

# **IO-Link**

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## 1 Management Summary – Scope of this Document

This document describes the license model for non IO-Link Members.

## 2 Licensing for non-members

Non-members also are allowed to put IO-Link products on the market and use the IO-Link Trademark accordingly. A license is required in that cases. This license needs to be applied for by the vendor. The license model does not include active participation in WGs/PGs or access to work results of the WGs/PGs.

### Obligations of the licensee:

- At licensee's expense, the necessary tests for the manufacturer's declaration (MD) are performed and passed at an accredited IO-Link Test Center. The associated costs are settled directly between IO-Link Test Center and licensee.
- Future changes to the product properties (enhancements to IO-Link functionality) require a license update, and a corresponding update of the manufacturer's declaration at an accredited Test Center. The licensee must acquire the right to use IO-Link-relevant patents on its own part. The patent list and the patent holders are listed in IEC 61131-9.

### Rights of the licensee:

- Use of a company-specific VendorID (applied for from IO-Link Support Center)
- Access to current specifications via [www.IO-Link.com](http://www.IO-Link.com)
- Use of the word marks/figurative marks (logos) for the licensed product for 3 years.
- After every 3 years (provided that no change has been made to the product properties), the license can be extended for another 3 years.

Products will be entered in the "**Approved Component List**" (document in progress). This is done by the IO-Link Support Center upon submittal of the manufacturer's declaration and upon entry of the license fee.

## 3 Manufacturer Declaration (MD) & License Process

- 1) Licensee/vendor has been granted a Vendor ID by the IO-Link Support Center.
- 2) Licensee/vendor orders at an IO-Link Test Center (IOLTC) a test required for the MD. This is also required for brand labeled products.
- 3) The IOLTC issues
  - a. Test report
  - b. Confirmation (signed by IOLTC) that device has passed all tests for issuing a MD
- 4) Licensee/vendor generates the MD

- 5) Licensee/vendor applies at the IO-Link Support Center for a 3 years license by sending a filled application form, a signed copy of the MD, and a copy of the IOLTC confirmation
- 6) After payment the vendor/licensee has got the rights of the license and the product will be listed on the Approved Component List on the website.

After 3 years the vendor has to order a renewed license by the support center in case that the product is still unchanged on the market. In case the the product has been changed the vendor has to consult the IOLTC for determining if a retest is necessary. Independent of the decision the vendor has to re-apply for a license.

#### 4 License Fees

The license fees are related to a single product or a product family. The following amounts are fixed

- For IO-Link Master 3,000€ per 3 years (if unchanged)
- For IO-Link Device/Device Family 1,500€ per 3 years (if unchanged)

This license fees will also be due in case of a necessary re-test.

These license fees do **not** include the fees to be paid at the Test Center for the test services and issuing of a test report.

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