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ISO/IEC 24730 consists of the following parts, under the general title *Information technology — Real time locating systems (RTLS)*:

— *Part 1: Application program interface (API)*

— *Part 2: Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) 2,4 GHz air interface protocol*

— *Part 21: Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) 2,4 GHz air interface protocol: Transmitters operating with a single spread code and employing a DBPSK data encoding and BPSK spreading scheme*

— *Part 22: Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) 2,4 GHz air interface protocol: Transmitters operating with multiple spread codes and employing a QPSK data encoding and Walsh offset QPSK (WOQPSK) spreading scheme*

— *Part 5: Chirp spread spectrum (CSS) at 2,4 GHz air interface*

— *Part 6: Ultra Wide Band Air Interface protocol*

— *Part 61: Low rate pulse repetition frequency Ultra Wide Band (UWB) air interface*

— *Part 62: High rate pulse repetition frequency Ultra Wide Band (UWB) air interface*

Introduction

ISO/IEC 24730 defines a single application program interface (API) for real time locating systems (RTLs) for use in asset management and is intended to allow for compatibility and to encourage interoperability of products for the growing RTLS market. ISO/IEC 24730 also defines two air interface protocols, as follows: ISO/IEC 24730-2, based on a direct sequence spread spectrum (DSSS) and ISO/IEC 24730-5, based on a chirp spread spectrum (CSS) technique.

This part of ISO/IEC 24730, the direct sequence spread spectrum (DSSS) 2,4 GHz air interface protocol, establishes a technical standard for real time locating systems that operate at an internationally available 2,4 GHz frequency band and is intended to provide approximate location with frequent updates (for example, several times a minute). In order to be compliant with this part of ISO/IEC 24730, compliance with ISO/IEC 24730-1 is also required.

Real time locating systems are wireless systems with the ability to locate the position of an item anywhere in a defined space (local/campus, wide area/regional, global) at a point in time that is, or is close to, present time. Position is derived by measurements of the physical properties of the radio link.

This part of ISO/IEC 24730 specifies the air interface for a system that locates an asset in a controlled area, e.g. warehouse, campus and airport, with accuracy to 3 m or less.

There are two additional methods of locating an object which are really RFID rather than RTLS:

— locating an asset by virtue of the fact that the asset has passed point A at a certain time and has not passed point B;

— locating an asset by virtue of providing a homing beacon whereby a person with a handheld device can find an asset.

The method of location is through identification and location, generally through multi-lateration. The different types are

— Time of Arrival (ToA) / Time of Flight Ranging Systems,

— Amplitude / Received Signal Strength Triangulation,

— Time Difference of Arrival (TDoA), and

— Angle of Arrival (AoA).

This part of ISO/IEC 24730 defines the air interface protocol needed for the creation of an RTLS system.

Although there are many types of location algorithms that could be used, one example of a location algorithm is provided in Annex A of ISO/IEC 24730-21.

ISO/IEC 24730-22 defines the air interface protocol needed for the reader synchronization essential for the location method based on timing information, such as Time Difference of Arrival (TDoA).

Although there are many types of reader synchronization methods that could be used, an example of RTLS reader synchronization is provided in Annex A of ISO/IEC 24730-22.

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Part 2:
Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) 2,4 GHz air interface protocol

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 24730 is comprised of this main document and two additional parts, ISO/IEC 24730-21 and ISO/IEC 24730-22, and defines a networked location system that provides X-Y coordinates and data telemetry. The system utilizes real time locating systems (RTLS) transmitters that autonomously generate a direct sequence spread spectrum radio frequency beacon. These devices can be field programmable and support an optional exciter mode that allows modification of the rate of location update and location of the RTLS device. This part of ISO/IEC 24730 defines these modes, but does not define the means by which they are accomplished.

2 Normative references

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

ISO/IEC 24730-1, *Information technology — Real time locating systems (RTLS) — Part 1: Application program interface (API)*

ISO/IEC 18000-4:2008, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management — Part 4: Parameters for air interface communications at 2,45 GHz*

ISO/IEC 19762-1, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) techniques — Harmonized vocabulary — Part 1: General terms relating to AIDC*

ISO/IEC 19762-3, *Information technology — Automatic identification and data capture (AIDC) techniques — Harmonized vocabulary — Part 3: Radio frequency identification (RFID)*

ISO/IEC 15963, *Information technology — Radio frequency identification for item management — Unique identification for RF tags*

ISO/IEC 8802-11:2005, *Information technology — Telecommunications and information exchange between systems — Local and metropolitan area networks — Specific requirements — Part 11: Wireless LAN Medium Access Control (MAC) and Physical Layer (PHY) specifications*

ISO/IEC 24730-21:2011, *Information technology — Real time locating systems (RTLS) — Part 21: Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) 2,4 GHz air interface protocol: Transmitters operating with a single spread code and employing a DBPSK data encoding and BPSK spreading scheme*

ISO/IEC 24730-22:2011, *Information technology — Real time locating systems (RTLS) — Part 22: Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum (DSSS) 2,4 GHz air interface protocol: Transmitters operating with multiple spread codes and employing a QPSK data encoding and Walsh offset QPSK (WOQPSK) spreading scheme*

3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO/IEC 19762-1, ISO/IEC 19762-3 and the following apply.

3.1
air interface
conductor-free medium, usually air, between a transmitter and the receiver through which communication, e.g. data and telemetry, is achieved by means of a modulated inductive or propagated electromagnetic field

3.2
beacon
feature of an RTLS system architecture that utilizes transmitters that "blink" to produce a signal, and fixed position readers that receive those signals, thereby determining the x, y location of the transmissions

3.3
exciter
device that transmits a signal that alters the behaviour of an RTLS transmitter

3.4
host applications
customer's management information systems

3.5
open field
path from transmitter to receiver is LOS (Line Of Sight)

3.6
real time locating system (RTLS)
set of radio frequency receivers and associated computing equipment used to determine the position of a transmitting device relative to the placement of the aforementioned receivers that is capable of reporting that position within several minutes of the transmission used for determining the position of the transmission

NOTE Refer to Figure 1 for clarity regarding elements of RTLS infrastructure.

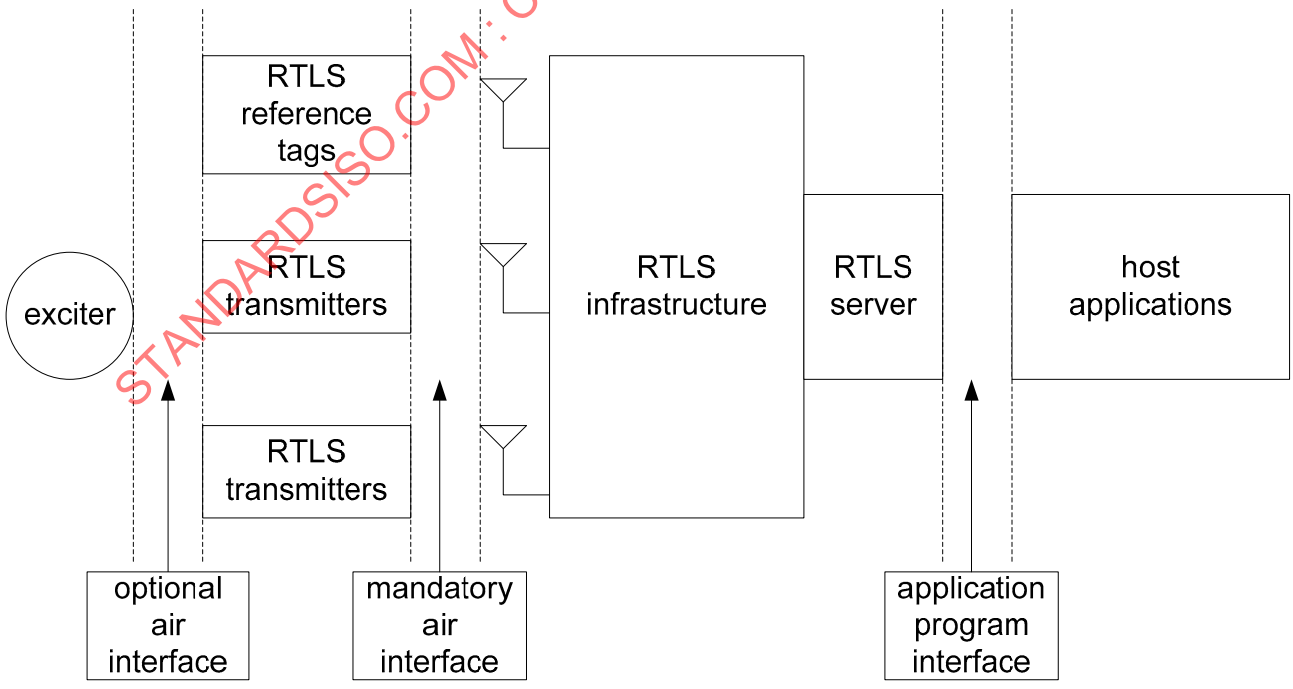

Figure 1 — Elements of RTLS infrastructure

3.7
RTLS infrastructure
system components existing between the air interface protocol and the RTLS server API

3.8
RTLS reader
device that receives signals from an RTLS transmitter or reference tag

3.9
RTLS reference tag
always on powered radio device that utilizes the protocols specified in ISO/IEC 24730-2, mainly for the RTLS reader synchronization

3.10
RTLS server
computing device that aggregates data from the readers and determines location of transmitters

3.11
RTLS transmitter
battery powered radio device that utilizes the protocols specified in ISO/IEC 24730-2

NOTE The term transmitter is used interchangeably with the term tag.

3.12
sub-blink
message that is transmitted one or multiple times in a "blink"

3.13
tag blink
radio frequency transmission(s) from an RTLS transmitter that may consist of one or multiple duplicate messages

3.14
upconvert
change a baseband signal to a higher frequency signal

4 Symbols and abbreviated terms

For the purposes of this document, the symbols and abbreviated terms given in ISO/IEC 19762-1, ISO/IEC 19762-3 and the following apply.

BPSK Binary Phase Shift Keying

CRC Cyclic Redundancy Check

DBPSK Differential Binary Phase Shift Keying

DSSS Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum

EB Event Blink

EIRP Equivalent Isotropically Radiated Power

EXB EXciter Blink

FSK Frequency Shift Keying

LOS Line of Sight

MSB	Most Significant Bit
OOK	On-Off Keying
PN	Pseudo Noise
QPSK	Quadrature Phase Shift Keying
RSS	Received Signal Strength
RTLS	Real Time Locating Systems
TIB	Timed Interval Blink
WOQPSK	Walsh Offset Quadrature Phase Shift Keying

5 Requirements

5.1 Frequency range

This part of ISO/IEC 24730 addresses real time locating systems (RTLS) operating in the 2,400 GHz to 2,4835 GHz frequencies.

5.2 2,4 GHz spread spectrum air interface attributes

The minimum feature set shall include the following:

- RTLS transmitters and reference tags shall autonomously generate a direct sequence spread spectrum radio frequency beacon.
- Transmission shall be at a power level that can facilitate reception at ranges of at least 300 m open-field separation between the transmitter and receiver when operating within the parameters described in Table 1 of ISO/IEC 24730-21 and in from Table 1 to Table 2 of ISO/IEC 24730-22.
- RTLS transmitters and reference tags shall be fully compliant with local regulatory requirements.
- Class 1 RF transmissions are low power and electro-magnetically compatible with, shall not interfere (not cause any measurable difference in throughput) and shall co-exist with existing standardized ISO/IEC 8802-11:2005 wireless communication networks. They are also systems that co-exist with ISO/IEC 18000-4:2008, and shall not exceed the maximum power of 10 dBm EIRP and the requirements of the local regulatory agencies.
- Class II RF transmissions shall not exceed the maximum power requirements of the local regulatory agencies.

5.3 Compliance requirements

The beacon transmitters specified in this part of ISO/IEC 24730 shall transmit at a power level that can facilitate reception at ranges of at least 300 m LOS separation between the transmitter and receiver. Such RTLS transmitters shall be fully compliant with local radio frequency regulatory requirements. Each receiver shall be capable of receiving and processing data from a minimum of 120 beacon transmissions per second. The nominal location data provided by the RTLS shall be within a 3 m or less radius of the actual location of the RTLS transmitter. The RF transmissions are low power, compatible with, and shall not interfere with existing standardized ISO/IEC 8802-11:2005 wireless communication networks, and systems compliant with ISO/IEC 18000-4:2008.

To be fully compliant with this part of ISO/IEC 24730, RTLS shall also comply with ISO/IEC 24730-1.

5.4 Manufacturer tag ID

The manufacturer's tag identification number identifies a particular manufacturer and consists of 16 bits. A manufacturer may have more than one ID number. The manufacturer's identification number is a registration in accordance with ISO/IEC 15963. The Manufacturers ID shall be contained in the Extended Address field. A Manufacturers ID of x00 shall not require an Extended ID. The 16-bit manufacturer's identification number shall be assigned in accordance with ISO/IEC 15963, under Allocation Class 16h.