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## Supplement 22 to ITU-T K-series Recommendations

### Rationale for setting resistibility requirements of telecommunication equipment installed in the access and trunk networks against lightning

#### Summary

Supplement 22 to ITU-T K-series Recommendations includes the technical information (rationale) on resistibility against lightning contained in Recommendation ITU-T K.45 "*Resistibility of telecommunication equipment installed in the access and trunk networks to overvoltages and overcurrents*".

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## Supplement 22 to ITU-T K-series Recommendations

### Rationale for setting resistibility requirements of telecommunication equipment installed in the access and trunk networks against lightning

#### 1 Scope

This Supplement provides technical information (rationale) for setting the resistibility requirements against lightning in [ITU-T K.45]. This information should be referred to in the case of revision of [ITU-T K.45]. The rationale described in this Supplement is mainly quoted from past contributions and other documents discussed in ITU-T SG5 at the stage of establishment and revision of [ITU-T K.45].

This is a living document in that the rational justifying any future changes in [ITU-T K.45] testing should be added to this Supplement.

This Supplement references the tables, test numbers and test conditions found in [ITU-T K.45]. Rational information for the [ITU-T K.45] test values originates from various events, surveys, standards and ITU-T SG5 contributions.

#### 2 References

- [ITU-T K.21] Recommendation ITU-T K.21 (2019), *Resistibility of telecommunication equipment installed in customer premises to overvoltages and overcurrents*.
- [ITU-T K.44] Recommendation ITU-T K.44 (2019), *Resistibility tests for telecommunication equipment exposed to overvoltages and overcurrents – Basic Recommendation*.
- [ITU-T K.45] Recommendation ITU-T K.45 (2019), *Resistibility of telecommunication equipment installed in the access and trunk networks to overvoltages and overcurrents*.
- [ITU-T K.143] Recommendation ITU-T K.143 (2019), *Guidance on safety relating to the use of surge protective devices and surge protective components in telecommunication terminal equipment*.
- [IEC 60664-1] IEC 60664-1:2020, *Insulation Coordination for Equipment Within Low – Voltage Systems – Part 1: Principles, Requirements and Tests*.
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#### 3 Definitions

##### 3.1 Terms defined elsewhere

This Supplement uses terms defined in [ITU-T K.45].

##### 3.2 Terms defined in this Supplement

None.

## 4 Abbreviations and acronyms

This Supplement uses the following abbreviations and acronyms:

a.c.	Alternating Current
CWG	Combination Wave Generator
d.c.	Direct Current
dpf	dedicated power feed
n/a	Not Applicable
PoE	Power over Ethernet
STP <sub>E</sub>	Ethernet Shielded Twisted Pair
USB	Universal Serial Bus
UTP <sub>E</sub>	Ethernet Unshielded Twisted Pair

## 5 Conventions

None.

## 6 Rationale

Table 1 shows references to clause numbers containing the rationale with each test number in [ITU-T K.45], in the same table structure as Table 1 of [ITU-T K.45].

**Table 1 – Reference to rationale of each test item – ports connected to external cables**

Test type	No. of pairs simultaneously tested	Test connections	Primary protection	Port/Reference to rationale (Test No. in [ITU-T K.45])			
				Symmetric port	Co-axial port	Dedicated power feed port	Mains power port
Lightning/voltage	Single	Transverse/differential	No	Not clarified (2.1.1a)	Not clarified (3.1.1)	Not clarified (4.1.1a)	Not clarified (5.1.1a)
		Port to earth	No	Clause 6.1.1 (2.1.1b)	n/a	Clause 6.1.3 (4.1.1b)	Clause 6.1.4 (5.1.1b)
		Port to external port	No	Clause 6.1.1 (2.1.1c)	n/a	Clause 6.1.3 (4.1.1c)	Clause 6.1.4 (5.1.1c)
		Coordination /Transverse/differential	Yes	Not clarified (2.1.2a)	Not clarified (3.1.2)	(4.1.2a)	Not clarified (5.1.2a)
		Coordination /Port to earth	Yes	Clause 6.1.1 (2.1.2b)	n/a	Clause 6.1.3 (4.1.2b)	Clause 6.1.4 (5.1.2b)
		Coordination /Port to external port	Yes	Clause 6.1.1 (2.1.2c)	n/a	Clause 6.1.3 (4.1.2c)	Clause 6.1.4 (5.1.2c)
	Multiple	Port to earth	No	Clause 6.1.1 (2.1.3a)	n/a	n/a	n/a



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				Symmetric port	Co-axial port	Dedicated power feed port	Mains power port
		Port to external port	No	Clause 6.1.1 (2.1.3b)	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Port to earth	Yes	Clause 6.1.1 (2.1.4a)	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Port to external port	Yes	Clause 6.1.1 (2.1.4b)	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Ethernet unshielded twisted pair (UTP <sub>E</sub> )	Port to earth	No	Clause 6.1.1 (2.1.8)	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Transverse	No	Not clarified (2.1.7)	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Voltage impulse test	No	Clause 6.1.1 (2.1.10)	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Power over Ethernet (PoE)	No	Not clarified (2.1.11)	n/a	n/a	n/a
	Ethernet shielded twisted pair (STP <sub>E</sub> )	Shield to earth	No	Clause 6.1.1 (2.1.8)		n/a	n/a
		Port to earth	No	Clause 6.1.1 (2.1.9)		n/a	n/a
	Lightning current	Single	Port to earth	No	Not clarified (2.1.5a)	n/a	Not clarified (4.1.5a)
Port to external port			No	Not clarified (2.1.5b)	n/a	Not clarified (4.1.5b)	n/a
Multiple		Port to earth	No	n/a	Not clarified (3.1.3)	n/a	n/a
		Port to external port	No	n/a	Not clarified (3.1.4)	n/a	n/a
		Differential	n/a	n/a	Not clarified (3.1.5)	n/a	n/a
		Shield to earth	n/a	Not clarified (2.1.6a)	n/a	n/a	n/a
		Shield to external port	n/a	Not clarified (2.1.6b)	n/a	n/a	n/a
n/a That test is not applicable to that port in [ITU-T K.45].							

## 6.1 Ports connected to external cables

### 6.1.1 External symmetric pair cables

Table 2 shows the references to the rationale shown in Table 3 for ports connected to external symmetric pair cables.

**Table 2 – Reference to rationale for ports connected to external symmetric pair cables**

Test no.	Test description	Test circuit and waveform	Test levels		Reference to rationale
2.1.1b	Single pair, lightning, inherent, port to earth	A.3-1 and A.6.1-2 10/700	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 1.5 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	Table 3 No.1
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 1.5 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	To be clarified. It should also be considered including the revision of the test level.
2.1.1c	Single pair, lightning, inherent, port to external port	A.3-1 and A.6.1-3 10/700	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 1.5 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	Table 3 No.1
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 1.5 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	To be clarified.
2.1.2b	Single pair, lightning, co-ordination, port to earth	A.3-1 and A.6.1-2 10/700	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 4.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	To be clarified.
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 4.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	
			Special	$U_{c(max)} = 13 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega, R_1 = 100 \Omega$	Table 3 No.1
2.1.2c	Single pair, lightning, co-ordination, port to external port	A.3-1 and A.6.1-3 10/700	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 4.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	To be clarified.
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 4.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	
			Special	$U_{c(max)} = 13 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega, R_1 = 100 \Omega$	Table 3 No.1
2.1.3a	Multiple pair, lightning, inherent, port to earth	A.3-1 and A.6.1-4 10/700	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 1.5 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	Table 3 No.1
2.1.3b	Multiple pair, lightning, inherent, port to external port	A.3-1 and A.6.1-5 10/705	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 1.5 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	Table 3 No.1
2.1.4a	Multiple pair, lightning, port to earth	A.3-1 and A.6.1-4 10/700	Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 6.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	Table 3 No.1
2.1.4b	Multiple pair, lightning, port to external port	A.3-1 and A.6.1-5 10/705	Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 6.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	Table 3 No.1
2.1.8	Ethernet longitudinal/ common mode to transverse/ differential	A.3-5 and A.6.7-4 1.2/50-8/20 CWG $R = 10 \Omega$	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 2.5 \text{ kV}$	Table 3 No.1, No.2, No.3
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 6.0 \text{ kV}$	Table 3 No.1, No.2

**Table 2 – Reference to rationale for ports connected to external symmetric pair cables**

Test no.	Test description	Test circuit and waveform	Test levels		Reference to rationale
	mode conversion tests				
2.1.9	Screen/shield connection high current test	A.3-5 and A.6.7-6 1.2/50-8/20 CWG R = 5 $\Omega$	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 2.5 \text{ kV}$	Table 3 No.1, No.2, No.3
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 6.0 \text{ kV}$	Table 3 No.1, No.2
2.1.10	UTP <sub>E</sub> port rated impulse voltage test	A.3-5 and A.6.7-3a 1.2/50-8/20 CWG R = 5 $\Omega$	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 2.5 \text{ kV}$	Table 3 No.1, No.2, No.3
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 6.0 \text{ kV}$	Table 3 No.1, No.2

**Table 3 – Rationale for ports connected to external symmetric pair cables**

No.	Source	Rationale	Added date of rationale
1	Agreed in SG5	This test level is in line with the test of the same Test No. and resistibility requirement (i.e., basic, enhanced, and special) in [ITU-T K.21].	3/2020
2	Agreed in SG5	This test level for Ethernet port is in line with the test level of "Mains power port, lightning, inherent, port to earth (clause 5.1.1b of [ITU-T K.45])"; 2.5kV (Basic), 6.0kV (Enhanced).	3/2020
3	[IEEE 802.3] IEEE Std. 802.3-2012 Clause 25.4.6 "UTP isolation requirement"	Quoted from source document; This electrical isolation shall withstand at least one of the following electrical strength tests. c) A sequence of ten 2400 V impulse alternative polarity, applied at intervals of not less than 1 s. The shape of the impulse shall be 1.2/50 $\mu\text{sec}$ (1.2 $\mu\text{s}$ virtual front time, 50 $\mu\text{s}$ virtual time of half value), as defined in Annex N of [IEC 60950-1]	3/2020

### 6.1.2 Lightning test for ports connected to external coaxial cables

Table 4 shows the references to rationale for ports connected to external coaxial cables.

**Table 4 – Reference to rationale for ports connected to external symmetric pair cables**

Test no.	Test description	Test circuit and waveform	Test levels		Reference to rationale
3.1.1	Lightning, inherent, differential	A.3-5 and A.6.2-1 1.2/50 – 8/20 CWG	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 1.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 0 \Omega$	To be clarified.
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 1.5 \text{ kV}$ $R = 0 \Omega$	To be clarified.
3.1.2	Lightning, co-ordination, differential	A.3-5 and A.6.2-1 1.2/50 – 8/20 CWG	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 4.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 0 \Omega$	To be clarified.
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 6.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 0 \Omega$	To be clarified.
3.1.3	Lightning, current, differential	A.3-4 and A.6.2-1 8/20	Basic	$I = 1.0 \text{ kA}$	To be clarified.
			Enhanced	$I = 5.0 \text{ kA}$	To be clarified.
3.1.4	Lightning, shield test, port to earth	A.3-4 and A.6.2-2 8/20	Basic	$I = 4.0 \text{ kA}$ (Note 1) $I = 2.0 \text{ kA}$ (Note 2)	To be clarified.
			Enhanced	$I = 20.0 \text{ kA}$ (Note 1) $I = 5.0 \text{ kA}$ (Note 2)	To be clarified.
3.1.5	Lightning, shield, port to external port	A.3-4 and A.6.2-3 8/20	Basic	$I = 4.0 \text{ kA}$ (Note 1) $I = 2.0 \text{ kA}$ (Note 2)	To be clarified.
			Enhanced	$I = 20.0 \text{ kA}$ (Note 1) $I = 5.0 \text{ kA}$ (Note 2)	To be clarified.

NOTE 1 – Equipment designed to be connected to antennas/equipment exposed to direct lightning currents, e.g., connected to antennas/equipment mounted on a tower.

NOTE 2 – Applicable equipment not covered by Note 1.

### 6.1.3 Lightning test for ports connected to external d.c. or a.c. dedicated power feeding cables

Table 5 shows the references to the rationale shown in Table 6 for ports connected to external d.c. or a.c. dedicated power feeding cables.

**Table 5 – Reference to rationale for ports connected to external d.c. or a.c. dedicated power feeding cables**

Test no.	Test description	Test circuit and waveform	Test levels		Reference to rationale
4.1.1b	Single pair, lightning, inherent, port to earth	A.3-1 and A.6.3-2 10/700	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 1.5 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	Table 6 No.1
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 1.5 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	To be clarified.
4.1.1c	Single pair, lightning, inherent, port to external port	A.3-1 and A.6.3-3 10/700	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 1.5 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	Table 6 No.1
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 1.5 \text{ kV}$ $R = 25 \Omega$	To be clarified.

**Table 6 – Rationale for ports connected to external d.c. or a.c.  
dedicated power feeding cables**

No.	Source	Rationale	Added date of rationale
1	Agreed in SG5	This test level is in line with the test of the same Test No. and resistibility requirement (i.e., basic) in [ITU-T K.21].	3/2020

#### 6.1.4 Test for mains power ports

Table 7 shows the references to the rationale shown in Table 8 for mains power ports.

**Table 7 – Reference to rationale for mains power ports**

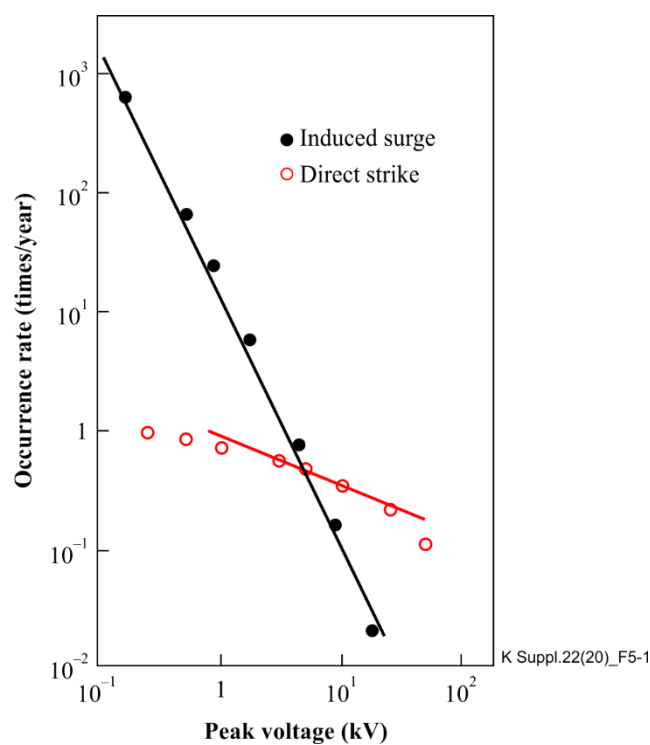
Test no.	Test description	Test circuit and waveform	Test levels		Reference to rationale
5.1.1b	Lightning, inherent, port to earth	A.3-5 and A.6.4-2 1.2/50-8/20 CWG	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 2.5 \text{ kV}$ $R = 0 \Omega$	Table 8 No.1, No.2, No.3, No.4
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 6.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 0 \Omega$	Table 8 No.1, No.2, No.3, No.4
5.1.1c	Lightning, inherent, port to external port	A.3-5 and A.6.4-3 1.2/50-8/20 CWG	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 2.5 \text{ kV}$ $R = 0 \Omega$	Table 8 No.1, No.2, No.3, No.4, No.5
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 6.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 0 \Omega$	Table 8 No.1, No.2, No.3, No.4, No.5
5.1.2b	Lightning, inherent/co-ordination, port to earth	A.3-5 and A.6.4-2 1.2/50-8/20 CWG	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 6.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 0 \Omega$	Table 8 No.1, No.2, No.3, No.4
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 10.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 0 \Omega$	Table 8 No.1, No.2, No.4
5.1.2c	Lightning, inherent/co-ordination, port to external port	A.3-5 and A.6.4-3 1.2/50-8/20 CWG	Basic	$U_{c(max)} = 6.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 0 \Omega$	Table 8 No.1, No.2, No.3, No.4, No.5
			Enhanced	$U_{c(max)} = 10.0 \text{ kV}$ $R = 0 \Omega$	Table 8 No.1, No.2, No.4, No.5

**Table 8 – Rationale for mains power ports**

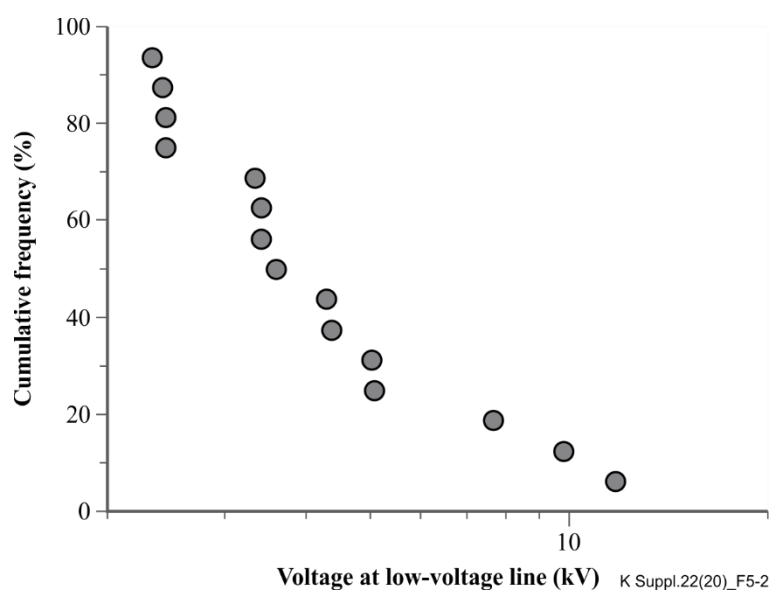
No.	Source	Rationale	Added date of rationale
1	[ITU-T K.143] <i>Guidance on safety relating to the use of surge protective devices and surge protective components in telecommunication terminal equipment</i>	Quoted from source document; Fig. 5 "Occurrence rate of lightning voltage on LV power distribution line" (See Figure 1 of this Supplement) "The occurrence rate for lightning surges on low-voltage (LV) power distribution lines in Japan is shown in Figure 5." (See Figure 5-11 of this Supplement)	10/2020
2	[Miyazaki] <i>A Lightning Surge Analysis for the Rationalization of the Ground System in Power Distribution Lines</i> , Teru Miyazaki, Shigemitsu Okabe, Kiyoshi Aiba, Takao Hirai, Jun Yoshinaga, IEEJ Trans. PE, Vol. 127, No.2, 2007	Quoted from source document; Fig.6 "Distribution of voltage at low-voltage line" (See Figure 2 of this Supplement)	10/2020

**Table 8 – Rationale for mains power ports**

No.	Source	Rationale	Added date of rationale
3	[IEC 60664-1] <i>Insulation Coordination For Equipment Within Low-Voltage Systems – Part 1: Principles, Requirements and Tests</i>	<p>Table F.1 "Rated impulse voltage for equipment energized directly from the low-voltage mains"</p> <p>Rated impulse voltage: 2500 V for "Overvoltage category II" and 6000 V for "Overvoltage category IV" on "Voltage line to neutral derived from nominal voltages a.c. or d.c. more than 150 V and up to and including 300 V"</p> <p>Quoted from source document;</p> <p>"Equipment of overvoltage category II is energy-consuming equipment to be supplied from the fixed installation.</p> <p>NOTE Examples of such equipment are appliances, portable tools and other household and similar loads."</p> <p>"Equipment of overvoltage category IV is for use at the origin of the installation.</p> <p>NOTE Examples of such equipment are electricity meters and primary overcurrent protection equipment."</p>	10/2020
4	Agreed in SG5	This test level is in line with the test of the same Test No. and resistibility requirement (i.e., basic, enhanced) in [ITU-T K.21].	10/2020
5	Agreed in SG5	This "port to external port" test level is in line with "port to earth" test level, because this test is specified considering the situation that a port of equipment is exposed to overvoltage and the potential of the other port is referenced to local line.	10/2020



**Figure 1 – Occurrence rate of lightning voltage on LV power distribution line**



**Figure 2 – Distribution of voltage at low-voltage line in Japan**

## 7 Addition of rationale to this Supplement

Rationale for revision of [ITU-T K.45] will be added in the case that [ITU-T K.45] is revised.







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