

Aircraft — Solid-state remote power controllers — General requirements

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1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the general design and performance requirements of solid-state (remote) power controllers for use in aircraft electrical power systems. The solid-state (remote) power controller consists of solid-state switching device(s) and associated solid-state circuitry for protection, actioning of control signals, and providing status information.

NOTE 1 Phrases, clauses and/or sentences in parentheses are intended to refer strictly to remote power controllers.

2 Normative references

The following standards contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this International Standard. At the time of publication, the editions indicated were valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this International Standard 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 2678:1985, *Environmental tests for aircraft equipment — Insulation resistance and high voltage tests for electrical equipment*.

ISO 3389:1975, *Aircraft — Radio frequency flexible coaxial cables — Dimensions and electrical characteristics*.

ISO 7137:1992, *Aircraft — Environmental conditions and test procedures for airborne equipment* (Endorsement of EUROCAE/ED-14C and RTCA/DO-160C).

IEC 50(446):1983, *International electrotechnical vocabulary, Chapter 446: Electrical relays*.

3 Definitions

For the purposes of this International Standard, the following definitions apply. See also IEC 50(446).

3.1 (remote) power controller

Device providing a power switch which presents a low impedance to the flow of current from its supply to its load terminal when in the ON state and a high impedance in the OFF state.

NOTE 2 The state of the power switch normally conforms to that represented by the last command signal applied to the controller.

NOTE 3 The controller reverts to the OFF state on detection of an electrical overload or other specified condition. A resetting operation is required to terminate the trip state. Trip-free action prevents the ON state being held in the presence of an overload trip condition.

NOTE 4 (The state of the power switch is represented by an indication signal supplied by the controller.)

NOTE 5 A (remote) power controller may be fully solid-state or hybrid.

3.1.1

solid-state (remote) power controller

a (remote) power controller design utilizing solid-state technology exclusively

3.1.2

hybrid remote power controller

a remote power controller design utilizing a combination of solid-state and electromechanical technology

3.2

temperature cycling

the imposition of extreme high and low temperatures in a repetitive cyclical manner to determine the effect of alternate exposures to these extremes

3.3

load conditioning

the imposition of step function voltage inputs to (remote) power controllers to energize and de-energize the devices at a given duty cycle at maximum rated current

3.4

burn-in

the exercise of (remote) power controllers by applying a step voltage input to energize the devices for a specified length of time at maximum rated current

3.5

lot

all (remote) power controllers covered by a single specification sheet, produced and sealed under essentially the same conditions, and offered for inspection at one time within a period not exceeding one month

3.6

AUX input

an input other than bias, control or status which is specified for operation of the (remote) power controller, i.e. ENABLE, SET, RESET, voltage supply, or other

3.7

resistive load

a load consisting of resistors which have a ratio of inductance to resistance that does not exceed 10^{-4} H/ Ω

3.8

stabilization time

the minimum time required for the power controller to attain thermal stability under specified environmental and electrical load conditions

3.9
power dissipation

the total electrical power losses under specified conditions of electrical load and ambient temperature

3.10
temperature derating

a reduction of the rated steady-state current of the power controller at higher operating temperatures, based on the thermal properties of the power controller

3.11
turn-on time

- 1) d.c. devices and non-zero crossing turn-on a.c. devices: The time interval between initiation of turn-on signal and the time when the output signal has come to within 10 % of its steady-state value. See Figure 1.
- 2) a.c. devices with zero-crossing turn-on: The time interval between initiation of turn-on signal and the time when the output switch is ON at zero crossing.

3.12
turn-off time

- 1) d.c. devices and non-zero crossing turn-off a.c. devices: The time interval between initiation of turn-off signal and the time when the output signal has come to within 10 % of its steady-state value. See Figure 1.
- 2) a.c. devices with zero-crossing turn-off: The time interval between initiation of turn-off signal and the time when the output switch is OFF at zero crossing.

3.13
prospective current

the maximum current that will flow in a circuit in which the power controller operates when the power controller is replaced by a short-circuit link of zero impedance

3.14
rupture current

the maximum current the power circuit is capable of interrupting at maximum system voltage without damage

3.15
short-circuit current

the maximum current that the power circuit will pass without damage for a specified maximum time under the most adverse combination of electrical and environmental conditions

3.16
current limiting

a method of limiting the peak let-through current under overcurrent conditions

3.17
trip

the automatic reversion to the OFF state of the power controller output caused by an overcurrent condition

3.18
trip free

when a controller has tripped due to an overcurrent condition, a trip-free feature will prevent subsequent re-closing unless preceded by a reset signal

3.19
trip time

the time interval between the application of an overcurrent condition and the 10 % value of rated output current

NOTE 6 In general, the higher is the overcurrent condition the shorter is the trip time.

3.20
fault-clearing delay time

the time interval between the occurrence of a fault, i.e. a short circuit or overload condition, and the fault-detection circuit initiating turn-off

3.21
fault-clearing time

summation of the fault-clearing delay time and the turn-off time

3.22
reset time

the minimum time interval the control signal must be in the OFF state before re-application of the ON state command, or application of a dedicated reset signal that will cause reset after trip

3.23
peak let-through current

peak value of the current at maximum system voltage that a controller will conduct for a specified time interval without damage

3.24
switch status

an indication showing the actual state of the power switch (ON or OFF)

3.25
current-flow status

an indication that current flowing through the power switch of the (remote) power controller has reached a minimum level

3.26**status turn-off time**

the time interval between initiation of a trigger signal (turn-off signal or other as specified) and the time when the status signal has changed to 10 % of its steady-state value. See Figure 1

3.27**status turn-on time**

the time interval between initiation of a trigger signal (turn-on signal or other as specified) and the time when the status signal has changed to 10 % of its steady-state value. See Figure 1

3.28**zero voltage turn-on/zero current turn-off**
(a.c. devices only)

a characteristic that requires the power controller to turn ON and turn OFF only at the half-cycle zero-crossing point, regardless of when the control signal is applied or removed

3.29**d.c. offset voltage** (a.c. devices only)

the difference in the measured d.c. content of the a.c. supply at the load terminal of the (remote) power controllers between the measurement with a short circuit applied to the devices from line terminal to load terminal and the measurement with the short circuit removed

3.30**minimum current** (a.c. devices only)

the lowest load current with resistive load for which a conducting device is rated such that the EMI limits and d.c. offset voltage limits are within specifications

4 General requirements**4.1 Materials**

Materials shall be used which will enable the controllers to meet the performance requirements of this International Standard.

Materials used shall not support combustion, give off noxious gases in harmful quantities, give off gases in quantities sufficient to cause explosion of sealed enclosures, cause functional contamination of any part of the controller, or form unintended current-carrying tracks when subjected to any of the tests specified herein.

Unless otherwise specified, the selection of material shall be such as to provide a shelf-life of ideally 20 years without affecting the operation of the controller.

4.2 Construction

Power controllers shall be of design, construction, minimum mass and physical dimensions compatible with requirements. Controllers shall be designed so as to ensure proper operation when mounted in any attitude.

The construction of the controllers shall preclude mechanical damage, flaking of the finish, loosening of terminals, or deterioration of marking when subjected to the test methods of this International Standard.

4.3 Terminals

There are three acceptable types of terminal as follows.

4.3.1 Stud terminals (threaded)

These terminals shall accept connections using aircraft-approved crimped-type lugs. A flat washer having a diameter at least equal to that of the base of the terminal, and a standard nut with suitable locking washer shall be used on each terminal. Suitable insulation barriers shall be placed between the terminals in order to prevent an accidental short circuit. The height and extent of these barriers shall be sufficient to prevent the short-circuiting of any adjacent terminals through the presence over these partitions of a flat conducting part.

No rotation or other loosening of a terminal, or any fixed portion of a terminal, shall be caused by material flow or shrinkage, or any mechanical force (specified in Table 1 and Table 2) involved in connection or disconnection, throughout the life of the controller.

The equivalent metric threads given in Table 2 may be used.

Each terminal shall have a terminal seat that shall provide the normal current-conduction path.

The diameter of the seat shall not be less than the area necessary to assure that the current density does not exceed 1,55 A/mm². The seat does not include the cross-sectional area of the stud.

Stud terminals shall be capable of accommodating two crimped-type lugs, with hardware as specified. A minimum of one and a half threads shall remain above the nut, with all parts tightened in place.

4.3.2 Plug-in terminals

Plug-in terminals, where applicable, shall conform to the dimensions and requirements necessary for proper mating with the associated sockets.

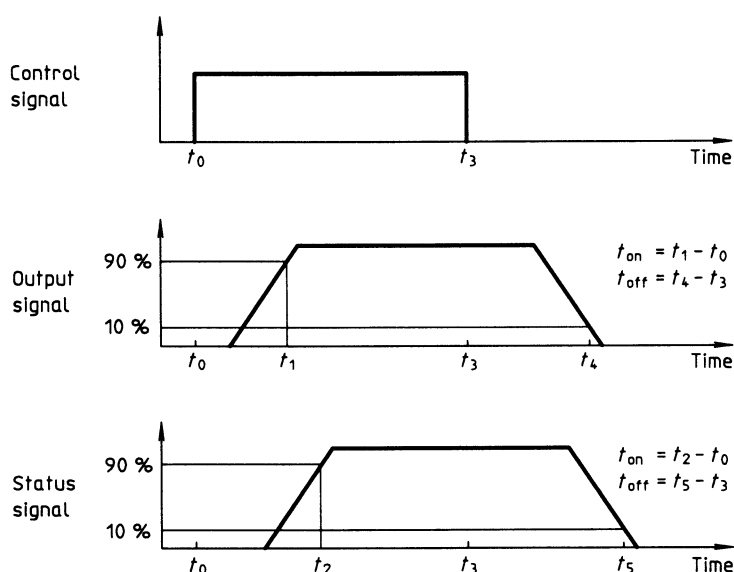
Units shall have the electrical and environmental tests performed with the associated socket or connector assembled to the unit.

4.3.3 Solder terminals

Solder terminals used for 2 A rating or less shall be designed to allow the securing of two 0,6 mm² wires with 19 strands. Terminals used for more than 2 A rating shall be designed to allow the securing of three wires, the size of which shall comply with the requirements of the detail specification.

Solder terminals for printed circuit board mounting shall comply with the requirements of the detailed specification.

The finish of the terminals shall provide a good electrical contact and meet the performance requirements specified in this International Standard. All terminals used for external soldered connections shall meet the requirements of the solderability test specified in the detail specification.



NOTE 1 Output signal can be output current or output voltage.

NOTE 2 All logic is considered to be positive.

Figure 1 — Timing diagram

Table 1 — Strength of threaded terminals (static value of pull and torque)

Thread designation ^a	Force		Installation torque		Design torque	
	N	lbf	N m	lbf in	N m	lbf in
No. 4-40 UNC	22,2	5	0,3	2,4	0,5	4,4
No. 6-32 UNC	133,4	30	0,5	4,5	1,1	10
No. 8-32 UNC	155,7	35	1	9	2,3	20
No. 10-32 UNF	177,9	40	1,7	14,5	3,7	32
No. 10-24 UNC	177,9	40	1,8	16	4	35
1/4-28 UNF	222,4	50	3,9	34	8,6	75
5/16-24 UNF	311,4	70	5,2	45	11,5	100
3/8-24 UNF	444,8	100	7,8	68	17,3	150
7/16-20 UNF	444,8	100	7,8	68	17,3	150
1/2-20 UNF	444,8	100	7,8	68	17,3	150

^a See ISO 263:1973, ISO inch screw threads — General plan and selection for screws, bolts and nuts — Diameter range 0.06 to 6 in.