

BUREAU INTERNATIONAL DES POIDS ET MESURES

Circular T 121 (1998 February 13)
Circulaire T 121

1 - Coordinated Universal Time UTC. Computed values of *UTC-UTC(k)*.

(From 1997 July 1, 0h UTC, *TAI-UTC* = 31 s)

| Date 1997/98 | 0h UTC | Dec 27 MJD 50809 | Jan 1 50814 | Jan 6 50819 | Jan 11 50824 |
|-------------------------------|--------|------------------------|----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Laboratory k | | | UTC-UTC(k) | (Unit is one nanosecond) | |
| AOS (Borowiec) | | -204 | -245 | -221 | -176 |
| APL (Laurel) | | 3896 | - | - | 4924 |
| AUS (Canberra) | | 218 | 254 | 259 | 276 |
| BIRM (Beijing) | | -8181 | -8229 | -8273 | -8330 |
| CAO (Cagliari) | | -2059 | -2084 | -2088 | -2121 |
| CH (Bern) | | 92 | 91 | 90 | 89 |
| CNM (Queretaro) | | -667 | -608 | -552 | -479 |
| CRL (Tokyo) | | -75 | -73 | -70 | -82 |
| CSAO (Lintong) | | -6 | -12 | -36 | -31 |
| CSIR (Pretoria) | | -2091 | -2180 | -2260 | -2345 |
| DLR (Oberpfaffenhofen) | | -1757 | -1805 | -1846 | - |
| DTAG (Darmstadt) | (1) | -348 | -327 | -416 | -417 |
| GUM (Warszawa) | | 988 | 987 | 993 | 999 |
| IEN (Torino) | | 81 | 95 | 102 | 102 |
| IFAG (Wettzell) | | -1605 | -1656 | -1729 | -1788 |
| IGMA (Buenos Aires) | | 83 | 86 | 94 | 79 |
| INPL (Jerusalem) | | 4 | -3 | -4 | 8 |
| IPQ (Monte de Caparica) | | 1032 | 1051 | 1069 | 1090 |
| JATC (Lintong) | | 3389 | 3386 | 3353 | 3364 |
| KRIS (Taejon) | | 42 | 44 | 49 | 50 |
| LDS (Leeds) | | 52 | 81 | 109 | 100 |
| MSL (Lower Hutt) | | -6075 | -6073 | -6021 | -5948 |
| NAO (Mizusawa) | | -1 | 56 | 119 | 185 |
| NIM (Beijing) | | -2553 | -2569 | -2576 | -2604 |
| NIST (Boulder) | | 3 | 0 | 2 | 4 |
| NML (Sydney) | | 884 | 889 | 907 | 929 |
| NPL (Teddington) | | 83 | 80 | 79 | 77 |
| NRC (Ottawa) | | 3 | 9 | 54 | 117 |
| NRLM (Tsukuba) | | 308 | 315 | 328 | 334 |
| OMH (Budapest) | | 1406 | 1419 | 1448 | 1458 |
| ONBA (Buenos Aires) | | -782 | -511 | -450 | -376 |
| ONRJ (Rio de Janeiro) | | 264 | 270 | 289 | 293 |
| OP (Paris) | | 21 | 27 | 27 | 20 |
| ORB (Bruxelles) | | 193 | 188 | 211 | 222 |
| PSB (Singapore) | | 943 | 964 | 994 | 1021 |
| PTB (Braunschweig) | (2) | 1861 | -31 | -27 | -21 |
| ROA (San Fernando) | | 61 | 55 | 46 | 49 |
| SCL (Hong Kong) | | -118 | -152 | -196 | -238 |
| SO (Shanghai) | | 794 | 797 | 792 | 791 |
| SP (Boras) | | - | 650 | 655 | 652 |
| SU (Moskva) | | 371 | 366 | 357 | 348 |
| TL (Chung-Li) | | 486 | 476 | 470 | 469 |
| TP (Praha) | | 200 | 195 | 194 | 182 |
| TUG (Graz) | | 3990 | 4046 | 4092 | 4140 |
| UME (Gebze-Kocaeli) | | 954 | 971 | 977 | 978 |
| USNO (Washington DC)(USNO MC) | | -2 | -3 | -5 | -4 |
| VSL (Delft) | | -14 | -10 | -5 | -20 |

1 - Coordinated Universal Time UTC. (Cont.)

| Date 1998 | 0h UTC | Jan 16 MJD Laboratory k | Jan 16 50829 UTC-UTC(k) | Jan 21 50834 (Unit is one nanosecond) | Jan 26 50839 | Jan 31 50844 |
|-----------|--------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| AOS | (Borowiec) | (3) | -91 | -353 | -215 | -192 |
| APL | (Laurel) | | 4973 | 5030 | 5080 | 5127 |
| AUS | (Canberra) | | 289 | 298 | 290 | 308 |
| BIRM | (Beijing) | | -8384 | -8413 | -8451 | -8508 |
| CAO | (Cagliari) | | -2163 | -2184 | -2195 | -2226 |
| CH | (Bern) | | 82 | 61 | 71 | 87 |
| CNM | (Queretaro) | | -421 | -361 | -290 | -241 |
| CRL | (Tokyo) | | -78 | -85 | -88 | -92 |
| CSAO | (Lintong) | | -17 | -3 | -19 | -42 |
| CSIR | (Pretoria) | | -2424 | -2481 | -2559 | -2638 |
| DLR | (Oberpfaffenhofen) | | - | - | -2043 | -2090 |
| DTAG | (Darmstadt) | | -394 | -364 | -330 | -306 |
| GUM | (Warszawa) | | 982 | 987 | 985 | 986 |
| IEN | (Torino) | | 99 | 99 | 94 | 95 |
| IFAG | (Wettzell) | | -1852 | -1914 | -1969 | -2019 |
| IGMA | (Buenos Aires) | | 95 | 84 | 86 | 85 |
| INPL | (Jerusalem) | | 6 | - | - | - |
| IPQ | (Monte de Caparica) | | 1111 | 1125 | 1137 | 1141 |
| JATC | (Lintong) | | 3382 | 3388 | 3377 | 3360 |
| KRIS | (Taejon) | | 78 | 76 | 81 | 82 |
| LDS | (Leeds) | | 119 | 119 | 126 | 138 |
| MSL | (Lower Hutt) | | -5857 | -5806 | -5771 | -5717 |
| NAO | (Mizusawa) | | 228 | 281 | 355 | 408 |
| NIM | (Beijing) | | -2616 | -2638 | -2641 | -2635 |
| NIST | (Boulder) | | 2 | 5 | 6 | 5 |
| NML | (Sydney) | | 933 | 939 | 944 | 952 |
| NPL | (Teddington) | | 74 | 76 | 77 | 75 |
| NRC | (Ottawa) | (4) | 13 | 14 | 18 | 17 |
| NRLM | (Tsukuba) | | 337 | 339 | 348 | 356 |
| OMH | (Budapest) | | 1497 | 1515 | 1531 | 1553 |
| ONBA | (Buenos Aires) | | -345 | -224 | -33 | 203 |
| ONRJ | (Rio de Janeiro) | | 311 | 332 | 350 | 353 |
| OP | (Paris) | | 16 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| ORB | (Bruxelles) | | 230 | 231 | 212 | 233 |
| PSB | (Singapore) | | 1049 | 1078 | 1107 | 1130 |
| PTB | (Braunschweig) | | -17 | -11 | -8 | -7 |
| ROA | (San Fernando) | | 40 | 46 | 45 | 35 |
| SCL | (Hong Kong) | | -270 | -296 | -311 | -319 |
| SO | (Shanghai) | | 802 | 769 | 785 | 789 |
| SP | (Boras) | | 649 | - | - | - |
| SU | (Moskva) | | 343 | 345 | 340 | 323 |
| TL | (Chung-Li) | | 468 | 454 | 451 | 447 |
| TP | (Praha) | | 191 | 209 | 202 | 206 |
| TUG | (Graz) | | 4194 | 4245 | 4294 | 4340 |
| UME | (Gebze-Kocaeli) | | 983 | 999 | 1009 | 1018 |
| USNO | (Washington DC)(USNO MC) | | -5 | -3 | -1 | -3 |
| VSL | (Delft) | | -19 | -20 | -8 | -8 |

2 - International Atomic Time TAI and local atomic time scales TA(k).

The following table gives the computed values of $TAI - TA(k)$.

| Date 1997/98 | 0h UTC | Dec 27 MJD Laboratory k | Jan 1 50809 | Jan 6 50814 | Jan 11 50819 | 50824 |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|----------------|----------------|-----------------|-------|
| TAI-TA(k) (Unit is one nanosecond) | | | | | | |
| AMC (Col. Springs) | | -365128 | -365142 | -365147 | -365151 | |
| APL (Laurel) | | 5359 | - | - | - | 6387 |
| AUS (Canberra) | | -82920 | -83090 | -83177 | -83273 | |
| CH (Bern) | | -39886 | -39699 | -39512 | -39326 | |
| CRL (Tokyo) | | 94100 | 94306 | 94512 | 94735 | |
| CSAO (Lintong) | | -2309 | -2315 | -2289 | -2234 | |
| F (Paris) | | 162767 | 162764 | 162759 | 162748 | |
| IEN (Torino) | | 5181 | 5233 | 5280 | 5325 | |
| INPL (Jerusalem) | | -393489 | - | - | - | |
| JATC (Lintong) | | 11363 | 11269 | 11113 | 11013 | |
| KRIS (Taejon) | | 5364 | 5379 | 5397 | 5414 | |
| NIST (Boulder) | | -45170039 | -45170255 | -45170465 | -45170676 | |
| NML (Sydney) | | 922 | 926 | 945 | 929 | |
| NRC (Ottawa) | | 26997 | 27000 | 27043 | 27105 | |
| PTB (Braunschweig) | | -361539 | -361531 | -361527 | -361521 | |
| SO (Shanghai) | | -46761 | -46770 | -46777 | -46777 | |
| SU (Moskva) (5) | | 27241371 | 27241366 | 27241357 | 27241348 | |
| USNO (Washington DC) | | -34785975 | -34786294 | -34786614 | -34786931 | |

| Date 1998 | 0h UTC | Jan 16 MJD Laboratory k | Jan 21 50829 | Jan 26 50834 | Jan 31 50839 | 50844 |
|------------------------------------|--------|-------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-------|
| TAI-TA(k) (Unit is one nanosecond) | | | | | | |
| AMC (Col. Springs) | | -365157 | -365159 | -365163 | -365171 | |
| APL (Laurel) | | 6436 | 6493 | 6543 | 6590 | |
| AUS (Canberra) | | -83346 | -83474 | -83586 | -83669 | |
| CH (Bern) | | -39145 | -38979 | -38781 | -38577 | |
| CRL (Tokyo) | | 94953 | 95156 | 95366 | 95573 | |
| CSAO (Lintong) | | -2170 | -2106 | -2072 | -2045 | |
| F (Paris) | | 162740 | 162735 | 162729 | 162723 | |
| IEN (Torino) | | 5373 | 5426 | 5474 | 5527 | |
| INPL (Jerusalem) | | - | - | - | - | |
| JATC (Lintong) | | 10923 | 10826 | 10706 | 10583 | |
| KRIS (Taejon) | | 5448 | 5457 | 5474 | 5484 | |
| NIST (Boulder) | | -45170890 | -45171100 | -45171311 | -45171525 | |
| NML (Sydney) | | 971 | 977 | 982 | 991 | |
| NRC (Ottawa) | | 27144 | 27142 | 27146 | 27145 | |
| PTB (Braunschweig) | | -361517 | -361511 | -361508 | -361507 | |
| SO (Shanghai) | | -46764 | -46799 | -46785 | -46780 | |
| SU (Moskva) (5) | | 27241343 | 27241345 | 27241340 | 27241323 | |
| USNO (Washington DC) | | -34787249 | -34787565 | -34787881 | -34788200 | |

3 - Notes on sections 1 and 2.

- (1) DTAG. Apparent time step of $UTC-UTC(DTAG)$ of - 100 ns between MJD = 50814 and MJD = 50819.
- (2) PTB . Time step of $UTC(PTB)$ of + 1900 ns on MJD = 50814.0
- (3) AOS . Time step of $UTC(AOS)$ of + 400 ns on MJD = 50832.34
- (4) NRC . Time step of $UTC(NRC)$ of + 145 ns on MJD = 50827.66
- (5) SU . Listed values are $TAI-TA(SU)$ - 2.80 seconds.

4 - Difference between the normalized frequencies of EAL and TAI.

| Interval of validity | | $f(EAL)-f(TAI)$ |
|--|-------------|-------------------------|
| 1997 Dec. 27 - 1998 Jan. 31 | 50809-50844 | 7.160×10^{-13} |
| New steering correction foreseen for February 1998 | | |
| 1998 Jan. 31 - 1998 Feb. 25 | 50844-50869 | 7.150×10^{-13} |
| New steering correction foreseen for March 1998 | | |
| 1998 Feb. 25 - 1998 Mar. 27 | 50869-50899 | 7.140×10^{-13} |

5 - Duration of the TAI scale interval.

The following table gives the duration u_{TAI} of the TAI scale interval expressed as its relative departure d from the SI second on the rotating geoid, u_0 , together with its uncertainty σ : $d = (u_{TAI}-u_0)/u_0$. This is obtained, on the given period of estimation, by comparison of the TAI frequency :

- with the frequency, corrected for the black-body radiation shift, of a given individual primary frequency standard (σ is then the last communicated estimate of the type B uncertainty of the standard), and
- with a combination computed by the BIPM of all available measurements from LPTF-F01, NIST-7, PTB CS2 and PTB CS3 consistently corrected for the black-body radiation shift (σ is then estimated by the BIPM taking into account the individual uncertainties and parameters characteristic of TAI stability).

| Standard | Period of estimation | d (10^{-14}) | σ (10^{-14}) |
|---------------|----------------------|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| PTB-CS2 | 50809-50844 | +0.6 | 1.5 |
| PTB-CS3 | 50809-50844 | +1.6 | 1.4 |
| BIPM estimate | 50779-50844 | +0.9 | 1.0 |

6 - [UTC-GPS time] and [TAI-GPS time].

$$[UTC\text{-}GPS\ time] = -12\ s + C_0, \ [TAI\text{-}GPS\ time] = 19\ s + C_0.$$

Daily values of C_0 are given in the following table. They are obtained as follows: the GPS data taken at the Paris Observatory, for highest elevation, are first corrected for precise satellite ephemerides and for measured ionospheric delays, and then smoothed to obtain daily values of $[UTC(OP)\text{-}GPS\ time]$ at 0h UTC; daily values of C_0 are derived from them using linear interpolation of $[UTC\text{-}UTC(OP)]$. The global uncertainty of daily C_0 values is of order 10 ns.

In the following table, the standard deviation σ characterizes the dispersion of individual measurements, and N is the number of measurements used on a given day for estimation of the corresponding daily C_0 value.

| Date | | | | | |
|---------|-------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1997/98 | MJD | C_0 (ns) | σ (ns) | σ/\sqrt{N} (ns) | |
| 0h UTC | | | | | |
| Dec 27 | 50809 | 0 | 43 | 8 | |
| Dec 28 | 50810 | -11 | 52 | 23 | |
| Dec 29 | 50811 | -15 | 47 | 11 | |
| Dec 30 | 50812 | -9 | 47 | 9 | |
| Dec 31 | 50813 | -4 | 41 | 8 | |
| Jan 1 | 50814 | -4 | 44 | 8 | |
| Jan 2 | 50815 | -7 | 43 | 8 | |
| Jan 3 | 50816 | -8 | 46 | 8 | |
| Jan 4 | 50817 | -5 | 39 | 7 | |
| Jan 5 | 50818 | -3 | 44 | 8 | |
| | | | | | |
| Jan 6 | 50819 | -6 | 56 | 10 | |
| Jan 7 | 50820 | -11 | 38 | 7 | |
| Jan 8 | 50821 | -12 | 45 | 8 | |
| Jan 9 | 50822 | -7 | 52 | 9 | |
| Jan 10 | 50823 | -8 | 48 | 9 | |
| Jan 11 | 50824 | -13 | 40 | 7 | |
| Jan 12 | 50825 | -15 | 41 | 7 | |
| Jan 13 | 50826 | -15 | 47 | 9 | |
| Jan 14 | 50827 | -14 | 40 | 7 | |
| Jan 15 | 50828 | -11 | 33 | 6 | |
| | | | | | |
| Jan 16 | 50829 | -10 | 40 | 9 | |
| Jan 17 | 50830 | -11 | 40 | 7 | |
| Jan 18 | 50831 | -8 | 45 | 9 | |
| Jan 19 | 50832 | -4 | 33 | 6 | |
| Jan 20 | 50833 | -3 | 34 | 6 | |
| Jan 21 | 50834 | -6 | 44 | 8 | |
| Jan 22 | 50835 | -5 | 44 | 8 | |
| Jan 23 | 50836 | -2 | 50 | 9 | |
| Jan 24 | 50837 | -2 | 49 | 9 | |
| Jan 25 | 50838 | -7 | 52 | 10 | |
| | | | | | |
| Jan 26 | 50839 | -9 | 53 | 10 | |
| Jan 27 | 50840 | -8 | 37 | 7 | |
| Jan 28 | 50841 | -7 | 44 | 8 | |
| Jan 29 | 50842 | -3 | 45 | 8 | |
| Jan 30 | 50843 | -1 | 39 | 7 | |
| Jan 31 | 50844 | -3 | 46 | 8 | |

7 - [UTC-GLONASS time] and [TAI-GLONASS time].

$$[UTC\text{-}GLONASS time] = 0 \text{ s} + C_1, [TAI\text{-}GLONASS time] = +31 \text{ s} + C_1.$$

Daily values of C_1 are given in the following table. They are obtained as follows: the GLONASS data taken at the NMi Van Swinden Laboratorium, Delft, The Netherlands, for highest elevation, are smoothed to obtain daily values of [UTC(VSL)-GLONASS time] at 0h UTC; daily values of C_1 are then derived from them using linear interpolation of [UTC-UTC(VSL)]. A time correction of + 1285 ns is also applied in order to ensure continuity of C_1 estimates on 1997, January 1 (MJD = 50449). The global uncertainty of daily C_1 values is of order several hundreds of nanoseconds.

In the following table, the standard deviation σ characterizes the dispersion of individual measurements, and N is the number of measurements used on a given day for estimation of the corresponding daily C_1 value.

| Date | | | | | |
|---------|-------|---------------|------------------|---------------------------|--|
| 1997/98 | MJD | C_1 (ns) | σ (ns) | σ/\sqrt{N} (ns) | |
| 0h UTC | | | | | |
| Dec 27 | 50809 | 367 | 20 | 3 | |
| Dec 28 | 50810 | 377 | 21 | 4 | |
| Dec 29 | 50811 | 370 | 20 | 3 | |
| Dec 30 | 50812 | 363 | 19 | 3 | |
| Dec 31 | 50813 | 368 | 21 | 3 | |
| Jan 1 | 50814 | 370 | 28 | 5 | |
| Jan 2 | 50815 | 366 | 30 | 5 | |
| Jan 3 | 50816 | 362 | 21 | 3 | |
| Jan 4 | 50817 | 362 | 21 | 3 | |
| Jan 5 | 50818 | 365 | 26 | 5 | |
| Jan 6 | 50819 | 369 | 20 | 3 | |
| Jan 7 | 50820 | 367 | 23 | 4 | |
| Jan 8 | 50821 | 374 | 30 | 6 | |
| Jan 9 | 50822 | 390 | 31 | 5 | |
| Jan 10 | 50823 | 399 | 22 | 4 | |
| Jan 11 | 50824 | 390 | 22 | 4 | |
| Jan 12 | 50825 | 379 | 20 | 3 | |
| Jan 13 | 50826 | 367 | 22 | 4 | |
| Jan 14 | 50827 | 359 | 21 | 3 | |
| Jan 15 | 50828 | 358 | 22 | 4 | |
| Jan 16 | 50829 | 363 | 28 | 5 | |
| Jan 17 | 50830 | 372 | 26 | 4 | |
| Jan 18 | 50831 | 383 | 20 | 4 | |
| Jan 19 | 50832 | 385 | 19 | 3 | |
| Jan 20 | 50833 | 375 | - | - | |
| Jan 21 | 50834 | 364 | 15 | 3 | |
| Jan 22 | 50835 | 363 | 18 | 3 | |
| Jan 23 | 50836 | 365 | 19 | 3 | |
| Jan 24 | 50837 | 365 | 18 | 3 | |
| Jan 25 | 50838 | 366 | 24 | 4 | |
| Jan 26 | 50839 | 369 | 19 | 3 | |
| Jan 27 | 50840 | 374 | - | - | |
| Jan 28 | 50841 | 382 | 19 | 3 | |
| Jan 29 | 50842 | 384 | 20 | 4 | |
| Jan 30 | 50843 | 375 | 20 | 3 | |
| Jan 31 | 50844 | 370 | 17 | 3 | |

