

Acronyms

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| APT | Asia Pacific Telecommunity |
| ARTAO | Association des Régulateurs des Télécommunications de l'Afrique de l'Ouest |
| ASK | Amplitude Shift Keying |
| ATRN | African Telecommunication Regulators Network |
| BSS | Broadcast Satellite Services |
| BUC | Block Up Converter |
| CCITT | International Telephone and Telegraph Consultative Committee |
| CDMA | Code Multiple Access |
| CIR | Committed Information Rate |
| CITEL | Inter-American Telecommunication Commission |
| DAMA | Demand Assigned Multiple Access |
| DB | Decibel |
| DBS | Direct Broadcast Satellite |
| DSL | Digital Subscriber Link |
| DVB | Digital Video Broadcast |
| EIRP | Effective Isotropic Radiated Power |
| ETSI | European Telecommunications Standard Institute |
| FCC | Federal Communications Commission |
| FDDI | Fiber Distributed Data Interface |
| FDM | Frequency -division multiplexing |
| FEC | Forward Error Correction |
| FSK | Frequency Shift Keying |
| FSS | Fixed Satellite Services |
| GEO | Geosynchronous Orbit |
| GMDSS | Global Maritime Distress and Safety System |
| GPS | Global Position Satellite |
| GSO | Geostationnery orbit |
| GVF | Global VSAT Forum |
| HPA | High Power Amplifier |
| ICAO | International Civil Aviation Organization |
| IDU | Indoor Unit |
| IFL | Interfacility cable |
| IFRB | International Frequency Board |
| IMO | International Maritime Organization |
| IMSO | International Mobile Satellite Organization |
| INTELSAT | International Telecommunications Satellite Organisation |
| IPX | Internetwork Packet Exchange |
| IRG | Independent Regulators Group |
| ITSO | International Telecommunications Satellite Organization |
| ITU | Internatonial Telecommunications Union |
| LAN | Local Area Network |
| LEO | Low Earth Orbit |
| LHCP | Left Hand Circular Polarization |
| LNA | Low Noise Amplifier |

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| LNB | Low Noise Block |
| LRIT | Long Range Identification and Tracking of Ships |
| MEO | Medium Earth Orbit |
| MSS | Mobile Satellite Services |
| MTBF | Mean Time Between Failure |
| MTR | Mean Time to Restore |
| NAC | Network Admission Control |
| NGSO | Non Geostationnery orbit |
| NRA | National Regulatory Authorities |
| NTIA | National Telecommunications and Information Administration |
| ODU | Outdoor Unit |
| OFCOM | Independent regulator and competition authority for the UK communications industries |
| OMT | Orthomode Transducer |
| OSI | Open System Interconnection |
| PAMA | Pre-Assigned Multiple Access |
| PSK | Phaze Shift Keying |
| QAM | Quadrature Amplitude Modulation |
| QPSK | Quadrature Phaze Shift Keying |
| RFP | Request For Proposal |
| RFQ | Request For Quotation |
| RHCP | Righ Hand Circular Polarization |
| RTP | Real Time Transfer Protocol |
| SCPC | Single Channel Per Carrier |
| SLA | Service Level Agreement |
| SOHO | small office/home office |
| SONET | Synchronous Optical Network |
| SSPA | Solid State Power Amplifier |
| TCP/IP | Transfer Control Protocol / Internet Protocol |
| TDM | Time-division multiplexing |
| TDMA | Time Division Multiple Access |
| TRASA | Telecommunications Regulators' Association of Southern Africa |
| TT&C | Tracking, Telemetry and Command |
| TVRO | Television Receive Only |
| UDP | User Datagram Protocol |
| VoIP | Voice Over IP |
| VSAT | Very Small Aperture Terminal |
| WAN | Wide Area Network |
| WARC | World Administrative Radio Conferences |
| WMV | Windows Media Video |
| WRC | World Radio Communications Conferences |
| WTO | World Trade Organization |