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This standard was originally published in 1977. This revision has been undertaken to harmonize it with the latest developments that have taken place at international level.

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<b><i>International Standard</i></b>	<b><i>Corresponding Indian Standard</i></b>	<b><i>Degree of Equivalence</i></b>
IEC Publication 381(1971) and IEC Publication 381A, Analogue D.C. Current Signals for Process Control Systems	IS 7728: 1984: Specification for Analogue DC Current Signals for Process Control Systems	Identical

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*Indian Standard*

# ANALOGUE DC VOLTAGE SIGNALS FOR INDUSTRIAL PROCESS MEASUREMENT

## 1. Scope

This standard specifies analogue direct voltage signals used in industrial process measurement and control systems to transmit information between the elements of systems.

Contrary to the analogue direct current signal as specified in IEC Publication 381, Analogue D.C. Current Signals for Process Control Systems, the analogue direct voltage signal is not intended for transmission over long distances.

This standard does not apply to signals used entirely within an element.

## 2. Definitions

### 2.1 *Elements of industrial process measurement and control systems*

Functional units, or integrated combinations thereof, which ensure the transducing, transmitting or processing of measured values, control quantities, control variables and reference variables.

### 2.2 *Analogue direct voltage signal*

A direct voltage signal used for transmission or processing which varies in a continuous manner according to one or several physical quantities.

### 2.3 *Measured value of an analogue direct voltage signal*

The mean value during a stated duration.

### 2.4 *Lower limit*

The signal voltage corresponding to the minimum value of the direct voltage signal.

### 2.5 *Upper limit*

The signal voltage corresponding to the maximum value of the direct voltage signal.

### 2.6 *Range of an analogue direct voltage signal*

The range determined by the lower limit and the upper limit of the signal voltage.

### 2.7 *Load impedance*

The resultant of the impedances of all connected receivers.

2.8 *Ripple content*

The ratio between the peak-to-peak value of the alternating component and the upper limit of the direct voltage signal.

2.9 *Signal common*

A number of signal circuits may have common electrical connection. This is the signal common, which may or may not be connected to earth.

2.10 *Signal isolation*

The absence of an electrical connection between the signal circuit and all other circuits and earth.

3. **Specified values**

3.1 *Ranges of analogue direct voltage signals*

The ranges of analogue direct voltage signals shall be as given in Table I.

TABLE I  
*Ranges of analogue direct voltage signals*

Lower limit (V)	Upper limit (V)
+ 1	+ 5 <sup>1)</sup>
0	+ 5 <sup>1)</sup>
0	+10 <sup>1)</sup>
-10	+10 <sup>2)</sup>

<sup>1)</sup> Voltage signals which can be derived from the direct current signals specified in IEC Publication 381.

<sup>2)</sup> Voltage signal which can represent physical quantities with inherent bipolar nature.

3.2 *Ripple content*

The following values, applicable when using a ripple free d.c. power supply, should be specified:

- a) the ripple content within a system element and its frequencies;
- b) the noise generated internally within a system element and its frequencies.

The ripple content resulting from the d.c. power supply ripple should also be specified.

3.3 *Signal common*

For unipolar signals, the signal negative should be the signal common. If the signal common is connected to a d.c. power supply, it should be connected to the power supply negative.

For bipolar signals, the signal neutral should be the signal common. If the signal common is connected to a d.c. power supply, it should be connected to the power supply neutral.

#### 3.4 *Earthing*

For unipolar signals, if the element is to be earthed, the signal negative and/or the d.c. power supply negative, or neutral where appropriate, should be earthed.

For bipolar signals, if the element is to be earthed, the signal neutral and/or the d.c. power supply neutral should be earthed.







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