# General

## Introduction and Intended Use (Informative)

This Standard defines a multi-pole interface for locomotives and cars. It is suitable for non-sound decoders in most scales. This interface is also used on sound decoders with more than four lighting outputs, supplemented by additional connector interfaces. The decoder circuit boards may contain a socket for the wiring harness.

The mechanical characteristics are specified in section 2, while the assignment of the connections is given in Table 3.1. Figures 3.1 and 3.2 illustrate the Medium interface socket and the Small interface socket, and the numbering of the connections on each.

## References

This standard should be interpreted in the context of the following NMRA Standards, Technical Notes, and Technical Information.

### *Normative*

* S-9.1.1 DCC Interfaces, which specifies general DCC interface requirements

### *Informative*

* TN-9.1.1 DCC Interfaces, which provides commentary on general DCC interface requirements
* TI-9.1.1 Sources for Connectors for DCC, which provides a list of manufacturer part numbers for DCC interface connectors

## Terminology

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| **Terminology** | **Definition** |
| Vehicle | Mobile model railroad device. This includes locomotives and other rolling stock. |
| Decoder | DCC receiver for controlling vehicle animation. |

## Requirements

To meet this Standard all mechanical and electrical values mentioned must be met and respected, unless otherwise noted. It is not necessary to implement all connections of the interface. The pins with unimplemented features must remain unconnected. This applies to vehicles as well as for other devices that use this interface.

# Mechanical Properties

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**Figure 2.1 View looking into end of Decoder**

# Electrical Properties

***3.1 Pin Assignment***

**Table 3.1: Interface Connection**

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| **Pin** | **Use** | **Color** |
| 1 | Output 3 (Aux 1) | Green |
| 2 | Track – Right Rail | Red |
| 3 | Motor (+) | Orange |
| 4 | Common (+V) | Blue |
| 5 | Output 1 (Front Headlight) | White |
| 6 | Output 2 (Rear Headlight) | Yellow |
| 7 | Motor (-) | Gray |
| 8 | Track – Left Rail | Black |
| 9 | Output 4 (Aux 2) | Brown (Violet) |

The connector is rated at 50 VDC and 1.0 amp max on each pin.

Pin 9 can be brown or violet, brown preferred.

* 1. ***Color Code of Wiring***

# Because field installation by the end user is the most frequent application of this interface connector the wire harness must use the color code defined in for wiring in S-9.1.1.

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