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# 1. INTRODUCTION

## 1.1 Scope

This document describes the way to encode information in the Reserved Expansion Field of ASTERIX Cat 004 (Safety Net Messages).

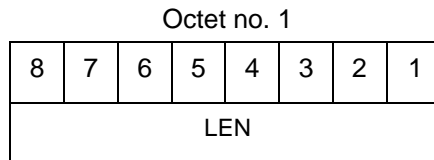
## 2. DESCRIPTION OF THE CONTENT OF THE RESERVED EXPANSION FIELD

### 2.1 Length Indicator

**Definition :** This field indicates the total length in octets of the Reserved Expansion Field (including the REF length indicator 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 :** Variable Length Data Item, comprising of a primary subfield of one octet, followed by one-octet extensions as necessary

**Structure:**

Octet no. 1

16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
T11	T12	ET1	ET2	CON	TTG	FBD	FX

Octet no. 2

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
AFI	AFT	FASI	EAN	0	0	0	FX

bit 16	(T11)	= 0	Information Target 1 is not present in the REF
		= 1	Information Target 1 is present in the REF
bit 15	(T12)	= 0	Information Target 2 is not present in the REF
		= 1	Information Target 2 is present in the REF
bit 14	(ET1)	= 0	Extended Information Target 1 is not present in the REF
		= 1	Extended Information Target 1 is present in the REF
bit 13	(ET2)	= 0	Extended Information Target 2 is not present in the REF
		= 1	Extended Information Target 2 is present in the REF
bit 12	(CON)	= 0	Conflict Information is not present in the REF
		= 1	Conflict Information is present in the REF
bit 11	(TTG)	= 0	Time to Go is not present in the REF
		= 1	Time to Go is present in the REF
bit 10	(FBD)	= 0	Deviation from Expected Flight Behaviour is not present in the REF
		= 1	Deviation from Expected Flight Behaviour is present in the REF
bit 9	(FX)		Field Extension Indicator
		= 0	End of Item
		= 1	Extension into next octet

bit 8	(AFI) = 0	Alert Function Identifier is not present in the REF
	= 1	Alert Function Identifier is present in the REF
bit 7	(AFT) = 0	Alert Free Text is not present in the REF
	= 1	Alert Free Text is present in the REF
bit 6	(FASI) = 0	Final Approach Support tool Information is not present in the REF
	= 1	Final Approach Support tool Information is present in the REF
bit 5	(EAN) = 0	Extended Area Name is not present in the REF
	= 1	Extended Area Name is present in the REF
bits 4/2	Spare bits set to zero	
bit 1	(FX)	Field Extension Indicator

**Encoding Rule :**

This item shall be present in every REF

## 2.3 Information on Target 1 in Conflict

**Definition:** Information on Target #1 Involved in the Conflict

**Format:** Compound data item comprising one primary subfield of one octet, followed by up to 4 subfields

### Structure of Primary Subfield of Compound Data Item:

Octet no. 1							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
PW1	PC1	MC1	V1	0	0	0	FX

bit-8, octet 1 (PW1) Subfield #1: Current Position Target 1 (WGS84)

=0 Absence of Subfield #1  
=1 Presence of Subfield #1

bit-7, octet 1 (PC1) Subfield #2: Current Position Target 1 (Cartesian Coordinates)

=0 Absence of Subfield #2  
=1 Presence of Subfield #2

bit-6, octet 1 (MC1) Subfield #3: Current Mode C Target 1

=0 Absence of Subfield #3  
=1 Presence of Subfield #3

bit-5, octet 1 (V1) Subfield #4: Current Velocity Target 1

=0 Absence of Subfield #4  
=1 Presence of Subfield #4

bits-4/2, octet 1 (Spare) Spare bits, set to 0

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

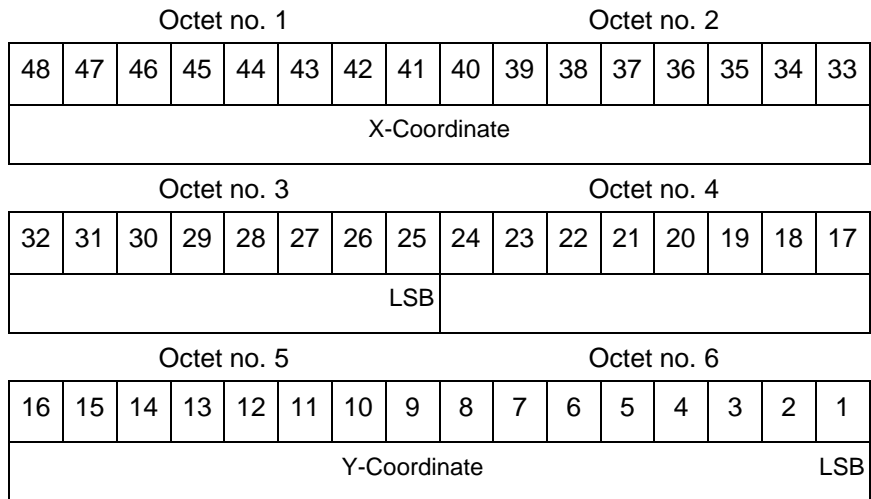


**Structure of Information on Target 1 in Conflict - Subfield # 2:  
Current Position Target 1 (Cartesian Coordinates)**

**Definition :** Current position of target 1 in Cartesian Coordinates.

**Format :** Six-octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**



bits-48/25 (X-Coordinate) Current X-position in two's complement

(LSB) = 0.5m

bits-24/1 (Y-Coordinate) Current Y-position in two's complement

(LSB) = 0.5m

The LSB provides a resolution better than 0.6m.

**Structure of Information on Target 1 in Conflict - Subfield # 3:  
Current Mode C Target 1**

**Definition :** Last Measured Mode C Code of Target 1.

**Format :** Two-octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**

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

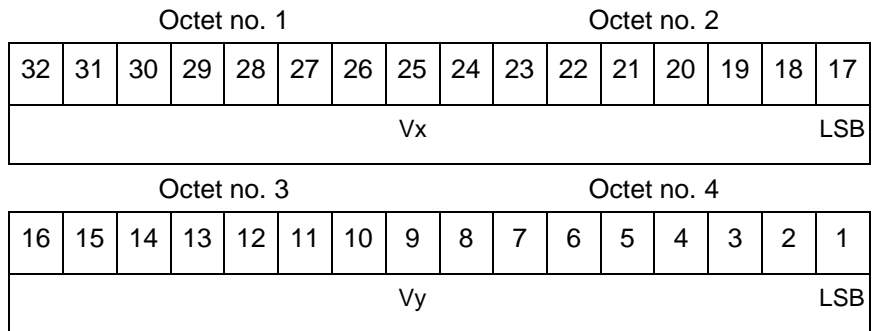
bit-16	(V)	=0 Code validated =1 Code not validated
bit-15	(G)	=0 default =1 Code garbled
bits-14/1	(MC)	Last measured Mode C in two's complement
	(LSB) = ¼ FL	

**Structure of Information on Target 1 in Conflict - Subfield #4:  
Current Track Velocity Target 1**

**Definition :** Current Velocity of Target 1.

**Format :** Four-octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**



bits-32/17      (Vx)      Velocity, x-component in two's complement  
(LSB) = 0.25m/s

bits-16/1      (Vy)      Velocity, y-component in two's complement  
(LSB) = 0.25m/s

**Encoding Rule :**  
This item is optional

## 2.4 Information on Target 2 in Conflict

**Definition:** Information on Target #2 Involved in the Conflict

**Format:** Compound data item comprising one primary subfield of one octet, followed by up to 4 subfields

### Structure of Primary Subfield of Compound Data Item:

Octet no. 1							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
PW2	PC2	MC2	V2	0	0	0	FX

bit-8, octet 1 (PW2) Subfield #1: Current Position Target 2 (WGS84)

=0 Absence of Subfield #1  
=1 Presence of Subfield #1

bit-7, octet 1 (PC2) Subfield #2: Current Position Target 2 (Cartesian Coordinates)

=0 Absence of Subfield #2  
=1 Presence of Subfield #2

bit-6, octet 1 (MC2) Subfield #3: Current Mode C Target 2

=0 Absence of Subfield #3  
=1 Presence of Subfield #3

bit-5, octet 1 (V2) Subfield #4: Current Velocity Target 2

=0 Absence of Subfield #4  
=1 Presence of Subfield #4

bits-4/2, octet 1 (Spare) Spare bits, set to 0

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

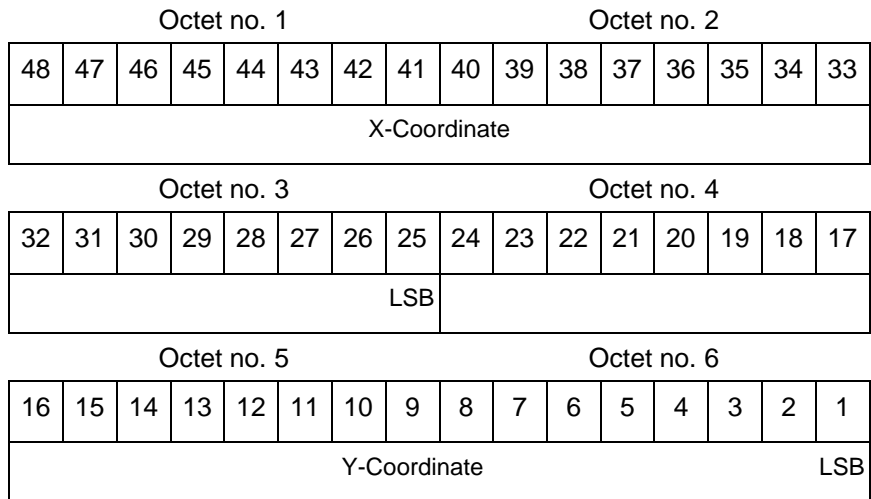


**Structure of Information on Target 2 in Conflict - Subfield # 2:  
Current Position Target 2 (Cartesian Coordinates)**

**Definition :** Current position of target 2 in Cartesian Coordinates.

**Format :** Six-octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**



bits-48/25      (X-Coordinate)      Current X-position in two's complement  
(LSB) = 0.5m

bits-24/1      (Y-Coordinate)      Current Y-position in two's complement  
(LSB) = 0.5m

The LSB provides a resolution better than 0.6m.

**Structure of Information on Target 2 in Conflict - Subfield # 3:  
Current Mode C Target 2**

**Definition :** Last Measured Mode C Code of Target 2.

**Format :** Two-octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**

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

bit-16 (V) =0 Code validated  
 =1 Code not validated

bit-15 (G) =0 default  
 =1 Code garbled

bits-14/1 (MC) Last measured Mode C in  
 two's complement

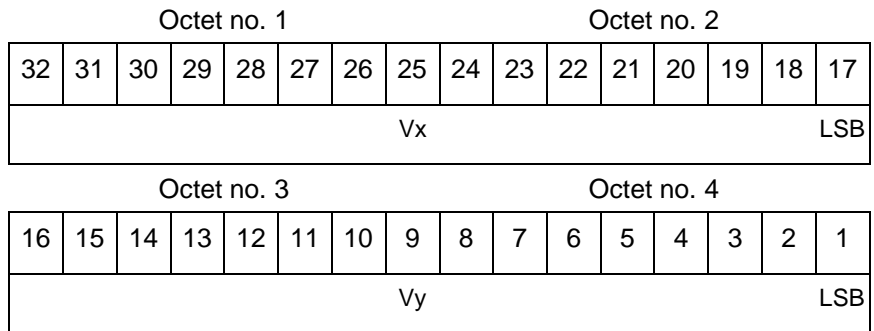
(LSB) = ¼ FL

**Structure of Information on Target 2 in Conflict - Subfield #4:  
Current Track Velocity Target 2**

**Definition :** Current Velocity of Target 2.

**Format :** Four-octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**



bits-32/17	(Vx)	Velocity, x-component in two's complement
	(LSB) = 0.25m/s	
bits-16/1	(Vy)	Velocity, y-component in two's complement
	(LSB) = 0.25m/s	

**Encoding Rule :**  
This item is optional

## 2.5 Extended Information – Target 1

**Definition:** Extended information on Target #1 Involved in the Conflict

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

### Structure of Primary Subfield of Compound Data Item:

Octet no. 1							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
VR1	MSA1	TR1	PG1	AT1	QN1	VL1	FX

bit-8, octet 1 (VR1) Subfield #1: Vertical Rate Target 1  
 =0 Absence of Subfield #1  
 =1 Presence of Subfield #1

bit-7, octet 1 (MSA1) Subfield #2: Mode S Address Target 1  
 =0 Absence of Subfield #2  
 =1 Presence of Subfield #2

bit-6, octet 1 (TR1) Subfield #3: Trajectory Information Target 1  
 =0 Absence of Subfield #3  
 =1 Presence of Subfield #3

bit-5, octet 1 (PG1) Subfield #4: Parameter Group Target 1  
 =0 Absence of Subfield #4  
 =1 Presence of Subfield #4

bit-4, octet 1 (AT1) Subfield #5: Additional Track Information Target 1  
 =0 Absence of Subfield #5  
 =1 Presence of Subfield #5

bit-3, octet 1 (QN1) Subfield #6: Applicable QNH Target 1  
 =0 Absence of Subfield #6  
 =1 Presence of Subfield #6

bit 2, octet 1 (VL1) Subfield #7: Vertical Limiter Target 1  
 =0 Absence of Subfield #7  
 =1 Presence of Subfield #7

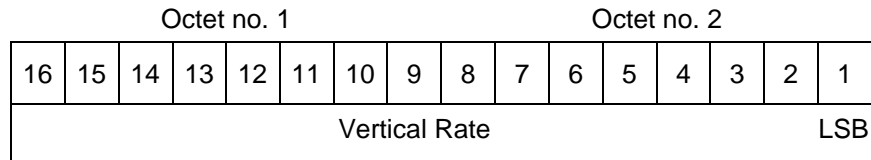
bit-1, octet 1 (FX) = 0 End of Primary Subfield  
 = 1 Extension of Primary Subfield into next octet

**Structure of Extended Information – Target 1 - Subfield # 1:  
Vertical Rate of Target 1**

**Definition :** Vertical Rate (Rate of Climb/Descent) Target 1

**Format :** Two-octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**



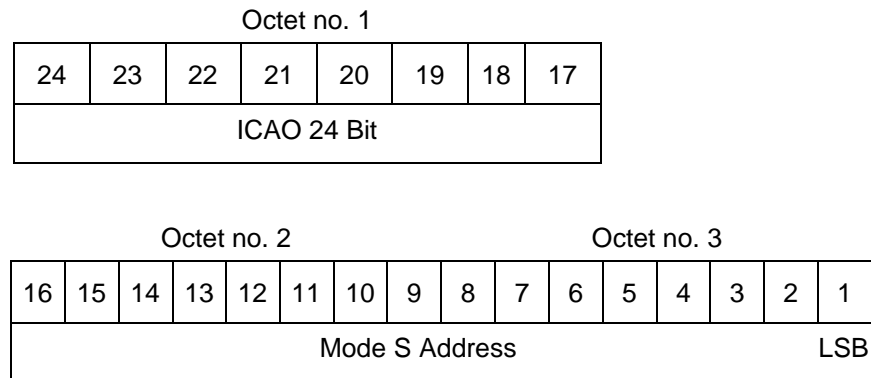
bits-16/1      Vertical Rate in two's complement form  
(LSB) = 6.25 feet/minute

**Structure of Extended Information – Target 1 - Subfield # 2:  
Mode S Address of Target 1**

**Definition :** ICAO 24 Bit Address of Target 1

**Format :** Three-octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**



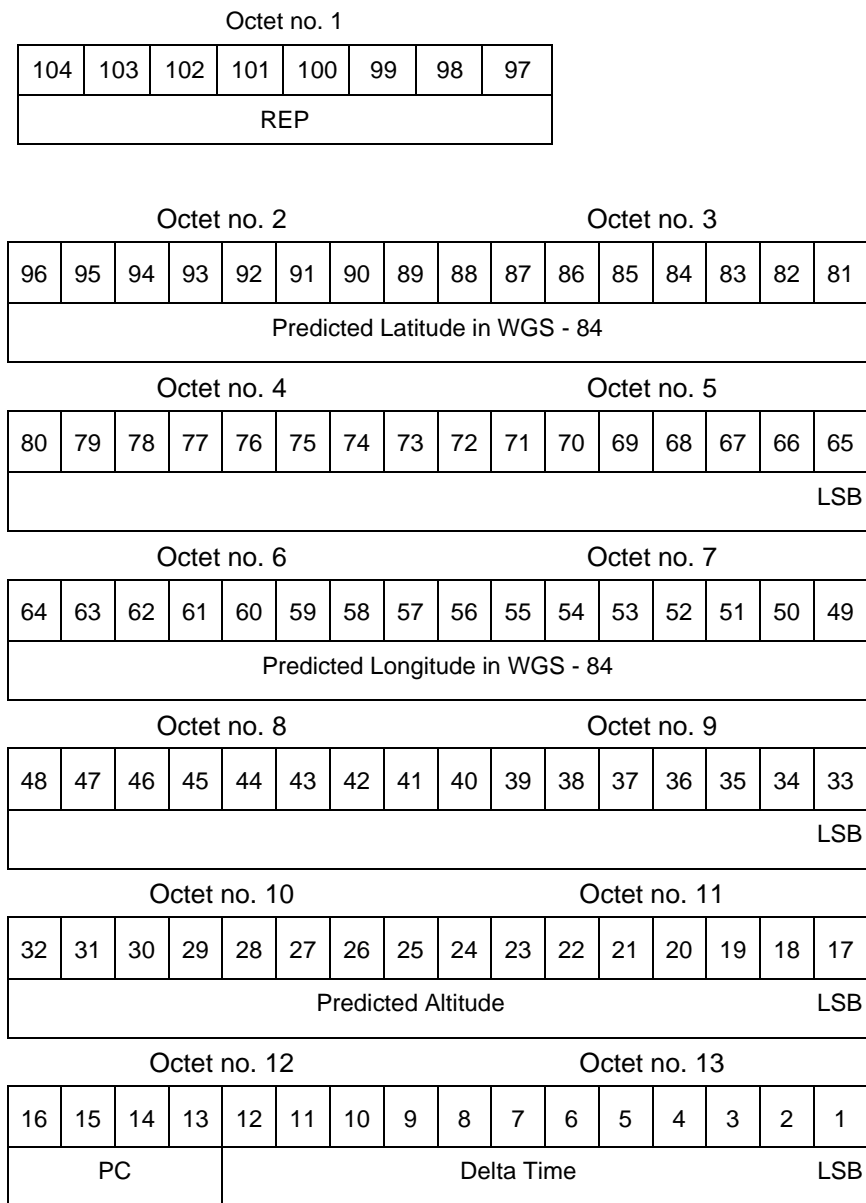
bits-24/1      ICAO 24 Bit Mode S Address, A23 to A0 of Aircraft 1  
involved in a conflict

**Structure of Extended Information – Target 1 - Subfield # 3:  
Trajectory Information Target 1**

**Definition :** Trajectory Information for Target 1

**Format :** Repetitive Data Item starting with a one-octet Field Repetition Indicator (REP) followed by at least one twelve byte trajectory point description.  
The trajectory point description contains the latitudinal and longitudinal position followed by a two octet altitude field, and a two octet field containing the characteristic of and the time at the point.

**Structure:**



bits 104/97	(REP)	indicates the number of points defined subsequently
bits-96/65	(Latitude)	in WGS-84 in two's complement. Range -90 <= latitude <= 90 deg. (LSB) = 180/2 <sup>25</sup> degrees
bits-64/33	(Longitude)	in WGS-84 in two's complement. Range -180 <= longitude < 180 deg. (LSB) = 180/2 <sup>25</sup> degrees The LSB provides a resolution better than 0.6m.
bits-32/17	(Alt)	Altitude in two's complement (LSB) = 25 feet
bits 16/13	(PC)	Point Characteristics 0 = Default value 1 = Fly-by Point 2 = Fly-over Point 3 = Starting Point of Turn 4 = Starting Point of Linear Motion Segment 5-15 (reserved)
bits 12/1	(Delta Time)	Delta time in two's complement (LSB) = 1 second Time of the point is (Reference Time) + (Delta Time) Reference time is contained in I004/020 (Time of Message)

**NOTE:** The exact representation of the altitude (bits-32/17) – Altitude, Flight Level, QNH Correction – is implementation dependent and **shall** be described in the system ICD.

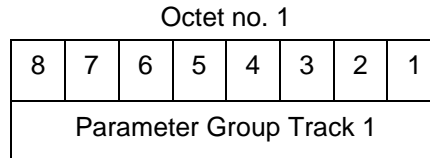
**Structure of Extended Information – Target 1 - Subfield # 4:**

**Parameter Group applicable for Target 1**

**Definition:** Parameter Group selected by Safety Net for target 1

**Format:** One-octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**



Allowed Range: 0-255

Note: The Parameter Group for a certain track indicates which Safety Net parameters are applicable for this track, based on its position. It describes the parameters and their settings for the specific safety net function generating the message applicable to the target based on its position. For instance there could be different threshold values for alerts for targets operating in different types of airspace.

The parameters forming a pre-determined Parameter Group are implementation dependent and function specific. They **shall** be described in the ICD of the respective system.

**Structure of Extended Information – Target 1 - Subfield # 5:  
Additional Track Information for Target 1**

**Definition:** Additional Track Status information for Target 1

**Format :** Variable length Data Item comprising a first part of one octet, followed by one-octet extents as necessary.

**Structure:**

Octet no. 1

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Additional Track Status Target 1							FX

**NOTE:** The contents of this data item is implementation dependent and **shall** be described in detail in the Interface Control Document (ICD) of the system generating the ASTERIX record.

An **example implementation** is presented below in order to illustrate the potential contents of this field. Please note that the **actual implementation may be different and refer to the respective system ICD.**

## EXAMPLE IMPLEMENTATION

The following example of an existing implementation in the TopSky Safety Nets provides an illustration of how this data item could be used:

Octet no. 1

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
MHYP	VL			CTL	COP	0	FX

bit-8 (MHYP) Main Hypothesis used (see **Note 1** below)  
= 0 default value (straight line prediction)  
= 1 Manoeuvre Prediction used either vertically or horizontally for track 1

bit-7/5 (VL) Vertical Limitation  
= 0 default value (no vertical limit)  
= 1 Cleared FL used  
= 2 FSSA used  
= 3 SAL used  
= 4 IFL used

Bit-4 (CTL) Controlled Flight Indication  
= 0 Controlled Flight  
= 1 Uncontrolled Flight

Bit-3 (COP) Coupled Indication (See **Note 2** below)  
= 0 Coupled Track  
= 1 Uncoupled Track

bit-2 set to zero

bit-1 (FX) Extension Indication  
= 0 No extension

**NOTE 1:** The main hypothesis is the trajectory that is most likely to be followed, based upon either controller input (e.g. Cleared Flight Level), downlinked data (e.g. Selected Altitude) or other procedure related data. In this case the back-up hypothesis is a simpler straight line prediction. In the event that no additional data items (Cleared Flight Level or Selected Altitude) are available, then it is common for the main hypothesis to be a straight line prediction, and for no back up hypothesis to be executed.

**NOTE 2:** A coupled track is a track where flight-plan data has been coupled with the track. In some contexts also the term “correlated” is used instead of “coupled”.

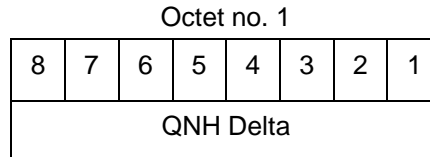
**Structure of Extended Information – Target 1 - Subfield #6**

**Applicable QNH Target 1**

**Definition:** Applicable QNH Value in hPa for target 1.

**Format:** One octet fixed length data item.

**Structure:**



bits-8/1

QNH Delta

LSB = 1 hPa

**NOTE:** The applicable QNH value is computed as (QNH Delta) + 850 hPa.

**NOTE:** The applicable QNH **shall** be only transmitted when the value is different from 1013 hPa.

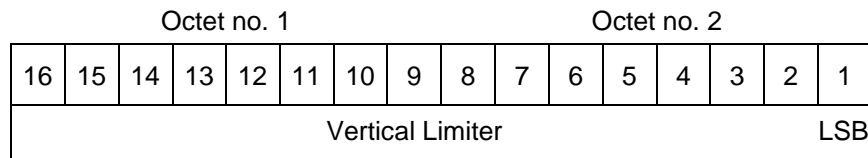
## Structure of Extended Information – Target 1 - Subfield #7

### Vertical Limiter for Target 1

**Definition:** Vertical limitation applied for Target 1 indicating at which Flight Level / Altitude the aircraft is predicted to level off according to the Hypothesis used for the vertical prediction of the flight path.

**Format:** Two octet fixed length data item.

**Structure:**



bits-16/1      Vertical limiter in two's complement form  
(LSB) =            25 feet  
VLmin =            -1500ft  
VLmax =            150000 ft

### Encoding Rule :

This item is optional

## 2.6 Extended Information – Target 2

**Definition:** Extended information on Target #2 Involved in the Conflict

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

### Structure of Primary Subfield of Compound Data Item:

Octet no. 1							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
VR2	MSA2	TR2	PG2	AT2	QN2	VL2	FX

- bit-8, octet 1 (VR2) Subfield #1: Vertical Rate Target 2  
 =0 Absence of Subfield #1  
 =1 Presence of Subfield #1
- bit-7, octet 1 (MSA2) Subfield #2: Mode S Address Target 2  
 =0 Absence of Subfield #2  
 =1 Presence of Subfield #2
- bit-6, octet 1 (TR2) Subfield #3: Trajectory Information Target 2  
 =0 Absence of Subfield #3  
 =1 Presence of Subfield #3
- bit-5, octet 1 (PG2) Subfield #4: Parameter Group Target 2  
 =0 Absence of Subfield #4  
 =1 Presence of Subfield #4
- bit-4, octet 1 (AT2) Subfield #5: Additional Track Information Target 2  
 =0 Absence of Subfield #5  
 =1 Presence of Subfield #5
- bit-3, octet 1 (QN2) Subfield #6: Applicable QNH Target 2  
 =0 Absence of Subfield #6  
 =1 Presence of Subfield #6
- bit 2, octet 1 (VL2) Subfield #7: Vertical Limiter Target 2  
 =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

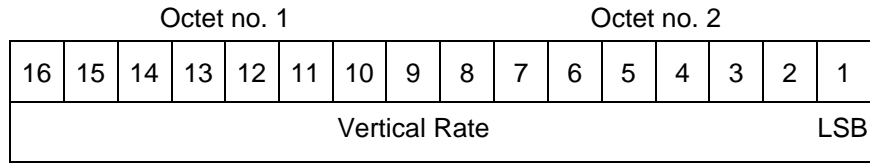
**Structure of Extended Information – Target 2 - Subfield # 1:**

**Vertical Rate of Target 2**

**Definition :** Vertical Rate (Rate of Climb/Descent) Target 2

**Format :** Two-octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**



bits-16/1

Vertical Rate in two's complement form  
(LSB) = 6.25 feet/minute

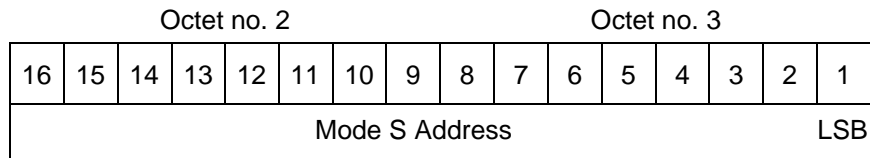
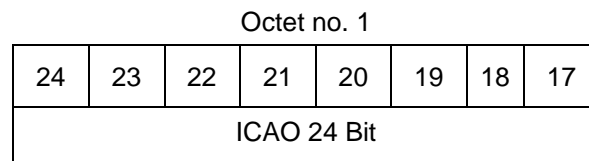
**Structure of Extended Information – Target 2 - Subfield # 2:**

**Aircraft Mode S Address of Target 2**

**Definition :** ICAO 24 Bit Address of Target 2

**Format :** Three-octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**



bits-24/1

ICAO 24 Bit Mode S Address, A23 to A0 of Aircraft 2  
involved in a conflict

**Structure of Extended Information – Target 2 - Subfield # 3:**

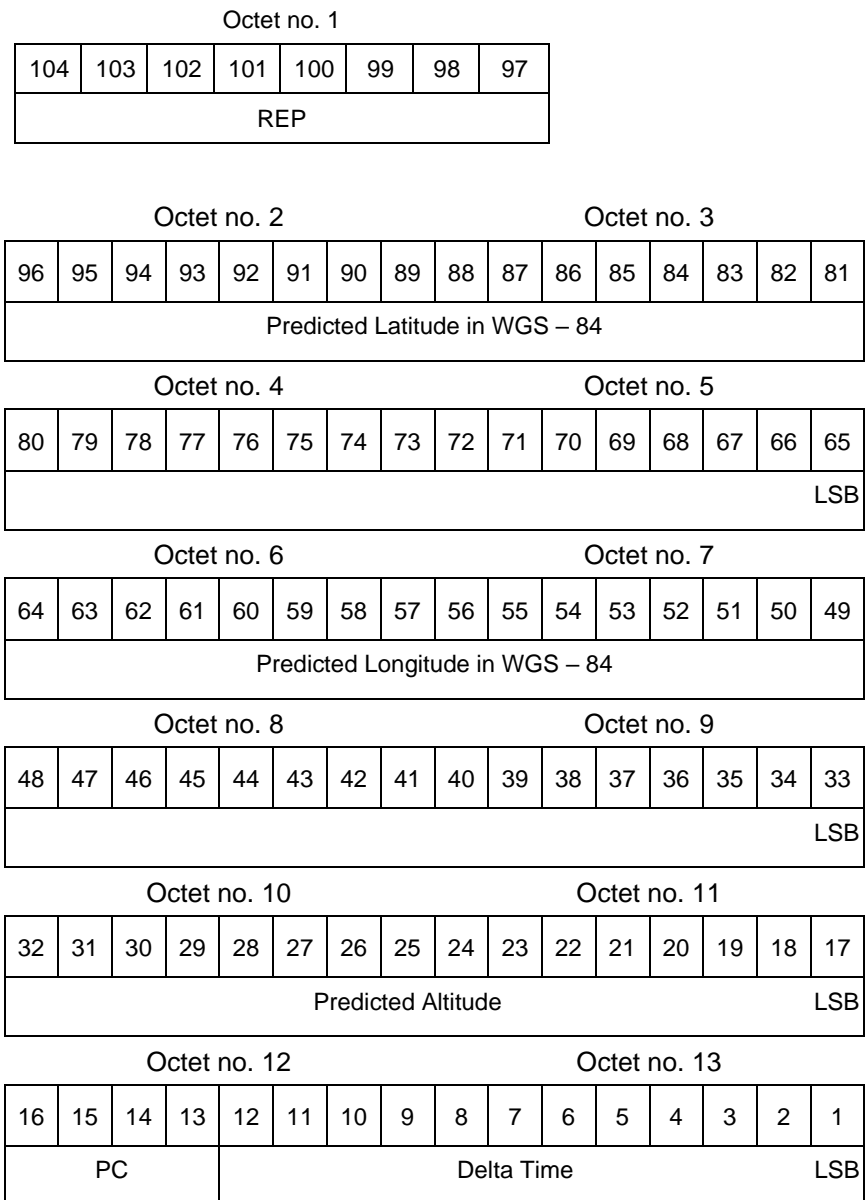
**Trajectory Information Target 2**

**Definition :** Trajectory Information for Target 2

**Format :** Repetitive Data Item starting with a one-octet Field Repetition Indicator (REP) followed by at least one twelve byte trajectory point description.

The trajectory point description contains the latitudinal and longitudinal position followed by a two octet altitude field, and a two octet field containing the characteristic and the time of the point.

**Structure:**



bits 104/97 (REP) indicates the number of points defined subsequently

bits-96/65	(Latitude)	in WGS-84 in two's complement. Range -90 <= latitude <= 90 deg. (LSB) = 180/2 <sup>25</sup> degrees
bits-64/33	(Longitude)	in WGS-84 in two's complement. Range -180 <= longitude < 180 deg. (LSB) = 180/2 <sup>25</sup> degrees
0.6m.		The LSB provides a resolution better than
bits-32/17	(Alt)	Altitude in two's complement (LSB) = 25 feet
bits 16/13	(PC)	Point Characteristics 0 = Default value 1 = Fly-by Point 2 = Fly-over Point 3 = Starting Point of Turn 4 = Starting Point of Linear Motion Segment 5-15 (reserved)
bits 12/1	(Delta Time)	Delta time in two's complement (LSB) = 1 second Time of the point is (Reference Time) + (Delta Time) Reference time is I004/020 (Time of Message)

**NOTE:** The exact representation of the altitude (bits-32/17) – Altitude, Flight Level, QNH Correction – is implementation dependent and **shall** be described in the system ICD.

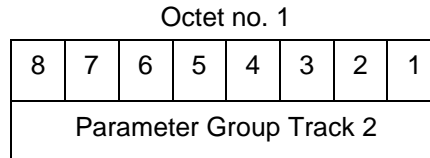
**Structure of Extended Information – Target 2 - Subfield # 4:**

**Parameter Group applicable for Target 2**

**Definition:** Parameter Group selected by Safety Net for target 2

**Format:** One-octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**



Allowed Range: 0-255

Note: The Parameter Group for a certain track indicates which Safety Net parameters are applicable for this track, based on its position. It describes the parameters and their settings for the specific safety net function generating the message applicable to the target based on its position. For instance there could be different threshold values for alerts for targets operating in different types of airspace.

The parameters forming a pre-determined Parameter Group are implementation dependent and function specific. They **shall** be described in the ICD of the respective system.

**Structure of Extended Information – Target 2 - Subfield # 5:  
Additional Track Information for Target 2**

**Definition:** Additional Track Status information for Track 2

**Format :** Variable length Data Item comprising a first part of one octet, followed by one-octet extents as necessary.

**Structure:**

Octet no. 1

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Implementation specific information							FX

**NOTE:** The contents of this data item is implementation dependent and **shall** be described in detail in the Interface Control Document (ICD) of the system generating the ASTERIX record.

Below find an **example implementation** to illustrate the potential contents of this field. Please note that the **actual implementation may be different and refer to the respective system ICD.**

## EXAMPLE IMPLEMENTATION

The following example of an existing implementation in the TopSky Safety Nets provides an idea of how a potential use of this data item could look like:

Octet no. 1

8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
MHYP	VL			CTL	COP	0	FX

bit-8 (MHYP) Main Hypothesis used (see **Note 1** below)  
= 0 default value (straight line prediction)  
= 1 Manoeuvre Prediction used either vertically or horizontally for track 1

bit-7/5 (VL) Vertical Limitation  
= 0 default value (no vertical limit)  
= 1 Cleared FL used  
= 2 FSSA used  
= 3 SAL used  
= 4 IFL used

Bit-4 (CTL) Controlled Flight Indication  
= 0 Controlled Flight  
= 1 Uncontrolled Flight

Bit-3 (COP) Coupled Indication (See **Note 2** below)  
= 0 Coupled Track  
= 1 Uncoupled Track

bit-2 set to zero

bit-1 (FX) Extension Indication  
= 0 No extension

**NOTE 1:** The main hypothesis is the trajectory that is most likely to be followed, based upon either controller input (e.g. Cleared Flight Level), downlinked data (e.g. Selected Altitude) or other procedure related data. In this case the back-up hypothesis is a simpler straight line prediction. In the event that no additional data items (Cleared Flight Level or Selected Altitude) are available, then it is common for the main hypothesis to be a straight line prediction, and for no back up hypothesis to be executed.

**NOTE 2:** A coupled track is a track where flight-plan data has been coupled with the track. In some contexts also the term “correlated” is used instead of “coupled”.

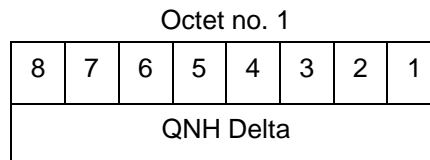
## Structure of Extended Information – Target 2 - Subfield #6

### Applicable QNH Target 2

**Definition:** Applicable QNH Value in hPa for target 2.

**Format:** One octet fixed length data item.

**Structure:**



bits-8/1

QNH Delta

LSB = 1 hPa

Note: The applicable QNH value is computed as (QNH Delta) + 850 hPa.

Note: The applicable QNH shall be only transmitted when the value is different from 1013 hPa.

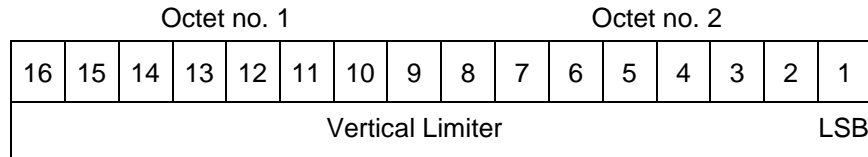
## Structure of Extended Information – Target 2 - Subfield #7

### Vertical Limiter for Target 2

**Definition:** Vertical limitation applied for Target 2 indicating at which Flight Level / Altitude the aircraft is predicted to level off according to the Hypothesis used for the vertical prediction of the flight path.

**Format:** Two octet fixed length data item.

**Structure:**



bits-16/1      Vertical limiter in two's complement form  
(LSB) =            25 feet  
VLmin =            -1500ft  
VLmax =            150000 ft

### Encoding Rule :

This item is optional

## 2.7 CON - Conflict Information

**Definition:** Conflict Information

**Format:** Compound data item comprising a primary subfield of up to two octets, followed by up to 9 subfields

**Structure of Primary Subfield of Compound Data Item:**

Octet no. 1							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
FHV	LHV	FVV	LVV	DET	MIS	CSA	FX

Octet no. 2							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
PGC	HYP	0	0	0	0	0	FX

bit-16	(FHV)	Subfield #1: Time to Start of First Horizontal Infringement =0 Absence of Subfield #1 =1 Presence of Subfield #1
bit-15	(LHV)	Subfield #2: Time to End of Last Horizontal Infringement =0 Absence of Subfield #2 =1 Presence of Subfield #2
bit-14	(FVV)	Subfield #3: Time to Start of First Vertical Infringement =0 Absence of Subfield #3 =1 Presence of Subfield #3
bit-13	(LVV)	Subfield #4: Time to End of Last Vertical Infringement =0 Absence of Subfield #4 =1 Presence of Subfield #4
bit-12	(DET)	Subfield #5: Detection Counter =0 Absence of Subfield #5 =1 Presence of Subfield #5
bit-11	(MIS)	Subfield #6: Miss Counter =0 Absence of Subfield #6 =1 Presence of Subfield #6

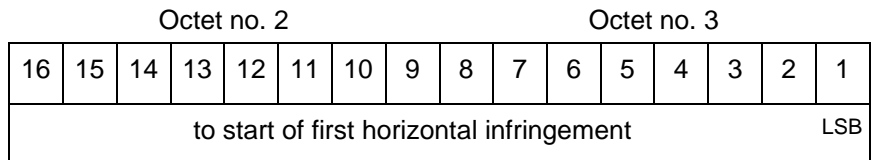
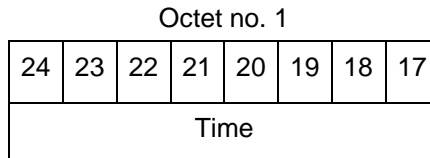
bit-10	(CSA)	Subfield #7: Supplementary Conflict Status =0 Absence of Subfield #7 =1 Presence of Subfield #7
bit-9	(FX)	= 0 End of Primary Subfield = 1 Extension of Primary Subfield into next octet
bit-8	(PGC)	Subfield #8: Parameter Group applicable to Conflict =0 Absence of Subfield #8 =1 Presence of Subfield #8
bit-7	(HYP)	Subfield #9: Hypothesis Summary =0 Absence of Subfield #9 =1 Presence of Subfield #9
bits-6/2	(Spare)	Spare bits, set to 0
bit-1	(FX)	= 0 End of Primary Subfield = 1 Extension of Primary Subfield into next octet

**Structure of Conflict Information - Subfield # 1:  
Time to Start of First Horizontal Infringement**

**Definition:** The Time to Start of First Horizontal Infringement indicates the delta time from the time of message (I004/020) to the start of the first horizontal infringement of safety net parameters (e.g. STCA parameters) within the look-ahead time.

**Format :** Three-octet fixed length Data Item.

**Structure:**



$$\text{bit-16 (LSB)} = 2^{-7} \text{ s} = 1/128 \text{ s}$$

**NOTES**

Many STCA systems calculate the infringement (predicted separation below STCA parameters) from a horizontal and a vertical perspective. An alert is issued when the times of horizontal and vertical infringements overlap. The first and last horizontal Violation Time indicates when the STCA calculations in the horizontal plane would result in an infringement of the STCA parameters applicable.

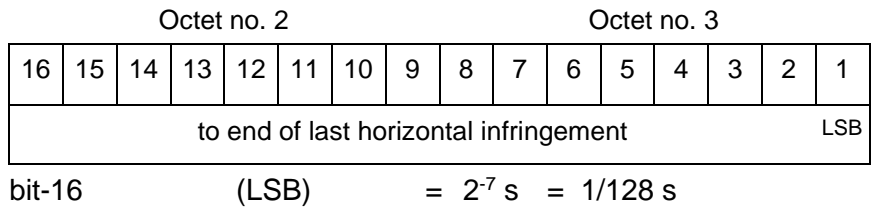
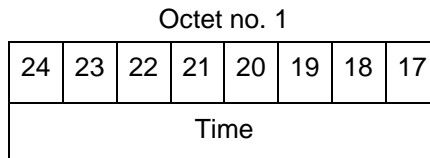
STCA systems look a certain time into the future. This time is called look ahead time.

**Structure of Conflict Information - Subfield #2:  
Time to End of Last Horizontal Infringement**

**Definition :** The Time to End of Last Horizontal Infringement indicates the delta time from the time of message (I004/020) to the end of the last horizontal infringement of safety net parameters (e.g. STCA parameters) within the look-ahead time.

**Format :** Three-octet fixed length Data Item.

**Structure:**



**NOTES** Many STCA systems calculate the infringement from a horizontal and a vertical perspective. The first and last horizontal Violation Time indicates when the STCA calculations in the horizontal plane would result in an infringement of the STCA parameters applicable. The first and last infringement times describe a time interval where the distance between the two aircraft are below a corresponding STCA parameters.

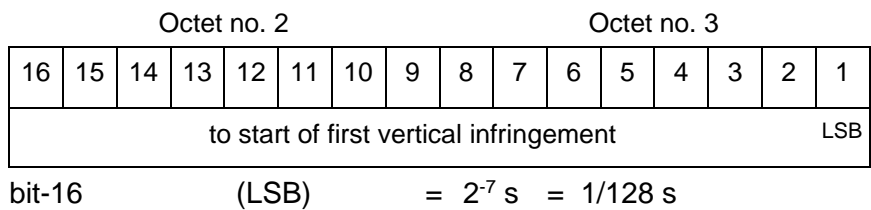
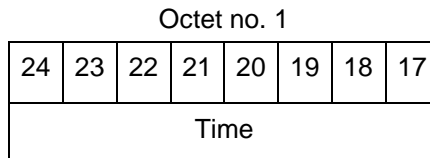
### Structure of Conflict Information - Subfield #3

#### Time to Start of First Vertical Infringement

**Definition :** The Time to Start of First Vertical Infringement indicates the delta time from the time of message (I004/020) to the start of the first vertical infringement of safety net parameters (e.g. STCA parameters) within the look-ahead time.

**Format :** Three-octet fixed length Data Item.

**Structure:**



**NOTES** Many STCA systems calculate the infringement from a horizontal and a vertical perspective. The first and last vertical Violation Time indicates when the STCA calculations in the vertical plane would result in an infringement of the STCA parameters applicable.

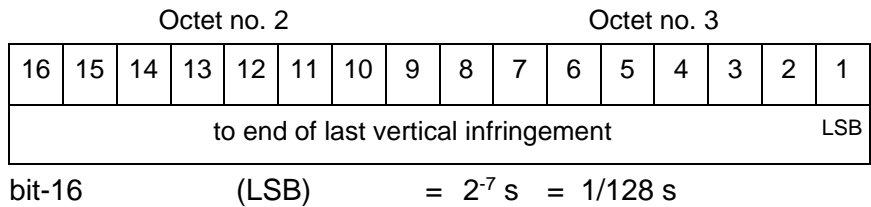
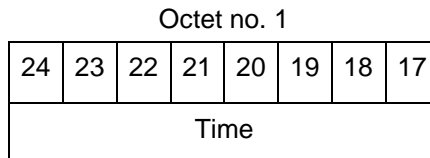
## Structure of Conflict Information - Subfield 4

### Time to End of Last Vertical Infringement

**Definition :** The Time to End of Last Vertical Infringement indicates the delta time from the time of message (I004/020) to the end of the last vertical infringement of safety net parameters (e.g. STCA parameters) within the look-ahead time.

**Format :** Three-octet fixed length Data Item.

**Structure:**



**NOTES** Many STCA systems calculate the infringement from a horizontal and a vertical perspective. The first and last vertical Violation Time indicate when the STCA calculations in the vertical plane would result in an infringement of the STCA parameters applicable.

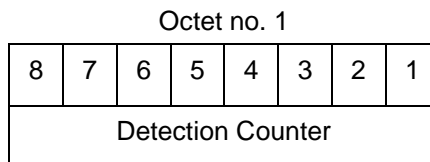
## Structure of Conflict Information - Subfield #5

### Detection Counter of Conflict

**Definition :** This data item indicates how many times the Safety Net has internally detected a conflict.

**Format:** One-octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**



Allowed Range for detection counter: 1-255.

- NOTES**
- Upper limits may be implementation dependent.
  - Many Safety Nets only declare an alert on the output, when the alert has been confirmed by a number of subsequent internal calculations over several processing cycles. The detection counter indicates, how often the safety net parameters have been infringed according to the internal calculations.

Note that detection of a conflict internally, may not lead to a conflict output by the Safety Net.

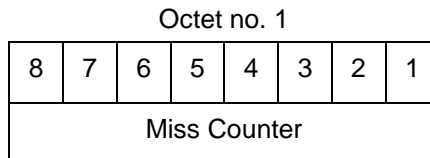
## Structure of Conflict Information - Subfield #6

### Miss Counter of Conflict

**Definition :** This data item indicates how many times the Safety Net has internally missed a conflict, after having declared a conflict.

**Format:** One-octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**



Allowed Range for miss counter: 0-255.

- NOTES**
- Upper limits may be implementation dependent.
  - Once an Alert has been declared it will be kept alive for a certain period of time to prevent a flickering indication on the CWP. During this time it is possible that the system internally is no longer detecting a conflict depending on its internal parameters. The miss counter indicates the number of “non-detects” during this period of time.

## Structure of Conflict Information - Subfield #7

### Supplementary Conflict Status

**Definition :** This data items provides supplementary Conflict Status information

**Format:** Variable length data field containing a first part or two octets followed by one octet extensions as required

**Structure:**

Octet no. 1							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
Status at current position							0

Octet no. 2							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Status at start of conflict							FX

Bits-16/10: Conflict Status at Current Position

Bit-9: Spare bit, set to "0"

Bits-8/2: Conflict Status at Start of Conflict

Bit-1: = 0 End of Item

= 1 Extension into next octet

**Note:** The values for this field are implementation specific **shall** be described in the System ICD.

**Note:** The FX-mechanism allows for the specification of additional instances of the Status Information.

**Implementation Examples** (please note that other values are possible):

For STCA the status fields could contain the following values:

- 1: Converging
- 2: Slow Diverging
- 3: Diverging

For APM the status fields could take the following values:

- 1: Deviation below glideslope
- 2: Deviation above glideslope
- 3: Lateral Deviation

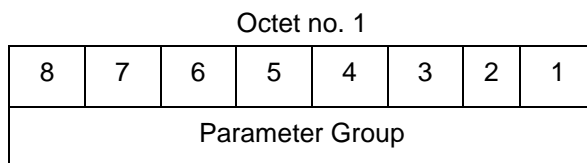
**Structure of Conflict Information - Subfield #8**

**Parameter Group of Conflict**

**Definition :** Parameter Group applicable for the alert

**Format:** One octet fixed length Data Item

**Structure:**



Parameter Group Values: 0-255.

**Note:** The values for this field are implementation specific **shall** be described in the System ICD.

## Structure of Conflict Information - Subfield #9

### Hypothesis Used for Conflict Detection

**Definition :**

Hypothesis responsible for conflict detection

**Format:** Fixed length field containing one octet.

**Structure:**

Octet no. 1							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Hypothesis declaring conflict							

The hypothesis declaring a conflict will be indicated by the following values:

- 1: Main Hypothesis
- 2: Backup Hypothesis
- 3-255 (reserved for future use)

**NOTE:** The main hypothesis is the trajectory that is most likely to be followed, based upon either controller input (e.g. Cleared Flight Level), downlinked data (e.g. Selected Altitude) or other procedure related data. In this case the back-up hypothesis is a simpler straight line prediction. In the event that no additional data items (Cleared Flight Level or Selected Altitude) is available, then it is common for the main hypothesis to be a straight line prediction, and for no back up hypothesis to be executed

**Encoding Rule :**

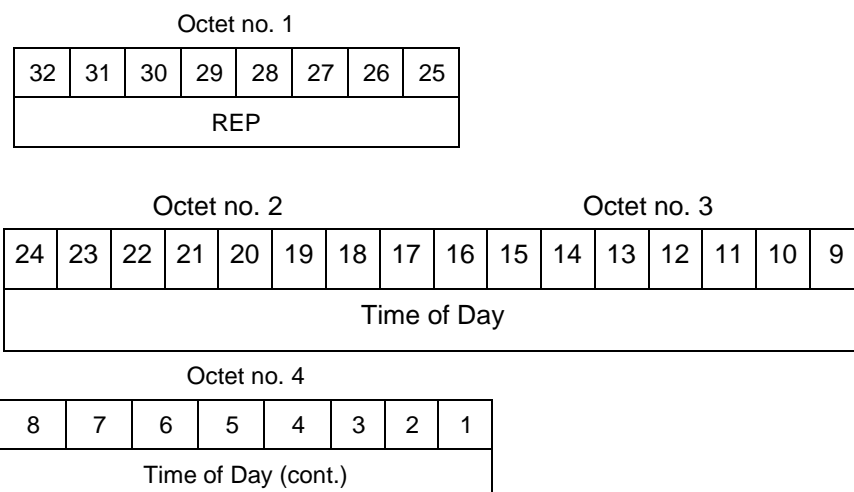
This item is optional

## 2.8 TTG – Time to Go

**Definition:** Time it takes for a condition to become true

**Format :** Repetitive Data Item starting with a one-octet Field Repetition Indicator (REP) followed by at least one three-octet Time of Day field.

**Structure:**



bits 32/25	Indicates the number of times defined subsequently
bits-24/1	Time remaining before Condition 1 becomes true (LSB) = $(2^{-7})$ sec = 1/128 sec

**NOTE:** The “Time to Go” data item implements the possibility for a system to indicate how long it will take for a condition to become true. The condition is implementation specific and **shall be described in the Interface Control Document of the respective system**. In the implementation example described below, the condition is the distance between two aircraft in conflict. However, since the description of the data item is generic, other conditions (like an aircraft reaching a specific position in the airspace or on the aerodrome surface) may be defined as well.

In case the parameters for any of the defined conditions cannot be fulfilled, all bits in the respective “Time of Day” entry **shall** be set to “1”

**Encoding Rule :**  
This item is optional

**Implementation example:** the EUROCONTROL Maastricht UAC has implemented this function to indicate how long it will take for two aircraft in

conflict to reach a distance of 8NM from each other (Condition 1) or 5NM from each other (Condition 2).

If in this case a conflict would be raised at a distance between the two aircraft of 6NM, all bits for the first entry would be set to “1”.

## 2.9 FBD – Deviations from Expected Flight Behaviour

**Definition :** This item provides information on a deviation of an aircraft from its expected flight behaviour.

**Format :** Compound Data Item, comprising a primary subfield of one octet, followed by the indicated subfields.

### Structure of Primary Subfield:

Octet no. 1							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
SD	VRD	PD	HD	SLD	0	0	FX

bit-8 (SD) Subfield #1: Speed Deviation  
 = 0 Absence of Subfield #1  
 = 1 Presence of Subfield #1

bit-7 (VRD) Subfield #2: Vertical Rate deviation  
 = 0 Absence of Subfield #2  
 = 1 Presence of Subfield #2

bit-6 (PD) Subfield #3: Pressure deviation  
 = 0 Absence of Subfield #3  
 = 1 Presence of Subfield #3

bit-5 (HD) Subfield #4: Heading Deviation  
 = 0 Absence of Subfield #4  
 = 1 Presence of Subfield #4

bit-4 (SLD) Subfield #5: Slope Deviation  
 = 0 Absence of Subfield #5  
 = 1 Presence of Subfield #5

bit-3/2 Spare Bit, Set to 0

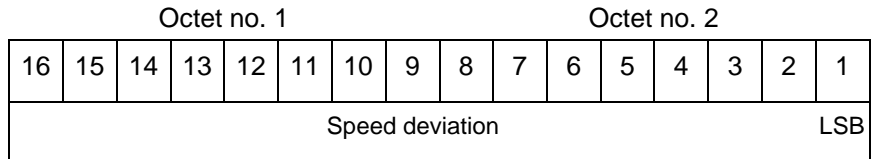
bit-1 (FX) Extension Indicator  
 = 0 no extension  
 = 1 extension

**Structure of Deviations from Expected Flight Behaviour - Subfield #1:**

**Speed Deviation:**

**Definition :** Speed Deviation from expected speed, in two's complement form.

**Format :** Two-octet fixed length Data Item.



bits 16/1

(Speed deviation)

LSB =  $2^{-14}$  NM/s  $\cong$  0.22 kt

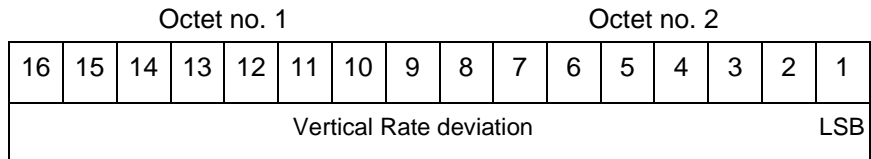
**NOTE -** Positive value if aircraft is above expected speed  
Negative value if aircraft is below expected speed

**Structure of Deviations from Expected Flight Behaviour - Subfield #2:**

**Vertical Rate Deviation:**

**Definition :** Rate Deviation from expected vertical rate, in two's complement form.

**Format :** Two-octet fixed length Data Item.



bits 16/1

(Rate deviation)

LSB = 6.25 feet/minute

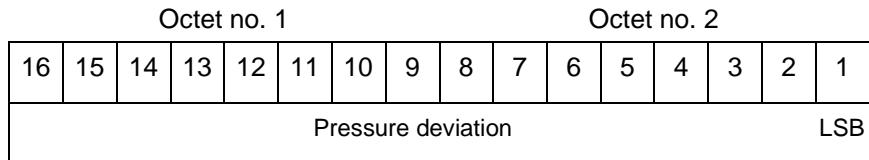
**NOTE -** Positive value if aircraft is above expected vertical rate  
Negative value if aircraft is below expected vertical rate

### Structure of Deviations from Expected Flight Behaviour - Subfield #3:

#### Pressure Deviation:

**Definition :** Difference between the actual QNH and the Downlinked Airborne Parameter (DAP) value "Barometric Pressure Setting (BPS)", in two's complement form.

**Format :** Two-octet fixed length Data Item.



bits 16/1 (Pressure deviation)  
LSB = 0.1hPA

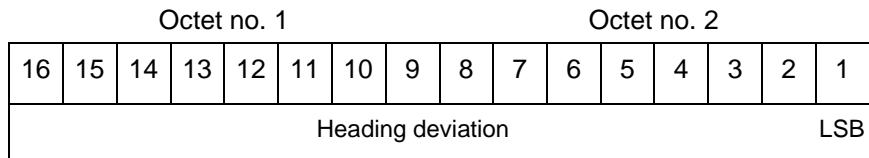
**NOTE -** Positive value if BPS is above actual QNH  
Negative value if BPS is below actual QNH

### Structure of Deviations from Expected Flight Behaviour - Subfield #4:

#### Heading Deviation:

**Definition :** Heading Deviation from expected heading, in two's complement form.

**Format :** Two-octet fixed length Data Item.



bits 16/1 (Heading deviation)  
LSB =  $360^\circ / 2^{16} \cong 0.0055^\circ$

The range used in this field is from -180 to +180 degrees

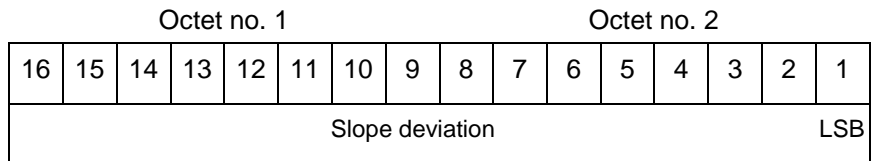
**NOTE -** Positive value if aircraft's heading is right compared to the expected heading  
Negative value if aircraft's heading is left compared to the expected heading

**Structure of Deviations from Expected Flight Behaviour - Subfield #5:**

**Slope Deviation:**

**Definition :** Slope Deviation from expected guide-slope parameters configured in the safety net, in two's complement form.

**Format :** Two-octet fixed length Data Item.



bits 16/1

(Slope deviation)

$$\text{LSB} = 360^\circ / 2^{16} \cong 0.0055^\circ$$

**Note:** This item would be typically encoded for APM.

**Encoding Rule :**

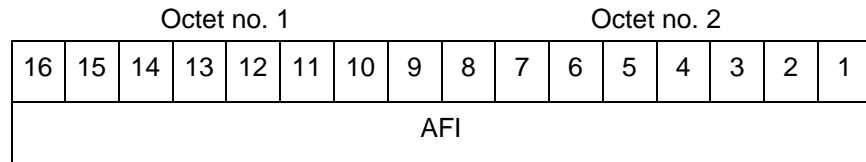
This item is optional

## 2.10 AFI – Alert Function Identifier

**Definition:** Identification of an alert function by ID. This items enables the possibility for one or more targets to further differentiate in addition to the alert types of I004/000, Message Types.

**Format :** Two-octet fixed length Data Item.

**Structure:**



bits-16/1 (AFI) Alert Function Identifier

**NOTE 1:** This item is an Alert Function Identification of the conflict in the system with more than one possibilities for a violation against a safety function. E.g. the Arrival / Landing monitor is designed to raise an alarm if during arrival or after landing of an aircraft a potential conflict with another target is detected because of an area violation. If more than one area under protection overlap the safety function could be differentiated by the alert function identifier.

**NOTE 2:** The content of this item is implementation dependent.

**Encoding Rule :**

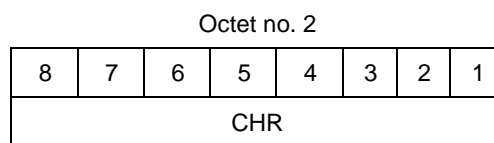
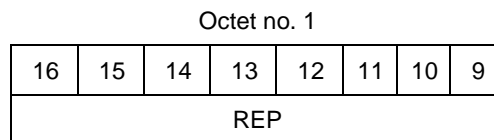
This item is optional

## 2.11 AFT – Alert Free Text

**Definition:** Textual description of an alert situation used e.g. for an audio output.

**Format :** Repetitive Data Item starting with a one-octet Field Repetition Indicator (REP) followed by at least one one-octet Character field.

**Structure:**



bits-16/9    (REP)        Repetition Factor

bits-8/1     (CHR)        Character (coded on 8 bit)

**NOTE 1:** A case example for an Alert Free Text is e.g. “RIAS\_M8”.

**NOTE 2:** The content of this item is implementation dependent.

**Encoding Rule :**

This item is optional

## 2.12

### FASI – Final Approach Support Tool Information

**Definition :** This item provides additional information used to support the ATCO in optimising the Final Approach sequence (Message types 033-037).

**Format :** Compound Data Item, comprising a primary subfield of one octet, followed by the indicated subfields.

#### Structure of Primary Subfield:

Octet no. 1							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9
SO	MSH	MSV	MST	WT1	WT2	TA1	FX
Octet no. 2							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
TA2	ASI	0	0	0	0	0	FX

- bit-16 (SO) Subfield #1: Separator Orientation  
 = 0 Absence of Subfield #1  
 = 1 Presence of Subfield #1
  
- bit-15 (MSH) Subfield #2: Monitored Horizontal Separation  
 = 0 Absence of Subfield #2  
 = 1 Presence of Subfield #2
  
- bit-14 (MSV) Subfield #3: Monitored Vertical Separation  
 = 0 Absence of Subfield #3  
 = 1 Presence of Subfield #3
  
- bit-13 (MST) Subfield #4: Monitored Time-Based Separation  
 = 0 Absence of Subfield #4  
 = 1 Presence of Subfield #4
  
- bit-12 (WT1) Subfield #5: Wake Turbulence Cat. Aircraft 1  
 = 0 Absence of Subfield #5  
 = 1 Presence of Subfield #5
  
- bit-11 (WT2) Subfield #6: Wake Turbulence Cat. Aircraft 2  
 = 0 Absence of Subfield #6  
 = 1 Presence of Subfield #6
  
- bit-10 (TA1) Subfield #7: Type of Aircraft 1  
 = 0 Absence of Subfield #7  
 = 1 Presence of Subfield #7

bit-9 (FX) Extension Indicator  
= 0 no extension  
= 1 extension

bit-8 (TA2) Subfield #8: Type of Aircraft 2  
= 0 Absence of Subfield #8  
= 1 Presence of Subfield #8

bit-7 (ASI) Subfield #9: Approach Spacing Indication  
= 0 Absence of Subfield #9  
= 1 Presence of Subfield #9

bit-6/2 Spare Bits, Set to 0

bit-1 (FX) Extension Indicator  
= 0 no extension  
= 1 extension

**Structure of FASI - Subfield #1: Separation Indicator Orientation**

**Definition :** Orientation of the Separation Indicator displayed to the ATCO.

**Format :** Two-octet fixed length Data Item.

**Structure:**

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

bits-16/1      Separation Indicator Orientation  
(LSB) =  $360^\circ / 2^{16} \cong 0.0055^\circ$

**NOTE:** The Separation Indicator Orientation is referenced to geographic North at the indicator position counted in clockwise direction.

**Structure of FASI - Subfield #2: Horizontal Separation Minimum**

**Definition :** Horizontal Separation Minimum between two aircraft.

**Format :** Two-octet fixed length Data Item.

**Structure:**

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

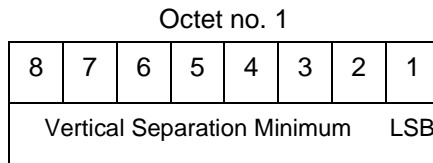
bits 8/1      Horizontal Separation Minimum  
LSB = 0,001 NM

**Structure of FASI - Subfield #3: Vertical Separation Minimum**

**Definition :** Minimum Vertical Separation between two aircraft.

**Format :** One-octet fixed length Data Item.

**Structure:**



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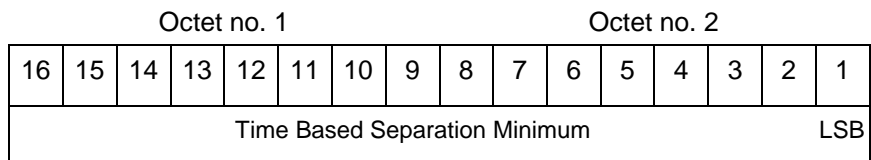
Monitored Vertical Separation  
LSB = 25 ft

**Structure of FASI - Subfield #4: Time Based Separation Minimum**

**Definition :** Time Based Separation Minimum to ensure between two aircraft.

**Format :** Two-octet fixed length Data Item.

**Structure:**



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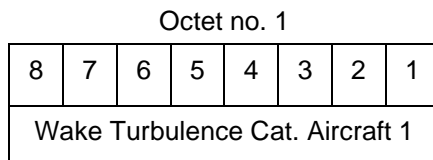
Time Based Separation Minimum  
LSB = 1 s

**Structure of FASI - Subfield #5: Wake Turbulence Category, Aircraft 1**

**Definition :** Wake Turbulence Category of the aircraft identified by Track Number 1 (Data Item I004/030)

**Format :** One-octet fixed length Data Item.

**Structure:**



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Wake Turbulence Category is an ASCII  
character code

**Structure of FASI - Subfield #6: Wake Turbulence Category, Aircraft 2**

**Definition :** Wake Turbulence Category of the aircraft identified by Track Number 2 (Data Item I004/035)

**Format :** One-octet fixed length Data Item.

**Structure:**

Octet no. 1							
8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Wake Turbulence Cat. Aircraft 2							

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Wake Turbulence Category is an ASCII character code

**Structure of FASI - Subfield #7: Type of Aircraft 1**

**Definition :** Type of the aircraft identified by Track Number 1 (Data Item I004/030)

**Format :** Four-octet fixed length Data Item.

**Structure:**

Octet no. 1								Octet no. 2							
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
Character 1								Character 2							
Octet no. 3								Octet no. 4							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Character 3								Character 3							

**NOTES**

1. Each one of the four Octets composing the type of an aircraft contains an ASCII Character (upper-case alphanumeric characters with trailing spaces).
2. The types of aircraft are defined in ICAO Annex 14.

**Structure of FASI - Subfield #8 (TA2): Type of Aircraft 2:**

**Definition :** Type of the aircraft identified by Track Number 2 (Data Item I004/035)

**Format :** Four-octet fixed length Data Item.

**Structure:**

Octet no. 1								Octet no. 2							
32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18	17
Character 1								Character 2							
Octet no. 3								Octet no. 4							
16	15	14	13	12	11	10	9	8	7	6	5	4	3	2	1
Character 3								Character 3							

**NOTES**

1. Each one of the four Octets composing the type of an aircraft contains an ASCII Character (upper-case alphanumeric characters with trailing spaces).
3. The types of aircraft are defined in ICAO Annex 14.

**Structure of FASI - Subfield #9: Approach Spacing Indicator**

**Definition:** Distance between the aircraft position and the Approach Spacing Indicator during Final Approach.

**Format :** Two-octet fixed length Data Item in two's complement.

**Structure:**

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

bits-16/1 (ASI) Approach Spacing Indication  
LSB = 0,001 NM

**NOTE 1:** For Message Types 33-35 and 37 the Approach Spacing Indication provides the distance between the following aircraft and its corresponding Spacing Indicator. A positive value indicates that the aircraft is behind the Spacing Indicator, a negative value indicates that the aircraft is ahead of the Spacing Indicator.

**Encoding Rule :**

This item is optional

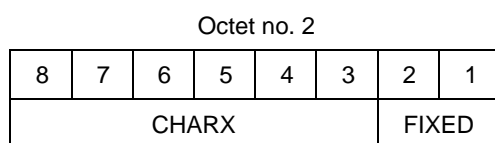
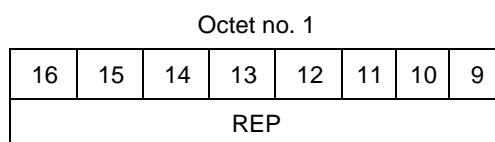
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### EAN – Extended Area Name

**Definition:** Extended Name of the Area involved in a Safety Net Alarm (Extended version of Data Item I004/100/SF#1).

**Format :** Repetitive Data Item starting with a one-octet Field Repetition Indicator (REP) followed by at least one one-octet Character field.

**Structure:**



bits-16/9    (REP)        Repetition Factor

bits-8/3     (CHARX)     Character (coded on 6 bit)

bits-2/1     (FIXED)       = 0    Fixed Value  
    = 1-3 Invalid ASTERIX Item

**NOTE:** The characters are encoded in 6 bits as defined in ICAO Annex 10 Volume IV.

**Encoding Rule :**

This item is optional. It **shall** be used in cases where the area name exceeds the length of 8 characters. For area names of 8 characters or less, Data Item I004/100/SI#1 **shall** be populated instead.

**Encoding Rule:**

The Reserved Expansion Field is optional.



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