

**ABBREVIATIONS AND LETTER SYMBOLS FOR USE ON DRAWINGS,
 PRODUCT MARKING, AND IN TEXT**

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1. GENERAL

1.01 This section covers the approved abbreviations, including standard letter symbols, for use in information issued for the Bell System. The abbreviations for single words agree in most cases with the recommendations of the American National Standards Institute, Incorporated (ANSI Standard Z10.1, Z32.13, and proposed Y1), except where special conditions for Bell System usage prevail. Letter symbols are in accordance with applicable (ANSI) Standard Y10 series, and are consistent with the recommendations of the International Organization for Standardization.

1.02 This section is reissued to add new terms and abbreviations which have accumulated since the last reissue.

1.03 When abbreviations are required for words not listed in this section, the matter shall be referred through normal organization channels to the Bell Telephone Laboratories Abbreviations Committee Representative, Engineering Information Department 8251.

1.04 The major content of this section is comprised of Parts 6 and 7. Part 6 lists the words or terms arranged alphabetically, followed by their abbreviations, while Part 7 lists the same abbreviations arranged alphabetically, followed by their meanings.

1.05 Trademarks shall not be written as common words or in any manner which dilutes the trademark significance as would occur if an abbreviated form were used. The only exceptions to this rule are specifically indicated in this section.

1.06 In Parts 6 and 7, the following explanatory footnotes shall apply:

Footnotes

- (1) To be used only as an equipment designation.
- (2) Standard letter symbols (symbols for units or physical quantities). See 4.01 for application or when representation of the characters of the letter symbol is not possible.
- (3) For use in designating wire colors on drawings only.
- (4) May be used only for equipment designations not exposed to public view, or on drawings and in documents confined to usage within the Bell System.

1.07 Abbreviations for equipment frames, racks, bays, and cabinets are covered in Section 005-101-112.

1.08 Abbreviations for wire insulations are covered in Section 005-150-101, Wiring Symbols, Wiring Abbreviations, and Definitions.

1.09 Abbreviations for wire colors in central office equipment are covered in Section 800-612-161, Color Combinations and Uses.

1.10 Abbreviations for use in teletypewriter input and output messages are covered in Section 005-104-100.

2. APPLICATION OF ABBREVIATIONS

2.01 Abbreviations are shortened forms of words or terms. The specific uses of these abbreviations should be in accordance with applicable practices or instructions. It can be stated generally that they are intended principally for drawings, for markings appearing on apparatus or equipment, and for tables, lists, etc, in documents, such as specifications and Bell System Practices. Ordinarily, the text of these documents will be written with nonabbreviated words except when the abbreviations are used as designations.

2.02 The current standard abbreviations are shown in this section and shall be used in the preparation of all new drawings and documents, such as specifications, and practices.

2.03 *Old or obsolete abbreviations* differing from current standards are shown in Part 7, and are indicated by an asterisk (*). When specified on existing product documents, these abbreviations shall be acceptable on current products for the items on which they are specified. The current standard abbreviations as shown in Part 6 shall be used on all new drawings and documents, with the exception of new drawings and documents prepared for additions or changes in existing products, in which case the same abbreviation as shown on the existing product shall be used.

2.04 *Alternative abbreviations* are shown for some words or terms in Part 6, with the abbreviations listed in their order of preference. The longer abbreviations should be used when space will permit and when clarity is of utmost importance. The shorter alternative abbreviations may be used when space will not permit a longer abbreviation, such as for the marking of designations. The use of alternative abbreviations for terms having letter symbols is covered in 4.01(a).

2.05 *Single Words:* When no more than one character can be used for the abbreviation of a single word, the first letter of the word shall be used as the abbreviation; however, standard letter symbols shall be used without alteration.

2.06 *Word Combinations:* In general, abbreviations for word combinations shall use the current standard abbreviations as shown in Part 6 for the individual words.

(a) When due to space limitations, arbitrary abbreviations for word combinations listed herein, as well as abbreviations for new word combinations, may be further abbreviated to show only the first letter of each word of the combination, such as PST for "Power Service Transfer."

(b) Abbreviations for any of the words of a word combination shown in this section shall not be used separately, unless the individual word listing indicates the same abbreviation.

2.07 The Bell Telephone Laboratories Abbreviations Committee Representative shall be advised of any new abbreviations for word combinations not complying with the rules covered in 2.06.

3. FORMS OF ABBREVIATIONS

3.01 *Forms of a Word:* In general, the basic most commonly used form of each word has been listed in this section. The same abbreviation shall be used for all forms of a word except for the few exceptions listed herein for which the forms listed and their abbreviations have been established by common usage.

(a) When definite "singular" or "plural" significance of an abbreviation is required for proper interpretation, either amplify the wording associated with the abbreviation to develop proper significance, or spell out the word instead of abbreviating. For example: (1) to all other TRK or (2) to other TRUNKS.

3.02 *Periods:* Periods following abbreviations of individual words have been shown only when the abbreviation without a period spells a complete, commonly used word. However, in equipment designations, periods may be used between abbreviations to clarify the meaning where lack of space necessitates crowding the characters together without proper word spacing. Under such conditions, a period may be used only where the meaning of the designation would not be clear without one. The periods following abbreviations listed in this section shall be shown in all uses of such abbreviations, except when equipment designations are shown or specified, in which case the periods shall be omitted.

3.03 *Use of Upper- and Lower-Case Letters:* In general, abbreviations listed in this section are shown in capitalized characters and should be

used in this form on drawings, in tables, and for designations and product markings, except for abbreviations which are also standard letter symbols. In such cases, which are specifically designated in this section, the letter symbol has been adopted intact, including the upper-case or lower-case character usage (upper-case characters are always used for that portion of a letter symbol derived from a proper name) as the preferred abbreviation of the term for all applications. The importance of maintaining upper- and lower-case character distinction is illustrated in the following example, "mW" and "MW" for milliwatt and megawatt respectively, where the distinction between the two letter symbols is provided through the use of the upper- and lower-case characters. When used in text, abbreviations other than those which are also letter symbols should be shown in lower-case characters in accordance with the usual practices applicable to text.

4. SYMBOLS, SIGNS, AND DESIGNATIONS

4.01 Letter Symbols: In general, letter symbols which are in accordance with the recommendations of the International Organization for Standardization (ISO) shall be used as the preferred form for applications in text, equations, tables, diagrams, marking, and on drawings and nameplates.

(a) Alternative abbreviations, composed entirely of upper-case characters, are shown in addition to standard letter symbols containing lower-case characters, exponents, mathematical signs, Greek letters, etc. These alternative abbreviations shall be used when identical character representation of the standard letter symbols is not possible. Alternative abbreviations are also shown for several terms having letter symbols composed of a single, upper-case character. These abbreviations may be used in place of the single character where the application would require a more phonetic or easily recognizable abbreviation.

(b) Prefixes indicating decimal multiples or submultiples of International System of Units (SI) shall be in accordance with the following listing:

| MULTIPLE | PREFIX | SYMBOL |
|------------|--------|--------|
| 10^{12} | tera | T |
| 10^9 | giga | G |
| 10^6 | mega | M |
| 10^3 | kilo | k |
| 10^2 | hecto | h |
| 10 | deka | da |
| 10^{-1} | deci | d |
| 10^{-2} | centi | c |
| 10^{-3} | milli | m |
| 10^{-6} | micro | μ |
| 10^{-9} | nano | n |
| 10^{-12} | pico | p |
| 10^{-15} | femto | f |
| 10^{-18} | atto | a |

(c) Certain other symbols used in Bell System documents shall conform to applicable Bell System Practices (such as Section 005-150-101 for wiring symbols) as required.

(d) Mathematical signs (such as $\sqrt{\quad}$ for square root or \div for division) are not included in this listing. The few exceptions shown are those required for use on drawings and for product marking.

4.02 Designations, functional or reference, used for the identification of components, circuit elements, circuit packs, etc, are in the category of arbitrary designations. The abbreviations listed herein are not intended for this purpose, although some abbreviations listed may be identical with such designations.

4.03 Noise measurement designations, when required in text, shall be in accordance with the standard designations shown in Table A. In

cases where lower-case representation of these designations is not possible, all characters may be shown capitalized.

5. OUTSIDE SUPPLIERS' PRODUCTS

5.01 In documents prepared for, or used in contacts with outside suppliers, abbreviations may be used if mutually agreed upon by the supplier and the Western Electric Company. Abbreviations may be used for commonly understood units of measure such as inches, feet, ohms, microfarads, etc, and generally recognized terms used for fastening devices such as round head, countersunk head, or for the specification of manufacturing operations such as counterbore, countersink, and spot face.

TABLE A

| NOISE MEASUREMENTS USING 3A NOISE MEASURING SET | DESIGNATION FOR USE IN TEXT |
|--|--------------------------------|
| dB referred to reference noise | dBrn |
| dBrn referred to 0TLP | dBrn0 |
| dBrn C-message weighting | dBrnc |
| dBrnc referred to 0TLP | dBrnc0 |
| dBrn 3 kHz flat weighting | dBrn 3 kHz |
| dBrn 15 kHz flat weighting | dBrn 15 kHz |
| dBrn Program weighting | dBrn PROG |
| Typical Designation : 20 dBrnc, 30 dBrn0 3 kHz | |
| NOISE MEASUREMENTS USING 6A IMPULSE COUNTER | DESIGNATION FOR USE IN TEXT |
| dBrn referred to 0TLP | dBrn0 |
| dBrn Voice Band Data weighting | dBrn VB |
| dBrn Flat weighting | dBrn FL |
| dBrn Narrow Band — 1170 cycle filter | dBrn NB (1170) |
| dBrn Narrow Band — 2125 cycle filter | dBrn NB (2125) |
| Typical Designation : 90 counts/30 minutes, 68 dBrn0 VB | |

6. GENERAL TERMS AND THEIR ABBREVIATIONS

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|--|--------------|---|--------------|
| | | Air Navigation and Traffic Control by Means of Television and Radar | TELERAN |
| | | Air Route Traffic Control Center | ARTCC |
| | | aircraft | ACFT |
| | | airplane | APL |
| | | airtight | AT. |
| | | airways | AW |
| | | airways key equipment | AW KE |
| | | aisle | AIS |
| | | alarm | ALM. |
| | | alarm battery | AB |
| | | alarm battery supply | ABS |
| | | alarm cutoff | ACO |
| | | Alaska Communication System | ACS |
| | | Alaskan Telecommunications Switching System | ATSS |
| | | align | ALN |
| | | alkali | ALK |
| | | all number calling | ANC |
| | | all paths busy | APB |
| | | all trunks busy | A TRK BSY |
| | | | ATB |
| | | allotter | ALLR |
| | | allowance | ALLOW. |
| | | alloy | ALY |
| | | alternate | ALT |
| | | alternate alerting network | ALTAN |
| | | alternate command post | ACP |
| | | alternating 1 ring | R1 |
| | | alternating 2 ring | R2 |
| | | alternating current | ac (2) |
| | | | AC |
| | | | ±(1) |
| | | alternator | ALT |
| | | altitude | ALT |
| | | aluminum | ALUM |
| | | amber | AMB |
| | | ambient | AMB |
| | | American Institute Of Electrical Engineers (replaced by IEEE) | |
| | | American Iron And Steel Institute | AISI |
| | | American National Standards Institute, Incorporated | ANSI |
| | | American Society For Testing Materials | ASTM |
| | | American Society Of Civil Engineers | ASCE |
| abandoned | ABAN | | |
| abbreviated dialing | AD | | |
| abbreviation | ABBR | | |
| above finished floor | AFF | | |
| absolute | ABS | | |
| absorbing | ABS | | |
| acceleration due to gravity | g (2) G | | |
| acceptance | ACPT | | |
| access | ACC | | |
| accessory | ACCESS. | | |
| accordingly | ACCORD. | | |
| accounting | ACCT | | |
| accumulate, accumulator | ACCUM | | |
| acknowledge | ACK | | |
| acoustic | ACST | | |
| acrylonitrile-butadiene styrene plastics | ABS | | |
| active, activity | ACT. | | |
| actuate | ACT. | | |
| ad valorem | AD VAL | | |
| adapter | ADPT | | |
| addendum | ADD. | | |
| addition | ADD. | | |
| Additions and Maintenance Only (rating) | A&M ONLY | | |
| address | ADRS | | |
| adhesive | ADHV | | |
| adjacent | ADJ | | |
| adjust | ADJ | | |
| adjustment | ADJMT | | |
| advance | ADV | | |
| Aeronautical Material Specification | AMS | | |
| after test | AT | | |
| air and airways communications systems | AACS | | |
| air circuit breaker | ACB | | |
| air condition | AIR COND | | |
| Air Defense Command | ADC | | |
| Air Force Communications System | AFCS | | |
| Air Force Logistics Command Operations Network | AFLCON | | |
| air isolated monolithic | AIM. | | |

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| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|---|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| American Society Of Mechanical Engineers | ASME | appliers | APPLR |
| American Standards Association (replaced by United States of America Standards Institute) | | applique | APLQ |
| American Telephone and Telegraph Company | AT&T | approval | APPL |
| American wire gauge | AWG | approved | APPD |
| ammeter | AM. | approximate | APPROX |
| amount | AMT | April | APR |
| ampere | A (2) | arbitrary | ARB |
| | AMP | area | A |
| ampere-hour | Ah (2) | armature | ARMTR |
| | AMP HR | armored cable | ARM. |
| ampere per meter | A/m (2) | Army-Navy | ARMD CA |
| | APM | Army-Navy Aeronautical | AN |
| ampere-turn | At (2) | arrange, arranged | ANA |
| | AT | arranged with data features | ARR |
| amplify, amplified, amplifier | AMPL | arrangement | ADDF |
| amplitude | AM. | arrester | ARGT |
| amplitude modulation | AM | artificial | ARR |
| analyze | ANALY | asbestos | ART. |
| ancillary | ANC | assemble | ASB |
| and | & | assembly | ASM |
| and so forth | ETC | assign, assigned, assignment | ASSY |
| angstrom | Å (2) | assistant, assistance | ASGN |
| | A | associated | ASST |
| anneal | ANL | association | ASSOC |
| announce | ANN | Atlantic Missile Range | ASSN |
| annunciator | ANN | atmosphere | AMR |
| anode | A | atomic | ATM |
| anodize | ANOD | attach | AT. |
| answer | ANS | attendant, attended | ATT |
| answering cord | A CD | attendant order circuit | ATND |
| answering jack | A JK | attenuation, attenuator | AOC |
| answering time recorder | ATR | audible | ATTEN |
| antemeridian | A.M. | audio | AUD |
| antenna | ANT. | audio frequency | AUD |
| antifriction bearing | AFB | August | AF |
| antifriction metal | AFM | authorize | AUG |
| antilogarithm | ANTILOG | automatic | AUTH |
| apparatus | APP | automatic brightness control | AUTO. |
| apparatus blank | APP BLK | automatic call distribution | ABC |
| Apparatus Design Information | ADI | automatic digital network | ACD |
| apparatus figure | APP FIG. | automatic display | AUTODIN |
| | App Fig. | automatic display call | AD |
| | (in text) | indicator | ADCI |
| apparatus mounted in plastic | AMPLAS | Automatic Electric Company | AECO |
| appearance | APP | automatic frequency control | AFC |
| appendix | APPX | automatic gain control | AGC |
| appliance | APPL | automatic identified outward dialing | AIOD |
| application | APPL | automatic intercept bureau | AIB |
| applied | APLD | automatic intercept center | AIC |
| | | automatic intercept system | AIS |
| | | automatic listening | AL |

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|---|---------------------|--|--------------|
| automatic message accounting | AMA | Ballistic Missile Early Warning System | BMEWS |
| Automatic Number Identification | ANI | band elimination | BE |
| Automatic Number Identification Type A | ANI-A | band filter cutoff | BFCO |
| Automatic Number Identification Type B | ANI-B | bandpass | BP |
| Automatic Number Identification Type C | ANI-C | bandwidth | BW |
| automatic screw machine | ASM | bank | BK |
| automatic send-receive teletypewriter set | ASR | barometer | BAR. |
| automatic sensitivity control | ASC | barrel | BBL |
| automatic target control | ATC | base line | BL |
| automatic test line | ATL | base plate | BP |
| automatic transmission measuring system | ATMS | baseband | BB |
| automatic voice network | AUTOVON | basement | BSMT |
| automatic volume control | AVC | basic | BAS |
| autotransformer | AUTO TR | basic network | BAS NET |
| auxiliary | AUX | bastard | BSTD |
| auxiliary line | AUX L | battery | BAT. |
| auxiliary path memory | APM | battery cutoff | BCO |
| auxiliary relay battery | ARB | battery fuse | BAT F |
| auxiliary service position | ASP | battery supply | BAT SUP |
| auxiliary station | AUX STA | Baume' | BS |
| auxiliary trunk restricted service | AUX TRK RSTD SRV | beacon | B (2) |
| avenue | AVE | beam | BE |
| average | AVG | bearing | BCN |
| avoidupois | AVDP | beat frequency | BM |
| awaiting | AWTG | beat frequency oscillator | BRG |
| azimuth | AZ | beat oscillator | BF |
| | | Bell System Practices | BFO |
| | | Bell System Repair Specification | BO |
| | | Bell Telephone Laboratories | BSP |
| | | bench mark | BSRS |
| | | Bessemer | BTL |
| | | between | BM |
| | | between centers | BESS |
| | | bevel | BET. |
| | | beyond | BC |
| | | billion conductor feet | BEV |
| | | billing indexer | BYD |
| | | binary | BCF |
| | | binary counter | BI |
| | | binary digit | BNY |
| | | binding | BC |
| | | binding head | BIT |
| | | binding post | BND |
| | | bipolar pulse | BH |
| | | Birmingham wire gauge | BP |
| | | bits per second | BP |
| | | black | BWG |
| | | | BPS |
| | | | BK |

B

| | |
|----------------------------|----------|
| b switchboard | B SWBD |
| Babbitt | BAB |
| Backup Interceptor Control | BUIC |
| backward wave oscillator | BWO |
| baffle | BAF |
| baked | BAK |
| balance | BAL |
| balancing coil | BAL CL |
| balancing rheostat | BAL RHEO |
| balancing set | BAL S |
| ball bearing | BB |
| ballast | BALL. |
| ballast lamp | BALL L |

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| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|---|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|
| blank | BLK | Bureau of Standards | BU STD |
| blank incoming | BLK INC | burnish | BRNSH |
| block | BLK | bushel | BU |
| blockade | BLKD | bushing | BUSH. |
| blocking | BLKG | business office line | BUS O L |
| blower | BLO | busy | BSY |
| blue | BL | busy flash | BF |
| blueprint | BP | busy signal | BS |
| board | BD | busy test | B TST |
| Boeing Company Michigan Air Research College | BOMARC | busy tone | BT |
| boiler feed pump | BFP | busyback | BB |
| boiling point | BP | busyback flash | BBF |
| bolt circle | BC | busyback flash and tone | BBFT |
| booster | BSTR | button | BUT. |
| both faces | BF | buzzer | BUZ |
| both sides | BS | bylink | BYL |
| both ways | BW | bypass | BYP |
| bottom | BOT | | |
| bottom face | BF | | |
| bracket | BRKT | | |
| braid | BRD | | |
| brake horsepower | BHP | | |
| branch | BR | cabinet | CAB. |
| brass | BRS | cable | CA |
| brazing | BRZG | cable driver | CD |
| break-make | BM | cable insulation alarm | CA INS ALM |
| breakdown | BKDN | cable test desk | CA T DSK |
| breaker | BRKR | cable turning section | CTS |
| bridge | BRDG | cableman order circuit | COC |
| bridge cutoff | BCO | cabling diagram | CAD |
| bright, brightness | BRT | cabling diagrams | CADS |
| Brinell hardness | HB | cadmium | CAD. |
| Brinell hardness number | BHN | calculate | CALC |
| British Broadcasting Company | BBC | calibrate | CAL |
| British Post Office | BPO | call | CA |
| British Standard | BR STD | call announcer | CA |
| British thermal unit | BTU | | C |
| broach | BRO | call blocked | C BLK |
| broadband | BB | call circuit | C CKT |
| broadcast | BDCST | call directing code | CDC |
| broadcast amplifier | BDCST AMPL | call distributing b switchboard | CDB SWBD |
| bronze | BRZ | call identity indexer | CA ID IND |
| brown | BR | | CII |
| Brown & Sharpe (gauge) | B & S | | CI |
| brush | BR | call indicator | CI IMP |
| brush test | BR T | call indicator impulser | C RCDR |
| buffer | BUFR | call recorder | CW |
| building | BLDG | call waiting | CW |
| building-out | BO | call wire or call wireless | CW CD |
| bulkhead | BHD | call wireless cord | CW TRK |
| bunching | BCHG | call wireless trunk | CLD |
| bunching block | BB | called | |

C

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|---|------------------------|---|--------------|
| calling | CLG | cent | C |
| calling cord | C CD | | ¢ |
| calling line identification | CLI | center | CTR |
| calorie | cal (2) | center line | CL |
| | CAL | center line (on drawings only) | ¢ |
| camp-on | CP ON | center of gravity | CG |
| cancel, canceled | CANC | center punch | CP |
| candela | cd (2) | center tap | CT |
| | CD | center-to-center | C TO C |
| candela per square foot | cd/ft ² (2) | centigrade (see Celsius) | |
| | CDPSF | centigram | cg (2) |
| | cd/m ² (2) | | CG |
| | CDPSM | centiliter | cl (2) |
| candelabra | CAND | | CL |
| candle | C | centimeter | cm (2) |
| candlepower | CP | | CM |
| capacitance | C (2) | centimeter-gram-second (system) | cgs (2) |
| | CAP. | | CGS |
| capacitor | CAP. | centimeters per second | cm/s (2) |
| capacity | CAP. | | CMPS |
| capital | CAP. | central | CENT. |
| carburetor | CARB | central information desk | C INF DSK |
| card | CD | central office | CENT OFF |
| card dialer | CD DL | | CO |
| card record clerk | CRC | central pulse distributor | CPD |
| carriage | CRG | central service observing desk | CSO DSK |
| carrier | CARR | central test bureau | CTB |
| carrier frequency | CF | central test desk | CTD |
| carrier input | C IN | centralized automatic message accounting | |
| carrier-operated detector | | centralized intercept bureau | CAMA |
| antinoise | CODAN | centrex | CIB |
| carrier supply | CS | centrifugal | CNTX |
| case harden | CH | centrifugal force | CENT. |
| casing | CSG | ceramic | CF |
| cast iron | CI | chain | CER |
| cast iron pipe | CIP | chain relay group | CH |
| casting | CSTG | chamfer | CH REL GR |
| catalog | CAT. | change, changed | CHM |
| cathode | CATH | change in circuit | CHG |
| cathode ray | CR | change in network | CIC |
| cathode-ray oscillograph or oscilloscope | CRO | change order | CIN |
| cathode-ray tube | CRT | channel | CO |
| cavity | CAV | channel shifter | CHAN |
| ceiling | CLG | character (letter or digit) | CHAN SHFTR |
| ceiling lamp panel | CLG LP | characteristic | CHAR. |
| cellulose acetate | CA | charge | CHAR. |
| cellulose acetate-butyrate | CAB | check, checker | CHG |
| cellulose nitrate | CN | check tone | CHK |
| cellulose propionate | CP | checking multiple | CT |
| Celsius (centigrade) | C (2) | chemical | C MULT |
| | | | CHEM |

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| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|--|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| chemically pure | CP | code group | CG |
| chief | CH | code translation | CT |
| chief operator | CO | coefficient | COEF |
| chief operator (on answering jack number plates only) | CH OP | coin | CN |
| chief operator desk | COD | coin box | CB |
| chief switchman | CS | coin box line | CB LINE |
| chlorinated | CLOR | coin box trunk | CB TRK |
| choke | CH | coin collect, coin collection, coin collector | CC |
| chord | CHD | coin collect (for coin collector lamp only) | PAY |
| chrome molybdenum | CR MOLY | coin control | C CONT |
| chrome vanadium | CR VAN | | CC |
| chromium | CR | coin control selector | CC SEL |
| circle | CIR | coin return | CR |
| circuit | CKT | coin supervisory | CS |
| circuit breaker | CKT BRKR (2) | coin timing | C TMG |
| | CB | coin zone | CZ |
| circuit description | CD | cold drawn | CD |
| circuit module | CM | cold-drawn steel | CDS |
| circuit module schematic | CMS | cold finish | CF |
| circuit pack | CP | cold punched | CP |
| circuit pack schematic | CPS | cold rolled | CR |
| circuit requirements table | CRT | cold rolled steel | CRS |
| circular mil | cmil (2) | collect, collector | COLL |
| | CM | cologarithm | COLOG |
| | | column | COL |
| circular mils thousands (see thousand circular mils) | | combination connector | COMB CONN |
| circular pitch | CP | combine, combiner | COMB. |
| circulate | CIRC | combined composite and phantom set | CXPX |
| circumference | CIRC | combined drawing system | CDS |
| clamp | CLMP | combined line and recording | CLR |
| clamper | CLPR | command | COM |
| class | CL | Command Post Alerting Network | COPAN |
| class-of-service tone | CL SRV T | commercial | COML |
| | CL ST | commercial customer short service | CCSS |
| classification | CLASS. | commercial quality | CQ |
| classword | CLWD | committee | COM |
| clear | CLR | common | COM |
| clear (flip-flop control) | C | common battery | CB |
| clearance | CLR | common channel interoffice signaling | CCIS |
| clerk | CLK | common control | CC |
| client | CL | common control switching arrangement | CCSA |
| clock | CLK | common ground | CG |
| clockwise | CW | common user group | CUG |
| close to shoulder | CTS | communication | COMM |
| closing | CL | Communications Satellite Corporation | COMSAT |
| closure | CLSR | | |
| | CLS | | |
| clutch | CLCH | | |
| coated | CTD | | |
| coaxial | COAX. | | |
| code | CD | | |
| code conversion | C CONV | | |

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|--------------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| Communications Service | | contractor | CONTR |
| Authorization | CSA | continental horsepower | CONT HP |
| community | COM | Continental United States | CONUS |
| Community Antenna Television | CATV | continue, continuity | CONT |
| community dial | COM D | continuous wave | CW |
| community dial office | CDO | contract | CONT |
| commutator | CMTR | contractor | CONTR |
| commutator brush | CMTR BR | contrast | CTRS |
| compandor | COMP | control, controller | CONT |
| company | CO | control group | CG |
| comparator | CMPRTR | Control of Electromagnetic | |
| compartment | COMPT | Radiation (replaced by | |
| compensate | COMP | Emergency Broadcast System) | |
| compensating filter | COMP F | control panel alternate | |
| complaint | COMP | service | COPAS |
| complaint operator | COMP OPR | control relay | CR |
| complaint trunk | COMP TRK | control standard | CS |
| complement | COMPL | control switch | CS |
| complete | COMPL | control switching point | CSP |
| component | CPNT | controlled echo suppressor | CES |
| component assembly | CPNTA | convention | CONV |
| composite | CX | convert | CONV |
| composite ringer | CXX | converter | CONV |
| composition | COMP | cooled | CLD |
| compound | COMP | coordinate | COORD |
| compress | COMPR | copper | COP |
| compressed dialing | CD | cord | CD |
| compressor | COMPR | cord auxiliary | CD AUX |
| compromising | COMP | cord auxiliary (for lamp | |
| computer | CMPTR | marking only) | CA |
| concentrate | CONC | cord finder | CD FDR |
| concentrator trunk usage | | cordless | CDLS |
| recorder | CTUR | cordless b operator | CDLS B OPR |
| concentric | CONC | cordless b position | CDLS B POS |
| concrete | CNCRT | cordless b switchboard | CDLS B SWBD |
| condenser (mechanical type) | COND | corner | COR |
| condition | COND | corporation | CORP |
| conditional transfer | COND TR | correct | CORR |
| conduct | COND | correspond | CORR |
| conduit | CNDT | corrosion protected | CORSN PROT |
| conference | CONF | corrosion-resistant | CRE |
| connect, connection, connector | CONN | corrosion-resistant steel | CRES |
| connecting rack | CONN R | cosecant | CSC |
| connector block | CNBLK | cosine | COS |
| connector terminal cord | CONN TERM CD | cost, insurance, and freight | CIF |
| | CT CD | cotangent | COT |
| consider | CSDR | cotter | COT. |
| consisting of | C/O | cotton | COT. |
| console | CSL | coulomb | C (2) |
| constant | CONST | count | CT |
| construction | CONST | counter | CTR |
| contact | CONT | counter electromotive force | CEMF |

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|--------------------------------|--------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| counter electromotive force | | cutoff | CO |
| countercells, or counter | | cutout | CO |
| electromotive force cells | CEMF | cyanide | CYN |
| counterbalance | CBAL | cycle | CY |
| counterbore | CBORE | | ~(1) |
| | CB | cycles per minute | c/min (2) |
| counterclockwise | CCW | | CPM |
| counterdrill | CDR | cycles per second (see hertz) | |
| countersink | CSK | cylinder | CYL |
| counterweight | CTWT | | |
| counting | CTG | | |
| coupler | CPLR | | |
| coupling | CPLG | | |
| cover | COV | damped | DAMP. |
| crash | CR | dark | DRK |
| cross connection | CROSS CONN | dashpot | DP |
| cross modulation | CMOD | data | DA |
| crossarm | CRSM | data administration center | DAC |
| crossbar | CSBR | data communication equipment | DACE |
| crossover | CSOV | DATA-PHONE | DATA-P (4) |
| crosstalk | CRSTLK | data set | DS |
| crystal | CRYS | decalomania | DECAL |
| crystal unit | CU | December | DEC |
| cubic | CU | decibel | dB (2) |
| cubic centimeter | cm ³ (2) | | DB |
| | CC | decibels above reference | |
| cubic feet per minute | ft ³ /min (2) | acoustical power (defined | |
| | CFPM | as 10 ⁻¹⁶ watts) | dBRAP (2) |
| cubic feet per second | ft ³ /s (2) | | DBRAP |
| | CFPS | decibels above reference coupling | dBX (2) |
| cubic foot | ft ³ (2) | | DBX |
| | CU FT | decibels referred to 1 kilowatt | dBK (2) |
| cubic inch | in ³ (2) | | DBK |
| | CU IN | decibels referred to 1 milliwatt | dBm (2) |
| cubic meter | m ³ (2) | | DBM |
| | CU M | decibels referred to 1 volt | dBV (2) |
| cubic millimeter | mm ³ (2) | | DBV |
| | CU MM | decibels referred to 1 watt | dBW (2) |
| cubic yard | yd ³ (2) | | DBW |
| | CU YD | decibels referred to reference | |
| curie | Ci (2) | noise | dB _r n (2) |
| current | I (2) | | DBRN |
| | CUR. | decibels referred to reference | |
| current limiting fuse | CUR LIM F | noise adjusted (the relationship | |
| current x telephone influence | | between the interfering effect | |
| factor | I-T | of a noise frequency, or band | |
| current transformer | CUR TRNSF | of noise frequencies, and a | |
| | CT | fixed amount of noise power | |
| customer | CUST | called reference noise) | dB _a (2) |
| customer group service | CGS | | DBA |
| Customer Service Authorization | CSA | (Note: for noise measurement | |
| customer service engineer | CSE | designations, see 4.03) | |
| | | decibels sound pressure level | |

D

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|--|--------------|---|--------------|
| (unless otherwise stated, referred to .0002 dynes per square centimeter) | | destination | DEST |
| decimal | dBspl (2) | destroy | DEST |
| decimeter | DB SPL | destructive readout | DRO |
| | DEC | detached | DET |
| | dm (2) | detail, detailed | DET |
| | DM | detail change sheet | DCS |
| decode | DEC | detector | DETR |
| decoder | DR | develop | DEV |
| de-emphasis | DE-EMP | developed horsepower | DHP |
| deep drawn | DD | Development Letter | DL |
| Defense Automatic Integrated Switch | | Development Letter—Outside Plant | DL OP |
| Defense Communications Agency | DAIS | developmental line switched teletypewriter service | DLSTTS |
| Defense Communications Engineering Office | DCA | deviation | DEVN |
| deflect | DECEO | deviation equalizer | DEVN EQL |
| degree (plane angle) | DEFL | deviator | DEVR |
| | ° (2) | dew point | DP |
| | DEG | diagnostic | DIAG |
| degree (temperature) | deg (2) | diagonal | DIAG |
| | DEG | diagram | DIAG |
| degree Baume' | °B (2) | dial, dialing | DL |
| | BE | dial long line | DLL |
| degree Celsius (centigrade) | °C (2) | dial monitoring | D MON |
| | C | | DM |
| degree Fahrenheit | °F (2) | dial observing | DO |
| | F | dial pulsing | DP |
| degree Reaumur | °R (2) | dial signaling | DS |
| | R | dial system | DS |
| dehydrator | DHYDR | dial system a operator | DSA OPR |
| deicing | DI | dial system a position | DSA POS |
| delay | DEL | dial system a switchboard | DSA SWBD |
| delayed automatic volume control | DAVC | dial system b operator | DSB OPR |
| delayed calls counter | DCC | dial system b position | DSB POS |
| delayed interval | DEL I | dial system b switchboard | DSB SWBD |
| | DI | dial teletypewriter exchange | DTWX |
| delayed ringing | DR | dial test | D TST |
| demodulator | DEM | dial tone | DT |
| demodulator band filter | DBF | diallyl phthlate | PDAP |
| demonstration | DEM | diameter | DIA |
| density | d (2) | diametral pitch | DP |
| | D | diaphragm | DIAPH |
| department | DEPT | dibutyl phthalate | DBP |
| Department of Defense | DOD | dicapryl phthalate | DCP |
| description | DESCR | dielectric | DIEL |
| design | DSGN | differential | DIFF |
| design change | DC | differential (on relay symbol) | D |
| designation | DESIG | digit, digital | DIG. |
| desk | DSK | digit-absorbing | DA |
| desk ground | DG | digit register | DIG REG |
| | | diisodecyl adipate | DIDA |
| | | diisodecyl phthalate | DIDP |

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| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|--|---------------------|--|---------------------|
| diisooctyl adipate | DIOA | ditto | DO |
| diisooctyl phthalate | DIOP | diversity | DIV |
| dimension | DIM. | divert | DIV |
| dimethyl phthalate | DMP | division | DIV |
| dinonyl phthalate | DNP | document | DCMT |
| di- η -octyl- η -decyl phthalate | DNODP | dollar | \$ |
| dioctyl adipate | DOA | dominance | DMNC |
| dioctyl azelate | DOZ | don't answer | DA |
| dioctyl phthalate | DOP | door | DR |
| dioctyl sabacate | DOS | double | DBL |
| diode | DIO | double-biased (biased in both directions, on relay symbol) | DB |
| diplexer | DPX | double cord | D CD |
| dipole | DPL | double pole (switch) | DP |
| direct | DIR | double-pole, double-throw | DPDT |
| direct coupled transistor logic | DCTL | double-pole, single-throw | DPST |
| direct current | dc (2) | double sideband | DSB |
| | DC | double switch | DS |
| direct distance dialing | DDD | double throw (switch) | DT |
| direct inward dialing | DID | doubler | DBLR |
| direct outward dialing | DOD | doublet | DOUB |
| direct station selection | DSS | dovetail | DVTL |
| direction centers | DC | dowel | DWL |
| direction finder | DF | down | DN |
| directional filter | DIR FLT | down drive | DN DR |
| directory desk | DIR D | dozen | DOZ |
| disable, disabler, disabling | DISAB | drafting | DFTG |
| discharge | DISCH | draftsman | DFTSMN |
| | DSC | drain | DRN |
| disconnect | DISC. | dram | DR |
| discontinue | DISC. | draw | DR |
| discontinuity | DISC. | draw out | DO |
| discriminator | DISCR | drawing | DWG |
| dispatch | DISP | drawn | DRN |
| display | DISPL | drill | DR |
| | DIS | drill rod | DR |
| distance | DIST | dripproof | DP |
| Distant Early Warning | DEW | drive | DR |
| distinctive tone | DT | drive fit | DF |
| distortion | DIST | drop | DP |
| distribute | DIST | drum | DR |
| distributing | DISTG | dry battery | DB |
| distributing house | DH | dry bulb | DB |
| distributing power terminal strip | DPTS | dual-facility | DF |
| distributing terminal assembly | DTA | dummy | DM |
| distributing ticket filing and rate quoting desk | DTF & RQD | duplex | DX |
| distribution | DISTN | duplicate | DUP |
| district | DIST | duty | D |
| district brush | DB | dynamic | DYN |
| district group | DG | dynamic overload control | DOC |
| | | dynamo | DYN |
| | | dynamotor | DYNM |

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|
| E | | | |
| each | EA | emergency broadcast system | EBS |
| early break | EB | emergency call circuit | EC CKT |
| early break-make | EBM | emergency cell | EM CELL |
| early make | EM | | EM C |
| early make-break | EMB | emergency group | EM GR |
| east | E | emission | EMISN |
| eccentric | ECC | emitter | EMTR |
| echo elimination network | E E NET | emitter follower | EF |
| echo suppressor | E SUPR | employ | EMP |
| Edison Electric Institute | EEI | enable, enabler, enabling | ENAB |
| educational television | ETV | enamel | ENAM |
| effective | EFF | enclose | ENCL |
| efficiency | EFF | encode, encoder | ENC |
| elapsed time | ET | end-cell switch | EC SW |
| elastic limit | EL | end-of-line indicator | EL IND |
| elbow | ELL | engine | ELI |
| electric, electrical | ELEC | engineer, engineered, engineering | ENG |
| electric accounting machine | EAM | Engineering Change Notice | ENGR |
| electric clock | ELEC CLK | Engineering Letter | ECN |
| electrical parts list | EPL | Engineering Memorandum | EL |
| electrically polarized | EP | Engineering Methods Bulletin | EM |
| electrolyte | ELECT. | engineering sketch | EMB |
| electromotive | EM | Engineering Specification | ES |
| electromotive force | EMF | Practices | ESP |
| electron | ELTN | engrave | ENGV |
| electron coupled oscillator | ECO | enhancement | ENHMT |
| electron tube | ET | enterprise | ENTP |
| electron tube socket | ETS | entry | ENT |
| electronic | ELTN | envelope | ENV |
| electronic central office | ECO | environment | ENV |
| electronic data processing | EDP | equalizer | EQL |
| electronic data processing machine | EDPM | equipment | EQPT |
| Electronic Industries Association | EIA | equipment drawing | ED |
| electronic switching system | ESS | equipment explanation | EE |
| electronic translator system | ETS | equipment part | EP |
| electronic voltmeter | E VM | equipped | EQPD |
| electrostatic | ES | equipped with | E/W |
| elementary | ELEM | equivalent | EQUIV |
| elevate | ELEV | error | ERR. |
| eliminate | ELIM | escutcheon | ESC |
| elongate | ELONG | establish | ESTAB |
| emboss | EMB | estimate | EST |
| emergency | EMER | et cetera | ETC |
| | EM | ethyl cellulose | EC |
| emergency (for keytop engraving only) | EMER | ethylene-propylene-diene monomer | EPDM |
| | | evaporate | EVAP |
| | | even | E |
| | | example | EX |
| | | exchange | EXCH |

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| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|
| excite | EXC | Federal Communications Commission | FCC |
| exclusion | EXCN | Federal Telecommunication System | FTS |
| exclusive | EXCL | feed | FD |
| executive | EXEC | feedback | FB |
| exerciser | EXER | feedback resistance | FBR |
| exhaust | EXH | feeder | FDR |
| expand | EXP | feedout | FDO |
| expanded direct distance dialing | EDDD | feet | ft (2) |
| expandor (electric device) | EXP | feet per minute | FT |
| expect | EXPT | feet per second | ft/min (2) |
| expedite | EXPED | female | FPM |
| experiment | EXP | ferreed | ft/s (2) |
| experimental solid state exchange | ESSEX | ferrite sheet | FPS |
| express | EXP | ferrite sheet store | FEM |
| express order circuit | EOC | ferrod sensor | FRRD |
| extended area service | EAS | ferroresonant transformer | FRT SH |
| extended message unit | EMU | fiber | FSS |
| extension | EXT | field | FROD SENS |
| exterior | EXT | field of view | FROD S |
| external | EXT | figure | FERRO TRNSF |
| extinguish | EXT | filament | FBR |
| extra | EXT | filament center tap | FLD |
| extra heavy | EXT HVY | filament ground | FOV |
| extra strong | EXT STR | filament negative | FIG. |
| extremely high-frequency | EHF | filament positive | Fig. |
| extrude | EXTR | file finish | FIL |
| | | fillet | FCT |
| | | fillister | FIL G |
| | | film integrated circuit | FG |
| | | filter | F- (1) |
| | | final | F+ (1) |
| | | final brush | FF |
| | | final tens | FIL |
| | | final terminating holding cord | FIL |
| | | final time measure release | FIC |
| | | final units | FLT |
| | | finder | FIN. |
| | | finger | FB |
| | | finish | FT |
| | | finish all over | FIN TERM |
| | | finish allowance | HLD CD |
| | | fire-protection panel | FIN TIME |
| | | fireproof | MEAS RLS |
| | | | FU |
| | | | FDR |
| | | | FNGR |
| | | | FIN. |
| | | | FAO |
| | | | FA |
| | | | FPP |
| | | | FPRF |

F

fabricate
 facility
 facsimile
 Fahrenheit
 failure
 fanning
 far
 far end—automatic transmission measuring system
 far side
 farad
 fast operating
 fast release
 fastener
 fault
 feature
 February
 federal
 Federal Aviation Agency

FAB
 FAC
 FAX
 F (2)
 FAIL.
 FAN.
 F
 FE ATMS
 FS
 F (2)
 FO
 FR
 FAST.
 FLT
 FEAT.
 FEB
 FED.
 FAA

filament negative
 filament positive
 file finish
 fillet
 fillister
 film integrated circuit
 filter
 final
 final brush
 final tens
 final terminating holding cord
 final time measure release
 final units
 finder
 finger
 finish
 finish all over
 finish allowance
 fire-protection panel
 fireproof

FIL
 FCT
 FIL G
 FG
 F- (1)
 F+ (1)
 FF
 FIL
 FIL
 FIC
 FLT
 FIN.
 FB
 FT
 FIN TERM
 HLD CD
 FIN TIME
 MEAS RLS
 FU
 FDR
 FNGR
 FIN.
 FAO
 FA
 FPP
 FPRF

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|--|-----------------|------------------------------|--------------|
| first | 1ST | foreign exchange | FX |
| first selector | 1ST SEL | foreign numbering plan area | FNPA |
| fitting | FTG | forging | FORG |
| fixed | FIX. | forward | FWD |
| fixed echo suppressor | FES | foundation | FDN |
| fixture | FIXT | foundry | FDRY |
| flameproof | FP | four-pole | 4P |
| flange | FLG | four-pole, double-throw | 4PDT |
| flash | FL | four-pole, single-throw | 4PST |
| flash back | FB | four-wire | 4W |
| flashing (for keytop engraving only) | FLA | fractional | FRAC |
| flashing recall | FL RECALL | fractional-horsepower | FHP |
| flat-gain amplifier | FR | frame | FR |
| flat-gain regulator | FG AMPL | framer | FRMR |
| flat head | FG REG | framework | FRWK |
| flat rate | FH | framing | FRMG |
| flat-rate individual | FR | free line | FREE L |
| flat-rate 2 party | FRI | free on board | FOB |
| flat-rate 4 party | FR2P | freezing point | FP |
| flat washer | FR4P | frequency | f (2) |
| flexible | FW | frequency division multiplex | FREQ |
| flexible metal conduit | FLEX. | frequency meter | FDM |
| flip-flop | FLEX MET | frequency modulation | FREQ M |
| float | CNDT | frequency shift keying | FR M |
| floor | FF | frequency shift pulsing | FM |
| floor plan data sheet | FLT | friction | FSK |
| fluid | FL | front | FSP |
| fluorescent | FPDS | full | FRIC |
| flush | FL | full duplex | FR |
| flutter | FLUOR | full indicator reading | F |
| focal, focus | FL | full selective | FDX |
| follower | FLUT | full universal | FIR |
| foot | FOC | function | F SEL |
| foot board measure | FOL | functional schematic | FS |
| foot-candle (see lumen per square foot) | ft · lb (2) | fundamental | F UNIV |
| foot-lambert (see candela per square foot) | FT-LB | fundamental ring | FU |
| foot-pound | ft · lb · s (2) | fundamental tip | FUNC |
| foot-pound-second | FPS | fungusproof | FS |
| footing | FTG | furnish | FUND. |
| force administration data system | FADS | fuse | FR |
| for example | EG | fuse alarm | FT |
| foreign | FOR. | fuse-alarm lamp | FP |
| foreign area translator | FAT | fuse block | FURN |
| | | fuse guard | F |
| | | fuse mounting | FA |
| | | fuse panel | FAL |
| | | fusible | FBLK |
| | | | FB |
| | | | FG |
| | | | F MTG |
| | | | FP |
| | | | FSBL |

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| heavy | HVY | hybrid | HYB |
| hectare | HA | hybrid, drop side, 2-wire line | HYD |
| height | HGT | hybrid, drop side, 4-wire line | HXD |
| henry | H (2) | hybrid integrated circuit | HIC |
| hertz | Hz (2) | hybrid, line side, 2-wire line | HYL |
| | HZ | hybrid, line side, 4-wire line | HXL |
| hexagon | HEX | hydraulic | HYD |
| high | H | hyperbolic cosecant | CSCH |
| high frequency | HF | hyperbolic cosine | COSH |
| high-frequency patching | HF PTCH | hyperbolic cotangent | COTH |
| high loss | HL | hyperbolic secant | SECH |
| high-low voltage | HLV | hyperbolic sine | SINH |
| high pass | HP | hyperbolic tangent | TANH |
| high-pass input and low-pass output | HP IN LP OP | | |
| high potential | H POT | | |
| high priority return | HPR | | |
| high resistance | H RES | identified outward dialing | IOD |
| high-resistance ground | H RES G | identify, identifier, identification | IDENT |
| | HRG | | ID |
| high speed | HS | idle | ID |
| high tension | HT | ignition | IGN |
| high tone | HT | illuminate | ILLUM |
| high voltage | HV | illustrate | ILLUS |
| high-voltage regulator | HVR | image | IM |
| highway | HWY | immediate | IMED |
| hogshead | HHD | impact | IMP. |
| hold | HLD | impedance | Z (2) |
| hold magnet | HM | | IMP. |
| holder | HLDR | impregnate | IMPG |
| holding coil | HC | improved mobile telephone service | IMTS |
| holding cord | HLD CD | impulse | IMP. |
| holding trunk | HLD TRK | impulses per minute | IPM |
| hopper | HPR | impulses per second | IPS |
| horizontal | HOR | inactive | INACT |
| horizontal center line | HCL | incandescent | INCAND |
| horn | HN | inch | in (2) |
| horsepower | HP | inch-pound | IN. |
| horsepower-hour | HP HR | | in · lb (2) |
| hot rolled | HR | | IN-LB |
| hot-rolled steel | HRS | | in/min (2) |
| hotel PBX line | HPBX | | IPM |
| hour | h (2) | inches per minute | in/s (2) |
| | HR | | IPS |
| housing | HSG | include, inclusive | INCL |
| howler | HWLR | incoming | INC |
| hundred | C | incoming brush | IB |
| hundred call seconds | CCS | incoming call circuit | INC C CKT |
| hundreds | HUNDS | incoming group | IG |
| hundredweight (112 lb) | CWT | incoming line | ICL |
| hunt | HT | | |
| hunting | HTG | | |

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| incoming pulse correcting repeater | INC PULS CORR RPTR | intercept directors | IND |
| incoming repeater | INC RPTR | intercepted service | INCPT SRV |
| incoming trunk | INC TRK | intercepting answering jack | INCPT ANS JK |
| incorporated | INC | intercepting position | INCPT POS |
| increase | INCR | intercepting trunk | INCPT TRK |
| independent | INDEP | interchangeable | INTCHG |
| index, indexer, indexing | IDX | interchannel | INTCH |
| index register | IDX REG | intercommunication | INTERCOM |
| indicate | IND | interconnecting, interconnection | INTCON |
| indicated horsepower | IHP | interconnecting service unit | INTCON SRV UN |
| indicated horsepower-hour | IHP HR | interconnecting unit | INTCON UN |
| individual | INDIV | intercontinental ballistic missile | ICBM |
| inductance | L (2) IND | interdigital time | IDG T |
| inductance-capacitance | LC (2) | interface | INFAC |
| inductance-capacitance- resistance | LCR (2) | interference | INT |
| inductor | INDR | interference suppressor | INT SUPR |
| infinite | INF | intergroup | IGR |
| inflammable | INFL | interim | INTM |
| information | INFO | interior | INT |
| information (rating) | INF | interlocal | ILOC |
| inhibit | INH | interlocal trunk | ILOC TRK |
| initial | INIT | interlock | INTLK |
| initiator, initiating | INIT | intermarker | IM |
| input | IN. | intermarker group | IMG |
| input message manual | IM | intermarker group sender | IMGS |
| input-output | IO | intermarker group trunk | IMG TRK |
| insert | INS | intermediate | INTER. |
| inside diameter | ID | intermediate frequency | INT |
| inside dimension | ID | intermediate power amplifier | IF |
| inspect | INSP | intermediate ringing | IPA |
| install, installer | INSTL | intermittent | INT R |
| installation | INSTLN | internal | IX |
| instantaneous | INST | internal connection | INTMT |
| instantaneous automatic volume control | IAVC | international direct distance dialing | INT |
| Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers | IEEE | international direct distance dialing | IC |
| Institute of Radio Engineers (replaced by IEEE) | | International Electrotechnical Commission | IDDD |
| instruct, instruction | INST | International Organization for Standardization | IEC |
| instrument | INST | International Pipe Standard | ISO |
| insulation | INS | International System of Units | IPS |
| integral | INT | interoffice | SI |
| integrated circuit | IC | interoffice trunk | IO |
| intensity | INT | interphone | IO TRK |
| interblock gap | IBG | interpolate | INTPH |
| intercept, intercepted, intercepting | INCPT | interposer | INTRPL |
| | | interposer network | I |
| | | interposer slave network | IN |
| | | | ISN |

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|-----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------|
| interposer slave relay | ISR | joint | JT |
| interposition | INTPOS | Joint Army-Navy | JAN |
| | IP | Joint Chiefs of Staff Alerting | |
| interposition trunk | INT POS TRK | Network | JCSAN |
| | IP TRK | Joint Electron Device | |
| interrogate | INT | Engineering Council | JEDEC |
| interrupt, interrupter | INTER. | joule | J (2) |
| | INT | journal | JNL |
| interrupted continuous wave | ICW | July | JUL |
| interrupted low tone | INT LT | jumper | JPR |
| interrupted trouble tone | INT TBL T | junction | JCT |
| interrupter flash | INT FL | junction isolated monolithic | JIM |
| interruptions per minute | IPM | junctur | JCTR |
| interruptions per second | IPS | junctur network number | JNN |
| intersect | INT | June | JUN |
| intersender timing | IST | | |
| interstitial | INSTL | | |
| intertoll | IT. | | |
| intertoll dialing selector | IT SEL | | |
| intertoll trunk | IT TRK | | |
| intertrain | ITN | | |
| intramarker | IAM | k carrier order circuit | KOC |
| intramarker group | IAMG | Kelvin temperature | K |
| intramarker group trunk | IAMG TRK | key control | KC |
| intraoffice | IAO | key control position control | KCPC |
| intraoffice trunk | IAO TRK | key display | KD |
| invalid | INVD | key indicator | KI |
| inverse | INV | key listening | KL |
| inverse neutral | INV NEUT | key monitoring desk | KEY MON DSK |
| inverse time limit | ITL | key service unit | KSU |
| invert | INV | key telephone system | KTS |
| inverter | INVR | key telephone unit | KTU |
| inward | IN. | key unit | KU |
| inward denied service | IN DS | keyboard | KYBD |
| iron | IR | keyboard send-receive | |
| iron pipe size | IPS | teletypewriter set | KSR |
| irregular | IRREG | keypulsing | KP |
| | IRR | keyseat | KST |
| | ISLT | keyset | KS |
| | ISS | keyshelf | KYSH |
| | | keyway | KWY |
| | | kilocycles or kilocycles per | |
| | | second (see kilohertz) | |
| | | kilofeet | kft (2) |
| | | | KFT |
| jack | JK | kilogram | kg (2) |
| jack mounting | JKMTG | | KGM |
| jack panel | JK PNL | kilogram per cubic meter | kg/m ³ (2) |
| | JP | | KGMPCM |
| jack-per-line | JPL | kilohertz | kHz (2) |
| jack-per-station | JPS | | KHZ |
| January | JAN | kilohm | kΩ (2) |
| Job Installers Memorandum | JIM | | KOHM |

J

K

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| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|---|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| kilomega (combining form, replaced by giga, combining form) | | laminate | LAM |
| kilomegacycles per second (replaced by gigacycles per second) | | lamp | LP |
| kilometer | km (2) KM | lamp cap | LC |
| kilometers per second | km/s (2) KMPS | lamp socket | LS |
| kilovar | kvar (2) KVAR | land area located module | LLM |
| kilovar-hour | kvarh (2) KVARH | last | L |
| kilovolt | kV (2) KV | last trunk busy | LTB |
| kilovolt-ampere | kVA (2) KVA | lateral | LAT |
| kilovolt-ampere-hour | kVAh (2) KVAH | latitude | LAT |
| kilovolts x its telephone influence factor | KV·T | launch control centers | LCC |
| kilowatt | kW (2) KW | Law Enforcement Teletypewriter Service | LETS |
| kilowatthour | kWh (2) KWH | lead | LD |
| kilowatts reactive | kWr (2) KWR | lead-covered | LC |
| kinescope | KIN. | leading edge | LE |
| kip (see thousand pounds) | | leak | LK |
| klystron | KLY | least common multiple | LCM |
| knife | KNF | leave | L |
| knockout | KO | leave length | LV |
| knurl | KNL | leave word service | LWS |
| | | left | LT |
| | | left-hand | LH |
| | | left-lower | LL |
| | | left-upper | LU |
| | | length | LG |
| | | lengthening | LNG |
| | | level | LEV |
| | | license | LIC |
| | | light | LT |
| | | light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation | LASER |
| | | lighting | LTG |
| | | lighting circuit | LTG CKT |
| | | lightning | LTNG |
| | | lightning arrester | LA |
| | | limited | LTD |
| | | limiter | LIM |
| | | line | L |
| | | line equipment number | LEN |
| | | line finder | L FDR |
| | | line identifier | LI |
| | | line insulation test | LIT |
| | | line lamp | LL |
| | | line link network | LLN |
| | | line link pulsing | LN |
| | | line relay prepayment | LLP |
| | | line switch | LRP |
| | | line verification test | L SW |
| | | | LS |
| | | | LVT |

L

L type multiplex wideband alternate use
 L type multiplex wideband modem
 Laboratories Assembly
 Laboratories Design Information
 Laboratories Part
 Laboratories Requirements for Material
 laboratory
 lacquer
 ladder
 lambert (see candela per square meter)

LWA
 LWM
 LA
 LDI
 LP
 LRM
 LAB
 LAQ
 LAD.

line
 line equipment number
 line finder
 line identifier
 line insulation test
 line lamp
 line link network
 line link pulsing
 line relay prepayment
 line switch
 line verification test

LASER
 LTG
 LTG CKT
 LTNG
 LA
 LTD
 LIM
 L
 LEN
 L FDR
 LF
 LI
 LIT
 LL
 LLN
 LN
 LLP
 LRP
 L SW
 LS
 LVT

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|------------------------|
| line voltage | LINE V | low loss | LL |
| line voltage regulator | LINE V REG | low-pass | LP |
| linear | LIN | low-pass input and high-pass output | LP IN HP OP |
| lineman | LNMN | low power high frequency | LPHF |
| link | LK | low priority return | LPR |
| liquid | LIQ | low resistance | L RES |
| list | L | low-resistance ground | LR GRD |
| list of material | LM | | LRG |
| listening | LIST. | | LS |
| liter | l (2) | low speed | LOW T |
| | LTR | low tone | LT |
| lithograph | LITHO | | LOW V |
| loading | LD | low voltage | LV |
| local | LOC | | LOW. |
| local automatic message accounting | LAMA | lower | LOW SB |
| local battery | LB | lower sideband | LSB |
| local cable | LC | | LCM |
| local message unit | LMU | lowest common multiple | LUB |
| local number switch | LNS | lubricate | lm (2) |
| local order circuit | LOC | lumen | LM |
| local oscillator | LO | lumen-hour | lm·h (2) |
| local outlet | LOC O | | L HR |
| local station | LOC STA | lumen per square foot | lm/ft ² (2) |
| local test desk | LTD | | LPSF |
| locate, located | LOC | lumen per watt | lm/W (2) |
| locker | LKR | | LPW |
| lockout | LO | lux | lx (2) |
| lockwasher | LKWR | | LX |
| logarithm (common) | LOG | | |
| logarithm (natural) | LN | | |
| logic, logical | LGC | | |
| logical product | LGC PROD | | |
| logical union | LGC UN | | |
| long | LG | | |
| long distance | LD | machine | MACH |
| long-distance recorder | LD RCDR | machine ringing | MR |
| long-haul | LH | machine ringing brush alarm | MACH R BR A |
| long lines | LL | machine screw | MS |
| Long Lines Department | LL | machine steel | MS |
| long range | LR | made from piece part | MFP |
| longitude, longitudinal | LONG. | magnesium | MGSM |
| loop | LP | magnet | MAG |
| loop noise killer | LP NK | magnetic amplifier | MA |
| loopback | LPBK | magnetic core | MAG COR |
| loud | L | magnetic latching | ML |
| loudspeaker | LSPK | magnetic shield | MAG SHLD |
| loudspeaker trunk | LSPK TRK | | MS |
| louver | LVR | magnetically polarized using biasing spring or having | |
| low | L | magnetic bias (on relay symbol) | P |
| low frequency | LF | magneto | MAG |
| low level logic | LLL | | |

M

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| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|--|---|--|---------------------|
| magnetomotive force | MMF | master timer | M TMR |
| mahogany | MAH | matching | MTCH |
| main | MN | material | MATL |
| main station | MAIN STA | matrix | MTX |
| maintenance | MTCE | maximum | MAX |
| major | MJ | maximum material condition | MMC |
| make | MK | mean effective pressure | MEP |
| make-busy | MB | mean high tide | MHT |
| male & female | M & F | mean high water | MHW |
| malleable | MALL. | mean horizontal candlepower | MHCP |
| malleable iron | MI | mean low tide | MLT |
| manager | MGR | mean low water | MLW |
| manganese | MNGS | mean sea level | MSL |
| Manhattan Bronx Westchester | MBW | mean spherical candlepower | MSCP |
| manhole | MNHL | mean tide | MT |
| manual | MAN. | measure | MEAS |
| manual control | MAN C | mechanical | MECH |
| manual frequency control | MFC | mechanical parts lists | MPL |
| manual tandem position | MAN TDM POS | mechanical ticket distributing system | MTDS |
| manual volume control | MVC | mechanism | MECH |
| manufacture | MFR | mechanized service observing | MSO |
| Manufacture Discontinued (rating) | MFR DISC. Mfr Disc. (in text) MD | median | MED |
| Manufacture Limited (classification) | MFR LTD | medical | MED |
| manufactured | ML | medium | MED |
| manufacturing | MFD | medium-frequency | MF |
| Manufacturing Division Instructions | MFG | megacycles or megacycles per second (see megahertz) | |
| Manufacturing Standard | MDI | megahertz | MHz (2) |
| March | MS | | MHz |
| margin | MAR | megavolt | MV (2) |
| margin | MARG | megawatt | MW (2) |
| marginal | MG | megohm | MΩ (2) |
| marine | MAR. | | MOHM |
| mark, marked | MK | melamine formaldehyde | MF |
| marker | MKR | melting point | MP |
| marker group | MKR GR | memorandum | MEMO |
| marking contact of relay in telegraph circuit | M | memory | MEM |
| masking | M | merchandise | MDSE |
| Massachusetts Institute of Technology Research and Engineering Corporation | MITRE | merchandise accounting record | MAR. |
| master | MA | mercury arc | MA |
| master controller | MA CONT | message | MSG |
| master group | MG | message rate | MR |
| master switch | M SW | message rate individual | MRI |
| | MS | message rate party | MRP |
| | | message rate 2-party | MR2P |
| | | message rate 4-party | MR4P |
| | | message register | MR |
| | | message register (for message register pilot lamps only) | REG |
| | | message unit | MU |
| | | messenger | MESS. |

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|---|----------------------|---|------------------------|
| messenger call | MESS CALL | military | MIL. |
| metal | MC | Military Engineering Methods Bulletin | MEMB |
| metallic return | MET. | milliammeter | MAM |
| metallic telegraph | MET RTN | milliampere | mA (2) |
| metallic voltmeter | MET TLG | millicandela per square meter | MILA |
| meter (instrument) | M VM | milligram | mod/m ² (2) |
| meter (unit of length) | MTR | milligram | MILCPSM |
| meter battery cutoff | m (2) | milligrams per square inch | mg (2) |
| meter per second | MTR | millihenry | MILGM |
| meter per second squared | MBCO | millilambert (see millicandela per square meter) | mg/in ² (2) |
| mezzanine | m/s (2) | milliliter | MILGMPSI |
| microampere | MTRPS | millimeter | mH (2) |
| microfarad | m/s ² (2) | millimicrosecond (replaced by nanosecond) | MILH |
| microhenry | MTRPS SQ | milling machine | ml (2) |
| microhm | MEZZ | million gallons per day | MILLTR |
| micrometer (instrument) | μ A (2) | millisecond | mm (2) |
| micrometer (unit of length) | UA | millivolt | MILMTR |
| micromicro (combining form, replaced by pico, combining form) | μ F (2) | millivoltmeter | M MACH |
| micromicrofarad (replaced by picofarad) | UF | milliwatt | MGD |
| micromho (see microsiemens) | μ H (2) | mineral | ms (2) |
| micron (see micrometer) | UH | minimum | MILSEC |
| microphone | μ Ω (2) | minor | mV (2) |
| microsecond | UOHM | minute (plane angle) | MILV |
| microsiemens | MIC | minute (time) | MVM |
| microvolt | μ m (2) | miscellaneous | mW (2) |
| microwatt | UMTR | missile impact location system | MILW |
| microwave | | missile master | MINRL |
| microwave amplification by stimulated emission of radiation | | mixer | MIN |
| middle | | mixture | MN |
| midnight | | mobile | ' (2) |
| mile | | model | MIN |
| miles per hour | | modify, modified, modification | min (2) |
| | | modular | MIN |
| | | modulated continuous wave | MISC |
| | | modulator | MILS |
| | | modulator band filter | MM |
| | | modulator-demodulator | MIX. |
| | | module | MIX. |
| | | | MBL |
| | | | MOD |
| | | | MOD |
| | | | MOD |
| | | | MCW |
| | | | MOD |
| | | | MBF |
| | | | MODEM |
| | | | MOD |

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|----------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| noise to ground | NG | ohm | Ω (2) |
| nominal | NOM | on-hook | OHM |
| non-bridging | NBRDG | one-way | ON-HK |
| noncoin sender alarm | NON COIN | opening | 1 WY |
| | SDR A | operate | OPNG |
| noninductive | NONIND | operations per minute | OPR |
| nonoperate | NOPR | operator | OPM |
| | NO. | | OPR |
| nonreactance | NR | | O (1) |
| noon | N | operator number identification | ONI |
| normal | NOR. | opposite | OPP |
| normal post spring | NPS | optical | OPT |
| normally closed | NC | optional | OPT |
| normally open | NO | orange | OR. |
| north | N | | O (3) |
| North American Air Defense | | order | ORD |
| Command | NORAD | order wire | OW |
| Northern Electric Company | | organization | ORGN |
| Limited | NECO | orientation | ORTN |
| not to scale | NTS | orifice | ORF |
| notification | NTFCN | original | ORIG |
| notify | NFY | originating register | OR |
| novelty | N (3) | oscillate, oscillator | OSC |
| November | NOV | oscillograph | OSCG |
| number | NO. | oscilloscope | SCOPE. |
| | N (1) | ounce (avoirdupois) | oz (2) |
| number check or checking | NC | | OZ |
| number group | NG | ounce-foot | oz-ft (2) |
| numbered | NBD | | OZ FT |
| Numbered Air Force | | ounce-inch | oz-in (2) |
| Headquarters | NAFH | | OZ IN |
| numbering | NBG | out dialing trunk | ODT |
| numbering plan area | NPA | out-trunk switch | OTS |
| numerical | NUM | outgoing | OG |
| | | outgoing line | OGL |
| | | outgoing repeater | OG RPTR |
| | | | OGR |
| | | outgoing trunk | OGT |
| observe | OBS | outlet | OUTL |
| Observational Standard | OS | output, output pulse | OP |
| obsolete | OBS | outputting control | OPC |
| occasional service | OS | output | OP |
| octagon | OCT | output message manual | OM |
| October | OCT | output resistance | OP R |
| odd | O | outside diameter | OD |
| off-hook | OFF-HK | outside face | OF |
| off-normal | ON | outside limit material | OSL |
| office, officer, official | OFF. | outside radius | OR |
| office alarm | OA | outsteering | OSTG |
| office brush | OB | outward delay | TX |
| office group | OG | outward denied service | OUT DS |
| office network access line | ONAL | | ODS |

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| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|-------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------|
| oval | O | peremptory | PER. |
| overall | OA | peremptory disconnect signal | PER DISC SIG |
| overflow | OVFL | perforate | PERF |
| | OVF | perforator cabinet | PERF CAB |
| overhead | OVHD | period | P |
| overload | OVLD | peripheral | PERIPH |
| override | OVRD | peripheral order buffer | POB |
| overseas | OVS | permanent | PERM |
| overtime | OVT | permanent final busy | PERM FIN B |
| overtime charging | OVT CHG | permanent magnet | PM |
| oxide | OXD | permanent magnet twistor | PMT |
| | | permanent signal | PS |
| | | permanent signal alarm | PSA |
| | | | PA |
| | | permanent signal holding trunk | PERM SIG HLD |
| | | | TRK |
| | | | PSHT |
| | | permanent signal overflow | |
| | | register | PERM SIG OVF |
| | | | REG |
| | | | PSOR |
| | | | PST |
| | | | PERP |
| | | | P TO P |
| | | | |
| | | | PPCS |
| | | | PH |
| | | | |
| | | | PX |
| | | | PCD |
| | | | PCL |
| | | | PH |
| | | | PH FAIL |
| | | | PM |
| | | | PHEN |
| | | | PF |
| | | | PH BRZ |
| | | | PHOTO |
| | | | PHYS |
| | | | P |
| | | | PO |
| | | | PU |
| | | | PUA |
| | | | PUB |
| | | | pF (2) |
| | | | PF |
| | | | PIX |
| | | | PP |
| | | | PC |
| | | | PP |
| | | | P |
| | | | PCS |
| | | picture | |
| | | PICTUREPHONE (4) | |
| | | piece | |
| | | piece part | |
| | | | |
| | | pieces | |

P

Pacific Missile Range
 package
 packaged
 page
 paint
 painted
 pair (not wires)
 panel
 panel call indicator
 paragraph
 parallel
 parity
 parity bit
 part
 part of
 partial dial
 particular line
 parts data processing system
 parts per million
 party
 patch
 patent
 patent pending
 path
 path memory
 paths busy
 patrol
 pattern
 pay station
 peak-to-peak
 pedestal
 peg count
 peg count (keyshelf number
 plate only)
 pentode
 percent

PMR
 PKG
 PKGD
 P
 PNT
 PTD
 PR
 PNL
 PCI
 PAR.
 PAR.
 PTY
 PTY BIT
 PT
 P/O
 PD
 PL
 PDPS
 PPM
 PTY
 PTCH
 PAT.
 PAT PEND
 PA
 PM
 PB
 PTL
 PATT
 P STA
 PP
 PED
 PC

 PEG
 PENT.
 PCT
 %

peremptory
 peremptory disconnect signal
 perforate
 perforator cabinet
 period
 peripheral
 peripheral order buffer
 permanent
 permanent final busy
 permanent magnet
 permanent magnet twistor
 permanent signal
 permanent signal alarm

 permanent signal holding trunk

 permanent signal overflow
 register

 permanent signal tone
 perpendicular
 person to person
 person to person collect and
 special instruction calls
 phantom (derived)
 phantom (drop end of side
 circuit)
 phantom coil, drop side
 phantom coil, line side
 phase
 phase failure
 phase modulation
 phenol
 phenol-formaldehyde
 phosphor-bronze
 photograph
 physical
 pickled
 pickled and oiled
 pickup
 pickup alarm
 pickup battery
 picofarad

 picture
 PICTUREPHONE (4)
 piece
 piece part

 pieces

PER.
 PER DISC SIG
 PERF
 PERF CAB
 P
 PERIPH
 POB
 PERM
 PERM FIN B
 PM
 PMT
 PS
 PSA
 PA
 PERM SIG HLD
 TRK
 PSHT

 PERM SIG OVF
 REG
 PSOR
 PST
 PERP
 P TO P

 PPCS
 PH

 PX
 PCD
 PCL
 PH
 PH FAIL
 PM
 PHEN
 PF
 PH BRZ
 PHOTO
 PHYS
 P
 PO
 PU
 PUA
 PUB
 pF (2)
 PF
 PIX
 PP
 PC
 PP
 P
 PCS

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|---|-----------------|--------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| pierces | PRC | polyethylene insulated conductor | PIC |
| piggyback twistor | PBT | polyethylene terephthalate | PETP |
| pigtail | PT | polyhexamethylene-adipamide | NYLON 66 |
| pilot | PLT | polyisobutylene | PIB |
| pilot cell | P | polyisobutylene-isoprene | PIBI |
| pilot channel | PC | polymethyl- α -chloroacrylate | PMCA |
| pilot fuse | PF | polymethyl methacrylate | PMMA |
| pilot lamp | PL | polymonochlorotrifluoroethylene | PCTFE |
| pilot wire | PW | polyphase | PYPH |
| pin jack | PINJK | polypropylene | PP |
| pint | PT | polystyrene | PS |
| pitch | P | polystyrene-acrylonitrile | PSAN |
| pitch circle | PC | polytetrafluoroethylene (teflon) | PTFE |
| pitch diameter | PD | polyurethane | PUR |
| plain old telephone service | POTS | polyvinyl acetate | PVA _c |
| plan | PL | polyvinyl alcohol | PVAL |
| plan position indicator | PPI | polyvinyl butyral | PVB |
| Plant Engineering Letter | PEL | polyvinyl chloride | PVC |
| Plant Engineering Memorandum | PEM | polyvinyl chloride-acetate | PVCA _c |
| Plant Letter | PL | polyvinyl formal | PVFM |
| Plant Memorandum | PM | polyvinyl formal enameled | PVF E |
| Plant Operation Letter | POL | polyvinylidene-chloride | PVDC |
| Plant Operation Memorandum | POM | porcelain | PORC |
| plastic | PLSTC | portable | PORT. |
| plate | PLT | portable usage recorder | PUR |
| plate leads (electron tubes with filaments in series from - to +) | P1, P2, P3, ETC | position | POS |
| platinum | PLAT. | position center | PC |
| plugging-up | PU | positive | POS |
| plugging-up line | PUL | | + (1) |
| plus or minus | ± | post-meridian | P.M. |
| plywood | PLYWD | potential | POT. |
| pneumatic | PNEU | potential transformer | POT TRNSF |
| pneumatic ticket distributing system | PTDS | potentiometer | PT |
| pneumatic tube | PT | pound | POT. |
| point | PT | | lb (2) |
| polar | POL | pounds per cubic foot | LB |
| polarity | PO | | lb/ft ³ (2) |
| pole | P | pounds per square foot | PCF |
| police line | POL L | | lb/ft ² (2) |
| polish | POL | pounds per square inch | PSF |
| polyacrylic acid | PAA | | lb/in ² (2) |
| polyacrylonitrile | PAN | pounds per square inch absolute | PSI |
| polyamide | PA (NYLON) | | lb/in ² a (2) |
| polybutadiene-acrylonitrile | PBAN | power | PSIA |
| polybutadiene-styrene | PBS | power circuit | PWR |
| polychloroprene | PC | power control | P CKT |
| polyethylene | PE | power data sheet | PWR CONT |
| | | | PDS |

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| power factor | PF | production | PROD. |
| power factor meter | PFM | profile | PRFL |
| power failure | PF | program | PROG |
| power failure alarm | PFA | program application instruction | PA |
| power room | PWR RM | program flow chart | PF |
| power separation filter | PSF | program generic | PG |
| power service transfer | PWR SRV TR | program listing | PR |
| power terminal strip | PWR TS | program specification | PD |
| | PTS | program transmission | PROG TRMSN |
| practice | PRAC | progression | PROG |
| pre-emphasis | PRE-EMP | projection | PROJ |
| pre-empt | PRMT | projection transmission | |
| preamplifier | PREAMP | measuring | PROJ TRMSN |
| precedence | PREC | | MEAS |
| precision approach radar | PAR | proof | PRF |
| precision tracker | PREC TRKR | proposed | PROP. |
| prefabricated | PREFAB | protector | PROT |
| preference | PREF | protection | PROT |
| preferred | PFD | provision | PROV |
| preliminary | PREL | Provisional (rating) | PROV |
| Preliminary (rating) | PREL | public address | PA |
| prepare, prepared, preparation | PREP | public station | PS |
| preselector | PRSL | publication | PUB |
| presence | PRES | pull-back | PULB |
| pressure | PRES | pulse | PULS |
| pressure angle | PA | pulse amplitude modulation | PAM |
| pretranslator | PRT | pulse code modulation | PCM |
| previous | PREV | pulse counter | PC |
| primary | PRI | pulse frequency | PF |
| primary alerting system | PAS | pulse machine | PM |
| primary line switch | PRI L SW | pulse position modulation | PPM |
| | PLS | pulse repetition frequency | PRF |
| primary master switch | PRI M SW | pulse repetition rate | PRR |
| | PMS | pulse time modulation | PTM |
| primary outlet | PO | pulse width modulation | PWM |
| primary to secondary test | | pulser | PLSR |
| panel | PRI SEC TP | pulses per second | PPS |
| | PSTP | punch | PCH |
| print | PRT | punch and die | P & D |
| printed wiring board | PWB | punching | PCHG |
| printer | PTR | push-pull | P-P |
| priority | PRIOR. | push to talk | PTT |
| privacy | PRV | pushbutton | PB |
| private | PVT | | |
| private automatic exchange | PAX | | |
| private branch exchange | PBX | | |
| private line | PL | | |
| private line assured service | PLAS | | |
| private line battery | PL BAT | | |
| private line service order | PLSO | quadrant | QUAD. |
| probable, probability | PROB | quadruple | QUAD. |
| probe | P | quality | QUAL |
| process | PROC | quantity | QTY |

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| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| region of a semiconductor where neither electrons nor holes predominate (intrinsic) | I | request | REQ |
| regional center | RC | require | REQ |
| regional data processing center | RDPC | required | REQD |
| register | REG | requirement | REQT |
| register control | RC | requisition | REQ |
| regular | REG | reserve | RSV |
| regulate | REG | reset | RST |
| regulator | REG | residence | RSDC |
| reject | REJ | residual | RESID |
| relative humidity | RH | resistance | R (2) |
| relay | REL | resistance-capacitance | RES |
| relay call indicator | RCI | resistance lamp | RC (2) |
| relay rack ground | RRG | resistor | RESLP |
| relay tube socket | RELTS | resistor capacitor transistor logic | RES |
| release | RLS | resolution | RCTL |
| release (for keytop engraving only) | REL | resolver | RESOL |
| release alarm | RA | resonant | RSVR |
| relief | REL | respective, respectively | RES |
| relocate | RELOC | restart | RESP |
| remarks | RMK | restoral | RST |
| remote | REM | restoration | RSTL |
| remote control | REM CONT | restore | RSTN |
| remote office—automatic transmission measuring system | RC | restraint | RST |
| remote office test line | RO ATMS | restricted | RS |
| remove, removed | ROTL | restriction | RSTD |
| renew | RMV | retainer | RSTCN |
| renumbered | RNU | retard | RTNR |
| reorder | RNBD | retardation coil (see inductor) | RET |
| repair | REODR | return | RTN |
| repair clerk desk | RO | return loss | RL |
| repair service desk | REP | reverse | REV |
| repair specification | REP CLK D | reverse current | REV CUR |
| repeat | RCD | reverting | REV |
| repeated supervision | REP SRV D | reverting busy test | RBT |
| repeater | RSD | reverting busyback | RBB |
| repeating coil | RS | reverting call selector | RC SEL |
| repeller | RPT | reverting flash back | RFB |
| reperforator | RS | revertive pulsing | RP |
| reperforator-transmitter | RPTR | revise | REV |
| replace | RC | revolution | r (2) |
| report, reporter, reporting | RPLR | revolutions per minute | REV |
| reproduce, reproduced | REPERF | revolutions per second | r/min (2) |
| reproduction | RT | rheostat | RPM |
| | REPL | right | r/s (2) |
| | REPT | right-hand | RPS |
| | REPRO | right-lower | RHEO |
| | REPRO | | RT |
| | | | RH |
| | | | RL |

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|-------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| right of way | R/W | screen | SCRN |
| right-upper | RU | screw | SCR |
| ring | RNG | screw-thread standards: | |
| ringback | RB | American National 8, 12, or 16 | |
| ringdown | RD | Pitch Thread | N |
| ringer | RNGR | American National Coarse | |
| ringer test | RNGR TST | Thread Series | NC |
| ringing | RNG | American National Extra Fine | |
| rivet | RIV | Thread Series | NEF |
| road | RD | American National Fine Thread | |
| Rockwell hardness | HR | Series | NF |
| roentgen | R (2) | American National Hose | |
| roller bearing | RB | Coupling and Fire Hose | |
| room | RM | Coupling Thread | NH |
| root diameter | RD | American National Intermediate | |
| root mean square | RMS | Internal Straight Pipe Thread | |
| root sum square | RSS | (Dry Seal) | NPSI |
| rotary connector | ROT CONN | American National Internal | |
| rotary line switch | ROT LS | Straight Pipe Thread For Dry | |
| rotary out-trunk switch | ROT OT SW | Seal Pressure-Tight Joints | NPSF |
| | ROTS | American National Left-Hand | |
| rotate | ROT | Thread | N LH |
| rough | RGH | American National Special | |
| rough grind finish | RGF | Thread | NS |
| round | RD | American National Straight | |
| round head | RH | Pipe Thread | NPS |
| route | RTE | American National Straight | |
| route switch | RS | Pipe Thread For Hose | |
| route transfer | R TR | Couplings and Nipples | NPSH |
| routine | ROUT. | American National Straight | |
| routine test | ROUT T | Pipe Thread For Locknuts and | |
| row | R | Locknut Pipe Threads | NPSL |
| rubber | RUB. | American National Straight | |
| rural | RUR | Pipe Thread For Mechanical | |
| | | Joints | NPSM |
| | | American National Straight | |
| | | Pipe Thread in Pipe Couplings | NPSC |
| | | American National Taper Pipe | |
| | | Thread | NPT |
| | | American National Taper Pipe | |
| | | Thread For Dry Seal | |
| | | Pressure-Tight Joints | NPTF |
| | | American National Taper Pipe | |
| | | Thread For Railing Fittings | NPTR |
| | | American Standard Unified 12 | |
| | | and 16 Pitch Thread | UN |
| | | American Standard Unified | |
| | | Coarse Thread | UNC |
| | | American Standard Unified | |
| | | Extra Fine Thread | UNEF |
| | | American Standard Unified | |
| | | Fine Thread | UNF |

S

| | | | |
|---------------------------|-------|-------------------------------|------|
| safety | SAF | American National Straight | |
| sampling | SAMP | Pipe Thread in Pipe Couplings | NPSC |
| sand blast | SD BL | American National Taper Pipe | |
| sanitary | SAN | Thread | NPT |
| saturnable reactor | SR | American National Taper Pipe | |
| saturate | SAT. | Thread For Railing Fittings | NPTR |
| Saybolt seconds furol | SSF | American Standard Unified 12 | |
| Saybolt seconds universal | SSU | and 16 Pitch Thread | UN |
| scanner, scanning | SCAN. | American Standard Unified | |
| schedule | SCHED | Coarse Thread | UNC |
| schematic | SCHEM | American Standard Unified | |
| schematic drawing | SD | Extra Fine Thread | UNEF |
| scleroscope | SCLER | American Standard Unified | |
| scleroscope hardness | HS | Fine Thread | UNF |

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| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|--|---------------------|---|---------------------|
| American Standard Unified Special Thread | UNS | sender selector | SDR SEL |
| sealed | SLD | sender test | SS |
| sealed test terminal | SLD TT | | SDR TST |
| | STT | sending | S TST |
| seamless | SMLS | sending battery | SDG |
| secant | SEC | sending leg | SB |
| second (plane angle) | " (2) | sending leg battery | SL |
| | SEC | senior | SLB |
| second (time) | s (2) | sensing | SR |
| | SEC | sensitivity | SNG |
| second (number) | 2ND | sensor | SENS |
| second selector | 2ND SEL | sentence | SENS |
| secondary | SEC | separate | SNTCE |
| secondary line switch | SEC L SW | September | SEP |
| | SLS | sequence | SEP |
| secondary master switch | SEC M SW | sequence chart | SEQ |
| | SMS | sequence switch | SC |
| secretary | SECY | sequentially coded automatic transmitter start | SEQ SW |
| section | SECT. | | SCATS |
| sectional center | SC | sequentially operated teletypewriter universal selector | |
| segment | SEG | | SOTUS |
| seizure | SZRE | serial | SER |
| select magnet | SM | series | SER |
| selective routing | SEL RTE | service | SRV |
| selector, selected | SEL | service code | SC |
| selector test | SEL TST | service observing | SRV OBS |
| self | SLF | | SO |
| self-tapping | ST | service observing board | SRV OBS BD |
| selsyn | SLN | | SO BD |
| selsyn receiver | SLN RCVR | service observing desk | SOB |
| selsyn transmitter | SLN TRMTR | | SRV OBS D |
| Semi-Automatic Ground Environment | SAGE | service observing trunk | SOD |
| Semi-Automatic Ground Environment—Backup | | | SRV OBS TRK |
| Interceptor Control | SAGE-BUIC | service testing | SOT |
| semiconductor | SEMICOND | set (flip-flop control) | ST |
| semiconductor integrated circuit | SIC | shaft | S |
| semifinished | SF | sheath, sheathing | SHAF |
| semimechanical | SM | sheet | SHTH |
| semipermanent memory | SP MEM | shellac | SH |
| sender | SDR | shield | SHLC |
| sender attachment delay recorder | SADR | shift | SHLD |
| sender cutoff | SCO | shift register | SHIF |
| sender make-busy | SDR MB | shipment | SR |
| | SMB | shop or field assembly review | SHPT |
| sender monitor | SDR MON | short | SOFAR |
| sender ringdown | SDR RD | short circuit | SH |
| | | short haul | SH CKT |
| | | short wave | SH |
| | | | SW |

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|---|--------------|--|---------------------|
| shoulder | SHLDR | software (computer) | SFTCM |
| shunt | SH | solder | SLDR |
| shutter | SHUTR | solderless wrapped connection | SWC |
| sideband | SB | solenoid | SOL |
| sideband input | SB IN | sound | SND |
| sideband output | SB OP | sounder | SNDR |
| signal | SIG | source | SCE |
| signal ground | SG | south | S |
| signal operated noise adjusting device | SONAD | space | SPC |
| signal restoring network | SRNW | spacer | SPCR |
| signal shaping network | SSNW | spacing | SPC |
| signal-to-noise ratio | SNR | spacing contact of relay in telegraph circuit | S |
| silence | SIL | spare | SP |
| silico-manganese steel | SMS | spare amplifier | SA |
| silicon controlled rectifier | SCR | spare amplifier switching | SA SW |
| silver | SLVR | spare line selection switching | SP LS SW |
| similar | SIM | spark | SPRK |
| simplex | SX | speaker | SPKR |
| simulate | SIMLT | special | SPL |
| simultaneous | SIM | Special (rating) | SPL |
| simultaneous ringing | SIM R | special service operator | SPL SRV OPR |
| sine | SIN | special service operator position | SPL SRV OPR |
| singing | SNG | | POS |
| single | SGL | | SSOP |
| single cord | S CD | special service operator trunk | SPL SRV OPR |
| single frequency | SF | | TRK |
| single line | SL | | SSOT |
| single-phase | S PH | | SP |
| | 1 PH | specific | SP GR |
| single-pole | SP | specific gravity | SP HT |
| single-sideband | SSB | specific heat | SPEC |
| siren | SN | specification | SPEC |
| sketch | SK | specified | SPEC |
| skinner | SK | specimen | SP |
| skip | SK | speech | SPD |
| skip office | SK O | speed | SPHER |
| slate | SL | spherical | SCP |
| | S (3) | spherical candlepower | SPDL |
| slave | S | spindle | S |
| sleeve | SLV | split | SP PH |
| slightly chamfered | SC | split phase | SPLTG |
| slightly rounded | SR | splitting | SF |
| slotted | SLOT. | spot faced | SPG |
| slow-acting | SA | spring | SOC |
| slow-operate | SO | Squadron Operational Center | SQ |
| slow-release | SR | square | ft ² (2) |
| small | SM | square foot | SQ FT |
| soak | SK | | in ² (2) |
| Society of Automotive Engineers | SAE | square inch | SQ IN |
| socket | SKT | square meter | m ² (2) |

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| square meter per second | SQ MTR m ² /s (2) | straightforward | STFD |
| square yard | SQ MTRPS yd ² (2) | strapping | STRP |
| squelch | SQ YD | Strategic Air Command | SAC |
| squirrel cage | SQCH | Strategical Operational Command (replaced by Switched Circuit Automatic Network) | |
| stability, stabilize | SQ CG | street | ST |
| stage | STAB. | strength | STR |
| stainless | STG | string | STRG |
| stainless steel | STNLS | stringer | STGR |
| stamp, stamping | SST | strip | STR |
| standard | STP | stroboscope | STROB |
| Standard (rating) | STD | strong | STR |
| standby | STD | structural | STR |
| standing wave ratio | STBY | stuck | STK |
| start | SWR | stuck coin trunk | STK C TRK |
| start circuit alarm | ST | student | STU |
| starting | ST CKT A | styrene-acrylonitrile | SAN |
| starting box | STG | styrene butadiene plastics | SBP |
| station | START BOX | styrene divinyl benzene | SDVB |
| station identification store | STA | styrene-polyester | SP |
| station line | SIS | subgroup | SGRP |
| station to station | STA L | submaster group | SMG |
| stationary | S TO S | subroutine | S ROUT |
| statuary | STA | subscriber | SUB |
| status | STAT | subscriber order circuit | SOC |
| steel | STAT | subscriber switchboard or position | A |
| steering | STL | substation | SUBSTA |
| steering relay | STEER. | substitute | SUB |
| step | STG | suburban | SUBUR |
| step-by-step | STG REL | succeeding | SUCC |
| step-by-step automatic message accounting | STP | summarizer | SUM. |
| step-by-step common control | SXS | summary | SUM. |
| steradian | SAMA | super group | SG |
| stere | SXSCC | super-high frequency | SHF |
| stock | sr (2) | superexpress order circuit | SXOC |
| stock list | STER | superimposed | SUP. |
| stop | S | superimposed negative | SUP- |
| storage | STK | | S- |
| store | SL | superimposed positive | ±- (1) SUP+ |
| stored program control | STP | | S+ |
| storing | STG | superintendent | ±+ (1) SUPT |
| straddle | ST | supervise | SUPV |
| straddle answer and disconnect | SPC | supervisory scan | SUPV S |
| straddle answer or disconnect | STR | supplement, supplementary | SUPL |
| straddle detail | S | supplier | SPLR |
| straddle message unit | SAAD | supply | SUP. |
| straight | SAOD | support | SUP. |
| | S DET | suppressed | SUPP |
| | SMU | | |
| | STRT | | |

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|
| suppression | SUPN | | |
| suppressor | SUPR | | |
| surface | SUR | | |
| surface wiring | SW | T1 carrier wideband bank | T1WB |
| surveillance | SRVLNC | T1 carrier wideband modem | T1WM |
| sweep | SWP | table | TBL |
| switch, switching | SW | tabulate | TAB. |
| switch and horizontal | SW & HOR | tachometer | TACH |
| | SH | | TM |
| switch and vertical | SW & VERT | talk, talker | TLK |
| | SV | talking battery | TLK BAT |
| switch types: | | | TB |
| single-pole switch | SP SW | talking ground | TLK GRD |
| single-pole, single-throw | | | TG |
| switch | SPST SW | tandem | TDM |
| single-pole, double-throw | | tangent | TAN |
| switch | SPDT SW | tank | TNK |
| double-pole switch | DP SW | tape | TP |
| double-pole, single-throw | | taper | TPR |
| switch | DPST SW | tarpaulin | TARP |
| double-pole, double-throw | | tea wagon | T-WAGON |
| switch | DPDT SW | team, teamwork | TM |
| triple-pole switch | 3P SW | technical | TECH |
| triple-pole, single-throw | | tee | T |
| switch | 3PST SW | teeth per inch | TPI |
| triple-pole, double-throw | | teflon (see | |
| switch | 3PDT SW | polytetrafluoroethylene) | |
| four-pole switch | 4P SW | telegram | TGM |
| four-pole, single-throw switch | 4PST SW | telegraph | TLG |
| four-pole, double-throw switch | 4PDT SW | telegraph ground | TG |
| switch unit | SU | telegraph testboard | TLG TST BD |
| switchboard | SWBD | telemeter, telemetry | TLM |
| switchboard ground | SG | telephone | TEL |
| Switched Circuit Automatic | | telephone answering service | TAS |
| Network | SCAN | telephone answering set | TAS |
| switched maintenance access | | telephone company | TELCO |
| system | SMAS | telephone dictation | T DICT |
| switched services network | SSN | telephone influence factor | TIF |
| switchgear | SWGR | telephones, auxiliary services | |
| Switching Development | | and associated revenues | TASAR |
| Information | SDI | telephotograph | TPHO |
| switchman | SWMN | teleprinter | TPTR |
| switchroom | SW RM | telescope | TELSCP |
| symbol | SYM | teletypewriter | TTY |
| symmetrical | SYM | teletypewriter automatic | |
| synchronous, synchronization | SYNC | dispatch system | TADS |
| synthetic | SYN | teletypewriter exchange | TWX |
| system | SYS | teletypewriter switchboard | TTY SWBD |
| System Committee on | | teletypewriter switchboard | |
| Modernization of Equipment | SCOMEQ | (on number plates only) | TTYS |
| Ordering | | television | TV |

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| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|--|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|
| television control center | TCC | testboard telegraph | TB TLG |
| television operating center | TOC | that is | IE |
| television order circuit | TV O CKT | theoretical | THEO |
| | TVOC | thermal | THRM |
| telltale | TT | thermist | TH |
| Telstar Satellite (see Radio Model S Experimental) | | thermocouple | TC |
| temperature | t (2) | thermometer | THERM |
| | TEMP | thermostat | THERMO |
| tempered | TEMP | thick | THK |
| template | TEMP | third selector | 3RD SEL |
| Temporary Information Memorandum | TIM | thousand | M |
| temporary memory | T MEM | thousand circular mils | kemil (2) |
| Tennessee Valley Authority | TVA | | KCMIL |
| tens | T | thousand foot-pounds | kft-lb (2) |
| tensile strength | TS | | KFT LB |
| tension | TENS. | thousand pounds | klb (2) |
| tentative | TENT. | thousands | KIP |
| terminal | TERM. | thread, threaded | TH |
| terminal area located module | TLM | threads per inch | THD |
| terminal board | TB | three-digit | TPI |
| terminal per line | TPL | three-phase | 3DIG |
| terminal per station | TPS | three-pole | 3PH |
| terminal punching | TP | three-quarter hard | 3P |
| terminal strip | TS | three-wire | 3/4 H |
| termination, terminating | TERM. | threshold | 3W |
| terrain-clearance indicator | TCI | through | TH |
| tertiary | TER | through position | THRU |
| tesla | T (2) | ticket | RX |
| test | TST | ticket distributing desk | TKT |
| | T (1) | ticket filing and rate quoting desk | TD DSK |
| test and control board | TST & CONT | ticket pilot | TF & RQD |
| | BD | ticketer control | TP |
| test and plugging up | T & PU | tie cable | TKTR CONT |
| test and talk trunk | TST & TLK | tie line | T CA |
| | TRK | tie trunk | TL |
| test battery supply | T & TT | tight wrapped | T TRK |
| test connector | TBS | timber | TW |
| test cord | T CONN | time | TMBR |
| test distributor | T CD | time alarm | t (2) |
| test line | TD | time assignment speech interpolation | T |
| | TST L | time-delay | TA |
| test point | TL | time division switch | TASI |
| test post | TP | time measure | TD |
| test pulse machine | TSTP | time of day | TDS |
| test relay | TPM | time of rise, or rise time | TM |
| test set | TR | time-shared circuit | TD |
| testboard | T SET | timed | TR |
| | TST BD | timer | T-SRD CKT |
| | T BD | | TMD |
| | TB | | TMR |

| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|--------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|--------------|
| timing | TMG | trailing edge | TE |
| timing circuit | TMG CKT | training | TNG |
| timing failure | TMG FAIL | | TR |
| tinned | TIN. | transceiver | TRCVR |
| tip, ring, and sleeve | TRS | transducer | TRDCR |
| tobin bronze | TOB BRZ | transfer | TR |
| toggle | TGL | transformer | TRNSF |
| toggle (flip-flop control) | T | transistor | TRSTR |
| tolerance | TOL | transistor digital computer | TRADIC |
| toll | T | transistor-resistor logic | TRL |
| toll center | TC | translation, translator | TRNSL |
| toll connecting | TC | transmission | TRMSN |
| toll diversion | T DIV | Transmission Engineering | |
| toll preceding selector | TP SEL | Prospectus | TEP |
| toll selector | T SEL | transmission measuring | TRMSN M |
| toll subscriber line | T SUB L | | TM |
| | TLX | transmission measuring set | TMS |
| toll switching | T SW | transmission testboard | TRMSN TST BD |
| toll tandem | T TDM | transmission unit | TU |
| toll transmission selector | TT SEL | transmit | TRMT |
| tone | T | transmit receive | TR |
| tone identification | T ID | transmitted | TRMTD |
| tone test | T TST | transmitter | TRMTR |
| | TT | transmitter distributor | TD |
| tongue and groove | T & G | transmitting | TRMTG |
| tool | TL | transmitting amplifier | TRMTG A |
| total | TOT. | | TA |
| total calls counter | TCC | transmitting directional | |
| total indicator reading | TIR | filter | TDF |
| totalizer | TLZR | transparent | TRNSPAR |
| TOUCH-TONE | T-T (4) | transport | TNP |
| TOUCH-TONE CALLING | T-TC (4) | transportation | TRANS |
| tower | TWR | transverse | TRANSV |
| trace | TRC | transverse electric | TE |
| tracer | TRC | transverse electro magnetic | TEM |
| track | TRK | transverse magnetic | TM |
| tracker | TRKR | transverter | TV |
| traffic | TR | transverter connector | TVC |
| traffic data processing system | TDPS | travel | TRVL |
| traffic data processor | TDP | traveling wave | TW |
| traffic data recording system | TDRS | traveling wave tube | TWT |
| traffic data summarizer | TDS | treatment | TREAT. |
| traffic display board | TR D BD | | TR |
| Traffic Engineering Practice | TEP | tributary | TRIB |
| traffic management system | TMS | trickle | TRKL |
| traffic overload rerate system | TORC | tricrosyl phosphate | TCP |
| traffic register | TR | triggering | TRG |
| traffic service position | TSP | trimmer | TRIM. |
| traffic service position | | trioctyl phosphate | TOF |
| system | TSPS | triode | TRI |
| traffic service system | TSS | trip, tripping | TRP |
| traffic usage recorder | TUR | trip magnet | TM |

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| triphenyl phosphate | TPP | unconditional transfer | UNCOND TR |
| triple-pole | 3P | unfinished | UNFIN |
| triple-pole, double-throw | 3PDT | uniform service order codes | USOC |
| triple-pole, single-throw | 3PST | unipolar pulse | U PULS |
| trolley | TROL | unit | UN |
| trouble | TBL | unit order circuit | UOC |
| trouble desk | TBL D | United Kingdom | UK |
| trouble locating manual | TLM | United States Air Force | USAF |
| trouble observation and test trunk | TBL OBS & T TRK | United States Army | USA |
| | | United States Coast Guard | USCG |
| | | United States Independent Telephone Association | USITA |
| trouble test (tone) | TBL T | United States Marine Corps | USMC |
| trouble tracing | TBL TRC | United States Navy | USN |
| trunk | TRK | United States of America | U.S.A. |
| trunk finder | TRK FDR | United States of America Standard | USA STD |
| | | United States of America Standards Institute (replaced by American National Standards Institute, Incorporated) | |
| | | universal | UNIV |
| trunk link network | TLN | Universal Integrated Communication System | UNICOM |
| | | unmodulated | UM |
| trunk switchboard or position | TN | unofficial | UNOFF |
| trunks busy | B | upper | UP. |
| trunnion | TB | upper sideband | UP SB |
| tubing | TRUN | | USB |
| tuned, tuning | TU | | UF |
| tuned radio frequency | TUN | | UTIL |
| turnbuckle | TRF | | |
| turret | TRNBKL | | |
| twist | TUR | | |
| twist regulator | TW | | |
| twistor | TW REG | | |
| two-digit | TWTR | | |
| two-number | 2DIG | urea-formaldehyde | |
| two-party | 2NO | utility | |
| two-party line | 2PTY | | |
| two-phase | 2PL | | |
| two-step | 2PH | | |
| two-three-digit | TS | | |
| two-way | 2-3DIG | | |
| two-wire | 2WY | vacant | VAC |
| typical | 2W | vacant codes | VAC CODE |
| | TYP | | VC |
| | | vacant level tone | VAC LEV T |
| | | vacuum | VAC |
| | | vacuum tube (see electron tube) | |
| | | vacuum tube socket (see electron tube socket) | |
| | | vacuum tube voltmeter (see electronic voltmeter) | |
| | | valid | VD |
| | | valve | VLV |
| | | valve signal | VS |
| | | vandyke | VD |
| | | vaporproof | VAP PRF |

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| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|--|------------------|--|-----------------------|
| var | var (2) VAR | voice-operated busy signals | VOBS |
| var-hour | varh (2) VARH | voice-operated device, antisinging | VODAS VOD |
| variable | VAR | voice-operated gain adjusting device | VOGAD VOG VOGAN |
| variable capacitor | VAR C | | |
| variable frequency oscillator | VFO | | |
| variometer | VLSR | voice-operated gain, antinoise | |
| varistor | VAR | voice-operated loss control and echo suppressor | VOLCAS |
| varmeter | VAR | voice output | V OP |
| varnish | VARN | voice-terminating equipment | VTE |
| vellum | VEL | voiceband | VB |
| velocity | v (2) V | volt | V (2) VA (2) |
| ventilate | VENT. | volt-ampere | |
| verbatim | VERB. | volt-ampere reactive (see var) | |
| verification | VERIF | volt-ohm-milliammeter | VOM |
| verification trunk | V TRK | volt per meter | V/m (2) VPM |
| verify | VER | | V REG |
| vernier | VER | voltage regulator | VSWR |
| versed sine | VERS | voltage standing wave ratio | VAM |
| versus | VS | voltammeter | VM |
| vertical | VERT | voltmeter | VM CD |
| vertical center line | VCL | voltmeter cord | VM REL |
| vertical ground bus | VGB | voltmeter relay | Vac (2) VAC |
| very | V | volts alternating current | Vdc (2) VDC |
| very high frequency | VHF | | VOL |
| very high frequency omnidirectional radio range | VOR | volts direct current | VI |
| very low frequency | VLf | volume | VOL LIM |
| very slightly chamfered | VSC | volume indicator | VU |
| vestigial sideband | VSB | volume limiter | |
| vibrate | VIB | volume unit | |
| vibrator | VIBR | | |
| video | VID | | |
| | VD | | |
| video-frequency | VDF | | |
| Video Transmission Engineering Advisory Committee | VITEAC | wafer | WAF |
| vinyl chloride acetate | VCAC | wake up service | WUPS |
| violet | VIO | waiting | WTG |
| | V (3) | washer | WASH. |
| viscosity | VISC | watt | W (2) Wh (2) |
| visual aural radio range | VAR | watthour | WHR |
| vitreous | VIT | | WH |
| voice | V | | WHM |
| voice and data integrated system | VADIS | watthour meter | PWHM |
| voice frequency | VF | watthour meter (polyphase) | SWHM |
| voice-frequency signaling | VF SIG | watthour meter (single phase) | WM |
| voice-impedance filter | VIF | wattmeter | |
| voice input | V IN | wattmeter, polyphase indicating | PIWM |

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| TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION |
|---|---------------------|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| wattmeter, single phase indicating | SIWM | wire wound | WW |
| waveguide | WG | wired only | WO |
| wavelength | λ (2) | wiring | WRG |
| | WL | wiring diagram | WD |
| wavemeter | WVM | wiring list and block schematic | WL & BS |
| wavetrap | WT | wood | WD |
| way | WY | word | WD |
| weather | WEA | word matrix | W MTX |
| weatherproof | WP | working | WKG |
| weber | Wb (2) | wound | WND |
| | WB | Wright Patterson Air Force Base | WPAFB |
| week | WK | write | W |
| weight | W (2) | wrought | WRT |
| | WT | wrought brass | W BRS |
| weighting | WTG | wrought iron | WI |
| weld | W | | |
| west | W | | |
| Western Electric Company, Incorporated | WE | | |
| wet bulb | WB | | |
| Wheatstone bridge | WH BRDG | | |
| | WB | | |
| white | WH | yard | yd (2) |
| | W (3) | | YD |
| White Sands Missile Range | WSMR | year | YR |
| wide area data service | WADS | yellow | YEL |
| wide area telephone service | WATS | | Y (3) |
| wide area teletypewriter service | WATTYS | yield point | YP |
| wideband | WB | yield strength | Y (2) |
| wind | WD | | YS |
| wind load | WL | | |
| winding | WDG | | |
| Wing Command Post | WCP | | |
| wink | WK | | |
| wipe out | WO | | |
| wire, wired | W | | |
| wire chief | WC | zero transmission level point | OTLP |
| wire chief (on answering jack number plates only) | W CH | zinc | ZN |
| | | zone registration | Z REG |

Y

Z

7. ABBREVIATIONS AND THEIR MEANINGS

| ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|----------------------|--------------------------------|
| MISCELLANEOUS | |
| + | positive |
| - | negative |
| ± | plus or minus |
| ±(1) | alternating current |
| ±+ | superimposed positive |
| ±- | superimposed negative |
| & | and |
| ¢ | cent |
| ⊕ | center line (on drawings only) |
| ~ | cycle |
| % | percent |
| ° | degree (plane angle) |
| °B | degree Baume' |
| °C | degree Celsius (centigrade) |
| °F | degree Fahrenheit |
| K | Kelvin |
| °R | degree Reaumur |
| \$ | dollar |
| ' | minute (plane angle) |
| " | second (plane angle) |
| Å | angstrom |
| λ | wavelength |
| μΩ | microhm |
| μA | microampere |
| μF | microfarad |
| μH | microhenry |
| μm | micrometer (unit of length) |
| μs | microsecond |
| μS | microsiemens |
| μV | microvolt |
| μW | microwatt |
| Ω | ohm |
| Z | impedance |
| 0TLP | zero transmission level point |
| 1/4 H | quarter-hard |
| 1/4 RD | quarter-round |
| 1/2 H | half-hard |
| 1/2 RD | half-round |
| 3/4 H | three-quarter hard |
| 1 PH | single-phase |
| 1ST | first |
| 1ST SEL | first selector |
| 1 WY | one-way |
| 2DIG | two-digit |
| 2-3DIG | two-three-digit |
| 2ND | second (number) |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|--|
| 2ND SEL | second selector |
| 2NO | two-number |
| 2PH | two-phase |
| 2PL | two-party line |
| 2PTY | two-party |
| 2W | two-wire |
| 2WY | two-way |
| 3DIG | three-digit |
| 3P | three-pole |
| 3P | triple-pole |
| 3P SW | triple-pole switch |
| 3PDT | triple-pole, double-throw |
| 3PDT SW | triple-pole, double-throw switch |
| 3PH | three-phase |
| 3PST | triple-pole, single-throw |
| 3PST SW | triple-pole, single-throw switch |
| 3RD SEL | third selector |
| 3W | three-wire |
| 4P | four-pole |
| 4P SW | four-pole switch |
| 4PDT | four-pole, double-throw |
| 4PDT SW | four-pole, double-throw switch |
| 4PST | four-pole, single-throw |
| 4PST SW | four-pole, single-throw switch |
| 4W | four-wire |
| 16UN* | American Standard Unified 12 and 16 pitch thread |
| A | |
| A (2) | ampere |
| Å | angstrom |
| A | anode |
| A | area |
| A | subscriber switchboard or position |
| A CD | answering cord |
| A JK | answering jack |
| A TRK BSY | all trunks busy |
| A.M. | antemeridian |
| A&M ONLY | Additions and Maintenance Only (rating) |
| A/m (2) | ampere per meter |
| AACS | air and airways communications systems |
| AB | alarm battery |
| ABAN | abandoned |
| ABBR | abbreviation |

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| ABBRN* | abbreviation | AFF | above finished floor |
| ABC | automatic brightness control | AFLCON | Air Force Logistics Command Operations Network |
| ABS | absolute | AFM | antifriction metal |
| ABS | absorbing | AGC | automatic gain control |
| ABS | acrylonitrile-butadiene styrene plastics | Ah (2) | ampere-hour |
| ABS | alarm battery supply | AH* | ampere-hour |
| ac (2) | alternating current | AIB | automatic intercept bureau |
| AC | alternating current | AIC | automatic intercept center |
| ACB | air circuit breaker | AIEE* | American Institute of Electrical Engineers (replaced by IEEE) |
| ACC | access | AIM. | air isolated monolithic |
| ACCEPT.* | acceptance | AIOD | automatic identified outward dialing |
| ACCESS. | accessory | AIR COND | air condition |
| ACCORD. | accordingly | AIS | aisle |
| ACCT | accounting | AIS | automatic intercept system |
| ACCUM | accumulate, accumulator | AISI | American Iron and Steel Institute |
| ACD | automatic call distribution | AL | automatic listening |
| ACFT | aircraft | AL* | aluminum |
| ACK | acknowledge | ALK | alkali |
| ACO | alarm cutoff | ALLOW. | allowance |
| ACP | alternate command post | ALLR | allotter |
| ACPT | acceptance | ALM. | alarm |
| ACS* | access | ALN | align |
| ACS | Alaska Communication System | ALT | alternate |
| ACST | acoustic | ALT | alternator |
| ACT. | active, activity | ALT | altitude |
| ACT. | actuate | ALTAN | alternate alerting network |
| AD | abbreviated dialing | ALUM | aluminum |
| AD | automatic display | ALY | alloy |
| AD VAL | ad valorem | AM | amplitude modulation |
| ADC | Air Defense Command | AM. | ammeter |
| ADCI | automatic display call indicator | AM. | amplitude |
| ADD. | addendum | AMA | automatic message accounting |
| ADD. | addition | AMB | amber |
| ADD* | address | AMB | ambient |
| ADF | arranged with data features | AMP | ampere |
| ADH* | adhesive | AMP* | amplify, amplified, amplifier |
| ADHV | adhesive | AMP HR | ampere-hour |
| ADI | Apparatus Design Information | AMPL | amplify, amplified, amplifier |
| ADJ | adjacent | AMPLAS | apparatus mounted in plastic |
| ADJ | adjust | AMR | Atlantic Missile Range |
| ADJMT | adjustment | AMS | Aeronautical Material Specification |
| ADPT | adapter | AMT | amount |
| ADRS | address | AN | Army-Navy |
| ADV | advance | AN* | annunciator |
| AECO | Automatic Electric Company | ANA | Army-Navy Aeronautical |
| AF | audio frequency | ANALY | analyze |
| AFB | antifriction bearing | | |
| AFC | automatic frequency control | | |
| AFCS | Air Force Communications System | | |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|--|--------------|---|
| ANC | all number calling | ASA* | American Standards Association (replaced by United States of America Standards Institute) |
| ANC | ancillary | | |
| ANEL* | anneal | | |
| ANI | Automatic Number Identification | ASB | asbestos |
| ANI-A | Automatic Number Identification Type A | ASC | automatic sensitivity control |
| ANI-B | Automatic Number Identification Type B | ASCE | American Society of Civil Engineers |
| ANI-C | Automatic Number Identification Type C | ASGN | assign, assigned, assignment |
| ANL | anneal | ASM | assemble |
| ANN | announce | ASM | automatic screw machine |
| ANN | annunciator | ASME | American Society of Mechanical Engineers |
| ANOD | anodize | ASP | auxiliary services position |
| ANS | answer | ASR | automatic send-receive teletypewriter set |
| ANSI | American National Standards Institute, Incorporated | ASSEM* | assemble |
| ANT. | antenna | ASSN | association |
| ANTILOG | antilogarithm | ASSOC | associated |
| AOC | attendant order circuit | ASST | assistant, assistance |
| APB | all paths busy | ASSY | assembly |
| APL | airplane | ASTM | American Society for Testing Materials |
| APLD | applied | At (2) | ampere-turn |
| APLQ | applique | AT | after test |
| APM | ampere per meter | AT. | airtight |
| AMP | auxiliary path memory | AT | ampere-turn |
| APP | apparatus | AT. | atomic |
| APP | appearance | AT&T | American Telephone and Telegraph Company |
| APP BLK | apparatus blank | ATB | all trunks busy |
| APP FIG. | apparatus figure | ATC | automatic target control |
| APPD | approved | ATL | automatic test line |
| APPL | appliance | ATM | atmosphere |
| APPL | application | ATMS | automatic transmission measuring system |
| APPL | approval | ATND | attendant, attended |
| APPLR | appliers | ATR | answering time recorder |
| APPROX | approximate | ATSS | Alaskan Telecommunications Switching System |
| APPX | appendix | | |
| APR | April | ATT | attach |
| ARB | arbitrary | ATT* | attendant, attended |
| ARB | auxiliary relay battery | ATT* | attenuation, attenuator |
| ARGT | arrangement | ATTEN | attenuation, attenuator |
| ARM. | armature | AUD | audible |
| ARMD CA | armored cable | AUD | audio |
| ARMTR | armature | AUG | August |
| ARR | arrange, arranged | AUTH | authorize |
| ARR | arrester | AUTO. | automatic |
| ART. | artificial | AUTO TR | autotransformer |
| ARTCC | Air Route Traffic Control Center | AUTODIN | automatic digital network |

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|---------------------|------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| AUTOVON | automatic voice network | BC | broadcast |
| AUX | auxiliary | BCF | billion conductor feet |
| AUX L | auxiliary line | BCHG | bunching |
| AUX STA | auxiliary station | BCN | beacon |
| AUX TRK | | BCO | battery cutoff |
| RSTD SRV | auxiliary trunk restricted service | BCO | bridge cutoff |
| AVC | automatic volume control | BD | board |
| AVDP | avoirdupois | BDCST | broadcast |
| AVE | avenue | BDCST AMPL | broadcast amplifier |
| AVG | average | BE | band elimination |
| AW | airways | BE | Baume' |
| AW KE | airways key equipment | BE | degree-Baume' |
| AWG | American wire gauge | BELL TEL LAB* | Bell Telephone Laboratories |
| AWTG | awaiting | BESS | Bessemer |
| AZ | azimuth | BET. | between |
| | | BEV | bevel |
| | | BF | battery fuse |
| | | BF | beat frequency |
| | | BF | both faces |
| | | BF | bottom face |
| | | BF | busy flash |
| | | BFCO | band filter cutoff |
| | | BFO | beat frequency oscillator |
| | | BFP | boiler feed pump |
| | | BH | binding head |
| | | BH* | Brinell hardness |
| | | BHD | bulkhead |
| | | BHN | Brinell hardness number |
| | | BHP | brake horsepower |
| | | BI | billing indexer |
| | | BIT | binary digit |
| | | BK | bank |
| | | BK | black |
| | | BKDN | breakdown |
| | | BKR* | breaker |
| | | BL | base line |
| | | BL | blue |
| | | BLDG | building |
| | | BLK | blank |
| | | BLK | block |
| | | BLK INC | blank incoming |
| | | BLKD | blockade |
| | | BLKG | blocking |
| | | BLO | blower |
| | | BM | beam |
| | | BM | bench mark |
| | | BM | break-make |
| | | BMEWS | Ballistic Missile Early Warning System |
| | | BND | binding |
| | | BNH* | burnish |
| | | BNY | binary |

B

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|----------|-------------------------------|
| B (2) | Baume' |
| B | trunk switchboard or position |
| B & S | Brown & Sharpe (gauge) |
| B SWBD | b switchboard |
| B TST | busy test |
| BAB | Babbitt |
| BAF | baffle |
| BAK | baked |
| BAL | balance |
| BAL CL | balancing coil |
| BAL RHEO | balancing rheostat |
| BAL SET | balancing set |
| BALL. | ballast |
| BALL L | ballast lamp |
| BAR. | barometer |
| BAS | basic |
| BAS NET | basic network |
| BAT. | battery |
| BAT F | battery fuse |
| BAT SUP | battery supply |
| BB | ball bearing |
| BB | baseband |
| BB | broadband |
| BB | bunching block |
| BB | busyback |
| BBC | British Broadcasting Company |
| BBF | busyback flash |
| BBFT | busyback flash and tone |
| BBL | barrel |
| BC | between centers |
| BC | binary counter |
| BC | bolt circle |

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|---------------------|--|------------------------|--|
| CADS | cabling diagrams | CD AUX | cord auxiliary |
| cal (2) | calorie | CD DL | card dialer |
| CAL | calibrate | CD FDR | cord finder |
| CAL | calorie | cd/ft ² (2) | candela per square foot |
| CALC | calculate | cd/m ² (2) | candela per square meter |
| CAMA | centralized automatic message accounting | CDB SWBD | call distributing b switchboard |
| CANC | cancel, canceled | CDC | call directing code |
| CAND | candelabra | CDLS | cordless |
| CAP. | capacitance | CDLS B OPR | cordless b operator |
| CAP. | capacitor | CDLS B POS | cordless b position |
| CAP. | capacity | CDLS B SWBD | cordless b switchboard |
| CAP. | capital | CDO | community dial office |
| CARB | carburetor | CDPSF | candela per square foot |
| CARR | carrier | CDPSM | candela per square meter |
| CAT. | catalog | CDR | counterdrill |
| CATH | cathode | CDS | cold-drawn steel |
| CATV | Community Antenna Television | CDS | combined drawing system |
| CAV | cavity | CEMF | counter electromotive force |
| CB | circuit breaker | CEMF | counter electromotive force countercells, or counter electromotive force cells |
| CB | coin box | | |
| CB | common battery | | |
| CB | counterbore | CENT. | central |
| CB LINE | coin box line | CENT. | centrifugal |
| CB TRK | coin box trunk | CENT OFF | central office |
| CBAL | counterbalance | CER | ceramic |
| CBORE | counterbore | CES | controlled echo suppressor |
| CBR* | crossbar | CF | carrier frequency |
| CC | coin collect, coin collection, coin collector | CF | centrifugal force |
| CC | coin control | CF | cold finish |
| CC | common control | CFM* | cubic feet per minute |
| CC | cubic centimeter | CFPM | cubic feet per minute |
| CCIS | common control interoffice signaling | CFPS | cubic feet per second |
| CC SEL | coin control selector | CFS* | cubic feet per second |
| CCS | hundred call seconds | cg (2) | centigram |
| CCSA | common control switching arrangement | CG | center of gravity |
| CCSS | commercial customer short service | CG | centigram |
| CCW | counterclockwise | CG | code group |
| cd (2) | candela | CG | common ground |
| CD | cable driver | CG | control group |
| CD | candela | CGS (2) | centimeter-gram-second (system) |
| CD | card | CGS | centimeter-gram-second (system) |
| CD | circuit description | CGS | customer group service |
| CD | code | CH | case harden |
| CD | cold drawn | CH | chain |
| CD | compressed dialing | CH | chief |
| CD | cord | CH | choke |
| CD* | cadmium | CH OP | chief operator (on answering jack number plates only) |
| | | CH REL GR | chain relay group |
| | | CHAM* | chamfer |
| | | CHAN | channel |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| CHAN SHFTR | channel shifter | CLR | combined line and recording |
| CHAR. | character (letter or digit) | CLS | closure |
| CHAR. | characteristic | CLSR | closure |
| CHD | chord | CLWD | classword |
| CHEM | chemical | cm (2) | centimeter |
| CHG | change, changed | cm ³ (2) | cubic centimeter |
| CHG | charge | CM | centimeter |
| CHK | check, checker | CM | circuit module |
| CHM | chamfer | CM | circular mils |
| CI | call indicator | CM* | magnetic amplifier |
| CI | cast iron | CM* | saturable reactor |
| ci (2) | curie | cm/s (2) | centimeters per second |
| CIB | centralized intercept bureau | cmil (2) | circular mil |
| CIC | change in circuit | CMOD | cross modulation |
| CI IMP | call indicator impulser | CMPRTR | comparator |
| CIF | cost, insurance, and freight | CMPS | centimeters per second |
| CII | call identity indexer | CMPTR | computer |
| CIN | change in network | CMS | circuit module schematic |
| CIP | cast iron pipe | CMTR | commutator |
| CIR | circle | CMTR BR | commutator brush |
| CIRC | circulate | CN | cellulose nitrate |
| CIRC | circumference | CN | coin |
| CKT | circuit | CNBLK | connector block |
| CKT BRKR | circuit breaker | CNCRT | concrete |
| cl (2) | centiliter | CND* | conduit |
| CL | center line | CNDT | conduit |
| CL | centiliter | CNTX | centrex |
| CL | class | CO | central office |
| CL* | clearance | CO | change order |
| CL | client | CO | chief operator |
| CL | closing | CO | company |
| CL* | clamper | CO | cutoff |
| CL* | clerk | CO | cutout |
| CL* | clutch | COAX | coaxial |
| CL SRV T | class-of-service tone | COC | cableman order circuit |
| CL ST | class-of-service tone | COD | chief operator desk |
| CLASS. | classification | CODAN | carrier-operated detector antinoise |
| CLCH | clutch | COEF | coefficient |
| CLD | called | COL | column |
| CLD | cooled | COLL | collect, collector |
| CLG | calling | COLOG | cologarithm |
| CLG | ceiling | COM | command |
| CLG LP | ceiling lamp panel | COM | committee |
| CLI | calling line identification | COM | common |
| CLK | clerk | COM | community |
| CLK | clock | COM* | commutator |
| CLMP | clamp | COM* | complete |
| CLOR | chlorinated | COM D | community dial |
| CLP* | clamp | COMB. | combine, combiner |
| CLPR | clamper | COMB CONN | combination connector |
| CLR | clear | COMD* | command |
| CLR | clearance | | |

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|--|
| COML | commercial | COPAN | Command Post Alerting Network |
| COMM | communication | COPAS | control panel alternate service |
| COMM* | community | COR | corner |
| COMM* | commutator | CORP | corporation |
| COMP | compandor | CORR | correct |
| COMP | compensate | CORR | correspond |
| COMP | complaint | CORSN PROT | corrosion protected |
| COMP | composition | COS | cosine |
| COMP | compound | COSH | hyperbolic cosine |
| COMP | compromising | COT | cotangent |
| COMP* | compress | COT. | cotter |
| COMP F | compensating filter | COT. | cotton |
| COMP OPR | complaint operator | COTH | hyperbolic cotangent |
| COMP TRK | complaint trunk | COV | cover |
| COMPL | complement | CP | candlepower |
| COMPL | complete | CP | cellulose propionate |
| COMPR | compress | CP | center punch |
| COMPR | compressor | CP | chemically pure |
| COMPR* | comparator | CP | circuit pack |
| COMP T | compartment | CP | circular pitch |
| COMSAT | Communications Satellite Corporation | CP | cold punched |
| CONC | concentrate | CP ON | camp-on |
| CONC | concentric | CPD | central pulse distributor |
| CONC* | concrete | CPLG | coupling |
| COND | condenser (mechanical type) | CPLR | coupler |
| COND | condition | CPM | cycles per minute |
| COND | conduct | CPNT | component |
| COND* | capacitance, capacitor | CPNTA | component assembly |
| COND* | conduit | CPS | circuit pack schematic |
| COND TR | conditional transfer | CPS* | cycles per second |
| CONF | conference | CQ | commercial quality |
| CONN | connect, connection, connector | CR | cathode ray |
| CONN R | connecting rack | CR | chromium |
| CONN TERM CD | connector terminal cord | CR | coin return |
| CONST | constant | CR | cold rolled |
| CONST | construction | CR | control relay |
| CONT | contact | CR | crash |
| CONT | continue, continuity | CR MOLY | chrome molybdenum |
| CONT | contract | CR VAN | chrome vanadium |
| CONT | control, controller | CRC | card record clerk |
| CONT HP | continental horsepower | CRE | corrosion-resistant |
| CONTR | contactor | CRES | corrosion-resistant steel |
| CONTR | contractor | CRG | carriage |
| CONUS | Continental United States | CRO | cathode-ray oscillograph or oscilloscope |
| CONV | convention | CROSS CONN | cross connection |
| CONV | convert | CRS | cold rolled steel |
| CONV | converter | CRSM | crossarm |
| CONVR* | converter | CRSTLK | crosstalk |
| COORD | coordinate | CRT | cathode-ray tube |
| COP | copper | | |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| CRT | circuit requirements table | CUST | customer |
| CRYS | crystal | CW | call waiting |
| CS | carrier supply | CW | call wire or call wireless |
| CS | chief switchman | CW | clockwise |
| CS | coin supervisory | CW | continuous wave |
| CS | control standard | CW CD | call wireless cord |
| CS | control switch | CW TRK | call wireless trunk |
| CSA | Communications Service Authorization | CWT | hundredweight (112 lb) |
| CSA | Customer Service Authorization | CX | composite |
| CSBR | crossbar | CXPX | combined composite and phantom set |
| CSC | cosecant | CXX | composite ringer |
| CSCH | hyperbolic cosecant | CY | cycle |
| CSDR | consider | CYL | cylinder |
| CSE | customer service engineer | CYN | cyanide |
| CSG | casing | CZ | coin zone |
| CSK | countersink | | |
| CSL | console | | |
| CSO DSK | central service observing desk | | |
| CSOV | crossover | | |
| CSP | control switching point | | |
| CSTG | casting | | |
| CT | center tap | d (2) | density |
| CT | check tone | D | density |
| CT | code translation | D | differential (on relay symbol) |
| CT | count | D | duty |
| CT | current transformer | D CD | double cord |
| CT CD | connector terminal cord | D MON | dial monitoring |
| CTB | central test bureau | D TST | dial test |
| CTD | central test desk | DA | data |
| CTD | coated | DA | digit-absorbing |
| CTG | counting | DA | don't answer |
| CTR | center | DAC | data administration center |
| CTR | counter | DACE | data communication equipment |
| CTRS | contrast | DAIS | Defense Automatic Integrated Switch |
| CTS | cable turning section | DAMP. | damped |
| CTS | close to shoulder | DATA-P (4) | DATA-PHONE |
| CTUR | concentrator trunk usage recorder | DAVC | delayed automatic volume control |
| CTWT | counterweight | | |
| CU | crystal unit | dB (2) | decibel |
| CU | cubic | DB | decibel |
| CU FT | cubic foot | DB | district brush |
| CU IN | cubic inch | DB | double-biased (biased in both directions, on relay symbol) |
| CU M | cubic meter | | |
| CU MM | cubic millimeter | DB | dry battery |
| CU YD | cubic yard | DB | dry bulb |
| CUG | common user group | dBa (2) | decibels referred to reference noise adjusted (the relationship between the interfering effect of a noise frequency, or band of noise frequencies, and a |
| CUR | current | | |
| CUR LIM F | current limiting fuse | | |
| CUR TRNSF | current transformer | | |
| CURIE | curie | | |

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
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| | fixed amount of noise power called reference noise) | DCS | detail change sheet |
| DBA | decibels referred to reference noise adjusted (the relationship between the interfering effect of a noise frequency, or a band of noise frequencies, and a fixed amount of noise power called reference noise) | DCTL | direct coupled transistor logic |
| DB SPL | decibels sound pressure level (unless otherwise stated, referred to .0002 dynes per square centimeter) | DD | deep drawn |
| DBF | demodulator band filter | DDD | direct distance dialing |
| dBK (2) | decibels referred to 1 kilowatt | DE-EMP | de-emphasis |
| DBK | decibels referred to 1 kilowatt | DEC | December |
| DBL | double | DEC | decimal |
| DBLR | doubler | DEC | decode |
| dBm (2) | decibels referred to 1 milliwatt | DECAL | decalcomania |
| DBM | decibels referred to 1 milliwatt | DECEO | Defense Communications Engineering Office |
| DBP | dibutyl phthalate | DEFL | deflect |
| dBRAP (2) | decibels above reference acoustical power (defined as 10^{-16} watts) | DEG | degree (plane angle) |
| DBRAP | decibels above reference acoustical power (defined as 10^{-16} watts) | deg (2) | degree (temperature) |
| dBrn | decibels referred to reference noise (Note: for noise measurement designations see 4.03) | DEG | degree (temperature) |
| DBRN | decibels referred to reference noise (Note: for noise measurement designations, see 4.03) | DEHYD* | dehydrator |
| dBspl | decibels sound pressure level (unless otherwise stated, referred to .0002 dynes per square centimeter) | DEL | delay |
| dBV (2) | decibels referred to 1 volt | DEL I | delayed interval |
| DBV | decibels referred to 1 volt | DEM | demodulator |
| dBW (2) | decibels referred to 1 watt | DEM | demonstration |
| DBW | decibels referred to 1 watt | DENS* | density |
| dBX (2) | decibels above reference coupling | DEPT | department |
| DBX | decibels above reference coupling | DESCR | description |
| dc (2) | direct current | DESIG | designation |
| DC | direct current | DEST | destination |
| DC | direction centers | DEST | destroy |
| DCA | Defense Communications Agency | DET | detached |
| DCC | delayed calls counter | DET | detail, detailed |
| DCP | dicapryl phthalate | DET* | detector |
| | | DETR | detector |
| | | DEV | develop |
| | | DEV* | deviation |
| | | DEVN | deviation |
| | | DEVN EQL | deviation equalizer |
| | | DEVR | deviator |
| | | DEW | Distant Early Warning |
| | | DF | direction finder |
| | | DF | drive fit |
| | | DF | dual-facility |
| | | DFTG | drafting |
| | | DRTSMN | draftsman |
| | | DG | desk ground |
| | | DG | district group |
| | | DH | distributing house |
| | | DHP | developed horsepower |
| | | DHYDR | dehydrator |
| | | DI | deicing |
| | | DI | delayed interval |
| | | DIA | diameter |
| | | DIAG | diagonal |
| | | DIAG | diagram |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|---|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| DIAPH | diaphragm | DNP | dinonyl phthalate |
| DID | direct inward dialing | DO | dial observing |
| DIDA | diisodecyl adipate | DO | ditto |
| DIDP | diisodecyl phthalate | DO | draw out |
| DIEL | dielectric | DOA | dioctyl adipate |
| DIFF | differential | DOC | dynamic overload control |
| DIG. | digit, digital | DOD | Department of Defense |
| DIG REG | digit register | DOD | direct outward dialing |
| DIM. | dimension | DOP | dioctyl phthalate |
| DIO | diode | DOS | dioctyl sabacate |
| DIOA | diisooctyl adipate | DOUB | doublet |
| DIOP | diisooctyl phthalate | DOZ | dioctyl azelate |
| DIR | direct | DOZ | dozen |
| DIR D | directory desk | DP | dashpot |
| DIR FLT | directional filter | DP | dew point |
| DIS | display | DP | dial pulsing |
| DIS* | disconnect | DP | diametral pitch |
| DISAB | disable, disabler, disabling | DP | double pole (switch) |
| DISC. | disconnect | DP | dripproof |
| DISC. | discontinue | DP | drop |
| DISC. | discontinuity | DP SW | double-pole switch |
| DISCH | discharge | DPDT | double-pole, double-throw |
| DISCR | discriminator | DPDT SW | double-pole, double-throw switch |
| DISP | dispatch | DPL | dipole |
| DISPL | display | DPST | double-pole, single-throw |
| DIST | distance | DPST SW | double-pole, single-throw switch |
| DIST | distortion | DPTS | distributing power terminal strip |
| DIST | distribute | DPX | diplexer |
| DIST | district | DR | decoder |
| DISTG | distributing | DR | delayed ringing |
| DISTN | distribution | DR | door |
| DISTR* | distribute | DR | dram |
| DIV | diversity | DR | draw |
| DIV | divert | DR | drill |
| DIV | division | DR | drill rod |
| DK* | deka (combining form) | DR | drive |
| DL | Development Letter | DR | drum |
| DL | dial, dialing | DR* | drain |
| DL OP | Development Letter—Outside Plant | DR* | drawn |
| DLL | dial long line | DRK | dark |
| DLSTTS | developmental line switched teletypewriter service | DRN | drain |
| dm (2) | decimeter | DRN | drawn |
| DM | decimeter | DRO | destructive readout |
| DM | dial monitoring | DS | data set |
| DM | dummy | DS | dial signaling |
| DMNC | dominance | DS | dial system |
| DMP | dimethyl phthalate | DS | double switch |
| DN | down | DSA OPR | dial system a operator |
| DN DR | down drive | DSA POS | dial system a position |
| DNODP | di- η -octyl- η -decyl phthalate | | |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| ENTP | enterprise | EXT | external |
| ENV | envelope | EXT | extinguish |
| ENV | environment | EXT | extra |
| EOC | express order circuit | EXT HVY | extra heavy |
| EP | electrically polarized | EXT STR | extra strong |
| EP | equipment part | EXTR | extrude |
| EPDM | ethylene-propylene-diene monomer | | |
| EPL | electrical parts list | | |
| EQ* | equalizer | | |
| EQ* | equipment | | |
| EQL | equalizer | f (2) | frequency |
| EQPD | equipped | F | degree Fahrenheit |
| EQPT | equipment | F (2) | Fahrenheit |
| EQUIP.* | equipment | F | far |
| EQUIV | equivalent | F (2) | farad |
| ERR. | error | F | full |
| ES | electrostatic | F | fuse |
| ES | Engineering Sketch | F | far |
| ESC | escutcheon | F MTG | fuse mounting |
| ESP | Engineering Specification Practices | F SEL | full selective |
| ESS | electronic switching system | F UNIV | full universal |
| ESSEX | experimental solid state exchange | F+ (1) | filament positive |
| EST | estimate | F- (1) | filament negative |
| ESTAB | establish | FA | finish allowance |
| ET | elapsed time | FA | fuse alarm |
| ET | electron tube | FAA | Federal Aviation Agency |
| ETC | and so forth | FAB | fabricate |
| ETC | et cetera | FAC | facility |
| ETS | electron tube socket | FADS | force administration data system |
| ETS | electronic translator system | FAIL. | failure |
| ETV | educational television | FAL | fuse-alarm lamp |
| EVAP | evaporate | FAN. | fanning |
| E/W | equipped with | FAO | finish all over |
| EX | example | FAST. | fastener |
| EXC | excite | FAT | foreign area translator |
| EXCH | exchange | FAX | facsimile |
| EXCL | exclusive | FB | feedback |
| EXCN | exclusion | FB | final brush |
| EXEC | executive | FB | flash back |
| EXER | exercise | FB | fuse block |
| EXH | exhaust | FBLK | fuse block |
| EXP | expand | FBM | foot board measure |
| EXP | expander (electric device) | FBR | feedback resistance |
| EXP | experiment | FBR | fiber |
| EXP | express | FC* | foot-candle |
| EXPED | expedite | FCC | Federal Communications Commission |
| EXPT | expect | FCT | filament center tap |
| EXT | extension | FD | feed |
| EXT | exterior | FDM | frequency division multiplex |

F

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|---------------------|--|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| FDN | foundation | FLT | filter |
| FDO | feedout | FLT | float |
| FDR | feeder | FLUOR | fluorescent |
| FDR | finder | FLUT | flutter |
| FDRY | foundry | FM | frequency modulation |
| FDX | full duplex | FNGR | finger |
| FE ATMS | far end—automatic transmission measuring system | FNPA | foreign numbering plan area |
| FEAT. | feature | FO | fast operating |
| FEB | February | FOB | free on board |
| FED. | federal | FOC | focal, focus |
| FEM | female | FOL | follower |
| FERRO TRNSF | ferroresonant transformer | FOR. | foreign |
| FES | fixed echo suppressor | FORG | forging |
| FF | file finish | FOV | field of view |
| FF | flip-flop | FP | flameproof |
| FG | filament ground | FP | freezing point |
| FG | fuse guard | FP | fungusproof |
| FG AMPL | flat-gain amplifier | FP | fuse panel |
| FG REG | flat-gain regulator | FPDS | floor plan data sheet |
| FGR* | finger | FPM | feet per minute |
| FH | flat head | FPP | fire-protection panel |
| FHP | fractional-horsepower | FPRF | fireproof |
| FIC | film integrated circuit | FPS | feet per second |
| FIG. | figure | FPS | foot-pound-second |
| FIL | filament | FR | fast release |
| FIL | fillet | FR | flashing recall |
| FIL | fillister | FR | flat rate |
| FIL G | filament ground | FR | frame |
| FIN. | final | FR | front |
| FIN. | finish | FR | fundamental ring |
| FIN TERM HLD | | FR M | frequency meter |
| CD | final terminating holding cord | FR2P | flat-rate 2 party |
| FIN TIME | | FR4P | flat-rate 4 party |
| MEAS RLS | final time measure release | FRAC | fractional |
| FIR | full indicator reading | FREE L | free line |
| FIX. | fixed | FREQ | frequency |
| FIXT | fixture | FREQ M | frequency meter |
| FL | flash | FRI | flat-rate individual |
| FL | floor | FRIC | friction |
| FL | fluid | FRMG | framing |
| FL | flush | FRMR | framer |
| FL* | foot-lambert | FROD S | ferrod sensor |
| FL RECALL | flashing recall | FROD SENS | ferrod sensor |
| FLA | flashing (for keytop engraving only) | FRRD | ferreed |
| FLD | field | FRT SH | ferrite sheet |
| FLEX. | flexible | FRWK | framework |
| FLEX MET | | FS | far side |
| CNDT | flexible metal conduit | FS | full selective |
| FLG | flange | FS | functional schematic |
| FLT | fault | FSBL | fusible |
| | | FSK | frequency shift keying |
| | | FSP | frequency shift pulsing |

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|-----------------------|---|---------------------|--|
| GT | grid battery | HLDR | holder |
| GT | ground terminal, top | HLR* | holder |
| GT | ground tracer | HLR* | howler |
| GT LK | grid leak | HLV | high-low voltage |
| GT1, GT2, GT3, ETC | grid leads (electron tube with filaments in series - to +) | HM | hold magnet |
| GY | gray | HN | horn |
| | | HND SET | hand set |
| | | HNDST | handset |
| | | HO | hangover |
| | | HOR | horizontal |
| | | HP | high pass |
| | | HP | horsepower |
| | | HP IN LP OP | high-pass input and low-pass output |
| | | HP HR | horsepower-hour |
| | | HPBX | hotel pbx line |
| | | HPR | high priority return |
| | | HPR | hopper |
| | | HQ | headquarters |
| | | HR | hot rolled |
| | | HR | hour |
| | | HR | Rockwell hardness |
| | | HRG | high-resistance ground |
| | | HRM | harmonic |
| | | HRS | hot-rolled steel |
| | | HS | high speed |
| | | HS | scleroscope hardness |
| | | HSG | housing |
| | | HT | heat |
| | | HT | high tension |
| | | HT | high tone |
| | | HT | hunt |
| | | HT TR | heat treat |
| | | HTG | hunting |
| | | HTR | heater |
| | | HUNDS | hundreds |
| | | HUNDS* | hundred |
| | | HV | high voltage |
| | | HVR | high-voltage regulator |
| | | HVY | heavy |
| | | HWLR | howler |
| | | HWY | highway |
| | | HXD | hybrid, drop side, 4-wire line |
| | | HXL | hybrid, line side, 4-wire line |
| | | HY* | hybrid |
| | | HYB | hybrid |
| | | HYD | hybrid, drop side, 2-wire line |
| | | HYD | hydraulic |
| | | HYL | hybrid, line side, 2-wire line |
| | | Hz (2) | hertz |
| | | HZ | hertz |

H

| | |
|---------|---------------------------|
| h (2) | hour |
| H | hard |
| H | head |
| H (2) | henry |
| H | high |
| H POT | high potential |
| H RES | high resistance |
| H RES G | high-resistance ground |
| HA | hectare |
| HAV | haversine |
| HB | Brinell hardness |
| HC | half choice |
| HC | holding coil |
| HCL | horizontal center line |
| HD | hard-drawn |
| HD* | hard |
| HD* | head |
| HD WHL | handwheel |
| HDL | handle |
| HDLS | headless |
| HDN | harden |
| HDS | headset |
| HDW | hardware |
| HDWCM | hardware (computer) |
| HDWD | hardwood |
| HDX | half duplex |
| HEX | hexagon |
| HF | high frequency |
| HF PTCH | high-frequency patching |
| HG | hand generator |
| HGR | hanger |
| HGT | height |
| HHD | hogshead |
| HIC | hybrid integrated circuit |
| HL | high loss |
| HLD | hold |
| HLD CD | holding cord |
| HLD TRK | holding trunk |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|---|---------------------|---|
| | I | | |
| I (2) | current | IM | image |
| I | interposer | IM | input message manual |
| I | region of a semiconductor where neither electrons nor holes predominate (intrinsic) | IM | intermarker |
| I* | iron | IM* | immediate |
| I·T | current x telephone influence factor | IMED | immediate |
| IAM | intramarker | IMG | intermarker group |
| IAMG | intramarker group | IMG TRK | intermarker group trunk |
| IAMG TRK | intramarker group trunk | IMGS | intermarker group sender |
| IAO | intraoffice | IMP. | impact |
| IAO TRK | intraoffice trunk | IMP. | impedance |
| IAVC | instantaneous automatic volume control | IMP. | impulse |
| IB | incoming brush | IMPG | impregnate |
| IC | internal connection | IMTS | improved mobile telephone service |
| IBG | interblock gap | in (2) | inch |
| ICBM | intercontinental ballistic missile | in ² (2) | square inch |
| ICL | incoming line | in ³ (2) | cubic inch |
| ICW | interrupted continuous wave | in·lb (2) | inch-pound |
| ID | identify, identifier, identification | IN | interposer network |
| ID | idle | IN. | inch |
| ID | inside diameter | IN. | input |
| ID | inside dimension | IN. | inward |
| IDDD | international direct distance dialing | IN.* | insert |
| IDENT | identify, identifier, identification | INACT | inactive |
| IDG T | interdigital time | IN DS | inward denied service |
| IDX | index, indexer, indexing | in/min (2) | inches per minute |
| IDX REG | index register | in/s (2) | inches per second |
| IE | that is | IN-LB | inch-pound |
| IEC | International Electrotechnical Commission | INC | incoming |
| IEEE | Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers | INC | incorporated |
| IF | intermediate frequency | INC C CKT | incoming call circuit |
| IG | incoming group | INC PULS | incoming pulse correcting repeater |
| IGN | ignition | CORR RPTR | incoming pulse correcting repeater |
| IGR | intergroup | INC RPTR | incoming repeater |
| IHP | indicated horsepower | INC TRK | incoming trunk |
| IHP HR | indicated horsepower-hour | INCAND | incandescent |
| ILLUM | illuminate | INCL | include, inclusive |
| ILLUS | illustrate | INCPT | intercept, intercepted, intercepting |
| ILOC | interlocal | INCPT ANS JK | intercepting answering jack |
| ILOC TRK | interlocal trunk | INCPT POS | intercepting position |
| | | INCPT SRV | intercepted service |
| | | INCPT TRK | intercepting trunk |
| | | INCR | increase |
| | | IND | indicate |
| | | IND | inductance |
| | | IND | intercept directors |
| | | INDEP | independent |
| | | INDIV | individual |
| | | INDR | inductor |
| | | INF | infinite |

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|---------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------|---|
| INF | information (rating) | IO | input-output |
| INFAC | interface | IO | interoffice |
| INFL | flammable | IO TRK | interoffice trunk |
| INFO | information | IOD | identified outward dialing |
| INH | inhibit | IP | interposition |
| INIT | initial | IP TRK | interposition trunk |
| INIT | initiator, initiating | IPA | intermediate power amplifier |
| INS | insert | IPM | impulses per minute |
| INS | insulation | IPM | inches per minute |
| INSP | inspect | IPM | interruptions per minute |
| INST | instantaneous | IPS | impulses per second |
| INST | instruct, instruction | IPS | inches per second |
| INST | instrument | IPS | International Pipe Standard |
| INSTL | install, installer | IPS | interruptions per second |
| INSTL | interstitial | IPS | ironpipe size |
| INSTLN | installation | IR | iron |
| INT | integral | IRR | irregular |
| INT | intensity | IRREG | irregular |
| INT | interference | ISLT | isolation |
| INT | interior | ISN | interposer slave network |
| INT | intermediate | ISO | International Organization for Standardization |
| INT | internal | ISR | interposer slave relay |
| INT | interrogate | ISS | issue |
| INT | interrupt, interrupter | IST | intersender timing |
| INT | intersect | IT. | intertoll |
| INT FL | interrupter flash | IT SEL | intertoll dialing selector |
| INT LT | interrupted low tone | IT TRK | intertoll trunk |
| INT POS TRK | interposition trunk | ITL | inverse time limit |
| INT R | intermediate ringing | ITN | intertrain |
| INT SUPR | interference suppressor | IX | intermediate ringing |
| INT TBL T | interrupted trouble tone | | |
| INTCH | interchannel | | |
| INTCHG | interchangeable | | |
| INTCON | interconnecting, interconnection | | |
| INTCON | | | |
| SRV UN | interconnecting service unit | | |
| INTCON UN | interconnecting unit | J (2) | joule |
| INTER. | intermediate | JAN | January |
| INTER. | interrupt, interrupter | JAN | Joint Army-Navy |
| INTERCOM | intercommunication | JCSAN | Joint Chiefs of Staff Alerting Network |
| INTERPHN* | interphone | JCT | junction |
| INTLK | interlock | JCTR | junctor |
| INTM | interim | JEDEC | Joint Electron Device Engineering Council |
| INTMT | intermittent | JIM | Job Installers Memorandum |
| INTPH | interphone | JIM | junction isolated monolithic |
| INTPOS | interposition | JK | jack |
| INTRPL | interpolate | JK PNL | jack panel |
| INV | inverse | JKMTG | jack mounting |
| INV | inverse | JNL | journal |
| INV NEUT | inverse neutral | JNN | junctor network number |
| INVD | invalid | | |
| INVR | inverter | | |

J

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| L FDR | line finder | LH | left-hand |
| L HR | lumen-hour | LH | long-haul |
| L RES | low resistance | LI | line identifier |
| L SPK* | loudspeaker | LIC | license |
| L SW | line switch | LIM | limiter |
| LA | Laboratories Assembly | LIN | linear |
| LA | lightning arrester | LINE V | line voltage |
| LAB | laboratory | LINE V REG | line voltage regulator |
| LAD. | ladder | LIQ | liquid |
| LAM | laminated | LIST. | listening |
| LAMA | local automatic message accounting | LIT | line insulation test |
| LAQ | lacquer | LITHO | lithograph |
| LASER | light amplification by stimulated emission of radiation | LK | leak |
| | | LK | link |
| | | LKR | locker |
| | | LKWR | lockwasher |
| LAT | lateral | LL | left-lower |
| LAT | latitude | LL | line lamp |
| lb (2) | pound | LL | long lines |
| LB | local battery | LL | Long Lines Department |
| LB | pound | LL | low loss |
| lb/ft ² (2) | pounds per square foot | LL | low level logic |
| lb/ft ³ (2) | pounds per cubic foot | LLM | land area located module |
| lb/in ² (2) | pounds per square inch | LLN | line link network |
| lb/in ² a (2) | pounds per square inch absolute | LLP | line link pulsing |
| LC (2) | inductance-capacitance | lm (2) | lumen |
| LC | lamp cap | LM | list of materials |
| LC | lead-covered | LM | lumen |
| LC | local cable | lm·h (2) | lumen-hour |
| LCC | launch control centers | lm/ft ² (2) | lumen per square foot |
| LCM | least common multiple | lm/W (2) | lumen per watt |
| LCM | lowest common multiple | LMN* | lineman |
| LCR (2) | inductance-capacitance- resistance | LMU | local message unit |
| LD | lead | LN | line link network |
| LD | loading | LN | logarithm (natural) |
| LD | long distance | LNG | lengthening |
| LD RCDR | long-distance recorder | LNMN | lineman |
| LDI | Laboratories Design Information | LNS | local number switch |
| LE | leading edge | LO | local oscillator |
| LEN | line equipment number | LO | lockout |
| LETS | Law Enforcement Teletypewriter Service | LOC | local |
| LEV | level | LOC | local order circuit |
| LF | line finder | LOC | locate, located |
| LF | low frequency | LOC O | local outlet |
| LG | length | LOC STA | local station |
| LG | long | LOG | logarithm (common) |
| LGC | logic, logical | LONG. | longitude, longitudinal |
| LGC PROD | logical product | LOW. | lower |
| LGC UN | logical union | LOW SB | lower sideband |
| | | LOW T | low tone |
| | | LOW V | low voltage |
| | | LP | Laboratories Part |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|---|-----------------------|---|
| LP | lamp | | M |
| LP | loop | | |
| LP | low-pass | | |
| LP IN HP OP | low-pass input and high-pass output | m (2) | meter (unit of length) |
| LP NK | loop noise killer | M | marking contact of relay in telegraph circuit |
| LPBK | loopback | M | masking |
| LPHF | low power high frequency | M* | meter |
| LPR | low priority return | M | midnight |
| LPSF | lumen per square foot | M | thousand |
| LPW | lumen per watt | M* | thousands |
| LR | long range | m ² (2) | square meter |
| LR GRD | low-resistance ground | m ³ (2) | cubic meter |
| LRG | low-resistance ground | M & F | male & female |
| LRM | Laboratories Requirements for Material | M ADRS | multiple address |
| LRP | line relay prepayment | M MACH | milling machine |
| LS | lamp socket | M SW | master switch |
| LS | line switch | M TMR | master timer |
| LS | low speed | M VM | metallic voltmeter |
| LS* | loudspeaker | m/s (2) | meter per second |
| LSB | lower sideband | m/s ² (2) | meter per second squared |
| LSPK | loudspeaker | m ² /s (2) | square meter per second |
| LSPK TRK | loudspeaker trunk | MΩ(2) | megohm |
| LT | left | mA (2) | milliampere |
| LT | light | MA | magnetic amplifier |
| LT | low tone | MA | master |
| LTB | last trunk busy | MA | mercury arc |
| LTD | limited | MA* | milliampere |
| LTD | local test desk | MA | motor stop alarm |
| LTD | local test desk | MA CONT | master controller |
| LTG | lighting | MACH | machine |
| LTG CKT | lighting circuit | MACH R BR A | machine ringing brush alarm |
| LTNG | lightning | MAG | magnet |
| LTR | liter | MAG | magneto |
| LU | left-upper | MAG COR | magnetic core |
| LUB | lubricate | MAG SHLD | magnetic shield |
| LV | leave length | MAH | mahogany |
| LV | low voltage | MAIN STA | main station |
| LVR | louver | MALL | malleable |
| LVT | line verification test | MAM | millimeter |
| LW* | lockwasher | MAN. | manual |
| LWA | l type multiplex wideband alternate use | MAN C | manual control |
| LWM | l type multiplex wideband modem | MAN TDM POS | manual tandem position |
| LWS | leave word service | MAR | March |
| lx (2) | lux | MAR. | marine |
| LX | lux | MAR. | merchandise accounting record |
| | | MARG | margin |
| | | MAS* | master |

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|-------------------------|---|------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| MASER | microwave amplification by stimulated emission of radiation | MFD | manufactured |
| MATL | material | MFG | manufacturing |
| MAX | maximum | MFG STD* | Manufacturing Standard |
| MB | make-busy | MFP | made from piece part |
| MBCO | meter battery cutoff | MFP | multifrequency pulsing |
| MBF | modulator band filter | MFR | manufacture |
| MBL | mobile | MFR DISC. | Manufacture Discontinued (rating) |
| MBW | Manhattan Bronx Westchester | MFR LTD | Manufacture Limited (classification) |
| MC* | megacycles or megacycles per second | mg (2) | milligram |
| MC | messenger call | MG | marginal |
| MC | multicall | MG | master group |
| MC | multicontact | MG* | milligram |
| mc/d/m ² (2) | millicandela per square meter | MG | motor-generator |
| MCM* | cicular mils thousands | MG* | dynamotor |
| MCM* | thousand circular mils | mg/in ² (2) | milligrams per square inch |
| MCW | modulated continuous wave | MGD | million gallons per day |
| MD | Manufacture Discontinued (rating) | MGR | manager |
| MDI | Manufacturing Division Instructions | MGSM | magnesium |
| MDSE | merchandise | mH (2) | millihenry |
| MEAS | measure | MH* | millihenry |
| MECH | mechanical | MH* | manhole |
| MECH | mechanism | MHCP | mean horizontal candlepower |
| MED | median | MHT | mean high tide |
| MED | medical | MHW | mean high water |
| MED | medium | MHz (2) | megahertz |
| MEG* | megohm | MHZ | megahertz |
| MEGV* | megavolt | mi (2) | mile |
| MEGW* | megawatt | MI | malleable iron |
| MEM | memory | MI* | mile |
| MEMB | Military Engineering Methods Bulletin | mi/h (2) | miles per hour |
| MEMO | memorandum | MIC | micrometer (instrument) |
| MEP | mean effective pressure | MID. | middle |
| MESS. | messenger | MIKE | microphone |
| MESS CALL | messenger call | MIL. | military |
| MET. | metal | MILA | milliampere |
| MET RTN | metallic return | MILCPSM | millicandela per square meter |
| MET TLG | metallic telegraph | MILE | mile |
| MEZZ | mezzanine | MILGM | milligram |
| MF | medium-frequency | MILGMPSI | milligrams per square inch |
| MF | melamine formaldehyde | MILH | millihenry |
| MF | motorfield | MILLTR | milliliter |
| MF | multifrequency | MILMTR | millimeter |
| MF* | microfarad | MILS | missile impact location system |
| MF KS | multifrequency keyset | MILSEC | millisecond |
| MF PULS | multifrequency pulsing | MILV | millivolt |
| MFC | manual frequency control | MILW | milliwatt |
| | | min (2) | minute (time) |
| | | MIN | minimum |
| | | MIN | minute (plane angle) |
| | | MIN | minute (time) |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|---------------------|--|--------------|--|
| MINRL | mineral | MP | multipole |
| MISC | miscellaneous | MPH | miles per hour |
| MITRE | Massachusetts Institute of Technology Research and Engineering Corporation | MPL | mechanical parts lists |
| | | MPT | multiport |
| MIX. | mixer | MR | machine ringing |
| MIX. | mixture | MR | message rate |
| MJ | major | MR | message register |
| MK | make | MRI | message-rate individual |
| MK | mark, marked | MRP | message-rate party |
| MKR | marker | MR2P | message-rate 2-party |
| MKR GR | marker group | MR4P | message-rate 4-party |
| ml (2) | milliliter | ms (2) | millisecond |
| ML | magnetic latching | MS | machine screw |
| ML | Manufacture Limited (classification) | MS | machine steel |
| ML* | millilambert | MS | magnetic shield |
| ML* | milliliter | MS | Manufacturing Standard |
| ML | multiline | MS | master switch |
| MLD | mold | MSCP | mean spherical candlepower |
| MLDG | molding | MSEC | millisecond |
| MLP | multilevel preemption | MSG | message |
| MLSO | multiline service observing | MSI | milligrams per square inch |
| MLT | mean low tide | MSL | mean sea level |
| MLW | mean low water | MSO | mechanized service observing |
| mm (2) | millimeter | MSTA | multistation |
| mm ³ (2) | cubic millimeter | MSTB | monostable |
| MM* | millimeter | MT | mean tide |
| MM | missile master | MT | motor transfer |
| MM | multiple marking | MTCE | maintenance |
| MMC | maximum material condition | MTCH | matching |
| MMF | magnetomotive force | MTD | mounted |
| MMF* | micromicrofarad (replaced by picofarad) | MTDS | mechanical ticket distributing system |
| MN | main | MTG | mounting |
| MN | minor | MTR | meter (instrument) |
| MNGS | manganese | MTR | meter (unit of length) |
| MNHL | manhole | MTRPS | meter per second |
| MO | month | MTRPS SQ | meter per second squared |
| MOD | model | MTWX* | mechanized teletypewriter exchange |
| MOD | modify, modified, modification | MTX | matrix |
| MOD | modular | MU | message unit |
| MOD | modulator | MULDEM | multiplex demultiplexer |
| MOD | module | MULT | multiple |
| MODEM | modulator-demodulator | MULTR | multiplier |
| MOHM | megohm | MULTVIBR | multivibrator |
| MOL WT | molecular weight | MUSA | multiple unit steerable antenna |
| MON | monitor | MUSEC* | millimicrosecond (replaced by nanosecond) |
| MOT | motor | MUT | mutilated |
| MOT ST SW | motor start switch | MUTE. | muting |
| MP | melting point | mV (2) | millivolt |
| MP | monopulser | | |

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|------------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| MV (2) | megavolt | NC | American National Coarse Thread Series |
| MVC | manual volume control | NE ATMS | near end—automatic transmission measuring system |
| MVM | millivoltmeter | NEC | National Electrical Code |
| mW (2) | milliwatt | NECO | Northern Electric Company Limited |
| MW (2) | megawatt | NEF | American National Extra Fine Thread Series |
| MWG | music wire gauge | NEG | negative |
| MWK | multiwink | NEG | negligible |
| MWV | microwave | NEMA | National Electrical Manufacturers Association |
| MX | multiplex | NESC | National Electrical Safety Code |
| N | | | |
| N | American National 8, 12, or 16 Pitch Thread | NET. | network |
| N | near | NEUT | neutral |
| N (2) | newton | NF | near face |
| N | night | NF | American National Fine Thread Series |
| N | noon | NFY | notify |
| N | north | NG | noise to ground |
| N (3) | novelty | NG | number group |
| N | region of a semiconductor where electrons predominate | NH | American National Hose Coupling and Fire Hose Coupling Thread |
| N (1) | network | NI* | nickel |
| N (1) | number | NID | network inward dialing, or network-in-dialing |
| N LH | American National Left-Hand Thread | NIP* | nipple |
| N MEAS | noise measuring | NIPL | nipple |
| N RED | noise reducer | NKL | nickel |
| N/m ² (2) | newton per square meter | NM | noise metallic |
| N·s/m ² (2) | newton-second per square meter | NO | normally open |
| N2WM | N2 carrier wideband modem | NO. | nonoperate |
| NA | night alarm | NO. | number |
| NAFH | Numbered Air Force Headquarters | NOD | network outward dialing, or network-out-dialing |
| NAS | National Aircraft Standards | NOGAD | noise operated gain adjusting device |
| NASA | National Aeronautical and Space Administration | NOM | nominal |
| NAT | natural | NON COIN | noncoin sender alarm |
| NATL | national | SDR A | noninductive |
| NB | narrowband | NONIND | nonoperate |
| NBD | numbered | NOPR | normal |
| NBG | numbering | NOR. | North American Air Defense Command |
| NBRDG | non-bridging | NORAD | November |
| NBS | National Bureau of Standards | NOV | numbering plan area |
| NC | National Center | NPA | normal post spring |
| NC | no circuit | NPS | |
| NC | no connection | | |
| NC | no corner | | |
| NC | normally closed | | |
| NC | number check or checking | | |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|--|--------------|--------------------------------|
| NPS | American National Straight Pipe Thread | | ○ |
| NPSC | American National Straight Pipe Thread in Pipe Couplings | | |
| NPSI | American National Intermediate Internal Straight Pipe Thread (Dry Seal) | O | odd |
| NPSF | American National Internal Straight Pipe Thread For Dry Seal Pressure-Tight Joints | O (1) | oval |
| NPSH | American National Straight Pipe Thread For Hose Couplings and Nipples | O (3) | operator |
| NPSL | American National Straight Pipe Thread For Locknuts and Locknut Pipe Threads | OA | orange |
| NPSM | American National Straight Pipe Thread For Mechanical Joints | OA | office alarm |
| NPT | American National Taper Pipe Thread | OB | overall |
| NPTF | American National Taper Pipe Thread For Dry Seal Pressure-Tight Joints | OBS | office brush |
| NPTR | American National Taper Pipe Thread For Railing Fittings | OBS | observe |
| NR | nonreactance | OBS | obsolete |
| ns (2) | nanosecond | OCT | octagon |
| NS | near side | OCT | October |
| NS | American National Special Thread | OD | outside diameter |
| NS NO T | no-such-number tone | ODS | outward denied service |
| NSEC | nanosecond | ODT | out dialing trunk |
| NSTC | National Screw Thread Commission | OF | outside face |
| NT | no test | OFF. | office |
| NTFCN | notification | OFF. | officer |
| NTL* | neutral | OFF. | official |
| NTN | newton | OFF-HK | off-hook |
| NTN-SEC PSM | newton-second per square meter | OFL* | overflow |
| NTNPSM | newton per square meter | OG | office group |
| NTS | not to scale | OG | outgoing |
| NTSC | National Television System Committee | OG RPTR | outgoing repeater |
| NTV | no timing voltage | OGL | outgoing line |
| NUM | numerical | OGR | outgoing repeater |
| NV | no voltage | OGT | outgoing trunk |
| NYLON* | polyamides (synthetic) | OHM | ohm |
| NYLON 66 | polyhexamethylene-adipamide | OM | output message manual |
| | | ON | off-normal |
| | | ON-HK | on-hook |
| | | ONAL | office network access line |
| | | ONI | operator number identification |
| | | OP | output pulse, output pulser |
| | | OP | output |
| | | OP R | output resistance |
| | | OPC | output pulsing control |
| | | OPM | operations per minute |
| | | OPNG | opening |
| | | OPP | opposite |
| | | OPR | operate |
| | | OPR | operator |
| | | OPT | optical |
| | | OPT | optional |
| | | OR | originating register |
| | | OR | outside radius |
| | | OR. | orange |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|---|--------------|--------------------------------------|
| PCTFE | polymonochlorotrifluoroethylene | PIL* | pilot |
| PD | partial dial | PINJK | pin jack |
| PD | pitch diameter | PIWM | wattmeter, polyphase indicating |
| PD | program specification | PIX | picture |
| PDAP | diallyl phthalate | PKG | package |
| PDPS | parts data processing system | PKGD | packaged |
| PDS | power data sheet | PL | particular line |
| PE | polyethylene | PL | pilot lamp |
| PED | pedestal | PL | plan |
| PEG | peg count (keyshelf number plate only) | PL | Plant Letter |
| PEL | Plant Engineering Letter | PL | private line |
| PEM | Plant Engineering Memorandum | PL* | plate |
| PENT. | pentode | PL BAT | private line battery |
| PER. | peremptory | PLAS | private line assured service |
| PER DISC SIG | peremptory disconnect signal | PLAT. | platinum |
| PERF | perforate | PLS | primary line switch |
| PERF CAB | perforator cabinet | PLSO | private line service order |
| PERIPH | peripheral | PLSR | pulser |
| PERM | permanent | PLSTC | plastic |
| PERM FIN B | permanent final busy | PLT | pilot |
| PERM SIG | | PLT | plate |
| HLD TRK | permanent signal holding trunk | PLYWD | plywood |
| PERM SIG | | PM | path memory |
| OVF REG | permanent signal overflow register | PM | permanent magnet |
| PERP | perpendicular | PM | phase modulation |
| PETP | polyethylene terephthalate | PM | Plant Memorandum |
| PF | phenol-formaldehyde | PM | pulse machine |
| PF | picofarad | PMCA | polymethyl- α -chloroacrylate |
| PF | pilot fuse | PMMA | polymethyl methacrylate |
| PF | power factor | PMR | Pacific Missile Range |
| PF | power failure | PMS | primary master switch |
| PF | program flow chart | PMT | permanent magnet twistor |
| PF | pulse frequency | PNEU | pneumatic |
| PF* | profile | PNL | panel |
| PFA | power failure alarm | PNT | paint |
| PFD | preferred | PO | pickled and oiled |
| PFM | power factor meter | PO | polarity |
| PG | program generic | PO | primary outlet |
| PH | phantom (derived) | POB | peripheral order buffer |
| PH | phase | POL | Plant Operation Letter |
| PH BRZ | phosphor bronze | POL | polar |
| PH FAIL | phase failure | POL | polish |
| PHEN | phenol | POL L | police line |
| PHOTO | photograph | POM | Plant Operation Memorandum |
| PHYS | physical | PORC | porcelain |
| PIB | polyisobutylene | PORT. | portable |
| PIBI | polyisobutylene-isoprene | POS | position |
| PIC | polyethylene insulated conductor | POS | positive |
| | | POT. | potential |
| | | POT. | potentiometer |

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| POT TRNSF | potential transformer | PROV | Provisional (rating) |
| POTS | plain old telephone service | PRR | pulse repetition rate |
| PP | peak-to-peak | PRSL | preselector |
| PP | piece part | PRT | pretranslator |
| PP (4) | PICTUREPHONE | PRT | print |
| PP | polypropylene | PRV | privacy |
| PPCS | person to person collect and special instruction calls | PRV* | private |
| PPI | plan position indicator | PS | permanent signal |
| PPM | parts per million | PS | polystyrene |
| PPM | pulse position modulation | PS | public station |
| PPS | pulses per second | PSA | permanent signal alarm |
| PR | pair (not wires) | PSAN | polystyrene-acrylonitrile |
| PRAC | practice | PSF | pounds per square foot |
| PRC | pierces | PSF | power separation filter |
| PRE-EMP | pre-emphasis | PSHT | permanent signal holding trunk |
| PREAMP | preamplifier | PSI | pounds per square inch |
| PREC | precedence | PSIA | pounds per square inch absolute |
| PREC TRKR | precision tracker | PSOR | permanent signal overflow register |
| PREF | preference | PST | permanent signal tone |
| PREFAB | prefabricated | PSTP | primary to secondary test panel |
| PREL | preliminary | PT | part |
| PREL | Preliminary (rating) | PT | pigtail |
| PREP | prepare, prepared, preparation | PT | pint |
| PRES | presence | PT | pneumatic tube |
| PRES | pressure | PT | point |
| PRESS.* | pressure | PT | potential transformer |
| PREV | previous | PT* | paint |
| PRF | proof | PTCH | patch |
| PRF | pulse repetition frequency | PTD | painted |
| PRFL | profile | PTDS | pneumatic ticket distributing system |
| PRI | primary | PTFE | polytetrafluoroethylene |
| PRI L SW | primary line switch | PTL | patrol |
| PRI M SW | primary master switch | PTM | pulse time modulation |
| PRI SEC TP | primary to secondary test panel | PTR | printer |
| PRIOR. | priority | PTS | power terminal strip |
| PRMT | preempt | PTT | push to talk |
| PROB | probable, probability | PTY | parity |
| PROC | process | PTY | party |
| PROD. | production | PTY BIT | parity bit |
| PROG | program | PU | pickup |
| PROG | progression | PU | plugging-up |
| PROG TRMSN | program transmission | PUA | pickup alarm |
| PROJ | projection | PUB | pickup battery |
| PROJ TRMSN | projection transmission | PUB | publication |
| MEAS | measuring | PUL | plugging-up line |
| PROP. | proposed | PULB | pull-back |
| PROT | protector | PULS | pulse |
| PROT | protection | PUR | polyurethane |
| PROV | provision | | |

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|--|
| RD | root diameter | REM | remote |
| RD | round | REM* | remove, removed |
| RD O | read out | REM CONT | remote control |
| RDF | radio direction finding | REN* | renew |
| RDF | receiving directional filter | REODR | reorder |
| RDG | reading | REP | repair |
| RDM ACS | random access | REP* | repeat |
| RDNT | redundant | REP* | repeater |
| RDNY | redundancy | REP CLK D | repair clerk desk |
| RDPC | regional data processing center | REP SRV D | repair service desk |
| RDR | reader | REPERF | reperforator |
| REAC | reactor | REPL | replace |
| READJ | readjust | REPO* | report, reporter, reporting |
| REARR | rearranged | REPRO | reproduce, reproduced |
| REC | recent | REPRO | reproduction |
| REC* | receive | REPT | report, reporter, reporting |
| REC* | receiver | REQ | request |
| REC* | receiving | REQ | require |
| REC* | record | REQ | requisition |
| REC* | recorder | REQD | required |
| REC* | recording | REQT | requirement |
| RECI P | reciprocate | RES | resistance |
| RECL | reclosing | RES | resistor |
| RECM | recommend | RES | resonant |
| RECOG | recognition | RES* | reserve |
| RECONN | reconnect | RESID | residual |
| RECP | receptacle | RESLP | resistance lamp |
| RECT | rectangle | RESOL | resolution |
| RECT | rectifier | RESP | respective, respectively |
| RECT | rectifier unit | RET | retard |
| RED. | reduce, reduction | RET* | retainer |
| REF | reference | RET* | return |
| REFL | reflector | RETMA* | radio-electronics-television manufacturers association (replaced by EIA) |
| REFLM | reflectometer | | |
| REG | message register (for message register pilot lamps only) | REV | reverse |
| REG | range extender with voice-frequency gain | REV | reverting |
| REG | register | REV | revise |
| REG | regular | REV | revolution |
| REG | regulate | REV CUR | reverse current |
| REG | regulator | RF | radio frequency |
| REGEN | regenerative | RF | reactive factor |
| REJ | reject | RFB | reverting flash back |
| REL | relay | RFS | regardless of feature size |
| REL | release (for keytop engraving only) | RGF | rough grind finish |
| REL | relief | RGH | rough |
| REL* | release | RH | relative humidity |
| RELOC | relocate | RH | right-hand |
| RELTS | relay tube socket | RH* | Rockwell hardness |
| | | RH | round head |
| | | RHEO | rheostat |
| | | RING* | ringer |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|--|--------------|--|
| RING* | ringing | RSD | repair service desk |
| RIV | rivet | RSDC | residence |
| RK | rack | RSS | root sum square |
| RKVA* | reactive kilovolt-ampere | RST | reset |
| RL | receiving leg | RST | restart |
| RL | return loss | RST | restore |
| RL | right-lower | RSTCN | restriction |
| RL-T | real-time | RSTD | restricted |
| RLB | receiving leg battery | RSTL | restoral |
| RLS | release | RSTN | restoration |
| RM | raw material | RSV | reserve |
| RM | ream | RSVR | resolver |
| RM | room | RT | radiotelephone |
| RMK | remarks | RT | reperforator-transmitter |
| RMS | root mean square | RT | right |
| RMV | remove, removed | RTE | route |
| RN | reference noise | RTN | return |
| RNBD | renumbered | RTNR | retainer |
| RNG | ring | RU | right-upper |
| RNG | ringing | RUB. | rubber |
| RNGR | ringer | RUR | rural |
| RNGR TST | ringer test | RV | receiving value |
| RNU | renew | RX | through position |
| RO | receive only | RY | railway |
| RO | reorder | | |
| RO ATMS | remote office—automatic transmission measuring system | | S |
| ROT | rotate | | |
| ROT CONN | rotary connector | s (2) | second (time) |
| ROT LS | rotary line switch | S | set (flip-flop control) |
| ROT OT SW | rotary out-trunk switch | S | slave |
| ROTL | remote office test line | S | south |
| ROTR | receiving-only typing reperforator | S | spacing contact of relay in telegraph circuit |
| ROTS | rotary out-trunk switch | S | stere |
| ROUT. | routine | S | straddle |
| ROUT.* | route | S (3) | slate |
| ROUT T | routine test | S CD | single cord |
| ROW* | right of way | S DET | straddle detail |
| RP | revertive pulsing | S PH | single-phase |
| RPLR | repeller | S ROUT | subroutine |
| RPM | revolutions per minute | S TO S | station to station |
| RPS | revolutions per second | S TST | sender test |
| RPT | repeat | S+ | superimposed positive |
| RPTR | repeater | S- | superimposed negative |
| RQ* | requirement | SA | slow-acting |
| RR | railroad | SA | spare amplifier |
| RRG | relay rack ground | SA SW | spare amplifier switching |
| RS | repair specification | SAAD | straddle answer and disconnect |
| RS | repeated supervision | SAC | Strategic Air Command |
| RS | restraint | SADR | sender attachment delay |
| RS | route switch | | recorder |

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|---------------------|--|---------------------|-------------------------|
| SAE | Society of Automotive Engineers | SDR SEL | sender selector |
| SAF | safety | SDR TST | sender test |
| SAGE | Semi-Automatic Ground Environment | SDVB | styrene divinyl benzene |
| SAGE-BUIC | Semi-Automatic Ground Environment—Backup Interceptor Control | SEC | secant |
| SAMA | step-by-step automatic message accounting | SEC | second (plane angle) |
| SAMP | sampling | SEC | second (time) |
| SAN | sanitary | SEC | secondary |
| SAN | styrene-acrylonitrile | SEC L SW | secondary line switch |
| SAOD | straddle answer or disconnect | SEC M SW | secondary master switch |
| SAT. | saturate | SECH | hyperbolic secant |
| SB | sending battery | SECR* | secretary |
| SB | sideband | SECT. | section |
| SB IN | sideband input | SECY | secretary |
| SB OP | sideband output | SEG | segment |
| SBP | styrene butadiene plastics | SEL | selector, selected |
| SC | sectional center | SEL RTE | selective routing |
| SC | sequence chart | SEL TST | selector test |
| SC | service code | SELS* | selsyn |
| SC | slightly chamfered | SEMICOND | semiconductor |
| SCAN | Switched Circuit Automatic Network | SENS | sensitivity |
| SCAN. | scanner, scanning | SENS | sensor |
| SCATS | sequentially coded automatic transmitter start | SEP | separate |
| SCE | source | SEP | September |
| SCHED | schedule | SEQ | sequence |
| SCHEM | schematic | SEQ SW | sequence switch |
| SCLER | scleroscope | SER | serial |
| SCO | sender cutoff | SER | series |
| SCOMEQ | System Committee on Modernization of Equipment Ordering | SER* | service |
| SCOPE. | oscilloscope | SERV* | service |
| SCP | spherical candlepower | SF | semifinished |
| SCR | screw | SF | single frequency |
| SCR | silicon controlled rectifier | SF | spot faced |
| SCRN | screen | SFT* | shaft |
| SD | schematic drawing | SFTCM | software (computer) |
| SD BL | sand blast | SG | signal ground |
| SCG | sending | SG | super group |
| SDI | Switching Development Information | SG | switchboard ground |
| SDR | sender | SGL | single |
| SDR* | souder | SGRP | subgroup |
| SDR MB | sender make-busy | SH | sheet |
| SDR MON | sender monitor | SH | short |
| SDR RD | sender ringdown | SH | short haul |
| | | SH | shunt |
| | | SH | switch and horizontal |
| | | SH* | shield |
| | | SH* | shift |
| | | SH CKT | short circuit |
| | | SHAF | shaft |
| | | SHF | super-high frequency |
| | | SHIF | shift |
| | | SHL* | shellac |
| | | SHLC | shellac |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|---------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| SHLD | shield | SMS | silico-manganese steel |
| SHLD* | shoulder | SMU | straddle message unit |
| SHLDR | shoulder | SN | siren |
| SHPT | shipment | SND | sound |
| SHTH | sheath, sheathing | SNDR | sounder |
| SHTHG* | sheath, sheathing | SNG | sensing |
| SHUTR | shutter | SNG | singing |
| SI | international system of units | SNR | signal-to-noise ratio |
| SIC | semiconductor integrated circuit | SNTCE | sentence |
| SIG | signal | SO | service observing |
| SIL | silence | SO | slow-operate |
| SIM | similar | SO BD | service observing board |
| SIM | simultaneous | SOB | service observing board |
| SIM R | simultaneous ringing | SOC | Squadron Operational Center |
| SIMLT | simulate | SOC | subscriber order circuit |
| SIN | sine | SOC* | socket |
| SINH | hyperbolic sine | SOC* | Strategical Operational Command (replaced by Switched Circuit Automatic Network) |
| SIS | station identification store | SOD | service observing desk |
| SIWM | wattmeter, single phase indicating | SOFAR | shop or field assembly review |
| SK | sketch | SOL | solenoid |
| SK | skinner | SONAD | signal operated noise adjusting device |
| SK | skip | SOT | service observing trunk |
| SK | soak | SOTUS | sequentially operated teletypewriter universal selector |
| SK O | skip office | SP | single-pole |
| SKT | socket | SP | spare |
| SL | sending leg | SP | specific |
| SL | single line | SP | speech |
| SL | slate | SP | styrene-polyester |
| SL | stock list | SP* | space |
| SLB | sending leg battery | SP* | spark |
| SLD | sealed | SP* | stop |
| SLD* | solder | SP GR | specific gravity |
| SLD TT | sealed test terminal | SP HT | specific heat |
| SLDR | solder | SP LS SW | spare line selection switching |
| SLF | self | SP MEM | semipermanent memory |
| SLN | selsyn | SP PH | split phase |
| SLN RCVR | selsyn receiver | SP SW | single-pole switch |
| SLN TRMTR | selsyn transmitter | SPC | space |
| SLOT. | slotted | SPC | spacing |
| SLS | secondary line switch | SPC | stored program control |
| SLV | sleeve | SPCG* | spacing |
| SLVR | silver | SPCR | spacer |
| SM | semimechanical | SPD | speed |
| SM | select magnet | SPDL | spindle |
| SM | small | SPDT SW | single-pole, double-throw switch |
| SMAS | switched maintenance access system | SPEC | specification |
| SMB | sender make-busy | | |
| SMG | submaster group | | |
| SMLS | seamless | | |
| SMS | secondary master switch | | |

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|---------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| SPEC | specified | ST | self-tapping |
| SPEC | specimen | ST | service testing |
| SPG | spring | ST | start |
| SPHER | spherical | ST | store |
| SPKR | speaker | ST | street |
| SPL | special | ST CKT A | start circuit alarm |
| SPL | Special (rating) | STA | station |
| SPL SRV OPR | special service operator | STA | stationary |
| SPL SRV OPR | | STA L | station line |
| POS | special service operator position | STAB. | stability, stabilize |
| SPL SRV OPR | | START BOX | starting box |
| TRK | special service operator trunk | STAT | statuary |
| SPLIT.* | splitting | STAT | status |
| SPLR | supplier | STBY | standby |
| SPLTG | splitting | STD | standard |
| SPR* | suppressor | STD | Standard (rating) |
| SPRK | spark | STEER. | steering |
| SPRN* | suppression | STER | steradian |
| SPST SW | single-pole, single-throw switch | STFD | straightforward |
| SQ | square | STG | stage |
| SQ CG | squirrel cage | STG | starting |
| SQ FT | square foot | STG | steering |
| SQ IN | square inch | STG | storage |
| SQ MTR | square meter | STG REL | steering relay |
| SQ MTRPS | square meter per second | STGR | stringer |
| SQ YD | square yard | STGR* | string |
| SQCH | squelch | STK | stock |
| sr (2) | steradian | STK | stuck |
| SR | saturable reactor | STK C TRK | stuck coin trunk |
| SR | senior | STL | steel |
| SR | shift register | STN* | stainless |
| SR | slightly rounded | STNLS | stainless |
| SR | slow-release | STP | stamp, stamping |
| SRNW | signal restoring network | STP | step |
| SRV | service | STP | stop |
| SRV OBS | service observing | STP* | strip |
| SRV OBS BD | service observing board | STR | storing |
| SRV OBS D | service observing desk | STR | storing |
| SRV OBS TRK | service observing trunk | STR | strength |
| SRVLNC | surveillance | STR | strip |
| SS | sender selector | STR | strong |
| SSB | single-sideband | STR | structural |
| SSF | Saybolt seconds furul | STR* | straight |
| SSN | switched services network | STRG | string |
| SSNW | signal shaping network | STROB | stroboscope |
| SSOP | special service operator position | STRP | strapping |
| SSOT | special service operator trunk | STRT | strapping |
| SST | stainless steel | STT | straight |
| SSU | Saybolt seconds universal | STU | sealed test terminal |
| | | SU | student |
| | | SU | switch unit |
| | | SUB | subscriber |
| | | SUB | substitute |
| | | SUBSTA | substation |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|-------------------------------|--------------|---|
| SUBUR | suburban | T | tens |
| SUCC | succeeding | T (2) | tesla |
| SUM. | summarizer | T | time |
| SUM. | summary | T | toggle (flip-flop control) |
| SUP. | superimposed | T | toll |
| SUP. | supply | T | tone |
| SUP. | support | T (1) | test |
| SUP+ | superimposed positive | T & G | tongue and groove |
| SUP- | superimposed negative | T & PU | test and plugging up |
| SUPL | supplement, supplementary | T & TT | test and talk trunk |
| SUPN | suppression | T BD | testboard |
| SUPP | suppressed | T CA | tie cable |
| SUPP* | supplement, supplementary | T CD | test cord |
| SUPR | suppressor | T CONN | test connector |
| SUPT | superintendent | T DICT | telephone dictation |
| SUPV | supervise | T DIV | toll diversion |
| SUPV S | supervisory scan | T ID | tone identification |
| SUR | surface | T MEM | temporary memory |
| SV | switch and vertical | T SEL | toll selector |
| SW | short wave | T SET | test set |
| SW | surface wiring | T-SRD CKT | time-shared circuit |
| SW | switch, switching | T SUB L | toll subscriber line |
| SW & HOR | switch and horizontal | T SW | toll switching |
| SW & VERT | switch and vertical | T TDM | toll tandem |
| SW RM | switchroom | T TRK | tie trunk |
| SWBD | switchboard | T TST | tone test |
| SWC | solderless wrapped connection | T-T (4) | TOUCH-TONE |
| SWGR | switchgear | T-TC (4) | TOUCH-TONE CALLING |
| SWHM | watthour meter (single phase) | T-WAGON | tea wagon |
| SWMN | switchman | T1WB | T1 carrier wideband bank |
| SWP | sweep | T1WM | T1 carrier wideband modem |
| SWR | standing wave ratio | TA | time alarm |
| SX | simplex | TA | transmitting amplifier |
| SXOC | superexpress order circuit | TAB. | tabulate |
| SXS | step-by-step | TACH | tachometer |
| SXSCC | step-by-step common control | TADS | teletypewriter automatic dispatch system |
| SYM | symbol | TAN | tangent |
| SYM | symmetrical | TANH | hyperbolic tangent |
| SYN | synthetic | TARP | tarpaulin |
| SYN* | synchronous, synchronization | TAS | telephone answering service |
| SYNC | synchronous, synchronization | TAS | telephone answering set |
| SYS | system | TASAR | telephones, auxiliary services and associated revenues |
| SZRE | seizure | TASI | time assignment speech interpolation |
| | | TB | talking battery |
| | | TB | terminal board |
| | | TB | testboard |
| | | TB | trunks busy |
| | | TB* | tubing |
| | | TB TLG | testboard telegraph |
| | T | | |
| t (2) | temperature | | |
| T (2) | time | | |
| T | tee | | |

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|-------------------------------------|
| TBL | table | TERM. | termination, terminating |
| TBL | trouble | TF | trunk finder |
| TBL D | trouble desk | TF & RQD | ticket filing and rate quoting desk |
| TBL OBS & T TRK | trouble observation and test trunk | TFE | polytetrafluoroethylene (teflon) |
| TBL T | trouble test (tone) | TG | talking ground |
| TBL TRC | trouble tracing | TG | telegraph ground |
| TBS | test battery supply | TG* | telegraph |
| TC | thermocouple | TGL | toggle |
| TC | toll center | TGM | telegram |
| TC | toll connecting | TH | thermistor |
| TCC | television control center | TH | thousands |
| TCC | total calls counter | TH | threshold |
| TCI | terrain-clearance indicator | TH* | thousand |
| TCP | tricresyl phosphate | THD | thread, threaded |
| TCR* | tracer | THEO | theoretical |
| TD | test distributor | THERM | thermometer |
| TD | time-delay | THERMO | thermostat |
| TD | time of day | THK | thick |
| TD | transmitter distributor | THRM | thermal |
| TD* | tinned | THRU | through |
| TD DSK | ticket distributing desk | TIF | telephone influence factor |
| TDF | transmitting directional filter | TIM | Temporary Information Memorandum |
| TDM | tandem | TIN. | tinned |
| TDP | traffic data processor | TIR | total indicator reading |
| TDPS | traffic data processing system | TK* | tank |
| TDRS | traffic data recording system | TKL* | trickle |
| TDS | time division switch | TKR* | tracker |
| TDS | traffic data summarizer | TKT | ticket |
| TE | trailing edge | TKTR CONT | ticketer control |
| TE | transverse electric | TL | test line |
| TECH | technical | TL | tie line |
| TEL | telephone | TL | tool |
| TELCO | telephone company | TLG | telegraph |
| TELERAN | air navigation and traffic control by means of television and radar | TLG TST BD | telegraph testboard |
| TELSCP | telescope | TLK | talk, talker |
| TEM | transverse electro magnetic | TLK BAT | talking battery |
| TEMP | temperature | TLK GRD | talking ground |
| TEMP | tempered | TLM | telemeter, telemetry |
| TEMP | template | TLM | terminal area located module |
| TENS. | tension | TLM | trouble locating manual |
| TENT. | tentative | TLN | trunk link network |
| TEP | Traffic Engineering Practice | TLX | toll subscriber line |
| TEP | Transmission Engineering Prospectus | TLZR | totalizer |
| TER | tertiary | TM | tachometer |
| TER* | termination, terminating | TM | team, teamwork |
| TERM. | terminal | TM | time measure |
| | | TM | transmission measuring |
| | | TM | transverse magnetic |
| | | TM | trip magnet |
| | | TM* | time |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|--------------------------------|--------------|---------------------------------|
| TMBR | timber | TRDCR | transducer |
| TMD | timed | TREAT. | treatment |
| TMG | timing | TRF | tuned radio frequency |
| TMG CKT | timing circuit | TRFR* | transfer |
| TMG FAIL | timing failure | TRG | triggering |
| TMR | timer | TRI | triode |
| TMS | traffic management system | TRIB | tributary |
| TMS | transmission measuring set | TRIM. | trimmer |
| TN | trunk link network | TRK | track |
| TNG | training | TRK | trunk |
| TNK | tank | TRK FDR | trunk finder |
| TNP | transport | TRKL | trickle |
| TOB BRZ | tobin bronze | TRKR | tracker |
| TOC | television operating center | TRL | transmission-resistor logic |
| TOF | trioctyl phosphate | TRMSN | transmission |
| TOL | tolerance | TRMSN M | transmission measuring |
| TORC | traffic overload rerate system | TRMSN TST | |
| TOT | total | BD | transmission testboard |
| TP | tape | TRMT | transmit |
| TP | terminal punching | TRMTD | transmitted |
| TP | test point | TRMTG | transmitting |
| TP | ticket pilot | TRMTG A | transmitting amplifier |
| TP SEL | toll preceding selector | TRMTR | transmitter |
| TPHO | telephotograph | TRNBKL | turnbuckle |
| TPI | teeth per inch | TRNS* | transfer |
| TPI | threads per inch | TRNSF | transformer |
| TPL | terminal per line | TRNSL | translation, translator |
| TPM | test pulse machine | TRNSPAR | transparent |
| TPP | triphenyl phosphate | TROL | trolley |
| TPR | taper | TRP | trip, tripping |
| TPS | terminal per station | TRS | tip, ring, and sleeve |
| TPTR | teleprinter | TRS* | transmitter |
| TR | test relay | TRSG* | transmitting |
| TR | time of rise, or rise time | TRSTR | transistor |
| TR | traffic | TRUN | trunnion |
| TR | traffic register | TRVL | travel |
| TR | training | TS | tensile strength |
| TR | transfer | TS | terminal strip |
| TR | transmit receive | TS | two-step |
| TR | treatment | TSP | traffic service position |
| TR* | trace | TSPS | traffic service position system |
| TR D BD | traffic display board | TSS | traffic service system |
| TRADIC | transistor digital computer | TST | test |
| TRANS | transportation | TST & CONT | |
| TRANS* | transfer | BD | test and control board |
| TRANS* | transformer | TST & TLK | |
| TRANS* | transmission | TRK | test and talk trunk |
| TRANS* | transparent | TST BD | testboard |
| TRANSV | transverse | TST L | test line |
| TRC | trace | TSTP | test post |
| TRC | tracer | | |
| TRCVR | transceiver | | |

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|---------------------|---|---------------------|---|
| TSX | Radio Model S Experimental (Telstar Satellite) | UN | American Standard Unified 12 and 16 Pitch Thread |
| TT | telltale | UN | unit |
| TT | tone test | UNATTD | unattended |
| TT SEL | toll transmission selector | UNBAL | unbalance |
| TTY | teletypewriter | UNC | American Standard Unified Coarse Thread |
| TTY SWBD | teletypewriter switchboard | UNCOND TR | unconditional transfer |
| TTYS | teletypewriter switchboard (on number plates only) | UNEF | American Standard Unified Extra Fine Thread |
| TU | transmission unit | UNF | American Standard Unified Fine Thread |
| TU | tubing | UNFIN | unfinished |
| TUB.* | tubing | UNICOM | Universal Integrated Communication System |
| TUN | tuned, tuning | UNIV | universal |
| TUR | traffic usage recorder | UNIVER* | universal |
| TUR | turret | UNOFF | unofficial |
| TV | television | UNS | American Standard Unified Special Thread |
| TV | transverter | UOC | unit order circuit |
| TV O CKT | television order circuit | UOHM | microhm |
| TVA | Tennessee Valley Authority | UP. | upper |
| TVC | transverter connector | UP SB | upper sideband |
| TVOC | television order circuit | USA | United States Army |
| TW | tight wrapped | USA STD | United States of America Standard |
| TW | traveling wave | USAF | United States Air Force |
| TW | twist | USASI* | United States of America Standards Institute (replaced by American National Standards Institute, Incorporated) |
| TW REG | twist regulator | | |
| TWR | tower | USB | upper sideband |
| TWT | traveling wave tube | USCG | United States Coast Guard |
| TWTR | twistor | USEC | microsecond |
| TWX | teletypewriter exchange | USITA | United States Independent Telephone Association |
| TX | outward delay | USMC | United States Marine Corps |
| TYP | typical | USN | United States Navy |
| | U | USOC | uniform service order codes |
| U* | micron | UT* | utility |
| U | ultra | UTIL | utility |
| U* | unit | UU* | micromicro (combining form, replaced by pico, combining form) |
| U PULS | unipolar pulse | UUF* | micromicrofarad (replaced by picofarad) |
| U.S.A. | United States of America | UV | microvolt |
| UA | microampere | UW | microwatt |
| UA | unanswered | UWV* | microwave |
| UASGN | unassigned | | |
| UF | microfarad | | |
| UF | urea-formaldehyde | | |
| UH | microhenry | | |
| UHF | ultrahigh frequency | | |
| UK | United Kingdom | | |
| ULT | ultimate | | |
| UM | unmodulated | | |
| UMTR | micrometer (unit of length) | | |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|--------------|--|
| | V | | |
| v (2) | velocity | VERIF | verification |
| V | volocity | VERS | versed sine |
| V | very | VERT | vertical |
| V | voice | VF | voice frequency |
| V (2) | volt | VF SIG | voice-frequency signaling |
| V (3) | violet | VFO | variable frequency oscillator |
| V* | valve | VGB | vertical ground bus |
| V IN | voice input | VHF | very high frequency |
| V OP | voice output | VI | volume indicator |
| V REG | voltage regulator | VIB | vibrate |
| V TRK | verification trunk | VIBR | vibrator |
| V/m (2) | volt per meter | VID | video |
| VA (2) | volt-ampere | VIF | voice-impedance filter |
| Vac (2) | volts alternating current | VIO | violet |
| VAC | vacant | VISC | viscosity |
| VAC | vacuum | VIT | vitreous |
| VAC | volts alternating current | VITEAC | Video Transmission Engineering Advisory Committee |
| VAC CODE | vacant codes | VIZ | namely |
| VAC LEV T | vacant level tone | VLF | very low frequency |
| VADIS | voice and data integrated system | VLSR | variollosser |
| VAM | voltammeter | VLV | valve |
| VAP PRF | vaporproof | VM | voltmeter |
| var (2) | var | VM CD | voltmeter cord |
| VAR | var | VM REL | voltmeter relay |
| VAR | variable | VOBS | voice-operated busy signals |
| VAR | varistor | VOD | voice-operated device, antisinging |
| VAR | varmeter | VODAS | voice-operated device, antisinging |
| VAR | visual aural radio range | VOG | voice-operated gain adjusting device |
| VAR C | variable capacitor | VOGAD | voice-operated gain adjusting device |
| varh (2) | var-hour | VOGAN | voice-operated gain, antinoise |
| VARH | var-hour | VOL | volume |
| VARN | varnish | VOL LIM | volume limiter |
| VB | voiceband | VOLCAS | voice-operated loss control and echo suppressor |
| VC | vacant codes | VOM | volt-ohm-milliammeter |
| VCAC | vinyl chloride acetate | VOR | very high frequency omnidirectional radio range |
| VCL | vertical center line | VPM | volt per meter |
| VD | valid | VRH* | var-hour |
| VD | vandyke | VS | valve signal |
| VD | video | VS | versus |
| Vdc (2) | volts direct current | VSB | vestigial sideband |
| VDC | volts direct current | VSC | very slightly chamfered |
| VDF | video-frequency | VSWR | voltage standing wave ratio |
| VEL | vellum | VTE | voice-terminating equipment |
| VENT. | ventilate | VTVM* | electronic voltmeter |
| VER | verify | VU | volume unit |
| VER | vernier | | |
| VERB. | verbatim | | |

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| ABBREVIATION | TERM | ABBREVIATION | TERM |
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| | W | | |
| W (2) | watt | WL & BS | wiring list and block schematic |
| W (2) | weight | WM | wattmeter |
| W | weld | WND | wound |
| W | west | WO | wipe out |
| W | wire, wired | WO | wired only |
| W | write | WP | weatherproof |
| W (3) | white | WPAFB | Wright Patterson Air Force Base |
| W BRS | wrought brass | WRG | wiring |
| W CH | wire chief (on answering jack number plates only) | WRT | wrought |
| W MTX | word matrix | WSMR | White Sands Missile Range |
| WADS | wide area data service | WT | wavetrap |
| WAF | wafer | WT | weight |
| WASH. | washer | WTG | waiting |
| WATS | wide area telephone service | WTG | weighting |
| WATTYS | wide area teletypewriter service | WUPS | wake up service |
| Wb (2) | weber | WVM | wavemeter |
| WB | weber | WW | wire wound |
| WB | wet bulb | WY | way |
| WB | Wheatstone bridge | | X |
| WB | wideband | | |
| WC | wire chief | X* | exchange |
| WCP | Wing Command Post | X* | express |
| WD | wind | X* | extra |
| WD | wiring diagram | XARM* | crossarm |
| WD | wood | XBR* | crossbar |
| WD | word | XCONN* | cross connection |
| WDG | winding | XCVR* | transceiver |
| WE | Western Electric Company, Incorporated | XDCR* | transducer |
| WEA | weather | XMOD* | cross modulation |
| WEAPRF* | weatherproof | XMSN* | transmission |
| WECO* | Western Electric Company, Incorporated | XMT* | transmit |
| WG | waveguide | XMTG* | transmitting |
| Wh (2) | watthour | XMTR* | transmitter |
| WH | watthour | XOC* | express order circuit |
| WH | white | XSTR* | transistor |
| WH BRDG | Wheatstone bridge | XTAL* | crystal |
| WHM | watthour meter | | Y |
| WHR | watthour | | |
| WI | wrought iron | | |
| WK | week | Y (3) | yellow |
| WK | wink | Y (2) | yield strength |
| WKG | working | yd (2) | yard |
| WL | wavelength | yd ² (2) | square yard |
| WL | wind load | | |

| ABBREVIATION | TERM | NAME | ABBREVIATION |
|---------------------|----------------|-----------|--------------|
| yd ³ (2) | cubic yard | Iowa | IOWA |
| YD | yard | Kansas | KAN |
| YEL | yellow | Kentucky | KY |
| YP | yield point | Louisiana | LA |
| YR | year | Maine | ME |
| YS | yield strength | | |

Z

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|-------|-------------------|
| Z REG | zone registration |
| ZN | zinc |

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| Maryland | MD |
| Massachusetts | MASS |
| Michigan | MICH |
| Minnesota | MINN |
| Mississippi | MISS |

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|---------------|------|
| Missouri | MO |
| Montana | MONT |
| Nebraska | NEBR |
| Nevada | NEV |
| New Hampshire | NH |

8. ABBREVIATIONS—STATES

8.01 Abbreviations for State names intended for general use are shown in the following listing. Where required, common language codes for State names shall be in accordance with information covered in Section 795-100-100, Common Language Location Identification, Description.

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| New Jersey | NJ |
| New Mexico | N MEX |
| New York | NY |
| North Carolina | NC |
| North Dakota | N DAK |

| NAME | ABBREVIATION | NAME | ABBREVIATION |
|----------------------|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Alabama | ALA | Ohio | OHIO |
| Alaska | ALASKA | Oklahoma | OKLA |
| Arizona | ARIZ | Oregon | OREG |
| Arkansas | ARK | Pennsylvania | PA |
| California | CALIF | Rhode Island | RI |
| Colorado | COLO | South Carolina | SC |
| Connecticut | CONN | South Dakota | S DAK |
| Delaware | DEL | Tennessee | TENN |
| District of Columbia | DC | Texas | TEX |
| Florida | FLA | Utah | UTAH |
| Georgia | GA | Vermont | VT |
| Hawaii | HAWAII | Virginia | VA |
| Idaho | IDAHO | Washington | WASH |
| Illinois | ILL | West Virginia | W VA |
| Indiana | IND | Wisconsin | WIS |
| | | Wyoming | WYO |