

# **Air Drag Tool**

## **VECTO-Air Drag V3.0.0**

Service contract CLIMA.C.2/SER/2012/0004

**Updates compared to versions 2.0.6 marked in GREEN**

### ***User Manual***

By order of  
**EUROPEAN COMMISSION**  
**DG CLIMA**

**Air Drag Tool**  
**VECTO-Air Drag V3.0.0**  
***Technical Documentation***

Written by:	Martin Rexeis, TUG (Methodology) Martin Dippold, TUG (Software) Konstantinos Anagnostopoulos, JRC (Software)	2016/11/16 AppVer: v3.0.0
-------------	--	------------------------------

# Content

<b>1.</b>	<b>Introduction .....</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Structure of the software.....</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Input data and file structures .....</b>	<b>6</b>
3.1.	Input/Output files conventions .....	6
3.2.	Overview of Input files .....	7
3.3.	Vehicle file (*.csveh) .....	8
3.4.	File with ambient conditions measured by the stationary weather station (*.csamb).....	9
3.5.	Files with configuration of measurement sections (*.csms) .....	10
3.6.	Files with measurement data recorded at the vehicle (*.csdat).....	14
3.7.	File with altitude profile (*.csalt) .....	16
3.8.	Job-File .....	17
3.9.	Criteria-File .....	17
<b>4.</b>	<b>Evaluation algorithms.....</b>	<b>19</b>
4.1.	Processing of data for vehicle position .....	19
4.2.	Assignment of measurement data to measurement sections .....	19
4.3.	Evaluation of the calibration test.....	20
4.4.	Evaluation of the constant speed tests.....	22
<b>5.</b>	<b>Output files.....</b>	<b>28</b>
5.1.	The Air Drag main result file .....	29
5.2.	The “measurement section” (ms-)files.....	32
5.3.	The Hz-files.....	35
<b>6.</b>	<b>User Manual .....</b>	<b>37</b>
6.1.	General .....	37
6.2.	First program start .....	37
6.3.	Graphic User Interface.....	37
6.4.	How to evaluate a constant speed test in VECTO-Air Drag.....	40
6.5.	Generic data .....	41
6.6.	Demo data .....	41
6.7.	Direct start .....	41
<b>7.</b>	<b>Support.....</b>	<b>41</b>
<b>8.</b>	<b>Developers Guide .....</b>	<b>42</b>

8.1.	Main structure of the VECTO-Air Drag code .....	42
------	---	----

## 1. Introduction

A first version of a tool for evaluation of constant speed tests has already been developed in 2012 by TUG in a project sponsored by DG JRC. This software was named “VECTO Constant Speed Evaluation tool” Version 1.0 or short “Air Drag 1.0” and was distributed to all members of the HDV CO<sub>2</sub> advisory group. Air Drag V1.0 was applied during the Proof of Concept phase of the LOT3 project in 2012 and 2013.

Caused by the further development of the aerodynamic drag test procedure a major update of the evaluation tool was required. This update is released with VECTO-Air Drag V2.0.x. This software tool is compatible with the latest version of the technical annex.

The main changes of VECTO-Air Drag 2.0.x compared to VECTO-Air Drag 1.0 are:

- All kinds of test track layouts with any configuration of measurement sections<sup>1</sup> and driving directions are supported.
- It supports the following methods for identifying the position of the vehicle in relation to Track's *measurement sections*:
  - a combination of opto-electronic triggers with a GPS device or
  - a high precision DGPS system
- The foreseen calibration procedures for signals from the mobile anemometer and for vehicle speed are performed by the tool automatically.
- The algorithms are adapted to automatically evaluate the combination a “high speed test” and two “low speed tests” (one before and one after the high speed test) for each combination of measurement section and driving direction.
- All validity checks as specified in the technical annex which have to be passed to get approved results (e.g. for ambient conditions, stability criteria during constant speed phases) are considered in the test evaluation.

The tool as released in June 2014 is designed as an “engineering version”, where still some parameters or settings used in the evaluation can be modified by the user. This software shall be used in the ongoing process of elaborating the final details of the constant speed test procedure in 2014. Once all details of the official test procedure have been defined, a VECTO-Air Drag “declaration version” shall be generated, where all evaluation parameters are fixed to the exactly as specified in the regulations.

---

<sup>1</sup> Measurement sections (abbrev.: MS) define the part of the test track where the recorded signals are analysed in the evaluations.

## 2. Structure of the software

The Air Drag -Tool is written in VB.Net and delivered as executable file and Visual Studio 2010 project with commented source code. The Air Drag -Tool is a portable application, i.e. it is not necessary to run a setup procedure for installation. The executable file can be run from any place on a computer or in a network. More details on how to operate VECTO-Air Drag can be found in section 6.

## 3. Input data and file structures

This section gives a detailed description of the input data and the file structure required for VECTO-Air Drag.

### 3.1. Input/Output files conventions

The files read and written by VECTO-Air Drag are either JSON or CSV files. In the **CSVs** are the following separator's allowed as list- and decimal separator which can be defined under Tools/preferences:

- Dot “.”
- Comma “,”
- Double point “:”
- Semicolon “;”

Lines starting with `#` are interpreted as comment-lines and ignored by the input routines, but are not preserved through read/written cycles. Such comments can be placed at any line of a CSV file.

**JSON** files do not support comments, but help can be provided by their accompanying [json-schemas](#) (see below). They are split in two sections,

- The **Header**, which contains administrative fields and fields related to the actual parsing of the file. This section accepts arbitrary content which is preserved when read/written, so it can be used instead of comments.
- The **Body**, which contains the actual content of the file, and has a rather strict format, according to each file type (see below).

Here is an extract from a typical JSON-file:

```
{
  "Header": {
    "Title": "vecto-Air Drag JOB",
    "FileVersion": "1.0.0",
    "AppVersion": "2.0.1-pre2",
    "ModifiedDate": "2014/06/04 17:42:29 +02:00",
    "CreatedBy": "JRC(lic: 04c137c0-24df-4d90-a3e2-b02fe3dba8ea)",
    "StrictBody": null,
    "BodySchema": null
  },
}
```

Of interest are the following two header properties:

- **/Header/StrictBody**: Controls whether the application will accept any unknown body-properties while reading the file. Set it to **true** to debug malformed input-files, i.e. to detect accidentally renamed properties.
- **/Header/BodySchema**: The JSON-schema of the body will be placed HERE on the next save. When **true**, it is always replaced by the Body's schema on the next save. When **false**, it overrides application's choice and is not replaced ever.

The software uses different extensions for certain file-types. This approach allows for quick browsing for specific data. However, any kinds of extensions can be used for input files as long as they are correctly specified in the Job file.

### 3.2. Overview of Input files

Table 1 gives an overview on all input files handled by VECTO-Air Drag.

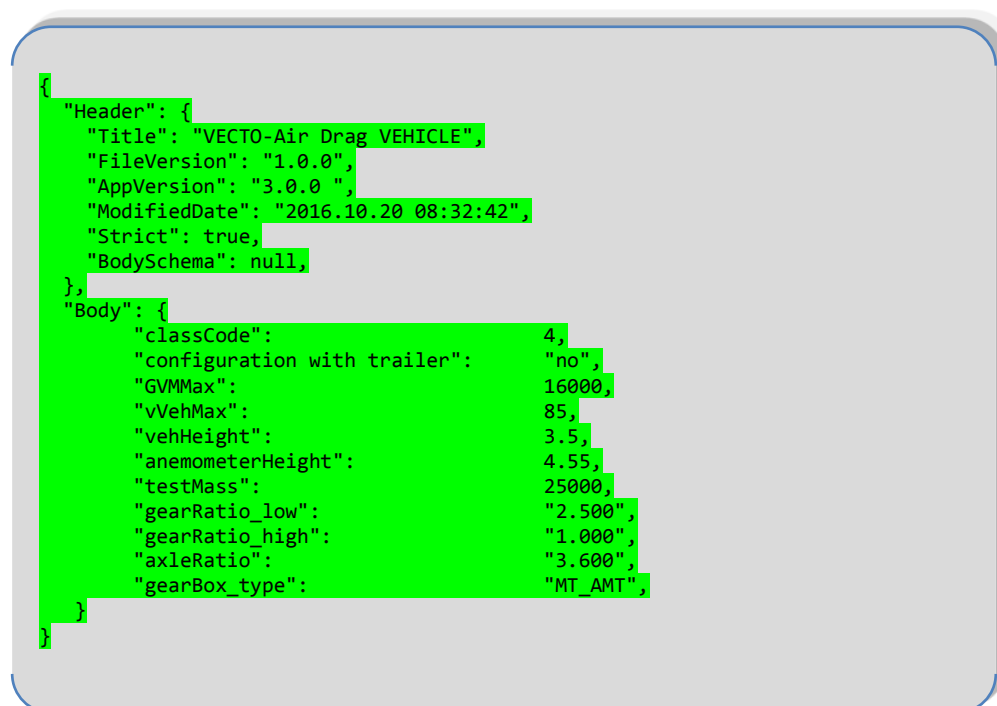
**Table 1:** Overview input files

File type	Default extension	Explanation
vehicle	*.csveh	contains relevant information on the tested vehicle configuration (e.g. vehicle test mass, anemometer height)
ambient conditions	*.csamb	contains ambient conditions as measured by the stationary weather station
configuration file for measurement sections ("ms config")	*.csms	contains the configuration of the measurement sections (coordinates, driving directions etc.) on the test track. The measurement sections can be configured for the calibration run and the measurement runs separately.
measurement data	*.csdat	contains the measurement data recorded at the vehicle consolidated in 100Hz. Separate input files are required by Air Drag for: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>the calibration run (during warm up of the vehicle)</li> <li>the first low speed run</li> <li>the high speed run</li> <li>the second low speed run</li> </ol> Similar file formats are used for i.) to iv.)

File type	Default extension	Explanation
altitude profile (optional)	*.csalt	contains the altitude profile on the measurement sections. This data is used for the correction of traction force for gradient influence in the evaluation if the related feature is activated in the VECTO-Air Drag GUI
criteria (optional)	*.csCRT	can be used to save or import a set of evaluation parameters (e.g. for validity or correction functions)
job	*.csjob	contains all information for a test evaluation (evaluation settings, paths to input data). The job file is automatically created if VECTO-Air Drag is operated via the user interface but can also be generated or edited e.g. by means of a text editor. After a successful calculation VECTO-Air Drag also writes the main evaluation results into the job-file.
criteria (optional)	*.csCRT	can be used to save or import a set of evaluation parameters (e.g. validity criteria or settings for correction functions). For reasons of traceability for each calculation the used parameters are in any case also stored in the Job-file.

### 3.3. Vehicle file (\*.csveh)

The vehicle file contains the relevant information on the vehicle configuration. The file follows the JSON format. Figure 1 shows the structure of the vehicle file.



**Figure 1:** Structure of the vehicle file



The data relevant for the calculations have to be specified in the “body” according to the following conventions:

- **"classCode"**: Vehicle class code according to the HDV CO<sub>2</sub> segmentation matrix (1-17 for trucks and 21-23 for busses); **(no unit)**
- **"configuration with trailer"**: If the vehicle was measured without trailer (input “No”) or with trailer i.e. as a truck/trailer or tractor semitrailer combination (input “Yes”) **(no unit)**

The combination the abovementioned parameter is the criteria for allocation of generic data for C<sub>d</sub>xA dependency on beta.

- **"testMass"**: Vehicle test mass during measurements **(unit: [kg])**. Please fill in the average value valid for the test sequence from low speed run 1, high speed run and low speed run 2. In VECTO-Air Drag the vehicle mass is used for correction of traction forces from road gradient and from acceleration (if these features are activated) and for determination of the vehicle average RRC (rolling resistance coefficient).
- **"axleRatio"**: Axle transmission ratio **(no unit)**. For Declaration Mode a minimum of 3 digits after the decimal separator are required.
- **"gearRatio\_high"**: Transmission ratio of the gear engaged during the high speed tests **(no unit)**. For Declaration Mode a minimum of 3 digits after the decimal separator are required.
- **"gearRatio\_low"**: Transmission ratio of the gear engaged during the low speed tests **(no unit)**. For Declaration Mode a minimum of 3 digits after the decimal separator are required.
- **"anemometerHeight"**: Height of the measuring point of the anemometer installed at the vehicle **(unit: [m])**.
- **"vehHeight"**: Maximum vehicle height **(unit: [m])**. This value is applied in Air Drag for boundary layer correction of the air speed measured with the anemometer.
- **"vVehMax"**: Maximum speed the vehicle can be practically operated at the test track **(unit: [km/h])**
- **"GVMMax"**: Maximum gross vehicle mass of the rigid or tractor (w/o trailer or semitrailer) **(unit: [kg])**
- **"gearbox\_type"**: Vehicle gearbox type. Vehicles with manual or automated transmission (without torque converter) are specified by the input “MT\_AMT”, vehicles with automatic transmission with torque converter are specified by “AT” **(no unit)**.

### 3.4. File with ambient conditions measured by the stationary weather station (\*.csamb)

Figure 2 shows an example for the structure of the file containing the ambient conditions measured by the stationary weather station. The file follows the CSV-Format.

# VECTO-CSE file with data from stationary weather station			
<t>	<t_amb_stat>	<p_amb_stat>	<rh_stat>
# [s] since daystart	[°C]	[mbar]	[%]
25200	18.1	1015.8	69.2
25210	18.0	1015.8	69.3
25220	18.1	1015.8	69.3
25230	18.0	1015.8	69
25240	18.0	1015.8	68.9
25250	18.0	1015.8	68.9
25260	18.1	1015.8	68.9
<i>open number of rows ...</i>			

**Figure 2:** Structure of the ambient conditions file

In the first row the column identifiers have to be specified. In the \*.csamb file the order of columns is arbitrary. Row 2 and the following contain the measured values. Table 2 gives the specifications of the data signals to be provided in the ambient conditions file.

**Table 2:** Signal specifications for the ambient conditions file

signal	column identifier	unit	remarks
time	<t>	[s] since day start	The time signal is used for consolidation with data measured at the vehicle; any frequency can be specified, minimum requirement from the technical annex is 1 signal per 5 minutes
ambient temperature	<t_amb_stat>	[°C]	
ambient pressure	<p_amb_stat>	[mbar]	
relative air humidity	<rh_stat>	[%]	e.g. 50% humidity is specified in the file by a value of "50"

### 3.5. Files with configuration of measurement sections (\*.csms)

The measurement section files contain the configuration to allocate the recorded data to certain combinations of measurement sections (MS) and driving directions. In VECTO-Air Drag the MS have to be configured separately for the calibration test and for the measurement runs. Figure 3 shows the structure of a measurement section file.

# trigger used (1=yes; 0=no)

0								
meas. section ID	direction ID	length	heading	lat start	long start	lat end	long end	optional: path and/or filename altitude file
# [id]	[id]	[m]	[°]	[mm.mm]	[mm.mm]	[mm.mm]	[mm.mm]	[-]
1	1	250	236	..P1..	..P1..	..P2..	..P2..	TrackDemo_1_1.csalt
2	1	250	236	..P2..	..P2..	..P3..	..P3..	TrackDemo_2_1.csalt
3	1	250	56	..P4..	..P4..	..P5..	..P5..	TrackDemo_3_1.csalt
4	1	250	56	..P5..	..P5..	..P6..	..P6..	TrackDemo_4_1.csalt
open nr. of rows ...								

**Figure 3:** Structure of the measurement section file

The data to be specified is explained below:

Row 1, column 1: specification whether a trigger signal is used to identify the exact moment when the vehicle enters a measurement section ("1" = trigger signal used; "0" = no trigger signal is used). The methods how Air Drag evaluates the measurement data for these two options are described in section 4.2.

From row 2 on: Specification of the measurement sections according to Table 3. The order of columns in the measurement section file is fixed. **The header name definition is needed (as shown in Figure 3) and have to be labelled as non-comment line. The unit definition can be used but always have to be labelled as comment line.** The number of measurement sections to be used in the VECTO-Air Drag evaluations is free.

Table 3 gives the specifications for the data to be provided in the measurement section files. For further explanation on the following pages two examples for test track layout and related configuration in the \*.csms-file are given.

**Table 3:** Data specifications for the measurement section files

column number	data	column identifier	unit	remarks
1	measurement section ID	Pos. fixed	[-]	user defined identification number
2	driving direction ID	Pos. fixed	[-]	<p>user defined identification number</p> <p>If on a circular test track only a single sense of rotation is driven, the MS on both straights can be labelled with driving direction "1" (VECTO-Air Drag internally validates the criteria for driving directions based on the heading signal).</p> <p>Measurement sections evaluated for the calibration run have to be configured in two driving directions.</p>
3	heading	Pos. fixed	[°]	heading of the measurement section
4	length of the measurement section	Pos. fixed	[m]	<p>to be determined by distance measuring wheel (or by DPGS). Distance is used for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>calibration run: calibration of vehicle speed</li> </ul>

column number	data	column identifier	unit	remarks
				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>measurement runs: verification of valid distance driven inside the measurement sections</li> </ul> see also footnote <sup>2</sup>
5	latitude start point of section	See Table 4	[mm.mm] [dd.dd]	The coordinates also have to be provided in case a trigger signal is used for identification of MS (for the purpose of plausibility checks). For standard GPS devices please provide: [dd.dd]: minimum 5 digits [mm.mm]: minimum 3 digits after the decimal separator (refers to an accuracy of better than 1.8 meter). For the DGPS option please provide: [dd.dd]: minimum 7 digits [mm.mm]: minimum 5 digits after the decimal separator (refers to an accuracy of better than 0.18 meter)
6	longitude start point of section	See Table 4		
7	latitude end point of section	See Table 4		
8	longitude end point of section	See Table 4		
5	path and/or filename of altitude file	Pos. fixed	[-]	only required for the constant speed tests (not the calibration test) and if the altitude correction is enabled. If only the filename is specified here, VECTO-Air Drag searches in the folder of the *.csms-file.

The coordinates can be defined in two different units. For the selection which coordinate unit is used an additional specification is needed:

**Table 4: Coordinate definition (header options)**

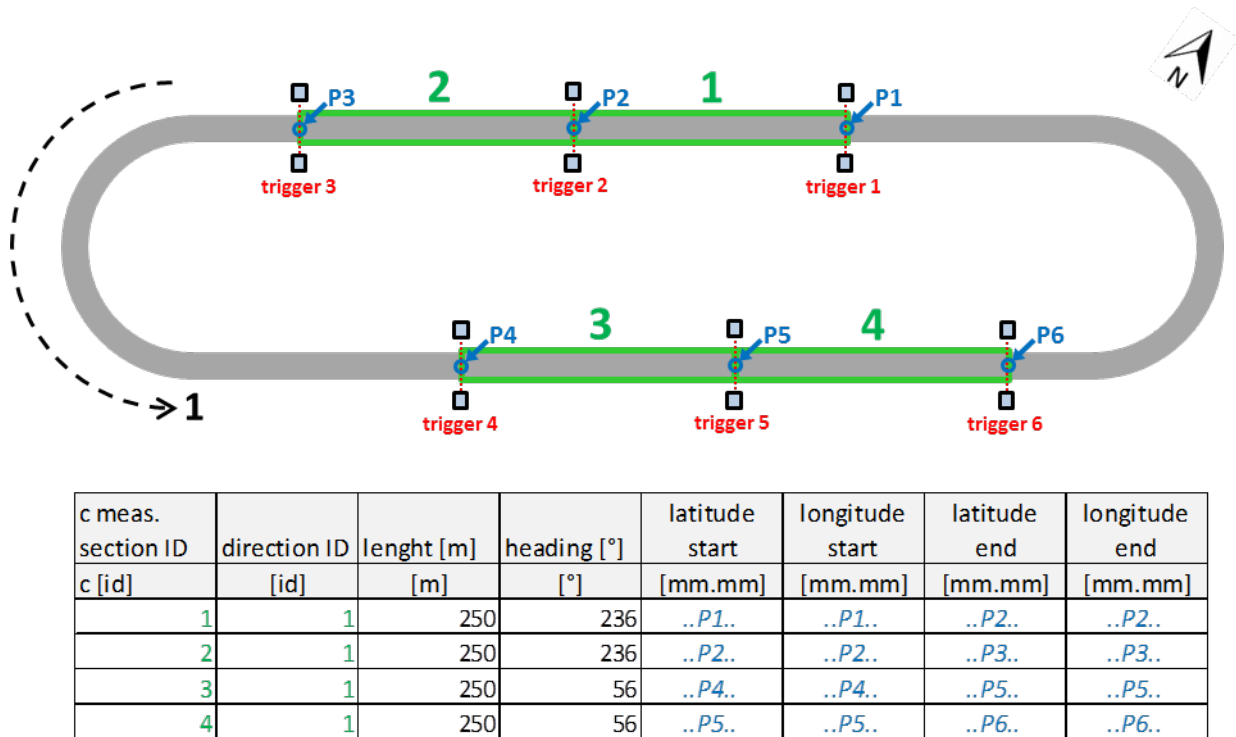
Coordinate	unit	Additional specification
Decimal minutes	[mm.mm]	<b>Standard choice.</b> No addition needed
Decimal grad	[dd.dd]	Additional “(D)” needed in the header name

<sup>2</sup> VECTO-Air Drag the length of a measurement section is also calculated internally from the coordinates of start and endpoint. This value is compared with the distance as specified by the user and – if the difference is greater than the parameter “leng\_crit” - shown in the message window after read-in of \*.csms file.

As reference length for calibration of vehicle speed always the value specified directly by the user is used. If the length calculated from the coordinates differs significantly from this value this might result in invalid datasets failing in the validity check where the driven distance inside the measurement section is compared with the length of the MS +/- the parameter “leng\_crit

Examples:

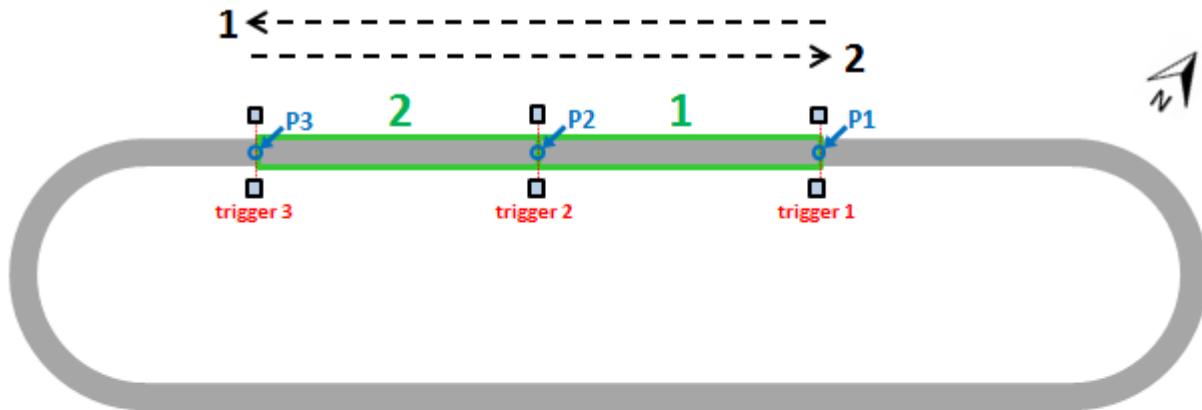
Figure 4 shows the MS file configuration for a circular test track with two measurement sections on both straights and which is driven in a singular sense of rotation.



**Figure 4:** Example 1 for test track layout and MS configuration file (circular test track driven in single sense of rotation)

In Figure 5 the MS file configuration for measurements recorded on a single straight in two measurement sections driven in two driving directions is given. Such a configuration could be used e.g. for the calibration run<sup>3</sup> on a test track as shown above or also for a test track which consists of a single straight with turning points at both ends.

<sup>3</sup> In Air Drag more than a single section can be configured in the calibration run (details see 4.3).



c meas. section ID	direction ID	length [m]	heading [°]	latitude start	longitude start	latitude end	longitude end
c [id]	[id]	[m]	[°]	[mm.mm]	[mm.mm]	[mm.mm]	[mm.mm]
1	1	250	236	..P1..	..P1..	..P2..	..P2..
2	1	250	236	..P2..	..P2..	..P3..	..P3..
2	2	250	56	..P3..	..P3..	..P2..	..P2..
1	2	250	56	..P2..	..P2..	..P1..	..P1..

**Figure 5:** Example 2 for test track layout and MS configuration file (measurement data recorded on two measurement sections on a single straight driven in two driving directions)

### 3.6. Files with measurement data recorded at the vehicle (\*.csdat)

Figure 6 shows an example for the structure of the file containing the measurement data recorded at the vehicle. VECTO-Air Drag requires each a \*.csdat-file for

- the calibration test (during warm up of the vehicle)
- the first low speed test
- the high speed test
- the second low speed test

# VECTO-CSE file  
# Klettwitz, 2012-06-24, calibration run

# [s]	[mm.mm]	[mm.mm]	[°]	[km/h]	[km/h]	[m/s]	[°]	[rpm]	[Nm]	[Nm]	...
37080.01	3091.3309332	834.6905802	38.3	87.26	89.01	23.05	-0.82	1310	1352.3	1094.0	...
37080.02	3091.3319202	834.6919578	38.3	87.30	89.05	23.05	-0.81	1309	1378.7	1180.2	...
37080.03	3091.3329192	834.6933138	39.1	87.28	89.02	24.03	-0.80	1309	1359.9	1033.2	...
37080.04	3091.3339326	834.6946482	39.9	87.23	88.97	24.03	-0.81	1310	1439.6	1165.3	...
37080.05	3091.3349532	834.6959658	40.5	87.32	89.06	23.97	-0.80	1311	1404.9	1037.3	...
37080.06	3091.3359816	834.6972654	41.1	87.26	89.01	23.97	-0.82	1312	1465.6	1102.0	...
37080.07	3091.3370232	834.6985458	41.9	87.34	89.08	23.97	-0.81	1311	1457.1	1124.7	...
open number of rows ...											

**Figure 6:** Example structure of the \*.csdat file

The order of columns is arbitrary. The program identifies the signals based on the column identifier to be specified in row 1. Row 2 and the following contain the measured values. **The temporal resolution of the \*.csdat files is defined with 100Hz.** This frequency is checked by VECTO-Air Drag during read-in. **It is allowed to cut out driving phases e.g. recorded outside the measurement sections.**

The recordings in the \*.csdat-file have to start early enough that the meaningful moving averages can be calculated at the point in time when the vehicle enters the measurement section (i.e. >0.5s for the high speed test, >4.5s for the low speed test).

With the Air Drag Version 2.0.4 several coordinate units can be used (See Table 5). For the different units a specific column identifier has to be used.

Table 5 gives the specifications of the data signals to be provided in the measurement data files.

**Table 5:** Signal specifications for the measurement data file

signal	column identifier	unit	remarks
time	<t>	[s] since day start	rate fixed to 100Hz; time signal used for correlation with ambient conditions data and for check of frequency
(D)GPS latitude	<lat>	[mm.mm]	For standard GPS devices please provide: [dd.dd]: minimum 5 digits [mm.mm]: minimum 3 digits
	<lat_D>	[dd.dd]	after the decimal separator (refers to an accuracy of better than 1.8 meter). For the DGPS option please provide:
(D)GPS longitude	<long>	[mm.mm]	[dd.dd]: minimum 7 digits [mm.mm]: minimum 5 digits
	<long_D>	[dd.dd]	after the decimal separator (refers to an accuracy of better than 0.18 meter) 1° = 111111 m 0.00001° = 1.11 m 0.000001° = 0.11 m
(D)GPS heading	<hdg>	[°]	
(D)GPS velocity	<v_veh_GPS>	[km/h]	not used in analysis if opto-electronic triggers are used
vehicle velocity	<v_veh_CAN>	[km/h]	raw CAN bus front axle signal
air speed	<v_air>	[m/s]	raw data (instrument reading)
inflow angle (beta)	<beta>	[°]	Important definitions for data on inflow angle: VECTO-Air Drag accepts values only in the range from +360° to -360°. After read in these numbers are converted to the +180° to -180° range.
engine speed cardan speed	<n_eng> <n_card>	[rpm]	Dependent of the vehicle configuration (gear-box_type) either engine or cardan speed is required: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>gearbox type "MT_AMT": engine speed required</li> <li>gear box type "AT": if torque converter is <b>not locked</b> during low speed test <b>cardan speed</b> has to be provided. Otherwise either engine speed or cardan speed can be provided. If</li> </ul>

			both signals are available, VECTO-Air Drag uses engine speed
torque meter (left wheel)	< tq_l >	[Nm]	Primary torque calibration ( $y=kx+d$ ) to be done in data capturing system (i.e. before import into VECTO-Air Drag!)
torque meter (right wheel)	< tq_r >	[Nm]	
ambient temperature on vehicle	< t_amb_veh >	[°C]	to be measured according to the specifications in the technical annex
trigger signal	< trigger >	[-]	Optional signal; required if measurement sections are identified by opto electronic triggers (option "trigger_used=1"). This signal is defined to be an arbitrary integer value which changes at a "trigger event".
Proving ground temperature	< t_ground >	[°C]	Ground temperature (needed by LS and HS, optional in the calibration run)
validity	< valid >	[-]	Optional signal (1=valid; 0=invalid); This feature shall be used to label invalid data (e.g. due to close passing of another vehicle, technical or driving errors). Invalid data will be excluded by VECTO-Air Drag from further analysis.

Any other provided signal in the measurement data file will be also processed by VECTO- Air Drag. For these signals the averages for the driving phases within measurement sections are calculated. Any column identifier (except the predefined ones) can be used. These identifiers are then also used by VECTO-Air Drag in the result files. Additional signals to be processed by VECTO-Air Drag have to be existent in ALL measurement data files.

### 3.7. File with altitude profile (\*.csalt)

Figure 7 gives an example for an altitude file. If the correction of gradient forces is enabled VECTO-Air Drag requires each a \*.csamb-file for each combination of measurement section and driving direction as specified in the \*.csms-file for the low speed – high speed – low speed sequence.



# Latitude [mm.mm]	Longitude [mm.mm]	Altitude [m]
2873.938900	456.855820	260.00
2873.955830	456.885620	260.10
2873.972650	456.915230	260.19
2873.989480	456.944850	260.29
2874.006310	456.974460	260.39
2874.023130	457.004080	260.48
2874.028130	457.012880	260.51
open nr. of rows		

**Figure 7:** Example structure of the \*.csalt file

**Table 6:** Input data for VECTO Air Drag – altitude profile file

signal	unit	remarks
Latitude	[dd.dd] or [mm.mm]	[dd.dd]: minimum 7 digits after decimal separator [mm.mm]: minimum 5 digits after decimal separator
Longitude	[dd.dd] or [mm.mm]	
Altitude	[m]	minimum 2 digits after decimal separator

Each altitude profile must meet the following requirements:

1. The altitude profile must have a grid distance of lower or equal than 50 m in driving direction.
2. The first point of the altitude profile must lie before and the last one after the measurement section.

VECTO-Air Drag applies linear interpolation for altitudes from the \*.csalt file.

### 3.8. Job-File

The Job file contains all information for a VECTO-Air Drag test evaluation (settings, paths to input data and a small set of input parameters). **The Job file is automatically created by the VECTO-Air Drag user interface in the JSON format. After a successful calculation VECTO-Air Drag also writes the main evaluation results into the job-file.**

### 3.9. Criteria-File

The criteria file can be used to save or import a set of evaluation parameters (e.g. validity criteria or settings for correction functions) as shown in the GUI in the “Criteria”-tab. The criteria file is written in the JSON format.

For reasons of traceability for each calculation the used parameters are in any case also stored in the Jobfile.

**The criteria file as used by VECTO-Air Drag V2.0.6 is not compatible with the criteria file of previous tool versions as additional parameters have been added.**

## 4. Evaluation algorithms

This section gives a documentation of the algorithms which are used to evaluate the input data.

### 4.1. Processing of data for vehicle position

In a first step VECTO-Air Drag converts the (D)GPS coordinates to UTM coordinates. The according results for UTM coordinates can be found in the results files (values: “Lat (UTM)” and “Long (UTM)”). For data inside of measurement sections also the theoretical position of the vehicle projected to the line defined by the start- and end-coordinates of the measurement section (result file values “Lat (root)” and “Long (root)”) is calculated. This coordinate is the reference for the identification of the vehicle position inside the measurement sections and for the allocation of the altitude if the altitude correction is applied.

### 4.2. Assignment of measurement data to measurement sections

For assignment of recorded data to the measurement sections as specified in the \*.csms-file two options can be chosen how the point in time is determined when the vehicle enters and exits the predefined measurement sections.

#### *Option 1: Trigger signal*

Air Drag identifies the entry or the exit of the vehicle if the criteria 1. to 3. are met:

1. The trigger signal shows a change in integer value
2. The position of the vehicle is inside a square around a start point or an end-point of a MS as defined in the \*.csms-file. The square is defined by the (+/-)-range from the parameters “delta\_x\_max” and “delta\_y\_max” (unit: [m]).
3. The heading of the vehicle is in a (+/-)-range as defined by the parameter “delta\_head\_max” (unit: [°])

#### *Option 2: DGPS signal*

Air Drag identifies the entry or the exit of the vehicle if both criteria 1. and 2. are met:

1. An imaginary line perpendicular to a measurement section going through the start point or the end-point is crossed within the (+/-)-range of the parameter “delta\_y\_max” (unit: [m]) to the start point or to the end-point
2. The heading of the vehicle is in a (+/-)-range as defined by the parameter “delta\_head\_max” (unit: [°])

#### *Important remarks:*

- If a measurement section is specified in the \*.csms-file only in a single driving direction, the data recorded on this section during driving in the opposite direction is not evaluated in VECTO-Air Drag.

- If the end point of a MS is identical with the start point of the next MS the events for “exit” of the first MS and “entry” into the next MS happen at the same point in time.
- The validity of the allocated data is furthermore checked by comparison of driven distance (determined via the calibrated vehicle speed) inside the measurement section with the distance as specified as in the \*.csms-file. If the absolute difference is greater than the parameter “leng\_crit” (pre-set to 3m)<sup>4</sup>, the particular data is not considered valid.
- DGPS use: According to the technical annex it is only valid to use “option 2” as explained above in connection with use of high accuracy DGPS systems. This factum cannot be verified within VECTO-Air Drag.
- For all above mentioned parameters default values are pre-set in VECTO-Air Drag 2.0.x as determined based on the experience with the available test data. An adaptation of these parameters might be necessary for some cases in order to gain an appropriate assignment of measurement data to measurement sections.

### 4.3. Evaluation of the calibration test

According to the technical annex the signals for:

- vehicle speed
- air speed and
- yaw angle (beta)

shall be calibrated based on measurement data recorded at high speed driving during the warm-up phase. This evaluation is done in VECTO-Air Drag automatically in a pre-processing step. **From the separate “calibration test” only the calculated calibration of the yaw angle (beta) will be used for the constant speed evaluation. The vehicle and air speed here are only calculated for the validity checks relevant for the calibration test. The final values for vehicle and air speed calibration are calculated based on the high speed test data.**

#### Step 1: Calibration of vehicle speed

In VECTO-Air Drag the vehicle speed “v\_veh” is determined based on the CAN (front axle) vehicle speed signal “v\_veh\_can” multiplied by the calibration factor “fv\_veh”.

The calibration factor “fv\_veh” is determined by the average ratio of a reference vehicle speed (“v\_ref”) to the CAN (front axle) vehicle speed signal “v\_veh\_can” for all “datasets”<sup>5</sup> recorded during the calibration run. The reference vehicle speed is determined depending on the method of assignment of measurement sections as described below:

---

<sup>4</sup> Final value of parameter to be decided

<sup>5</sup> A „dataset“ refers to the data recorded within a measurement section.

### *Option 1: Trigger signal*

The reference vehicle speed is calculated by division of the length of the measurement section as specified in the \*.csms-file by the driving time in the measurement section as determined based on the trigger signal.

### *Option 2: DGPS signal*

For the DGPS option the vehicle reference speed is determined by two methods:

- by directly using the DGPS vehicle speed
- by division of the length of the measurement section as specified in the \*.csms-file by the driving time in the measurement section as determined based on the DGPS coordinates.

Position and velocity are determined by (D)GPS devices by different physical principles. Currently it is not known which of the two methods a) and b) result in higher accuracy. Test data as available during VECTO-Air Drag development showed only very small deviations of the vehicle speed as determined by methods a) and b). A general selection of the method to be used shall be made after further use of VECTO-Air Drag. In the current VECTO-Air Drag version method a) is used for further processing. Calibration factors determined by both methods are shown in the result file.

### *Step 2: Calibration of air speed and yaw angle*

For calibration of air speed and yaw angle Air Drag determines the calibration factors " $f_{vpe}$ " (position error of measured air speed) and " $\beta_{ame}$ " (misalignment factor for measured yaw angle) as specified in the technical annex. The evaluation steps are done as specified below:

1. In a first evaluation step it is assumed that all datasets have been recorded in valid wind conditions assigning the label "valid=1".
2. VECTO-Air Drag checks if a minimum set of five<sup>6</sup> valid datasets per measurement section and driving direction (for the calibration test) and **per headings respectively (for the high speed test)** are available. If uneven numbers of datasets for the two driving directions or headings are available, VECTO discards the last dataset from the driving direction with the higher number of available valid datasets (only for LS and calibration tests, for HS test unequal numbers are allowed). Such datasets and invalid datasets (according to the wind criteria) are labelled with "used=0". The labels "valid" and "used" assigned to each dataset are also shown in the VECTO-Air Drag output file.
3. Based on all "used=1" datasets the calibration factors " $f_{vpe}$ " and " $\beta_{ame}$ " are determined using the formulas as specified in the technical annex in section 5.1.2.8. For the yaw angle the correction factor  $f_{ape}$  (position error) is taken from generic data.
4. With these correction factors the undisturbed air flow (air speed, yaw angle and wind at the anemometer position) and the boundary layer correction as specified in the technical annex in section 5.1.2.8 is calculated resulting in the reference values for air speed, wind speed and yaw angle.

---

<sup>6</sup> The number of required valid datasets can be modified in the „options“ tab, see 6.3.

5. Based on the values calculated in 5. the validity of the wind criteria for the single datasets as specified in the technical annex in section 5.1.2.2.3 is checked. If the validity of single datasets has been modified, the evaluation process is started again with point 3. If not, the calibration factors " $f_{vpe}$ " and " $\beta_{ame}$ " determined in point 3. are considered final.

Important remarks related to the evaluation of the calibration test:

- In the evaluation of the calibration test data recorded in both driving directions on a particular measurement section has to be available. This is checked by the software during read in.
- In VECTO-Air Drag more than one measurement section can be configured to be evaluated in the calibration test. The overall calibration factors are determined by averaging the results determined in a first step for each specified measurement section. If for a particular measurement section not enough valid datasets are available, the data for this section are completely discarded in the evaluations.
- In "step 1: calibration of vehicle speed" datasets are included in the analysis independent of the wind conditions.
- **The calculation of vehicle and air speed inside the calibration test are only done for the check of the validity criteria's. There final values for the constant speed tests are calculated with the high speed data set.**

#### 4.4. Evaluation of the constant speed tests

This section describes the evaluation steps performed for the measurement data recorded in the low speed – high speed –low speed test sequence to determine the product of drag coefficient by cross sectional area for zero crosswind conditions  $C_d A_{cr}(0)$ .

Step 1: Calculation of air speed, yaw angle and wind speed

VECTO Air Drag calculates the height average values for air speed, yaw angle and wind speed using the formulas as specified in the technical annex. This is done in the 100 Hz time basis.

Step 2: Calculation of forces from driving resistances

VECTO-Air Drag determines the forces which apply to the vehicle from the driving resistances in the 100Hz time resolution according to the steps i. to iv.:

- i. Calculation of total traction force:

The total traction force is calculated as specified below:

Option 1: Engine speed signal available:

$$F_{trac} = \frac{(T_L + T_R) \cdot \frac{n_{eng} \cdot \pi}{30 \cdot i_{gear} \cdot i_{axle}}}{v_{veh}}$$

Option 2: Cardan speed signal available:

$$F_{trac} = \frac{(T_L + T_R) \cdot \frac{n_{card} \cdot \pi}{30 \cdot i_{axle}}}{v_{veh}}$$

where:

$F_{trac}$	=	total traction force [N]
$T_L, T_R$	=	corrected torque for left and right wheel [Nm]
$n_{eng}$	=	engine speed [rpm]
$n_{card}$	=	cardan speed [rpm]
$i_{gear}$	=	transmission ratio of engaged gear [-]
$i_{axle}$	=	axle transmission ratio [-]
$v_{veh}$	=	vehicle speed [m/s]

## ii. Correction for forces from road gradient and accelerations

From the total traction force the forces from road gradient and accelerations are subtracted gaining the driving resistance force caused by air drag and rolling resistance. This is correction is only done if enabled in the VECTO-Air Drag evaluation settings:

$$F_{res} = F_{trac} - F_{grd} \cdot s_{grd} - F_{acc} \cdot s_{acc}$$

where:

$F_{res}$	=	driving resistances force (air drag and rolling resistance) [N]
$F_{trac}$	=	total traction force [N]
$F_{grd}$	=	gradient force [N]
$s_{grd}$	=	parameter for gradient correction (1=enabled, 0=disabled) [-]
$F_{acc}$	=	acceleration force [N]
$s_{acc}$	=	parameter for acceleration correction (1=enabled, 0=disabled) [-]

The gradient force is calculated from:

$$F_{grd} = m_{veh} \cdot g \cdot \sin(\alpha)$$

$$\alpha = \arctan\left(\frac{\Delta alt}{\Delta dist}\right)$$

where:

$m_{veh}$	=	vehicle mass as specified in *.csveh-file [kg]
$g$	=	earth gravitational acceleration (9.81) [m/s <sup>2</sup> ]
$\alpha$	=	gradient angle

$\Delta alt$  = altitude difference from next to previous timestep

$\Delta dist$  = difference of driven distance from next to previous timestep

The force from vehicle inertia is calculated from:  $F_{acc} = m_{veh} \cdot a_{avg} \cdot 1.03$

where:

$m_{veh}$  = vehicle mass as specified in \*.csveh-file [kg]  
 $a_{avg}$  = vehicle acceleration calculated from the moving averaged vehicle speed signal [m/s<sup>2</sup>]

The averaging period for the signals of vehicle speed and engine speed as used for calculation of vehicle acceleration and wheel speed acceleration is defined by the parameter *acc\_corr\_avg* (unit: [s]).

### iii. Calculation of the air density and vapour pressure

The air density is calculated from the air temperature measured on the vehicle and the air pressure and relative humidity as measured at the stationary weather station based on the following equations:

$$p_{v,H_2O} = 611 \cdot \frac{RH_{stat}}{100} \cdot 10^{\frac{7.5 \cdot t_{amb,stat}}{(237 + t_{amb,stat})}}$$

$$\rho_{air} = \frac{p_{amb,stat} - p_{v,H_2O}}{287.1 \cdot (t_{amb,veh} + 273.15)} + \frac{p_{v,H_2O}}{461.9 \cdot (t_{amb,veh} + 273.15)}$$

where:

$p_{v,H_2O}$  = H<sub>2</sub>O vapour pressure [Pa]  
 $RH_{stat}$  = relative humidity measured by stationary weather station [%]  
 $t_{amb,stat}$  = ambient temperature measured by stationary weather station [°C]  
 $t_{amb,veh}$  = ambient temperature measured on the vehicle [°C]  
 $p_{amb,stat}$  = ambient pressure measured by stationary weather station [Pa]

### iv. Correction of driving resistance force for the low speed tests

VECTO Air Drag provides the option to consider a systematic change of rolling resistance in the low speed tests compared to the high speed test as driven in the test sequence. In the data evaluation this is done by multiplication of the driving resistance forces from the low speed tests by the correction factor  $f_{roll,corr}$ .

$$F_{res,ref} = F_{res} \cdot f_{roll,corr}$$

For type approval this correction factor shall be set to 1.0.



### Step 3: Check of validity criteria for datasets to be included in the analysis

VECTO-Air Drag identifies the data recorded inside the measurement sections (“datasets”) with the methods as described in 4.2. Datasets will be automatically excluded by VECTO-Air Drag from further evaluations in case of:

- invalid wind speed conditions (calibration test, low speed test, high speed test)
- invalid yaw angle conditions (calibration test, high speed test)
- stability criteria for vehicle speed not met (low speed test, high speed test)
- stability criteria for vehicle torque not met (low speed test, high speed test)
- unequal number of datasets for a particular combination of measurement section and driving direction for the first and the second low speed test
- stability criteria for engine / cardan speed not met (low speed test, high speed test)
- The validity of the allocated data is furthermore checked by comparison of driven distance (determined via the calibrated vehicle speed) inside the measurement section with the distance as specified as in the \*.csms-file. If the absolute difference is greater than the parameter “leng\_crit” (pre-set to 3m)<sup>7</sup>, the particular data is not considered valid.
- stability criteria for ambient conditions not met (low speed test, high speed test)

stability criteria for ground temperature not met (low speed test, high speed test)

For the pilot phase VECTO-Air Drag executes the evaluations but gives warnings in case of:

- maximum deviation of RRC between first and second low speed test exceeded

VECTO-Air Drag aborts evaluations in case of

- test track requirements not met (max. 20° direction deviations (from +/-180°) between measurement sections)
- not sufficient number of datasets available (calibration test, low speed test, high speed test)

All validity criteria can be edited in the VECTO-Air Drag GUI in the “options”-tab (Only in Engineering Mode). The default settings for parameters as laid down in the technical annex will always set when Declaration mode is selected. The compliance of the single datasets with the single validity criteria is documented in the VECTO-Air Drag “ms-file”. This file can be used to identify which criteria was not met by the data. Datasets which fulfil all validity criteria are labelled in VECTO-Air Drag with “valid = 1” (invalid datasets: “valid = 0”). In cases where unequal numbers of valid datasets at the LS tests, VECTO-Air Drag excludes the first dataset of the other driving direction from further evaluations by setting the parameters “used” to 0. By HS test different numbers of valid datasets are allowed. In the further evaluation steps only the “used=1” datasets are considered.

### Step 4: Calculation of $C_d A_{cr}(\beta)$ values for all combination of measurement sections and driving directions

For all applicable combinations of measurement sections and driving directions the following analysis is performed:

---

<sup>7</sup> Final value of parameter to be decided

- Setup of a linear regression for all used=1 datasets from the high speed tests and the two low speed tests for  $F_{res}$  as a function of squared air speed ( $v_{air}^2$ ) achieving an constant term  $F_0$  (unit [N]) and regression coefficient  $F_2$  (unit: [Ns<sup>2</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>]). In the regression weighting factors are applied so that the cumulative weighting of all high speed datasets is 50%. The constant term  $F_0$  is interpreted as sum of all constant forces (rolling resistance, side inclination, bearing losses etc.).
- The value for  $C_d \cdot A_{cr}(\beta)$  is calculated for each high speed dataset as follows:

$$C_d \cdot A_{cr}(\beta) = 2 \cdot \frac{(F_{res,ref} - F_0)}{(v_{air}^2 \cdot \rho_{air,ref})}$$

- The average value for  $C_d \cdot A_{cr}(\beta)$  for the particular combination of measurement and driving direction is calculated from the related values of all used high speed datasets by arithmetical averaging.
- The average absolute yaw angle  $\beta$  is calculated from all high speed datasets
- The rolling resistance coefficient (RRC, unit [kg/t]) is calculated for the first low speed test (LS1) and for the second low speed test (LS2) from

$$RRC_{LS1/LS2} = \frac{1000 \cdot F_{0,LS1/LS2}}{m_{veh} \cdot 9.81}$$

where:

$F_{0,LS1/LS2}$  = constant term from the regression of  $F_{res}$  as a function of squared air speed ( $v_{air}^2$ ) using all high speed datasets and the dataset of the particular low speed test (LS1 or LS2) [N]

$m_{veh}$  = vehicle mass [kg]

#### Step 5: Calculation of average results over all measurement sections

The result for overall  $C_d \cdot A_{cr}(\beta_{avg})$  and the according overall average yaw angle  $\beta_{avg}$  is calculated from the results for all combinations of measurement sections and driving directions which fulfil the provisions as described in the technical annex capture 3.10.3 as follows:

1. Calculation of results per heading by weighted arithmetical averaging. As weighting factors the numbers of valid datasets for each measurement section are applied.
2. Calculation of overall result by arithmetical average of results for both headings

#### Step 6: Check of validity criteria for complete constant speed test

VECTO Air Drag checks the validity criteria for the complete constant speed test as described in the technical annex capture 3.10.4 and aborts the calculation in case of non-compliance.

### Step 7: Correction of cross wind influence

The value for product of drag coefficient by cross sectional area for zero cross-wind conditions  $C_d \cdot A_{cr}(0)_{meas}$  is then calculated performing the yaw angle correction as specified below:

$$C_d \cdot A_{cr}(0)_{meas} = C_d \cdot A_{cr}(\beta_{avg}) - \Delta C_d \cdot A_{cr}(\beta_{avg})$$

where:

- $C_d \cdot A_{cr}(\beta_{avg})$  = product of air drag coefficient and frontal area from constant speed tests comprising the average absolute yaw angle of  $\beta_{avg}$
- $\Delta C_d \cdot A_{cr}(\beta_{avg})$  = yaw angle correction applying the generic curve for  $\Delta C_d \cdot A_{cr}$  as a function yaw angle for the value of  $\beta_{avg}$ .

In the correction the applicable generic curve for the particular vehicle class and vehicle configuration (rigid or with trailer) as specified below is used.

$$\Delta C_d \cdot A_{cr}(\beta) = a_1 \cdot \beta + a_2 \cdot \beta^2 + a_3 \cdot \beta^3$$

For the coefficients  $a_1$  to  $a_3$  the following vehicle class specific values are applicable:

**Table 7:** Coefficients for yaw angle dependency

	rigid solo	rigid + trailer	tractor + semi-trailer	coach, bus
$a_1$	0.013526	0.017125	0.030042	-0.000794
$a_2$	0.017746	0.072275	0.040817	0.021090
$a_3$	-0.000666	-0.004148	-0.002130	-0.001090

### Step 8: Correction of air drag to reference vehicle height and for anemometer influence

In a final step the value for  $C_d \cdot A_{cr}(0)$  is calculated from the  $C_d \cdot A_{cr}(0)_{meas}$  value as determined above by a correction to the reference vehicle height and by a correction of the influence of the anemometer and the pole:

$$C_d \cdot A_{cr}(0) = C_d \cdot A_{cr}(0)_{meas} \cdot \frac{H_{ref}}{H_{meas}} - C_d \cdot A_{cr,anemo}$$

where:

- $C_d \cdot A_{cr}(0)$  = product of drag coefficient by cross sectional area for zero cross-wind conditions [m<sup>2</sup>]
- $C_d \cdot A_{cr}(0)_{meas}$  = product of drag coefficient by cross sectional area for zero cross-wind conditions as determined by the constant speed test [m<sup>2</sup>]
- $H_{ref}$  = reference vehicle height according to Table 8 [m]
- $H_{meas}$  = vehicle height [m]
- $C_d \cdot A_{cr,anemo}$  = generic correction for influence of drag of anemometer and pole: 0.15 [m<sup>2</sup>]

**Table 8:** Reference vehicle heights

Vehicle class	reference vehicle height [m]
1	3.60
2	3.75
3	3.90
4	4.00
5	4.00
9	similar value than rigid with same maximum gross vehicle weight (class 1, 2, 3 or 4)
10	4.00

For buses and coaches the correction to a reference vehicle height is not applicable.

The result for  $C_d \cdot A_{cr}(0)$  is the value to be reported rounded to 2 positions behind the decimal point in the information document and used in the VECTO calculations.

## 5. Output files

The overall results of the test evaluation (list of parameters see Table 9) are written by VECTO Air Drag into the job-file. Additionally, interim results are provided by VECTO-Air Drag on three different levels of detail which are written into three kinds of output files:

1. The “Air Drag main result file” comprising overall results
2. The “MS files” with the results for all single recorded measurement sections differentiated by driving direction if applicable
3. Each a “Hz file” (either in 1Hz or in 100Hz, depending on the settings) for the calibration run, the two low speed runs and the high speed test with all input data as well as all calculated values averaged to the specified frequency

The sections below give detailed explanations on the result files. All result files are written to the subfolder “Results” of the folder of the job-file in the CSV-format.

## 5.1. The Air Drag main result file

Filename = filename of the job-file + "Air Drag.csv"

Table 9 and Table 10 show the results as provided by the Air Drag main result file. Only data from "used" datasets are included in the analysis and provided in the Air Drag main result file. **This file will not be written if an error occurs during a calculation in "Declaration Mode"**

**Table 9:** Overall results provided in the Air Drag main result file

quantity	unit	description
fv_veh	[-]	calibration factor for CAN vehicle speed (if DGPS option is used in the calibration run: determined based on DGPS velocity signal) <sup>8</sup>
fv_pe	[-]	position error correction factor for measured air speed
fa_pe	[-]	position error correction factor for measured air inflow angle (beta)
beta_ame	[°]	misalignment correction for measured air inflow angle (beta)
t_amb_LS1	[°C]	average ambient temperature during first low speed test
v_avg_LS	[km/h]	average vehicle speed used datasets low speed tests
v_avg_HS	[km/h]	average vehicle speed used datasets high speed tests
CdxA( $\beta$ )_H1	[m <sup>2</sup> ]	average Cd*A ( $\beta$ ) of all combinations of MS ID and direction ID (before yaw angle correction) for HeadID 1
beta_H1	[°]	average absolute $\beta$ of all combinations of MS ID and direction ID for HeadID 1
CdxA( $\beta$ )_H2	[m <sup>2</sup> ]	average Cd*A ( $\beta$ ) of all combinations of MS ID and direction ID (before yaw angle correction) for HeadID 2
beta_H2	[°]	average absolute $\beta$ of all combinations of MS ID and direction ID for HeadID 2
CdxA( $\beta$ )	[m <sup>2</sup> ]	average Cd*A ( $\beta$ ) of all combinations of MS ID and direction ID (before yaw angle correction)
beta	[°]	average absolute $\beta$ of all combinations of MS ID and direction ID
delta_CdxA	[m <sup>2</sup> ]	$\beta$ -influence on CdxA calculated with beta and the generic drag curve
CdxA(0)meas	[m <sup>2</sup> ]	average measured CdxA for zero yaw angle
delta_CdxA_height		correction of CdxA to reference vehicle height

<sup>8</sup> In further investigations it shall be clarified which of the two calibration methods for vehicle speed based on DGPS data gives more reliable results, see also 4.3.

quantity	unit	description
delta_CdxA_anemo		CdxA influence from anemometer
CdxA(0)	[m <sup>2</sup> ]	CdxA value for zero cross-wind conditions (= CdxA(0)meas + delta_CdxA_height + delta_CdxA_anemo) FINAL RESULT
Validity criteria	[-]	particular error messages on single validity criteria (RRC)

**Table 10:** Results provided per combination of measurement section and driving directions

quantity	unit	description
SecID	[-]	measurement section ID as specified in the *.csms-file
DirID	[-]	driving direction ID as specified in the *.csms-file
HeadID	[-]	heading ID (internal quantity)
NumUsed	[-]	number of valid/used datasets
F0_singleMS	[N]	result for F0 from linear regression
F0_singleMS_LS1	[N]	result for F0 from linear regression (low speed data only from first test)
F0_singleMS_LS2	[N]	result for F0 from linear regression (low speed data only from second test)
CdxA( $\beta$ )_ave_singleMS	[m2]	$CdxA(\beta) (= 2 * (F_{res,ref} - F_0) / (v_{air}^2 * \rho_{air}))$
CdxA0_singleMS	[m2]	CdxA converted to zero cross-wind
delta_CdxA_singleMS	[m2]	cross-wind correction
beta_ave_singleMS	[°]	average absolute beta from high speed dataset (0° refers to air flow from front!)
RRC_singleMS	[kg/t]	rolling resistance coefficient
RRC_singleMS_LS1	[kg/t]	rolling resistance coefficient (low speed data only from first test)
RRC_singleMS_LS2	[kg/t]	rolling resistance coefficient (low speed data only from second test)
Valid_RRC	[-]	Validity criteria for maximum difference of RRC from the two low speed runs passed (=1) or failed (=0)
F2_singleMS	[N/(m2/s2)]	result for F2 from linear regression
F2_singleMS_LS1	[N/(m2/s2)]	result for F2 from linear regression (low speed data only from first test)
F2_singleMS_LS2	[N/(m2/s2)]	result for F2 from linear regression (low speed data only from second test)

## 5.2. The “measurement section” (ms-)files

VECTO-Air Drag writes two MS-files (each one for the calibration test and one for the measurement runs). These files contain all results for the driving phases inside the measurement sections (the “datasets”).

*For the calibration test: Filename = filename job-file + “MS\_CAL.csv”*

*For the constant speed test: Filename = filename job-file + “MS\_MEAS.csv”*

Table 11 gives explanations to the results as provided in the ms-file for the constant speed test sequence. The ms-file for the calibration test contains fewer columns as fewer values are calculated Air Drag -internally.

**Table 11:** Results provided in the ms-file for the constant speed test sequence

quantity	unit	description
SecID	[-]	measurement section ID as specified in the *.csms-file
DirID	[-]	driving direction ID as specified in the *.csms-file
RunID	[-]	Run ID: "0" = high speed test; "1" = first low speed test; "2" = second low speed test
HeadID	[-]	Heading ID (internal quantity)
delta t	[s]	driving time inside the measurement section
length	[m]	section length as specified in the *.csms-file
delta s	[m]	driven distance inside the measurement section derived from vehicle speed signal
v (s)	[km/h]	=delta_s/delta_t
v (GPS)	[km/h]	average vehicle speed (GPS signal)
v_veh_CAN	[km/h]	average vehicle speed (CAN signal)
v_veh	[km/h]	average vehicle speed (after calibration)
vair_ic	[m/s]	average air speed (after instrument error correction)
vair_uf	[m/s]	average air speed (undisturbed flow at anemometer height)
beta_ic	[°]	average yaw angle (after instrument error correction)
beta_uf	[°]	average yaw angle (undisturbed flow at anemometer height)
valid	[-]	overall validity of dataset
used	[-]	dataset used in final evaluations ("1"=yes, "0"=no)
val_User	[-]	validity as specified by user input
val_vVeh_ave	[-]	validity: vehicle speed range
val_vVeh_f	[-]	validity: vehicle speed stability (low speed tests)



quantity	unit	description
val_vVeh_1s	[-]	validity: vehicle speed stability (high speed test)
val_vWind	[-]	validity: maximum wind speed
val_vWind_1s	[-]	validity: maximum gust wind speed
val_tq_f	[-]	validity: stability of torque signal (low speed tests)
val_tq_1s	[-]	validity: stability of torque signal (high speed test)
val_beta	[-]	validity: average absolute beta below limit (only for high speed test)
Val_n_eng / val_n_card	[-]	validity: stability of engine / cardan speed (low and high speed test)
val_dist	[-]	validity: difference of distance from vehicle speed signal with lenght of section as specified in *.csms file
val_t_amb	[-]	validity: ambient temperature stability
val_t_ground	[-]	validity: maximum ground temperature
vair	[m/s]	average air speed
v_wind_ave	[m/s]	average wind speed
v_wind_1s	[m/s]	average 1s moving average of wind speed
v_wind_1s_max	[m/s]	maximum of 1s moving average of wind speed (=gust)
beta_ave	[°]	average yaw angle
beta_abs	[°]	average absolute yaw angle
v_air_sq	[m <sup>2</sup> /s <sup>2</sup> ]	squared average air speed (squared in 100Hz, then averaged!)
n_eng / n_card	[rpm]	average engine / cardan speed
n_eng_1s_max / n_card_1s_max	[rpm]	maximum of 1s moving average of engine / cardan speed
n_eng_1s_min / n_card_1s_min	[rpm]	minimum of 1s moving average of engine / cardan speed
n_eng_float_max / n_card_float_max	[rpm]	maximum floating average of engine / cardan speed
n_eng_float_min / n_card_float_min	[rpm]	minimum floating average of engine / cardan speed
r_dyn	[m]	Dynamic tyre diameter
tq_sum	[Nm]	average torque (sum l+r)
tq_sum_1s	[Nm]	average 1s moving average of torque sum
tq_sum_1s_max	[Nm]	maximum 1s moving average of torque sum

quantity	unit	description
tq_sum_1s_min	[Nm]	minimum 1s moving average of torque sum
tq_sum_float	[Nm]	average floating average of torque sum
tq_sum_float_max	[Nm]	maximum floating average of torque sum
tq_sum_float_min	[Nm]	minimum floating average of torque sum
tq_grd	[Nm]	Gradient torque
t_float	[s]	averaging floating period ("floating" refers to averaging as defined for stability for low speed tests)
F_trac	[N]	average total traction force
F_acc	[N]	average acceleration force
F_grd	[N]	average gradient force
F_res	[N]	average force from driving resistances
F_res_ref	[N]	average force from driving resistances at reference conditions
v_veh_1s	[km/h]	average 1s moving average of vehicle speed
v_veh_1s_max	[km/h]	maximum 1s moving average of vehicle speed
v_veh_1s_min	[km/h]	minimum 1s moving average of vehicle speed
v_veh_acc	[km/h]	average "averaged" vehicle speed (as calculated for acceleration correction)
a_veh_avg	[m/s <sup>2</sup> ]	average acceleration calculated from "averaged" vehicle speed
v_veh_float	[km/h]	average floating average of vehicle speed ("floating" refers to averaging as defined for stability for low speed tests)
v_veh_float_max	[km/h]	maximum floating average of vehicle speed
v_veh_float_min	[km/h]	minimum floating average of vehicle speed
t_ground	[°C]	Average ground temperature
t_amb_veh	[°C]	average ambient temperature measured on the vehicle
t_amb_stat	[°C]	average ambient temperature from stationary measurement
p_amb_stat	[mbar]	average ambient pressure from stationary measurement
rh_stat	[%]	average relative humidity from stationary measurement
vp_H2O	[Pa]	average H2O vapour pressure
rho_air	[kg/m <sup>3</sup> ]	average air density
CdxA( $\beta$ )_singleDS	[m <sup>2</sup> ]	CdxA value for single high speed dataset with all low speed datasets from similar MS and Dir ID
t_tire	[°C]	average tire temperature

quantity	unit	description
Satellites	[-]	Number of satellites

Additionally average values for all additional signals included in the \*.csdat-files are written in the ms-file.

### 5.3. The Hz-files

VECTO-Air Drag writes each a “Hz”-File (either in 1Hz or in 100Hz, depending on the settings) for each provided measurement data file (i.e. for the calibration run, the two low speed runs and the high speed run). The Hz files comprise all input data and all quantities calculated by VECTO-Air Drag in 100Hz time resolution arithmetically averaged to the specified frequency.

*Filename = filenames csdat-file + “1Hz.csv”*

Table 12 gives explanations to the results as provided in the Hz-file for the constant speed test sequence. The Hz-file for the calibration test contains fewer columns as fewer values are calculated Air Drag -internally.

**Table 12:** Results provided in the Hz-file for the constant speed test sequence

quantity	unit	description
<i>First columns</i>		<i>all quantities as read from *.csdat-file</i>
Zone (UTM)	[-]	UTM zone ID
Lat (UTM)	[m]	UTM Y-value (refers to latitude) of the actual vehicle position
Long (UTM)	[m]	UTM X-value (refers to longitude) of the actual vehicle position
Sec_ID	[-]	measurement section ID as specified in the *.csms-file
Dir_ID	[-]	driving direction ID as specified in the *.csms-file
Lat (root)	[m]	UTM Y-value (refers to latitude) of the reference point on the line defining the measurement section
Long (root)	[m]	UTM X-value (refers to longitude) of the reference point on the line defining the measurement section
dist_root	[m]	distance driven inside the measurement section (length on the reference line)
slope_deg	[°]	slope angle (=0 if altitude corrections is disabled)
altitude	[m]	altitude (=0 outside the measurement sections and if altitude corrections is disabled)
v_veh	[km/h]	vehicle speed (after calibration)
dist	[m]	cumulative value of driven distance
vair_uf	[m/s]	air speed (undisturbed flow at anemometer height)
vair	[m/s]	air speed (after boundary layer correction)
beta_uf	[°]	yaw angle (undisturbed flow at anemometer height)

quantity	unit	description
beta	[°]	yaw angle (after boundary layer correction)
vwind_ha	[m/s]	wind speed at anemometer height
vwind	[m/s]	wind speed (after boundary layer correction)
Vwind_1s	[m/s]	1s moving average of wind speed
omega_wh	[rad/s]	wheel rotational speed
tq_sum	[Nm]	torque sum (left+right)
tq_sum_1s	[Nm]	1s moving average of torque sum
tq_sum_float	[Nm]	"floating" average of torque sum ("floating" refers to averaging as defined for stability for low speed tests)
t_float	[s]	floating period ("floating" refers to averaging as defined for stability for low speed tests)
F_trac	[N]	total traction force
F_acc	[N]	acceleration force
F_grd	[N]	gradient force
F_res	[N]	force from driving resistances
v_veh_1s	[km/h]	1s moving average of vehicle speed
v_veh_acc	[km/h]	averaged vehicle speed (as calculated for acceleration correction)
a_veh_ave	[m/s <sup>2</sup> ]	acceleration calculated from "averaged" vehicle speed
v_veh_float	[km/h]	floating average of vehicle speed ("floating" refers to averaging as defined for stability for low speed tests)
t_amp_stat	[°C]	ambient temperature from stationary measurement
p_amp_stat	[mbar]	ambient pressure from stationary measurement
rh_stat	[%]	relative humidity from stationary measurement
vair_sq	[m/s]	squared average air speed

## 6. User Manual

### 6.1. General

The Air Drag -Tool is written in VB.Net and delivered as executable file and Visual Studio 2010 project with commented source code. It is a portable application, i.e. it is not necessary to run a setup procedure for installation. The executable file can be run from any place on a computer or in a network.

### 6.2. First program start

Copy the folder “VECTO-Air Drag \_V2.0.x” as delivered to the computer or the network place. When the program is started for the first time, the folders “FileHistory” is generated in the application folder. Then the user interface of the VECTO-Air Drag -Tool is shown. If no license file (license.dat) is available in the folder of the executable, VECTO-Air Drag generates an “activation file”. This file then has to be sent to the JRC user support in order to gain the license file.

After the first start it is recommended to adjust the settings for standard working directory and to check the path to the executable file of a text editor (e.g. notepad.exe). These settings can be adjusted in the menu item “Tools\Preferences”.

### 6.3. Graphic User Interface

Figure 8 shows the VECTO-Air Drag main user interface. The main elements are:

- Input fields for file specifications (“...”-button to the right opens the file-browser, button to the left opens selected file in Excel or in the text editor)
- “Calibrate”-button to start the evaluation of the calibration test
- Result fields for evaluated factors from the calibration test and the high speed test
- “Evaluate”-button to start the evaluation of the low speed – high speed – low speed test sequence (this button is disabled if no valid results from calibration test are available)
- Output window for messages, warning and errors. During the calculations the main evaluation steps are stated. Main evaluation results are also shown in the message window.
- Menu bar:
  - Items for handling of job-file (“New”, “Load”, “Reload”, “Save” and “Save as”)
  - Item “Tools” for
    - Log-file handling
    - Settings (working directory, JSON settings etc.)
    - Creation of activation file
  - Item “Help” for opening of the user manual

**VECTO** Air Drag Engineering mode

European Commission | JRC

Main Criteria

General

Vehicle file

Ambient cond.

Misalignment test

Meas. sec. config

Misalignment data

Calibrate

Calibration results

From misalignment test

beta misalign

From high speed test

fv\_veh (vehicle speed)

fv\_pe (air speed position error)

Constant speed test

Meas. sec. config

Low-speed 1 data

High-speed data

Low-speed 2 data

Evaluate

~ Reading JSON-file(I:\martindippold\git\VECTO-AirDrag\CSE\bin\Release\config\preferences.json)...  
Actual file settings: List separator (,) Decimal separator (.) You can change it under Tools/preferences.

Messages(2) Warnings(0) Errors(0)

**Figure 8:** VECTO-Air Drag main user interface

Figure 9 shows the VECTO-Air Drag “Criteria” tab. There all evaluation parameters (validity criteria, enabling / disabling of correction functions etc.) can be edited. An explanation to each parameter is provided if the cursor is moved to the related input field.

A set of parameters can imported and exported via the criteria-file (buttons at the middle right). The default settings for evaluation parameters as defined in the technical annex will be set if the “Declaration” button (Declaration Mode) is pressed. In the Declaration Mode all criteria cannot be changed.

**VECTO** Air Drag 2.0.6-beta7

Exit New Job Load Job Save As Reload Job Save Job Tools Help

**Air Drag**  
Engineering mode

Main Criteria

**Processing**

☒ accel\_correction?  
acc\_corr\_avg 1 [s]

☒ gradient\_correction?  
rr\_corr\_factor 1.143 [-]  
delta\_CdxA\_anemo -0.15 [m<sup>2</sup>]

Output  
☒ 1Hz ☐ 100Hz

**General validity criteria**

delta\_Hz\_max 1 [%]  
delta\_parallel\_max 20 [°]  
delta\_rr\_max 0.4 [kg/t]  
t\_ground\_max 40 [°C]  
t\_amb\_max 25 [°C]  
t\_amb\_min 0 [°C]

**Identification of measurement section**

trigger\_delta\_x\_max 30 [m]  
trigger\_delta\_y\_max 100 [m]  
delta\_head\_max 10 [°]  
length\_MS\_max 253 [m]  
length\_MS\_min 247 [m]

**Altitude profile criteria**

dist\_gridpoints\_max 50 [m]  
dist\_grid\_ms\_max 1 [m]  
slope\_max 1 [%]

**Mode selection**

**Engineering**  
Declaration

**Criteria operations**

Import  
Export

**Dataset validity criteria**

**Calibration run**

v\_wind\_avg\_max\_CAL 5 [m/s]  
v\_wind\_1s\_max\_CAL 8 [m/s]  
beta\_avg\_max\_CAL 5 [°]  
segruns\_min\_CAL 5 [-]

**Low and high speed test**

leng\_crit 3 [m]

**Low speed test**

v\_veh\_avg\_min\_LS 10 [km/h]  
v\_veh\_avg\_max\_LS 15 [km/h]  
v\_veh\_float\_delta\_LS 0.5 [km/h]  
tq\_sum\_float\_delta\_LS 0.3 [-]  
delta\_n\_ec\_LS 0.02 [-]  
dist\_float 25 [m]  
segruns\_min\_LS 1 [-]

**High speed test**

v\_wind\_avg\_max\_HS 5 [m/s]  
v\_wind\_1s\_max\_HS 8 [m/s]  
v\_veh\_avg\_min\_HS 85 [km/h]  
v\_veh\_avg\_max\_HS 95 [km/h]  
v\_veh\_1s\_delta\_HS 0.3 [km/h]  
tq\_sum\_1s\_delta\_HS 0.2 [-]  
delta\_n\_ec\_HS 0.02 [-]

beta\_avg\_max\_HS 3 [°]  
delta\_v\_avg\_min\_HS 3 [km/h]  
segruns\_min\_HS 2 [-]  
segruns\_min\_head\_HS 10 [-]

~ Reading JSON-file(I:\martindippold\git\VECTO-AirDrag\CSE\bin\Release\config\preferences.json)...  
Actual file settings: List separator (,) Decimal separator (.) You can change it under Tools/preferences.

Messages(2) Warnings(0) Errors(0)

Figure 9: VECTO-Air Drag options tab

#### 6.4. How to evaluate a constant speed test in VECTO-Air Drag

Below the single steps for the evaluation of a test series comprising a calibration test and the low speed – high speed – low speed test sequence are explained.

##### Step 1

Specify all input files using the browse-button (“...”).

##### Step 2

Check or modify evaluation parameters in the “Criteria”-tab. **Modifications only allowed in “Engineering” Mode. In “Declaration” Mode the criteria are set to the default parameters defined in the technical annex and cannot be changed.**

##### Step 3:

Save the job-file via the “save”-button.

##### Step 4:

Press the “Calibrate” button to start the evaluation of the calibration test. The progress of the evaluations and potential warnings or errors is shown in the message windows. When the evaluation of the calibration test is finished successfully, the resulting calibration factors are shown in the GUI. The output files are written into the subfolder “Results” of the folder where the job-file is located.

##### Step 5:

Press the “Evaluate” button start the evaluation of the low speed – high speed – low speed test sequence. The progress of the evaluations and potential warnings or errors is shown in the message windows. When the evaluation of the calibration test is finished successfully, the main results are shown in the message window. The output files are also written into the “Results” subfolder.

##### Further important remarks

- A full set of evaluation settings (file-paths and options) can be reloaded by opening an existing job-file.
- Before start of evaluations (either of a calibration test or of a LS-HS-HS sequence) VECTO Air Drag always saves the current settings into the job-file (name and path as specified the last time). If the user does not want to overwrite the existing job-file the job-file has to be saved under a different name using the menu bar “Job\Save as”.



- A calibration test can also be evaluated without data specified for the LS-HS-LS sequence.

## 6.5. Generic data

The data for the generic correction of yaw angle influence of the  $C_{dA}$  test result is stored in the file "GenShape.shp" (subfolder "\Declaration", file format "csv"). The generic correction is defined per vehicle class ID and whether the vehicle is operated with or without trailer.

## 6.6. Demo data

VECTO-Air Drag V2.0.x is delivered with a set of demo-data. This demo data has been compiled based on original data recorded on a straight line test track with 2 measurement sections driven in both directions. Data have been modified manually extensively in order to pass all validity criteria and for confidentiality reasons.

## 6.7. Direct start

VECTO-Air Drag V2.0.x provides a direct start option. With these the program can be started without the use of the GUI (The Jobfile must be generated on every possible way). The direct start command can be result from any other program and must have the following syntax.

Air Drag.exe      Jobfile      [Output folder]

Example: C:\Downloads\2015\_07\_01\_VECTO-Air Drag\_2.0.2-beta6\Air Drag.exe  
C:\Downloads\2015\_07\_01\_VECTO-Air Drag\_2.0.2-beta6\DemoData\EvaluationDemo.csjob.json

The specification of the output folder is optional (Path must ending with "\"). If no output folder is given VECTO-Air Drag uses the standard output path (*Path from the Jobfile\Results*)

## 7. Support

Support can be obtained via

[vecto@jrc.ec.europa.eu](mailto:vecto@jrc.ec.europa.eu)

or

[rexeis@ivt.tugraz.at](mailto:rexeis@ivt.tugraz.at) (methodical issues)

[dippold@ivt.tugraz.at](mailto:dippold@ivt.tugraz.at) (software issues)

## 8. Developers Guide

This chapter is targeted to be a brief guideline to developers, who are working on the VECTO-Air Drag source code.

### 8.1. Main structure of the VECTO-Air Drag code

The main routine is *Main\_calculation\_call.calculation()* which is launched via a *Background-Worker* from the main GUI form. It returns a status message after the calculation is done:

- Error                - The calculation was aborted due to an error
- Abort               - The calculation was aborted by the user
- OK                  - The calculation finished successfully.

The main routine consists of two legs:

- The calibration leg which starts the calculation of the calibration parameters
- The evaluation leg which - after a successful calibration run – determines the  $C_{dxA}$  value based on the evaluation of the low speed – high speed – low speed test sequence.

Figure 10 shows the main structure of the VECTO-Air Drag code.

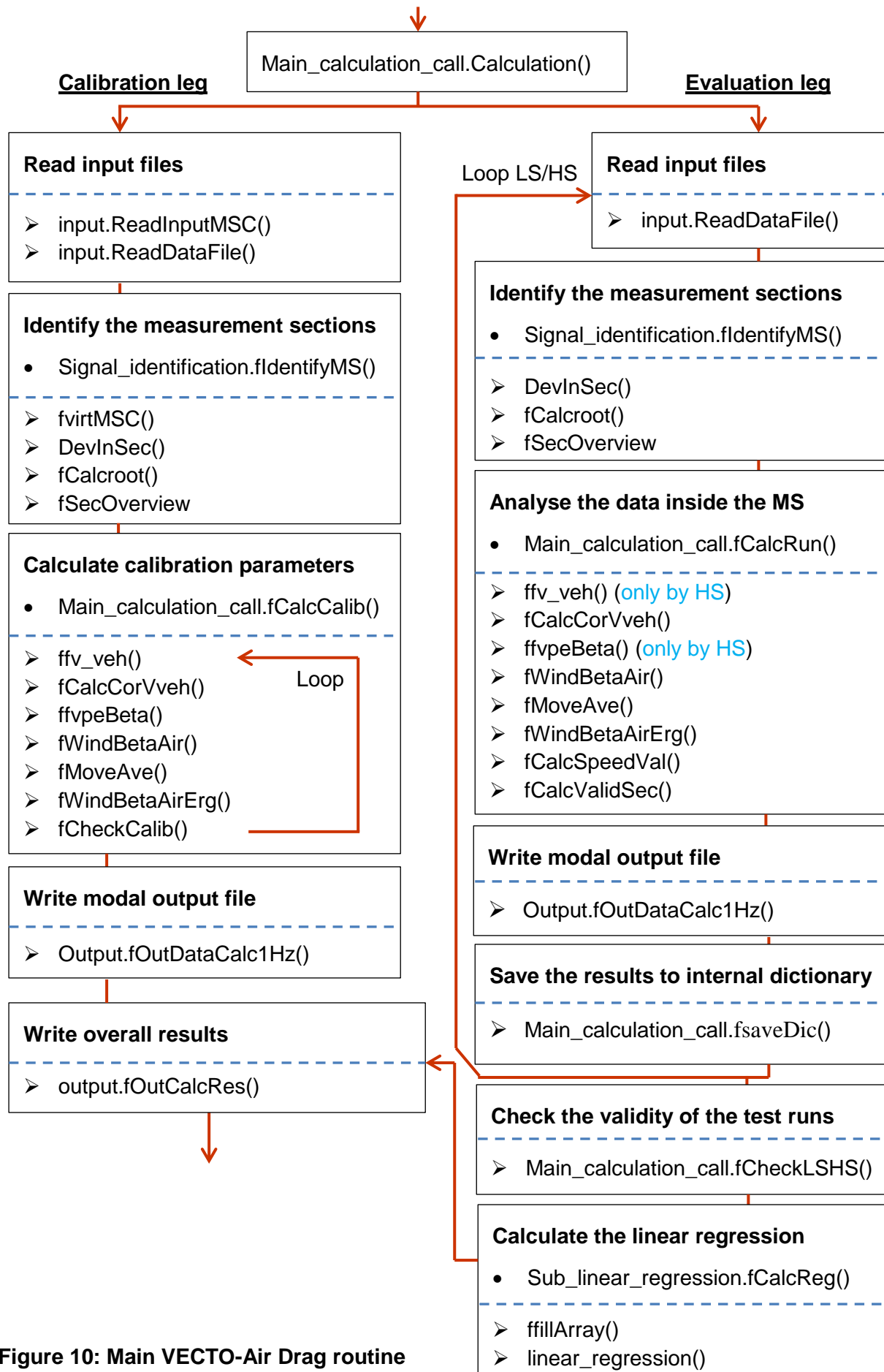


Figure 10: Main VECTO-Air Drag routine

**input.ReadInputMSC()**

- Reads the measurement section configuration (MSC) file

**input.ReadDataFile()**

- Reads the data files (Calibration data, Low-speed 1/2 data, High-speed data)

**Signal\_identification.fIdentifyMS()**

- Main routine to identify which data point from the 100Hz data lies inside the given measurement sections

**Signal\_identification.fvirtMSC()**

- Generates virtual reference points for the identification of data inside the measurement sections

**Signal\_identification.DevInSec()**

- Function to label the data recorded inside the measurement sections in the total recorded data.

**Signal\_identification.fCalcroot()**

- For each measured vehicle position inside a measurement section: Calculate a reference coordinate which is located on the connecting line between start and end point of the definition of the measurement section.

**Signal\_identification.fSecOverview**

- Calculates the average values for each detected section

**Main\_calculation\_call.fCalcCalib()**

- Main sub for the calculation of the calibration parameter ( $v_{veh}$ ,  $v_{air}$  pos error, beta misalign)

**Main\_calculation\_call.fCalcRun()**

- Main function for the analysis of the low speed – high speed – low speed test sequence.

**Main\_calculation\_call.ffv\_veh()**

- Calculates the calibration factor  $v_{veh}$

**Signal\_identification.fCalcCorVveh()**

- Calculation of the calibrated vehicle velocity with the factor  $v_{veh}$

**Main\_calculation\_call.ffvpeBeta()**

- Calculates the calibration factors for  $v_{air}$  and beta misalign

**Main\_calculation\_call.fWindBetaAir()**

- Calculate the calibrated and boundary layer corrected values for wind, beta and  $v_{air}$

**Minor\_routines\_calculate.fMoveAve()**

- Calculate moving averages over a variable time

**Signal\_identification.fWindBetaAirErg()**

- Calculates the averages in the detected sections for wind, beta and  $v_{air}$

**Main\_calculation\_call.fCheckCalib()**

- Check if the detected sections are valid dependant of the given criteria's.

**Signal\_identification.fCalcSpeedVal()**

- Calculate all needed data for every speed test in 100Hz and afterwards the average inside the detected sections

**Main\_calculation\_call.fCalcValidSec()**

- Control the actual speed tests after the given criteria's.

**Main\_calculation\_call.fCheckLSHS()**

- Check if enough valid sections in all speed tests are available.

**Sub\_linear\_regression.fCalcReg()**

- Calculates the linear regression.

**ffillArray()**

- Function to generate the calculation arrays for the linear regression

**linear\_regression()**

- Calculates the linear regression and afterwards the evaluation parameters (CdxA, delta\_CdxA, CdxA(0))

**Output.fOutDataCalc1Hz()**

- Writes the calculated results in 1Hz or 100Hz into a file.

**output.fOutCalcRes()**

- Writes the average results for the detected sections in a file.