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Air interface**

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Foreword

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- *Part 1: Air interface*
- *Part 2: In-band Control Protocol for Wireless Power Transfer*

Relay Protocol for Extended Range and *Security Protocol for Authorization* will form the subjects of future Parts 3 and 4, respectively.

Introduction

This International Standard provides protocols for magnetic field area network (MFAN). MFAN can support the service based on wireless communication and wireless power transfer in harsh environment. MFAN is composed of four protocols: air interface, in-band control protocol, relay protocol, and security protocol.

This part of ISO/IEC 15149 specifies the physical layer and media access control layer protocols of wireless network over a magnetic field.

ISO/IEC 15149-2 specifies the control protocol for wireless power transfer based on magnetic field area network.

ISO/IEC 15149-3 specifies the relay protocol to extend effective network coverage of magnetic field area network.

ISO/IEC 15149-4 specifies the security protocol to authorize nodes to communicate in magnetic field area network.

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Part 1: Air interface

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 15149 specifies the physical layer and media access control layer protocols of wireless network over a magnetic field in a low frequency band (~300 KHz) for wireless communication in harsh environment (i.e., around metal, underwater, underground, etc.).

The physical layer protocol is designed for the following scope:

- low carrier frequency for large magnetic field area and reliable communication in harsh environment;
- simple and robust modulation for a low implementation cost and error performance;
- variable coding and bandwidth for a link adaptation.

The media access control layer protocol is designed for the following scope:

- simple and efficient network topology for low power consumption;
- variable superframe structure for compact and efficient data transmission;
- dynamic address assignment for small packet size and efficient address management.

This part of ISO/IEC 15149 supports several Kbps data transmission in wireless network within a distance of several meters. It can be applied to various services such as the following areas:

- environmental industry to manage pollution levels in soil and water using wireless underground or underwater sensors;
- construction industry to monitor the integrity of buildings and bridges using wireless, inner-corrosion sensors;
- consumer-electronics industry to detect food spoilage in wet, airtight storage areas and transfer the sensing data from the inside to the outside;
- agricultural industry to manage the moisture level as well as mineral status in soil using wireless, buried sensors;
- transportation industry to manage road conditions and traffic information using wireless, underground sensors.