in the range 87,5 MHz to 108,0 MHz which may carry either stereophonic (pilot-tone system) or monophonic programmes (see clause 2 – Normative references ITU-R Recommendations BS 450-3 and BS 643-2). The main objectives of RDS are to enable improved functionality for FM receivers and to make them more user-friendly by using features such as Programme Identification, Programme Service name display and where applicable, automatic tuning for portable and car radios, in particular. The relevant basic tuning and switching information therefore has to be implemented by the type 0 group (see 6.1.5.1), and it is not optional unlike many of the other possible features in RDS.

2 Normative references

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ISO/IEC 10646, *Information technology – Universal Multiple-Octet Coded Character Set (UCS)*

ISO 14819 (all parts), *Traffic and Traveller Information (TTI) – TTI messages via traffic message Coding (TMC)*

ITU-R Recommendation BS.450-3, *Transmission standards for FM sound broadcasting at VHF*

ITU-R Recommendation BS.643-2, *System for automatic tuning and other applications in FM radio receivers for use with the pilot-tone system*

ITU-T Recommendation E.212, *For the three digit Mobile Country Codes used in Annex M of this RDS specification refer to Complement to ITU-T Rec. E.212 (05/2004) published by ITU Geneva as Annex to ITU Operational Bulletin 897, dated 2007-12-01*

US NRSC-4-A, *National Radio Systems Committee – NRSC-4-A: United States RBDS standard*

ETSI EN 301 700, *Digital Audio Broadcasting (DAB); VHF/FM broadcasting: cross referencing to simulcast DAB services by RDS-ODA 147*

3 Abbreviations and conventions

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

3.1

AM

amplitude modulation (broadcasting)

3.2

ARI

Autofahrer-Rundfunk-Information, see annex H

3.3

FM

frequency modulation (broadcasting)

3.4

group type and version

RDS uses 16 data groups, 0 to 15, each with either a version A or B. The combination of a particular group and a particular version is then called group type, 0A for example, or type 0A group. For example, type 0 group means version A and B of data group 0.

3.5

hexadecimal notation

throughout this standard the C notation "0x" is used for hex (base 16) numbers

3.6

LF

long wave broadcasting frequency band (ITU, Region 1 only)

3.7

MF

medium wave broadcasting frequency band (ITU, all Regions)

3.8

RDS specific abbreviations and definitions

see Clause 7 and Annex S

3.9

VHF

very high frequency broadcasting band, here Band II, that is 87,5 MHz to 108,0 MHz, only (ITU)

4 Modulation characteristics of the data channel (physical layer)

4.1 General

The Radio Data System is intended for application to VHF/FM sound broadcasting transmitters in the range 87,5 MHz to 108,0 MHz, which carry stereophonic (pilot-tone system) or monophonic sound broadcasts specified in ITU-R Recommendation BS.450-3.

It is important that radio-data receivers are not affected by signals in the multiplex spectrum outside the data channel.

The data signals are carried on a subcarrier which is added to the stereo multiplex signal (or monophonic signal as appropriate) at the input to the VHF/FM transmitter. Block diagrams of the data source equipment at the transmitter and a typical receiver arrangement are shown in Figures 1 and 2, respectively.

4.2 Subcarrier frequency

During stereo broadcasts, the subcarrier frequency will be locked to the third harmonic of the 19 kHz pilot-tone. Since the tolerance on the frequency of the 19 kHz pilot-tone is ± 2 Hz (ITU-R Recommendation BS.450-3), the tolerance on the frequency of the subcarrier during stereo broadcasts is ± 6 Hz.

During monophonic broadcasts the frequency of the subcarrier will be $57\text{ kHz} \pm 6\text{ Hz}$.

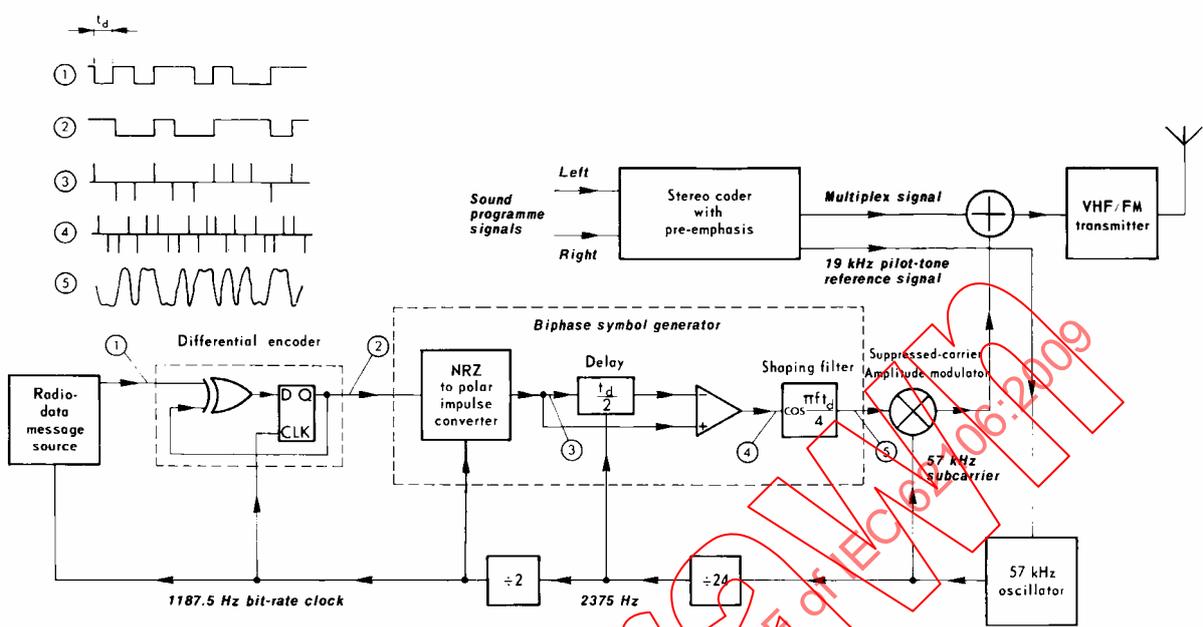
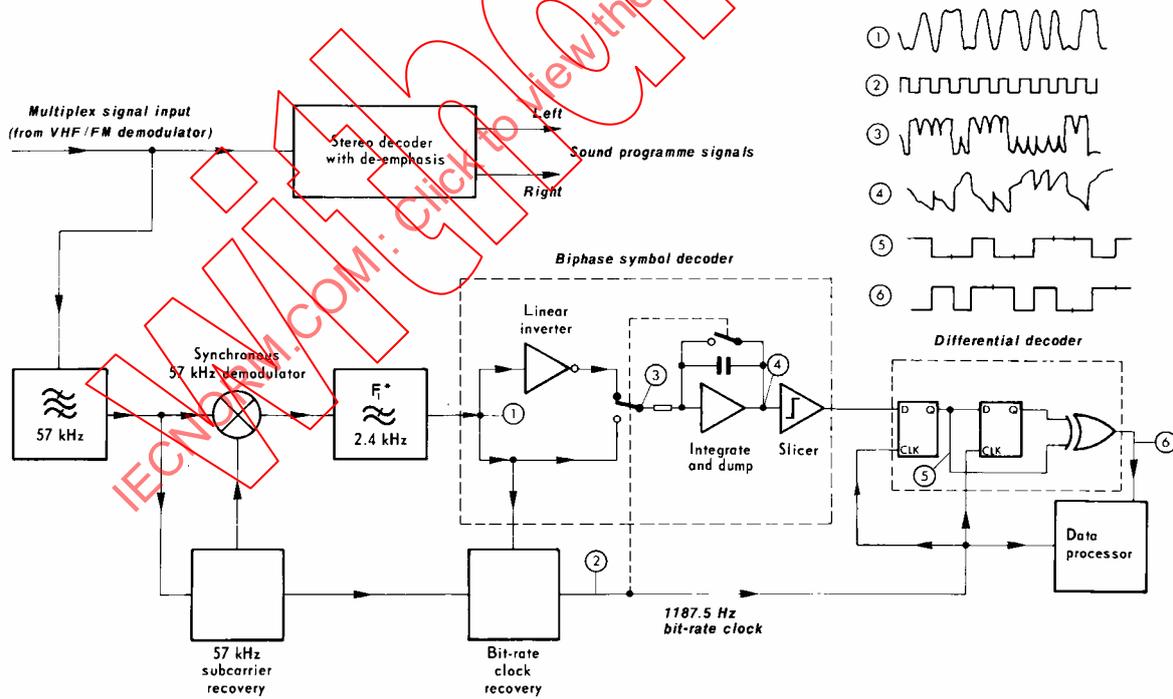


Figure 1 – Block diagram of radio-data equipment at the transmitter



*NOTE The overall data-shaping in this decoder comprises the filter F_1 and the data-shaping inherent in the biphasic symbol decoder. The amplitude/frequency characteristic of filter F_1 is, therefore, not the same as that given in Figure 3.

Figure 2 – Block diagram of a typical radio-data receiver/decoder

4.3 Subcarrier phase

During stereo broadcasts, the subcarrier will be locked either in phase or in quadrature to the third harmonic of the 19 kHz pilot-tone. The tolerance on this phase angle is $\pm 10^\circ$, measured at the modulation input to the FM transmitter.

4.4 Subcarrier level

The deviation range of the FM carrier due to the unmodulated subcarrier is from $\pm 1,0$ kHz to $\pm 7,5$ kHz. The recommended best compromise is $\pm 2,0$ kHz (see NOTE). The decoder/demodulator shall also operate properly when the deviation of the subcarrier is varied within these limits during periods not less than 10 ms.

NOTE With this level of subcarrier, the level of each sideband of the subcarrier corresponds to half the nominal peak deviation level of 2,0 kHz for an 'all-zeroes' message data stream (i.e. a continuous bit-rate sine-wave after biphase encoding).

The maximum permitted deviation due to the composite multiplex signal is ± 75 kHz.

4.5 Method of modulation

The subcarrier is amplitude-modulated by the shaped and biphase coded data signal (see 4.8). The subcarrier is suppressed. This method of modulation may alternatively be thought of as a form of two-phase phase-shift-keying (psk) with a phase deviation of $\pm 90^\circ$.

4.6 Clock-frequency and data-rate

The basic clock frequency is obtained by dividing the transmitted subcarrier frequency by 48. Consequently, the basic data-rate of the system (see Figure 1) is 1187,5 bit/s \pm 0,125 bit/s.

4.7 Differential coding

The source data at the transmitter are differentially encoded according to the following rules:

Table 1 – Encoding rules

Previous output (at time t_{i-1})	New input (at time t_i)	New output (at time t_i)
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

where t_i is some arbitrary time and t_{i-1} is the time one message-data clock-period earlier, and where the message-data clock-rate is equal to 1 187,5 Hz.

Thus, when the input-data level is 0, the output remains unchanged from the previous output bit and when an input 1 occurs, the new output bit is the complement of the previous output bit.

In the receiver, the data may be decoded by the inverse process:

Table 2 – Decoding rules

Previous input (at time t_{i-1})	New input (at time t_i)	New output (at time t_i)
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

The data is thus correctly decoded whether or not the demodulated data signal is inverted.

4.8 Data-channel spectrum shaping

The power of the data signal at and close to the 57 kHz subcarrier is minimized by coding each source data bit as a biphase symbol.

This is done to avoid data-modulated cross-talk in phase-locked-loop stereo decoders. The principle of the process of generation of the shaped biphase symbols is shown schematically in Figure 1. In concept, each source bit gives rise to an odd impulse-pair, $e(t)$, so that a logic 1 at source gives:

$$e(t) = \delta(t) - \delta(t - t_d/2) \tag{1}$$

and a logic 0 at source gives:

$$e(t) = -\delta(t) + \delta(t - t_d/2) \tag{2}$$

These impulse-pairs are then shaped by a filter $H_T(f)$, to give the required band-limited spectrum where

$$H_T(f) = \begin{cases} \cos \frac{\pi f t_d}{4} & \text{if } 0 \leq f \leq 2/t_d \\ 0 & \text{if } f > 2/t_d \end{cases} \tag{3}$$

and here

$$t_d = \frac{1}{1187,5} \text{ s}$$

The data-spectrum shaping filtering has been split equally between the transmitter and receiver (to give optimum performance in the presence of random noise) so that, ideally, the data filtering at the receiver should be identical to that of the transmitter, i.e. as given above in Equation (3). The overall data-channel spectrum shaping $H_o(f)$ would then be 100 % cosine roll-off.

The specified transmitter and receiver low-pass filter responses, as defined in Equation (3) are illustrated in Figure 3, and the overall data-channel spectrum shaping is shown in Figure 4.

The spectrum of the transmitted biphase-coded radio-data signal is shown in Figure 5 and the time-function of a single biphase symbol (as transmitted) in Figure 6.

The 57 kHz radio-data signal waveform at the output of the radio-data source equipment may be seen in the photograph of Figure 7.

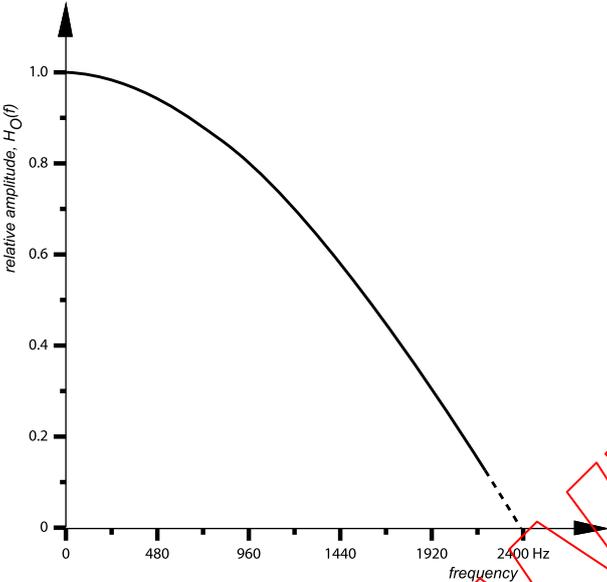


Figure 3 – Amplitude response of the specified transmitter or receiver data-shaping filter

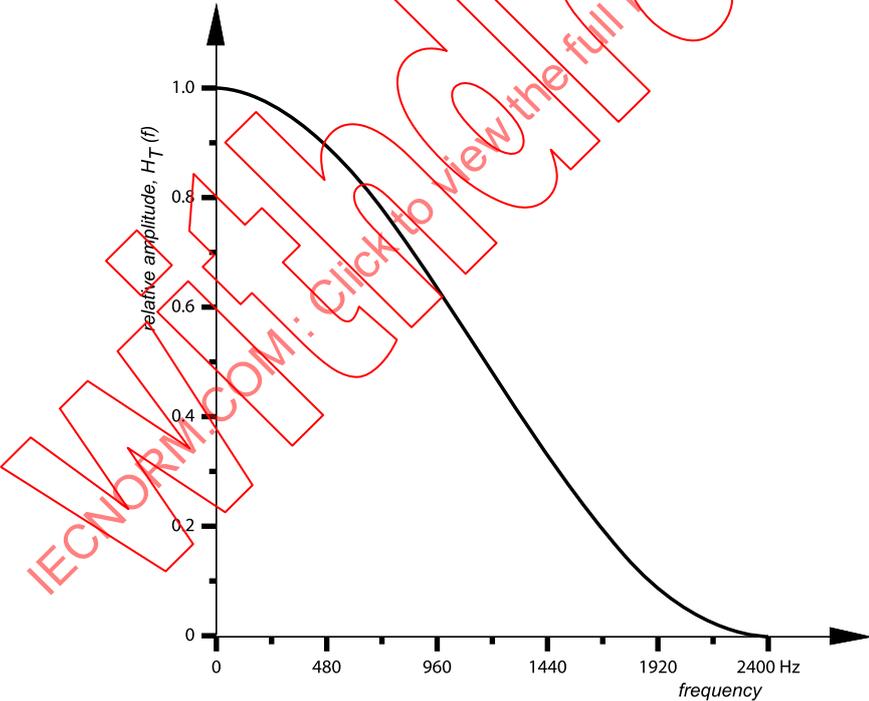


Figure 4 – Amplitude response of the combined transmitter and receiver data-shaping filters

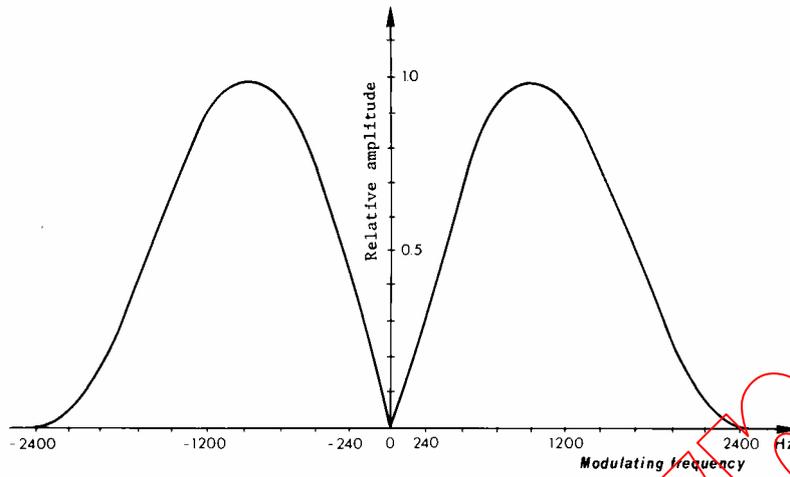


Figure 5 – Spectrum of biphase coded radio-data signals

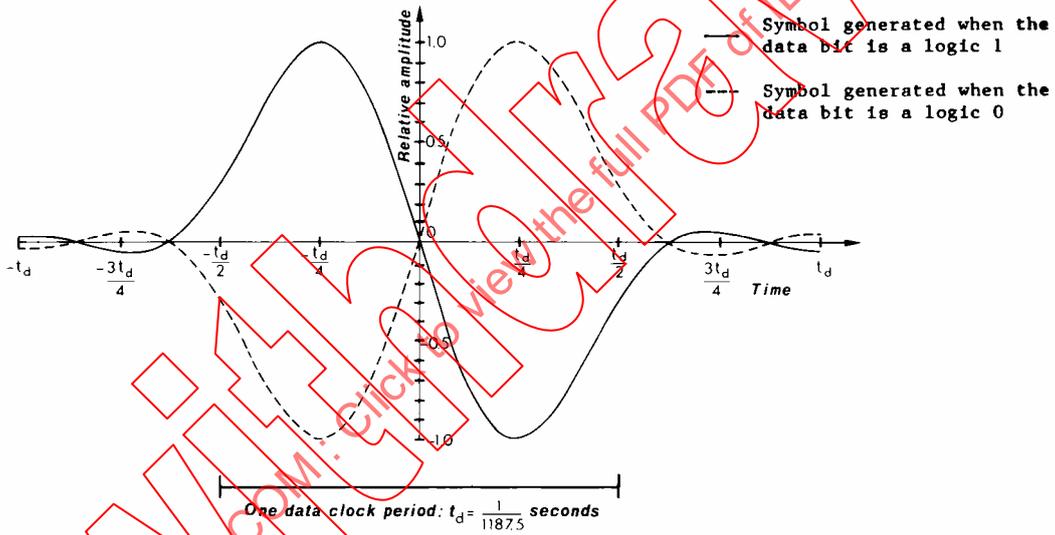


Figure 6 – Time-function of a single biphase symbol

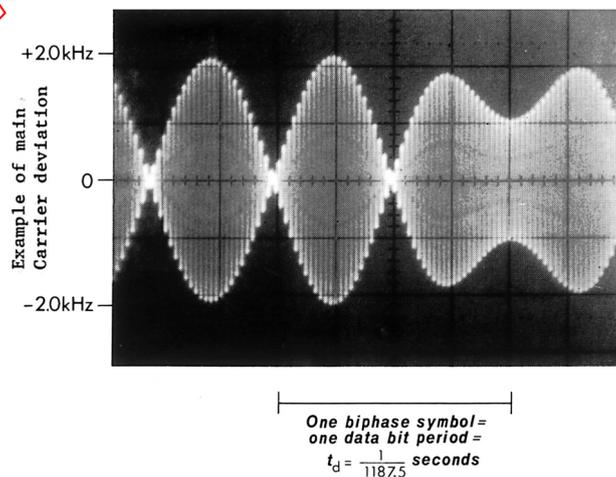


Figure 7 – 57 kHz radio-data signals

5 Baseband coding (data-link layer)

5.1 Baseband coding structure

Figure 8 shows the structure of the baseband coding. The largest element in the structure is called a 'group' of 104 bits each. Each group comprises 4 blocks of 26 bits each. Each block comprises an information word and a checkword. Each information word comprises 16 bits. Each checkword comprises 10 bits (see 5.3).

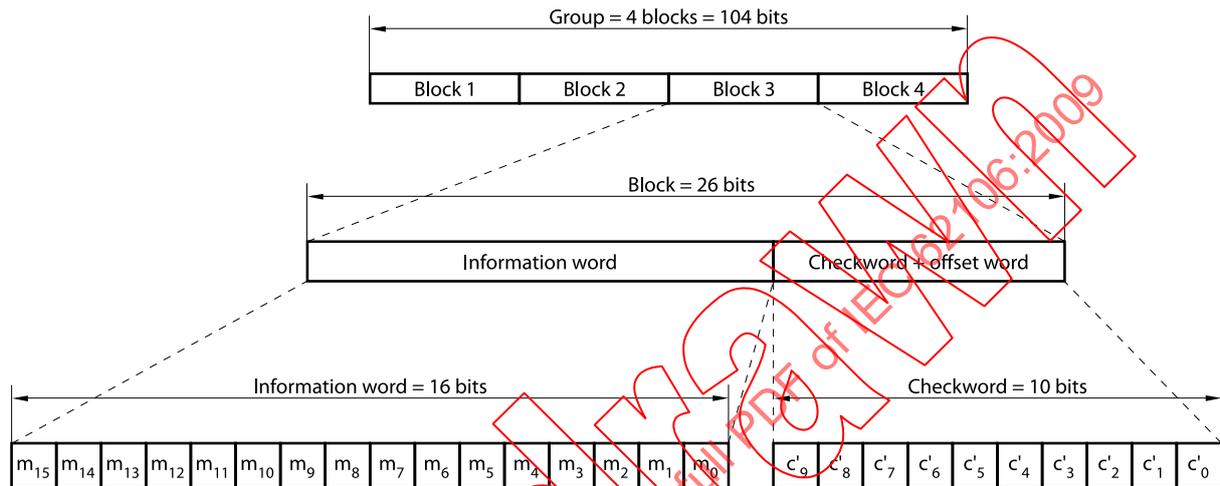
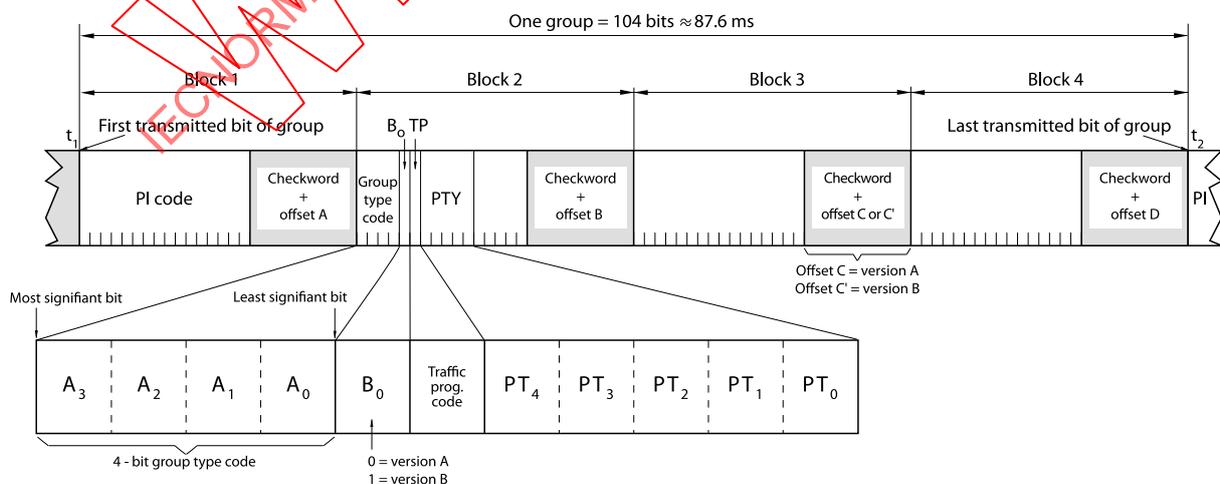


Figure 8 – Structure of the baseband coding

5.2 Order of bit transmission

All information words, checkwords, binary numbers or binary address values have their most significant bit (m.s.b.) transmitted first (see Figure 9). Thus the last bit transmitted in a binary number or address has weight 2^0 .

The data transmission is fully synchronous and there are no gaps between the groups or blocks.



NOTE 1 Group type code = 4 bits (see 6.1).

NOTE 2 B_0 = version code = 1 bit (see 6.1).

NOTE 3 PI code = Programme Identification code = 16 bits (see 6.2.1.1 and Annex D).

NOTE 4 TP = Traffic Programme Identification code = 1 bit (see 6.2.1.3).

NOTE 5 PTY = Programme Type code = 5 bits (see 6.2.1.2 and Annex F).

NOTE 6 Checkword + offset 'N' = 10 bits added to provide error protection and block and group synchronization information (see 5.3 and 5.4 and Annexes A,B and C).

NOTE 7 $t_1 < t_2$: Block 1 of any particular group is transmitted first and block 4 last.

Figure 9 – Message format and addressing

5.3 Error protection

Each transmitted 26-bit block contains a 10-bit checkword which is primarily intended to enable the receiver/decoder to detect and correct errors which occur in transmission. This checkword (i.e. c'_9, c'_8, \dots, c'_0 in Figure 8) is the sum (modulo 2) of

- a) the remainder after multiplication by x^{10} and then division (modulo 2) by the generator polynomial $g(x)$, of the 16-bit information word;
- b) a 10-bit binary string $d(x)$, called the 'offset word'

where the generator polynomial, $g(x)$ is given by

$$g(x) = x^{10} + x^8 + x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + 1$$

and where the offset values, $d(x)$, which are different for each block within a group (see 5.4) are given in Annex A.

The purpose of adding the offset word is to provide a group and block synchronisation system in the receiver/decoder (see 5.4). Because the addition of the offset is reversible in the decoder, the normal additive error-correcting and detecting properties of the basic code are unaffected.

The checkword thus generated is transmitted m.s.b. (i.e. the coefficient of c'_9 in the checkword) first and is transmitted at the end of the block which it protects.

The above description of the error protection may be regarded as definitive, but further explanatory notes on the generation and theory of the code are given in Annexes B and C .

The error-protecting code has the following error-checking capabilities [3, 4]¹:

- a) detects all single and double bit errors in a block;
- b) detects any single error burst spanning 10 bits or less;
- c) detects about 99,8 % of bursts spanning 11 bits and about 99,9 % of all longer bursts.

The code is also an optimal burst error correcting code [5] and is capable of correcting any single burst of span 5 bits or less.

¹ Figures in square brackets refer to the Bibliography.

5.4 Synchronisation of blocks and groups

The blocks within each group are identified by the offset words A, B, C or C' and D added to blocks 1, 2, 3, and 4 respectively in each group (see Annex A).

The beginnings and ends of the data blocks may be recognized in the receiver decoder by using the fact that the error-checking decoder will, with a high level of confidence, detect block synchronisation slip as well as additive errors. This system of block synchronisation is made reliable by the addition of the offset words (which also serve to identify the blocks within the group). These offset words destroy the cyclic property of the basic code so that in the modified code, cyclic shifts of codewords do not give rise to other codewords [6, 7].

Further explanation of a technique for extracting the block synchronisation information at the receiver is given in Annex C.

6 Message format (session and presentation layers)

6.1 Addressing

6.1.1 Design principles

The basic design principles underlying the message format and addressing structure are as follows:

- a) the messages which are to be repeated most frequently, and for which a short acquisition time is required, for example Programme Identification (PI) codes, in general, occupy the same fixed positions within every group. They can therefore be decoded without reference to any block outside the one which contains the information;
- b) there is no fixed rhythm of repetition of the various types of group, i.e. there is ample flexibility to interleave the various kinds of message to suit the needs of the users at any given time and to allow for future developments;
- c) addressing is required to identify the information content of those blocks, which are not dedicated to the high-repetition-rate information;
- d) each group is, as far as possible, fully addressed to identify the information content of the various blocks;
- e) the mixture of different kinds of message within any one group is minimized, for example one group type is reserved for basic tuning information, another for RadioText, etc. This is important so that broadcasters who do not wish to transmit messages of certain kinds are not forced to waste channel capacity by transmitting groups with unused blocks. Instead, they are able to repeat more frequently those group types which contain the messages they want to transmit;
- f) to allow for future applications the data formatting has been made flexible. For example, a number of group types (see Table 6) may be used for Open Data Applications (see 6.1.4 and 7.9).

6.1.2 Principal features

The main features of the message structure have been illustrated in Figure 9. These may be seen to be:

- a) the first block in every group always contains a Programme Identification (PI) code;
- b) the first four bits of the second block of every group are allocated to a four-bit code which specifies the application of the group. Groups will be referred to as 0 to 15 according to the binary weighting $A_3 = 8$, $A_2 = 4$, $A_1 = 2$, $A_0 = 1$ (see Figure 9). For each group (0 to 15) two 'versions' can be defined. The 'version' is specified by the fifth bit (B_0) of block 2 as follows:
 - 1) $B_0 = 0$: the PI code is inserted in block 1 only. This will be called version A, for example group type 0A, 1A, etc.
 - 2) $B_0 = 1$: the PI code is inserted in block 1 and block 3 of all group types. This will be called version B, for example group type 0B, 1B, etc.

In general, any mixture of version A and B groups may be transmitted.

- c) the Programme Type code (PTY) and Traffic Programme identification (TP) occupy fixed locations in block 2 of every group.

The PI, PTY and TP codes can be decoded without reference to any block outside the one that contains the information. This is essential to minimize acquisition time for these kinds of message and to retain the advantages of the short (26-bit) block length. To permit this to be done for the PI codes in block 3 of version B groups, a special offset word (which we shall call C') is used in block 3 of version B groups. The occurrence of offset C' in block 3 of any group can then be used to indicate directly that block 3 is a PI code, without any reference to the value of B_0 in block 2.

6.1.3 Group types

Table 3 – Group types

Group type	Group type code					Flagged in type 1A groups	Description
	A ₃	A ₂	A ₁	A ₀	B ₀		
0 A	0	0	0	0	0		Basic tuning and switching information only (see 6.1.5.1)
0 B	0	0	0	0	1		Basic tuning and switching information only (see 6.1.5.1)
1A	0	0	0	1	0		Programme Item Number and slow labelling codes only (see 6.1.5.2)
1B	0	0	0	1	1		Programme Item Number (see 6.1.5.2)
2 A	0	0	1	0	0		RadioText only (see 6.1.5.3)
2 B	0	0	1	0	1		RadioText only (see 6.1.5.3)
3 A	0	0	1	1	0		Applications Identification for ODA only (see 6.1.5.5)
3 B	0	0	1	1	1		Open Data Applications
4 A	0	1	0	0	0		Clock-time and date only (see 6.1.5.6)
4 B	0	1	0	0	1		Open Data Applications
5 A	0	1	0	1	0		Transparent Data Channels (32 channels) or ODA (see 6.1.5.8)
5 B	0	1	0	1	1		Transparent Data Channels (32 channels) or ODA (see 6.1.5.8)
6 A	0	1	1	0	0		In House applications or ODA (see 6.1.5.9)
6 B	0	1	1	0	1		In House applications or ODA (see 6.1.5.9)
7 A	0	1	1	1	0	Y	Radio Paging or ODA (see 6.1.5.10 and annex M)
7 B	0	1	1	1	1		Open Data Applications
8 A	1	0	0	0	0		Traffic Message Channel or ODA (see 6.1.5.12)
8 B	1	0	0	0	1		Open Data Applications
9 A	1	0	0	1	0	Y	Emergency Warning Systems or ODA (see 6.1.5.13)
9 B	1	0	0	1	1		Open Data Applications
10 A	1	0	1	0	0		Programme Type Name
10 B	1	0	1	0	1		Open Data Applications
11 A	1	0	1	1	0		Open Data Applications
11 B	1	0	1	1	1		Open Data Applications
12 A	1	1	0	0	0		Open Data Applications
12 B	1	1	0	0	1		Open Data Applications
13 A	1	1	0	1	0	Y	Enhanced Radio Paging or ODA (see Annex M)
13 B	1	1	0	1	1		Open Data Applications
14 A	1	1	1	0	0		Enhanced Other Networks information only (see 6.1.5.19)
14 B	1	1	1	0	1		Enhanced Other Networks information only (see 6.1.5.19)
15 A	1	1	1	1	0		Open Data Applications
15 B	1	1	1	1	1		Fast switching information only (see 6.1.5.21)

NOTE Mark "Y" indicates that group type 1A will be transmitted for the identification of the application using block 3 of group type 1A (except for an ODA, where the application identification is in group 3A instead).

It was described above (see also Figure 9) that the first five bits of the second block of every group are allocated to a five-bit code which specifies the application of the group type and its version, as shown in Table 3.

The appropriate repetition rates for some of the main features are indicated in Table 4.

Table 4 – Main feature repetition rates

Main features	Group types which contain this information	Appropriate repetition rate per second
Programme Identification (PI) code	all	11.4 ^a
Programme Type (PTY) code	all	11.4 ^a
Traffic Programme (TP) identification code	all	11.4 ^a
Programme Service (PS) name ^d	0A, 0B	1
Alternative frequency (AF) code pairs	0A	4
Traffic announcement (TA) code	0A, 0B, 14B, 15B	4
Decoder identification (DI) code	0A, 0B, 15B	1
Music Speech (MS) code	0A, 0B, 15B	4
RadioText (RT) message	2A, 2B	0.2 ^b
Enhanced other networks information (EON)	14A	up to 2 ^c

^a Valid codes for this item will normally be transmitted with at least this repetition rate whenever the transmitter carries a normal broadcast programme.

^b A total of 16 type 2A groups are required to transmit a 64 character RadioText message and therefore, to transmit this message in 5 s, 3.2 type 2A groups will be required per second.

^c The maximum cycle time for the transmission of all data relating to all cross-referenced programme services shall be less than 2 min.

^d PS shall only be used for identifying the programme service and it must not be used for other messages giving sequential information.

A total of four type 0A groups are required to transmit the entire PS name and therefore four type 0A groups will be required per second. The repetition rate of the type 0A group may be reduced if more capacity is needed for other applications. But a minimum of two type 0A groups per second is necessary to ensure correct functioning of PS and AF features. However, with EON receivers search tuning is affected by the repetition rate of type 0 groups (TP/TA, see 6.2.1.3). It shall be noted that in this case transmission of the complete PS will take 2 s. However, under typical reception conditions the introduction of errors will cause the receiver to take 4 s or more to acquire the PS name for display.

The following mixture of groups is suitable to meet the repetition rates noted above.

Table 5 – Group repetition rates

Group types	Features	Typical proportion of groups of this type transmitted %
0A or 0B	PI, PS, PTY, TP, AF ^a , TA, DI, MS	40
1A or 1B	PI, PTY, TP, PIN	10
2A or 2B	PI, PTY, TP, RT	15 ^b
14A or 14B	PI, PTY, TP, EON	10
Any other	Other applications	25

^a Type 0A group only.

^b Assuming that type 2A groups are used to transmit a 32-character RadioText message. A mixture of type 2A and 2B groups in any given message shall be avoided (see 6.1.5.3).

6.1.4 Open data channel/Applications Identification

6.1.4.1 Use of Open Data Applications

Open Data Applications (ODA) are not explicitly specified in this standard. They are subject to a registration process and registered applications are listed in the EBU/RDS Forum – ODA Directory (see Annex L), which references appropriate standards and normative specifications. These specifications may be public (specification in the public domain, i.e. TMC, eRT, RT+ and ODA 147 (see ETSI EN 301 700), see Annexes P and Q and Clause 2) or privately owned (and not in the public domain). The terms public and private do not imply the degree of access to services provided by an application, for example a public domain service may well include encryption, as in TMC for example.

ODAs, whether public or private, must conform to all requirements of this, the RDS, or RBDS specification (as appropriate). Nothing in any ODA may require any aspect of a primary RDS feature to be changed or not to be transmitted in accordance with this specification. This is to ensure that the transmission of an ODA cannot adversely affect devices built in accordance with the RDS and RBDS specifications.

Table 6 – ODA group availability signalled in type 3A groups

Group type	Application group type code	Availability for Open Data Applications
	00000	Special meaning: not carried in associated group
3B	00111	Available unconditionally
4B	01001	Available unconditionally
5A	01010	Available when not used for TDC
5B	01011	Available when not used for TDC
6A	01100	Available when not used for IH
6B	01101	Available when not used for IH
7A	01110	Available when not used for RP
7B	01111	Available unconditionally
8A	10000	Available when not used for TMC
8B	10001	Available unconditionally
9A	10010	Available when not used for EWS
9B	10011	Available unconditionally
10B	10101	Available unconditionally
11A	10110	Available unconditionally
11B	10111	Available unconditionally
12A	11000	Available unconditionally
12B	11001	Available unconditionally
13A	11010	Available when not used for RP
13B	11011	Available unconditionally
15A	11110	Available unconditionally
	11111	Special meaning: temporary data fault (encoder status)

An ODA may use version A and/or version B groups, however it must not be designed to operate with a specific group type. An exception is TMC, which uses group type 8A. In any case, the specific group type used by the ODA in any particular transmission is signalled in the Applications Identification (AID) carried in type 3A groups (see 6.1.5.4). Table 6 shows the version A and version B groups that may be allocated to ODA. Group types not shown in Table 6 are not available for ODA.

6.1.4.2 Open Data Applications – Group structure

Open Data Applications shall use the format shown in Figure 10 for ODA type A groups and in Figure 11 for ODA type B groups.

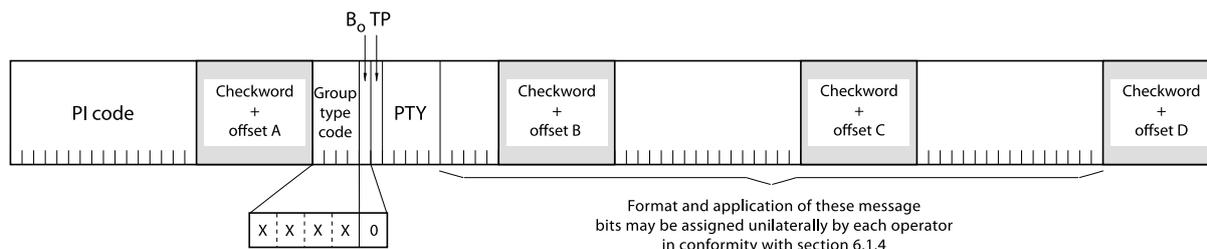


Figure 10 – ODA version A groups

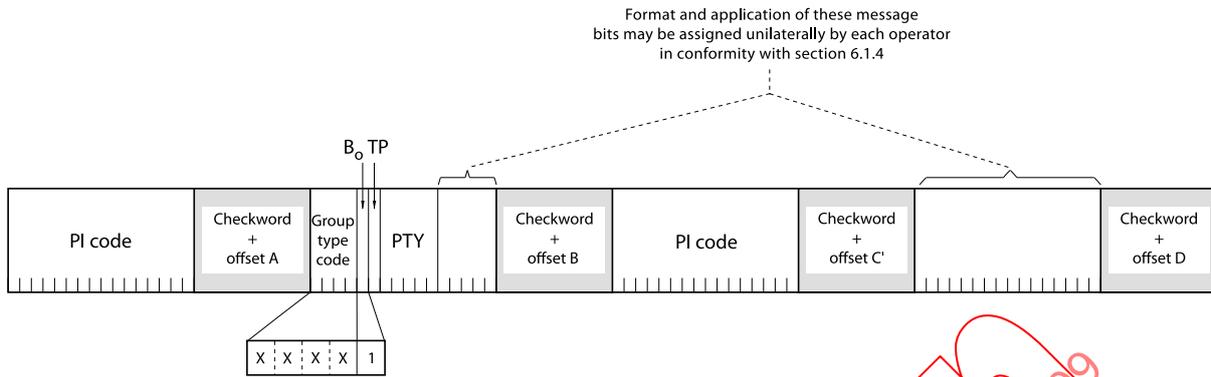


Figure 11 – ODA version B groups

6.1.5 Coding of the Group types

6.1.5.1 Type 0 groups: Basic tuning and switching information

The repetition rates of type 0 groups must be chosen in compliance with 6.1.3.

Figure 12 shows the format of type 0A groups and Figure 13 the format of type 0B groups.

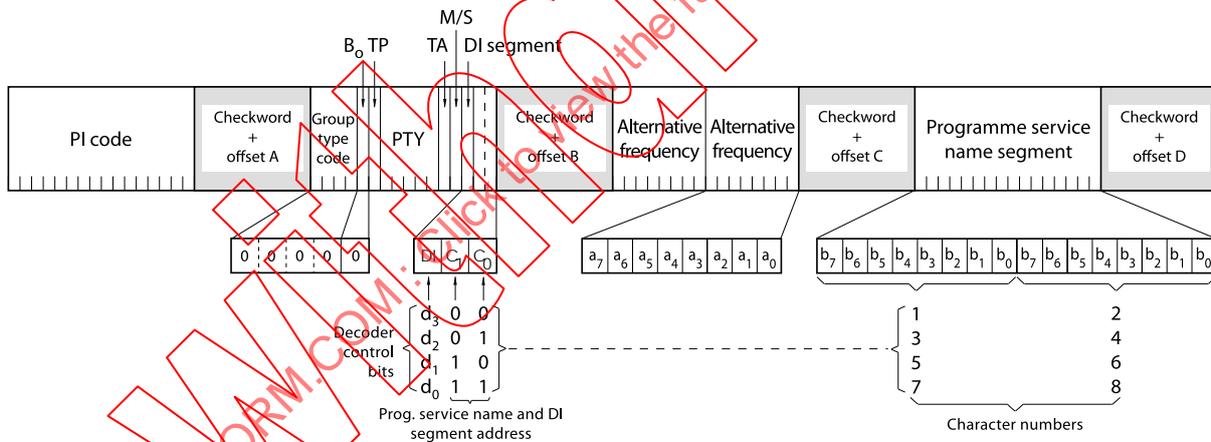


Figure 12 – Basic tuning and switching information – Type 0A group

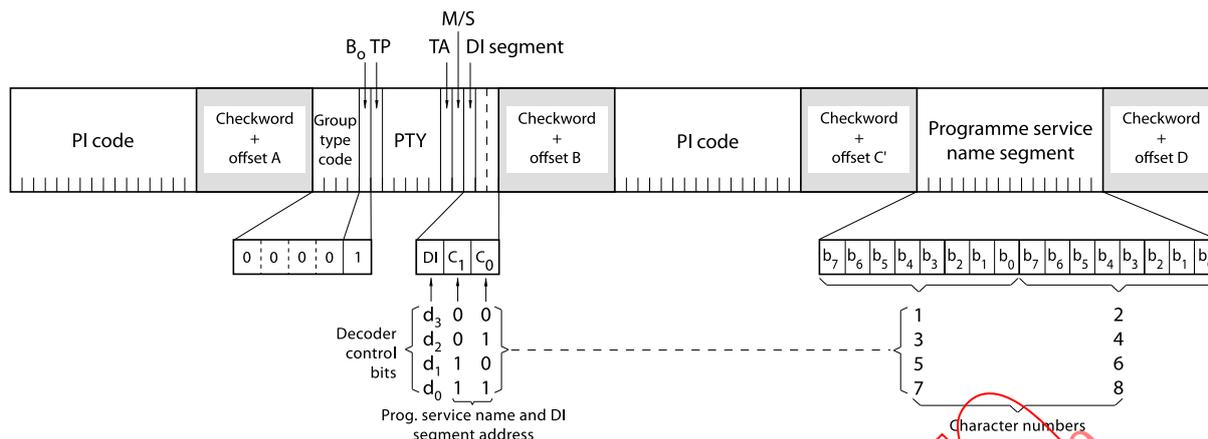


Figure 13 – Basic tuning and switching information – Type 0B group

Type 0A groups are usually transmitted whenever alternative frequencies exist. Type 0B groups without any type 0A groups may be transmitted only when no alternative frequencies exist.

There are two methods (A and B) for transmission of alternative frequencies (see 6.2.1.6.2).

The Programme Service name comprises eight characters, intended for static display on a receiver. It is the primary aid to listeners in programme service identification and selection. The use of PS to transmit text other than a single eight character name is not permitted (see also 6.2.2). Transmission of a PS name usually takes four type 0A groups, but to allow an instant display of the PS when a receiver pre-set is selected, the PS name is often stored for subsequent recall from memory when a programme service is selected. For this reason PS shall generally be invariant.

If a broadcaster wishes to transmit longer Programme Service names, programme-related information or any other text, then RadioText provides this feature.

NOTE 1 Version B differs from version A only in the contents of block 3, the offset word in block 3, and, of course, the version code B₀

NOTE 2 For details of Programme Identification (PI), Programme Type (PTY) and Traffic Programme (TP) code, see Figure 9.6.2.1 and Annexes D and F.

NOTE 3 TA = Traffic Announcement code (1 bit) (see 6.2.1.3).

NOTE 4 MS = Music Speech switch code (1 bit) (see 6.2.1.4).

NOTE 5 DI = Decoder-Identification control code (4 bits) (see 6.2.1.5). This code is transmitted as 1 bit in each type 0 group. The Programme Service name and DI segment address code (C₁ and C₀) serves to locate these bits in the DI codeword. Thus in a group with C₁C₀ = '00' the DI bit in that group is d₃. These code bits are transmitted most significant bit (d₃) first.

NOTE 6 Alternative frequency codes (2 x 8 bits) (see 6.2.1.6).

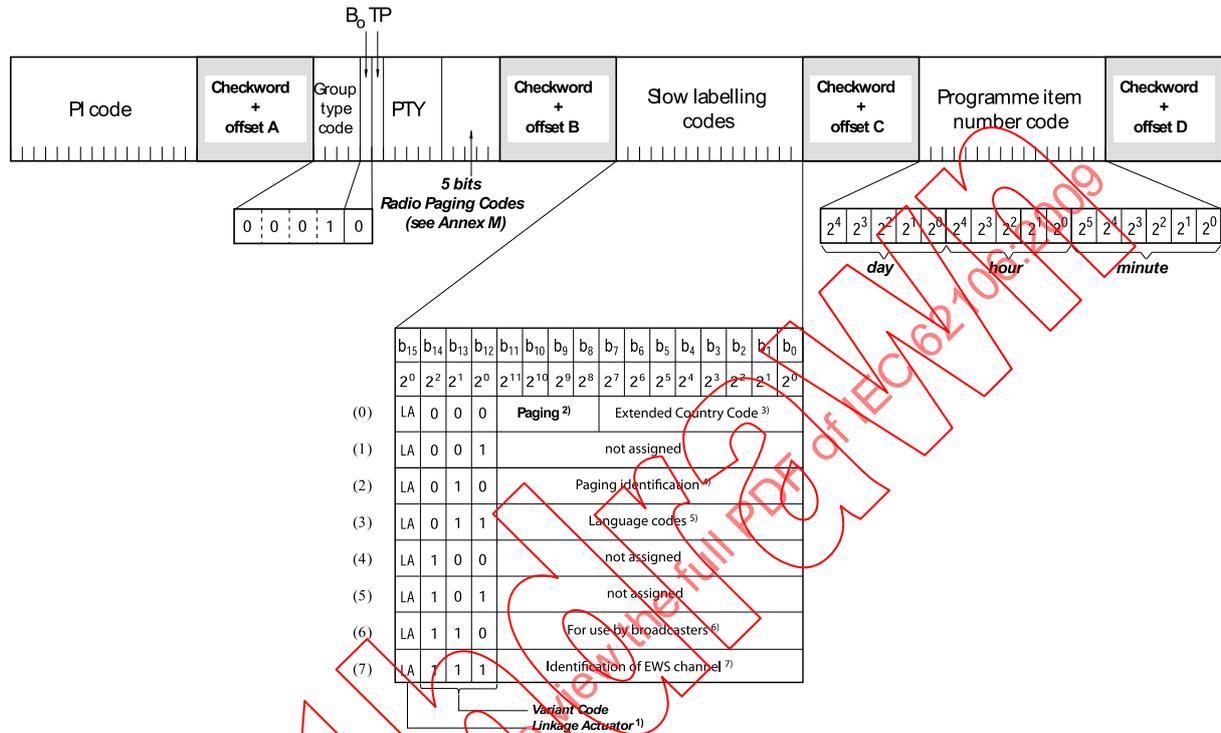
NOTE 7 Programme Service name (for display) is transmitted as 8-bit characters as defined in the 8-bit code-table, Table E.1. Eight characters (including spaces) are allowed for each network and are transmitted as a 2-character segment in each type 0 group. These segments are located in the displayed name by the code bits C₁ and C₀ in block 2. The addresses of the characters increase from left to right in the display. The most significant bit (b₇) of each character is transmitted first.

6.1.5.2 Type 1 groups: Programme Item Number and slow labelling codes

Figure 14 shows the format of type 1A groups and Figure 15 the format of type 1B groups.

When a Programme Item Number is changed, a type 1 group shall be repeated four times with a separation of about 0,5 s. The unused bits in block 2 (type 1B only) are reserved for future applications.

Where Radio Paging is implemented in RDS, a type 1A group will be transmitted in an invariable sequence, regularly once per second, except at each full minute, where it is replaced by one type 4A group.



NOTE 1 The Linkage Actuator is defined in the 'Method for Linking RDS Programme Services' (see 6.2.1.8.3).

NOTE 2 Normally set to zero except when used for the Operator Code in Radio Paging with the Enhanced Paging Protocol, defined in Annex M (see M.3.2.2 and M.3.2.4).

NOTE 3 Extended country codes are defined separately (see Annex D).

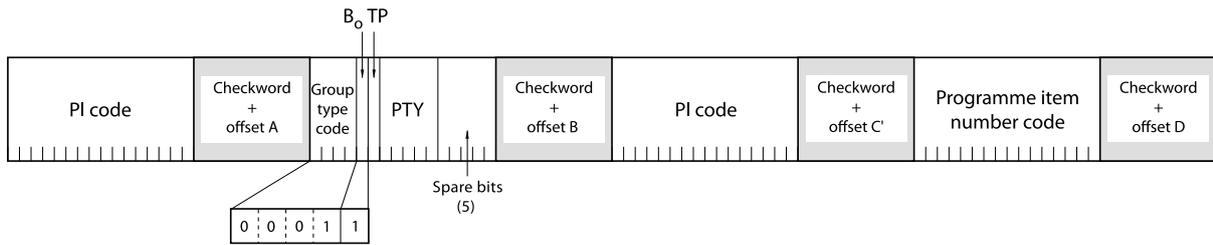
NOTE 4 The Paging Identification is defined in the 'Multi Operator/Area paging' section (see Annex M).

NOTE 5 Language codes are defined separately (see Annex J)

NOTE 6 The coding of this information may be decided unilaterally by the broadcaster to suit the application. RDS consumer receivers should entirely ignore this information.

NOTE 7 The Emergency Warning Systems (EWS) are defined separately (see 6.2.6). This identification should not be used when EWS is implemented as an ODA.

Figure 14 – Programme Item Number and slow labelling codes – Type 1A group



NOTE 1 Version B differs from version A in the contents of blocks 2 and 3, the offset word in block 3, and, of course, the version code B_0 .

NOTE 2 The Programme Item Number is the scheduled broadcast start time and day of month as published by the broadcaster. The day of month is transmitted as a five-bit binary number in the range 1-31. Hours are transmitted as a five-bit binary number in the range 0-23. The spare codes are not used. Minutes are transmitted as a six-bit binary number in the range 0-59. The spare codes are not used.

NOTE 3 The most significant five bits in block 4 which convey the day of the month, if set to zero, indicate that no valid Programme Item Number is being transmitted. In this case, if no Radio Paging is implemented, the remaining bits in block 4 are undefined. However, in the case of type 1A groups only, if Enhanced Radio Paging is implemented, the remaining bits carry Service Information (see Annex M).

NOTE 4 Bits b_{14} , b_{13} and b_{12} of block 3 of version A form the variant code, which determines the application of data carried in bits b_{11} to b_0 . A broadcaster may use as many or as few of the variant codes as wished, in any proportion and order.

Figure 15 – Programme Item Number – Type 1B group

6.1.5.3 Type 2 groups: RadioText

Figure 16 shows the format of type 2A groups and Figure 17 the format of type 2B groups.

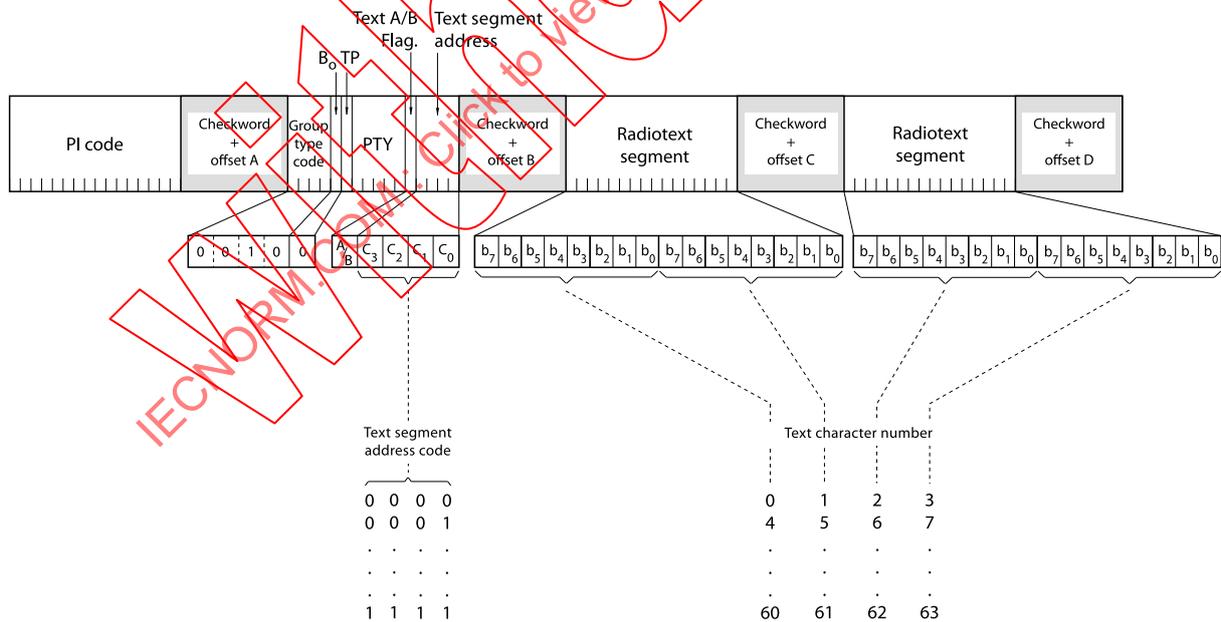


Figure 16 – RadioText – Type 2A group

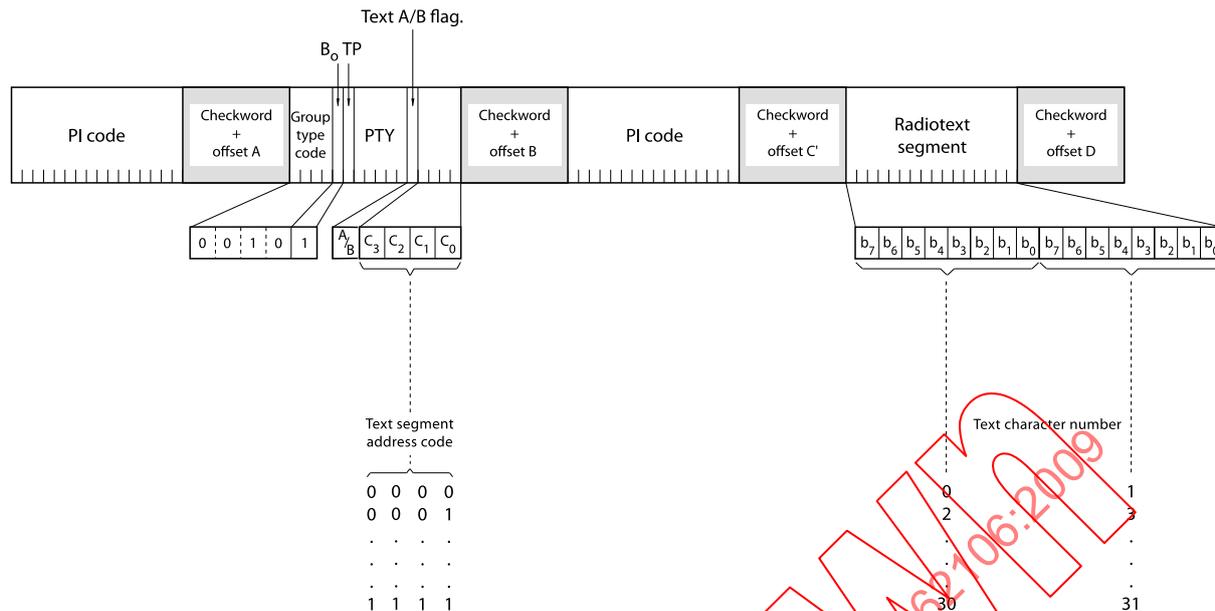


Figure 17 – RadioText – Type 2B group

The 4-bit text segment address defines in the current text the position of the text segments contained in the third (version A only) and fourth blocks. Since each text segment in type 2A groups comprises four characters, messages of up to 64 characters in length can be sent using this version. In type 2B groups, each text segment comprises only two characters and therefore when using this version, the maximum message length is 32 characters.

A new text must start with binary segment address '0000' and there must be no gaps up to the highest used segment address of the current message. The number of text segments is determined by the length of the message, and each message shall be ended by the code 0x0D – carriage return – if the current message requires less than 16 segment addresses.

If a display which has fewer than 64 characters is used to display the RadioText message then memory shall be provided in the receiver/decoder so that elements of the message can be displayed sequentially. This may, for example, be done by displaying elements of text one at a time in sequence, or, alternatively by scrolling the displayed characters of the message from right to left.

Code 0x0A – line feed – may be inserted to indicate a preferred line break.

The following codes could possibly be used with certain reservations noted.

Code 0x0B: end of headline. This marker may be placed anywhere within the first 32 character positions and indicates that the text up to that point is considered by the broadcaster to be the 'headline' portion of the text. It is inserted by the broadcaster on the assumption that a 2 line, 16 character format has been adopted on the receiver. It may stand in place of a space character in the text string. (Note: the use of the <0x0B> code is expected not to cause any difficulty because evidence suggests that receivers universally substitute a space for any unrecognised character.)

Code 0x1F: soft hyphen. This marker indicates the position(s) in long words where the author of the text would prefer a receiver to break a word between display lines if there is a need to do so. It has application only for multi-line non-scrolling displays.

NOTE The use of the 0x1F code is not compatible with earlier RDS receivers, because unwanted spaces will appear in words where 0x1F codes have been used.

A space shall be substituted by the receiver for any unrecognised symbol or control character.

It should be noted that because of the above considerations there is possible ambiguity between the addresses contained in version A and those contained in version B. For this reason a mixture of type 2A and type 2B groups shall not be used when transmitting any one given message.

An important feature of type 2 groups is the Text A/B flag contained in the second block. Two cases occur:

- if the receiver detects a change in the flag (from binary '0' to binary '1' or vice-versa), then the whole RadioText display shall be cleared and the newly received RadioText message segments shall be written into the display;
- if the receiver detects no change in the flag, then the received text segments or characters shall be written into the existing displayed message and those segments or characters for which no update is received shall be left unchanged.

When this application is used to transmit a 32-character message, at least three type 2A groups or at least six type 2B groups shall be transmitted in every two seconds.

It may be found from experience that all RadioText messages should be transmitted at least twice to improve reception reliability.

NOTE 1 RadioText is transmitted as 8-bit characters as defined in the 8-bit code-table, Table E.1. The most significant bit (b_7) of each character is transmitted first.

NOTE 2 The addresses of the characters increase from left to right in the display.

6.1.5.4 Type 3A groups: Application identification for Open data

Figure 18 shows the format of type 3A groups. These groups are used to identify the Open Data Application in use, on an RDS transmission (see 6.1.4).

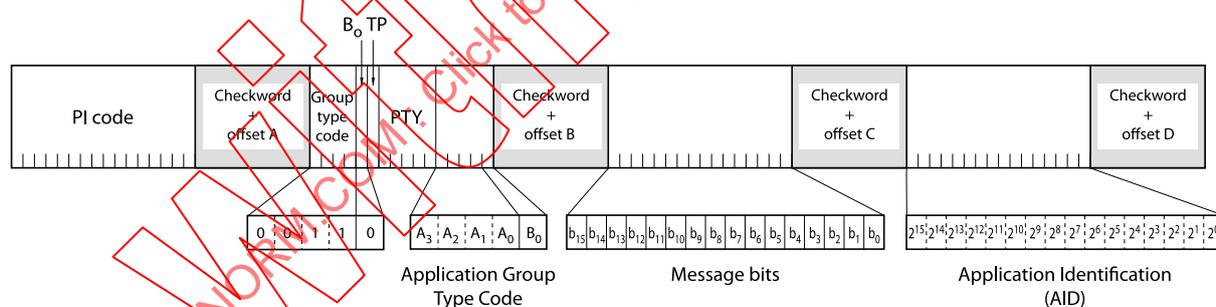


Figure 18 – Application Identification for Open data – Type 3A group

The type 3A group conveys, to a receiver, information about which Open Data Applications are carried on a particular transmission and in which groups they will be found. The type 3A group comprises three elements: the Application Group type code used by that application, 16 message bits for the actual ODA and the Applications Identification (AID) code. Applications which actively utilise both, version A and B groups, are signalled using two type 3A groups.

The Application Group type code indicates the group type used, in the particular transmission, to carry the specified ODA. Table 6 specifies the permitted group types. The bit designation is as per Figure 9, 4-bit for group type code and 1-bit for the version code. Two special conditions may be indicated: Binary 00000 – Not carried in associated group; binary 11111 – Temporary data fault (Encoder status) which means that incoming data to the encoder cannot be transmitted. The AID determines which software handler a receiver needs to use.

This supplements information carried in the type 1A group and permits groups specified in this standard for EWS, IH, RP and TMC to be re-allocated when these features are not used. This

method of allocating and defining Open Data Applications in an RDS transmission allows the addition and subtraction of ODAs, without constraint or the need to await the publication of new standards.

For each group type addressed by the Application Group Type codes of a particular transmission, only one application may be identified as the current user of the channel.

The AID code 0x0000 may be used to indicate that the respective group type is being used for the normal feature specified in this standard. Application Identification codes 0x0001 to 0xFFFF indicate applications as specified in the ODA Directory.

The ODA Directory specification associated with a particular AID code defines the use of version A and version B groups as follows:

- version A groups used alone (mode 1.1)
- version B groups used alone (mode 1.2)
- version A groups and version B groups used as alternatives (mode 2)
- version A groups and version B groups used together (mode 3)

It is important to note that the ODA Directory specification shall not specify the actual version A and version B groups to be used, since these are assigned in each transmission by the type 3A group.

The AID feature indicates that a particular ODA is being carried in a transmission. Each application will have unique requirements for transmission of its respective AID, in terms of repetition rate and timing. These requirements must be detailed in the respective ODA specification. The specification must also detail the AID signalling requirements for such times when an application assumes or loses the use of a group type channel. Some applications may not allow reconfiguration in this way.

6.1.5.5 Type 3B groups: Open Data Application

Figure 19 shows the format of type 3B groups. These groups are usable for Open Data (see 6.1.4).

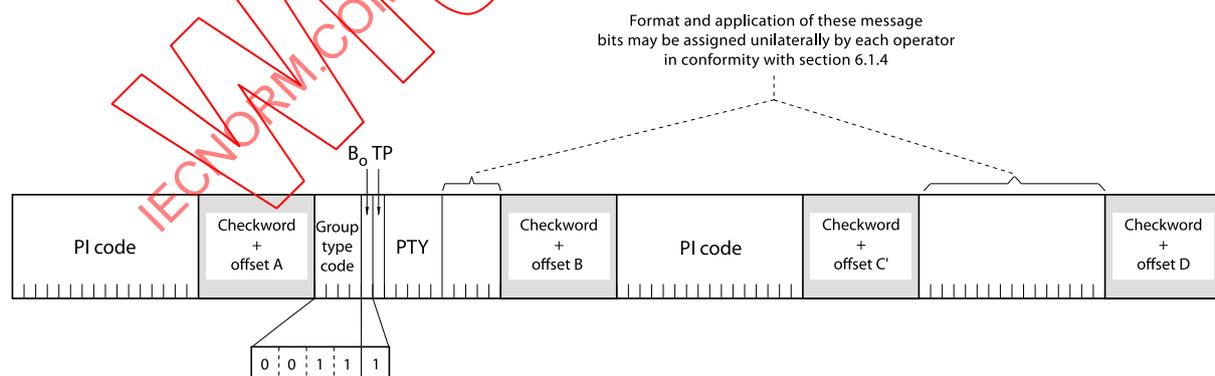


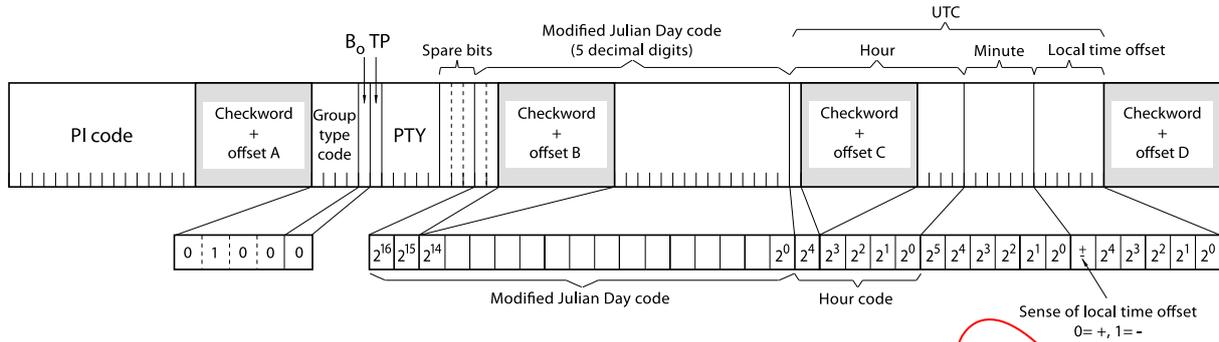
Figure 19 – Open data – Type 3B group

6.1.5.6 Type 4A groups: Clock-time and date

The transmitted clock-time and date shall be accurately set to UTC plus local offset time. Otherwise, the transmitted CT codes shall all be set to zero.

Figure 20 shows the format of type 4A groups.

When this application is used, one type 4A group will be transmitted every minute.



- NOTE 1 The local time is composed of Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) plus local time offset.
- NOTE 2 The local time offset is **expressed in multiples of half hours** within the range -15,5 h to +15,5 h and is coded as a six-bit binary number. '0' = positive offset (East of zero degrees longitude), and '1' = negative offset (west of zero degrees longitude).
- NOTE 3 The information relates to the epoch immediately following the start of the next group.
- NOTE 4 The Clock time group is inserted so that the minute edge will occur within $\pm 0,1$ s of the end of the Clock time group.
- NOTE 5 Minutes are coded as a six-bit binary number in the range 0-59. The spare codes are not used.
- NOTE 6 Hours are coded as five-bit binary number in the range 0-23. The spare codes are not used.
- NOTE 7 The date is expressed in terms of Modified Julian Day and coded as a 17-bit binary number in the range 0-99999. Simple conversion formulas to month and day, or to week number and day of week are given in Annex G. Note that the Modified Julian Day date changes at UTC midnight, **not** at local midnight.
- NOTE 8 Accurate CT based on UTC plus local time offset must be implemented on the transmission where TMC and/or Radio paging is implemented.

Figure 20 – Clock-time and date transmission – Type 4A group

6.1.5.7 Type 4B groups: Open Data Application

Figure 21 shows the format of type 4B groups. These groups are usable for Open data (see 6.1.4).

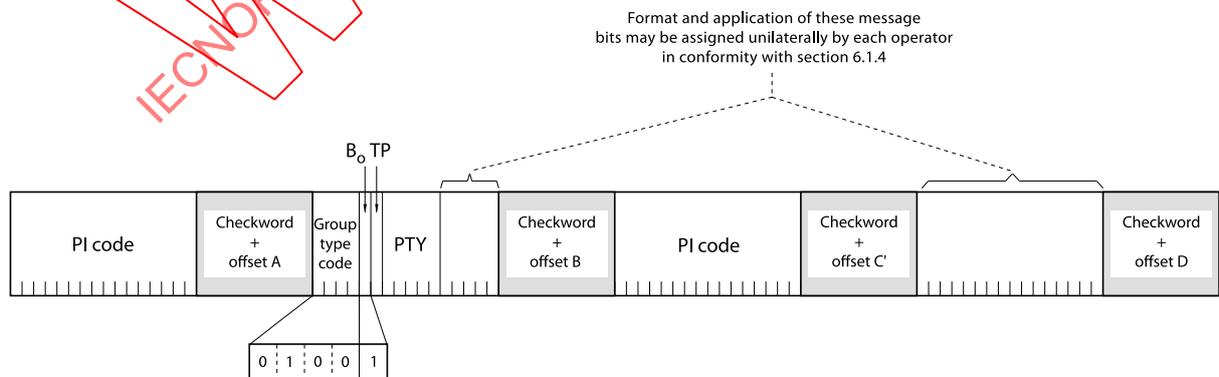


Figure 21 – Open data – Type 4B group

6.1.5.8 Type 5 groups: Transparent data channels or ODA

Figure 22 shows the format of type 5A groups and Figure 23 the format of type 5B groups, where used for TDC; if used for ODA, see 6.1.4.2.

The 5-bit address-code in the second block identifies the 'channel-number' (out of 32) to which the data contained in blocks 3 (version A only) and 4 are addressed. Unlike the fixed-format RadioText of type 2 groups, messages of any length and format can be sent using these channels. Display control characters (such as line-feed and carriage-return) will, of course, be sent along with the data.

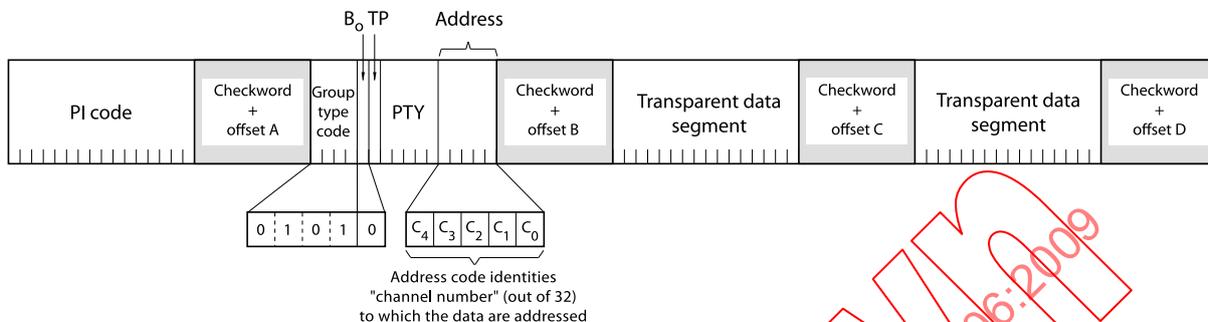


Figure 22 – Transparent data channels – Type 5A group

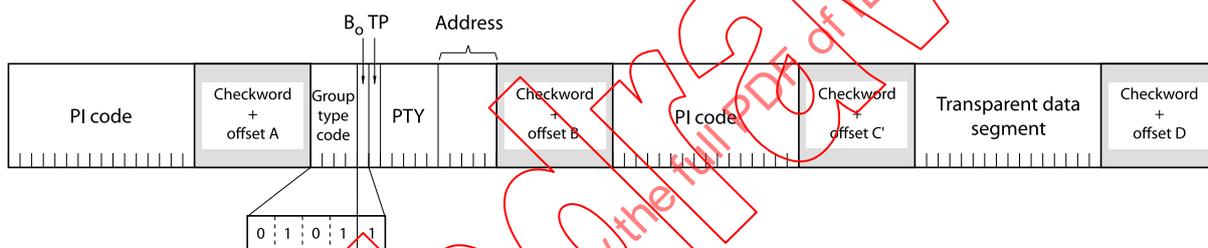


Figure 23 – Transparent data channels – Type 5B group

These channels may be used to send alphanumeric characters, or other text (including mosaic graphics), or for transmission of computer programmes and similar data not for display. Details of implementation of these last options are to be specified separately.

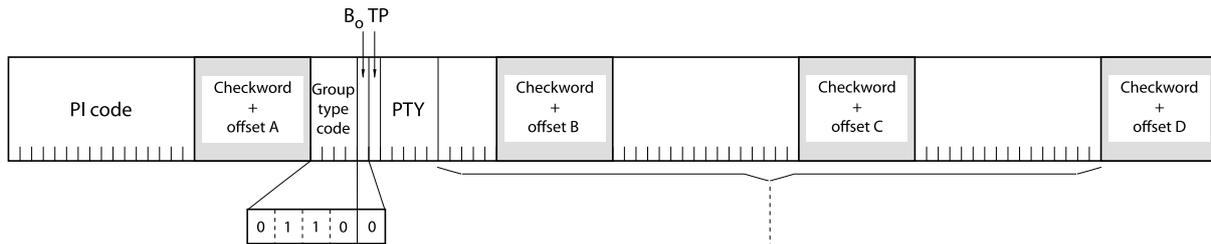
The repetition rate of these group types may be chosen to suit the application and the available channel capacity at the time.

6.1.5.9 Type 6 groups: In-house applications or ODA

Figure 24 shows the format of type 6A groups and the format of type 6B groups, where used for IH; if used for ODA see 6.1.4.2. The contents of the unreserved bits in these groups may be defined unilaterally by the operator.

Consumer receivers shall ignore the in-house information coded in these groups. The repetition rate of these group types may be chosen to suit the application and the available channel capacity at the time.

Type 6A group:



Format and application of these message bits may be assigned unilaterally by each operator

Type 6B group:

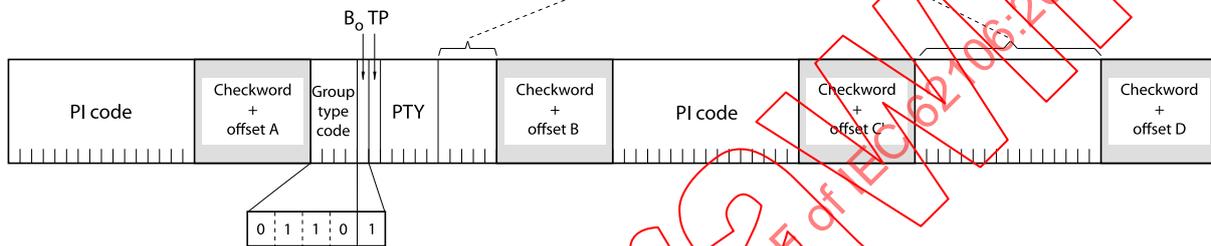


Figure 24 – In-house applications – Type 6A and 6B group

6.1.5.10 Type 7A groups: Radio Paging or ODA

Figure 25 shows the format of type 7A groups, where used for Radio Paging; if used for ODA, see 6.1.4. The specification of RP which also makes use of type 1A, 4A and 13A groups, is given in Annex M.

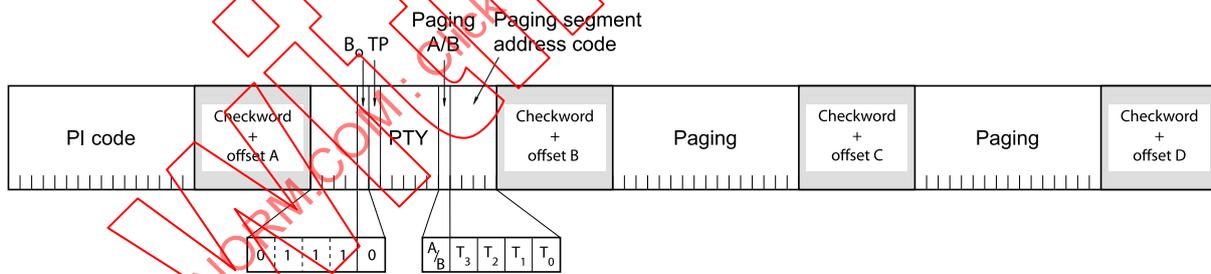


Figure 25 – Radio Paging – Type 7A group

6.1.5.11 Type 7B groups: Open Data Application

Figure 26 shows the format of type 7B groups. These groups are usable for Open data (see 6.1.4).

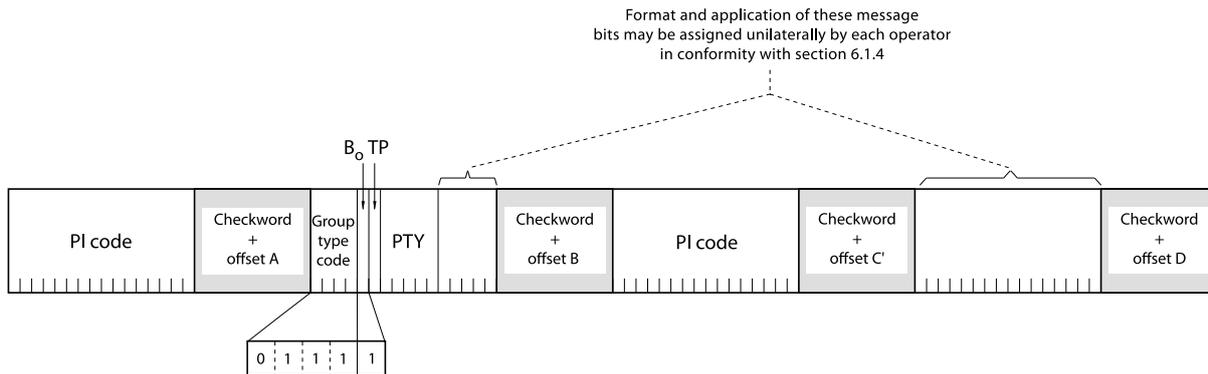


Figure 26 – Type 7B group

6.1.5.12 Type 8 groups: ODA-Traffic Message Channel (TMC) or other ODAs

Figure 27 shows the format of type 8A groups, most commonly used for the ISO-specified ODA – Traffic Message Channel (TMC). TMC has the AID 0xCD46 or 0xCD47, see 6.1.5.4. This group carries the TMC messages, and certain TMC service and administrative information. In addition to the type 3A group required by all ODAs, TMC also requires the use of type 4A groups (CT). The coding of TMC as an ODA, which uses the ALERT-C protocol, is specified in the ISO 14819 series (see Clause 2). When not used for TMC, the type 8A group may be used for any other ODA (see 6.1.4).

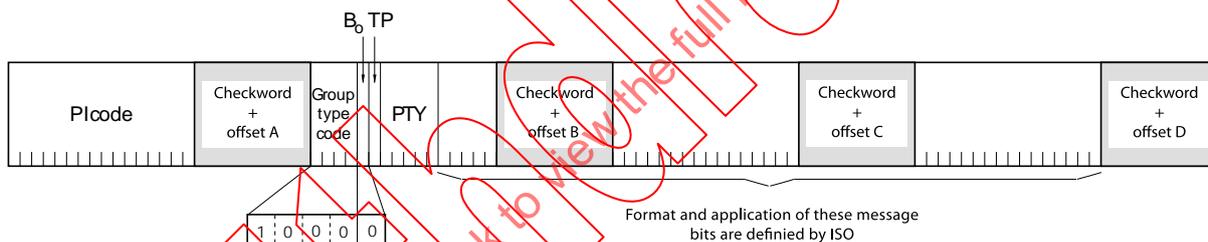


Figure 27 – Traffic Message Channel – Type 8A group

Figure 28 shows the format of type 8B groups. These groups are usable for Open data (see 6.1.4) and are not used for TMC.

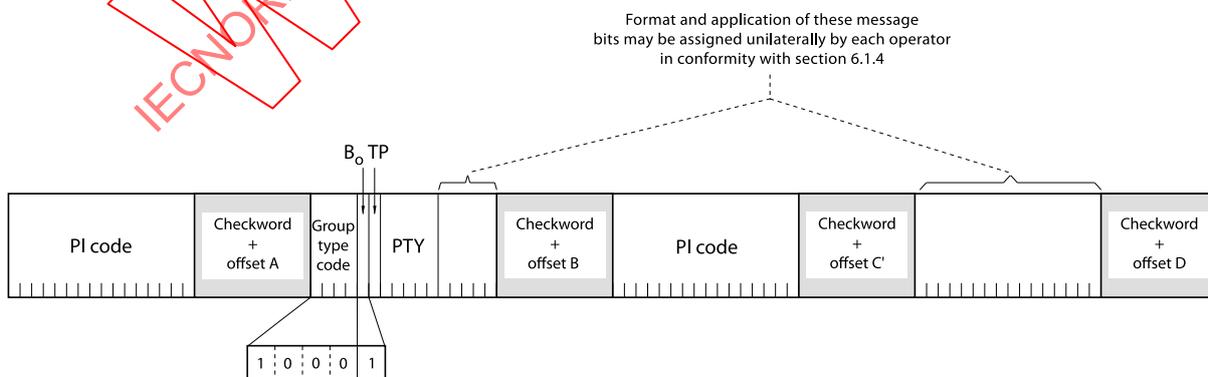


Figure 28 – Open data – Type 8B group

6.1.5.13 Type 9 groups: Emergency warning systems or ODA

These groups are transmitted very infrequently, unless an emergency occurs or test transmissions are required. Figure 29 shows the format of type 9A groups where used for EWS; if used for ODA, see 6.1.4.2.

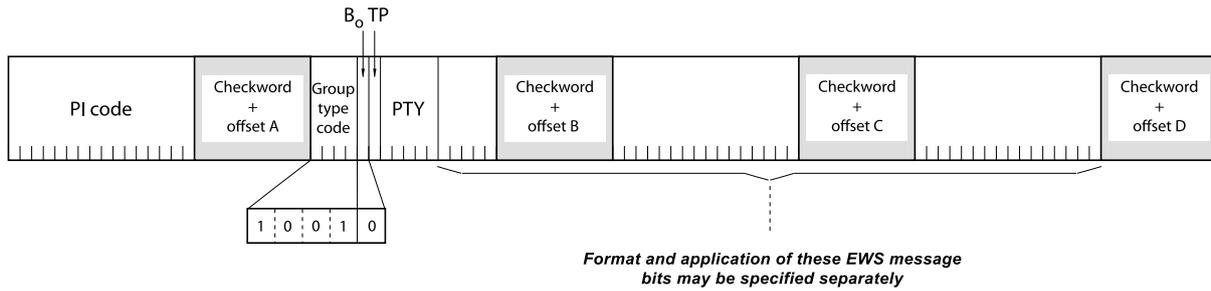


Figure 29 – Allocation of EWS message bits – Type 9A group

Format and application of the bits allocated for EWS messages may be assigned unilaterally by each country. However, the ECC feature must be transmitted in type 1A groups when EWS is implemented.

Figure 30 shows the format of type 9B groups. These groups are usable for Open data (see 6.1.4).

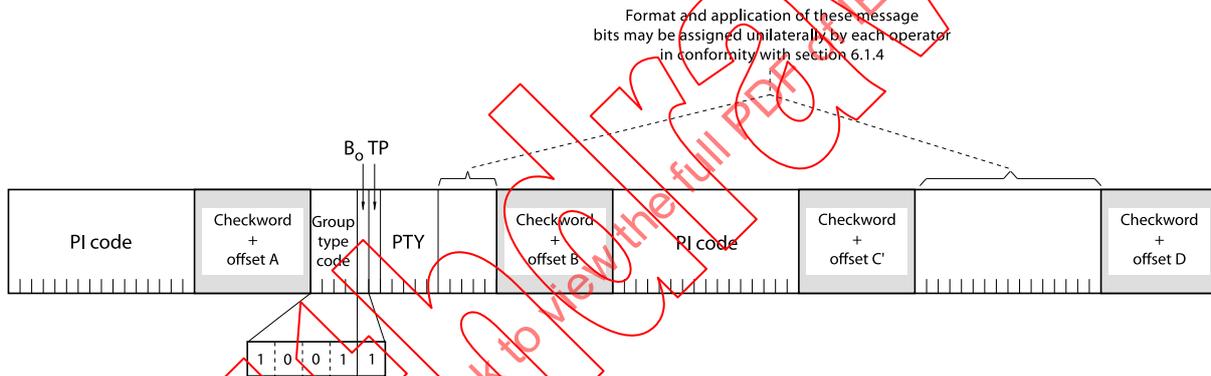
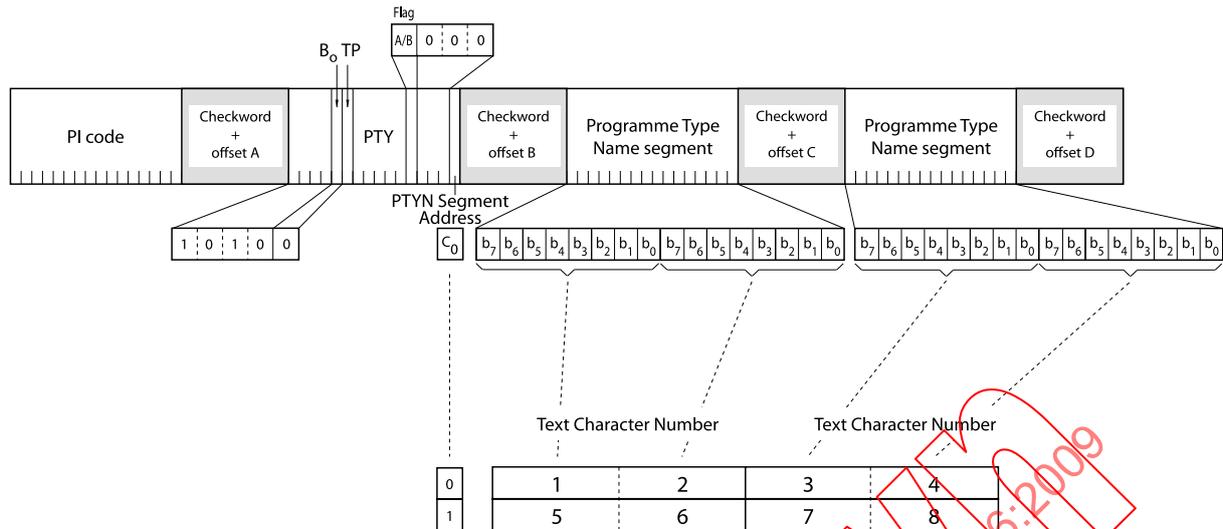


Figure 30 – Open data – Type 9B group

6.1.5.14 Type 10 groups: Programme Type Name (Group type 10A) and Open data (Group type 10B)

Figure 31 shows the format of type 10A groups used for PTYN.

The type 10A group allows further description of the current Programme Type, for example, when using the PTY code 4: SPORT, a PTYN of "Football" may be indicated to give more detail about that programme. PTYN shall only be used to enhance Programme Type information and it shall not be used for sequential information.



NOTE 1 The A/B flag is toggled when a change is made in the PTYN being broadcast.

NOTE 2 Programme Type Name (PTYN) (for display) is transmitted as 8-bit characters as defined in the 8-bit code, Table E.1. Eight characters (including spaces) are allowed for each PTYN and are transmitted as four character segments in each type 10A group. These segments are located in the displayed PTY name by the code bit C₀ in block 2. The addresses of the characters increase from left to right in the display. The most significant bit (b₇) of each character is transmitted first.

Figure 31 – Programme Type Name PTYN – Type 10A group

Figure 32 shows the format of type 10B groups used for ODA, see 6.1.4.2.

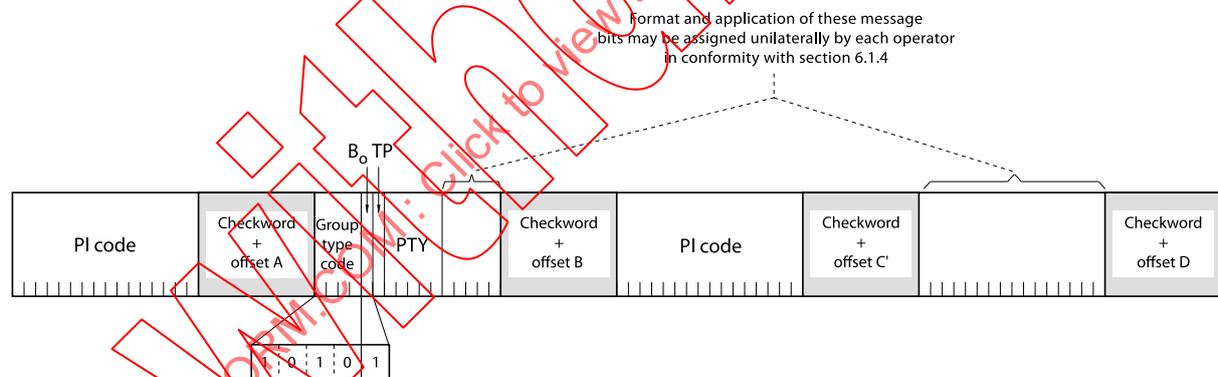
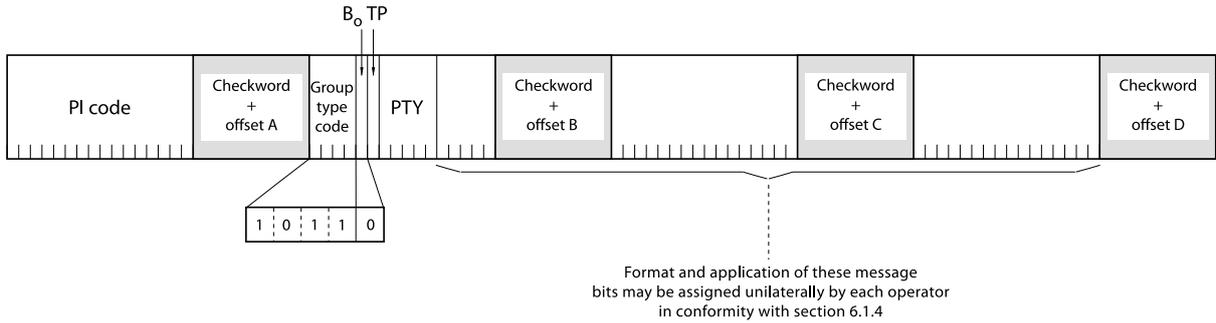


Figure 32 – Open data – Type 10B group

6.1.5.15 Type 11 groups: Open Data Application

Figure 33 shows the format of type 11A and 11B groups. These groups are usable for Open data (see 6.1.4).

Type 11A group:



Type 11B group:

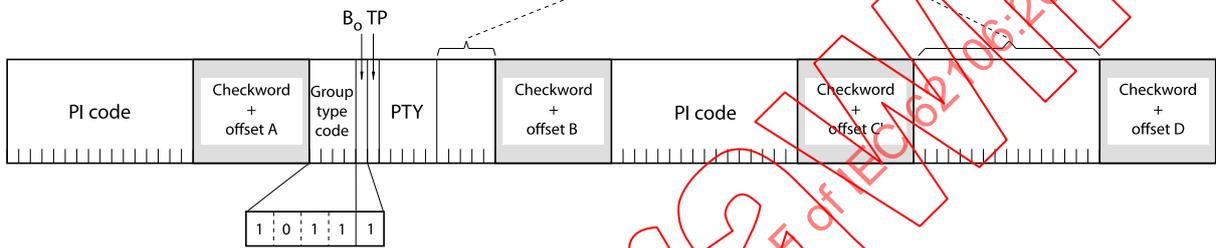
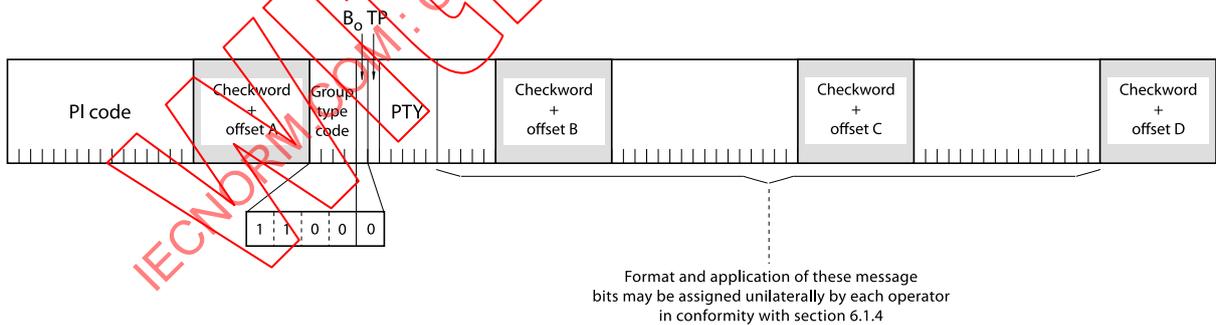


Figure 33 – Open data – Type 11A and 11B groups

6.1.5.16 Type 12 groups: Open Data Application

Figure 34 shows the format of type 12A and 12B groups. These groups are usable for Open data (see 6.1.4).

Type 12A group:



Type 12B group:

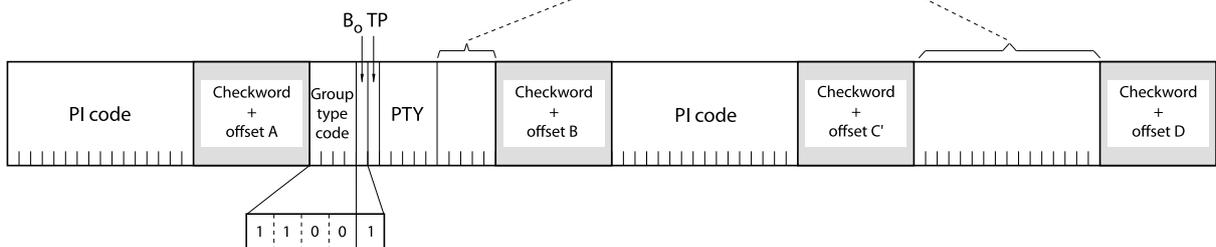


Figure 34 – Open data – Type 12A and 12B groups

6.1.5.17 Type 13A groups: Enhanced Radio Paging or ODA

The type 13A group is used to transmit the information relative to the network and the paging traffic. Its primary purpose is to provide an efficient tool for increasing the battery life time of the pager.

Figure 35 shows the format of the type 13A group. These groups are transmitted once or twice at the beginning of every interval (after the type 4A group at the beginning of each minute or after the first type 1A group at the beginning of each interval).

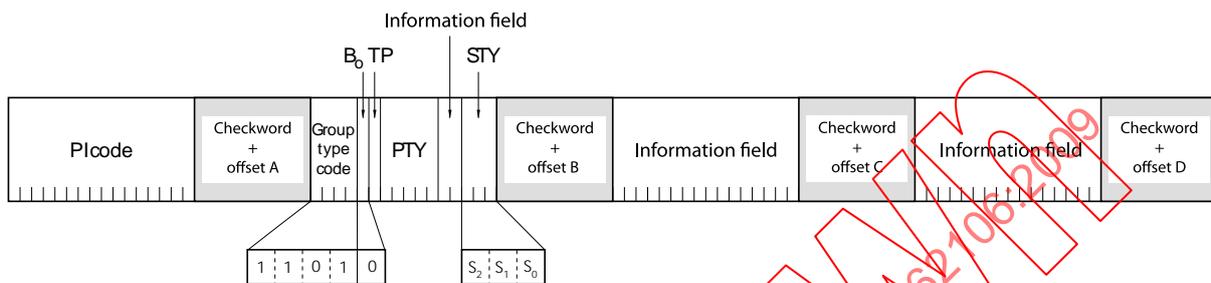


Figure 35 – Enhanced Paging information – Type 13A group

The STY code (3 bits) denotes the different type 13A group subtypes; there are 8 different subtypes:

Table 7 – STY codes

STY			Last bits of third block and fourth block of type 13A group
S ₂	S ₁	S ₀	
0	0	0	Address notification bits 24...0, when only 25 bits (one type 13A group) are used
0	0	1	Address notification bits 49...25, when 50 bits (two type 13A groups) are used
0	1	0	Address notification bits 24...0, when 50 bits (two type 13A groups) are used
0	1	1	Reserved for Value Added Services system information
1	0	0	Reserved for future use
...
1	1	1	Reserved for future use

The specification of the relevant protocol is given in Clause M.3.

The type 13A group may be used for ODA when it is not used for Radio Paging, and its group structure is then as shown in 6.1.4.2.

6.1.5.18 Type 13B groups: Open Data Application

Figure 36 shows the format of type 13B groups. These groups are usable for Open data (see 6.1.4).

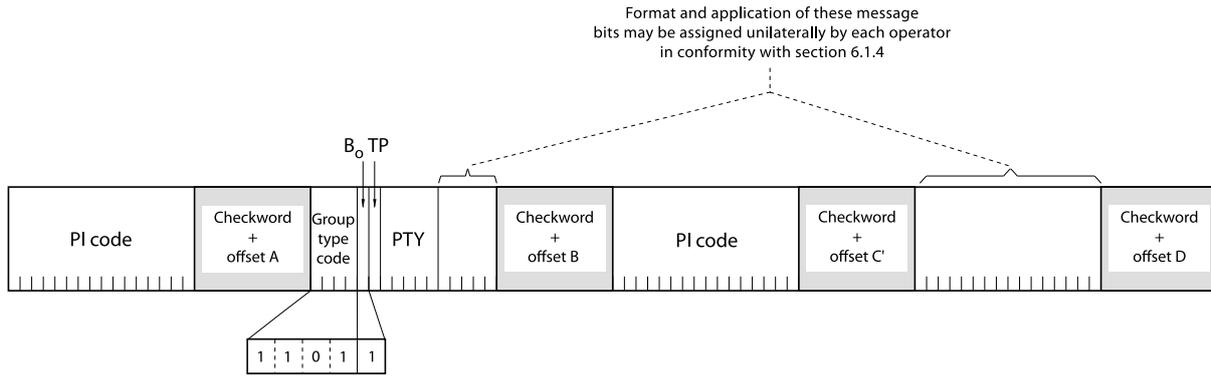


Figure 36 – Open data – Type 13B group

6.1.5.19 Type 14 groups: Enhanced Other Networks information

Figures 37 and 38 show the format of type 14A and 14B groups. These groups are transmitted if Enhanced Other Networks information (EON) is implemented. The specification of the relevant protocol is given in 6.2.1.8.

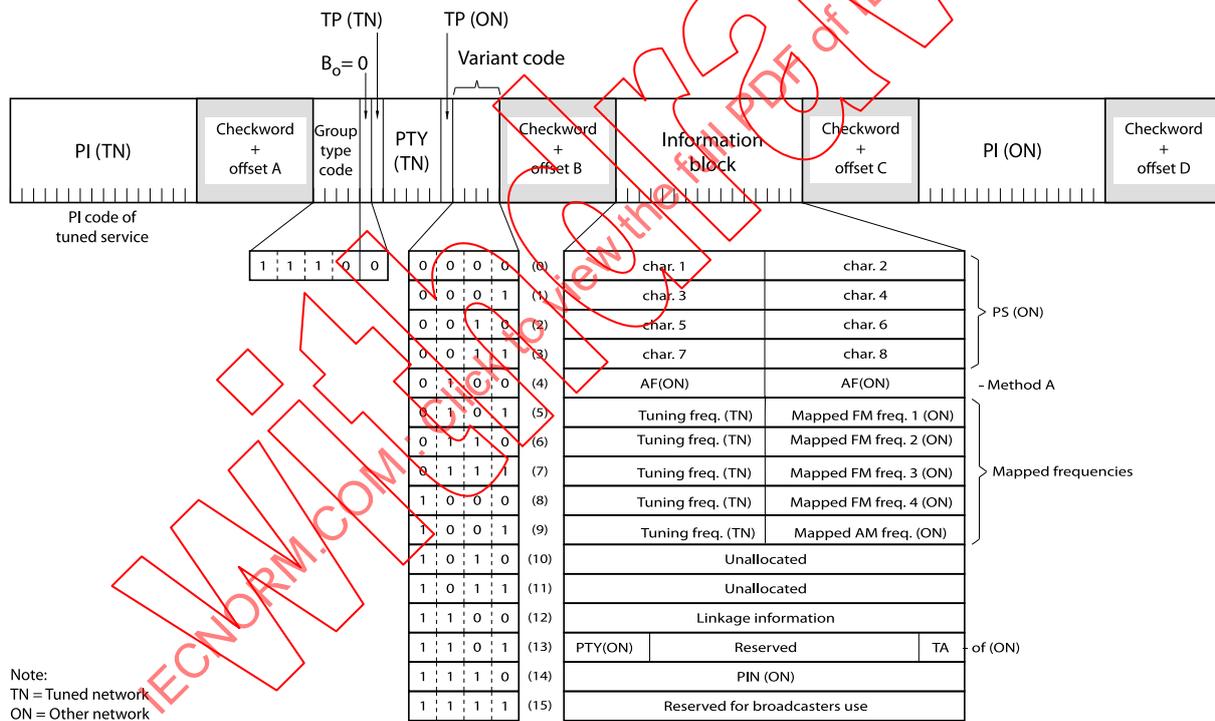


Figure 37 – Enhanced Other Networks information – Type 14A groups

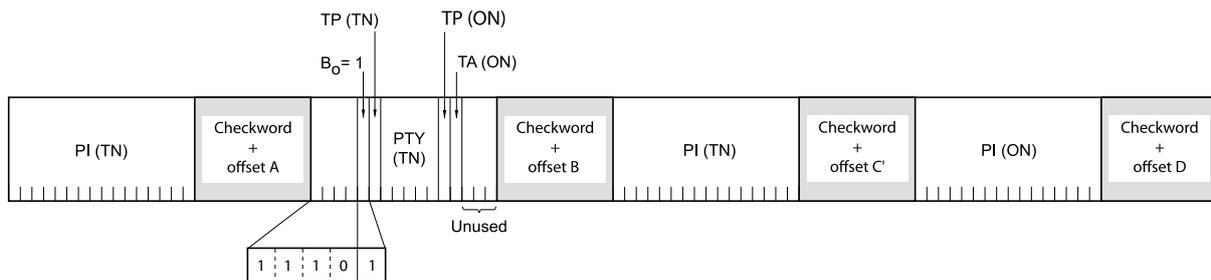


Figure 38 – Enhanced Other Networks information – Type 14B groups

6.1.5.20 Type 15A groups: Open Data Application

The type 15A group may be used for ODA and its group structure is then as shown in Figure 39.

Type 15A group:

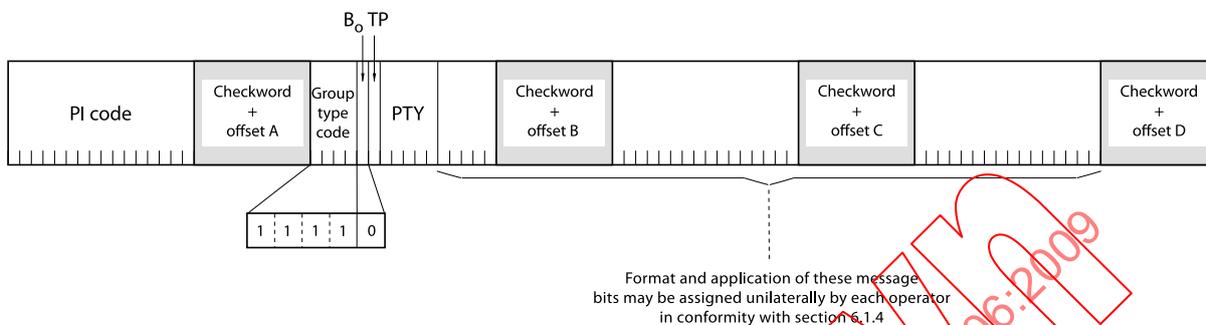


Figure 39 – Open data – Type 15A group

6.1.5.21 Type 15B groups: Fast basic tuning and switching information

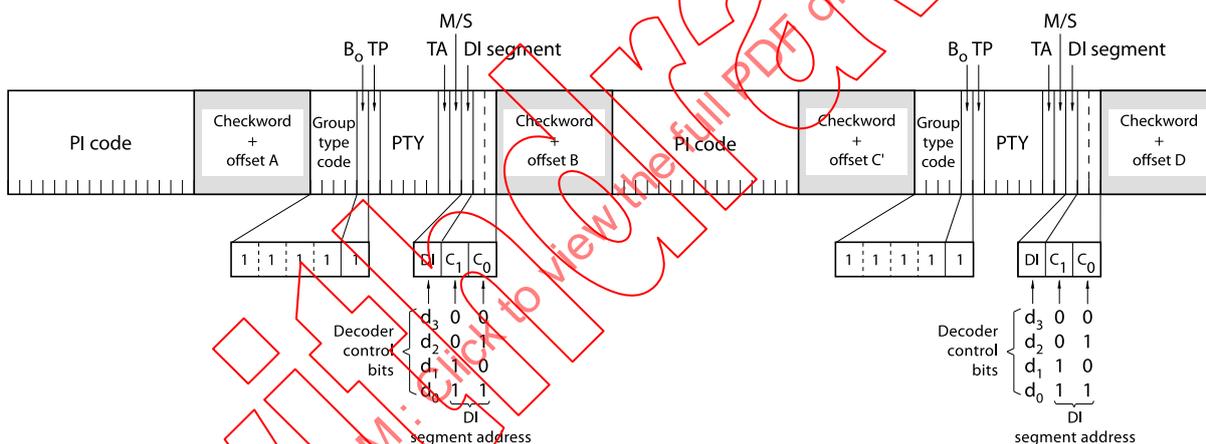


Figure 40 – Fast basic tuning and switching information – Type 15B group

When groups of this type are transmitted, the repetition rate may be chosen to suit the application and the available channel capacity at the time.

NOTE 1 For details Programme Identification (PI), Programme Type (PTY) and Traffic Programme (TP) code, see 6.2.1 and Annexes D and F.

NOTE 2 TA = Traffic Announcement code (1 bit) (see 6.2.1.3).

NOTE 3 MS = Music Speech switch code (1 bit) (see 6.2.1.4).

NOTE 4 DI= Decoder-Identification control code (4 bits) (see 6.2.1.5). This code is transmitted as 1 bit in each type 15B group. The DI segment address code (C₁ and C₀) serves to locate these bits in the DI codeword. Thus in a group with C₁C₀ = '00' the DI bit in that group is d₃. These code bits are transmitted most significant bit (d₃) first.

6.2 Coding of information

A glossary of terms used in RDS applications is given in Clause 7, which also explains the expected responses of a consumer receiver to the various codes.

6.2.1 Coding of information for control

6.2.1.1 Programme Identification (PI) codes and Extended Country Codes (ECC)

The coding model for Programme Identification information and Extended Country Codes is given in Annex D.

6.2.1.2 Programme Type (PTY) codes

The applications of the 5-bit Programme type codes are specified in Annex F. PTY codes 30 and 31 are control functions for a consumer receiver (see Annex F).

6.2.1.3 Traffic Programme (TP) and Traffic Announcement (TA) codes

The coding to be used is as follows:

Table 8 – Codes for TP and TA

Traffic Programme code (TP)	Traffic Announcement code (TA)	Applications
0	0	This programme does not carry traffic announcements nor does it refer, via EON, to a programme that does
0	1	This programme carries EON information about another programme which gives traffic information
1	0	This programme carries traffic announcements but none are being broadcast at present and may also carry EON information about other traffic announcements
1	1	A traffic announcement is being broadcast on this programme at present

6.2.1.4 Music Speech (MS) switch code

This is a 1-bit code. A '0' indicates that speech, at present, is being broadcast and a '1' indicates that music, at present, is being broadcast. When the broadcaster is not using this facility the bit value will be set at '1'.

6.2.1.5 Decoder Identification (DI) and Dynamic PTY Indicator (PTYI) codes

These 4 bits are used to indicate different operating modes to switch individual decoders on or off and to indicate if PTY codes in the transmission are dynamically switched.

Table 9 – Bit d_0 to d_3 meanings

Settings	Meaning
Bit d_0 , set to 0:	Mono
Bit d_0 , set to 1:	Stereo
Bit d_1 , set to 0:	Not Artificial Head
Bit d_1 , set to 1:	Artificial Head
Bit d_2 , set to 0:	Not compressed
Bit d_2 , set to 1:	Compressed
Bit d_3 , set to 0:	Static PTY
Bit d_3 , set to 1:	Indicates that the PTY code on the tuned service, or referenced in EON variant 13, is dynamically switched

6.2.1.6 Coding of Alternative Frequencies (AFs)

6.2.1.6.1 AF code tables

In the following code tables, each 8-bit binary code represents a carrier frequency, or it represents a special meaning as shown in Tables 10, 11 and 12.

Table 10 – VHF code table

Number	Binary code	Carrier frequency
0	0000 0000	Not to be used
1	0000 0001	87.6 MHz
2	0000 0010	87.7 MHz
:	:	:
:	:	:
204	1100 1100	107.9 MHz

Table 11 – Special meanings code table

Number	Binary code	Special meaning
0	0000 0000	Not to be used
205	1100 1101	Filler code
206	1100 1110	Not assigned
:	:	:
223	1101 1111	Not assigned
224	1110 0000	No AF exists
225	1110 0001	1 AF follows
:	:	:
249	1111 1001	25 AFs follow
250	1111 1010	An LF/MF frequency follows
251	1111 1011	Not assigned
:	:	:
255	1111 1111	Not assigned

Table 12 – Code tables according to ITU regions

Table 12a – LF/MF code table – for ITU regions 1 and 3 (9 kHz spacing)

Number	Binary code	Carrier frequency
LF 1	0000 0001	153 kHz
:	:	:
:	:	:
15	0000 1111	279 kHz
MF 16	0001 0000	531 kHz
:	:	:
:	:	:
:	:	:
:	:	:
135	1000 0111	1602 kHz

Table 12b – MF code table – for ITU region 2 (10 kHz spacing)

Number		Binary code	Carrier frequency
MF	16	0001 0000	530 kHz
	:	:	:
	:	:	:
	:	:	:
	:	:	:
	124	0111 1100	1610 kHz

6.2.1.6.2 Use of Alternative Frequencies in type 0A groups

To facilitate the automatic tuning process in a receiver, a number of AFs shall be transmitted. Ideally the AF list shall only comprise frequencies of neighbouring transmitters or repeaters. Two methods of transmitting AFs are possible. AF method A is used for lists up to 25 in number and AF method B is used for larger lists. AF method B is also used where it is required to indicate frequencies of generically related services.

6.2.1.6.3 AF method A

Two AF codes are carried in block 3 of each type 0A group. The first byte in the transmitted list (codes 224 – 249) indicates the number of frequencies in that list. This list will also include the frequency of the transmitter originating the list, if it has repeaters.

Examples of AF method A coding:

	Example A		Example B		Example C	
1st 0A:	#5	AF1	#4	AF1	#4	AF1
2nd 0A:	AF2	AF3	AF2	AF3	AF2	AF3
3rd 0A:	AF4	AF5	AF4	Filler	LF/MF follows	AF4

Example A shows: a list of 5 VHF frequencies, where #5 means number of frequencies following is 5 and is represented by code 229.

Example B shows: a list of 4 VHF frequencies, where Filler code is 205.

Example C shows: a list of 3 VHF frequencies and 1 LF/MF frequency, where LF/MF follows code is 250.

6.2.1.6.4 AF method B

Method B AF coding is used where the number of AFs used by a transmitter and its associated repeater stations exceed 25, or where it is required to indicate frequencies which belong to different regions which at times carry different programmes.

Each transmitter and associated repeater stations broadcast the same set of different AF lists in sequence. The number of AF lists within a network is in general identical to the number of transmitters and repeater stations in the network so as to provide a unique list for each transmitting station. In this protocol, the alternative frequencies for the VHF/FM transmitters are individually addressed by transmitting the tuning frequency paired with one alternative frequency within one block.

NOTE If the frequency referenced is for an LF/MF transmission, it occupies 2 AF codes, the first being code 250. Hence, it cannot be referenced to its associated tuning frequency.

Each list starts with a code giving the total number of frequencies within this list, followed by the tuning frequency for which the list is valid. All remaining pairs² (up to 12) give the tuning frequency together with a valid AF.

- If the number of AFs of a station is larger than 12, the list shall be split into two or more lists. These lists are transmitted directly one after the other and the receiver shall combine the lists again.
- If a transmitter frequency is used more than once within a network the respective AF lists are transmitted separately. In order to indicate that these lists with the same tuning frequency belong to different stations, the lists must be separated by AF lists of other stations. The receiver may combine them or evaluate them separately.

For the transmission of the frequency pairs within one block the following convention is used:

- They are generally transmitted in ascending order, for example

89.3	99.5	or	99.5	101.8	$F_1 < F_2$
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- In special cases they are transmitted in descending order, if they belong to different regions, or carry from time to time different programmes, for example

99.5	90.6	or	100.7	99.5	$F_1 > F_2$
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In both the above examples 99.5 MHz is the main tuning frequency.

Examples of an AF method B coding:

F_1	F_2	Commentary
# 11	89.3	Total number (11) of frequencies for tuning frequency (89.3)
89.3	99.5	$F_2 > F_1$ hence 99.5 is an AF of tuned frequency 89.3, and is the same programme
89.3	101.7	$F_2 > F_1$ hence 101.7 is an AF of tuned frequency 89.3, and is the same programme
88.8	89.3	$F_2 > F_1$ hence 88.8 is an AF of tuned frequency 89.3, and is the same programme
102.6	89.3	$F_2 < F_1$ hence 102.6 is an AF of a regional variant of tuned frequency 89.3
89.3	89.0	$F_2 < F_1$ hence 89.0 is an AF of a regional variant of tuned frequency 89.3
# 9	99.5	Total number (9) of frequencies for tuning frequency (99.5)
89.3	99.5	$F_2 > F_1$ hence 89.3 is an AF of tuned frequency 99.5, and is the same programme
99.5	100.9	$F_2 > F_1$ hence 100.9 is an AF of tuned frequency 99.5, and is the same programme
104.8	99.5	$F_2 < F_1$ hence 104.8 is an AF of a regional variant of tuned frequency 99.5
99.5	89.1	$F_2 < F_1$ hence 89.1 is an AF of a regional variant of tuned frequency 99.5

Broadcasters using splitting of a network during certain hours of the day should use AF method B, and not AF method A. The lists should be static, i.e. the AFs included in the list, carrying a different programme during certain hours of the day, shall be signalled by transmitting in the descending order. Their PI shall differ in the second element (bits 8 to 11) of the code and may also be static. To identify different regional networks or programmes the PI area codes R1 to R12 shall be used (see Clause D.5).

This convention will permit a receiver to use a regional on/off mode which, when a receiver is in the mode 'regional off', will lead to the acceptance of the PI with the differing second element, and thus permit switching to a different regional network. This option can be deactivated by choosing the mode 'regional on'. Then only AFs having the same second

element of the PI (i.e. the same programme) will be used. This should also be the case for receivers without regional on/off mode. The switching of the second element of the PI to I, N, or S, respectively, informs a receiver that now even AFs transmitted in descending order carry the same programme and the receiver should use this information to allow switching to these AFs.

6.2.1.6.5 Convention for identification of the AF methods used

The AF method used is not signalled explicitly, but can easily be deduced by receivers from the frequent repetition of the main tuning frequency in the transmitted AF pairs in the case of AF method B.

6.2.1.6.6 Use of AF Codes in type 14A groups

AF codes in type 14A groups are used to refer to frequencies of other networks. There are two AF methods for transmitting this information.

Variant 4 utilises AF method A coding to transmit up to 25 frequencies; the coding method is as described above for type 0A groups. The PI code of the other network to which the AF list applies is given in block 4 of the group.

Variant 5 is used for the transmission of “Mapped frequency pairs”. This is used to specifically reference a frequency in the tuned network to a corresponding frequency in another network. This is particularly used by a broadcaster that transmits several different services from the same transmitter tower with the same coverage areas.

The first AF code in block 3 refers to the frequency of the tuned network, the second code is the corresponding frequency of the other network identified by the PI code in block 4.

Where it is necessary to map one tuning frequency to more than one VHF/FM frequency for the cross-referenced programme service (due to multiple use of the tuning frequency or because the cross-referenced programme is receivable at more than one frequency within the service area associated with the tuning frequency), then variants 6, 7 and 8 are used to indicate second, third and fourth mapped frequencies, respectively.

LF/MF mapped frequencies are implicitly signalled by using variant 9. AF Code 250 is not used with the mapped AF method.

6.2.1.7 Programme Item Number (PIN) codes

The transmitted Programme Item Number code will be the scheduled broadcast start time and day of month as published by the broadcaster. For the coding of this information see 6.1.5.2.

If a type 1 group is transmitted without a valid PIN, the day of the month shall be set to zero. In this case, a receiver which evaluates PIN shall ignore the other information in block 4.

6.2.1.8 Coding of Enhanced Other Networks information (EON)

The enhanced information about other networks consists of a collection of optional RDS features relating to other programme services, cross-referenced by means of their PI codes (see 6.2.1.1). Features which may be transmitted using EON for other programme services are: AF (see 6.2.1.6.5), PIN (see 6.2.1.7), PS (see 6.2.2), PTY (see 6.2.1.2), TA (see 6.2.1.3), TP (see 6.2.1.3) and Linkage (see 6.2.1.8.3).

The format of the type 14 groups is shown in Figures 37 and 38. It has two versions: A and B. The A version is the normal form and shall be used for the background transmission of Enhanced Other Networks information. The maximum cycle time for the transmission of all data relating to all cross-referenced programme services shall be less than two minutes. The A version has sixteen variants which may be used in any mixture and order. Attention is

drawn to the fact that two distinct options, namely AF method A and the Mapped Frequency Method, exist for the transmission of frequencies of cross-referenced programme services (see 6.2.1.8.1). A broadcaster should choose the most appropriate AF method for each cross-referenced programme service.

The B version of a type 14 group is used to indicate a change in the status of the TA flag of a cross-referenced programme service (see 6.2.1.8.2 for more details).

6.2.1.8.1 Coding of frequencies for cross-referenced programme services

Two AF methods exist for the transmission of AF's in the EON feature. Coding is described in 6.2.1.6.5.

A broadcaster may utilise the most appropriate AF method for each cross-referenced programme service, but within the reference to any single service these two AF methods must not be mixed.

6.2.1.8.2 Use of the TP and TA features (Type 0, 15B and 14 groups)

For the tuned programme service, the code TP=0 in all groups and TA=1 in type 0 and 15B groups indicates that this programme broadcasts EON information which cross-references at least to one programme service which carries traffic information. RDS receivers which implement the EON feature may use this code to signify that the listener can listen to the tuned programme service and nevertheless receive traffic messages from another programme service. RDS receivers which do not implement the EON feature must ignore this code. Programme services which use the code TP=0, TA=1 must broadcast type 14 B groups (at the appropriate times) relating to at least one programme service which carries traffic information, and has the flag TP=1.

The TA flag within variant 13 of a type 14A group is used to indicate that the cross-referenced service is currently carrying a traffic announcement. This indication is intended for information only (e.g. for monitoring by broadcasters) and must not be used to initiate a switch even if traffic announcements are desired by the listener. A switch to the cross-referenced traffic announcement shall only be made when a TA=1 flag is detected in a type 14B group.

The type 14B group is used to cause the receiver to switch to a programme service which carries a traffic announcement. When a particular programme service begins a traffic announcement, all transmitters which cross-reference this service via the EON feature shall broadcast as many as possible of up to eight and at least four appropriate group 14B messages within the shortest practicable period of time (at least four type 14B groups per second). At the discretion of the broadcaster, a sequence of type 14B groups may be transmitted also when the TA flag is cleared. This option is provided only to assist in the control of transmitters; receivers shall use the TA flag in the type 0 or 15B groups of the service which carries the traffic announcements in order to switch back to the tuned programme service at the end of the received traffic announcement.

If a transmitter cross-references to more than one traffic programme with different PI(ON) via the EON feature, the start time between two references, via type 14B groups, shall be two seconds or more.

NOTE Some RDS EON consumer receivers may need up to four correct type 14B groups for reliable functioning. Therefore, it is recommended to broadcast as many as possible of up to eight type 14B groups, to ensure the detection of the switching under bad receiving conditions.

The mechanism described above for switching to and from cross-referenced traffic announcements is designed to avoid the delivery of incomplete traffic messages by receivers operating under adverse reception conditions.

6.2.1.8.3 Method for linking RDS programme services (Type 1A and 14A groups) – Linkage information

Linkage information provides the means by which several programme services, each characterised by its own PI code, may be treated by a receiver as a single service during times when a common programme is carried.

During such times each programme service retains its unique identity, i.e. the programme service must keep its designated PI code and its AF (Alternative Frequency) list(s), but may change programme related features such as PS, PTY, RT, TP and TA to reflect the common programme; with LA=1, a service carrying codes TP=1 or TP=0/TA=1 shall not be linked to another service carrying the codes TP=0/TA=0.

Linkage information is conveyed in the following four data elements:

- 1) LA – Linkage Actuator (1 bit)
- 2) EG – Extended Generic indicator (1 bit)
- 3) ILS – International Linkage Set indicator (1 bit)
- 4) LSN – Linkage Set Number (12 bits)

This information is carried in block 3 of variant 12 of type 14A groups, and informs the receiver to which set of programme services any particular service, defined by PI (ON) carried in block 4 of the same group, belongs.

When linkage information regarding the tuned programme service is transmitted, the PI code carried in block 4 of the group, PI (ON), will be identical to the PI code carried in block 1.

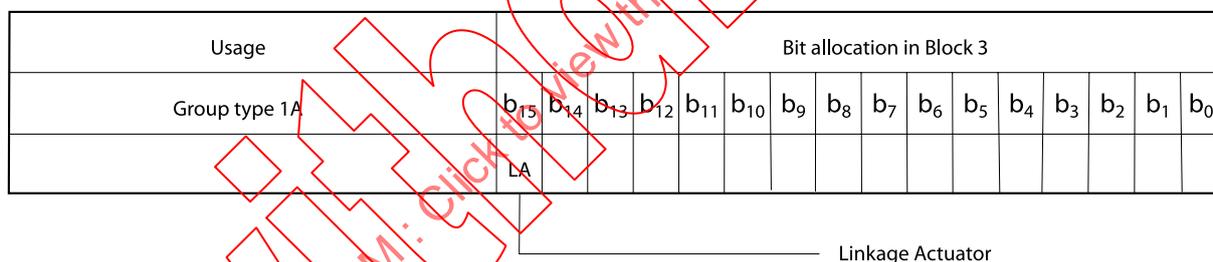


Figure 41 – Structure of Block 3 of Type 1A groups

In order to achieve rapid de-linkage at the end of a common programme, the Linkage Actuator (LA) for the tuned network is also carried in group type 1A, as bit b₁₅ of block 3 (see 6.1.5.2). This group type shall normally be transmitted at least once every 5 s, preferably more frequently when a change in status occurs.

The four data elements used to convey linkage information are defined as follows:

LA – Linkage Actuator (see Figures 41, 42 and 43)

This bit is set to one to inform the receiver that the programme service (indicated by PI(ON) in block 4) is linked to the set of services described by LSN, the Linkage Set Number, at the present moment. If this bit is set to zero, a potential future link is indicated, i.e. the link becomes active at some time in the future. The receiver may then use the linkage data to determine those services for which EON data might usefully be acquired.

EG – Extended Generic indicator (see Figures 42 and 43)

This bit is set to one to inform the receiver that the programme service, defined in block 4 of a type 14A group is a member of an extended generic set. Such a set comprises programme

services which are related (e.g. by common ownership, or a similar format) – but which do not necessarily carry the same audio.

An extended generic set is characterized by PI codes of the form WXYZ, where W is the common country code, X is the area code (and shall lie in the range R1 to R12), Y is common to all such related services, and Z may assume any value.

ILS – International Linkage Set indicator (see Figures 42 and 43)

In case of an international link, the indicator ILS (bit b_{12} of block 3 in variant 12 of group type 14A) will be set to one.

LSN – Linkage Set Number (see Figures 42 and 43)

This 12 bit number is carried in block 3 of variant 12 of type 14A groups. The LSN, when non-zero, is common to those programme services which may be linked together as a set according to the status of the Linkage Actuator, either active (LA=1) or potential (LA=0, i.e. the link becomes active at some time in the future).

The special case of LSN=0 is used as a default condition, and two or more services sharing LSN=0 are not linked.

The LSN may be used to link together two or more programmes either nationally or internationally.

– *National link (ILS=0)*

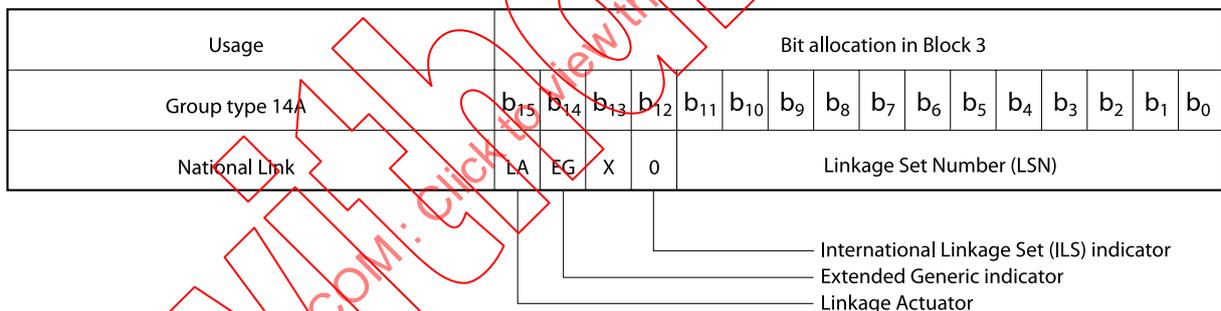
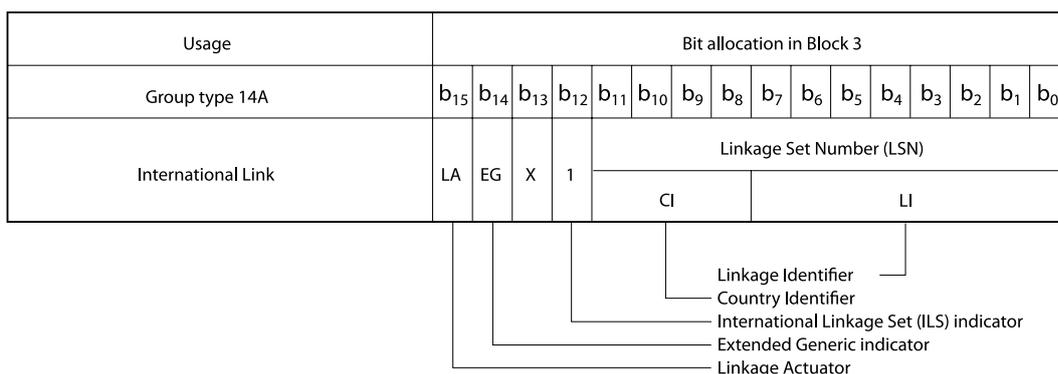


Figure 42 – Structure of variant 12 of block 3 of type 14A groups (linkage information) – National link

If two or more programme services with the same country code carry the same non-zero LSN and their respective LA bits are set to one, then the receiver may assume that the programme services are carrying the same audio.

– *International link (ILS=1)*



**Figure 43 – Structure of variant 12 of block 3 of type 14A groups
(linkage information) – International link**

In this case of an international link, the LSN is deemed to comprise two elements:

CI-Country Identifier: Bits b_{11} to b_8 of block 3 shall be the country code of one of the two (or more) participating countries. For example, if Switzerland and Italy share a programme, they shall choose either 0x4 or 0x5 for CI, and then agree on bits b_7 to b_0 for a unique Linkage Identifier (LI).

LI-Linkage Identifier: Bits b_7 to b_0 are used to relate programme services internationally, and shall be agreed between the countries concerned. Such services share the same CI and LI.

When two or more programme services with the same or different country codes carry the same non-zero Linkage Set Number and their respective ILS and LA bits are set to one, then the receiver may assume that the programme services are carrying the same audio.

In Figures 42 and 43 the bit indicated by 'X' is not assigned to the linkage application and may be assumed to be in either state.

Conventions for application regarding the use of the LSN:

A link (potential or active) between any two or more programme services is considered to be valid only when the programme services are all linked with a common Linkage Set Number (LSN). No more than one Linkage Set Number will apply to any given programme service at the same time. Interleaving of different Linkage Set Numbers relating to the same programme service, for example an active link and a future potential link, is not permitted. An active link between m programme services out of n potentially linked services ($m < n$) is considered to be valid only when the Linkage Actuators (LA) in the linkage words concerning those m services are set to one.

6.2.2 Coding and use of information for display

The code Table E.1 for the displayed 8-bit text characters (basic character set) relating to the Programme Service name, RadioText, Programme Type Name and alphanumeric Radio Paging is given in Annex E.

As an alternative to RadioText RT with the *basic character set* an enhanced Radiotext eRT with an *extended character set* given in Table E.2 may be used. The coding for eRT is detailed in Annex Q. It is an ODA.

The Programme Service name comprises eight characters, intended for static display on a receiver. It is the primary aid to listeners in programme service identification and selection. The use of PS to transmit text other than a single eight character name is not permitted (see also 6.1.5.1). Transmission of a PS name usually takes four type 0A groups, but to allow an instant display of the PS when a receiver pre-set is selected, the PS name is often stored for subsequent recall from memory when a programme service is selected.

The transmission and reception conditions for PS described were designed on the basis that PS would generally be invariant. A few transmission operators have allowed PS to change to reflect the origin of the service, for example when a regional service switches to a national service. These changes which may occur a few times a day and have a duration of anything between a few minutes and several hours, are acceptable, but any other dynamic changes to PS are NOT acceptable and may cause a safety hazard by distracting a vehicle driver. A similar effect could be experienced with dynamic text transmission of PTYN. As a result, dynamic PS and PTYN transmissions are expressly forbidden.

Similarly RT and eRT could also be distracting to a vehicle driver; therefore the in-vehicle display of RT and eRT should normally be disabled and the RT/eRT display should be designed for end-user viewing only, when manually enabled.

6.2.3 Coding of Clock Time and date (CT)

The transmitted clock-time and date shall be accurate; otherwise CT shall not be transmitted.

In order to avoid ambiguity when radio-data broadcasts from various sources are processed at one point (e.g. reception from multiple time zones), and to allow calculations of time intervals to be made independent of time zones and summer-time discontinuities, the broadcast time and date codes will use Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) and Modified Julian Day (MJD). A coded local time-difference, expressed in multiples of half-hours is appended to the time and date codes.

Conversion between the Modified Julian Day date and UTC time codes and the various calendar systems (e.g. year, month, day, or year, week number, day of week) can be accomplished quite simply by processing in the receiver decoder (see Annex G).

6.2.4 Coding of information for Transparent Data Channels (TDC)

The coding of this information may be decided unilaterally by the operator, to suit the application. Consumer RDS receivers may provide an output of it (e.g. on a serial or a USB interface) for an external device (e.g. a personal computer).

6.2.5 Coding of information for In House applications (IH)

The coding of this information may be decided unilaterally by the broadcaster to suit the application. Consumer RDS receivers shall entirely ignore this information.

6.2.6 Coding of Radio Paging (RP)

6.2.6.1 General

Radio paging is described in detail in Annex M.

The Radio paging system explained here is also described in Specification No. 1301/A694 3798 (issued by Swedish Telecom Radio) [9].

The two Radio paging protocols in this standard are:

- Radio paging as described in Clause M.2 and,
- Enhanced Paging Protocol (EPP) as described in Clause M.3.

As the Enhanced Paging Protocol is an improvement of Radio paging, upwards compatibility is assumed.

Radio paging offers the following features:

- Radio paging:
 - support for a wide range of message types, including international paging calls. It is possible to use simultaneously more than one programme service (up to four) to carry the paging information. This allows flexibility to meet peak demands for the transmission of paging codes.

Battery-saving techniques are employed.

- Enhanced Paging Protocol:
 - possibility to support multi-operator and/or multi-area paging services;

- increased battery life time;
- implementation of an international Radio paging service,
- pager's compatibility with the US NRSC RBDS standard (see Clause 2);
- extension of address range capability for a flexible management of a large number of pagers;
- increased reliability of the system;
- message labelling;
- extension of the range of message types.

6.2.6.2 Identification of paging networks

6.2.6.2.1 No paging on the network

As some fields of type 1A groups are used for paging, either basic or enhanced, and to avoid conflicts with other applications, the following rules must to be respected by broadcasters/operators, when type 1A groups are transmitted:

- the 5 bits of the block 2 relative to the paging are set to zero;
- the 4 bits of the block 3 of type 1A group, variant 0, reserved for paging are set to zero;
- when no valid PIN is broadcast, all the five most significant bits of block 4 (day) shall be set to zero;
- type 1A group, variant 2, shall not be transmitted.

6.2.6.2.2 Paging on the network

Type 4A group, Clock time and date (CT), is transmitted at the start of every minute. The transmitted CT (see 6.1.5.6 and 6.2.3) must be accurate; otherwise CT shall not be transmitted.

Type 1A groups are transmitted at least once per second. All the fields of type 1A groups allow the identification of the paging protocol level:

Radio Paging,
Enhanced Paging Protocol, or
Mixed.

The description of these protocols is detailed in Annex M.

Type 7A group is used to convey the paging information.

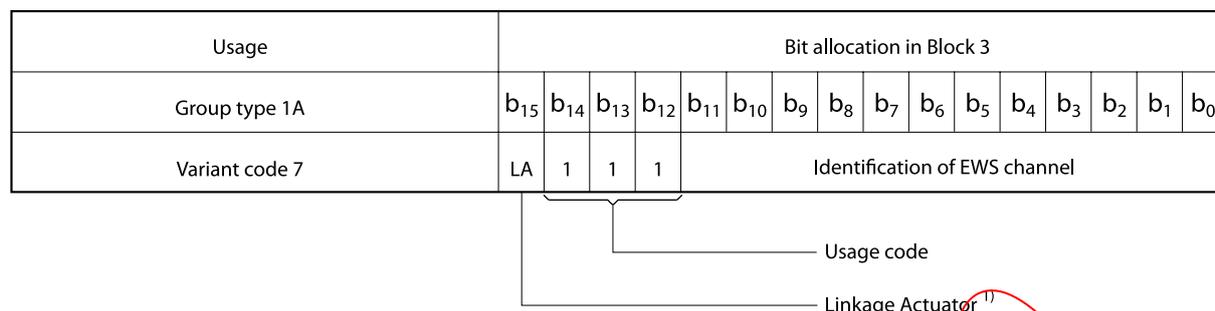
Type 13A group, which is used to transmit the information relative to the network and the paging traffic, is optional and used only in case of enhanced or mixed paging.

6.2.7 Coding of Emergency Warning Systems (EWS)

The information is carried by type 9A groups (see 6.1.5.13) and this service may be independent of the warning and alarm codes (PTY = 30 and PTY = 31).

The type 1A group identification is also required to operate this service, as follows:

Variant 7 in block 3 of the type 1A group (see Figure 44) is used to identify the transmission that carries emergency messages to enable specific receivers, evaluating these messages to automatically tune to the corresponding channel. The repetition rate depends on the exact national implementation, but shall normally not exceed one type 1A group every 2 s.



¹ The Linkage Actuator is defined in the Method for Linking RDS Programme Services (see 6.2.1.8.3)

Figure 44 – Structure of Variant 7 of Block 3 of type 1A groups for Identification of a programme carrying EWS information

7 Description of features

7.1 Alternative Frequencies list (AF)

The list(s) of alternative frequencies give information on the various transmitters broadcasting the same programme in the same or adjacent reception areas, and enable receivers equipped with a memory to store the list(s), to reduce the time for switching to another transmitter. This facility is particularly useful in the case of car and portable radios. Coding of alternative frequencies is explained in 6.2.1.6.2.

7.2 Clock Time and date (CT)

Time and date codes shall use Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) and Modified Julian Day (MJD). Details of using these codes, which are intended to update a free running clock in a receiver are given in 6.2.3 and Annex G. If MJD = 0, the receiver shall not be updated. The listener, however, will not use this information directly and the conversion to local time and date will be made in the receiver's circuitry. CT is used as time stamp by various RDS applications and thus it must be accurate.

7.3 Decoder Identification (DI) and dynamic PTY Indicator (PTYI)

These bits indicate which possible operating modes are appropriate for use with the broadcast audio and to indicate if PTY codes are switched dynamically.

7.4 Extended Country Code (ECC)

RDS uses its own country codes (see Annexes D and N). The first most significant bits of the PI code carry the RDS country code. The four bit coding structure only permits the definition of 15 different codes, 0x1 to 0xF. Since there are many more countries to be identified, some countries have to share the same code which does not permit unique identification. Hence, there is the need to use the Extended Country Code which is transmitted in Variant 0 of Block 3 in type 1A groups and together with the country identification in bits b₁₅ to b₁₂ of the PI code render a unique combination. The ECC consists of eight bits.

7.5 Enhanced Other Networks information (EON)

This feature can be used to update the information stored in a receiver about programme services other than the one received. Alternative frequencies, the PS name, Traffic Programme and TrafficAnnouncement identification as well as Programme Type and Programme Item Number information can be transmitted for each other service. The relation to the corresponding programme is established by means of the relevant Programme

Identification (see 6.2.1.8). Linkage information (see 6.2.1.8.3), consisting of four data elements, provides the means by which several programme services may be treated by the receiver as a single service during times a common programme is carried. Linkage information also provides a mechanism to signal an extended set of related services.

7.6 Emergency Warning System (EWS)

The EWS feature is intended to provide for the coding of warning messages. These messages will be broadcast only in cases of emergency and will only be evaluated by special receivers (see 6.2.7).

Alternatively EWS may be implemented as an ODA (see 6.1.4).

7.7 In House application (IH)

This refers to data to be decoded only by the operator. Some examples noted are identification of transmission origin, remote switching of networks and paging of staff. The applications of coding may be decided by each operator itself.

7.8 Music Speech switch (MS)

This is a two-state signal to provide information on whether music or speech is being broadcast. The signal would permit receivers to be equipped with two separate volume controls, one for music and one for speech, so that the listener could adjust the balance between them to suit his individual listening habits.

7.9 Open Data Applications (ODA)

Open Data Applications are a very effective and flexible way for adding additional applications to an RDS service. A number of different ODAs may exist on any service, subject to capacity. ODAs may be transmitted constantly, or only when required (e.g. an application which provides an alert in the case of extreme weather, etc.). The Open Data Applications feature (see 6.1.4) is conveyed in a number of allocated groups in an RDS transmission. The groups allocated are indicated by the use of type 3A group which is used to identify to a receiver the data application in use in accordance with the registration details in the Open Data Applications Directory (see Annex L).

7.10 Programme Identification (PI)

The Programme Identification (PI) is a code enabling the receiver to distinguish between audio programme content. The most important application of the PI code is to enable the receiver in the event of bad reception, to switch automatically from the currently used frequency to an alternative frequency – the criterion for the change-over to the new frequency would be the presence of a better signal having the same Programme Identification code. It follows therefore that the PI must be allocated in such a way that it uniquely distinguishes each audio programme content from all others in the same area.

The actual values of the PI code are largely unimportant as it is not intended for direct display. Of importance, however, is that a methodology exists within a broadcast area (i.e. a continent), to ensure uniqueness of PI code allocations to programme services.

In Europe for example, the 'pool' of the theoretical 65536 unique values have been allocated firstly at international level, and thereafter at national and regional levels for allocation by the appropriate authorities. Hence, there is a structure to PI code allocations in Europe, which is described in Annex D.

NOTE As the primary purpose of the PI code is to facilitate automatic tuning between different transmitters all carrying the same audio content, the physical location of the transmitter itself is immaterial in determining the PI code. It is the location of the origin of the audio programme which decides the value of the PI code to be used. Hence, transmitters broadcasting an international programme originating in one country and being relayed by transmitters in other countries would carry the same PI code, regardless of their locations, or otherwise automatic

tuning between transmitters cannot occur. Additionally, as the relay transmitter will relay the RDS data, as well as the audio content, it is obvious that the PI code allocated to the transmitter at the 'head' of the chain of transmitters will simply be re-broadcast by all transmitters in the relay chain.

As the PI has a unique value in each area, it may be thought of as a 'primary key' to which all other RDS parameters about a particular service are referenced. For this reason, the PI code appears in every RDS group type, and when referring to other services as in EON.

Short-range transmitting devices connected to audio sources, when additionally using RDS features, require also the use of a specific PI code.

The PI code element structure is defined in Annex D.

7.11 Programme Item Number (PIN)

The code shall enable receivers and recorders designed to make use of this feature to respond to the particular programme item(s) that the user has preselected. Use is made of the scheduled programme time, to which is added the day of the month in order to avoid ambiguity (see 6.2.1.7).

7.12 Programme Service name (PS)

This is the label of the programme service consisting of not more than eight alphanumeric characters coded in accordance with Table E.1, which is displayed by RDS receivers in order to inform the listener what programme service is being broadcast by the station to which the receiver is tuned (see 6.1.5.1). An example for a name is 'Radio 21'. The Programme Service name is not intended to be used for automatic search tuning and must not be used for giving sequential information.

7.13 Programme TYPe (PTY)

This is an identification number to be transmitted with each programme item and which is intended to specify the current Programme Type within 31 possibilities (see Annex F). This code could be used for search tuning. The code will, moreover, enable suitable receivers and recorders to be pre-set to respond only to programme items of the desired type. The last number, i.e. 31, is reserved for an alarm identification which is intended to switch on the audio signal when a receiver is operated in a waiting reception mode.

7.14 Programme TYPe Name (PTYN)

The PTYN feature is used to further describe current PTY. PTYN permits the display of a more specific PTY description that the broadcaster can freely decide (e.g. PTY=4: Sport and PTYN: Football). The PTYN is not intended to change the default eight characters of PTY which will be used during search or wait modes, but only to show in detail the programme type once tuned to a programme. If the broadcaster is satisfied with a default PTY name, it is not necessary to use additional data capacity for PTYN. The Programme Type Name is not intended to be used for automatic PTY selection and must not be used for giving sequential information.

7.15 Radio Paging (RP)

The RP feature is intended to provide radio paging using the existing VHF/FM broadcasts as a transport mechanism, thereby avoiding the need for a dedicated network of transmitters. Subscribers to a paging service will require a special pocket paging receiver in which the subscriber address code is stored.

The detailed coding protocols are given in Annex M.

7.16 RadioText (RT)

This refers to text transmissions coded in accordance with the *basic character set* of Table E.1, addressed to receivers, which would be equipped with suitable display facilities (see 6.2.2).

7.17 Enhanced RadioText (eRT)

This is an enhanced RadioText *alternative* to enable text transmissions coded in accordance with the *extended character set* of Table E.2, addressed to receivers, which would be equipped with suitable display facilities (see 6.2.2 for the display and Annex Q for the coding). eRT uses an ODA and is thus not incompatible with old receivers incapable of response to using this feature.

7.18 RadioText Plus (RT+)

This allows to tag specific elements of RadioText and permits, among many other possibilities, to improve the presentation on a display for RT or eRT. The tagged RadioText elements can also be stored as a list that could be searched by the end user. A popular application is to list music titles and artist names (see Annex P for the coding). Many other application possibilities would exist or could be developed. RT+ is an ODA and is thus compatible with old receivers not using this new feature.

7.19 Traffic Announcement identification (TA)

This is an on/off switching signal to indicate when a traffic announcement is on air. The signal could be used in receivers to

- a) switch automatically from any audio mode to the traffic announcement;
- b) switch on the traffic announcement automatically when the receiver is in a waiting reception mode and the audio signal is muted;
- c) switch from a programme to another one carrying a traffic announcement, according to those possibilities which are given in 6.2.1.3 or 6.2.1.8.2.

After the end of the traffic announcement the initial operating mode will be restored.

7.20 Transparent Data Channels (TDC)

The transparent data channels consist of 32 channels which may be used to send any type of data.

7.21 Traffic Message Channel (TMC)

This feature is intended to be used for the coded transmission of traffic information (ALERT-C protocol). The coding for TMC is separately specified in the ISO 14819 series (see Clause 2). It is an ODA. The feature can be open or encrypted for conditional access.

7.22 Traffic Programme identification (TP)

This is a flag to indicate that the tuned programme carries traffic announcements. The TP flag must only be set on programmes which dynamically switch on the TA identification during traffic announcements. The signal shall be taken into account during automatic search tuning.

8 Marking

Equipment using RDS features should be marked with one of the symbols given in Annex K.

Copyright of these symbols is owned jointly by the European Broadcasting Union and the British Broadcasting Corporation. These organizations freely grant permission to use these symbols to all manufacturers of RDS equipment to be used on equipment conforming to this specification, see Clause 2 and [19], in whole or in part, and upon literature and packaging relating to such products.

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Annex A (normative)

Offset words to be used for group and block synchronisation

The offset words are chosen in such a way that the content in the offset register will not be interpreted as a burst of errors equal to or shorter than five bits when rotated in the polynomial shift register (see Annex B).

Only eight bits (i.e. d_9 to d_2) are used for identifying the offset words. The remaining two bits (i.e. d_1 and d_0) are set to logical level zero.

The five offset words (A, B, C, C', D) of the table below are used for all applications.

Table A.1 – Offset word codes

Offset word ^a	Binary value									
	d_9	d_8	d_7	d_6	d_5	d_4	d_3	d_2	d_1	d_0
A	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0
B	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0
C	0	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	0
C'	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0
D	0	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0

^a In earlier versions of this standard the offset word E (binary value = 0) was used in the USA when RDS and MMBS (Modified Mobile Search paging) were implemented. This service has been discontinued and therefore there is no longer a need for new receivers to interpret offset word E.

The offset words are added (modulo-two) to the checkword $c_9 - c_0$ to generate the modified check-bits: $c'_9 - c'_0$ (see 5.3).

Annex B (informative)

Theory and implementation of the modified shortened cyclic code

B.1 General

The data format described in this document uses a shortened cyclic block code, which is given the capability of detecting block-synchronisation-slip by the addition (modulo-two) of chosen binary sequences (offset words, see Annex A) to the check bits of each codeword, see references [4, 6 and 7].

B.2 Encoding procedure

B.2.1 Theory

A definitive description of the encoding of the information is given in B.3.2

The code used is an optimum burst-error-correcting shortened cyclic code [5] and has the generator polynomial:

$$g(x) = x^{10} + x^8 + x^7 + x^5 + x^4 + x^3 + 1$$

Each block consists of 16 information bits and 10 check bits. Thus the block length is 26 bits.

The 10-bit checkword of the basic shortened cyclic code may be formed in the usual way, i.e. it is the remainder after multiplication by x^{n-k} (where $n-k$ is the number of check bits, 10 here), and then division (modulo-two) by the generator polynomial $g(x)$, of the message vector.

Thus if the polynomial $m(x) = m_{15}x^{15} + m_{14}x^{14} + \dots + m_1x + m_0$

(where the coefficients m_n are 0 or 1), represents the 16-bit message vector, the basic code vector $v(x)$ is given by

$$v(x) = m(x)x^{10} + \frac{m(x)x^{10}}{g(x)} \Big| \text{mod } g(x)$$

The transmitted code vector is then formed by the addition (modulo-two) of the 10-bit offset word, $d(x)$ (see Annex A) to the basic code vector $v(x)$.

Thus the transmitted code vector, $c(x)$, is given by

$$\begin{aligned} c(x) &= d(x) + v(x) \\ &= d(x) + \frac{m(x)x^{10}}{g(x)} \Big| \text{mod } g(x) \end{aligned}$$

The code vector is transmitted m.s.b. first, i.e. information bits $c_{25}x^{25}$ to $c_{10}x^{10}$, followed by modified check bits c_9x^9 to c_0x^0 .

Similarly for the all "1"s message vector:

$$m(x) = 1111111111111111$$

it follows that:

$$v(x) = 11111111111111110011001101$$

which on adding an offset word $d(x) = 0110011000$ becomes:

$$c(x) = 11111111111111110101010101$$

B.2.2 Shift-register implementation of the encoder

Figure B.2 shows a shift-register arrangement for encoding the transmitted 26-bit blocks. The encoding procedure is as follows:

- at the beginning of each block clear the 10-bit encoder shift-register to the "all-zeroes" state;
- with gates A and B open (i.e. data passes through) and gate C closed (data does not pass through) clock the 16-bit message string serially into the encoder and simultaneously out to the data channel;
- after all the 16 message bits for a block have been entered, gates A and B are closed and gate C opened;
- the encoder shift-register is then clocked a further 10 times to shift the checkword out to the data channel through a modulo-two adder where the offset word, $d(x)$, appropriate to the block is added serially bit-by-bit to form the transmitted checkword;
- the cycle then repeats with the next block.

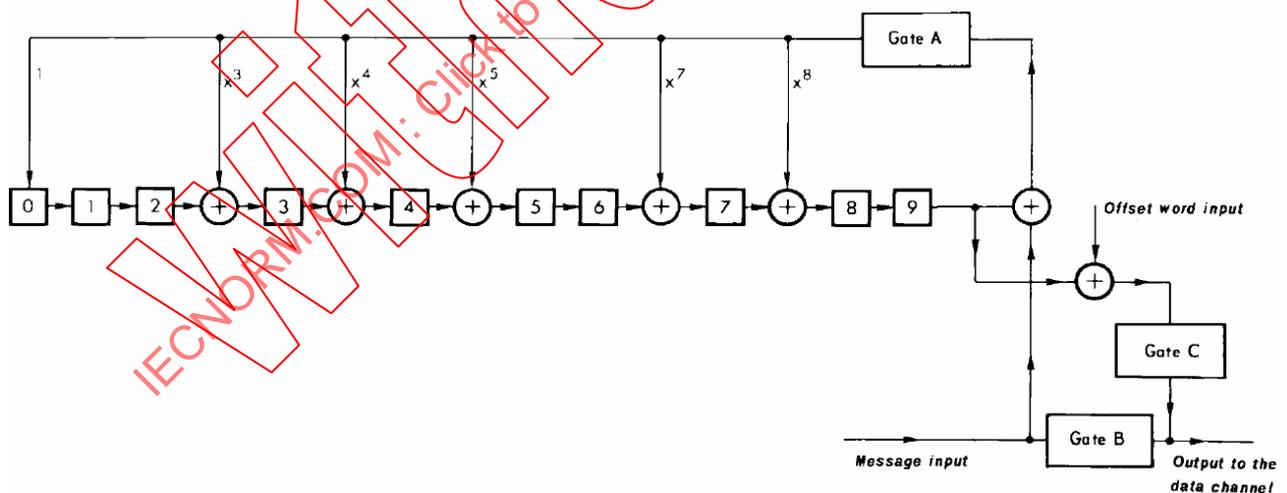


Figure B.2 – Shift-register implementation of the encoder

B.3 Decoding procedure

B.3.1 Theory

For a received binary sequence, \bar{y} , the syndrome \bar{s} can be calculated as $\bar{s} = \bar{y}H$, where H is a parity-check matrix such as that given in Figure B.3. If \bar{x} is the transmitted binary sequence and \bar{y} is the received sequence, then $\bar{y} \oplus \bar{x}$ is a sequence that contains a 1 in

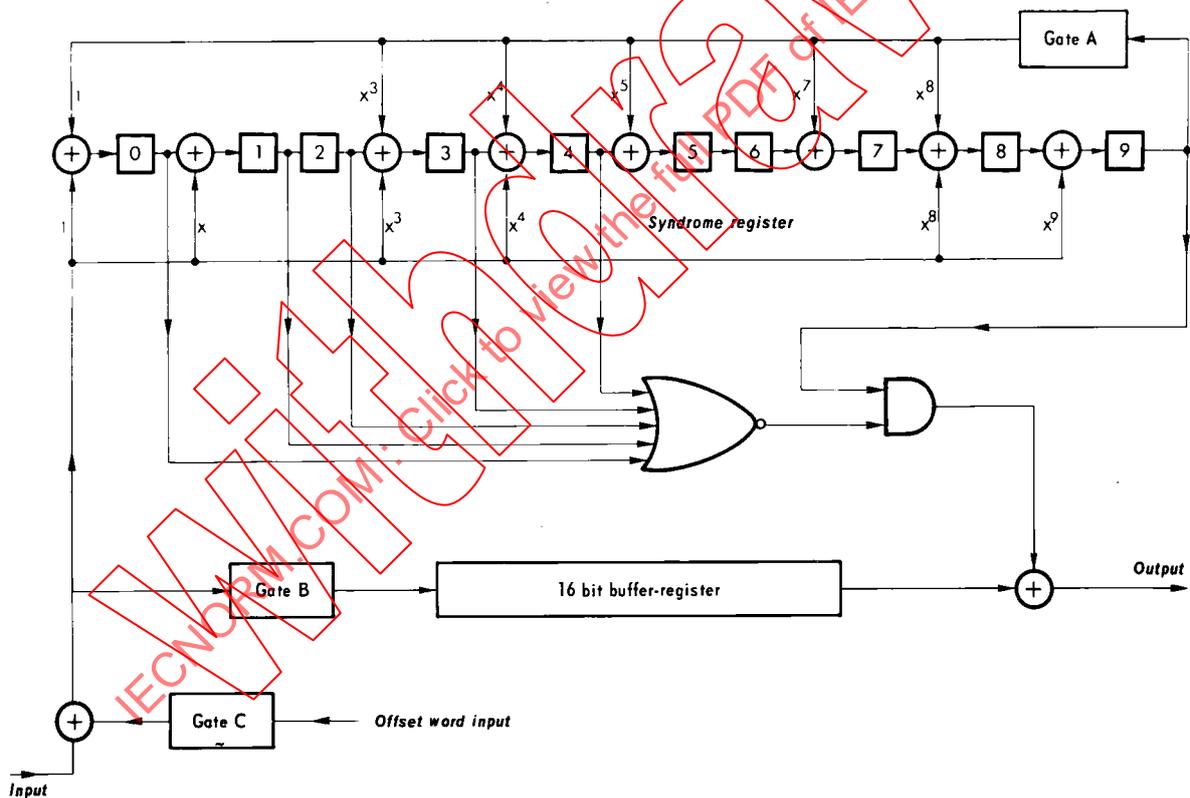
Table B.1 – Offset word syndromes using matrix of Figure B.3

Offset	Offset word $d_9, d_8, d_7, \dots, d_0$	Syndrome $S_9, S_8, S_7, \dots, S_0$
A	0011111100	1111011000
B	0110011000	1111010100
C	0101101000	1001011100
C'	1101010000	1111001100
D	0110110100	1001011000

B.3.2 Implementation of the decoder

There are several methods using either hardware or software techniques for implementing the decoder. One possible method is described below.

Figure B.4 shows a shift-register arrangement for decoding the transmitted 26-bit blocks and performing error-correction and detection.

**Figure B.4 – Shift-register implementation of the decoder**

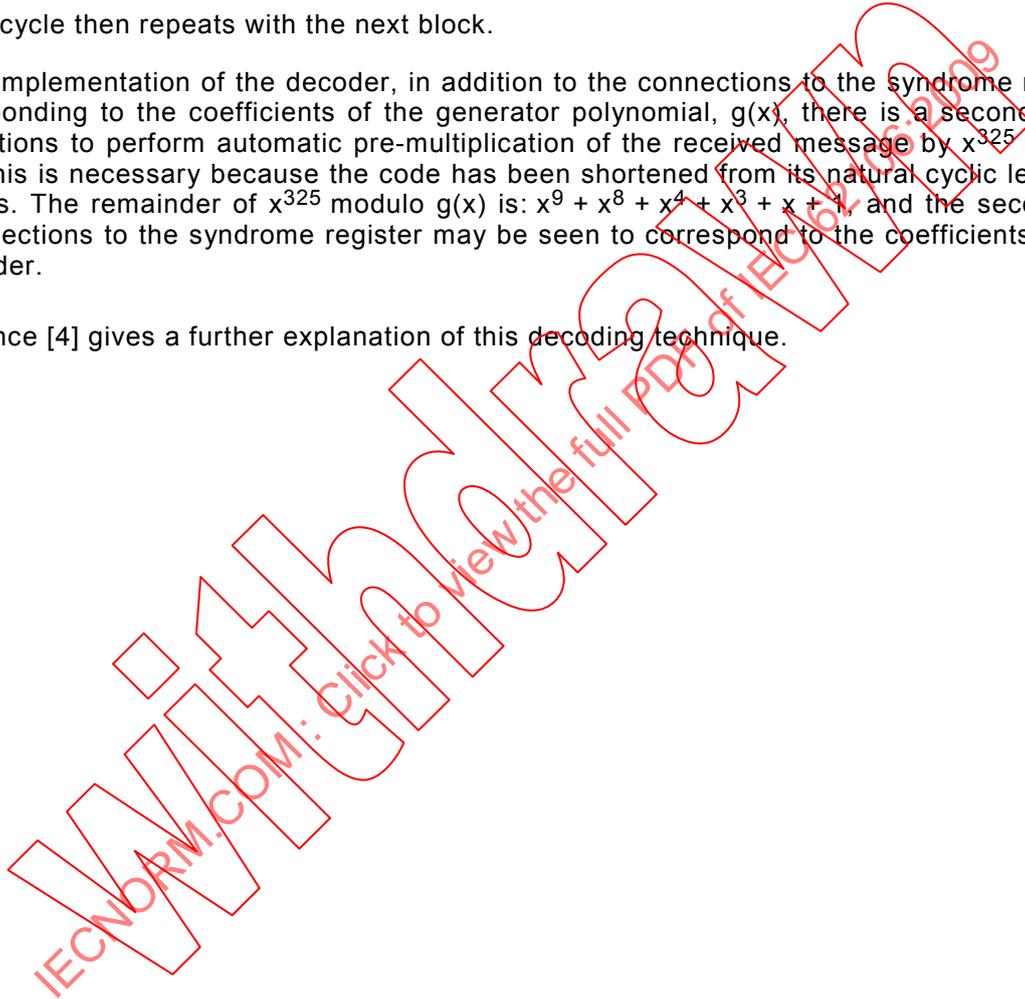
The decoding procedure is as follows, assuming that in this explanation, group and block synchronisation have already been acquired (see Annex C):

- at the beginning of each block the 10-bit syndrome-register and the 16-bit buffer-register are cleared to the "all-zeroes" state;
- the 16 information bits are fed into the syndrome- and buffer-registers. Gates A and B are open (conducting), and Gate C is closed (not conducting);

- c) with Gate B closed and Gate C open the 10 check-bits are fed into the syndrome-register. The offset word appropriate to the block is then subtracted from the checkword serially bit-by-bit at the modulo-two adder at the input to the decoder;
- d) the 16 information bits in the buffer-register are clocked to the output and the contents of the syndrome-register are rotated with Gate A open;
- e) when the five left-most stages in the syndrome-register are all zero, a possible error burst with a maximum length of five bits must lie in the five right-hand stages of the register;
- f) gate A is closed and the contents of the syndrome register are added bit-by-bit to the bit-stream coming from the buffer-register. If the five left-most stages do not become all zero before the buffer-register is empty, either an uncorrectable error has occurred or the error is in the check-bits;
- g) the cycle then repeats with the next block.

In this implementation of the decoder, in addition to the connections to the syndrome register corresponding to the coefficients of the generator polynomial, $g(x)$, there is a second set of connections to perform automatic pre-multiplication of the received message by x^{325} modulo $g(x)$. This is necessary because the code has been shortened from its natural cyclic length of 341 bits. The remainder of x^{325} modulo $g(x)$ is: $x^9 + x^8 + x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$, and the second set of connections to the syndrome register may be seen to correspond to the coefficients in this remainder.

Reference [4] gives a further explanation of this decoding technique.



Annex C (informative)

Implementation of group and block synchronisation using the modified shortened cyclic code

C.1 Theory

C.1.1 Acquisition of group and block synchronisation

To acquire group and block synchronisation at the receiver (for example when the receiver is first switched on, on tuning to a new station, or after a prolonged signal-fade) the syndrome \bar{s} must be calculated for each received 26-bit sequence. That is, on every data-clock pulse the syndrome of the currently stored 26-bit sequence (with the most recently received data bit at one end and the bit received 26 clock pulses ago at the other) is calculated on every clock pulse.

This bit-by-bit check is done continuously until two syndromes corresponding to valid offset words, and in a valid sequence for a group i.e. A, B, C (or C'), D are found $n \times 26$ bits apart (where $n = 1, 2, 3$, etc.). When this is achieved, the decoder is synchronised and the offset words which are added to the parity bits at the transmitter are subtracted at the receiver before the syndrome calculation for error correction/detection is done (see Annex B).

C.1.2 Detection of loss of synchronisation

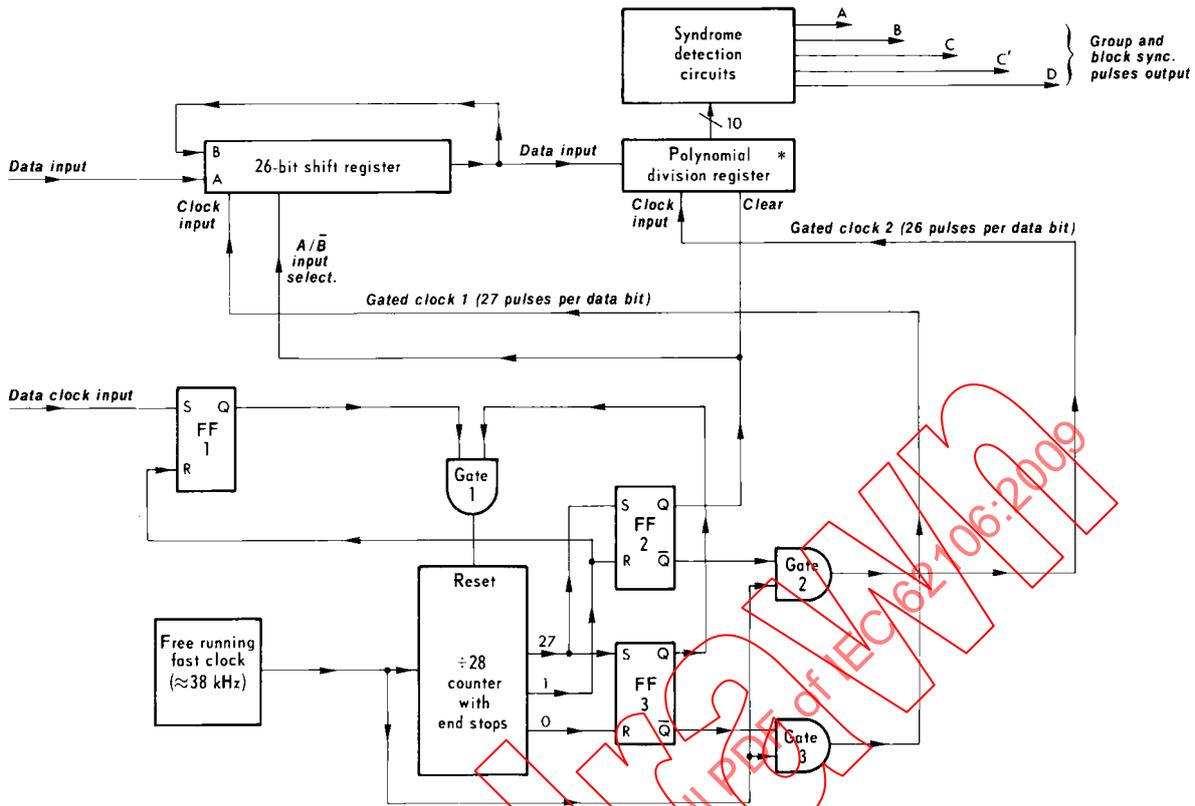
It is very important to detect loss of synchronisation as soon as possible. One possibility is to check the syndrome continuously as for acquisition of synchronisation. However, errors in the channel will make it difficult to continuously receive the expected syndromes, and therefore the decision must be based on the information from several blocks, for example up to 50 blocks. Another possibility is to check the number of errors in each block and base the decision on the number of errors in 50 blocks.

One possibility for detecting block synchronisation slips of one bit is to use the PI code, which does not usually change on any given transmission. If the known PI code is received correctly, but is found to be shifted one bit to the right or to the left, then a one bit clock-slip is detected. The decoder can then immediately correct the clock-slip.

C.2 Shift register arrangement for deriving group and block synchronisation information

There are several methods using either hardware or software techniques for deriving group and block synchronisation information. One possible method is described below. Figure C.1 shows a block diagram of a shift-register arrangement for deriving group and block synchronisation information from the received data stream. It may be seen to comprise five main elements:

- a) a 26-bit shift-register which may act either as a straight 26-bit delay (A/B input selector high) or as a recirculating shift-register (A/B input selector low);
- b) a polynomial division circuit comprising a 10-bit shift-register with feedback taps appropriate to the generator polynomial, $g(x)$, described in 5.3 and Annex B;
- c) a combinational logic circuit with five outputs indicating the presence of the "correct" syndromes resulting from the five offset words A, B, C, C' and D;
- d) a fast-running clock operating with a frequency of at least 33,5 kHz;
- e) a modulo-28 counter with endstops, decoding for states 0, 1 and 27, and associated logic gates 1 to 3 and flip-flops 1 to 3 (FF1 to FF3).



NOTE * The circuit of this register is represented in Figure B.2.

Figure C.1 – Group and block synchronisation detection circuit

Assume that the modulo-28 counter is initially on its top endstop (state 27). Then FF2 and FF3 are set and FF1 is reset. The gated clocks to the 26-bit shift-register and the polynomial division circuit (gated clocks 1 and 2) are inhibited and the division circuit shift-register is cleared.

On the next data clock pulse FF1 is set, which in turn resets the modulo-28 counter to state 0. This resets FF3 which enables the fast clock (gated clock 1) to the 26-bit shift-register. This has its input A selected and thus the new data bit is entered into its left-hand end; the shift-register of the polynomial division circuit remains cleared and not clocked. On the next fast clock-pulse FF1 is reset ready for the next data clock-pulse.

Before then, however, the fast clock circulates the 26 bits currently stored in the shift-register around, and thus passes them serially into the polynomial division shift-register where the syndrome (i.e. the remainder of the polynomial division) is calculated. If these 26 bits happened to be a valid code-word then the syndrome would be $x^{10}d(x)$ modulo $g(x)$, for example if the offset word is $d(x) = 001111100$, then the corresponding "correct" syndrome for that block would be 010111111.

It should be noted that the syndromes obtained with this polynomial division register are different from that resulting from the matrix of Figure B.3 or the circuit of Figure B.4. The syndromes corresponding to offset words A to D are shown in the table below.

Table C.1 – Offset word syndromes for group and block synchronisation

Offset	Offset word $d_9, d_8, d_7, \dots, d_0$	Syndrome $S_9, S_8, S_7, \dots, S_0$
A	0011111100	0101111111
B	0110011000	0000001110
C	0101101000	0100101111
C'	1101010000	1011101100
D	0110110100	1010010111

When the syndrome corresponding to one of the five offset words is found, a block synchronisation pulse is given out of the appropriate one of the five outputs of the combinational logic circuit. With high probability (99,5 %) this will only occur when the stored 26 bits are a complete error-free block.

This decoding process must all be achieved in under one data-bit period ($\approx 842 \mu\text{s}$).

On the next data-clock pulse the whole process repeats with the new data bit in the leftmost cell of the 26-bit shift-register and all the other bits shifted along one place to the right. Thus a block synchronisation pulse will usually be derived once every 26 bits and will mark the end of each received block.

Moreover, since the circuit identifies which offset word A, B, C, C' or D was added to the block, group synchronisation is also achieved.

These group and block synchronisation pulses cannot be used directly because with this system false synchronisation pulses due to data mimicking or errors will occur. On average (with random data) false synchronisation pulses occur once in every 1024/5 bits or approximately six times per second. Similarly, when errors occur, block synchronisation pulses will be missed, because even with correct block synchronisation, one of the "correct" syndromes corresponding to one of the five offset words will not match.

Thus, it is necessary to have some sort of block synchronisation flywheel to eliminate spurious synchronisation pulses and fill in the missing ones. This could be achieved with any one of the standard strategies, but should take into account the fixed cyclic rhythm of occurrence of the offset words, i.e. A, B, C (or C'), D, A, B, etc.

The bit allocation of the Extended country codes is given in Figure D.2, and the codes are given in Table D.2.

Usage	Bit allocation in Block 3															
Group type 1A	b ₁₅	b ₁₄	b ₁₃	b ₁₂	b ₁₁	b ₁₀	b ₉	b ₈	b ₇	b ₆	b ₅	b ₄	b ₃	b ₂	b ₁	b ₀
Variant code 0	LA	0	0	0	OPC			Extended Country Code								

Radio Paging ¹⁾

Usage code

Linkage Actuator ²⁾

¹ The Operator Code for Radio Paging using the Enhanced Paging Protocol is defined in Annex M (see M.3.2.2 and M.3.2.4).

² The Linkage Actuator is defined in the Method for linking RDS programme services (see 6.2.1.8.3).

Figure D.2 – Structure of Variant 0 of Block 3 of Type 1A groups (Extended Country Codes)

D.4 Country codes: ‘Nibble 1’



Figure D.3 – Correspondence between geographical locations and the symbols used for the various countries within the European Broadcasting Area as an example

Table D.2 – Symbols used for ECC and PI country codes for the countries in the European Broadcasting Area

NOTE The country codes and Extended country codes for countries outside the European Broadcasting Area are given in Annex N.

Country	ISO code	ECC and Country code	Country	ISO code	ECC and Country code
Albania	AL	E0 9	Italy	IT	E0 5
Algeria	DZ	E0 2	Jordan	JO	E1 5
			Kosovo	-	E4 7
			Latvia	LV	E3 9
			Lebanon	LB	E3 A
			Libya	LY	E1 D
Andorra	AD	E0 3	Liechtenstein	LI	E2 9
Armenia	AM	E4 A			
Austria	AT	E0 A			
Azerbaijan	AZ	E3 B			
Azores (Portugal)	PT	E4 8	Lithuania	LT	E2 C
Belgium	BE	E0 6	Luxembourg	LU	E1 7
			Macedonia	MK	E3 4
			Madeira (Portugal)	PT	E4 8
			Malta	MT	E0 C
Belarus	BY	E3 F	Moldova	MD	E4 1
Bosnia Herzegovina	BA	E4 F	Monaco	MC	E2 B
Bulgaria	BG	E1 8	Montenegro	ME	E3 1
Canaries (Spain)	ES	E2 E	Morocco	MA	E2 1
Croatia	HR	E3 C			
Cyprus	CY	E1 2	Netherlands	NL	E3 8
Czech Republic	CZ	E2 2	Norway	NO	E2 F
			Palestine	PS	E0 8
			Poland	PL	E2 3
Denmark	DK	E1 9	Portugal	PT	E4 8
Egypt	EG	E0 F	Romania	RO	E1 E
Estonia	EE	E4 2	Russian Federation	RU	E0 7
Faroe (Denmark)	DK	E1 9	San Marino	SM	E1 3
Finland	FI	E1 6	Serbia	RS	E2 D
			Slovakia	SK	E2 5
France	FR	E1 F	Slovenia	SI	E4 9
Georgia	GE	E4 C	Spain	ES	E2 E
Germany	DE	E0 D	Sweden	SE	E3 E
	or	E0 1	Switzerland	CH	E1 4
Gibraltar (United Kingdom)	GI	E1 A	Syrian Arab Republic	SY	E2 6
			Tunisia	TN	E2 7
Greece	GR	E1 1	Turkey	TR	E3 3
Hungary	HU	E0 B	Ukraine	UA	E4 6
Iceland	IS	E2 A	United Kingdom	GB	E1 C
Iraq	IQ	E1 B	Vatican City State	VA	E2 4
Ireland	IE	E3 2			
Israel	IL	E0 4			

ECC	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
E 0	DE	DZ	AD	IL	IT	BE	RU	PS	AL	AT	HU	MT	DE		EG
E 1	GR	CY	SM	CH	JO	FI	LU	BG	DK	GI	IQ	GB	LY	RO	FR
E 2	MA	CZ	PL	VA	SK	SY	TN		LI	IS	MC	LT	RS	ES	NO
E 3	ME	IE	TR	MK				NL	LV	LB	AZ	HR	KZ	SE	BY
E 4	MD	EE	KG			UA	-	PT	SI	AM		GE			BA

Hex code for Variant 0 in Block 3 of Group type 1A, Bits b_3 to b_0
 Hex code for Variant 0 in Block 3 of Group type 1A, Bits b_7 to b_4

D.5 Programme in terms of area coverage (codes for fixed location transmitters only): ‘Nibble 2’

Bits b_{11} to b_8 :

- I: (International) The same programme is also transmitted in other countries.
- N: (National) The same programme is transmitted throughout the country.

- S: (Supra-regional) The same programme is transmitted throughout a large part of the country.
- R1 . . . R12: (Regional) The programme is available only in one location or region over one or more frequencies, and there exists no definition of its frontiers.
- L: (Local) Local programme transmitted via a single transmitter only during the whole transmitting time.

Hex-coding rules for bits b_{11} to b_8 :

Table D.3 – Area coverage codes

Area coverage code	L	I	N	S	R1	R2	R3	R4	R5	R6	R7	R8	R9	R10	R11	R12
HEX	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F

D.6 Programme reference number: 'Nibbles 3 and 4'

Table D.4 – Programme reference number codes

Bits b_7 to b_0 :		
Decimal numbers	Hex	
0	00	Not used by fixed location transmitters; this code value is exclusively for use by low-power short range transmitting devices
1 to 255	01 to FF	Used for fixed location transmitters exclusively: In order to clearly identify the different programme families, these codes should, in each country, be systematically assigned and generically linked to the programme families

PI codes for low-power short range transmitting devices

Table D.5 – PI codes for short range transmitting devices

Bits b_{15} to b_{12}	'Nibble 1'	Country code: A fixed (hex)value between 1 and F inclusive, i.e. any value except 0
Bits b_{11} to b_8	'Nibble 2'	Programme in terms of area coverage: 1 (hex) when device uses an AF list or 0 (hex) when no AF list is used
Bits b_7 to b_0	'Nibbles 3 and 4'	(Programme) Reference number: 00 (hex)

D.7 PI codes for low-power short range transmitting devices

Low-power short range transmitting devices with RDS features should only transmit PI codes, structured as explained in Table D.5.

Annex E
(normative)

Basic and extended RDS character sets

Two alphanumeric character sets are defined; they are reproduced in Tables E.1 and E.2 (see NOTE). The character coding complies with ISO/IEC 10646.

NOTE In previous versions of this standard, three character code tables were defined. However, during the first 20 years of the life-time of the RDS standard, only the first (default) character table was used. The switching mechanism, defined for using the other two character sets, was never implemented by broadcasters and in RDS receivers. Therefore, in this version the former Figures E.2 and E.3 have been deleted, as their late implementation would have created an incompatibility with the several hundred million of existing RDS receivers.

Table E.1 contains the basic character set, which shall be used for Programme Service name (PS), Programme Type Name (PTYN), RadioText (RT) and alphanumeric Radio Paging (RP).

Table E.1 – Basic RDS character set

				b7	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
				b6	0	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1
				b5	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1
				b4	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1
b3	b2	b1	b0	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F	
0	0	0	0	0	SPACE	0	@	P	p	á	â	ª	º	Á	Â	Ã	ä	
0	0	0	1	1	!	1	A	Q	q	à	ä	α	´	À	Ä	Å	å	
0	0	1	0	2	"	2	B	R	b	r	é	ê	©	É	Ê	Æ	æ	
0	0	1	1	3	#	3	C	S	c	s	è	ë	‰	È	Ë	Œ	œ	
0	1	0	0	4	¤	4	D	T	d	t	í	î	¸	Í	Î	ÿ	w	
0	1	0	1	5	%	5	E	U	e	u	ì	ï	¸	Ì	Ï	Ý	ý	
0	1	1	0	6	&	6	F	V	f	v	ó	ô	ñ	Ó	Ô	Õ	õ	
0	1	1	1	7	'	7	G	W	g	w	ò	ó	õ	Ú	Û	Ø	ø	
1	0	0	0	8	(	8	H	X	h	x	ú	û	π	Ú	Û	Þ	þ
1	0	0	1	9	)	9	I	Y	i	y	ù	ü	€	Ü	Û	Ð	ð
1	0	1	0	A	*	:	J	Z	j	z	Ñ	ñ	£	Ë	ř	Ř	ř	
1	0	1	1	B	+	;	K	[	k	{	Ç	ç	\$	Č	č	Ć	ć
1	1	0	0	C	,	<	L	\	l	|	Ş	ş	←	Š	š	Š	š	
1	1	0	1	D	-	=	M	]	m	}	ß	ğ	↑	Ž	ž	Ž	ž
1	1	1	0	E	.	>	N	—	n	ı	ı	→	¾	Đ	đ	Ʀ	Ʀ	
1	1	1	1	F	/	?	O	_	o	ı	ı	↓	§	Ł	ł	đ	đ	

For example, the PS name 'Radio 21' could be transmitted in group type 0 A/B as follows, using the codes of Table E.1:

Characters: Ra di o 21
 PS segment address: 0 1 2 3

PS segment address	Character codes	Characters	Effect
0	5/2, 6/1	R, a	First two letters
1	6/4, 6/9	d, i	Second two letters
2	6/F, 2/0	o, space	Third two letters
3	3/2, 3/1	2, 1	Last two letters

Table E.2 contains the extended character set, which shall only be used with enhanced RadioText (eRT, see Annex Q).

NOTE In Table E.2 bold means that the symbol is already part of character set in Table E.1.

Table E.2 – Extended RDS character set, for eRT only

No.	2-byte/UCS-2 code	Symbol	Name
1	0x000A		LINE FEED = CONTROL CHARACTER
2	0x000B		END OF HEADLINE = CONTROL CHARACTER
3	0x000D		CARRIAGE RETURN = CONTROL CHARACTER
4	0x001F		WORD BREAK - SOFT HIPHEN = CONTROL CHARACTER
5	0x0020		SPACE
6	0x0021	!	EXCLAMATION MARK
7	0x0022	"	QUOTATION MARK
8	0x0023	#	NUMBER SIGN
9	0x0024	\$	DOLLAR SIGN
10	0x0025	%	PERCENT SIGN
11	0x0026	&	AMPERSAND
12	0x0027	'	APOSTROPHE
13	0x0028	(	LEFT PARENTHESIS
14	0x0029	)	RIGHT PARENTHESIS
15	0x002A	*	ASTERISK
16	0x002B	+	PLUS SIGN
17	0x002C	,	COMMA
18	0x002D	-	HYPHEN-MINUS
19	0x002E	.	FULL STOP
20	0x002F	/	SOLIDUS
21	0x0030	0	DIGIT ZERO
22	0x0031	1	DIGIT ONE
23	0x0032	2	DIGIT TWO
24	0x0033	3	DIGIT THREE
25	0x0034	4	DIGIT FOUR
26	0x0035	5	DIGIT FIVE
27	0x0036	6	DIGIT SIX
28	0x0037	7	DIGIT SEVEN
29	0x0038	8	DIGIT EIGHT
30	0x0039	9	DIGIT NINE
31	0x003A	:	COLON
32	0x003B	;	SEMICOLON
33	0x003C	<	LESS-THAN SIGN
34	0x003D	=	EQUALS SIGN
35	0x003E	>	GREATER-THAN SIGN
36	0x003F	?	QUESTION MARK
37	0x0040	@	COMMERCIAL AT
38	0x0041	A	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER A
39	0x0042	B	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER B
40	0x0043	C	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER C
41	0x0044	D	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER D
42	0x0045	E	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER E
43	0x0046	F	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER F
44	0x0047	G	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER G
45	0x0048	H	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER H
46	0x0049	I	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER I

Table E.2 (continued)

No.	2-byte/UCS-2 code	Symbol	Name
47	0x004A	J	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER J
48	0x004B	K	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER K
49	0x004C	L	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER L
50	0x004D	M	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER M
51	0x004E	N	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER N
52	0x004F	O	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER O
53	0x0050	P	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER P
54	0x0051	Q	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Q
55	0x0052	R	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER R
56	0x0053	S	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER S
57	0x0054	T	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER T
58	0x0055	U	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER U
59	0x0056	V	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER V
60	0x0057	W	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER W
61	0x0058	X	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER X
62	0x0059	Y	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Y
63	0x005A	Z	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Z
64	0x005B	[	LEFT SQUARE BRACKET
65	0x005C	\	REVERSE SOLIDUS
66	0x005D	]	RIGHT SQUARE BRACKET
67	0x005F	—	LOW LINE
68	0x0061	a	LATIN SMALL LETTER A
69	0x0062	b	LATIN SMALL LETTER B
70	0x0063	c	LATIN SMALL LETTER C
71	0x0064	d	LATIN SMALL LETTER D
72	0x0065	e	LATIN SMALL LETTER E
73	0x0066	f	LATIN SMALL LETTER F
74	0x0067	g	LATIN SMALL LETTER G
75	0x0068	h	LATIN SMALL LETTER H
76	0x0069	i	LATIN SMALL LETTER I
77	0x006A	j	LATIN SMALL LETTER J
78	0x006B	k	LATIN SMALL LETTER K
79	0x006C	l	LATIN SMALL LETTER L
80	0x006D	m	LATIN SMALL LETTER M
81	0x006E	n	LATIN SMALL LETTER N
82	0x006F	o	LATIN SMALL LETTER O
83	0x0070	p	LATIN SMALL LETTER P
84	0x0071	q	LATIN SMALL LETTER Q
85	0x0072	r	LATIN SMALL LETTER R
86	0x0073	s	LATIN SMALL LETTER S
87	0x0074	t	LATIN SMALL LETTER T
88	0x0075	u	LATIN SMALL LETTER U
89	0x0076	v	LATIN SMALL LETTER V
90	0x0077	w	LATIN SMALL LETTER W
91	0x0078	x	LATIN SMALL LETTER X

Table E.2 (continued)

No.	2-byte/UCS-2 code	Symbol	Name
92	0x0079	y	LATIN SMALL LETTER Y
93	0x007A	z	LATIN SMALL LETTER Z
94	0x007B	{	LEFT CURLY BRACKET
95	0x007C	|	VERTICAL LINE
96	0x007D	}	RIGHT CURLY BRACKET
97	0x007E	~	TILDE
98	0x00A0		NO-BREAK SPACE
99	0x00A1	¡	INVERTED EXCLAMATION MARK
100	0x00A2	¢	CENT SIGN
101	0x00A3	£	POUND SIGN
102	0x00A4	¤	CURRENCY SIGN
103	0x00A5	¥	YEN SIGN
104	0x00A6	¦	BROKEN BAR
105	0x00A7	§	SECTION SIGN
106	0x00A8	¨	DIAERESIS
107	0x00A9	©	COPYRIGHT SIGN
108	0x00AA	ª	FEMININE ORDINAL INDICATOR
109	0x00AB	«	LEFT-POINTING DOUBLE ANGLE QUOTATION MARK
110	0x00AC	¬	NOT SIGN
111	0x00AD		SOFT HYPHEN
112	0x00AE	®	REGISTERED SIGN
113	0x00AF	—	MACRON
114	0x00B0	°	DEGREE SIGN
115	0x00B1	±	PLUS-MINUS SIGN
116	0x00B2	²	SUPERSCRIP TWO
117	0x00B3	³	SUPERSCRIP THREE
118	0x00B4	´	ACUTE ACCENT
119	0x00B5	µ	MIKRO SIGN
120	0x00B6	¶	PILCROW SIGN
121	0x00B7	·	MIDDLE DOT
122	0x00B8	¸	CEDILLA
123	0x00B9	¹	SUPERSCRIP ONE
124	0x00BA	º	MASCULIN ORDINAL INDICATOR
125	0x00BB	»	RIGHT-POINTING DOUBLE ANGLE QUOTATION MARK
126	0x00BC	¼	VULGAR FRACTION ONE QUARTER
127	0x00BD	½	VULGAR FRACTION ONE HALF
128	0x00BE	¾	VULGAR FRACTION THREE QUARTERS
129	0x00BF	¿	INVERTED QUESTION MARK
130	0x00C0	À	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER A WITH GRAVE
131	0x00C1	Á	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER A WITH ACUTE
132	0x00C2	Â	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER A WITH CIRCUMFLEX
133	0x00C3	Ã	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER A WITH TILDE
134	0x00C4	Ä	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER A WITH DIAERESIS
135	0x00C5	Å	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER A WITH RING ABOVE
136	0x00C6	Æ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER AE = LATIN LIGATURE AE

Table E.2 (continued)

No.	2-byte/UCS-2 code	Symbol	Name
137	0x00C7	Ç	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER C WITH CEDILLA
138	0x00C8	È	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER E WITH GRAVE
139	0x00C9	É	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER E WITH ACUTE
140	0x00CA	Ê	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER E WITH CIRCUMFLEX
141	0x00CB	Ë	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER A WITH DIAERESIS
142	0x00CC	Ì	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER I WITH GRAVE
143	0x00CD	Í	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER I WITH ACUTE
144	0x00CE	Î	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER I WITH CIRCUMFLEX
145	0x00CF	Ï	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER I WITH DIAERESIS
146	0x00D0	Ð	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER ETH
147	0x00D1	Ñ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER N WITH TILDE
148	0x00D2	Ò	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER O WITH GRAVE
149	0x00D3	Ó	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER O WITH ACUTE
150	0x00D4	Ô	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER O WITH CIRCUMFLEX
151	0x00D5	Õ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER O WITH TILDE
152	0x00D6	Ö	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER O WITH DIAERESIS
153	0x00D7	×	MULTIPLICATION SIGN
154	0x00D8	Ø	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER O WITH STROKE
155	0x00D9	Ù	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER U WITH GRAVE
156	0x00DA	Ú	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER U WITH ACUTE
157	0x00DB	Û	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER U WITH CIRCUMFLEX
158	0x00DC	Ü	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER U WITH DIAERESIS
159	0x00DD	Ý	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Y WITH ACUTE
160	0x00DE	Þ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER THORN
161	0x00DF	ß	LATIN SMALL LETTER SHARP S (German)
162	0x00E0	à	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH GRAVE
163	0x00E1	á	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH ACUTE
164	0x00E2	â	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH CIRCUMFLEX
165	0x00E3	ã	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH TILDE
166	0x00E4	ä	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH DIAERESIS
167	0x00E5	å	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH RING
168	0x00E6	æ	LATIN SMALL LETTER AE
169	0x00E7	ç	LATIN SMALL LETTER C WITH CEDILLA
170	0x00E8	è	LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH GRAVE
171	0x00E9	é	LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH ACUTE
172	0x00EA	ê	LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH CIRCUMFLEX
173	0x00EB	ë	LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH DIAERESIS
174	0x00EC	ì	LATIN SMALL LETTER I WITH GRAVE
175	0x00ED	í	LATIN SMALL LETTER I WITH ACUTE
176	0x00EE	î	LATIN SMALL LETTER I WITH CIRCUMFLEX
177	0x00EF	ï	LATIN SMALL LETTER I WITH DIAERESIS
178	0x00F0	ð	LATIN SMALL LETTER ETH
179	0x00F1	ñ	LATIN SMALL LETTER N WITH TILDE
180	0x00F2	ò	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH GRAVE
181	0x00F3	ó	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH ACUTE

Table E.2 (continued)

No.	2-byte/UCS-2 code	Symbol	Name
182	0x00F4	ô	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH CIRCUMFLEX
183	0x00F5	õ	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH TILDE
184	0x00F6	ö	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH DIAERESIS
185	0x00F7	÷	DIVISION SIGN
186	0x00F8	ø	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH STROKE
187	0x00F9	ù	LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH GRAVE
188	0x00FA	ú	LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH ACUTE
189	0x00FB	û	LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH CIRCUMFLEX
190	0x00FC	ü	LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH DIAERESIS
191	0x00FD	ý	LATIN SMALL LETTER Y WITH ACUTE
192	0x00FE	þ	LATIN SMALL LETTER THORN
193	0x00FF	ÿ	LATIN SMALL LETTER Y WITH DIAERESIS
194	0x0100	Ā	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER A WITH MACRON
195	0x0101	ā	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH MACRON
196	0x0102	Ă	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER A WITH BREVE
197	0x0103	ă	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH BREVE
198	0x0104	Ą	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER A WITH OGONEK
199	0x0105	ą	LATIN SMALL LETTER A WITH OGONEK
200	0x0106	Ć	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER C WITH ACUTE
201	0x0107	ć	LATIN SMALL LETTER C WITH ACUTE
202	0x010C	Č	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER C WITH CARON
203	0x010D	č	LATIN SMALL LETTER C WITH CARON
204	0x010F	ď	LATIN SMALL LETTER D WITH CARON
205	0x0110	Đ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER D WITH STROKE
206	0x0111	đ	LATIN SMALL LETTER D WITH STROKE
207	0x0112	Ē	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER E WITH MACRON
208	0x0113	ē	LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH MACRON
209	0x0116	Ě	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER E WITH DOT ABOVE
210	0x0117	ě	LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH DOT ABOVE
211	0x0118	Ę	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER E WITH OGONEK
212	0x0119	ę	LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH OGONEK
213	0x011A	Ě	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER E WITH CARON
214	0x011B	ě	LATIN SMALL LETTER E WITH CARON
215	0x011E	Ġ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER G WITH BREVE
216	0x011F	ğ	LATIN SMALL LETTER G WITH BREVE
217	0x0122	Ĝ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER G WITH CEDILLA
218	0x0123	ğ	LATIN SMALL LETTER G WITH CEDILLA
219	0x012A	Ī	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER I WITH MACRON
220	0x012B	ī	LATIN SMALL LETTER I WITH MACRON
221	0x012E	Į	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER I WITH OGONEK
222	0x012F	į	LATIN SMALL LETTER I WITH OGONEK
223	0x0130	İ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER I WITH DOT ABOVE
224	0x0131	ı	LATIN SMALL LETTER DOTLESS I
225	0x0132	IJ	LATIN CAPITAL LIGATURE IJ
226	0x0133	ij	LATIN SMALL LIGATURE IJ

Table E.2 (continued)

No.	2-byte/UCS-2 code	Symbol	Name
227	0x0136	Ƙ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER K WITH CEDILLA
228	0x0137	ƙ	LATIN SMALL LETTER K WITH CEDILLA
229	0x0139	Ĺ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER L WITH ACUTE
230	0x013A	ĺ	LATIN SMALL LETTER L WITH ACUTE
231	0x013B	Ľ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER L WITH CEDILLA
232	0x013C	ļ	LATIN SMALL LETTER L WITH CEDILLA
233	0x013D	Ľ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER L WITH CARON
234	0x013E	ľ	LATIN SMALL LETTER L WITH CARON
235	0x013F	Ł	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER L WITH MIDDLE DOT
236	0x0140	ł	LATIN SMALL LETTER L WITH MIDDLE DOT
237	0x0141	Ł	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER L WITH STROKE
238	0x0142	ł	LATIN SMALL LETTER L WITH STROKE
239	0x0143	Ń	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER N WITH ACUTE
240	0x0144	ń	LATIN SMALL LETTER N WITH ACUTE
241	0x0145	Ņ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER N WITH CEDILLA
242	0x0146	ņ	LATIN SMALL LETTER N WITH CEDILLA
243	0x0147	Ň	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER N WITH CARON
244	0x0148	ň	LATIN SMALL LETTER N WITH CARON
245	0x014A	Ŋ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER ENG
246	0x014B	ŋ	LATIN SMALL LETTER ENG
247	0x014C	Ō	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER O WITH MACRON
248	0x014D	ō	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH MACRON
249	0x0150	Ŏ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER O WITH DOUBLE ACUTE
250	0x0151	ŏ	LATIN SMALL LETTER O WITH DOUBLE ACUTE
251	0x0152	Œ	LATIN CAPITAL LIGATURE OE
252	0x0153	œ	LATIN SMALL LETTER OE
253	0x0154	Ŕ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER R WITH ACUTE
254	0x0155	ŕ	LATIN SMALL LETTER R WITH ACUTE
255	0x0156	Ŗ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER R WITH CEDILLA
256	0x0157	ŗ	LATIN SMALL LETTER R WITH CEDILLA
257	0x0158	Ř	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER R WITH CARON
258	0x0159	ř	LATIN SMALL LETTER R WITH CARON
259	0x015A	Ś	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER S WITH ACUTE
260	0x015B	ś	LATIN SMALL LETTER S WITH ACUTE
261	0x015E	Ş	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER S WITH CEDILLA
262	0x015F	ş	LATIN SMALL LETTER S WITH CEDILLA
263	0x0160	Š	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER S WITH CARON
264	0x0161	š	LATIN SMALL LETTER S WITH CARON
265	0x0164	Ť	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER T WITH CARON
266	0x0165	ť	LATIN SMALL LETTER t WITH CARON
267	0x0166	Ʀ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER T WITH STROKE
268	0x0167	Ƨ	LATIN SMALL LETTER T WITH STROKE
269	0x016A	Ū	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER U WITH MACRON
270	0x016B	ū	LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH MACRON

Table E.2 (continued)

No.	2-byte/UCS-2 code	Symbol	Name
271	0x016E	Û	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER U WITH RING ABOVE
272	0x016F	û	LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH RING ABOVE
273	0x0170	Ũ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER U WITH DOUBLE ACUTE
274	0x0171	ú	LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH DOUBLE ACUTE
275	0x0172	Ů	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER U WITH OGONEK
276	0x0173	ů	LATIN SMALL LETTER U WITH OGONEK
277	0x0175	Ŵ	LATIN SMALL LETTER W WITH CIRCUMFLEX
278	0x0177	Ŷ	LATIN SMALL LETTER Y WITH CIRCUMFLEX
279	0x0178	ÿ	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Y WITH DIAERESIS
280	0x0179	Ż	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Z WITH ACUTE
281	0x017A	ż	LATIN SMALL LETTER Z WITH ACUTE
282	0x017B	Ź	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Z WITH DOT ABOVE
283	0x017C	ź	LATIN SMALL LETTER Z WITH DOT ABOVE
284	0x017D	Ž	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER Z WITH CARON
285	0x017E	ž	LATIN SMALL LETTER Z WITH CARON
286	0x0218	Ş	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER S WITH COMMA BELOW
287	0x0219	ş	LATIN SMALL LETTER S WITH COMMA BELOW
288	0x021A	Ș	LATIN CAPITAL LETTER T WITH COMMA BELOW
289	0x021B	ș	LATIN SMALL LETTER T WITH COMMA BELOW
290	0x037A		GREEK YPOGEGRAMMENI
291	0x0384	˘	GREEK TONOS
292	0x0385	ˆ	GREEK DIALYTIKA TONOS
293	0x0386	Α	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER ALPHA WITH TONOS
294	0x0388	Ε	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER EPSILON WITH TONOS
295	0x0389	Η	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER ETA WITH TONOS
296	0x038A	Ι	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER IOTA WITH TONOS
297	0x038C	Ο	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER OMICRON WITH TONOS
298	0x038E	Υ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER UPSILON WITH TONOS
299	0x038F	Ω	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER OMEGA WITH TONOS
300	0x0390	ϊ	GREEK SMALL LETTER IOTA WITH DIALYTIKA AND TONOS
301	0x0391	Α	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER ALPHA
302	0x0392	Β	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER BETA
303	0x0393	Γ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER GAMMA
304	0x0394	Δ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER DELTA
305	0x0395	Ε	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER EPSILON
306	0x0396	Ζ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER ZETA
307	0x0397	Η	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER ETA
308	0x0398	Θ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER THETA
309	0x0399	Ι	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER IOTA
310	0x039A	Κ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER KAPPA
311	0x039B	Λ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER LAMDA
312	0x039C	Μ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER MU
313	0x039D	Ν	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER NU
314	0x039E	Ξ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER XI
315	0x039F	Ο	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER OMICRON

Table E.2 (continued)

No.	2-byte/UCS-2 code	Symbol	Name
316	0x03A0	Π	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER PI
317	0x03A1	Ρ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER RHO
318	0x03A3	Σ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER SIGMA
319	0x03A4	Τ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER TAU
320	0x03A5	Υ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER UPSILON
321	0x03A6	Φ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER PHI
322	0x03A7	Χ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER CHI
323	0x03A8	Ψ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER PSI
324	0x03A9	Ω	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER OMEGA
325	0x03AA	Ϊ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER IOTA WITH DIALYTIKA
326	0x03AB	Ϋ	GREEK CAPITAL LETTER UPSILON WITH DIALYTIKA
327	0x03AC	ά	GREEK SMALL LETTER ALPHA WITH TONOS
328	0x03AD	έ	GREEK SMALL LETTER EPSILON WITH TONOS
329	0x03AE	ή	GREEK SMALL LETTER ETA WITH TONOS
330	0x03AF	ί	GREEK SMALL LETTER IOTA WITH TONOS
331	0x03B0	ϋ	GREEK SMALL LETTER UPSILON WITH DIALYTIKA AND TONOS
332	0x03B1	α	GREEK SMALL LETTER ALPHA
333	0x03B2	β	GREEK SMALL LETTER BETA
334	0x03B3	γ	GREEK SMALL LETTER GAMMA
335	0x03B4	δ	GREEK SMALL LETTER DELTA
336	0x03B5	ε	GREEK SMALL LETTER EPSILON
337	0x03B6	ζ	GREEK SMALL LETTER ZETA
338	0x03B7	η	GREEK SMALL LETTER ETA
339	0x03B8	θ	GREEK SMALL LETTER THETA
340	0x03B9	ι	GREEK SMALL LETTER IOTA
341	0x03BA	κ	GREEK SMALL LETTER KAPPA
342	0x03BB	λ	GREEK SMALL LETTER LAMDA
343	0x03BC	μ	GREEK SMALL LETTER MU
344	0x03BD	ν	GREEK SMALL LETTER NU
345	0x03BE	ξ	GREEK SMALL LETTER XI
346	0x03BF	ο	GREEK SMALL LETTER OMICRON
347	0x03C0	π	GREEK SMALL LETTER PI
348	0x03C1	ρ	GREEK SMALL LETTER RHO
349	0x03C2	ς	GREEK SMALL LETTER FINAL SIGMA
350	0x03C3	σ	GREEK SMALL LETTER SIGMA
351	0x03C4	τ	GREEK SMALL LETTER TAU
352	0x03C5	υ	GREEK SMALL LETTER UPSILON
353	0x03C6	φ	GREEK SMALL LETTER PHI
354	0x03C7	χ	GREEK SMALL LETTER CHI
355	0x03C8	ψ	GREEK SMALL LETTER PSI
356	0x03C9	ω	GREEK SMALL LETTER OMEGA
357	0x03CA	Ϻ	GREEK SMALL LETTER IOTA WITH DIALYTIKA
358	0x03CB	ϻ	GREEK SMALL LETTER UPSILON WITH DIALYTIKA
359	0x03CC	ό	GREEK SMALL LETTER OMICRON WITH TONOS
360	0x03CD	ύ	GREEK SMALL LETTER UPSILON WITH TONOS

Table E.2 (continued)

No.	2-byte/UCS-2 code	Symbol	Name
361	0x03CE	ώ	GREEK SMALL LETTER OMEGA WITH TONOS
362	0x0401	Ё	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER IO
363	0x0402	Ђ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER DJE
364	0x0403	Ѓ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER GJE
365	0x0404	Є	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER UKRAINIAN IE
366	0x0405	Ѕ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER DZE
367	0x0406	І	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER BYELORUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN I
368	0x0407	Ї	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER YI
369	0x0408	Ј	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER JE
370	0x0409	Љ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER LJE
371	0x040A	Њ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER NJE
372	0x040B	Ћ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER TSHE
373	0x040C	Ќ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER KJE
374	0x040E	Ў	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER SHORT U
375	0x040F	Ѡ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER DZHE
376	0x0410	Ѡ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER A
377	0x0411	Ѣ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER BE
378	0x0412	Ѥ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER VE
379	0x0413	Ѧ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER GHE
380	0x0414	Ѩ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER DE
381	0x0415	Ѫ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER IE
382	0x0416	Ѭ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER ZHE
383	0x0417	Ѯ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER ZE
384	0x0418	Ѱ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER I
385	0x0419	Ѳ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER SHORT I
386	0x041A	Ѵ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER KA
387	0x041B	Ѷ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER EL
388	0x041C	Ѹ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER EM
389	0x041D	Ѻ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER EN
390	0x041E	Ѽ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER O
391	0x041F	Ѿ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER PE
392	0x0420	Ѱ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER ER
393	0x0421	Ѳ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER ES
394	0x0422	Ѵ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER TE
395	0x0423	Ѷ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER U
396	0x0424	Ѹ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER EF
397	0x0425	Ѻ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER HA
398	0x0426	Ѽ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER TSE
399	0x0427	Ѿ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER CHE
400	0x0428	Ѽ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER SHA
401	0x0429	ѿ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER SHCHA
402	0x042A	ѿ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER HARD SIGN
403	0x042B	ѿ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER YERU
404	0x042C	ѿ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER SOFT SIGN
405	0x042D	ѿ	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER E

Table E.2 (continued)

No.	2-byte/UCS-2 code	Symbol	Name
406	0x042E	Ю	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER YU
407	0x042F	Я	CYRILLIC CAPITAL LETTER YA
408	0x0430	а	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER A
409	0x0431	б	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER BE
410	0x0432	в	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER VE
411	0x0433	г	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER GHE
412	0x0434	д	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER DE
413	0x0435	е	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER IE
414	0x0436	ж	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER ZHE
415	0x0437	з	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER ZE
416	0x0438	и	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER I
417	0x0439	й	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER SHORT I
418	0x043A	к	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER KA
419	0x043B	л	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER EL
420	0x043C	м	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER EM
421	0x043D	н	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER EN
422	0x043E	о	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER O
423	0x043F	п	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER PE
424	0x0440	р	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER ER
425	0x0441	с	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER ES
426	0x0442	т	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER TE
427	0x0443	у	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER U
428	0x0444	ф	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER EF
429	0x0445	х	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER HA
430	0x0446	ц	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER TSE
431	0x0447	ч	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER CHE
432	0x0448	ш	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER SHA
433	0x0449	щ	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER SHCHA
434	0x044A	ъ	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER HARD SIGN
435	0x044B	ы	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER YERU
436	0x044C	ь	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER SOFT SIGN
437	0x044D	э	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER E
438	0x044E	ю	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER YU
439	0x044F	я	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER YA
440	0x0451	ё	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER IO
441	0x0452	ђ	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER DJE
442	0x0453	ѓ	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER GJE
443	0x0454	є	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER UKRAINIAN IE
444	0x0455	ѕ	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER DZE
445	0x0456	і	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER BYELORUSSIAN-UKRAINIAN I
446	0x0457	ї	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER YI
447	0x0458	ј	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER JE
448	0x0459	љ	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER LJE
449	0x045A	њ	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER NJE
450	0x045B	ћ	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER TSHE

Table E.2 (continued)

No.	2-byte/UCS-2 code	Symbol	Name
451	0x045C	ќ	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER KJE
452	0x045E	ђ	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER SHORT U
453	0x045F	џ	CYRILLIC SMALL LETTER DZHE
454	0x05D0	א	HEBREW LETTER ALEF
455	0x05D1	ב	HEBREW LETTER BET
456	0x05D2	ג	HEBREW LETTER GIMEL
457	0x05D3	ד	HEBREW LETTER DALET
458	0x05D4	ה	HEBREW LETTER HE
459	0x05D5	ו	HEBREW LETTER VAV
460	0x05D6	ז	HEBREW LETTER ZAYIN
461	0x05D7	ח	HEBREW LETTER HET
462	0x05D8	ט	HEBREW LETTER TET
463	0x05D9	י	HEBREW LETTER YOD
464	0x05DA	ך	HEBREW LETTER FINAL KAF
465	0x05DB	כ	HEBREW LETTER KAF
466	0x05DC	ל	HEBREW LETTER LAMED
467	0x05DD	ם	HEBREW LETTER FINAL MEM
468	0x05DE	מ	HEBREW LETTER MEM
469	0x05DF	נ	HEBREW LETTER FINAL NUN
470	0x05E0	ן	HEBREW LETTER NUN
471	0x05E1	ס	HEBREW LETTER SAMEKH
472	0x05E2	ע	HEBREW LETTER AYIN
473	0x05E3	ף	HEBREW LETTER FINAL PE
474	0x05E4	פ	HEBREW LETTER PE
475	0x05E5	ץ	HEBREW LETTER FINAL TSADI
476	0x05E6	צ	HEBREW LETTER TSADI
477	0x05E7	ק	HEBREW LETTER QOF
478	0x05E8	ר	HEBREW LETTER RESH
479	0x05E9	ש	HEBREW LETTER SHIN
480	0x05EA	ת	HEBREW LETTER TAV
481	0x060C	،	ARABIC COMMA
482	0x061B	؛	ARABIC SEMICOLON
483	0x061F	؟	ARABIC QUESTION MARK
484	0x0621	ء	ARABIC LETTER HAMZA
485	0x0622	آ	ARABIC LETTER ALEF WITH MADDA ABOVE
486	0x0623	إ	ARABIC LETTER ALEF WITH HAMZA ABOVE
487	0x0624	أ	ARABIC LETTER WAW WITH HAMZA ABOVE
488	0x0625	أ	ARABIC LETTER ALEF WITH HAMZA BELOW
489	0x0626	آ	ARABIC LETTER YEH WITH HAMZA ABOVE
490	0x0627	ا	ARABIC LETTER ALEF
491	0x0628	ب	ARABIC LETTER BEH
492	0x0629	ة	ARABIC LETTER TEH MARBUTA
493	0x062A	ت	ARABIC LETTER TEH
494	0x062B	ث	ARABIC LETTER THEH
495	0x062C	ج	ARABIC LETTER JEEM

Table E.2 (continued)

No.	2-byte/UCS-2 code	Symbol	Name
496	0x062D	ح	ARABIC LETTER HAH
497	0x062E	خ	ARABIC LETTER KHAH
498	0x062F	د	ARABIC LETTER DAL
499	0x0630	ذ	ARABIC LETTER THAL
500	0x0631	ر	ARABIC LETTER REH
501	0x0632	ز	ARABIC LETTER ZAIN
502	0x0633	س	ARABIC LETTER SEEN
503	0x0634	ش	ARABIC LETTER SHEEN
504	0x0635	ص	ARABIC LETTER SAD
505	0x0636	ض	ARABIC LETTER DAD
506	0x0637	ط	ARABIC LETTER TAH
507	0x0638	ظ	ARABIC LETTER ZAH
508	0x0639	ع	ARABIC LETTER AIN
509	0x063A	غ	ARABIC LETTER GHAIN
510	0x0640	-	ARABIC TATWEEL
511	0x0641	ف	ARABIC LETTER FEH
512	0x0642	ق	ARABIC LETTER QAF
513	0x0643	ك	ARABIC LETTER KAF
514	0x0644	ل	ARABIC LETTER LAM
515	0x0645	م	ARABIC LETTER MEEM
516	0x0646	ن	ARABIC LETTER NOON
517	0x0647	ه	ARABIC LETTER HEH
518	0x0648	و	ARABIC LETTER WAW
519	0x0649	ى	ARABIC LETTER ALEF MAKSURA
520	0x064A	ي	ARABIC LETTER YEH
521	0x064B	ˆ	ARABIC FATHATAN
522	0x064C	ˆ	ARABIC DAMMATAN
523	0x064D	ˆ	ARABIC KASRATAN
524	0x064E	ˆ	ARABIC FATHA
525	0x064F	ˆ	ARABIC DAMMA
526	0x0650	ˆ	ARABIC KASRA
527	0x0651	ˆ	ARABIC SHADDA
528	0x0652	ˆ	ARABIC SUKUN
529	0x200E		LEFT-TO-RIGHT MARK ^a
530	0x200F		RIGHT-TO-LEFT MARK ^a
531	0x2015	—	HORIZONTAL BAR
532	0x2017	=	DOUBLE LOW LINE
533	0x2018	‘	LEFT SINGLE QUOTATION MARK
534	0x2019	’	RIGHT SINGLE QUOTATION MARK
535	0x201C	“	LEFT DOUBLE QUOTATION MARK
536	0x201D	”	RIGHT DOUBLE QUOTATION MARK
537	0x201E	„	DOUBLE LOW-9 QUOTATION MARK
538	0x202A		LEFT-TO-RIGHT EMBEDDING ^a
539	0x202B		RIGHT-TO-LEFT EMBEDDING ^a

Table E.2 (continued)

No.	2-byte/UCS-2 code	Symbol	Name
540	0x202C		POP DIRECTIONAL FORMATTING ^a
541	0x202D		LEFT-TO-RIGHT OVERRIDE ^a
542	0x202E		RIGHT-TO-LEFT OVERRIDE ^a
543	0x2030	‰	PER MILLE SIGN
544	0x20AC	€	EURO SIGN
545	0x2116	№	NUMERO SIGN
546	0x2190	←	LEFTWARDS ARROW
547	0x2191	↑	UPWARDS ARROW
548	0x2192	→	RIGHTWARDS ARROW
549	0x2193	↓	DOWNWARDS ARROW
550	0x2551	∥	BOX DRAWINGS DOUBLE VERTICAL

^a For details on coding of bidirectional text formatting refer to ISO/IEC 10646, Annex F.

Annex F (normative)

Programme type codes

NOTE Different PTY codes are used in the US RBDS standard (see Clause 2).

Table F.1 – Programme type codes and corresponding terms for display

Number	Code	Programme type	8-character display ^a	16-character display ^a
0	00000	No programme type or undefined	None	None
1	00001	News	News	News
2	00010	Current Affairs	Affairs	Current Affairs
3	00011	Information	Info	Information
4	00100	Sport	Sport	Sport
5	00101	Education	Educate	Education
6	00110	Drama	Drama	Drama
7	00111	Culture	Culture	Cultures
8	01000	Science	Science	Science
9	01001	Varied	Varied	Varied Speech
10	01010	Pop Music	Pop M	Pop Music
11	01011	Rock Music	Rock M	Rock Music
12	01100	Easy Listening Music ^b	Easy M	Easy Listening
13	01101	Light classical	Light M	Light Classics M
14	01110	Serious classical	Classics	Serious Classics
15	01111	Other Music	Other M	Other Music
16	10000	Weather	Weather	Weather & Metr
17	10001	Finance	Finance	Finance
18	10010	Children=s programmes	Children	Children=s Progs
19	10011	Social Affairs	Social	Social Affairs
20	10100	Religion	Religion	Religion
21	10101	Phone In	Phone In	Phone In
22	10110	Travel	Travel	Travel & Touring
23	10111	Leisure	Leisure	Leisure & Hobby
24	11000	Jazz Music	Jazz	Jazz Music
25	11001	Country Music	Country	Country Music
26	11010	National Music	Nation M	National Music
27	11011	Oldies Music	Oldies	Oldies Music
28	11100	Folk Music	Folk M	Folk Music
29	11101	Documentary	Document	Documentary
30	11110	Alarm Test	TEST	Alarm Test
31	11111	Alarm	Alarm !	Alarm – Alarm !

^a These short terms are recommended for the 8- or 16-character display of the radio in English. Other language versions are available from the EBU and the RDS Forum on the Internet World Wide Web site at URL: <http://www.rds.org.uk/>.

^b In earlier versions of this standard, the term used was “M.O.R. (middle of the road) Music”. Easy Listening is a more frequently used equivalent.

Definition of the terms used to denote Programme Type

1	News	Short accounts of facts, events and publicly expressed views, reportage and actuality.
2	Current affairs	Topical programme expanding or enlarging upon the news, generally in different presentation style or concept, including debate, or analysis.
3	Information	Programme, the purpose of which is to impart advice in the widest sense.
4	Sport	Programme concerned with any aspect of sport.
5	Education	Programme intended primarily to educate, of which the formal element is fundamental.
6	Drama	All radio plays and serials.
7	Culture	Programmes concerned with any aspect of national or regional culture, including language, theatre, etc.
8	Science	Programmes about the natural sciences and technology.
9	Varied	Used for mainly speech-based programmes usually of light-entertainment nature, not covered by other categories. Examples include: quizzes, panel games, personality interviews.
10	Pop	Commercial music, which would generally be considered to be of current popular appeal, often featuring in current or recent record sales charts.
11	Rock	Contemporary modern music, usually written and performed by young musicians.
12	Easy listening^a	Current contemporary music considered to be "easy-listening", as opposed to Pop, Rock or Classical, or one of the specialized music styles, Jazz, Folk or Country. Music in this category is often but not always, vocal, and usually of short duration.
13	Light classics	Classical Musical for general, rather than specialist appreciation. Examples of music in this category are instrumental music, and vocal or choral works.
14	Serious classics	Performances of major orchestral works, symphonies, chamber music etc., and including Grand Opera.
15	Other music	Musical styles not fitting into any of the other categories. Particularly used for specialist music of which Rhythm and Blues and Reggae are examples.
16	Weather	Weather reports and forecasts and Meteorological info.
17	Finance	Stock Market reports, commerce, trading, etc.

- 18 **Children’s programmes** For programmes targeted at a young audience, primarily for entertainment and interest, rather than where the objective is to educate.
- 19 **Social affairs** Programmes about people and things that influence them individually or in groups. Includes: sociology, history, geography, psychology and society.
- 20 **Religion** Any aspect of beliefs and faiths, involving a God or Gods, the nature of existence and ethics.
- 21 **Phone In** Involving members of the public expressing their views either by phone or at a public forum.
- 22 **Travel** Features and programmes concerned with travel to near and far destinations, package tours and travel ideas and opportunities.
- NOTE Not for use for Announcements about problems, delays, or roadworks affecting immediate travel where TP/TA shall be used.
- 23 **Leisure** Programmes concerned with recreational activities in which the listener might participate. Examples include, Gardening, Fishing, Antique collecting, Cooking, Food and Wine, etc.
- 24 **Jazz music** Polyphonic, syncopated music characterised by improvisation.
- 25 **Country music** Songs which originate from, or continue the musical tradition of the American Southern States. Characterised by a straightforward melody and narrative story line.
- 26 **National music** Current Popular Music of the Nation or Region in that country’s language, as opposed to International ‘Pop’ which is usually US or UK inspired and is in English.
- 27 **Oldies music** Music from the so-called “golden age” of popular music.
- 28 **Folk music** Music which has its roots in the musical culture of a particular nation, usually played on acoustic instruments. The narrative or story may be based on historical events or people.
- 29 **Documentary** Programme concerned with factual matters, presented in an investigative style.
- 30 **Alarm test** Broadcast when testing emergency broadcast equipment or receivers. Not intended for searching or dynamic switching for consumer receivers.. Receivers may, if desired, display “TEST” or “Alarm Test”.
- 31 **Alarm** Emergency announcement made under exceptional circumstances to give warning of events causing danger of a general nature. Not to be used for searching – only used in a receiver for dynamic switching.

NOTE These definitions can slightly differ between various language versions.

^a In earlier versions of this standard, the term used was “M.O.R. (middle of the road) Music”. Easy Listening is a more frequently used equivalent.

Annex G (informative)

Conversion between time and date conventions

The types of conversion which may be required are summarised in the diagram below.

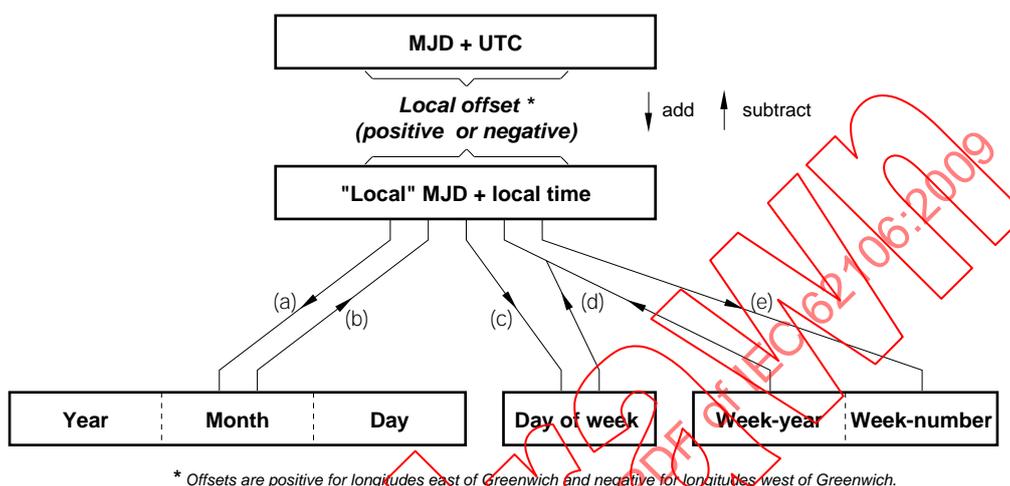


Figure G.1 – Conversion routes between Modified Julian Date (MJD) and Coordinated Universal Time (UTC)

The conversion between MJD + UTC and the "local" MJD + local time is simply a matter of adding or subtracting the local offset. This process may, of course, involve a "carry" or "borrow" from the UTC affecting the MJD. The other five conversion routes shown on the diagram are detailed in the formulas below.

Table G.1 – Symbols used

Symbol	Meaning
MJD	Modified Julian Day
UTC	Coordinated Universal Time
Y	Year from 1900 (e.g. for 2003, Y = 103)
M	Month from January (= 1) to December (= 12)
D	Day of month from 1 to 31
WY	"Week number" Year from 1900
WN	Week number according to ISO 8601 (see [21])
WD	Day of week from Monday (= 1) to Sunday (= 7)
K, L, M', W, Y'	Intermediate variables
x	Multiplication
int	Integer part, ignoring remainder
mod 7	Remainder (0-6) after dividing integer by 7

a) **To find Y, M, D from MJD**

$$Y' = \text{int} [(\text{MJD} - 15\,078.2) / 365.25]$$

$$M' = \text{int} \{ [\text{MJD} - 14\,956.1 - \text{int} (Y' \times 365.25)] / 30,6001 \}$$

$$D = \text{MJD} - 14\,956 - \text{int} (Y' \times 365.25) - \text{int} (M' \times 30.6001)$$

If $M' = 14$ or $M' = 15$, then $K = 1$; else $K = 0$

$$Y = Y' + K$$

$$M = M' - 1 - K \times 12$$

b) **To find MJD from Y, M, D**

If $M = 1$ or $M = 2$, then $L = 1$; else $L = 0$

$$\text{MJD} = 14\,956 + D + \text{int} [(Y - L) \times 365,25] + \text{int} [(M + 1 + L \times 12) \times 30.6001]$$

c) **To find WD from MJD**

$$\text{WD} = [(\text{MJD} + 2) \bmod 7] + 1$$

d) **To find MJD from WY, WN, WD**

$$\text{MJD} = 15\,012 + \text{WD} + 7 \times \{ \text{WN} + \text{int} [(\text{WY} \times 1\,461 / 28) + 0.41] \}$$

e) **To find WY, WN from MJD**

$$W = \text{int} [(\text{MJD} / 7) - 2\,144,64]$$

$$\text{WY} = \text{int} [(W \times 28 / 1\,461) - 0,0079]$$

$$\text{WN} = W - \text{int} [(\text{WY} \times 1\,461 / 28) + 0.41]$$

Example:

$$\text{MJD} = 45\,218$$

$$W = 4\,315$$

$$Y = (19)82$$

$$\text{WY} = (19)82$$

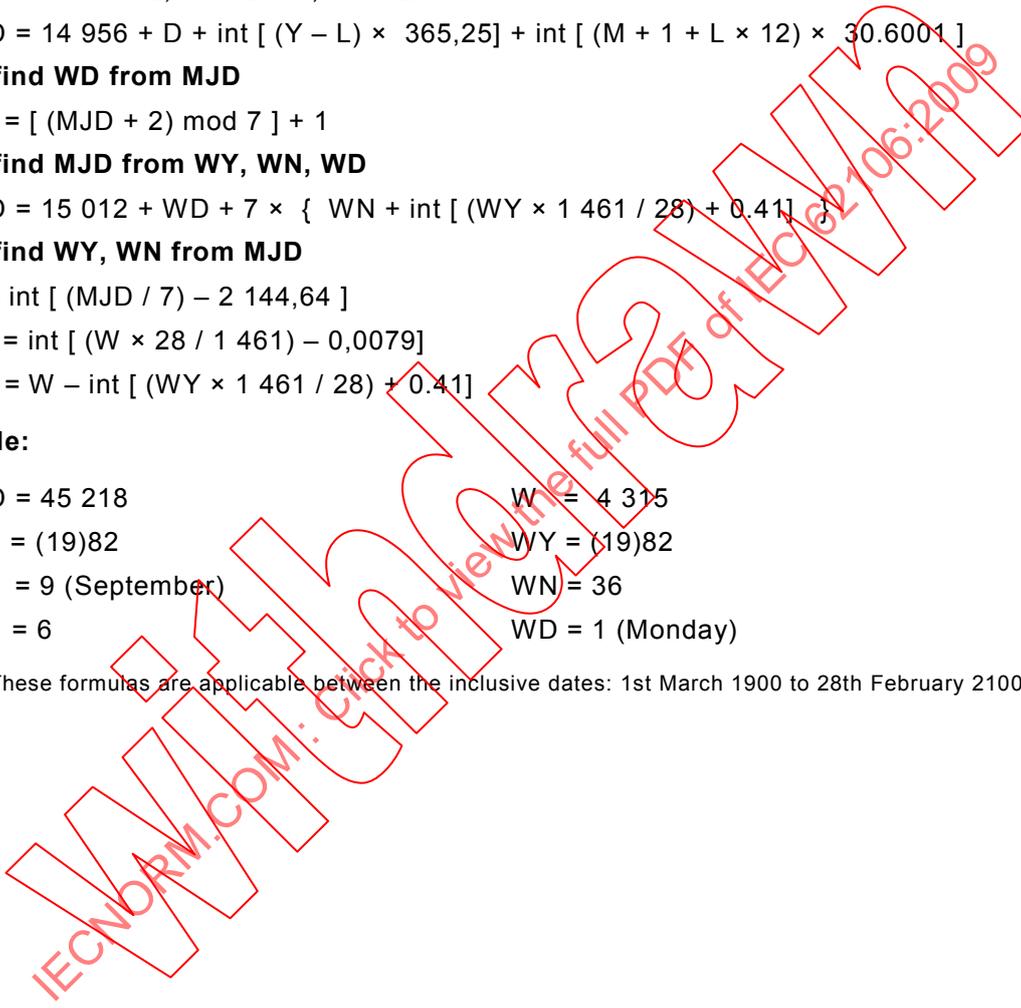
$$M = 9 \text{ (September)}$$

$$\text{WN} = 36$$

$$D = 6$$

$$\text{WD} = 1 \text{ (Monday)}$$

NOTE These formulas are applicable between the inclusive dates: 1st March 1900 to 28th February 2100.



Annex H (informative)

ARI (Autofahrer-Rundfunk-Information) system – Discontinuation

The details of the ARI system specification are deleted from this standard, following discontinuation of all known transmissions.

The ARI system was in use before the introduction of RDS. RDS incorporated ARI functionality through the TP/TA features and thus eventually the ARI system has become completely redundant. However to protect the functionality of old ARI receivers, without RDS capability, ARI transmissions continued in some countries, simultaneously with RDS, as a transition measure. Finally during the years 2004 -2006, ARI transmissions were generally discontinued.

RDS receivers were designed initially to be compatible with ARI; to achieve this compatibility RDS decoders used a notch-filter to filter out ARI before the biphase coded RDS signals, using the same subcarrier, were decoded. Since ARI is no longer used this notch-filter is no longer required; this may lead to a possible simplification for RDS receivers released after the ARI switch-off.

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Annex J (normative)

Language identification

To enable a broadcaster to indicate the spoken language he is currently transmitting, the 8-bit language identification codes in Table J.1 shall be used.

In Group 1A, Variant 3, Block 3 the language identification code is allocated according to Figure J.1. When implemented, this variant shall be transmitted at least once every 2 s.

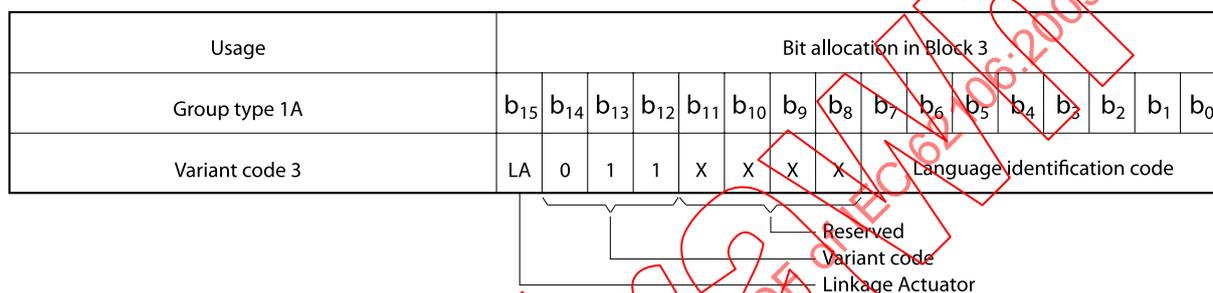


Figure J.1 – Language identification code allocation

Table J.1 – Language identification codes

a) European languages written in latin-based alphabets

<u>Code</u> (Hexadecimal)	<u>Language</u>	<u>Code</u> (Hexadecimal)	<u>Language</u>
00	Unknown/not applicable	20	Polish
01	Albanian	21	Portuguese
02	Breton	22	Romanian
03	Catalan	23	Romansh
04	Croatian	24	Serbian
05	Welsh	25	Slovak
06	Czech	26	Slovene
07	Danish	27	Finnish
08	German	28	Swedish
09	English	29	Turkish
0A	Spanish	2A	Flemish
0B	Esperanto	2B	Walloon
0C	Estonian	2C	
0D	Basque	2D	
0E	Faroese	2E	
0F	French	2F	
10	Frisian	30)
11	Irish	31)
12	Gaelic	32	) – Reserved for
13	Galician	33	) national assignment
14	Icelandic	34)
15	Italian	35)

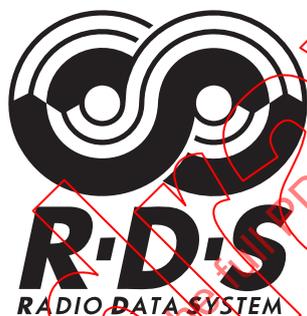
<u>Code</u> (Hexadecimal)	<u>Language</u>	<u>Code</u> (Hexadecimal)	<u>Language</u>
16	Lappish	36)
17	Latin	37)
18	Latvian	38)
19	Luxembourgian	39)
1A	Lithuanian	3A	) – Reserved for
1B	Hungarian	3B	) national assignment
1C	Maltese	3C)
1D	Dutch	3D)
1E	Norwegian	3E)
1F	Occitan	3F)

b) Other languages

<u>Code</u> (Hexadecimal)	<u>Language</u>	<u>Code</u> (Hexadecimal)	<u>Language</u>
7F	Amharic	5F	Marathi
7E	Arabic	5E	Ndebele
7D	Armenian	5D	Nepali
7C	Assamese	5C	Oriya
7B	Azerbaijani	5B	Papamieto
7A	Bambora	5A	Persian
79	Belorussian	59	Punjabi
78	Bengali	58	Pushu
77	Bulgarian	57	Quechua
76	Burmese	56	Russian
75	Chinese	55	Ruthenian
74	Churash	54	Serbo-Croat
73	Dari	53	Shona
72	Fulani	52	Sinhalese
71	Georgian	51	Somali
70	Greek	50	Sranan Tongo
6F	Gujurati	4F	Swahili
6E	Gurani	4E	Tadzhik
6D	Hausa	4D	Tamil
6C	Hebrew	4C	Tatar
6B	Hindi	4B	Telugu
6A	Indonesian	4A	Thai
69	Japanese	49	Ukrainian
68	Kannada	48	Urdu
67	Kazakh	47	Uzbek
66	Khmer	46	Vietnamese
65	Korean	45	Zulu
64	Laotian	44	
63	Macedonian	43	
62	Malagasay	42	
61	Malaysian	41	
60	Moldavian	40	

Annex K
(informative)

RDS logo ²



NOTE The wording "RADIO DATA SYSTEM" may be omitted.

When EON is implemented, the following logos may be used.



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Annex L (informative)

Open data registration

All countries except the USA

Every data application using the Open Data Applications (ODA) feature (see 6.1.4) must be transmitted together with an Application Identification (AID) number (see 6.1.5.4). The AID number, for each ODA **outside the United States**, is allocated by the RDS Registrations Office at the address shown on the RDS Forum web site at URL: <http://www.rds.org.uk/> Forms must be completed fully (every question must be answered – the RDS Registrations Office will advise, if difficulty is experienced) and sent to the RDS Registrations Office, together with the nominal fee, published on the web site of the RDS Forum, which is payable in advance. Subject to satisfactory completion, an AID number will be allocated and a copy of the Form will be returned to the applicant. The allocations are co-ordinated with the RBDS ODA registrations office in the USA to avoid that the same allocation is made twice.

Transmissions carrying an AID *must* adhere fully to the details, specifications and references of the relevant registration. (Any subsequent updates that do not *change* the fundamental requirements for the transmission of that ODA, may allow continued use of the same AID, but advice should be sought from the RDS Registrations Office.)

Details will be kept in the RDS Forum ODA Directory, which will be published, from time to time, and an up-to-date version of the Directory will be maintained on the RDS Forum Web site.

Users of an AID must satisfy themselves as to the validity of using it and the accuracy of all related information and must accept all due consequences. The RDS Registrations Office is not liable for any incidental, special or consequential damages arising out of the use or inability to use an AID, whether in transmission or reception equipment.

NOTE AID codes are internationally allocated and recognized.

RDS Open Data Applications – Registration Form

This Form will be published in full, except the last two answers, if specifically not permitted.

To:	RDS Registrations Office For the address and e-mail see http://www.rds.org.uk/	Application Date:
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Question	Information	Comment
Applicants Name:		Title/Name of contact
Organisation:		Company Name
Organisation Address:		Street 1
		Street 2
		Town/City
		Area/County
		Postal Code
		Country
Application Name:		5 or 6 words, maximum
Application Description:	<i>Please use additional pages if desired.</i>	Give as much detail as possible.
Open Data mode: (see 6.1.5.4)		Choose one mode, only
ODA details, specifications and references.	Tick, if publication not permitted [<input type="checkbox"/>] <i>Please attach additional pages.</i>	Give <i>all</i> details, proprietary documents and references.
Capacity requirement for both the ODA and AID groups:	Tick, if publication not permitted [<input type="checkbox"/>] a) ODA groups/second b) type 3A groups/minute <i>Please use additional pages if desired.</i>	Indicate: ODA groups/second <i>and</i> type 3A groups/minute. Describe any constraints.

Data application designers need to consider a number of questions regarding their application and the RDS system interface, so that the RDS bearer is kept in conformity with best implementation practice. The following questions shall be carefully considered (the RDS Registrations Office will advise, if difficulty is experienced) and the following Check List must be completed and attached to all applications.

RDS Open Data Applications – Check List

This Check List will not be published.

Question	Considered	Notes
Does the application behave correctly when not all RDS groups are received?	Tick, if considered []	Necessary for mobile RDS applications
Does the application provide the means to identify the Service Provider?	Tick, if considered []	
Does the application allow for future proofing, by upgrading?	Tick, if considered []	
Does the application require sub-sets of associated applications?	Tick, if considered []	Use of variant codes and/or other groups (e.g. clock-time)
Does the application include provision to reference other transmissions carrying the same service?	Tick, if considered []	PI and AF
Does the application include an additional layer of error protection?	Tick, if considered []	RDS already has considerable capability
Does the application include encryption?	Tick, if considered []	
Does the application include data compression?	Tick, if considered []	
Have you defined the capacity requirements for the application?	Tick, if considered []	
Have you defined the capacity requirements for the AID under normal conditions?	Tick, if considered []	
Is your application able to assume and lose the use of a group type?	Tick, if considered []	
If so, have you defined the AID signalling when use of a channel is assumed?	Tick, if considered []	
If so, have you defined the AID signalling when use of the channel ceases?	Tick, if considered []	

Annex M (normative)

Coding of Radio Paging (RP)

M.1 General

The following radio paging systems are described in this annex:

- the basic paging protocol;
- the enhanced paging protocol.

While the basic protocol offers all the basic features necessary for a national service, the enhanced paging offers a great number of improvements such as:

- an easy-to-implement international service;
- multi-operator and/or multi-area paging services.

More than these features, the enhanced paging offers a dramatically increased battery life time.

The message labelling has also been improved: a message call counter and a repetition flag have been added for a better reliability of the paging service.

The following abbreviations are used in this annex.

CCF	C urrent C arrier F requency
CS	C ycle S election
CT	C lock T ime
ECC	E xtended C ountry C ode
EPP	E nhanced P aging P rotocol
IT	I n T erval N umbering
NI	N ational I nternational
OPC	O perator C ode
PAC	P aging A rea C ode
PIN	P rogramme I tem N umber
SI	S ystem I nformation
STY	S ub T ype group
VAS	V alue A dded S ervices

M.2 Basic paging protocol

M.2.1 Coding characteristics for paging

M.2.1.1 General

M.2.1.1.1 Group type 4A, clock-time and date (CT), is transmitted at the start of every minute.

NOTE The transmitted CT (see 6.1.5.6 and 6.2.3) must be accurate; otherwise the CT odes must all be set to zero.

M.2.1.1.2 Group type 1A, programme-item number (PIN), is transmitted at least once per second. The five last bits of its block 2 are used for radio paging codes as follows:

- bits B_4 - B_2 : 3-bit transmitter network group designation;
- bits B_1 - B_0 : battery saving interval synchronization and identification.

M.2.1.1.3 Group type 7A is used to convey the paging information.

M.2.1.2 Transmitter network group designation

The first three bits of the five last bits of block 2 of Group type 1A (radio paging codes, as defined in M.2.1.1.2) are used to designate the transmitter network to a group of pager group codes. Pagers not belonging to the designated group codes must not lock to the transmitter.

The group designations are as follows:

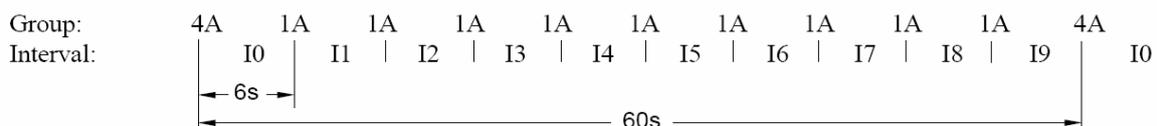
Table M.1 – Pager group codes

B_4	B_3	B_2	Group codes	Number of group codes
0	0	0	No basic paging on channel	
0	0	1	00-99	100
0	1	0	00-39	40
0	1	1	40-99	60
1	0	0	40-69	30
1	0	1	70-99	30
1	1	0	00-19	20
1	1	1	20-39	20

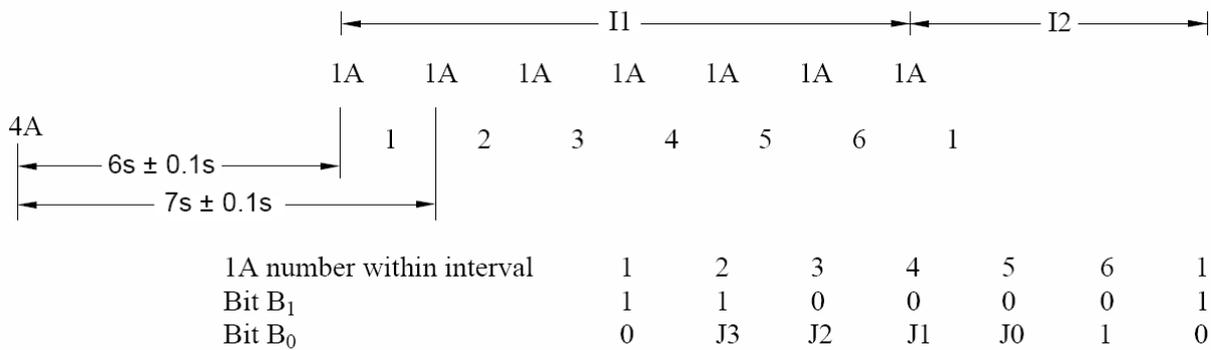
The transmitter network group designation makes it possible to distribute the paging calls over one to four networks, e.g. several networks during day-time and a single network during the night-time. The number of group codes in each network is shown below for the different number of networks in operation.

Number of transmitter networks	Number of group codes respectively
1	100
2	40/60
3	40/30/30
4	20/20/30/30

M.2.1.3 Transmission sequence (battery saving)



Timing within intervals:



For battery saving purposes, each minute is divided into ten intervals of equal length (I₀ ... I₉). Each paging receiver belongs to the interval corresponding to the last digit of its individual code (digit 0 belongs to I₀ and so on). Paging calls are placed within the interval corresponding to the last digit or within the two intervals following that interval.

To enable the receivers to synchronize to the correct interval, the last two bits, B₁ and B₀, of the five last bits of block 2 of Group type 1A are used. The start of an interval is indicated by the transmission of two 1A groups with B₁ = 1 (in interval I₀ the first 1A group is replaced by 4A). The first 1A (or 4A for I₀) group is transmitted at the start interval and the other 1 s later. Within an interval at least three more 1A groups are transmitted (bit B₁ = 0). Bit B₀ of 1A groups number 2, 3, 4 and 5 is used to sequentially transmit the four bits J₃, J₂, J₁, J₀ of the BCD-coded interval number 0 ... 9. Excessive 1A groups within an interval have their bit B₀ = 1.

For the paging receiver, 1 min is the interval between two consecutive 4A groups. This minute contains either 685 or 686 RDS groups. For the paging receiver, 1 s is the interval between two consecutive 1A groups. This second contains 11 or 12 RDS groups. Consequently, for a paging receiver, the duration of the relevant time intervals is equal to 1 s or 1 min plus or minus the length of one RDS group.

The receiver may enter battery saving mode after the start of its interval:

- if at least 10 groups differing from group type 7A have been received;
- if a paging call, belonging to an interval different from the receivers' own and the two preceding intervals, has been received;
- after the start of the third interval after its own interval.

The receiver shall be considered to have lost its interval synchronization:

- if there is a paging call within the receivers' own interval to a receiver not belonging to the interval or the two preceding intervals, or
- if an error-free reception of the interval marking (J₃, J₂, J₁, J₀) is not the one expected.

Checking of J₃, J₂, J₁, J₀ is not necessary each time the receiver leaves battery saving mode.

M.2.1.4 Locking to a channel

The receiver searches for one of the offset words A ... D. When this is found, it searches for the next expected offset word at a distance of: *n* times 26 bits, *n* = 1 ... 6. When two offset words have been found, the receiver is synchronized to both block and group. After block and group synchronization, the receiver must find the correct country code (within the PI-code) and group designation of the transmitter network.

When scanning the frequency band, block and group synchronization must occur within 1 s and correct country code and group designation must be found within 2 s after block and group synchronization. Otherwise the receiver must leave the channel.

When locking to the channel after battery saving mode, block and group synchronization and the reception of correct country code and transmitter group designation must occur within 15 s. Otherwise, the receiver shall leave the channel.

For quick scanning, the information about alternative frequencies in group type 0A may be used.

M.2.1.5 Loss of synchronization

Clockslip may be detected by using the fact that the programme identification (PI) code is rarely altered. By calculating the syndrome for this block and the block shifted plus/minus one bit, it is possible to see whether clockslip has occurred. If the information becomes correct after a one bit shift, it is considered that a clockslip has occurred, all received data is shifted accordingly and the receiver is correctly synchronized.

When 43 out of the last received 45 blocks have a syndrome different from zero (for the respective offset words), the channel locking is lost and the receiver shall scan the band for a better channel.

If the group code of the receiver is no longer in accordance with the transmitter group designation code, the receiver shall leave the channel and scan the band for a new channel.

M.2.1.6 Group type 7A message format

M.2.1.6.1 General

Group type 7A:

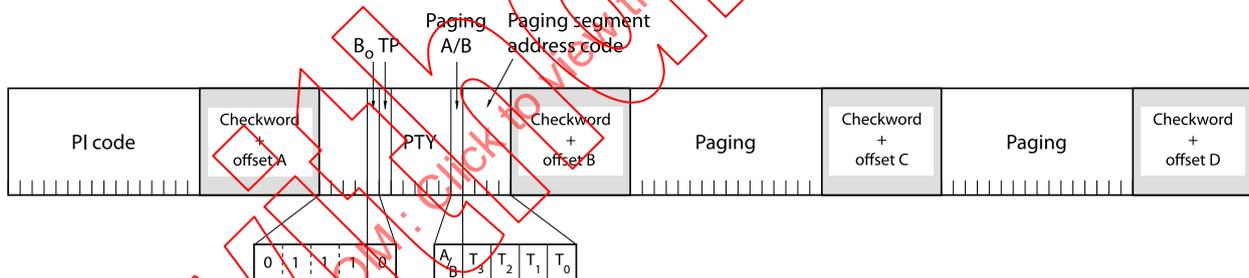


Figure M.1 – Group type 7A message format for Radio Paging

Block 1 comprises the PI code found as the first block of every RDS group type. Blocks 3 and 4 are used for paging information.

In block 2 the five last bits are used to control the paging information. Bit AB, paging A/B, is used as a flag which changes its value between different paging calls thus indicating the start of a new or repeated call. Bits T₃-T₀ are used as a 4-bit paging segment address code and to indicate the type of additional message that follows:

Table M.2 – Codes for additional message contents

T ₃	T ₂	T ₁	T ₀	Message contents:
0	0	0	0	No additional message
0	0	0	1	Part of functions message
0	0	1	X	10 digit numeric message or part of functions message
0	1	X	X	18 digit numeric message or 15 digit numeric message in international paging
1	X	X	X	Alphanumeric message
<i>X indicates state 0 or 1</i>				

M.2.1.6.2 Paging without an additional message

Group type 7A:

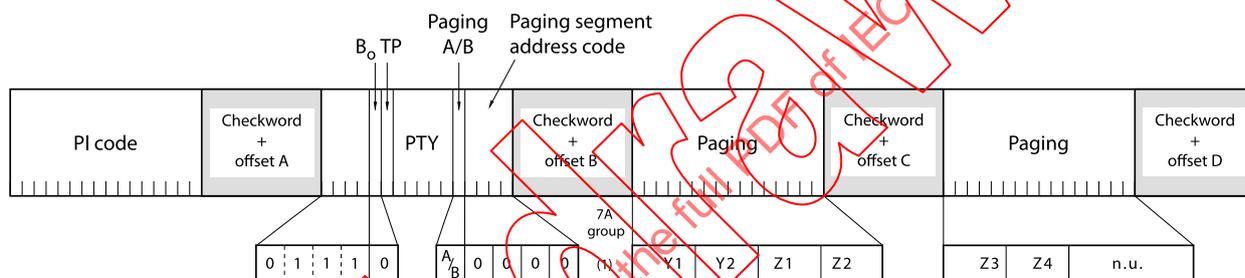


Figure M.2 – Group type 7A paging without an additional message

- Y₁Y₂ denotes the group code
- Z₁...Z₄ denotes the individual code within the group
- Y_n and Z_n denote BCD-coded digits 0 ... 9
- n.u. 8 last bits of block 4 not used.

The paging segment address code, used to indicate the contents of blocks 3 and 4, is set to 0000.

M.2.1.6.3 Paging with an additional numeric message

The additional numeric message is transmitted in one or two 7A groups following the first 7A group of the call. Other group types may be transmitted in between:

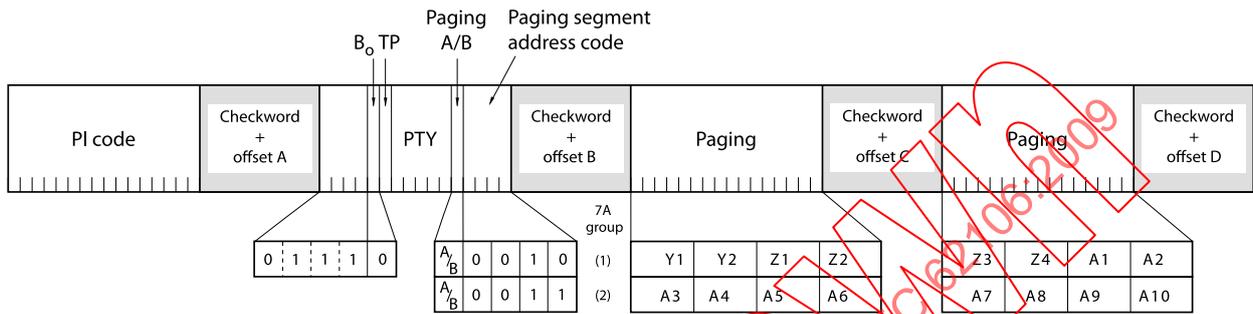
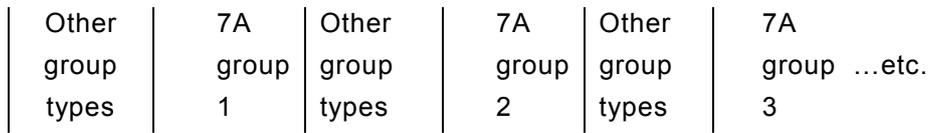


Figure M.3 – Group type 7A paging with an additional 10 digit message

Third 7A group only transmitted in case of an 18 digit message.

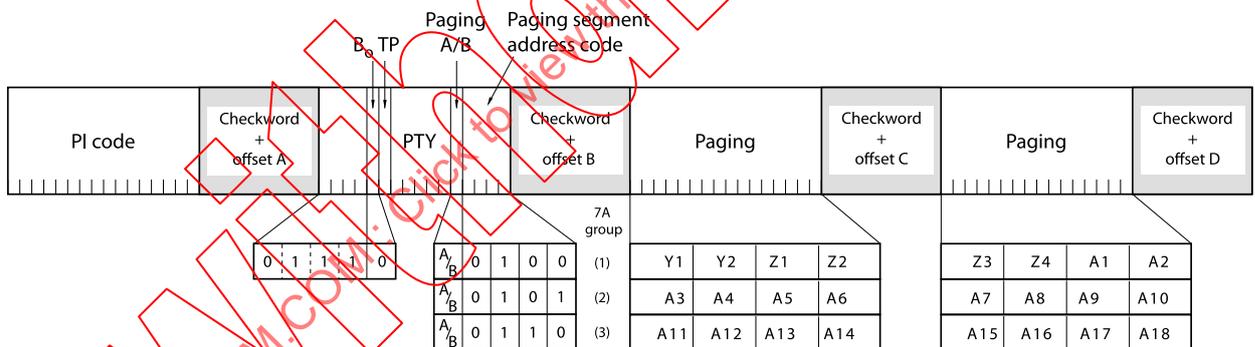


Figure M.4 – Group type 7A paging with an additional 18 digit message

The paging segment address code is used to indicate the contents of blocks 3 and 4 in respective groups:

Table M.3 – Paging segment address codes for 10 and 18 digit messages

T ₃	T ₂	T ₁	T ₀	Contents of blocks 3 and 4
				10 digit message:
0	0	1	0	Group and individual code Y1Y2 Z1...Z4 plus message digits A1...A2
0	0	1	1	Message digits A3...A10
				18 digit message:
0	1	0	0	Group and individual code Y1Y2 Z1...Z4 plus message digits A1...A2
0	1	0	1	Message digits A3...A10
0	1	1	0	Message digits A11...A18

Y1Y2 denotes the group code
 Z1...Z4 denotes the individual code within the group
 Y_n and Z_n denote BCD-coded digits 0 ... 9
 A1...A18 denotes the numeric message
 A_n denotes a hexadecimal character 0 ... A
 Hexadecimal A is used to indicate a space character in the message

A new or repeated call is marked by altering the "paging A/B" flag.

M.2.1.6.4 Paging with an additional alphanumeric message

The additional message is transmitted in consecutive 7A groups. Other group types may be transmitted in between.



Each of the groups contains 4 characters coded in 8 bits each

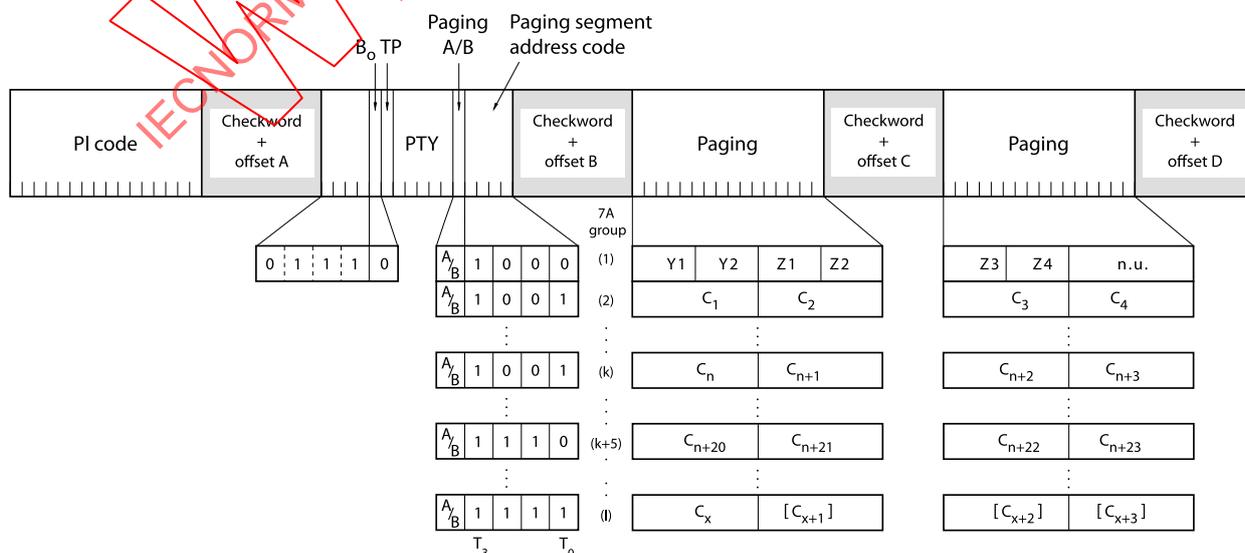


Figure M.5 – Group type 7A paging with an additional alphanumeric message

The paging segment address code is used to indicate the contents of blocks 3 and 4 in respective groups:

Table M.4 – Paging segment address codes for alphanumeric messages

T ₃	T ₂	T ₁	T ₀	Contents of blocks 3 and 4
1	0	0	0	Group and individual code Y1Y2 Z1 to Z4
1	0	0	1	Message characters C _n ...C _{n+3}
1	0	1	0	Message characters C _{n+4} ...C _{n+7}
1	0	1	1	Message characters C _{n+8} ...C _{n+11}
1	1	0	0	Message characters C _{n+12} ...C _{n+15}
1	1	0	1	Message characters C _{n+16} ...C _{n+19}
1	1	1	0	Message characters C _{n+20} ...C _{n+23}
1	1	1	1	End of alphanumeric message: last four or fewer message characters

Paging segment address code is repeated cyclically 1001 ... 1110 for every 24 characters of the message transmitted (*n* is increased by 24 for each cycle).

End of message is indicated by the transmission of paging segment address code 1111 or by a new call (indicated by altering the "paging A/B" flag).

Maximum length of message is 80 characters.

- Y1Y2 denotes the group code
- Z1...Z4 denotes the individual code within the group
- Y_n and Z_n denote BCD-coded digits 0 ... 9
- C_n...C_{n+23} denotes a message character coded in 8 bits according to Annex E
- n.u. 8 last bits of block 4 of Group 1 not used

M.2.1.6.5 International paging with an additional numeric 15 digit message

The additional numeric message is transmitted in two 7A groups following the first 7A group of the call. Other group types may be transmitted in between:

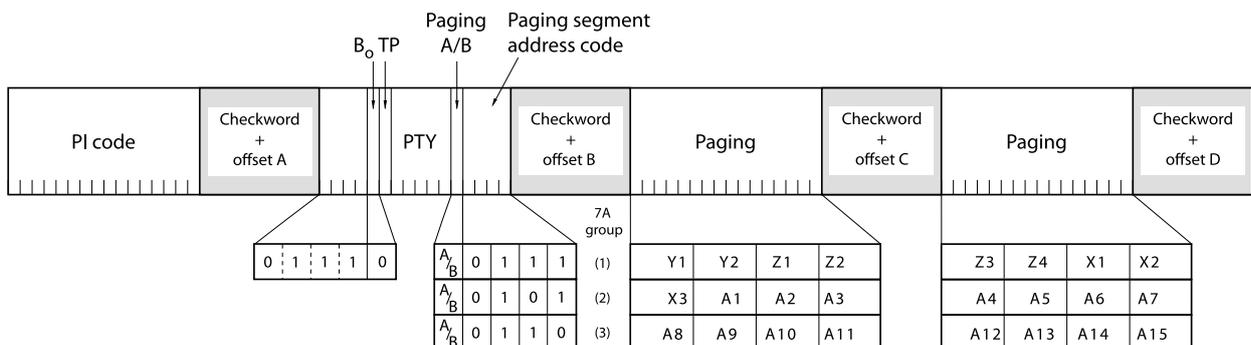
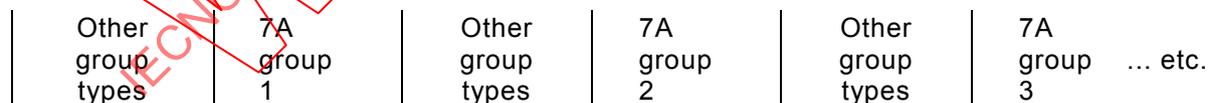


Figure M.6 – Group type 7A paging with an additional international 15 digit message

The paging segment address code is used to indicate the contents of blocks 3 and 4 in respective groups:

Table M.5 – Paging segment address codes for international 15 digit messages

T ₃	T ₂	T ₁	T ₀	Contents of blocks 3 and 4 International 15 digit message
0	1	1	1	Group and individual code plus country code digits 1 and 2
0	1	0	1	Country code digit 3 plus additional information digits 1 to 7
0	1	1	0	Additional information digits 8 to 15

- Y1Y2 denotes the group code
- Z1...Z4 denotes the individual code
- X1...X3 denotes the country code according to ITU-T Recommendation E.212
- X_n, Y_n and Z_n denote BCD-coded digits 0 ... 9
- A1...A15 denotes the additional numeric message
- A_n denotes a hexadecimal character 0 ... A.
Hexadecimal A is used to indicate a space character in the message.

A new or repeated call is marked by altering the "paging A/B" flag.

M.2.1.6.6 Functions message in international paging

The functions message is transmitted in one 7A group following the first 7A group of the call. Other group types may be transmitted in between:

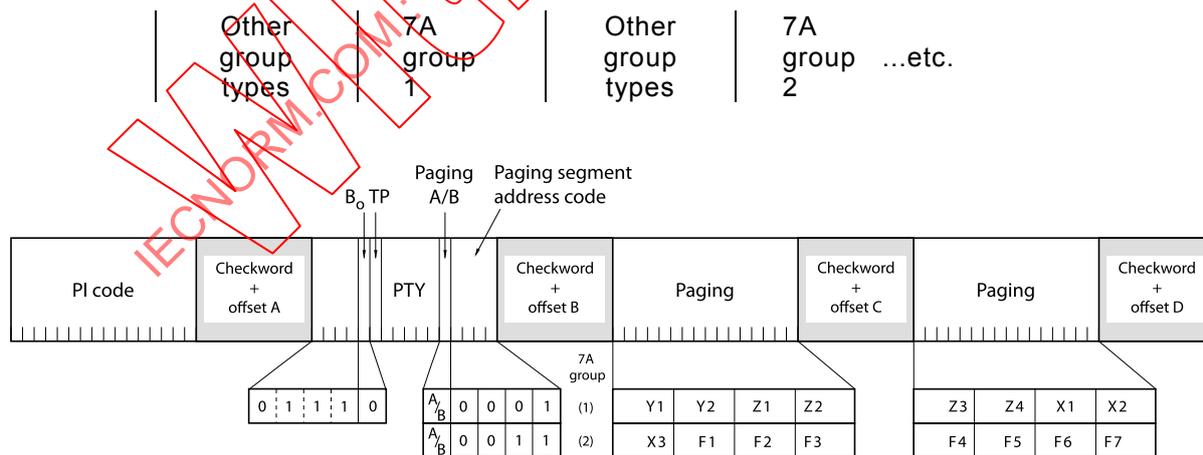


Figure M.7 – Functions message in international paging

The paging segment address code is used to indicate the contents of blocks 3 and 4 in the respective groups:

Table M.6 – Paging segment address codes for functions message

T ₃	T ₂	T ₁	T ₀	Contents of blocks 3 and 4 Functions message
0	0	0	1	Group and individual code plus country code digits 1 and 2
0	0	1	1	Country code digit 3 plus functions message numbers 1 to 7

Y1Y2	denotes the group code
Z1...Z4	denotes the individual code
X1...X3	denotes the country code according to ITU-T Recommendation E.212
X _n , Y _n and Z _n	denote BCD-coded digits 0 ... 9
F1...F7	denotes the functions message (e.g. for future applications such as control of paging receivers)
F _n	denotes a hexadecimal character 0 ... F

A new or repeated functions message is marked by altering the "paging A/B" flag.

M.3 Enhanced paging

M.3.1 General

Beside the paging system described in Clause M.2 that will be referred to as "basic paging", this clause introduces an "enhanced paging" protocol keeping the compatibility with the existing one.

The aim of enhanced paging protocol is to upgrade the battery life time of the pager, as well as easily permit regional and international paging, multi-operator and multi-services operation.

M.3.2 Multi-operator/area paging

In order to offer real international paging services, it is important to identify completely the country during the channel locking, and so to use the Extended Country Code (ECC) as defined in the 1A group, variant 0.

An Operator Code (OPC) is used to allow different operators to provide a paging service in the same country, as well as a Paging Area Code (PAC) which allows a paging service with a coverage different from a nation wide one.

OPC, PAC, ECC and country part of the PI code make up the System Information (SI) and identify a unique network worldwide.

As Group Designation code is no longer used, the sharing of subscribers is still possible with PAC, nonetheless it is possible for a **same operator** to use on the **same network** basic and enhanced paging protocols, in this case Group Designation is only relevant for pagers using basic protocol.

Several ways of transmitting System Information (SI) are possible and may be alternatively used on the same network either at the operator's choice or for compatibility of the paging protocol with other applications. By using the group type 1A block 4 to transmit SI information, setting to zero the day of the month, then the rest of the block will not be interpreted by receivers using PIN and thus is free for radio paging information.

NOTE This coding of block 4 applies to all variants of type 1A groups.

For efficient scanning and channel locking of the receivers, SI must be transmitted as often as possible and to preserve compatibility with existing paging systems, 1A groups sent as second markers will be used.

M.3.2.1 Paging area code

This code is defined for each country and operator. Six bits are assigned to enable the definition of 63 paging service areas.

The figure zero transmitted by an encoder means it sends messages for all paging areas of the paging service provider, and the figure zero assigned to a pager means that it belongs to all paging service areas and as a consequence does not need to look for PAC information.

M.3.2.2 Operator code

OPC allows to have more than one operator to function in a country. Within a country, each operator shall have its own unique code. OPC is coded on 4 bits to allow 15 operators.

The figure zero is not valid for an operator, and means that enhanced paging protocol is not implemented on the channel (see Note 1 in M.3.2.4.3).

M.3.2.3 Extended country code

In order to uniquely define each country for enhanced international service, ECC is used as defined in the 1A group, variant 0.

For the majority of pagers which are used in national mode, checking the country part of the PI code will be sufficient for channel locking, full ECC being checked in a second step, especially for pagers set in international mode.

M.3.2.4 Description of usage of 1A group variants for paging

M.3.2.4.1 Use of 1A variant 0 when PIN information is transmitted

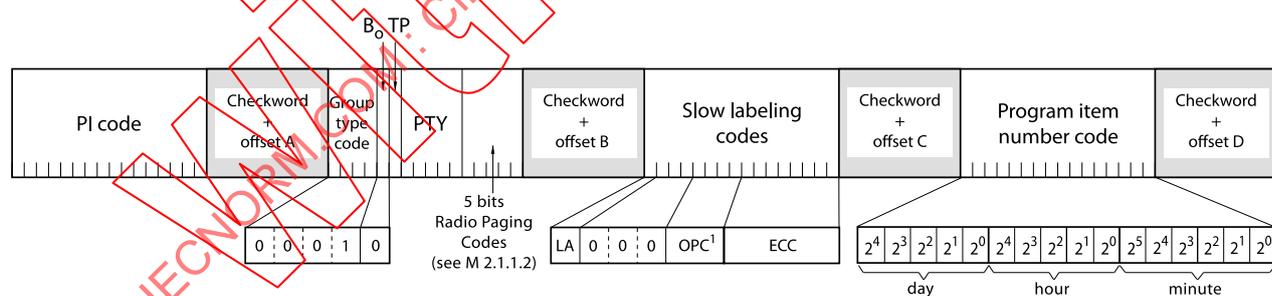


Figure M.8 – Variant 0 of 1A group with PIN

The 1A group, variant 0 is defined for transmitting ECC which is part of the paging System Information. The four bits 2^{11} - 2^8 of the slow labelling code (see Figures M.8 and M.10a) which are used to transmit the OPERator Code (OPC).

It is important that broadcasters using type 1A group, variant 0, without transmitting paging, set these four bits to zero.

Pagers for which PAC is set to zero do not need any more information than that contained in block 3 of variant 0 and PI's country part to lock to a channel.

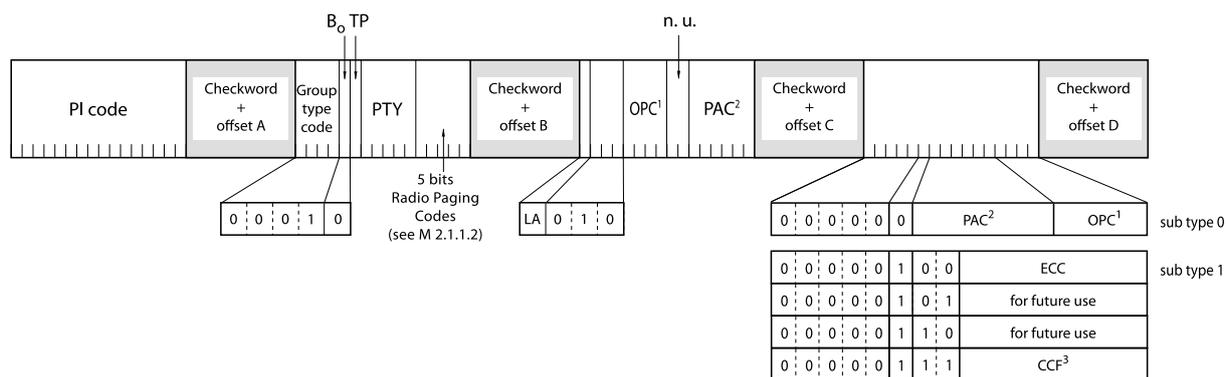


Figure M.10b – Variant 2 of 1A group without PIN

NOTE 1 OPC: Operator Code (see M.3.2.2). If these 4 bits are set to 0, it indicates that there is no enhanced paging service on the channel.

NOTE 2 PAC: Paging Area Code (see M.3.2.1).

NOTE 3 CCF: Current Carrier Frequency. This code represents the frequency value of the carrier to which the receiver is locked according to AF (see 6.2.1.6.1).

Figure M.10 – Variants of 1A group without PIN

The eleven remaining bits are used to transmit the paging System Information. This gives an efficient tool to preserve compatibility with applications requiring other 1A variants.

Bit 2^4 (hour information field of Figure M.9) is now used to define a subtype:

- if set to 0, the rest of the block transmits PAC in bits $2^3 - 2^0$ (hour information field of Figure M.9) and in bits $2^5 - 2^4$ (minute information field of Figure M.9), and OPC in bits $2^3 - 2^0$ (minute information field of Figure M.9);
- if set to 1, bits $2^3 - 2^2$ (hour information field of Figure M.9) are used to define a sub-usage code:

Table M.7 – Sub-usage codes

2^3	2^2	Usage of the remaining 8 bits
0	0	Transmit ECC
0	1	Reserved for future use, must be set to zero
1	0	Reserved for future use, must be set to zero
1	1	Transmit CCF

M.3.2.5 Compatibility with other RDS applications and timing of 1A groups

M.3.2.5.1 General rule

If no other RDS application using 1A group is broadcast on the network, it is strongly recommended to use variant 2 of the 1A group. The following paragraph explains the different possibilities.

M.3.2.5.2 Compatibility and timing of 1A groups

Group type 4A is transmitted at the start of every minute. Group type 1A is transmitted at least once per second. The OPC code is transmitted in the blocks 3 and 4 in order to allow

receivers to process a fast locking on or a fast leaving of the channel in case variants of 1A groups, different from 0 and 2, are transmitted.

A pager using enhanced protocol may alternatively find the relevant System Information (SI) in 1A group variant 0, 1A group variant 2 or in block 4 of any 1A group when no PIN is broadcast. This protocol allows to remain compatible with other applications as it will be recommended below.

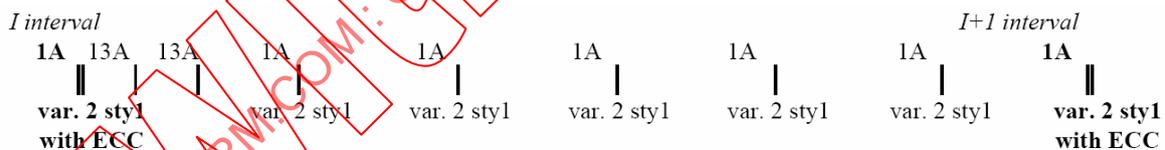
General remarks

1. *Var. means variant, sty means subtype.*
2. *In case of interval 0, the first 1A group is replaced by a 4A group. For M.3.2.5.2.3 and M.3.2.5.2.4, variant 0, subtype 0 is obligatory for 1A group as 2nd marker.*
3. *It is recommended to insert at least one type 1A group, variant 2, subtype 1 with ECC, or one type 1A group, variant 0, subtype 0 per interval as 1st marker, or as 2nd marker for interval 0.*
4. *1B groups are broadcast with valid PIN in order to respect the 0,5 s repetition time.*
5. *When two 1B groups are broadcast between two 1A groups, the first one must be as close as possible to the first 1A or 4A groups, and the second one must be as close as possible to the second 1A or 4A groups.*
6. *1B groups are 0,5 s apart from 1A groups.*
7. *The use of 1A group, variants 0 or 2 during the broadcasting of the PIN is obligatory, which means that the compatibility with other applications is restricted during this period (< 2 s).*
8. *13A groups are optional and are represented here for information only.*

M.3.2.5.2.1 Network not using PIN nor other variants of 1A group

SI is transmitted in 1A group variant 2 (ECC in block 4).

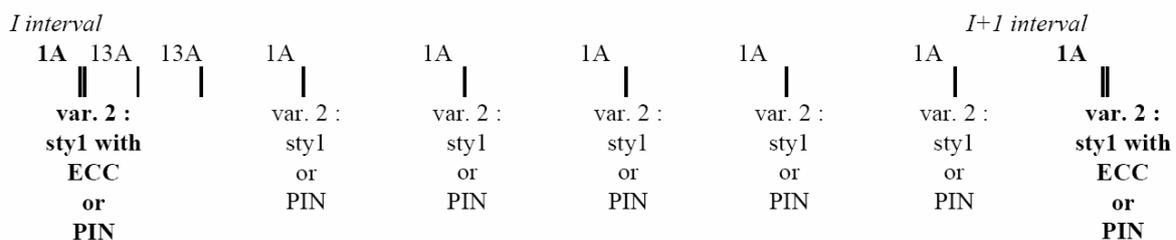
Start of:



M.3.2.5.2.2 Network using PIN but no other variants of 1A group

When no PIN information is valid, SI is transmitted in 1A group variant 2. When valid PIN information is present, SI is transmitted in 1A group variant 2, but ECC is not available.

Start of:

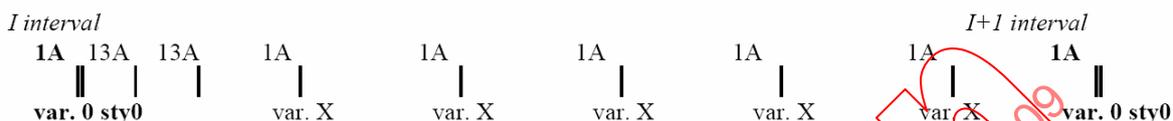


M.3.2.5.2.3 Network not using PIN but other variants of 1A group

A mixing of 1A group, variant 0 and variant X (X ≠ 0) will be used according to each system's requirements.

Beginning of a paging interval is always using a 1A group, variant 0, the PIN field is used to transmit SI when other variants of 1A group are transmitted.

Start of:



NOTE 1 If X ≠ 0 and X ≠ 2, subtype must be 0 in block 4.

NOTE 2 If X = 0, subtype can be either 0 or 1 interleaved.

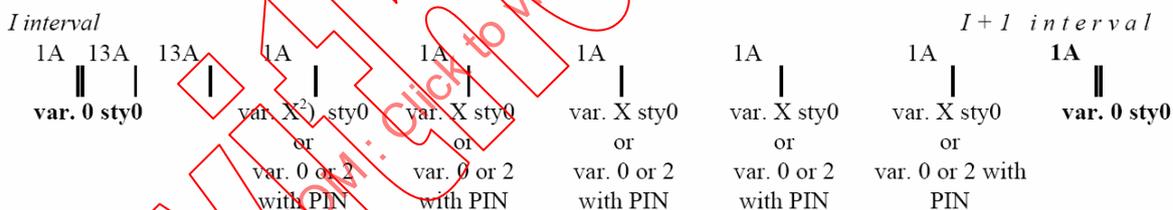
NOTE 3 If X = 2, subtype must be 1.

NOTE 4 var. x sty x means variant x, subtype x

M.3.2.5.2.4 Network using PIN and other variants of 1A group

A mixing of the above two methods is used, the only constraint being to transmit OPC every second, PAC each two seconds and ECC at least once in the interval.

Start of:



NOTE X ≠ 0 and X ≠ 2

M.3.2.6 Services using multi-operator/area

Knowing that that operator and area are coded individually, a pager can select the right network without any risk of error. Combinations of different operators and/or areas are possible by programming SI for all the elementary services in the pager.

M.3.2.7 Locking criteria

The pagers designed to be used with this new enhanced paging protocol must ignore the criteria described in M.2.1.4 and M.2.1.5, and respect the following ones:

- The pager searches for one of the offset words A...D. When this is found, it searches for the next expected offset word at a distance of: n times 26 bits, n = 1 ... 6. When two offset words have been found, the pager is synchronized to both block and group. After block and group synchronization, the pager must find the correct System Information (country part of the PI code, OPERator Code and Paging Area Code in the national mode, country part of the PI code, Extended Country Code and OPERator Code in the international mode). Otherwise, the pager must leave the channel.
- The pager shall leave the channel within 1 s if OPC (1A group) is set to 0.

- When scanning the frequency band, block and group synchronization must occur within 1 s and correct System Information must be found within 2 s (see NOTE) after block and group synchronization. Otherwise, the pager must leave the channel.

NOTE If PIN is broadcast at the same time, the pager must find the correct SI within 3 s after block and group synchronisation.

- When locking to the channel after battery saving mode, block and group synchronization and the reception of the correct System Information must occur within 2 s (see NOTE above). Otherwise, the pager must leave the channel.
- When locking to the channel after battery saving mode, the reception of the parity of the minute for pagers operating in the 120 s cycle mode must occur within 6 s.

M.3.2.8 Loss of synchronization

When 43 out of the last received 45 blocks have a syndrome different from 0 (for the respective offset words), the channel locking is lost and the pager shall scan the band for a better channel.

If the System Information is no longer in accordance with the one programmed in the pager, the pager shall leave the channel and scan the band for a new one.

M.3.2.9 International paging

To be able to receive international calls, the user must activate the pager's international mode. The pager contains a list of countries covered by the user's subscription with the relevant operator codes.

Because the user can forget to activate the pager's international mode, it is recommended that the pager first check ECC before displaying the first message after locking.

M.3.2.9.1 Selection of the channel

To select the correct channel, the pager must check the full SI. These codes, broadcast in 1A groups, are stored in a table which indicates to the pager which local operator is providing the international connection with its own paging service provider.

M.3.2.9.2 International alphanumeric/variable length numeric or function messages

The figures M.17, M.18 and M.19 describe the new international message format. The pager must check the 6-digit national address + the 3-digit country code (according to ITU-T Recommendation E.212) + the 4-bit OPC code, which together define its unique international address. This OPC code is the original one (from the national paging service provider) and has no link with the one broadcast in the 1A group.

M.3.3 Extension of paging addressing mode

The basic paging system allows 1 million addresses. Knowing that pagers have 2 or more addresses, and that transmitter network group designation can limit the use of address range, the coding is extended using hexadecimal coding instead of BCD coding. Only the digit Z4 (see M.2.1.6.2) of the individual address remains BCD-coded to keep the compatibility with interval numbering.

Thus the new total capacity becomes: $16^5 \times 10 = 10\,485\,760$ addresses.

This extension can be implemented on existing network independently of the other enhanced features, but must be introduced in case of enhanced paging protocol implementation.

For basic paging protocol, the group designation code assignment is described below.

Table M.8 – Group designation codes

B ₄	B ₃	B ₂	Group codes	Percentage
0	0	0	No basic paging on channel	
0	0	1	00 – FF	100
0	1	0	00 – 3F + A0 – DF	50
0	1	1	40 – 9F + E0 – FF	50
1	0	0	40 – 6F + E0 – EF	25
1	0	1	70 – 9F + F0 – FF	25
1	1	0	00 – 1F + A0 – BF	25
1	1	1	20 – 3F + C0 – DF	25

M.3.4 Battery saving mode

The principle of the battery saving mode described in M.2.1.3 is based on a time division of 10 intervals per minute during which only the pagers belonging to the transmitted interval (in accordance with digit Z4 of its individual code (see M.2.1.6.2)) are activated. The enhanced protocol provides tools to dramatically improve the performances achieved with basic paging in this field.

M.3.4.1 Message notification/13A groups sub type description

M.3.4.1.1 General

The 13A group is organised in subtypes. Subtypes 0, 1 and 2 are transmitted at the beginning of each interval (just following the first 1A group), this group informs the pager of the possibility of presence of messages: if there is no message, the pager can immediately enter the battery saving mode instead of waiting until the end of its interval.

If the pager misses the 13A group, it must follow the rules described in M.3.4.4.

By transmitting the number of the current interval at the beginning of the interval instead of collecting it in many 1A groups, the acquisition can be optimised, thus improving the battery life time.

M.3.4.1.2 Message notification

Each pager is identified by a group code Y1Y2 followed by an individual code Z1Z2Z3Z4 (see M.2.1.6.2).

The last digit Z4 indicates the interval number. The Z2Z3 digits determine a subgroup for message notification to which a pager belongs. Thus 256 subgroups have been defined (00-FF).

For a given interval and a given minute, the 256 subgroups are represented by 50 bits transmitted in two 13A groups, each bit indicating if a message for at least one pager belonging to the corresponding subgroup will be transmitted during the considered interval. However, one 13A group can be used instead of two, if type 7A group traffic is important, which is the case for alphanumeric messages. In that case, only 25 notification bits are used.

In the worst case of traffic, it is even possible to skip 13A group transmission.

The correspondence between the hexadecimal-coded Z2Z3 digits and the address notification bit, is given in the Tables M.17, M.18 and M.19.

The address notification bit is set to 1 if at least one pager belonging to a subgroup attached to this notification bit will receive a message, otherwise, the address notification bit is set to 0.

M.3.4.1.3 Subtype description

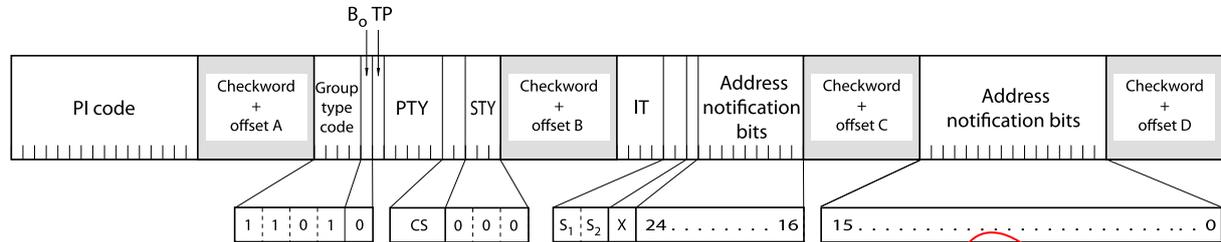


Figure M.11a – Subtype 000 – Group type 13A

The 13A group, subtype 000, is used when only 25 address notification bits (one 13A group) are used. This group is located immediately after the 1A group starting the interval.

STY denotes the subtype of the group.

X is reserved for future use.

CS (Cycle Selection) denotes the parity of the minute if a 2 min cycle is implemented, and indicates if only a 1 min cycle or a mixing of both (1 min and 2 min cycle) is implemented.

Table M.9 – Cycle selection codes

CS		
0	0	1 min cycle
0	1	reserved for future use
1	0	2 min cycle or mixed (even)
1	1	2 min cycle or mixed (odd)

IT denotes the paging interval numbering.

S₁ and **S₂** indicate whether messages are sorted or not.

Table M.10 – Message sorting codes

S ₁	S ₂	
0	0	not sorted
0	1	reserved for future use
1	0	sorted in ascending order
1	1	sorted in descending order

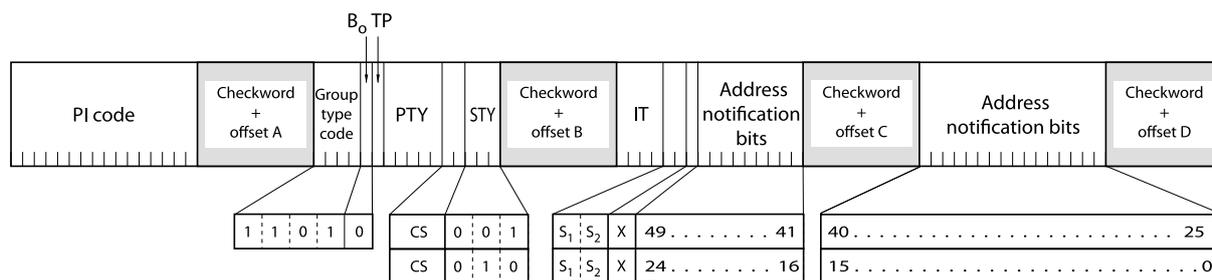


Figure M.11b – Subtype 001 and 010 – Group type 13A

The 13A group, subtype 001, is used when 50 address notification bits (two 13A groups) are used. This group is located immediately after the 1A group starting the interval and represents high order notification bits.

The 13A group, subtype 010, is the second of the two 13A groups when 50 address notification bits (two 13A groups) are used. This group is located immediately after the 13A group, subtype 001, and represents low order notification bits.

Figure M.11 – Group type 13A

Warning

The address notification bits do not refer to the same pagers subgroups in subtypes 000 (25 bits) and 001 with 010 (50 bits).

The subtype 011 will be used to carry information for Value Added Services (VAS) pagers.

M.3.4.2 One or two minute cycles

M.3.4.2.1 Cycle structure

A 120 s or 60 s main cycle is used depending on the pager programming. A pager operating on a 120 s cycle wakes up from battery saving mode once every 2 min either during an even or odd minute according to its Z3 digit (see M.3.6). A pager operating on a 60 s cycle wakes up from battery saving mode once every minute.

The 1A group cycle structure is described in M.3.2.5.

If no 13A group is broadcast or if the receiver cannot decode the CS correctly, 1 min cycle time has to be followed.

M.3.4.2.2 Priority between the different kinds of group

When 13A groups are used, they must follow immediately the 1A or 4A group (subtypes 000, subtypes 001 or 010).

Either zero, one or two 13A groups may be used, and the number may be changed dynamically by the operator or encoder as a function of paging traffic.

13A groups will be inserted automatically by encoders.

M.3.4.2.3 Loss of interval synchronization

The pager shall be considered to have lost its interval synchronization if any of the following criteria is fulfilled:

- if there is a paging call within the pager's own interval to a pager not belonging to the interval or the two preceding intervals; or
- the interval value received from a 13A or 1A groups is not the one expected; or
- the parity of the minute is not the one expected for 2 min cycle receivers.

M.3.4.3 Organisation of the messages within an interval

At the broadcaster's discretion messages may be sent in random order or with the individual address value of the pager sorted, 2 min in ascending order and 2 min in descending order. A pager may enter battery saving mode when its address has been passed.

M.3.4.4 Battery saving mode criteria

The pagers designed to be used with this new enhanced paging protocol must ignore the criteria described in paragraph M.2.1.3

The pager may enter the battery saving mode after the start of its own interval if any of the following criteria is fulfilled:

- if at least 10 groups differing from 7A group have been received;
- if a paging call, belonging to an interval different from the pagers' own and the two preceding intervals, has been received;
- after the start of the third interval after its own interval;
- if the address notification bits in the beginning of the interval in the 13A subgroup types 000, 001 or 010 corresponding to the pager's address are set to zero and the related 13A groups have been received correctly;
- if at least one paging call having individual address value below or above the pager's own (according to the sorting order) has been received.

M.3.5 Group type 7A message format

M.3.5.1 General

The group type 7A message format is as described in the chapter M.2.1.6, without any change. Table M.2 is extended to new types of messages:

Table M.11 – Codes for message types

T ₃	T ₂	T ₁	T ₀	Message contents:
0	0	0	0	No additional message
0	0	0	1	Part of functions message
0	0	1	X	10 digit numeric message or part of functions message
0	1	X	X	18 digit numeric message or 15 digit numeric message in international paging
1	X	X	X	Variable-length message
1	1	1	1	Last group of a variable-length message
<i>X indicates state 0 or 1</i>				

NOTE If variable-length (numeric, international numeric, international alphanumeric, functions, international functions) or tone-only paging calls are received by pagers designed according to the specification EN 50067:1992 then incorrect displays of messages may result.

M.3.5.2 Paging without additional message: Tone-only message

The value of the control byte X1X2 is: 0 0 0 R P3 P2 P1 P0 (see Table M.12)

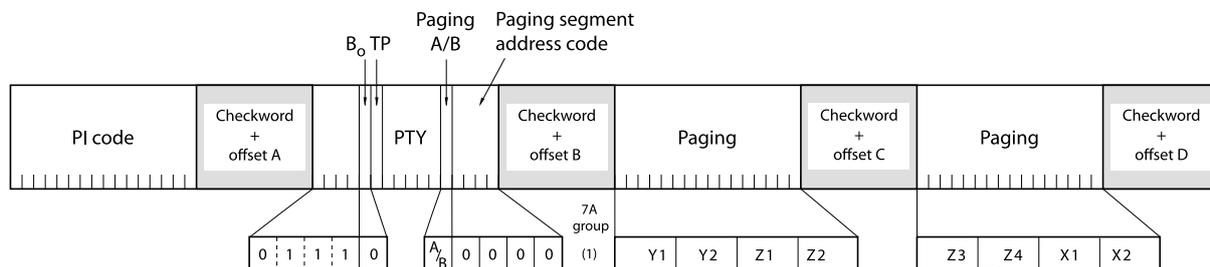


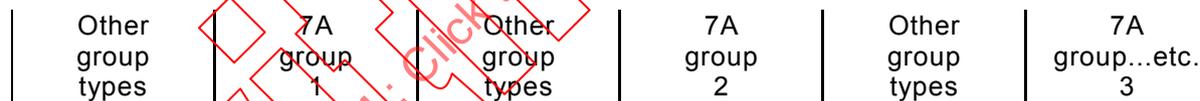
Figure M.12 – Tone-only message

- Y1Y2 denotes the group code
- Z1 ... Z4 denotes the individual code within the group
- X1X2 denotes the control byte
- Z4 BCD-coded digit 0 ... 9
- Xn, Yn and Z1...Z3 hexadecimal character 0 ... F

The paging segment address code, used to indicate the contents of blocks 3 and 4, is set to 0000. The control byte X1X2 is defined in M.3.5.3.

M.3.5.3 Paging with additional variable-length message

The additional message is transmitted in consecutive 7A groups. Other group types may be transmitted in between:



The contents of each group is relative to the type of the variable-length message.

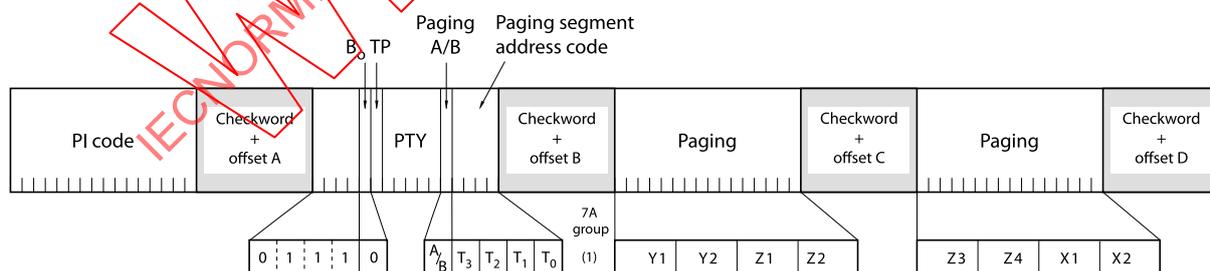


Figure M.13 – First 7A group of a variable-length message

- Y1Y2 denotes the group code
- Z1...Z4 denotes the individual code within the group
- X1X2 denotes the control byte
- Z4 BCD-coded digit 0 ... 9
- Xn, Yn and Z1...Z3 hexadecimal character 0 ... F

The control byte is used to indicate the type of the variable-length message; it also includes a paging call counter and a paging call repetition flag.

Table M.12 – Description of the control byte

Paging segment address code (in the 2nd block of each 7A group)				Control byte X1X2 (last byte of the 4th block of the 1st 7A group)								Type of the message
T ₃	T ₂	T ₁	T ₀	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	
0	0	0	0	E ₂	E ₁	E ₀	R	P ₃	P ₂	P ₁	P ₀	Tone-only message
1	X	X	X	0	0	NI	R	P ₃	P ₂	P ₁	P ₀	Alphanumeric message
1	X	X	X	0	1	NI	R	P ₃	P ₂	P ₁	P ₀	Variable-length numeric message
1	X	X	X	1	0	NI	R	P ₃	P ₂	P ₁	P ₀	Reserved for future use
1	X	X	X	1	1	NI	R	P ₃	P ₂	P ₁	P ₀	Variable-length functions message

Bits 9 and 10 denote the type of the variable-length message

NI denotes the national/international bit

NI = 0: National message

NI = 1: International message

R denotes the paging call repetition flag

P₀ ... P₃ denote the paging call counter

E₂, E₁, E₀ denote the extended message field for tone-only messages. Use according to Operator's definition.

Table M.13 – Use of paging call repetition flag

Bit 12 (R)	Description
0	Indicates the original (first time) transmission of a paging call, or that the repetition flag is not implemented
1	Indicates the repetition of an already transmitted paging call

Bits 13-16, designated as P₃-P₀, form the paging call counter. The counter is individual to each receiver address number (see NOTE), and is incremented by 1 every time a call is initially sent to the receiver address number, independent of the message type used. When the call is repeated, the counter must have the same value as originally sent.

NOTE The receiver address number is the Group code + the individual code = Y1Y2Z1Z2Z3Z4.

The paging call counter may be used in the receiver to indicate that no messages have been lost.

Valid values for the paging call counter are 1 to 15, while the value 0 is used when the paging call counter is not implemented. The paging call counter is used in a loop so that value 1 will follow after value 15.

M.3.5.4 National paging with additional alphanumeric message

The value of the control byte X1X2 is: 0 0 NI R P₃ P₂ P₁ P₀ with NI = 0

Each of the groups contains 4 characters coded in 8 bits each.

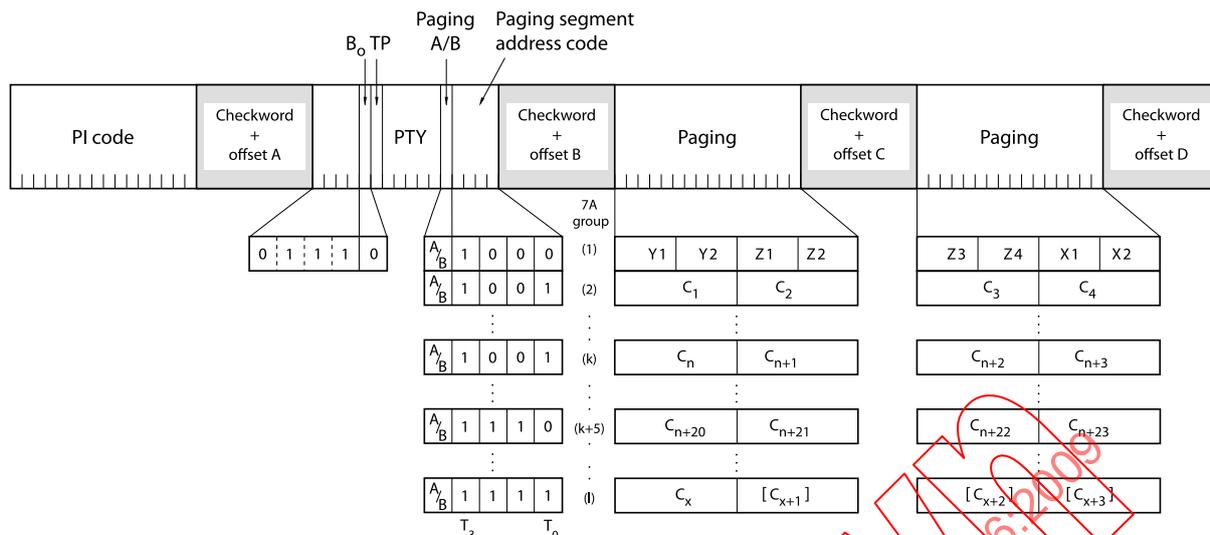


Figure M.14 – Group type 7A national paging with additional alphanumeric message

The paging segment address code is used to indicate the contents of blocks 3 and 4 in respective groups:

Table M.14 – Paging segment address codes for alphanumeric message

T ₃	T ₂	T ₁	T ₀	Contents of blocks 3 and 4
1	0	0	0	Group and individual code Y1Y2 Z1 to Z4 and control byte X1X2
1	0	0	1	Message characters C _n ... C _{n+3}
1	0	1	0	Message characters C _{n+4} ... C _{n+7}
1	0	1	1	Message characters C _{n+8} ... C _{n+11}
1	1	0	0	Message characters C _{n+12} ... C _{n+15}
1	1	0	1	Message characters C _{n+16} ... C _{n+19}
1	1	1	0	Message characters C _{n+20} ... C _{n+23}
1	1	1	1	End of alphanumeric message: last four or fewer message characters

Paging segment address code is repeated cyclically 1001 ... 1110 for every 24 characters of the message transmitted (*n* is increased by 24 for each cycle).

End of message is indicated by the transmission of paging segment address code 1111 or by a new call (indicated by altering the "paging A/B" flag).

Recommended maximum length of message is 80 characters.

- Y1Y2 denotes the group code
- Z1...Z4 denotes the individual code within the group
- X1X2 denotes the control byte

- Z4 BCD-coded digit 0 ... 9
- Xn, Yn and Z1...Z3 hexadecimal character 0 ... F
- Cn...Cn+23 denotes a message character coded in 8 bits according to Table E.1.

M.3.5.5 National paging with additional variable-length numeric message

The value of the control byte X1X2 is: 0 1 NI R P3 P2 P1 P0 with NI = 0

Each of the groups contains 8 digits coded in 4 bits each.

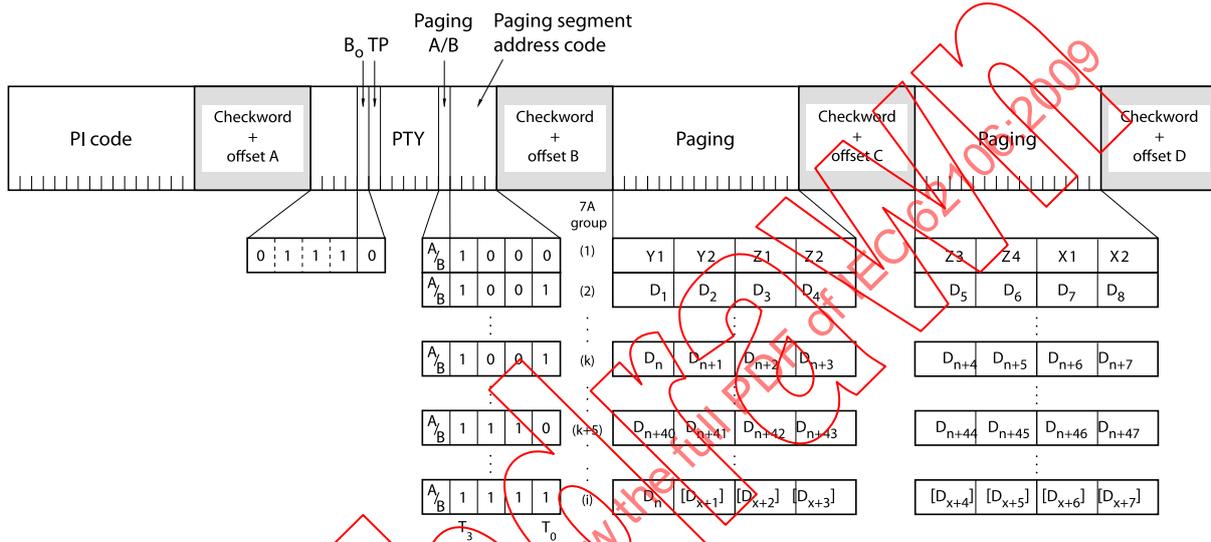


Figure M.15 – Group type 7A national paging with additional variable-length numeric message

The paging segment address code is used to indicate the contents of blocks 3 and 4 in respective groups:

Table M.15 – Paging segment address codes for variable length numeric message

T ₃	T ₂	T ₁	T ₀	Contents of blocks 3 and 4
1	0	0	0	Group and individual code Y1Y2 Z1 to Z4 and control byte X1X2
1	0	0	1	Message digits D _n ...D _{n+7}
1	0	1	0	Message digits D _{n+8} ...D _{n+15}
1	0	1	1	Message digits D _{n+16} ...D _{n+23}
1	1	0	0	Message digits D _{n+24} ...D _{n+31}
1	1	0	1	Message digits D _{n+32} ...D _{n+39}
1	1	1	0	Message digits D _{n+40} ...D _{n+47}
1	1	1	1	End of variable-length numeric message: last eight or fewer message digits

The paging segment address code is repeated cyclically 1001 ... 1110 for every 48 digits of the message transmitted (n is increased by 48 for each cycle).

End of message is indicated by the transmission of paging segment address code 1111 or by a new call (indicated by altering the "paging A/B" flag).

Recommended maximum length of message is 160 digits.

- Y1Y2 denotes the group code
- Z1...Z4 denotes the individual code within the group
- X1X2 denotes the control byte
- Z4 BCD-coded digit 0 ... 9
- Xn, Yn and Z1...Z3 hexadecimal character 0 ... F
- Dn...Dn+47 denotes a hexadecimal character 0 ... A

Hexadecimal A is used to indicate a space character in the message

M.3.5.6 National paging with additional variable-length functions message

The value of the control byte X1X2 is: 1 1 NI R P3 P2 P1 P0 with NI = 0

Each of the groups contains 8 digits coded in 4 bits each

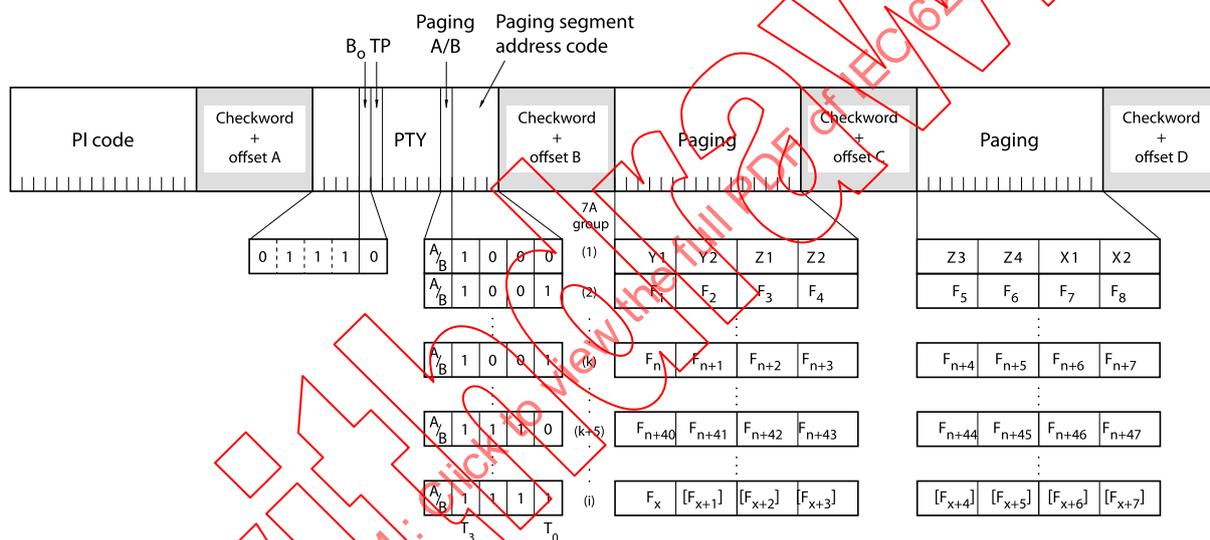


Table M.16 – Paging segment address codes for variable length functions message

T_3	T_2	T_1	T_0	Contents of blocks 3 and 4
1	0	0	0	Group and individual code Y1Y2 Z1 to Z4 and control byte X1X2
1	0	0	1	Message digits $F_{n...}F_{n+7}$
1	0	1	0	Message digits $F_{n+8...}F_{n+15}$
1	0	1	1	Message digits $F_{n+16...}F_{n+23}$
1	1	0	0	Message digits $F_{n+24...}F_{n+31}$
1	1	0	1	Message digits $F_{n+32...}F_{n+39}$
1	1	1	0	Message digits $F_{n+40...}F_{n+47}$
1	1	1	1	End of variable-length functions message: last eight or fewer message digits

The paging segment address code is repeated cyclically 1001 ... 1110 for every 48 digits of the message transmitted (n is increased by 48 for each cycle).

End of message is indicated by the transmission of paging segment address code 1111 or by a new call (indicated by altering the "paging A/B" flag).

Recommended maximum length of message is 160 digits.

Y1Y2 denotes the group code
 Z1...Z4 denotes the individual code within the group
 X1X2 denotes the control byte
 Z4 BCD-coded digit 0 ... 9
 $X_n, Y_n, Z_1...Z_3$ and $F_{n...}F_{n+47}$ hexadecimal character 0 ... F
 Hexadecimal A is used to indicate a space character in the message

The variable-length functions messages can be used for example to program the pagers over the air. No special dedicated protocol is currently defined.

M.3.5.7 International paging with additional variable-length message

The bit NI (bit 11 in the control byte, see Table M.12) is set to "1".

For all types of variable-length messages (alphanumeric, numeric and functions), the country code, according to ITU-T Recommendation E.212, is added in the 3rd block of the second 7A group. This code is three BCD-coded digits long.

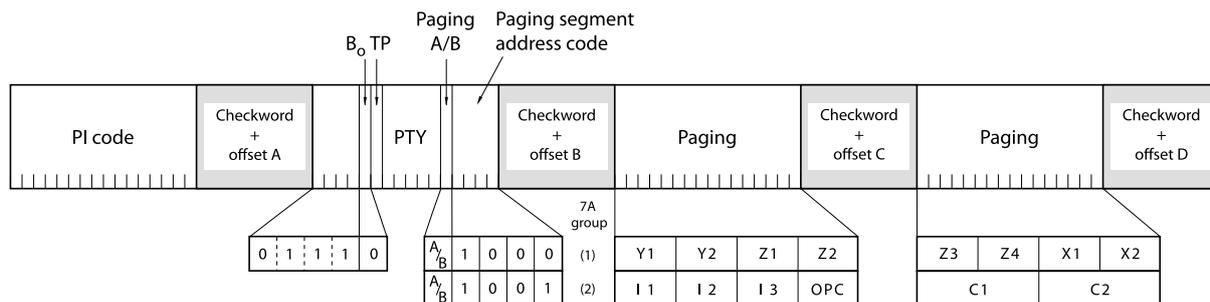


Figure M.17 – The two first 7A groups of an international alphanumeric message

The value of the control byte X1X2 is: 0 0 NI R P3 P2 P1 P0 with NI = 1

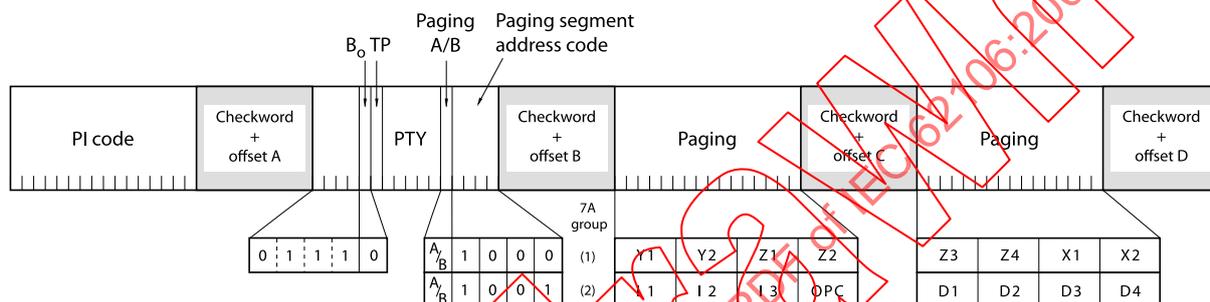


Figure M.18 – The two first 7A groups of an international variable-length numeric message

The value of the control byte X1X2 is: 0 1 NI R P3 P2 P1 P0 with NI = 1

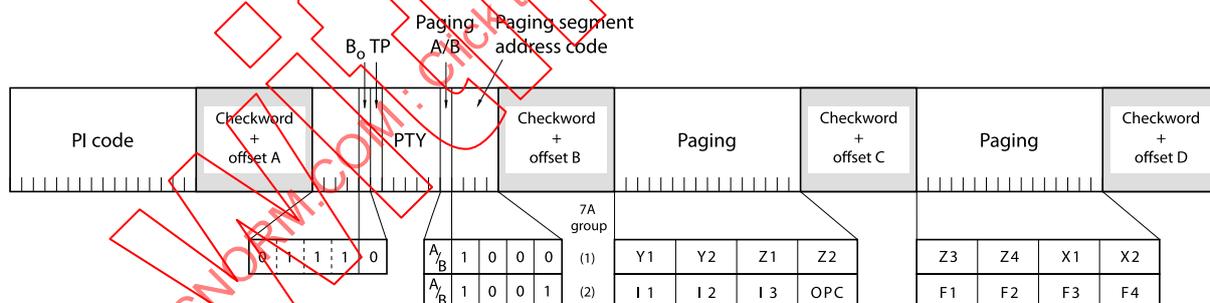


Figure M.19 – The two first 7A groups of an international variable-length functions message

The value of the control byte X1X2 is: 1 1 NI R P3 P2 P1 P0 with NI = 1

- Y1 Y2 denotes the group code
- Z1 ... Z4 denotes the individual code within the group
- X1 X2 denotes the control byte
- I1 I2 I3 denotes the country code according to ITU-T Recommendation E.212
- I1...I3 and Z4 BCD-coded digits 0 ... 9
- Xn, Yn and Z1...Z3 hexadecimal character 0 ... F
- C_n ... C_{n+23} denotes a message character coded in 8 bits according to annex E, Table E.1
- D_n ... D_{n+47} denotes a hexadecimal character 0 ... A

	Hexadecimal A is used to indicate a space character in the message
$F_n \dots F_{n+47}$	denotes a hexadecimal character 0 ... F
OPC	Operator Code (see Note 1 below Figure M.10b)

The recommended maximum length of an international alphanumeric message is 78 characters.

The recommended maximum length of an international variable-length numeric message is 156 digits.

The recommended maximum length of an international variable-length functions message is 156 digits.

M.3.6 Address notification bit versus Pager individual address

The individual address of a pager is made of a group code (Y1Y2) and an individual code (Z1Z2Z3Z4). The Z2Z3 digits determine a subgroup to which the pager is linked.

Z2Z3 are hexadecimal-coded, which determine 256 subgroups.

To improve the battery life time of the pager, address notification bits are allocated in 13A groups and are allocated to several of the 256 sub groups. If a message for at least one pager belonging to the corresponding subgroup is going to be transmitted, the address notification bit attached to this subgroup is set to 1.

The following table is given by

address notification bit = INTEGER	decimal-coded Z2 Z3
	$\left[\frac{256}{50} \right]$

Table M.17 – Address notification (50 bits)

		Z3															
		0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	A	B	C	D	E	F
Z2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	1	1	2	2	2	2	2
	1	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	5	5	5	5	5	6
	2	6	6	6	6	7	7	7	7	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	9
	3	9	9	9	9	10	10	10	10	10	11	11	11	11	11	12	12
	4	12	12	12	13	13	13	13	13	14	14	14	14	14	15	15	15
	5	15	15	16	16	16	16	16	16	17	17	17	17	17	18	18	18
	6	18	18	19	19	19	19	19	20	20	20	20	20	21	21	21	21
	7	21	22	22	22	22	22	23	23	23	23	23	24	24	24	24	24
	8	25	25	25	25	25	25	26	26	26	26	26	27	27	27	27	27
	9	28	28	28	28	28	29	29	29	29	29	30	30	30	30	30	31
A	31	31	31	31	32	32	32	32	32	33	33	33	33	33	33	34	
B	34	34	34	34	35	35	35	35	35	36	36	36	36	36	37	37	
C	37	37	37	38	38	38	38	38	39	39	39	39	39	40	40	40	
D	40	40	41	41	41	41	41	41	42	42	42	42	42	43	43	43	
E	43	43	44	44	44	44	44	45	45	45	45	45	46	46	46	46	

50 address notification bits are allocated

NOTE Rows 8 to F can be obtained by adding 25 to rows 0 to 7.

