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Summary

To achieve optimal performance for VDSL2 lines making use of vectoring, Recommendation ITU-T G.995.2 specifies common mode (CM) voltage limits up to 30 MHz on the digital subscriber line (DSL) that provide additional radio protection relative to what is currently specified in CISPR22.

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Enhanced common mode limits and measurement methods for customer premises equipment operating on copper pairs

1 Scope

To achieve optimal performance for VDSL2 lines making use of vectoring, this Recommendation specifies common mode (CM) voltage limits up to 30 MHz on the DSL line that provide additional radio protection relative to what is currently specified in [IEC CISPR 22].

2 References

The following ITU-T Recommendations and other references contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this Recommendation. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All Recommendations and other references are subject to revision; users of this Recommendation are therefore encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the Recommendations and other references listed below. A list of the currently valid ITU-T Recommendations is regularly published. The reference to a document within this Recommendation does not give it, as a stand-alone document, the status of a Recommendation.

[[ITU-T G.993.2](#)] Recommendation ITU-T G.993.2 (2015), *Very high speed digital subscriber line transceivers 2 (VDSL2)*.

[IEC CISPR 22] IEC CISPR 22 (2008), *Information Technology Equipment – Radio Disturbance Characteristics – Limits and Methods of Measurement*.

3 Definitions

3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

This Recommendation uses the following term defined elsewhere:

3.1.1 vectoring [b-ITU-T G.993.5]: The coordinated transmission and/or coordinated reception of signals of multiple DSL transceivers using techniques to mitigate the adverse effects of crosstalk to improve performance.

3.2 Terms defined in this Recommendation

This Recommendation defines the following term:

3.2.1 customer premises equipment (CPE): Equipment located at the customer premises, including the network termination (NT) equipment, as shown in Figure 5-4 of [[ITU-T G.993.2](#)].

4 Abbreviations and acronyms

This Recommendation uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

ADSL	Asymmetric Digital Subscriber Line
CM	Common Mode
CPE	Customer Premises Equipment
ISN	Impedance Stabilization Network
DSL	Digital Subscriber Line
LCL	Longitudinal Conversion Loss
SHDSL	Single-pair High-speed Digital Subscriber Line

VDSL Very high speed Digital Subscriber Line

5 CPE common mode voltage limits

The common mode voltage limits for VDSL2 CPE are defined in Annex A, clauses A.1 and A.2.

6 Common mode voltage measurement method

The common mode voltage measurement method for VDSL2 CPE is defined in Annex A, clause A.3.

Annex A

ITU-T G.993.2 CPE common mode voltage limits and measurement method

(This annex forms an integral part of this Recommendation.)

To achieve optimal performance for VDSL2 lines making use of vectoring, this annex specifies common mode (CM) voltage limits up to 30 MHz on the DSL line that provide additional radio protection relative to what is currently specified in [IEC CISPR 22].

A.1 CM voltage limits in frequency band 2.208 MHz to 30 MHz

At the U-R2 reference point (see Figure 5-4 of [ITU-T G.993.2]), and for frequencies in the frequency band from 2.208 MHz to 30 MHz, the CM voltage (U_{CM}) shall comply with the CM voltage limit and the CM power in a 1 MHz sliding window (P_{CM}) shall comply with the CM power limit, as listed in Table A.1.

Table A.1 – CM voltage and power limits

Frequency (MHz)	CM voltage limit Average detector (dB μ V)	CM power limit in a 1 MHz sliding window (dBm)
2.208-30	40	–60

NOTE 1 – For an efficient operation of vectored VDSL2, a low quiet line noise of approximately –140 dBm/Hz in this frequency band is required. A general U_{CM} voltage limit of 40 dB μ V together with P_{CM} power limit in a 1 MHz sliding window of –60 dBm seems to be appropriate to ensure such a low noise level even in environments with a concentrated deployment of DSL equipment. On customer side, the combination of a power supply unit with low CM emissions and a CM choke (nominal value between 0.5 and 2 mH) in the line interface should enable CPEs to fulfil the limits.

NOTE 2 – With U_{CM} measured with 9 kHz bandwidth into a 150 Ohms impedance, and P_{CM} measured with 1 MHz bandwidth, a P_{CM} level of –60 dBm corresponds with a U_{CM} level of $-60-10\times\log(1000000)+10\times\log(9000)+(90+10\times\log(150)) = 31.3$ dB μ V.

A.2 CM voltage limits in the frequency band 138 kHz to 2.208 MHz

For frequencies in the frequency band from 138 kHz to 2.208 MHz, the common mode voltage (U_{CM}) at the U-R2 reference point shall satisfy:

$$U_{CM} \leq 63 - 23 \times \frac{\log(f / f_0)}{\log(f_1 / f_0)} \text{ dB}\mu\text{V},$$

with:

$$f_0 = 138 \text{ kHz and}$$

$$f_1 = 2.208 \text{ MHz.}$$

NOTE 1 – The limit for U_{CM} decreases linearly with the logarithm of the frequency from 63 dB μ V at 138 kHz to 40 dB μ V at 2.208 MHz. The slope of the limit curve in this frequency interval has been chosen identical to CISPR22 limit slope between 150 kHz and 500 kHz.

NOTE 2 – This frequency range is often not exclusively used for vectored VDSL2 but also for (non-vectored) SHDSL [b-ITU-T G.991.2] or ADSL2plus [b-ITU-T G.992.5] in the same cable. Due to the crosstalk noise, the acceptable common mode voltage from external sources is higher. Furthermore, the longitudinal conversion loss (LCL) of cables is usually higher in this frequency range, resulting in a lower converted differential mode signal.

A.3 CM measurement method

The measurement method for the CM voltage on the line shall be as defined in [IEC CISPR 22], however with following deviations:

- The common mode voltage measurement shall be carried out at the U-R2 reference point in the average detector mode (AV detector) with a measurement bandwidth of 9 kHz.
- Only the power supply of the equipment shall be connected during the measurement.
- Instead of the impedance stabilization network (ISN) for category 3 cables, an ISN with a high longitudinal conversion loss (LCL) shall be used in order to reduce the influence of the transmit signal (differential mode) on the measurement result.
- In this regard, this test should be conducted with restricted VDSL2 spectrum usage (e.g., ≤ 2.2 MHz) or with an additional attenuation in the VDSL2 signal path.

The CM voltage limits defined in clauses A.1 and A.2 are shown in Figure A.1, in overlay with a measurement example of a compliant VDSL2 CPE.

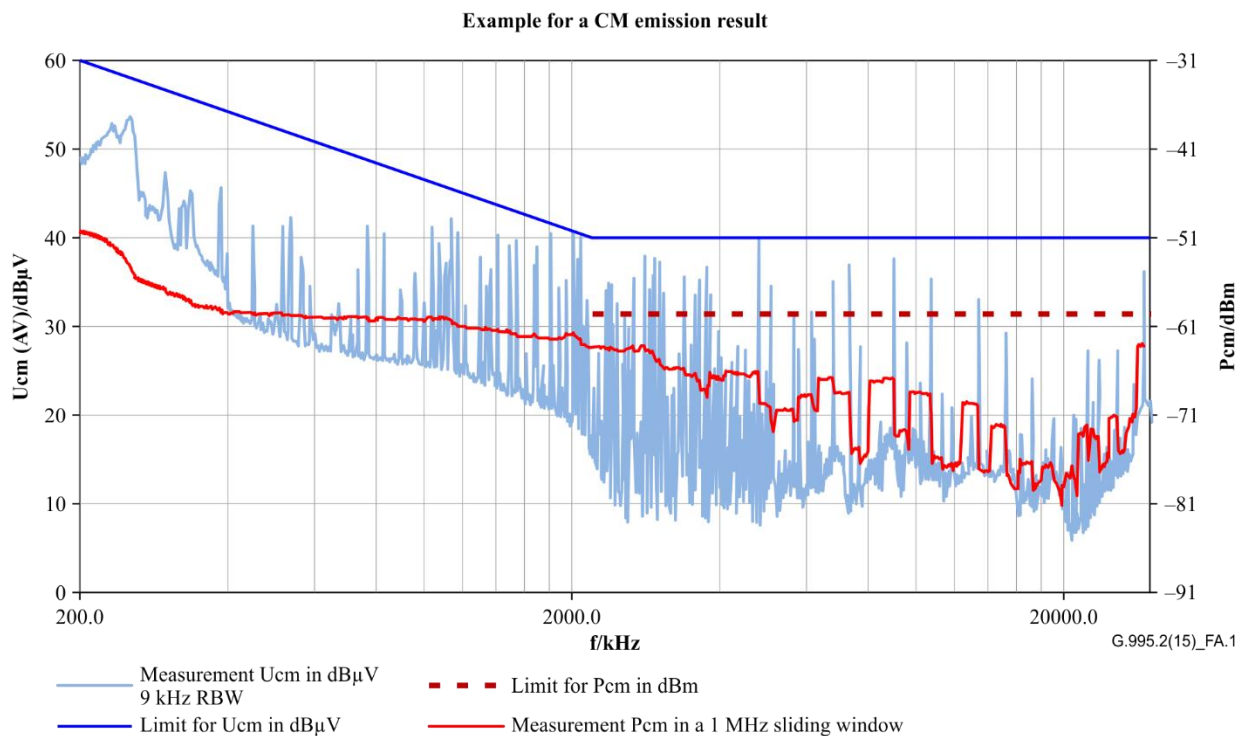


Figure A.1 – CM voltage limits and measurement example of a compliant VDSL2 CPE

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