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PREFACE

This document was updated in February 1995. It defined the characteristics of the serial time code formats A, B, D, E, G, and H. The task of revising this standard was assigned to the Telecommunications and Timing Group of the Range Commanders Council. This 1998 edition of the document incorporates Manchester modulation for codes so designated. This standard should be adhered to by all U.S. Government ranges and facilities where serial time codes are generated for correlation of data with time.



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ABBREVIATIONS AND TERMS

ABBREVIATION	<u>TERM</u>
CF	Control Function
Hz	an abbreviation for Hertz (cycles per second)
kHz	kilohertz (1000 Hz)
fph fpm fps	frames per hour frames per minute frames per second
pph ppm pps	pulses per hour pulses per minute pulses per second
y mo d h m s ms 1s ns	year month day hour minute second millisecond (10 ³ s) microsecond (10 ⁻⁶ s) nanosecond (10 ⁻⁹ s)
DoY DoM HoD MoH SoD MoD MioD	day-of-year day-of-month hour-of-day minutes-of-hour seconds-of-day (86.4x10 ³) milliseconds-of-day (86.4x10 ⁶) microseconds-of-day (86.4x10 ⁹)
BCD SBS SB	binary coded decimal straight binary second(s) straight binary
LSB MSB	least significant bit most significant bit



DEFINITIONS

The following terms are defined as they are used in this document.

ACCURACY -- Systematic uncertainty (deviation) of a measured value with respect to a standard reference.

BINARY CODED DECIMAL (BCD) -- A numbering system which uses decimal digits encoded in a binary representation (1n 2n 4n 8n) where n=1, 10, 100, 1 k, 10 k...N (see appendix B).

BINARY NUMBERING SYSTEM (Straight Binary) -- A numbering system which has two as its base and uses two symbols, usually denoted by 0 and 1 (see appendix B).

BIT -- An abbreviation of binary or binary-coded decimal digits which forms each subword and which determines the granularity or resolution of the time code word.

FRAME RATE -- The repetition rate of the time code.

INDEX COUNT -- The number which identifies a specific bit position with respect to a reference marker.

INDEX MARKERS -- Uncoded, periodic, interpolating bits in the time code.

INSTRUMENTATION TIMING -- A parameter serving as the fundamental variable in terms of which data may be correlated.

LEAP SECOND -- See appendix A.

LEAP YEAR -- See appendix A.

ON-TIME -- The state of any bit being coincident with a Standard Time Reference (U.S. Naval Observatory or National Bureau of Standards or other national laboratory).

ON-TIME REFERENCE MARKER -- The leading edge of the reference bit $P_{\rm r}$ of each time frame.

POSITION IDENTIFIER -- A particular bit denoting the position of a portion or all of a time code.

PRECISION -- An agreement of measurement with respect to a defined value.



DEFINITIONS (CONT'D)

REFERENCE MARKER -- A periodic combination of bits which establishes that instant of time defined by the time code word.

RESOLUTION (of a time code) -- The smallest increment of time or least significant bit which can be defined by a time code word or subword.

SECOND -- Basic unit of time or time interval in the International System of Units (SI) which is equal to 9 192 631 770 periods of radiation corresponding to the transition between the two hyperfine levels of the ground state of Cesium 133.

SUBWORD -- A subdivision of the time code word containing only one type of time unit, for example, days, hours, seconds or milliseconds.

TIME -- Signifies epoch, that is, the designation of an instant of time on a selected time scale such as astronomical, atomic or UTC.

TIME CODE -- A system of symbols used for identifying specific instants of time.

TIME CODE WORD -- A specific set of time code symbols which identifies one instant of time. A time code word may be subdivided into subwords.

TIME FRAME -- The time interval between consecutive reference markers that contains all the bits that determine the time code format.

TIME INTERVAL -- The duration between two instants read on the same time scale, usually expressed in seconds or in a multiple or submultiple of a second.

TIME REFERENCE -- The basic repetition rate chosen as the common time reference for all instrumentation timing (usually 1 pps).

TIME T_0 -- The initial time $0^h 0^m 0^s$ January 1 or the beginning of an epoch.



GLOSSARY OF SELECTED TIME TERMS

These definitions of time-related terms are useful in understanding the text of the standard and the relationship between the various time scales.

COORDINATED UNIVERSAL TIME (UTC) -- is maintained by the Bureau International de l'Heure (BIH) which forms the basis of a coordinated dissemination of standard frequencies and time signals. A UTC clock has the same rate as a TAI clock, but differs by an integral number of seconds. The step-time adjustments are called "leap seconds." Leap seconds are subtracted or added to UTC to keep in synchronism with UT1 to within ± 0.9 seconds (see appendix A).

DUT1 -- is the predicted difference between UT1 and UTC and is given by DUT1 = UT1-UTC.

EPHEMERIS TIME (ET) -- is obtained from observations of the motion of the moon about the earth.

EPOCH -- signifies the beginning of an event.

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC TIME (TAI) -- is atomic time scale based on data from a worldwide set of clocks and is the internationally agreed to time reference. The TAI is maintained by the BIH, Paris, France. Its epoch was set such that TAI was in approximate agreement with UT1 on 1 January 1958.

INTERNATIONAL ATOMIC TIME (TAI) TIME CODE -- represents a binary count of elapsed time in seconds since the 1 January 1958 epoch. The Bureau International de l'Heure (BIH), the U.S. Naval Observatory (USNO), and other national observatories and laboratories maintain this count which accumulates at 86,400 seconds per day.

SIDEREAL TIME -- is determined and defined by observations of the earth with respect to the stars. A mean sidereal day is approxi-mately 23^h 56^m 4.09^s. A solar year contains 366.24 sidereal days.

SOLAR TIME -- is based on the rotation of the earth about the sun.

TIME SCALE -- is a reference system for specifying occurrences with respect to time.



GLOSSARY OF SELECTED TIME TERMS (CONT'D)

UNIVERSAL TIME (UT) -- is the mean solar time of the prime meridian plus 12^h, determined by measuring the angular position of the earth about its axis. The UT is sometimes designated GMT, but this designation should be avoided. The official U.S. Naval Observatory designation is "Z" or Zulu for UT.

UT0 -- measures UT with respect to the observer's meridian (position on earth) which varies because of the conical motion of the poles.

UT1 -- is UT0 corrected for variations in the polar motion and is proportional to the rotation of the earth in space. In its monthly bulletin, <u>Circular-D</u>, the Bureau International de l'Heure (BIH) publishes the current values of UT1 with respect to International Atomic Time (TAI).

UT2 -- is UT1 corrected empirically for annual and semiannual variations of the rotation rate of the earth. The maximum correction is about 30 ms.



INTRODUCTION

Modern day electronic systems such as communication systems, data handling systems, missile and spacecraft tracking, and telemetry systems require time-of-day information for data correlation with time. Parallel and serial formatted time codes are used to efficiently interface the timing system (time-of-day source) to the user system. Parallel time codes are defined in IRIG Standard 205-87. Standardization of time codes is necessary to ensure system compatibility among the various ranges, ground tracking networks, spacecraft and missile projects, data reduction and processing facilities, and international cooperative projects.

This standard defines the characteristics of six serial time codes presently used by U.S. Government agencies and private industry. Four new combinations have been added to the list of standard formats: A002, A132, B002, and B122. Moreover, this standard reflects the state of the art and is not intended to constrain proposals for new serial time codes with greater resolution.



1.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF STANDARD

This standard consists of a family of rate-scaled serial time codes with formats containing up to three-coded expressions or words. The first word of the time-code frame is time-of-year in binary coded decimal (BCD) notation in days, hours, minutes, seconds, and fractions of seconds depending on the code-frame rate. The second word is a set of bits reserved for encoding of various control, identification, and other special purpose functions. The third word is seconds-of-day weighted in straight binary seconds (SBS) notation.

Manufacturers of time code generating equipment today do not include the seconds-of-day code or the control bits in their design of IRIG serial time code generators. Fill bits of all 0s are added to achieve the desired frame length and code repetition rate. If the user desires the SBS code or control bits, it must be specified (see section 3 for standard code formats).

2.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF FORMATS

An overview of the formats is described in the following subparagraphs.

2.1 Pulse Rise Time

The specified pulse (dc level shift bit) rise time shall be obtained between the 10 and 90 percent amplitude points (see appendix C).

2.2 Jitter

The modulated code is defined as ≤ 1 percent at the carrier frequency. The dc level shift code is defined as the pulse-to-pulse variation at the 50 percent amplitude points on the leading edges of successive pulses or bits (see appendix C).

2.3 Bit Rates and Index Count

Each pulse in a time code word/subword is called a bit. The "on-time" reference point for all bits is the leading edge of the bit. The repetition rate at which the bits occur is called the bit rate. Each bit has an associated numerical index count identification. The time interval between the leading edge of two consecutive bits is the index count interval. The index count begins at the frame reference point with index count 0 and increases one count each index count until the time frame is complete.



The bit rates and index count intervals of the time code formats are

Format	Bit Rate	Index Count Interval
A	1 kpps	1 millisecond
В	100 pps	10 milliseconds
D	1 ppm	1 minute
Е	10 pps	0.1 second
G	10 kpps	0.1 millisecond
Н	1 pps	1 second

2.4 Time Frame, Time Frame Reference, and Time Frame Rates

A time code frame begins with a frame reference marker P_0 (position identifier) followed by a reference bit P_r with each having a duration equal to 0.8 of the index count interval of the respective code. The on-time reference point of a time frame is the leading edge of the reference bit P_r . The repetition rate at which the time frames occur is called the time frame rate.

The time frame rates and time frame intervals of the formats are

Format	Time Frame Rate	Time Frame Interval
A	10 fps	0.1 second
В	1 fps	1 second
D	1 fph	1 hour
Е	6 fpm	10 seconds
G	100 fps	10 ms
Н	1 fpm	1 minute

2.5 <u>Position Identifiers</u>

Position identifiers have a duration equal to 0.8 of the index count interval of the respective code. The leading edge of the position identifier P_0 occurs one index count interval before the frame reference point P_r and the succeeding position identifiers $(P_2, P_2...P_0)$ occur every succeeding tenth bit. The repetition rate at which the position identifiers occur is always 0.1 of the time format bit rate.



2.6 <u>Time Code Words</u>

The two time code words employed in this standard are

BCD time-of-year SBS time-of-day (seconds-of-day)

All time code formats are pulse-width coded. A binary (1) bit has a duration equal to 0.5 of the index count interval, and a binary (0) bit has a duration equal to 0.2 of the index count interval. The BCD time-of-year code reads 0 hours, minutes, seconds, and fraction of seconds at 2400 each day and reads day 001 at 2400 of day 365 or day 366 (leap year). The SBS time-of-day code reads 0 seconds at 2400 each day excluding leap second days when a second may be added or subtracted. Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) is generated for all interrange applications.

2.7 BCD Time-of-Year Code Word

The BCD time-of-year code word consists of subwords in days, hours, minutes, seconds, and fractions of a second encoded in a binary representation (1n 2n 4n 8n) where n=1, 10, 100, 1 k...N. Time code digit values less than N are considered zero and are encoded as a binary 0.

The position identifiers preceding the decimal digits and the index count locations of the decimal digits (if present) are

BCD Code Decimal Digits	Decimal Digits Follow Position Identifier	Digits Occupy Index Count Positions
Units of Seconds Tens of Seconds	P_0	1-4 6-8
Units of Minutes Tens of Minutes	P_1	10-13 15-17
Units of Hours Tens of Hours	P ₂	20-23 25-26
Units of Days Tens of Days	P_2	30-33 35-38
Hundreds of Days Tenths of Seconds	P ₄	40-41 45-48
Hundredths of Seconds	P ₅	50-53



Format A and B include an optional straight binary seconds-of-day (SBS) time code word in addition to the BCD time-of-year time code word. The SBS word follows position identifier P_8 beginning with the least significant binary bit (2^0) at index count 80 and progressing to the most significant binary bit (2^{16}) at index count 97 with a position identifier P_9 occurring between the ninth (2^8) and tenth (2^9) binary bits.

2.8 Control Functions

All time code formats reserve a set of bits known as control functions (CF) for the encoding of various control, identification, or other special purpose functions. The control bits may be programmed in any predetermined coding system. A binary 1 bit has a duration equal to 0.5 of the index count interval, and a binary (0) has a duration equal to 0.2 of the index count interval. Control function bits follow position identifier P_5 or P_6 beginning at index count 50 or 60 with one control function bit per index count, excepting each tenth bit which is a position identifier. The number of available control bits in each time code format are

Format	Control Functions
A	27
В	27
D	9
Е	45
G	36
Н	9

Control functions are presently intended for intrarange use but not for interrange applications; therefore, no standard coding system exists. The inclusion of control functions into a time code format as well as the coding system employed is an individual user defined option.

2.9 Index Markers

Index markers occur at all index count positions which are not assigned as a reference marker, position identifier, code, or control function bit. Index marker bits have a duration equal to 0.2 of the index count interval of the respective time code format.

2.10 Amplitude Modulated Carrier

A standard sine wave carrier frequency to be amplitude modulated by a time code is synchronized to have positive-going, zero-axis crossings coincident with the leading edges of the modulating code bits. A mark-to-space ratio of 10:3 is standard with a range of 3:1 to 6:1 (see figure 1 and table 1, Typical Modulated Carrier Signals).



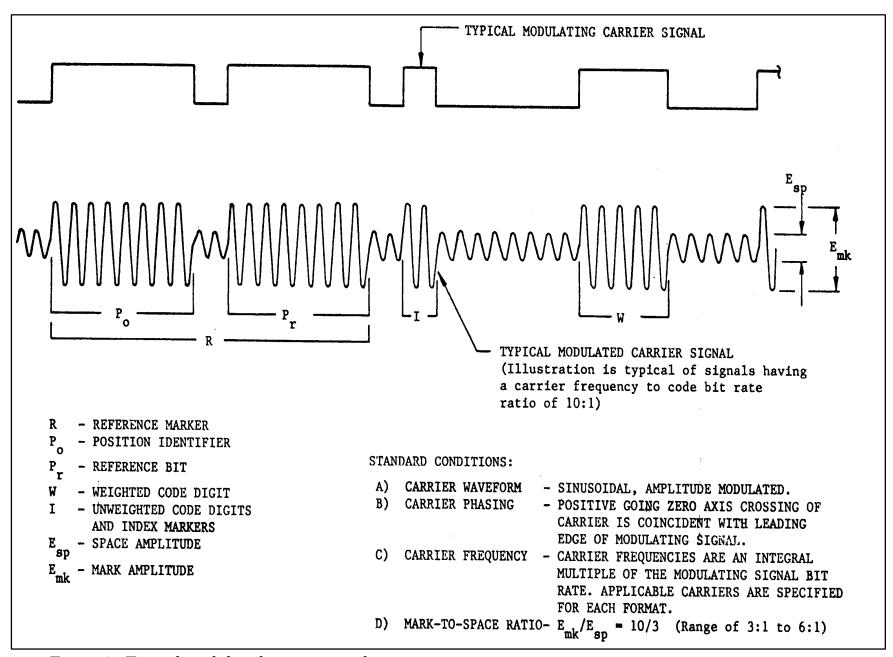
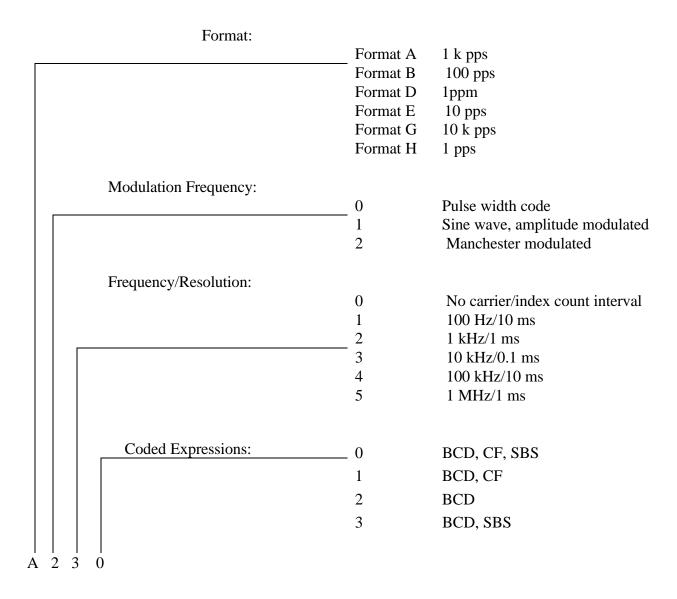


Figure 1. Typical modulated carrier signal.

	TABLE 1. TYPICAL MODULATED CARRIER SIGNAL							
						MARK I NUMBER	INTERVA OF CYCI	
FORMAT	SIGNAL NO.	TIME FRAME RATE	CARRIER FREQUENCY F	SIGNAL BIT RATE ER	RATIO F/ER	CODE "0" & INDEX	CODE "1"	POSITION IDENTIFIER & REF.
A	A130,132 133	10 per sec.	10 kHz	1 kpps	10:1	2	5	8
В	B120,122 123	1 per sec.	1 kHz	100 pps	10:1	2	5	8
D	D111, 112 121,122	1 per hr.	100 Hz 1 kHz	1 ppm 1 ppm	6000:1 60000:1	1200 12000	3000 30000	4800 48000
E	E111,112 121,122	6 per min.	100 Hz 1 kHz	10 pps 10 pps	10:1 100:1	2 20	5 50	8 80
G	G141,142	100 per sec.	100 kHz	10 kpps	10:1	2	5	8
Н	H111,112 121,122	1 per min.	100 Hz 1 kHz	1 pps 1 pps	100:1 1000:1	20 200	50 500	80 800

3.0 **DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF FORMATS**

The family of rate scaled serial time code formats is alphabetically designated A, B, D, E, G, and H. Various combinations of subwords and signal forms make up a time code word. All formats do not contain each standard coded expression, and various signal forms are possible. To differentiate between these forms, signal identification numbers are assigned to each permissible combination according to the following procedure.



The resolution of a time code is that of the smallest increment of time or the least significant bit which can be defined by a time code word or subword. The accuracy of a modified, Manchester time code can be determined by the risetime of the on-time pulse in the Manchester code which marks the beginning of the on-time one-pulse-per-second as shown in Figure 1. The accuracy can be milliseconds to nanoseconds or better depending on equipment and measurement



technique. For the case of the unmodulated Manchester codes, the Position Marker, PO, which marks the beginning of the second can be used.

The following chart shows the permissible code formats. Codes D, E and H remain unchanged. Codes A, B and G have changed to permit 1MHz and Manchester modulation as indicated in the chart shown below. No other combinations are standard.

FORMAT	MODULATION FREQUENCY	FREQUENCY/ RESOLUTION	CODED EXPRESSIONS
A	0,1,2	0,3,4,5	0,1,2,3
В	0,1,2	0,2,3,4,5	0,1,2,3
D	0,1	0,1,2	1,2
Е	0,1	0,1,2	1,2
G	0,1,2	0,4,5	1,2
Н	0,1	0,1,2	1,2

EXAMPLES:

Signal A 1 3 0 : Format A, amplitude modulated, 10 kHz carrier/0.1 ms resolution, containing BCD, CF and SBS code expressions.

Signal A 2 4 3 : Format A, Manchester modulated, 100 kHz carrier/10 ms resolution, containing BCD and SBS code expressions.

Signal B 0 0 3 : Format B, pulse-width coded, dc level shift/10 ms resolution, containing BCD and SBS code expressions

Signal H 1 2 2 : Format H, amplitude modulated, 1 kHz carrier/1 ms resolution, containing BCD code expression.

The Telecommunications and Timing Group (TTG) of the Range Commanders Council (RCC) has adopted a Modified Manchester modulation technique as an option for the IRIG serial time codes A, B, and G as an addition to the standard AM modulation and level shift modulation now permitted.

It should be noted that at present, the assignment of control bits (control functions) to specific functions in the IRIG serial time codes is left to the end-user of the time codes. However, since none of the IRIG codes have a "year" designation in their formats, ("day-of-year" but not "year"),



the TTG is looking at the possibility of adding "year" to specific codes such as IRIG-A to accommodate the "year 2000" rollover. As an example, for IRIG-A, selected control bits between P50 and P80 would be assigned for the "year" designation. Codes being considered are IRIG A, B, E, and G.

MANCHESTER II CODING

Standard Manchester modulation or encoding is a return-to-zero type, where a rising edge in the middle of the clock window indicates a binary one (1) and a falling edge indicates a binary zero (0). This modification to the Manchester code shifts the data window so the data are at the edge of the clock window which is on-time with the one-pulse-per-second clock Universal Time Coordinated (UTC). Thus, the data edge is the on-time mark in the code. This code is easy to generate digitally, easy to modulate onto fiber or coaxial cable, simple to decode, and has a zero mean, thus it is easy to detect even at low levels.

Figures 2 and 3 show the basic Modified Manchester modulation, compared with the AM and level shift modulations. The Manchester encoding uses a square-wave as the encoding (data) clock, with the rising edge on-time with UTC. The frequency of the encoding clock shall be ten times the index rate of the time code generated. Example: The clock rate for IRIG B230 will be 10 kHz.

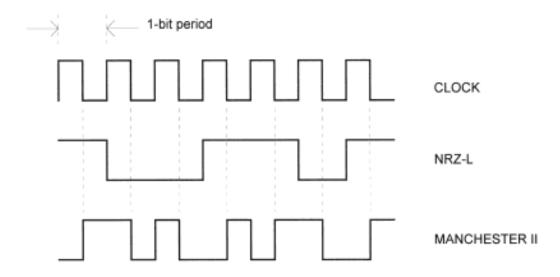
This modulation technique has several advantages: no dc component, can be ac coupled, better signal-to-noise ratio, good spectral power density, easily decoded, and has better timing resolution. Also, the link integrity monitoring capability is intrinsic to bipolar pulse modulation. The Modified Manchester coding technique is designed to operate over fiber-optic or coaxial lines for short distances.

MANCHESTER II DECODING

A Manchester II encoded sequence is shown below, where each symbol is "subbit" encoded, i.e., a data one equals a zero-one, and a data zero equals a one-zero:



A Manchester II Encoded Sequence



The above encoded sequence is formed by modulo-2 adding the NRZ-L sequence with the clock. The truth table is shown below for a modulo-2 adder, i.e., an Exclusive-Or (XOR):

INPUT A	INPUT B	OUTPUT
0	0	0
0	1	1
1	0	1
1	1	0

To decode the encoded sequence, it is only necessary to modulo-2 add the clock with the encoded sequence and the original NRZ-L sequence results. It should be noted that the bit determination is made after integrating across a bit period. In this way, the maximum amount of bit energy is used in the determination of each bit. Likewise, one could have integrated or sampled both halves of the encoded sequence, and reconstructed the original NRZ-L sequence by applying the encoding rule; that is, if sampled halves are 0-1, then a data 1 is reconstructed, or if the sampled halves are 1-0, then a data 0 is reconstructed. Once again, as much energy as possible is used from the encoded sequence to reconstruct the original NRZ-L sequence. This procedure minimizes the probability of error.

NOTE: When the above procedure is used, the reconstructed data are coherent with the clock; that is, the NRZ-L data transitions will agree with the positive going edge of the clock. However, since the decisions are made at the end of the symbol period, the reconstructed NRZ-L data are delayed one clock period which means that when the entire time is received, the received time code or local clock needs to be advanced by one clock period. Also, if desired, one can correct the receive clock for significant signal propagation delays.



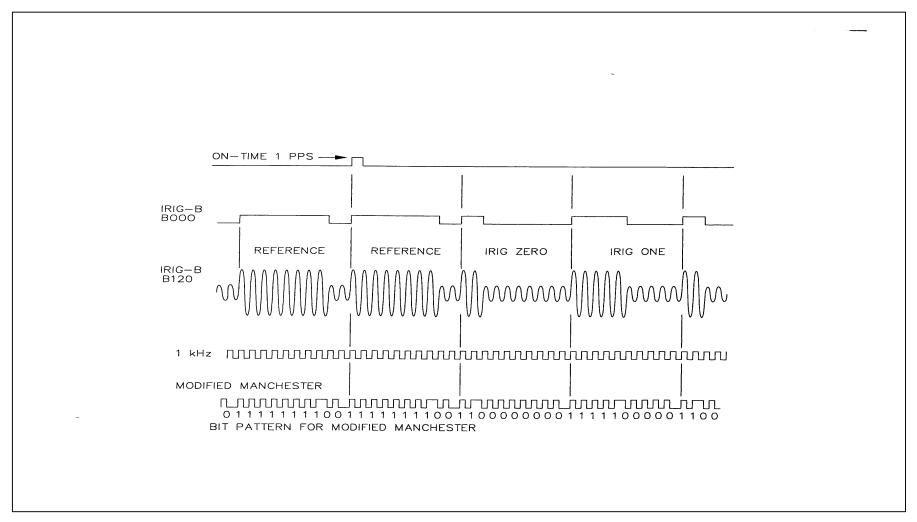


Figure 2. IRIG-B coding comparisons: level shift, 1kHz am, and Modified Manchester.

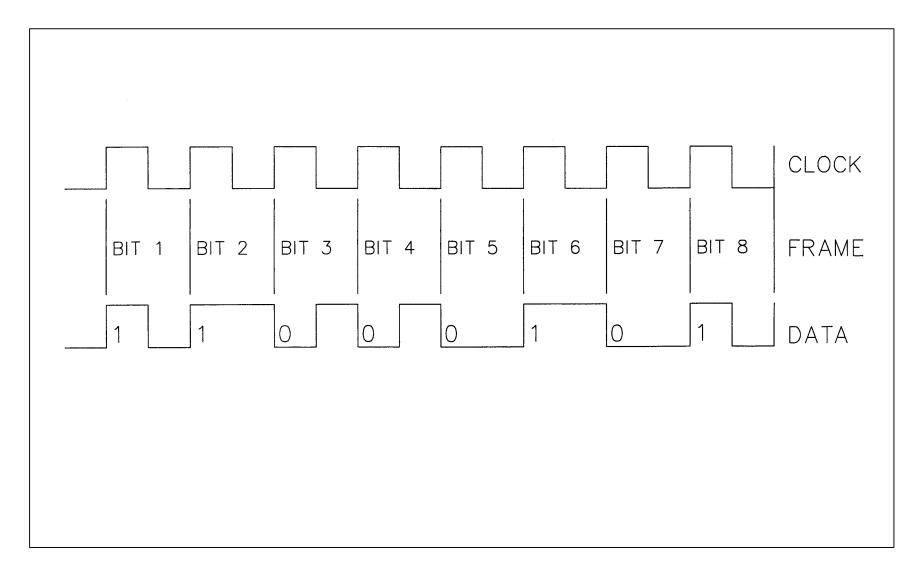


Figure 3. Modified Manchester Coding.

4.0 GENERAL DESCRIPTION OF TIME CODES

A general description of individual time code formats is described in the following subparagraphs.

4.1 Time Code Format A

- 4.1.1 The 78-bit time code contains 34 bits of binary coded decimal (BCD) time-of-year information in days, hours, minutes, seconds, and tenths of seconds; 17 bits of straight binary seconds-of-day (SBS) and 27 bits for control functions.
- 4.1.2 The BCD code (seconds subword) begins at index count 1 (LSB first) with binary coded bits occurring between position identifiers P_0 and P_5 : 7 for seconds, 7 for minutes, 6 for hours, 10 for days, and 4 for tenths of seconds to complete the BCD word. An index marker occurs between the decimal digits in each subword, except for the tenths of seconds, to provide separation for visual resolution. The BCD time code word recycles yearly.
- 4.1.3 The SBS word begins at index count 80 and is between position identifiers P_8 and P_0 with a position identifier bit (P_9) between the 9th and 10th binary SBS coded bits. The SBS time code recycles each 24-hour period.
- 4.1.4 The control bits occur between position identifiers P_5 and P_8 with a position identifier occurring every 10 bits.
- 4.1.5 The frame rate or repetition rate is 0.1 second with resolutions of 1 ms (dc level shift) and 0.1 ms (modulated 10 kHz carrier).

4.2 Time Code Format B

- 4.2.1 The 74-bit time code contains 30 bits of BCD time-of-year information in days, hours, minutes, and seconds; 17 bits of SB seconds-of-day; and 27 bits for control functions.
- 4.2.2 The BCD code (seconds subword) begins at index count 1 (LSB first) with binary coded bits occurring between position identifier bits P_0 and P_5 : 7 for seconds, 7 for minutes, 6 for hours, and 10 for days, to complete the BCD word. An index marker occurs between the decimal digits in each subword to provide separation for visual resolution. The BCD time code recycles yearly.
- 4.2.3 The SBS word begins at index count 80 and is between position identifiers P₈ and P₀ with a position identifier bit (P₉) between the 9th and 10th binary SBS coded bits. The SBS time code recycles each 24 hour period.
- 4.2.4 The control bits occur between position identifiers P_5 and P_8 , with a position identifier every 10 bits.



4.2.5 The frame rate is 1.0 second with resolutions of 10 ms (dc level shift) and 1 ms (modulated 1 kHz carrier).

4.3 Time Code Format D

- 4.3.1 The 25-bit time code contains 16 bits of BCD time-of-year information in days, hours, and minutes, and 9 bits for control functions.
- 4.3.2 The BCD code (hours subword) begins at index count 20 (LSB first) with binary coded bits occurring between position identifier bits P₂ and P₅: 6 for hours and 10 for days to complete the BCD word. An index marker occurs between the decimal digits in each subword for visual resolution. The time code recycles yearly.
- 4.3.3 The control bits occur between position identifiers P₅ and P₀.
- 4.3.4 The frame rate is one hour with resolutions of 1 minute (dc level shift), 10 ms (modulated 100 Hz carrier) and 1 ms (modulated 1 kHz carrier).

4.4 Time Code Format E

- 4.4.1 The 71-bit time code contains 26 bits of BCD time-of-year information in days, hours, minutes, and seconds, and 45 bits for control functions.
- 4.4.2 The BCD code (seconds subword) begins at index count 6 (LSB first). Binary coded bits occur between position identifier bits P_0 and P_5 : 3 for tens of seconds, 7 for minutes, 6 for hours, and 10 for days to complete the BCD word. An index marker occurs between the decimal digits in each subword to provide for visual resolution. The time code recycles yearly.
- 4.4.3 The control bits occur between position identifiers P₅ and P₀.
- 4.4.4 The frame rate is 10 seconds with resolutions of 0.1 second (dc level), 10 ms (modulated 100 Hz carrier) and 1 ms (modulated 1 kHz carrier). The time code recycles yearly.

4.5 Time Code Format G

- 4.5.1 The 74-bit time code contains 38 bits of BCD time-of-year information in days, hours, minutes, seconds, and fractions of seconds, and 36 bits for control functions.
- 4.5.2 The BCD code (seconds subword) begins at index count 1 (LSB first). Binary coded bits occur between position identifier bits P₀ and P₆: 7 for seconds, 7 for minutes, 6 for hours, 10 for days, 4 for tenths of seconds, and 4 for hundredths of seconds to complete the BCD word. An index marker occurs between the decimal digits in each subword (except fractional seconds) to provide for resolution. The time code recycles yearly.



- 4.5.3 The control bits occur between position identifiers P_6 and P_0 .
- 4.5.4 The frame rate is 10 ms with resolutions of 0.1 ms (dc level shift) and 10 μ s (modulated 100 kHz carrier). The time code recycles yearly.

4.6 Time Code Format H

- 4.6.1 The 32-bit time code word contains 23 bits of BCD time-of-year information in days, hours, and minutes and 9 bits for control functions.
- 4.6.2 The BCD code (minutes subword) begins at index count 10 (LSB first) with binary coded bits occurring between position identifier bits P_1 and P_5 : 7 for minutes, 6 for hours, and 10 for days to complete the BCD word. An index marker occurs between decimal digits in each subword to provide separation for visual resolution. The time code recycles yearly.
- 4.6.3 The control bits occur between position identifiers P_5 and P_0 .
- 4.6.4 The frame rate is 1 minute with resolutions of 1 second (dc level shift), 10 ms (modulated 100 Hz carrier) and 1 ms (modulated 1 kHz carrier).

5.0 DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF TIME CODES

A detailed description of individual time code formats is described in the following paragraphs.

5.1 Format A, Signal A000

- 5.1.1 The beginning of each 0.1 second time frame is identified by two consecutive 0.8 ms bits, P_0 and P_r . The leading edge of P_r is the on-time reference point for the succeeding time code words. Position identifiers, P_0 and P_1 through P_9 , (0.8 ms duration) occur every 10th bit and 1 ms before the leading edge of each succeeding 100 pps "on-time" bit (see figure 4).
- 5.1.2 The two time code words and the control functions presented during the time frame are pulse width coded. The binary zero and index markers have a duration of 0.2 ms, and the binary one has a duration of 0.5 ms. The 1 k pps leading edge is the on-time reference point for all bits.



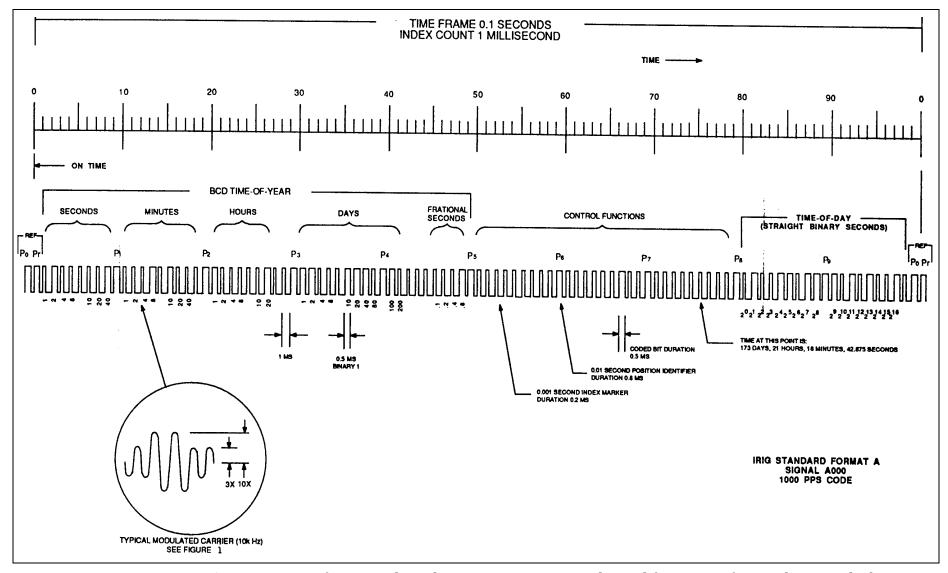


Figure 4. Format A: BCD time-of-year in days, hours, minutes, seconds, and fractions of seconds; straight binary seconds-of-day plus optional control bits.

- 5.1.3 The binary coded decimal (BCD) time-of-year code word consists of 34 bits beginning at index count one. The binary coded subword bits occur between position identifiers P₀ and P₅: 7 for seconds, 7 for minutes, 6 for hours, 10 for days, and 4 for tenths of seconds to complete the time code word. An index marker occurs between the decimal digits in each subword, except tenths of seconds, to provide separation for visual resolution. The LSB occurs first except for the fractional seconds subword which follows the day-of-year subword. The BCD code recycles yearly. Each BCD bit position is identified on the time-of-year chart shown in table 2.
- 5.1.4 Twenty-seven control bits occur between position identifiers P_5 and P_8 . Any control function bit or combination of bits can be programmed to read a binary one or a binary zero during any specified number of time frames. Each control bit position is identified as shown in table 2.
- 5.1.5 The straight binary (SB) seconds-of-day code word occurs at index count 80 between position identifiers P_8 and P_0 . Seventeen bits give time-of-day in seconds with the LSB occurring first. A position identifier occurs between the 9th and 10th binary coded bits. The code recycles each 24-hour period. Each bit position is identified in table 2.

5.1.6

Pulse Rates	Pulse Duration
Bit rate: 1 k pps Position identifier rate: 100 pps Reference marker: 10 pps	Index marker: 0.2 ms Binary zero or uncoded bit: 0.2 ms Binary one or coded bit: 0.5 ms Position identifiers: 0.8 ms Reference bit: 0.8 ms

Resolution	Mark-To-Space Ratio
1 ms dc level	Nominal value of 10:3
0.1 ms modulated 10 kHz carrier	Range of 3:1 to 6:1

5.2 Format B, Signal B000

5.2.1 The beginning of each 1.0 second time frame is identified by two consecutive 8.0 ms bits, P_0 and P_r . The leading edge of P_r is the on-time reference point for the succeeding time code words. Position identifiers, P_0 and P_1 through P_9 , (8 ms duration) occur every 10th bit and 10 ms before the leading edge of each succeeding 10 pps "on-time" bit (see figure 5).



TABLE 2. FORMAT A,SIGNAL A000

	BCD TIME-OF-YEAR CODE (34 DIGITS)													
SECONDS SUBWORD MINUTES SUBWORD HOURS SUBWORD DAYS AND FRACTIONAL SECOND SUBWORDS														
BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt SECONDS	BIT Time (Note 1)	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt MINUTES	BIT Time	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt HOURS	BIT Time	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt DAYS	BIT Time	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt DAYS	BIT Time
Refere	ence BIT	$P_{\rm r}$	8	1	P _r + 10 ms	15	1	P _r + 20 ms	21	1	P _r + 30 ms	29	100	P _r + 40 ms
1	1	P _r + 1 ms	9	2	P _r + 11 ms	16	2	P _r + 21 ms	22	2	P _r + 31 ms	30	200	$P_r + 41 \text{ ms}$
2	2	P _r + 2 ms	10	4	P _r + 12 ms	17	4	P _r + 22 ms	23	4	P _r + 32 ms	Index	BIT	P _r + 42 ms
3	4	$P_r + 3 \text{ ms}$	11	8	P _r + 13 ms	18	8	P _r + 23 ms	24	8	P _r + 33 ms	Index	BIT	$P_r + 43 \text{ ms}$
4	8	P _r + 4 ms	Ind	ex BIT	P _r + 14 ms	Index	k BIT	P _r + 24 ms	Index	BIT	P _r + 34 ms	Index	BIT	Pr + 44 ms
Inde	ex BIT	P _r + 5 ms	12	10	P _r + 15 ms	19	10	P _r + 25 ms	25	10	P _r + 35 ms	31	0.1	$P_r + 45 \text{ ms}$
5	10	Pr+6 ms	13	20	P _r + 16 ms	20	20	P _r + 26 ms	26	20	P _r + 36 ms	32	0.2	P _r + 46 ms
6	20	P _r + 7 ms	14	40	P _r + 17 ms	Index	k BIT	P _r + 27 ms	27	40	P _r + 37 ms	33	0.4	P _r + 47 ms

 $P_r + 28 \text{ ms}$

 P_r + 29 ms

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Position Ident. (P₄)

Index BIT

Position Ident. (P₃)

	CONTROL FUNCTIONS (27 BITS)												
Control Function BIT	BIT Time	Control Function BIT	BIT Time	Control Function BIT	BIT Time								
1	P _r + 50 ms	10	P _r + 60 ms	19	P _r + 70 ms								
2	$P_r + 51 \text{ ms}$	11	P _r + 61 ms	20	$P_r + 71 \text{ ms}$								
3	$P_r + 52 \text{ ms}$	12	$P_r + 62 \text{ ms}$	21	P_r + 72 ms								
4	$P_r + 53 \text{ ms}$	13	$P_r + 63 \text{ ms}$	22	P_r + 73 ms								
5	$P_r + 54 \text{ ms}$	14	P _r + 64 ms	23	P _r + 74 ms								
6	$P_r + 55 \text{ ms}$	15	P _r + 65 ms	24	$P_r + 75 \text{ ms}$								
7	$P_r + 56 \text{ ms}$	16	P _r + 66 ms	25	$P_r + 76 \text{ ms}$								
8	$P_r + 57 \text{ ms}$	17	$P_r + 67 \text{ ms}$	26	$P_r + 77 \text{ ms}$								
9	$P_r + 58 \text{ ms}$	18	P _r + 68 ms	27	P_r + 78 ms								
Position Ident. (P ₆)	P _r + 59 ms	Position Ident. (P ₇)	P _r + 69 ms	Position Ident. (P ₈)	P _r + 79 ms								

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Position Ident. (P₁)

 $P_r + 8 \text{ ms}$

 $P_r + 9 \text{ ms}$

S	STRAIGHT BINARY SECONDS TIME-OF-DAY CODE (17 DIGITS)												
SB Code BIT	Subword Digit Weight	BIT Time	SB Code BIT	Subword Digit Weight	BIT Time								
1	$2^0 = (1)$	$P_r + 80 \text{ ms}$	10	$2^9 = (512)$	$P_r + 90 \text{ ms}$								
2	$2^1 = (2)$	P_r + 81 ms	11	$2^{10} = (1024)$	$P_r + 91 \text{ ms}$								
3	$2^2 = (4)$	$P_{\rm r}$ + 82 ms	12	$2^{11} = (2048)$	$P_r + 92 \text{ ms}$								
4	$2^3 = (8)$	P_r + 83 ms	13	$2^{12} = (4096)$	$P_r + 93 \text{ ms}$								
5	$2^4 = (16)$	P_r + 84 ms	14	$2^{13} = (8192)$	$P_r + 94 \text{ ms}$								
6	$2^5 = (32)$	P_r + 85 ms	15	214=(16384)	$P_r + 95 \text{ ms}$								
7	$2^6 = (64)$	P_r + 86 ms	16	215=(32768)	$P_r + 96 \text{ ms}$								
8	$2^7 = (128)$	$P_{\rm r}$ + 87 ms	17	216=(65536)	$P_r + 97 \text{ ms}$								
9	$2^8 = (256)$	P_r + 88 ms	Ind	ex BIT	$P_r + 98 \text{ ms}$								
Position	Ident. (P ₉)	$P_{\rm r}$ + 89 ms	Position	P_r + 99 ms									

 $P_r + 38 \text{ ms}$

 $P_r + 39 \ ms$

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Position Ident. (P₅)

Note 1: The BIT Time is the time of the BIT leading edge and refers to the leading edge of Pr.

Index BIT

Position Ident. (P2)

P_r + 18 ms

 $P_r + 19 \text{ ms}$



P_r + 48 ms

 P_r + 49 ms

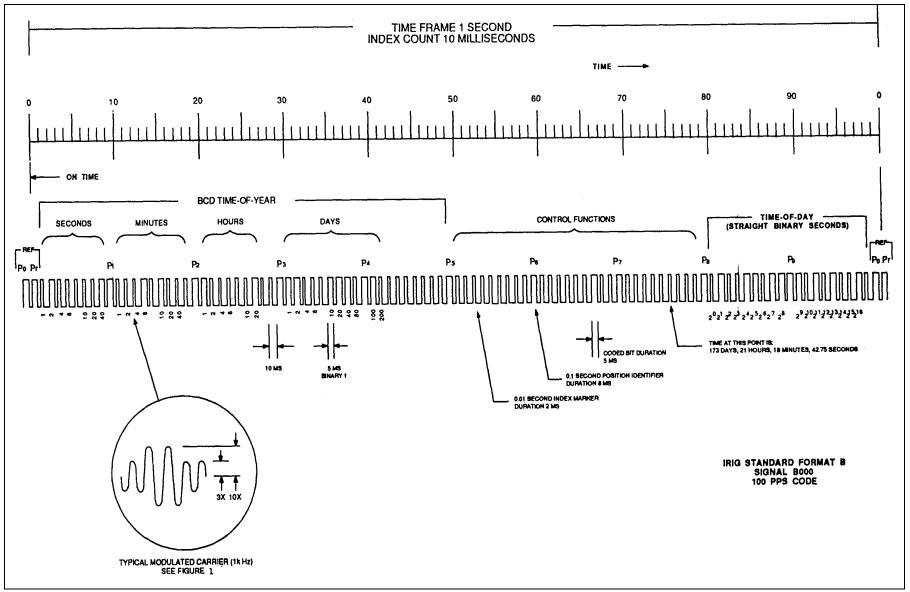


Figure 5. Format B: BCD time-of-year in days, hours, minutes and seconds; straight binary seconds-of-day plus optional control bits.



- 5.2.2 The two time code words and the control functions presented during the time frame are pulse width coded. The binary zero and the index markers have a duration of 2.0 ms, and a binary one has a duration of 5.0 ms. The 100 pps leading edge is the on-time reference point for all bits.
- 5.2.3 The BCD time-of-year code word consists of 30 bits beginning at index count one. The subword bits occur between position identifiers P_0 and P_5 : 7 for seconds, 7 for minutes, 6 for hours, and 10 for days to complete the BCD time code word. An index marker occurs between the decimal digits in each subword to provide separation for visual resolution. The LSB occurs first. The code recycles yearly. Each bit position is identified in table 3.
- 5.2.4 Twenty-seven control functions occur between position identifiers P₅ and P₈. Any control function bit or combination of bits can be programmed to read a binary one or zero during any specified number of time frames. Each control bit position is identified in table 3.
- 5.2.5 The SB seconds-of-day code word occurs between position identifiers P_8 and P_0 . Seventeen bits give time-of-day in seconds with the LSB occurring first. A position identifier occurs between the 9th and 10th binary coded bit. The code recycles each 24-hour period. Each bit position is identified as shown in table 3.

5.2.6

Pulse Rates	Pulse Duration
Bit rate: 100 pps Position identifier: 10 pps Reference mark: 1 pps	Index marker: 2 ms Binary zero or uncoded bit: 2 ms Binary one or coded bit: 5 ms Position identifiers: 8 ms Reference bit: 8 ms

Resolution	Mark-To-Space Ratio
10 ms dc level	Nominal value of 10:3
1 ms modulated 1 kHz carrier	Range of 3:1 to 6:1



	TABLE 3. FORMAT B, SIGNAL B000													
	BCD TIME-OF-YEAR CODE (30 DIGITS)													
SECONDS SUBWORD MINUTES SUBWORD HOURS SUBWORD DAYS SUBWORD														
Code Digit Wt (Note 1) Code Digit Wt Code Digit Wt Code Digit Wt Code Digit Wt								Subword Digit Wt DAYS	BIT Time					
Refer	ence BIT	$P_{\rm r}$	8	1	P _r + 100 ms	15	1	$P_r + 200 \text{ ms}$	21	1	P _r + 300 ms	29	100	$P_r + 400 \text{ ms}$
1	1	P _r + 10 ms	9	2	P _r + 110 ms	16	2	$P_r + 210 \text{ ms}$	22	2	P _r + 310 ms	30	200	$P_r + 410 \text{ ms}$
2	2	P _r + 20 ms	10	4	P _r + 120 ms	17	4	$P_r + 220 \text{ ms}$	23	4	P _r + 320 ms	Index BIT		$P_r + 420 \text{ ms}$
3	4	P _r + 30 ms	11	8	P _r + 130 ms	18	8	$P_r + 230 \text{ ms}$	24	8	P _r + 330 ms	Ind	ex BIT	$P_r + 430 \text{ ms}$
4	8	P _r + 40 ms	Inc	dex BIT	P _r + 140 ms	Ind	ex BIT	$P_r + 240 \text{ ms}$	Inde	x BIT	P _r + 340 ms	Ind	ex BIT	$P_r + 440 \text{ ms}$
Ind	ex BIT	$P_r + 50 \text{ ms}$	12	10	P _r + 150 ms	19	10	$P_r + 250 \text{ ms}$	25	10	P _r + 350 ms	Ind	ex BIT	$P_r + 450 \text{ ms}$
5	10	P _r + 60 ms	13	20	P _r + 160 ms	20	20	P _r + 260 ms	26	20	P _r + 360 ms	Ind	ex BIT	$P_r + 460 \text{ ms}$
6	20	P _r + 70 ms	14	40	P _r + 170 ms	Ind	ex BIT	P _r + 270 ms	27	40	P _r + 370 ms	Ind	ex BIT	P _r + 470 ms
7	40	P _r + 80 ms	Inc	dex BIT	P _r + 180 ms	Ind	ex BIT	P _r + 280 ms	28	80	P _r + 380 ms	Ind	ex BIT	P _r + 480 ms
Position	Ident. (P ₁)	P _r + 90 ms	Positio	n Ident. (P2)	P _r + 190 ms	Position	Ident. (P ₃)	P _r + 290 ms	Position	Ident. (P ₄)	P _r + 390 ms	Position	Ident. (P ₅)	P _r + 490 ms

	CONTROL FUNCTIONS (27 BITS)												
Control Function BIT	BIT Time	Control Function BIT	BIT Time	Control Function BIT	BIT Time								
1	$P_r + 500 \text{ ms}$	10	P _r + 600 ms	19	$P_r + 700 \text{ ms}$								
2	$P_r + 510 \text{ ms}$	11	P _r + 610 ms	20	$P_r + 710 \text{ ms}$								
3	$P_r + 520 \text{ ms}$	12	P _r + 620 ms	21	$P_r + 720 \text{ ms}$								
4	$P_r + 530 \text{ ms}$	13	P _r + 630 ms	22	$P_r + 730 \text{ ms}$								
5	$P_r + 540 \text{ ms}$	14	P _r + 640 ms	23	$P_r + 740 \text{ ms}$								
6	$P_r + 550 \text{ ms}$	15	P _r + 650 ms	24	$P_r + 750 \text{ ms}$								
7	$P_r + 560 \text{ ms}$	16	P _r + 660 ms	25	$P_r + 760 \text{ ms}$								
8	$P_r + 570 \text{ ms}$	17	P _r + 670 ms	26	$P_r + 770 \text{ ms}$								
9	$P_r + 580 \text{ ms}$	18	P _r + 680 ms	27	$P_r + 780 \text{ ms}$								
Position Ident. (P ₆)	P_r + 590 ms	Position Ident. (P ₇)	P _r + 690 ms	Position Ident. (P ₈)	$P_{\rm r}$ + 790 ms								

Note 1: The BIT Time is the time of the BIT leading edge and refers to the leading edge of	Pr
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9	STRAIGHT BINA	RY SECONDS T	IME-OF-DA	Y CODE (17 DIO	GITS)
SB Code BIT	Subword Digit Weight	BIT Time	SB Code BIT	Subword Digit Weight	BIT Time
1	$2^0 = (1)$	P_r + 800 ms	10	$2^9 = (512)$	P _r + 900 ms
2	$2^1 = (2)$	$P_r + 810 \text{ ms}$	11	$2^{10} = (1024)$	$P_r + 910 \text{ ms}$
3	$2^2 = (4)$	P_r + 820 ms	12	$2^{11} = (2048)$	$P_r + 920 \text{ ms}$
4	$2^3 = (8)$	$P_{\rm r}$ + 830 ms	13	$2^{12} = (4096)$	$P_r + 930 \text{ ms}$
5	$2^4 = (16)$	P_r + 840 ms	14	$2^{13} = (8192)$	$P_r + 940 \text{ ms}$
6	$2^5 = (32)$	$P_r + 850 \text{ ms}$	15	214=(16384)	$P_r + 950 \text{ ms}$
7	$2^6 = (64)$	$P_r + 860 \text{ ms}$	16	215=(32768)	$P_r + 960 \text{ ms}$
8	$2^7 = (128)$	P_r + 870 ms	17	216=(65536)	$P_r + 970 \text{ ms}$
9	$2^8 = (256)$	P_r + 880 ms	Ind	lex BIT	$P_r + 980 \text{ ms}$
Position	n Ident. (P ₉)	P_r + 890 ms	Position	$P_r + 990 \text{ ms}$	



5.3 Format D, Signal D001

- 5.3.1 The beginning of each 2-hour time frame is identified by two consecutive 48-second bits, P_0 and P_r . The leading edge of P_r is the on-time point for the succeeding time code word. Position identifiers, P_0 and P_1 through P_5 , occur every 10th bit and one minute before the leading edge of each succeeding 6 pph on-time bit (see figure 6).
- 5.3.2 The time code word and the control bits presented during the time frame are pulse width coded. The binary zero and the index markers have a duration of 12 seconds and the binary one has a duration of 30 seconds. The 1 ppm leading edge is the on-time reference point for all bits.
- 5.3.3 The BCD time-of-year code consists of 16 bits beginning at index count 20. The subword bits occur between position identifiers P_2 and P_5 : 6 for hours and 10 for days to complete the time code word. An index marker occurs between the decimal digits in each subword to provide separation for visual resolution. The LSB occurs first. The code recycles yearly. Each bit position is identified in table 4.
- 5.3.4 Nine control bits occur between position identifiers P_5 and P_0 . Any control function bit or combination of bits can be programmed to read a binary one or zero during any specified number of time frames. Each control bit position is identified in table 4.

5.3.5

Pulse Rate	Pulse Duration
Bit rate: 1 ppm Position identifiers: 6 pph Reference mark: 1 pph	Index marker: 12 s Binary zero or uncoded bit: 12 s Binary one or coded bit: 30 s Position identifiers: 48 s Reference bit: 48 s

Resolution	Mark-To-Space Ratio
1 m dc level 10 ms modulated 100 Hz carrier 1 ms modulated 1 kHz carrier	Nominal value of 10:1 Range of 3:1 to 6:1



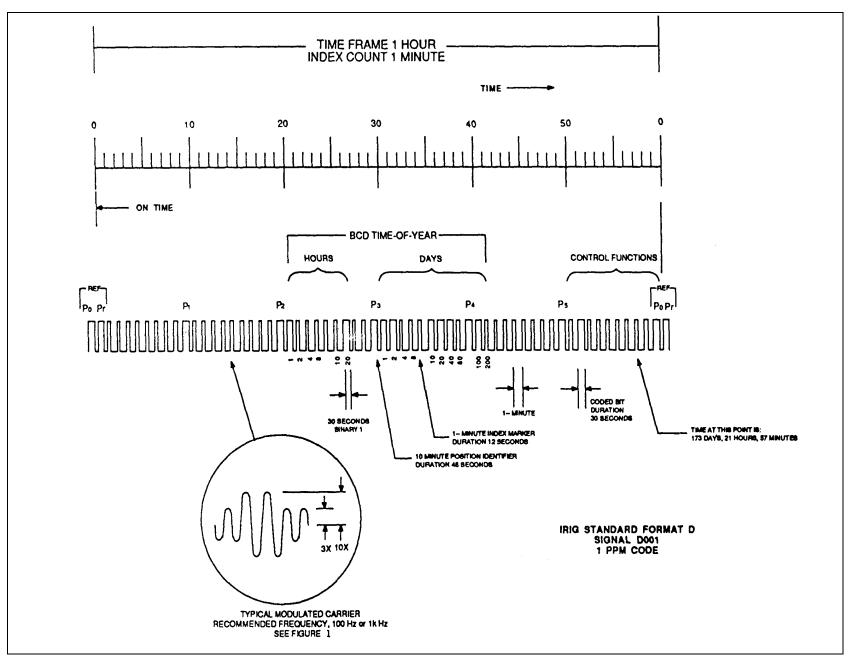


Figure 6. Format D: BCD time-of-year in days and hours plus optional control bits.

	TABLE 4. FORMAT D, SIGNAL D001													
	BCD TIME-OF-YEAR CODE (16 DIGITS)													
	MINUTES SUBWORD HOURS SUBWORD DAYS SUBWORD													
									BIT Time					
R	eference BIT	$P_{\rm r}$	Inde	x Marker	$P_{\rm r}$ + 10 min	1	1	$P_{\rm r}$ + 20 min	7	1	$P_{\rm r}$ + 30 min	0 min 15 100 P _r + 40 min		
Iı	ndex Marker	$P_r + 1 min$	Inde	x Marker	P _r + 11 min	2	2	P _r + 21 min	8	2	$P_{\rm r}$ + 31 min	16	200	$P_{\rm r}$ + 41 min
Iı	ndex Marker	$P_r + 2 min$	Inde	x Marker	P_r + 12 min	3	4	P_r + 22 min	9	4	$P_{\rm r}$ + 32 min	Index	Marker	$P_r + 42 \text{ min}$
Iı	ndex Marker	$P_r + 3 min$	Inde	x Marker	P_r + 13 min	4	8	$P_{\rm r}$ + 23 min	10	8	$P_{\rm r}$ + 33 min	Index	Marker	$P_r + 43 \ min$
Iı	ndex Marker	$P_r + 4 min$	Inde	x Marker	P _r + 14 min	Index	Marker	P_r + 24 min	Inde	x BIT	$P_{\rm r}$ + 34 min	Index	Marker	$P_{\rm r}$ + 44 min
Iı	ndex Marker	$P_r + 5 min$	Inde	x Marker	P_r + 15 min	5	10	P_r + 25 min	11	10	$P_{\rm r}$ + 35 min	Index	Marker	$P_{\rm r}$ + 45 min
Iı	ndex Marker	$P_r + 6 \text{ min}$	Inde	x Marker	$P_{\rm r}$ + 16 min	6	20	P_r + 26 min	12	20	$P_{\rm r}$ + 36 min	Index	Marker	$P_r + 46 \text{ min}$
Iı	ndex Marker	P_r + 7 min	Inde	x Marker	P _r + 17 min	Index	Marker	P_r + 27 min	13	40	$P_{\rm r}$ + 37 min	Index	Marker	$P_{\rm r}$ + 47 min
Iı	ndex Marker	$P_r + 8 min$	Inde	x Marker	$P_{\rm r}$ + 18 min	Index	Marker	P_r + 28 min	14	80	$P_{\rm r}$ + 38 min	Index	Marker	$P_{\rm r}$ + 48 min
Posi	ition Ident. (P ₁)	$P_r + 9 \text{ min}$	Position	n Ident. (P2)	$P_{\rm r}$ + 19 min	Position	Ident. (P ₃)	P_r + 29 min	Position	Ident. (P ₄)	$P_{\rm r}$ + 39 min	Position	Ident. (P ₅)	$P_{\rm r}$ + 49 min

CONTROL FUNCTIONS		
(9 BITS)		
Control Function BIT	BIT Time	
1	$P_{\rm r}$ + 50 min	
2	$P_{\rm r}$ + 51 min	
3	$P_{\rm r}$ + 52 min	
4	$P_{\rm r}$ + 53 min	
5	$P_{\rm r}$ + 54 min	
6	$P_{\rm r}$ + 55 min	
7	$P_{\rm r}$ + 56 min	
8	$P_{\rm r}$ + 57 min	
9	$P_{\rm r}$ + 58 min	
Position Ident. (P_0)	$P_{\rm r}$ + 59 min	

Note 1: The BIT Time is the time of the BIT leading edge and refers to the leading edge of Pr



5.4 Format E, Signal E001

- 5.4.1 The beginning of each 10 second time frame is identified by two consecutive 80 ms bits, P_0 and P_r . The leading edge of P_r is the on-time reference point for the succeeding time code. Position identifiers, P_0 and P_1 through P_9 , occur every 10th bit and 0.1 seconds before the leading edge of each succeeding 1 pps on-time bit (see figure 7).
- 5.4.2 The time code word and control functions presented during the timeframe are pulse width coded. The binary zero and index markers have a duration of 20 ms, and the binary one has a duration of 50 ms. The 10 pps leading edge is the on-time reference point for all bits.
- 5.4.3 The BCD time-of year code word consists of 26 bits beginning at index count 6. The code subword bits occur between position identifiers P_0 and P_5 : 3 for seconds, 7 for minutes, 6 for hours, and 10 for days, to complete the time code word. An index marker occurs between the decimal digits in each subword to provide separation for visual resolution. The LSB occurs first. The code recycles yearly. Each bit position is identified in table 5.
- 5.4.4 Forty-five control functions occur between position identifiers P_5 and P_0 . Any control function bit or combination of bits can be programmed to read a binary one or zero during any specified number of time frames. Each control bit position is identified in table 5.

5.4.5

Pulse Rate	Pulse Duration
Bit rate: 10 pps Position identifier: 1 pps Reference mark: 6 ppm	Index marker: 20 ms Binary zero or uncoded bit: 20 ms Binary one or coded bit: 50 ms Position identifier: 80 ms Reference bit: 80 ms

Resolution	Mark-To-Space Ratio
0.1 s dc level 10 ms modulated 100 kHz carrier 1 ms modulated 1 kHz carrier	Nominal value of 10:3 Range of 3:1 to 6:1



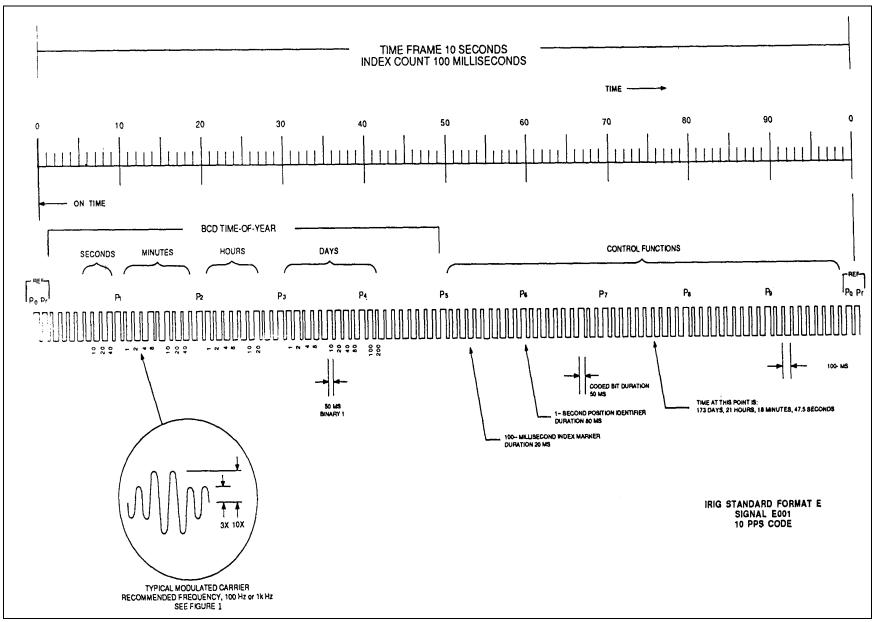


Figure 7. Format E: BCD time-of-year in days, hours, minutes and seconds plus optional control bits.

	TABLE 5. FORMAT E, SIGNAL E001													
			1		В	CD TIME	E-OF-YEAR C	ODE (26 DIGI	ΓS)					
SEC	CONDS SUB	WORD	MI	NUTES SUB	WORD	ŀ	HOURS SUBV	VORD			DAYS SI	UBWORD		
BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt SECONDS	BIT Time (Note 1)	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt MINUTES	BIT Time	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt HOURS	BIT Time	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt DAYS	BIT Time	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt DAYS	BIT Time
Refer	ence BIT	$P_{\rm r}$	4	1	P _r + 1.0 sec	11	1	P _r + 2.0 sec	17	1	$P_r + 3.0 sec$	25	100	P_r + 4.0 sec
Index	Marker	P _r + 0.1 sec	5	2	P _r + 1.1 sec	12	2	P _r + 2.1 sec	18	2	$P_r + 3.1 sec$	26	200	P _r + 4.1 sec
Index	Marker	P _r + 0.2 sec	6	4	P _r + 1.2 sec	13	4	P _r + 2.2 sec	19	4	$P_r + 3.2 sec$	Index	Marker	Pr + 4.2 sec
Index	Marker	P _r + 0.3 sec	7	8	P _r + 1.3 sec	14	8	P _r + 2.3 sec	20	8	$P_r + 3.3 sec$	Index	Marker	Pr + 4.3 sec
Index	Marker	P _r + 0.4 sec	Index	Marker	Pr + 1.4 sec	Inde	x Marker	Pr + 2.4 sec	Index	Marker	Pr + 3.4 sec	Index	Marker	Pr + 4.4 sec
Index	Marker	$P_r + 0.5 sec$	8	10	P _r + 1.5 sec	15	10	P_r + 2.5 sec	21	10	$P_r + 3.5 sec$	Index	Marker	$P_r + 4.5 sec$
1	10	P _r + 0.6 sec	9	20	P _r + 1.6 sec	16	20	P _r + 2.6 sec	22	20	$P_r + 3.6 sec$	Index	Marker	P _r + 4.6 sec
2	20	P _r + 0.7 sec	10	40	P _r + 1.7 sec	Index Marker		P _r + 2.7 sec	23	40	P _r + 3.7 sec	Index	Marker	Pr + 4.7 sec
3	40	P _r + 0.8 sec	Index	Marker	P _r + 1.8 sec	Inde	x Marker	P _r + 2.8 sec	24	80	Pr + 3.8 sec	Index	Marker	Pr + 4.8 sec
Position	Ident. (P1)	P _r + 0.9 sec	Position	Ident. (P2)	P _r + 1.9 sec	Position	ı Ident. (P3)	P _r + 2.9 sec	Position	Ident. (P4)	Pr + 3.9 sec	Position	Ident. (P ₅)	Pr + 4.9 sec

	CONTROL FUNCTIONS (45 BITS)								
Control Function BIT	BIT Time	Control Function BIT	BIT Time	Control Function BIT	BIT Time	Control Function BIT	BIT Time	Control Function BIT	BIT Time
1	Pr + 5.0 sec	10	P _r + 6.0 sec	19	P _r + 7.0 sec	28	P _r + 8.0 sec	37	$P_r + 9.0 sec$
2	P _r + 5.1 sec	11	$P_r + 6.1 sec$	20	P_r + 7.1 sec	29	P _r + 8.1 sec	38	P_r + 9.1 sec
4	P _r + 5.2 sec	12	P _r + 6.2 sec	21	P _r + 7.2 sec	30	P _r + 8.2 sec	39	P_r + 9.2 sec
3	P _r + 5.3 sec	13	P _r + 6.3 sec	22	P _r + 7.3 sec	31	P _r + 8.3 sec	40	$P_r + 9.3 sec$
5	Pr + 5.4 sec	14	Pr + 6.4 sec	23	Pr + 7.4 sec	32	Pr + 8.4 sec	41	$P_r + 9.4 sec$
6	P _r + 5.5 sec	15	Pr + 6.5 sec	24	$P_r + 7.5 sec$	33	P _r + 8.5 sec	42	$P_r + 9.5 sec$
7	P _r + 5.6 sec	16	P _r + 6.6 sec	25	P _r + 7.6 sec	34	P _r + 8.6 sec	43	$P_r + 9.6 sec$
8	P _r + 5.7 sec	17	P _r + 6.7 sec	26	P _r + 7.7 sec	35	P _r + 8.7 sec	44	$P_r + 9.7 sec$
9	P _r + 5.8 sec	18	P _r + 6.8 sec	27	P _r + 7.8 sec	36	P _r + 8.8 sec	45	Pr + 9.8 sec
Position Ident. (P ₆)	Pr + 5.9 sec	Position Ident. (P ₇)	P _r + 6.9 sec	Position Ident. (P ₈)	P _r + 7.9 sec	Position Ident. (P ₉)	P _r + 8.9 sec	Position Ident (P ₀)	P_r + 9.9 sec

Note 1: The BIT Time is the time of the BIT leading edge and refers to the leading edge of Pr



5.5 Format G, Signal G001

- 5.5.1 The beginning of each 0.01 second time frame is identified by two consecutive 80 μ s bits, P_0 and P_r . The leading edge of P_r is the on-time reference point for the succeeding time code. Position identifiers, P_0 and P_1 through P_9 , occur every 10th bit, 0.1 ms before the leading edge of each succeeding 1 k pps on-time bit (see figure 8).
- 5.5.2 The time code word and the control functions presented during the time frame are pulse width coded. The binary zero and index markers have durations of $20 \mu s$, and the binary one has a duration of $50 \mu s$. The 10 k pps leading edge is the on-time reference point for all bits.
- 5.5.3 The BCD time-of-year code word consists of 38 bits beginning at index count one. The subword bits occur between position identifiers P_0 and P_6 : 7 for seconds, 7 for minutes, 6 for hours, 10 for days, 4 for tenths of seconds, and 4 for hundredths of seconds to complete the time code word. An index marker occurs between the decimal digits in each subword, except for fractional seconds, to provide visual separation. The LSB occurs first, except for the fractional second information which follows the day-of-year information. The code recycles yearly. Each bit position is identified in table 6.
- 5.5.4 Thirty-six control bits occur between position identifiers P_6 and P_0 . Any control function bit or combination of bits can be programmed to read a binary one or zero during any specified number of time frames. Each control bit position is identified in table 6.

5.5.5

Pulse Rate	Pulse Duration
Bit rate: 10 k pps Position identifier: 1 k pps Reference marker: 100 pps	Index marker: 20 μs Binary zero or uncoded bit: 20 μs Binary one or coded bit: 50 μs Position identifiers: 80 μs Reference bit: 80 μs

Resolution	Mark-To-Space Ratio
0.1 ms dc level	Nominal value of 10:3
10 µs modulated 100 kHz	Range of 3:1 to 6:1 carrier



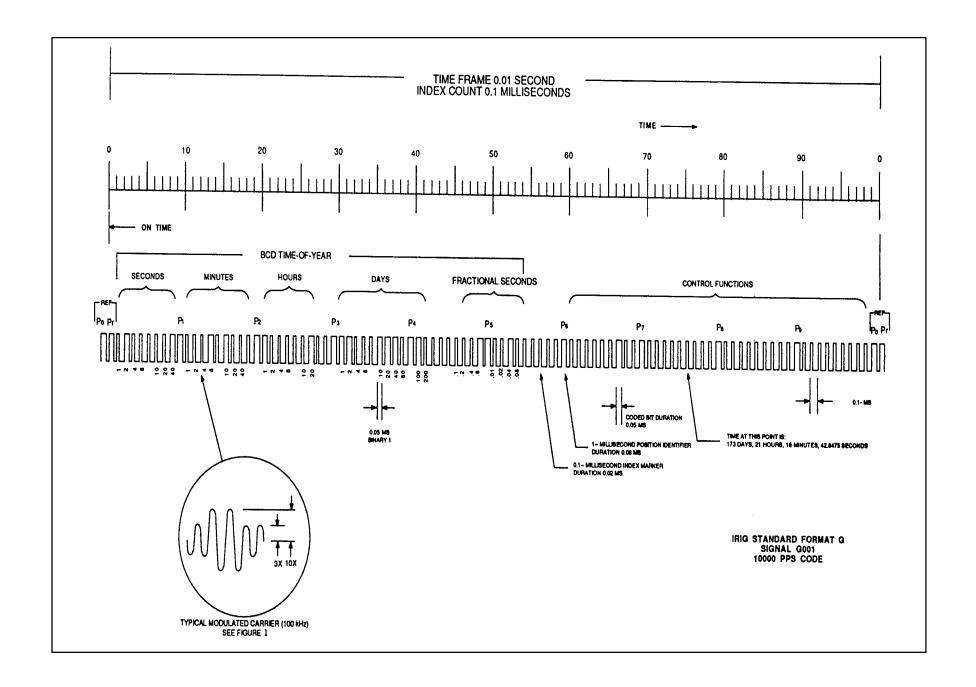


Figure 8. Format G: BCD time-of-year in days, hours, minutes, seconds, and fractions of seconds plus optional control bits.

	TABLE 6. FORMAT G, SIGNAL G001													
	BCD TIME-OF-YEAR CODE (38 DIGITS)													
SEC	CONDS SUB	WORD	MI	NUTES SUB'	WORD	I	HOURS SUBV	VORD		DAYS A	ND FRACTION	AL SECONI	SUBWOR	D
BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt SECONDS	BIT Time (Note 1)	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt MINUTES	BIT Time	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt HOURS	BIT Time	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt DAYS	BIT Time	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt DAYS	BIT Time
Refere	ence BIT	$P_{\rm r}$	8	1	P _r + 1.0 ms	15	1	P _r + 2.0 ms	21	1	$P_r + 3.0 \text{ ms}$	29	100	P _r + 4.0 ms
1	1	P _r + 0.1 ms	9	2	P _r + 1.1 ms	16	2	P _r + 2.1 ms	22	2	$P_r + 3.1 \text{ ms}$	30	200	P _r + 4.1 ms
2	2	P _r + 0.2 ms	10	4	P _r + 1.2 ms	17	4	P _r + 2.2 ms	23	4	$P_r + 3.2 \text{ ms}$	Index	BIT	P _r + 4.2 ms
3	4	P _r + 0.3 ms	11	8	P _r + 1.3 ms	18	8	$P_r + 2.3 \text{ ms}$	24	8	$P_r + 3.3 \text{ ms}$	Index	BIT	$P_r + 4.3 \text{ ms}$
4	8	P _r + 0.4 ms	Ind	ex BIT	P _r + 1.4 ms	Inc	lex BIT	P_r + 2.4 ms	Inde	x BIT	$P_r + 3.4 \text{ ms}$	Index	BIT	P _r + 4.4 ms
Ind	lex Bit	P _r + 0.5 ms	12	10	P _r + 1.5 ms	19	10	P_r + 2.5 ms	25	10	$P_r + 3.5 \text{ ms}$	31	0.1	$P_r + 4.5 \text{ ms}$
5	10	P _r + 0.6 ms	13	20	P _r + 1.6 ms	20	20	P_r + 2.6 ms	26	20	$P_r + 3.6 \text{ ms}$	32	0.2	P_r + 4.6 ms
6	20	P _r + 0.7 ms	14	40	P _r + 1.7 ms	Inc	lex BIT	P _r + 2.7 ms	27	40	$P_r + 3.7 \text{ ms}$	33	0.4	P_r + 4.7 ms
7	40	P _r + 0.8 ms	Ind	ex BIT	P _r + 1.8 ms	Inc	lex BIT	P _r + 2.8 ms	28	80	$P_r + 3.8 \text{ ms}$	34	0.8	P_r + 4.8 ms
Position	Ident. (P ₁)	P _r + 0.9 ms	Position	Ident. (P2)	P _r + 1.9 ms	Position	n Ident. (P3)	$P_r + 2.9 \text{ ms}$	Position	Ident. (P ₄)	$P_r + 3.9 \text{ ms}$	Position I	dent. (P5)	$P_r + 4.9 \text{ ms}$

BCD TIME-OF-YEAR CODE (Cont'd)								
FRACTIONAL SECOND SUB-WORD								
BCD Code Digit No.	8							
35								
36	36 0.02							
37	0.04	$P_r + 5.2 \text{ ms}$						
38	0.08	$P_r + 5.3 \text{ ms}$						
Inde	ex BIT	$P_r + 5.4 \text{ ms}$						
Inde	ex BIT	$P_r + 5.5 \text{ ms}$						
Inde	ex BIT	$P_r + 5.6 \text{ ms}$						
Inde	Index BIT P _r + 5.7 ms							
$Index BIT P_r + 5.8 ms$								
Position	Ident. (P ₆)	P _r + 5.9 ms						

	CONTROL FUNCTIONS (36 BITS)						
Control Function BIT	BIT Time	Control Function BIT	BIT Time	Control Function BIT	BIT Time	Control Function BIT	BIT Time
1	$P_{\rm r}$ + 6.0 ms	10	$P_{\rm r}$ + 7.0 ms	19	P _r + 8.0 ms	28	P _r + 9.0 ms
2	P _r + 6.1 ms	11	$P_{r} + 7.1 \text{ ms}$	20	P _r + 8.1 ms	29	P _r + 9.1 ms
3	$P_r + 6.2 \text{ ms}$	12	$P_r + 7.2 \text{ ms}$	21	P_r + 8.2 ms	30	$P_r + 9.2 \text{ ms}$
4	P_r + 6.3 ms	13	$P_r + 7.3 \text{ ms}$	22	$P_{\rm r}$ + 8.3 ms	31	$P_r + 9.3 \text{ ms}$
5	$P_r + 6.4 \text{ ms}$	14	$P_r + 7.4 \text{ ms}$	23	$P_r + 8.4 \text{ ms}$	32	$P_r + 9.4 \text{ ms}$
6	$P_r + 6.5 \text{ ms}$	15	$P_r + 7.5 \text{ ms}$	24	$P_r + 8.5 \text{ ms}$	33	$P_r + 9.5 \text{ ms}$
7	$P_r + 6.6 \text{ ms}$	16	$P_{\rm r} + 7.6 \; ms$	25	P_r + 8.6 ms	34	$P_r + 9.6 \text{ ms}$
8	$P_r + 6.7 \text{ ms}$	17	$P_r + 7.7 \text{ ms}$	26	$P_r + 8.7 \text{ ms}$	35	$P_r + 9.7 \text{ ms}$
9	$P_r + 6.8 \text{ ms}$	18	$P_r + 7.8 \text{ ms}$	27	P _r + 8.8 ms	36	$P_r + 9.8 \text{ ms}$
Position Ident. (P ₇)	$P_{\rm r}$ + 6.9 ms	Position Ident. (P ₈)	P_r + 7.9 ms	Position Ident. (P ₉)	P _r + 8.9 ms	Position Ident. (P ₀)	P_r + 9.9 ms

Note 1: The BIT Time is the time of the BIT leading edge and refers to the leading edge of $P_{\rm r}$.



5.6 Format H, Signal H001

- 5.6.1 The beginning of each 1-minute time frame is identified by two consecutive 0.8 second bits, P_0 and P_r . The leading edge of P_r is the on-time reference point for the succeeding time code. Position identifiers P_0 and P_1 through P_5 , occur every 10th bit one second before the leading edge of each succeeding 6 ppm on-time bit (see figure 9).
- 5.6.2 The time code word and the control functions presented during the time frame are pulse width coded. The binary zero and the index markers have a duration of 0.2 seconds, and a binary one has a duration of 0.5 seconds. The leading edge is the 1 pps on-time reference point for all bits.
- 5.6.3 The BCD time-of-year consists of 23 bits beginning at index count 10. The subword bits occur between position identifiers P_0 and P_5 : 7 for minutes, 6 for hours, and 10 for days to complete the time code word. An index marker occurs between the decimal digits in each subword to provide separation for visual resolution. The LSB occurs first. The code recycles yearly. Each bit position is identified in table 7.
- 5.6.4 Nine control functions occur between position identifiers P₅ and P₀. Any control function bit or combination of bits can be programmed to read a binary one or zero during any specified number of time frames. Each control function position is identified in table 7.

5.6.5

Pulse Rate	Pulse Duration
Bit rate: 1 pps Position identifier: 6 ppm Reference marker: 1 ppm	Index marker: 0.2 s Binary zero or uncoded bit: 0.2 s Binary one or coded bit: 0.5 s Position identifiers: 0.8 s Reference bit: 0.8 s

Resolution	Mark-To-Space Ratio
1 s dc level 10 ms modulated 100 Hz carrier 1 ms modulated 1 kHz carrier	Nominal value of 10:3 Range of 3:1 to 6:1



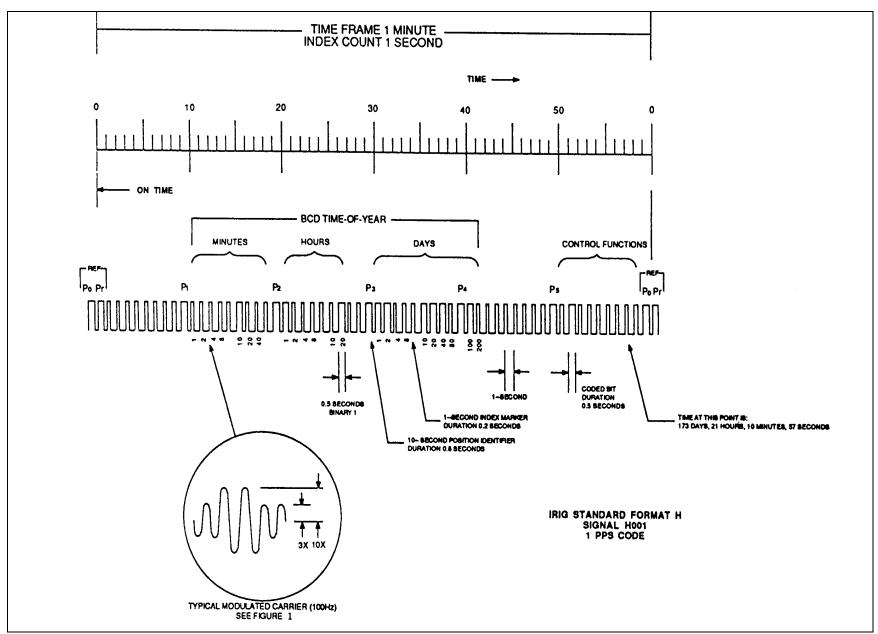


Figure 9. Format H: BCD time-of-year in days, hours and minutes plus optional control bits.

	TABLE 7. FORMAT H, SIGNAL H001													
	BCD TIME-OF-YEAR CODE (23 DIGITS)													
			MI	NUTES SUB	WORD	НО	URS SUBW	ORD			DAYS SU	BWORD		
BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt SECONDS	BIT Time (Note 1)	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt MINUTES	BIT Time	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt HOURS	BIT Time	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt DAYS	BIT Time	BCD Code Digit No.	Subword Digit Wt DAYS	BIT Time
Refe	rence BIT	$P_{\rm r}$	1	1	P _r + 10 sec	8	1	P _r + 20 sec	14	1	$P_r + 30 sec$	22	100	$P_r + 40 sec$
Inde	x Marker	P _r + 1 sec	2	2	P _r + 11 sec	9	2	P _r + 21 sec	15	2	$P_r + 31 sec$	33	200	$P_r + 41 sec$
Inde	x Marker	P _r + 2 sec	3	4	P _r + 12 sec	10	4	P _r + 22 sec	16	4	$P_r + 32 sec$	Index N	Marker	P_r + 42 sec
Inde	x Marker	Pr + 3 sec	4	8	P _r + 13 sec	11	8	P _r + 23 sec	17	8	$P_r + 33 sec$	Index N	Marker	$P_r + 43 sec$
Inde	x Marker	Pr + 4 sec	Index	Marker	P _r + 14 sec	Index I	Marker	P _r + 24 sec	Index I	Marker	$P_r + 34 sec$	Index N	Marker	$P_r + 44 sec$
Inde	x Marker	Pr + 5 sec	5	10	P _r + 15 sec	12	10	P _r + 25 sec	18	10	$P_r + 35 sec$	Index N	Marker	$P_r + 45 sec$
Inde	x Marker	Pr + 6 sec	6	20	P _r + 16 sec	13	20	P _r + 26 sec	19	20	$P_r + 36 sec$	Index N	Marker	$P_r + 46 sec$
Inde	x Marker	P _r + 7 sec	7	40	P _r + 17 sec	Index N	Marker	P _r + 27 sec	20	40	P _r + 37 sec	Index N	Marker	$P_r + 47 sec$
Inde	x Marker	Pr + 8 sec	Index	Marker	P _r + 18 sec	Index I	Marker	P _r + 28 sec	21	80	P _r + 38 sec	Index N	Marker	P _r + 48 sec
Positio	n Ident. (P1)	P _r + 9 sec	Position	Ident. (P2)	P _r + 19 sec	Position I	dent. (P ₃)	P _r + 29 sec	Position I	dent. (P ₄)	P _r + 39 sec	Position I	dent. (P ₅)	P _r + 49 sec

CONTROL FUNCTIONS (9 BITS)						
Control Function BIT	BIT Time					
1	$P_r + 50 sec$					
2	P _r + 51 sec					
3	P _r + 52 sec					
4	P _r + 53 sec					
5	$P_r + 54 sec$					
6	$P_r + 55 sec$					
7	Pr + 56 sec					
8	P _r + 57 sec					
9	P _r + 58 sec					
Position Ident. (P ₀)	P _r + 59 sec					

Note 1: The BIT Time is the time of the BIT leading edge and refers to the leading edge of $P_{\scriptscriptstyle \rm T}$



APPENDIX A

LEAP YEAR/LEAP SECOND CONVENTION

LEAP YEAR/LEAP SECOND CONVENTION

LEAP YEAR:

The length of a year is not an even multiple of days. The year is about 365.25 days. Thus, every four years there is an extra day, February 29, provided the year is divisible by 4. Years divisible by 400 are leap years. If the year is divisible by 100, it is not a leap year. Consequently, the years 1988, 1992, 1996, and 2000 are leap years. The year 2100 will not be a leap year because it is not divisible by 400. With the addition of leap years, the calendar stays in step with the seasons.

ACCUMULATED LEAP SECOND:

Since 1 January 1972, the relationship between International Atomic Time (TAI) and Coordinated Universal Time (UTC) has been given by a simple accumulation of leap seconds occurring approximately once per year.

At any instant (i),
$$T_i$$
 = TAI time
$$U_i = UTC \text{ time expressed in seconds}$$

$$T_i = U_i + L_i,$$

where (L_i) is the accumulated leap second additions between the epoch and the instant (i). The following table contains a reference list of the accumulated leap second additions (L_i) between 1972.0 and 1988.0:

TIME PERIOD	$\mathbf{L}_{\mathbf{i}}$
1972 Jan 1 1972 Jul 1	10.000 000 0 s
1972 Jul 1 1973 Jan 1	11.000 000 0 s
1973 Jan 1 1974 Jan 1	12.000 000 0 s
1974 Jan 1 1975 Jan 1	13.000 000 0 s
1975 Jan 1 1976 Jan 1	14.000 000 0 s
1976 Jan 1 1977 Jan 1	15.000 000 0 s
1977 Jan 1 1978 Jan 1	16.000 000 0 s
1978 Jan 1 1979 Jan 1	17.000 000 0 s
1979 Jan 1 1980 Jan 1	18.000 000 0 s
1980 Jan 1 1981 Jul 1	19.000 000 0 s
1981 Jul 1 1982 Jul 1	20.000 000 0 s
1982 Jul 1 1983 Jul 1	21.000 000 0 s
1983 Jul 1 1985 Jul 1	22.000 000 0 s
1985 Jul 1 1986 Jan 1	23.000 000 0 s
1986 Jan 1 1988 Jan 1	24.000 000 0 s

NOTE: Time changes are made on 31 December and 30 June at 2400 if required.



APPENDIX B BCD COUNT/BINARY COUNT



BCD COUNT (8n 4n 2n 1n)					
Decimal Number	<u>n</u>	BCD Bits			
1	1	1			
5	1	3			
10	10	5			
15	10	5			
150	100	9			
1 500	$1x10^{3}$	13			
15 000	$10x10^3$	17			
150 000	$100x\ 10^3$	21			
1 500 000	$1x10^{6}$	25			
15 000 000	$10x10^{6}$	29			
150 000 000	100×10^6	33			
1 500 000 000	$1x10^{9}$	37			
15 000 000 000	$10x10^9$	41			
150 000 000 000	100×10^9	45			
1 500 000 000 000	1×10^{12}	49			
15 000 000 000 000	$10x10^{12}$	53			
150 000 000 000 000	100×10^{12}	57			



		COUNT (2 ⁿ)	
Decimal Number	Binary Number	<u>Decimal Number</u>	Binary Number
n	2 ⁿ	n	2 ⁿ
0	1		
1	2	26	671 08864
2	4	27	1342 17728
3	8	28	2684 35450
4	16	29	5368 70912
5	32	30	10737 41825
6	64	31	21474 83648
7	128	32	42949 67296
8	256	33	85899 34592
9	512	34	1 71798 69184
10	1024	35	3 43597 38368
11	2048	36	6 87194 76730
12	4096	37	13 74389 53472
13	8192	38	27 48779 0694
14	16384	39	54 97558 13888
15	32768	40	109 95116 2777
16	65536	41	219 90232 55552
17	1 31072	42	439 80465 11104
18	2 62144	43	879 60930 22208
19	5 24288	44	1759 21860 44410
20	10 48576	45	3518 43720 88832
21	20 97152	46	7036 87441 77664
22	41 94304	47	14073 74883 55328
23	83 88608	48	28147 49767 10656
24	167 77216	49	56294 99534 21312
25	335 54432	50	112589 99068 42624



APPENDIX C

TIME CODE GENERATOR HARDWARE DESIGN CONSIDERATION



TIME CODE GENERATOR HARDWARE DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS					
Code	Level (dc) Pulse Rise Time Between the 10 and 90% Amplitude Points	Jitter Modulated at Carrier Frequency	Jitter Level (dc) Pulse-to-Pulse		
Format A	≤200 ns	≤1%	≤100 ns		
Format B	≤ 1 μs	≤1%	≤200 ns		
Format D	≤ 1 μs	≤1%	≤200 ns		
Format E	≤ 1 μs	≤ 1%	≤200 ns		
Format G	≤ 20 ns	≤ 1%	≤ 20 ns		
Format H	≤ 1 μs	≤1%	≤200 ns		

