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NOTE

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ABSTRACT

This Recommendation provides digital transmission performance limits for out-of-service testing, and also in-service degraded performance limit thresholds, of international data transmission links and systems.

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Digital transmission performance, International data transmission links, International data transmission systems.

Recommendation M.1340

PERFORMANCE ALLOCATIONS AND LIMITS FOR INTERNATIONAL DATA TRANSMISSION LINKS AND SYSTEMS

(Helsinki, 1993, revised in 1996)

1 General

1.1 Introduction

The performance limits described in this Recommendation should form the basis for all digital test measurements associated with international data transmission links and systems¹⁾. The limits are also applicable to the international section of international leased circuits that are supported by an international data transmission system and that have a digital interface at the renters' premises.

The limits described represent a typical minimum level of performance and Administrations should apply practical experience and negotiation for the agreement of superior limits whenever this is considered feasible. It should, however, be recognized that the performance limits described may not be achieved by certain existing transmission equipment technologies.

1.2 Terminology

Recommendation M.1300 [2] provides general descriptions of international data transmission links and international data transmission systems.

Terminologies and definitions relating to this Recommendation are provided in Recommendation M.60 [1].

1.3 Operational procedures

Recommendation M.1370 [3] covers the setting-up and bringing-into-service of international data transmission systems. Maintenance issues are covered by Recommendation M.1375 [4].

The bringing-into-service and maintenance issues relating to international leased circuits with a digital presentation at renters' premises that are supported by international data transmission systems are covered by Recommendations M.1380 [5] and M.1385 [6] respectively.

2 Basic principles

2.1 Measurement parameters

Performance limits are provided for Errored Seconds (ES) and Severely Errored Seconds (SES) as defined in Recommendation M.60 [1].

2.2 Derivation of performance limits

The performance limit allocation principles described in this Recommendation are compatible with those presented in Recommendation M.2100 [7]. Table 2b/M.2100 is used as the basis for deriving overall performance allocations for this Recommendation.

For greatly simplified operational performance measurements, this Recommendation uses the same ES-and-SES limits to cover all 24-hour out-of-service test requirements [e.g. bringing-into-service, maintenance intervention and returning to service (after repair)]. In addition, dual limits associated with a confidence window, as described in clause 6/M.2100 [7] are not used. While this overall approach is not directly compatible with Recommendation M.2100 [7], an international digital path set-up in accordance with the performance requirements of Recommendation M.2100 [7] should be able to support an international data transmission link set-up in accordance with the performance requirements of this Recommendation.

¹⁾ The performance limits described in this Recommendation do not represent design objectives.

2.2.1 Data rates below 1544 kbit/s

The same performance limits will be applicable for all data rates below the primary rate (for the purposes of this Recommendation this will include data rates from 600 bit/s).

The ES performance limits used in this Recommendation have a mathematical basis and are derived from a 40% allowance of an end-to-end ES objective as described in Recommendation G.821 [8]. However, taking account of practical experience, the 8% ES objective proposed in Recommendation G.821 [8] is reduced to 4%.

The SES performance limits used in this Recommendation are not directly related to the SES objectives described in Recommendation G.821 [8]. The limits have a mathematical basis but have been significantly modified to reflect practical experience.

2.2.2 Data rates at the primary rate and higher bit rates

The end-to-end error reference performance objectives at or above the primary rate are those given in Table 1b/M.2100. The reference performance objective for ES used in this Recommendation is based on a maximum of a 2% (primary rate), 2.5% (secondary rate), 3.75% (tertiary rate) and 8% (quaternary rate) end-to-end reference performance objective as derived from Recommendation G.826.

The SES performance limits are identical to those for data rates below 1544 kbit/s.

2.3 Test duration

To reflect operational requirements for out-of-service testing, test durations of 24 hours, one hour and 15 minutes are used in this Recommendation. Whilst the one month test duration suggested in Recommendations G.821 [8] and G.826 [9] is not realistic for most test requirements, it must be recognized that 24-hour test results are inherently less reliable.

The 1-hour and 15-minute test objectives specified in this Recommendation (see Table 3) are used to provide a basic check of operability and are not intended to give a reliable indication of transmission performance.

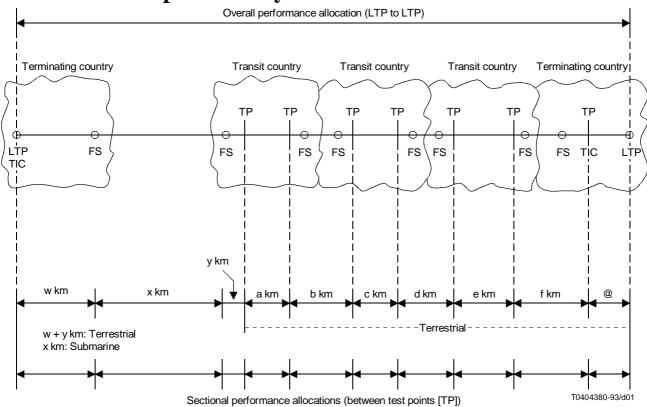
2.4 Action on test failure

A 24-hour test duration cannot be expected to give a particularly reliable indication of transmission performance (a test duration of one month is suggested in Recommendations G.821 [8] and G.826 [9]). When a performance limit is not met, Administrations should use practical judgement to determine an agreed course of action. Except where performance is catastrophically bad and a fault is obviously present, it will often be advantageous to continue testing to give an increased level of confidence. However, to avoid unnecessary testing where a limit is exceeded by a very small margin, following agreement between Administrations involved, it may be appropriate to deem the result acceptable. See Recommendations M.1370 [3] and M.1375 [4] for further guidance.

3 Error performance allocation principles

3.1 Overall performance allocation (link terminating point-to-link terminating point)

Prior to attempting to determine an overall performance allocation, Administrations should construct an agreed schematic routing diagram for the international data transmission link or system under consideration. The diagram should locate Link Terminating Points (LTP), earth stations, terrestrial Frontier Stations (FS) and terminal international centres showing distances in kilometres (except for any satellite sections or national link sections). Figure 1 is a typical schematic diagram (see also Figures 2a/M.2100 and 3/M.2100). A suitable diagram may have been agreed at the initial planning stage prior to bringing-into-service. (The inclusion of intermediate Test Points (TP), as shown in Figure 1 is not necessary for the derivation of overall performance limits.)



LTP Link Terminating Point

TP Test Point

FS Frontier Station

TIC Terminal International Centre

NOTES

- 1 An overall performance allocation is derived using Table 2/M.2100, Table 1 of this Recommendation and taking account of allocations for national link sections (eg. @).
- 2 Individual international link section performance allocations are derived using Table 2 and Table 1.
- 3 Where an LTP is located at a TIC there will be no national link section.

FIGURE 1/M.1340

Performance allocation for international data transmission links and systems

Within international link sections percentage performance allocations attributable to terminating countries, transit countries, submarine cable systems, terrestrial border crossings and satellite systems are determined by reference to Tables 2a/M.2100 and 2b/M.2100 as appropriate [the percentage allocations are described as "% of end-to-end RPO" (Reference Performance Objectives) in this table]. Percentage performance allocations attributable to national link section components are the responsibility of the Administration concerned. Where a national link section is provided over a high grade transmission path, an allocation consistent with the terrestrial components given in Table 2 is recommended.

The calculation of overall performance limits from a single overall percentage allocation is preferred. An overall allocation is derived by simple addition of the individual sectional allocations. The overall percentage allocation should then be applied to the appropriate table (Table 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d or 1e) to determine single 24-hour test limits for ES-and-SES. Where an overall percentage performance allocation of greater than 40% is derived, Administrations should determine suitable limits for ES-and-SES by bilateral agreement taking account of the limits in the appropriate table (Table 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d or 1e). The linear addition of sectional performance limits to derive overall performance limits is not recommended.

The 24-hour performance limits derived are applicable to all out-of-service tests [e.g. bringing-into-service, maintenance intervention and returning to service (after repair)] of the overall international data transmission link (LTP-to-LTP) or system.

3.2 Sectional performance allocation (between test points)

For certain operational test requirements (e.g. during maintenance investigation and route re-arrangements) it will be necessary to perform 24-hour tests of sectional components of an international data transmission link.

Prior to attempting to determine performance allocations, Administrations should construct an agreed schematic routing diagram for the international data transmission link or system under consideration (see Figure 1). The diagram should be as described in 3.1 above. The air-route distance between link section end points, as described in Recommendation M.2100 as Path Core Elements (PCE), should be multiplied by an appropriate routing factor. This factor is given in Table 2a/M.2100. The modified air-route distance is compared with the actual route length, where this is known, and the smaller of these distances is applied to Table 2 for the calculation of percentage between points of interest. A suitable diagram may have been agreed at the planning stage prior to bringing-into-service.

The sectional components from the schematic routing diagram should be applied to Table 2 (this is a simplified version of Table 2b/M.2100) for the calculation of percentage allocations between points of interest.

Administrations must ensure that the sum total of allocations for individual sectional components is consistent with the overall allocation as described in 3.1 above. Where the overall allocation is exceeded, Administrations should agree proportional reductions to sectional allocations by negotiation.

Agreed sectional allocations should be applied to the appropriate table (Table 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d or 1e) for the determination of single 24-hour test limits for ES-and-SES. These test limits may be used for all out-of-service test requirements between agreed test access points.

4 Short duration test objectives

It is recognized that 24-hour test limits are not appropriate for all out-of-service test requirements, especially those associated with maintenance operations. Proposed 15-minute and 1-hour test objectives for international data transmission links and systems are given in Table 3. These performance objectives are independent of the routing configuration that is used. The application of short duration test limits to bringing-into-service and maintenance operations is described in Recommendations M.1370 [3] (see 3.3/M.1370, 4.3/M1370 and 4.4/M.1370) and M.1375 [4] (see 4.2/M.1375 and 4.3/M.1375) respectively.

It must be recognized that short duration tests do not give a reliable indication of overall transmission performance. Failure to meet a short duration test objective by a small margin (see Note 3 of Table 3) may not necessarily be indicative of a performance problem and Administrations should use practical judgement to determine an agreed course of action taking account of operational requirements. Where a short duration test objective is exceeded by a significant margin, corrective action should be taken in accordance with Recommendation M.1370 [3] or Recommendation M.1375 [4] as appropriate. If there is any doubt about the validity of a 15-minute or 1-hour test result, a longer duration test may be appropriate.

5 In-service performance monitoring

On some international data transmission systems it may be possible to assess overall performance by implementing a cyclic redundancy check within certain nominally spare bits of a frame alignment signal, or by monitoring an additional dedicated service channel.

Performance limits are defined for ES-and-SES. Each performance limit will have its own threshold.

The general strategy for the use of performance monitoring information and threshold is described in Recommendations M.20 [10] and M.34 [11].

Degraded performance limit thresholds for a 24-hour period are presented in Tables 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d and 4e, for each of the rates considered.

Unacceptable performance limit thresholds for a 15-minute period are presented in Table 5.

When thresholds of unacceptable or degraded performance limits are reached, maintenance action should be initiated.

TABLE 1a/M.1340 24-hour out-of-service test limits for data rates below 1544 kbit/s

| Allocation | Limits | | Allocation | Limits | |
|------------|--------|-----|------------|--------|-----|
| % | ES | SES | % | ES | SES |
| 1 | 9 | 1 | 21 | 325 | 12 |
| 1.5 | 16 | 1 | 21.5 | 333 | 13 |
| 2 | 23 | 1 | 22 | 341 | 13 |
| 2.5 | 30 | 1 | 22.5 | 349 | 13 |
| 3 | 37 | 2 | 23 | 358 | 13 |
| 3.5 | 45 | 2 | 23.5 | 366 | 14 |
| 4 | 52 | 2 | 24 | 374 | 14 |
| 4.5 | 60 | 2 | 24.5 | 382 | 14 |
| 5 | 68 | 3 | 25 | 390 | 15 |
| 5.5 | 76 | 3 | 25.5 | 399 | 15 |
| 6 | 83 | 3 | 26 | 407 | 15 |
| 6.5 | 91 | 4 | 26.5 | 415 | 16 |
| 7 | 99 | 4 | 27 | 423 | 16 |
| 7.5 | 107 | 4 | 27.5 | 432 | 16 |
| 8 | 115 | 5 | 28 | 440 | 16 |
| 8.5 | 123 | 5 | 28.5 | 448 | 17 |
| 9 | 131 | 5 | 29 | 456 | 17 |
| 9.5 | 139 | 5 | 29.5 | 465 | 17 |
| 10 | 147 | 6 | 30 | 473 | 18 |
| 10.5 | 155 | 6 | 30.5 | 481 | 18 |
| 11 | 163 | 6 | 31 | 489 | 18 |
| 11.5 | 171 | 7 | 31.5 | 498 | 18 |
| 12 | 179 | 7 | 32 | 506 | 19 |
| 12.5 | 187 | 7 | 32.5 | 514 | 19 |
| 13 | 195 | 8 | 33 | 522 | 19 |
| 13.5 | 203 | 8 | 33.5 | 531 | 20 |
| 14 | 211 | 8 | 34 | 539 | 20 |
| 14.5 | 219 | 8 | 34.5 | 547 | 20 |
| 15 | 227 | 9 | 35 | 556 | 21 |
| 15.5 | 235 | 9 | 35.5 | 564 | 21 |
| 16 | 243 | 9 | 36 | 572 | 21 |
| 16.5 | 251 | 10 | 36.5 | 580 | 21 |
| 17 | 259 | 10 | 37 | 589 | 22 |
| 17.5 | 268 | 10 | 37.5 | 597 | 22 |
| 18 | 276 | 10 | 38 | 605 | 22 |
| 18.5 | 284 | 11 | 38.5 | 614 | 23 |
| 19 | 292 | 11 | 39 | 622 | 23 |
| 19.5 | 300 | 11 | 39.5 | 630 | 23 |
| 20 | 308 | 12 | 40 | 639 | 24 |
| 20.5 | 317 | 12 | | | |

TABLE 1b/M.1340

24-hour out-of-service test limits for data rates between 1544 kbit/s and 2048 kbit/s

| Allocation | Limits | | Allocation | Limits | |
|------------|--------|-----|------------|--------|-----|
| % | ES | SES | % | ES | SES |
| 1 | 3 | 1 | 21 | 155 | 12 |
| 1.5 | 6 | 1 | 21.5 | 159 | 13 |
| 2 | 9 | 1 | 22 | 163 | 13 |
| 2.5 | 12 | 1 | 22.5 | 167 | 13 |
| 3 | 16 | 2 | 23 | 171 | 13 |
| 3.5 | 19 | 2 | 23.5 | 175 | 14 |
| 4 | 23 | 2 | 24 | 179 | 14 |
| 4.5 | 26 | 2 | 24.5 | 183 | 14 |
| 5 | 30 | 3 | 25 | 187 | 15 |
| 5.5 | 34 | 3 | 25.5 | 191 | 15 |
| 6 | 37 | 3 | 26 | 195 | 15 |
| 6.5 | 41 | 4 | 26.5 | 199 | 16 |
| 7 | 45 | 4 | 27 | 203 | 16 |
| 7.5 | 49 | 4 | 27.5 | 207 | 16 |
| 8 | 52 | 5 | 28 | 211 | 16 |
| 8.5 | 56 | 5 | 28.5 | 215 | 17 |
| 9 | 60 | 5 | 29 | 219 | 17 |
| 9.5 | 64 | 5 | 29.5 | 223 | 17 |
| 10 | 68 | 6 | 30 | 227 | 18 |
| 10.5 | 72 | 6 | 30.5 | 231 | 18 |
| 11 | 76 | 6 | 31 | 235 | 18 |
| 11.5 | 79 | 7 | 31.5 | 239 | 18 |
| 12 | 83 | 7 | 32 | 243 | 19 |
| 12.5 | 87 | 7 | 32.5 | 247 | 19 |
| 13 | 91 | 8 | 33 | 251 | 19 |
| 13.5 | 95 | 8 | 33.5 | 255 | 20 |
| 14 | 99 | 8 | 34 | 259 | 20 |
| 14.5 | 103 | 8 | 34.5 | 264 | 20 |
| 15 | 107 | 9 | 35 | 268 | 21 |
| 15.5 | 111 | 9 | 35.5 | 272 | 21 |
| 16 | 115 | 9 | 36 | 276 | 21 |
| 16.5 | 119 | 10 | 36.5 | 280 | 21 |
| 17 | 123 | 10 | 37 | 284 | 22 |
| 17.5 | 127 | 10 | 37.5 | 288 | 22 |
| 18 | 131 | 10 | 38 | 292 | 22 |
| 18.5 | 135 | 11 | 38.5 | 296 | 23 |
| 19 | 139 | 11 | 39 | 300 | 23 |
| 19.5 | 143 | 11 | 39.5 | 304 | 23 |
| 20 | 147 | 12 | 40 | 308 | 24 |
| 20.5 | 151 | 12 | | | |

TABLE 1c/M.1340

24-hour out-of-service test limits for data rates at the secondary rate

| Allocation | Limits | | Allocation | Limits | |
|------------|--------|-----|------------|--------|-----|
| % | ES | SES | % | ES | SES |
| 1 | 4 | 1 | 21 | 197 | 12 |
| 1.5 | 8 | 1 | 21.5 | 202 | 13 |
| 2 | 12 | 1 | 22 | 207 | 13 |
| 2.5 | 17 | 1 | 22.5 | 212 | 13 |
| 3 | 21 | 2 | 23 | 217 | 13 |
| 3.5 | 26 | 2 | 23.5 | 222 | 14 |
| 4 | 30 | 2 | 24 | 227 | 14 |
| 4.5 | 35 | 2 | 24.5 | 232 | 14 |
| 5 | 39 | 3 | 25 | 237 | 15 |
| 5.5 | 44 | 3 | 25.5 | 242 | 15 |
| 6 | 49 | 3 | 26 | 247 | 15 |
| 6.5 | 53 | 4 | 26.5 | 252 | 16 |
| 7 | 58 | 4 | 27 | 257 | 16 |
| 7.5 | 63 | 4 | 27.5 | 263 | 16 |
| 8 | 68 | 5 | 28 | 268 | 16 |
| 8.5 | 73 | 5 | 28.5 | 273 | 17 |
| 9 | 77 | 5 | 29 | 278 | 17 |
| 9.5 | 82 | 5 | 29.5 | 283 | 17 |
| 10 | 87 | 6 | 30 | 288 | 18 |
| 10.5 | 92 | 6 | 30.5 | 293 | 18 |
| 11 | 97 | 6 | 31 | 298 | 18 |
| 11.5 | 102 | 7 | 31.5 | 303 | 18 |
| 12 | 107 | 7 | 32 | 308 | 19 |
| 12.5 | 112 | 7 | 32.5 | 314 | 19 |
| 13 | 117 | 8 | 33 | 319 | 19 |
| 13.5 | 122 | 8 | 33.5 | 324 | 20 |
| 14 | 127 | 8 | 34 | 329 | 20 |
| 14.5 | 132 | 8 | 34.5 | 334 | 20 |
| 15 | 137 | 9 | 35 | 339 | 21 |
| 15.5 | 142 | 9 | 35.5 | 344 | 21 |
| 16 | 147 | 9 | 36 | 349 | 21 |
| 16.5 | 152 | 10 | 36.5 | 354 | 21 |
| 17 | 157 | 10 | 37 | 360 | 22 |
| 17.5 | 162 | 10 | 37.5 | 365 | 22 |
| 18 | 167 | 10 | 38 | 370 | 22 |
| 18.5 | 172 | 11 | 38.5 | 375 | 23 |
| 19 | 177 | 11 | 39 | 380 | 23 |
| 19.5 | 182 | 11 | 39.5 | 385 | 23 |
| 20 | 187 | 12 | 40 | 390 | 24 |
| 20.5 | 192 | 12 | | | |

TABLE 1d/M.1340

24-hour out-of-service test limits for data rates at the tertiary rate

| Allocation | Limits | | Allocation | Limits | |
|------------|--------|-----|------------|--------|-----|
| % | ES | SES | % | ES | SES |
| 1 | 8 | 1 | 21 | 303 | 12 |
| 1.5 | 14 | 1 | 21.5 | 311 | 13 |
| 2 | 21 | 1 | 22 | 319 | 13 |
| 2.5 | 28 | 1 | 22.5 | 326 | 13 |
| 3 | 35 | 2 | 23 | 334 | 13 |
| 3.5 | 42 | 2 | 23.5 | 342 | 14 |
| 4 | 49 | 2 | 24 | 349 | 14 |
| 4.5 | 56 | 2 | 24.5 | 357 | 14 |
| 5 | 63 | 3 | 25 | 365 | 15 |
| 5.5 | 70 | 3 | 25.5 | 372 | 15 |
| 6 | 77 | 3 | 26 | 380 | 15 |
| 6.5 | 85 | 4 | 26.5 | 388 | 16 |
| 7 | 92 | 4 | 27 | 396 | 16 |
| 7.5 | 99 | 4 | 27.5 | 403 | 16 |
| 8 | 107 | 5 | 28 | 411 | 16 |
| 8.5 | 114 | 5 | 28.5 | 419 | 17 |
| 9 | 122 | 5 | 29 | 426 | 17 |
| 9.5 | 129 | 5 | 29.5 | 434 | 17 |
| 10 | 137 | 6 | 30 | 442 | 18 |
| 10.5 | 144 | 6 | 30.5 | 450 | 18 |
| 11 | 152 | 6 | 31 | 457 | 18 |
| 11.5 | 159 | 7 | 31.5 | 465 | 18 |
| 12 | 167 | 7 | 32 | 473 | 19 |
| 12.5 | 174 | 7 | 32.5 | 481 | 19 |
| 13 | 182 | 8 | 33 | 488 | 19 |
| 13.5 | 189 | 8 | 33.5 | 496 | 20 |
| 14 | 197 | 8 | 34 | 504 | 20 |
| 14.5 | 204 | 8 | 34.5 | 512 | 20 |
| 15 | 212 | 9 | 35 | 519 | 21 |
| 15.5 | 219 | 9 | 35.5 | 527 | 21 |
| 16 | 227 | 9 | 36 | 535 | 21 |
| 16.5 | 235 | 10 | 36.5 | 543 | 21 |
| 17 | 242 | 10 | 37 | 550 | 22 |
| 17.5 | 250 | 10 | 37.5 | 558 | 22 |
| 18 | 257 | 10 | 38 | 566 | 22 |
| 18.5 | 265 | 11 | 38.5 | 574 | 23 |
| 19 | 273 | 11 | 39 | 582 | 23 |
| 19.5 | 280 | 11 | 39.5 | 589 | 23 |
| 20 | 288 | 12 | 40 | 597 | 24 |
| 20.5 | 296 | 12 | | | |

TABLE 1e/M.1340

24-hour out-of-service test limits for data rates at the quaternary rate

| Allocation | Limits | | Allocation | Limits | |
|------------|--------|-----|------------|--------|-----|
| % | ES | SES | % | ES | SES |
| 1 | 23 | 1 | 21 | 672 | 12 |
| 1.5 | 37 | 1 | 21.5 | 689 | 13 |
| 2 | 52 | 1 | 22 | 705 | 13 |
| 2.5 | 68 | 1 | 22.5 | 722 | 13 |
| 3 | 83 | 2 | 23 | 738 | 13 |
| 3.5 | 99 | 2 | 23.5 | 755 | 14 |
| 4 | 115 | 2 | 24 | 772 | 14 |
| 4.5 | 131 | 2 | 24.5 | 789 | 14 |
| 5 | 147 | 3 | 25 | 805 | 15 |
| 5.5 | 163 | 3 | 25.5 | 822 | 15 |
| 6 | 179 | 3 | 26 | 839 | 15 |
| 6.5 | 195 | 4 | 26.5 | 855 | 16 |
| 7 | 211 | 4 | 27 | 872 | 16 |
| 7.5 | 227 | 4 | 27.5 | 889 | 16 |
| 8 | 243 | 5 | 28 | 905 | 16 |
| 8.5 | 259 | 5 | 28.5 | 922 | 17 |
| 9 | 276 | 5 | 29 | 939 | 17 |
| 9.5 | 292 | 5 | 29.5 | 956 | 17 |
| 10 | 308 | 6 | 30 | 972 | 18 |
| 10.5 | 325 | 6 | 30.5 | 989 | 18 |
| 11 | 341 | 6 | 31 | 1006 | 18 |
| 11.5 | 358 | 7 | 31.5 | 1023 | 18 |
| 12 | 374 | 7 | 32 | 1039 | 19 |
| 12.5 | 390 | 7 | 32.5 | 1056 | 19 |
| 13 | 407 | 8 | 33 | 1073 | 19 |
| 13.5 | 423 | 8 | 33.5 | 1090 | 20 |
| 14 | 440 | 8 | 34 | 1106 | 20 |
| 14.5 | 456 | 8 | 34.5 | 1123 | 20 |
| 15 | 473 | 9 | 35 | 1140 | 21 |
| 15.5 | 489 | 9 | 35.5 | 1157 | 21 |
| 16 | 506 | 9 | 36 | 1174 | 21 |
| 16.5 | 522 | 10 | 36.5 | 1190 | 21 |
| 17 | 539 | 10 | 37 | 1207 | 22 |
| 17.5 | 556 | 10 | 37.5 | 1224 | 22 |
| 18 | 572 | 10 | 38 | 1241 | 22 |
| 18.5 | 589 | 11 | 38.5 | 1258 | 23 |
| 19 | 605 | 11 | 39 | 1274 | 23 |
| 19.5 | 622 | 11 | 39.5 | 1291 | 23 |
| 20 | 639 | 12 | 40 | 1308 | 24 |
| 20.5 | 655 | 12 | | | |

TABLES 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e/M.1340 (concluded)

24-hour out-of-service test limits

ES Errored seconds

SES Severely errored seconds

NOTES

- 1 The % allocation relates to the proportion of the overall reference performance objective that is attributable to a particular routing configuration.
- 2 The limits are applicable to discrete periods of 24 hours. Where a test has a duration of more than 24 hours it is recommended that the limits be applied to each discrete period of 24 hours without averaging.
- 3 The maximum % allocation of 40% in Table 1a is consistent with the allowance for the high grade quality classification given in Recommendation G.821 [8].
- 4 The ES and SES limits relate to the maximum number of errored or severely errored seconds that would be acceptable in a given 24-hour period.
- 5 Limits for unavailable time are left for negotiation between Administrations. However, it should be appreciated that an availability of 100% would normally be achieved during a typical 24-hour period and that a transition to unavailable time would in any case not be consistent with SES limits for allocations below 16.5%.

 $TABLE\ 2/M.1340$ Performance allocations for the derivation of sectional performance limits

| International link section component | Distance km | Allocation % |
|--|--|-----------------------------|
| Terrestrial (including transit and non-optical undersea cable) | < 500 > 500 - ≤ 1000 > 1000 - ≤ 2500 > 2500 - ≤ 5000 > 5000 - ≤ 7500 > 7500 | 2 3 4 6 8 10 |
| Optical undersea cable | ≤ 500 > 500 | 1 2.5 |
| Satellite | - | 20 |

NOTES

- 1 By negotiation, where sectional testing incorporates a terrestrial border crossing, it may be acceptable to incorporate an additional performance allocation. See Table 2b/M.2100 (Notes 3 and 4); an allocation of 0.5% is suggested.
- 2 The allocations given in this table are maximum values and may be reduced by agreement between Administrations.

TABLE 3/M.1340

Short duration out-of-service test limits

| | Objec | ctives |
|---------------|-------|--------|
| Test duration | ES | SES |
| 15 minutes | 0 | 0 |
| 1 hour | 5 | 0 |

- 1 The ES and SES objectives relate to the maximum number of errored or severely errored seconds that would be acceptable in the test duration specified.
- 2 Where a 15-minute objective is exceeded, it may be useful to reference Annex D/M.2100 [7] and Table D.1/M.2100 for guidance.
- 3 The acceptable tolerance applicable to the limits of this table is dependent upon the overall allocation as defined in 3.1.

TABLE 4a/M.1340

24-hour in-service degraded performance limit thresholds for data rate below 1544 kbit/s

| Allocation | Degraded | threshold | Allocation | Degraded | threshold |
|------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| % | ES | SES | % | ES | SES |
| 1 | 58 | 3 | 21 | 636 | 20 |
| 1.5 | 72 | 3 | 21.5 | 652 | 21 |
| 2 | 86 | 3 | 22 | 668 | 21 |
| 2.5 | 101 | 3 | 22.5 | 684 | 21 |
| 3 | 113 | 5 | 23 | 698 | 21 |
| 3.5 | 128 | 5 | 23.5 | 714 | 23 |
| 4 | 142 | 5 | 24 | 730 | 23 |
| 4.5 | 155 | 5 | 24.5 | 744 | 23 |
| 5 | 169 | 6 | 25 | 760 | 24 |
| 5.5 | 184 | 6 | 25.5 | 776 | 24 |
| 6 | 196 | 6 | 26 | 790 | 24 |
| 6.5 | 211 | 8 | 26.5 | 806 | 26 |
| 7 | 225 | 8 | 27 | 822 | 26 |
| 7.5 | 239 | 8 | 27.5 | 838 | 26 |
| 8 | 252 | 9 | 28 | 852 | 26 |
| 8.5 | 266 | 9 | 28.5 | 868 | 27 |
| 9 | 281 | 9 | 29 | 884 | 27 |
| 9.5 | 293 | 9 | 29.5 | 898 | 27 |
| 10 | 308 | 11 | 30 | 914 | 29 |
| 10.5 | 322 | 11 | 30.5 | 930 | 29 |
| 11 | 335 | 11 | 31 | 944 | 29 |
| 11.5 | 349 | 12 | 31.5 | 960 | 29 |
| 12 | 364 | 12 | 32 | 976 | 30 |
| 12.5 | 378 | 12 | 32.5 | 992 | 30 |
| 13 | 391 | 14 | 33 | 1006 | 30 |
| 13.5 | 405 | 14 | 33.5 | 1022 | 32 |
| 14 | 419 | 14 | 34 | 1038 | 32 |
| 14.5 | 432 | 14 | 34.5 | 1052 | 32 |
| 15 | 446 | 15 | 35 | 1068 | 33 |
| 15.5 | 468 | 15 | 35.5 | 1084 | 33 |
| 16 | 482 | 15 | 36 | 1098 | 33 |
| 16.5 | 498 | 17 | 36.5 | 1114 | 33 |
| 17 | 514 | 17 | 37 | 1130 | 35 |
| 17.5 | 530 | 17 | 37.5 | 1146 | 35 |
| 18 | 544 | 17 | 38 | 1160 | 35 |
| 18.5 | 560 | 18 | 38.5 | 1176 | 36 |
| 19 | 576 | 18 | 39 | 1192 | 36 |
| 19.5 | 590 | 18 | 39.5 | 1206 | 36 |
| 20 | 606 | 20 | 40 | 1222 | 38 |
| 20.5 | 622 | 20 | | | |

- 1 Usage is described in Recommendation M.1375.
- 2 The ES and SES thresholds relate to the maximum number of errored or severely errored seconds that can be accommodated within a 24-hour period. Typical performance should be much better than this.
- 3 These thresholds are applicable to international data transmission systems where an in-service monitoring facility is available.

TABLE 4b/M.1340

24-hour in-service degraded performance limit thresholds for data rate between 1544 kbit/s and 2048 kbit/s

| Allocation | Degraded | threshold | Allocation | Degraded | threshold |
|------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| % | ES | SES | % | ES | SES |
| 1 | 20 | 3 | 21 | 305 | 20 |
| 1.5 | 28 | 3 | 21.5 | 312 | 21 |
| 2 | 36 | 3 | 22 | 319 | 21 |
| 2.5 | 44 | 3 | 22.5 | 326 | 21 |
| 3 | 51 | 5 | 23 | 333 | 21 |
| 3.5 | 59 | 5 | 23.5 | 339 | 23 |
| 4 | 66 | 5 | 24 | 346 | 23 |
| 4.5 | 74 | 5 | 24.5 | 353 | 23 |
| 5 | 81 | 6 | 25 | 360 | 24 |
| 5.5 | 88 | 6 | 25.5 | 367 | 24 |
| 6 | 95 | 6 | 26 | 374 | 24 |
| 6.5 | 103 | 8 | 26.5 | 381 | 26 |
| 7 | 110 | 8 | 27 | 387 | 26 |
| 7.5 | 117 | 8 | 27.5 | 394 | 26 |
| 8 | 124 | 9 | 28 | 401 | 26 |
| 8.5 | 131 | 9 | 28.5 | 408 | 27 |
| 9 | 138 | 9 | 29 | 415 | 27 |
| 9.5 | 145 | 9 | 29.5 | 421 | 27 |
| 10 | 152 | 11 | 30 | 428 | 29 |
| 10.5 | 159 | 11 | 30.5 | 435 | 29 |
| 11 | 166 | 11 | 31 | 442 | 29 |
| 11.5 | 173 | 12 | 31.5 | 449 | 29 |
| 12 | 180 | 12 | 32 | 455 | 30 |
| 12.5 | 187 | 12 | 32.5 | 462 | 30 |
| 13 | 194 | 14 | 33 | 469 | 30 |
| 13.5 | 201 | 14 | 33.5 | 476 | 32 |
| 14 | 208 | 14 | 34 | 483 | 32 |
| 14.5 | 215 | 14 | 34.5 | 489 | 32 |
| 15 | 222 | 15 | 35 | 496 | 33 |
| 15.5 | 229 | 15 | 35.5 | 503 | 33 |
| 16 | 236 | 15 | 36 | 510 | 33 |
| 16.5 | 243 | 17 | 36.5 | 517 | 33 |
| 17 | 250 | 17 | 37 | 523 | 35 |
| 17.5 | 257 | 17 | 37.5 | 530 | 35 |
| 18 | 264 | 17 | 38 | 537 | 35 |
| 18.5 | 271 | 18 | 38.5 | 544 | 36 |
| 19 | 278 | 18 | 39 | 550 | 36 |
| 19.5 | 285 | 18 | 39.5 | 557 | 36 |
| 20 | 291 | 20 | 40 | 564 | 38 |
| 20.5 | 298 | 20 | | | |

¹ Usage is described in Recommendation M.1375.

² The ES and SES thresholds relate to the maximum number of errored or severely errored seconds that can be accommodated within a 24-hour period. Typical performance should be much better than this.

³ These thresholds are applicable to international data transmission systems where an in-service monitoring facility is available.

TABLE 4c/M.1340

24-hour in-service degraded performance limit thresholds for data rate at the secondary rate

| Allocation | Degraded | threshold | Allocation | Degraded | threshold |
|------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|-----------|
| % | ES | SES | % | ES | SES |
| 1 | 35 | 3 | 21 | 380 | 20 |
| 1.5 | 46 | 3 | 21.5 | 389 | 21 |
| 2 | 54 | 3 | 22 | 397 | 21 |
| 2.5 | 63 | 3 | 22.5 | 406 | 21 |
| 3 | 71 | 5 | 23 | 414 | 21 |
| 3.5 | 80 | 5 | 23.5 | 423 | 23 |
| 4 | 89 | 5 | 24 | 432 | 23 |
| 4.5 | 97 | 5 | 24.5 | 440 | 23 |
| 5 | 106 | 6 | 25 | 449 | 24 |
| 5.5 | 114 | 6 | 25.5 | 457 | 24 |
| 6 | 123 | 6 | 26 | 466 | 24 |
| 6.5 | 131 | 8 | 26.5 | 474 | 26 |
| 7 | 140 | 8 | 27 | 483 | 26 |
| 7.5 | 149 | 8 | 27.5 | 492 | 26 |
| 8 | 157 | 9 | 28 | 500 | 26 |
| 8.5 | 166 | 9 | 28.5 | 509 | 27 |
| 9 | 174 | 9 | 29 | 517 | 27 |
| 9.5 | 183 | 9 | 29.5 | 526 | 27 |
| 10 | 192 | 11 | 30 | 535 | 29 |
| 10.5 | 200 | 11 | 30.5 | 543 | 29 |
| 11 | 209 | 11 | 31 | 552 | 29 |
| 11.5 | 217 | 12 | 31.5 | 560 | 29 |
| 12 | 226 | 12 | 32 | 569 | 30 |
| 12.5 | 234 | 12 | 32.5 | 577 | 30 |
| 13 | 243 | 14 | 33 | 586 | 30 |
| 13.5 | 252 | 14 | 33.5 | 595 | 32 |
| 14 | 260 | 14 | 34 | 603 | 32 |
| 14.5 | 269 | 14 | 34.5 | 612 | 32 |
| 15 | 277 | 15 | 35 | 620 | 33 |
| 15.5 | 286 | 15 | 35.5 | 629 | 33 |
| 16 | 294 | 15 | 36 | 637 | 33 |
| 16.5 | 303 | 17 | 36.5 | 646 | 33 |
| 17 | 312 | 17 | 37 | 655 | 35 |
| 17.5 | 320 | 17 | 37.5 | 663 | 35 |
| 18 | 329 | 17 | 38 | 672 | 35 |
| 18.5 | 337 | 18 | 38.5 | 680 | 36 |
| 19 | 346 | 18 | 39 | 689 | 36 |
| 19.5 | 354 | 18 | 39.5 | 697 | 36 |
| 20 | 363 | 20 | 40 | 706 | 38 |
| 20.5 | 372 | 20 | | | |
| NOTEG | | | <u> </u> | | l |

¹ Usage is described in Recommendation M.1375.

² The ES and SES thresholds relate to the maximum number of errored or severely errored seconds that can be accommodated within a 24-hour period. Typical performance should be much better than this.

³ These thresholds are applicable to international data transmission systems where an in-service monitoring facility is available.

TABLE 4d/M.1340

24-hour in-service degraded performance limit thresholds for data rate at the tertiary rate

| % | ES | | | | |
|------|-----|-----|------|------|-----|
| | | SES | % | ES | SES |
| 1 | 36 | 3 | 21 | 555 | 20 |
| 1.5 | 49 | 3 | 21.5 | 568 | 21 |
| 2 | 63 | 3 | 22 | 581 | 21 |
| 2.5 | 76 | 3 | 22.5 | 594 | 21 |
| 3 | 90 | 5 | 23 | 606 | 21 |
| 3.5 | 103 | 5 | 23.5 | 619 | 23 |
| 4 | 117 | 5 | 24 | 631 | 23 |
| 4.5 | 130 | 5 | 24.5 | 644 | 23 |
| 5 | 144 | 6 | 25 | 657 | 24 |
| 5.5 | 157 | 6 | 25.5 | 669 | 24 |
| 6 | 170 | 6 | 26 | 682 | 24 |
| 6.5 | 183 | 8 | 26.5 | 695 | 26 |
| 7 | 196 | 8 | 27 | 707 | 26 |
| 7.5 | 209 | 8 | 27.5 | 720 | 26 |
| 8 | 222 | 9 | 28 | 733 | 26 |
| 8.5 | 235 | 9 | 28.5 | 745 | 27 |
| 9 | 248 | 9 | 29 | 758 | 27 |
| 9.5 | 261 | 9 | 29.5 | 770 | 27 |
| 10 | 274 | 11 | 30 | 783 | 29 |
| 10.5 | 287 | 11 | 30.5 | 796 | 29 |
| 11 | 300 | 11 | 31 | 808 | 29 |
| 11.5 | 313 | 12 | 31.5 | 821 | 29 |
| 12 | 326 | 12 | 32 | 833 | 30 |
| 12.5 | 339 | 12 | 32.5 | 846 | 30 |
| 13 | 351 | 14 | 33 | 859 | 30 |
| 13.5 | 364 | 14 | 33.5 | 871 | 32 |
| 14 | 377 | 14 | 34 | 884 | 32 |
| 14.5 | 390 | 14 | 34.5 | 896 | 32 |
| 15 | 403 | 15 | 35 | 909 | 33 |
| 15.5 | 415 | 15 | 35.5 | 921 | 33 |
| 16 | 428 | 15 | 36 | 934 | 33 |
| 16.5 | 441 | 17 | 36.5 | 947 | 33 |
| 17 | 454 | 17 | 37 | 959 | 35 |
| 17.5 | 466 | 17 | 37.5 | 972 | 35 |
| 18 | 479 | 17 | 38 | 984 | 35 |
| 18.5 | 492 | 18 | 38.5 | 997 | 36 |
| 19 | 505 | 18 | 39 | 1009 | 36 |
| 19.5 | 517 | 18 | 39.5 | 1022 | 36 |
| 20 | 530 | 20 | 40 | 1034 | 38 |
| 20.5 | 543 | 20 | | | |

¹ Usage is described in Recommendation M.1375.

² The ES and SES thresholds relate to the maximum number of errored or severely errored seconds that can be accommodated within a 24-hour period. Typical performance should be much better than this.

³ These thresholds are applicable to international data transmission systems where an in-service monitoring facility is available.

TABLE 4e/M.1340

24-hour in-service degraded performance limit thresholds for data rate at the quaternary rate

| Allocation | Degraded | threshold | Allocation | Degraded | l threshold |
|------------|----------|-----------|------------|----------|-------------|
| % | ES | SES | % | ES | SES |
| 1 | 94 | 3 | 21 | 1164 | 20 |
| 1.5 | 120 | 3 | 21.5 | 1190 | 21 |
| 2 | 147 | 3 | 22 | 1217 | 21 |
| 2.5 | 174 | 3 | 22.5 | 1244 | 21 |
| 3 | 201 | 5 | 23 | 1271 | 21 |
| 3.5 | 227 | 5 | 23.5 | 1297 | 23 |
| 4 | 254 | 5 | 24 | 1324 | 23 |
| 4.5 | 281 | 5 | 24.5 | 1351 | 23 |
| 5 | 308 | 6 | 25 | 1378 | 24 |
| 5.5 | 334 | 6 | 25.5 | 1404 | 24 |
| 6 | 361 | 6 | 26 | 1431 | 24 |
| 6.5 | 388 | 8 | 26.5 | 1458 | 26 |
| 7 | 415 | 8 | 27 | 1485 | 26 |
| 7.5 | 441 | 8 | 27.5 | 1511 | 26 |
| 8 | 468 | 9 | 28 | 1538 | 26 |
| 8.5 | 495 | 9 | 28.5 | 1565 | 27 |
| 9 | 522 | 9 | 29 | 1592 | 27 |
| 9.5 | 548 | 9 | 29.5 | 1618 | 27 |
| 10 | 575 | 11 | 30 | 1645 | 29 |
| 10.5 | 602 | 11 | 30.5 | 1672 | 29 |
| 11 | 629 | 11 | 31 | 1699 | 29 |
| 11.5 | 655 | 12 | 31.5 | 1725 | 29 |
| 12 | 682 | 12 | 32 | 1752 | 30 |
| 12.5 | 709 | 12 | 32.5 | 1779 | 30 |
| 13 | 736 | 14 | 33 | 1806 | 30 |
| 13.5 | 762 | 14 | 33.5 | 1832 | 32 |
| 14 | 789 | 14 | 34 | 1859 | 32 |
| 14.5 | 816 | 14 | 34.5 | 1886 | 32 |
| 15 | 843 | 15 | 35 | 1913 | 33 |
| 15.5 | 869 | 15 | 35.5 | 1939 | 33 |
| 16 | 896 | 15 | 36 | 1966 | 33 |
| 16.5 | 923 | 17 | 36.5 | 1993 | 33 |
| 17 | 950 | 17 | 37 | 2020 | 35 |
| 17.5 | 976 | 17 | 37.5 | 2046 | 35 |
| 18 | 1003 | 17 | 38 | 2073 | 35 |
| 18.5 | 1030 | 18 | 38.5 | 2100 | 36 |
| 19 | 1057 | 18 | 39 | 2127 | 36 |
| 19.5 | 1083 | 18 | 39.5 | 2153 | 36 |
| 20 | 1110 | 20 | 40 | 2180 | 38 |
| 20.5 | 1137 | 20 | | | |

¹ Usage is described in Recommendation M.1375.

² The ES and SES thresholds relate to the maximum number of errored or severely errored seconds that can be accommodated within a 24-hour period. Typical performance should be much better than this.

³ These thresholds are applicable to international data transmission systems where an in-service monitoring facility is available.

TABLE 5/M.1340

15 minute in-service unacceptable performance limit thresholds

| ES | SES |
|-----|-----|
| 150 | 15 |

NOTES

- 1 Usage is described in Recommendation M.1375.
- 2 The ES and SES thresholds relate to the maximum number of errored or severely errored seconds that can be accommodated within a 15-minute period. If either threshold is exceeded immediate corrective action (e.g. temporary service restoration) should be taken.
- 3 These thresholds are applicable to international data transmission systems where an in-service monitoring facility is available.

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