

**Interfaces**

The following document describes the interfaces and associated protocols on the various uAvionix products.

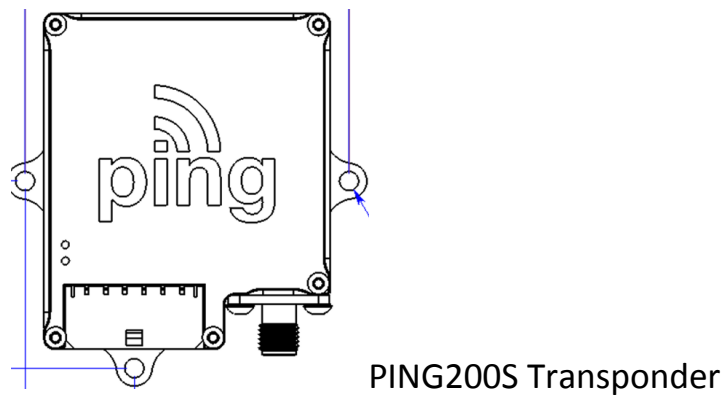
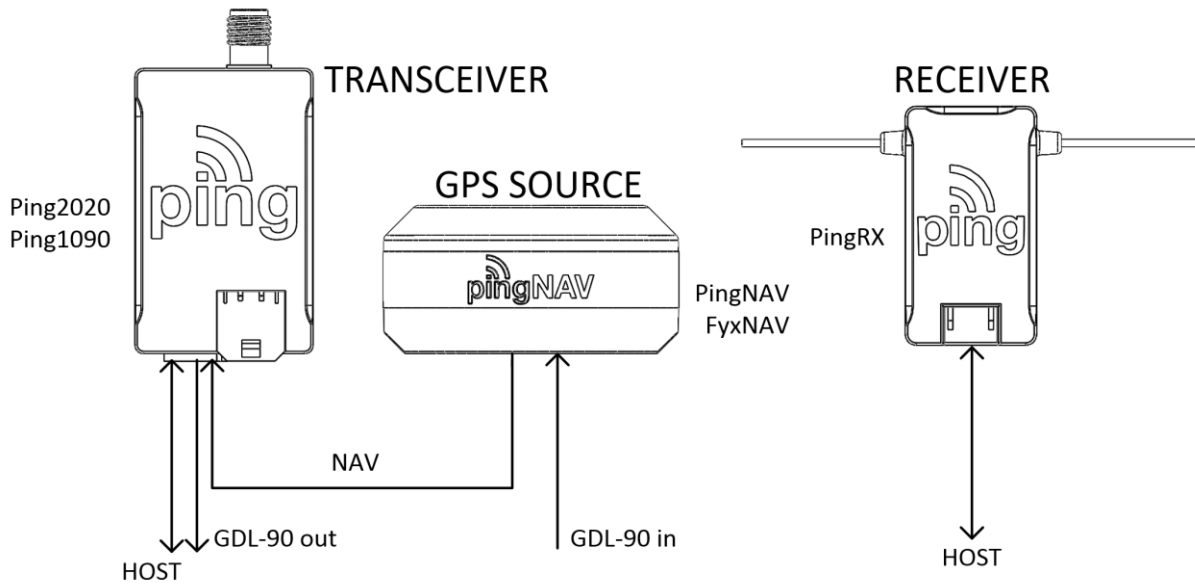


Figure 1: Interface Descriptions

Pin	Type	Function	Definition
1	Input	RXD	MAVLink RXD
2	Output	TXD	MAVLink TXD
3	Power	5V	
4	Ground	Ground	

Table 1: HOST Interface 4pin Interface 57600bps

Pin	Type	Function	Definition
1	Input	UTC	UTC in
2	Input	RXD	MAVLink RXD
3	Output	TXD	GDL90 out
4	Power	5V	
5	Ground	Ground	

Table 2: Transceiver NAV 5pin Interface 115200bps

Pin	Type	Function	Definition
1	Output	UTC	UTC out
2	Output	TXD	MAVLink TXD
3	Input	RXD	GDL90 in
4	Power	5V	
5	Ground	Ground	

Table 3: GPS Source NAV 5pin Interface 115200bps

Pin	Type	Function	Definition
1	Ground		
2	Power In	30-55V	
3	Power Out	5V	
4	NAV RX	115200	MAVlink RXD
5	HOST RX	57600	MAVlink RXD
6	HOST TX	57600	MAVlink TXD

Table 4: Ping200S Transponder 6pin Interface

## 1. GDL90 Messages

The GDL90 Data Interface Specification is a public document and can be found at:

[https://www.faa.gov/nextgen/programs/adsb/wsa/media/GDL90\\_Public\\_ICD\\_RevA.PDF](https://www.faa.gov/nextgen/programs/adsb/wsa/media/GDL90_Public_ICD_RevA.PDF)

### Physical Interface

GDL90 communication is accomplished through a full duplex asynchronous serial interface. The interface should use 3.3v logic levels with a 115200bps baud rate, no parity, 1 stop bits and 8 data bits.

Message ID	Type	I/O	Length	SubType
0	Heartbeat	Out	7	
7	Uplink Data	Out	436	
10	Ownship Report	Out	28	
20	Traffic Report	Out	28	
117	Initialization	In	19	1

Table 4: GDL90 Message

### 2.1 GDL90 Output Messages.

The GDL90 output message formats can be found in the GDL90 Data Interface Specification. UAT and 1090 traffic are combined in the Traffic Report (ID=20) messages.

### 2.2 GDL Input Messages

Used for programming ICAO, Emitter Type and Callsign in the NAV. These variables are available immediately after receiving the message and are stored in Flash. Data is transferred to the ping2020 at power up and every 10s.

Refer to the GDL90 Data Interface Specification for general message structure, framing, and Frame Check Sequence generation.

### Initialization Message

Message ID	117
Payload Length	19
SubType	1

Position	Field	Type	Description
0	ID	uint8_t	117
1	signature	uint8_t	65
2	subType	uint8_t	1
3	version	uint8_t	
4	icao	uint24_t	Vehicle address (24 bits). Byte[2] = msByte. Set to 0x000000 to enable pseudo-random ICAO generation on UAT transmitters
7	emitter	uint8_t	Transmitting vehicle type. See EMIT_TYPE enum.
8	callsign	uint8_t[8]	Vehicle identifier (8 characters, valid characters are A-Z, 0-9, " " only, padded with spaces).
16	stallspeed	uint8_t	Aircraft stall speed in knots. Used for calculating Air/Ground State for certain emitter types.
17	avLw	uint8_t	Aircraft length and width encoding (table 2-35 of DO-282B). See ADSB_TRANSPONDER_ALW_ENCODE enum.
18	antOfsLatLon	uint8_t	GPS antenna lateral and longitudinal offset (table 2-36 and Table 2-37 of DO-282B). See ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET and ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LON_OFFSET enums. Place lateral offset in top 3 bits and longitudinal offset in bottom 5 bits, e.g. antOfsLatLon = (antOfsLat<<5) (antOfsLon&0x1F)

EMIT\_TYPE: Type of vehicle being reported

0x00: NO_TYPE_INFO	0x0A: LIGHTER_AIR_TYPE
0x01: LIGHT_TYPE	0x0B: PARACHUTE_TYPE
0x02: SMALL_TYPE	0x0C: ULTRA_LIGHT_TYPE
0x03: LARGE_TYPE	0x0D: UNASSIGNED2_TYPE
0x04: HIGH_VORTEX_LARGE_TYPE	0x0E: UAV_TYPE
0x05: HEAVY_TYPE	0x0F: SPACE_TYPE
0x06: HIGHLY_MANUV_TYPE	0x10: UNASSIGNED3_TYPE
0x07: ROTOCRAFT_TYPE	0x11: EMERGENCY_SURFACE_TYPE
0x08: UNASSIGNED_TYPE	0x12: SERVICE_SURFACE_TYPE
0x09: GLIDER_TYPE	0x13: POINT_OBSTACLE_TYPE

ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_ALW\_ENCODE: Aircraft size (upper bound)

0: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_NO_DATA	8: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L55_W45M
1: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L15M_W23M	9: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L55_W52M
2: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L25M_W28P5M	10: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L65_W59P5M
3: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L25_W34M	11: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L65_W67M
4: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L35_W33M	12: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L75_W72P5M
5: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L35_W38M	13: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L75_W80M
6: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L45_W39P5M	14: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L85_W80M
7: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L45_W45M	15: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L85_W90M

ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_GPS\_LAT\_OFFSET: Lateral GPS offset

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 0: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_NO_DATA | 4: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_RIGHT_0M |
| 1: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_LEFT_2M | 5: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_RIGHT_2M |
| 2: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_LEFT_4M | 6: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_RIGHT_4M |
| 3: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_LEFT_6M | 7: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_RIGHT_6M |

ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_GPS\_LON\_OFFSET: Longitudinal GPS offset

- 0: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_GPS\_LON\_OFFSET\_NO\_DATA
- 1: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_GPS\_LON\_OFFSET\_APPLIED\_BY\_SENSOR
- 2-31: Compute: (meters/2 + 1)

### 3. MAVLink Messages

MAVLink documentation can be found at: <http://qgroundcontrol.org/mavlink/start>

#### Physical Interface

Communication to a uAvionix transponder is accomplished through a full duplex asynchronous serial interface. The interface should use 3.3v logic levels. The baud rate on the NAV interface is 115200bps and on the HOST interface 57600bps. Both interfaces, no parity, 1 stop bits and 8 data bits. Any multi-byte data is formatted and transmitted as little-endian.

Message ID	Description	I/O	Length	CRC Extra
66	DataStream Request	Out	6	148
246	Traffic Report	Out	38	184
203	Status	Out	1	85
202	Ownship	Out	42	7
202	Dynamic	In	42	7
201	Static	In	19	126

Table 5: MAVLink Messages

#### Interface Priority

The two interfaces on the ping share a priority system based upon their intended purpose. This system provides prioritization and redundancy since the same information could be provided over either interface. Here is a list of required messages and timeout's for each interface:

Messages Required	Description	Timeout	Preferred/Backup Interface
MAVLink Static (ID: 201)	0.1Hz	30s	Host/NAV
MAVLink Dynamic (ID: 202)	5Hz	5s	NAV/Host

Table 6: Interface Priority

When a particular message has not been received through the preferred interface for the specified timeout, the data being received from that message switches from the preferred interface to the backup interface.

### DataStream Request Message

Message ID	66
Payload Length	6
CRC_EXTRA	148

This is a legacy MAVLink message to request telemetry position messages from Ardupilot. Prior to v3.7(arduplane) and 3.4(arducopter)

### Traffic Report Message

Message ID	246
Payload Length	38
CRC_EXTRA	184

Position	Field	Type	Description
0	ICAO_address	uint32_t	ICAO Address
4	lat	int32_t	The reported latitude in degrees * 1E7
8	lon	int32_t	The reported longitude in degrees * 1E7
12	altitude	int32_t	Altitude in Meters * 1E3 (up is +ve) - Check ALT_TYPE for reference datum
16	heading	uint16_t	Course over ground in degrees * 10^2
18	hor_velocity	uint16_t	The horizontal velocity in (m/s * 1E2)
20	ver_velocity	int16_t	The vertical velocity in (m/s * 1E2)
22	validFlags	uint16_t	Valid data fields from FLAGS enum
24	squawk	uint16_t	Mode A Squawk code (0xFFFF = no code)
26	altitude_type	uint8_t	Altitude Type from ALT_TYPE enum
27	callsign	char[9]	The callsign
36	emitter_type	uint8_t	Emitter Category from EMIT_TYPE enum
37	tslc	uint8_t	Time since last communication in seconds

ALT\_TYPE: The type of altitude source used to measure the altitude being reported.

0x00: PRESSURE\_ALTITUDE (AMSL, QNH)

0x01: GEOMETRIC (GNSS, WGS84)

EMIT\_TYPE: Type of vehicle being reported

0x00: NO\_TYPE\_INFO

0x01: LIGHT\_TYPE

0x02: SMALL\_TYPE

0x03: LARGE\_TYPE

0x04: HIGH\_VORTEX\_LARGE\_TYPE

0x05: HEAVY\_TYPE

0x06: HIGHLY\_MANUV\_TYPE

0x07: ROTOCRAFT\_TYPE

0x08: UNASSIGNED\_TYPE

0x09: GLIDER\_TYPE

0x0A: LIGHTER\_AIR\_TYPE

0x0B: PARACHUTE\_TYPE

0x0C: ULTRA\_LIGHT\_TYPE

0x0D: UNASSIGNED2\_TYPE

0x0E: UAV\_TYPE

0x0F: SPACE\_TYPE

0x10: UNASSIGNED3\_TYPE

0x11: EMERGENCY\_SURFACE\_TYPE

0x12: SERVICE\_SURFACE\_TYPE

0x13: POINT\_OBSACLE\_TYPE

FLAGS: The 'flags' field shows the status of the response payload fields as follows:

0x0001: LATLON\_VALID  
 0x0002: ALTITUDE\_VALID  
 0x0004: HEADING\_VALID  
 0x0008: VELOCITY\_VALID  
 0x0010: CALLSIGN\_VALID  
 0x0020: IDENT\_VALID  
 0x0040 SIMULATED\_REPORT  
 0x0080 VERTICAL\_VELOCITY\_VALID  
 0x0100 BARO\_VALID  
 0x8000: SOURCE UAT

### Status Message

Message ID	203
Payload Length	1
CRC_EXTRA	85

Position	Field	Type	Description
0	status	uint8_t	Self test status. See ADSB_TRANSPONDER_STATUS_FLAGS enum.

ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_STATUS\_FLAGS: Device self-test status

0x00: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_INITIALIZING  
 0x01: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_OK  
 0x02: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_TX\_FAIL\_1090ES  
 0x04: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_RX\_FAIL\_1090ES  
 0x08: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_TX\_FAIL\_UAT  
 0x16: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_RX\_FAIL\_UAT

### Dynamic and Ownship Message

Message ID	202
Payload Length	42
CRC_EXTRA	7

Position	Field	Type	Description
0	utcTime	uint32_t	UTC time in since GPS epoch (in s since Jan 6, 1980). If unknown set to UINT32_MAX.
4	latitude	int32_t	Latitude WGS84 (deg * 1E7). If unknown set to INT32_MAX
8	longitude	int32_t	Longitude WGS84 (deg * 1E7). If unknown set to INT32_MAX.
12	altPres	int32_t	Barometric pressure altitude relative to a standard atmosphere of 1013.2 mBar and NOT bar corrected altitude

			(meters * 1E3) UP +ve. If unknown set to INT32_MAX.
16	altGNSS	int32_t	Altitude (meters * 1E3). (up +ve). WGS84 altitude. If unknown set to INT32_MAX.
20	accHoriz	uint32_t	Horizontal accuracy(HFOM) (mm). If unknown set to UINT32_MAX.
24	accVert	uint16_t	Vertical accuracy(VFOM) (cm). If unknown set to UINT16_MAX.
26	accVel	uint16_t	Velocity accuracy (m/s * 1E3). If unknown set to UINT16_MAX.
28	velVert	int16_t	GPS vertical speed (m/s * 1E2). If unknown set to INT16_MAX.
30	nsVog	int16_t	North-South velocity over ground (m/s * 10) North +ve. If unknown set to INT16_MAX.
32	ewVog	int16_t	East-West velocity over ground (m/s * 10) East +ve. If unknown set to INT16_MAX.
34	state	uint16_t	ADS-B input flags. See ADSB_TRANSPONDER_STATE_FLAGS enum.
36	squawk	uint16_t	Mode A code (typically 1200 [0x04B0] for VFR).
38	fixType	uint8_t	GPS Fix. See ADSB_TRANSPONDER_FIX_TYPE_FLAGS enum.
39	numSats	uint8_t	Number of satellites visible. If unknown set to UINT8_MAX.
40	emStatus	uint8_t	Emergency status (table 2-78 of DO-260B).
41	control	uint8_t	ADS-B transponder dynamic input control flags. See ADSB_TRANSPONDER_CONTROL_FLAGS enum.

ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_STATE\_FLAGS: State flags for ADS-B transponder dynamic input

- 1: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_INTENT\_CHANGE
- 2: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_AUTOPILOT\_ENABLED
- 4: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_NICBARO\_CROSSCHECKED
- 8: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_ON\_GROUND
- 16: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_IDENT

ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_CONTROL\_FLAGS: Control flags for ADS-B transponder dynamic input

- 0: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_STANDBY
- 1: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_RECEIVE
- 2: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_TX\_ENABLE\_UAT
- 4: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_TX\_ENABLE\_1090ES

ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_FIX\_TYPE\_FLAGS: Status flags for ADS-B transponder GPS fix type flags

- 0: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_GPS\_NO\_FIX\_0
- 1: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_GPS\_NO\_FIX\_1
- 2: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_GPS\_2D\_FIX
- 3: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_GPS\_3D\_FIX
- 4: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_GPS\_DGPS
- 5: ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_GPS\_RTK



## Static Message

Message ID	201
Payload Length	19
CRC_EXTRA	126

Position	Field	Type	Description
0	CSID_EN:SIL:SDA	uint8_t	[7:5] RFU, CSID_EN[4] 1 or 0, [3:2] SIL 0 to 3, [1:0] SDA 0 to 3
1	ICAO	uint8_t[3]	Vehicle address (24 bits). Byte[2] = msByte
4	stallSpeed	uint16_t	Aircraft stall speed in cm/s.
6	callsign	char[9]	Vehicle identifier (8 characters, null terminated, valid characters are A-Z, 0-9, " " only).
15	emitter	uint8_t	Transmitting vehicle type. See EMIT_TYPE enum.
16	alwEncode	uint8_t	Aircraft length and width encoding (table 2-35 of DO-282B). See ADSB TRANSPONDER_ALW_ENCODE enum.
17	gpsLatOffs	uint8_t	GPS antenna lateral offset (table 2-36 of DO-282B). See ADSB TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET enum.
18	gpsLonOffs	uint8_t	GPS antenna longitudinal offset from nose [if non-zero, take position (in meters) divide by 2 and add one with max 60m] (table 2-37 DO-282B). See ADSB TRANSPONDER_GPS_LON_OFFSET enum.

ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_ALW\_ENCODE: Definitions for aircraft size (upper bound)

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|---|---|
| 0: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_NO_DATA     | 8: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L55_W45M    |
| 1: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L15M_W23M   | 9: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L55_W52M    |
| 2: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L25M_W28P5M | 10: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L65_W59P5M |
| 3: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L25_W34M    | 11: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L65_W67M   |
| 4: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L35_W33M    | 12: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L75_W72P5M |
| 5: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L35_W38M    | 13: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L75_W80M   |
| 6: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L45_W39P5M  | 14: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L85_W80M   |
| 7: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L45_W45M    | 15: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_AIRCRAFT_SIZE_L85_W90M   |

ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_GPS\_LAT\_OFFSET: Definitions for lateral GPS offset

- |  |   |
|--|---|
| 0: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_NO_DATA | 4: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_RIGHT_0M |
| 1: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_LEFT_2M | 5: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_RIGHT_2M |
| 2: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_LEFT_4M | 6: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_RIGHT_4M |
| 3: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_LEFT_6M | 7: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LAT_OFFSET_RIGHT_6M |

ADSB\_TRANSPONDER\_GPS\_LON\_OFFSET: Definitions for longitudinal GPS offset

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|--|
| 0: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LON_OFFSET_NO_DATA           |
| 1: ADSB_TRANSPONDER_GPS_LON_OFFSET_APPLIED_BY_SENSOR |
| 2-31: Compute: (meters/2 + 1)                        |

### MAVLink Protocol Frame Format

Each message will be formatted into a frame for transmission across the physical interface. Each frame must be transmitted in its entirety with the start of the frame being inferred by the beginning of any transfer initiated after the end of a previous frame. The end of a Frame will be delineated with an idle condition on the interface.

The uAvionix transponder is 'stateless' MAVLink packets do not have to be coordinated.

Ping OEM Frame 8 - 263 bytes

STX	LEN	SEQ	SYS	COMP	MSG	PAYLOAD	CKA	CKB
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Byte Index	Content	Value	Description
0	Packet Start Flag	0xFE	Indicates the start of a new packet
1	Payload Length	0 - 255	Indicates the length of the payload
2	Packet Sequence	0 - 255	Send sequence. Allows to detect packet loss
3	System ID	0 - 255	ID of the Sending system. Allows to differentiate different PINGs on the same network
4	Component	0 - 255	ID of the Sending Component.
5	Message ID	0 - 255	ID of the Message - the 'id' defines what the payload "means" and how it should be correctly decoded.
6 to (n+6)	Data	0 - 255 Bytes	Message Data
(n+7) to (n+8)	Checksum (low Byte, high Byte)	ITU X.25/SAE AS-4 hash, <b>excluding packet start flag, so bytes 1..(n+6)</b> Note: The checksum also includes CRC_EXTRA	

## CRC Code:

Code to validate the packet CRC.

```
#define X25_INIT_CRC 0xffff
#define X25_VALIDATE_CRC 0xf0b8

/**
 * @brief Accumulate the X.25 CRC by adding one char at a time.
 *
 * The checksum function adds the hash of one char at a time to the
 * 16 bit checksum (uint16_t).
 *
 * @param data - New char to hash
 * @param crcAccum - Already accumulated checksum
 */
void crc_accumulate(uint8_t data, uint16_t *crcAccum)
{
    // Accumulate one byte of data into the CRC
    uint8_t tmp;

    tmp = data ^ (uint8_t)(*crcAccum&0xff);
    tmp ^= (tmp<<4);
    *crcAccum = (*crcAccum>>8) ^ (tmp<<8) ^ (tmp<<3) ^ (tmp>>4);
}
#endif

/**
 * @brief Initialize the buffer for the X.25 CRC
 *
 * @param crcAccum - 16 bit X.25 CRC
 */
void crc_init(uint16_t *crcAccum)
{
    *crcAccum = X25_INIT_CRC;
}

/**
 * @brief Calculates the X.25 checksum on a byte buffer
 *
 * @param pBuffer - buffer containing the byte array to hash
 * @param length - length of the byte array
 * @return the checksum over the buffer bytes
 */
uint16_t crc_calculate(const uint8_t *pBuffer, uint16_t length)
{
    uint16_t crcTmp;
    crc_init(&crcTmp);
    while (length--) crc_accumulate(*pBuffer++, &crcTmp);
    return crcTmp;
}

/**
 * @brief Accumulate the X.25 CRC by adding an array of bytes
 *
 * The checksum function adds the hash of one char at a time to the
 * 16 bit checksum (uint16_t).
```

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*  
* @param data - New bytes to hash  
* @param crcAccum - Already accumulated checksum  
**/  
void crc_accumulate_buffer(uint16_t *crcAccum, const char *pBuffer, uint16_t length)  
{  
    const uint8_t *p = (const uint8_t *)pBuffer;  
    while (length--) crc_accumulate(*p++, crcAccum);  
}  
  
// Note CRC_EXTRA is defined for each individual packet in the document.  
crc_accumulate_buffer(&msg->checksum, _PAYLOAD(msg), msg->len);  
crc_accumulate(CRC_EXTRA, &msg->checksum);  
ck_a(msg) = (uint8_t)(msg->checksum & 0xFF);  
ck_b(msg) = (uint8_t)(msg->checksum >> 8);
```