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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope

This document describes the way to encode information in the Reserved Expansion Field of Monoradar Target Report from ASTERIX Cat 048.

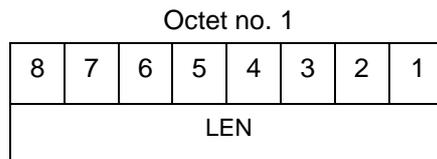
2. DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTENT OF RESERVED EXPANSION FIELD

2.1 Length Indicator

Definition : This field indicates the total length in octets of the Reserved Expansion Field (including the REF length itself)

Format : One-octet fixed length Data Item

Structure:



bits 8-1

(LEN)

Length of REF in octets,
including the Length Indicator
itself.

Encoding Rule :

This item shall be present in every REF

2.2 Items indicator

Definition : This field indicates what are the items encoded in the REF

Format : One-octet fixed length Data Item

Structure:

Octet no. 1							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
MD5	M5N	M4E	0	0	0	0	0

bit 8 (MD5) = 0 Mode 5 Data/Reports, Extended Mode 1 Code and X Pulse are not present in the REF

= 1 Mode 5 Data/Reports and Extended Mode 1 Code and X Pulse are present in the REF

bit 7 (M5N) = 0 New Encoding for Mode 5 Data/Reports, Extended Mode 1 Code and X Pulse is not present in the REF

= 1 New Encoding for Mode 5 Data/Reports, Extended Mode 1 Code and X Pulse is present in the REF

bit 6 (M4E) = 0 Extended Encoding for Mode 4 is not present in the REF

= 1 Extended Encoding for Mode 4 is present in the REF

bits 5/1 Spare bits set to 0

Encoding Rule :

This item shall be present in every REF

2.3

MD5

Definition: Mode 5 Data/Reports, Extended Mode 1 Code and X pulse

Format: Compound data item comprising one primary subfield of one octet, followed by up to 7 subfields

Note: In 2011 NATO has modified the format of the National Origin information available in subfield 2 of the Mode 5 data item in this Reserved Expansion Field. The information for National Origin and Mission Code were combined into a 11-bit long field. In order to maintain backwards compatibility and to ease the use of the new layout, the original Mode 5 data item was copied and the layout of subfield #2 adapted. The new layout is reflected in the data item M5N and shall be used by equipment prepared for the new National Origin system. Equipment certified to the previous encoding shall continue to use the data item MD5 corresponding to the 5-bit National Origin / 6-bit Mission Code.

Structure of Primary Subfield of Compound Data Item:

Octet no. 1							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
SUM	PMN	POS	GA	EM1	TOS	XP	FX

- bit-8, octet 1 (SUM) Subfield #1: Mode 5 Summary
 =0 Absence of Subfield #1
 =1 Presence of Subfield #1
- bit-7, octet 1 (PMN) Subfield #2: Mode 5 PIN/ National Origin/Mission Code
 =0 Absence of Subfield #2
 =1 Presence of Subfield #2
- bit-6, octet 1 (POS) Subfield #3: Mode 5 Reported Position
 =0 Absence of Subfield #3
 =1 Presence of Subfield #3
- bit-5, octet 1 (GA) Subfield #4: Mode 5 GNSS-derived Altitude
 =0 Absence of Subfield #4
 =1 Presence of Subfield #4
- bit-4, octet 1 (EM1) Subfield #5: Extended Mode 1 Code in Octal Representation
 =0 Absence of Subfield #5
 =1 Presence of Subfield #5
- bit-3, octet 1 (TOS) Subfield #6: Time Offset for POS and GA.
 =0 Absence of Subfield #6
 =1 Presence of Subfield #6
- bit-2, octet 1 (XP) Subfield #7: X Pulse Presence
 =0 Absence of Subfield #7
 =1 Presence of Subfield #7
- bit-1, octet 1 (FX) = 0 End of Primary Subfield
 = 1 Extension of Primary Subfield into next octet

**Structure of Subfield #1:
Mode 5 Summary:**

Octet no. 1

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
M5	ID	DA	M1	M2	M3	MC	0

- bit-8 (M5) = 0 No Mode 5 interrogation
= 1 Mode 5 interrogation
- bit-7 (ID) = 0 No authenticated Mode 5 ID reply/report
= 1 Authenticated Mode 5 ID reply/report
- bit-6 (DA) = 0 No authenticated Mode 5 Data reply/report
= 1 Authenticated Mode 5 Data reply/report (i.e any valid Mode 5 reply type other than ID)
- bit-5 (M1) = 0 Mode 1 code not present or not from Mode 5 reply/report
= 1 Mode 1 code from Mode 5 reply/report.
- bit-4 (M2) = 0 Mode 2 code not present or not from Mode 5 reply/report
= 1 Mode 2 code from Mode 5 reply/report.
- bit-3 (M3) = 0 Mode 3 code not present or not from Mode 5 reply/report
= 1 Mode 3 code from Mode 5 reply/report.
- bit-2 (MC) = 0 Mode C altitude not present or not from Mode 5 reply/report
= 1 Mode C altitude from Mode 5 reply/report
- bit-1 Spare bit set to 0

Notes:

1. The flags M2, M3, MC refer to the contents of data items I048/050, I048/070 and I048/090 respectively. The flag M1 refers to the contents of data item I048/055, Mode 1 Code in Octal Representation, and to the contents of the Subfield #5 (Extended Mode 1 Code in Octal Representation).
2. If an authenticated Mode 5 reply/report is received with the Emergency bit set, then the Military Emergency bit (ME) in Data Item I048/020, Target Report Descriptor, shall be set.
3. If an authenticated Mode 5 reply/report is received with the Identification of Position bit set, then the Special Position Identification bit (SPI) in Data Item I048/020, Target Report Descriptor, shall be set.

**Structure of Subfield #2:
Mode 5 PIN /National Origin/ Mission Code**

Octet no. 1								Octet no. 2							
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
0	0	PIN												(LSB)	

Octet no. 3								Octet no. 4								
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1	
0	0	0	NAT				(LSB)	0	0	MIS						(LSB)

- bits-32/31 (spare) spare bits set to 0
- bits-30/17 (PIN) PIN Code
- bits-16/14 (spare) spare bits set to 0
- bits-13/9 (NAT) National Origin
- bits-8/7 (spare) spare bits set to 0
- bits-6/1 (MIS) Mission Code

**Structure of Subfield #3:
Mode 5 Reported Position**

Octet no. 1								Octet no. 2							
48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33
Latitude in WGS 84															

Octet no. 3								Octet no. 4							
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
(LSB)								Longitude in WGS 84							

Octet no. 5								Octet no. 6							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
(LSB)															

bits-48/25 (LAT) Latitude in WGS 84

bits-24/1 (LON) Longitude in WGS 84

Notes : Latitude in WGS 84 is expressed as a 24-bit two's complement number.
Range $-90^{\circ} \leq \text{latitude} \leq 90^{\circ}$. Sign convention: North is positive.
LSB = $180/2^{23}$ degrees = $2.145767 \cdot 10^{-05}$ degrees

Longitude in WGS 84 is expressed as a 24-bit two's complement number.
Range $-180^{\circ} \leq \text{longitude} < 180^{\circ}$. Sign convention: East is positive.
LSB = $180/2^{23}$ degrees = $2.145767 \cdot 10^{-05}$ degrees

The resolution implied by the LSB is better than the resolution with which Mode 5 position reports are transmitted from aircraft transponders using currently defined formats.

**Structure of Subfield #4:
Mode 5 GNSS-derived Altitude**

Octet no. 1							Octet no. 2								
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
0	RES	GA												(LSB)	

bit-16 (spare)

spare bit set to 0

bit-15 (RES)

Resolution with which the GNSS-derived Altitude (GA) is reported.
=0 GA reported in 100 ft increments,
=1 GA reported in 25 ft increments.

bits-14/1 (GA)

GNSS-derived Altitude of target, expressed as height above WGS 84 ellipsoid. GA is coded as a 14-bit two's complement binary number with an LSB of 25 ft. irrespective of the setting of RES. The minimum value of GA that can be reported is -1000 ft.

**Structure of Subfield #5:
Extended Mode 1 Code in Octal Representation**

Octet 1							Octet 2								
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
0	0	0	0	Extended Mode 1 Code											
				A4	A2	A1	B4	B2	B1	C4	C2	C1	D4	D2	D1

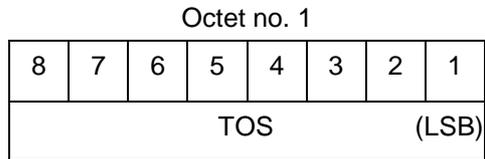
bit 16/13 Spare bits set to 0

bits-12/1 (EM1)

Extended Mode 1 Code in octal representation

Note: If Subfield #1 is present, the M1 bit in Subfield #1 indicates whether the Extended Mode 1 Code is from a Mode 5 reply or a Mode 1 reply. If Subfield #1 is not present, the Extended Mode 1 Code is from a Mode 1 reply.

**Structure of Subfield #6 of Compound Data Item:
Time Offset for POS and GA**



bits-8/1 (TOS)

Time Offset coded as a twos complement number with an LSB of 1/128 s. The time at which the Mode 5 Reported Position (Subfield #3) and Mode 5 GNSS-derived Altitude (Subfield #4) are valid is given by Time of Day (I048/140) plus Time Offset.

Note:

TOS shall be assumed to be zero if Subfield #6 is not present.

**Structure of Subfield #7 of Compound Data Item:
X Pulse Presence**

Octet no. 1

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
0	0	XP	X5	XC	X3	X2	X1

bits-8/7 spare bits set to zero

bit-6	(XP)	X-pulse from Mode 5 PIN reply/report = 0 X-Pulse not present. = 1 X-pulse present.
bit-5	(X5)	X-pulse from Mode 5 Data reply or Report. = 0 X-pulse set to zero or no authenticated Data reply or Report received. = 1 X-pulse set to one (present).
bit-4	(XC)	X-pulse from Mode C reply = 0 X-pulse set to zero or no Mode C reply = 1 X-pulse set to one (present)
bit-3	(X3)	X-pulse from Mode 3/A reply = 0 X-pulse set to zero or no Mode 3/A reply = 1 X-pulse set to one (present)
bit-2	(X2)	X-pulse from Mode 2 reply = 0 X-pulse set to zero or no Mode 2 reply = 1 X-pulse set to one (present)
bit-1	(X1)	X-pulse from Mode 1 reply = 0 X-pulse set to zero or no Mode 1 reply = 1 X-pulse set to one (present)

Encoding Rule:

The Reserved Expansion Field is optional. When used to transmit MD5, it shall be sent when at least one of the following conditions is satisfied:

1. The target represented by the Monoradar Target Report has been interrogated in Mode 5.
2. A non-zero Extended Mode 1 Code is received.
3. An X-pulse is present in a Mode 5 reply/report.

If condition 1 is satisfied, then Subfield #1 (Mode 5 Summary) shall be present.

If condition 2 is satisfied then Subfield #5 (Extended Mode 1 Code in Octal Representation) shall be present.

If condition 3 is satisfied, then Subfield #7 (X Pulse Presence) shall be present.

NOTE to Subfield #7 (X Pulse Presence):

Within Mode 5 replies/reports, the X-Pulse can be set for the following cases:

1. In a combined Mode 1 and Mode 2 reply/report: in this case the X5 bit and the X2 bit shall be set;
2. In a combined Mode 3 and Mode C reply/report: in this case the X5 bit and the X3 bit shall be set;
3. In a Mode 5 PIN data reply/report: in this case the X5 bit and the XP bit shall be set.

The X1 bit and the XC bit are meaningless as in Mode 1 and Mode C replies/reports the X Pulse is not defined. They are kept for compatibility reasons.

2.4

M5N

Definition: Mode 5 Data/Reports, Extended Mode 1 Code and X pulse following the updated NATO format for the National Origin code

Format: Compound data item comprising of a primary subfield of up to two octets, followed by the indicated subfields.

Note: In 2011 NATO has modified the format of the National Origin information available in subfield 2 of the Mode 5 data item in this Reserved Expansion Field. The information for National Origin and Mission Code were combined into a 11-bit long field. In order to maintain backwards compatibility and to ease the use of the new layout, the original Mode 5 data item was copied and the layout of subfield #2 adapted. The new layout is reflected in the data item M5N and shall be used by equipment prepared for the new National Origin system. Equipment certified to the previous encoding shall continue to use the data item MD5 corresponding to the 5-bit National Origin / 6-bit Mission Code.

Structure of Primary Subfield of Compound Data Item:

Octet no. 1

16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
SUM	PMN	POS	GA	EM1	TOS	XP	FX

Octet no. 2

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
FOM	0	0	0	0	0	0	FX

- bit-16, octet 1 (SUM) Subfield #1: Mode 5 Summary
 =0 Absence of Subfield #1
 =1 Presence of Subfield #1
- bit-15, octet 1 (PMN) Subfield #2: Mode 5 PIN/ National Origin
 =0 Absence of Subfield #2
 =1 Presence of Subfield #2
- bit-14, octet 1 (POS) Subfield #3: Mode 5 Reported Position
 =0 Absence of Subfield #3
 =1 Presence of Subfield #3
- bit-13, octet 1 (GA) Subfield #4: Mode 5 GNSS-derived Altitude
 =0 Absence of Subfield #4
 =1 Presence of Subfield #4
- bit-12, octet 1 (EM1) Subfield #5: Extended Mode 1 Code in Octal Representation
 =0 Absence of Subfield #5
 =1 Presence of Subfield #5
- bit-11, octet 1 (TOS) Subfield #6: Time Offset for POS and GA.
 =0 Absence of Subfield #6
 =1 Presence of Subfield #6
- bit-10, octet 1 (XP) Subfield #7: X Pulse Presence
 =0 Absence of Subfield #7
 =1 Presence of Subfield #7

bit-9, octet 1 (FX) = 0 End of Primary Subfield
= 1 Extension of Primary
Subfield into next octet

bit-8, octet 2 (FOM) Subfield #8: Figure of Merit
=0 Absence of Subfield #8
=1 Presence of Subfield #8

bits-7/2, octet 2 (spare) Spare bits, set to 0

bit-1, octet 2 (FX) = 0 End of Primary Subfield
= 1 Extension of Primary
Subfield into next octet

**Structure of Subfield #1:
Mode 5 Summary:**

Octet no. 1							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
M5	ID	DA	M1	M2	M3	MC	0

- bit-8 (M5) = 0 No Mode 5 interrogation
= 1 Mode 5 interrogation
- bit-7 (ID) = 0 No authenticated Mode 5 ID reply/report
= 1 Authenticated Mode 5 ID reply/report
- bit-6 (DA) = 0 No authenticated Mode 5 Data reply or Report
= 1 Authenticated Mode 5 Data reply or Report (i.e any valid Mode 5 reply type other than ID)
- bit-5 (M1) = 0 Mode 1 code not present or not from Mode 5 reply/report
= 1 Mode 1 code from Mode 5 reply/report.
- bit-4 (M2) = 0 Mode 2 code not present or not from Mode 5 reply/report
= 1 Mode 2 code from Mode 5 reply/report.
- bit-3 (M3) = 0 Mode 3 code not present or not from Mode 5 reply/report
= 1 Mode 3 code from Mode 5 reply/report.
- bit-2 (MC) = 0 Mode C altitude not present or not from Mode 5 reply/report
= 1 Mode C altitude from Mode 5 reply/report
- bit-1 Spare bit set to 0

Notes:

4. The flags M2, M3, MC refer to the contents of data items I048/050, I048/070 and I048/090 respectively. The flag M1 refers to the contents of data item I048/055, Mode 1 Code in Octal Representation, and to the contents of the Subfield #5 (Extended Mode 1 Code in Octal Representation).
5. If an authenticated Mode 5 reply/report is received with the Emergency bit set, then the Military Emergency bit (ME) in Data Item I048/020, Target Report Descriptor, shall be set.
6. If an authenticated Mode 5 reply/report is received with the Identification of Position bit set, then the Special Position Identification bit (SPI) in Data Item I048/020, Target Report Descriptor, shall be set.

**Structure of Subfield #2:
Mode 5 PIN /National Origin**

Octet no. 1								Octet no. 2							
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
0	0	PIN												(LSB)	

Octet no. 3					Octet no. 4										
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
0	0	0	0	0	NO										

bits-32/31 (spare) spare bits set to 0

bits-30/17 (PIN) PIN Code

bits-16/12 (spare) spare bits set to 0

bits-11/1 (NO) National Origin Code

**Structure of Subfield #3:
Mode 5 Reported Position**

Octet no. 1								Octet no. 2							
48	47	46	45	44	43	42	41	40	39	38	37	36	35	34	33
Latitude in WGS 84															

Octet no. 3								Octet no. 4							
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
(LSB)								Longitude in WGS 84							

Octet no. 5								Octet no. 6							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
(LSB)															

bits-48/25 (LAT) Latitude in WGS 84

bits-24/1 (LON) Longitude in WGS 84

Notes : Latitude in WGS 84 is expressed as a 24-bit two's complement number.
Range $-90^{\circ} \leq \text{latitude} \leq 90^{\circ}$. Sign convention: North is positive.
LSB = $180/2^{23}$ degrees = $2.145767 \cdot 10^{-05}$ degrees

Longitude in WGS 84 is expressed as a 24-bit two's complement number.
Range $-180^{\circ} \leq \text{longitude} < 180^{\circ}$. Sign convention: East is positive.
LSB = $180/2^{23}$ degrees = $2.145767 \cdot 10^{-05}$ degrees

The resolution implied by the LSB is better than the resolution with which Mode 5 position reports are transmitted from aircraft transponders using currently defined formats.

**Structure of Subfield #4:
Mode 5 GNSS-derived Altitude**

Octet no. 1								Octet no. 2							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
0	RES	GA										(LSB)			

bit-16 (spare)

spare bit set to 0

bit-15 (RES)

Resolution with which the GNSS-derived Altitude (GA) is reported.
=0 GA reported in 100 ft increments,
=1 GA reported in 25 ft increments.

bits-14/1 (GA)

GNSS-derived Altitude of target, expressed as height above WGS 84 ellipsoid. GA is coded as a 14-bit two's complement binary number with an LSB of 25 ft. irrespective of the setting of RES. The minimum value of GA that can be reported is -1000 ft.

**Structure of Subfield #5:
Extended Mode 1 Code in Octal Representation**

Octet 1								Octet 2							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
0	0	0	0	Extended Mode 1 Code											
				A4	A2	A1	B4	B2	B1	C4	C2	C1	D4	D2	D1

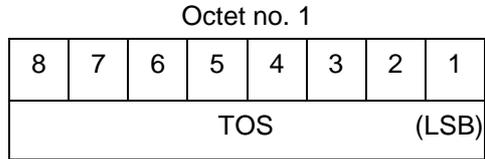
bit 16/13 Spare bits set to 0

bits-12/1 (EM1)

Extended Mode 1 Code in octal representation

Note: If Subfield #1 is present, the M1 bit in Subfield #1 indicates whether the Extended Mode 1 Code is from a Mode 5 reply or a Mode 1 reply. If Subfield #1 is not present, the Extended Mode 1 Code is from a Mode 1 reply.

**Structure of Subfield #6 of Compound Data Item:
Time Offset for POS and GA**



bits-8/1 (TOS)

Time Offset coded as a twos complement number with an LSB of 1/128 s. The time at which the Mode 5 Reported Position (Subfield #3) and Mode 5 GNSS-derived Altitude (Subfield #4) are valid is given by Time of Day (I048/140) plus Time Offset.

Note:

TOS shall be assumed to be zero if Subfield #6 is not present.

**Structure of Subfield #7 of Compound Data Item:
X Pulse Presence**

Octet no. 1							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
0	0	XP	X5	XC	X3	X2	X1

bits-8/7 spare bits set to zero

bit-6	(XP)	X-pulse from Mode 5 PIN reply/report = 0 X-Pulse not present. = 1 X-pulse present.
bit-5	(X5)	X-pulse from Mode 5 Data reply or Report. = 0 X-pulse set to zero or no authenticated Data reply or Report received. = 1 X-pulse set to one (present).
bit-4	(XC)	X-pulse from Mode C reply = 0 X-pulse set to zero or no Mode C reply = 1 X-pulse set to one (present)
bit-3	(X3)	X-pulse from Mode 3/A reply = 0 X-pulse set to zero or no Mode 3/A reply = 1 X-pulse set to one (present)
bit-2	(X2)	X-pulse from Mode 2 reply = 0 X-pulse set to zero or no Mode 2 reply = 1 X-pulse set to one (present)
bit-1	(X1)	X-pulse from Mode 1 reply = 0 X-pulse set to zero or no Mode 1 reply = 1 X-pulse set to one (present)

NOTE to Subfield #7 (X Pulse Presence):

Within Mode 5 replies/reports, the X-Pulse can be set for the following cases:

1. In a combined Mode 1 and Mode 2 reply/report: in this case the X5 bit and the X2 bit shall be set;
2. In a combined Mode 3 and Mode C reply/report: in this case the X5 bit and the X3 bit shall be set;
3. In a Mode 5 PIN data reply/report: in this case the X5 bit and the XP bit shall be set.

The X1 bit and the XC bit are meaningless as in Mode 1 and Mode C replies/reports the X Pulse is not defined. They are kept for compatibility reasons.

**Structure of Subfield #8 of Compound Data Item:
Figure of Merit**

Octet no. 1							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
0	0	0	FOM				

bits-8/6 (spare) spare bits set to zero

bits-5/1 (FOM) Figure of Merit
Position Accuracy as extracted and
provided by a Mode 5 transponder

Encoding Rule:

The Reserved Expansion Field is optional. When used to transmit M5N, it shall be sent when at least one of the following conditions is satisfied:

1. The target represented by the Monoradar Target Report has been interrogated in Mode 5.
2. A non-zero Extended Mode 1 Code is received.
3. An X-pulse is present in a Mode 5 reply/report.

If condition 1 is satisfied, then Subfield #1 (Mode 5 Summary) shall be present.

If condition 2 is satisfied then Subfield #5 (Extended Mode 1 Code in Octal Representation) shall be present.

If condition 3 is satisfied, then Subfield #7 (X Pulse Presence) shall be present.

