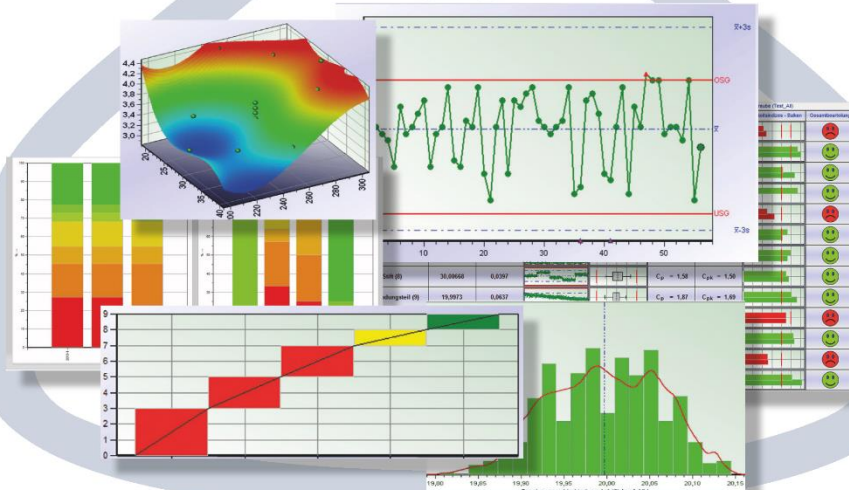


# Advanced Quality Data Exchange Format

Measuring instruments store data in the AQDEF format



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## Preface

Online data recording is becoming more and more important. A major advantage is the accurate and reliable recording of data within a minimum of time. This creates the foundation for fast and concise evaluations based on data collected online and enables validated decision taking.

These possibilities help create more transparency and improve the analysis of internal and external procedures and processes. Thus, online data transfer helps to improve process quality and efficiency as well as to increase customer satisfaction.

More and more diversified online applications are realized and implemented for internal as well as external networks, because of the great results possible. This opens up further possibilities like for example, the use of database systems with the known advantages. However, along with the growing possibilities, also the number of possibilities and variations for a multitude of solutions and the degree of complexity increases.

The existing procedure results in a large number of different company and plant specific individual solutions, which basically have a similar structure, like for example the SPC control of a production process or the acceptance of a facility.

For this reason, the measurement device manufacturers have to invest plenty of time and effort for customer specific adaptations, as well as during the specification and control phase at the customers and with regard to investment cost for implementation or license fees.

With the objective to find a satisfactory solution for all parties involved, a number of users of the software function "Data Interface" from the automotive production and supplier industry joined forces to create a standardized and coordinated specification. The objective was to include a group of users in this work group as big as possible, in order to get a representative cross-section through the scope and interpretation of the key fields and their application. The result is a standardized catalogue of the data fields important to every user. This scope is also the basis for a new, unified and comprehensive certification, which needs to be carried out only once for all the users.

Over the years, this data interface has increasingly spread also outside of the automotive industry and their suppliers. That is why in 2011 the data interface "Automotive Quality Data Exchange Format" has been renamed into "Advanced Quality Data Exchange Format" (AQDEF).

In order to display the existing varied structures and procedures of the individual companies, the possibility exists to enable the necessary K-fields or disable those not required over the total range of fields.

It was also emphasized that Q-DAS<sup>®</sup> products (qs-STAT<sup>®</sup>, solara.MP<sup>®</sup>, procella<sup>®</sup> etc.) could be used directly depending on the situation, e.g. for the acceptance of a measuring equipment, machines and production facilities, for process analysis or the assessment of different improvements and intended SPC control charting.

Target of the unification of the data interface is to improve the safety of the data transfer and to optimize the effort and cost for all involved parties.

We kindly ask you to play an active part in the continuous improvement process by sending suggestions to the committee for future development.

The committee

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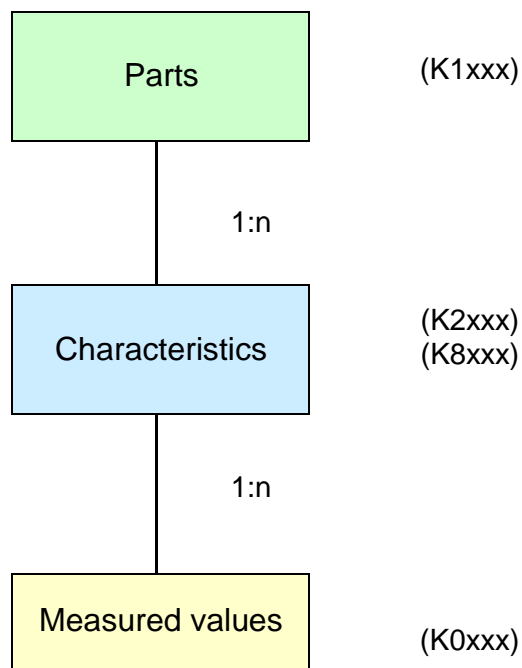
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# 1 Introduction

The quality data exchange format is distinguished by:

- simple, transparent structure (pure ASCII, variable)
- flexible
- space saving
- easily copied and compacted  
(all information may be saved in one file)
- easily transferred
- language independent because of allocation of an explicit key (Kxxxx) to a field

The basic data model has the following structure:



Kxxxx: Key for the characteristics definition of an element



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The characteristics of the individual elements of the data model are described through the use of so-called key fields with the basic key structure as shown below:

K0001	...	K0999	Description of value formats / measurement values
K1000	...	K1999	Parts data
K2000	...	K2999	Characteristics data
K5000	...	K5999	Structure information (only if required)
K8000	...	K8999	QCC (quality control chart)

The list of supported keys is included in the K field list below (see chapter 2). The respective fields are allocated to categories. Each category corresponds to a typical case study (see chapter 3). This gives every gage manufacturer the possibility to choose the category for certification of his interface. He should make his choice according to the specifications of his customer.

In addition, a status 1 or 2 is allocated to every field. This means:

1. Field must exist
2. Field must exist, however the user has the option to deactivate it.

Note:

If fields do not have to be supported because of their allocation to category B, C, D, E, ..., this requirement will not apply.

The column "Misc." shows the following information:

1. Fields marked with an "x" are control-fields
2. Fields marked with an "o" have a defined field contents (see documentation "Q-DAS ASCII-Transfer Format")
3. In case of a catalogue field, the corresponding catalogue is specified under "Remarks" (designation "K").
4. Fields marked with "R" are for the evaluation of quality control charts for location and variation. Creating and filling in the information recorded in the fields is a time-consuming task. This is why for fields marked with "R", you have the option to either fill these fields out completely according to the Q-DAS® ASCII Transfer format, or to allocate a limited field content only. If you choose the limited content, you must specify at least the quality control chart type for location chart and variation chart including the estimators for the variation. For the control and warning limits it is sufficient if the numerical values are recorded into the corresponding fields.

A complete description of the technical structure as well as sample data sets are available for download [here](#).

## 1.1 Coding description

The files generated by the writing system must be provided in the ASCII / ANSI format.

In addition, the files generated by the writing system can also be available in the Unicode format.

When you use the Unicode format, the following coding must also be supported:

- UTF8
- Big-Endian UTF16
- Little-Endian UTF 16

### 1.1.1 Byte order

Each file first needs the BOM (byte order mark) written as follows:

- |                       |                                 |
|-----------------------|---------------------------------|
| • ANSI                | no BOM required                 |
| • UTF8                | EF BB BF (239 187 191, 3 bytes) |
| • Big-Endian UTF16    | FE FF (254 255, 2 bytes)        |
| • Little-Endian UTF16 | FF FE (255 254, 2 bytes)        |

## 2 K-field list

Key	Field Type	max. Length	Field Name	Required for Certification after:	Status	Misc.	Remarks
HEADER DATA							
K0100	I5	5	Total no. of characteristics in file	A / B / C / D / E / M	1	x	to be generated automatically

Key	Field Type	max. Length	Field Name	Required for Certification after:	Status	Misc.	Remarks
PART DATA							
K1001	A	30	Part number	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		
K1002	A	80	Part description	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		
K1003	A	20	Part abbreviation	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1004	A	20	Part Amendment status	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		
K1005	A	40	Product	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1007	A	20	Part number – Abbreviation	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1008	A	20	Part type	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1009	A	20	Part code	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1011	A	20	Variant	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1022	A	80	Manufacturer name	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1041	A	30	Drawing number	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1042	A	20	Drawing Amendment	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1053	A	40	Contract	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1072	A	40	Supplier Description	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1081	A	24	Machine Number	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1082	A	40	Machine Description	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1083	I	10	Machine Number	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		catalog field
K1085	A	40	Machine Location	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1086	A	40	Work Cycle / Operation	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1087	A	40	Work Cycle Description	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1100	A	40	Plant Sector	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1101	A	40	Department	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1102	A	40	Workshop	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1103	A	40	Cost centre	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1110	A	20	Order number	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1201	A	24	Test Facility Number	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1202	A	40	Test Facility Description	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1203	A	80	Reason for Test	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1206	A	40	Test Location	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1209	A	20	Inspection type	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1230	A	40	Gage room	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		

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Key	Field Type	max. Length	Field Name	Required for Certification after:	Status	Misc.	Remarks
PART DATA							
K1231	A	20	Measuring program number	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1232	A	20	Measuring program version	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1303	A	40	Plant	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1343	A	20	Test Plan Development Date	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1344	A	40	Test Plan Developer	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K1802	A	255	User field content 1	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		no selection field
K1900	A	255	Remark	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		

Key	Field Type	max. Length	Field Name	Required for Certification after:	Status	Misc.	Remarks
CHARACTERISTIC DATA							
K2001	A	20	Characteristic Number	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		
K2002	A	80	Characteristic Description	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		
K2003	A	20	Characteristic Abbreviation	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2004	I5	5	Characteristic Type	A / B / C / D / E / M	1	x o	to be generated automatically i.e. variable, attribute, ELS etc.
K2005	I5	5	Characteristics Class	A / B / C / D / E / M	1	x o	classes: 0, 1, 2, 3, 4
K2006	I5	5	Control Item	A / B / C / D / E / M	1	o	Reduced list: 0 = No ; 1 = Yes
K2007	I5	5	Control Type	A / B / C / D / E / M	2	o	
K2008	I5	5	Group type	A / B / D / E / M	1	x o	see also K5xxx (multivariate characteristics) to be generated automatically
K2009	I5	5	Measured quantity	A / B / C / D / E / M	1	x o	criterion for characteristic type (i.e. length, shape, location etc.) to be generated automatically
K2015	I3	3	Tool wear type (Trend)	A / B / C / D / E / M	2	x o	undefined, ascending, descending
K2016	I	3	100% Measurement	A / B / C / D / E / M	2	x o	0 = no / 1 = yes new in Version 2.0
K2022	I5	5	Decimal Places	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		
K2043	A	40	Measuring Device Name	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2060	I5	5	Events Catalo	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		required when K0005 is used syntax with /0 possible, selection on "part level/system level" available
K2061	I5	5	Process Parameter	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		required when K0011 is used syntax with /0 possible, selection on "part level/system level" available

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Key	Field Type	max. Length	Field Name	Required for Certification after:	Status	Misc.	Remarks
CHARACTERISTIC DATA							
K2062	I5	5	Cavity catalogue	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		required when K0007 is used new in Version 4.0 syntax with /0 possible, selection on "part level/system level" available
K2063	I5	5	Machine catalogue	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		required when K0010 is used new in version 4.0 syntax with /0 possible, selection on "part level/system level" available
K2064	I5	5	Gage catalogue	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		required when K0012 is used new in version 4.0 syntax with /0 possible, selection on "part level/system level" available
K2065	I5	5	Operator catalogue	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		required when K0008 is used new in version 4.0 syntax with /0 possible, selection on "part level/system level" available
K2066	I5	5	Sub-catalogue K0061	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		required when K0061 is used new in version 4.0 syntax with /0 possible, selection on "part level/system level" available
K2067	I5	5	Sub-catalogue K0062	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		required when K0062 is used new in Version 4.0 syntax with /0 possible, selection on "part level/system level" available
K2068	I5	5	Sub-catalogue K0063	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		required when K0063 is used new in version 4.0 syntax with /0 possible, selection on "part level/system level" available
K2092	A	50	Characteristic text	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2093	A	80	Processing status	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2100	F	22	Target value	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2101	F	22	Nominal Value	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		only one combination can be shown to the user: K2101 / K2110 / K2111  or  K2101 / K2112 / K2113 but all 5 fields have to be written into the dataset. Plausibility test to each other
K2110	F	22	Lower Specification Limit	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		
K2111	F	22	Upper Specification Limit	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		
K2112	F	22	Lower Allowance	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		
K2113	F	22	Upper Allowance	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		
K2114	F	22	Lower Scrap Limit	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		plausibility test
K2115	F	22	Upper Scrap Limit	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2120	I3	3	Lower Boundary Type	A / B / C / D / E / M	1	x o	natural limit or limit value
K2121	I3	3	Upper Boundary Type	A / B / C / D / E / M	1	x o	natural limit or limit value
K2130	F	22	Lower Plausibility Limit	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		plausibility test
K2131	F	22	Upper Plausibility Limit	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2142	A	20	Unit	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		text

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Key	Field Type	max. Length	Field Name	Required for Certification after:	Status	Misc.	Remarks
CHARACTERISTIC DATA							
K2202	I3	3	Evaluation Type	M	1	x	i.e. type 1, type 2 etc.  to be generated automatically based on the selected measurement systemanalysis study and the selected settings.  to be supported in case of a measurement -system - analysisstudies only.
K2205	I5	5	Number of Parts	M	1		to be generated automatically based on the selected measurement systemanalysis study, and the selected settings.
K2211	A	40	Master Number	M	1		to be supported in case of a measurement -system - analysisstudies only
K2212	A	40	Master Description	M	1		to be supported in case of a measurement -system - analysisstudies only
K2213	F	22	Standard actual value	M	1		to be supported in case of a measurement -system - analysis studies only
K2220	I5	5	Number of Operators	M	1		to be generated automatically based on the selected measurement systemanalysis study, and the selected settings. To be supported in case of a measurement -system - analysis studies only.
K2221	I5	5	No. of Trials	M	1		to be generated automatically based on the selected measurement systemanalysis study, and the selected settings. To be supported in case of a measurement -system - analysis studies only.
K2222	I5	5	Number of reference measurements	M	1		to be generated automatically based on the selected measurement systemanalysis study, and the selected settings. To be supported in case of a measurement -system - analysis studies only.
K2281	A	40	Calibration Part Number middle	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2301	A	20	Machine number	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2302	A	40	Machine Description	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2303	A	40	Department/Cost centre	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2311	A	20	Production Type (Operation)	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2312	A	40	Production Type Description	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2320	A	20	Contract Number	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2401	A	40	Gage Number	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2402	A	40	Gage Description	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2403	A	20	Gage Group	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2404	F	22	Gage Resolution	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		

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Key	Field Type	max. Length	Field Name	Required for Certification after:	Status	Misc.	Remarks
CHARACTERISTIC DATA							
K2406	A	40	Gage Manufacturer	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2407	A	20	SPC device number	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2408	A	40	SPC device manufacturer	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2409	A	20	SPC device type	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2410	A	40	Test Location	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2411	A	40	Test Begin	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2415	A	20	Gage serial number	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2440	A	40	Assembly Component	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2505	A	20	View description	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2506	I	3	Sheet number	A / B / C / D / E / M	2		
K2630	F	22	Calibration uncertainty	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		
K2900	A	255	Remark	A / B / C / D / E / M	1		

Key	Field Type	max. Length	Field Name	Required for Certification after:	Status	Misc.	Remarks
QUALITY CONTROL CHARTS							
K8010	S	-	Chart type (location)  + additional attributes	A / B / C / E	2		The first position in the string indicates the type of location chart. K8010/1 23 1  13 / raw value 23 / median 33 / average  The second position in the string is always 1, it indicates the applied estimator of variation. K8010/1 23 1
K8011	F	22	Central position (location)	A / B / C / E	2		Entry must be able to be entered manually by the user.
K8012	F	22	lower Control Limit (location)	A / B / C / E	2		Entry must be able to be entered manually by the user.
K8013	F	22	upper Control Limit (location)	A / B / C / E	2		Entry must be able to be entered manually by the user.

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Key	Field Type	max. Length	Field Name	Required for Certification after:	Status	Misc.	Remarks
QUALITY CONTROL CHARTS							
K8110	S	-	Chart Type (variation)  + additional attributes	A / B / C	2		The first position in the string indicates the type of variation chart.  K8110/1 53 1  53 / s-chart 63 / R-chart  The second position in the string is always 1, it indicates the applied estimator of variation. K8110/1 53 1
K8111	F	22	Central Position (variation)	A / B / C	2		Entry must be able to be entered manually by the user.
K8112	F	22	lower Control lim. (variation)	A / B / C	2		Entry must be able to be entered manually by the user.
K8113	F	22	upper Control Limit (variation)	A / B / C	2		Entry must be able to be entered manually by the user.
K8500	I5	5	Subgroup size	A / B / C	1		
K8501	I3	3	Subgroup type	A / B / C	1	x o	
K8502	A	40	Subgroup frequency	A / B / C	2		
K8503	I3	3	Subgroup type (attribute)	A / B / C	2	o	with attribute tests only
K8504	I5	5	Subgroup frequency	A / B / C	2		

Key	Field Type	max. Length	Field Name	Required for Certification after:	Status	Misc.	Remarks
STRUCTURE INFORMATION / GROUP FIELDS							
K2030	A	30	Group number (Text)	A / B / E	1		to be generated automatically or K5xxx
K2031	A	80	Group description	A / B / E	1		to be generated automatically or K5xxx
K5102	I5	5	Characteristic as part of a group	A / B / E	1	x	to be generated automatically or K2030/K2031
K5103	I5	5	Group as part of a group	A / B / E	1	x	to be generated automatically or K2030/K2031
K5111	I5	5	Parts group	A / B / E	1	x	to be generated automatically or K2030/K2031
K5112	I5	5	Characteristics group	A / B / E	1	x	to be generated automatically or K2030/K2031



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Key	Field Type	max. Length	Field Name	Required for Certification after:	Status	Misc.	Remarks
MEASUREMENT VALUES / ADDITIONAL DATA							
K0001	F	22	Measured value	A / B / C / M	1		
K0002	I5	5	Attribute	A / B / C / D / M	1	x o	i.e. 0 = valid, 255 = empty data field etc.
K0004	D	-	Date/Time	A / B / C / D / M	1		
K0005	S	-	Event	A / B / C / D / M	2	K	catalog see K2060 more than one entry can be written
K0006	A	14	Batch number	A / B / C / D / M	2		
K0007	I10	10	Cavity number	A / B / C / D / M	2	K	
K0008	I10	10	Operator name	A / B / C / D / M	2	K	
K0009	A	255	Text	A / B / C / D / M	2		
K0010	I10	10	Machine number	A / B / C / D / M	2	K	
K0011	S	-	Process parameter	A / B / C / D / M	2	K	catalog see K2061 more than one entry can be written
K0012	I10	10	Gage number	A / B / C / D / M	2	K	
K0014	A	40	Part ID	A / B / C / D / M	2		
K0015	I5	5	Reason for test	A / B / C / D / M	2	o	
K0016	A	30	Production number	A / B / C / D / M	2		new in Version 4.0
K0017	A	30	Work piece fixture number	A / B / C / D / M	2		new in Version 4.0
K0020	I5	5	Subgroup size		1		with attribute tests only
K0021	I5	5	Number of errors		1		with attribute tests only
K0053	A	20	Order	A / B / C / D / M	2		
K0054	A	30	K0054	A / B / C / D / M	2		new in Version 4.0
K0055	A	30	K0055	A / B / C / D / M	2		new in Version 4.0
K0056	A	30	K0056	A / B / C / D / M	2		new in Version 4.0
K0057	A	30	K0057	A / B / C / D / M	2		new in Version 4.0
K0058	A	30	K0058	A / B / C / D / M	2		new in Version 4.0
K0059	A	30	K0059	A / B / C / D / M	2		new in Version 4.0
K0060	A	30	K0060	A / B / C / D / M	2		new in Version 4.0
K0061	I10	10	K0061	A / B / C / D / M	2	K	new in Version 4.0
K0062	I10	10	K0062	A / B / C / D / M	2	K	new in Version 4.0
K0063	I10	10	K0063	A / B / C / D / M	2	K	new in Version 4.0

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**Field type**

A	alpha-numeric
D	date/time format
F	floating point number
I3	integer (1 Byte)
I5	integer (2 Byte)
I10	integer (4 Byte)
S	special coding

**Miscellaneous**

x	control fields
o	Defined field contents (see documentation "Q-DAS ASCII-Transfer Format")
K	catalogue reference / takeover from Q-DAS catalogue

**Category**

Category A	Variable and attribute characteristics including positional tolerances
Category B	Variable characteristics including positional tolerances
Category C	Variable characteristics
Category D	Attribute characteristics
Category E	Header data
Category M	Support for MSA Studies

**Status**

1	Mandatory field for calculated or recorded value
2	mandatory field must exist, with possibility to deactivate

If any field is not required because of its allocation to a certain category, this field must not be supported.

**The Q-DAS GmbH provides a [website](#) with all available documents of the working group and further information about certification.**

**The Q-DAS ASCII transfer format manual and a categorized list of required K-fields (AQDEF K-field list) are available on the mentioned [website](#).**

**Please note: The field lengths in the k-field list are initial suggestions for a field length. Due to changes in the various software packages and/or customer specific requirements, all k-field lengths of the alphanumeric fields must be made adjustable. So, they can be adjustable individually.**

## 3 Applications

The support of the different applications for machine and process qualification as well as inspection process capability requires the consideration of specific field contents and field relations. The background to the applications may be found in the corresponding guidelines of the companies participating in the work group.

Depending on the application, – e.g. pre-run study (machine capability), process capability, SPC, gage and measurement process acceptance - it must be possible to set default target directories and naming conventions for the created ASCII files (also see user specification <http://www.q-das.de/en/service/certification/advanced-quality-data-exchange-format-aqdef/>).

The following applications must be taken into account for the quality data exchange format (“Q-DAS® ASCII Transfer Format“ manual at [www.q-das.de/en/service/certification/advanced-quality-data-exchange-format-aqdef/](http://www.q-das.de/en/service/certification/advanced-quality-data-exchange-format-aqdef/)):

### 3.1 Machine and process qualification

Depending on category the following requirements must be met:

- variable characteristics with the
  - unilateral / bilateral limited characteristics
  - fixed / moving subgroup size
- positional tolerances
- Quality Control Chart (must be written at files of the process capability / SPC)
  - discrete characteristics (binary characteristics / good or bad)

Pre-run study files / Sample Analysis:

Files for pre-run studies and machine capability studies do not deviate in content and K-field scope from files for process capability and SPC. But only in the number of measurements (see chapter 3.3) and the storage location.

- pre-run study (1-part/5-parts)
- cold start test
- tool change

## 3.2 Gauge capability / inspection process capability

Depending on category the following studies must be supported:

- Type 1 Study
- Type 2 Study
- Type 3 Study
- GM Type 1A Study (only for fastening and assembly processes)

You do not have to realize the different writing modes for the capability of measurement and test processes. It is required to realize only one notation (\*.DFQ or \*.DFD/\*.DFX pair, one file per study).

In case of procedures where reference measurements are available (e.g. type 2 or type 3 study), an input mask for the reference values of each generated characteristic must be available to the user.

## 3.3 Categories

Depending on the respective application, sometimes it is neither sensible nor possible for the interface to support all data fields. For this reason, the categories below were created:

Category	Characteristics type
A <i>Full certificate</i>	Variable and attribute characteristics <i>including positional tolerances</i>
B	Variable characteristics including positional tolerances
C	Variable characteristics
D	Discrete characteristics (only discrete characteristics, no ELS)
E	Header data
M	Support for MSA-studies

*Please consider that category [Q] has been deleted from the AQDEF specification since version V5.0. Certificates that have already been issued for the removed AQDEF category remain valid.*

## 3.4 Writing file modes

The following writing modes must be supported:

- \*.DFQ (one file per job, time unit, study or similar)
- \*.DFQ (one file per measurement)
- \*.DFD/\*.DFX (one file per job, time unit, study or similar)
- \*.DFD/\*.DFX (one file per measurement)
- \*.DFD/\*.DFX (count up mode)

## 4 Certification of the quality data exchange format

All suppliers of computer supported measurement and inspection systems (hereafter called “Suppliers”) must understand the described data format and support it in the specified scope. Every supplier of such facilities must be able to show a certification of the data format according to the specifications of the customer. It is the responsibility of every supplier to contact Q-DAS® directly for this certification. The supplier decides which category will be applied for his certification.

Q-DAS® provides additional information material to all parties interested in the AQDEF data format certification. This includes, besides a general description, the current price list with a list of services included in every certification package.

### 4.1 Consultation service

If further consultation service should be required, Q-DAS® offers special workshops on this topic. The AQDEF data format will be discussed in detail and possible customer specific problems and requirements will be discussed.

### 4.2 Certification documents

After receipt of an order, Q-DAS® will send out the certification documents. You will receive a demo version for your own tests as well as a list for recording the K fields supported by the export interface. The demo version includes test examples as well as sample form sheets for test purposes. All modalities are detailed once more in a framework contract to be concluded between Q-DAS® as certification authority and the supplier.

### 4.3 Realization of the export interface

The software technical realization of the export interface will be carried out by the supplier. The following points must be taken into consideration:

- All the required data fields (K fields) must be supported by the export interface. For additional data recording. The measuring software must be expanded by the corresponding data recording screen masks. This applies especially to additional data, like for example machine or cavity numbers which may vary from measurement to measurement.
- The certified supplier of the writing system does not specify the intended AQDEF category (chapter 3.3.)  
However, the AQDEF category is defined together with the certified supplier of the writing system.
- Users must be able to define the characteristic in the user interface. They select the measured values to be written as a test characteristic in the Q-DAS file. The customer defines test characteristics.
- For later selection and evaluation of the recorded data it is important to use standardised field records and reduce free text to a minimum. For this reason, some K fields use references to records in a catalogue file exclusively. This is why, the Q-DAS catalogue file must be integrated into the measurement software and linked to the input fields there. (see chapter 4.10)

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You may select/specify available catalogue entries and sub-catalogue entries already on the part or system level in the measuring software.

The advantage is that you do not have to assign a catalogue or sub-catalogue to each characteristic.

When you specify a sub-catalogue on the part or characteristic level, only the respective subset of entries (e.g. machine/operator/result) is provided.

However, it is important that the respective catalogue entry (consecutive number) is written in the value string.

Example based on a catalogue/sub-catalogue for a machine catalogue

The main catalogue "machine catalogue/K4060" includes a total of 10 entries:

```
K4060/0 Maschinenkatalog
K4062/1 001
K4063/1 M1
K4062/2 002
K4063/2 M2
K4062/3 003
K4063/3 M3
K4062/4 004
K4063/4 M4
K4062/5 005
K4063/5 M5
K4062/6 006
K4063/6 M6
K4062/7 007
K4063/7 M7
K4062/8 008
K4063/8 M8
K4062/9 009
K4063/9 M9
K4062/10 010
K4063/10 M10
K4060/1 Maschine_sub_1
K4061/1 1
K4061/1 3
K4061/1 5
K4060/2 Maschine_sub_2
K4061/2 7
K4061/2 9
K4061/2 10
```

You specified two sub-catalogues only containing a certain subset of all available catalogue entries.

```
K4060/0 Maschinenkatalog
K4062/1 001
K4063/1 M1
K4062/2 002
K4063/2 M2
K4062/3 003
K4063/3 M3
K4062/4 004
K4063/4 M4
K4062/5 005
K4063/5 M5
K4062/6 006
K4063/6 M6
K4062/7 007
K4063/7 M7
K4062/8 008
K4063/8 M8
K4062/9 009
K4063/9 M9
K4062/10 010
K4063/10 M10
K4060/1 Maschine_sub_1
K4061/1 1
K4061/1 3
K4061/1 5
K4060/2 Maschine_sub_2
K4061/2 7
K4061/2 9
K4061/2 10
```

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- To avoid as many formal errors as possible in the data format from the beginning, the minimum that must be verified is the compliance with the field types and the maximum field length.
- On top of that, plausibility tests must be carried out during data input and incorrect entries must be intercepted.
- In case of positional tolerances, axes must be provided by default in order to calculate true position values.  
When you output e.g. maximum material condition / best-fit move groups, you always have to provide raw values / original measured values / coordinates written to a separate characteristic.  
You may still output the already offset true position value / characteristic in case of maximum material conditions / best-fit moves. However, you need a separate characteristic in order not to change raw values / original measured values / coordinates. You must provide this type of output to the customer as an option.

#### 4.4 Create example data sets

The certification of the export interface is based mainly on the verification of sample files for conformity with the specifications of the AQDEF format. Because, depending on the individual application, different data fields and data field relations are relevant, several fields must be created and made available depending on the scope of the certification.

- one file per application scenario (see chapter 3), or alternatively, a file with characteristics of all the supported characteristic types (K2004)
- one file per supported group type (K2008), or alternatively, a file with characteristics from different group types
- one file with several characteristics per evaluation type (K2202) in Gage Capability
- application examples for different measurement value attributes (K0002) (behavior in case of incomplete measuring cycles (attribute 255))
- examples of measurements with several events (K0005) and process parameters (K0011)
- examples of the required write file modes (Chapter 3.4)

#### 4.5 Return of the certification documents

After realization of the export interface, the gage supplier provides sample data sets to Q-DAS® and returns the certification documents to Q-DAS®:

- sample files per application
- list of supported data fields
- printouts of data input screen masks; documentation of the export interface
- exact description of the interface with version number
- counter-signed frame contract
- information regarding the required AQDEF certification category

## 4.6 Behavior verification of the writing systems

Q-DAS® will verify the following aspects, based on the screen shots provided or on the installed system:

- possibility to record additional data (i.e. varying from measurement to measurement)
- integration and selection possibility of catalogue records (Q-DAS® catalogue file)
- identification of faulty data input records (i.e. incorrect field type or field length)
- identification of plausibility problems (i.e.  $USL < LSL$ )



## 4.7 Verification of contents and syntax of the sample data

The sample files are then verified for contents (verification of integrity and field relations) as well as for the syntax (diction verification) for the different applications and file write modes:

- K-field sequence
- end-of-line identification
- conformity with field types and field length
- additional data and characteristics separators
- additional data sequence
- date / time format
- syntax of events and process parameters
- integrity of the mandatory fields according to the required AQDEF certification category
- plausibility and logic of field sequences or field relations
- printouts with all the supported fields

Not verified is the individual field contents for possible third-party requirements that are not part of the Q-DAS<sup>®</sup> specifications of the AQDEF format.

If deviations from the AQDEF format specification are found during the verification, then the gage supplier will receive feedback including trouble shooting suggestions. After error correction, Q-DAS<sup>®</sup> will use new sample data to verify the compliance with the specifications.

## 4.8 Issuing the AQDEF certificate

After all the requirements are met, Q-DAS<sup>®</sup> issues an AQDEF certificate (see appendix) which confirms the conformity of the interface with the requirements described here. The AQDEF certificate shows:

- the category (see appendix)
- the name of the company
- the exact description of the interface
- the version of the AQDEF specification
- the confirmation by Q-DAS<sup>®</sup>

The issued certificates will be published on the Q-DAS<sup>®</sup> [website](#). The certificate is valid without time limit for the specific version of the verified interface. In case of a release change or any other changes which can affect the export interface, a renewed proof of conformity must be provided through a repeat certification.

## **4.9 Issuing a certificate relating to Q-DAS<sup>®</sup> products**

AQDEF category Q was unanimously deleted from the AQDEF specification on 8 March 2017. See categories in [chapter 3.3](#) or amendment no. [052](#) under changes.

## 4.10 Catalogue columns to be supported

Key	Field Name	Length	Type	Remarks
<b>K4060</b>	<b>Machine catalogue (Name of the main-/sub-catalogue)</b>	[ 80 ]	A	<b>applies to K-field K0010</b>
K4061	Element allocation to the respective sub-catalogue	[ 5 ]	I5	
K4062	Machine number	[ 20 ]	A	
K4063	Machine name	[ 80 ]	A	
K4561	Identification of records which are out of use			0= in use, 1=out of use
<b>K4070</b>	<b>Gage catalogue (Name of the main-/sub-catalogue)</b>	[ 80 ]	A	<b>applies to K-field K0012</b>
K4071	Element allocation to the respective sub-catalogue	[ 5 ]	I5	
K4072	Gage number	[ 20 ]	A	
K4073	Gage name	[ 80 ]	A	
K4571	Identification of records which are out of use			0= in use, 1=out of use
<b>K4090</b>	<b>Operator catalogue (Name of the main-/sub-catalogue)</b>	[ 80 ]	A	<b>applies to K-field K0008</b>
K4091	Element allocation to the respective sub-catalogue	[ 5 ]	I5	
K4092	Operator name 1	[ 20 ]	A	
K4093	Operator name 2	[ 80 ]	A	
K4591	Identification of records which are out of use			0= in use, 1=out of use
<b>K4220</b>	<b>Event catalogue (name of main-/ sub-catalogue)</b>	[ 80 ]	A	<b>applies to K-field K0005</b>
K4221	Event catalogue element (allocation event <-> sub-catalogue)	[ 5 ]	I	
K4222	Event number	[ 20 ]	A	
K4223	Event text	[ 80 ]	A	
K4721	Special Identification of records			0= in use 1=obsolete 2=Process intervention event 3=obsolete process intervention event
<b>K4240</b>	<b>Process parameter catalogue (name of main-/ sub-catalogue)</b>	[ 80 ]	A	<b>applies to K-field K0011</b>
K4241	Catalo element (allocation process parameter <-> sub-catalogue)	[ 5 ]	I	
K4242	Process parameter number	[ 20 ]	A	
K4243	Process parameter name	[ 80 ]	A	

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Key	Field Name	Length	Type	Remarks
K4244	Process parameter short text	[ 20 ]	A	
K4245	Process parameter value - number	[ 20 ]	A	
K4246	Process parameter value – Text	[ 80 ]	A	
K4249	Allocation Process parameter <-> Process parameter values	[ 5 ]	I	
K4741	Identification of records which are out of use			0= in use, 1=out of use
<b>K4250</b>	<b>Cavity catalogue (Name of the main-/sub-catalogue)</b>	<b>[ 80 ]</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>applies to K-field K0007</b>
K4251	Element allocation to the respective sub-catalogue	[ 5 ]	I5	
K4252	Cavity number	[ 20 ]	A	
K4253	Cavity name	[ 80 ]	A	
K4751	Identification of records which are out of use			0= in use, 1=out of use
<b>K4270</b>	<b>Catalo K0061 (Name of the main-/sub-catalogue)</b>	<b>[ 80 ]</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>applies to K-field K0061</b>
K4271	Element allocation to the respective sub-catalogue	[ 5 ]	I	
K4272	K0061 – number	[ 20 ]	A	
K4273	K0061 – name	[ 80 ]	A	
K4771	Identification of records which are out of use			0= in use, 1=out of use
<b>K4280</b>	<b>Catalo K0062 (Name of the main-/sub-catalogue)</b>	<b>[ 80 ]</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>applies to K-field K0062</b>
K4281	Element allocation to the respective sub-catalogue	[ 5 ]	I	
K4282	K0062 – number	[ 20 ]	A	
K4283	K0062 – name	[ 80 ]	A	
K4781	Identification of records which are out of use			0= in use, 1=out of use
<b>K4290</b>	<b>Catalo K0063 (Name of the main-/sub-catalogue)</b>	<b>[ 80 ]</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>applies to K-field K0063</b>
K4291	Element allocation to the respective sub-catalogue	[ 5 ]	I	
K4292	K0063 – number	[ 20 ]	A	
K4293	K0063 – name	[ 80 ]	A	
K4791	Identification of records which are out of use			0= in use, 1=out of use

## 4.11 Sample certificate

**AQDEF - Certificate**

**Category A / Full certificate**

Variable and attribute characteristics  
(no ELS) including positional tolerances

for

**Mustermann GmbH**  
Musterstraße 1  
12345 Musterhausen  
Deutschland / Germany

for conformance of the Export Interface

**Mustermann-Interface 1.0**

This certificate confirms that this export interface meets the  
demands of the following documents:  
"Advanced Quality Data Exchange Format" (AQDEF) version 4.1

Weinheim, 2016-07-14

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**Q-DAS GmbH**  
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