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#### 1 PREFACE

This guide is intended for use by technically competent personnel when using the IT1000 ISDN unit to make tests on ISDN lines.

Throughout this manual certain typographical conventions are used as follows:

Text Type	Meaning	
Text like this	is standard text	
This text and symbol	indicate points which are important for the correct operation of the unit.	
<b>I</b> This text and symbol	indicate points which if ignored may cause harm either to the unit or the safety of the user and MUST be followed.	
✓ Tip	Gives useful information and hints on using the device.	
Text like this	Indicates terminal input or output from the unit to a terminal device.	
File > Save	An instruction to navigate using the menu system. In this example to select the <b>File</b> Menu, then the <b>Save</b> submenu.	



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# **2** INTRODUCTION

#### 2.1 Description

Thank you for purchasing the Black Box IT1000 Basic Rate ISDN Line Tester.

The IT1000 is a pocket-sized unit, which despite its small size performs powerful tests to determine the integrity of Euro ISDN lines.

It can be used as a self-contained device to perform fast integrity checks in the field using a single button to trigger voice, data and Packet Mode Bearer Service (X.31) tests.

Connected to a PC or laptop to access the built in serial port, the IT1000 becomes a powerful test instrument complete with ISDN layer 1, 2 & 3 protocol analysis, event logger and much more.

With the optional mains power supply (PSU1000), it can be deployed to remote sites and left in position reporting the status of ISDN services to a central control point. In this mode, it is ideal for finding and eliminating intermittent problems without committing service personnel to long and expensive investigations.

The tester can also be used as a fully functional ISDN Terminal Adaptor (with an additional option) capable of making V.120 and PPP calls when used with a laptop computer or PC enabling service personnel to make outgoing calls to connect to the Internet or a remote service centre for job allocation etc.

#### 2.2 Unpacking the tester.

Open the box and carefully take out all of the items. These should include:

- IT1000 ISDN Tester
- 9V PP3 Battery
- 2 metre ISDN connection lead
- 2 metre serial cable with 9 pin adaptor
- Disk containing this manual and other test software

If ordered as options, you may also have :

- Rechargeable NiMh battery & Charger
- Mains Power Supply
- Protective carry case
- Software to enable your tester to operate as an ISDN Terminal Adaptor

Check each item to make sure there are no visible defects. If any item is missing or damaged please contact your supplier. You should also make a record of any damage that may have occurred during shipping and report it to the carrier.





#### 2.3 Take a closer look.

Now that you have the tester out of the box, take a closer look so that you are familiar with the various connectors and indicators.

#### 2.3.1 The front panel

The front panel of the tester features 8 LED indicators that will illuminate steady or flashing when the unit is in use to indicate the status of various tests which the unit can perform.



Figure 1. IT1000 front panel

The indicator labelled **Power** will illuminate steady red when the unit is switched on by pressing AND HOLDING the red button marked **ON** (auto-off).

Tests are selected by repeatedly pressing the green button marked **MODE / RUN** until the pattern of lights on the indicators matches the required test marked on the unit's label. Further details on this function can be found in Section 2.2.

The indicator marked **Line Active** will illuminate when the tester has been correctly attached to an ISDN line and a physical (Layer 1) connection has been established between the tester and the local exchange.

The next group of three indicators labelled **Call Control L2, D-X.25 L2** and **X.25 Call L3** reflect the status of the SAPI 0 and SAPI 16 traffic between the tester and the exchange and will illuminate as the tests progress to indicate that the tester has established a connection at this level.

The **B1** or **B2** indicators will illuminate steady when the respective B-channel is active. If data is being transmitted or received over any of these channels the appropriate indicator will flash. These indicators together with the **Pass / Fail** indicator are also used to select the required test (see below).

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The **B1** indicator will also flash briefly when the unit is first powered up to indicate that the unit is performing a self-test. When it stops flashing the unit is ready to use.

The Pass / Fail indicator illuminates after a test is performed to give the result of the test. A green light together with a rising tone from the internal speaker indicates a successful test. A red light together with a falling tone from the internal speaker indicates a test failure.

You will notice that the LED indicators are also marked at the right hand side with a scale reading from 10 Volts to >70 Volts. This scale is used in conjunction with the Line Voltage test to show the actual voltage on the line from the exchange.

On the left side of the unit there are connectors for the ISDN line under test and for a laptop computer or PC to enable more sophisticated tests to be carried out together with a power input socket. The use of these connectors is explained fully below.

#### 2.3.2 The rear panel

The rear panel of the unit has a hatch for the main battery which can be opened by slight downward pressure where indicated and sliding the hatch upwards towards the top of the unit.

There are no other user controls inside the unit and it should be noted that removal of the case screws will invalidate both the warranty and the safety approvals.

#### 2.3.3 The battery

The IT1000 is battery powered to enable tests to be carried out in the field without the need for additional power supplies.

A standard PP3 or MN1500 battery should be used. We recommend that only good quality Alkaline or Lithium batteries should be used, such as Duracell<sup>TM</sup>.

The unit can be supplied as an option with a high power rechargeable Nickel Metal Hydride battery which will power the unit for between 6 and 10 hours depending on the tests performed. The battery can be removed and recharged in the supplied charger about 1,000 times before a replacement is needed.

The supplied battery contains compounds that may be hazardous to the environment and therefore MUST be disposed of properly at the end of its life.

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To gain access to the battery, the battery compartment cover must be removed as shown above.

The unit can be powered by either the supplied Ni-Mh battery or by any other PP3 type battery. However, we recommend that only good quality alkaline or lithium cells are used (Duracell MN1604B2 or equivalent of size IEC 6 F 22)

Black Box do not recommend the use of rechargeable cells other than the ones supplied with the unit, doing so may result in erroneous test results and will invalidate the warranty.

#### 2.3.4 Recharging the battery

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The rechargeable battery can be recharged at any time as it does not suffer from 'memory effect' as is the case with some other batteries.

To recharge the battery, remove it from the unit as described above and push the contact end into the slot in the charger ensuring that the polarity is correct.

A complete charge cycle takes approximately 14 hours and charging will be indicated by the red LED on the charger, however, the battery may be partially charged and returned to the unit if a full charge cycle is not possible.

Note that if the battery has been completely discharged or has been stored for several months, it may be necessary to complete several charging cycles before it returns to its full capacity.

Caution. The supplied rechargeable battery and charger are designed for correct operation together. Charging the supplied battery in a different charger may be hazardous and is not recommended. Under no circumstances should dry batteries such as alkaline cells be placed into the charger as there is a danger of explosion.

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#### 2.3.5 **ISDN** connector

The connector labelled ISDN BRI is used to connect the tester to the ISDN network using the cable supplied. One end of the cable should be fitted into this connector (with the retaining clip at the bottom) before the other end is connected to the wall mounted ISDN outlet socket.

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Be careful not to connect the ISDN line to the port marked DTE as high line voltages from the exchange may damage this port and will invalidate the warranty. We recommend that you keep the supplied ISDN test cable permanently attached to the unit to prevent mistakes.

#### 2.3.6 Asynchronous serial port

The connector marked **DTE** is designed to be used to attach a Personal Computer to the unit to enable access to the test programming menus and the extensive protocol analysis features of the unit. It can also be used to enable a PC to access external ISDN based services such as the Internet.

A serial connection lead is supplied with the unit which terminates in a 9 way female 'D' type connector (25 Way connectors are available as an option).

Communication with the unit is achieved either by using the supplied application software or when it is used as a Terminal Adaptor (Option Pack 2), it can be used with any normal communication package as if it were a standard Hayes® AT-type Modem

It is also possible to connect to the unit using a standard terminal program such as HyperTerm<sup>TM</sup> which is supplied with the Windows Operating System.

In this case you will need to set your program to communicate as follows :

Speed	115 Kb/s
Data Bits	8
Parity	None
Stop Bits	1

If you wish to use a lead other than the one supplied, it must be wired according to diagram given in the appendix.



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# **3 USING THE IT1000**

In order to make best use of your tester it is important that you take the time to read this section of this guide carefully. It explains the basic operating modes of the IT1000 and will help in your understanding of how to configure the unit for different applications.

#### **3.1 Operation Modes**

The IT1000 can be used in two distinct modes :

- 1) Stand Alone Mode. As a stand alone tester requiring nothing else to perform a range of preconfigured tests.
- 2) **Explorer Mode.** Together with a personal computer to perform more detailed investigations and / or to configure the test parameters to be used in stand alone mode.

#### **3.2 Stand Alone Mode**

#### 3.2.1 Turning the unit on

Press the button marked ON (auto-off) and hold it in for 2 seconds. Initially, all the indicators will flash as a lamp test, ensure that there are no indicators which fail to light.

The PASS/FAIL and B2 indicators will then flash to indicate that a self-test is in operation and then all the indicators except 'Power' will extinguish.

The now ready to use.

#### 3.2.2 Connecting the circuit under test

Using the supplied ISDN lead, plug one end into the connector marked ISDN BRI and the other end into an ISDN Network Terminator or any other RJ45 connector which carries an ISDN line. If a correctly presented ISDN circuit is present, the Line indicator will come on to show that the unit is able to communicate at Layer 1 to the local exchange.

#### 3.2.3 Selecting the test

In this mode, the **B1**, **B2** and **Pass / Fail** indicators have a special function. They enable the required test to be selected by repeatedly pressing the MODE / RUN button. Each press of the button selects a different test.

The required test is selected by matching the pattern of the indicators with the legend on the unit's case. For example, to perform a voice calling test would require that the **B1** and **B2** indicators are ON and the **Pass / Fail** Indicator is OFF.



Test Function	B1	B2	Pass/Fail
Data Call D Channel	ON	OFF	OFF
Data Call B Channel	OFF	ON	OFF
Outbound Voice Call	ON	ON	OFF
Inbound Voice Answering	OFF	OFF	ON
Email logs to remote user	ON	OFF	ON
Line Voltage	OFF	ON	ON

The correct indicator combinations for all stand alone tests are shown below :

#### **3.2.4** Running the test

When the required test is indicated, the **MODE / RUN** button is then pressed *and held for 3 seconds* to start the test cycle.

What happens next depends on the test selected. For example, the voice test will call a specified number and deliver a message saying that that test was successful. If a data test was selected, the unit will attempt to set up a data circuit between the B1 and B2 channels.

A full specification of the default tests as pre-configured from the factory are given in Chapter 4.

#### 3.2.5 Test Results

Regardless of the test selected, the result is displayed on the **Pass / Fail** indicator together with a musical tone from the internal speaker as follows :

- A **GREEN** indicator together with a rising tone indicates that all the programmed tests were performed satisfactorily.
- A **RED** indicator together a descending musical tone indicates that one or more of the programmed tests failed. A note is written to the error log which can be examined via the DTE port (see 2.3 below)

#### 3.2.6 Turning the Unit Off

Your IT1000 is equipped with an 'auto power off' feature which will switch the unit off to conserve battery power whenever there has been no activity for a certain time. The power off delay is user configurable and can be changed in IT1000 Explorer **Options** >**Configure IT1000** menu.

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You can defeat the auto power off feature by unchecking the **Auto Power Off** box in **Options > Configure** <u>IT1000</u>. This is useful if you are using the IT1000 on a mains power supply, especially if the unit is being used remotely as it will prevent the unit from switching itself off.

You can also manually switch the unit off. To do this ensure the test selection is in the idle mode i.e. none of the test selection LEDS are on, then press *and hold* the green **mode/run** button. The unit will then power off.

#### **3.3 IT-Explorer Mode**

The IT1000 can also be used as a sophisticated protocol analyser to determine the cause of problems on an ISDN line. Details of how to do this are in chapter 3 of this document.



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# **4 RUNNING THE IT- EXPLORER SOFTWARE**

#### 4.1 Concepts

If it is necessary to investigate problems on an ISDN line beyond the basic tests available in stand alone mode or if it is required to re-program the test parameters, such as the number to be called in a voice test, it is necessary to use the supplied IT-Explorer software.

The software is designed to run on any PC which runs the Windows 98® or later operating system, it will also run satisfactorily on a Windows NT<sup>®</sup> platform.

By means of the IT-Explorer software it is also possible to access a remote IT1000 in the field to determine the status of an ISDN circuit which may be hundreds of miles away, thereby saving unnecessary maintenance visits. To enable IT-Explorer to make a physical link to the remote unit, you must have a PC or Laptop with an ISDN connection capable of making an outbound V.120 connection. (note: this can be another IT1000 with option 2 fitted).

#### 4.2 Installing the software

The IT-Explorer software is supplied on a CD-ROM with the tester.

To install it insert the disc into your CD-ROM drive and wait for the installation instructions to appear on your screen.

The application software is very compact and takes less than 4Mb of space on your computer.

#### 4.3 **Running IT-Explorer**

To use IT-Explorer to connect to a local IT1000 tester, firstly attach one end of the supplied cable to the port on the tester labelled DTE and the other end to a free serial port of your PC or laptop computer, then switch on the tested as described in Chapter 2.

#### ■ Be careful not to confuse the two ports on your tester. Connecting an ISDN line to the DTE port can cause physical damage to your unit and should be avoided.

You can also use the IT-Explorer software to connect to a remote tester. This is very useful if you send a tester to a remote site and need to make it run tests from your PC and get instant confirmation of the results.

The easiest way to connect to a remote tester is by using another IT1000 unit as they are preconfigured to operate in this way, however, any ISDN Terminal Adaptor capable of Multiframe V.120 can be used. If you use a third part TA, ensure you correctly set the initialisation string (see 4.4.2 Initialisation String)



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If you have successfully installed the IT-Explorer software, you will find a new item added to your Windows START menu (**START > PROGRAMS > BLACK BOX > IT1000 EXPLORER**). Locate this and select it to launch the program. Alternatively, you can start the program by locating the file IT1000explorer.exe and running it.

The initial screen from which all functions are controlled looks like this :

🛞 IT1000 Explorer 📃 🗆 🗙
Connection View Logs Options Help
Select Test Data call D-channel 🔽
To connect to a tester, click conect.
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
<u>E</u> xit Connect
Not Connected

From this screen press the **Connect** button or chose the menu option <u>Connection > Connect</u>. You will be presented with a screen like this which allows you to select a locally connected unit or a remote one.

🛞 Conr	nect to tester		×
Number:	6376343		•
	<u>R</u> emote Tester	Local Tester	

If you wish to connect to an IT1000 tester via the supplied serial cable, press **Local Tester**. If you are attempting to connect to a remote tester, enter the ISDN number of the remote line in the Number box and press **Remote Tester**.

The number drop down box contains the last 10 numbers you entered.

When you ask to connect to a remote tester, you will be presented with a username and password login prompt like this:

🋞 Login			X
<u>U</u> ser Name:	tester		
Password:	*****		
OK		Cancel	

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You must enter the correct username / password combination for the particular unit you are dialling or your connection request will be refused.

The default settings for the tester are :

Username : tester

Password : tester

Note that the username and password are case sensitive and stored in the remote unit, not on your computer. If they have been altered from their factory default settings, you will need to contact the owner of the remote unit to discover the username and password before you can log in to it.

#### Be careful not to confuse the username and password of you own (local) unit with the username and password of the remote unit you are attempting to log in to.

If the connection is successful, you will see the status indicator turn from red to either yellow for a remote unit or green for a local unit, like this :



You can now start to make tests.



From the drop down menu, select the required test from the list available. In this case we have selected a B Channel Data Call on a locally connected unit :

K	IT1000 Explorer						
ļ	<u>Connection</u> <u>View</u> Logs <u>Options</u> <u>H</u> elp						
	Select Test	Data call D-channel	•				
		Data call D-channel					
	Select a te	Data call B-channel Voice call Voice answer Send Email Line voltage					
	Connected to local unit: it1000>						

After selecting the test, you can configure the parameters by clicking on <u>Configure Test</u>. In this case, you will see the following screen inviting you to select the number of the remote host, the Network User Address (NUA) and the Network User Identity (NUI) which the test call will be made to.

Ø	Test configuration:	B-channel data call 📃 🕨	(
	Number to dial	08007836445	
	TestNUA		
	TestNUI	bt_test_clk	
		OK Cancel	

★ Note that if you are connected to a local ISDN PABX rather than directly to an exhange line, you will need to include the dial-out access code (usually 0 or 9) to be able to call externally, otherwise the test will fail.

When you have configured the required parameters for the test, you can go ahead and run it by clicking on the **<u>R</u>un Test** button.



When the test is starts to run, you will see a confirmation screen like this :



The results of the test are displayed on the tester itself by means of the **Pass / Err** indicator and also on the connected computer by displaying one of the following screens :



The tester will give an audible confirmation of the test result by means of its internal speaker and if the **Enable Sounds** option is enabled on the **Options** menu, you should also receive an audible confirmation via your computer's built-in speaker.

Whenever the spinning world logo is displayed the test being run can be cancelled by pressing the ESC key. Note that currently, this does not actually halt a D or B Channel test in progress, but does stop the unit waiting to display the results

#### 4.4 **Options**

By means of the **Options** menu in IT-Explorer, you can change the way your tester operates.

#### 4.4.1 Com Port Settings

It is important that you set the software to the correct COM port settings in order for the IT Explorer software to be able to communicate correctly with the unit. These settings are contained within the options menu and can be accessed via **Options > Com Port Settings.** 

★ Note that it is not normally necessary to change any of these settings except to match the COM port to the one actually in use on your computer.

#### 4.4.2 Initialisation String

With this option, you can send a Hayes<sup>®</sup> type command such as 'ATE1' (to enable echo) to the unit when it is initialised. This option is used when the unit is in Terminal Adaptor mode.



Note several commands can be combined, but to actually send the command to the tester each command should be terminated by a "!" character which represents a carriage return e.g. ATS0=1!ATE1!

#### 4.4.3 Clear Analyser Trace before Each Test

This option allows you to automatically clear the circular trace buffer before the start of each test. This allows you to focus your problem solving on only the results of that test, rather than also being able to see the results of previous tests and any other activity on the ISDN line.

#### 4.4.4 Enable Sounds

By enabling this option, you will be able to hear audible confirmation that the test has completed satisfactorily or otherwise.

Since this may be annoying in an office environment, the sounds can be turned off with this option.

#### 4.4.5 Configure IT1000 Analyser

In this option, you can set general parameters about the IT1000, such as the length of time before it automatically powers off and the unit's identity name. The configuration screen looks like this :

۵	Tester Configuration	×
G	eneral User Names	
	-	
	Unit ID:	it1000>
	Auto power off:	Enabled
	Auto off time:	₿ (minutes)
	Voice message:	Factory Default
	Tester tones:	Normal
		<u> </u>

You can also defeat the auto power off circuit by unchecking the '**Auto Power Off'** box. This function is useful if you have a lot of setting up to do or you are using the unit as a terminal adaptor.

By using the **Voice message** option, you can change the voice message which is played during the Voice Answering and Voice Calling tests from the factory default to a message of your choice.

The **Tester Tones** box allows you to change the tones played by the tester from the normal musical notes to tones which may be more useful in a noisy environment.

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#### 4.4.6 Set Time

Your IT1000 tester is equipped with a battery backed real time clock which has a resolution of  $\pm 10$  mS. This allows data written to the analyser log to be date and time stamped for future analysis.

You can use the <u>**Options**</u> > <u>**Set Date**</u> / **Time** option to set the correct time in the unit. By selecting this option, a calendar appears with today's date and time as taken from your PC's clock. Click on '**Set Time'** to transfer this date and time to your IT1000 unit.

Once set the battery will continue to operate the real time clock for up to 30 days even if there is no other power source.

#### 4.4.7 Configure Analyser

When your unit is shipped from the factory, it is set to capture all activity on the ISDN line at Layer 1 (Physical), 2 and 3 (LAPB & LAPD). If you are using the tester to home in on a particular problem, it can be confusing to be presented with so much information.

This option, therefore, allows you to select which analysis is written to the analyser log. By using this option together with selective use of the 'Clear Analyser Trace Before Each Test' option (on the **Options** Menu), you can easily identify specific issues.

🛞 Configure Analyser	×
Network Layer Layer 1 (Physical) Layer 2 (Link) Layer 3 (Network)	ISDN Sources
RAW ISDN Channels D Channel B1 Channel B2 Channel	Other Asynchronous Port 128 💌 Max packet size
	OK Cancel

Notice from the above that you can also capture Raw ISDN Sync data on the D / B1 and B2 channels, this is useful for non-packet mode protocols such as V.120. By checking the **Asynchronous Port** checkbox, you can also capture the data between your computer and the tester. This mode is normally only used when the tester is used as a Terminal Adaptor.



#### 4.4.8 Configure Automatic Emails

#### To send emails, you must have an account with an Internet Service Provider.

One of the principal features provided by the tester is the ability to automatically generate and send an email each time an event of a specified priority, or higher, occurs.

This feature works by calling up an Internet Service Provider (ISP) or your organisation's own SMTP mail gateway and establishing a connection with an SMTP server. It then sends an e-mail which has the unit's event log and protocol analysis as text file attachments.

Options to configure this feature are contained in <u>Options > Configure Automatic Emails</u>. You will be presented with a screen with three tabbed boxes like this :

Automatic email configuration			
Configuration Event Codes Email Template			
	Configuration		
	Auto emails today:	0	
	To e-mail address:	mickey@disney.co.uk	
	From e-mail address:	tester@disneycorp.com	
	Subject:	Requested Email	
	Max emails/day	5	
	Email trigger priority	6	
	SMTP Server:	smtp.freeserve.net	
	ISP Number:	0845629006	
	ISP User name:	walt_disney	
	ISP Password:	******	
		<u>O</u> K <u>C</u> ancel	

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You should enter the following information :

To e-mail address	The address you want automatic e-mails to be sent to. Note this does not have to be the same as the address where on- demand emails are sent, these are configured from the <u>Configure Test</u> button on the main screen
From e-mail address	This field <i>must</i> contain an email address in a valid internet format i.e. <u>name@domain.country.orgtype</u> . When emails are received from the unit they will appear to come from this address even if it does not physically exist. If this field is left blank many SMTP servers will reject the message.
Subject	The entry here will appear in the subject field of the e-mail sent
Max emails/day	In order to prevent rogue units sending high numbers of unwanted emails, this field can be set to limit the maximum number that can be sent in one day.
Email trigger priority	An email is sent when an event equal or higher priority to the number in this field is encountered. The actual priorities are predefined, but can be changed in the <b>Event Codes</b> tab box (see below).
SMTP server	Enter here the address of the SMTP server which you use to send emails. This information can be obtained from your ISP or by checking the settings in your regular email client.
ISP Number	Enter here the telephone number which you dial to connect to your ISP
ISP User Name	This field must contain the username by which you log into your ISP. <i>Do not confuse this with your POP3 / IMAP email login details.</i>
ISP Password	Enter the password which is associated with your ISP User Name. Please note that the characters typed are not displayed, so you must type them carefully.

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If you do not wish the tester to send automatic e-mails i.e. only to send emails when commanded to do so through the front panel or the IT1000 Explorer main menu, then set the maximum number of e-mails per day to zero.





The automatic email facility works in conjunction with the event logger The event codes tab box enables priorities on individual events to be changed, by clicking on the Event Codes tab you will be presented with the following screen :

🛞 Automatic email configuration	
Configuration Event Codes Email Template	
- Event Codes	
[EVENTS]	
01,0,Power-up	
40,0,Watchdog	
02,1,Clear Event Log	
03,0,Reboot	
04,3,%e %a up	
08,3,Login failure by %c: %e	
09,6,Time set/changed %c	
14,2,%e %a Start %c	
15,1,PPP %a async-sync	
17,1,SMTP req by %e email %c	
18,0,SMTP success	
21,0,Telnet session closed	
22,0,New logcodes.txt file	
23,0,Config req by %e	
24,0, Anonymous FTP by %c	
25,U,FTP session closed	
25,0,%e %a X25 Call req #: %c	
27,0,%e %a call req connect	
29,0,%e %a clearing X25 call	
ок	Cancel

On each line, the first number represents the unique event code which is allocated by the tester and should not be changed. The second number is the event priority. Priorities can range from 0 to 9 with 9 being the highest priority. The third item on each line is the actual character string associated with each event, these *can* be changed, but it is normally recommended to leave these at the factory settings.

You will notice that some events have reason codes associated with them, for example, event code 05 in the example above represents a protocol layer going down. There may be several reasons for this and they are allocated the reason codes below e.g. Event Code 05, Reason Code 01 means that the layer went down due to inactivity on the circuit.

When you click **OK**, any changes you made will be saved to the tester.

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The actual email sent can also be configured. This is done from the Email Template tab. When you click this tab the following dialogue appears :



Note that the email format supports parameter substitution and the easiest way to insert these parameters is by placing the cursor where you wish them to appear and right-clicking the mouse. Select the required parameter from the dialogue box which appears.

#### 4.4.9 Save Changes to Tester

Your IT1000 tester is equipped with Non-Volatile Flash memory and a battery backed real time clock. However, changes to the tester are not made permanent until you chose this option.

Use this option every time you make changes to the configuration of your tester, otherwise they will be lost and future tests may give confusing results.

This means that you can experiment with different settings in order to diagnose a problem and then easily return to the previously saved setting by simply turning the tester off then on again.

▶ Note that in common with other devices which use flash memory, you should not interrupt the power supply whilst the new configuration is being committed to memory. Doing so may mean that your tester has to be returned to Black Box for service.



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#### INDIVIDUAL TEST DETAILS 5

#### 5.1 Introduction

This section describes the individual tests which your IT1000 tester can perform in further detail. To select a test in stand-alone mode, ensure that the test selection indicators are set to the correct value as in 2.2.3 above

#### 5.2 D Channel Activity Monitor

When the unit is connected to a functioning ISDN line with D Channel active, the 'Line Active' LED will automatically illuminate to show that an ISDN line is present.

#### 5.3 D Channel Data Call

This test attempts to make a call to a nominated X.25 host. It first checks for a functioning Layer 2 circuit to the local exchange then attempts to send SAPI 16 traffic over the D Channel.

If this succeeds, the test will then send a request for information over X.25 to the remote host. The host used is configurable and is set at the factory to query the BT test clock, this can be changed to any host whose NUA (Network User Address) you have, but if you do this you should note the factory parameters before changing it.

The test will be considered successful if the remote host returns properly formatted X.25 data over the D channel.

#### 5.4 **B** Channel Data Call

This test attempts to make a call to a nominated X.25 host using any available ISDN B channel. It first checks for a functioning Layer 2 circuit to the local exchange then attempts to call a remote X.25 PAD.

On receiving a call connect message from the remote PAD, it then attempts to send a request for information to a nominated remote host.

The test will be considered successful if the remote host returns a properly formatted response over the B channel.

#### 5.5 Voice Call (outgoing)

When this test is selected, the tester attempts to dial a specified voice number using any available B channel. The number to be called is programmed by using the IT-Explorer software and is remembered in the unit even when it is switched off.



The unit will continue to ring the specified number for 30 seconds or until the call is answered. On answering the tester will play a pre-recorded voice message announcing itself to the person who answered the call and the test will be considered successful.

If the tester is unable to dial the number either due to an incorrectly programmed circuit or a B channel being unavailable, the test will fail. To cancel the voice answering (outgoing) test, *briefly* press the Mode/run button or in IT-Explorer mode, press the ESC key.

#### 5.6 Voice Answering (incoming)

When this test is selected, the tester waits for an incoming voice call. When an incoming voice call is received, the tester picks it up and plays a pre-recorded message to the caller. The test is then considered successful. To cancel the voice answering (incoming) test, *briefly* press the Mode/run button or in IT-Explorer mode, press the ESC key.

#### 5.7 Line Voltage

This test measures the voltage apparent on the line from the local exchange or the PABX if the line is not directly connected to the exchange.

In stand alone mode, an indication of the voltage is given as a bar graph on the indicators. Note that a voltage less than 10 Volts is indicated by only the Power indicator being on (i.e. no voltage indicators) and any voltage over 70 Volts is indicated by all the indicators being on.

# The tester is only to be used to test voltages on an ISDN line in the manner described. ISDN lines carry a maximum voltage of 90V. Under no circumstances must the tester be used as a general test instrument as this could prove hazardous to the operator.

In IT-Explorer mode, the tester will display a more accurate reading of the line voltage on your computer screen.

#### 5.8 Email Logs

This test function is intended to be used when any of the preceding tests have failed and further analysis is required by specialised support persons.

This function is selected on the indicators and the selection button on the tester is pressed and held down for at least 3 seconds. The tester will then attempt to establish a PPP connection with an Internet Service Provider then send an email to the pre-configured address.



Make sure that before attempting to send e-mails you have configured the unit for an ISP where you have a valid account or this test will fail. Configuring this is a three step process :

#### STEP 1 - Connect to the tester

Use the IT-Explorer software to connect to your local tester as described in Section 2

#### STEP 2 - Configure your SMTP Server

Use the drop down 'Select Test' menu to select the Send Email test, then click on the Configure Test button. Fill in the blank fields with the appropriate information.

#### STEP 3 - Save Changes

The changes just made will be lost when the power is removed from your unit unless they are permanently saved using **Options > Save Changes to Tester.** 

When you have completed these three steps the unit will be able to send e-mails on demand from the front panel buttons or by the **<u>Run Test</u>** option in IT-Explorer.

By default the email contains the event log and a protocol analysis of the Layer 1,2 and 3 events at the time the e-mail is requested, but you can change this by using the IT-Explorer software.

#### 5.9 Record New Voice Message

It is possible to change the voice message played when the unit is used in Voice Answer or Voice Call mode. To do this select **Record new voice message** from the **Options** menu and follow the instructions given.

You will be asked to enter a telephone number and the unit will use this number to call you. You will need to be in sight of the screen when the unit calls. When you pick up the handset immediately begin to record your new message then click the **Hang Up** button on your PC.

The unit will then compress the voice and store it in the flash memory.

You can toggle between the Factory default message and the 'Custom' message by using **Options** > Configure IT1000.



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# Appendix A – Async (DTE) port connector

The illustration and table below show the pin numbering for the serial port RJ45 connector as seen from the side of the unit and the pin designations respectively.



RJ45 Pin	Description	RS232 signal
1	Ready to Send	RTS
2	Data Terminal Ready	DTR
3	Receive Data	RXD
4	Data Set Ready	DSR
5	Ground	GND
6	Transmit data	TXD
7	Data Carrier Detect	DCD
8	Clear To Send	CTS



# **Appendix B - Specifications**

#### Physical

Size 32mm x 91mm x 146 mm Weight 220g including battery Case High impact ABS plastic

#### Power

9VDC by rechargeable NiMh or disposable IEC6F22 (PP3) battery 12VDC by external power supply (Black Box type 5412-1200)

#### Interfaces

ISDN Basic Rate S0 bus to CCITT 1.430 on 8 pin RJ45 RS-232 serial port on 8 pin RJ45 (RJ45 to 9 pin D type adaptor supplied)

#### **Tests Performed**

Line Power OK	Voice call to specified number
Layer 1 Traffic Active	Voice call to unit from any number
Layer 2 SAPI 0 Traffic	Send analyser trace by email
Layer 2 SAPI 16 to exchange	Send e-mail on specified event
Call to X.25 Host	Collect statistics on Sync channels
Line Voltage 0 – 100V input	

#### **Statistics Collected**

#### X.25

TX Calls	
Rx Packets	

#### LAPD

TEI Unsolicited Responses Rx SABME Rx Calls Rx Bytes

**Rx** Packets

Tx SABME

Rx Bytes

Rx Bytes

Tx Restarts Tx Packets

Tx Packets Tx Bytes Re-transmits Rx Restarts Tx Bytes

Rx Rejects Tx Rejects TEI removals

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#### LAPB

Dials	Rx Packets	Tx Packets	Rx Rejects
Re-transmits	Rx Bytes	Tx Bytes	Tx Rejects
Rx SABME	Tx SABME		
Sync Channels			
Rx Runts	Rx Packets	Tx Packets	Underruns
Rx Giants	Rx Bytes	Tx Bytes	Tx Rejects
Rx CRC Errors	Messages Short	Buffer Shortages	
Rx Overruns	Rx Aborts		

#### **Recommended Minimum PC Hardware**

Microsoft Windows 95 / 98 / NT Pentium Class CPU with a minimum of 32Mb RAM 5Mb Hard Drive space available VGA display

#### **Remote Access**

Requires an ISDN Terminal Adaptor capable of V.120 Multiframe or another Black Box IT1000 tester and a functional ISDN line.



## IT1000 Basic Rate ISDN Tester

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