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Foreword

This European Standard (Telecommunications series) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Access and Terminals (AT).

The present document resulted from a mandate from the Commission of the European Community (CEC) to provide standards for support of the Directive on Open Network Provision (ONP) of leased lines (92/44/EEC).

There is another standard directly related to the present document:

- EN 300 453: "Access and Terminals (AT); Ordinary and Special quality voice bandwidth 4-wire analogue leased lines (A4O and A4S); Terminal equipment interface".

The present document is based on information from ITU-T Recommendations and ETSI publications and the relevant documents are quoted where appropriate.

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Introduction

The Council Directive on the application of ONP to used lines (92/44/EEC) (see annex E), concerns the harmonization of conditions for open and efficient access to, and use of, the leased lines provided over public telecommunications networks and the availability throughout the European Union (EU) of a minimum set of leased lines with harmonized technical characteristics.

The consequence of the Directive is that telecommunications organizations within the EU shall make available a set of leased lines within and between points in these countries with specified connection characteristics and specified interfaces. Under the Directive 91/263/EEC (see annex E), later replaced by 98/13/EC (see annex E), terminal equipment for connection to these leased lines was required to fulfil certain essential requirements.

The present version of the present document has been produced to introduce some necessary changes.

ITU-T Recommendation M.1020 (see annex E) was used as the basis for the connection characteristics.

1 Scope

The present document specifies the technical requirements and test principles for the connection characteristics and the physical and electrical characteristics (except safety, overvoltage and EMC aspects) of the network interface presentation of special quality, voice bandwidth, 4-wire, analogue leased lines, provided as part of the minimum set under the Council Directive on the application of Open Network Provision (ONP) to leased lines (92/94/EEC) (see annex E).

A connection is presented via interfaces at Network Termination Points (NTPs) and includes any equipment that may provide the NTP. Signals between terminal equipments are subject to impairments during their transfer over the connection. The limits to these impairments are stated in the present document although in practice the overall performance may be considerably better.

The leased line provides access to the voice bandwidth (300 Hz to 3 400 Hz) with no restrictions on the use of the frequencies. The requirements of the present document have been chosen primarily for the transmission of data between terminal equipments without equalizers although there is no restriction on the use of the leased line for other types of traffic.

The present document is applicable for leased lines, including part time leased lines, for which the establishment or release does not require any protocol exchange or other intervention at the NTP.

The tests specified in the present document cannot be carried out, nor can performance be monitored by the leased line provider, while the leased line is in service, i.e. carrying user's traffic. Thus the tests are designed for bringing into and returning into service although there is no obligation to perform these tests each time the leased line is brought into or returned into service.

The present document covers the physical, mechanical and electrical characteristics of the network interface and specifies the conformance tests for the connection characteristics and network interface. Some of the tests described in the present document are not designed to be applied to the interface of an installed leased line; such tests may be applied to equipment of the kind used to provide the interface.

The present document does not include details concerning the implementation of the tests nor does it include information on any regulations concerning testing.

2 References

The following documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of the present document.

- References are either specific (identified by date of publication, edition number, version number, etc.) or non-specific.
- For a specific reference, subsequent revisions do not apply.
- For a non-specific reference, the latest version applies.

- [1] ITU-T Recommendation O.71 (1988): "Impulsive noise measuring equipment for telephone-type circuits".
- [2] ITU-T Recommendation O.81 (1988): "Group-delay measuring equipment for telephone-type circuits".
- [3] ITU-T Recommendation O.91 (1988): "Phase jitter measuring equipment for telephone-type circuits".
- [4] ITU-T Recommendation O.95 (1988): "Phase and amplitude hit counters for telephone-type circuits".
- [5] ITU-T Recommendation O.132 (1988): "Quantizing distortion measuring equipment using a sinusoidal test signal".

- [6] ISO/IEC 8877 (1992): "Information technology. Telecommunications and information exchange between systems. Interface connector and contact assignments for ISDN Basic Access Interface located at reference points S and T".
- [7] ITU-T Recommendation O.41 (1994): "Psophometer for use on telephone-type circuits".
- [8] ETSI EN 300 453: "Access and Terminals (AT); Ordinary and Special quality voice bandwidth 4-wire analogue leased lines (A4O and A4S); Terminal equipment interface".

3 Definitions and abbreviations

3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the following terms and definitions apply:

group delay: measure of the propagation time through the leased line. For a given frequency it is equal to the first derivative of the phase shift through the leased line, measured in radians, with respect to the angular frequency measured in radians per second

group delay distortion: difference between group delay at a given frequency and minimum group delay, in the frequency band of interest

leased lines: telecommunications facilities provided by a public telecommunication network that provide defined transmission characteristics between network termination points and that do not include switching functions that the user can control, (e.g. on-demand switching)

Network Termination Point (NTP): all physical connections and their technical access specifications which form part of the public telecommunications network and are necessary for access to and efficient communication through that public network

reference impedance Z_R : this is 600 Ω . See also clause A.1.2

terminal equipment: equipment intended to be connected to the public telecommunication network; i.e.:

- to be connected directly to the termination of a public telecommunication network; or
- to interwork with a public telecommunication network being connected directly or indirectly to the termination of a public telecommunication network,

in order to send, process, or receive information

voice bandwidth: band of frequencies over the range 300 Hz to 3 400 Hz

3.2 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the following abbreviations apply:

a	Return loss in dB
$a(f)$	Return loss at frequency f in dB
a_w	Weighted return loss in dB
$A(f)$	Return loss at frequency f expressed as a ratio
A4S	Special quality voice bandwidth 4-wire analogue leased line
ADPCM	Adaptive Differential Pulse Coded Modulation
EMC	ElectroMagnetic Compatibility
f	frequency
NTP	Network Termination Point
ONP	Open Network Provision
qdu	quantizing distortion unit
rms	root mean square

RX	Receive is a signal input at either the leased line interface or the test equipment
TX	Transmit is a signal output at either the leased line interface or the test equipment
Z_R	Reference impedance

4 Requirements and tests

4.1 Connection characteristics

The special quality voice bandwidth 4-wire analogue leased line is a bidirectional line, configured point-to-point, nominally covering the voice bandwidth. The connection is, in general, symmetrical, i.e. each direction of transmission has the same nominal characteristics, although the actual values are independent.

4.1.1 Tabulation of connection characteristics

The parameters defining the characteristics of the connection are given in table 1. These characteristics define the service offered.

Table 1: Network performance characteristics

Description	Nature	Reference clause
Overall loss	$0 \leq \text{overall loss} \leq 13 \text{ dB}$	4.1.2
Loss/frequency distortion	table 2, figure 1	4.1.3
Transmission signals		4.1.4
- maximum mean input power	-13 dBm	4.1.4.1
- maximum instantaneous power	0 dBm	4.1.4.2
- signal power in a 10 Hz bandwidth	no requirement	4.1.4.3
- maximum input power outside voice band	no requirement	4.1.4.4
Transmission delay		4.1.5
- terrestrial (for distance G in kilometres)	$\leq (15 + 0,01 G) \text{ ms}$	
- via satellite	$\leq 350 \text{ ms}$	
Group delay distortion	table 3, figure 2	4.1.6
Variation of overall loss with time		4.1.7
- amplitude hits	≤ 10 in a 15 minute period	4.1.7.1
- other variations	$\pm 4 \text{ dB}$ of that at 1 020 Hz	4.1.7.2
Random circuit noise	$< -41 \text{ dBm}_0\text{p}$ (see note)	4.1.8
Impulsive noise	≤ 18 peaks $\geq -21 \text{ dBm}_0$ in a 15 minute period (see note)	4.1.9
Phase jitter	$\leq 10^\circ$ peak to peak	4.1.10
Total distortion		4.1.11
- quantizing distortion	$\leq 3 \text{ qdu}$; no ADPCM	4.1.11.1
- total distortion	$> 28 \text{ dB}$ signal to distortion ratio	4.1.11.2
Single tone interference	$\leq -44 \text{ dBm}_0$ (see note)	4.1.12
Frequency error	$\leq \pm 5 \text{ Hz}$	4.1.13
Harmonic distortion	$\geq 25 \text{ dB}$ below fundamental	4.1.14
NOTE: Where the output relative level is not defined, an alternative value is specified in the reference clause.		

4.1.2 Overall loss

Requirement: The overall loss, including long term variations, presented to a signal frequency of 1 020 Hz sent at a power level of -13 dBm in each direction of transmission with the line terminated in 600 Ω at each end shall be in the range:

$$0 \leq \text{overall loss} \leq 13 \text{ dB.}$$

NOTE: The overall loss in each direction can be different.

Test: The test shall be conducted according to clause A.2.1.

4.1.3 Loss/frequency distortion

Requirement: The overall loss relative to that defined in clause 4.1.2 above for the connection, presented to a signal sent at a power level of -13 dBm with the line terminated in 600 Ω at each end shall lie between the limits given in table 2 and figure 1.

Below 300 Hz and above 3 600 Hz the relative loss shall not be less than -2 dB and 0 dB respectively, but is otherwise unspecified.

Table 2: Limits for loss of the circuit relative to that at 1 020 Hz

Point (see figure 1)	Upper limit		Point (see figure 1)	Lower limit	
	Frequency Hz	Relative loss dB		Frequency Hz	Relative loss dB
A	300	6	G	500	-2
B	500	6	H	500	-1
C	500	3	I	2 800	-1
D	2 800	3	J	2 800	-2
E	2 800	6	K	3 600	-2
F	3 000	6	L	3 600	0

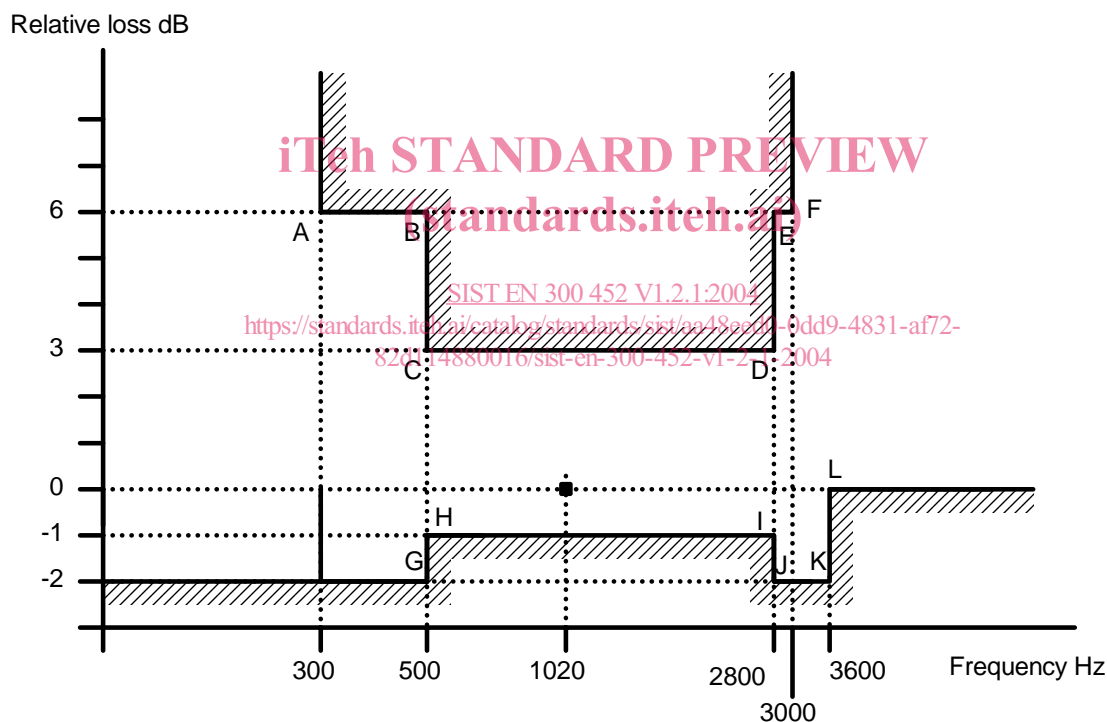


Figure 1: Limits for overall loss of the circuit relative to that at 1 020 Hz

Test: The test shall be conducted according to clause A.2.2.

4.1.4 Transmission signals

4.1.4.1 Maximum mean input power

Requirement: The leased line shall be capable of carrying any signal presented at the input with a one minute mean power level of -13 dBm within a voice bandwidth of 300 Hz to 3 400 Hz with the line terminated in 600 Ω at each end.

Test: The test shall be conducted according to clause A.2.2.

4.1.4.2 Maximum instantaneous power

Requirement: The leased line shall be capable of carrying a signal at the input having a maximum value equal to an instantaneous power which is 13 dB above the mean value of -13 dBm (i.e. 0 dBm).

NOTE: This value is based upon a provisional ITU-T value. See ITU-T Recommendation V.2 (see annex E).

Test: The test shall be conducted according to clause A.2.13.

4.1.4.3 Maximum signal power at 10 Hz bandwidth

There is no requirement for maximum power in a 10 Hz bandwidth.

NOTE: However, there is a corresponding requirement on the terminal equipment specified in EN 300 453 [8].

4.1.4.4 Maximum input power outside the voice band

NOTE: The leased line interface is not suitable for the handling of signals below 300 Hz and above 3 400 Hz. Out of band signals from the terminal equipment are limited to avoid trouble in the network (see terminal equipment interface requirement in EN 300 453 [8]).

4.1.5 Transmission delay

Requirement: The requirement depends upon whether satellite transmission is involved in the connection or not:

- 1) a) for connections where satellite transmission is not involved the one way end-to-end delay shall be less than $(15 + 0,01 G)$ ms, where G is the geographical distance in kilometres, as shown in figure 2; or

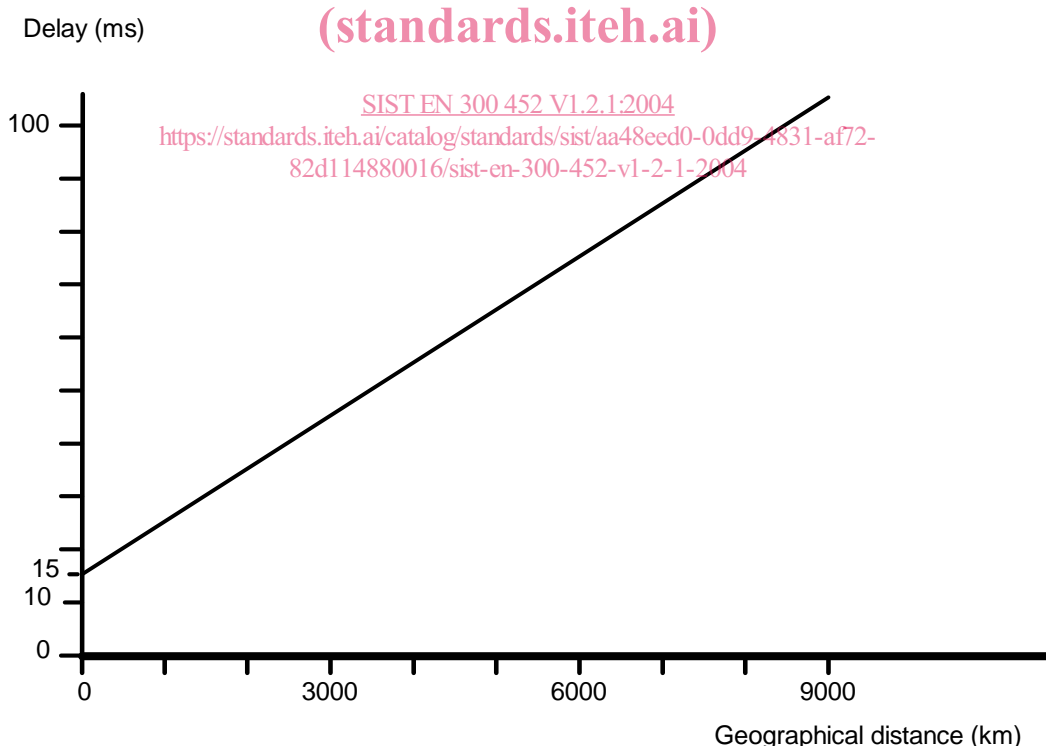


Figure 2: Upper limit of delay

- b) for connections where satellite transmission is involved the one way end-to-end delay shall be less than 350 ms.

NOTE: Requirements a) and b) are based on annex A.2 and A.3 of ITU-T Recommendation G.114 (see annex E), with suitable adjustment to requirement a) to allow for the possible use of loaded cable.

Test: The test shall be conducted according to clause A.2.3.