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## Introduction

This document can be used as a system level standard by other standards, which extend the combination of ACC according to ISO 15622 and PADS according to ISO 21717 with additional requirements motivated by costumer use-cases and by safety to a more detailed standard for a higher level of functionality which will include the hands-free use case in certain conditions.

The main functionality of a "L2 hands-free system" is to control and limit the vehicle behaviour for longitudinal and lateral control, as it is described in ISO 15622 and ISO 21717, with respect to the performance, the intended ODD and the driver's capabilities. Together with an appropriate driver monitoring, which is typically realized with a driver monitoring camera and in addition a hands-on/off detection regarding to the steering wheel, it is possible for a system to operate while the driver can take the hands away from the steering without losing the ability and the responsibility to control the DDT.

This document contains the basic control strategy, basic driver interface elements and a minimum set of requirements for a L2 hands-free system. This document is applicable for, but not limited to, passenger cars. It is not applicable to automated driving systems of Level 3 according to ISO/SAE PAS 22736 or higher.

While a lane change functionality is not specified in this document, it is explicitly considered.

Regional regulation, e.g. UN/ECE R79, can limit the applicability of parts of this document.



# Road vehicles — Partial driving automation — Technical characteristics of conditional hands-free driving systems

## 1 Scope

This document provides technical characteristics of partial driving automation system according to ISO/SAE PAS 22736 and associated control strategies enabling hands-free driving.

These technical characteristics, together with an appropriate operational design domain enable the proper usage of such partial driving automation systems which is supervised by drivers.

This document does not address performance limits, verification and validation of such systems.

## 2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

## 3 Terms and definitions

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

ISO and IEC maintain terminology databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

### 3.1

#### ODD

operational design domain

operating conditions under which the driving automation system is specifically designed to function, including, but not limited to, environmental, geographical, and time-of-day restrictions, and/or the requisite presence or absence of certain traffic or roadway characteristics

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### 3.2

#### EOR

eyes-on request

request by the L2 hands-free system to the driver to monitor the traffic situation

### 3.3

#### HOW

hands-on warning

warning by the L2 hands-free system to the driver to *direct control* (3.12) the vehicle, at least by lateral steering control of the vehicle

Note 1 to entry: An HOW could be represented by a yellow warning signal accompanied by an acoustic warning.