# CAEN UHF RFID READERS COMMUNICATION PROTOCOL





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### **Scope of Manual**

The goal of this manual is to provide the basic information to work with the CAEN UHF RFID READERS Communication Protocol.

### **Reference Document**

[RD1] Reader Protocol 1.0 – Working Draft Version of 25 August 2004 – Document revision 33 - EPCGlobal

[RD2] EPC Radio Frequency Identity Protocols Class-1 Generation-2 UHF RFID Protocol for Communications at

860MHz - 960MHz - Version 1.0.9 - EPCGlobal

[RD3] ISO/IEC FDIS 18000-6:2003(E) — Information technology automatic identification and data capture

techniques - Radio frequency identification for item management air interface - Part 6: Parameters for air

interface communication at 860-960 MHz

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> This declaration only applies to FCC readers A828US, A829US, A528, R1230CB, R1260I, R1260U.



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1 Introduction





### **General Information**

This document describes the message format of the communication protocol used by the host and the reader in order to issuing commands and reply with responses.

The protocol is based on the Attribute Value Pair (AVP) schema and foresees a message header in order to identify the message scope.

The command set and the firmware architecture draw inspiration from the Reader Protocol 1.0 specification draft from EPCGlobal but, at now, this protocol is not fully compatible with the same last specifications.

Message fields are described left to right, with the most significant byte on the left and the least on the right.



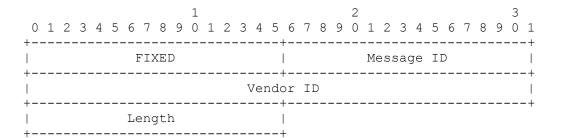
Protocol Specification





CAEN UHF RFID Reader protocol uses two logical communication channels: one for synchronous commands and one for asynchronous notifications. Command channel is mandatory and, at now, it is implemented on top of a TCP/IP socket (port 1000) and on RS232 while notification channels are implemented only with sockets.

All the messages (commands, responses and notifications) are composed by a header and a body. In all cases the body of the message is a list of attribute-value pairs. Responses always echo the Command AVP sent by the host. All the packets for the control and notification channel share a common header format:



FIXED: Must be 0x8001 for commands and 0x0001 for responses.

**Message ID**: Id of the message. It is a sequence number used to map requests to its responses: a request and its corresponding response have the same message ID (the id is local to the channel).

Vendor ID: Must be 21336: the IANA "SMI Network Management Private Enterprise Code" assigned to CAEN SpA.

**Length**: Encodes the length of the message (in bytes) including the header.

The header is followed by a list of AVPs the number of which depends on the command. Each AVP have the following format:

1	2	3
0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5	6 7 8 9 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 0	0 1
+		+
RESERVED	Length	
Attribute Type	Attribute Value	+   +
[ until length	is reached ]	,   

**RESERVED**: The first 16 bits are reserved for future extensions. All reserved bits must be set to 0 on outgoing messages and ignored on incoming messages.

**Length**: Encodes the length of the AVP packet including the length and the reserved fields.

Attribute type: A 2 byte code identifying the attribute type.

**Attribute value**: The actual attribute value according to the type. It follows immediately after the Attribute Type field and runs for the remaining bytes indicated in the Length (i.e. Length minus 6 bytes of header).



# **Attribute types**

Code	Description
	CommandName: the command to be executed. All the commands are specified in the relevant
0x01	table. Attribute value is 2 bytes long.
	<b>ResultCode</b> : a code representing an indication on the result of the command. All the commands
0x02	are specified in the relevant table. Attribute value is 2 bytes long.
	<b>EventType</b> : the type of the notified event. Attribute value is 4 bytes long and can assume the
	following values:
	0x00 = Unknown Event
005	0x01 = Tag glimpsed
0x0E	0x02 = Tag New
	0x03 = Tag Observed
	0x04 = Tag Lost
	0x05 = Tag Purged
0x0F	<b>TagIDLen</b> : the length of the tag ID. Attribute value is 2 bytes long.
	<b>TimeStamp</b> : an indication of the time. Attribute is 8 bytes long and must be interpreted as
	follow:
0x10	- the 4 least significant bytes are the seconds elapsed from the 1 January 1970.
	- the 4 most significant bytes are the micro-seconds.
0.11	<b>TagID</b> : the ID read from the tag. Attribute value has a maximum length of 12 bytes. For
0x11	ISO18000 tags only the first 8 bytes are significant while for EPC tags all the 12 bytes are
	significant. <b>TagType</b> : the tag's type. Attribute value is 2 bytes long and can assume the following values:
	0x00 = ISO18KB
	0x01 = EPCC1G1
0x12	0x02 = ISO18KA
	0x03 = EPCC1G2
	0x05 = EPC119
0.45	ChannelName: the name of the notification channel. Attribute value has a maximum length of
0x1E	30 bytes.
0x1F	ChannelAddress: the address of the notification channel. Attribute value has a maximum length
	of 30 bytes.
0x20	<b>TriggerName</b> : the name of the trigger. Attribute value has a maximum length of 30 bytes.
0x21	<b>TriggerType</b> : the type of the trigger. Attribute value has a maximum length of 30 bytes.
	<b>ReadPointName</b> : a string representing the name of the read point. Attribute value has a
0x22	maximum length of 5 bytes and can assume the following values:
	"Ant0", "Ant1", "Ant2", "Ant3"
0x4D	<b>TagValue</b> : data read from the tag memory (when applicable). Attribute value has a maximum length of 128 bytes.
	TagAddress: the memory location address of the tag where read or write data (when
0x4E	applicable). Attribute value is 2 bytes long.
0x4F	RESERVED.
0x50	<b>Length:</b> a value representing the length of a parameter. Attribute value is 2 bytes long.
	<b>BitRate</b> : a value representing the RF BitRate. Attribute value is 2 bytes long and can assume the
	following values:
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	0x0 – Transmit : DSB ASK 10kbit, Receive : FM0 10kbit
	0x1 – Transmit : DSB ASK 10kbit, Receive : FM0 40kbit 0x2 – Transmit : DSB ASK 40kbit, Receive : FM0 40kbit
	0x2 - Hallstillt . DSB ASK 40kbit, Receive . Fivio 40kbit
0.54	0x3 – Transmit : DSB ASK 40kbit, Receive : FM0 160kbit
0x51	0x4 – Transmit : DSB ASK 160kbit, Receive : FM0 400kbit
	0x5 – Transmit : DSB ASK 160kbit, Receive : Filio 400kbit
	0x6 – Transmit : DSB ASK 40kbit, Receive : Miller M=2 250kbit
	0x7 – Transmit : PR ASK 40kbit, Receive : Miller M=4 300kbit
	0x8 – Transmit : PR ASK 40kbit, Receive : Miller M=2 250kbit
	Note: not all the value are supported by all the readers. For the list of mode supported by each
	reader please refer to the reader's user manual.
OvE 3	<b>PowerGet</b> : a value representing the RF power. Attribute value is 4 bytes long. (used for read the
0x52	current setting)



Code	Description
0x53	RESERVED.
	<b>Protocol</b> : a value representing the air protocol. Attribute value is 4 bytes long and can assume
	the following values:
O. F 4	0x00 = ISO18000-6B
0x54	0x01 = EPCC1G1
	0x02 = ISO18000-6A
	0x03 = EPCC1G2
	<b>ReadPointStatus</b> : a value representing the antenna's status. Attribute value is 4 bytes long and
	can assume the following values:
0x56	0x00 = Good: antenna is well connected.
	0x01 = Poor: antenna has a low quality connection.
	0x02 = Bad: antenna is not connected or broken.
	<b>Boolean</b> : a value representing a boolean data. Attribute value is 2 bytes long and can assume
0x57	the following values:
	0x00 = FALSE.
	Not 0x00 = TRUE.
0x58	IPAddress: a string representing an IP address formatted with the standard IP dotted decimal format. Attribute value has a maximum length of 30 bytes.
	IPNetMask: a string representing an IP netmask formatted with the standard IP dotted decimal
0x59	format. Attribute value has a maximum length of 30 bytes.
	IPGateway: a string representing an IP address formatted with the standard IP dotted decimal
0x5A	format. Attribute value has a maximum length of 30 bytes.
	<b>DESBEnable</b> : used to enable/disable the Data Exchange Status Bit handling for ISO18000-6b and
	EPC 1.19 anti-collision algorithm. Attribute value is 2 bytes long and can assume the following
0x5B	values:
	0x00 = Disable the DESB handling.
	Not 0x00 = Enable the DESB handling.
0x5C	<b>FWRelease</b> : a string representing the device's firmware revision. Attribute value has a maximum
UXSC	length of 200 bytes.
	<b>DESBStatus</b> : used to check the Data Exchange Status Bit handling for ISO18000-6b and EPC 1.19
0x5D	anti-collision algorithm. Attribute value is 2 bytes long and can assume the following values:
ONSE	0x00 = DESB handling is not enabled.
	Not 0x00 = DESB handling is enabled.
0x5E	<b>EPCPWD</b> : a value representing an EPC tag password. Attribute value is 2 bytes long.
	<b>RFOnOff</b> : used to start the generation of a continuous wave for test purposes. Attribute value is
0x5F	2 bytes long and can assume the following vaules:
	0x00 = Stop the wave generation.
	Not 0x00 = Start the wave generation. <b>BaudRate</b> : a value representing the baudrate setting of serial port. Attribute value is 4 bytes
0x60	long.
0x61	<b>DataBits</b> : a value representing the databits setting of serial port. Attribute value is 4 bytes long.
0x62	StopBits: a value representing the databits setting of serial port. Attribute value is 4 bytes long.
0,02	Parity: a value representing the parity setting of serial port. Attribute value is 4 bytes long and
	can assume the following values:
0x63	0x00 = No parity
	0x01 = Odd parity
	0x02 = Even parity
	FlowCtrl: a value representing the flow control setting of serial port. Attribute value is 4 bytes
	long and can assume the following values:
0x64	0x00 = No flow control
	0x01 = Hardware flow control
	0x02 = Software flow control (not yet implemented)
	<b>DateTime</b> : a value representing a date and time. Attribute value has a maximum length of 30
0x65	bytes. The data format is:
	YYYY-MM-DD HH:MM:SS
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Code	Description
0x77	RFRegulation: a value representing the RF regulation to use. Attribute value is 2 bytes long and can assume the following values:  0x00 = ETSI EN 302 208  0x01 = ETSI EN 300 220  0x02 = FCC  0x03 = Malaysia  0x04 = Japan  0x05 = Korea  0x06 = Australia  0x07 = China  Note: not all the value are supported by all the readers. For the list of RF regulation supported by each reader please refer to the reader's user manual.
0x78	<b>RFChannel</b> : a value representing the RF channel to use. Attribute value is 2 bytes long and can assume values in the range 0 9. Channels are referred to the ETSI EN 302 208 regulation.
0x7A	<b>RSSI</b> : a value representing the backscattered RF field strenght. Attribute value is 2 bytes long.
0x96	<b>PowerSet</b> : a value representing the RF power emitted during the communication with tags. Attribute value is 4 bytes long. (used to set a new current value).
0xFB	<b>SourceName</b> : a string representing the name of the data source. Attribute value has a maximum length of 30 bytes and can assume the following values: "Source_0", "Source_1", "Source_2", "Source_3"

Tab. 2.1: Attribute types



# **Command codes**

Code	Description	Comp.
	RawReadIDs: permits to get all the tag's lds that are under the RF field of the selected	
	source (Deprecated).	
	Parameters:	A928EU
	SourceNameIn: [in] the name of the source to use.	A948EU
0x12	SourceNameOut: [out] the name of the source used.  ReadPointName: [out] the name of the readpoint.	A828EU A828AEU
UXIZ	TimeStamp: [out] the time at which the tags are detected.	A829EU
	TagIDLen: [out] the ID length of the tags detected.	A949EU
	ListOfIDs: [out] the list of Ids detected from the source.	
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	Note: out parameters are repeated for each readpoint in the source.  NewRawReadIDs: permits to get all the tag's lds that are under the RF field of the	
	selected source.	
	Science Source.	
	<u>Parameters</u> :	
	SourceNameIn: [in] the name of the source to use (optional).	
	Length: [in] Filter Mask Lenght (optional).	
	TagID: [in] the Filter Mask Value (optional).	A928EU
	TagAddress: [in] Filter Mask Start Address (optional)	A948EU
	Bitmask: [in] Inventory Flags. When set to 1 for each tag detected the RSSI value is returned. Default value 0. (optional, A528 only).	A828EU
	Teturnea. Default value o. (optional, A328 only).	A828AEU
0x13	For each tag detected the parameters returned by the command are:	A829EU
	, ,	A949EU A528
	SourceNameOut: [out] the name of the source used	R1230CB
	ReadPointName: [out] the name of the readpoint.	R1260I
	TimeStamp: [out] the time at which the tags are detected.	R1260U
	TagType: [out] the tag's type.	
	TagIDLen: [out] the ID length of the tags detected.  TagID: [out] the tag's id.	
	RSSI: [out] the tag's backscattered field strength (optional, A528 only)	
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	Note: out parameters are repeated for each readpoint in the source.	
	AddReadTrigger: permits to add a trigger to a source.	
	Parameters:	A928EU
0x3F	SourceName: [in] the name of the source.	A948EU
	TriggerName: [in] the name of the trigger.	
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	AddNotifyTrigger: permits to add a trigger to a notification channel.	
	Descriptors	4020511
0x40	Parameters:	A928EU A948EU
	ChannelName: [in] the name of the channel.  TriggerName: [in] the name of the trigger.	A346EU
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	RemoveReadTrigger: permits to remove a trigger from a source.	
0x41	Parameters:	A928EU
0.771	SourceName: [in] the name of the source.	A948EU
	TriggerName: [in] the name of the trigger.	
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.  RemoveNotifyTrigger: permits to remove a trigger from a notification channel.	
	The state of the s	
0x42	Parameters:	A928EU
0,42	ChannelName: [in] the name of the channel.	A948EU
	TriggerName: [in] the name of the trigger.  ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	nesameoue. [out] the result code.	1



Code	Description	Comp.
	AllocateTrigger: permits to create a new trigger.	
	Parameters:	A928EU
0x49	TriggerName: [in] the name of the trigger.	A948EU
	TriggerType: [in] the type of the trigger.	713 1020
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	DeallocateTrigger: permits to destroy an existing trigger.	
	Davametava	A928EU
0x4A	Parameters: TriggerName: [in] the name of the trigger.	A948EU
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	AllocateChannel: permits to create a notification channel.	
	The state of the s	
0x53	Parameters:	A928EU
0.00	ChannelName: [in] the name of the channel.	A948EU
	ChannelAddress: [in] the address of the channel.	
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	<b>DeallocateChannel</b> : permits to destroy a notification channel.	
0x54	Parameters:	A928EU
0,13 1	ChannelName: [in] the name of the channel.	A948EU
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	AddSourceToChannel: permits to add a source to a notification channel.	
		1
0x5D	Parameters:	A928EU
	SourceName: [in] the name of the source.  ChannelName: [in] the name of the channel.	A948EU
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	RemoveSourceFromChannel: permits to remove a source from a notification channel.	
	nemovesource romenamer. permits to remove a source from a notification chamile.	
0	<u>Parameters:</u>	A928EU
0x5E	SourceName: [in] the name of the source.	A948EU
	ChannelName: [in] the name of the channel.	
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	AddReadPointToSource: permits to add a readpoint to a source.	A928EU
	Parameters:	A948EU
0x5F	SourceName: [in] the name of the source.	A528 R1230CB
	ReadPointName: [in] the name of the readpoint.	R1260I
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	R1260U
	RemoveReadPointFromSource: permits to remove a readpoint from a source.	A928EU
		A948EU
0,460	Parameters:	A528
0x60	SourceName: [in] the name of the source.	R1230CB
	ReadPointName: [in] the name of the readpoint.	R1260I
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	R1260U
	SetPower: permits to set the RF power level.	A928EU
	Parameters:	A948EU
	PowerSet: [in] the power level to set.	A949EU
0x64	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A528
	(,	A828AEU
		R1230CB R1260I
		R1260U
	ReadTagData: permits to read data from the tag memory.	
	The state of the state state of the state of	A928EU
	Parameters:	A948EU
	SourceName: [in] the name of the source to use.	A828EU A828AEU
0x6E	TagIDLen: [in] the ID length of the tag.	A829EU
UAUL	TagID: [in] the ID of the tag.	A949EU
	TagAddress: [in] the address from which read the data.	R1230CB
	Length: [in] the number of bytes to read.	R1260I
	TagValue: [out] the data read from the tag memory.  ResultCode: [out] the result code.	R1260U
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Code	Description	Comp
	WriteTagData: permits to write data to the tag memory.	A928EU
	Parameters:	A948EU
	SourceName: [in] the name of the source to use.	A828EU
	TagIDLen: [in] the ID length of the tag.	A828AEU
0x6F	TagID: [in] the ID of the tag.	A829EU
	TagAddress: [in] the address where to write the data.	A949EU
	Length: [in] the number of bytes to write.	R1230CB
	TagValue: [in] the data to write to the tag memory.	R1260I
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	R1260U
	LockTag: permits to lock data into the tag memory.	A928EU
		A948EU
	Parameters:	A828EU
	SourceName: [in] the name of the source to use.	A828AEU
0x70	TagIDLen: [in] the ID length of the tag.	A829EU
	TagID: [in] the ID of the tag.	A949EU
	TagAddress: [in] the address where to write the data.	R1230CB
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	R1260I
		R1260U
0x71	RESERVED	
	SetBitRate: permits to set the BitRate to use.	A928EU
	Davanastava	A948EU
	Parameters:	A828EU
	BitRate: [in] the BitRate to set.	A828AEU
0x72	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A829EU
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		A528
		R1230CB
		R1260I
		R1260U
	GetPower: permits to get the current RF power level.	A928EU
		A948EU
	Parameters:	A949EU
0x73	PowerGet: [out] the current power level.	A528
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	R1230CB
		R1260I
		R1260U
	SetProtocol: permits to set the protocol to use.	A928EU
		A948EU
	Parameters:	A828EU
	Protocol: [in] the protocol to use.	A828AEU
074	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A829EU
0x74		A949EU
		A528
		R1230CB
		R1260I
		R1260U
0x75	RESERVED	
	CheckReadPointStatus: permits to check the quality of the antenna connection.	
	Parameters:	A928EU
0x76	ReadPointName: [in] the name of the readpoint.	A948EU
	ReadPointStatus: [out] the quality of the connection.	A949EU
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.  CheckSourceInChannel: permits to verify if a source is assigned to a notify channel.	
	enconsourcementaliner. permits to verify it a source is assigned to a notify challier.	
	Parameters:	VOSCELL
0x77	SourceName: [in] the name of the source.	A928EU
	ChannelName: [in] the name of the channel.	A948EU
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	Value: [out] a Boolean value meaning the belonging to the source.  ResultCode: [out] the result code.	



Code	Description	Comp
	<b>CheckReadPointInSource</b> : permits to verify if a readpoint belongs to a givens source.	A928EU
	Parameters:	A948EU
	ReadPointName: [in] the name of the readpoint.	A949EU
0x78	SourceName: [in] the name of the source.	A528
		R1230CB
	Value: [out] a Boolean value meaning the belonging to the source.	R1260I
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	R1260U
	GetProtocol: permits to get the protocol in use.	A928EU
		A948EU
	Parameters:	A828EU
	Protocol: [out] the protocol in use.	A828AEL
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A829EU
0x79		A949EU
		A528
		R1230CB
		R1260I
		R1260U
	SetNetwork: permits to set up the network configuration.	2000
074	Parameters:  IPAddress: [in] the IP address to set.	A928EU
0x7A	IPNetMask: [in] the IP netmask to set.	A948EU
	IPGateway: [in] the IP gateway to set.	
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	ResultCode: [out] the result code.  SetDESB: permits to enable or disable the "Data Exchange Status Bit" handling during	V036L11
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	the anti-collision algorithm when ISO 18000-6b air protocol is in use.	A948EU
070	Parameters:	A828EU
0x7B	DESBEnable: [in] enable/disable value.	A828AEU
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A829EU
		A949EU
	GetFirmwareRelease: permits to get the firmware revision.	A928EU
	·	A948EU
	Parameters:	A828EU
	FWRelease: [in] the firmware release.	A828AEL
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A829EU
0x7C		A949EU
		A549EU
		R1230CB
		R1260I
		R1260U
	<b>GetDESB</b> : permits to get the current setting of the "Data Exchange Status Bit" handling.	A928EU
	The property of the passage of the findings	A948EU
	Parameters:	A828EU
0x7D	DESBStatus: [in] enabled/disabled value.	A828AEU
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A829EU
		A949EU
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	ProgramID: permits to program the ID in the EPC Class 1 Gen 1 tags.	
	Parameters:	
	SourceName: [in] the name of the source.	A928EU
		HJZÖLU
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0x7E	TagIDLen: [in] the ID length of the tag.	A948EU
0x7E	TagIDLen: [in] the ID length of the tag. TagID: [in] the ID of the tag.	1
0x7E	TagIDLen: [in] the ID length of the tag.	



Code	Description	Comp.
0x7F	KillTag: permits to kill a EPC Class 1 Gen 1 tag.  Parameters: SourceName: [in] the name of the source. TagIDLen: [in] the ID length of the tag. TagID: [in] the ID of the tag. EPCPWD: [in] the EPC password. ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A928EU A948EU
0x80	RFOnOff: permits to start/stop the generation of a continuous wave. Used only for test and measurements purposes.  Parameters:  RFOnOff: [in] = 0 → stop; != 0 → start  ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A928EU A948EU A828EU A828AEU A829EU A949EU A528 R1230CB R1260I R1260U
0x81	GetBitRate: permits to get the BitRate in use.  Parameters: BitRate: [out] the BitRate in. ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A928EU A948EU A828EU A828AEU A829EU A949EU A528 R1230CB R1260I R1260U
0x82	BlockWriteTag: permits to write data to the tag memory. This function uses the ISO18000-6b Write4Byte command to speed up the writing of large amount of data at one time.  Parameters: SourceName: [in] the name of the source to use. TagIDLen: [in] the ID length of the tag. TagID: [in] the ID of the tag. TagAddress: [in] the address where to write the data. Length: [in] the number of bytes to write. TagValue: [in] the data to write to the tag memory. ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A928EU A948EU A828EU A828AEU A829EU A949EU
0x83	SetRS232: permits to modify the settings of the serial port.  Parameters: Baudrate: [in] the baud rate value. Databits: [in] the data bits setting. Stopbits: [in] the stop bits setting. Parity: [in] the parity setting. Flowctrl: [in] the flow control setting. ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A928EU A948EU A828EU A828AEU A829EU A949EU A528 R1230CB R1260I R1260U
0x84	SetDateTime: permits to modify date and time.  Parameters: Datetime: [in] the date and time to set up.  ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A928EU A948EU A828EU A828AEU A829EU A949EU



Code	Description	Comp.
	<b>GroupSelectUnselect</b> : permits to execute the tag selection commands defined by the ISO18000-6B protocol.	
	Doromotoro	A928EU
	Parameters: SourceName: [in, optional] the name of the source to use.	A948EU
0x85	Operation: [in] the tag selection operation.	A828EU A828AEU
0,85	Bytemask: [in] the byte mask as defined by the protocol.	A829EU
	TagAddress: [in] the address where to compare the data.	A949EU
	TagValue: [in] the data to compare with the tag memory.	
	TagID: [out] the ID of the tag.	
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A928EU
	<b>GetIO</b> : permits to read the current status of the I/O lines.	A948EU
	Parameters:	A828EU
	IORegister: [out] the status of the I/O lines.	A828AEU
0x86	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A829EU
UX86		A949EU
		A528
		R1230CB
		R1260I R1260U
	SetIO: permits to set the level of the output lines.	A928EU
	being permits to set the level of the output miles.	A948EU
	Parameters:	A828EU
	IORegister: [in] the value to set to the output lines.	A828AEU
0x87	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A829EU
one,		A949EU
		A528
		R1230CB R1260I
		R1260U
	SetIODirection: permits to define the direction of the I/O lines.	A828EU
	(0 = input; 1 = output)	A828AEU
	Doromotoro	A829EU
0x88	Parameters:  IORegister: [in] the direction to set to the I/O lines.	A949EU
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A528
		R1230CB R1260I
		R1260U
	<b>GetIODirection</b> : permits to read the current status of the I/O lines. (0 = input; 1 =	A828EU
	output)	A828AEU
	Darameters	A829EU
0x89	Parameters:  IORegister: [out] the direction of the I/O lines.	A949EU
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A528
		R1230CB R1260I
		R1260U
	SetSourceConfig: permits to set a configure parameter for a logical source.	A928EU
		A948EU
0.01	Parameters: SourceName: [in] the name of the source to configure.	A528
0x8A	ConfigParameter: [in] the code of the parameter.	R1230CB
	ConfigValue: [in] the value for the parameter.	R1260I
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	R1260U
	GetSourceConfig: permits to read a configure parameter for a logical source.	A928EU
	Parameters:	A948EU
Ov O D	Parameters: SourceName: [in] the name of the source to configure.	A528
0x8B	ConfigParameter: [in] the code of the parameter.	R1230CB
	ConfigValue: [out] the value for the parameter.	R1260I
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	R1260U



Code	Description	Comp
	GetTriggers: permits to read the names of the allocated triggers.	
	Parameters:	A928EU
0x8C	NoOfTriggers: [out] the number of allocated triggers.	A948EU
	ListOfTriggerNames: [in] a list containing the names of the allocated triggers.	7.15 1.525
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	GetChannels: permits to read the names of the allocated notification channels.	
	Parameters:	A928EU
0x8D	NoOfChannels: [out] the number of allocated channels.	A948EU
	ListOfChannelNames: [in] a list containing the names of the allocated channels.	A346EU
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	CheckSourceInTrigger: permits to verify if the specified logical source is associated to	
	the specified trigger.	
	Parameters:	A928EU
0x8E	SourceName: [in] the name of the source.	A948EU
	TriggerName: [in] the name of the trigger.	A346EU
	Boolean: [out] 0 if they are associated, $\neq 0$ if not.	
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	CheckTriggerInChannel: permits to verify if the specified trigger is associated to the	
	specified channel.	
	Parameters:	A928EU
0x8F	ChannelName: [in] the name of the source.	A928EU A948EU
	TriggerName: [in] the name of the trigger.	A948EU
	Boolean: [out] 0 if they are associated, $\neq 0$ if not.	
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.  CheckChannelInTrigger: permits to verify if the specified channel is associated to the	
	specified trigger.	
0x90	Parameters:	A928EU
ONSO	ChannelName: [in] the name of the source.	A948EU
	TriggerName: [in] the name of the trigger.	
	Boolean: [out] 0 if they are associated, ≠0 if not.	
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	<b>SetEventMode</b> : permits to set the event generation mode for the reader notification	
	channels.	4020511
0x91	Parameters:	A928EU
	EventMode: [in] the event mode.	A948EU
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	GetEventMode: permits to read the event generation mode for the reader notification	
	channels.	
0.00		A928EU
0x92	Parameters:	A948EU
	EventMode: [out] the event mode.	
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	FirmwareUpgrade: permits to upgrade the reader firmware.	
	Parameters:	A928EU
0x93	UpgradeType: [in] the type of the upgrade.	A948EU
	UpgradeArg: [in] the argument needed by the upgrade procedure.	AJ-OLU
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	<b>E119ProgramID</b> : permits to write the EPC into a EPC1.19 tag.	A928EU
		A948EU
	Parameters:	A828EU
0x94	SourceName: [in] the name of the source to use.	A828AEU
5A5-F	TagID: [in] the old EPC of the tag.	A829EU
	TagValue: [in] the EPC to write into the tag memory.	A949EU
		- AJTJEU



Code	Description	Comp.
	<b>G2ProgramID</b> : permits to write the EPC in a Class 1 Gen 2 tag.	A928EU
	Parameters:	A948EU
	SourceName: [in] the name of the source to use.	A828EU
	TagIDLen: [in] the ID length of the tag (must be an even number).	A828AEU
0x95	TagID: [in] the EPC to write into the tag memory.	A829EU
	G2NSI: [in] the EPC numbering system.	A949EU
	G2Password: [in] the EPC Access password (optional).	A528
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	R1230CB
		R1260I
	<b>G2Read</b> : permits to read data from anyone of the Gen2 tag memory banks.	R1260U
	<b>Gareau.</b> permits to read data from anyone of the Genz tag memory banks.	A928EU
	Parameters:	A948EU
	SourceName: [in, optional] the name of the source to use.	A828EU
	TagIDLen: [in] the ID length of the tag.	A828AEU
005	TagID: [in] the ID of the tag.	A829EU
0x96	MemoryBank: [in] the memory bank.	A949EU
	TagAddress: [in] the address where to read the data.	A528
	Length: [in] the number of bytes to read (must be an even number).	R1230CB
	TagValue: [out] the data read from the tag memory.	R1260I
	G2Password: [in] the EPC Access password (optional).	R1260U
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	<b>G2Write</b> : permits to write data into anyone of the Gen2 tag memory banks.	A928EU
	Parameters:	A948EU
	SourceName: [in, optional] the name of the source to use.	A828EU
	TagIDLen: [in] the ID length of the tag.	A828AEU
	TagID: [in] the ID of the tag.	A829EU
0x97	MemoryBank: [in] the memory bank.	A949EU
	TagAddress: [in] the address where to write the data.	A528
	Length: [in] the number of bytes to write (must be an even number).	R1230CB
	TagValue: [in] the data to write to the tag memory.	R1260I
	G2Password: [in] the EPC Access password (optional).	R1260U
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	
	<b>G2Lock</b> : permits to execute the tag lock command defined by the EPC Class 1 Gen 2	A928EU
	protocol.	A948EU
	Parameters:	A828EU
	SourceName: [in, optional] the name of the source to use.	A828AEU
0x98	TagIDLen: [in] the ID length of the tag.	A829EU
	TagID: [in] the ID of the tag.	A949EU
	G2Payload: [in] the lock payload.	A528 R1230CB
	G2Password: [in] the EPC Access password (optional).	R1260I
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	R1260U
	<b>G2Kill</b> : permits to execute the tag kill command defined by the EPC Class 1 Gen 2	A928EU
	protocol.	A948EU
	, r	A828EU
	Parameters:	A828AEU
	SourceName: [in, optional] the name of the source to use.	A829EU
0x99	TagIDLen: [in] the ID length of the tag.	A949EU
	TagID: [in] the ID of the tag.	A528
	G2Password: [in] the kill password.	R1230CB
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	R1260I
		R1260U
	<b>G2Query</b> : permits to execute the tag query command defined by the EPC Class 1 Gen 2	A928EU
	protocol. If a tag is in the field result code is ERROR_SUCCESS (0x00) else result code is	A948EU
	ERROR_TAGNOTPRESENT (0xCA).	A828EU
	Parameters:	A828AEU
0x9A	Parameters: SourceName: [in] the name of the source to use.	A829EU
0	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A949EU
	nesantesaer jourg the result code.	A528
		R1230CB
		R1260I
	1	R1260U



Code	Description	Comp
	G2SetQ: permits to change the initial value of the Q parameter used in the Gen2	A928EU
	anticollision algorithm.	A948EU
	Davameters	A828EU
	Parameters:	A828AEU
	QParameter: [in] the value of the Q parameter.	A829EU
0x9B	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A949EU
		A528
		R1230CB
		R1260I
		R1260U
	<b>G2GetQ</b> : permits to read the initial value of the Q parameter used in the Gen2	A928EU
	anticollision algorithm.	A948EU
		A828EU
	Parameters:	A828AEU
	QParameter: [out] the value of the Q parameter.	A829EU
0x9C	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A949EU
		A528
		R1230CB
		R1260I
		R1260U
	<b>G2QueryAck</b> : permits to execute the tag query and ack command defined by the EPC	A928EU
	Class 1 Gen 2 protocol. If a tag is in the field result code is ERROR_SUCCESS (0x00) and	A948EU
	the command returns the EPC code stored in the tag else the result code is	A828EU
	ERROR_TAGNOTPRESENT (0xCA).	A828AEU
	_ ` '	A829EU
0x9D	Parameters:	A949EU
	SourceName: [in] the name of the source to use.	A549EU A528
	TagID: [out] the ID of the tag.	
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	R1230CB
		R1260I
		R1260U
	<b>GetReaderInfo</b> : permits to read some information about the reader itself.	A928EU
	Deventant	A948EU
	Parameters:	A828EU
	ReaderInfo: [out] a string with information about the reader.	A828AEU
0.0-	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A829EU
0x9E		A949EU
		A528
		R1230CB
		l l
		R1260I
	0.00	R1260U
	<b>SetLBTMode</b> : permits to enable or disable the Listen Before Talk capability on ETSI EN	A948EU
	302 208 compatible readers.	A949EU
0x9F	Davameters	A528
UAJI	Parameters:	R1230CB
	Boolean: [in] 0 to disable LBT and ≠0 to enable LBT.	R1260I
	ResultCode: [out] the result code.	R1260U
	nesuncode. [out] the result code.	NIZUUU
	GetLBTMode: permits to read the current setting for the Listen Before Talk capability	A948EU
		A948EU A949EU
0xA0	GetLBTMode: permits to read the current setting for the Listen Before Talk capability	A948EU A949EU A528
0xA0	GetLBTMode: permits to read the current setting for the Listen Before Talk capability on ETSI EN 302 208 compatible readers.  Parameters:	A948EU A949EU A528 R1230CB
0xA0	GetLBTMode: permits to read the current setting for the Listen Before Talk capability on ETSI EN 302 208 compatible readers.  Parameters:  Boolean: [out] 0 if LBT is disabled, ≠0 if LBT is enabled.	A948EU A949EU A528 R1230CB R1260I
0xA0	GetLBTMode: permits to read the current setting for the Listen Before Talk capability on ETSI EN 302 208 compatible readers.  Parameters:  Boolean: [out] 0 if LBT is disabled, ≠0 if LBT is enabled.  ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A948EU A949EU A528 R1230CB
0xA0	GetLBTMode: permits to read the current setting for the Listen Before Talk capability on ETSI EN 302 208 compatible readers.  Parameters:  Boolean: [out] 0 if LBT is disabled, ≠0 if LBT is enabled.	A948EU A949EU A528 R1230CB R1260I
0xA0	GetLBTMode: permits to read the current setting for the Listen Before Talk capability on ETSI EN 302 208 compatible readers.  Parameters:  Boolean: [out] 0 if LBT is disabled, ≠0 if LBT is enabled.  ResultCode: [out] the result code.  SetRFRegulation: permits to change the RF regulation used by the reader.	A948EU A949EU A528 R1230CB R1260I R1260U
	GetLBTMode: permits to read the current setting for the Listen Before Talk capability on ETSI EN 302 208 compatible readers.  Parameters:  Boolean: [out] 0 if LBT is disabled, ≠0 if LBT is enabled.  ResultCode: [out] the result code.  SetRFRegulation: permits to change the RF regulation used by the reader.  Parameters:	A948EU A949EU A528 R1230CB R1260I R1260U A948EU
0xA0 0xA1	GetLBTMode: permits to read the current setting for the Listen Before Talk capability on ETSI EN 302 208 compatible readers.  Parameters:  Boolean: [out] 0 if LBT is disabled, ≠0 if LBT is enabled.  ResultCode: [out] the result code.  SetRFRegulation: permits to change the RF regulation used by the reader.  Parameters:  RFRegulation: [in] the desired RF regulation.	A948EU A949EU A528 R1230CB R1260U R1260U A948EU A949EU
	GetLBTMode: permits to read the current setting for the Listen Before Talk capability on ETSI EN 302 208 compatible readers.  Parameters:  Boolean: [out] 0 if LBT is disabled, ≠0 if LBT is enabled.  ResultCode: [out] the result code.  SetRFRegulation: permits to change the RF regulation used by the reader.  Parameters:	A948EU A949EU A528 R1230CB R1260I R1260U A948EU A949EU A528



Code	Description	Comp.	
0xA2	GetRFRegulation: permits to read the RF regulation used by the reader.  Parameters:  RFRegulation: [out] the desired RF regulation.  ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A948EU A949EU A528 R1230CB R1260I R1260U	
0xA3	SetRFChannel: permits to set the RF channel where the reader emits the RF field.  Parameters:  RFChannel: [in] the RF channel.  ResultCode: [out] the result code.	the reader emits the RF field.  A948EU A949EU A528 R1230CB R1260I R1260U	
0xA4	GetRFChannel: permits to read the RF channel currently in use.  Parameters:  RFChannel: [out] the RF channel.  ResultCode: [out] the result code.	A948EU A949EU A528 R1230CB R1260I R1260U	
0xFFFF	RESERVED		

Tab. 2.2: Command codes



3 ASYNCHRONOUS
NOTIFICATION:
PROTOCOL SPECIFICATION





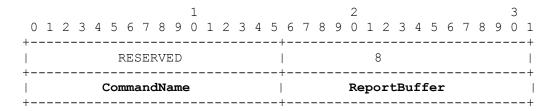
The notification channels are implemented only with sockets.

All the messages notifications are composed by a header and a body. In all cases the body of the message is a list of attribute-value pairs. The first AVP of the body is fixed and called **NotifyMessage**.

All the packets for notification channel share the same header format of other packet as described at § 3.

The first AVP (NotifyMessage) is followed by a list of AVPs, the number of which depends on how many tags should be notified. Each AVP has the same format of the AVP described in § 3.

The **NotifyMessage** has the following fixed format:



After the NotifyMessage AVP we can receive:

- a) a list of AVPs (as described in table 3) followed by an AVP with 'Attribute Type' ResultCode
- b) a single AVP called KillMessage with the following fixed format:



#### Description

TimeStamp: the timestamp of the notification

TagIDLen: the ID length of the tag.

TagID: the ID of the tag.

SourceName: the name of the source to use. EventType: the type of the notified event

Tab. 3.1: Attribute types: Notification AVP List.



4 DEFAULT CONFIGURATION





CAEN A928EUEU and A948EUEU UHF RFID Reader protocol has various configuration parameters; in the following table are summarized the default values.

Parameter	Default value
IP Address	192.168.0.125
IP Netmask	255.255.255.0
IP Gateway	192.168.0.1
Sources	"Source_0", "Source_1", "Source_2", "Source_3"
Readpoints	"Ant0", "Ant1", "Ant2", "Ant3"
Baud Rate	115200
Data Bits	8
Stop Bits	1
Parity	None
Flow Control	None

Tab. 4.1: A928EUEU and A948EUEU Configuration parameters default values

The default composition of sources for A928EUEU and A948EUEU reader is the following:

Source	Readpoints
Source_0	Ant0
Source_1	Ant1
Source_2	Ant2
Source_3	Ant3

Tab. 4.2: A928EUEU and A948EUEU Default composition of sources

CAEN A828EU A828AEUEU, A829EUEU, A946EUEU and A949EUEU UHF RFID Reader protocol has various configuration parameters; in the following table are summarized the default values.

Parameter	Default value
Sources	"Source_0"
Readpoints	"Ant0"
Baud Rate	115200
Data Bits	8
Stop Bits	1
Parity	None
Flow Control	None

Tab. 4.3: A828EU A828AEUEU, A829EUEU, A946EUEU and A949EUEU Configuration parameters default values

The default composition of sources for the A828EU A828AEUEU, A829EUEU, A946EUEU and A949EUEU reader is the following:

Source	Readpoints
Source_0	Ant0

Tab. 4.4: A828EU A828AEUEU, A829EUEU, A946EUEU and A949EUEU Default composition of sources





### **Set Protocol Command**

Action: Set Reader Protocol to EPC C1G2

Result: Reader select EPC C1G2 protocol.

### Command sent:

0x8001 (Fixed) 0x0000 (Message ID) 0x00005358 (Vendor ID = CAEN SpA) (Message Length) 0x001C 0x0000 (Reserved) 0x0008 (AVP Length) 0x0001 (AVP Type = CommandName) (AVP Value = SetProtocol) 0x0074 0x0000 (Reserved) 0x000A (AVP Length) 0x0054 (AVP Type = Protocol) 0x0000003 (AVP Value = EPC C1G2)

### Response received:

0x0000

0x0001 (Fixed) 0x0000 (Message ID) 0x00005358 (Vendor ID = CAEN SpA) 0x001A (Overall Message Length) 0x0000 (Reserved) 0x0008 (AVP Length) 0x0001 (AVP Type = CommandName) 0x0074 (AVP Value = NewRawReadIDs) 0x0000 (Reserved) 0x0008 (AVP Length) 0x0002 (AVP Type = ResultCode)

(AVP Value = Success)



# **Inventory Command**

Action: Execute an inventory cycle on the logical source Source0

**Result:** Two EPCC1G2 tags are returned as being inventory by the reader on Ant0. Tag1 Id = 010203040506070809101112131415161718191920 (160 bit)

Tag2 Id = 300833B2DDD9014035050000 (96 bit)

Command cont.	
Command sent:	(7)
0x8001	(Fixed)
0x0000	(Message ID)
0x00005358	(Vendor ID = CAEN SpA)
0x0021	(Message Length)
0x0000	(Reserved)
0x0008	(AVP Length)
0x0000	
	(AVP Type = CommandName)
0x0013	(AVP Value = NewRawReadIDs)
0x0000	(Reserved)
0x000F	(AVP Length)
0x00FB	(AVP Type = SourceName)
0x536F757263655F3000	(AVP Value = "Source_0")
P	
Response received: 0x0001	(Fixed)
0x0000	(Message ID)
0x0000	-
	(Vendor ID = CAEN SpA)
0x00B6	(Overall Message Length)
0x0000	(Reserved)
0x0008	(AVP Length)
0x0001	(AVP Type = CommandName)
0x0013	(AVP Value = NewRawReadIDs)
	,
0x0000	(Reserved)
0x000F	(AVP Length)
0x00FB	(AVP Type = SourceName)
0x536F757263655F3000	(AVP Value = "Source_0")
0.0000	(7)
0x0000	(Reserved)
0x000B	(AVP Length)
0x0022	(AVP Type = ReadPointName)
416E743000	(AVP Value = "Ant0")
0x0000	(Reserved)
0x000E	(AVP Length)
0x0010	(AVP Type = TimeStamp)
0x0010	(AVP Value = Thu Jan 1 01:23:20 1970)
0x000000378	(AVP Value)
0.00000000	(Avr value)
0x0000	(Reserved)
0x0008	(AVP Length)
0x0012	(AVP Type = TagType)
0x0003	(AVP Value = EPCC1G2)
0×0000	(Reserved)
	(AVP Length)
0x0008	
0x000F	(AVP Type = TagIDLen)
0×0014	(AVP Value = 160 bit)
0x0000	(Reserved)
0x001A	(AVP Length)
0x0011	(AVP Type = TagID)
0x01020304050607080910111	
1	
0x0000	(Reserved)
0x000F	(AVP Length)
0x00FB	(AVP Type = SourceName)
	**



0x536F757263655F3000	(AVP	Value)
0x0000 0x000B 0x0022 0x416E743000	(AVP	erved) Length) Type = ReadPointName) Value = "Ant0")
0x0000 0x000E 0x0010 0x00000578 0x00000000	(AVP (AVP (AVP	erved) Length) Type = TimeStamp) Value = Thu Jan 1 01:23:20 1970) Value)
0x0000 0x0008 0x0012 0x0003	(AVP	erved) Length) Type = TagType) Value = EPCC1G2)
0x0000 0x0008 0x000F 0x000C	(AVP	erved) Length) Type = TagIDLen) Value = 96 bit)
0x0000 0x0012 0x0011 0x300833B2DDD9014035050000	(AVP	erved) Length) Type = TagID)
0x0000 0x0008 0x0002 0x0000	(AVP	erved) Length) Type = ResultCode) Value = Success)