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Chapter 1 Background and objectives

1.1 Background

Visual telephone systems using motion pictures have been considered as a promising application in the ISDN environment, and worldwide effort has been dedicated to their development. In the conventional systems, however, picture coding algorithms or communication procedures have not been standardized, which has prohibited mutual communication between different visual telephone systems.

In order to resolve this problem, a picture coding algorithm and communication procedures for visual telephone systems were standardized in TSS (CCITT) and recommended in December 1990. In view of these activities in TSS, The Telecommunication Technology Committee (TTC) in Japan dedicated its efforts to formulating national standards conforming to corresponding TSS recommendations, and implemented these standards following the recommendations in TSS.

Digital visual telephone systems are expected to spread due to the enactment of these standards and development of ISDN services. For their favorable development and prevalence, however, it is important to resolve several problems concerning mutual connections between visual telephone systems of different manufacturers each conforming to the standards, and feedback the connection test results into the standards.

1.2 Objectives

Considering that visual telephone system products conforming to the above mentioned standards will be put on the market by several manufacturers in the next few years, we believe it is indispensable to achieve mutual interconnection of different products for facilitating service development of digital visual telephone systems. Due to the anticipated diversification of system functions, however, mutual interconnections may not be achieved even if two products are manufactured conforming to the standards, and verification of connectability by means of interconnection tests will therefore be required.

This "Guideline" specifies the content and procedure of these interconnection tests to ensure interconnectability of visual telephone products of different manufacturers.

Interconnection tests based on this "Guideline" will be performed by the "Digital Video Conference and Videophone TILCs (Test Implementation Liaison Committees)" under the management of the Communications Industry Association of Japan (CIAJ), and are expected to prepare the

environment for future development of digital visual telephone services in Japan. At the same, time the effectiveness of the standards will also be enhanced, and the test results will be utilized as information whenever a new standard is enacted.

1.3 Scope of interconnection tests

The first version of the interconnection tests guideline deals with terminals up to "Type X, Mode: a0, b1, b2" based on the Standards JT-H320, H230, H261, H242 and H221 which were enacted by The Telecommunication Technology Committee (TTC), except terminals of "Type Y, Mode: g" which are treated as optional.

This scope does not include all of the above standards specifications, but only specifies the execution of interconnection tests which is the most urgent task. These specifications will be enhanced whenever required.

Chapter 2 Basic test requirements

2.1 Standards to be observed

Figure 2.1 shows the configuration of the visual telephone system specified in JT-H320. Typical standards to be observed for interconnection of this system are listed below.

2.1.1 Audiovisual teleservices

- (1) JT-H320 Narrow-band visual telephone systems and terminal equipment
- (2) JT-H261 Video codec for audiovisual services at p x 64 kbit/s
- (3) JT-H242 System for establishing communication between audiovisual terminals using digital channels up to 2 Mbit/s
- (4) JT-H230 Frame-synchronous control and indication signals for audiovisual systems
- (5) JT-H221 Frame structure for a 64 to 1920 kbit/s channel in audiovisual teleservices

2.1.2 Audio codecs

- (1) JT-G711 Pulse code modulation (PCM) of voice frequencies
- (2) JT-G722 7 kHz audio-coding within 64 kbit/s
- (3) JT-G725 System aspects for the use of the 7 kHz audio codec within 64 kbit/s

2.1.3 User-network interfaces

- (1) JT-I411 ISDN user-network interfaces Reference configurations
- (2) JT-I430 Basic user-network interface Layer 1 specification
- (3) JT-I431 Primary rate user-network interface Layer 1 specification (Note 1)
- (4) JT-Q920 ISDN user-network interface data link layer General aspects
- (5) JT-Q921 ISDN user-network interface Data link layer specification
- (6) JT-Q930 ISDN user-network interface layer 3 General aspects
- (7) JT-Q931 ISDN user-network interface layer 3 specification for basic call control

Note 1: in the case of Type Y, Mode:g.

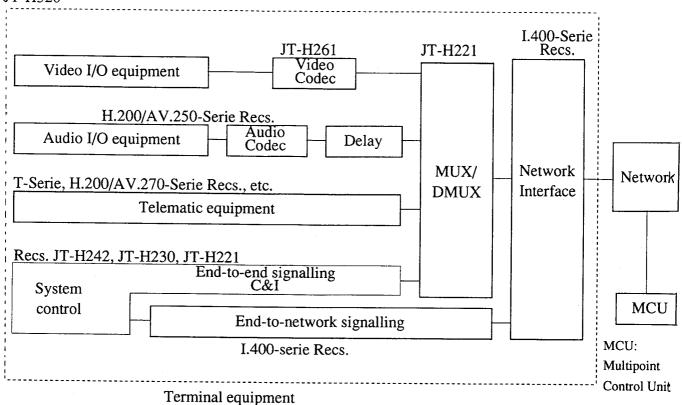


Figure 2.1 Visual Telephone System

2.2 Connection to the network

2.2.1 Conditions for connection to the network

This test is executed using NTT INS Net 64 and INS Net 1500, and the following conditions should be met.

(1) INS Net Interface

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Volume 2 30 October 1990 (Second Edition)

Volume 3 30 November 1990 (Second Edition)

2.2.2 Formalities for connection to the network

- (1) A tested terminal which is connected to INS Net should obtain one of the following approvals before the test:
 - 1) Technical Requirements Compliance Approval by Japan Approvals Institute for Telecommunication Equipment (JATE)
 - 2) Compliance Approval of NTT

(2) Execution of the test for terminals which have interface points other than T-points, requires further discussion.

2.3 Pre-confirmed items

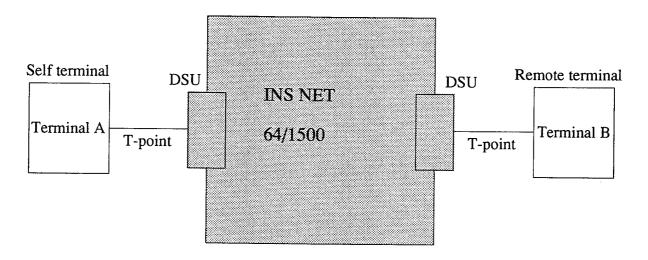
Correct operation between terminals of the same organization participating in the interconnection test should be verified beforehand through INS Net regarding the following items:

- 1) Test items specified in Section 3.5
- 2) It should be possible to receive Sequence A, execute the specified procedure and respond to it at any time during the communication. A terminal should avoid judging this situation as a fault and shifting to a deadlock status.

Chapter 3 Execution of interconnection tests

3.1 Testing environments

- (1) Since INS Net 64 is used in the test, it should be available at all test participant sites at least on test days. A participant who wishes to participate in the Type Y terminal test should be able to access INS Net 1500.
- (2) The figure below shows the connection to a test circuit.
- < Reference system for connection test >



- (3) Only one tested terminal is allowed to be connected to the test circuit.
- (4) A voice telephone should be available at both sites for negotiation.

3.2 Guide for execution of tests

- (1) In case several organizations execute a test jointly.
 - 1) A test is executed in a round robin way. When several terminals of one organization are tested, interconnection tests among these terminals should have been completed beforehand by that organization.
 - 2) A test is executed on the items specified in Section 3.5.
- (2) In case a single organization executes a test, it should execute an independent interconnection test with other terminals which have already been tested.

3.3 Test procedure

(1) A calling participant shall first make a telephone (possibly loudspeaker phone) call to a called participant and notify a beginning of test. Normally this telephone call shall be held throughout the test.

- (2) A calling terminal shall make a call to the ISDN number of a called terminal used for the test.
- (3) When a call is not correctly accepted, retry shall be made up to three times. If a call is not finally accepted, procedure (7) shall be applied.
- (4) After accepting an incoming call, a called terminal shall respond according to the items listed in APPENDIX 1 and then verify correct reception of incoming audio, video or data (if included in the test items).
- (5) After verifying that communication can continue for three minutes, a calling participant shall first release a call earlier than a called participant.
- (6) A calling participant shall verify that a call is correctly released.
- (7) The calling participant and called participant shall then interchange with each other and repeat procedures (2) to (6).
- (8) When a test is performed sequentially with different communication rates for the same combination of calling and called terminals, communication rates shall proceed from low to high.
- (9) When several terminals of one participant are tested, all of the above mentioned procedures shall be repeated for each terminal.

3.4 Summarizing of results

When a test is completed, the verification results shall be summarized on a check sheet included in APPENDIX 1. When a participant hopes for a retry of the test, he (she) shall state that intention in a remarks column of the check sheet.

3.5 Test items

For terminals conforming to Type Xb4 or Type Xb5, the following operations shall be verified according to APPENDIX 1.

- Verification of call set-up by means of out-band signaling
- Verification of audio/video communication
- Verification of call release

These test items are only for testing mutual connectability in a round robin way, and are not for verifying all of the functions (for testing of other functions, refer partly to Section 3.6 for information.).

For reference, the bit assignment in each communication mode is shown in SUPPLEMENT 1, a questionnaire sheet is included in SUPPLEMENT 2, a table of tested terminals is shown in

SUPPLEMENT 3, and a table of testing time and connected terminals is shown in SUPPLEMENT 4.

3.6 Optional test items (for reference)

Execution of the following test items shall be reconsidered when this "Guideline" is revised in future.

(1) Test of Type Y terminal

Basically this test is the same as that for Type X, but the items below shall be taken into account.

- Communication mode (mode: g, h, i, j, k, l)
- Audio coding (JT-G722)
- Mode change
- HSD on/off
- (2) Verification of in-channel negotiation
 - Audio coding : A remote terminal shall send audio in an appropriate mode which

conforms to the receive capability, and audio communication shall

be possible.

- Picture format : A remote terminal shall send video in an appropriate mode which

conforms to the receive capability, and video communication shall

be possible.

- Frame rate : A remote terminal shall send video at an appropriate frame rate

which conforms to the decodable minimum picture interval (1/29.97, 2/29.97, 3/29.97, 4/29.97), and the received picture

shall contain no errors.

- (3) Verification of mode change, interconnectability, control, etc.
 - Transferrate change (2B/1B)
 - Communication mode change (a0/b1/b2)
 - Picture format change (QCIF/FCIF)
 - Functions concerning multipoint operation (MCS/MCN, MCC)
 - Mandatory receive commands (VCF, VCU, LCD, LCO)
- (4) Verification of data transmission
 - LSD (ON/OFF)
 - HSD (ON/OFF)

(Data content itself shall however not be verified between terminals of different manufacturers)

(5) Communication mode of A-law transmission and μ -law reception, communication mode of A-law transmission and A-law reception

(This test is not necessary for terminals used only domestically)

(6) Communication in 56 kbit/s mode

(If a remote terminal is not connected to a 56 kbit/s line, a normally set-up local terminal will not operate in this mode. The test procedure is thus a matter for further study)

(7) Non-mandatory maintenance commands

Conditionally mandatory:

(receiving side) LCV (sending side) AIM/AIA, VIS/VIA

(8) Communication in mode: a1

(Video communication shall be verified by using non-standard 16 kbit/s audio coding or filling with dummy bits).

Chapter 4 Handling of test results and future study points

4.1 Handling of test results

If a test participant achieved satisfactory results, he (she) will be able to attach a TTC mark to the terminals or accompanying manual documents by applying for registration of the test results with TTC, following the "TTC Standards Conformity Confirmation System".

Problems or faults included in related standards which are clarified by the test will be utilized as feedback for the standardization.

4.2 Future study points

The following points are not included in this first version and will require further consideration, taking into account the situation concerning recommendations and products when a revision of this document is made.

- (1) Functions in Mode: b3, c, d, e, f of Type X, functions in Mode: g, h, i, j, l of Type Y and functions in all modes of Type Z
- (2) Functions related to Telematic systems
- (3) Items concerning BC, HLC, LLC

SUPPLEMENT 1 Bit assignment

Frame structure in mode a0

Audio : JT-G711 μ -law ; 56kbit/s Bit No. 8; Oct. No. 17 \sim 80 : spare

FAS+BAS: 1.6kbit/s

	В	it No.						
Oct. No.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
1 2 8	A1 A8 ·	A2	A3	A4	A5	A6	A7 A14	F A S
9 10 · 16					A61 A110		A63 A112	B A S
17 18	A120			A557	A558	A559	A119 A126	spare

Frame structure in mode b1

Audio : JT-G711 μ -law ; 56kbit/s Video : JT-H261; 68.8kbit/s FAS+BAS : all B channels

0-4	Initi	al Cha	nnel	100	В	it No.		Add	litional	Chanr	nel]	Bit No).
Oct. No.	1	2	3	•••	6	7	8	1	2	3		6	7	8
1 2 . 8	A1 A8	A2	А3	••	A6	A7 A14	F A S	V1 V8	V2	V3	• •	V6	V7 V14	F A S
9 10 ·	A64 •	; ; ; ; ; ;	A59 A108		A62 A111	A63 A70 · A112	B A S	V64 ·		V59 V108		V62 V111	V70 •	B A S
17 18 · ·	A120 ·		A115 A556			A119 A126 ·	V122	V123				V119 V686	V129 ·	V130

Frame structure in mode b2 (part1)

Audio: JT-G722; 56kbit/s Video: JT-H261; 68.8kbit/s FAS+BAS: all B channels

	Initi	al Cha	nnel	 В	it No.		Add	litional	Chanr	nel	В	it No.	
Oct. No.	1	2	3	 6	7	8	1	2	3	• •	6	7	8
1 2 8	A1 A8 ·	A2	A3	 A6	A7 A14 ·	F A S	V1 V8 ·	V2	V3		V6	V7 V14 ·	F A S
9 10 · 16	A64		A59 A108	A62 A111	A63 A70 · A112	B A S	V64 •	V58 V107			V62 V111	V63 V70 · V112	B A S
17 18	A120 ·		A115 A556		A119 A126 · · A560	V122	V123 ·					l	V130 ·

Frame structure in mode b2 (part2)

Audio: JT-G722; 48kbit/s Video: JT-H261; 76.8kbit/s FAS+BAS: all B channels

	Initi	al Cha	nnel		В	it No.		Add	litional	Chan	nel]	Bit No).
Oct. No.	1	2	3		6	7	8	1	2	3		6	7	8
1	A1	A2	A3		A6	V1	F	V2	V3	V4		V7	V8	F
2	A7	1 1 1	:		A12	V9	Α	V10	V11	V12		V15	V16	A
•	•			! !			S							S
8	•		1	i i i										
9	A49	A50	A51		A54	V65	В	V66	V67	V68		V71	V72	В
10	A55	:	<u>,</u>	! !	A60	V73	Α	V74	! !			! !	V80	Α
	•	! !	! !		: :	•	S	•						S
16	A91	A92	A93	• •	A96	V121		V122	V123	V124	• •	V127	V128	
17	A97	A98	A99		A102	V129	V130	V131	V132	V133	• • •	V136	V137	V138
18	A103	! ! !	; ; ; ;		A108	V139	V140	V141				1	•	V148
•	•	! ! !				.	•		! !				•	
						•	•							! ! !
80	A475	A476	A477	• •	A480	V759	V760	V761	V762	V763	• •	V766	V767	V768

Questionnaire on tested terminal capability

Item	Terminal c	apability
Audio	☐ A-law ☐ JT-G725 Type1 ☐ Other (□ μ -law□ JT-G725 Type2)
Picture format (Receive)	☐ QCIF/FCIF☐ Other (□ QCIF
Minimum picture interval (Receive)	☐ 1 / 29.97 sec ☐ 3 / 29.97 sec	☐ 2 / 29.97 sec ☐ 4 / 29.97 sec
Transfer rate	☐ 64 kbit/s ☐ 384 kbit/s	☐ 2×64 kbit/s ☐ Other
Picture format (Send)	☐ QCIF/FCIF☐ Other (□ QCIF
Minimum picture interval (Send) (Note2)	☐ 1 / 29.97 sec ☐ 3 / 29.97 sec ☐ 5 / 29.97 sec ☐ 7 / 29.97 sec	☐ 2 / 29.97 sec ☐ 4 / 29.97 sec ☐ 6 / 29.97 sec ☐ Other
LSD Send/Receive	kbit/s	Lkbit/s
HSD Send/Receive	kbit/s	kbit/s

- (Note1) Please note if communication is not possible in some combinations of capabilities listed in the table above.
- (Note2) Minimum picture interval (send) should be described as far as possible. Please note Q or F on the right of the frame rate if its relation to QCIF/FCIF is known.

Table of tested terminals at the XX-th interconnection tests of digital visual telephone terminals

Organization name	Туре	ISDN address number for	Telephone number	Affiliation	Telephone	Remarks
Terminal name	1) po	number for the test	for the test	Responsible person	FAX	Remarks
ABC	Xa Xb4	03-3XXX-	03-3XXX-	XXX division ZZZ section	03-3YYY-YYYY	LSD=_, _, _,
CODEC-1	Xb5	ZZZZ	XXXX		03-3ZZZ-XXXX	
XYZ	Xa	0X-XXXX-	0X-ZZZZ-	ZZZ division XXX section	0X-YYYY-ZZZZ	LSD=,,
CD-XXX	Xb4 Xb5 Y1	YYYY	XXXX	00 00	0X-YYYY-XXXX	

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Testing time and connected terminals (Testing Date: Month, Date)

Type X

First called terminal

Organization name and Terminal name	ABC CODEC-1	XYZ CD-XXX	XYZ CD-YYY		Remarks
ABC	-	9:00-10:30	10:30-12:00		Only QCIF
CODEC-1	-	Xa(a ₀) Xb4(b ₁) LSD2400 Xb5(b ₂) LSD1200	Xa(a ₀)		is tested
		*			
XYZ	9:00-10:30				
CD-XXX	Xa(a ₀) Xb4(b ₁) LSD4800 Xb5(b ₂) LSD2400	-			
XYZ CD-YYY	10:30-12:00		_		
CD-111	Xa(a ₀)		-		
				-	
		X			
				~	

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Type Y

First called terminal

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Organization name and Terminal name	ABC CODEC-2	XYZ CD-XXX	UUU D-YYY		Remarks
ABC	-	13:00-14:00	14:00-15:00		
CODEC-2		Y1(g) LSD4800	Y1(g) LSD1200 HSD		
XYZ CD-XXX	13:00-14:00	_	15:00-16:00		
CD-XXX	Y1(g) LSD4800		Y1(g)		
		-			
UUU	14:00-15:00	15:00-16:00	-		
D-YYY	Y1(g) LSD1200 HSD	Y1(g)	-		
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				-	
				-	
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First calling terminal

Upper column indicates testing time

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