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## Foreword

This European Standard (Telecommunications series) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Transmission and Multiplexing (TM).

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# 1 Scope

The present document specifies the minimum performance parameters for terrestrial fixed service digital radio communications equipments operating in the 13 GHz, 15 GHz and 18 GHz frequency bands.

Digital Radio Relay Systems (DRRS) are used for point-to-point connections in local, regional and national networks at data rates between 2 Mbit/s and 34 Mbit/s.

As harmonized channel spacings lower than 13,75 MHz are not available in the 18 GHz frequency band at the drafting date of the present document, capacities lower than  $2 \times 8$  Mbit/s are consequently not considered in this frequency band. However the present document can be considered as a guideline when national frequency plans based on a 3,5 MHz channel spacing exist.

Systems considered in the present document are able to respect ITU-R Recommendation national or international grade performance objectives, i.e. ITU-R Recommendation F.1189-1 [9] for national, ITU-R Recommendation F.1092-1 [8] for international and ITU-T Recommendation G.826 [11]. Maximum hop lengths of about 35 km are normally achievable according to the considered frequency bands.

The parameters to be specified fall into two categories:

- a) those that are required to provide compatibility between channels from different sources of equipment on the same route, connected either to:
  - separate antennas; or to
  - separate polarizations of the same antenna.
- b) parameters defining the transmission quality of the proposed system.

The present document deals with Radio Frequency (RF) and baseband characteristics relevant to low and medium capacity Plesiochronous Digital Hierarchy (PDH) transmission. Antenna/feeder system requirements are covered in ETS 300 833 [18].

As the maximum transmission rate in a given bandwidth depends on system spectral efficiency, different classes are defined:

Class 1: equipment based on a minimum 4-state modulation scheme (e.g. 4-FSK, 4-QAM, or equivalent).

Class 2: equipment based on a minimum 16-state modulation scheme (e.g. 16-QAM, or equivalent).

Safety aspects are outside the mandate of ETSI and they are not considered in the present document.

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# 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.
- A non-specific reference to an ETS shall also be taken to refer to later versions published as an EN with the same number.

[1] ITU-R Recommendation F.497-6: "Radio-frequency channel arrangements for radio-relay systems operating in the 13 GHz frequency band".

[2] ITU-R Recommendation F.635-5: "Radio-frequency channel arrangements based on a homogeneous pattern for radio-relay systems operating in the 4 GHz band".



- [3] ITU-R Recommendation F.595-6: "Radio-frequency channel arrangements for radio-relay systems operating in the 18 GHz frequency band".
- [4] ETS 300 019-1-2: "Equipment Engineering (EE); Environmental conditions and environmental tests for telecommunications equipment; Part 1-2: Classification of environmental conditions; Transportation".
- [5] ETS 300 132-1: "Equipment Engineering (EE); Power supply interface at the input to telecommunications equipment; Part 1: Operated by alternating current (ac) derived from direct current (dc) sources".
- [6] ETS 300 132-2: "Equipment Engineering (EE); Power supply interface at the input to telecommunications equipment; Part 2: Operated by direct current (dc)".
- [7] ITU-T Recommendation G.703 (1988): "Physical/electrical characteristics of hierarchical digital interfaces".
- [8] ITU-R Recommendation F.1092-1: "Error performance objectives for constant bit rate digital path at or above the primary rate carried by digital radio-relay systems which may form part of the international portion of a 27 500 km hypothetical reference path".
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- [10] ITU-T Recommendation G.773 (1999): "Protocol suites for Q-interfaces for management of transmission systems".
- [11] ITU-T Recommendation G.826 (1993): "Error performance parameters and objectives for international, constant bit rate digital paths at or above the primary rate".
- [12] ETS 300 385: "Radio Equipment and Systems (RES); ElectroMagnetic Compatibility (EMC) standard for digital fixed radio links and ancillary equipment with data rates at around 2 Mbit/s and above".  
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- [13] ITU-R Recommendation F.1101: "Characteristics of digital radio-relay systems below about 17 GHz".
- [14] ITU-R Recommendation F.1102: "Characteristics of radio-relay systems operating in frequency bands above about 17 GHz".
- [15] CEPT/ERC Recommendation T/R 12-02: "Harmonised radio frequency channel arrangements for analogue and digital terrestrial fixed systems operating in the band 12.75 GHz to 13.25 GHz".
- [16] CEPT/ERC Recommendation T/R 12-07: "Harmonised radio frequency channel arrangements digital terrestrial fixed systems operating in the bands 14.5 to 14.62 GHz paired with 15.23 to 15.35 GHz".
- [17] CEPT/ERC Recommendation T/R 12-03: "Harmonised radio frequency channel arrangements for digital terrestrial fixed systems operating in the band 17.7 GHz to 19.7 GHz".
- [18] ETS 300 833: "Fixed Radio Systems; Point to Point Antennas; Antennas for point-to-point fixed radio systems operating in the frequency band 3 GHz to 60 GHz".
- [19] ITU-R Recommendation SM.329-7: "Spurious emissions".
- [20] ITU-R Recommendation F.1191-1: "Bandwidths and unwanted emissions of digital radio-relay systems".
- [21] ITU-R Recommendation F.758-1: "Considerations in the development of criteria for sharing between the terrestrial fixed service and other services".
- [22] IEC 60154: "Flanges for waveguides".
- [23] CEPT/ERC/Recommendation 74-01: "Spurious emissions".

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## 3 Symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Symbols

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

dB	decibel
dBm	decibel relative to 1 mW
GHz	GigaHertz
kg	kilogramme
kHz	kiloHertz
km	kilometre
Mbit/s	Mega-bits per second
MHz	MegaHertz
ppm	parts per million
ns	nanosecond

### 3.2 Abbreviations

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

ATPC	Automatic Transmit Power Control
BER	Bit Error Ratio
C/I	Carrier to Interference ratio
CS	Channel Separation
CW	Continuous Wave
F <sub>c</sub>	cut-off Frequency
FSK	Frequency Shift Keying
IF	Intermediate Frequency
NFD	Net Filter Discrimination
PDH	Plesiochronous Digital Hierarchy
QAM	Quadrature Amplitude Modulation
RF	Radio Frequency
RSL	Receive Signal Level
TBBR	Background Bit Error Ratio
TMN	Telecommunications Management Network
TX	Transmit

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## 4 General characteristics

### 4.1 Frequency bands and channel arrangements

#### 4.1.1 Channel plans

The systems are required to operate in the 13 GHz, 15 GHz or 18 GHz frequency bands.

These channel plans based on a 3,5 MHz homogeneous channel pattern using vertical and horizontal polarizations shall be in accordance with the ITU-R Recommendations F.497-6 [1], F.635-5 [2], 595-6 [3] and the CEPT/ERC Recommendations T/R 12-02 [15], 12-07 [16] and 12-03 [17].

All the GO channels shall be in one frequency half band and all the RETURN channels in the other half band.

## 4.1.2 Channel Spacing (CS)

For systems operating on different antennas or different polarization of the same antenna, on the same route.

**Table 1a: Channel spacings: 13 GHz & 15 GHz frequency bands**

	Bit rate Mbit/s	2 Mbit/s	2 x 2 Mbit/s	8 Mbit/s	2 x 8 Mbit/s	34 Mbit/s	2 x 34 Mbit/s
Channel	Class 1	1,75 MHz	3,5 MHz	7 MHz	14 MHz	28 MHz	-
Spacing	Class 2	-	1,75 MHz	3,5 MHz	7 MHz	14 MHz	28 MHz

NOTE: n x 2 Mbit/s and n x 8 Mbit/s bit rates may be used where appropriate.

**Table 1b: Channel spacings: 18 GHz frequency band**

	Bit Rate Mbit/s	2 x 8 Mbit/s	34 Mbit/s	2 x 34 Mbit/s
Channel	Class 1	13,75 MHz	27,5 MHz	-
Spacing	Class 2	-	13,75 MHz	27,5 MHz

NOTE: n x 2 Mbit/s and n x 8 Mbit/s bit rates may be used where appropriate.

## 4.2 Compatibility requirements between systems

There shall be no requirement to operate transmitting equipment from one manufacturer with receiving equipment from another.

Different manufacturer equipment may be used on different polarization of one antenna but, there shall be no requirement to multiplex different manufacturer's equipment on the same polarization of the same antenna.

## 4.3 Performance and availability requirements

Equipments shall be designed in order to meet network performance and availability requirements foreseen by ITU-T Recommendation G.826 [11], following the criteria reported in ITU-R Recommendations F.1092-1 [8] and F.1189-1 [9] for international and national portions of the digital connection. The implication of the link design on the performance is recognized and the general design criteria reported in ITU-R Recommendations F.1101 [13] and F.1102 [14] shall be applied.

## 4.4 Environmental conditions

Both indoor and partially outdoor installations are considered.

The equipment shall be required to meet the environmental conditions set out in ETS 300 019-1-2 [4] which defines weather protected and non-weather protected locations, classes and test severity.

The manufacturer shall state which class the equipment is designed to withstand.

### 4.4.1 Equipment within weather protected locations (indoor locations)

Equipment intended for operation within temperature controlled locations or partially temperature controlled locations shall meet the requirements of ETS 300 019-1-2 [4] classes 3.1 and 3.2, respectively.

Optionally, the more stringent requirements of ETS 300 019-1-2 [4] classes 3.3 (non-temperature controlled locations), 3.4 (sites with heat trap) and 3.5 (sheltered locations) may be applied.

### 4.4.2 Equipment for non-weather protected locations (outdoor locations)

Equipment intended for operation within non-weather protected locations shall meet the requirements of ETS 300 019-1-2 [4] classes 4.1 or 4.1E.