

# CEA Standards Update

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## New Projects

- ✚ CEA-516, *Joint EIA/CVCC Recommended Practice for Teletext: North American Basic Teletext Specification (NABTS)*, 5-year review
- ✚ CEA-542-B, *Cable Television Channel Identification Plan*, 5-year review
- ✚ CEA-762-B, *DTV Remodulator Specification*
- ✚ CEA-775.2-A, *Service Selection Information for Digital Storage Media Interoperability*

- ✚ CEA-819-A, *Cable Compatibility Requirements for Two-Way Digital Cable TV Systems*, 5-year review
- ✚ CEA-CEB12-A, *PSIP Recommended Practice*

## Recently Published CEA Standards

- ✚ CEA-608-E, *Line 21 Data Service* (published May 2007, recirculation ballot approved 8/29/07, ANSI public review of May 2007 published version closed 10/1/07, ANSI public review of revisions approved by recirculation ballot closed 1/13/08)
- ✚ ANSI/J-STD-042-A, *Emergency Alert Messaging for Cable (aka CEA-814-A)*, published November 2007
- ✚ ANSI/CEA-909-A, *Antenna Control Interface* (published December 2007)
- ✚ ANSI/CEA-931-C, *Remote Control Command Pass-through Standard for Home Networking* (published December 2007)
- ✚ CEA-2014-A, *Web-Based Protocol and Framework for Remote User Interface on UPnP™ Networks and the Internet (Web4CE)* (published July 2007, pre-vote comment period on errata closed 1/23/08, comments being addressed)
- ✚ ANSI/CEA-2017.1, *Serial Communication Protocol for Portable Electronic Devices* (published January 2008 with November 2007 publication date, which was date of ANSI approval)
- ✚ CEA-2018, *Task Model Representation* (published November 2007, ANSI public review closed 1/28/08)
- ✚ ANSI/CEA-2020, *Other VBI Waveforms* (published December 2007)
- ✚ CEA-2033, *OpenEPG™ - A Specification for Electronic Program Guide Data Interchange* (published September 2007, ANSI public review closed 1/28/08)

## Publications Nearing Completion

- ✚ CEA-709.1-C, *Control Network Protocol Specification* (pre-vote comment period closes 2/19/08 at noon ET)
- ✚ ANSI/CEA-709.3, *Free Topology Twisted Pair Channel Specification*, 5-year review (proposed for reaffirmation, 14-day draft issued 2/5/08, vote planned for 2/22/08)
- ✚ ANSI/CEA-709.4, *Fiber-Optic Channel Specification*, 5-year review (proposed for reaffirmation, 14-day draft issued 2/5/08, vote planned for 2/22/08)
- ✚ CEA-766-B, *U.S. and Canadian Rating Region Tables (RRT) and Content Advisory Descriptors for Transport*

of Content Advisory Information Using ATSC Program and System Information Protocol (PSIP) (published July 2006, ANSI public review completed 2/5/07, public review comments addressed, revised document approved 9/13/07, ANSI public review of changes closes 2/4/08)

- ✚ CEA-770.3-D, *High Definition TV Analog Component Video Interface* (approved 10/17/07, in final editorial review)
- ✚ CEA-775-C, *DTV 1394 Interface Specification* (approved 10/17/07, in final editorial review, will be published and sent to ANSI for public review)
- ✚ CEA-775.2-A, *Service Selection Information for Digital Storage Media Interoperability* (pre-vote comment period closes 2/14/08)
- ✚ CEA-827, *Sound Level Measurement – Vehicle Security System Sounding Devices* (proposed for withdrawal, 14-day draft issued 1/21/08, vote scheduled for 2/13/08)
- ✚ CEA-849-B, *Application Profiles for CEA-775 Compliant DTVs* (pre-vote comment period closes 2/14/08)
- ✚ CEA-852-B, *Tunneling Component Network Protocols Over Internet Protocol Channels* (approved 12/7/06, in final editorial review, awaiting completion of CEA-852.1, *Enhanced Tunneling Device Area Network Protocols Over Internet Protocol Channel*)
- ✚ CEA-860-A, *Device Plug-In Interface to EIA/CEA-709.1 Network Tools*, 5-year review (proposed for reaffirmation, 14-day draft issued 2/5/08, vote planned for 2/22/08)
- ✚ CEA-861-E, *A DTV Profile for Uncompressed High Speed Digital Interfaces* (approved 1/21/08, in final editorial review)
- ✚ CEA-897-A, *F-Connector Color Coding for Home Television Systems* (pre-vote comment period closed 10/2/07, comments now being addressed)
- ✚ CEA-2004, *Audiobook Media and Player Compatibility* (proposed for withdrawal, 14-day draft issued 1/21/08, vote scheduled for 2/13/08)

## Ongoing Work

- ✚ Revision of CEA-708-C, *Digital Television (DTV) Closed Captioning*
- ✚ Revision of CEA-709.2-A, *Control Network Power Line (PL) Channel Specification*
- ✚ CEA-805-D, *Data Services on the Component Video Interfaces*
- ✚ 5-year Review of CEA-849-A, *Application Profiles for EIA-775A Compliant DTVs*
- ✚ CEA-852.1, *Enhanced Tunneling Device Area Network Protocols Over Internet Protocol Channels*
- ✚ CEA-2006-B, *Testing and Measurement Methods for Mobile Audio Amplifiers*

- ✚ Revision to CEA-2014-A, *Web-based Protocol and Framework for Remote User Interface on UPnP™ Networks and the Internet (Web4CE)*
- ✚ Revision to CEA-2017, *Common Interconnection for Portable Media Players*
- ✚ CEA-2019, *Testing and Measurement Methods for Audio Amplifiers*
- ✚ CEA-2021, *Auto Discovery & Self-configuring Home Control Networks*
- ✚ Revision of CEA-2030, *Multi-Room Audio Cabling Standard*
- ✚ CEA-2034, *Standard Method of Measurement for In-Home Loudspeakers*
- ✚ Revision of CEA-CEB11, *NTSC/ATSC Loudness Matching*
- ✚ Possible consumer guidelines for using indoor TV antennas

## Summary of Projects by CEA Product Division

### Accessories

#### ✚ “Smart” Antenna Interface

The Video Systems Committee approved CEA-909-A, *Antenna Control Interface*, on 6/6/07. It enables “smart” DTV antennas to be connected to smart antenna-capable DTV sets with a single coaxial cable. The previous version of the standard required another control cable in addition to the coaxial cable. The smart antenna interface can enable consumers to use indoor (or outdoor) antennas with their TV sets and receive different local over-the-air signals without having to manually adjust the orientation of their antennas. This standard was published as an American National Standard in December 2007.

#### ✚ Indoor Antenna Guidelines for Consumers

The Antennas Committee is considering the development of guidelines or recommendations for consumers who are using indoor TV antennas. The computer prediction models that it developed for [www.AntennaWeb.org](http://www.AntennaWeb.org) only apply to outdoor antennas. Interested? [Join R5](#).

### Audio

#### ✚ Distributed Audio

The Audio Systems Committee is working on an addition to CEA-2030, *Multi-Room Audio Cabling Standard*, which defines how to configure cabling and connectors in order to distribute analog and digital audio throughout a home. The

new addition will explain how to document distributed audio systems installed in homes. Interested? [Join R3 WG7](#).

### **Loudspeaker Performance**

An Audio Systems Committee working group is currently developing CEA-2034, *Standard Method of Measurement for In-Home Loudspeakers*, which it hopes will describe a method for measuring and reporting frequency response and perhaps other loudspeaker characteristics in a manner that will be easy for non-technical consumers to understand. Interested? [Join R3 WG1](#).

### **Amplifier Performance**

Another Audio Systems Committee working group is attempting to write an amplifier measurement standard aimed mainly at home theater in-a-box systems, but which would include some other audio amplifiers as well. There is hope that this standard, and perhaps an accompanying CEA logo program, may help ensure consumers' ability to make apples-to-apples comparisons among these types of products. The new standard would be called CEA-2019, *Testing and Measurement Methods for Audio Amplifiers*. Interested? [Join R3 WG8](#).

## **Mobile Electronics**

The Mobile Electronics Committee is considering withdrawing CEA-827, *Sound Level Measurement – Vehicle Security System Sounding Devices*. This standard defines how to measure the noise level from car alarms. It does not define noise limits, it only defines a measurement method. The 14-day draft was issued on 1/21/08 and a vote to withdraw is scheduled for 2/13/08. Interested? [Join R6](#).

### **Serial Protocol for Portable Device Connector**

ANSI/CEA-2017.1, *Serial Communication Protocol for Portable Electronic Devices*, was approved as an American National Standard in November 2007. It was published in January 2008 with a November 2007 publication date. This standard is meant to accompany ANSI/CEA-2017, *Common Interconnection for Portable Media Players*, and describes a serial communication protocol that enables command and control communication between portable electronic devices and accessories attached to those devices.

### **Mobile Audio Amplifiers**

The Mobile Systems Committee is working on CEA-2006-B, *Testing and Measurement Methods for Mobile Audio Amplifiers*. This standard describes a method for testing the performance of mobile audio amplifiers and reporting the results. Interested? [Join R6 WG10](#).

### **PDMI Connector**

The Mobile Electronics Committee is studying the possibility of sending high definition multimedia interface (HDMI) signals over portable digital media interface (PDMI) connectors. PDMI connectors comply with CEA-2017, *Common Interconnection for Portable Media Players*, which was approved as an American National Standard earlier this year. It is hoped that this connector will eventually become a standard feature on vehicle dashboards, making it easy for consumers to plug their portable media devices into their vehicle power supplies and audio/video systems. Anyone interested in joining this effort should visit <http://www.CE.org/Standards/1447.asp> and sign up for R6 WG15.

### **Audiobooks**

The Mobile Electronics Committee is considering withdrawing CEA-2004, *Audiobook Media and Player Compatibility*. This standard defines audiobook characteristics considered essential for consumers to have a good listening experience, independent of the audiobook format. The 14-day draft was issued on 1/21/08 and a vote to withdraw is scheduled for 2/13/08. Interested? [Join R6](#).

## **TechHome**

### **LonTalk®-based Control Network Protocol**

The Home Systems Control Subcommittee is considering revisions to CEA-709.1-C, *Control Network Protocol Specification*. This standard describes a control network protocol that can be used over different physical links. This protocol is suitable for implementing both peer-to-peer and master-slave system strategies. Pre-vote comments are due by noon ET on 2/19/08.

### **Free Topology Twisted Pair Channel**

The Home Systems Control Subcommittee has begun its five year review of ANSI/CEA-709.3, *Free Topology Twisted Pair Channel Specification*. This standard defines a free-topology twisted-pair channel that supports up to 128 nodes on a single network segment with an optional link power source that supplies DC power to the nodes on the network. The channel is specified to support free-topology wiring, and will accommodate bus, star, loop, or any combination of these topologies. The channel uses CAT5 wiring. This standard has been proposed for reaffirmation. The 14-day draft was issued on 2/5/08 and a vote is planned for 2/22/08. Interested? [Join R7.1](#).

## 🚧 Fiber Optic Channel Specification

The Home Systems Control Subcommittee has begun its five year review of ANSI/CEA-709.4, *Fiber-Optic Channel Specification*. This standard defines a single-fiber (half-duplex) fiber-optic channel that supports communication at 1250 kbps between multiple nodes, each of which consists of a fiber-optic transceiver, a protocol processor, an application processor, a power supply, and application electronics. This single-fiber channel allows two nodes to communicate bidirectionally across a single piece of fiber, thus minimizing complexity of the fiber interconnect. This standard has been proposed for reaffirmation. The 14-day draft was issued on 2/5/08 and a vote is planned for 2/22/08. Interested? [Join R7.1](#).

## 🚧 Plug-In Interface to CEA-709.1

The Home Systems Control Subcommittee has begun its five year review of CEA-860-A, *Device Plug-In Interface to ANSI/CEA-709.1 Network Tools*. This standard defines software interfaces between ANSI/CEA-709.1-B-2002 network management tools and device-specific software used to install, configure and commission networked devices. It has been proposed for reaffirmation. The 14-day draft was issued on 2/5/08 and a vote is planned for 2/22/08. Interested? [Join R7.1](#).

## 🚧 IP Tunneling

The Home Systems Control Subcommittee approved CEA-852-B, *Tunneling Component Network Protocols Over Internet Protocol Channels* on 12/7/06. This standard specifies a communications method that allows networked data acquisition and control devices to communicate with each other over the Internet. It is currently under final editorial review and will be published after CEA-852.1, which it references, is completed.

The subcommittee is also working on CEA-852.1, *Enhanced Tunneling Device Area Network Protocols Over Internet Protocol Channels*. This standard will address limitations in the CEA-852-B protocol and provide improvements in performance, scalability, and robustness. Some of the provisions in CEA-852.1 might not be backward compatible with earlier versions of CEA-852. Interested? [Join R7.1 WG2](#).

## 🚧 Remote Control Commands over Home Networks

The Home Networks Committee has also developed ANSI/CEA-931-C, *Remote Control Command Pass-through Standard for Home Networking*. This standard defines methods for communicating basic remote control

functions between devices on a home network. It was published as an American National Standard in December.

## 🚧 Remote User Interface for UPnP™ Devices

The Home Networks Committee published CEA-2014-A, *Web-Based Protocol and Framework for Remote User Interface on UPnP™ Networks and the Internet (Web4CE)*, in July 2007. Shortly thereafter, several errors were discovered, and an errata has been developed. Pre-vote comments on this errata were due by 1/23/08. Comments are now being addressed. This standard defines how to produce remote user interfaces for UPnP™ devices. Revisions from the previous version clarify several points that some readers thought were unclear. The Home Networks Committee has now begun a second phase of its efforts to revise ANSI/CEA-2014. This next revision is expected to extend the functionality of the standard while preserving existing functionality and maintaining backward compatibility. It is expected to add new functionality in the following general areas: remote user interface access to the underlying platform resources, the level of security available within the remote user interface and protocol framework, and the remote user interface experience. A call for participants and request for use cases was issued on 6/26/07. Interested? [Join R7 WG9](#).

## 🚧 Task-Based User Interfaces

The Home Networks Committee published CEA-2018, *Task Model Representation*, in November 2007. This standard defines how to describe tasks performed by consumer electronics products in XML. ANSI public review of this document closed on 1/28/08.

## 🚧 Power Line Carrier

The Home Control Systems 1 Subcommittee is working on a revision to ANSI/CEA-709.2-A, *Control Network Power Line (PL) Channel Specification*. This standard describes the physical characteristics of a communications network that uses power lines to collect and distribute information. Interested? [Join R7.1](#).

The Home Control Systems 1 Subcommittee has also begun work on CEA-2021, *Auto Discovery & Self-configuring Home Control Networks*. This standard is expected to define a method for devices on a home control network to automatically discover each other and exchange data. It will facilitate the development of future home automation devices that may be installed by CE installers, electricians, or do-it-yourself homeowners. It will provide a set of standard application-layer services for the ANSI/CEA-709.1 protocol, thus enabling devices and

appliances from different manufacturers to work together in a home network. Interested? [Join R7.1.](#)

### **Open EPG**

The Home Networks Committee published CEA-2033, *OpenEPG™ - A Specification for Electronic Program Guide Data Interchange* in September 2007. This standard enables home entertainment devices to access program guide information using messages that are based on standard Internet protocols. ANSI public review of this standard closed on 1/28/08.

## Video

### **North American Teletext**

The Television Data Systems Subcommittee has begun its five-year review of CEA-516, *Joint EIA/CVCC Recommended Practice for Teletext: North American Basic Teletext Specification (NABTS)*. This standard describes the transmission technique, coding language, and user interface for one-way broadcast teletext service applications in North America using NTSC television signals. Interested? [Join R4.3.](#)

### **DTV Remodulator Specification**

The DTV Interface Subcommittee has begun to update CEA-762-A, *DTV Remodulator Specification*. This standard defines minimum specifications for a one-way data path utilizing an 8-VSB trellis remodulator that complies with ATSC Standard A/53B, Annex D. This standard applies to any device used to connect to an ATSC compliant digital television (DTV) receiver. Devices meeting this standard should interoperate with any ATSC compliant receiver that also supports “monitor mode.” Interested? [Join R4.8](#) WG6.

### **IEEE 1394 Service Selection Information**

The DTV Interface Subcommittee is updating CEA-775.2, *Service Selection Information for Digital Storage Media Interoperability*. This standard defines how to store Service Selection Information when recording a program over the IEEE 1394 high performance serial bus described in CEA-775-B. Service Selection Information includes information such as the title of the program, the program duration, descriptors related to the program such as content advisories, the name of the source channel from which the program was recorded, etc. Pre-vote comments on CEA-775.2-A are due on 2/14/08. Interested? [Join R4.8](#) WG1.

### **IEEE 1394 Application Profiles**

The DTV Interface Subcommittee is updating CEA-849-A, *Application Profiles for CEA-775 Compliant DTVs*. This standard defines profiles for various applications of the IEEE 1394 high performance serial bus described in CEA-775-B. The applications covered include ATSC digital television streams, direct broadcast satellite digital streams, US cable digital streams and standard definition digital video camcorder digital streams. Pre-vote comments on CEA-849-B are due on 2/14/08. Interested? [Join R4.8](#) WG1.

### **Data Over Component Video Interface**

The DTV Interface Subcommittee is working on CEA-805-D, *Data Services on the Component Video Interfaces*. This standard describes how to transmit data over the analog component video interfaces (CVI) described in CEA-770.2-C and CEA-770.3-D, and it covers all CE devices carrying data on the CVI vertical blanking interval (VBI).

### **HD Analog Component Video Interface**

The DTV Interface Subcommittee approved CEA-770.3-D, *High Definition TV Analog Component Video Interface* on 10/17/07. This standard defines two raster-scanning systems for high definition analog component video. The first system uses 1280 x 720 samples (pixels) inside a total raster of 750 lines, and the second uses 1920 x 1080 samples (pixels) inside a total raster of 1125 lines. Both image formats have an aspect ratio of 16:9. This standard will be sent to ANSI for public review.

### **F-Connector Color Coding**

The Video Systems Committee is revising CEA-897, *F-Connector Color Coding for Home Television Systems*. This standard defines color-coding schemes that make it easier for consumers to distinguish between different F connectors found on television sets (e.g., F connectors for cable ready inputs vs. F connectors for satellite TV inputs, etc.). Pre-vote comments were due by 10/2/07 and are now being addressed.

### **Nielsen and Gemstar/TV Guide Waveforms**

CEA-2020, *Other VBI Waveforms*, was approved by the Television Data Systems Subcommittee. It defines four vertical blanking interval waveforms carried on analog TV signals – two used by Nielsen Media Research, and two used by Gemstar/TV Guide. The electrical characteristics of the waveforms are defined, but the meaning of the data that is transported via the waveforms is not. This standard was

published as an American National Standard in December 2007.

### **Cable TV Emergency Alert Messaging**

CEA and the Society of Cable Telecommunications Engineers jointly published ANSI/J-STD-042-A, *Emergency Alert Messaging for Cable* in November, 2007. This standard was approved by CEA's Cable Compatibility Committee as CEA-814-A, *Emergency Alert Messaging for Cable* on 2/27/07. It describes how cable companies can transmit emergency messages to cable-ready digital equipment sold at retail. It enables cable operators to select a warning method with a level of viewing disruption that is appropriate for the type and scope of the emergency.

### **Two-Way Cable Systems**

The Cable Compatibility Committee is beginning its five year review of CEA-819-A, *Cable Compatibility Requirements for Two-Way Digital Cable TV Systems*. This standard defines minimum requirements for two-way digital cable TV systems and two-way digital TV receivers whose RF inputs and outputs connect directly to these cable systems. These systems permit the viewing of analog and digital TV programs, as well as additional features such as impulse pay-per-view purchases, interactive shopping and audience opinion polling. Interested? [Join R8](#).

### **Cable Channel Numbering**

The Cable Compatibility Committee has begun its five year review of CEA-542-B, *Cable Television Channel Identification Plan*. This standard defines 6 MHz channel allocations for 158 channels up to 1002 MHz, and includes a method for specifying higher channels. It does not preclude channel mapping in cable systems. It applies to channels carrying analog or digital signals, though it does not specify a numbering plan for the tuning of digitally multiplexed services within one or more RF channels. Interested? [Join R8](#).

### **Parental Guidance**

Another standard approved by the Television Data Systems Subcommittee is CEA-766-B, *U.S. and Canadian Rating Region Tables (RRT) and Content Advisory Descriptors for Transport of Content Advisory Information Using ATSC Program and System Information Protocol (PSIP)*. This standard is one of several that, together, define how TV systems can enable parents to control their children's access to TV programming. CEA-766-B defines the format of the codes that transmit this data. The ANSI public review period closed on 2/5/07. Comments were received and addressed, and a revised document was

approved via letter ballot on 9/13/07. The ANSI public review period for these revisions closes on 2/4/08.

### **Loudness Matching Between Analog/Digital TV**

The Video Systems Committee is reviewing CEA-CEB11, *NTSC/ATSC Loudness Matching*. This bulletin provides guidance to TV set makers on how to maintain uniform audio loudness between analog NTSC programs and digital ATSC programs. It assumes that NTSC broadcasters follow accepted North American broadcast practices for audio levels, and that ATSC broadcasters have encoded their signals with the correct "dialnorm" value, a number that corresponds to the actual dialog level of the program material. Interested? [Join R4 WG10](#).

### **DTV Closed Captioning**

The Television Data Systems Subcommittee is working on a revision to CEA-708-C, *Digital Television (DTV) Closed Captioning*, which will coordinate the standard with related Advanced Television Systems Committee (ATSC) and Society of Motion Picture and Television Engineers (SMPTE) standards. Interested? [Join R4.3 WG1](#).

### **Analog Closed Captioning**

On 11/9/06 the Television Data Systems Subcommittee approved CEA-608-D, *Line 21 Data Service*. This updated standard explains how to provide or use closed captioning and other data services embedded in line 21 of the vertical blanking interval of an NTSC video signal. It was published in May 2007, and ANSI public review of this published version was completed on 10/1/07. A correction and a clarification were approved by recirculation ballot to the Television Data Systems Subcommittee on 8/29/07, and ANSI public review of these changes closes 1/13/08. If approved by ANSI the modified standard will be published as ANSI/CEA-608-E.

### **DTV 1394 Interface**

The DTV Interface Subcommittee approved CEA-775-C, *DTV 1394 Interface Specification*, on 10/17/07. This standard defines a method by which set-top boxes, DVRs and other similar devices may send MPEG video to a DTV set for decoding using a 1394 interface. The DTV Interface Subcommittee works to keep CEA-775 up to date with the latest standards developed by the 1394 Trade Association. It has also begun five year reviews of CEA-775.2, *Service Selection Information for Digital Storage Media Interoperability* and CEA-849-A, *Application Profiles for EIA-775A Compliant DTVs*. Interested? [Join R4.8 WG1](#).

## **HDMI and DVI Interfaces**

The DTV Interface Subcommittee approved CEA-861-E, *A DTV Profile for Uncompressed High Speed Digital Interfaces*, on 1/21/08. This standard applies to a variety of DTV-related high-speed interfaces such as the Digital Visual Interface (DVI) and the High Definition Multimedia Interface (HDMI). It is now undergoing final editorial review.

## **PSIP Recommended Practice**

The Television Data Systems Subcommittee has begun its five year review of CEA-CEB12-A, *PSIP Recommended Practice*. This bulletin provides guidance for designing DTV receivers, cable TV receivers, video recorders and other consumer products that make use of the Advanced Television Systems Committee's (ATSC) Program and System Information Protocol (PSIP). It provides recommendations and suggestions for device functionality. Interested? [Join R4.3](#).