

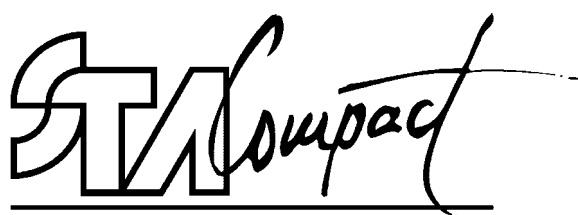
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## 1. Physical Characteristics

- Interface: Series type, RS232C standard
- Connections: DB-9 male plug on STA Compact<sup>®</sup>  
pin 2: reception input  
pin 3: transmission output  
pin 5: ground
- Exchange protocol: no hardware control line is connected;
- Baud Rate<sup>\*</sup>: 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800 or 9600 baud;
- Parity<sup>\*</sup>: even, odd or none;
- Data Bit<sup>\*</sup>: 7 or 8;
- Stop Bit<sup>\*</sup>: 1 or 2.

<sup>\*</sup>: parameters to be programmed in the **Global Options** menu in the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> software (see below, chapter 4.4.4. of this STA Compact<sup>®</sup> User Interface RS232-C).

## 2. Standards

The ASTM connection protocol on STA Compact<sup>®</sup> is based on the two following standards:

- E 1381-94 : Specification for Low-Level Protocol to transfer messages between Clinical Laboratory Instruments and Computer Systems,
- E 1394-91 : Standard Specification for transferring information between Clinical Instruments and Computer Systems.

## 3. Terminology

### 3.1. Global Definitions

<b>Sender:</b>	The device that has a message to send and that initiates transmission process.
<b>Upload:</b>	Data transmitted from the instrument (STA Compact <sup>®</sup> ) to the host computer.
<b>Receiver:</b>	The device that responds to the sender.
<b>Download:</b>	Data transmitted from the host computer to the instrument (STA Compact <sup>®</sup> ).
<b>Frame:</b>	All framing required for transmission of data. This framing will include: <STX> [Frame Number] [DATA] <ETB> or <ETX> [C1] [C2] <CR> <LF>.
<b>Frame Number: (Fn)</b>	Frame number permits the receiver to distinguish between new and retransmitted frames. ASCII digit ranging from 0 to 7. The frame number begin at 1 with the first frame of transfer phase. It is incremented by one for every new frame transmitted. After 7, the frame number rolls over to 0, and continue in this fashion.



**Message:** A group of records that begins with a Header record, and ends with a Terminator record.

**Record:** This is the DATA as described within the frame. If the DATA is longer than 240 characters, then it must be split into two parts and sent in two frames. The intermediate frame will use the <ETB> character, and the ending frame will use the <ETX> character.

For our application:

- in download mode, a frame may include several records, indeed a message;
- in upload mode, one frame is used for sending each record.

List of records selected:

- H (Header);
- P (Patient);
- O (Order);
- R (Result);
- Q (Query);
- L (Terminator);
- M (Manufacturer).

*(See description, Chapter 6. of this STA Compact<sup>®</sup> User Interface RS232-C).*

### 3.2. Definition of Characters

<ACK> (06h)	:	acknowledge without error;
<NACK> (15h)	:	acknowledge with error;
<ETX> (03h)	:	end of text transmission;
<STX> (02h)	:	start of text transmission;
[C1]	:	most significant character of checksum;
[C2]	:	least significant character of checksum;
<ENQ> (05h)	:	request for line (enquiry);
<ETB> (17h)	:	end of transmission block;
<EOT> (04h)	:	end of transmission;
<CR> (0Dh)	:	carriage return;
<LF> (0Ah)	:	line feed.

**Calculation of Frame Checksum** = the checksum is computed by adding the binary values of the characters (except for <STX>, [C1], [C2], <CR> and <LF>), keeping the least significant eight bits of the result. The checksum is encoded as two characters. (For example a checksum of 122 can be represented as 7A in hexadecimal. The checksum is transmitted as the ASCII character 7 followed by the character A.).

## 4. Global Options Menu

### Access to the Global Options menu:

From the main screen:

- press the **ESC** key to bring up the **Main Menu**;
- select the **Setup** menu, then select the **Global Options** sub-menu from this menu.

This menu in the STA Compact® program is used, amongst other things, for programming the communication parameters between an STA Compact® and the host computer. Access is restricted by a code system.

Fig. 1 - GLOBAL OPTIONS screen, page 2 of 2 (ASTM Protocol)

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GLOBAL OPTIONS  
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COMMUNICATIONS		FILE ACQUISITION	
		Item	Format
Protocol ASTM		1	16 characters
Station Number (0..99)	99	2	16 -
Baud Rate (bauds)	9600	3	12 -
Parity	none	4	6 -
Number of Data Bits	8	5	4 -
Number of Stop Bits	1	ID Type	
Number of On Error Retries	3	AlphaNum	
Verify Patient Data	no	MISCELLANEOUS	
Send Sequence Number	no	Time Format	
		Date Format	

### Description of Parameters

Parameters for which there is a multiple choice are shown in white (to make the different selections, use the **DELETE** key), and those with free entry in blue.

- *Station Number*: number by which the central site identifies the STA Compact®; Maximum: 99;
- *Baud Rate*: chosen transmission speed: 300, 600, 1200, 2400, 4800 or 9600 baud;
- *Parity*: type of parity chosen: none, even or odd;
- *Number of Data Bits*: 7 or 8;
- *Number of Stop Bits*: 1 or 2;
- *Number of On Error Retries*: number of times the STA Compact® returns the frame when it receives a character different from <ACK> or <EOT>. In accordance with the Standard E1381-91, this number has to be set to 6.

- *Verify Patient data:*

possible choices:

- **YES**, when the working list is remotely loaded, the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> records 4 patient information fields (a maximum of 38 characters for processing and control) and the operator may check them. These 38 characters are defined on the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> as follows:

Information 1	16 characters maximum
Information 2	12 characters maximum
Information 3	6 characters maximum
Information 4	4 characters maximum
Total	38 characters maximum

- **NO**, when the working list is remotely loaded, the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> records the 4 patient information fields but the operator cannot check them.

For more the details, see *Chapter 6.6.2. of this STA Compact<sup>®</sup> User Interface RS232-C*.

- *Send Sequence Number*: automatically incremented number generation (between 1 through 9999, number reset at 9999) located in the **Order** frame, field 4 that is the **Instrument Specimen ID** field (not activated by default).

## 5. Exchange Protocol

### 5.1. Definition of Line Modes on the STA Compact<sup>®</sup>

- Idle = no communication in progress
- Tx = transmission by STA Compact<sup>®</sup>
- Rx = reception by STA Compact<sup>®</sup>

### 5.2. Definition of Phases of Communication

ASTM communication is in three stages:

- Establishment phase: line picked up by the host computer or the STA Compact<sup>®</sup>;
- Transfer phase: transmission of the different records making up the message (*see definition of records, chapter 6. of the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> User Interface RS232-C*);
- Termination phase: the line is released.

### 5.3. Host Computer → STA Compact<sup>®</sup> Exchanges

STA Compact<sup>®</sup> responses to characters transmitted by the host computer:

1. Reception of the <ENQ> character transmitted by the host computer:  
If the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> is in the **Idle** line mode, it transmits an <ACK> character (06h) and then changes to reception line mode **Rx**.  
If after 30 seconds, no character is received, then STA Compact<sup>®</sup> returns to the **Idle** line mode.
2. Reception of the <EOT> character transmitted by the host computer:
  - If the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> is in the **Rx** reception line mode and a header record has been received, the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> then changes to **Idle** line mode (releasing the line); the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> then analyses the records received;
  - If the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> is in **Tx** transmission line mode, the <EOT> character is regarded as an acknowledgement (*see chapter 5.4. b. of the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> User Interface RS232-C*).
3. Reception of other characters transmitted by the host computer:  
The STA Compact<sup>®</sup> proceeds to enter the characters received. After entering a complete frame, the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> verifies the checksum. If this is satisfactory, the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> acknowledges by returning an <ACK> character (06h). If not, a <NACK> character (15h) is returned.  
Following the upload of the characters <ACK> or <NACK>, if after 30 seconds, no character is received, then STA Compact<sup>®</sup> returns to the **Idle** line mode.

## 5.4. STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host Computer Exchanges

### a) Establishment Phase

If the line mode is **Idle**, the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> sends an <ENQ> character (enquiry).

The following are the possible responses from the host computer:

1. Transmission of an <ACK> Character by the Host Computer:  
The STA Compact<sup>®</sup> changes to **Tx** transmission line mode and initiates the record transfer phase if it is in normal mode or the termination phase (transmission of an <EOT> character) if it is in line test mode.
2. Transmission of an <ENQ> Character by the Host Computer:  
The STA Compact<sup>®</sup> waits 5 seconds and then returns an <ENQ> character.
3. Transmission of Other Characters by the Host Computer:  
The STA Compact<sup>®</sup> waits 10 seconds and then returns the <ENQ> character. When the value of the "Number of On Error Retries" defined in the **Global Options** menu (see chapter 4. of the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> User Interface RS232-C) is reached, the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> changes to termination phase (transmission of an <EOT> character) and displays an error message.
4. No Response from the Host Computer:  
The STA Compact<sup>®</sup> waits 15 seconds, then changes to termination phase (transmission of an <EOT> character) and displays an error message.

### b) Transfer Phase (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host Computer)

Transmission of the first record by the STA Compact<sup>®</sup>.

The following are the possible responses of the host computer:

1. Transmission of the <ACK> or <EOT> Character by the Host Computer:  
The STA Compact<sup>®</sup> sends the next record.



**Caution!** The STA Compact<sup>®</sup> regards the <EOT> character as an acknowledgement character and continues to transmit records.

2. Transmission of Other Characters by the Host Computer:  
The STA Compact<sup>®</sup> waits 10 seconds before returning the record. If the number of on Error Retries is higher than that defined in the **Global Options** menu (see chapter 4. of the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> User Interface RS232-C), the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> changes to termination phase (transmission of an <EOT> character) and displays an error message.
3. No Response from the Host Computer:  
The STA Compact<sup>®</sup> waits 15 seconds and then changes to termination phase (transmission of an <EOT> character) and displays an error message.

### c) Termination Phase (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host Computer)

The STA Compact<sup>®</sup> transmits an <EOT> character and does not wait for any return character. The STA Compact<sup>®</sup> changes to **Idle** line mode.

**d) Example of Host Computer → STA Compact® Exchange**

STA Compact®		Host Computer
	<ENQ> ----->	
	<----->	<ACK> or <EOT>
<STX> 1 [DATA1] <ETX> [C1] [C2] <CR> <LF>	----->	
	<----->	<ACK> or <EOT>
<STX> 2 [DATA2] <ETX> [C1] [C2] <CR> <LF>	----->	
	<----->	<ACK> or <EOT>
<STX> 3 [DATA3] <ETX> [C1] [C2] <CR> <LF>	----->	
	<----->	<ACK> or <EOT>
	<EOT> ----->	
		No response expected

**6. Record Definitions****6.1. Message Header Record**

**Purpose :** To identify the sender.

*STA Compact® implementation example:*

H | \ ^ & | | | 99 ^ 2.00 | | | | | P | 1.00 | 19941213100400 <CR>

Description of a Message Header Record on STA Compact®:

PARAGRAPH'S NUMBER OF E 1394-91 STANDARD	CHARACTER	FIELD DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTED	
			UPLOAD (STA COMPACT® → HOST)	DOWNLOAD (HOST → STA COMPACT®)
7.1.1	H	<b>Record Type ID</b> = header record	Yes	Yes
7.1.2	  \  ^  &	<b>Delimiter Definition</b> = defined as field delimiter (7Ch) = defined as repeat field delimiter (5Ch) = defined as component delimiter (5Eh) = defined as Escape delimiter (26h)	Yes	Yes
7.1.3		<b>Message Control ID</b>	No	No
7.1.4		<b>Access Password</b>	No	No
7.1.5	 99  ^ 2.00	<b>Sender Name or ID</b> = Instrument ID ❶ (Numeric 1 to 99)  = Version level of Stago instrument implementation	Yes  Yes	Yes  Yes
7.1.6		<b>Sender Street Address</b>	No	No
7.1.7		<b>Reserved Field</b>	No	No
7.1.8		<b>Sender Telephone Number</b>	No	No

PARAGRAPH'S NUMBER OF E 1394-91 STANDARD	CHARACTER	FIELD DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTED	
			UPLOAD (STA COMPACT <sup>®</sup> → HOST)	DOWNLOAD (HOST → STA COMPACT <sup>®</sup> )
7.1.9		<b>Characteristics of sender</b>	No	No
7.1.10		<b>Receiver ID</b>	No	No
7.1.11		<b>Comment or Special Instructions</b>	No	No
7.1.12	 P	<b>Processing ID</b> P = Production Q = Quality Control T = Training D = Debugging	Yes Yes No No	No No No No
7.1.13	 1.00	<b>Version No.</b> = Version level of ASTM specifications (E 1394-91)	Yes	No
7.1.14	 19941213 100400	<b>Date and Time of Message</b> Format: yyyyymmddhhmmss  yyyy = year mm = month dd = day hh = hour mm = minutes ss = seconds	Yes	No
	<CR>	carriage return		

❶ : For STA Compact<sup>®</sup>, this parameter is defined within the **Global Options** menu (see Chapter 4. of this STA Compact<sup>®</sup> User Interface RS232-C).

## 6.2. Patient Information Record

**Purpose** : To give information on the Patient.

STA Compact<sup>®</sup> implementation example:

P | 1 | | | Info1^Info2^Info3^Info4 <CR>

Description of a Patient Information Record on STA Compact<sup>®</sup>:

PARAGRAPH'S NUMBER OF E 1394-91 STANDARD	CHARACTER	FIELD DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTED	
			UPLOAD (STA COMPACT <sup>®</sup> → HOST)	DOWNLOAD (HOST → STA COMPACT <sup>®</sup> )
8.1.1	P	<b>Record Type ID</b> = Patient record (50h)	Yes	Yes
8.1.2	 1	<b>Sequence Number</b>	Yes	Yes
8.1.3		<b>Practice Assigned Patient ID</b>	No	No
8.1.4		<b>Laboratory Assigned Patient ID</b>	No	No

PARAGRAPH'S NUMBER OF E 1394-91 STANDARD	CHARACTER	FIELD DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTED	
			UPLOAD (STA COMPACT <sup>®</sup> → HOST)	DOWNLOAD (HOST → STA COMPACT <sup>®</sup> )
8.1.5		<b>Patient ID No.3</b>	Yes	Yes
	Info1	= 16 Alphanumeric Characters Max.		
	^			
	Info2	= 12 Alphanumeric Characters Max.		
	^			
	Info3	= 6 Alphanumeric Characters Max.		
	^			
	Info4	= 4 Alphanumeric Characters Max.		
	<CR>	Carriage Return		

**Note:** Fields 8.1.6 to 8.1.35 as defined in the ASTM Specifications E 1394-91 are not supported. In downloading (Host → STA Compact<sup>®</sup>), if these fields exist, they are ignored. In uploading (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host), we use the short record format described above.

### 6.3. Test Order Record

**Purpose:**

- In downloading (Host → STA Compact<sup>®</sup>), this record is used by the host computer to give orders to the instrument (STA Compact<sup>®</sup>): list of tests to be run;
- In uploading (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host), this record is used by STA Compact<sup>®</sup> to give the sample identification.

*STA Compact<sup>®</sup> implementation example for download (Host → STA Compact<sup>®</sup>):*

O | 1 | 00120025 | | ^10 \ ^11 \ ^12 | R <CR>

*STA Compact<sup>®</sup> implementation example for upload (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host):*

O | 1 | 00120025 | | | R <CR>

Description of a Test Order Record:

PARAGRAPH'S NUMBER OF E 1394-91 STANDARD	CHARACTER	FIELD DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTED	
			UPLOAD (STA COMPACT <sup>®</sup> → HOST)	DOWNLOAD (HOST → STA COMPACT <sup>®</sup> )
9.4.1	O	<b>Record Type ID</b> = Order record	Yes	Yes
9.4.2	 1	<b>Sequence Number</b>	Yes	Yes
9.4.3	 00120025	<b>Specimen ID</b> = 16 Alphanumeric Characters Max.	Yes	Yes

PARAGRAPH'S NUMBER OF E 1394-91 STANDARD	CHARACTER	FIELD DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTED	
			UPLOAD (STA COMPACT® → HOST)	DOWNLOAD (HOST → STA COMPACT®)
9.4.4		<b>Instrument Specimen ID</b> <i>Send Sequence Number</i> (in the <b>Global Options</b> menu): ⇒ activated ⇒ not activated	Yes No	No No
9.4.5	  ^  ^  ^  10 \  ^ ^ ^  11 \  ^ ^ ^  12	<b>Universal Test ID</b> Universal Test ID Part 1  Universal Test ID Name  Universal Test ID Type  Manufacturer's or Local Code = ID of the first requested test ❶ = Repeat field delimiter  = ID of the second requested test ❶ = Repeat field delimiter  = ID of the third requested test ❶	No	Yes
9.4.6	  R	<b>Priority</b> R = Routine S = Stat A = As soon as possible C = Callback P = Preoperative	Yes Yes No No No	Yes Yes No No No
	<CR>	Carriage Return		

❶ For STA Compact®, these identifications are the transmission test numbers defined for each test main units (see *STA Compact® Operator's Manual, Chapter 3.1.3.1.*). For each sample, STA Compact® can accept a maximum of **twelve tests**.

**Note:** Field 9.4.7 to 9.4.31 as defined in the ASTM Specifications E 1394-91 are not supported. In downloading (Host → STA Compact®), if these fields exist, they are ignored. In uploading (STA Compact® → Host), we use the short record format described above.



## 6.4. Result Record

**Purpose:** To transmit Results to the host computer.

*STA Compact® implementation example:*

R | 1 | ^10 | 100 | % | | | F | | | 19941213100400 <CR>

Description of a Result Record on STA Compact®:

PARAGRAPH'S NUMBER OF E 1394-91 STANDARD	CHARACTER	FIELD DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTED	
			UPLOAD (STA COMPACT® → HOST)	DOWNLOAD (HOST → STA COMPACT®)
10.1.1	R	<b>Record Type ID</b> = Result Record (52h)	Yes	No
10.1.2	 1	Sequence Number	Yes	No
10.1.3	  ^  ^  ^  10	<b>Universal Test ID</b> Universal Test ID Part 1  Universal Test ID Name  Universal Test ID Type  Manufacturer's or Local Code = ID of the test ❶	Yes	No
10.1.4	  100	<b>Data or Measurement Value</b> = Test result	Yes	No
10.1.5	  %	<b>Units</b> = Unit of the test result ❷	Yes	No
10.1.6		<b>Reference Ranges</b>	No	No
10.1.7		<b>Result Abnormal Flags</b>	No	No
10.1.8		<b>Nature of Abnormality Testing</b>	No	No
10.1.9	  F	<b>Result Status</b> F = Final results C = Correction of previously transmitted results P = Preliminary results X = Results cannot be done, request will not be honored I = In instrument, results pending S = Partial results M = This result is a MIC level R = This result was previously transmitted	Yes No No No  No No No No	No No No No  No No No No

PARAGRAPH'S NUMBER OF E 1394-91 STANDARD	CHARACTER	FIELD DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTED	
			UPLOAD (STA COMPACT <sup>®</sup> → HOST)	DOWNLOAD (HOST → STA COMPACT <sup>®</sup> )
		N = This result record contains necessary information to run a new order Q = This result is a response to an outstanding query V = Operator verified/approved result	No	No
10.1.10		<b>Date of Change in Instrument Normative Values or Units</b>	No	No
10.1.11		<b>Operator Identification</b>	No	No
10.1.12		<b>Date/Time Test Started</b>	No	No
10.1.13	 19941213 100400	<b>Date/Time Test Completed</b> Format: yyyyymmddhhmmss  yyyy = year mm = month dd = day hh = hour mm = minutes ss = seconds	Yes ③	No
	<CR>	Carriage return		



**Caution!** One record is used for each result. If for a requested test, result can be expressed in 3 different units, then there will be 3 records.

- ① For STA Compact<sup>®</sup>, this identification is the transmission test number defined for each related test unit (see *STA Compact<sup>®</sup> Operator's Manual, Chapter 3.1.3.1.*)
- ② List of units available on STA Compact<sup>®</sup>:

Units	Result Format
sec., Reference Time	xxx.x
%, mg/dl	xxxxx
OD, OD/min	x.xxx
Ratio, INR, g/l, ng/ml, U/ml, IU/ml, µg/ml	xx.xx
UA1, UA2, UA3	0 to 3 decimal

- ③ Is only used while uploading quality control results.



**Caution!** On STA Compact<sup>®</sup>, a Result Record is **always followed** by a Manufacturer Information Record (see *below, Chapter 6.7.*).

**Note:** Field 10.1.14 as defined in the ASTM Specifications E 1394-91 is not supported. In downloading (Host → STA Compact<sup>®</sup>), if this field exist, it is ignored. In uploading (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host), we use the short record format described above.

## 6.5. Request Information Record

**Purpose:** For instrument (STA Compact<sup>®</sup>), to request the working list (tests to be run).

*STA Compact<sup>®</sup> implementation example:*

Q | 1 | ^ 00120025 <CR>

Description of a Request Information Record:

PARAGRAPH'S NUMBER OF E 1394-91 STANDARD	CHARACTER	FIELD DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTED	
			UPLOAD (STA COMPACT <sup>®</sup> → HOST)	DOWNLOAD (HOST → STA COMPACT <sup>®</sup> )
12.1.1	Q	<b>Record Type ID</b> = Request record	Yes	No
12.1.2	 1	<b>Sequence Number</b>	Yes	No
12.1.3	  ^  00120025	<b>Starting Range ID Number</b>  Computer System Patient ID  Speciment ID = 16 Alphanumeric Characters Max.	Yes	No
	<CR>	Carriage return		

**Note:** Field 12.1.4 to 12.1.13 as defined in the ASTM Specifications E 1394-91 are not supported. In downloading (Host → STA Compact<sup>®</sup>), if these fields exist, they are ignored. In uplaoding (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host), we use the short record format described above.

## 6.6. Message Terminator Record

**Purpose:** Last record of message.

*STA Compact<sup>®</sup> implementation example:*

L | 1 | N <CR>

Description of a Terminator Record:

PARAGRAPH'S NUMBER OF E 1394-91 STANDARD	CHARACTER	FIELD DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTED	
			UPLOAD (STA COMPACT <sup>®</sup> → HOST)	DOWNLOAD (HOST → STA COMPACT <sup>®</sup> )
13.1.1	L	<b>Record Type ID</b> = Terminator record	Yes	Yes
13.1.2	 1	<b>Sequence Number</b>	Yes	Yes

PARAGRAPH'S NUMBER OF E 1394-91 STANDARD	CHARACTER	FIELD DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTED	
			UPLOAD (STA COMPACT® → HOST)	DOWNLOAD (HOST → STA COMPACT®)
13.1.3	 N	<b>Terminator Code</b> N = Normal termination T = Sender aborted R = Receiver requested abort E = Unknow system error Q = Error in last request for information I = No information available from last query F = Last request for infor- mation processed	Yes No No No No No No	No No No No No No No
	<CR>	Carriage return		

## 6.7. Manufacturer Information Record

**Purpose:** To transmit result error code and result alarm code.

*STA Compact® implementation example:*

M | 1 | A | @ <CR>

Description of a Manufacturer Information Record:

PARAGRAPH'S NUMBER OF E 1394-91 STANDARD	CHARACTER	FIELD DESCRIPTION	SUPPORTED	
			UPLOAD (STA COMPACT® → HOST)	DOWNLOAD (HOST → STA COMPACT®)
15.1.1	M	<b>Record Type ID</b> = Manufacturer Information Record	Yes	No
15.1.2	 1	<b>Sequence Number</b>	Yes	No
15.1.3	 A	<b>Error Code</b> A = Validated (see error code list below)	Yes	No
15.1.4	 @	<b>Alarm Code</b> @ = No alarm ( see alarm code list below)	Yes	No
	<CR>	Carriage return		



**Caution!** On STA Compact®, a Manufacturer Information Record **always follows** a Result Record to indicate the Error and the Alarm Codes of the result.

Examples:

R | 1 | ^10 | 100 | % | | | F | | | 19941213100400 <CR>

M | 1 | A | @ <CR>

R | 2 | ^11 | 13.2 | sec. | | | F | | | 19941213100400 <CR>

M | 2 | A | @ <CR>

R | 3 | ^12 | 1.23 | INR | | | F | | | 19941213100400 <CR>

M | 3 | A | @ <CR>

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#### Definition of Error Codes:

Characters	ASCII Code	Error Code Definition
'1'	31h	"to be validated"
'2'	32h	"tech error"
'3'	33h	"> Mmax."
'4'	34h	"< Mmin."
'5'	35h	"diff > tol"
'6'	36h	"QNS", no plasma
'8'	38h	"linearity"
'A'	41h	"Validated"

#### Definition of Alarm Codes:

Characters	ASCII Code	Alarm Description
'@'	40h	No alarm
'A'	41h	Result : Confirmed with T>max.
'B'	42h	Not used
'C'	43h	Quality Control : out of range or not done
'D'	44h	Quality Control : overridden
'E'	45h	Needle #3 : no level detection
'F'	46h	Needle #2 : no level detection
'G'	47h	Needle #1 : no level detection
'H'	48h	Result : value in primary units skewed
'I'	49h	Result : dilution change
'J'	4Ah	Result : rerun test
'K'	4Bh	Reagent drawer : temperature out of limit
'L'	4Ch	Syringe : maintenance date overdue
'M'	4Dh	Not used
'N'	4Eh	Not used

**Note:** If there are several alarm codes for a result, then the most priority one is transmitted.  
Alarm codes are classified from '@' to 'N' with highest priority for code '@'.

## **7. Typical Contents of Some Messages**

### **7.1. Result Transmission (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host)**

Each message refers to only one sample:

- Header record;
- Patient record;
- Test Order record;
- Result record;
- Manufacturer Information record;
- Message Terminator record.

### **7.2. Request for a Working List**

Only one sample is dealt with per message:

- Header record;
- Request Information record;
- Message Terminator record.

### **7.3. Working List Return**

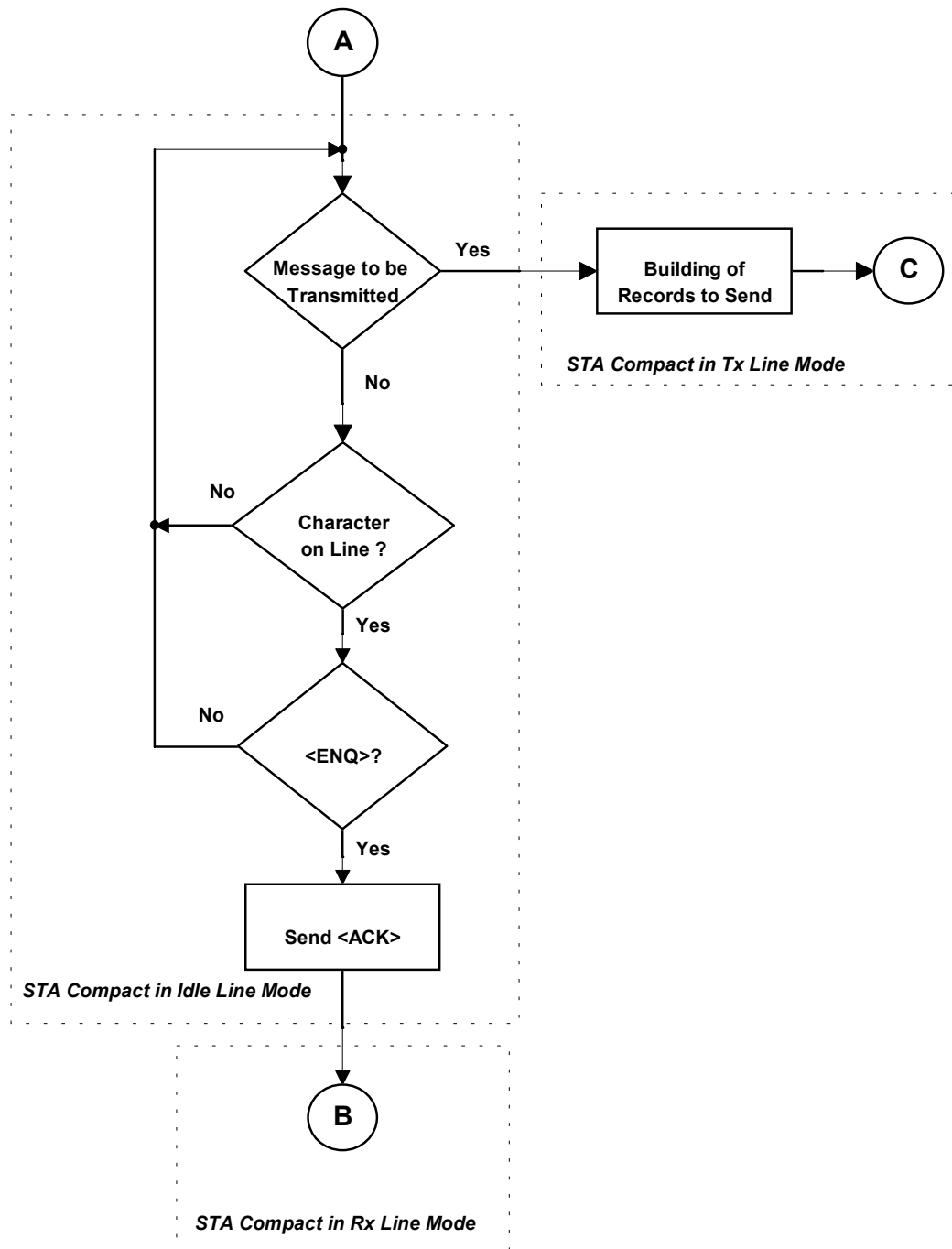
Only one sample is dealt with per message:

- Header record;
- Patient record;
- Test Order record;
- Message Terminator record.

## 8. Flowcharts (ASTM)

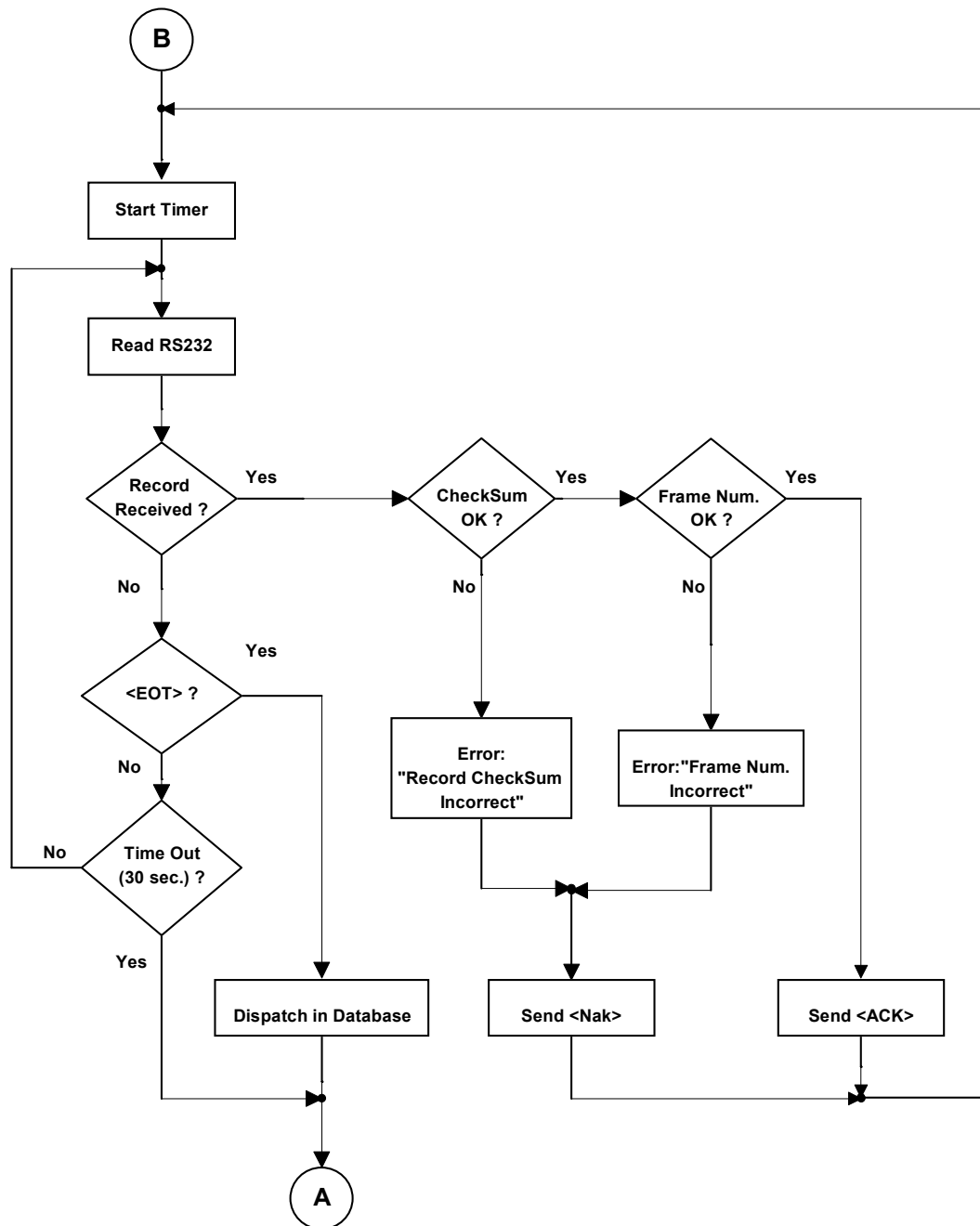
### 8.1. Sequencing of Reception/Transmission

Fig. 2 - Sequencing of Reception/Transmission



## 8.2. Acquisition of a Record from the Host Computer

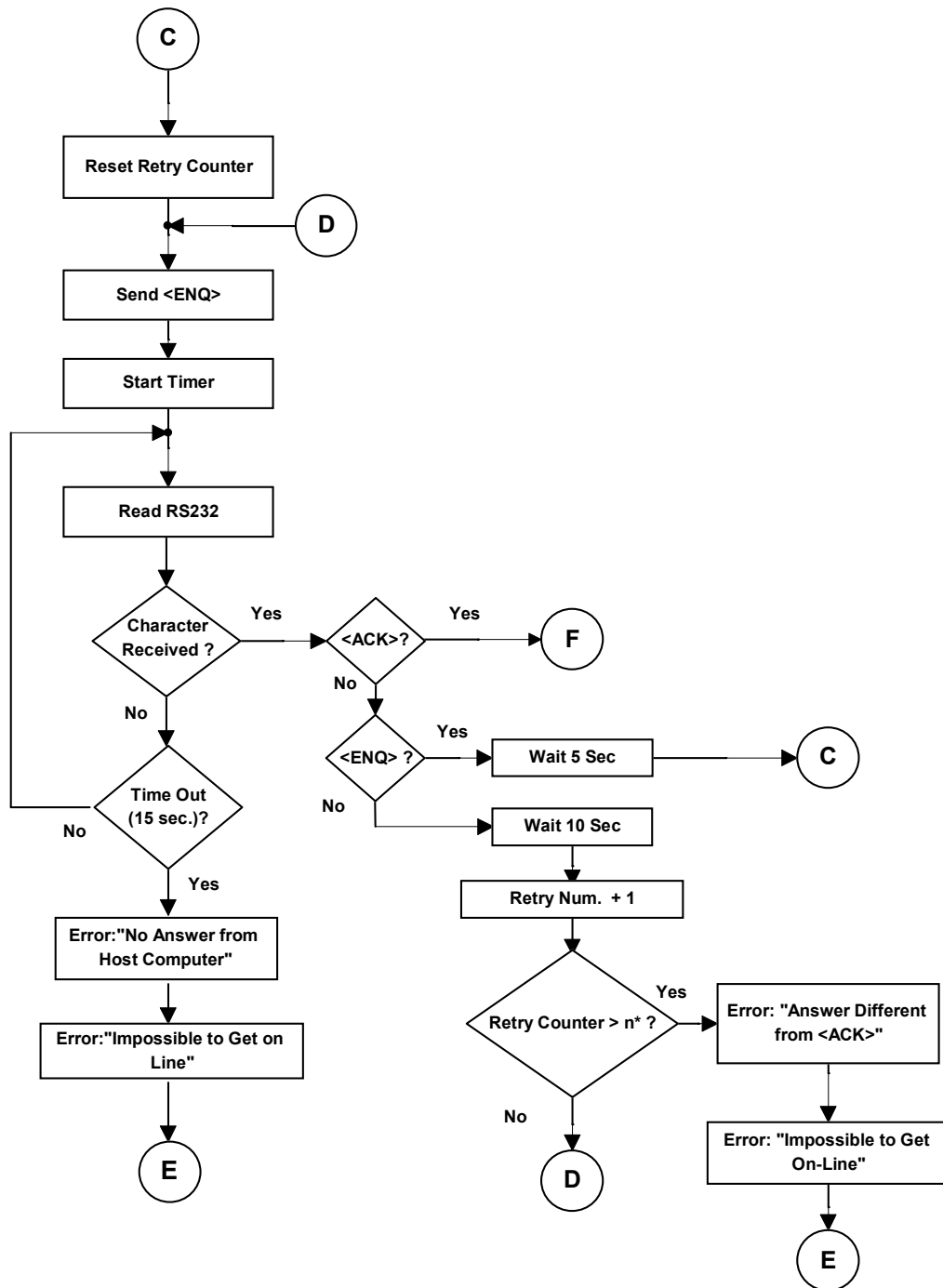
Fig. 3 - Acquisition of a Record from the Host Computer





### 8.3. Establishment Phase (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host Computer)

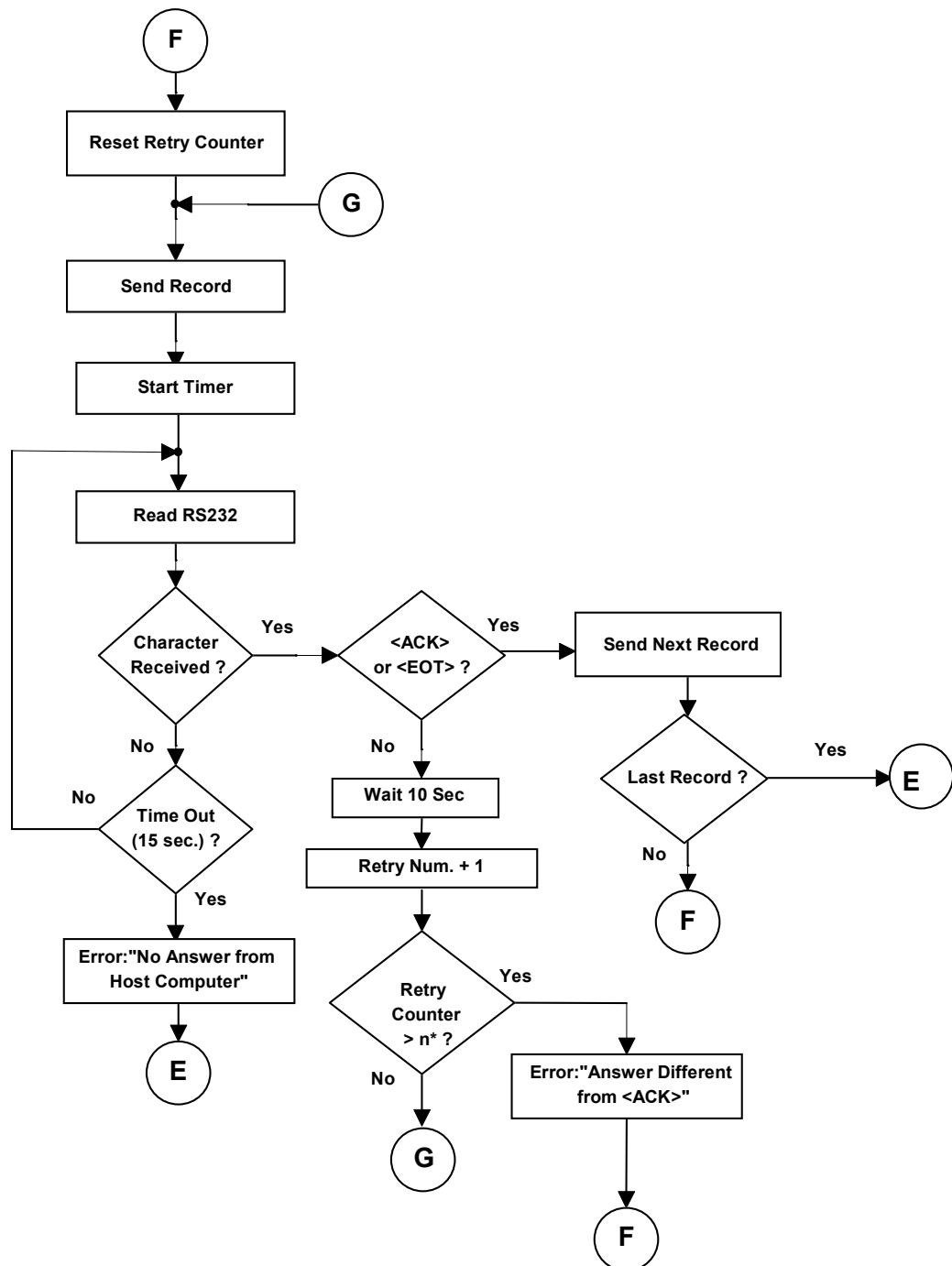
Fig. 4 - Establishment Phase (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host Computer)



\* **n** : Number of on Error Retries, defined with the **Global Options** menu, see Chapter 4.  
of the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> User Interface RS232-C.

## 8.4 Transfer Phase (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host Computer)

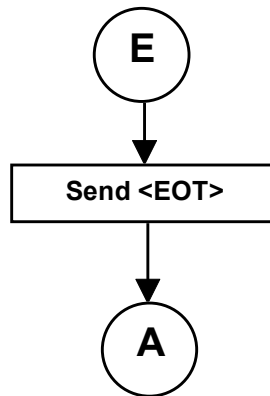
Fig. 5 - Transfer Phase (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host Computer)



\* **n** : Number of on Error Retries, defined with the **Global Options** menu, see Chapter 4. of the STA Compact<sup>®</sup> User Interface RS232-C.

### 8.5. Termination Phase (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host Computer)

Fig. 6 - Termination Phase (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host Computer)



## 9. Examples of Traces (ASTM)

### 9.1. Transmission of Patient File (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host Computer)

STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <ENQ>	16:09:50	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> requests connection.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:50	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>1H ^\&   99^2.00   P 1.00  19950227160750<CR><ETX>2A<CR><LF>	16:09:50	The STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the Header record.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:50	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>2P 1   GISCARD^Gaston^Serv.1^Gr.A <CR><ETX>5D<CR><LF>	16:09:50	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the Patient record.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:50	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>3O 1 6   R<CR><ETX>B7<CR><LF>	16:09:50	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the Test Order record.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:50	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>4R 1 ^1 100 %   F   <CR><ETX> DE<CR><LF>	16:09:50	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the first Result record: PT = 100%.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:51	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>5M 1 A C<CR><ETX>BB<CR><LF>	16:09:51	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the Manufacturer Information record for the first result. Error code=Validated, alarm code=Quality Control: out or range or not done.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:51	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>6R 2 ^10 10.8 sec   F   <CR> <ETX>5D<CR><LF>	16:09:51	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the second Result record: PT = 10.8 seconds.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:51	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>7M 2 A C<CR><ETX>BE<CR><LF>	16:09:51	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the Manufacturer Information record for the second result. Error code=Validated, alarm code=Quality Control: out or range or not done.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:51	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>0R 3 ^11 1.00 INR   F   <CR> <ETX>FF<CR><LF>	16:01:51	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the third Result record: PT, INR=1.00.
HOST <ACK>	16:01:51	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).

STA Compact® <STX>1M 3 A C<CR><ETX>B9<CR><LF>	16:09:51	STA Compact® sends the Manufacturer Information record for the third result. Error code=Validated, alarm code=Quality Control: out of range or not done.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:51	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact® <STX>2R 4 ^12 12.3 Tém.    F    <CR> <ETX>90<CR><LF>	16:09:51	STA Compact® sends the fourth Result record: PT, Reference Time = 12.3 seconds.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:51	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact® <STX>3M 4 A C<CR><ETX>BC<CR><LF>	16:09:52	STA Compact® sends the Manufacturer Information record for the fourth result: Error code=Validated, alarm code=Quality Control: out of range or not done.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:52	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact® <STX>4R 5 ^3 4.56 g/l    F    <CR><ETX> FD<CR><LF>	16:09:52	STA Compact® sends the fifth Result record: Fibrinogen = 4.56 g/l.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:52	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact® <STX>5M 5 A C<CR><ETX>BF<CR><LF>	16:09:52	STA Compact® sends the Manufacturer Information record for the fifth result. Error code=Validated, alarm code= Quality Control: out of range or not done.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:52	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact® <STX>6R 6 ^30 11.9 sec    F    <CR> <ETX>65<CR><LF>	16:09:52	STA Compact® sends the sixth Result record: Fibrinogen = 11.9 seconds.
Site central <ACK>	16:09:52	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact® <STX>7M 6 A C<CR><ETX>C2<CR><LF>	16:09:52	STA Compact® sends the Manufacturer Information record for the sixth result. Error code=Validated, alarm code= Quality Control: out of range or not done.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:52	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact® <STX>0L 1 N<CR><ETX>03<CR><LF>	16:09:52	STA Compact® sends the Message Terminator record.
HOST <ACK>	16:09:52	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact® <EOT>	16:09:52	STA Compact® sends an END of Transmission.

## 9.2. Request for a Working List

STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <ENQ>	16:11:52	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> requests connection.
HOST <ACK>	16:11:52	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>1H \\&   99^2.00   P 1.00  19950227160953<CR><ETX>2F<CR><LF>	16:11:52	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the Header record.
HOST <ACK>	16:11:52	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>2Q 1 ^ESSAI<CR><ETX>8F<CR> <LF>	16:11:52	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the Request Information record for patient ESSAI.
HOST <ACK>	16:11:52	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>3L 1 N<CR><ETX>06<CR><LF>	16:11:53	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the Message Terminator record.
HOST <ACK>	16:11:53	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <EOT>	16:11:53	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends an END of Transmission.

**Caution :** The STA Compact<sup>®</sup> can transmit several messages : "Request for a Working List" one after the other without allowing the intermediate return of those (see chapter 5.4. of this STA Compact<sup>®</sup> User Interface RS232-C and Standard E1381-91).

### 9.3 Working List Return

HOST <ENQ>	16:11:53	Host requests connection.
STA Compact® <ACK>	16:11:53	STA Compact® answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
HOST <STX>1H ^\&   99^2.00   P 1.00  19950227161153<CR><ETX>28<CR><LF>	16:11:53	Host sends the Header record.
STA Compact® <ACK>	16:11:53	STA Compact® answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
HOST <STX>2P 1   BRUN^Didier^Essai^Site <CR><ETX>DF<CR><LF>	16:11:53	Host sends the Patient record for patient ESSAI.
STA Compact® <ACK>	16:11:54	STA Compact® answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
HOST <STX>3O 1 ESSAI  ^1^2^3 R<CR> <ETX>92<CR><LF>	16:11:54	Host sends the Test Order record for patient ESSAI.
STA Compact® <ACK>	16:11:54	STA Compact® answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
HOST <STX>4L 1 N<CR><ETX>07<CR><LF>	16:11:55	Host sends the Message Terminator record.
STA Compact® <ACK>	16:11:55	STA Compact® answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
HOST <EOT>	16:11:55	Host sends an END of Transmission.

**Note :** This message "Working List Return" can also be used to add tests, to rerun tests or to modify the priority code.

To add tests, Test Order record has to include the local codes of tests to be added.

To rerun tests, it has to include the local codes of the tests to be rerun.

And, to modify only the priority code for a patient file already present in the STA Compact® Working File, short Test Order records can be used:

- example to modify priority code from "Routine" to "Stat" : O|1|ESSAI|||S<CR>.

#### 9.4. Transmission of a Quality Control Result (STA Compact<sup>®</sup> → Host Computer)

STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <ENQ>	16:10:48	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> requests connection.
HOST <ACK>	16:10:48	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>1H ∧&   99^2.00   Q 1.00  19950227160848<CR><ETX>33<CR><LF>	16:10:48	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the Header record with Processing ID=Q for quality control.
HOST <ACK>	16:10:48	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>2P 1   <CR><ETX>B3<CR><LF>	16:10:48	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the Patient record.
HOST <ACK>	16:10:48	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>3O 1 12352   R<CR><ETX>7E<CR><LF>	16:10:48	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the Test Order record for the STA <sup>®</sup> -COAG CONT P (12352).
HOST <ACK>	16:10:48	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>4R 1 ^1 30 %   F   19950224085 100<CR><ETX>7E<CR><LF>	16:10:48	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the Result record: PT = 30% dated 02/24/95 at 08:51.
HOST <ACK>	16:10:48	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>5M 1 A @<CR><ETX>B8<CR><LF>	16:10:48	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the Manufacturer Information record. Error code=Validated, alarm code=none.
HOST <ACK>	16:10:48	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <STX>6L 1 N<CR><ETX>09<CR><LF>	16:10:48	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends the Message Terminator record.
HOST <ACK>	16:10:48	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <EOT>	16:10:48	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends an END of transmission.

#### 9.5. On-Line Test

STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <ENQ>	16:08:14	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> requests connection.
HOST <ACK>	16:08:14	Host answers O.K. (Acknowledge).
STA Compact <sup>®</sup> <EOT>	16:08:14	STA Compact <sup>®</sup> sends an END of transmission.



## P.2. PID Communication Protocol (Internal to STA Compact<sup>®</sup>)

### P.2.1. Communication Specifications

- Interface : Serial type, RS-232C
- Connector: DB-9 connector  
Pin 2 = TDIDENT  
Pin 3 = RDIDENT  
Pin 5 = ground
- Handshaking : NONE
- Baud Rate : 9,600 Bauds
- Parity Check : NONE
- Data Bit : 8
- Stop Bit : 1

### P.2.2. Message Format Definition

All the Messages are formatted according to the following pattern :

STX	Header	DATA	CHK	ETX
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With :

- STX : ASCII Character (02h)
- Header : Message Identifier. (One ASCII Character)
- Data : The Content of the message, if any
- CHK: Checksum (Check Digit)
- ETX : ASCII Character (03h)

CHK is computed by XORing all the characters of the message except STX/ETX and ORing the result with the character 40 hex.

**P.2.3 Message Structures : Central PC -----> PID**Open Drawer**D\_OPEN :**

STX	V	Dn	Chk	ETX
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Dn = Drawer (1, 3) (One ASCII Character)

Close Drawer**D\_CLOSE :**

STX	R	Dn	Chk	ETX
-----	---	----	-----	-----

Dn = Drawer (1, 3) (One ASCII Character)

Switch State Request**D\_SWREQ :**

STX	N	Chk	ETX
-----	---	-----	-----

Activate Barcode Reader**D\_BCON:**

STX	G	Chk	ETX
-----	---	-----	-----

Deactivate Barcode Reader**D\_BCOFF :**

STX	F	Chk	ETX
-----	---	-----	-----

Set a New I.D.**D\_SETID :**

STX	K	Chk	ETX
-----	---	-----	-----

Cancel Last I.D.**D\_DELID :**

STX	D	Chk	ETX
-----	---	-----	-----

Set LED to Blink**D\_BPOS :**

STX	Z	Cn	Chk	ETX
-----	---	----	-----	-----

Set LED On**D\_MPOS :**

STX	X	Cn	Chk	ETX
-----	---	----	-----	-----

Cn = Cell (001,...,243) (3 ASCII Characters)

Set LED Off

<b>D_UPOS :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn = Cell (001,...,243) (3 ASCII Characters)

Cell Status Request

<b>D_CLREQ :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn = Cell (001,...,243) (3 ASCII Characters)

Drawer Cell Block Status Request

<b>D_DBREQ :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>W</b>	<b>Dn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Dn = Drawer (1, 3) (One ASCII Character)

Date & Time Request

<b>U_TREQ :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Date & Time Set

U_TSET :	STX	Q	D	D	M	M	Y	Y	H	H	N	N
	Chk	ETX										

DD : Day, MM : Month, YY : Year, HH : Hour, NN : Minute  
( 2 ASCII Characters for each)

Enter Test Mode Request

<b>U_ETEST :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Exit Test Mode Request

<b>U_XTEST :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Enter Shift Mode / Line Shift Request

<b>U_ESHFT :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Exit Shift Mode Request

<b>U_XSHFT :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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PID Status Request

<b>U_STAT :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Clear Memory Request

<b>U_CLEAR :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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IDP Reset Request

<b>U_RESET :</b>	$\alpha$	$\beta$	$\pi$
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**P.2.4 Message Structures : PID -----> Central PC**Drawer Open

<b>D_ISOPEN:</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>O</b>	<b>Dn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Dn = Drawer (1, 3) (One ASCII Character)

Drawer Closed

<b>D_ISCLOSED:</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Dn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Dn = Drawer (1, 3) (One ASCII Character)

Drawer Failure

<b>D_ISFAIL:</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Dn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Dn = Drawer (1, 3) (One ASCII Character)

Drawer Switch Failure

<b>D_SWFAIL:</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>Dn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Dn = Drawer (1, 3) (One ASCII Character)

Identified Tube Put in a Cell

<b>D_IDCELL :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn = Cell (001,...,243) 3 ASCII Characters

Identified Tube Removed

<b>D_FCELL :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>X</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn = Cell (001,...,243) 3 ASCII Characters

Non Identified Tube Put in a Cell

<b>D_NCELL :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn = Cell (001,...,243) 3 ASCII Characters

Non Identified Tube Removed

<b>D_QCELL :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn = Cell (001,...,243) 3 ASCII Characters

Cell Status

<b>D_CLSTAT :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>STS</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn = Cell (001,...,243) 3 ASCII Characters

STS : Cell Status :

L ( Free Cell)

O ( Unidentified Occupied Cell)

I ( Identified Occupied Cell)

M ( Cell in Manual Mode)

Drawer Cell Block Status

<b>D_DBSTAT :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Dn</b>	<b>S1....Sn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Dn = Drawer (1, 3) S1 .. Sn Tube Status

Bar Code Read I.D.

<b>D_IDENT :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>I</b>	<b>ID</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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ID = Identity ( String of 16 ASCII Characters Max)

Drawer Switch State**D\_SWSTAT :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>Z</b>	<b>O1</b>	<b>C1</b>	<b>O2</b>	<b>C2</b>	<b>O3</b>	<b>C3</b>
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<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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O/C = Open /Closed (0/1) Drawer (1, 3) (One ASCII Character each)

Date & Time**U\_TIME :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>Y</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>N</b>
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<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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DD : Day, MM : Month, YY : Year, HH : Hour, NN : Minute  
( 2 ASCII for each)

PID Status**U\_IDSTAT :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>V</b>	<b>Vs</b>	<b>Ram</b>	<b>Rom</b>	<b>New</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Vs = Version Number (3 ASCII Characters)  
 Ram / Rom = Result of Autotest ( 1=OK / 0=Fail)  
 New = Reagent Drawer Type ( 1=New / 0=Old, 1 by default))

### P.3. Measurement Communication Protocol (Internal to STA Compact<sup>®</sup>)

#### P.3.1. Communication Specifications

- Interface : Serial type, RS-232C
- Connector: DB-9 connector  
Pin 2 = TDmeasure  
Pin 3 = RDmeasure  
Pin 5 = ground
- Handshaking : NONE
- Baud Rate : 9,600 Bauds
- Parity Check : NONE
- Data Bit : 8
- Stop Bit : 1

#### P.3.2. Message Format Definition

All the messages are formatted according to the following pattern :

STX	Header	DATA	CHK	ETX
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With :

- **STX** : ASCII Character (02h)
- **Header** : Message Identifier (One ASCII Character)
- **Data** : The Content of the message.
- **CHK** : Checksum (Check Digit)
- **ETX** : ASCII Character (03h)

**CHK** is computed by XORing all the characters of the message except STX/ETX and ORing the result with the character 40 hex.

**P.3.3 Message Structures : Central PC -----> Measurement**Start Motorisation

<b>C_STMT :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>A</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn : Channel ( 1..4)

Start Analysis

<b>C_STAN :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>Ç</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Rg</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn : Channel ( 1..4)

Rg : Analysis Rank (3 ASCII Characters)

Stop Analysis

<b>C_SPAN :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>@</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn : Channel ( 1..4)

Activ. Photometric system

<b>C_STCO :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>)</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Stop Photometric system

<b>C_KLCO :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>*</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Start Photometric Measurement - Real Time Mode

<b>C_RTCO :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>(</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Np</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn : Channel ( 1..4)

Np : Measurement point number ( 3 ASCII Characters)

Start Photometric Measurement - Delayed Mod 1 & 2

<b>C_RTCO :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>s</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Np</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn : Channel ( 1..4)

Np : Measurement point number ( 3 ASCII Characters)



Photometric Data Bloc Request - Delayed Mode 1

<b>C_D1CO :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>r</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Wl</b>	<b>Nb</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn : Channel ( 1..4)

Wl : Wavelength ( 0= 405 nm, 1= 540 nm)

Nb : Data Bloc Index ( 3 ASCII Characters)

Photometric Data Bloc Request - Delayed Mode 2

<b>C_D2CO :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>t</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Wl</b>	<b>Nb</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn : Channel ( 1..4)

Wl : Wavelength ( 0= 405 nm, 1= 540 nm)

Nb : Data Bloc Index ( 3 ASCII Characters)

Stop Photometric Measurements

<b>C_SPCO :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>+</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn : Channel ( 1..4)

Initialize Test

<b>C_ITST :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>Rg</b>	<b>Ct</b>	<b>Tm</b>	<b>TM</b>	<b>Chk</b>
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<b>ETX</b>
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Rg : Analysis Rank (3 ASCII Characters)

Ct : Clot Type (3 ASCII Characters)

Tm : Min Time (3 ASCII Characters)

TM : Max Time (3 ASCII Characters)

Initialize Calibrations

<b>C_ICAL :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Initialize Motorisation Values

<b>C_IMVL :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>V1</b>	<b>V2</b>	<b>V3</b>	<b>V4</b>
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<b>V5</b>	<b>V6</b>	<b>V7</b>	<b>V8</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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V1..V4 : Motorisation Values (msx2 3 ASCII Characters)

Initialize Boost Values

**C\_IBVL :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Ct</b>	<b>Bv</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Ct : Clot Type (3 ASCII Characters)

Bv : Boost Strength Value (3 ASCII Characters)

Initialize Rx Tx ACK/NACK Time Out Value**C\_ITRX :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>To</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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To : Time Out Value ( 1/10 s 3 ASCII Characters)

Initialize Min Lamp Level**C\_LEVEL :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>L</b>	<b>Lv</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Lv : Min Lamp level ( 0..255 3 ASCII Characters)

Motorisation Value Request**C\_MTRQ:**

<b>STX</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Boost Value Request**C\_BSRQ :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Channel Calibration Value Request**C\_CVRQ :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>&amp;</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Temperature Request**C\_TPRQ :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>#</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Actual Lamp Level Request**C\_LLRRQ :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Min Lamp Level Request**C\_MLRQ :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>U</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Test Initialization Value Request

<b>C_CFRQ :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>Spce</b>	<b>Rg</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Rg : Analysis Rank (3 ASCII Characters)

#### Version Number Request / Status

<b>C_VNRQ :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>!</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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#### Channel Calibration Request

<b>C_CLRQ :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>"</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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#### Photometric System Autotest Request

<b>C_ATRQ :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>T</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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#### Photometric System Status Request

<b>C_CSRQ :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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#### Measurement System Partial Reset

<b>C_RESET :</b>	<b><math>\alpha</math></b>	<b><math>\beta</math></b>	<b><math>\Pi</math></b>
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#### Lamp Level Self-Adjustment Request

<b>C_LPADJ :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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#### Lamp Adjustment Value Request

<b>C_LPVAL :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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#### Pipetting (by software) Request

<b>C_SFTPIP :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>	(used only during test)
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**P.3.4. Message Structures : Measurement -----> Central PC**Chronometric Measurement Result**C\_CRES:**

<b>STX</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Rg</b>	<b>Result</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn : Channel ( 1..4)

Rg : Analysis Rank (3 ASCII Characters)

Result : Coagulation Time in sec (9 ASCII Characters)

Version Number / Status**C\_VNDT**

<b>STX</b>	<b>!</b>	<b>Vm</b>	<b>Ram</b>	<b>Rom</b>	<b>Vg</b>	<b>Ram</b>
<b>Rom</b>	<b>Cs</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>			

Vm : MSTA Version Number ( 8 ASCII Characters)

Vg : GSTA Version Number ( 8 ASCII Characters)

Ram/Rom : Result of Autotest (1=OK / 0 = Fail)

Cs : Instrument type : (1 = Clotting + Photometry  
0 = Clotting Only)Photometric Measurement Result - Real time mode**C\_RTRS :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>Sb1</b>	<b>B1</b>	<b>Sb22</b>	<b>B2</b>	<b>Sb3</b>
<b>B3</b>	<b>Sb4</b>	<b>B4</b>	<b>Sg1</b>	<b>G1</b>	<b>Sg2</b>	<b>G2</b>
<b>Sg3</b>	<b>G3</b>	<b>Sg4</b>	<b>G4</b>	<b>S1</b>	<b>S2</b>	<b>Od</b>
<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>					

1,2,3,4 : Channel

B1..B4 : 405 nm O.D. Result (5 ASCII Characters)

G1..G4 : 540 nm O.D. Result (5 ASCII Characters)

Sb1..Sb4 : Channel (405 nm) Measurement Status Byte

Sg1..Sg4 : Channel (540 nm) Measurement Status Byte

S1, S2 : Photometric system status Bytes

Od : Order from 0 to 9 cyclic (1 ASCII Character)

Photometric Data Bloc - Delayed Mode 1**C\_D1RS :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>b</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Res1</b>	<b>Res2</b>	<b>.....</b>	<b>Res32</b>
<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>					

Cn : Channel ( 1..4)

Res1 .. Res32 : Measurement Results (O.D.)

Photometric Measurement Result - Delayed Mode 2

<b>C_D1RS :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>t</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Nb</b>	<b>Res1</b>	<b>Res2</b>	<b>.....</b>
	<b>Res32</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>				

Cn : Channel ( 1..4)

Nb : Bloc Index

Res1 .. Res32 : Measurement Results (O.D.)

Photometric Measurement Real Time Mode End

<b>C_DEND :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>'.'</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn : Channel ( 1..4)

Photometric Measurement Delayed Mode End

<b>C_DEND :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>'f'</b>	<b>Cn</b>	<b>S1</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Cn : Channel ( 1..4)

S1: Photometric System Status Byte

Start Reagent Pipetting (Trig)

<b>C_PIPT :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>P</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Measurement Start Error

<b>C_MERR :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Lamp Level

<b>C_LPLEV :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>N</b>	<b>LvB</b>	<b>LvG</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Lv B: 405 nm Lamp Level (0.. 999, 3 ASCII Characters)

Lv G: 540 nm Lamp Level (0.. 999, 3 ASCII Characters)

Photometric System Status

<b>C_CMST :</b>	<b>STX</b>	<b>S</b>	<b>S1</b>	<b>S2</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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S1, S2 : Photometric System Status Bytes

Motorisation Values

**C\_MTDt :**

STX	\$	V1	V2	V3	V4	V5
V6	V7	V8	Chk	ETX		

V1..V8 : Motorisation Value (3 ASCII Characters)

Boost Values**C\_BSDt :**

STX	%	Bs1	Bs2	Chk	ETX
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Bs1, Bs2 : Boost Strength Values for weak/Normal Clot  
(3 ASCII Characters)Channel Calibration**C\_CVDt :**

STX	&	V1	V2	V3	V4
V5	V6	V7	V8	Chk	ETX

V1..V8 : ADC Reference Values ( 3 ASCII Characters)

Test Initialization Values**C\_CFDt :**

STX	Spce	Ct	Tm	TM	Chk	ETX
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Ct : Clot Type (3 ASCII Characters)

Tm : Min Time (3 ASCII Characters)

TM : Max Time (3 ASCII Characters)

Temperatures**C\_TPDt :**

STX	%	Tb	Tt	St	Chk	ETX
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Tb : Measurement Block Temperature ( 3 ASCII Characters)

Tt : Pipetting Head Temperature ( 3 ASCII Characters)

St : Temperature Measurement Status Byte (1 = Error , 0 = OK)

Channel Calibration status**C\_CLSt :**

STX	"	OK	Chk	ETX
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OK : 1 : Calibration OK 0: Calibration Failure

µMes Reset

**C\_MRES :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>RAZM</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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μSys. Reset**C\_SRES :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>RAZG</b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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Lamp Adjustment Values**C\_ADLP :**

<b>STX</b>	<b>J</b>	<b>V<sub>405</sub></b>	<b>V<sub>540</sub></b>	<b>Chk</b>	<b>ETX</b>
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V<sub>405</sub>: Adjustment Value at 405 nm (3 ASCII Characters)V<sub>540</sub>: Adjustment Value at 540 nm (3 ASCII Characters)