

## **FEATURE GUIDE: TECDIS 4.8.3.6**

The release of TECDIS 4.8.3.6 brings a full rework of the alert handling in TECDIS, as well as several other improvements. For a complete list of changes, see the release history on https://telko.no. Here you will also find Feature Guides for previous releases.

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## Major improvement: Alert handling

TECDIS 4.8.3.6 includes a full rework of alert handling in TECDIS, providing full compliance with the latest bridge alert monitoring standards (BAM) as well as many alert-related quality of life improvements. For a full description of the updated alert features, a full update to the TECDIS documentation for alert handling is provided in the end of this feature guide. Highlights include:

#### **Audible alert reduction**

Previously, all alarms and warnings have resulted in audible alerts that have continued to sound until the alert is acknowledged by the operator.

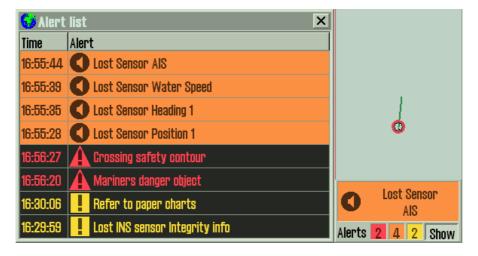
Starting with TECDIS 4.8.3.6, alarms and warnings will only result in audible alerts as long as the underlying cause remains present. Audible alerting stops as soon as the cause is rectified, even when the alert is not yet acknowledged.

For example, this means that the 'Crossing Safety Contour' alert will no longer continue to sound when the look-ahead sector no longer crosses the safety contour, even if the alert has not been acknowledged yet.



#### **Alert Icons**

All alerts are now presented using the standardized alert icons in both the alert field and the list of alerts, making it much easier to distinguish between alerts that are active, rectified, silenced, etc.



#### Alarm sound improvement

The audible indication for alarms still consists of 3 beeps as before, but the interval between repetitions has been increased from 8 to 10 seconds, and the length of the beeps has been shortened, resulting in an alarm sound that is less intrusive.

Note to technicians: All new TECDIS installations will use new standardized alert identifiers in interfacing with BAM. Also note that alert identifiers will remain unchanged when updating existing installations but may be changed via configuration settings. Please request the updated TECDIS list of Alerts from <a href="mailto:support@telko.no">support@telko.no</a> for details if needed.

# New TelCare feature: Scandinavian Micro Systems Optical Bearing Device (OBD) integration

When TECDIS is interfaced with a Scandinavian Micro Systems Optical Bearing Device, the bearings provided by the device are shown and used in TECDIS in several ways:

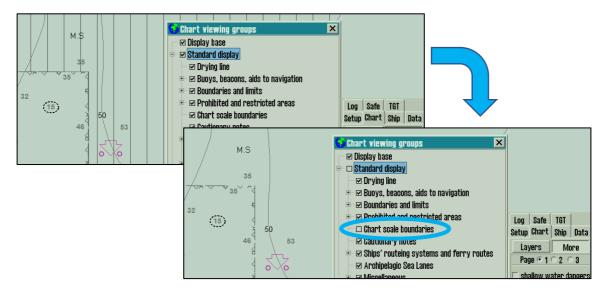
- Whenever the bearing device is operated, the bearing is shown in TECDIS
- When a bearing is 'triggered' on the bearing device, the bearing is added to the TECDIS bearing list.
- When the TECDIS Lines of Position feature is in use, 'triggering' bearings on the bearing device adds the bearing automatically in the Lines of Position interface.





#### Improvement: Overscale pattern is now removable

The vertical stripe overscale pattern shown on parts of the chart display when charts from different scale bands are displayed may now be hidden along with scale boundaries by going to the 'Chart' menu, pressing the 'More' button and turning off display of 'Chart Scale Boundaries' found under 'Standard'.



# Improvement: Safety look ahead extended to 60 minutes

It is now possible to configure TECDIS with a 60-minute safety look ahead, adding a useful option for open waters and simplifying compliance with vetting requirements.



## Other fixes and improvements

TECDIS 4.8.3.6 also contains several other fixes and improvements.

- Route combination improved
   Combining routes now works better when used with very long routes.
- Distance readout configurable to use speed log water distance measurements

  The distance readout in the TECDIS sidebar shows distance travelled based on
  ground movement determined by the position sensor. By configuring the
  configuration file setting 'dist\_from\_vlw' to 1 and supplying VLW sensor data from
  the speed log, the distance readout will refer to speed log water distance instead.
- Lines of Position quick bearing entry improved
   In the TECDIS Lines of Position feature is used, the quick entry "Auto 2x LOP"
   function now takes larger time delay between entering the observations into account.



#### VDR integration updated

TECDIS ScreenSender is updated in this version with a new protocol configuration option, allowing selection of all versions of IEC 61162-450 (2011, 2016 and 2018).

#### • RTZ route transfer updated

The TECDIS RTZ route transfer feature has been updated with configurable protocol version in the same manner as VDR integration.

#### • Video toggle support improved for newer displays

The TECDIS monitor may be connected to a separate video input, and TECDIS allows the operators to switch between the ECDIS display and the video source. Version 4.8.3.6 updates the configuration of this feature, allowing for protocol selection supporting all current and older Hatteland monitors.

#### AIS password support added

It is now possible to configure AIS password for setting AIS own ship static data from TECDIS, as required by some AIS units.

#### AIS fault handling improved

When TECDIS is configured to disregard fault reports from the AIS, TECDIS will now also disregard reports of unsuccessful AIS message transmission.

#### • Navtex integration improved

The Navtex user interface has been improved so that the function for keeping messages cannot be used to an extent preventing presentation of new messages.

#### Track display options for less than one day improved

Track display has been improved to ensure display of the specified track display duration.

#### Saving log report text files improved

Saving log report text files such as 20-minute log details, Noon report, etc. has been improved to ensure export of the report to the specified location.



# TECDIS USER GUIDE AMENDMENT ALERTS

TECDIS is equipped with an advanced alert system compliant with the latest standards for bridge alert management. TECDIS version 4.8.3.6 introduced several changes to this alert system, and this user guide amendment describes the current alert features in TECDIS.

This amendment supersedes all information related to alerts in TECDIS User Guide 1.00 section 4 and TECDIS Reference Manual 4.00 section 4.5.

#### Alerts and icons

Alerts in TECDIS follow the principles of maritime alert management, and they are divided into categories and priorities.

TECDIS presents alerts with standardized icons showing the priority and state of each alert. These icons are also explained in this section.

#### **Categories**

Alerts are divided into categories A, B and C.

Category	Description
A	Alerts where information at a task station directly assigned to the function generating the alert is necessary, as decision support for the evaluation of
	the alert-related condition.
В	Alerts where no additional information for decision support is necessary
_	besides the information which can be presented at centra alert
	management (CAM) user interfaces.
<u> </u>	Alerts that cannot be acknowledged on the bridge but for which
	information is required about the status and treatment of the alerts

All alerts presented in TECDIS belong to category A or B.



#### **Priorities**

Alerts are divided into three priorities:

Priority	Icon	Description
Alarm	<b>A</b>	Conditions requiring immediate attention and action by the bridge team to avoid any kind of hazardous situation and to maintain the safe operation of the ship; and
		Escalation required as alarm from an unacknowledged warning  Alarms are presented with <b>red</b> color and <b>triangle</b> shaped icons.
Warning	•	Conditions or situations which require immediate attention for precautionary reasons, to make the bridge team aware of conditions which are not immediately hazardous but may become so.  Warnings are presented with <b>orange</b> color and <b>circle</b> shaped icons.
Caution	!	Awareness of a condition which still requires attention out of the ordinary consideration of the situation or of given information.  Cautions are presented with <b>yellow</b> color and <b>square</b> shaped icons.

#### **States**

Once an alert condition occurs in TECDIS, the corresponding alert is raised and presented. The alert remains presented as long as the alert condition is present. When the alert condition is no longer present, alarms and warnings continue to be presented until the alert has been acknowledged by an operator, either on TECDIS or via a CAM user interface. Cautions require no acknowledgement and are only shown as long as the condition for the caution is present. Only alerts in the Active Unacknowledged state are sounded.

While the alerts are presented, they may have the following states.

Priority	Icons	Description
Active Unacknowledged	d <b>4</b>	The alert condition is present, and the alert has not been acknowledged.
	Flashing	Alarms in this state are sounded with 3 short beeps every 10 seconds.
		Warnings in this state are sounded with 2 short beeps every 60 seconds or 4.8 minutes (configurable in the 'Safe' menu)
Active Silenced	Flashing	The alert condition is present, and the alert has not been acknowledged. The alert has been silenced from a CAM user interface.



#### Rectified Unacknowledged



**Flashing** 

The alert condition is no longer present, but the alert has not yet been acknowledged.

# Active Acknowledged



The alert condition is still present, but the alert has been acknowledged by an operator.

### Active Responsibility transferred



The alert condition is still present, but other bridge alert management equipment with additional system knowledge has taken over (see below).

#### Responsibility transfer

The latest standards for bridge alert management have introduced measures for reduction of the number of high-priority alerts presented on the bridge. The standards recognize that a system may have knowledge about the context of some alert(s) of another system (e.g., that a back-up option has been automatically engaged to mitigate the problem). Such a system may want to tell other equipment to cease its priority request for operator attention and raise an alert with a lower priority instead. In that case, it may apply the "responsibility transfer" option to inform the alerting system that the alert is replaced by a more suitable alert to the operator, warranting a request to change the associated alert state to "active – responsibility transferred", which essentially embodies an auto-acknowledge (with safeguard).

The result of responsibility transfer has the following aspects:

- it causes a more appropriate (lower) level of operator distraction (no immediate action required), reflecting the system's ability in assisting the operator automatically;
- it causes an alert message with better guidance to the operator ("back-up in use", instead of persistent presentation of a problem that has already been mitigated);
   and
- it prevents, using the insignificant delay of alerts of which the responsibility could be transferred, unnecessary announcement of the original alert.

#### TECDIS permits responsibility transfer for all alarms and warnings.

When an alarm or warning is raised, the alert is communicated to connected BAM-compliant equipment immediately. The presentation of the alert in TECDIS is delayed by 3-5 seconds, giving the connected equipment time to evaluate whether it should take responsibility for the alert. If responsibility transfer takes place, the alert is presented in TECDIS with the state Active – Responsibility Transferred.

If contact with the external equipment is lost before the alert condition is rectified, the alert will return to the state Active – Unacknowledged within 2 minutes.



#### Alert presentation and controls

Alerts are presented in three main ways, all in the lower right part of the TECDIS display:

- 1. Alert counters
- 2. Alert field
- 3. Alert list

#### **Alert counters**

The number of alerts that currently have been raised (or have not yet been acknowledged) are shown as separate counts of alarms, warnings and cautions in the bottom right corner of the display at all times.



#### Alert field

The alert field is located immediately above the alert counters. This field presents the alert that currently has the highest display priority (see below). The alert field display text for the alert is shown, along with the icon showing both the alert priority and state (see above). Alarms are presented with red color, warnings with orange color, and cautions with yellow color. If the alert has not yet been acknowledged, the alert icon will flash.

The alert shown here is the next alert that will be acknowledged (see below).

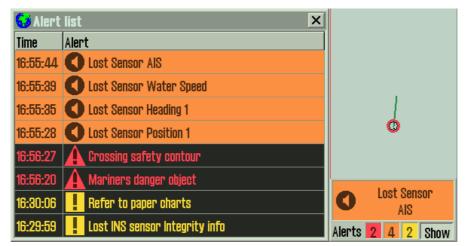
If there are no alerts, the alert field is displayed as empty with gray (day palette) or black (other palettes) background.

Also note, that if all alerts have been acknowledged, and the highest display priority alert is a warning or caution, the alert field will display the highest priority alert 30 seconds after each change to the alert. If none of the warnings or cautions have changed for 30 seconds, the alert field is cleared.



#### **Alert list**

The alert list is displayed by pressing the 'Show' button next to the alert counters, in the bottom right corner of the display.



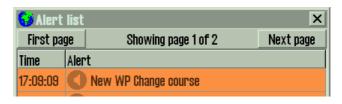
When acknowledging multiple alerts, the alert list may also be automatically displayed.



The alert list shows the up to 20 of the present alerts at one time, in order of alert display priority. For each, the time of last change, the alert icon and the alert description is shown.

Any alerts that have not yet been acknowledged are shown with a colored background in the alert list (red for alarms, orange for warnings), while cautions and acknowledged alerts are presented with a black background.

If more than 20 alerts are present, the alert list is split into pages. The following controls are shown above the alert list, allowing inspection of the following page(s) of alerts or return to the start with a single click.



#### Alert display priority

Alerts are presented in both the alert list and the alert field in the following order (highest priority first):

- 1. Active unacknowledged and silenced alarms
- 2. Active unacknowledged and silenced warnings
- 3. Rectified unacknowledged alarms
- 4. Rectified unacknowledged warnings
- 5. Active acknowledged alarms
- 6. Active responsibility transferred alarms
- 7. Active acknowledged warnings
- 8. Active responsibility transferred warnings
- 9. Active cautions



Within each of these categories, the alerts are sorted with the most recently changed alerts on top.

#### **Acknowledging alerts**

Alerts can be acknowledged in several ways:

- Clicking the alert field will acknowledge the highest priority alert (i.e., the alert displayed there).
- Pressing space bar on the keyboard, or the alert acknowledge key on the function keypad also acknowledges the highest priority alert.
- Category B alerts may be acknowledged on a connected CAM user interface.
- Left clicking in the chart display when a single alert is unacknowledged will acknowledge this alert.
- Left clicking in the chart display when multiple unacknowledged alerts are present will bring up the alert list. When the alert list is visible, each following click will acknowledge the topmost alert on the list. Once all alerts have been acknowledged, the next click closes the alert list again.



#### **List of alerts**

This section lists all alerts that may be presented by TECDIS. For each alert, the list includes the priority, category, alert field display, alert list description text if different, reasons for the alert, any special behavior of the alert, and applicable advice.

TECDIS permits responsibility transfer for all the listed alarms and warnings.

With one exception (Anchor watch), all the listed warnings are repeated as warnings after either 60 seconds or 4.8 minutes, depending on configuration in the 'Safe' menu.

#### **Alarms**

Anchor Watch	Priority: Alarm Category: A					
Reasons:	The anchor watch feature is active, part of the ship outline has been outside the anchor watch					
	limit and the warning raised for this was not acknowledged within 2 minutes while the ship					
	outline remained outside the limit.					
Special behavior:	If the anchor watch feature is switched off, the alarm is removed immediately.					
Advice:	Attend to the anchor watch feature and assess the situation. Adjust anchor watch settings if					
	needed.					
Crossing Safety Co	<b>ntour</b> Priority: Alarm Category: A					
Reasons:	Chart objects shallower than the Safety Contour setting inside the look-ahead area.					
Advice:	Attend to charts at the ships position and assess the situation. While the alert is active and					
	acknowledged, ensure that other means are used for grounding avoidance.					
Mariners Danger O	<b>bject</b> Priority: Alarm Category: A					
Reasons:	Mariner entered danger objects inside the look-ahead area.					
Advice:	Attend to the mariner entered objects at the ships position and assess the situation.					
Vessel OFF TRACK	Priority: Alarm Category: A					
Reasons:	Route monitoring is active, and the vessel has moved outside the planned cross-track limits.					
Special behavior:	If route monitoring is switched off, the alarm is removed immediately.					
Advice:	Attend to the monitored route at the ships position and assess the situation.					

#### Warnings

Anchor Watch	Priority: Warning Category: A				
Reasons:	The anchor watch feature is active, part of the vessel outline has been outside the anchor				
	watch limit				
Special behavior:	Escalates to alarm after 2 minutes if not acknowledged and the ships outline remains outside				
	the anchor watch limit.				
Advice:	Attend to the anchor watch feature and assess the situation. Adjust anchor watch settings if				
	needed.				
Antigrounding off	Updating charts         Priority:         Warning         Category:         B				
Reasons:	A chart database selected for display is being updated and is not monitored for chart dangers.				
Advice:	Attend to the chart display and other means used for grounding avoidance. Abort the chart				
	updating process if needed.				
Area with special	conditions Priority: Warning or Caution Category: A				
Alert list text:	Chart area: <chart class="" name="" object=""></chart>				
Reasons:	The look-ahead area has intersected with the boundary of a chart area for which special				
	conditions exists.				
Special behavior:	Priority is warning if configured in the 'Safe' menu, 'Caution' otherwise.				



Advice:	Attend to the chart area for which the alert was r	aised (click the	alert in alert lis	t).
Critical Route Poin	nt Priority:	Warning	Category:	Α
Alert list text:	Critical point at WP x			
Reasons:	The ship has moved closer to a waypoint configu	red as a critical	I route point tha	n the
	configured limits for the critical point.			
Special behavior:	If route monitoring is switched off, the warning is	removed imm	nediately.	
Advice:	Attend to route monitoring and the critical point	for which the a	alert was raised.	
Final WP Passed	Priority:	Warning	Category:	А
Reasons:	Waypoint alerts are activated in the 'Safe' menu,	and the ship h	as moved past t	he final
	waypoint of a route being monitored.			
Special behavior:	If route monitoring is switched off, the warning is	removed imm	nediately. This a	ert is optional
	(configured in the 'Safe' menu).			
Advice:	Attend to the chart display at the ships position.			
Invalid datum Pos	ition 1 Priority:	Warning	Category:	В
Reasons:	The position sensor configured as primary is repo	orting a datum	other than WG	584 for the
	position provided.			
Advice:	Attend to the position sensor and reconfigure for	WGS84 datun	n if possible. Sw	itch to
	secondary position source if available.			
Invalid datum Pos	ition 2 Priority:	Warning	Category:	В
Reasons:	The position sensor configured as secondary is re	porting a datu	m other than W	/GS84 for the
	position provided.			
Advice:	Attend to the position sensor and reconfigure for	WGS84 datun	n if possible. Sw	itch to primar
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Reasons:	TECDIS is no longer receiving sensor data from the secondary heading sensor.					
Special behavior:	Priority is Caution if the other heading sensor is operational, and Warning if no other heading					
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Advice:	Check the heading sensor and the connection between the TECDIS and the heading sensor.					
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	needed.					
Lost sensor Positi						
Reasons:	TECDIS is no longer receiving sensor data from the primary position sensor.					
Advice:	Check the position sensor and the connection between the TECDIS and the position sensor.					
Advice.	none of the position sensors are operational, ensure that other means such as Lines of Position					
	(LOP) is used to maintain position monitoring. Refer to troubleshooting documentation and					
	contact your service supplier if needed.					
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Reasons:	TECDIS is no longer receiving sensor data from the secondary position sensor.					
Advice:	Check the position sensor and the connection between the TECDIS and the position sensor.					
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	(LOP) is used to maintain position monitoring. Refer to troubleshooting documentation and					
	contact your service supplier if needed.					
Lost sensor Water						
Reasons:	TECDIS is no longer receiving sensor data from the water speed sensor.					
Advice:	Check the water speed sensor and the connection between the TECDIS unit and the water					
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	speed sensor. Refer to troubleshooting documentation and contact your service supplier if needed.					
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Alert list text:	Navigational hazard, see danger list.					
Reasons:	One or more navigational hazards are present within the look-ahead area.					
Special behavior:	Priority is warning if configured in the 'Safe' menu, 'Caution' otherwise.					
Advice:	Attend to the list of dangers and chart highlighting of dangers within the look-ahead area.					
New WP Change						
Reasons:	The wheel over line for a waypoint in the route being monitored has been passed.					
Special behavior:	If route monitoring is switched off, the warning is removed immediately. This alert is optiona					
	(configured in the 'Safe' menu).					
Advice:	Attend to the route being monitored and change course as needed.					
Sounder Position	, s s					
Alert list text:	Sounder position mismatch in Setup/Sounder					
Reasons:	The offset from keel configured in TECDIS Setup is different from the offset reported by the					
	sounder sensor.					
Advice:	Check the sounder and TECDIS Setup configuration and correct the discrepancy. Contact yo					
	service supplier if needed.					
System Watchdog	g Offline Priority: Warning Category: B					
Alert list text:	System watchdog is offline					
Reasons:	The independent watchdog process on the TECDIS system is not communicating with the					
	TECDIS software.					
Advice:	Restart the TECDIS system. Refer to troubleshooting documentation. Contact your TECDIS					
	supplier if needed.					
Target Buffer Full	Priority: Warning Category: A					
	Target buffer full reduce AIS range					
Alert list text:						
Alert list text: Reasons:	TECDIS is receiving a higher number of targets from radars and/or AIS than the TECDIS					
	System can monitor.					



#### **Cautions**

Heading difference	e limit exceeded	Priority:	Caution	Category:	В
Reasons:	The difference between the heading	s reported b	y the primary a	nd the seconda	ary heading
	sensor exceeds the configured limit.				
Special behavior:	Optional alert, configured in TECDIS	Setup.			
Advice:	Check the heading sensors. Refer to	troubleshoo	ting document	ation. Contact <u>y</u>	your service
	supplier if needed.				
Lost INS sensor In	tegrity Info	Priority:	Caution	Category:	В
Reasons:	TECDIS is no longer receiving sensor	integrity inf	ormation from	the INS via the	INS or position
	sensor connection (NSR sentence).				
Advice:	Check the INS system and/or the pos	sition sensor	s. Refer to trouk	oleshooting do	cumentation.
	Contact your service supplier if need	ed.			
Lost VDR Screens	hot link	Priority:	Caution	Category:	В
Reasons:	The VDR is not confirming reception	of screensh	ots from the TE	CDIS unit.	
Advice:	Check the VDR and the connection I	oetween TEC	DIS and the VI	DR. Refer to tro	ubleshooting
	documentation. Contact your service	e supplier if r	needed.		
Refer to Navtex w	indow	Priority:	Caution	Category:	В
Alert list text:	Refer to Navtex window for full mess	sage list.			
Reasons:	Navtex messages with identifiable p	osition inforr	mation are shov	vn in the chart	display. The
	alert reminds the navigator that only	the Navtex	message list co	ntains the com	plete list of
	received messages.				
Advice:	Refer to the Navtex message list reg	ularly to ensi	ure that all rece	ived Navtex me	essages are
	attended to.				
Refer to paper ch	arts	Priority:	Caution	Category:	В
Reasons:	Non-official chart(s) are present in th	e chart displ	ay.		
Advice:	Ensure that paper charts are used fo	r navigation	where official E	NCs are not av	ailable.
Refer to paper cha	arts or S52	Priority:	Caution	Category:	В
Alert list text:	Refer to paper charts or S52 present	ation			
Reasons:	TECDIS is configured to display char	ts with a non	-official presen	tation.	
Advice:	Switch to official presentation ('S52' I	outton in the	· 'Chart' menu)	or ensure that <sub>l</sub>	paper charts
	are used for navigation.				
Sleeping AIS class	B filter is active	Priority:	Caution	Category:	В
Alert list text:	Sleeping AIS class B hidden (DIST ab	ove x NM)			
Reasons:	The filter removing sleeping AIS clas	s B targets fr	om display is se	et to the range	shown in the
	alert description.				
Advice:	Maintain awareness that sleeping Al	S class B tarç	gets with distar	nce above the s	pecified range
	are not displayed. Adjust the filter in	the 'TGT' me	nu if needed.		
Sleeping AIS targe	et filter is active	Priority:	Caution	Category:	В
Alert list text:	Sleeping AIS targets hidden (DIST ak	ove x NM)			
Reasons:	The filter removing sleeping AIS targ	ets from disp	olay is		
Advice:	Maintain awareness that sleeping Al	S targets wit	h distance abo	ve the specified	range are not
	displayed. Adjust the filter in the 'TG	Γ' menu if ne	eded.		
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