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Introduction

This document specifies the tests required to ensure the functionalities defined in the other parts of the ISO 21622 series.

The purpose of the evaluation of the remote unit is intended to provide an opinion to serve as a guide to determine the overall functionality and operability of a remote control system.

This document concerns the remotes of remote control systems for irrigated areas.

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1 Purpose and scope

1 Scope

This document, ~~which is intended to be used in conjunction with ISO 21622-1~~, specifies the tests necessary to assess the functionality and robustness of remote units used in irrigation remote control systems.

2 Normative references

There are no normative references in this document.

3 Terms, definitions and symbols

3.1 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the following terms and definitions apply.

ISO and IEC maintain terminological databases for use in standardization at the following addresses:

- ISO Online browsing platform: available at <https://www.iso.org/obp>
- IEC Electropedia: available at <https://www.electropedia.org/>

3.1.1

control centre

CC

place to centralise the communications of all remote units

Note 1 to entry: It is usually accompanied by a system for monitoring remote equipment

3.1.2

remote unit

RU

microprocessor-based device that allows information to be obtained from an environment and sent remotely to where it can be processed

3.1.3

solenoid valve

SV

remote controllable element which, after receiving a signal from the remote unit, changes its status by allowing or not allowing the passage of water

3.1.4

nominal pressure

NP

working pressure of a hydraulic element

3.2.1.1 Symbols

~~3.2.1~~

T_{CNA}
maximum time for the counter to detect opening of SVs

~~3.2.2~~

T_{CNC}
maximum time for the counter to detect SV closure

~~3.2.3~~

T_{FCA}
maximum time for LSD to detect opening of volumetric valve

~~3.2.4~~

T_{FCC}
maximum time for LSD to detect volumetric valve closing

~~3.2.5~~

T_{PAA}
maximum time for WPD to detect opening of volumetric valve

~~3.2.6~~

T_{PAC}
maximum time for WPD to detect volumetric valve closure

~~3.2.7~~

active pulse time

T_{ON}
the time a pulse emitter is sending an active signal

~~3.2.8~~

inactive pulse time

T_{OFF}
time during which a pulse emitter does not send any signal

~~3.2.9~~

water passage detector

WPD
element confirming the passage of water through a volumetric valve

~~3.2.10.6~~

limit switch detector

LSD
element that ensures that a volumetric valve opens fully

~~3.2.11.7~~

active pulse time

T_{ON}
time a pulse emitter is sending an active signal V_{MIN}
minimum operating voltage of the remote unit

~~3.2.12.8~~

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inactive pulse time T_{OFF} time during which a pulse emitter does not send any signal**3.2 Symbols** V_{NOM}

nominal operating voltage of the remote unit

3.2.13 V_{MAX}

maximum operating voltage of the remote unit

3.2.14 V_{OP}

full operational operating voltage

T	<u>time</u>
T_{CNA}	<u>maximum time for the counter to detect opening of SVs</u>
T_{CNC}	<u>maximum time for the counter to detect SV closure</u>
T_{FCA}	<u>maximum time for LSD to detect opening of volumetric valve</u>
T_{FCC}	<u>maximum time for LSD to detect volumetric valve closing</u>
T_{OFF}	<u>inactive pulse time</u>
T_{ON}	<u>active pulse time</u>
T_{PAA}	<u>maximum time for WPD to detect opening of volumetric valve</u>
T_{PAC}	<u>maximum time for WPD to detect volumetric valve closure</u>
V_{MIN}	<u>minimum operating voltage of the remote unit</u>
V_{NOM}	<u>nominal operating voltage of the remote unit</u>
V_{MAX}	<u>maximum operating voltage of the remote unit</u>
V_{OP}	<u>full operating voltage</u>

4 Functionality**4.1 General**

The functionality tests detailed in this clause are intended to verify that the data provided by the manufacturers in the ~~Questionnaire~~ questionnaire (see Annex-A) agree with the data obtained in the laboratory tests detailed in this document.

After each and every functionality test performed, it shall be verified that the remote unit is still operational, fulfilling the basic functions, as defined by the manufacturer in the questionnaire (see Annex-A), by checking it at the nominal voltage (V_{NOM}) of the equipment, unless otherwise stated by the manufacturer.

The manufacturer shall indicate which basic functions the remote unit shall maintain, but as a minimum, it shall comply with the following:

- counter reading;
- solenoid valve actuation (opening and closing);

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- maintains;
- time;
- counter readings;
- programming.

These verifications shall be defined by the manufacturer of the remote unit as they depend on the characteristics of the remote unit.

Of all the tests indicated in the document, only those that apply shall be carried out, depending on the characteristics of the equipment to be tested (characteristics defined by the manufacturer through the questionnaire (see Annex-A)).

All tests described in ~~clause~~ Clause 4 should be conducted by ~~an ISO17025 accredited~~ a laboratory conforming to ISO 17025.

Acceptance criteria

The test shall be considered satisfactory if the variation between the values indicated by the manufacturer and the values obtained in the laboratory tests does not exceed:

- $\pm 5\%$ of the value indicated by the manufacturer in the questionnaire (see Annex-A) for the data of:
~~Consumption~~ consumption, voltage, current, short-circuit and open-circuit resistance and on the lowest and highest analogue signal value (added to the margin of error described by the manufacturer);
- $\pm 10\%$ of the value indicated by the manufacturer in the questionnaire (see Annex-A) in:
~~Frequency~~ frequency and duration of pulses (to be recorded). [ISO/FDIS 21622-2](https://standards.iteh.ai/catalog/standards/sist/a8533eab-194e-4895-8210-8fa72fc86d37/iso-fdis-21622-2)

4.2 Power tests

4.2.1 Consumption

4.2.1.1 Purpose of the test

The purpose of these tests is to measure the power consumption of the remote unit in its different operating modes and compare it with the data provided by the manufacturer. The manufacturer shall provide information on the power used by its equipment, its operating range (nominal, minimum and maximum voltage) and, where applicable, on the built-in protections and alarms.

4.2.1.2 Preparation

In order to measure the consumption of the remote unit, the part corresponding to the communications module shall be separated, as far as possible, into each of the states in which it may be. The manufacturer shall provide in the questionnaire (see Annex-A) a definition and a way to enter each of the possible states to enable the measurements to be carried out.

EXAMPLE Sleeping, ~~Standby, Receiving, Transmitting~~ standby, receiving, transmitting.

In all tests in this subclause, the power consumption shall be measured for each of its power modes. Upon completion of each test, the test sequence shall be performed to verify the correct operation of the remote unit.

4.2.1.3 Test procedure

4.2.1.3.1 Consumption at nominal full operating voltage (V_{OP}) in the different operating modes defined by the manufacturer

- a) Power the remote unit by connecting an external adjustable power supply to the corresponding power input of the equipment under test.
- b) Adjust the power supply until the nominal full operating voltage indicated by the manufacturer in the questionnaire (see Annex A) is reached.
- c) Measure the power consumption in each of the remote unit's operating modes, as specified by the manufacturer.

4.2.1.3.2 Power consumption at the minimum full operating voltage (V_{OP}) in the idle operating mode defined by the manufacturer

- a) Power the remote unit by connecting an external, adjustable power supply to the corresponding power input.
- b) Adjust the power supply until it reaches the minimum full operating voltage specified by the manufacturer.
- c) Measure the power consumption in the idle operating mode defined by the manufacturer.

4.2.1.3.3 Consumption at maximum full operating voltage (V_{OP}) in idle mode as defined by the manufacturer

- a) Power the remote unit by connecting an external adjustable power supply to the corresponding power input.
- b) Adjust the power supply to the maximum operating voltage specified by the manufacturer.
- c) Measure the power consumption in the idle operating mode defined by the manufacturer.

4.2.1.4 Acceptance criteria

All tests in this subclause shall be considered satisfactory if the variation between the values indicated by the manufacturer and the values obtained in the laboratory measurement does not exceed $\pm 5\%$ of the consumption specified by the manufacturer in the questionnaire (see Annex A).

~~— $\pm 5\%$ of the consumption specified by the manufacturer in the questionnaire (Annex A)~~

4.2.2 Power loss

4.2.2.1 Purpose of the test

The aim of the group of tests described in this subclause is to check that the sudden loss of power to the remote unit does not lead to a loss of critical values, such as irrigation schedules and counter values.

When power is restored, the remote unit shall continue to operate according to the manufacturer's instructions.

4.2.2.2 Scheduled irrigation test Case A — Test procedure

4.2.2.2.1 Test procedure

- a) Schedule irrigation of sufficient duration (as defined by the manufacturer in their remote unit operating manual) to perform this test.
- b) Switch off the power to the remote unit at least 3 ~~minutes~~ min before the irrigation programme starts.
- c) Re-power after ~~one minute~~ 1 min, ensuring that there is sufficient time for the remote to fully reset and become fully operational, before scheduled irrigation begins.
- d) Record the actions carried out by the remote:
 - Execution of irrigation: YES/NO
 - YES: record the delay time, if any, execution of the irrigation and the duration of the irrigation.
 - Alarm generation: YES/NO
 - YES: record the type of alarm.

4.2.2.3 Scheduled irrigation test Case B — Test procedure

4.2.2.3.1 Test procedure

- a) Schedule irrigation of sufficient duration (as defined by the manufacturer in their remote unit operating manual) to perform this test.
- b) Remove power to the remote unit at least ~~one minute~~ 1 min before irrigation begins.
- c) Re-power ~~one minute~~ 1 min after the programmed start of irrigation.
- d) Record the actions carried out by the remote:
 - Execution of irrigation: YES/NO
 - YES: record the delay time, if any, in the execution of the irrigation and the duration of the irrigation.
 - Alarm generation: YES/NO
 - YES: record the type of alarm.

4.2.2.4 Scheduled irrigation test Case C — Test procedure

4.2.2.4.1 Test procedure

- a) Schedule irrigation of sufficient duration (as defined by the manufacturer in their remote unit operating manual) to perform this test.
- b) Switch off the voltage at least ~~one minute~~ 1 min before the scheduled irrigation starts.
- c) Re-power at least ~~one minute~~ 1 min after the end of the irrigation time.

d) Record the actions carried out by the remote:

- Execution of irrigation: YES/NO
 - YES: record the delay time, if any, in the execution of the irrigation and the duration of the irrigation.
- Alarm generation: YES/NO
 - YES: record the type of alarm.

4.2.2.5 Scheduled irrigation test Case D — Test procedure

4.2.2.5.1 Test procedure

- a)** Schedule irrigation of sufficient duration (as defined by the manufacturer in their remote unit operating manual) to perform this test.
- b)** Interrupt power supply after ~~one minute~~ **1 min** from the start of the programmed irrigation time.
- c)** Re-power, ~~one minute~~ **1 min** before the scheduled end time.
- d)** Record the actions carried out by the remote:

- Execution of irrigation: YES/NO
 - YES: record the delay time, if any, in the execution of the irrigation and the duration of the irrigation.
- Alarm generation: YES/NO
 - YES: record the type of alarm.

4.2.2.6 Scheduled irrigation test Case E — Test procedure

4.2.2.6.1 Test procedure

- a)** Schedule irrigation of sufficient duration (as defined by the manufacturer in their remote unit operating manual) to perform this test.
- b)** Interrupt the power supply ~~one minute~~ **1 min** before the scheduled irrigation end time.
- c)** Re-power ~~one minute~~ **1 min** after the scheduled end time.
- d)** Record the actions carried out by the remote:

- Execution of irrigation: YES/NO
 - YES: record the delay time, if any, in the execution of the irrigation and the duration of the irrigation.
- Alarm generation: YES/NO
 - YES: record the type of alarm.