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## Foreword

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- *Part 1: Network Capable Application Processor (NCAP) information model*
- *Part 2: Transducer to microprocessor communication protocols and Transducer Electronic Data Sheet (TEDS) formats*
- *Part 4: Mixed-mode communication protocols and Transducer Electronic Data Sheet (TEDS) formats*
- *Part 7: Transducer to radio frequency identification (RFID) systems communication protocols and Transducer Electronic Data Sheet (TEDS) formats*

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## Introduction

This part of ISO/IEC/IEEE 21451 describes communication methods, data formats and provides a Transducer Electronic Data Sheet (TEDS) for sensors working in cooperation with radio frequency identification (RFID) systems. This part of ISO/IEC/IEEE 21451 does not outline, recommend, or prescribe any specific air-interface protocol. This part of ISO/IEC/IEEE 21451 is intended to be air-interface agnostic.

In the ISO/IEC/IEEE 21451 series of standards, transducers (sensors or actuators) are connected to a transducer interface module (TIM), which is connected to a network capable application processor (NCAP) to allow network access of transducer data. ISO/IEC/IEEE 21450 defines a set of common functionality, commands, and TEDS for the ISO/IEC/IEEE 21451 series of smart transducer standards.

ISO/IEC/IEEE 21450 provides a common basis for members of the ISO/IEC/IEEE 21451 series of standards to be interoperable. It defines the functions that are to be performed by a TIM and the common characteristics for all devices that implement the TIM. It specifies the formats for TEDS. It defines a set of commands to facilitate the setup and control of the TIM as well as reading and writing the data used by the system. Application programming interfaces (APIs) are defined to facilitate communications with the TIM and with applications. ISO/IEC/IEEE 21451-1 defines a smart transducer object model and communication methods to facilitate the access of smart transducers in a network. ISO/IEC/IEEE 21451-2 defines serial interfaces for connecting transducer modules to a network processor. ISO/IEC/IEEE 21451-4 defines a mixed-mode transducer interface that allows the transfer of digital transducer electronic data sheet and analogue sensor signals on the same wires.