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Abbreviations (origin)

AGA American Gas Association
ASME American Society of Mechanical Engineers
ANSI American National Standards Institute
API American Petroleum Institute
ASCi Automation Standards Compliance Institute
ASM Abnormal Situation Management Consortium
BCS British Computer Society
BS British Standards
BSC British Computer Society
CEN European Committee for Standardization
CENELEC European Committee for Electrotechnical Standardization
CFR Code of Federal Regulations (US)
CRE API Committee for Refining Equipment
CSA Canadian Standards Association
DNV Det Norske Veritas (Norway)
DIN German Institute for Standardization
EC European Commission
EEMUA Engineering Equipment & Materials Users’ Association
EIA Electronics Industries Association
EMC Electromagnetic compatibility
EN European Norm
FCI Fluid Controls Institute (US)
FDI Field Device Type
HCF HART Communication Foundation
IAS IEEE Industry Applications Society
IEC International Electrotechnical Commission
IEEE Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (US)
IFE Institute of Energy Technology (Norway)
IFEA The Association for Electrotechnics and Automation in Industry (Norway)
IMO International Maritime Organization
IMS IEEE Instrumentation & Measurement Society
INC EEMUA Instrumentation and Control Committee
ISA International Society of Automation (US)
ISO International Organization for Standardization
LAN Local area network
MOA Memorandum of Agreement
MODU Mobile Offshore Drilling Units Code (IMO)
NACE National Association of Corrosion Engineers (US)
NAMUR Automation Systems Interest Group of the Process Industry (Germany)
NAS National Aerospace Standard (US)
NEK Norwegian Electro technical Committee
NEMA National Electrical Manufacturers Association (US)
NESC National Electrical Safety Code
NFC National Fire Code
NFPA National Fire Protection Association (US)
NORSOK Norwegian Competitive Position on the Continental Shelf
NPD Norwegian Petroleum Directorate
NS Norwegian Standard
OGP International Association of Oil & Gas Producers
OLF Norwegian Oil Industry Association
OSHA Occupational Safety and Health Administration (US)
PAS Publicly Available Specification (ISO)
PIP Process Industry Practices (US)
PD Private Document (BSI)
PSA Petroleum Safety Authority (Norway)
SAC Standardisation Administration of China
SCD System Control Diagram
SDO Standards Developing Organization
SIL Safety Integrity Levels
SOICs API Subcommittee on Instruments & Control Systems
SOLAS International Convention for the Safety of Life at Sea (IMO)
TIA Telecommunications Industry Association
TF Task Force
UKOOA UK Offshore Operator Association (Now UK Oil & Gas)
UL Underwriters Laboratories (US)
VDI Association of German Engineers
VDE Association for Electrical, Electronic & Information Technologies
WCT Wireless Cooperation Team
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1 – Introduction

The International Association of Oil & Gas Producers (OGP) arranged a workshop 21 – 22 November 2006, in London with the objective to facilitate global networking of the instrument and automation (process control) specialists of OGP members and global suppliers and furthermore with the purpose of:

• discussing the existing operators’ company and project specifications and available standards related to this discipline; and
• evaluating the needs for new international standards work in this area for the benefit of the OGP members and the global petroleum industry.

The following companies were present at this first workshop meeting:

• ABB, Norway & UK
• BP, UK
• Emerson, UK
• Honeywell, UK
• Hydro, Norway
• Petrobras, Brazil
• Siemens, Germany
• Total, France

The workshop heard presentation and proposals from each participating company and agreed a number of actions. OGP subsequently agreed to establish a permanent Task Force (TF) for Instrument & Automation standardisation for its oil & gas industry members to continue networking and handle the actions agreed at the workshop. The TF will be reporting to the OGP Standards committee with the following terms of references:

• To arrange for global networking of the instrument and automation specialists of OGP members and global suppliers.
• Present the existing company and project specifications and available standards related to the discipline.
• Discuss, propose and evaluate the needs for harmonisation of company specifications in international standards in this area for the benefit of the global petroleum industry.
• Discuss the need and make proposals for new international standards.

This report is a summary of a fact finding mission following from the workshop to identify available international standards used by the Instrument & Automation TF participating companies and a listing of technical committee where work is presently ongoing for this area. Metering (eg API MPMS) and subsea instrumentation standards and work have not yet been included.

This report documents the fact finding mission that followed the workshop with the intent to serve as part of the basis for evaluation of further standards work for the OGP members and interested suppliers in this area.

Text in this report is frequently taken from the open websites of the different standards development organisations described herein.

Proposals for supplements or corrections of this report are welcome; please email publications@ogp.org.uk
2 – Available standards

2.1 Instrument & automation specific standards available and used

The primary instrument & automation standards are singled out in this paragraph, as these standards are the responsibility of the instrument & automation community to develop and maintain.

**ANSI/IEEE Std 1008**  
Software Unit Testing

**ANSI/IEEE Std 610.12**  
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**ASM**  
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Fire detection and alarm systems for buildings – Part 1: Code of practice for system design, installation, commissioning and maintenance

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**EEMUA 189**  
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Safety of machinery. Safety related part of control system. General principles for design.

**EN 50073**  
Guide for selection, installation, use and maintenance of apparatus for the detection and measurement of combustible gases or oxygen

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2.2 Non specific standards used by instrument & automation discipline

Many of the references below are generally applicable standards not specifically made for instrument and automation purposes, but they are listed here as they are frequently used by the instrument and automation discipline in the global oil & gas industry.

- **AGA Report No 3**: Orifice calculations
- **AGA Report No 8**: Compressibility Factor of Natural Gas and Related Hydrocarbon Gas
- **AGA Report No 9**: Measurement of gas by Multipath Ultrasonic Meters
- **ANSI B1.20.1**: Pipe threads general purpose (imperial units)
- **ANSI B16.5**: Pipe Flanges and Flanged Fittings
- **ANSI B16.10**: Face-to-face and end-to-end dimensions of valves.
- **ANSI B16.34**: Valves-flanged, threaded and
- **ANSI B16.36**: Steel orifice flanges
- **API Publ 2501A**: Fire-Protection Considerations for the Design and Operation of Liquefied Petroleum Gas (LPG) Storage Facilities
- **API RP 14B**: Recommended Practice for Design, Installation, Repair and Operation of Subsurface Safety Valves Systems
- **API RP 14E**: Design and Installation of Offshore Production Platform Piping System (basis for ISO 13703).
- **API RP 14FZ**: Design and Installation of Electrical Systems for Fixed and Floating Offshore Petroleum Facilities for Unclassified and Class 1, Zone 0, Zone 1 and Zone 2 Locations
- **API RP 14G**: Fire Prevention and Control on Open Type Offshore Production Platforms
- **API RP 14H**: Installation, Maintenance, and Repair of Surface Safety Valves and Underwater Safety Valves Offshore
- **API RP 14J**: Design and Hazards Analysis for Offshore Production Facilities
- **API RP 520**: Sizing, Selection, and Installation of Pressure-Relieving Devices in Refineries
- **API RP 526**: Flanged steel safety relief valves.
- **API RP 527**: Seat Tightness of Pressure Relief Valves.
- **API RP 537**: Flare Details for General Refinery and Petrochemical Services
- **API RP 574**: Inspection Practices for Piping System Components
- **API RP 576**: Inspection of Pressure-Relieving Devices
- **API RP 678**: Accelerometer-based Vibration Monitoring System.
- **API RP 2001**: Fire protection in refineries
- **API Spec 6A**: Wellhead and Christmas Tree Equipment
- **API Std 598**: Valve Inspection and Testing
- **API Std 670**: Vibration, axial position and bearing temperature system.
- **API Std 521**: Guide for Pressure-Relieving and Depressuring Systems (identical to ISO 23251)
- **API Std 2000**: Venting Atmospheric and Low Pressure Storage Tanks Nonrefrigerated and Refrigerated.
- **ASME I**: Power boilers
- **ASME VIII, Div 1**: Boiler and pressure vessel code
- **ASME PTC 25**: Pressure Relief Devices
BS 2915  | Bursting Discs and Bursting Disc Devices
BS 6121-5 | Mechanical cable glands. Code of practice for selection, installation and inspection of cable glands and armour glands
BS 6656  | Assessment of inadvertent ignition of flammable atmospheres by radio-frequency radiation. Guide
BS 6755-1 | Testing of valves. Part 1. Specification for production pressure testing requirements
BS 6883  | Elastomer Insulated cables mobile and fixed offshore units.
BSI PD 5500 | Specification for Unfired Fusion Welded Pressure Vessels
DIN 3381 | Safety devices for gas supply installations operating at working pressures up to 100 bar; pressure relief governors and safety shut-off devices.

DNV OS-A101 | Safety principles and arrangements
DNV OS-D101 | Marine & Machinery systems
DNV OS-D201 | Electrical systems & equipment
DNV OS-D301 | Fire protection

EN 1127-1 | Explosive atmospheres. Explosion prevention and protection. Basic concepts and methodology
EN 1834-1 | Reciprocating internal combustion engines. Safety requirements for design and construction of engines for use in potentially explosive atmospheres. Group II engines for use in flammable gas and vapour atmospheres.
EN 10204 | Metallic products. Types of inspection documents
EN 13445 | General rules for pressure vessels
EN 13463 | Non-electrical equipment for use in potentially explosive atmospheres
EN 50014 | Electrical Apparatus for potentially explosive atmospheres – General Requirements
EN 50016 | Electrical Apparatus for potentially explosive atmospheres – Pressurized Apparatus ‘p’
EN 50018 | Electrical Apparatus for potentially explosive atmospheres – Flameproof Enclosure ‘d’
EN 50019 | Electrical Apparatus for potentially explosive atmospheres – Increased Safety ‘e’
EN 50020 | Electrical Apparatus for potentially explosive atmospheres – Intrinsic Safety ‘i’
EN 50081 | Electro Magnetic Compatibility – general emission standard
EN 50082 | Electro Magnetic Compatibility – generic immunity standard
EN 50173 | Information technology – Generic cabling system
EN 60534-2-1/2 | Industrial process control valves P2, sect. 1 and 2
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NEK 606  Cables for offshore installations Halogen-free, or mud resistant (Norwegian Electrotechnical Committee).

NESC  National Electrical Safety Code

NFC  National Fire Code

NFPA 12  Standard on CO2 extinguishing systems
NFPA 13  Standard for the installation of sprinkler systems
NFPA 15  Standard for water spray systems for fire protection
NFPA 16  Standard for the Installation of Foam-Water Sprinkler and Foam-Water Spray Systems
NFPA 20  Standard for the Installation of Stationary Pumps for Fire Protection
NFPA 25  Standard for the Inspection, Testing, and Maintenance of Water-Based Fire Protection Systems
NFPA 30  Flammable and Combustible Liquids Code
NFPA 72E 3-3  National Fire Alarm and Signaling Code: Temperature Classification
NFPA 85  Boiler and combustion systems hazards code
NFPA 307  Standard for the Construction and Fire Protection of Marine Terminals, Piers, and Wharves
NFPA 750  Standard on Water Mist Fire Protection Systems
NFPA 496  Purged and Pressurized Enclosures for Electrical Equipment

NORSOK E-001  Electrical systems
NORSOK L-002  Piping Design, Layout
NORSOK L-003  Piping Details
NORSOK M-501  Surface Preparation
NORSOK P-001  Process design
NORSOK S-001  Technical safety
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NORSOK Z-004  CAD Symbol Libraries
NORSOK Z-013  Risk and emergency preparedness analysis
NORSOK Z-016  Regularity management and reliability technology

NS 1710  Technical drawings – Drawing symbols for piping systems
NS 1438  Process measurement control functions and instrumentation – Symbolic representation – Part 1: Basic requirements
NS 5820  Supplier Documentation of Equipment
3 – OGP catalogue of standards

OGP Standards committee has developed a Catalogue of International – IEC and ISO – Standards used in the petroleum and natural gas industries. This report lists about 1300 ISO standards and 700 IEC standards used by the OGP Standards committee member companies. Relevant standards from IEC/TC 65 have been included in 2.1 above. For full catalogue ref. OGP report No. 362, January 2005 available at www.ogp.org.uk.
4 – Active IEC standards committees

4.1 IEC TC 65: Industrial-process measurement and control

TC 65 was established in 1968 to prepare basic standards for industrial automation (e.g., programmable controllers, functional safety, fieldbus) as well as process industry specific standards (e.g., actuators and sensors, batch control, analysing equipment). Scopes of TC 65 and its SCs are as follows:

To prepare international standards for systems and elements used for industrial process measurement, control and automation. To coordinate standardization activities which affect integration of components and functions into such systems including safety and security aspects. This work of standardization is to be carried out in the international fields for equipment and systems operating with electrical, pneumatic, hydraulic, mechanical or other systems of measurement and/or control.

TC 65 web link: [http://www.iec.ch/dyn/www/?p=102170::FSP_SEARCH_TC65](http://www.iec.ch/dyn/www/?p=102170::FSP_SEARCH_TC65)


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Working Groups:
• WG 1 Terms and definitions (http://www.iec.ch/dyn/www/f?p=102:14:0::FSP_ORG_ID:2612)
• JWG 14 Energy Efficiency in Industrial Automation (EEIA)

Subcommittees
• SC65A: System Aspects
• SC65B: Measurement and control devices
• SC65C: Industrial networks
• SC65E: Devices and integration in enterprise systems

4.2 Subcommittee 65A: System aspects

Scope:
To prepare standards regarding the generic aspects of systems used in industrial-process measurement and control: operational conditions (including EMC), methodology for the assessment of systems, functional safety, etc.

Horizontal Safety Function
Functional safety or electrical/electronic/programmable electronic systems (which would encompass safety-related software).

Working Group:
• WG 15 – Management of Alarm Systems for the Process Indicators
Maintenance Team:


One of the standards is IEC 61508, Functional Safety of Electrical/Electronic/Programmable Electronic Safety-Related Systems, Parts 1-7, 1998. It is an umbrella standard applicable to all industries. IEC has developed a process-industry-specific version of IEC 61508 i.e. IEC 61511, Functional SIS for the Process Industry Sector in three parts:

- Part 1 Framework, definitions, systems, hardware and software requirements
- Part 2 Guidelines in the application of Part 1
- Part 3 Guidance for the determination of safety integrity levels.

4.3 Subcommittee 65B: Management and control devices

Scope:

Standardization in the field of specific aspects of devices (hardware and software) used in industrial process measurement and control, such as measurement devices, analyzing equipment, actuators, and programmable logic controllers, and covering such aspects as interchangeability, performance evaluation, and functionality definition.

Working Groups:

- PT 61207: Gas Analyzer

4.4 Subcommittee 65C: Digital Communications

To prepare international standards on Digital Data Communications sub-systems for industrial process measurement and control as well as on instrumentation systems used for research, development and testing purposes.

Working Groups:
- WG 15 – High Availability Networks (http://www.iec.ch/dyn/www/?p=102:14:0::FSP_ORG_ID:2566)

Maintenance Team:

Joint Working Group:


4.5 Subcommittee 65E: Devices and integration in enterprise systems

To prepare international standards to specify digital representation of device properties and functions, methodologies and applications supporting automation of engineering processes, including diagnostic and maintenance techniques.

Working Groups:
- WG 2 – Product properties & classification (http://www.iec.ch/dyn/www/?p=102:14:0::FSP_ORG_ID:2561)
- WG3 – Commissioning (http://www.iec.ch/dyn/www/?p=102:14:0::FSP_ORG_ID:2588)
- WG 4 – Field device tool interface specification (http://www.iec.ch/dyn/www/?p=102:14:0::FSP_ORG_ID:2570)
- WG 7 – Function blocks for process control and EDDL (http://www.iec.ch/dyn/www/?p=102:14:0::FSP_ORG_ID:2611)

Joint Working Groups:
- JWG 5 – Enterprise-control
- JWG 6 – Device profiles

4.6 Observations

The oil & gas industry participation and influence in IEC/TC 65 appears to be limited. This is demonstrated e.g. by the need for EEMUA, UKOOA and OLF to develop their own industry specific guidelines for the application of IEC 61508 and 61511. It is also interesting to observe that other industry sectors have developed their sector specific interpretations or application guides:

- Nuclear industry has developed IEC 61513 for this purpose.
- Railway industry has developed EN 50126, EN 50128 and EN 50129.
- Machinery industry has developed IEC 62061.

IEC 61511 is the sector specific application of IEC 61508 for the process industry, but this is a very wide industry with lots of independent sectors within it. Therefore it may be relevant to develop an oil & gas sector specific IEC standards to cover the oil & gas industry. This is currently looked into by OGP Instrument & Automation Standards TF.

4.7 IEC TC 79 Alarm systems

The work of TC 79 is to prepare international standards for detection, alarm and monitoring systems for protection of persons and property, and for elements used in these systems. The scope includes, but is not limited to:

- intruder and hold-up alarm systems,
- fire alarm systems,
- hazard alarm systems,
- social/emergency alarm systems,
- other monitoring and surveillance systems (for example, personal or baggage screening, and access control systems),
- associated transmission and communication systems.

The standards to be prepared shall cover terminology and technical characteristics regarding electrical safety, safe operation, testing, and performance criteria of the detection, alarm, monitoring and associated transmission systems. The work of TC 79 shall be conducted so as to ensure that liaison is maintained with other specialized IEC Technical Committees, ISO/TC 21 and ISO/TC 43, and the TSB and BR, so as to avoid duplication.
5 – ANSI/ISA

5.1 Background

ISA is an ANSI accredited organization. Founded in 1945, ISA (http://www.isa.org) is a leading, global, non-profit organization that is setting the standard for automation by helping over 30,000 worldwide members and other professionals solve difficult technical problems, while enhancing their leadership and personal career capabilities. Based in Research Triangle Park, North Carolina, ISA develops standards; certifies industry professionals; provides education and training; publishes books and technical articles; and hosts the largest conference and exhibition for automation professionals in the Western Hemisphere. ISA is the founding sponsor of The Automation Federation (http://www.automationfederation.org).

ISA is globally recognized as a standards writing organization, developing consensus standards for automation, security, safety, batch control, control valves, fieldbus, environmental conditions, measurement, and symbols.

Accredited by the American National Standards Institute (ANSI), ISA has published more than 150 standards, recommended practices, and technical reports, through the dedicated efforts of a network of industry experts.

5.2 ISA-SP84 Programmable Electronic System (PES) for use in safety applications

In the United States, many companies must adhere to OSHA 1910.119, Process Safety Management for Highly Hazardous Chemicals. The intent of the ISA SP84 committee was to write a standard that would supplement the requirements of OSHA 1910 related to the implementation of instrumentation and controls necessary for safe operation. In the development of ISA 84.01-1996, the committee did not want to repeat requirements that were already part of 29 CFR Part 1910 “Process Safety Management of Highly Hazardous Chemicals; Explosives and Blasting Agents”, OSHA. In fact, there are several specific references in ISA 84.01-1996 to the requirements of OSHA 1910. Consequently, when ISA 84.01-1996 was released in February 1996, it did not cover safety management, hazard analysis, pre-start-up safety review, or training.

The ISA-SP84 committee achieved a major milestone in publishing ANSI/ISA-84.00.01-2004 Parts 1-3 (IEC 61511 Mod), Functional Safety: Safety Instrumented Systems for the Process Industry Sector. This three-part series gives requirements for the specification, design, installation, operation, and maintenance of a safety instrumented system so that it can be confidently entrusted to place and/or maintain a process in a safe state. Through its working groups, ISA-SP84 has and is currently developing several key technical reports to provide guidance on the implementation and use of the three-part series of standards.

5.3 ISA-99 Industrial automation control systems security

5.3.1 ISA99 Scope

The ISA99 Committee addresses manufacturing and control systems whose compromise could result in any or all of the following situations:

- endangerment of public or employee safety
- loss of public confidence
- violation of regulatory requirements
- loss of proprietary or confidential information
- economic loss
- impact on national security
The concept of manufacturing and control systems electronic security is applied in the broadest possible sense, encompassing all types of plants, facilities, and systems in all industries. Manufacturing and control systems include, but are not limited to:

- hardware and software systems such as DCS, PLC, SCADA, networked electronic sensing, and monitoring and diagnostic systems
- associated internal, human, network, or machine interfaces used to provide control, safety, and manufacturing operations functionality to continuous, batch, discrete, and other processes.

Physical security is an important component in the overall integrity of any control system environment, but it is not specifically addressed in this series of documents.

5.3.2 ISA99 Purpose

The ISA99 Committee will establish standards, recommended practices, technical reports, and related information that will define procedures for implementing electronically secure manufacturing and control systems and security practices and assessing electronic security performance. Guidance is directed towards those responsible for designing, implementing, or managing manufacturing and control systems and shall also apply to users, system integrators, security practitioners, and control systems manufacturers and vendors.

The Committee’s focus is to improve the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of components or systems used for manufacturing or control and provide criteria for procuring and implementing secure control systems. Compliance with the Committee’s guidance will improve manufacturing and control system electronic security, and will help identify vulnerabilities and address them, thereby reducing the risk of compromising confidential information or causing Manufacturing Control Systems degradation or failure.

5.3.3 Standards


Also in late 2007, ISA99 published an updated version of its technical report, ANSI/ISA-TR99.00.01-2007 (http://www.isa.org/istra9900012007), Security Technologies for Manufacturing and Control Systems. This technical report provides an assessment of cyber security tools, mitigation countermeasures, and technologies that may be applied to industrial automation and control systems regulating and monitoring numerous industries and critical infrastructures.

The major focus of ISA99 is now on another standard in the series, Technical Requirements for Industrial Automation and Control Systems, which is being developed by WG 4.

ISA-99 Plans a WG 7 on Cyber Security and Safety in Industrial Processes. The chairpersons of the ISA-99 Industrial Automation and Control Systems Security committee have announced plans to establish ISA-99 WG7: Safety and Security of Industrial Automation and Control Systems. This is a joint working group between the ISA-99 committee and the ISA-84 functional safety standards committee, as well as other international standards programs and related interest groups, to promote greater awareness of the impact of cyber security issues on the safe operation of industrial processes.

The next logical step for the ISA-99 standards committee is to investigate how to protect industrial processes against systematic and intentional threats. These cyber security threats against industrial automation and control systems can result in dangerous failures, making the challenge of protect-
ing these systems unique from traditional IT security. As technologies such as wireless, Ethernet, and computer information systems gain increased acceptance in industrial automation, the need for design strategies and methodologies to identify and mitigate risk is clear.

ISA99 Working Group 7 initial tasks include:
- Completing a Security Assurance Level methodology for cyber security, similar to that of the current Safety Integrity Levels (SIL) defined in ISA-84, and
- Defining and developing processes for identifying intentional and systematic threats that can expose process hazards.

5.4 ISA100 Wireless systems for automation

The ISA100 Committee addresses wireless manufacturing and control systems in the areas of the:
- Environment in which the wireless technology is deployed
- Technology and life cycle for wireless equipment and systems
- Application of wireless technology

The wireless environment includes; the definition of wireless, radio frequencies (starting point), vibration, temperature, humidity, EMC, interoperability, coexistence with existing systems, and physical equipment location.

Global short-, medium-, and long-term technology needs and solutions will be incorporated on a non-exclusive technology basis with no bias towards or against a particular wireless technology. The standards themselves may influence the allocation and use of resources and spectrum.

Application of the technology will include:
- Field sensors used for monitoring, control, alarm, and shutdown that can be vertically integrated from field to business systems.
- Wireless technology whose uses include real time field-to-business systems (eg wireless equipment interfacing work order systems, control LAN, business LAN, voice)
- Across all industries – fluid processing, material processing, and discrete parts manufacturing environments

ISA100 web: [http://www.isa.org/MSTemplate.cfm?MicrositeID=1134&CommitteeID=6891](http://www.isa.org/MSTemplate.cfm?MicrositeID=1134&CommitteeID=6891)

5.5 ISA100 Wireless Compliance Institute

The ISA100 Wireless Compliance Institute facilitates the effective implementation and understanding of the planned ISA100 universal family of industrial wireless standards through:
- compliance testing programs,
- associated market awareness, and
- technical support to users and developers.

The mission of the ISA100 Wireless Compliance Institute is to assure that the consensus industry standards arising from the work of ISA100 Standards Committee on Wireless Systems for Automation are applied effectively and consistently. The ISA100 Wireless Compliance Institute fulfils its functions as a natural complement to the ISA100 standards development activity, and ISA marketing and training activities for the ISA100 standards.
The ISA100 Wireless Compliance Institute is constituted as an industry group within the Automation Standards Compliance Institute (ASCI), an organization created to facilitate the proper use and application of automation standards through development and implementation of conformance assessment programs and related activities. It is open to participation from end users, technology suppliers, research and development, academia, and other industry consortia and standards bodies.

Among the members of the ISA100 Wireless Compliance Institute we find:

- BP
- Chevron
- ExxonMobil Research & Engineering
- Honeywell
- Shell Global Solutions
- Yokogawa

Read more at: http://www.isa100wci.org/

### 5.6 ISA Subcommittee for convergence of ISA100 and WirelessHART standards

The ISA100 standards committee on wireless systems for automation has created a new subcommittee to address options for convergence of the ISA100.11a and WirelessHART standards. This initiative is a key step in the mission of the ISA100 committee to develop a family of universal industrial wireless standards designed to satisfy the needs of end users across a variety of applications.

The subcommittee will contrast and compare the technology within the ISA100.11a and WirelessHART standards, building on the experiences gained with industrial applications of both standards, with an ultimate goal of merging the best of both standards into a single converged subsequent release of the ISA standard.

‘On behalf of end users, I believe I can safely state that our ultimate goal is to have a single industry standard for process applications. We are pleased that a path is developing to achieve that goal and that interim steps for achieving interoperable practical experience with both standards have been identified’, said ISA100 End User Working Group co-chair Jim Reizner of Procter and Gamble who led a team of end users, including Pat Schweitzer of ExxonMobil, Herman Storey of Shell Global Solutions, and others, which stimulated the formation of the subcommittee.

Read more at: http://www.isa.org/MSTemplate.cfm?MicrositeID=1409&CommitteeID=7163

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6 – API Subcommittee on Instruments & Control Systems

6.1 General

Website: http://mycommittees.api.org/standards/cre/soics/default.aspx

This information is derived from the home page for the CRE (Committee for Refining Equipment) Subcommittee on Instruments and Controls and its chairman. The website provides information on upcoming meetings, minutes and presentations from recent meetings and information on the status and balloting of standards maintained by SOICS.

The mission of SOICS is to develop standards and recommended practices specific to the refining industry, analyze technical issues, provide training and advice on relevant technical issues and share information which is useful to the industry as a group. The SOICS also works closely with other standards organizations such as ISA and PIP.

SOICS have representation from BP, Chevron, Marathon, ConocoPhillips, ExxonMobil and Aramco. Most major instrument manufacturers and contractors are also represented, though attendance varies with current activities. General goals are to provide recommended practices that capture refining practices and experiences rather than standards for equipment. Unlike many of the other subcommittees, there are other bodies that already cover much of this material such as ISA, ISO and PIP. Most of the SOICS documents therefore are more tutorials than specifications.

SOICS’s activities are divided between information exchange and work on published documents. SOICS hold an all day business meeting at each API meeting where there is usually some type of technical presentations on a subject requested by the membership (for example Asset Management Systems).

6.2 Recommended practices prepared by this API CRE subcommittee

RP 551 Process Measurement Instrumentation

Provides procedures for the installation of the more generally used measuring and control instruments and related accessories. This standard addresses a number of common measurement technologies and installation recommendations for basic field instrumentation. This is representative of general practice and does not attempt to be prescriptive. The RP is due for a refresh and SOICS are discussing timing. May reaffirm it if little to update is found. 1st Edition/May 1993

RP 552 Transmission Systems

Reviews the recommended practices for the installation of electronic and pneumatic measurement and control-signal transmission systems. Transmission systems permit operation of one or more large or small process units from a remote control center. An update is currently going through a re-ballot. Earlier ballot did get a positive ballot from those who did respond. 1st Edition/October 1994

RP 553 Refinery Control Valves

This document provides recommended criteria for the selection, specification and application of piston and diaphragm actuated control valves. It also outlines control valve design considerations, discusses control valve sizing, noise, fugitive emissions, and defines types of commonly used control valves and their actuators. 1st Edition/September 1998

This RP is due for update, mainly to include greater usage of smart positioners and diagnostics. The control valve manufacturers are also saying that they would like to include more information on severe service applications. Work on identifying the needed updates was likely started at the Spring 2007 meeting. It will probably take 2 years to get this to press.
**RP 554 Process Instrumentation and Control – 3 parts**

Covers performance requirements and considerations for the section, specification, installation and testing of process instrumentation and control systems. Control centers as used in the petroleum industry are also covered. This practice is not intended to be used as a purchase specification, but makes recommendations from minimum requirements and can be used to provide guidance for the development of detailed designs and specifications. 1st Edition/September 1995

This document has been rewritten and being split into 3 parts:


**RP 555 Process Analyzers**

This document is not being actively worked and will likely remain as it stands for the foreseeable future, Second edition, November 2001.

**RP 556 Instrumentation, Control, and Protective Systems for Fired Heaters and Steam Generators**

This document, published in May 1997, is being re-written and is actively being edited by SOICS and the Subcommittee on Heat Transfer Equipment. This document is the subject of a number of conflicting opinions and practices among the various operating companies that are represented so it has been slow in reaching a complete draft.

**RP 557 Guide to Advanced Control Systems**

Address the implementation and ownership of advanced control systems for refinery purposes. RP 557 describes commonly used practices for the opportunity identification, justification, project management, implementation and maintenance of advanced control system applications in refinery service. First edition published December 2000.

Observation: The focus of this US-based committee is refineries and downstream activities, but their Recommended Practices are also used in the upstream industry. API RP 554 is a relevant standard.
## 7 – CENELEC CLC/TC 65CX Fieldbus (mirror to IEC/TC 65)

### Scope
To elaborate a generic fieldbus standard and its applications to industrial-process measurement and control, including the mapping of application specific functions on fieldbus protocols. Communications and mapping of application specific functions include in particular those between local and/or remote system functional modules such as, but not limited to, input and output subsystems, control subsystems and process computers.

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8 – EEMUA Instrumentation and Control Committee (INC)

8.1 General introduction to EEMUA

EEMUA’s mission is to improve quality and safety, and to reduce the cost of operating industrial facilities by sharing experience and expertise, and by the active, enlightened promotion of the distinct interests of engineering users. This mission is achieved by:

- Providing the organisation within which networking, information sharing and collaboration among users on non-competitive technical matters can take place
- Influencing the way written regulations are interpreted and applied in practice
- Promoting and presenting the users’ views, and encouraging the application of good sound engineering practice
- Developing and publishing user standards, specifications, and training materials
- Facilitating members’ (generally with home base in the UK) participation in national, European and international standards making
- Influencing relevant national and European legislation and regulations.

8.2 General about EEMUA INC

Instrumentation, control and monitoring systems for process and related industries. Sensors, final control elements and control systems (analogue and digital). On-line computers, microprocessors and communication techniques for control and management information systems. Computer aided engineering as applied to the design of instrumentation and control systems. Co-ordination with the EEMUA Electrical Committee on electrical safety techniques for instrument and control systems.

8.3 EEMUA INC publications

138 Design and Installation of On-Line Analyser Systems

This specification for on line analysers encourages standardisation within industry, resulting in reduction in design and construction costs and improved safety. Published 2010 (revised, formerly OCMA Spec. INP 3 Part 1).


This publication sets out those factors which should be included in a tender document and suggests procedures for evaluation of the bids received. Its use will help minimise the possibility of relevant items being overlooked, whether in the preparation of a tender document or in evaluation of the bids received. Published 1993.

155 Standard Test Method for Comparative Performance of Flammable Gas Detectors Against Poisoning

This publication describes a standardised method of checking manufacturers’ claims for the performance of their pellistors against poisoning. Published 1988.

175 EEMUA Code of Practice for Calibration and Checking Process Analysers

This Code of Practice is a general guide to the principles and methods used for calibrating and checking process analysers. It covers initial factory or plant calibration and subsequent validation and routine calibration. The publication is based on and supersedes the IP Codes 340/82, 341/82, 347/82, 348/82, 349/82 and 353/82. Published 1995.
178 A Design Guide for the Electrical Safety of Instruments, Instrument/Control Panels and Control System

Incidents of electrical shock, burns and arcing continue to occur during the installation, commissioning, routine maintenance and testing of instruments, instrument/control panels and control systems. This publication gives a description of those electrical safety aspects which should be considered, in a straightforward non-technical language, for use by technicians and engineers alike. Published 2009, 2nd edition.


This guideline is designed to define the best practices in the maintenance of on-line analysers. It provides guidance on performance target setting, strategies to improve reliability and methods to measure effective performance. Published 2000.

189 A Guide to Fieldbus Application for the Process Industry

The guidelines included in this document are designed to assist users specify the design, installation and maintenance of Fieldbus based control and instrumentation for process industries. Published 1997.


Alarm systems form an essential part of the operator interfaces to large modern industrial facilities. They provide vital support to the operators by warning them of situations that need their attention and have an important role in preventing, controlling and mitigating the effects of abnormal situations. Since it was first published in 1999, EEMUA 191 has become the globally accepted and leading guide to good practice for alarm management. The guide, developed by the users of alarm systems in industry, is published in conjunction with Britain’s Health & Safety Executive and ASM, the Abnormal Situation Management Consortium (Arizona, USA). It gives comprehensive guidance on designing, managing and procuring an effective alarm system. Following the guidance in EEMUA 191 should result in better alarm systems that are more usable and that result in safer and more cost-efficient industrial operations. Published 2007, 2nd edition.

201 Process Plant Control Desks Utilising Human-Computer Interfaces - A Guide to Design, Operational and Human Interface Issues

This publication gives design guidance for maximising the effectiveness of the human computer interface, including an introduction to what is a human computer interface, the role of the operator, the design of systems reliant on the human computer interface, guidance on display format design, principles and methodology, together with overall control room design for operator use. The publication was written as a result of issues which arose during the research for EEMUA Publication 191 on alarm systems, and includes material derived from cooperation with the US Abnormal Situation Management Consortium (ASM). Published 2010.

222 Guide to the application of IEC 61511 to safety instrumented systems in the UK process industries

This Guide, written by leading experts, including from the UK Health & Safety Executive, provides guidance and recommendations on the application of IEC 61511 for the specification and implementation of safety instrumented systems, systems designed to bring a process plant to a safe state should a hazardous incident occur. It is intended to explain how to use the IEC 61511 standard effectively and addresses the responsibility and deliverables of organisations involved in the specification, supply and maintenance of safety instrumented systems. IEC 61511, 'Functional safety - Safety instrumented systems for the process industry sector' is now widely accepted as the state of the art for such systems. Published 2009.
8.4 National, European & International Standards and other Bodies

- The Committee provides a technical input, where appropriate to the lead Instrumentation Standards Committee IEC/TC 65 and its sub-committees.
- To maintain an input to the Accreditation scheme for Bodies undertaking design and manufacture of programmable control systems. This is embodied in the CASS scheme.

8.5 Networking

- Networking on non-commercial matters enables Members to share common interests and discuss, on an informal basis, matters affecting their daily tasks.
- Discussions with Vendors are arranged when this can result in improved operability and better diagnostic information being introduced.

8.6 Initiatives

- To be proactive in work associated with the economic and safe operation of process plants.
- To be involved with new overall enterprise wide schemes, which are addressing the most appropriate methods to safeguard control systems from unauthorised changes.
- Through advances in Information technology control systems may be adjusted remotely over the internet. This could allow the deliberate introduction of errors by malicious hacking or possibly by incorrect changes to parameters being made. At the same time the possibility is presented for Viruses to be introduced, which could attack the control systems.
- To be involved in conjunction with other EEMUA Technical Committees, with developing an Information Sheet to the DSEAR (Dangerous Substances & Explosive Atmosphere Regulations).
- To develop Codes of Practice where there is a perceived need.
- To maintain a watching brief on European Directives, particularly (i) ATEX Directives which may affect the development and use of instrumentation schemes and related mechanical systems; (ii) the Measuring Instruments Directive which is mainly concerned with instruments used for fiscal measurement.
- To arrange technical meetings from time to time at premises where Members can discuss issues with Manufacturers or witness the functionality of innovative control systems.
9 – Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers

9.1 About IEEE

IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers, Inc.), the world’s largest technical professional society, is commemorating its 125th anniversary in 2009 by “Celebrating 125 Years of Engineering the Future” around the globe. Through its more than 375,000 members in 160 countries, IEEE is a leading authority on a wide variety of areas ranging from aerospace systems, computers and telecommunications to biomedical engineering, electric power and consumer electronics. Dedicated to the advancement of technology, IEEE publishes 30 percent of the world’s literature in the electrical and electronics engineering and computer science fields, and has developed nearly 900 active industry standards. The organization annually sponsors more than 850 conferences worldwide. Additional information about IEEE can be found at http://www.ieee.org.

9.2 About the IEEE Standards Association

The IEEE Standards Association, a globally recognized standards-setting body, develops consensus standards through an open process that engages industry and brings together a broad stakeholder community. IEEE standards set specifications and best practices based on current scientific and technological knowledge. The IEEE-SA has a portfolio of 900 active standards and more than 400 standards under development. For information on the IEEE-SA, see: http://standards.ieee.org.

9.3 IEEE Instrumentation & Measurement Society (IMS)

The field of interest of the IEEE Instrumentation & Measurement Society (http://ewh.ieee.org/soc/im/) encompasses measurement systems and science. The Society seeks to advance knowledge:

- in the theory, methodology, and practice of measurement, including, but not limited to, primary metrology, measurement uncertainty, and traceability;
- in the design, development and evaluation of measurement systems, or any of their components, involved in generating, acquiring, conditioning and processing signals for the purpose of measuring quantities and phenomena of interest;
- in the analysis, representation, display, and preservation of the information obtained from a set of measurements so as to best meet the needs of the end-user, whether human or machine; and
- through the establishment and maintenance of related technical standards.

9.4 IEEE Industry Applications Society (IAS)

The Industrial Automation & Control Committee is responsible for all matters within the scope of the IAS in which the emphasis or dominant factor specifically relates to the applications of industrial electrical and electronic control devices, systems, and methods to the conversion, regulation and utilization of electricity for the control of industrial processes, machinery and heating.
10 – Process Industry Practices

10.1 Introduction

Process Industry Practices (PIP) is a consortium of process industry owners and engineering construction contractors who serve the industry. PIP was organized in 1993 and is a separately funded initiative of the Construction Industry Institute (CII) (http://construction-institute.org), at The University of Texas at Austin (http://www.utexas.edu/).

PIP publishes documents called Practices. These Practices reflect a harmonization of company engineering standards in many engineering disciplines. Up to 6% savings on capital projects can be achieved (http://www.pip.org/downloads/Position_Paper.pdf) with the implementation of the Practices. Specific Practices include design, selection and specification, and installation information.

Practices are developed for a number of areas, including the following disciplines:

- Control Panels
- Control Regulators
- Control Valves
- Documentation
- Differential Pressure
- Electrical/Flow/General
- Instrument Air
- Instrument Piping
- Level Instrumentation
- Pressure
- Process Analyzers
- Safety Systems
- Temperature

10.2 PIP mission

To increase the value of the engineering - procurement - construction process for the U.S. process industry in the global marketplace, and enhance compliance with safety, health and environmental objectives. This will be accomplished through ensuring the availability of recommended Practices for the detailed design, procurement, and construction of process facilities, including the perspective of maintenance and operations.

10.3 Scope

Develop voluntary recommended "Practices" for the detailed design, procurement, and construction of process manufacturing facilities, based on a compilation and harmonization of existing member company internal standards, or will develop recommended practices based on new material where harmonization of existing material is not adequate and the need for the Practice is clearly demonstrated. Versions of the US voluntary recommended Practices can be used as the basis to meet international requirements.

10.4 Applicability to other industries

While the emphasis is on the Process Industry, it is clear that many PIP Practices can effectively be used by related industries such as Pharmaceuticals, Pulp & Paper, and Power.
10.5 Value Proposition


- More than 30% reduction in costs for maintaining internal company standards.
- Reduced valve inventory by 40% using PIP Practices.
- Piping Practices save up to 1.6% of total installed cost and 2 weeks on schedule.
- PIP davits cost 7% less than others.
- Estimated potential 6.7% savings in total installed cost for project. (See PIP Paper Measuring the Value below)


This paper was presented at the April 1999 General Meeting and is now available for downloading.
11 – NAMUR

11.1 History and development of NAMUR

NAMUR was founded at Leverkusen on November 3, 1949, as the body to represent the interests of the users of measurement and control technology in the chemical industry by such renowned experts in the field as Dr. Sturm (Bayer), Dr. Hengstenberg (BASF) and Dr. Winkler (Hüls). At the second meeting in December 1949, the founding members of the working group settled the name: Standardization association for measurement and control in chemical industries - abbreviated to NAMUR.

In accordance with the state of the art, NAMUR’s subtitle was changed in 1996 to “Interessengemeinschaft Prozessleitechnik der chemischen und pharmazeutischen Industrie” (Process Control Systems Interest Group of the Chemical and Pharmaceutical Industries); and on 9 November 2005, the subtitle was changed again to “Interessengemeinschaft Automatisierungstechnik der Prozessindustrie” (Automation Systems Interest Group of the Process Industry). The NAMUR logo remained unchanged.

In the post-war years, the main activities in process measurement were the improvement of measurement, control loop analysis, standardization, especially of interfaces (4-20 mA signal, NAMUR Initiator [proximity switch]), i.e. the emphasis was on the standardization and exchange of experience relating to measurement and control devices.

11.2 About NAMUR

Today, NAMUR is an international user association of automation technology in process industries. Most of the members are from Germany, with some in German speaking countries in Europe. NAMUR is engaged in the following key activities:

- pooling experiences among its member companies,
- compiling aids and check lists for member companies,
- setting user requirements on new devices, systems and technologies,
- participating in national and international standardization bodies.

NAMUR is active in the fields of:

- measurement systems
- process analytics
- process control systems
- communications systems
- operations management
- operational logistics systems
- electrical engineering

over the entire life-cycle of systems, including their planning, installation and operation as well as their shutdown.

NAMUR represents approx. 15,000 PCS experts, of whom approx. 300 are active in the 33 working groups that cover the fields of measurement & control, automation, communication, process control and electrical engineering over the entire life-cycle of systems, including planning, procurement, installation, operation as well as maintenance and decommissioning.

NAMUR’s working language is German.
NAMUR work is organised in four main Work areas:

- 1 deals with project management, quality management and construction
- 2 deals with solutions and systems for the process and plant control level
- 3 deals with measurement (“sensor technology” and “actuator technology”).
- 4 deals with maintenance, electrical engineering, training for and safety of process control facilities

Cooperation agreements exist with many organisations and associations with the topics: measurement and control, standardization, chemistry, electrical engineering, automation, informatics, such as DIN, EEMUA, IEC, ISA and ISO.

11.3 NAMUR Recommendations (NE) and Worksheets (NA)

NAMUR Recommendations and NAMUR Worksheets are experience reports and working documents prepared by NAMUR for its members among process control users. These papers should not be viewed as standards or guidelines. However, they can also be purchased by manufacturers, associations, universities and other interested parties from the NAMUR Office.

NAMUR Recommendations explain the state of the art and the regulations, not only for member companies but also for manufacturers, scientists and public authorities.

NAMUR Worksheets provide check lists and instructions that support member companies in their practical work. However, NAMUR Recommendations and Worksheets should not be viewed as standards or guidelines.

The catalogue of NAMUR NE and NA currently include 100 documents, such as:

NE 053  Software of Field Devices and Signal Processing Devices with Digital Electronics
NA 054  Examples of successful Applications involving Advanced Process Control Strategies
NE 072  Validation of Process Control Systems
NE 074  NAMUR-Fieldbus Requirements
NA 075  Special Requirements of Display Screen Workplaces in Control Rooms
NA 076  NAMUR Checklist for Control Rooms and Control Stations
NA 078  Process Control System Migration from the Users Point of View
NA 102  Alarm Management
NA 103  Usage of Internet Technologies in Process Automation
NE 105  Specifications for Integrating Fieldbus Devices in Engineering Tools for Field Devices
NE 106  Test Intervals of Safety Instrumented Systems
NA 113  Online Process Control Analysis
NA 114  Best Practice Fieldbus Applications
NA 115  IT-Security for Industrial Automation Systems: Constraints for measures applied in process industries
NA 120  Operator Workplace from the Human-Process Communication Point of View
NE 121  Quality Assurance of Control Systems
NE 122  PROFINET Interface for Drives with Frequency Converters in Process Technology
NE 123  Service and Maintenance of the Physical Layer of Fieldbuses
NE 124  Wireless Automation Requirements
12 – Standards Norway – NORSOK

The NORSOK standards were initially developed by a consortium of Norwegian petroleum industry companies to ensure adequate safety, value adding and cost effectiveness for petroleum industry developments and operations. Furthermore, NORSOK standards were as far as possible intended to replace oil company specifications and serve as references in the authorities’ regulations.

The NORSOK standards are normally based on recognized international standards, adding the provisions deemed necessary to fill the broad needs of the Norwegian petroleum industry. Where relevant, NORSOK standards will be used to provide the Norwegian industry input to the international standardization process. Subject to development and publication of international standards, the relevant NORSOK standard will be withdrawn.

The NORSOK standards are developed according to the consensus principle, generally applicable standards work and according to established procedures defined in NORSOK A-001. The NORSOK standards are prepared and published with supported by the Norwegian Oil Industry Association and the Federation of Norwegian Industries. Nowadays, NORSOK standards are administered and published by Standards Norway.

Expert Group Instrument (EgI) and SCD are responsible for the following NORSOK standards:


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Consortia are private group of members or companies that set their own rules for standards development as the founders or members see fitting to themselves to meet their own needs. Sometimes, consortia are open, nonprofit, industry-driven bodies comprised of research organizations, designers, manufacturers, vendors, etc.

Therefore, a consortium’s standards are not publicly, consensus standards like the standards delivered by international or national Standards Developing Organizations, such as IEC, ISO, ANSI, BSI, CSA, GOST, SAC or Standards Norway.

Consortium standards can, however, be useful to the industry at large. But sometimes, consortium standards may impact on competition and market availability.
14 – Fieldbus Foundation

From its inception Fieldbus Foundation, a not-for-profit trade consortium representing the major process automation industry suppliers and end users worldwide, has taken a leadership role in the development of fieldbus digital communications and integrated system architecture based on regional and international standards. The foundation's history is one of growth and achievement, as fieldbus-based control solutions have gained widespread acceptance in the global automation marketplace.

In late 1994, the path of fieldbus took a new direction. Two parallel supplier consortiums—the InterOperable Systems Project (ISP) and WorldFIP North America merged to form the Fieldbus Foundation. The new organization immediately brought critical mass to the effort to achieve an internationally acceptable fieldbus standard. The foundation organized development programs, conducted field trials, and established the industry’s most rigorous program for testing and registration of fieldbus devices.

Working arm-in-arm, manufacturers, end users, academic institutions and other interested parties became members of the Fieldbus Foundation and developed open, non-proprietary specifications known as FOUNDATION fieldbus. This advanced digital communication solution was designed from the ground-up to support mission-critical control applications where the proper transfer and handling of data is essential. FOUNDATION technology was created to replace incompatible networks and systems with an open, fully integrated architecture for information integration and distributed, real-time control across the enterprise.

Critical to the industry’s acceptance of the technology was its standardization by recognized international governing bodies. These include:

- ANSI/ISA, September 1992
- IEC, December 1999
- CENELEC, March 2000

The IEC voted to include the FOUNDATION H1 and HSE specifications in the IEC 61158 international fieldbus standard. The CENELEC Technical Bureau added the FOUNDATION H1 specifications to the EN 50170 Euronorm. In addition, FOUNDATION H1 is the only implementation of the ANSI/ISA-50.02 standard.

International end user associations such as NAMUR (Germany) and JEMIMA (Japan) have voiced support for FOUNDATION technology, and provided input from the end user community that aided in specification development.

Approval and support by key international industry bodies gave users the confidence that their investments in FOUNDATION control solutions were based on recognized global standards.

In little more than a decade, the Fieldbus Foundation’s technology has achieved industry standard status among process end users. Implementation of the FOUNDATION system architecture is growing at a rapid pace in diverse industries across the globe.

The IEC recently approved Phase 1 enhancements to the Electronic Device Description Language (EDDL) standard. The IEC voted unanimously to adopt the technology for the international IEC 61804-3 specification.

The Fieldbus Foundation has also developed FOUNDATION fieldbus Technical Specifications—Safety Instrumented Functions (SIF) supporting the design and end user implementation of safety technology compliant with IEC guidelines.

The FOUNDATION architecture, with its industry-proven distributed function blocks and open communications protocol, is an ideal platform for advancing standards-based safety system technology. Fieldbus Foundation members developed SIF specifications and guidelines in cooperation with the world’s leading safety experts.
The FOUNDATION fieldbus Technical Specifications-Safety Instrumented Functions will enable end users to take advantage of open fieldbus technologies to improve integration and interoperability of safety instrumentation, while reducing system and operational costs such as annual shutdowns for test and validation purposes.

Beginning in May 2006, the Fieldbus Foundation and NAMUR, a Germany based user association for automation technology in the process industries, collaborated on enhancements to FOUNDATION technology. Considering the NAMUR NE107 (Self Monitoring and Diagnosis of Field Devices) recommendations for diagnostic profiles support, the Fieldbus Foundation developed a profiles specification enhancing organization and integration of device diagnostics within FOUNDATION fieldbus systems.

The FOUNDATION fieldbus Diagnostic Profiles Specification identifies "role-based diagnostics" for fieldbus equipment and defines a consistent set of parameters for diagnostic alarming. This approach supports categorization of diagnostics according to NE107, thus ensuring the right diagnostic information is available to the right person-at the right time. In addition, it allows diagnostics to be applied, as most appropriate, for a particular plant application (such as process control engineering or asset management maintenance).

Technical guides

FOUNDATION Technical Guides were developed to provide an in-depth analysis of key fieldbus technical issues: wiring & installation, Function Block implementation, system engineering, and more. The technical guides are a valuable resource assisting control industry professionals in their usage of FOUNDATION technology.

Downloadable technical guides include:

- Wiring & Installation Application Guide (31.25 kbit/s Voltage Mode)
- 31.25 kbit/s Intrinsically Safe Systems
- Function Block Capabilities in Hybrid/Batch Applications
- System Engineering Guidelines

These files can be downloaded and viewed with an Adobe Reader, which can be found at the Adobe web site.
15 – Profibus and Profinet (PI)

15.1 General

PI is the largest automation organization of its type in the world, according to their website, with a network of regional offices and globally-based member companies. PI also has a network of competence centers, training and test organizations that contribute to and support developers, integrators and end users. PI’s mission as expressed on their website: “We are and will remain the world’s leading automation organization for communication solutions, serving our users, our members and the press with the best solutions, benefits and information.”

The goal of PI is to create and deliver the most powerful, relevant and high quality networking solutions for industrial automation, solutions that are open, standardized, certified and widely supported by vendors and users across the world.

PI operates through the PI Support Center (PISC) based in Karlsruhe, Germany, and coordinates the activities of a network of regional PI associations (RPAs) in major industrialized countries. Currently there are 24 RPAs, and there are over 1400 members worldwide making PI the largest automation organization of its kind.

15.2 Global collaboration

PI collaborates with organizations such as IEC, ISA, NAMUR, etc, many universities and, of course, the end user and vendor communities. Three significant technology collaborations are:

ECT (EDDL Cooperation Team) – EDDL, or Electronic Device Description Language, is used by major manufacturers to describe the information that is accessible in digital devices. Electronic device descriptions are available for over 15 million devices in the process industry. The technology is used by the major process control systems and maintenance tool suppliers to support device diagnostics and calibration. Visit the EDDL web site.

FDI (Future Device Integration) – an initiative to develop a common solution combining FDT (Field Device Type) technology and EDDL (see above) using a single interface. FDT standardizes the communication interface between field devices and systems. It is independent of the communication protocol and the software environment of either the device or host system. FDI will utilize the advanced features of the Unified Architecture (UA) technology of the OPC Foundation, another global automation organization having close links with PI. Visit the FDT web site.

WCT (Wireless Cooperation Team) – a joint initiative to optimize the use of wireless technologies in the process industries using the WirelessHART standard being developed by the HART Communication Foundation.
15.3 Specifications and standards

PI offers a number of documents such as installation guides, technical descriptions etc. on their internet website for downloading, including the following specifications and standards. Much of it is free, although to get some files you will need to join PI to gain access:

- Fieldbus Integration into PROFINET IO
- IO-Link Communication Specification
- MES and PROFINET
- Physical Layer Medium Dependent Sublayer on 650 nm Fibre Optics
- PROFIBUS Standard - DP Specification
- PROFINET CBA - Architecture Description and Specification
- PROFINET IO and CBA Specification
- PROFINET Security Guideline
- Communication Function Blocks for PROFIBUS and PROFINET
- Specification Slave Redundancy
- Time Stamp
- Profiles for decentralized periphery
- Profiles for distributed automation
- Application layer protocol for decentralized periphery and distributed automation
- Application layer services for decentralized periphery and distributed automation
- PROFINET IO - Application Layer Service Definition - Application Layer Protocol Specification
16 – HART Communication Foundation (HCF)

16.1 General

HART Communication Foundation is an international, not-for-profit, membership organization to support and promote the use of the HART Communication Protocol standards and technology. Their mission is to serve the global process automation industry and their members by providing best-in-class communication technology, standards, specifications, tools, technical expertise and application support services to complement, enable and support the advanced capabilities and increasing intelligence of modern automation systems.

HCP technology, services and programs provide the infrastructure for an open, stable environment that benefits members and industry users, protects investments, promotes interoperability and assures compliance to HART Communication requirements.

16.2 About the HART Protocol

The HART Protocol was developed in the mid-1980s by Rosemount Inc. for use with a range of smart measuring instruments. Originally proprietary, the protocol was soon published for free use by anyone, and in 1990 the HART User Group was formed. In 1993, the registered trademark and all rights in the protocol were transferred to the HART Communication Foundation (HCF). The protocol remains open and free for all to use without royalties.

This section focuses on providing information that is relevant to the various aspects of the HART Protocol.

16.3 HART Protocol Specifications and Documents

The HART Protocol Specifications are sold as a collection of over 20 documents that specify the different aspects of the protocol and test procedures for slave devices. The specifications are sold as a kit that includes all the documents in the specification set.

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16.4 **WirelessHART**

WirelessHART technology provides a wireless protocol for the full range of process measurement, control, and asset management applications. Based on the proven and familiar HART Communication Protocol, WirelessHART enables users to quickly and easily gain the benefits of wireless technology while maintaining compatibility with existing devices, tools, and systems. The HART Communication Foundation, its member companies and the industry leaders developed WirelessHART technology to meet the unique requirements of wireless networks operating in process plants.

The new WirelessHART standard was developed under the guidance of the HART Communication Foundation (HCF) through the combined, cooperative efforts of HCF member companies, leaders in wireless technology and the input of industry users. Established in 1993, the Foundation is the technology owner and standards setting body for the HART Protocol. It is a not-for-profit, member-funded organization with membership open to anyone interested in the use of HART technology. Membership includes more than 200 users and major instrumentation suppliers from around the world.

IEC approved the WirelessHART Communication Specification (HART 7.1) as a Publicly Available Specification, or PAS, (IEC/PAS 62591 Ed. 1) in September 2008. WirelessHART Communication is the first industrial wireless communication technology to gain this type of international recognition. The WirelessHART Communication standard builds on established standards including the HART Protocol (IEC 61158), EDDL (IEC 61804-3), IEEE 802.15.4 radio and frequency hopping, spread spectrum, and mesh networking technologies.

The Fieldbus Foundation (FF) and PROFIBUS Nutzerorganisation (PNO) have signed an agreement with the HCF to develop a specification for a common interface to a wireless gateway. The goal is to ensure complete compatibility with the existing wired versions of each participant’s technology.

16.5 **WirelessHART and ISA SP100**

It’s not unusual for multiple standards to address different aspects of a technology, or even for one standard to incorporate another. While WirelessHART was designed specifically for process measurement and control applications, it will be used in plants and other process operations that also employ wireless technology for other functions (e.g., WiFi-based backbones, RF Identification, plant security). It therefore makes sense that the HCF and ISA are collaborating to investigate the incorporation of WirelessHART into the ISA100’s family of standards. In fact, the WirelessHART and SP100 teams include many of the same members. It also makes sense that the SP100 team would take advantage of the work already done on WirelessHART by including it in the broader ISA100 wireless standard. Because ISA100 has such broad objectives, the SP100.11a team has narrowed their near-term focus to the wireless process automation networks. To date, their decisions about technical requirements for robust application of wireless in process operations are largely consistent with the technical specification of the approved WirelessHART standard. Including WirelessHART in ISA100’s family would give users all the benefits of WirelessHART and accelerate ISA100 development by enabling team members to focus their efforts on tools and best practices for plant-wide applications such as wireless physical-security monitoring, voice communications, and support for mobile workers.

The recent, relatively dramatic surge forward on the ISA100.11a front need not eclipse WirelessHart, especially in light of the ongoing effort to bring the two to convergence as ISA100.12.
17 – FDT Group

17.1 General

The FDT Group is an open, independent, not-for-profit association of international companies dedicated to establishing the FDT Technology as an international standard with broad acceptance in the automation industry. As of October 2009, 71 companies within the Factory and Process Automation industries have pledged their support to FDT Technology and the FDT Group. FDT specification is freely available to all companies that wish to utilize it: http://www.fdtgroup.org/en/documents/technical-documents.html

17.2 About FDT/DTM

FDT standardizes the communication and configuration interface between all field devices and host systems. FDT provides a common environment for accessing the devices’ most sophisticated features. Any device can be configured, operated, and maintained through the standardized user interface – regardless of supplier, type or communication protocol.

Besides a variety of devices of different manufacturers, in most industrial plants different standardized field buses and protocols are installed, often in parallel operation. These include e.g. HART, PROFIBUS, FOUNDATION Fieldbus, Modbus, IO-Link or DeviceNet. For those plants FDT is an efficient solution that manages the variety of different devices communicating with different protocols. FDT is well suited for those inhomogeneous environments because it is system independent and able to integrate practically all communication methods.

The benefits of FDT Technology for users become evident, if each device vendor uses the latest technological developments for the functionality in their instruments. With an open, standardized and freely accessible integration technology like FDT, device manufacturers can be sure that all device features and their complete mapping in DCS and asset management systems are implemented. This is the only way to make the benefits for the user reality and to avoid filtering them by proprietary integration technologies. Thus, device manufacturers provide even more added value, as users have access to all device and diagnosis possibilities by using an according DTM.

17.3 IEC standard for FDT Technology

Since end of May 2009 an international IEC 62453 standard “Field device tool (FDT) interface specification” for FDT Technology is available. All national committees with voting rights have unanimously approved the IEC FDT Standard. The norm enables quality assurance of FDT products. Certification tools and procedures are built on a stable basis and assure conformity and compatibility of DTMs and FDT Frame Applications. A style guide, which was specified based on NAMUR requirements, is also included in the standard. Thus, the variety which is provided by FDT for device functionality does not lead to different, manufacturer specific operating templates.
18 – Subsea Instrumentation Interface Standardsisation (SIIS)

SIIS is a Joint Industry Project with its goal to achieve improvements in subsea reliability. The aim is to standardise the interface between subsea sensors and the subsea control system. SIIS is committed to working towards an open standard for the benefit of industry as a whole.

The ultimate vision which has utility for both the end user operators and for the first tier Subsea Control System suppliers, is one in which ROV-pluggable interfaces are available from subsea control systems, which do not have to be pre-defined in terms of the instrumentation to which they will subsequently be attached.

SIIS is open to all oil companies, Subsea Control System suppliers and subsea sensor vendors. Since its inception SIIS has grown to 33 members, including: BP, Chevron, Petrobras, Shell, Total and Statoil. Membership remains open to any organisation wishing to contribute to this industry standardisation.

Background

The concept of SIIS originated with BP and Shell in 2003. Following an initial meeting with other leading Oil-Field Operators (held in July 2003), and two subsequent meetings with the subsea controls industry, held in October 2004 and late January 2004, a Subsea Control System User Group was formed, involving the operators with representation from: BP, Shell, Total, ENI-AGIP, Norsk Hydro, Statoil, ChevronTexaco and subsea control system vendors: ABB Offshore System Limited, Aker Kvaerner, Cameron, Dril-Quip and FMC/KOS.

The Subsea Control Systems User Group identified a number of issues on which the operators may like to see progress in terms of standardisation of interfaces. This may facilitate greater reliability for subsea field developments and reduce risks to functionality and schedule.

The first topic discussed by the Subsea Control System User Group has been Subsea Instrumentation Interface Standardsisation (SIIS).

The scope of the SIIS initiative is distinct from IWIS (standardisation for downhole instrumentation) and it is limited to subsea production system instruments interfacing directly to the Subsea Control Module.

The Group initially discussed a five-level classification system for control system-to-sensor interfaces. This was simplified to three levels in September 2007. The SIIS JIP meeting is focused around a number of member led technical working groups:

- Application Layer
- Topology & Connector
- Level 3
- EMC

SIIS agreed on a suitable protocol to be taken forward as a basis for standardisation. The CANOPEN interface type was selected as the SIIS protocol.
19 – Company specification

All of the international operators have their own in-house technical specifications in order to specify exactly what is considered required for their plants and installations. These specifications (also called company standards, engineering practices, best practices, supplementary technical specifications etc.) also carry their experience and they may be supplemented by individual project specifications to cover specific project needs. These documents are normally based on, but include various degrees of supplements and amendments to international, national and industry standards.

At the workshop the operating companies present agreed to share their specifications in a closed OGP web environment for review by the other participants to see if there was scope for harmonisation, standardisation or improvement.