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About This Manual

This reference guide describes the **configuration and control commands** to adapt the S6500/S6550 Long Range Reader to the application requirements and the **Reader/Host Protocol** (ISO Protocol). It is designed for use by TI partners who are engineers experienced with Radio Frequency Identification Devices (RFID) and software development.

Numerical Representations

The following figure formats are used:

0...9: decimal figures
0x00...0xFF: hexadecimal figures
b0...1 binary figures

Hexadecimal values in brackets "[]" mark a control byte (command).

If bits within one byte contain the character "-", this means that these bits are reserved for future extensions or for internal testing and manufacturing functions. Bits containing the character "-" have a default value of zero (0). These bits must not be changed, as this may cause faulty operation of the Reader.

Conventions

The following pictograms and designations are used in this document:



Note:

Indicates conditions that must be met or procedures that must be followed to ensure proper functioning.

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- Program Library FEISC, which supports reader functionality, is described in document number 11-06-21-062.
- Program Library FECOM, which supports the serial interface, is described in document number 11-06-21-063.

These reference guides, as well as the program libraries themselves, can be found on our homepage at:

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1.1 The S6500/S6550 Long Range Reader

The S6500/S6550 Long Range Readers are members of the HF Reader System Series 6000, working at a frequency of 13.56 MHz. This system comprises a reader, antenna and transponder (for example: Smart Label) and is used for wireless identification of a variety of objects.

The Reader is equipped with a bi-directional, asynchronous interface (RS232, RS485), and is able to communicate with Tag-it HF, Tag-it HF-I and other ISO 15693 compliant transponders.

1.2 Reader and Host Data Transmission

Four different ways of data transmission between S6500/S6550 Readers and a host (terminal or PC) are possible. ISO Host Commands (named according to standard ISO Host Commands) and Buffered Read Mode are used for data exchange between transponder and host, whereas Configuration Commands and Control Commands serve to adapt Reader parameters to individual applications. The following chart shows which form of data transmission is supported by which interface:

Data Transmission Support

	Asynchronous Interface (RS232 / RS485)
Configuration Commands	√
Reader Control Commands	√
ISO 15693 Host Commands	√
Buffered Read Mode	√

1.4 Configuration Commands, Control Commands and ISO Host Commands

This form of data transmission is used for Reader configuration, Reader diagnosis and sending of ISO Host Commands via the asynchronous interface.

Reader configuration parameters are stored in the Reader memory. The current Reader configuration is stored in the Reader's EEPROM in the event of a Reader power down. After power-up, the Reader reads the configuration from the EEPROM.

Reader control diagnosis and ISO Host Commands are immediately processed and the Reader response contains command status or data information.

Host (Terminal / PC / etc.)		Reader	
Parameter / Control Command →		Parameter received and stored / Control Command processed	
		Yes	No
	←	Status / Data	Error Status
	←		

1.5 Buffered Read Mode

Buffered Read Mode is a high-level operating mode for detection of transponders that are within range of the Reader. This mode of operation is particularly designed for applications using transponders to identify objects. Buffered Read Mode processes all transponder read data and filter operations to make the user interface transparent to transponder data and to minimize data transfers between Reader and host. Three commands are used for control of Buffered Read Mode.

In this operating mode, the Reader automatically selects transponders that are within the detection range of the Reader and reads the data requested. Sampled transponder data is stored in a FIFO data buffer.

Sampled transponder data can be read with the [0x21] Read Buffer command. This command always reads the first available datasets from the data buffer. However data already read must be deleted with the [0x32] Clear Data Buffer command before the next datasets in the data buffer can be accessed with the read command.

If Buffered Read Mode is enabled in the CFG10 General System Parameters configuration block, the Reader immediately starts sampling transponder data after power-up. Buffered Read Mode can be reinitialized with the [0x33] Initialize Buffer command.

If Buffered Read Mode is turned on, the Reader answers every valid message with a data or status protocol message. This answer includes the control byte that has been received by the Reader.

Host (Terminal / PC /)		Reader	
Read data	→	Transponder data in data buffer?	
		Yes	No
	←	Status / data protocol	Status = no valid data
	←		
Clear data	→	Transponder data read?	
		Yes	No
	←	OK status	Status = no valid data
	←		



Note:

Buffered Read Mode is currently only available for Tag-it HF transponders.

Buffered Read Mode supports read operations only.

Asynchronous Interface



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2.1 Data Format and Protocol Frames

The Reader can be configured via the asynchronous interface and data may be written to transponders or read from them. Communication between Reader and host (terminal, PC, etc.) is performed with a fixed protocol. This protocol is intended for data bus use and has a corresponding bus address.

During data transfer via asynchronous interface, the Reader supplies the required data or a status byte. The reply contains the control byte transmitted.

There is no reply from the Reader if there is a protocol frame failure in the communication from Host to Reader.

All bytes will be transferred with the most significant byte (MSB) first.

2.2 Protocol Frame

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4...n-2	n-1	n
LENGTH = n	COM-ADR	CONTROL BYTE	PROTOCOL DATA	MSB CRC16	LSB CRC16

Host ← Reader

1	2	3	4	(5...n-2)	n-1	n
LENGTH = n	COM-ADR	CONTROL BYTE	STATUS	(PROTOCOL DATA)	MSB CRC16	LSB CRC16

LENGTH

Number of protocol bytes 1- n (5 - 255) including length byte and checksum

COM-ADR

0 to 253: address of device in bus mode



Notes:

The Reader can be addressed via COM-ADR 255 at any time.

COM-ADR 254 has a special feature for RS485 bus applications. All Readers will process commands received and only the Reader with COM-ADR 0 will send a response to the host.

STATUS / PROTOCOL DATA

Includes the status message or protocol data from, or to, the Reader.



Note:

For the index of Status Bytes, please see Appendix D.

CRC16

Cyclic redundancy check of protocol bytes from 1 to n-2, as specified by CCITT-CRC16

Polynomial: $x^{16} + x^{12} + x^5 + 1$

Start Value: 0xFFFF

Data Format

Start bits: 1

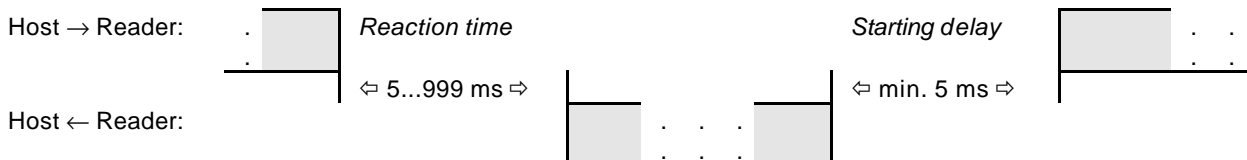
Data bits: 8

Stop bits: 1

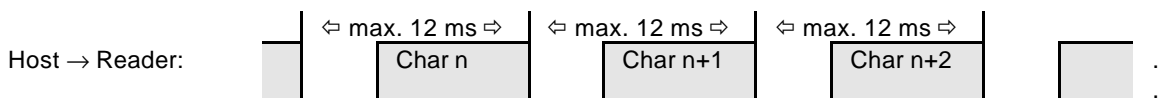
Parity: Even (default), Odd, None

2.3 Timing conditions**Starting Delay**

Before sending a protocol start signal (length byte), there must be a minimum 5 ms delay.

**2.4 Data timeout**

Within a protocol, characters must follow each other in intervals of 12 ms maximum.



2.5 CRC16 Calculation Algorithm

Polynomial: $x^{16} + x^{12} + x^5 + 1$ \Rightarrow CRC_POLYNOM = 0x8408;

Start Value: 0xFFFF \Rightarrow CRC_PRESET = 0xFFFF;

C-Example:

unsigned internal CRC = CRC_PRESET;

```
for (i = 0; i < cnt; i++) /* cnt = number of protocol bytes without CRC */
{
    crc ^= DATA[i];
    for (j = 0; j < 8; j++)
    {
        if (crc & 0x0001)
            crc = (crc >> 1) ^ CRC_POLYNOM;
        else
            crc = (crc >> 1);
    }
}
```


Configuration Parameters

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3.1 Structure

The configuration memory of the Reader is organized in configuration blocks of 16 bytes each. These are divided into 14-byte configuration parameters and a 2byte CRC16 checksum. Each of these configuration blocks takes a number (from CFG 0 through CFG n).

Structure of the configuration blocks in Reader configuration memory and Reader EEPROM (CFG) is:

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Contents	PARAMETER														CRC16	

Parameters are stored in two different configuration memory locations:

Reader RAM

or

Backup EEPROM (used for storing power down parameters)

Multiple configuration memory locations can be addressed by the value of the CFG-ADR parameter as described in chapter 4, Reader Configuration Protocols.

CFG-ADR

CFGn memory address of required configuration block
LOC specifies location of configuration block
MODE specifies one or all configuration blocks

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	LOC	MODE	CFGn: address of configuration block					

The EEPROM configuration blocks are protected by a 16-bit CRC checksum. Examination of these checksums is executed after each reset of the Reader. If a faulty checksum is detected, the Reader goes into the "EE-Init-Mode" error status and sets the faulty configuration block to its default value.

While EE-Init-Mode is active, LED1 and LED2 blink alternately (see 3.2.2 Dedicated Input / Output Functions) and the Reader answers external commands with the status "0x10 EEPROM Failure". The "EE-Init-Mode" can be exited via a new reset (cold start or [0x63] CPU Reset command). If after this the checksums of all data records are correct, the Reader shifts to its configured operation mode.



Notes:

Malfunctions may occur if parameters are configured without their range being specified or if parameters have been changed to unspecified values.

A firmware update resets the EEPROM to default settings and the Reader goes into the "EE-Init-Mode" error status.

3.2 Reader Parameters



Note:

If bits within one byte contain the character "-", this means that these bits are reserved for future extensions or for internal testing and manufacturing functions. Bits containing the character "-" have a default value of zero (0). These bits must not be changed, as this may cause faulty operation of the Reader.

3.2.1 CFG1: General Inputs / Outputs

The parameters of the CFG1 configuration block contain the input and output settings.

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Contents	I/O-MODE		FLASH-RATE		IN-ACTIVE	-	REL-TIME MSB
Default	0xA800		0xFC00		0x00	0x00	0x00

Byte	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Contents	REL-TIME LSB	OUT2-TIME		-	-	-	-
Default	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00

I/O-MODE

Defines status of the signal emitters (OUT1, OUT2 and REL) during I/O mode.

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	REL mode		OUT2 mode		OUT1 mode		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Mode	Function	
b 0 0	UNCHANGED	No effect on status of signal emitter
b 0 1	ON	Signal emitter on
b 1 0	OFF	Signal emitter off
b 1 1	FLASH	Signal emitter alternating on

FLASH-RATE

Allocates an individual flash frequency to each output.

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	REL frq		OUT2 frq		OUT1 frq		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

frq	Frequency
b 1 1	1 Hz
b 1 0	2 Hz
b 0 1	4 Hz
b 0 0	8 Hz

INACTIVE

Determines if input is activated by a closed or open contact

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	-	IN2	IN1

Bit = 0 \Rightarrow closed contact - activates input

Bit = 1 \Rightarrow open contact - activates input

REL-TIME

Defines relay holding time. If the Reader receives a valid transponder response, the relay is activated for the time of the value set in REL-TIME. If REL-TIME is zero, this function is disabled.

Range: 0x00 ... 0xFFFF (* 100ms) = 100ms ... 65535s.

OUT2-TIME

Defines holding time. If the Reader receives a valid transponder response, Output2 is activated for the time of the value set in OUT2-TIME. If OUT2-TIME is zero the function is disabled

Range: 0x00 ... 0xFFFF (* 100ms) = 100ms ... 65535s.

3.2.2 Dedicated Input / Output Functions

LEDs used for system monitoring.

LED	Color	Dedicated Function
1	Green	1 second blink. Alternate blink with LED2 after EEPROM error.
2	Red	RF interface has error-free communication with a transponder. Alternate blink with LED1 after EEPROM error.
3	Red	Asynchronous interface is sending data to host.
4	Red	RF interface is re-reading Tag-it transponders in Buffered Read Mode.
5	Red	Reader is initializing after power-up or a [0x63] CPU Reset command. Error in RF final stage. See chapter 5.11 [0x6E] Reader Diagnostic for details.



Notes:

LED1 (green) and LED2 (red) blink alternately if an EEPROM read error occurred after power-up or a CPU Reset command. A firmware update sets the EEPROM to its initial state and LED1 and LED2 also blink alternately. See chapter 5.5 Start Flash Loader for details.

An error in the RF final stage is shown by LED5 blinking. A detailed error code is returned from the Reader with each asynchronous communication. See Appendix D for details.

3.2.3 CFG2: Com-Interface

The parameters of the CFG2 configuration block contain the data communication settings.

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Contents	COM-ADR	-	BAUD	TRANS-FORM1 2	FLASH-LOADER-BAUD2	-	COM-TIMEOUT
Default	0x00 0x00	0x00	0x08 38400 Baud	0x01 e,8,1	0x08 38400 Baud	0x00	0x00

Byte	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Contents	COM-TIMEOUT	-	-	-	-	-	-
Default	0x64	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00

COM-ADR

Bus address of the Reader (0 .. 255) for communication via asynchronous interface, particularly for RS485 interface applications.

**Notes:**

Reader may be addressed at any time via COM-ADR 255 in send protocol. It then answers with the configured address.

With COM-ADR 0 at power-up and after a [0x63] CPU Reset command, Reader reads the settings of switches DIP1 ... DIP3 as bus address.

Changing of this parameter only becomes effective after writing or saving this configuration block to EEPROM and a Reader reset.

BAUD

Defines baud rate of asynchronous interface.

BAUD	Baud Rate
0x03	1200 baud
0x04	2400 baud
0x05	4800 baud
0x06	9600 baud
0x07	19200 baud
0x08	38400 baud
0x09	57600 baud
0x0A	115200 baud

**Notes:**

Changing this parameter only becomes effective after writing/saving this configuration block to EEPROM and Reader reset.

Validity checking is done by writing this parameter to Reader. If an error occurs, Reader answers with STATUS = {0x11}.

TRANS-FORM

Defines parameters for asynchronous interface data transmission format.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	S	D	P	

P: Parity

P	Parity
b00	none
b01	even
b10	odd

D: Data Bits

D	Data Bits
b0	8

S: Stop Bits

S	Stop Bits
b0	1



Notes:

Changing this parameter only becomes effective after writing/saving this configuration block to EEPROM and Reader reset.

Validity checking is done by writing this parameter to Reader. If an error occurs, Reader answers with STATUS = {0x11}.

FLASH-LOADER-BAUD

Defines baud rate for flash loader – see chapter 5.5 [0x55] Start Flash Loader.

BAUD	Baud Rate
0x06	9600 baud
0x07	19200 baud
0x08	38400 baud



Note:

Validity checking is done by writing this parameter to Reader. If an error occurs, Reader answers with STATUS = {0x11}.

COM-TIMEOUT

Defines maximum response duration for transponder commands.

	Max. Response Duration
COM-TIMEOUT	1 ... 65535 * 100 ms



Note:

COM-TIMEOUT has no effect with Reader Configuration Protocols and Reader Control Protocols.

3.2.4 CFG3: RF Interface

The CFG3 configuration block parameters contain global transponder driver and Reader settings.

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Contents	TAG-DRV		RF-POWER	-	FSK-RX-CHN	-	-
Default	0x000A		0x90	0x00	0x01	0x00	0x00

Byte	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Default	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00

TAG-DRV

Defines transponder types operated by Reader.

Byte	0								1							
Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Driver	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	.D	-	.B	-

B: Driver for Tag-it HF

B	
b0	inactive
b1	active

D: Driver for Tag-it HF-I as well as other ISO 15693 compliant transponders

D	
b0	inactive
b1	active

In principle, only those transponder drivers used in the current application should be active. Reader reaction time for transponder read/write operations is reduced and danger of parasitic transponder access is thus minimized.

FSK-RX-CHN

Selects the receive antenna.

FSK-RX-CHN	Antenna Type
0x00	Only complementary antenna
0x01	Only basic antenna
0x02	Both antennas



Note:

If both a basic and a complementary antenna are used, FSK-RX-CHN must be set to [0x02]

RF-POWER

Defines RF output power.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	MUL	-	LEVEL					

MUL

Selects multiplier for LEVEL

MUL	
b1	RF-POWER = LEVEL * ¼W

LEVEL

Level of RF output power

LEVEL	RF-POWER (MUL = 1)
2	0.50 W
3	0.75 W
4	1.00 W
...	...
39	9.75 W
40	10.0 W
41	10.25 W



Notes:

A monitor continuously checks RF hardware. If an error occurs the Reader answers every command with the 0x84error code.

Changing RF-POWER only becomes effective after writing/saving configuration block CFG3 to EEPROM and Reader reset.

If the configured RF power is above 4W for the S6500 Reader, an additional 0.8K/W heat sink is necessary.

3.3 Transponder Parameters

3.3.1 CFG8: General Transponder Parameters

The CFG8 configuration block parameters contain general transponder settings.

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Contents	-	-	-	-	ISO-MODE	ISO-AFI	-
Default	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x0F	0x00	0x00

Byte	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Contents	ISO-CMD-OPTION	-	-	-	-	-	-
Default	0x03	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00

ISO-MODE (only ISO 15693 transponders)

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	AFI	NO-TS	DATA-RATE	SUB-CARRIER	MOD	FAST

FAST

FAST	
b0	Normal Mode (1 / 256)
b1	Fast Mode (1 / 4)

MOD

MOD	
b0	100% (This option increases modulation bandwidth)
b1	10%

SUB-CARRIER

SUB-CARRIER	
b0	ASK
b1	FSK

DATA-RATE

DATA-RATE	
b0	Low
b1	High

NO-TS

NO-TS	
b0	16 timeslots
b1	1 timeslot



Note:

In combination with FSK, only 16 timeslots should be used.

AFI

AFI	
b0	Disabled
b1	Enabled

ISO-AFI (only ISO transponders)

Application Family Identifier to select a transponder

ISO-CMD-OPTION (only ISO tag driver)

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	-	BREAK	

BREAK

BREAK	
b10	Break timeslot at "NO TAG" Break is always 100% modulated (EOF) (This option speeds up anticollision process, but increases modulation bandwidth)
b11	Complete timeslot length at "NO TAG"

3.4 System Parameters

3.4.1 CFG10: General System Parameters

The CFG10 configuration block parameters contain general system settings.

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Contents	SYS-MODE	-	-	-	-	-	-
Default	0x04	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00

Byte	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Default	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00

SYS-MODE

This register enables different operation modes of the Reader.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	ACOLL	-	BRM

BRM

This bit activates Buffered Read Mode. If Buffered Read Mode is enabled, no ISO Host commands are available.

BRM	Function
b0	Disabled (default)
b1	Enabled



Note:

Changing BRM only becomes effective after writing/saving configuration block CFG10 to EEPROM and Reader reset.

ACOLL

This bit activates Anticollision Mode. In Anticollision Mode, the Reader automatically sets transponder-specific communication parameters.

ACOLL-SEL	Function
b0	disabled (default)
b1	enabled



Notes:

If Anticollision Mode is switched off, the Reader does not run any anticollision procedures for transponders inside antenna field. See description of CFG13: Anticollision configuration parameters. Changing this parameter only becomes effective after writing/saving this configuration block to EEPROM and Reader reset.

Changing this parameter only becomes effective after writing/saving this configuration block to EEPROM and Reader reset.

3.4.2 CFG11: Buffered Read Mode

The CFG11 configuration block parameters contain Buffered Read Mode settings. To enable Buffered Read Mode, the BRM bit in the SYS-MODE register of the CFG10: General Systems Parameters configuration block must be set. It may be useful to enable Anticollision Select Mode if there are a large or unknown number of transponders within the antenna field.

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Contents	TR-DATA	DB-ADR	DB-N	TR-ID	VALID-TIME		READ
Default	0x01	0x00	0x01	0x80	0x000A		0x80

Byte	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Default	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00

TR-DATA

Selects data types for read operation.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	TIMER	-	-	-	DB	SNR

SNR = Serial Number

DB = Data Block

TIMER = internal system timer (see chapter 4.5 [0x85] **Set System Timer** for details).



Note:

Changing TR-DATA only becomes effective after writing/saving configuration CFG11 to EEPROM and Reader reset.

The internal system timer is not a real time clock (RTC) and therefore accuracy cannot be guaranteed.

DB-ADR

Address of first data block. Range: 0x00...0x1F.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	DB-ADR				



Note:

Changing of DB-ADR only becomes effective after writing/saving configuration block CFG11 to EEPROM and Reader reset.

DB-N

Number of data blocks. Range: 0x01...0x0F.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	DB-N			



Note:

Changing of DB-N only becomes effective after writing/saving configuration block CFG11 to EEPROM and Reader reset.

TR-ID

The TR-ID register sets the parameters for transponder identification.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	ID-SOURCE	-	-	DB-ADR				



Note:

Changing this parameter only becomes effective after writing / saving this configuration block to EEPROM and Reader reset.

A Validity check is performed by writing this parameter to Reader. If an error occurs, Reader answers with STATUS = {0x11}.

DB-ADR

Sets address of data block for transponder identification. If ID-SOURCE selects the serial number as data source, DB-ADR will be ignored in Buffered Read Mode.

ID-SOURCE

Sets data source for transponder identification.

ID-SOURCE	Function
b0	Data block
b1	Serial no.



Notes:

Changing of TR-ID only becomes effective after writing/saving configuration block CFG11 to EEPROM and Reader reset.

Address ID-DB-ADR must be in selected data blocks range:
 $TR-ADR \leq ID-DB-ADR \leq TR-ADR + TR-N - 1$.

ID-TR-ADR is used as serial number for Tag-it transponders if SNR is not selected in TR-DATA configuration parameter.

VALID-TIME

Minimum time for which a transponder has to be identified before it can be read a second time.

	Time Range
TIME VALID	0...255 x 100 ms



Note:

Changing VALID-TIME only becomes effective after writing/saving configuration block CFG11 to EEPROM and Reader reset.

READ

Defines whether a transponder read error will cause repeated reads of missing data blocks until VALID-TIME is over. This setting is useful for catching transponders being read badly due to noise, movement, positioning, etc.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	RE-SCAN	-	-	-	RE-READ			

RE-READ

Number of repeated reads of data blocks if read error occurs. RE-READ = 0 means the reader forces one read but no second read in case of error during the first read.

RE-SCAN

A transponder can leave the antenna field before all data blocks are read. With RE-SCAN enabled the Reader tries to read the missing data blocks until VALID-TIME for this transponder has passed.

RE-SCAN	Function
b0	No re-scans are processed
b1	Re-scans are processed

3.4.3 CFG13: Anticollision

The CFG13 configuration block parameters contain anticollision settings. To enable Anticollision Mode, ACOLL bit in the SYS-MODE register of the CFG10: General System Parameters configuration block must be set.

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Default	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00

Byte	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Contents	-	-	-	-	ONT	-	-
Default	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00

ONT

Defines which transponder will send to the host.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	ONT

ONT	Function
b0	All transponders in field will sent to host
b1	Only newly-selected transponders will sent to host

3.4.4 Buffered Read Mode Examples

Example No. 1:

Only one transponder at any one time in antenna field. Transponder needs one second to pass antenna. Antenna field is homogeneous with no RF holes. Application data is inside data blocks 1 and 2. Internal system time is necessary to determine when transponder passes antenna.

CFG10:General System Parameters

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Contents	SYS-MODE	-	-	-	-	-	-
Settings	0x01	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00
Byte	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Settings	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00

CFG11:Buffered Read Mode

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Contents	TR-DATA	DB-ADR	DB-N	TR-ID	VALID-TIME		READ
Settings	0x22	0x01	0x02	0x01	0x0014		0x00
Byte	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Settings	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00

CFG13: Anticollision

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Settings	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00
Byte	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Contents	-	-	-	-	ONT	-	-
Settings	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x01	0x00	0x00

CFG10: General System Parameters

Buffered Read mode is enabled

Anticollision Mode is disabled

CFG11: Buffered Read Mode

Data blocks 1 & 2 with time information

Data block 1 is used to identify the transponders

Each transponder has to pass the antenna in 2 seconds

CFG13: Anticollision (disabled)

Example No. 2:

There are an uncertain number of transponders at any one time inside antenna field. Transponders require two seconds to pass antenna. Antenna field has RF holes. Application data is inside data blocks 1 and 2.

CFG10: General System Parameters

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Contents	SYS-MODE	-	-	-	-	-	-
Settings	0x05	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00
Byte	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Settings	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00

CFG11: Buffered Read Mode

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Contents	TR-DATA	DB-ADR	DB-N	TR-ID	VALID-TIME		READ
Settings	0x02	0x01	0x02	0x01	0x0028		0x80
Byte	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Settings	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00

CFG13: Anticollision

Byte	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
Contents	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Settings	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00
Byte	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Contents	-	-	-	-	ONT	-	-
Settings	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x00	0x01	0x00	0x00

CFG10: General System Parameters

Buffered Read mode is enabled

Anticollision Mode is enabled

CFG11: Buffered Read Mode

Data blocks 1 & 2 with time information are read from transponders

Data block 1 is used to identify transponders

Each transponder must pass antenna within 4 seconds

If a transponder has read errors, Reader tries to read this transponder again for 4 seconds

CFG13: Anticollision

Transponders are read with anticollision procedure

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4.1 [0x80] Read Configuration

Reader configuration protocols allowing Reader to be adapted to a wide range of individual application conditions.

By using Read Configuration, the actual configuration of the Reader can be detected. To do so, configuration is read in blocks of 14 bytes each and addressed by the CFGn bits in the CFG-ADR byte.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4	5-6
6	COM-ADR	[0x80]	CFG-ADR	CRC16

Host ⇐ Reader

1	2	3	4	5...18	19-20
20	COM-ADR	[0x80]	STATUS	CFG-REC	CRC16

CFG-ADR

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	LOC	-	CFGn: Address of Configuration Block					

CFGn memory address of required configuration block

LOC specifies location of configuration block

LOC	Block Location
b0	RAM
b1	EEPROM

CFG-REC

14 bytes configuration block read from address CFGn in CFG-ADR.



Note:

A read from reserved configuration blocks will cause a 0x15 error code.

4.2 [0x81] Write Configuration

The Write Configuration command changes the configuration of the Reader. To do so, configuration memory is written to with 14-byte long blocks and addressed by CFGn in the CFG-ADR byte. The parameters description can be found in the chapter on Configuration Parameters.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4	5...18	19-20
20	COM-ADR	[0x81]	CFG-ADR	CFG-REC	CRC16

Host ⇨ Reader

1	2	3	4	5-6
6	COM-ADR	[0x81]	STATUS	CRC16

CFG-ADR

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	LOC	-	CFGn: Address of Configuration Block					

CFGn memory address of required configuration block

LOC specifies location of configuration block

LOC	Block Location
b0	RAM
b1	EEPROM

CFG-REC

14-byte configuration block stored in Reader configuration memory at address CFGn.



Note:

A write to reserved configuration blocks will cause a 0x16 error code.

4.3 [0x82] Save Configuration to EEPROM

This command causes the configuration block (CFG-ADR) in RAM configuration memory to be stored in Reader EEPROM configuration memory.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4	5-6
6	COM-ADR	[0x82]	CFG-ADR	CRC16

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4	5-6
6	COM-ADR	[0x82]	STATUS	CRC16

CFG-ADR

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	LOC	-	CFGn: Address of Configuration Block					

CFGn memory address of required configuration block

LOC specifies location of configuration block

LOC	Block Location
b0	RAM
b1	EEPROM



Note:

A Save Configuration to EEPROM command with reserved configuration blocks will cause a 0x16 error code.

4.4 [0x83] Set Default Configuration

The Set Default Configuration command allows each configuration block to be reset to manufacturer's values.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4	5-6
6	COM-ADR	[0x83]	CFG-ADR	CRC16

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4	5-6
6	COM-ADR	[0x83]	STATUS	CRC16

CFG-ADR

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	LOC	MODE	CFGn: Address of Configuration Block					

CFGn memory address of required configuration block

LOC specifies location of configuration block

LOC	Block Location
b0	RAM
b1	RAM and EEPROM

MODE specifies one or all configuration blocks

MODE	Mode
b0	Configuration block specified by CFGn
b1	All configuration blocks



Notes:

To store RAM configuration on power down use 4.3 [0x82] Save Configuration to EEPROM.

A Set to Default Configuration command with reserved configuration blocks will cause a 0x16 error code.

4.5 [0x85] Set System Timer

The Set System Timer command sets the internal CPU system timer. The current internal system time is stored in each dataset after transponder select, read or write command.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4-7	8,9
9	COM-ADR	[0x85]	TIMER	CRC16

Host ⇨ Reader

1	2	3	4	5,6
6	COM-ADR	[0x85]	STATUS	CRC16

TIMER

Byte	4	5	6-7
Time	h	min	ms

h: Hours in the range of 0 to 23

min: Minutes in the range of 0 to 59

ms: Milliseconds since last minute in the range of 0 to 59999



Note:

The internal system timer is not a real time clock (RTC) and therefore accuracy cannot be guaranteed.

4.6 [0x86] Get System Timer

The Get System Timer command reads the internal CPU system timer.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4,5
5	COM-ADR	[0x86]	CRC16

Host ⇐ Reader

1	2	3	4	5-8	9,10
10	COM-ADR	[0x86]	STATUS	TIMER	CRC16

TIMER

Byte	5	6	7-8
Timer	h	min	ms

h: Hours in the range of 0 to 23

min: Minutes in the range of 0 to 59

ms: Milliseconds since last minute in the range of 0 to 59999



Note:

The internal system timer is not a real time clock (RTC) and therefore accuracy cannot be guaranteed.

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5.1 [0x31] Read Data Buffer Info

The Read Data Buffer Info command reads the current data buffer parameters.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4,5
5	COM-ADR	[0x31]	CRC16

Host ⇢ Reader

1	2	3	4	5,6	7,8
12	COM-ADR	[0x31]	STATUS	TAB-SIZE	TAB-START

9,10	11,12
TAB-LEN	CRC16

TAB-SIZE

Maximum count of transponder datasets in data buffer.

TAB-START

Address of first dataset in data buffer.

TAB-LEN

Number of transponder datasets reserved in data buffer.



Notes:

Additional information about the data table status is transferred if STATUS = {0x00, 0x84, 0x90, 0x93}.

The data structure can be inconsistent, if some transponders have left the antenna field before all requested data blocks could be read. However TAB-LEN does not contain the number of valid datasets in the data buffer.

5.2 [0x32] Clear Data Buffer

The Clear Data Buffer command clears datasets from the data buffer that were transferred with the [0x21] Read Buffer command.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4,5
5	COM-ADR	[0x32]	CRC16

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4	5,6
6	COM-ADR	[0x32]	STATUS	CRC16



Note:

This command can make the data structure inconsistent. Datasets containing no valid data are possible.

5.3 [0x33] Initialize Buffer

The Initialize Buffer command clears the data buffer to an initial state whether the datasets in the buffer were read or not.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4,5
5	COM-ADR	[0x33]	CRC16

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4	5,6
6	COM-ADR	[0x33]	STATUS	CRC16

5.4 [0x52] Baud Rate Detection

This protocol is used to determine the current baud rate of the Reader's asynchronous interface.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4	5,6
6	COM-ADR	[0x52]	0x00	CRC16

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4	5,6
6	COM-ADR	[0x52]	0x00	CRC16



Note:

The return protocol will only be sent if the inquiry is executed with baud rate and current Reader parity.

5.5 [0x55] Start Flash Loader

This protocol starts the Flash Loader inside the Reader. Use the MEMTOOL Windows program to process the firmware update.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4,5
5	0x00	[0x55]	CRC16

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4	5,6
6	0x00	[0x55]	0x00	CRC16



Note:

Command only available if the COM-ADR of the Reader is set to '0'. Baud rate for flash loader is set in CFG2: Com-Interface configuration block.

5.6 [0x63] CPU Reset

This protocol initiates reset of Reader CPU.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4,5
5	COM-ADR	[0x63]	CRC16

Host ⇢ Reader

1	2	3	4	5,6
6	COM-ADR	[0x63]	STATUS	CRC16

5.7 [0x65] Get Software Version

Determines software version of Reader, its type and types of transponders supported.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4,5
5	COM-ADR	[0x65]	CRC16

Host ⇢ Reader

1	2	3	4	5..6	7
13	COM-ADR	[0x65]	STATUS	SW-REV	D-REV

↗

8	9	10-11	12,13
HW-TYPE	SW-TYPE	TR-TYPE	CRC16

↘

SW-REV

Revision status of the firmware

Byte	5	6
Bit	7 .. 4	3 .. 0
Function	decoder firmware	main controller firmware

D-REV

Revision status of the development firmware. DREV is set to '0' in customized firmware revisions.

HW-TYPE

Type of Reader hardware

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	S65xx	FSK	ASK	CHN

CHN

CHN	Function
b0	one RX channel
b1	two RX channels

ASK / FSK

ASK / FSK	Function
b0	ASK/FSK not available
b1	ASK / FSK available

SW-TYPE

Type of Reader firmware

SW-TYPE	Type of Reader
41	S6500/S6550

TR-TYPE

Displays transponders supported by the software.

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
Function	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	Tag-it HF-I (ISO15693)	-	Tag-it HF	-

5.8 [0x69] RF Reset

The Reader antenna RF field can be switched off for $t_{rf} = 100$ ms by this command. All transponders within the Reader antenna field will be reset to their base setting.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4,5
5	COM-ADR	[0x69]	CRC16

Host ⇨ Reader

1	2	3	4	5,6
6	COM-ADR	[0x69]	STATUS	CRC16

**Notes:**

After RF Reset, the Reader is not able to receive a new transponder before expiration of t_{rf} .

After RF Reset, any transponder located within the field must be re-selected.

When Buffered Read Mode is switched off, RF Reset initializes the data table.

Response to this command will be sent after RF Reset is completed.

5.9 [0x6A] RF ON/OFF

The RF ON/OFF command switches the RF field of the Reader antenna ON or OFF.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4	5,6
6	COM-ADR	[0x6A]	RF	CRC16

Host ⇐ Reader

1	2	3	4	5,6
6	COM-ADR	[0x6A]	STATUS	CRC16

RF

RF	RF Field of Reader antenna
0x00	OFF
0x01	ON



Notes:

When Buffered Read Mode is switched off, the RF ON command initialises the data table.

An active Buffered Read Mode is paused if RF power is switched off and resumed when RF power is switched on.

5.10 [0x6D] Get Noise Level

The Get Noise Level command reads current Reader noise levels.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4,5
5	COM-ADR	[0x6D]	CRC16

Host ⇐ Reader

1	2	3	4	5-10	11,12
12	COM-ADR	[0x6D]	STATUS	NOISE-LEVEL	CRC16

NOISE-LEVEL

Byte	5,6	7,8	9,10
NOISE-LEVEL	min. NL	avg. NL	max. NL

min.NL: Minimum noise level in mV
avg. NL: Average noise level in mV
max.NL: Maximum noise level in mV

5.11 [0x6E] Reader Diagnostic

The Reader Diagnostic command performs hardware diagnostics on the Reader.

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4	5,6
6	COM-ADR	[0x6E]	MODE	CRC16

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4	5...n-2	n-1,n
n	COM-ADR	[0x6E]	STATUS	DATA	CRC16

MODE

Reader Diagnostic Modes

MODE	Description
0x01	Read detailed information for STATUS = 0x84
0x02	Status of RF final stage

DATA

Response data for Reader Diagnostic Modes

MODE = 0x01

5
FLAGS

FLAGS

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	TEMP-ALARM	MAX-POWER	TEMP-WARN	FALSE-POWER	MAX-RF		NOISE	RF-HW

TEMP-ALARM: Maximum allowed temperature of final stage exceeded

MAX-POWER: Maximum value for RF power exceeded

TEMP-WARN: Temperature of final stage too high

FALSE-POWER: RF power does not have configured value

MAX-RF: Maximum allowed value for RF power exceeded

NOISE: Environment too noisy or false antenna tuning

RF-HW: RF hardware not working / RF power cannot be initialized



Note:

Values are valid when bit is set (b1).

Error Conditions

Error	Set Condition	Clear Condition	RF Power	LED 5
TEMP-ALARM	Temp \geq alarm level	Temp < alarm level	OFF	ON
MAX-POWER	RF power \geq 11W	RF power < 11W	ON, decrement	ON
TEMP-WARN	Temp \geq warning level	Temp < warning level	ON, decrement	ON
FALSE-POWER	Error defined above	RF power = configured value	ON	ON
MAX-RF	RF power > RF-POWER + 3 dB	RF power becomes lower	ON, decrement	ON
NOISE	Noise \geq 1000 mV	Noise < max level	-	ON
RF-HW	no RF hardware or error during RF power initialization	CPU reset	OFF	ON

MODE = 0x02

5	6	7
RF-POWER	RF-MOD	TEMP

RF-POWER

actual RF output power [*0.1W]

RF-MOD

actual RF modulation [%]

TEMP

temperature of RF final stage [°C]

5.12 [0x71] Set Output

The Set Output command allows temporary limited or unlimited activation of Reader outputs.

Each output assumes the state defined by the OS (Output State) byte for the period of time determined in the protocol. Flash frequency is defined by the OSF byte. With this protocol, outputs can be switched on or off for the period of time indicated. If the Reader receives a Set Output command, all times active until that moment are overwritten by the new times in the protocol if these are greater than zero.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4...5	6,7
13	COM-ADR	[0x71]	OS	OSF

8,9	10,11	12,13
-	OUT-TIME	CRC16

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4	5,6
6	COM-ADR	[0x71]	STATUS	CRC16

OS

The OS (Output State) word defines status of signal emitters (OUT1, OUT2 and REL) during the time defined in OUT-TIME. The signal emitters may be selected singly or in a group.

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
Function	REL mode		OUT2 mode		OUT1 mode		-	-

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

Mode	Function	
b 0 0	UNCHANGED	OUT-TIME has no effect on status of signal emitter
b 0 1	ON	Signal emitter for OUT-TIME = active
b 1 0	OFF	Signal emitter for OUT-TIME = inactive
b 1 1	FLASH	Signal emitter for OUT-TIME = with alternating OSF

OSF

The OSF (Output State Flash) word allows allocation of an individual flash frequency to each output.

Bit	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8
Function	REL frq		OUT2 frq		OUT1 frq		-	-

7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

frq	Frequency
b 1 1	1 Hz
b 1 0	2 Hz
b 0 1	4 Hz
b 0 0	8 Hz

OUT-TIME

The values defined by OUT-TIME activate the outputs (OUT1, OUT2, REL) can be temporary or unlimited period of time.

The time values 0 and 65535 (0xFFFF) (see following table) are exceptions.

Time range	0	1...65534 x 100 ms (100 ms...1:49:13 h)	65535 (0xFFFF)
OUT-TIME	Status unchanged	Output for "time" active	Continuously active

**Notes:**

In order to reset an unlimited time period, OUT-TIME = 1 has to be sent to the Reader. This changes the idle status after 100 ms.

Continuous activation is set after reset or power failure.

5.13 Set Output Examples

Example No. 1:

OUT1 alternates at 4 Hz for 500 ms.

OUT2 is activated for 500 ms.

REL is unchanged

OS	OSF	OUT-TIME
0x1C00	0x0400	0x0005

Example No. 2:

The relay is activated for 1000 ms without affecting other signal emitters.

OS	OSF	OUT-TIME
0x4000	0x0000	0x000A

5.14 [0x74] Get Input

This protocol allows current status of the IN1 ... IN2 and DIP1 ... DIP4 digital inputs to be read at any time.

Host ® Reader

1	2	3	4,5
5	COM-ADR	[0x74]	CRC16

Host ⇐ Reader

1	2	3	4	5	6,7
7	COM-ADR	[0x74]	STATUS	INPUTS	CRC16

INPUTS

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	DIP4	DIP3	DIP2	DIP1	-	-	IN2	IN1

1 ⇒ digital input = active (see 3.2.1 CFG1: General Inputs/Outputs)

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6.1 Description

The following table shows an overview of which ISO commands can be used to access which type of transponder.

	Transponder Types	
	Tag-it HF	Tag-it HF-I (ISO 15693)
Host commands for ISO15693 Mandatory and Optional Commands	√	√
Inventory	√	√
Stay Quiet		√
Lock Multiple Blocks	√	√
Read Multiple Blocks	√	√
Write Multiple Blocks	√	√
Select		√
Reset to Ready		√
Write AFI		√
Lock AFI		√
Write DSFID		√
Lock DSFID		√
Get System Information	√	√
Get Multiple Block Security Status		√
Host commands for ISO15693 Custom and Proprietary Commands		√
ISO15693 Transparent Command		√

6.2 [0xB0] Host commands for ISO15693 Mandatory and Optional Commands

These commands send ISO 15693 defined RF commands to the transponder.

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4...n-2	n-1,n
n	COM-ADR	[0xB0]	REQUEST-DATA	CRC16

Host ← Reader

1	2	3	4	5...n-2	n-1,n
n	COM-ADR	[0xB0]	STATUS	RESPONSE-DATA	CRC16

REQUEST-DATA

Command specific request

RESPONSE-DATA

Command specific response



Notes:

Data is only transferred if STATUS = {0x00, 0x83, 0x84, 0x90, 0x93, 0x94, 0x95}.

This command is not available if Buffered Read Mode is switched on.

6.2.1 [0x01] Inventory

This command reads the serial numbers of all transponders inside the antenna field.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5
0x01	MODE

RESPONSE-DATA

5	6	7	8...15
DATA-SETS	TR-TYPE	DSFID	UID
Repeated DATA-SETS times			

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	MORE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MORE

MORE	
b0	new Inventory requested
b1	more data requested

DATA-SETS

Number of transponder datasets to be transferred in this Reader response.

TR-TYPE

Transponder type.

DSFID (ISO transponders only)

Data Storage Family Identifier. If not used, this value will return {0x00}.

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder.



Notes:

If the STATUS byte of the protocol frame has the value {0x94}, more serial numbers can be read out of the Reader with MORE = {b1}.

Reader Configuration CFG13:

If ONT = {b1}, only the serial numbers of those transponders are read which arrived in the antenna field since the last Inventory command.

If ONT = {b0}, an RF Reset is performed to read the serial numbers of all transponders inside the antenna field.

6.2.2 [0x02] Stay Quiet

This command sets the addressed transponder to the Quiet State.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5	6-13
0x02	MODE	UID

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	ADR		

ADR

ADR	
b001	addressed

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder.



Note:

This command is only available for ISO transponders.

6.2.3 [0x22] Lock Multiple Blocks

This command locks one or more data blocks.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5	(6-13)	6 / (14)	7 / (15)
0x22	MODE	UID	DB-ADR	DB-N

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x03})

5
DB-ADR-E

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x95})

5	6
ISO-ERROR	DB-ADR-E

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	ADR		

ADR

ADR	
b000	non-addressed
b001	addressed
b010	selected

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder. UID is only required in addressed mode.

DB-ADR

First block number to be locked. First block can have any value between 0 and 255.

DB-N

Number of data blocks to be locked, starting at DB-ADR. Maximum DB-N number is 32.

ISO-ERROR

ISO error code of transponder response. This byte is only available if STATUS = {0x95}.

DB-ADR-E

Block number where the error occurred.

6.2.4 [0x23] Read Multiple Blocks

This command reads one or more data blocks.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5	(6-13)	6 / (14)	7 / (15)
0x23	MODE	UID	DB-ADR	DB-N

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x95})

5
ISO-ERROR

RESPONSE-DATA

5	6	7	8-n
DB-N	DB-SIZE	SEC-STATUS	DB
Repeated DB-N times			

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	MORE	-	-	-	SEC	ADR		

ADR

ADR	
b000	Non-addressed
b001	Addressed
b010	Selected

SEC

SEC	
b0	SEC-STATUS always = {0x00}
b1	Security status of following data block in SEC-STATUS

MORE

MORE	
b0	New Command requested
b1	More data requested

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder. UID is only required in addressed mode.

DB-ADR

First block number to be read. First block can have any value between 0 and 255.

DB-N

Number of data blocks to be read from the transponder, starting at DB-ADR. Maximum number of DB-N is 32.

ISO-ERROR (ISO transponders only)

ISO error code of transponder response. This byte is only available if STATUS = {0x95}.

DB-SIZE

Number of bytes of one data block.

SEC-STATUS

Block security status of following data block. If not used, this value will return {0x00}.

SEC-STATUS	
b00000000	unlocked
b00000001	user locked
b00000010	factory locked

DB

Requested data block. The block size is defined by DB-SIZE.

**Notes:**

A read from one block uses a Read Single Block command to the transponder.

Only one transponder can be read in the non-addressed mode.

Tag-it HF transponders cannot be read in Selected mode.

6.2.5 [0x24] Write Multiple Blocks

This command writes one or more data blocks.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5	(6-13)	6 / (14)	7 / (15)	8 / (16)	9-n / (17-n)
0x24	MODE	UID	DB-ADR	DB-N	DB-SIZE	DB
						Repeated DB-N times

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x03})

5
DB-ADR-E

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x95})

5	6
ISO-ERROR	DB-ADR-E

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	ADR		

ADR

ADR	
b000	non-addressed
b001	addressed
b010	selected

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder. UID is only required in addressed mode.

DB-ADR

Address of first data block to be written to transponder. First block can have any value between 0 and 255.

DB-N

Number of data blocks to be written to transponder, starting at DB-ADR. Maximum number of DB-N is 32

DB-SIZE

Number of bytes in one data block.

DB

Data block to be written to transponder. Required block size is defined by DB-SIZE.

ISO-ERROR (ISO transponders only)

ISO error code of transponder response. This byte is only available if STATUS = {0x95}.

DB-ADR-E

Block number where the error occurred.

**Notes:**

Write to One Block uses a Write Single Block command to the transponder.

For Write Multiple Blocks commands, multiple Write Single Block commands are issued to the transponder.

For Tag-it HF transponders, the Write Multiple Blocks command cannot be performed in the selected mode.

6.2.6 [0x25] Select

This command sets one transponder to Select State. Only one ISO transponder can be selected at any one time. A transponder already selected will automatically be set to Ready State.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5	6-13
0x25	MODE	UID

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x95})

5
ISO-ERROR

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	ADR		

ADR

ADR	
b001	addressed

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder.

ISO-ERROR

ISO error code of transponder response. This byte is only available if STATUS = {0x95}.

**Note:**

This command is only available for ISO transponders.

6.2.7 [0x26] Reset to Ready

This command sets a transponder to Ready State.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5	(6-13)
0x26	MODE	UID

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x95})

5
ISO-ERROR

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	ADR		

ADR

ADR	
b001	Addressed
b010	Selected

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder. UID is only required in addressed mode.

ISO-ERROR

ISO error code of transponder response. This byte is only available if STATUS = {0x95}.



Note:

This command is only available for ISO transponders.

6.2.8 [0x27] Write AFI

This command writes a new AFI code to one or more transponders.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5	(6-13)	6 / (14)
0x27	MODE	UID	AFI

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x95})

5
ISO-ERROR

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	ADR		

ADR

ADR	
b000	non-addressed
b001	addressed
b010	selected

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder. UID is only required in addressed mode.

AFI

Application Family Identifier of transponder.

ISO-ERROR

ISO error code of transponder response. This byte is only available if STATUS = {0x95}.



Note:

This command is only available for ISO transponders.

6.2.9 [0x28] Lock AFI

This command locks the AFI register in one or more transponders.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5	(6-13)
0x28	MODE	UID

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x95})

5
ISO-ERROR

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	ADR		

ADR

ADR	
b000	Non-addressed
b001	Addressed
b010	Selected

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder. UID is only required in addressed mode.

ISO-ERROR

ISO error code of transponder response. This byte is only available if STATUS = {0x95}.



Note:

This command is only available for ISO transponders.

6.2.10 [0x29] Write DSFID

This command writes the DSFID to one or more transponders.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5	(6-13)	6 / (14)
0x29	MODE	UID	DSFID

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x95})

5
ISO-ERROR

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	ADR		

ADR

ADR	
b000	non-addressed
b001	addressed
b010	selected

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder. UID is only required in addressed mode.

DSFID

Data Storage Format Identifier of transponder.

ISO-ERROR

ISO error code of transponder response. This byte is only available if STATUS = {0x95}.



Note:

This command is only available for ISO transponders.

6.2.11 [0x2A] Lock DSFID

This command locks the DSFID register in one or more transponders.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5	(6-13)
0x2A	MODE	UID

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x95})

5
ISO-ERROR

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	ADR		

ADR

ADR	
b000	non-addressed
b001	addressed
b010	selected

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder. UID is only required in addressed mode.

ISO-ERROR

ISO error code of transponder response. This byte is only available if STATUS = {0x95}.



Note:

This command is only available for ISO transponders.

6.2.12 [0x2B] Get System Information

This command reads system information from a transponder.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5	(6-13)
0x2B	MODE	UID

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x95})

5
ISO-ERROR

RESPONSE-DATA

5	6-13	14	15-16	17
DSFID	UID	AFI	MEM-SIZE	IC-REF
'0'	Only LS 32bits valid	Manufacturer Code	MEM Size	Chip Version

⇐ ISO Transponder
⇐ Tag-it HF

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	ADR		

ADR

ADR	
b000	Non-addressed
b001	Addressed
b010	Selected

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder. UID is only required in addressed mode.

ISO-ERROR

ISO error code of transponder response. This byte is only available if STATUS = {0x95}.

DSFID

Data Storage Format Identifier of transponder.

AFI

Application Family Identifier. If not supported by transponder, this value will return {0x00}.

MEM-SIZE

Memory size of the transponder. If not supported by the transponder, this value will return {0x0000}.

Byte	15		16
Bit	7 .. 4	3 .. 0	7 .. 0
Content	Reserved	Block size in bytes	Number of blocks

IC-REF

Transponder IC reference. If not supported by transponder, this value will return {0x00}.

6.2.13 [0x2C] Get Multiple Block Security Status

This command reads the public block security status from a transponder.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5	(6-13)	6 / (14)	7 / (15)
0x2C	MODE	UID	DB-ADR	DB-N

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x95})

5
ISO-ERROR

RESPONSE-DATA

5	6
DB-N	SEC-STATUS
	Repeated DB-N times

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	ADR		

ADR

ADR	
b000	non-addressed
b001	addressed
b010	selected

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder. UID is only required in addressed mode.

DB-ADR

First block number from which security status is requested. First block number can be any value between 0 and 255.

DB-N

Number of security status bytes to be read starting at DB-ADR. Maximum number of DB-N is 32

ISO-ERROR

ISO error code of transponder response. This byte is only available if STATUS = {0x95}.

SEC-STATUS

Block security status.

SEC-STATUS	
b00000000	unlocked
b00000001	user locked
b00000010	factory locked



Note:

This command is only available for ISO transponders.

6.2.14 [0xA3] Inventory Read Multiple Blocks

This command reads one or more data blocks of all transponders inside the antenna field.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5	6	7
0xA3	MODE	DB-ADR	DB-N

RESPONSE-DATA

5	6	7	8-15	16	17-n
DATA-SETS	DB-SIZE	DSFID	UID	SEC-STATUS	DB
				Repeated DB-N times	
	Repeated DATA-SETS times				

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	MORE	-	-	-	SEC	-	-	-

SEC

SEC	
b0	SEC-STATUS always = {0x00}
b1	Security status of following data block in SEC-STATUS

MORE

MORE	
b0	New command requested
b1	More data requested

DB-ADR

First block number to be read. First Block number can have any value between 0 and 255.

DB-N

Number of data blocks to be read from transponder, starting at DB-ADR. Maximum number of DB-N is 32.

DATA-SETS

Number of transponder datasets to be transferred in this Reader response.

DB-SIZE

Number of bytes of one data block.

DSFID

Data Storage Format Identifier of the transponder.

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder.

SEC-STATUS

Block security status of following data block. If not used, this value will return {0x00}.

SEC-STATUS	
b00000000	unlocked
b00000001	user locked
b00000010	factory locked

DB

Requested data block. Block size is defined by DB-SIZE.



Note:

This command is only available for Tag-it HF-I transponders.

6.2.15 [0xAB] Inventory Get System Information

This command reads system information from all transponders inside the antenna field.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5
0xAB	MODE

RESPONSE-DATA

5	6	7-14	15	16-17	18
DATA-SETS	DSFID	UID	AFI	MEM-SIZE	IC-REF
Repeated DATA-SETS times					

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	MORE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MORE

MORE	
b0	new Command requested
b1	more data requested

DATA-SETS

Number of transponder datasets to be transferred in this Reader response.

DSFID

Data Storage Format Identifier of the transponder.

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder. UID is only required in addressed mode.

AFI

Application Family Identifier. If not supported by transponder, this value will return {0x00}.

MEM-SIZE

Memory size of the transponder. If not supported by transponder, this value will return {0x0000}.

Byte	15	16
Bit	7 .. 4	3 .. 0
Content	Reserved	Block size in bytes

IC-REF

IC reference of the transponder. If not supported by transponder, this value will return {0x00}.



Note:

This command is only available for Tag-it HF-I transponders.

6.2.16 [0xAC] Inventory Get Multiple Block Security Status

This command reads the public block security status from all transponders inside the antenna field.

REQUEST-DATA

4	5	6	7
0xAC	MODE	DB-ADR	DB-N

RESPONSE-DATA

5	6	7-14	15-n
DATA-SETS	DSFID	UID	SEC-STATUS
Repeated DATA-SETS times			

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	MORE	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

MORE

MORE	
b0	New Command requested
b1	More data requested

DB-ADR

First block number to be read. First block number can have any value between 0 and 255.

DB-N

Number of data blocks to be read from the transponder, starting at DB-ADR. Maximum number of DB-N is 32.

DATA-SETS

Number of transponder datasets to be transferred in this Reader response.

DSFID

Data Storage Format Identifier of the transponder.

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder. UID is only required in addressed mode.

SEC-STATUS

Block security status.

SEC-STATUS	
b00000000	unlocked
b00000001	user locked
b00000010	factory locked



Note:

This command is only available for Tag-it HF-I transponders.

6.3 [0xB1] Host commands for ISO15693 Custom and Proprietary Commands

These commands send defined custom commands to the transponder.

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4	5...n-2	n-1,n
n	COM-ADR	[0xB1]	MFR	REQUEST-DATA	CRC16

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4	5...n-2	n-1,n
n	COM-ADR	[0xB1]	STATUS	RESPONSE-DATA	CRC16

MFR

Manufacturer code

MFR	
0x07	Texas Instruments

REQUEST-DATA

Manufacturer-specific request

RESPONSE-DATA

Manufacturer-specific response



Notes:

Data is only transferred if STATUS = {0x00, 0x83, 0x84, 0x90, 0x93, 0x94, 0x95}.

This command is not available if Buffered Read Mode is switched on.

6.3.1 [0xA2] Write 2 Blocks

This command writes two data blocks. The first block should always have an even address (e.g. 0 or 2).

REQUEST-DATA

5	6	(7-14)	7 / (15)	8 / (16)	9-12 / (17-20)	13-16 / (21-24)
0xA2	MODE	UID	DB-ADR	DB-SIZE	even DB	odd DB

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x95})

5
ISO-ERROR

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	ADR		

ADR

ADR	
b000	Non-addressed
b001	Addressed
b010	Selected

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder. UID is only required in addressed mode.

DB-ADR

First block number to be written (second block will be written to the succeeding block number).

DB-SIZE

Number of bytes in one data block.

DB

Block data to be written to the transponder.

ISO-ERROR

Transponder response ISO error code. This byte is only available if STATUS = {0x95}.



Note:

This command is only available for Tag-it HF-I transponders.

6.3.2 [0xA3] Lock 2 Blocks

This command locks two data blocks. The first block should always have an even address (e.g. 0 or 2).

REQUEST-DATA

5	6	(7-14)	7 / (15)
0xA3	MODE	UID	DB-ADR

RESPONSE-DATA (STATUS = {0x95})

5
ISO-ERROR

MODE

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-	-	-	-	-	ADR		

ADR

ADR	
b000	non-addressed
b001	addressed
b010	selected

UID

Read only serial number of the transponder. UID is only required in addressed mode.

DB-ADR

First block number to be locked (second block that will be locked is the succeeding block).

ISO-ERROR

ISO error code of transponder response. This byte is only available if STATUS = {0x95}.



Note:

This command is only available for Tag-it HF-I transponders.

6.4 [0xBF] ISO15693 Transparent Command

These commands send user-transparent commands to the transponder.

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4	5-6	
n	COM-ADR	[0xBF]	MODE	RSP-LENGTH	↩

MODE 1+2	7-8	9...n-2	n-1,n
↩	CMD-RSP-DELAY	REQUEST-DATA	CRC16

MODE 3+4	7-8	9 – 10	11 ... n-2	n-1,n
↩	CMD-RSP-DELAY	EOF-PULSE-DELAY	REQUEST-DATA	CRC16

Host ← Reader

1	2	3	4	5...n-2	n-1,n
n	COM-ADR	[0xBF]	STATUS	RESPONSE-DATA	CRC16

MODE

Request Options

1 = Read request

Response is sampled corresponding to CMD-RES-DELAY

2 = Write request with “0” Option

Reader tries to sample the response after CMD-RES-DELAY + a multiple of 302µs. If there is no response within 20ms, the command sends back the “no transponder” [0x01] status.

3 = Write request with “1” Option

Reader tries to sample the response after CMD-RES-DELAY. If there is no response, the Reader sends an EOF after EOF-PULSE-DELAY and tries to sample the response after CMD-RES_DELAY.

4 = Inventory request

Reader tries to sample the response after CMD-RES-DELAY.

If the ISO15693 "Nb_slot_flag" Flag is:

"0"

Reader sends an EOF after EOF-PULSE-DELAY and tries again to sample the response in the next timeslot (after CMD-RES-DELAY). This is carried out 16 times. In this case the RSP-LENGTH defines the response length in one timeslot. Transponder responses with other response lengths will be ignored. If there is a CRC error in one of the timeslots, the protocol status is set to 0x02 [CRC error]. The user must calculate which transponder data contains the CRC error.

"1"

Reader sends back the data received.

RSP-LENGTH

Length of transponder response in bits without SOF and EOF

CMD-RSP-DELAY

Response delay for transponder response (ISO15693: t1)

e.g. ISO15693 average value: {0x021F} * 590ns = 320.9µs

EOF-PULSE-DELAY

EOF Pulse delay is used in write operations with the ISO15693 "1" write option to define the EOF response delay for transponder response (ISO15693: t1)
e.g. ISO15693 maximum value: {0x846A} * 590ns = 20ms.

REQUEST-DATA

Complete transponder request without SOF, CRC16 and EOF



Note:

The read and write option FLAGS in REQUEST-DATA must correspond to the MODE Byte in the request protocol. Reader always forces command as specified by MODE Byte in request protocol.

RESPONSE-DATA

Complete transponder response without SOF and EOF. A CRC16 check is made inside the Reader. The transponder CRC16 is transferred with the response data.



Notes:

Data is only transferred if STATUS = {0x00, 0x02, 0x83, 0x84, 0x94}.

Response data always contains the number of data bytes defined in RSP-LENGTH.

This command is only available for ISO transponders.

This command is not available if Buffered Read Mode is switched on.

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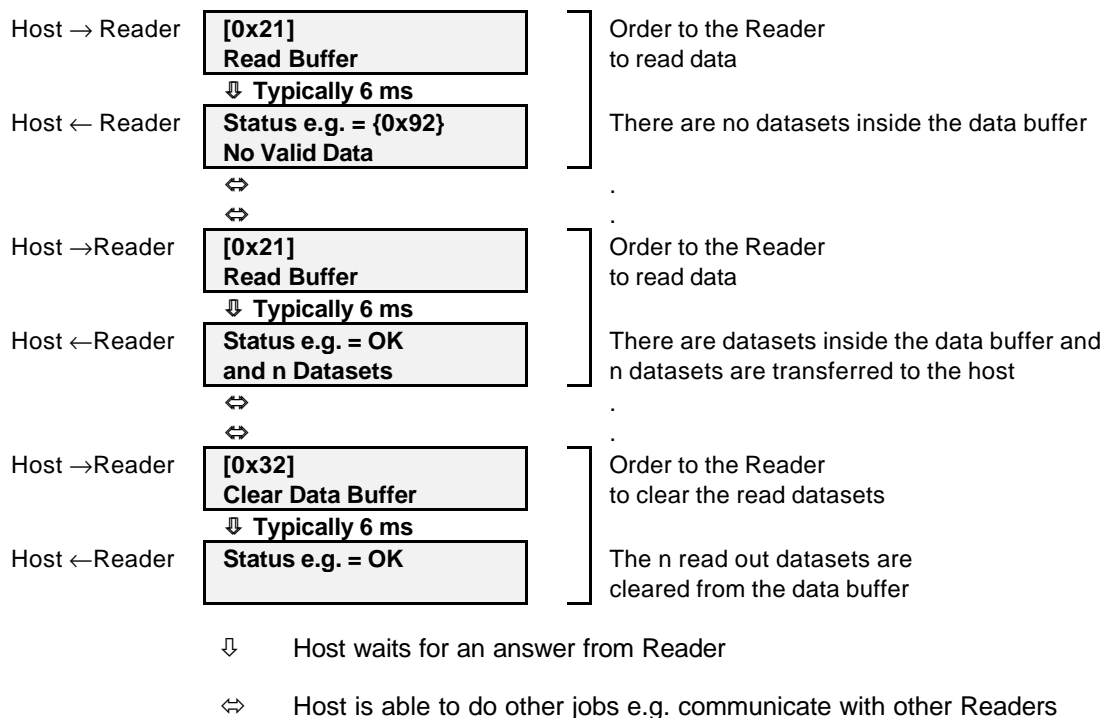
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7.1 The Buffered Read Mode Procedure

By using Buffered Read Mode, the Reader itself reads data from every transponder inside the antenna field. This mode must be enabled in the CFG10: General System Parameters configuration block and configured in the CFG11: Buffered Read Mode configuration block.

The transponder datasets sampled are stored in a FIFO data buffer inside the Reader. Buffered Read Mode runs independently of any host commands and is immediately started after power-up or a [0x63] CPU Reset command.

To read sampled transponder datasets, only two commands are necessary. The figure below shows the principle of the Buffered Read Mode procedure:



Additional information about data buffer capacity can be determined with the [0x31] Read Data Buffer Info command.



Note:

Buffered Read Mode is currently only available for Tag-it HF transponders.

7.2 Transponder Access in the Buffered Read Mode

Buffered Read Mode only reads data blocks from transponders in the antenna field. The anticollision procedure can be configured in the CFG13: Anticollision configuration block and enabled in the CFG10: General System Parameters configuration block.

In Buffered Read Mode, all transponder types enabled in the CFG3: RF-Interface configuration block are used.

7.3 [0x21] Read Buffer

The Read Buffer command reads a specified number of datasets from the data buffer.

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4	5,6
6	COM-ADR	[0x21]	DATA-SETS	CRC16

Host → Reader

1	2	3	4	(5)	(6)
6 / (n)	COM-ADR	[0x21]	STATUS	TR-DATA	DATA-SETS ↘

(7...n-2)	5-6 / (n-1,n)
DATA ↘	CRC16

DATA-SETS

Number of datasets to be transferred from the data buffer. If the data buffer does not contain the requested number of datasets, the Reader responds with all available datasets and an error occurs. The Reader will reduce the number of datasets if the maximum number of 256 bytes for the answer protocol is exceeded.

TR-DATA

Selects data types for read operation.

Bit	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	0
Function	-		TIMER	-	-	-	DB	SNR

SNR = Serial Number

DB = Data Block

TIMER = internal system timer (see chapter 4.5 [0x85] Set System Timer for details)

DATA

Requested number of datasets from the data buffer. Only selected data will be transferred to the host. See chapter 3.4.2 CFG11: Buffered Read Mode for details. Each dataset has the following structure:

Data Type			DATA	
Serial Number	Byte no.	1	2-9	
		TR-TYP	SNR	
Data Blocks	Byte no.	1	2	3-6 ... 3-66
		DB-ADR	DB-N	DB
Timer	Byte no.	1-4		
		TIMER		

**Notes:**

This command reads the same datasets until they are cleared with the [0x32] Clear Data Buffer command.

This command is only available in Buffered Read Mode.

Data is only transferred if STATUS = {0x00, 0x83, 0x84, 0x90, 0x93, 0x94}.

Transponder Type Codes

Value	Transponder type
0x01	Tag-it HF
0x03	Tag-it HF-I or other ISO 15693 compliant transponders

Asynchronous Interface Timing

Reaction times of the asynchronous interface depend on:

- Amount of data to be read or written
- Type and amount of transponders supported by Reader
- Position of transponder at time of request
- Local electromagnetic interference, if present
- Success or failure of request

	Min.	Typical		Max.	Unit
		Tag-it HF	Tag-it HF-I		
EE-Parameter change 1 Block (16 Bytes)	5	22	See note 3)	300	ms
All (16) Blocks		340		600	ms
RF Reset		100	See note 3)		ms
Host Commands for ISO 15693 Mandatory and Optional Commands	5	See note 1)	See note 3)	See note 2)	ms
Host Commands for ISO 15693 Custom and Proprietary Commands	5	See note 1)	See note 3)	See note 2)	ms
ISO 15693 Transparent Command	5	See note 1)	See note 3)	See note 2)	ms



Note:

- 1) See ISO Host Commands for details.
- 2) As configured in CFG2: Com-Interface, COM-TIMEOUT.
- 3) Value to be specified at a later date.

ISO Host Command Timing

Reaction times for ISO Host Commands depend on:

- Number of transponders in antenna field (duration of anticollision process)
- Amount of data to be read or written
- Types of transponders supported by Reader
- Position of transponder at time of requirement
- Local electromagnetic interference, if present

	Typical		Unit
	Tag-it HF-I	Tag-it HF	
Inventory with 1 Transponder: 1 timeslot 16 timeslots	See note 1)	- 50	ms ms
Read Multiple Blocks: 1 Block, non-addressed 1 Block, addressed 4 Blocks, non-addressed 4 Blocks, addressed	See note 1)	13 18 44 66	ms ms ms ms
Write Multiple Blocks (1 Block, non-addressed):	See note 1)	27	ms
Write Multiple Blocks (1 Block, addressed): 1 timeslot 16 timeslots	See note 1)	- 33	ms ms
Write Multiple Blocks (4 Blocks, non-addressed):	See note 1)	104	ms
Write Multiple Blocks (4 Blocks, addressed): 1 timeslot 16 timeslots	See note 1)	- 126	ms ms



Notes:

1) Value to be specified at a later date.

Status Bytes

Hex value	General
0x00	OK: Data / parameters have been read or stored without error. Control command has been executed.

Hex value	Transponder Status
0x01	No Transponder: No transponder is located within detection field of Reader. Transponder in detection field has been switched to mute position. Communication between Reader and transponder has been interrupted and Reader is unable to read transponder.
0x02	Data False: CRC16 data error in received data.
0x03	Write Error: Negative Validity check of written data. Attempt to write to a read-only storage area. Transponder and Reader antenna too far apart. Attempt to read in an electrically noisy environment.
0x04	Address Error: Required data outside logical or physical transponder address area. Address above maximum transponder address space. Address beyond configured address space of transponder.
0x05	Wrong transponder type: Command not applicable to transponder. Special command not applicable to transponder.
0x06	Read Error: Negative Validity check of data read Transponder and Reader antenna too far apart Attempt to read in an electrically noisy environment.
0x0A	Transponder Changed: Current transponder is not identical to the one selected in a specified timeslot.
0x0B	Collision: More than one transponder is answering to a request.

Hex-value	Parameter Status
0x10	EEPROM-Failure: Reader EEPROM cannot be written to. A faulty parameters checksum has been detected before writing into EEPROM.
0x11	Parameter Range Error: Value range of parameters exceeded.
0x15	Read Protect: Configuration block reserved for future use.
0x16	Write Protect: Configuration block reserved for future use.

Hex Value	Interface Status
0x80	Unknown Command: Reader does not support selected function.
0x81	Length Error: Selected function has wrong number of parameters.
0x82	Command not available: ISO Host command sent to Reader in Buffered Read Mode. Buffered Read Mode protocol sent to Reader in standard mode.
0x83	RF communication error: Indicates an error in communication between transponder and Reader. Reason could be timeout in transponder communication.
0x84	RF Error: Detailed status information can be read with [0x6E] Reader Diagnostic command. RF hardware defective. RF final stage temperature too high. RF power may be decreased or switched off. Antenna configuration not correct. Check antenna cables and antenna tuning. RF power has no value configured. Electrical environment too noisy.

Hex Value	Buffer Status
0x90	Data Buffer Overrun: Data buffer overrun occurred. Oldest data in data buffer will be overwritten in Buffered Read Mode.
0x92	No Valid Data: No valid data in Buffered Read Mode. No transponder in antenna field. VALID-TIME not yet finished for transponders in antenna field.
0x93	Data Buffer Overflow: A data buffer overflow occurred.
0x94	More Data: More transponder datasets requested than response protocol is capable of transferring at same time.
0x95	ISO Error: Additional error code for ISO transponders, sent with response data.

Control Bytes

Control Byte	Description
[0x21]	Read Buffer
[0x31]	Read Data Buffer Info
[0x32]	Clear Data Buffer
[0x33]	Initialize Buffer
[0x52]	Baud Rate Detection
[0x55]	Start Flash Loader
[0x63]	CPU Reset
[0x65]	Get Software Version
[0x69]	RF Reset
[0x6A]	RF ON/OFF
[0x6D]	Get Noise Level
[0x6E]	Reader Diagnostic
[0x71]	Set Output
[0x74]	Get Input
[0x80]	Read Configuration
[0x81]	Write Configuration
[0x82]	Save Configuration to EEPROM
[0x83]	Set Default Configuration
[0x85]	Set System Timer
[0x86]	Get System Timer
[0xB0]	Host commands for ISO15693 Mandatory and Optional Commands
[0xB1]	Host commands for ISO15693 Custom and Proprietary Commands
[0xBF]	ISO15693 Transparent Command