

# Asterix category 001 - Transmission of Monoradar Data Target Reports

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## Preamble

Surveillance data exchange.

## Description of standard data items

### I001/010 - Data Source Identifier

definition: Identification of the radar station from which the data are received.

Group

#### I001/010/SAC - System Area Code

Element

bit size: 8

Raw Content

#### I001/010/SIC - System Identification Code

Element

bit size: 8

Raw Content

**Note:** The defined SACs are on the EUROCONTROL ASTERIX website ([www.eurocontrol.int/asterix](http://www.eurocontrol.int/asterix))

### I001/020 - Target Report Descriptor

definition: Type and characteristics of the radar data as transmitted by a radar station.

Extended

#### I001/020/TYP

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** Plot

**1:** Track

#### I001/020/SIM

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** Actual plot or track

**1:** Simulated plot or track

#### I001/020/SSRPSR - Radar Detection in Last Antenna Scan

Element

bit size: 2

Values:

**0:** No detection

**1:** Sole primary detection

- 2: Sole secondary detection
- 3: Combined primary and secondary detection

#### **I001/020/ANT**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
0: Target report from antenna 1  
1: Target report from antenna 2

#### **I001/020/SPI**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
0: Default  
1: Special Position Identification

#### **I001/020/RAB**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
0: Default  
1: Plot or track from a fixed transponder

*(FX) - extension bit*

#### **I001/020/TST**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
0: Default  
1: Test target indicator

#### **I001/020/DS1DS2 - Radar Detection in Last Antenna Scan**

Element  
bit size: 2  
Values:  
0: Default  
1: Unlawful interference (code 7500)  
2: Radio-communication failure (code 7600)  
3: Emergency (code 7700)

#### **I001/020/ME**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
0: Default  
1: Military emergency

#### **I001/020/MI**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
0: Default  
1: Military identification

Spare bits: 2

*(FX) - extension bit*

Note:

- Bit-7 (SIM) is used to identify a simulated target report as produced by a traffic simulator.

## **I001/030 - Warning/Error Conditions**

definition: Warning/error conditions detected by a radar station for the target report involved.

Repetitive

With FX extension bit.

Element

bit size: 7

Values:

- 0:** No warning nor error condition
- 1:** Garbled reply
- 2:** Reflection
- 3:** Sidelobe reply
- 4:** Split plot
- 5:** Second time around reply
- 6:** Angels
- 7:** Terrestrial vehicles
- 64:** Possible wrong code in Mode-3/A
- 65:** Possible wrong altitude information, transmitted when the Code C credibility check fails together with the Mode-C code in binary notation
- 66:** Possible phantom MSSR plot
- 80:** Fixed PSR plot
- 81:** Slow PSR plot
- 82:** Low quality PSR plot

Notes:

1. Warning/error condition values 0-63 are reserved for common standard use, whereas the values 64-127 are application dependent.

## **I001/040 - Measured Position in Polar Co-ordinates**

definition: Measured position of an aircraft in local polar co-ordinates.

Group

### **I001/040/RHO**

Element

bit size: 16

Unsigned quantity

LSB =  $1/2^7$  NM  $\approx 7.8125e-3$  NM

unit: "NM"

$\leq 512.0$

### **I001/040/THETA**

Element

bit size: 16

Unsigned quantity

LSB =  $360/2^{16}$  °  $\approx 5.4931640625e-3$  °

unit: "°"

Note:

- When expressed in 16 bits, signed or unsigned azimuths have the same value.

## **I001/042 - Calculated Position in Cartesian Co-ordinates**

definition: Calculated position of an aircraft in Cartesian co-ordinates.

Group

#### **I001/042/X - X-Component**

Element

bit size: 16

Signed quantity

LSB =  $1/2^6$  NM  $\approx 1.5625e-2$  NM

unit: "NM"

$\geq -512.0$

$\leq 512.0$

#### **I001/042/Y - Y-Component**

Element

bit size: 16

Signed quantity

LSB =  $1/2^6$  NM  $\approx 1.5625e-2$  NM

unit: "NM"

$\geq -512.0$

$\leq 512.0$

Notes:

1. LSB is calculated as  $2^{-6+f}$ .
2. A default quantisation unit of  $1/64$  NM is obtained for a value of  $f = 0$ .
3. Negative values are expressed in 2's complement form, bit-32 and bit-16 shall be set to 0 for positive values and 1 for negative values.

#### **I001/050 - Mode-2 Code in Octal Representation**

definition: Reply to Mode-2 interrogation.

Group

##### **I001/050/V**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** Code validated

**1:** Code not validated

##### **I001/050/G**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** Default

**1:** Garbled code

##### **I001/050/L**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** Mode-2 code as derived from the reply of the transponder

**1:** Smoothed Mode-2 code as provided by a local tracker

Spare bits: 1

#### **I001/050/MODE2 - Mode-2 Code in Octal Representation**

Element

bit size: 12

Octal string (3-bits per char)

Notes:

1. Smoothed Mode-2 data (bit-14 set to one) is used when the plot contains no Mode-2 code or the Mode-2 codes of the plot and track are different.
2. Bits-16/15 have no meaning in the case of a smoothed Mode-2 and are set to 0 for a calculated track.

### **I001/060 - Mode-2 Code Confidence Indicator**

definition: Confidence level for each bit of a Mode-2 reply as provided by a monopulse SSR station.

Group

Spare bits: 4

#### **I001/060/QA4**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** High quality pulse A4

**1:** Low quality pulse A4

#### **I001/060/QA2**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** High quality pulse A2

**1:** Low quality pulse A2

#### **I001/060/QA1**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** High quality pulse A1

**1:** Low quality pulse A1

#### **I001/060/QB4**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** High quality pulse B4

**1:** Low quality pulse B4

#### **I001/060/QB2**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** High quality pulse B2

**1:** Low quality pulse B2

#### **I001/060/QB1**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** High quality pulse B1

**1:** Low quality pulse B1

#### **I001/060/QC4**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** High quality pulse C4  
**1:** Low quality pulse C4

#### **I001/060/QC2**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** High quality pulse C2  
**1:** Low quality pulse C2

#### **I001/060/QC1**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** High quality pulse C1  
**1:** Low quality pulse C1

#### **I001/060/QD4**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** High quality pulse D4  
**1:** Low quality pulse D4

#### **I001/060/QD2**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** High quality pulse D2  
**1:** Low quality pulse D2

#### **I001/060/QD1**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** High quality pulse D1  
**1:** Low quality pulse D1

#### **Note:**

- This Data Item is only transmitted if at least one pulse is of low quality.

### **I001/070 - Mode-3/A Code in Octal Representation**

definition: Mode-3/A code converted into octal representation.

Group

#### **I001/070/V**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** Code validated  
**1:** Code not validated

#### **I001/070/G**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** Default  
**1:** Garbled code

## **I001/070/L**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** Mode-3/A code derived from the reply of the transponder

**1:** Smoothed Mode-3/A code as provided by a local tracker

Spare bits: 1

## **I001/070/MODE3A - Mode-3/A Reply in Octal Representation**

Element

bit size: 12

Octal string (3-bits per char)

Notes:

1. The detector signals a garbled code (bit-15 set to one) when at least two replies are overlapping.
2. Smoothed Mode-3/A data (bit-14 set to a one) are used in the case of the absence of Mode-3/A code information in the plot, or in the case of a difference between the plot and track Mode-3/A code information.
3. Bits-16/15 have no meaning in the case of a smoothed Mode-3/A and are set to 0 for a calculated track.

## **I001/080 - Mode-3/A Code Confidence Indicator**

definition: Confidence level for each bit of a Mode-3/A reply as provided by a monopulse SSR station.

Group

Spare bits: 4

### **I001/080/QA4**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** High quality pulse A4

**1:** Low quality pulse A4

### **I001/080/QA2**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** High quality pulse A2

**1:** Low quality pulse A2

### **I001/080/QA1**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** High quality pulse A1

**1:** Low quality pulse A1

### **I001/080/QB4**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** High quality pulse B4

**1:** Low quality pulse B4

### **I001/080/QB2**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: High quality pulse B2  
    **1**: Low quality pulse B2

#### **I001/080/QB1**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: High quality pulse B1  
    **1**: Low quality pulse B1

#### **I001/080/QC4**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: High quality pulse C4  
    **1**: Low quality pulse C4

#### **I001/080/QC2**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: High quality pulse C2  
    **1**: Low quality pulse C2

#### **I001/080/QC1**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: High quality pulse C1  
    **1**: Low quality pulse C1

#### **I001/080/QD4**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: High quality pulse D4  
    **1**: Low quality pulse D4

#### **I001/080/QD2**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: High quality pulse D2  
    **1**: Low quality pulse D2

#### **I001/080/QD1**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: High quality pulse D1  
    **1**: Low quality pulse D1

### **I001/090 - Mode-C Code in Binary Representation**

definition: Mode-C height converted into binary representation.

Group



**I001/090/V**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** Code validated**1:** Code not validated**I001/090/G**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** Default**1:** Garbled code**I001/090/HGT - Mode-C HEIGHT**

Element

bit size: 14

Signed quantity

LSB =  $1/2^2$  FL  $\approx$  0.25 FL

unit: "FL"

Notes:

1. The detector signals a garbled code when at least two replies are overlapping.
2. The maximum height which can be represented is 204 775 ft. Practically the maximum valid value is 126 750 ft (refer to ICAO Annex 10).
3. Negative values are expressed in 2's complement form, bit-14 is set to 0 for positive values and 1 for negative values.

**I001/100 - Mode-C Code and Code Confidence Indicator**

definition: Mode-C height in Gray notation as received from the transponder together with the confidence level for each reply bit as provided by a monopulse SSR station.

Group

**I001/100/V**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** Code validated**1:** Code not validated**I001/100/G**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** Default**1:** Garbled code

Spare bits: 2

**I001/100/MODEC - Mode-C Reply in Gray Notation**

Element

bit size: 12

Raw Content

Spare bits: 4

**I001/100/QC1**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0:** High quality pulse C1  
**1:** Low quality pulse C1

#### **I001/100/QA1**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** High quality pulse A1  
**1:** Low quality pulse A1

#### **I001/100/QC2**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** High quality pulse C2  
**1:** Low quality pulse C2

#### **I001/100/QA2**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** High quality pulse A2  
**1:** Low quality pulse A2

#### **I001/100/QC4**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** High quality pulse C4  
**1:** Low quality pulse C4

#### **I001/100/QA4**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** High quality pulse A4  
**1:** Low quality pulse A4

#### **I001/100/QB1**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** High quality pulse B1  
**1:** Low quality pulse B1

#### **I001/100/QD1**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** High quality pulse D1  
**1:** Low quality pulse D1

#### **I001/100/QB2**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
**0:** High quality pulse B2  
**1:** Low quality pulse B2

#### **I001/100/QD2**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: High quality pulse D2  
    **1**: Low quality pulse D2

#### **I001/100/QB4**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: High quality pulse B4  
    **1**: Low quality pulse B4

#### **I001/100/QD4**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: High quality pulse D4  
    **1**: Low quality pulse D4

Notes:

1. This Data Item is only transmitted if at least one pulse is of low quality.
2. The detector signals a garbled code when at least two replies are overlapping.

### **I001/120 - Measured Radial Doppler Speed**

definition: Radial component of the ground speed as measured by means of Doppler filter banks in radar signal processors.

Element  
bit size: 8  
Signed quantity  
 $LSB = 1/2^8 \text{ NM/s} \approx 3.90625e-3 \text{ NM/s}$   
unit: "NM/s"

#### **Notes:**

1. LSB is calculated as  $2^{-14+f}$ .
2. A default quantisation unit of 14.0625 kt and a maximum of +/- 1 800 kt is obtained for a value of  $f = 6$ .
3. Negative values are expressed in 2's complement form, bit-8 is set to 0 for positive values and 1 for negative values.

### **I001/130 - Radar Plot Characteristics**

definition: Additional information on the quality of the target report.

Repetitive

With FX extension bit.

Element  
bit size: 7  
Raw Content

#### **Notes:**

- The actual meaning of the bits is application dependent."
- This Data Item may contain parameters such as plot runlength (primary and secondary), difference between primary and secondary derived azimuth, pulse amplitude, etc.

## **I001/131 - Received Power**

definition: Measurement of the received power.

Element

bit size: 8

Signed quantity

LSB = 1 dBm  $\approx$  1.0 dBm

unit: "dBm"

Notes:

1. POWER is the measured value of the power received on the sum pattern for a plot.
2. Negative values are expressed in 2's complement form, bit-8 is set to 0 for positive values and 1 for negative values.

## **I001/141 - Truncated Time of Day**

definition: Absolute time stamping expressed as Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) time.

Element

bit size: 16

Unsigned quantity

LSB =  $1/2^7$  s  $\approx$  7.8125e - 3 s

unit: "s"

Notes:

1. The exchange of this Data Item allows the easy derivation of the correct UTC time value, provided that the clocks at the data source and sink(s) are less than 512 seconds out of synchronisation. Special care has to be taken at the transition of an "all ones" value to an "all zeros" value (every 512 seconds).
2. The time of day value is reset to 0 each day at midnight.
3. For time management in radar transmission applications, refer to Part 1, paragraph 5.4 [Ref. 2].

## **I001/150 - Presence of X-Pulse**

definition: Presence of the X-Pulse for the various modes applied in the interrogation interlace pattern.

Group

### **I001/150/XA**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0**: Default

**1**: X-pulse received in Mode-3/A reply

Spare bits: 1

### **I001/150/XC**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

**0**: Default

1: X-pulse received in Mode-C reply

Spare bits: 2

#### **I001/150/X2**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

0: Default

1: X-pulse received in Mode-2 reply

Spare bits: 2

Note:

- This Data Item is transmitted only if at least one X-pulse has been received in a Mode-A, Mode-2 or Mode-C reply.

#### **I001/161 - Track Plot Number**

definition: An integer value representing a unique reference to a track/plot record within a particular track/plot file.

Element

bit size: 16

Raw Content

Note:

- The differentiation between track and plot number is either implicit or is made via the Target Report Descriptor (Data Item I001/020).

#### **I001/170 - Track Status**

definition: Status of track derived either from primary and/or secondary radar information.

Extended

##### **I001/170/CON**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

0: Confirmed Track

1: Track in initialisation phase

##### **I001/170/RAD**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

0: Primary track

1: SSR/Combined track

##### **I001/170/MAN**

Element

bit size: 1

Values:

0: Default

1: Aircraft manoeuvring

##### **I001/170/DOU**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: Default  
    **1**: Doubtful plot to track association

### **I001/170/RDPC - Radar Data Processing Chain**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: RDP Chain 1  
    **1**: RDP Chain 2

Spare bits: 1

### **I001/170/GHO**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: Default  
    **1**: Ghost track

*(FX) - extension bit*

### **I001/170/TRE**

Element  
bit size: 1  
Values:  
    **0**: Default  
    **1**: Last report for a track

Spare bits: 6

*(FX) - extension bit*

Notes:

1. Bit-2 (GHO) is used to signal that the track is suspected to have been generated by a fake target.
2. Bit-4 (RDPC) is used to signal the discontinuity of the track numbers.

## **I001/200 - Calculated Track Velocity in Polar Co-ordinates**

definition: Calculated track velocity expressed in polar co-ordinates.

Group

### **I001/200/GSP - Calculated Groundspeed**

Element  
bit size: 16  
Unsigned quantity  
LSB =  $1/2^{14}$  NM/s  $\approx 6.103515625e - 5$  NM/s  
unit: "NM/s"

### **I001/200/HDG - Calculated Heading**

Element  
bit size: 16  
Unsigned quantity  
LSB =  $360/2^{16}$  °  $\approx 5.4931640625e - 3$  °  
unit: "°"

## **I001/210 - Track Quality**

definition: Relative track quality.

Repetitive

With FX extension bit.

Element

bit size: 7

Raw Content

Note:

- Actual bit signification is application dependent.

## **I001/SP - Special Purpose Field**

definition: Special Purpose Field

Explicit (SpecialPurpose)

## **User Application Profile**

This category has multiple UAPs.

UAP selection is based on the value of: 020/TYP

- 0  
plot
- 1  
track

### **plot**

- 1: I001/010 - Data Source Identifier
- 2: I001/020 - Target Report Descriptor
- 3: I001/040 - Measured Position in Polar Co-ordinates
- 4: I001/070 - Mode-3/A Code in Octal Representation
- 5: I001/090 - Mode-C Code in Binary Representation
- 6: I001/130 - Radar Plot Characteristics
- 7: I001/141 - Truncated Time of Day
- (FX) - Field extension indicator
- 8: I001/050 - Mode-2 Code in Octal Representation
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- 10: I001/131 - Received Power
- 11: I001/080 - Mode-3/A Code Confidence Indicator
- 12: I001/100 - Mode-C Code and Code Confidence Indicator
- 13: I001/060 - Mode-2 Code Confidence Indicator
- 14: I001/030 - Warning/Error Conditions
- (FX) - Field extension indicator
- 15: I001/150 - Presence of X-Pulse
- *Spare*
- *Spare*
- *Spare*
- *Spare*
- 20: I001/SP - Special Purpose Field
- *RFS indicator*
- (FX) - Field extension indicator

## track

- 1: I001/010 - Data Source Identifier
- 2: I001/020 - Target Report Descriptor
- 3: I001/161 - Track Plot Number
- 4: I001/040 - Measured Position in Polar Co-ordinates
- 5: I001/042 - Calculated Position in Cartesian Co-ordinates
- 6: I001/200 - Calculated Track Velocity in Polar Co-ordinates
- 7: I001/070 - Mode-3/A Code in Octal Representation
- (FX) - Field extension indicator
- 8: I001/090 - Mode-C Code in Binary Representation
- 9: I001/141 - Truncated Time of Day
- 10: I001/130 - Radar Plot Characteristics
- 11: I001/131 - Received Power
- 12: I001/120 - Measured Radial Doppler Speed
- 13: I001/170 - Track Status
- 14: I001/210 - Track Quality
- (FX) - Field extension indicator
- 15: I001/050 - Mode-2 Code in Octal Representation
- 16: I001/080 - Mode-3/A Code Confidence Indicator
- 17: I001/100 - Mode-C Code and Code Confidence Indicator
- 18: I001/060 - Mode-2 Code Confidence Indicator
- 19: I001/030 - Warning/Error Conditions
- 20: I001/SP - Special Purpose Field
- *RFS indicator*
- (FX) - Field extension indicator
- 22: I001/150 - Presence of X-Pulse
- *Spare*
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- (FX) - Field extension indicator