

Re: Why -48V for telephone lines, and not positive?

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Winfield Hill <hill_a@t_rowland-dotties-harvard-dot.s-edu> wrote in message news:<coisj0010a@drn.newsguy.com>...

> *JeffM wrote...*

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> >> *when this stuff was invented*

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> > *Yup. Stroger Switches were invented in 1884--by an undertaker.*

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> *Do you think they used -48V back then?*

It was less standardized. Short loops were as little as -12V, long loops could be more than -48V. It depended on who was selling the switch and equipment too.

Large parts of the civilized world use -24V as the default on telco loops.

Tim.