

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

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On 1 Dec 2004 07:48:48 -0800, shoppa@trailing-edge.com (Tim Shoppa) wrote:

>>>> *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?*

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> *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.*

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

In Sweden -48V for POTS, and -96V for ISDN.