

Internal Transponder Data Format (ITDF)

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- Used to transfer fire times from all ground stations
- Extension “.itdf”.
- Two parts: (i) single header line for fixed information
(ii) body containing one line per fire
- Transmit energy and sky clarity field do not have to be filled in (insert 0 for no data in field).

Header:

Station ID, COSPAR ID, wavelength(AAAA), year(yyyy), doy(ddd)

Data:

Up/down flag (0=transmit for LRO, 1=receive),

Firetime (17 digits: SOD + psec of day),

Mount elevation – without refraction (+-xx.xxxx deg),

Transmit energy (xxx units TBD),

Temperature (xxx.xx deg.K),

Pressure (xxxx.xx mbar),

Humidity (xxx%),

Sky clarity(0-3, where 0=no data, 1=clear, 2=hazy, 3=cloudy, and clarity is defined as along the telescope line of sight.

Each field is separated by a space.

- Firetime – actual time of laser fire.
- Mount elevation – predicted
- Transmit energy – if available.
- Temperature , Pressure and Humidity – same as for SLR.
- Sky clarity – if available.