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Foreword

This European Standard (EN) has been produced by ETSI Technical Committee Environmental Engineering (EE).

The present document concerns the requirements for the interface between ICT equipment and its power supply, and includes requirements relating to its stability and measurement. Various other references and detailed measurement and test arrangements are contained in informative annexes.

The present document is part 2 of a multi-part deliverable covering Environmental Engineering (EE); Power supply interface at the input to Information and Communication Technology (ICT) equipment, as identified below:

- Part 1: "Alternating Current (AC)";
- Part 2: "-48 V Direct Current (DC)";**
- Part 3: "Up to 400 V Direct Current (DC)".

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Modal verbs terminology

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1 Scope

The present document contains requirements and measurements methods for the physical interface "A" that is situated between the power supply system(s) and the power consuming ICT equipment.

The nominal voltage at power interface "A" of ICT equipment defined in the present document is DC voltage -48 V.

The DC power can be supplied by a DC output power system (e.g. based on AC rectifiers on grid or DC/DC converters on solar system, fuel cell, DC engine or fuel cell generator) and also directly supplied by a battery backup in this DC power system. The purpose of the present document is to use a power supply system with the same characteristics for all ICT equipment defined in the area of application:

- to facilitate inter working of different types of load units;
- to facilitate the standardization of ICT equipment;
- to facilitate the installation, operation and maintenance in the same network of ICT equipment and systems from different origins.

The present document aims at providing electrical compatibility between the power supply equipment and the power consuming ICT equipment, between different system blocks and loads connected to the same power supply feeding the interface "A" (e.g. control/monitoring, cooling system, etc.).

The requirements are defined for:

- the power supply input of any type of ICT equipment installed at telecommunication centres that are connected to interface "A" powered by DC;
- any type of ICT equipment, installed in access networks and customers' premises, the DC interface "A" of which is also used by equipment requiring a DC supply source;
- any type of ICT equipment powered by DC, used in the fixed and mobile networks installed in different locations such as buildings, shelters, street cabinets.

Disturbances on the power supply interface "A" relating to the continuous wave phenomena below 20 kHz are covered within the present document.

The present document does not cover safety requirements, they are covered by relevant safety standards.

The present document does not cover EMC requirements, they are covered by relevant EMC standards.

NOTE: Annex B gives guidance on -60 VDC supply systems.

2 References

2.1 Normative references

References are either specific (identified by date of publication and/or edition number or version number) or non-specific. For specific references, only the cited version applies. For non-specific references, the latest version of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

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- [1] Void.
- [2] Void.

- [3] Void.
- [4] Void.
- [5] CENELEC EN 61000-4-5: "Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-5: Testing and measurement techniques - Surge immunity test".
- [6] Void.
- [7] CENELEC EN 61000-4-29: "Electromagnetic compatibility (EMC) - Part 4-29: Testing and measurement techniques - Voltage dips, short interruptions and voltage variations on d.c. input power port immunity tests".

2.2 Informative references

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The following referenced documents are not necessary for the application of the present document but they assist the user with regard to a particular subject area.

- [i.1] Recommendation ITU-T Q.551: "Transmission characteristics of digital exchanges".
- [i.2] Recommendation ITU-T Q.552: "Transmission characteristics at 2-wire analogue interfaces of digital exchanges".
- [i.3] Recommendation ITU-T Q.553: "Transmission characteristics at 4-wire analogue interfaces of digital exchanges".
- [i.4] Recommendation ITU-T Q.554: "Transmission characteristics at digital interfaces of digital exchanges".
- [i.5] ETSI TR 100 283: "Environmental Engineering (EE); Transient voltages at Interface "A" on telecommunications direct current (dc) power distributions".
- [i.6] US Department of Defence MIL-STD-461E: "Requirements for the control of electromagnetic interference characteristics of subsystems and equipment".
- [i.7] ETSI EN 300 253: "Environmental Engineering (EE); Earthing and bonding of ICT equipment powered by -48 VDC in telecom and data centres".
- [i.8] Recommendation ITU-T O.41: "Psophometer for use on telephone-type circuits".
- [i.9] IEC 60050-601: "International Electrotechnical Vocabulary. Chapter 601: Generation, transmission and distribution of electricity - General" (Area 826 "Electrical installations", section 826-11 "Voltages and currents").
- [i.10] CENELEC EN 60269-1: "Low-voltage fuses - Part 1: General requirements".
- [i.11] CENELEC EN 60934: "Circuit-breakers for equipment (CBE)".

3 Definition of terms, symbols and abbreviations

3.1 Terms

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

abnormal service voltage range: range of steady-state voltage over which the equipment will not be expected to maintain normal service but will survive undamaged

customer premises: location which is the sole responsibility of the customer

DC power return conductor: 0 V power supply conductor

NOTE: Also called "battery return".

fully equipped equipment: configuration that corresponds to the maximum power consumption measured at -48 VDC with the equipment in operating conditions (e.g. not in standby mode)

NOTE: When there are several fully equipped configurations because of different combinations of possible boards, the configuration with the boards that gives the highest power consumption should be considered.

ICT equipment: device, in the telecommunication network infrastructure, that provides an ICT service

interface "A": terminals at which the power supply is connected to the system block

NOTE 1: See also figure 1 and annex A.

NOTE 2: This is a functional definition and not an exact depiction of the physical location.

malfunction: termination of the normal service

maximum steady state input current (I_m): maximum steady state input current, stated by the manufacturer, for a fully equipped equipment under test connected to interface "A" at nominal voltage

nominal voltage: value of the voltage by which the electrical installation or part of the electrical installation is designated and identified [i.9]

normal service: service mode where ICT equipment operates within its specification which includes a defined restart time after malfunction or full interruption

normal service voltage range: range of steady-state voltages over which the equipment will maintain normal service

power supply: power source to which ICT equipment is intended to be connected

service voltage: value of the voltage under normal conditions, at a given instant and a given point of the system [i.9]

system block: functional group of equipment depending for its operation and performance on its connection to the same power supply

NOTE: A system block may consist of equipment or a functional group of equipment. Different examples of configurations at interface "A" are given in annex A.

telecommunication centre: location where ICT equipment is installed and which is the sole responsibility of the operator

3.2 Symbols

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

I_t	instantaneous inrush current
I_m	maximum steady state input current
L	inductance of inductive element of LISN
R	resistance of resistive element of LISN
t	time
$U_{\text{pso,eff}}$	effective psophometric voltage
U_{rms}	RMS voltage
Z_c	capacitive impedance of immunity measurement circuit
Z_m	resistive impedance of immunity measurement circuit
μs	microsecond

3.3 Abbreviations

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

AC	Alternating Current
DC	Direct Current

NOTE: Also when used as a suffix to units of measurement.

EMC	ElectroMagnetic Compatibility
ESR	Equivalent Series Resistance
EUT	Equipment Under Test
HOD	High-Ohmic Distributions
ICT	Information and Communication Technology
LISN	Line Impedance Stabilization Network
LOD	Low-Ohmic Distributions
RF	Radio Frequency
rms	root mean square
TR	Technical Report
VDC	Voltage Direct Current

NOTE: Also when used as a suffix to units of measurement.

4 Requirements

4.0 Power interface "A"

The power supply interface, interface "A" of figure 1, is a physical point to which all the requirements are related.

This point is situated between the power supply system(s) and the power consuming ICT equipment.

An example of a configuration in which interface "A" is identified is given in annex A.

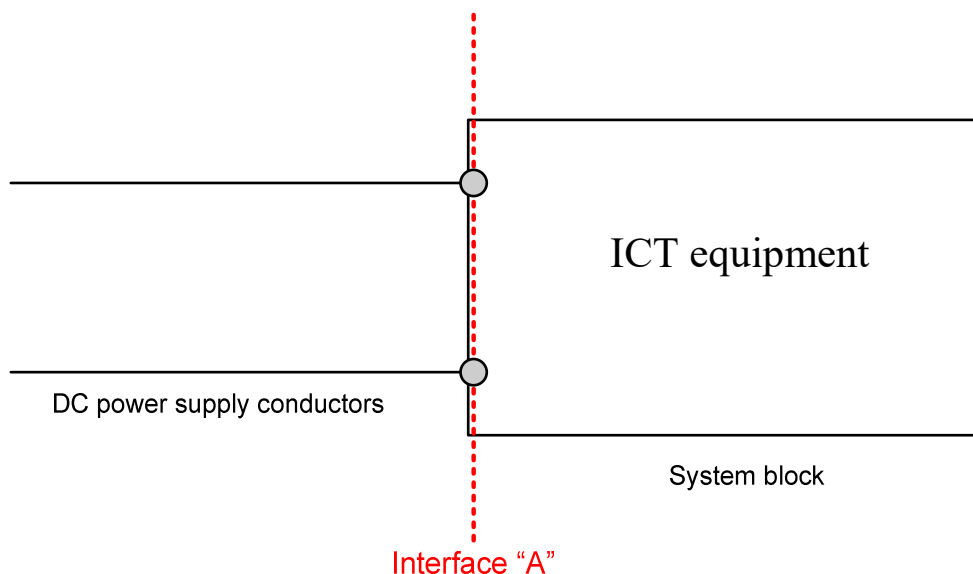


Figure 1: Identification of interface "A"

4.1 Nominal voltage

The interface and equipment shall be designated and identified by a nominal voltage.

The nominal voltage at interface "A" shall be -48 VDC with positive conductor connected to earth as defined in ETSI EN 300 253 [i.7].

NOTE 1: The positive conductor, also called DC return, can be (see ETSI EN 300 253 [i.7]):

- Isolated DC return: this is a DC power system in which the DC power return conductor has a single point connection to the bonding network. Equipment intended for this power distribution has a floating DC power at the power input terminal.
- Common DC return: this is a DC power system in which the return conductor is connected to the bonding network at many points. Equipment intended for this power distribution can have the DC return earthed at the power input terminal.

NOTE 2: In most cases the nominal voltage of interface "A" is based on a 24 cells lead-acid battery. Use of other technologies, such as Lithium-ion batteries, are increasing.

4.2 Normal service voltage range at interface "A"

The normal service voltage range for the -48 VDC nominal supply at interface "A" shall be from -40,5 VDC to -57,0 VDC.

There shall be no degradation of service performance when ICT equipment is operating at voltages within the normal service voltage range including voltage variation inside the normal voltage range.

This requirement shall be verified by applying at interface "A" a voltage step test with specification and parameters defined in table 1. The testing and measurement techniques are described in CENELEC EN 61000-4-29 [7].

The test shall apply to equipment with single and multiple power supply "A" interface inputs.

Table 1

Test level of Normal service voltage step variation	Voltage step Duration	Basic standard for testing	Rise and fall time of voltage step	Performance criteria
From -40,5 V to -57,0 VDC	0,1 s	CENELEC EN 61000-4-29 [7]	Between 1 μ s and 50 μ s on 100 Ω resistive load (see basic standard for test generator)	No degradation in the service performance during and after the test
From -57,0 V to -40,5 VDC	0,1 s			

In the case of ICT equipment with power supply input redundancy (e.g. Input 1 and Input 2), this test shall be performed:

- with Inputs 1 and 2 powered simultaneously and applying the test in table 1 on both inputs simultaneously;
- with Inputs 1 and 2 powered simultaneously and applying the test in table 1 on one input (either Input 1 or 2);
- with either Input 1 or 2 powered and no power on the other power input and applying the test in table 1 on the powered input.

NOTE 1: The minimum voltage is based on the voltage drop in the distribution network and a battery cell end of discharge voltage.

NOTE 2: The voltages specified are measured at interface "A". It should be noted that if interface "A" is at any point other than the ICT equipment interface as presented in annex A, there will be a voltage drop between interface "A" and the equipment terminals.

4.3 Abnormal service voltage range at interface "A"

4.3.1 Abnormal service voltage range under steady state conditions

ICT equipment designed to work at 48 VDC nominal voltage at the interface "A" shall not suffer any damage when subjected to the following voltage ranges defined in table 2.

Table 2

0,0 V	to	-40,5 VDC and
-57,0 VDC	to	-60,0 VDC

Following the restoration of the supply to the normal voltage range, the power conversion and management systems on the load side of interface "A" shall automatically restore normal service. The ICT equipment shall then resume operation according to its specifications. The abnormal service voltage shall not lead to the disconnection of the power supply e.g. by causing circuit breakers, fuses or other such devices to operate.

NOTE: It is acceptable that the system may restart when the voltage is -40,5 VDC or anywhere within the nominal service voltage range and/or after a time delay.

4.3.2 Abnormal conditions: voltage variations, dips and short interruptions

ICT equipment shall comply with the requirements defined in this clause when subject to the abnormal voltage range defined in table 3 that can be present at the interface "A".

This requirement shall be verified by applying at interface "A" a voltage step test with specification and parameters defined in table 3. The testing and measurement techniques are described in CENELEC EN 61000-4-29 [7].

The test shall apply to equipment with single and multiple power supply inputs.