



# ASHRAE ADDENDA

## BACnet<sup>®</sup> —A Data Communication Protocol for Building Automation and Control Networks

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## FOREWORD

Addendum 135*ag* to ANSI/ASHRAE Standard 135-2008 contains a number of changes to the current standard. These modifications are the result of change proposals made pursuant to the ASHRAE continuous maintenance procedures and of deliberations within Standing Standard Project Committee 135. The changes are summarized below.

**135-2008*ag*-1 Prevent BBMD Broadcast Storms, p. 2.**

**135-2008*ag*-2 Align BIBBs for Automated Trend Retrieval, p. 3.**

In the following document, language added to existing clauses of ANSI/ASHRAE 135-2008 and addenda is indicated through the use of *italics*, while deletions are indicated by ~~strike through~~. Where entirely new subclauses are added, plain type is used throughout.

## 135-2008ag-1 Prevent BBMD Broadcast Storms

### Rationale

In BBMDs implemented to a version of 135 prior to Addendum o, broadcast storms can occur if multiple BBMDs are installed on the same IP subnet and those BBMDs are using the same UDP port and those BBMD redistribute broadcasts to the same subnet from where they were received. This change prevents the re-broadcast to devices, including other BBMDs that have already heard or handled the message.

[Change **Clause J.4.5**, p. 3]

[Note: in the following plain text, the changes from Addendum 135-2008o have been incorporated. This is because this change modifies part of the text that was previously modified by Addendum o. When the next edition of Standard 135 is published, Addendum 135o will be incorporated prior to this addendum, 135ag.]

### J.4.5 BBMD Operation - Broadcast Distribution

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Upon receipt of a BVLL Forwarded-NPDU message, a BBMD shall process it according to whether it was received from a peer BBMD as the result of a directed broadcast or a unicast transmission. A BBMD may ascertain the method by which Forwarded-NPDU messages will arrive by inspecting the broadcast distribution mask field in its own BDT entry since masks referring to the same ~~subnet~~ *IP address* are required to be identical in all BBMDs. If the message arrived via directed broadcast, *or if the source is a device located on the same IP subnet, a situation which can occur if two or more BBMDs are installed on the same IP subnet*, it was also received by the other devices on the BBMD's subnet. In this case the BBMD merely retransmits the message directly to each foreign device currently in the BBMD's FDT. ~~If~~ *Otherwise* the message arrived via a unicast ~~transmission~~, *it transmission and* has not yet been received by the other devices on the BBMD's subnet. In this case, the message is sent to the devices on the BBMD's subnet using the B/IP broadcast address as well as to each foreign device currently in the BBMD's FDT. A BBMD on a subnet with no other BACnet devices (such as a NAT-supporting BBMD, see *Clause J.7.2*) may omit the broadcast using the B/IP broadcast address. The method by which a BBMD determines whether or not other BACnet devices are present is a local matter.

**135-2008ag-2 Align BIBBs for Automated Trend Retrieval**

Rationale

The BIBBs for Automated Trend Retrieval were changed in Addendum 135-2008z to require the use of the UnconfirmedEventNotification service in addition to the ConfirmedEventNotification service for sending the BUFFER\_READY Event Notifications. This addendum applies the same change to the Trend Log Multiple BIBBs.

[Change **Clause K.4.9**, p. 635]

**K.4.9 BIBB - Trending-Automated Multiple Value Retrieval-A (T-AMVR-A)**

The A device responds to a notification that a Trend Log Multiple object is ready with new data and acquires the new data from the log.

BACnet Service	Initiate	Execute
ConfirmedEventNotification		x
<i>UnconfirmedEventNotification</i>		x
ReadRange	x	

Devices claiming conformance to T-AMVR-A ~~shall~~**must** be able to process BUFFER\_READY event notifications generated by Trend Log Multiple objects and Event Enrollment objects.

[Change **Clause K.4.10**, p. 636]

**K.4.10 BIBB - Trending-Automated Multiple Value Retrieval-B (T-AMVR-B)**

The B device notifies the A device that a Trend Log Multiple objects's buffer has acquired a predetermined number of data samples using the BUFFER\_READY event algorithm either intrinsically in the Trend Log Multiple object or algorithmically using an Event Enrollment object.

BACnet Service	Initiate	Execute
ConfirmedEventNotification	x	
<i>UnconfirmedEventNotification</i>	x	
ReadRange		x

Devices claiming conformance to T-AMVR-B shall support the Trend Log Multiple object.

[Add a new entry to **History of Revisions**, p. 688]

**(This History of Revisions is not part of this standard. It is merely informative and does not contain requirements necessary for conformance to the standard.)**

**HISTORY OF REVISIONS**

<i>Protocol</i>		<i>Summary of Changes to the Standard</i>
<i>Version</i>	<i>Revision</i>	
...	...	...
1	12	<p><b>Addendum ag to ANSI/ASHRAE 135-2008</b>                      Approved by the ASHRAE Standards Committee January 29, 2011; by the ASHRAE Board of Directors February 2, 2011; and by the American National Standards Institute February 3, 2011.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Prevent BBMD Broadcast Storms.</li> <li>2. Align BIBBs for Automated Trend Retrieval.</li> </ol>

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FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT OF ITS ACTIVITIES**

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