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Annex A forms a normative part of this International Standard.

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# Information technology – Telecommunications and information exchange between systems – 34-pole DTE/DCE interface connector mateability dimensions and contact number assignments

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the 34-pole connector and the assignment of contact numbers at the interface between data terminal equipment (DTE) and data circuit-terminating equipment (DCE) where ITU-T Recommendation V.36 or Recommendation X.21bis together with Recommendation V.10 and V.11 are applicable.

NOTE 1 An interoperation between interfaces designed according to electrical characteristics specified in ITU-T Recommendation V.36 and those specified in ITU-T Recommendation V.11 is, at least to a limited degree, possible. This can be achieved, for example, by using a passive adaptor which joins the interface connectors in accordance with ISO/IEC 2593 and ISO 4902, or ISO 4903, respectively.

This International Standard specifies the dimensions of the connector housing and gives recommendations for the type of locking device (jack-screw system) and connector shielding.

## 2 Normative references

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revisions of, any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this International Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the normative document referred to applies. Members of ISO and IEC maintain registers of currently valid International Standards.

ISO 261:1998, *ISO general-purpose metric screw threads — General plan*.

ISO 4902:1989, *Information technology — Data communication — 37-pole DTE/DCE*

*interface connector and contact number assignments*.

ISO 4903 : 1989, *Information technology — Data communication — 15-pole DTE/DCE interface connector and contact number assignments*.

ITU-T Recommendation V.10 : 1993, *Electrical characteristics for unbalanced double-current interchange circuits operating at data signalling rates nominally up to 100 kbit/s*.

ITU-T Recommendation V.11 : 1996, *Electrical characteristics for balanced double-current interchange circuits operating at data signalling rates up to 10 Mbit/s*.

ITU-T Recommendation X.21 : 1992, *Interface between Data Terminal Equipment and Data Circuit-terminating Equipment for synchronous operation on public data networks*.

ITU-T Recommendation X.21 bis : 1988, *Use on public data networks of Data Terminal Equipment (DTE) which is designed for interfacing to synchronous V-Series modems*.

ITU-T Recommendation V.28 : 1993, *Electrical characteristics for unbalanced double-current interchange circuits*.

ITU-T Recommendation V.36:1988, *Modems for synchronous data transmission using 60-108 kHz group band circuits*.

IEC 60050(581):1978, *International Electrotechnical Vocabulary – Chapter 581: Electromechanical components for electronic equipment.*

IEC 60807-6:1988, *Rectangular connectors for frequencies below 3 MHz – Part 6: Detail specification for a range of connectors with size 20 (7.5A) round contacts having polarized guides – Fixed solder contact type.*

### 3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the definitions given in IEC 60050(581) apply. For the convenience of the users of this International Standard, the following definitions are repeated.

**3.1 cable adaptor:** A part of a connector or an accessory consisting of a rigid housing for attachment to the connector body. It may incorporate provision for a cable clamp or seal for terminating screens and provide shielding to electrical interference. It may be straight or angled.

**3.2 connector housing:** A part of a connector into which the insert and contacts are assembled.

**3.3 contact arrangement:** The number, spacing and configuration of contacts in a component.

**3.4 female contact:** A contact intended to make electrical engagement on its inner surface and which will accept entry of a male contact.

**3.5 intermateable connectors:** Two connectors are intermateable when they are capable of being connected electrically and mechanically but without regard to their performance and intermountability.

**3.6 jack-screw system:** A device comprising a set of captive screws and nuts used to couple and uncouple mating components. It may also provide a polarization facility.

**3.7 locking device:** A feature incorporated in certain components to provide mechanical retention of their mating part.

**3.8 male contact:** A contact intended to make electrical engagement on its outer surface and which will enter a female contact.

**3.9 mounting flange:** A projection from a component for the purpose of attaching the component to a rigid surface.

**3.10 (n-pole-)connector:** A component which terminates conductors for the purpose of providing connection and disconnection to a suitable mating component.

**3.11 polarization:** Features on mating components to prevent incorrect mating.

### 4 Connector Specifications

A 34-pole connector shall be provided for the DTE/DCE interface.

Figures 1 to 5 illustrate the 34-pole connector. Only those dimensions that are essential for mating are shown.

Figure 1 illustrates the DTE connector which has 34 male contacts in a connector housing. Figure 2 illustrates the DCE connector which has 34 female contacts in a connector housing. The connector housing on the DTE connector is dimensioned to fit inside the connector housing on the DCE connector (see figures 1 and 2). Contact identification lettering is also specified in figures 1 and 2. The use of shields and mounting flanges is illustrated in figures 1 and 2 respectively. Since their shape and size is not essential for mating, the use of different shape and size from those illustrated does not affect conformance with this International Standard.

Figure 3 illustrates the dimensions for the contact spacing.

Figures 4 and 5 illustrate the dimensions for the male and female contacts respectively.

Figures 8 and 9 illustrate the connector mountings.

The connectors shall be equipped with a jack-screw system (see figures 6 and 7 and tables 2 and 3). On the DTE connector, the female jack-screw (nut) shall be positioned adjacent to the male contact lettered A and the male jack-screw

shall be positioned adjacent to the male contact lettered MM. Both jack-screws of the DTE connector shall be rotatable. On the DCE connector, the female jack-screw (nut) shall be positioned adjacent to the female contact lettered MM and the male jack-screw shall be positioned adjacent to the female contact lettered A. Both jack-screws of the DCE connector shall be fixed to prevent rotation.

Connectors shall use either the 6-32 UNC thread in accordance with the present specification of IEC 60807-6 or, if required by national regulations or mutual user agreement, M 3 as specified in ISO 261.

When procuring equipment internationally which will use this 34-pole connector, the user shall specify the thread type in accordance with national requirements.

#### NOTES

2 The nominal contact diameter of 1,6 mm is referred to as size 16 in IEC 60807-7.

3 The first edition of this International Standard did not specify all the connector dimensions required to ensure mechanical compatibility. As a result, contacts with nominal diameter of both 1 mm and 1,6 mm and two different arrangements of male shell and female shell and different dimensions of jack-screws are now in use in different countries. This International Standard

specifies 1,6 mm contacts and the particular arrangement of male shell and of female shell described above; where arrangements occur which do not conform with this edition, adaptors can be necessary.

4 The male shell specified in this International Standard does not contain the optional polarizing pin defined in IEC 60807-6.

#### 5 Assignment of contact letters

The assignment of contact letters is given in table 1.

#### 6 Connector shielding

Connector shielding is optional. If it is used, e.g. due to national regulations, etc., it shall be accomplished by use of

- a metallic male shell together with a connector housing and a cable adaptor with a DTE connector; or
- a metallic female shell with a DCE connector.

A polarization pin shall not be used on the male shell.

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Table 1 – Assignment of contact numbers

Contact	Function <sup>1)</sup>	CCITT circuit number	Direction
A	See note 1	–	–
B	Signal ground or common return	102	common
C	Request to send	105	from DTE
D	Ready for sending	106	to DTE
E	Data set ready	107	to DTE
F	Data channel received line signal detector	109	to DTE
H	Connect data set to line (see note 2)	108/1	from DTE
	Data terminal ready (see note 2)	108/2	from DTE
J	Calling indicator (see note 2)	125	to DTE
K	F <sub>1</sub>	–	–
L	Local loopback (see note 2)	141	from DTE
M	F <sub>1</sub>	–	–
N	Loopback/Maintenance test	140	from DTE
R	Received data A-wire	104	to DTE
T	Received data B-wire	104	to DTE
V	Receiver signal element timing (DCE source) A-wire	115	to DTE
X	Receiver signal element timing (DCE source) B-wire	115	to DTE
Y	Transmitter signal element timing (DCE source) A-wire	114	to DTE
AA	Transmitter signal element timing (DCE source) B-wire	114	to DTE
P	Transmitted data A-wire	103	from DTE
S	Transmitted data B-wire	103	from DTE
U	Transmitter signal element timing (DTE source) A-wire (see note 2)	113	from DTE
Z	F <sub>2</sub>	–	–
W	Transmitter signal element timing (DTE source) B-wire (see note 2)	113	from DTE
BB	F <sub>2</sub>	–	–
CC	F <sub>3</sub>	–	–
DD	F <sub>4</sub>	–	–
EE	F <sub>3</sub>	–	–
FF	F <sub>4</sub>	–	–
HH	N <sub>1</sub>	–	–
JJ	N <sub>2</sub>	–	–
KK	N <sub>1</sub>	–	–
LL	N <sub>2</sub>	–	–
MM	F	–	–
NN	Test indicator (see note 2)	142	to DTE

NOTES

1 Contact A is assigned for connecting the shields between tandem sections of the shielded interface cable. The shield may be connected either to protective ground or to signal ground at either the DTE or the DCE or both in accordance with national regulations.

Signal ground may further be connected to protective ground in accordance with national safety regulations. Caution should be exercised to prevent establishment of ground loops carrying high currents.

2 These functions are not included in ITU-T Recommendation V.36 but where implemented on an optional basis the assigned contacts should be used.

1) Legend:

N = Contact permanently reserved for national use

F = Contact reserved for future Standardization purposes and should not be used for national use

Subscripts indicate contacts which may be associated to form pairs; for example, F<sub>1</sub> on contact K and M form a pair.

Dimensions in millimetres

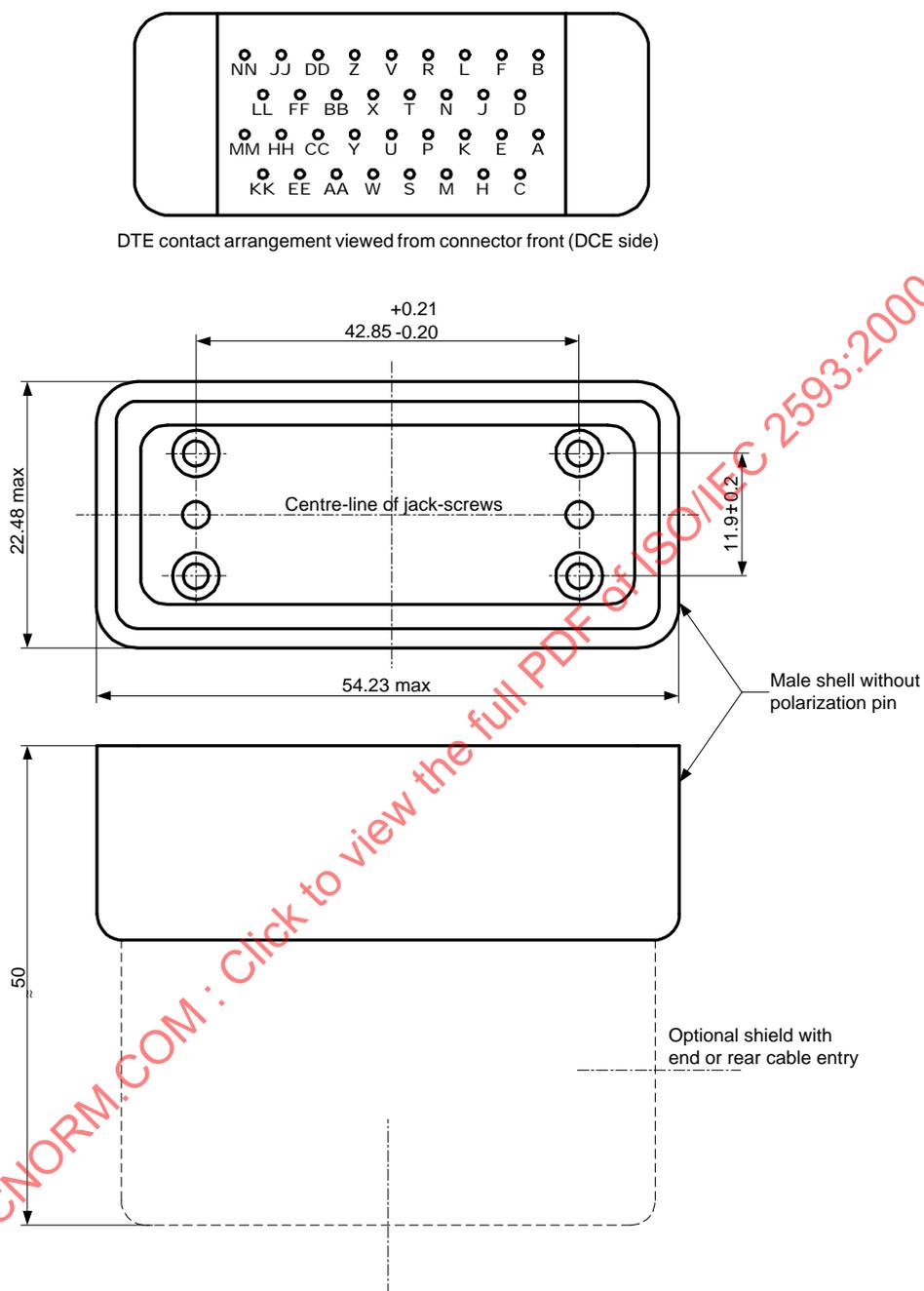
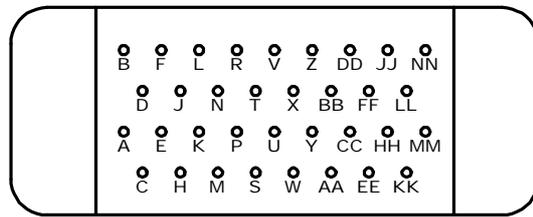


Figure 1 – DTE connector

Dimensions in millimetres



DCE contact arrangement viewed from connector front (DTE side)

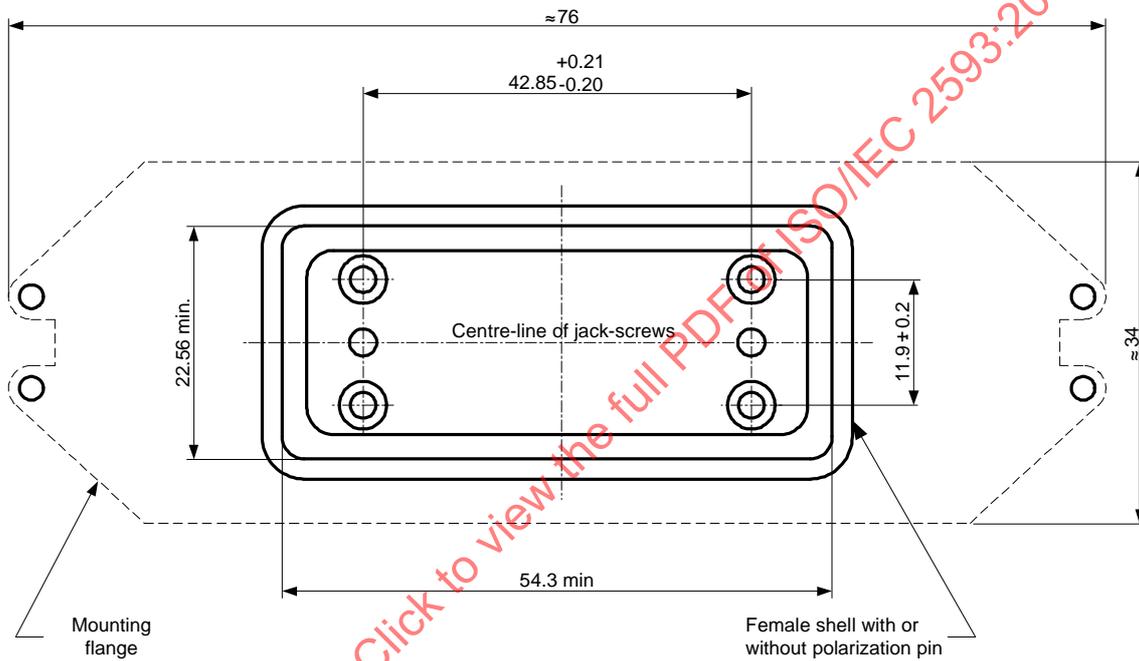


Figure 2 – DCE connector

Dimensions in millimetres

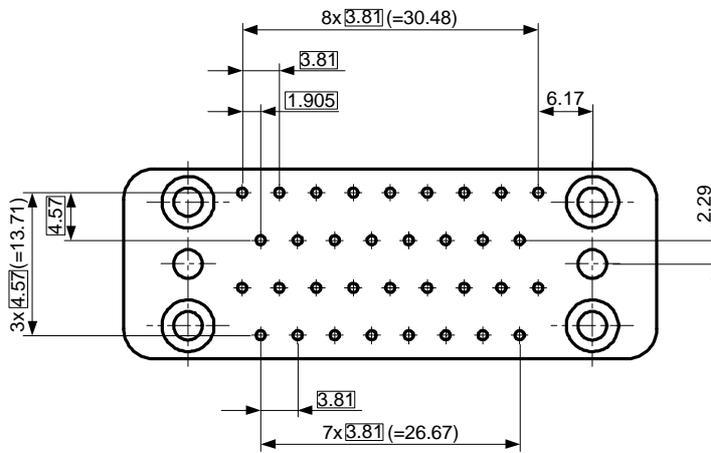


Figure 3 – Contact spacing dimensions

Dimensions in millimetres

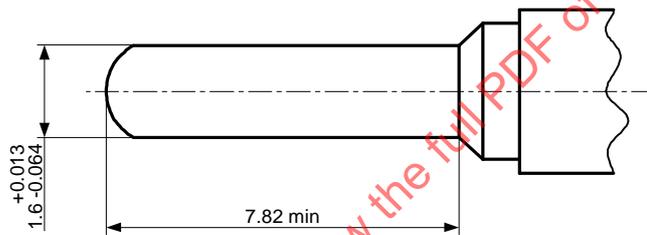


Figure 4 – Male contact

Dimensions in millimetres

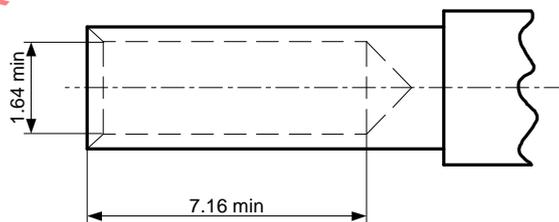


Figure 5 – Female contact

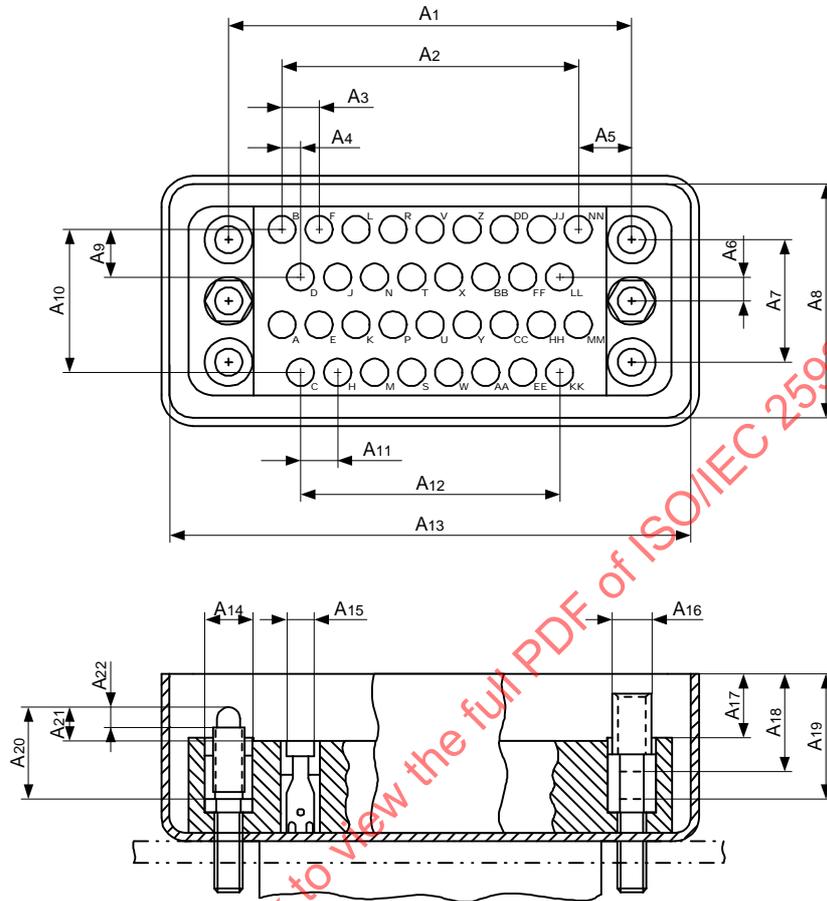


Figure 6 – DCE connector

Table 2 – 34-pole DCE connector

Dimension	Millimetres		Inches	
	min.	max.	min.	max.
A <sub>1</sub>	42,62	43,03	1,678	1,694
A <sub>2</sub>	30,48		1,200	
A <sub>3</sub>	3,81		0,150	
A <sub>4</sub>	1,905		0,075	
A <sub>5</sub>	6,17		0,243	
A <sub>6</sub>	2,29		0,090	
A <sub>7</sub>	11,70	12,10	0,460	0,476
A <sub>8</sub>	22,56	–	0,888	–
A <sub>9</sub>	4,57		0,180	
A <sub>10</sub>	13,71		0,540	
A <sub>11</sub>	3,81		0,150	
A <sub>12</sub>	26,67		1,050	
A <sub>13</sub>	54,30	–	2,138	–
A <sub>14</sub> <sup>1)</sup>	4,85	5,10	0,191	0,201
A <sub>15</sub>	Refer to Figure 5			
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A <sub>16</sub>	4,57		0,180	
A <sub>17</sub>	4,44	4,96	0,175	0,195
A <sub>18</sub>	6,50	–	0,256	–
A <sub>19</sub>	9,00	–	0,354	–
A <sub>20</sub>	8,70	–	0,342	–
A <sub>21</sub>	3,93	4,45	0,155	0,175
A <sub>22</sub>	–	2,50	–	0,098

1) Inscribed diameter.

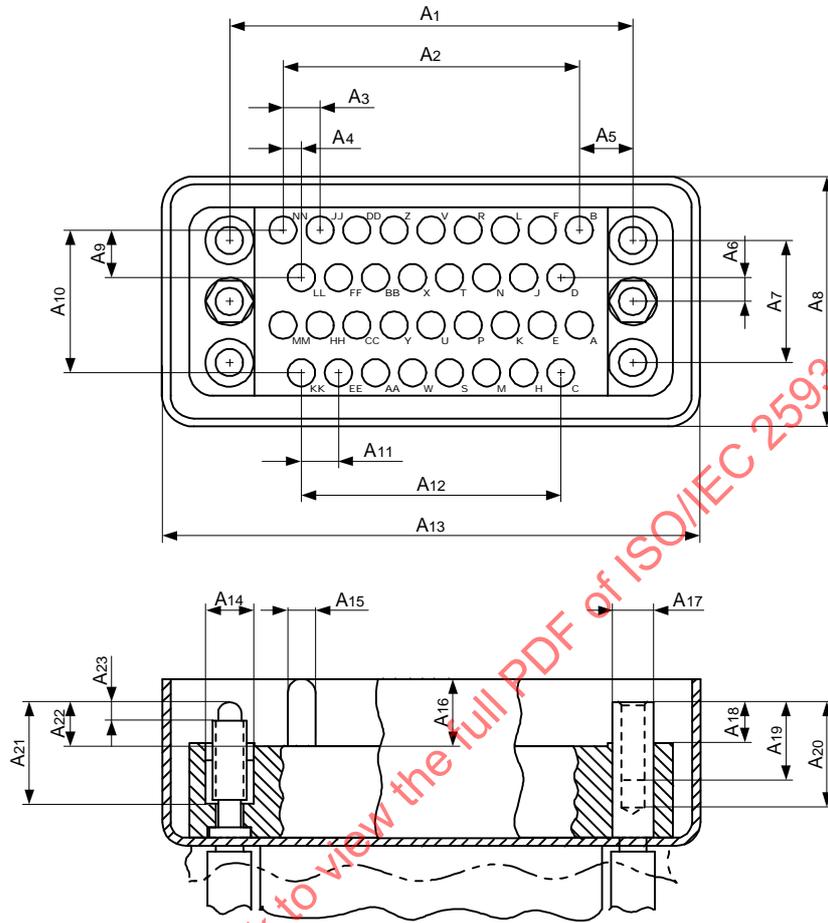


Figure 7 – DTE connector

Table 3 – 34-pole DTE connector

Dimension	Millimetres		Inches	
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A <sub>2</sub>	30,48		1,200	
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A <sub>4</sub>	1,905		0,075	
A <sub>5</sub>	6,17		0,243	
A <sub>6</sub>	2,29		0,090	
A <sub>7</sub>	11,70	12,10	0,460	0,476
A <sub>8</sub>	–	22,48	–	0,885
A <sub>9</sub>	4,57		0,180	
A <sub>10</sub>	13,71		0,540	
A <sub>11</sub>	3,81		0,150	
A <sub>12</sub>	26,67		1,050	
A <sub>13</sub>	–	54,23	–	2,135
A <sub>14</sub>	4,85	5,10	0,191	0,201
A <sub>15</sub>	Refer to Figure 4			
A <sub>16</sub>	Refer to Figure 4			
A <sub>17</sub>	4,57		0,180	
A <sub>18</sub>	4,44	4,96	0,175	0,195
A <sub>19</sub>	6,50	–	0,256	–
A <sub>20</sub>	9,00	–	0,354	–
A <sub>21</sub>	8,70	–	0,342	–
A <sub>22</sub>	3,93	4,45	0,155	0,175
A <sub>23</sub>	–	2,50	–	0,098

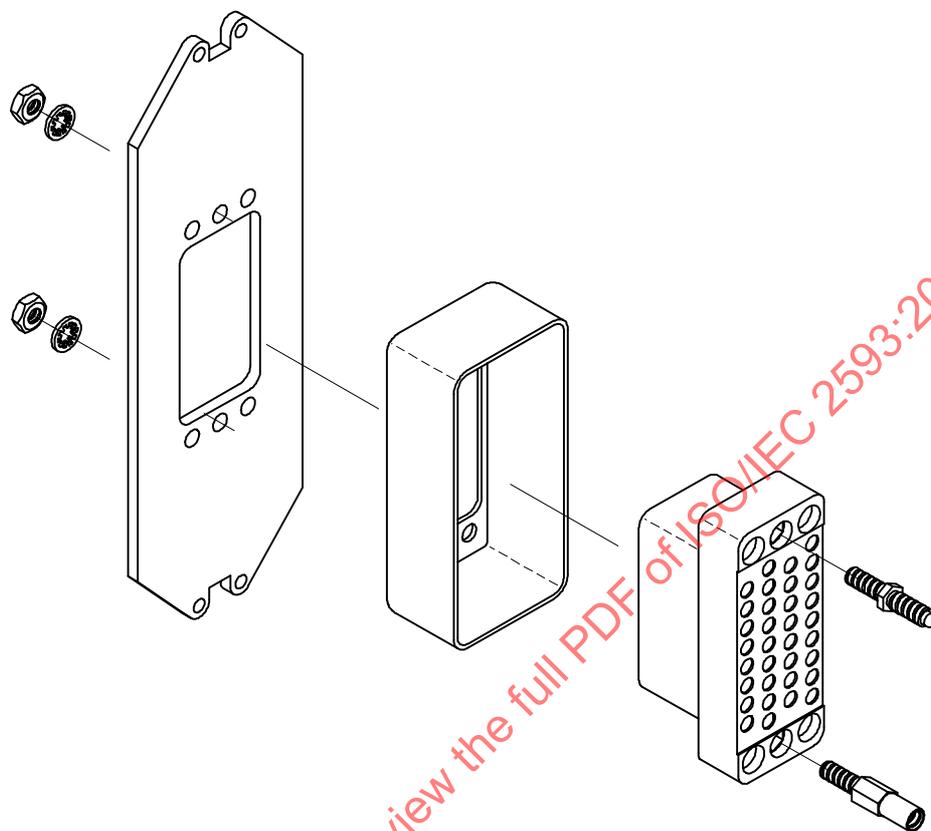


Figure 8 – DCE connector mounting illustration

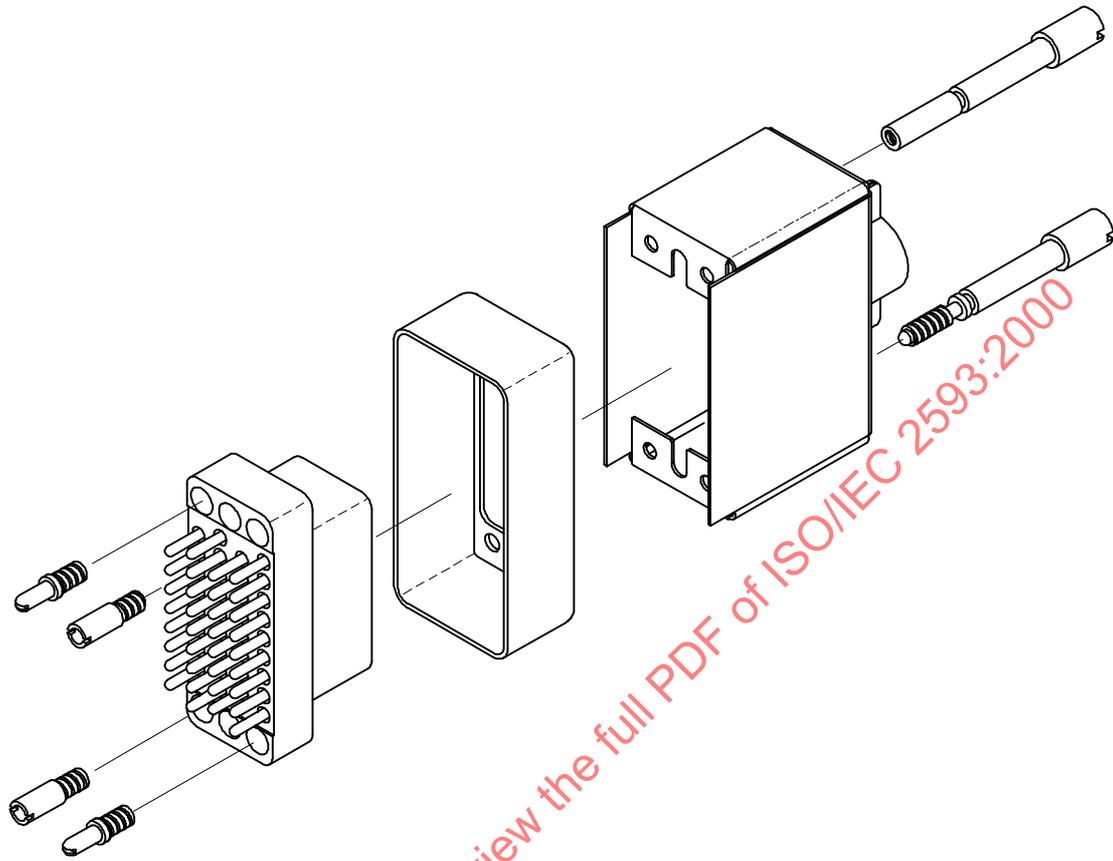


Figure 9 – DTE connector mounting illustration

## Annex A (normative)

### Adaptor for attachment of DTEs using the 34-pole connector to DCEs not having implemented the 34-pole connector.

#### A.1 General

Wideband V.-series DCEs (modems) were specified by ITU-T for both the 34-pole rectangular ISO/IEC 2593 connector and the 37-pole rectangular ISO 4902 connector, while X.-series DCEs were specified for the 15-pole rectangular ISO 4903 connector. In this situation there is a need for suitable adaptors.

The electrical interface characteristics associated with the ISO/IEC 2593, ISO 4902 and ISO 4903 connectors are also different, but interworking between the versions is possible.

The means for interworking are passive.

This annex specifies passive adaptors for use by a DTE that has implemented a 34-pole rectangular ISO/IEC 2593 connector for attachment to a DCE that does not have a 34-pole connector.

Two adaptors are specified:

a) The first adaptor connects a 34-pole connector to a 37-pole rectangular ISO 4902 connector, if data transmission is performed via V.-series wideband modems using the 60 kHz to 108 kHz band circuits, or via ITU-T Recommendation X.21bis facilities on public data networks.

b) The second adaptor connects a 34-pole connector to a 15-pole rectangular ISO 4903 connector, if ITU-T Recommendation X.21 facilities are used which do not operate X.21 automatic calling/answering procedure, for instance, X.21 leased circuit facilities.

Both the 34/37-pole adaptor and the 34/15-pole adaptor have the means for electrical protection of the control interchange circuits.

The mechanical style of an adaptor is not defined and is left to the discretion of the manufacturers. It may take the form of two connectors joined by a short cable, or the same two connectors joined by a rigid housing.

#### A.2 Mechanical characteristics

Both adaptors use a 34-pole connector with female contacts, as specified in this International Standard (see figure 2). The 34/37-pole adaptor uses a 37-pole connector with male contacts, as specified in ISO 4902:1990, figure 1. The 34/15-pole adaptor uses a 15-pole connector with male contacts, as specified in ISO 4903:1989, figure 1.

#### A.3 Electrical characteristics

All wideband V.-series DCEs are standardized for the use of balanced double-current electrical characteristics on data and timing interchange circuits and the use of unbalanced double-current electrical characteristics on the control interchange circuits. As further defined in X.21bis, the equivalent public data network facilities use the same.

Interworking in the balanced case is possible, if the interface cable is short (e.g. 10 m). Interworking in the unbalanced case requires means for protection of V.10 interchange circuit receivers. These means are described in ISO 4902:1990, annex C and ISO 4903:1989, annex C and are adopted in this International Standard.

#### A.4 Interworking specification

Provisions shall be made in the DTE/DCE interface to ensure secure interworking between V.28 generators in the DTE and V.10/V.11 receivers in the DCE (the receivers of V.10 are identical to those of V.11).

##### A.4.1 Signal return

The interface has two signal grounds, one for each transmission direction, circuit 102a and 102b. It may also have the direction-independent circuit 102. All these grounds shall be

interconnected within the adaptor as shown in tables A.1 and A.2.

#### **A.4.2 Signal levels**

The signal levels stated in V.10 and in V.28 have an overlap in the 5 V to 6 V range. However V.10 levels can be as low as 4 V, which is outside the V.28 specification. Nevertheless, satisfactory operation can be expected with V.28 receivers because they have a 3 V transition margin and because the source impedance of V.10 generators is very low.

#### **A.4.3 Adaptor design**

The actual method of adaptor design is not specified, except that the standardized locking devices in this International standard, ISO 4902 and ISO 4903 shall be used.

#### **A.5 Connection arrangement**

The connection arrangement of interchange circuits for the 34/37-pole and the 34/15-pole adaptor shall be as specified in table A.1 and table A.2, respectively.

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