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basic access**

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Foreword

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- Part 1: *Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) basic access*
- Part 2: *Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) primary access*

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Introduction

This part of ISO/IEC 14709 is intended for use by those designing, planning or procuring cabling for ISDN basic access within a customer's premises. The configurations in this part of ISO/IEC 14709 are designed to be effective when either implemented with cabling having the recommended characteristics, or implemented with the components specified in clause 7. In addition, guidance is given for the use of generic cabling in accordance with ISO/IEC 11801.

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Part 1:

Integrated Services Digital Network (ISDN) basic access

1 Scope

This part of ISO/IEC 14709 defines the requirements for the design and configuration of customer premises cabling for the connection of basic access ISDN equipment.

It defines

- design requirements for ISDN basic access with point-to-point and point-to-multipoint cabling configurations;
- minimum cabling requirements for the installation of new cabling;¹⁾
- criteria for the use of generic cabling;
- criteria for the use of existing cabling.

This part of ISO/IEC 14709 applies to the customer premises cabling. It describes the cabling requirements, needed to transmit ISDN basic access signals as defined by ITU-T Recommendation I.430. The requirements placed on the customer premises cabling are solely those necessary to enable terminal equipment conforming to ITU-T Rec. I.430 to operate into the Network Termination (NT) via configurations defined in this part of ISO/IEC 14709.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this part of ISO/IEC 14709. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this part of ISO/IEC 14709 are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the standards indicated below. Members of IEC and ISO maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO/IEC 8877:1992,	<i>Information technology - Telecommunications and information exchange between systems - Interface connector and contact assignments for ISDN Basic Access Interface located at reference points S and T.</i>
ISO/IEC 11801:1995,	<i>Information technology - Generic cabling for customer premises.</i>
IEC 603-7:1996,	<i>Connectors for frequencies below 3 MHz for use with printed boards - Part 7: Detail specification for connectors, 8-way, including fixed and free connectors with common mating features, with assessed quality.</i>
ITU-T Rec I.430 (Blue Book)	<i>ISDN user-network interface; Layer 1 recommendations.</i>

3 Definitions

The meaning of the term *round trip delay* can be found in ITU-T Recommendation I.430 (Blue Book), A.2.

Furthermore, for the purposes of this part of ISO/IEC 14709, the following definitions apply.

3.1 cabling: The assembly of all cables, connections, patch panels and other passive components which comprise the telecommunications infrastructure.

3.2 network termination: The functional group on the network side of a user-network interface.

NOTE: A network termination always comprises a transmission part NT1 and optionally a switching part NT2.

3.3 power feeding: The function which provides for the capability to transfer power across the interface of the NT.

3.4 terminal equipment: The functional group on the user side of a user-network interface.

NOTE: Terminal equipment includes terminal(s), terminal adapter(s) and, if any, NT2 functional group.

1) Although this part of ISO/IEC 14709 specifies the minimum requirements for cabling dedicated to ISDN basic access, it is highly recommended that cabling newly installed complies with ISO/IEC 11801 class B or higher.

4 Abbreviations and symbols

4.1 Abbreviations

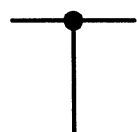
BD	Building distributor
CD	Campus distributor
FD	Floor distributor
FFS	For further study
ISDN	Integrated services digital network
NEXT	Near-end crosstalk loss
NT1	Network termination 1
NT2	Network termination 2
S	S reference point
S ₀	S ₀ interface
SC	Structured cabling
T	T reference point
TE	Terminal equipment
TP	Transition Point
TR	Terminating resistor

NOTE: The meanings of the abbreviations S, S₀ and T conform to ITU-T Recommendation I.430.

4.2 Symbols



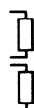
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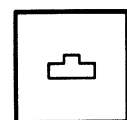
spur/tap with a junction to a cable which is the terminated bus



Network Termination



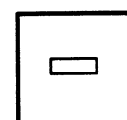
Terminating Resistors



outlet according to IEC 603-7



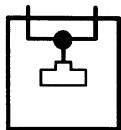
plug according to IEC 603-7



any socket



any plug



Joint at outlet

5 Design requirements

5.1 General

Signals passing between the NT and TE(s) for the various configurations are subject to attenuation, delay and distortion. Cabling components (including extension cords, adapters, cross-connect components, outlets, junction boxes, cables, spurs etc.) and connected terminals all contribute to these effects. The design requirements for the cabling are dependent on the configuration chosen.

5.2 Insertion loss

The insertion loss is measured from the NT to the TR at 96 kHz with 100 Ω source and load impedances. The maximum insertion loss for each configuration is shown in table 1.

Table 1 — Maximum insertion loss for each configuration

Configuration	Insertion loss at 96 kHz
Point-to-point	6 dB
Extended passive bus	4 dB
Short passive bus	not critical
Y-configuration	not critical

5.3 Longitudinal conversion loss

The longitudinal conversion loss of the cabling shall be equal to, or greater than, 43 dB when measured at 96 kHz.

5.4 Round trip delay

The round trip delay introduced by the cabling shall not exceed:

- 2,0 μ s for the total cabling of both the short passive bus at 96 kHz and the Y-configuration;
- 0,5 μ s differential round trip delay for the cabling between the first and last outlet of the extended passive bus.

These requirements are illustrated in figure 1.

5.5 Power feeding

The length of the cabling may be limited by the cable resistivity, the number of terminals, their power consumption and the capability of the remote power sources.

The loop resistance has to be controlled in order to fulfil the power feeding requirements and to avoid static saturation of inductive components in NT and TEs due to the difference in d.c. resistances of the two wires making up the twisted pair. The d.c. resistance unbalance of the two wires shall not exceed 3 % if the loop resistance is greater than 5 Ω .

In the majority of cases power is supplied via the phantom of the transmit and receive pairs. In this case only two pairs are used. In some applications a third pair is needed for power source 2 and power sink 2.

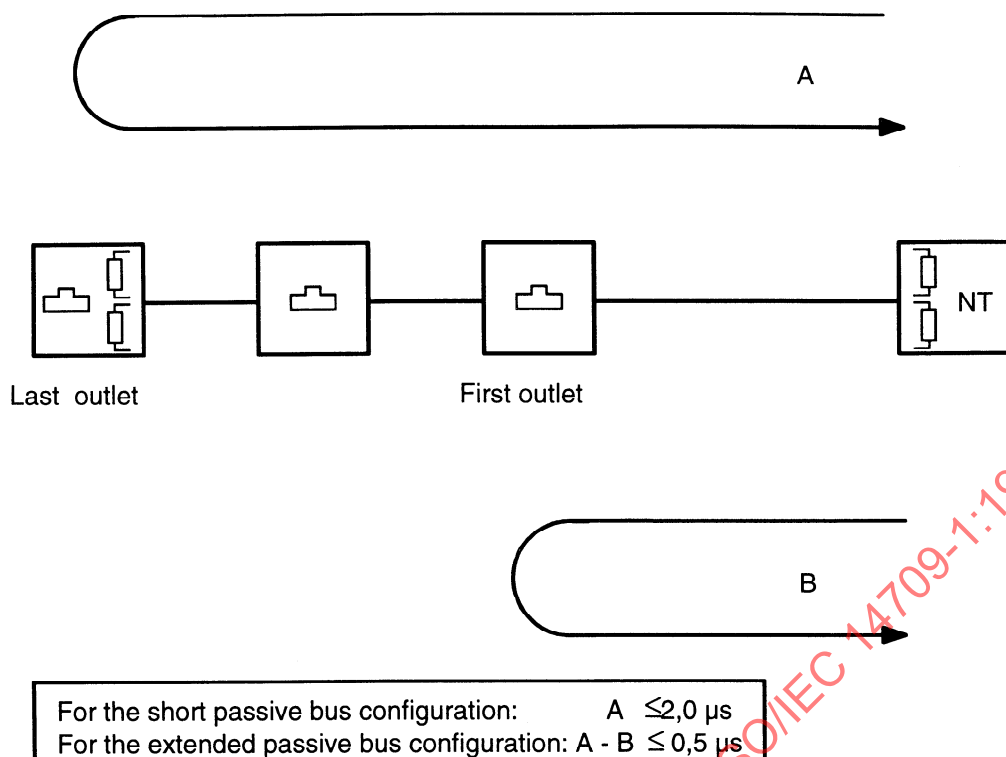


Figure 1 — Round trip delay requirements

5.6 Electromagnetic environment

The ISDN basic access is designed to work in most environments. However, its performance may be degraded by interference from external electromagnetic sources (such as motors) and interference from other transmission systems sharing the same cable.

The impulsive noise generated by, for instance, analogue telephony or unbalanced data interfaces, can cause interference with signals carried on the ISDN cabling.

Crosstalk can be limited by using pairs for ISDN basic rate in separate cables or in separate bundles of pairs in the same cable. Before sharing of ISDN S-bus with other transmission systems in the same cable it shall be verified that they do not interfere with each other.

In noisy environments or adjacent to sensitive equipment, shielded cabling may be advisable. Cables routed outside of buildings may require protection devices. The attenuation and capacitance of protection devices shall be taken into account.

5.7 Spurs

Because spurs will add capacitance to the cabling, they are not recommended. When needed, the length of spurs used for connection of terminal outlets shall not exceed 1 m. The length of a spur used to attach a NT should not exceed 0,5 m.

5.8 Near-end crosstalk loss (NEXT)

The near-end crosstalk loss of the cabling shall be greater than 35 dB at 96 kHz. It is recommended that the NEXT of the cable be greater than 54 dB for satisfactory noise immunity (see 7.2).

6 Configurations

6.1 General

The following design requirements are common to all ISDN basic access user network interface configurations:

- Where S_0 interfaces can be extended under fallback mode (e.g. when the NT2 is bypassed), further loss and delay will be introduced into the link. The design requirements apply to worst case conditions.
- The TE may be hardwired to the cable termination. If a TE cord is used it shall comply with ISO/IEC 8877.

c) Terminating resistors (see 7.4) are needed at both ends of the transmit and receive pairs. Locations are shown in figures 2 to 5 and figures 7 to 9.¹⁾ If a specific configuration requires the terminating resistors at the NT, these terminating resistors shall always be present either within the NT or at the connection point between the NT (cord) and the bus cabling.

d) The NT may be connected to the cabling in three ways:

- hardwired;
- with a outlet integral to the NT;
- via a flexible cord with a plug.

ISO/IEC 8877 and IEC 603-7 may be applied for the case with a connector at the NT. If however hardwiring is used, an outlet complying to ISO/IEC 8877 and IEC 603-7 should be available close to the NT for supervision and maintenance.

Configurations which can be supported within the hierarchical star topology allow the full flexibility of generic cabling to be exploited. When planning configurations, the following should be taken into account:

- 1) point-to-point configurations including star (see 6.6) can easily be carried out via generic cabling defined in ISO/IEC 11801;
- 2) short passive bus can not be carried out via generic cabling defined in ISO/IEC 11801. Extended passive bus and Y-configurations can be carried out via generic cabling using adapters in the work area. See 6.7 for implementation over structured cabling systems. Only two B-channels are available for all the possible extension outlets of one single bus. Thus point-to-multipoint configurations can not replace PBX functionality.

6.2 The point-to-point configuration

The point-to-point configuration is illustrated in figure 2.

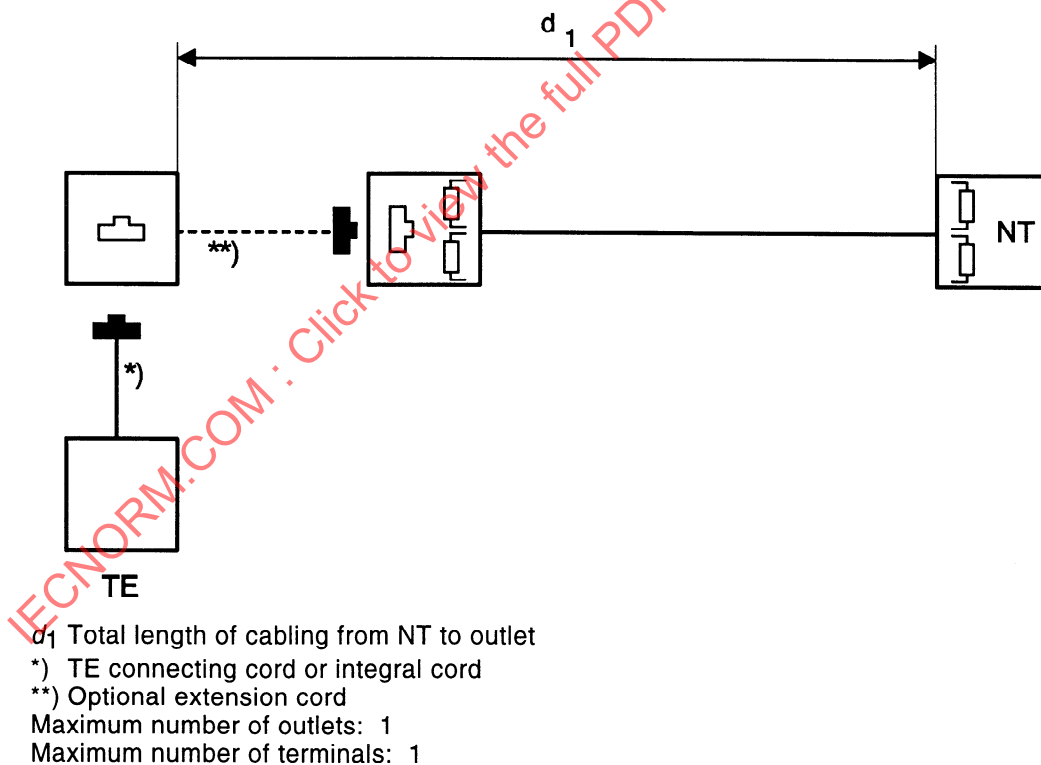


Figure 2 — Point-to-point configuration

Requirements

For a point-to-point configuration, the insertion loss at 96 kHz shall be less than 6 dB (see 5.2) over the distance d_1 in figure 2. This includes cabling and extension cords if used. Maximum distances can be found in annex B.

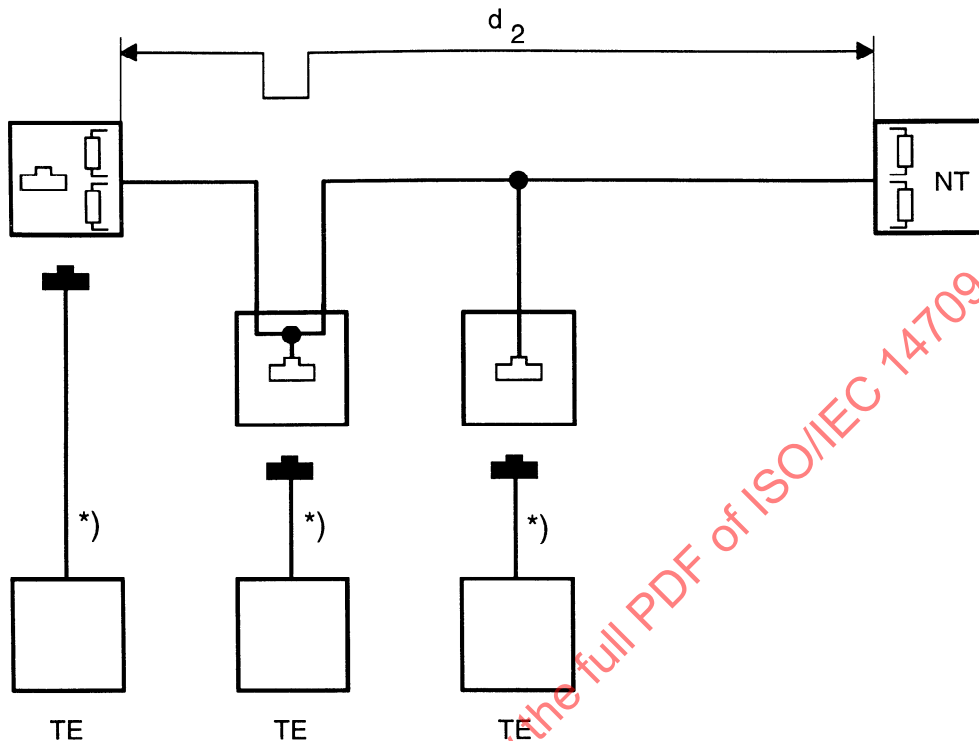
1) In generic cabling terminating resistors shall be placed external to the TO.

The length of an optional extension cord shall not exceed 25 m.

It is recommended that the polarity of each wire be maintained throughout the length of the cabling to facilitate testing and more effective cable management.

6.3 The short passive bus configuration

In the short passive bus configuration, outlets for the terminals are distributed at any point along the bus. A typical short passive bus is illustrated in figure 3.



d_2 Total length of cabling from NT to last outlet

*) TE connecting cord or integral cord

Maximum number of outlets: 12

Maximum number of terminals: 8

Figure 3 — Short passive bus

Requirements

The round trip delay requirement for the short passive bus specified in 5.4a) applies to the bus length d_2 in figure 3. Length d_2 is the total length of the cabling between the NT and the last outlet, it does not include the length of spurs. Maximum distances can be found in annex B.

Not more than 8 terminals shall be connected to the short passive bus at any one time. The maximum number of outlets connected directly to the bus is limited to 12, however, no more than 8 shall be attached via spurs.

NOTE: It may be necessary to plan for less than 8 terminals on a short passive bus to meet the anticipated traffic conditions.

It is recommended not to use spurs. However, if they are used they shall not exceed 1 m. A spur shall be terminated with a single outlet.

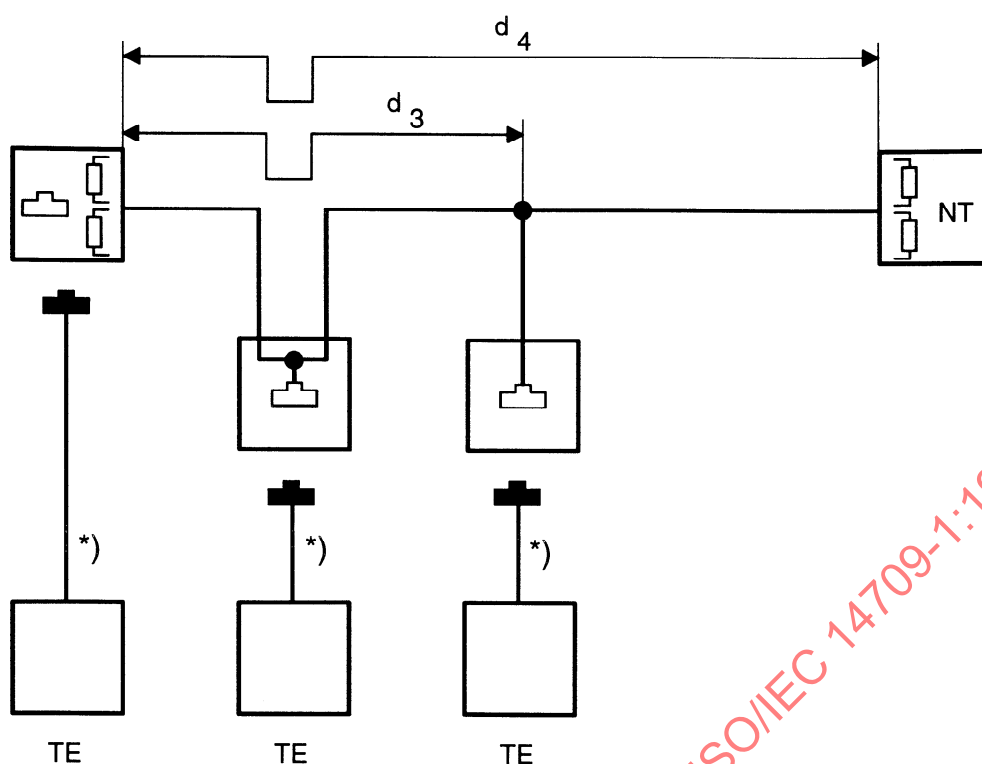
The polarity of each wire of the twisted pair shall be maintained throughout the bus.

Extension cords shall not be used to extend the TE cord.

6.4 The extended passive bus configuration

Up to 4 TEs are grouped together at the distant end of the bus to the NT.

A typical extended passive bus is illustrated in figure 4.



d_3 Length of cabling between first and last outlet

d_4 Length of cabling from NT to last outlet

*) TE connecting cord or integral cord

Maximum number of outlets: 12

Maximum number of terminals: 4

Figure 4 — Extended passive bus

Requirements

The insertion loss requirement for the extended passive bus specified in 5.2 applies to the length d_4 in figure 4. The differential round trip delay requirement for the extended passive bus specified in 5.4b) applies to the length d_3 in figure 4. Maximum distances can be found in annex B.

The number of terminals that may be connected to the bus shall not exceed 4.

NOTE: It may be necessary to plan for less than 4 terminals on an extended passive bus to meet the anticipated traffic conditions.

It is recommended not to use spurs. However, if spurs are present they shall not exceed 1 m.

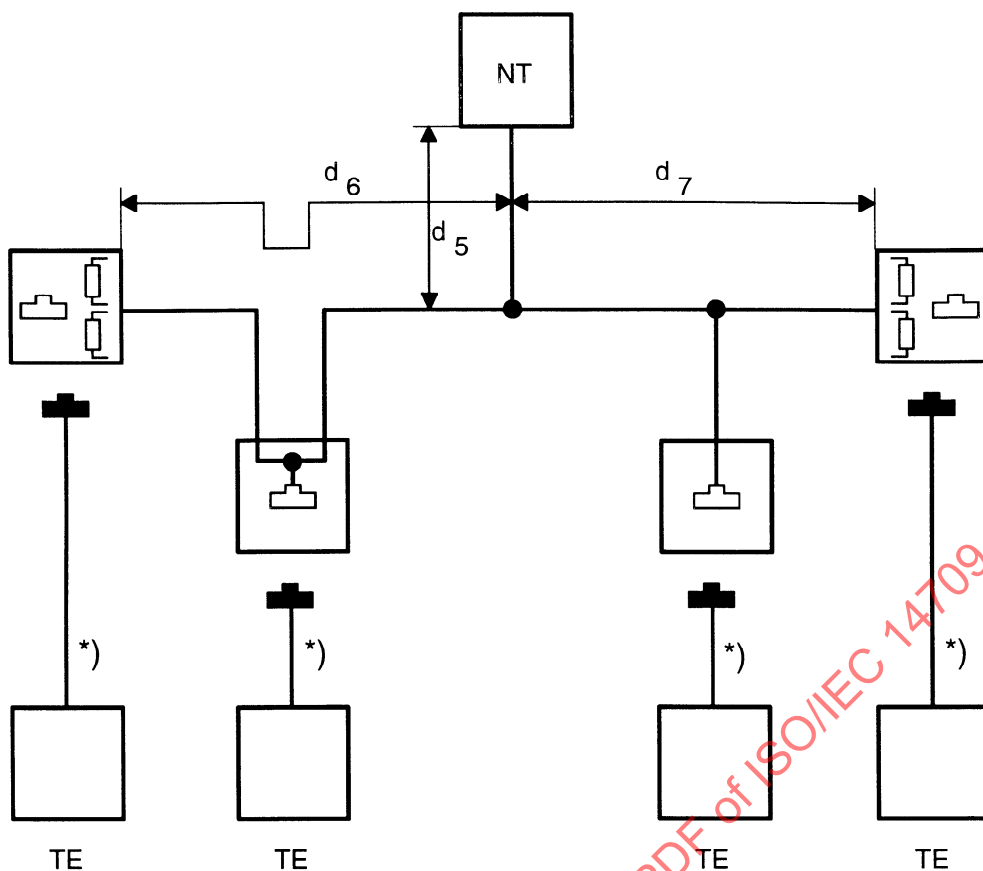
The polarity of each wire of the twisted pairs shall be maintained throughout the bus.

Extension cords shall not be used to extend the TE cord.

6.5 The Y-configuration

The Y-configuration is illustrated in figure 5.

NOTE: If the NT is equipped with terminating resistors, they may stay.



d_5 Length of cable connecting NT to bus
 d_6 Total length of arm 1 from last outlet to NT joint to bus
 d_7 Total length of arm 2 from last outlet to NT joint to bus
 *) TE connecting cord or integral cord
 Maximum number of outlets: 12
 Maximum number of terminals: 8

Figure 5 — Y-configuration

Requirements

The round trip delay requirement for the Y-configuration specified in 5.4a) applies individually to both bus lengths d_6 and d_7 in figure 5. The maximum distances can be found in annex B.

The total number of terminals connected to the bus shall not exceed 8. The maximum number of outlets connected directly to the bus is 12, however, no more than 8 can be attached via spurs. It is recommended not to use spurs. However, if they are used they shall not exceed 1 m. The length of d_5 shall not exceed 0,5 m.

The polarity of each wire of the twisted pairs shall be maintained throughout the bus.

Extension cords shall not be used to extend the TE cord.

6.6 The star configuration

The star configuration is physically represented by a number of point-to-point configurations connected to a single NT. The number of arms of the star is dependent on the design of the NT. The design requirements are the same as the point-to-point configuration (see clause 5). This configuration is not possible with all designs of NTs.

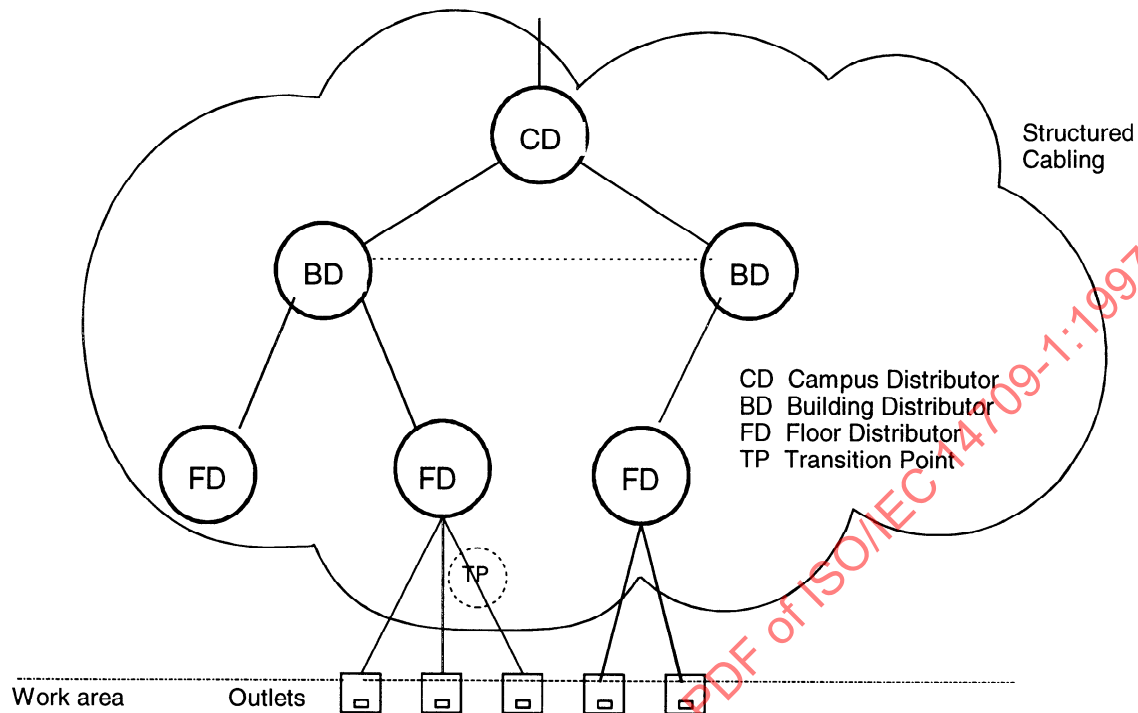
6.7 Implementation over structured cabling systems

6.7.1 General

The configurations in 6.2 to 6.6 may be constructed via structured cabling systems such as generic cabling systems in accordance with ISO/IEC 11801.

In generic cabling it is not intended to change the fixed parts of the cabling (e.g. outlets, cables etc.). Terminal cords and terminating resistors should not be hardwired on the outlets; this requires the use of adapters to present the ISDN basic access to the user.

Figure 6 shows the typical hierarchical structure of generic cabling systems. The NT may be located at the campus distributor, building distributor or floor distributor.



NOTE: Dotted lines denote optional connections, dotted circles denote optional elements. The outlets are as defined in ISO/IEC 11801.

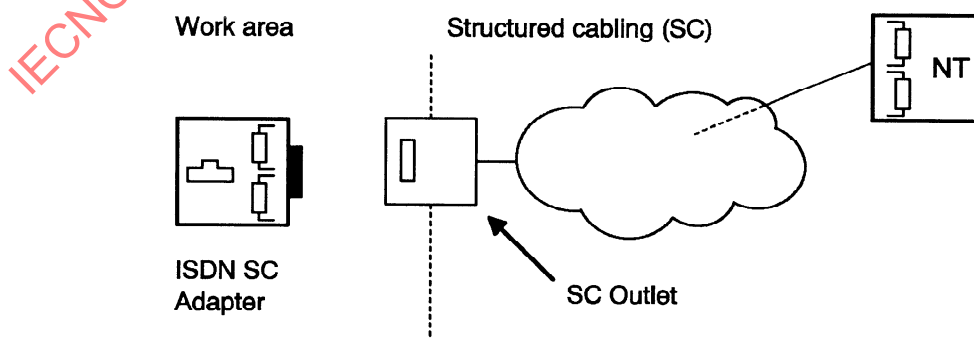
Figure 6 — NT location in the generic cabling structure

6.7.2 ISDN structured cabling adapter

An ISDN structured cabling adapter consists of:

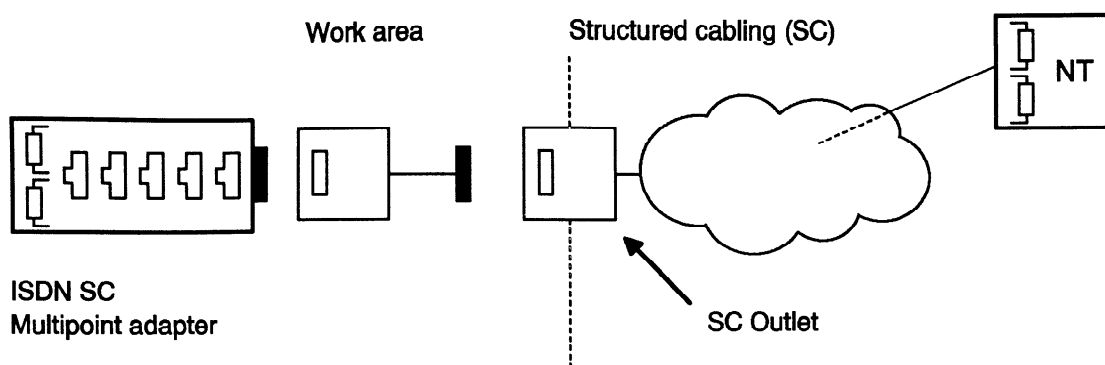
- a plug which matches the outlet of the structured cabling;
- an optional cord of restricted length;
- 1 or up to 8 ISDN outlets;
- terminating resistors (fixed or switched).

Figures 7 and 8 show the use of ISDN structured cabling adapters to provide point-to-point and point-to-multipoint ISDN basic access configurations.



NOTE: The outlets are as defined in ISO/IEC 11801.

Figure 7 — ISDN structured cabling adapter



NOTE: The outlets are as defined in ISO/IEC 11801.

Figure 8 — ISDN structured cabling multipoint adapter

6.7.3 Requirements for ISDN structured cabling adapters

The cord shown in the work area of figure 8 is optional. If used, the cord shall conform to the requirements for cables in 7.2 and its length shall not exceed 5 m.

The terminating resistors shall conform to the requirements for terminating resistors in 7.4. An integral switch should be provided to enable terminating resistors to be disconnected when adapters are used in series.

The ISDN outlets shall conform to the requirements for outlets in 7.5.

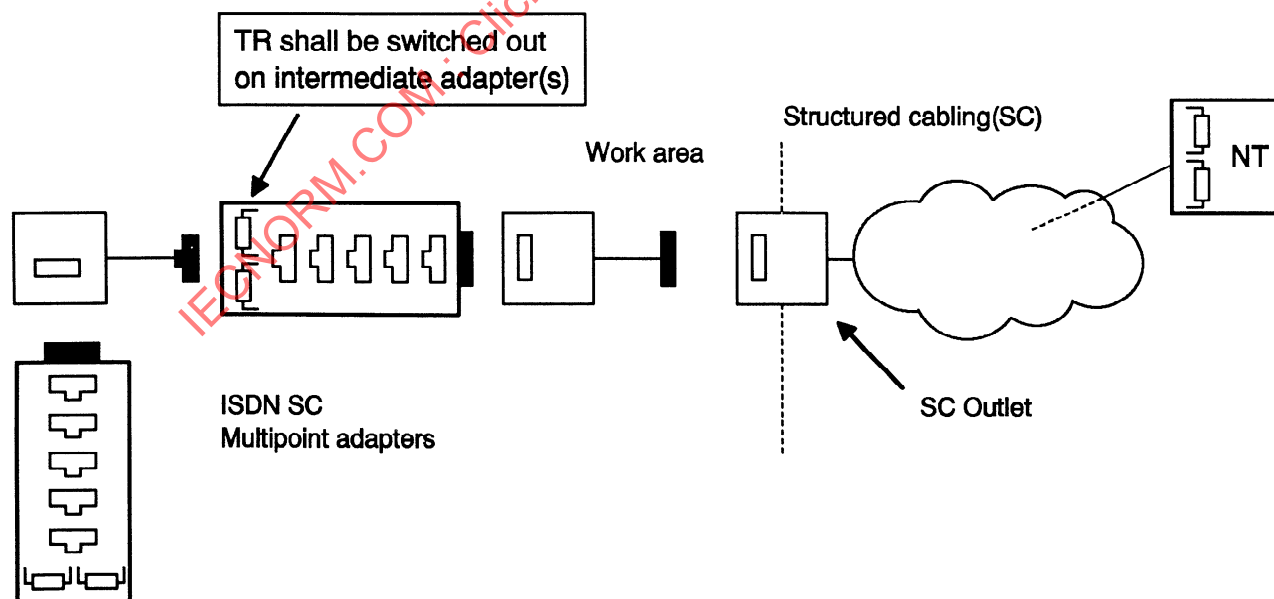
If more than one outlet is provided in the adapter, the length of cabling between the first and last outlet shall be less than 0,5 m.

6.7.4 Configurations

ISDN structured cabling adapters may be used to construct all the configurations 6.2 to 6.6 provided the configuration requirements of 6.2 to 6.6 and the design requirements of clause 5 are met.

Point-to-multipoint adapters may be connected in series to provide more outlets. When adapters are connected in this way terminating resistors are only required in the final adapter. The terminating resistors shall be removed or switched out in all intermediate adapters. Not more than one multipoint adapter shall be plugged into a multipoint adapter.

Figure 9 illustrates the use of multipoint adapters in series.



NOTE: The outlets are as defined in ISO/IEC 11801.

Figure 9 — ISDN structured cabling multipoint adapters in series

Care should be exercised when using the Y configuration described in 6.5. It is possible to disable the configuration if either the adapter of the other leg of the Y is unplugged in the work area or if one leg of the Y is required by the customer to be reconfigured at a cross connect.

7 Minimum requirements for cabling components

7.1 General

The minimum requirements for the components used to implement the ISDN basic access cabling configurations described in clause 6 are outlined in this clause.

If the designer of new cabling would like to use the cabling for other transmission systems the minimum requirements for those systems should also be considered in addition to those below.

NOTE: For further guidance see ISO/IEC 11801.

7.2 Cables

All cables shall be balanced and consist of twisted pairs or quads.

The characteristic impedance of the cable at 96 kHz shall be in the range 75 Ω to 150 Ω . This usually relates to capacitance of the cable between the values 30 nF/km to 120 nF/km.

The difference of d.c. resistance between the two conductors in a pair shall be less than 3% (see 8.5).

Each conductor within the cable shall be insulated from all other conductors within the cable and also from any external potential. The insulation resistance shall be greater than 50 M Ω x km when measured at a temperature of 20 °C at 500 V d.c.

NOTE: For system performance the insulation resistance is not critical. However, an insulation resistance of less than 50 M Ω x km at 500 V will indicate the likely presence of defects.

The longitudinal conversion loss of the cable shall be equal to, or greater than, 43 dB when measured at 96 kHz.

It is recommended to use cables whose NEXT is greater than 54 dB at 96 kHz for a 100 m cable length (see 5.8) for satisfactory noise immunity.

7.3 Terminal cords

Cords used for connection of the TE to the cabling shall conform to the requirements of ISO/IEC 8877. For extension cords see 6.2.

7.4 Terminating resistors

The value of the terminating resistors shall be $(100 \pm 5) \Omega$ and have a rating equal to or greater than 0,1 Watt.

7.5 Outlets and joint boxes

The outlets for connections at the S reference point or the T reference point shall be in accordance with IEC 603-7. The pin assignments are contained in ISO/IEC 8877 and are shown in table 2.

Table 2 — Pin assignments

Pin	Function		Polarity of power supplies	Polarity of framing pulses
	TE	NT		
1	Power source 3 2)	Power sink 3	+	
2	Power source 3 2)	Power sink 3	-	
3	Transmit power sink 1	Receive Power source 1	+ 1)	+
4	Receive Power sink 1	Transmit Power source 1	- 1)	+
5	Receive Power sink 1	Transmit Power source 1	- 1)	-
6	Transmit Power sink 1	Receive Power source 1	+ 1)	-
7	Power sink 2	Power source 2 2)	-	
8	Power sink 2	Power source 2 2)	+	
1) The d.c. polarity shown in the table refers to the normal power mode. In the restricted power mode the polarity is reversed.				
2) Power sources 2 and 3 are optional.				

Pairs of wires shall be connected to the following pins: 1 and 2, 3 and 6, 4 and 5, 7 and 8.

Joints can be made at the rear of outlets and so generally joint boxes are not required. Outlets or joint boxes can be used to locate terminating resistors.

Both outlets and joint boxes shall meet the following requirements:

- An outlet used for the connection of terminals shall conform to IEC 603-7.
- Connections shall not introduce a resistance exceeding 50 mΩ. The resistance shall not vary in the presence of the type of vibration likely to be encountered.
- Items that have an identifiable earth connection point, metal case or frame shall have a capacitance between any such part and a conductor of not more than 10 pF. This capacitance shall be substantially similar for the conductors in a pair.
- The capacitance between any pair of signal carrying conductors shall not be more than 5 pF.
- Joint boxes used for ISDN shall be clearly distinguishable from those used for power.

7.6 Cross-connect products/patch cords

All cross-connect and patch cord components shall comply with the electrical requirements specified for generic cabling in ISO/IEC 11801.

8 Cabling qualification

8.1 General

A link in compliance with ISO/IEC 11801 class B or better meets the requirements of an S₀ transmission link. For other installations the following should be verified either by design or by direct or indirect measurement to ensure the good operation of an S₀ transmission link:

- correct configuration requirements;
- absence of spurs longer than 1 m;
- continuity and cabling polarity;

- d.c. loop resistance;
- d.c. lead resistance unbalance;
- insulation resistance;
- insertion loss (point-to-point and extended passive bus);
- round trip delay (short passive bus, Y-configuration and extended passive bus);
- characteristic impedance;
- near-end crosstalk loss.

The tests which have to be applied depend to a large extent on what is known about the installation. For this reason the tests applied to known (e.g. new or recent) installations may be restricted to a simple continuity check whereas an unknown existing installation will require more comprehensive testing. In these cases or where functional problems are encountered, the relevant tests from 8.2 to 8.13 should be applied.

8.2 Spurs

The presence and location of unused spurs can be determined by the use of a time domain reflectometer or a pulse echo meter, where this cannot be done by visual means. Spurs longer than 1 m shall be removed.

8.3 Cabling integrity

Faults which can occur during installation include: open and short circuits, incorrect connections and a terminating resistor which is either missing, should not be present or is of the wrong value. These faults can be detected with simple cable tests.

8.4 D.c. loop resistance

D.c. loop resistance can be used as an indication of cable length where the diameter of the conductors is known. A pair with 0,5 mm diameter copper wire has a loop resistance of approximately 190 Ω /km, a pair with 0,6 mm diameter copper wire has a loop resistance of approximately 122 Ω /km.

8.5 D.c. lead resistance unbalance

The resistance unbalance should be measured and evaluated according to the equation:

$$\Delta R_{AB} = \frac{|R_A - R_B|}{R_A + R_B} \cdot 100 [\%] \quad (1)$$

where: R_A , R_B resistance of each conductor in the pair

ΔR_{AB} resistance unbalance.

Twisted pairs shall have a lead resistance unbalance of less than 3%.

8.6 Insulation resistance

The condition of existing cabling will be uncertain. Where cables are suspected to have suffered mechanical damage or have been subjected to a damp environment, an insulation resistance measurement should be made. New cables may have suffered damage during transit or installation and insulation resistance measurement will give an indication of possible damage. An insulation resistance of less than 50 M Ω x km is an indication for such a damage.

The test voltage shall not exceed 50 V to avoid dangerous voltages appearing at unknown points in the network. Bus terminations shall be disconnected for this measurement.

8.7 Insertion loss

Insertion loss should be determined in the point-to-point and extended passive bus configurations. The measurement shall be performed on the cabling from the proposed connection point of the NT and the point proposed as the furthest outlet on the bus. The test shall be performed using 100 Ω source and load resistors. The insertion loss should not exceed the design requirements of 5.2.

8.8 Round trip delay

An accurate measurement of round trip delay requires the use of expensive equipment not always available to an installer.

For all plastic insulated cables this measurement can be replaced by a measurement of the cable length. The maximum propagation time may be assumed to be 7 $\mu\text{s}/\text{km}$ (typical value for p.v.c. insulated cables).

If the cable lengths cannot be accurately measured, other insulation materials are used, or a more precise measurement of the propagation time is necessary, this could be carried out using a time domain reflectometer. The round trip delay requirements should not exceed the requirements of 5.4.

8.9 Characteristic impedance

The S_0 interface is designed to function with a wide range of cable characteristic impedances (75 Ω to 150 Ω). It is unlikely that characteristic impedance will be a source of problems because normal twisted pair cables designed for telephony applications fall within this range.

8.10 Near end crosstalk (NEXT) loss

Under consideration.

8.11 Impulsive noise

Under consideration.

8.12 Bit error rates

Under consideration.

8.13 Longitudinal conversion loss

Under consideration

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