



INTERNATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATION UNION

**ITU-T**

**M.320**

TELECOMMUNICATION  
STANDARDIZATION SECTOR  
OF ITU

**MAINTENANCE:  
INTERNATIONAL TRANSMISSION SYSTEMS  
(ANALOGUE)**

---

**NUMBERING OF THE CHANNELS  
IN A GROUP**

**ITU-T Recommendation M.320**

(Extract from the *Blue Book*)

---

## NOTES

1 ITU-T Recommendation M.320 was published in Fascicle IV.1 of the *Blue Book*. This file is an extract from the *Blue Book*. While the presentation and layout of the text might be slightly different from the *Blue Book* version, the contents of the file are identical to the *Blue Book* version and copyright conditions remain unchanged (see below).

2 In this Recommendation, the expression “Administration” is used for conciseness to indicate both a telecommunication administration and a recognized operating agency.

© ITU 1988, 1993

All rights reserved. No part of this publication may be reproduced or utilized in any form or by any means, electronic or mechanical, including photocopying and microfilm, without permission in writing from the ITU.

**Recommendation M.320**

**NUMBERING OF THE CHANNELS IN A GROUP**

**1 General**

The position of a channel within a group is identified by a number starting from 1, the numbers of the different channels being taken in order of frequency in the basic group frequency band.

A channel is said to be *erect* within a group when the frequencies in the group-frequency band corresponding to the audio-frequencies in the channels *ascend* in the same relative order as those in the channels forming the group.

Similarly, a channel is said to be *inverted* within a group when the frequencies in the group-frequency band descend in the same relative order as the ascending order of the frequencies in the channels.

A group, supergroup, etc., is said to be *erect* when all of its channels are *erect* and is said to be *inverted* when all of its channels are *inverted*.

**1.1 8 channel group**

Basic group B is *inverted*. The channels will be numbered from 1 to 8 in descending order of frequency within the group-frequency range. (See the recommended arrangement in Recommendation G.234 [1].)

The numbering is as shown in Figure 1/M.320.

**1.2 12 channel group**

Basic group B is *inverted*. The channels will be numbered from 1 to 12 in descending order of frequency within the group-frequency range.

The numbering is as shown in Figure 2/M.320.

**1.3 16 channel group**

Channels of a 16 channel group are normally assembled in the basic group B frequency range. The channels are numbered from 1 to 16 in descending order of frequency within the basic group B frequency band, the odd-numbered channels being *erect* and the even-numbered channels being *inverted*. It is therefore not possible in this case to speak of an *erect* or *inverted* group.

The numbering is as shown in Figure 3/M.320.

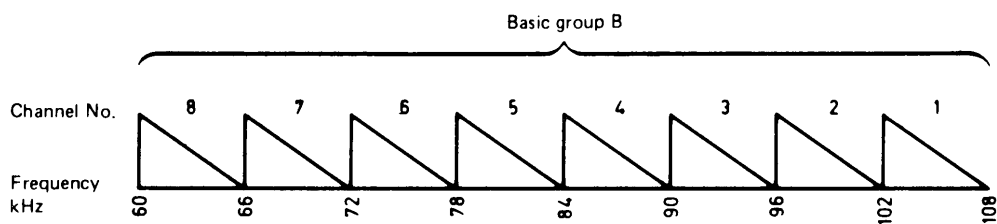


FIGURE 1/M.320  
Numbering of channels in 8 channel group

CCITT - 36660  
d01-sc

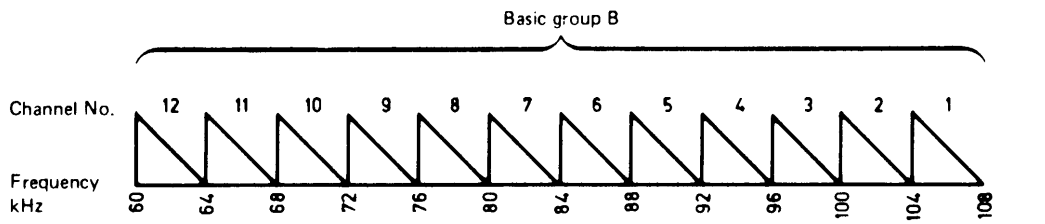


FIGURE 2/M.320

CCITT - 36670  
d02-sc

Numbering of channels in 12 channel group

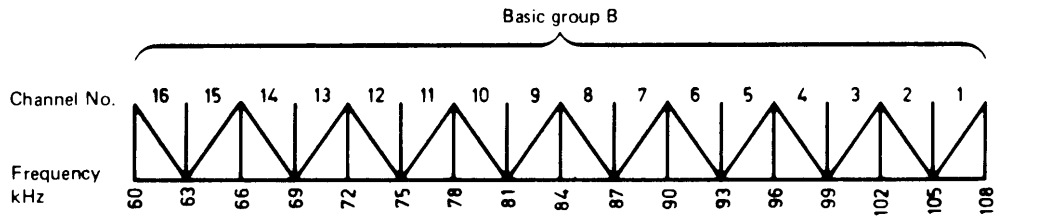


FIGURE 3/M.320

CCITT - 36680  
d03-sc

Numbering of channels in 16 channel group

## Reference

- [1] CCITT Recommendation *8-channel terminal equipments*, Orange Book, Vol. III-1, Rec. G.234, ITU, Geneva, 1977.