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Abstract

This standard adopts Electronic Industries Association (EIA) Standard EIA-530-1987, which specifies the interconnection of data terminal equipment (DTE) and data circuit-terminating equipment (DCE) employing serial binary data interchange circuits with control information exchanged on separate control circuits. In particular, this standard defines the signal characteristics, interface mechanical characteristics, functional description of interchange circuits, and standard interfaces for selected communication system configurations. The electrical characteristics of the interchange circuits are specified by reference to Electronic Industries Association (EIA) standard EIA-422-A (FED-STD-1020A) and EIA-423-A (FED-STD-1030A).

Key words: communications equipment; data circuit-terminating equipment (DCE); data terminal equipment (DTE); data transmission (high speed); Federal Information Processing Standard; telecommunications.

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- 1. Name of Standard.** High Speed 25-Position Interface for Data Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment (FIPS PUB 154).
- 2. Category of Standard.** Telecommunications Standard.
- 3. Explanation.** This standard adopts Electronic Industries Association (EIA) Standard EIA-530-1987, which specifies the interconnection of data terminal equipment (DTE) and data circuit-terminating equipment (DCE) employing serial binary data interchange circuits with control information exchanged on separate control circuits. In particular, this standard defines the signal characteristics, interface mechanical characteristics, functional description of interchange circuits, and standard interfaces for selected communication system configurations. The electrical characteristics of the interchange circuits are specified by reference to Electronic Industries Association (EIA) standard EIA-422-A (FED-STD-1020A) and EIA-423-A (FED-STD-1030A).
- 4. Approving Authority.** Secretary of Commerce.
- 5. Maintenance Agency.** National Communications System, Office of Technology and Standards.
- 6. Cross Index.**
 - a. Former Federal Standard (FED-STD) 1032, High Speed 25-Position Interface for Data Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment.
 - b. EIA-530, High Speed 25-Position Interface for Data Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment.
- 7. Related Documents.** The following documents of the issue in effect on the date of invitation for bids or requests for proposals form a part of this standard to the extent specified herein:
 - a. FIPS PUB 138, Electrical Characteristics of Balanced Voltage Digital Interface Circuits (EIA-422A) (former Federal Standard 1020A).
 - b. FIPS PUB 142, Electrical Characteristics of Unbalanced Voltage Digital Interface Circuits (EIA-423A) (former Federal Standard 1030A).
 - c. FIPS PUB 143, General Purpose 37-Position and 9-Position Interface Between Data Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment (EIA-449) (former Interim Federal Standard 001031).
 - d. EIA-422A, Electrical Characteristics of Balanced Voltage Digital Interface Circuits.
 - e. EIA-423-A, Electrical Characteristics of Unbalanced Voltage Digital Interface Circuits.
 - f. EIA-449, General Purpose 37-Position and 9-Position Interface for Data Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment Employing Serial Binary Data Interchange.
 - g. Federal Information Resources Management Regulation 201-8.1, Federal ADP and Telecommunications Standards.
- 8. Objectives.** This standard is to facilitate interoperability between telecommunication facilities and systems of the Federal government and compatibility of these facilities and systems at the

computer-communications interface with data processing equipment (systems) of the Federal Government.

9. Applicability. This standard shall be used by all Federal departments and agencies in the design and procurement of telecommunication equipment employing high speed (20,000 to 2,000,000 bits per second) interchange between DTEs and DCEs. This standard may optionally be used at speeds lower than 20 Kb/s. It is highly recommended in the speed range of 10 to 20 Kb/s for new systems that are likely to be upgraded to higher speeds, or when both sides of the interface are covered by one procurement action. This standard will not interoperate with equipment using EIA-232 electrical characteristics. Departments and agencies with a requirement to be compatible with the 37-position and 9-position interface specified in FIPS 143 (former Interim FED-STD-001031) (i.e., EIA-449) may continue to use this Standard, but new systems must conform to FIPS 154 (former FED-STD-1032).

10. Specifications. This standard adopts in whole Electronic Industries Association (EIA) Standard EIA-530-1987, High Speed 25-Position Interface for Data Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit-Terminating Equipment.

11. Implementation. The use of this standard by Federal departments and agencies is compulsory and binding, effective April 21, 1989.

12. Waivers. Under certain exceptional circumstances, the heads of Federal departments and agencies may approve waivers to Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS). The head of such agency may redelegate such authority only to a senior official designated pursuant to section 3506(b) of Title 44, United States Code. Waivers shall be granted only when:

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- b. Cause a major adverse financial impact on the operator which is not offset by Government-wide savings.

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A copy of the waiver, any supporting documents, the document approving the waiver and any supporting and accompanying documents, with such deletions as the agency is authorized and decides to make under 5 U.S.C. Sec. 552(b), shall be part of the procurement documentation and retained by the agency.

13. Conflict with Referenced Documents. Where the requirements stated in this standard conflict with any requirements in a referenced document, the requirements of this standard shall apply. The nature of the conflict between this standard and a referenced document shall be submitted in duplicate to the Director, National Computer and Telecommunications Laboratory, Technology Building, Room B-154, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

14. Special Information. The electrical, mechanical, and functional interface and interchange circuits shall conform to EIA-530-1987.

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Copies of the EIA standards can be obtained from the Electronic Industries Association, 2001 Eye Street, NW, Washington, DC 20006.

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