To INCITS T10 Committee  
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Subject ADT-2 Signal connection changes  
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Revision history
Revision 0 – Initial proposal.

Related documents

Background
The present ADT-2 draft standard does not specify a limit for the current of a signal connection in the negated state. Neither does it specify the resistance of the terminator. Consequently the standard does not include enough information to ensure interoperability of the signal connections. This document proposes a current limit for a signal connection in the negated state.

A review of the ADT-2 draft standard specification for the asserted state of a signal connection has revealed that the magnitude of the present current limit may require the use of an external transistor at the input compliance point in order to sink the available charge within the specified fall time. This document proposes a reduced limit for a signal connection in the asserted state to reduce the likelihood of needing an external transistor at the input compliance point.

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To aid in discussion, Figure 1 depicts a signal connection in the asserted state and Figure 2 depicts a signal connection in the negated state.
Proposed changes

5.1.4 Signal connection

Table 3 describes the electrical characteristics of a Signal connection at the output compliance point.

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<td>$-12 \cdot 3 \text{ mA} &lt; I_{CL}$</td>
<td>$-0,2 \text{ V} &lt; V_{CL} &lt; 0,4 \text{ V}$; $V_{OL} &lt; 0,2 \text{ V}_{dd}$(^a)</td>
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<td>Negated</td>
<td>$I_{OH} &lt; 50 \mu\text{A}$</td>
<td>$V_{OH} \leqslant 3,6 \text{ V}$</td>
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\(^a\) $V_{dd}$ is the positive supply voltage at the receiving end.

Table 4 describes the electrical characteristics of a Signal connection at the input compliance point.

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<td>$-12 \cdot 3 \text{ mA} &lt; I_{IL}$ at 0 V</td>
<td>$-0,2 \text{ V} &lt; V_{IL} &lt; 0,3 \text{ V}_{dd}$(^a)</td>
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<td>Negated</td>
<td>$I_{CH} &lt; 50 \mu\text{A}$ at 3,3 V</td>
<td>$0,7 \text{ V}<em>{dd}$(^a) $&lt; V</em>{IH} \leqslant 3,6 \text{ V}$; 400 mV $&lt; V_{hysteresis}$</td>
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