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## GENERAL STANDARDS

### SHORT FORMS

#### (ABBREVIATIONS AND SYMBOLS)

1. PURPOSE. This standard establishes short forms for use at TEKTRONIX.
2. REFERENCES. This standard draws from many sources, including standards published by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), National Bureau of Standards, United States of America Standards Institute (formerly American Standards Association), and the Federal Government including the Department of Defense. Unit symbols (short forms for units) in this standard agree with IEEE Standard No 260 "Standard Symbols for Units" which reflects current practices of the International Organization for Standardization and the International Electrotechnical Commission.
3. USE AND APPLICATION. This standard applies throughout the company. Should any discrepancy exist between a short form given in this standard and that given in any other TEKTRONIX Standard, use the short form given in this standard.
4. ARRANGEMENT. This standard arranges the list of short forms and corresponding terms in two ways: In Part 1, you will find the entries listed alphabetically according to the term; in Part 2, alphabetically according to the short form.

#### 5. DEFINITIONS.

SHORT FORM: Any abbreviation or symbol that may be used in place of a word or group of words.

#### 6. GUIDE TO USING SHORT FORMS.

##### 6.1 GENERAL RULES FOR USE OF SHORT FORMS.

6.1.1 Inclusion in this standard of a short form does not mean that you ought to use this term in preference to the corresponding spelled-out term; particular circumstances of usage and space limitation govern this choice. (A good rule of thumb for determining whether you should use a short form is this: If you have doubt, spell the term out.)

6.1.2 Wherever possible, avoid using short forms with which the reader may be unfamiliar. If space limitations or other considerations require the use of an unfamiliar short form, you should explain this short form as follows:

In text: The first time you use the short form, follow it in parentheses with the spelled-out term it abbreviates. After that, use only the short form.

In tables: Include explanatory notes or keys.

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## 6.2 CAPITALIZING SHORT FORMS.

6.2.1 Capitalizing Short Forms For Terms Identified By An Asterisk.

In front of certain terms you'll note an asterisk (\*). When you write the short form for a term so identified, maintain the distinction between upper- and lower-case letters. For example, always write the short form for megahertz as "MHz," never as "MHZ," nor as "mhz."

6.2.2 Capitalizing All Other Short Forms. Generally, you should also write all other short forms (those for terms not marked with an asterisk) as they appear in this standard. On drawings however, capitalize all but asterisked-term short forms. In headings, titles, and front panels, you may write these other short forms to agree with surrounding type. That is, if all other front-panel entries are in upper-case type (capital letters), you may write these non-asterisked-term short forms, too, in upper case.

## 6.3 SUBSCRIPTS AND SUPERSCRIPTS. Always observe indicated placement of subscripts and superscripts.

## 6.4 FORMING PLURALS OF SHORT FORMS. Use the same form to indicate both singular and plural.

## 6.5 PUNCTUATING SHORT FORMS. Do not include a period as part of any short form.

6.6 COMBINING SHORT FORMS. When you form a combined unit symbol through multiplication of one unit by another, separate the symbols for each of the units by a raised dot (Example: "ft·lbf," the short form for "foot pound-force"). For combined short forms other than unit symbols, unless the combined short form might otherwise confuse the reader use no separating mark or space.

7. OBTAINING SHORT FORMS NOT LISTED IN THIS STANDARD. While reasonably complete, this list doesn't include all short forms that TEKTRONIX communication might call for. If you don't find a term for which you seek the short form, get in touch with Chuck Samuel, Chairman of the Abbreviations Subcommittee of the Technical Terminology Committee. The subcommittee will establish for you an appropriate short form.

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### SHORT FORM TO TERM

# A

A	*ampere	ANL	automatic-noise limiter
a	*atto	anod	anodize
abs	absolute	ant	antenna
AC	alternating current	AOQL	average outgoing quality level
acc	accessory	APC	automatic-phase control
act	actual	appd	approved
actr	actuator	appl	application
ADCI	American Diecasting Institute	approx	approximate
addl	additional	AQL	acceptable quality level
adh	adhesive	As	*arsenic
adj	adjust	ASA	American Standards Association
adpt	adapter		
AF	audio frequency		
AFC	automatic-frequency control	assem	assemble
Ag	*silver (argentum)	asst	assistant
AGC	automatic-gain control	assy	assembly
Ah	*ampere-hour	astig	astigmatism
Al	*aluminum	ASTM	American Society for Testing and Materials
align	alignment	At	*ampere-turn
allow	allowance	atch	attach, attachment
alt	alternate	atm	atmosphere
alt	altitude	atten	attenuation, attenuator
aly	alloy	attn	attention
AM	amplitude modulation	Au	*gold (aurum)
amb	ambient	auto	automatic
ampl	amplifier	aux	auxiliary
ampl	amplitude	AVC	automatic-volume control
amt	amount	avg	average
anl	anneal	AWG	American wire gage

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b	base
B	*bel
B	susceptance
B&SG	Brown and Sharpe gage
baf	baffle
bal	balance
ban	banana
bat	battery
bbl	barrel
BC	bolt circle
bd	board
bdl	bundle
BDN	bend down
Be'	*Baume'
be	*beryllium
BF	beat frequency
BFO	beat-frequency oscillator
BH	Brinell hardness
bhd	bulkhead
BHN	Brinell-hardness number
bind	binding
bk	book
bkt	bracket
BL	bill of lading
b1k	black
b1k	block
blo	blower
blu	blue
BM	bill of material
B0	blocking oscillator
bot	bottom
brdg	bridge

brg	bearing
brk	break
brn	brown
bro	broach
brs	brass
brt	bright, brightness
brz	bronze
brzg	brazing
bsc	basic
btl	bottle
Btu	*British thermal unit
BUP	bend up
bush	bushing
bw	bandwidth

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## C

c	*carbon	chgr	charger
c	*centi	chk	check
c	*coulomb	chop	chopping
(C)	copyright	cir	circle
cab	cabinet	circ	circumference
cal	calibrate, calibration, calibrator	ckt	circuit, circuitry
camr	camera	CL	centerline
cap	capacitor	C1	*chlorine
carry	carrying	cl	class
cat	catalog	clos	clearance
cb1	cable	clr	closure
cbn	carbon (paper or ribbon only)	cm	*centimeter
cbore	counterbore	cm <sup>2</sup>	*square centimeter
C-C	center to center	cm <sup>3</sup>	*cubic centimeter
ccw	counterclockwise	cmil	*circular mil
Cd	*cadmium	c/min	*cycle per minute
cd	*candella	CMR	common-mode rejection
cdrill	counterdrill	CMRR	common-mode rejection ratio
CEMF	counter electromotive force	cm/s	*centimeter per second
cer	ceramic	Co	*cobalt
cert	certificate	co	company
CF	cathode follower	coax	cutoff
CG	center of gravity	coef	coaxial
CH	case harden	col	coefficient
ch	channel	coll	column
cham	chamfer	com	collector
chas	chassis	coml	common
chg	change	comp	commercial
			compensate

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comp	composite	CS	Customer Service
comp	composition	csk	countersink
comp	compound	cstg	casting
compt	compartment	CT	center tap
conc	concentric	ctg	cartridge
cond	conductor	ctn	carton
conn	connector	ctr	center
const	constant	ctr	contour
cont	contact	ctr	counter
cont	continue	Cu	*copper
conv	conversion, converter	cur	current
coord	coordinate	cw	clockwise
cor	corner	CW	continuous wave
corp	corporation	cyl	cylinder
cov	cover		
CP	circular pitch		
cpl	couple		
cplg	coupling		
cpunch	counterpunch		
cpy	copy		
Cr	*chromium		
CR	cold rolled		
CRE	corrosion resistant		
CRES	corrosion-resistant steel		
crit	critical		
CRO	cathode-ray oscilloscope		
CRS	cold-rolled steel		
CRT	cathode-ray tube		
c/s	*cycle per second		

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## D

d	*deci	dev	deviation
d	depth	·DF	deflection factor
D factor	dissipation factor	dia	diameter
da	*deka	diag	diagonal
DAVC	delayed automatic volume control	diag	diagram
dB	*decibel	diel	dielectric
dbl	double	diff	differential
dbl <sub>r</sub>	doubler	dim	dimension
dBm	*decibel referred to 1 milliwatt	dis	display
dBrn	*decibel above reference noise	disc	disconnect
dBV	*decibel referred to 1 volt	disch	discharge
dBW	*decibel referred to 1 watt	discr	discriminator
DC	Design Completion	distr	distribute, distribution
DC	direct current	div	division
dcpl	decouple	DL	delay line
DCVB	direct-current voltage bridge	dly	delay
DCVW	direct-current working volts	dn	down
DD	deep drawn	dp	deep
dec	decimal	DP	deflection plate
decr	decrease	DP	diametral pitch
defl	deflect	DP	double pole
deg	*degree (temperature interval or difference)	dr	door
dept	department	dr	drawn
descr	description	DSB	drill
det	detail	dsgn	double sideband
det	detector	DT	design
		dup	double throw
		dwg	duplicate
		dyn	drawing
			dynamic

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## E

E	potential difference		
E	electromotive force	equip	equipment
ea	each	equiv	equivalent
ecc	eccentric	ER	Engineering Release
ECO	electron-coupled oscillator	est	estimate
ECO	Engineering Change Order	eV	*electron volt
EDM	Engineering Design Manual	ex	example
EF	emitter follower	exp	expansion
eff	effective	ext	extension
eff	efficiency	ext	external
EHF	extremely high frequency	extr	extrusion
EIA	Electronic Industries Association		
EIS	Engineering Instrument Specification		
elec	electric		
elect	electrolytic		
elev	elevate		
elim	eliminate		
elong	elongation		
EMC	electromagnetic compatibility		
EMF	electromotive force		
EMI	electromagnetic interference		
emis	emission		
emit	emitter		
encl	enclose		
engr	engineer		
env	envelope		
EO	Engineering Order		
eq	equal, equalizer		
eq	equation		

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## F

F	*farad	FOB	free on board
f	*femto	fr	frame
F	*fluorine	fr	front
F	force	freq	frequency
F&I	focus and intensity	FS	full scale
fab	fabricate	FSN	Federal Stock Number
FAO	finish all over	ft	*foot
fc	*foot candle	ft <sup>2</sup>	*square foot
FC	free cutting	ft <sup>3</sup>	*cubic foot
FCP	Factory Calibration Procedure	ft <sup>3</sup> /min	*cubic foot per minute
fe	female	ft <sup>3</sup> /s	*cubic foot per second
FE	field effect	ftg	fitting
FE	*iron (ferrum)	FTL	Factory Test Limit
FED	field-effect diode	ft·lbf	*foot pound-force
Fed Spec	Federal Specification	funct	function
FET	field-effect transistor	fwd	forward
FH	flat head (screw)	fxd	fixed
fig	figure		
fil	filament		
fil	fillet		
fil	filter		
FilH	fillister head (screw)		
fin	finish		
FIR	full indicator reading		
fix	fixture		
fL	*foot lambert		
fld	field		
flex	flexible		
flg	flange		
fltg	floating		
FM	frequency modulation		
fmy	family		

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G

G	conductance
G	*gauss
G	*giga
g	*gram
g	*gravity unit
g	grid
GΩ	*gigohm
ga	gage
Ga	*gallium
gal	*gallon
galv	galvanometer
gator	alligator
Gb	*gilbert
Gc/s	gigacycle per second
Ge	*germanium
gen	general
gen	generator
GHz	*gigahertz
gl	glaze
gm	transconductance
GMV	guaranteed minimum value
gnd	ground
govt	government
gr	grade
gr	grain
grad	graduation
grat	graticule
grn	green
grom	grommet
grv	groove
gy	gray

H

h	*hecto
h	height
H	*henry
h	high
h	*hour
H	*hydrogen
har	harmonic
hbk	handbook
HCL	horizontal centerline
HD	hard drawn
hd	head
hd	hood
hdl	handle
hdw	hardware
hex	hexagon
HF	high frequency
HFO	high-frequency oscillator
Hg	*mercury (hydrargyrum)
HH	hexagon head (screw)
hi pot	high potential
hist	history
hldr	holder
horiz	horizontal
HP	high pass
hp	*horsepower
HR	hot rolled
hrn	harness
HRS	hot-rolled steel
hsg	housing
htr	heater
ht tr	heat treat
HV	high voltage
Hz	*hertz

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I	*current (in amperes)	int	internal
IC	integrated circuit	intchg	interchangeable
ID	inside diameter	intconn	interconnecting
ident	identification	inten	intensity
IEEE	Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers	intfr	interference
IF	intermediate frequency	intl	international
IGFET	insulated-gate field-effect transistor	intmed	intermediate
illum	illuminate	intmt	intermittent
illus	illustration	inv	inverse, invert, inverter
IML	inside moldline	IR	inside radius
in	*inch	IR	insulation resistance
in	input	Ir	*iridium
in <sup>2</sup>	*square inch	irreg	irregular
in <sup>3</sup>	*cubic inch	Ixfmr	current transformer
inc	include		
inc	incorporated		
inc	incandescent		
incr	increase		
incr	increment		
ind	indicate, indicator		
ind	industrial		
inf	infinite		
info	information		
in·ozf	*inch ounce-force	J	
ins	insulated	J	*joule
insp	inspect	jct	junction
inst	instantaneous	JIMS	Joint Industry-Military Standard
inst	instructions		
instr	instrument	jkt	jacket
int	interior		

## J

J	*joule
jct	junction
JIMS	Joint Industry-Military Standard
jkt	jacket

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## K

k	*kilo
K	*potassium (kalium)
$\text{k}\Omega$	*kilohm
kc/s	*kilocycle per second

1bf·ft	*pound-force foot
1bf/in <sup>2</sup>	*pound-force per square inch
LC	inductance-capacitance
LCR	inductance-capacitance-resistance

keV	*kilolectronvolt
kg	*kilogram
kHz	*kilohertz
kV	*kilovolt
kVA	*kilovoltampere
kW	*kilowatt

lev	lever
LF	left front
LF	low frequency
lg	large
lg	long
LH	left hand
lim	limit
lin	linear
lm	*lumen
1m/cm <sup>2</sup>	*lumen per square centimeter
1m/ft <sup>2</sup>	*lumen per square foot
1m/m <sup>2</sup>	*lumen per square meter

ln	line
ln	logarithm, natural
L0	local oscillator
LOA	length overall
loc	locate
log	logarithm
lokwash	lockwasher
LP	low pass
LR	left rear
LS	limit switch
lt	light
LTPD	lot tolerance percent defective
ltr	letter
lub	lubricate
LV	low voltage

## L

L	inductance
L	*lambert
l	left
l	length
l	*liter
lab	laboratory
lam	laminate, lamination
lag	lacquer
lat	lateral
lb	pound

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lwr	lower
lx	*lux
M	
m	*mega
m	*meter (unit of length)
m	*milli
$m^3$	*cubic meter
$m\mu$	milli micro (use $\mu$ )
$M\Omega$	*megohm
ma	male
mA	*milliamperes
mach	machine
mag	magnet, magnetic
mag	magnifier
mag reg	magnifier registration
maint	maintenance
man	manual
mas	master
mat	material
max	maximum
MC	multiple contact

Mc/s	megacycle per second
MCW	modulated continuous wave
mdl	model
meas	measurement
mech	mechanical
med	median
med	medium
mem	memory
memo	memorandum
MeV	*megaelectronvolt
MF	medium frequency
mfg	manufacturing
mfr	manufacturer
Mg	*magnesium
mg	*milligram
mH	*millihenry
MHF	medium-high frequency
MHz	*megahertz
mid	middle
midr	midrange
mil	military
Mil Spec	Military Specification
Mil Std	Military Standard
min	minimum
min	*minute (time)
misc	miscellaneous
mk	mark, marker
ML	moldline
mldg	molding
mm	*millimeter
$mm^3$	*cubic millimeter

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## N

MMC	maximum material condition	n	*nano
mn	main	N	*newton
Mn	*manganese	N	*nitrogen
M0	master oscillator	nA	*nanoampere
Mo	*molybdenum	NA	not applicable
mo	month	Na	*sodium (sodium)
mod	modification, modify	nat	natural
ms	*millisecond	natl	national
mS	*millisiemens	NB	narrow band
mt	mount, mounting	NBS	National Bureau of Standards
MTBF	mean time between failures	NC	National Coarse (thread)
mtr	motor	NC	no connection
MTTF	mean time to failure	NC	normally closed
mult	multiple	Ne	*neon
multi	multivibrator	NEF	National Extra Fine (thread)
MV	*megavolt	neg	negative
mV	*millivolt	NEMA	National Electrical Manu-
MW	*megawatt	neut	facturers Association
mW	*milliwatt	NF	neutral, neutralization
Mx	*maxwell	Ni	National Fine (thread)
		NO	*nickel
		no	normally open
		nom	number
		nonprod	nominal
		norm	not in production
		Np	normal
		ns	*neper
		NS	*nanosecond
		nV	National Special (thread)
		nW	*nanovolt
			*nanowatt

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## O

0	*oxygen
oa	overall
obs	obsolete
OC	on center
OD	outside diameter
0e	*oersted
OH	opposite hand
OH	oval head (screw)
OML	outside moldline
op	operate, operating
op amp	operational amplifier
open	open circuit
opp	opposite
OR	outside radius
orient	orientation
orig	origin
orn	orange
osc	oscillator
otr	outer
out	output
oz	*ounce
ozf-in	*ounce-force inch

## P

p	page
P	permeance
P	*phosphorus
p	*pico
p	pitch
p	plate (electron tube)
p	pressure
P	power (in watts)
pA	*picoampere
PAM	pulse-amplitude modulation
para	paragraph
par	parallel
pat	patent
Pb	*lead (plumbum)
pc	piece
pd	pad
Pd	*palladium
PD	pitch diameter
PDR	Production Drawing Release
perf	perforate
perm	permanent
perp	perpendicular
pF	*picofarad
PF	power factor
PH	pan head (screw)
phen	phenolic
photo	photograph
PI	plug-in
PIV	peak inverse voltage
pkg	package

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PL	parting line	ps	*picosecond
PL	parts list	PS	power supply
pl	plate, plating	p/s	pulse per second
PLO	phase-locked oscillator	psve	passive
plstc	plastic	Pt	*platinum
plt	pilot	pt	point
P/M	*parts per million	PTM	pulse-time modulation
PM	phase modulation	pub	publication
PN	part number	purch	purchase
pnl	panel	PVR	Product Verification
po	pickoff	pW	Release
PO	purchase order	PW	*picowatt
porc	porcelain	pwr	pulse width
pos	position		power
pos	positive		
pot	potentiometer		
P-P	peak to peak		
pr	pair		
PR	Prototype Release		
PRB	Product Reference Book		
preamp	preamplifier		
prec	precision		
prefab	prefabricated		
prelim	preliminary		
prem	premium		
prep	prepare		
prev	previous		
PRF	pulse-repetition frequency		
pri	primary		
prin	principle		
prod	product		
proj	projected		
PRR	pulse-repetition rate		

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## Q

Q	charge (in coulombs)
Q	figure of merit
Q	quality factor
QA	quality assurance
QC	quality control
qty	quantity
quad	quadrant



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R	rackmount	req	require
r	radius	req	requisition
R	resistance	res	resistor
r	right	resp	response
R	reluctance (in ampere/weber)	ret	retainer, retaining
(R)	registered (trademark)	ret	return
Ra	*radium	retr	retrace
rad	radian	rev	reverse
RC	resistance-capacitance	rev	revise, revision
RD	root diameter	RF	radio frequency
rd	round	RF	right front
rec	receipt	RFE	request for expenditure
rec	recorder	RFI	radio-frequency interference
recal	recalibration	RFS	regardless of feature size
recd	received	RH	relative humidity
recp	receptacle	Rh	*rhodium
rect	rectangle	RH	right hand
red	reduce	RH	round head (screw)
redsgn	redesign	RHN	Rockwell-hardness number
redr	redrawn	RHS	Rockwell-hardness scale
ref	refer, reference	riv	rivet
reg	regular	RL	resistance-inductance
reg	regulate, regulator	rly	relay
reinf	reinforce	r/min	*revolution per minute
rej	reject	rm	ream
rel	release	RMS	root mean square
rel	reliability	rot	rotator
rem	remove	rot	rotor
rep	repair	RR	right rear
rep	representative	R&D	Research and Development
repl	replace	r/s	revolution per second
repro	reproduce		

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## S

s	*second (time)	Si	*silicon
S	*siemens	sig	signal
S	*sulfur	sil	silver (color)
SA	spectrum analyzer	sim	similar
SAC	standard amplitude calibrator	sk	sink
SCD	semiconductor device	sked	schedule
schem	schematic	sl	slope
scope	oscilloscope	slv	sleeve
scr	screw	sm	small
SCR	silicon-controlled rectifier	SM	Standards Manual
sd bl	sandblast	smls	seamless
Se	*selenium	smp1	sample
sec	secondary	SN	serial number
sect	section	S/N	signal-to-noise ratio
seg	segment	Sn	*tin (stannum)
sel	select, selector	SO	shop order
sens	sensitivity	soc	socket
sep	separate	sol	solenoid
seq	sequence	SP	single pole
ser	serial	sp	specific
ser	series	spec	specification
set	setting	spg	spring
SF	spot face	sp gr	specific gravity
sh	sheet	spher	spherical
SH	socket head (screw)	spl	special
SHF	super-high frequency	spr	spacer
shld	shield	spt	support
I shld	shoulder	sq	square
short	short circuit	sr	*steradian (solid angle)
shpg	shipping	SS	set screw
shtr	shutter		

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## T

SSB	single sideband	T	temperature
SST	stainless steel	T	*tera
ST	single throw	T	*tesla
stab	stability, stabilize	t	time
STALO	stabilized local oscillator	Ta	*tantalum
std	standard, standardization	tab	tabulate
stl	steel	tap	tapping
stor	storage	TB	time base
str	straight	TC	temperature characteristic
sub	substitute	T <sub>c</sub>	temperature coefficient
subj	subject	TC	time constant
sum	summary	TD	tunnel diode
sup	supply	TDR	time-domain reflectometry
suppl	supplement	TE	tooling drawing release
sw	switch	tech	transverse electric
swp	sweep	telcon	technical
SWR	standing-wave ratio	TEM	telephone conversation
sym	symbol	temp	transverse electromagnetic
sym	symmetry, symmetrical	temp	temper
sync	synchronize	tent	template
sys	system	term	temporary
		term	tentative
		term bd	terminal
		test	termination
		t <sub>f</sub>	terminal board
		tgl	tester
		tgt	fall time
		thd	toggle
		therm	target
		thk	thread
			thermal
			thick

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## U

Ti	*titanium	UHF	ultra-high frequency
t/in	teeth per inch	U-joint	universal joint
t/in	threads per inch	ult	ultimate
TIR	total indicator reading	unav	unavailable
tmg	timing	unblk	unblanking
tmr	timer	UNC	Unified Coarse (thread)
tol	tolerance	UNEF	Unified Extra Fine (thread)
t <sub>p</sub>	pulse duration	UNF	Unified Fine (thread)
TPTG	tuned-plate tuned-grid	unfin	unfinished
t <sub>r</sub>	risetime	unmk	unmarked
transv	transverse	unreg	unregulated
TRF	tuned radio frequency	UNS	Unified Special (thread)
triax	triaxial	UOS	unless otherwise specified
trig	trigger	up	upper
t <sub>s</sub>	storage time	upd	update
TU	test unit	USASI	*United States of America Standards Institute
tunl	tunnel		
TV	television		
TWT	traveling-wave tube		
typ	typical		

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## V

V	*volt, voltage
VA	vertical amplifier
VA	*voltampere
VAC	alternating current volts
vac	vacuum
var	*var (volt-ampere, reactive)
var	variable
$V_C$	comparison voltage
$V_c$	voltage coefficient
VCL	vertical centerline
VDC	direct current volts
VDF	video frequency
V/div	volts per division
ver	vernier
vert	vertical
VFO	variable-frequency oscillator
VH	Vickers hardness
VHF	very-high frequency
vid	video
view	viewing
vio	violet
VIT	vertical-interval testing
VLF	very-low frequency
vol	volume
VOM	volt-ohm-milliammeter
VR	voltage regulator
VSWR	voltage standing-wave ratio
VTVM	vacuum-tube voltmeter

## W

W	*tungsten (wolframium)
W	*watt
w	wide, width
w	with
WB	wide band
wb	*weber
wg	waveguide
Wh	*watthour
wht	white
wk	week
wo	without
wrd	wired
wrnkl	wrinkle
wt	weight
wv	wave
ww	wirewound

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## X

x	by (used between dimensions)
$X_C$	capacitive reactance
xfmr	transformer
$X_L$	inductive reactance
xsect	cross section
xstr	transistor
xtal	crystal
xtal osc	crystal oscillator

## Z

Z	impedance
Zn	*zinc
$Z_0$	characteristic impedance

## Y

Y	admittance (in mhos)
yd	*yard
$yd^3$	*cubic yard
yel	yellow
yr	year

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1/4H	quarter hard		
1/2H	half hard	$\mu$	permeability (absolute)
3P	triple pole	$\mu_r$	permeability (relative)
3T	triple throw	$\phi$	phase
4P	four pole	+ & -	plus and minus
&	and		(see page 16)
$\text{\AA}$	*angstrom	$\pm$	plus or minus
$\omega$	angular velocity		(see page 16)
$^{\circ}\text{C}$	*degree Celsius (centigrade)	$\rho$	reflection coefficient
$^{\circ}\text{F}$	*degree Fahrenheit	$\rho$	resistivity
$^{\circ}\text{K}$	*degree Kelvin (absolute)	>	greater than
$\epsilon$	permittivity (absolute)	$\geq$	equal to or greater than
$\epsilon_r$	permittivity (relative)	<	less than
$\approx$ or $\simeq$	approximately equal to	$\leq$	equal to or less than
=	equal to		
$\infty$	infinity		
$\mu$	*micro		
$\mu\mu$	micro micro (use $\rho$ )		
$\mu\text{A}$	*microampere		
$\mu\text{F}$	*microfarad		
$\mu\text{H}$	*microhenry		
$\mu\text{in}$	*microinch		
$\mu\text{mho}$	*micromho		
$\mu\text{s}$	*microsecond		
$\mu\text{S}$	*microsiemens		
$\mu\text{V}$	*microvolt		
$\mu\text{W}$	*microwatt		
$\Omega$	*ohm		
/	per		
%	percent		
... $^{\circ}$	*degree (plane angle)		
...'	*minute (plane angle)		
..."	*second (plane angle)		

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