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Note: this document replaces KCL CIP003 and TCH CIP002 on the same subject – see document history.

1 Scope

This document specifies the technical characteristics of the Direct Dialling Inward analogue line interface of the Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN) operated by KCOM Group PLC and known commonly as a DDI Exchange Line, delivered to a customer at the Network Terminating Point (NTP).

Much of the information contained in this document has been published previously in various documents such as ETSI and BSI standards.

Changes to the network that affect the correct working of approved terminal equipment will be published by KCOM Group PLC in various documents made available from the address below. If the changes impact on this document then it will be updated.

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2 The Network Termination Point

The DDI interface conforms to ETSI ETS 300 001^[1] § 1.4.3 however for completeness the interface is detailed below.

The DDI interface consists of two conductors designated as the “A” and “B” wires. The customer access to the DDI interface can either be in the form of an Insulation Displacement Connection (IDC) or Screw Terminal cable termination.

2.1 Insulation Displacement Connectors

Where the DDI interface is terminated on insulation displacement connectors they will support the connection of copper conductors having diameter between 0.35 mm and 0.65 mm.

2.2 Screw Terminal Connectors

Where the DDI interface is terminated with screw terminal connectors they will support the connection of copper conductors having diameter of 0.35 mm and 0.9 mm.

Note: New installations will not normally be terminated with this type of connection.

3 Line Conditions

Line conditions are fully detailed in ETSI ETS 300 001

3.1 On-Hook (Off-Line) condition

The On-Hook condition is as per ETSI ETS 300 001 § 1.4.5.1 (GB) 1 and/or 2.

The maximum DC current drawn from the interface to remain in the “On-Hook” condition is given in ETS 300 001 § 2.2.1 (GB) 4.

3.2 Off-Hook (On-Line) condition

The Off-Hook condition is as per ETSI ETS 300 001 § 1.4.5.3

The DDI interface provides a constant current linefeed of 40 mA nominal (36.8mA to 42mA) into lines with a loop resistance of up to 1150 ohms including the phone. Thereafter a constant voltage linefeed (-48V nominal) is provided into higher resistance loops maintaining :

>25mA into loops < 1840 ohms (inc. phone)

>20mA into loops < 2300 ohms (inc. phone)

The maximum DC current sourced by the exchange line circuit is therefore 42mA under normal operating conditions.

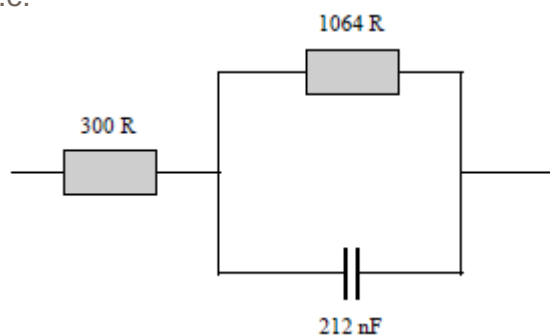
3.3 Line Polarity

The polarity of the DDI interface will normally be negative to the ‘B’ wire and earth to the ‘A’

wire in the ‘On-Hook’ condition. During call progress the polarity may be reversed.

3.4 Network Termination Impedance

The input impedance presented at the NTP is a combination of the impedance presented by the local exchange and the impedance characteristics of the local cable types. The local exchange impedance is nominally 300 ohms in series with a 1064 ohms / 212nF parallel combination i.e.



The values are subject to production tolerances, however a minimum return loss of 16dB can be expected.

4 Outgoing Calls

4.1 Call Initiation

The DDI interface will respond to the application of an 'Off-Hook' condition (described in 3.2 above) by the calling terminal.

4.2 Proceed Indication

When the DDI interface is ready to receive routing information a proceed indication (Dial Tone) will be given to the calling terminal. This Dial Tone is in accordance with ETSI ETS 300 001 § 1.7.1.

Note: Remarks 1.7.1 (GB) 3 and 1.7.1 (GB) 4 do not apply within the KCOM Group PLC network.

4.3 Routing information

The DDI interface will respond to routing information received from the calling terminal either in Multi-Frequency Tone format (as per ETS 300 001 § 5.4) or Decadic (Loop Disconnect) format (as per ETS 300 001 § 5.3).

4.4 Call Progress information

4.4.1 Ringing Tone

Ringing Tone will be applied to the interface when the call has been established and the called Customer is being alerted. The tone will conform to ETS 300 001 §1.7.2.

4.4.2 Busy Tone

Busy Tone will be applied to the interface when the call to the Dialed number cannot be connected due to the called customer's line being engaged. The tone will conform to ETS 300 001 § 1.7.3.

4.4.3 Congestion Tone

Congestion Tone will be applied to the interface when the network cannot connect the Dialed call. The tone will conform to ETS 300 001 § 1.7.4.

4.4.4 Number Unobtainable Tone

Number Unobtainable tone will be applied to the interface when the Dialed number is not obtainable due to reasons other than the line or network being engaged. Information messages may replace N.U. tone in certain circumstances. The tone will conform to ETS 300 001 § 1.7.7.

5 Incoming Calls

5.1 Call Arrival Indication

The call arrival indication (Ringing) is as per ETSI ETS 300 001 § 1.4.5.2 with the signal conforming to ETSI ETS 300 001 § 1.7.9. This signal will be presented to any 'On-Hook' line

Note: At the present time KCOM Group PLC service does not support “No Ring Call” operation. However if and when this is supported the details will be published.

5.2 Called Customer Answer

When the called customer answers the DDI interface responds to the ‘Off-Hook’ condition and may under certain circumstances present a reversal of the ‘A’ and ‘B’ wire polarity to the calling customer for the duration of the call.

5.3 Ring Trip

In normal operation ringing current may continue to be applied for typically 110 ms to 510 ms after the ‘Off-Hook’ state is established.

6 Call Clearing

6.1 Terminal Initiated Clearing

6.1.1 By A Calling Terminal

The DDI will detect a calling terminal returning to an ‘On-Hook’ state and initiate a “Network Initiated Clearing” sequence (described in 6.2 below) with the additional of an information message being sent to the called customer indicating the ‘Caller’ has cleared.

6.1.2 By A Called Terminal

When the called terminal returns to the ‘On-Hook’ state the DDI will detect the change of condition and initiate a time-out process lasting up to two minutes. After the time-out period has expired a “Network Initiated Clearing” sequence (described in 6.2 below) is offered to the calling terminal

6.2 Network Initiated Clearing

The DDI interface will offer a sequence of clearing signals at the NTP as a result of terminals ending the call or a failure to send valid routing digits during call set-up.

7 Additional Information

BS 6305^[2] provides a variety of additional information which may or may not be covered in ETSI ETS 300 001 covering topics such as: Positive Battery; Voltage transients; Verbal announcements; Private Meter Pulses; Noise, induced voltages and line surges; End to End insertion loss; and Relative group delay

Note: Values applicable to End to End Characteristics apply only to calls connected wholly within networks operated by KCOM Group PLC.

8 Safety and EMC Information

8.1 Safety

The normal working voltage of the interface is defined in section 3.2 above.

The interface presented to the customer is classified as exposed as defined in CENELEC Report/ETSI Guide ROBT-002/EG 201 212^[3].

8.2 EMC

The network equipment and network terminating equipment related to the provision of the interface comply with the current EMC regulations.

Whilst predominantly installed in residential and commercial environments, this does not preclude the interface being installed in other environments e.g. light industrial , industrial. This should be taken into account by the terminal equipment manufacturer when determining the limits of compliance relevant to their equipment in relation to the protection requirements of the EMC directive.

9 Recommended Terminal Equipment Standards

The minimum recommended terminal equipment performance specification is : ETS 300 001 (UK specific parts only)

The minimum recommended terminal equipment EMC specifications are listed in the Official Journal of the European Communities for use under the Electromagnetic Compatibility Directive (89/336). The lists are updated regularly and the terminal manufacturer is recommended to comply with the listed standards applicable to their equipment and the target electromagnetic environment.

The minimum recommended terminal equipment electrical safety specifications are listed in the Official Journal of the European Communities for use under the Low Voltage Directive (73/23/EEC). The lists are updated regularly and the terminal manufacturer is recommended to comply with the listed standards applicable to their equipment.

10 Supplementary Services

A range of supplementary services is available on the DDI line. Restrictions apply, but the operation of these services is identical to the KCOM Group PLC single analogue line supplementary services described in a separate document: "Technical Characteristics of the Single Analogue Line Supplementary Services" (KCOM (Hull) CIP001a). The services below are only available on groups of exchange lines accessed by a single number. For the avoidance of doubt the Supplementary Service set for exchange lines accessed by a range of numbers intended for PBX is provided in the Customer Interface Publication "Technical Characteristics of the Private Branch Exchange Analogue Multi-Line Interface" (KCOM (Hull) CIP002).

10.1. Network Activated Services

- Caller Display – Available
- Withholding Calling Line Identity – Available
- Call Barring – Available
- Calling Number Withheld Block – This can be set however there is no Customer Release function

For the avoidance of doubt, “Your Call” is not available.

10.2. Customer Activated Services

- Conference Call – Available
- Reminder Call – Available
- Call Diversion – Available but setting diverts all calls on all lines
- Call Return (1471) – Available
- Withholding Calling Line Identity – Available

For avoidance of doubt, Call Waiting, Ring Back and services are not available.

11 Glossary

BS	British Standard
DDI	Direct Dialling Inward
EC	European Community
ETS	European Telecommunications Standard
ETSI	European Telecommunications Standards Institute
IDC	Insulation Displacement Connector
NTP	Network Terminating Point
PBX	Private Branch Exchange
PSTN	Public Switched Telephone Network

12 References

Ref	Standard	Title	Date
[1]	ETS 300 001	Attachments to Public Switched Telephone Network (PSTN); general requirements for equipment connected to an analogue subscriber interface in the PSTN	1997
[2]	BS 6305	General requirements for apparatus for connection to public switched telephone networks run by certain public telecommunications operators.	1992
[3]	R0BT-002/EG 201 212 V.1.2.1	Electrical Safety ; Classification of interfaces for equipment to be connected to telecommunications networks	1998

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