1. Preserve the IEEE 802.3/Ethernet frame format at the MAC client service interface
2. Preserve minimum and maximum frame size of the current IEEE 802.3 standard
3. Support full duplex operation only
4. Define optional startup procedure which enables the time from power_on=FALSE to a state capable of transmitting and receiving valid data to be less than 100ms
5. Support data rates of 2.5 Gb/s, 5 Gb/s, 10 Gb/s, and 25 Gb/s at the MAC/PLS service interface
6. Support optional Energy Efficient Ethernet optimized for automotive applications
7. Support operation in automotive environments (e.g., EMC, temperature)
8. Do not preclude meeting FCC and CISPR EMC requirements
9. Define the performance characteristics of an automotive link segment and an optical PHY to support 2.5 Gb/s point-to-point operation over this link segment supporting up to 3 inline connectors for at least 15 m using graded-index plastic optical fiber

10. Define the performance characteristics of an automotive link segment and an optical PHY to support 5 Gb/s point-to-point operation over this link segment supporting up to 3 inline connectors for at least 15 m using graded-index plastic optical fiber

11. Define the performance characteristics of an automotive link segment and an optical PHY to support 10 Gb/s point-to-point operation over this link segment supporting up to 3 inline connectors for at least 15 m using graded-index plastic optical fiber

12. Define the performance characteristics of an automotive link segment and an optical PHY to support 25 Gb/s point-to-point operation over this link segment supporting up to 2 inline connectors for at least 15 m using graded-index plastic optical fiber

13. Support a Bit Error Ratio better than or equal to $10^{-12}$ at the MAC/PLS service interface (or the frame loss ratio equivalent)