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Introduction

This standard identifies the requirements needed to specify, procure or develop a space power distribution based on Latching Current Limiters, both from source and load perspective.

For a reference architecture description, it is possible to refer to ECSS-E-HB-20-20.

ECSS-E-HB-20-20 includes a clarification of the principles of operation of a power distribution based on LCLs, identifies important issues related to LCLs and explains the requirements of the present standard.

Note that the present issue of the standard covers electrical design and interface requirements for power distribution based on Latching Current Limiters only. Future issues of the present standard will cover additional power interfaces.

1**Scope**

The target applications covered by this standard are all missions traditionally provided with power distribution and protection by LCLs/RCLCs (science, earth observation, navigation) with exclusion of applications for which the power distribution and protection is provided by fuses (e.g. most of the GEO telecom satellites).

The present standard applies to power distribution by LCLs/RCLCs for power systems, and in general for satellites, required to be Single Point Failure Free.

The present standard document applies exclusively to the main bus power distribution by LCLs/RCLCs to external satellite loads.

A particular case of LCLs (Heater LCLs, or HLCLs) is also treated. The HLCLs are the protections elements of the power distribution to the thermal heaters in a spacecraft.

Internal power system protections of LCLs/RCLCs are not covered.

Paralleling of LCLs to increase power supply line reliability is not covered by the present standard, since this choice does not appreciably change the reliability of the overall function (i.e. LCL plus load).

In fact, a typical reliability figure of the LCL (limited to the loss of its switch-on capability) is 20 FIT or less.

If the load to be connected to the LCL line has a substantial higher failure rate than this, it is not necessary to duplicate the LCL to supply that load.

This standard may be tailored for the specific characteristic and constraints of a space project in conformance with ECSS-S-ST-00.

2**Normative references**

The following normative documents contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this ECSS Standard. For dated references, subsequent amendments to, or revision of any of these publications do not apply. However, parties to agreements based on this ECSS Standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the more recent editions of the normative documents indicated below. For undated references, the latest edition of the publication referred to applies.

EN reference	Reference in text	Title
EN 16601-00-01	ECSS-S-ST-00-01	ECSS system - Glossary of terms
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