

[TDL #510 from D2.0](#) - Response to David Stover regarding comment #510 D2.0
Addresses Comments on D2.1: #51, #164, #222.

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D2.1 Table 33-19 item 22 page 116 line 37.

David comment:

Intra-pair current unbalance I_unb is specified as 3% I_Peak for Type 2, 3, and 4 PSEs [in 802.3bt D2.0](#).
For higher Class PDs, this may preclude low-speed data implementations due to higher inductance requirements on those magnetics.

Suggested Remedy

TFTD. Especially looking for opinions from magnetics vendors here.

Response

Add to TDL: Stover, Darshan, Bullock, and Yseboodt to review Iunb values (Ipeak vs. Ipeak-2p_unb, etc.)

Starting discussion:

Yair:

Historically in 802.3af Iunbalance was specified as 3%*Icable. Icable was the 2-pair DC current. This definition was a mistake and need to be 3%*Ipeak current. Ipeak is the overload current that can be calculated per equation 33-10.

In 802.3at we have corrected this mistake and specified Iunb=3%*Ipeak. In this case Ipeak=0.6825A.

In all the above cases the current is the total current flowing into the center tape of the transformer which is always the 2-pair system current.

In addition we add a Note in Table 33-19 item 22 (now the Note is in 33.2.8.11) that "for practical implementations, it is recommended that Type 1 PSEs will support **Type 2** Iunb requirements so the error made by 802.3af will corrected.

Now in 802.3bt the requirement is 3%*Ipeak which is incorrect for Type 3 and 4 operating over 4-pairs.

For Type 3 and 4 operating over 4-pairs it must be the maximum value of Ipeak-2P_unb per class multiplied by 3% (The reason is that the actual maximum DC current that a transformer will see is Icon-2P_unb per Table 33-19 item 5 however the PSE port need to support overload current for at least 50msec, hence it has to support Ipeak-2P_unb per equation 33-11.)

So Table 33-19 item 22 need to be changed as follows:

Proposed baseline starts here:

1. Make the following changes to Table 33-19, Intra-pair current unbalance.

Item	Parameter	Symbol	Unit	Min	Max	PSE Type	Additional Information
22	Intra-pair current unbalance	Iunb	A		3% x Icable	1	See 33.2.8.4 , 33.2.8.11, 33.4.8
					3% x Ipeak-2P	2,3,4	
					3% x Ipeak-2P_unb_max	3,4	

2. Change the note in 33.2.8.11 page 126 line 30 as follows:

"NOTE-For practical implementations, it is recommended that Type 1 PSEs support Type ~~2,3,4~~ Iunb requirements."

Baseline ends here.

See more details below.

Not part of the baseline.	
Notes	
1	The transformer sees DC bias current which is a function of the current difference between the transformer outer legs: $I_{bias} = I_{unb} / 2 = 0.03 * 0.5 * \text{max_operating_pair_current}$. For 2-pair mode: $\text{max_operating_pair_current} = I_{peak}$. For 4-pair mode: $\text{max_operating_pair_current} = I_{peak} - 2P_{unb}$
2	We can't use absolute number for I_{unb} since it is Pclass dependent and cost optimization considerations requires keep it as $0.03 * \text{max_operating_pair_current} = 0.03 * I_{peak} - 2P_{unb}$ i.e. not the same I_{bias} in abs mA or I_{unb} in abs mA for every transformer.

$$I_{unb} = |I_1 - I_2| = 3\% \times \text{Max_operating_pair_current}$$

$$I_{bias} = I_{unb} / 2$$

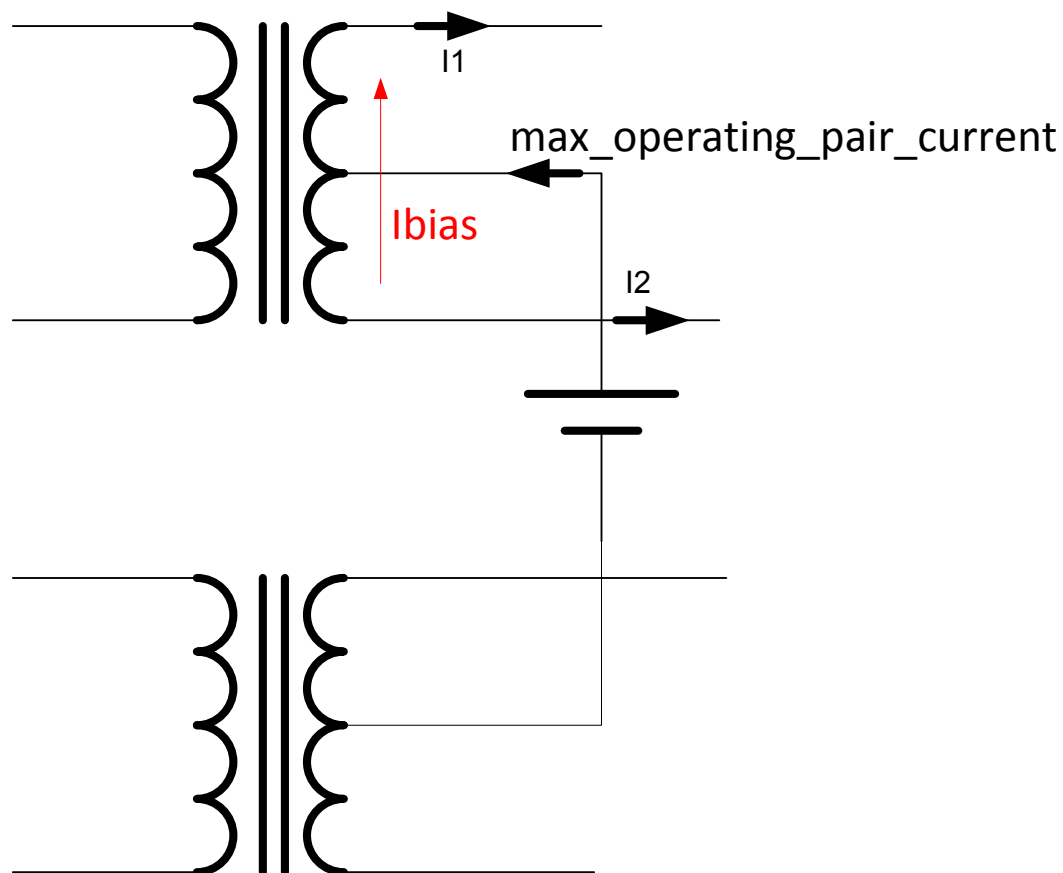


Figure 1 – I_{unb} and I_{bias}

Calculations of I_{unb}[A] and I_{bias}[A] without design margins

PSE Type (at max power)	Spec: max_pair_current	Actual max_pair_current	I _{cable}	I _{con_2P_unb}	I _{peak-2P}	I _{peak_2P_unb}	I _{unb} = 0.03*Actual max_pair_current	I _{bias} to Supports 100BT	Total I _{bias} without supporting 100BT	Total I _{bias} WITH supporting 100BT
Type 1	I _{cable}	I _{peak}	0.35		0.4		0.012	0.008	0.006	0.014
Type 2	I _{peak}	I _{peak}	0.6		0.682		0.02046	0.008	0.01023	0.01823
Type 3	I _{peak-2P_unb}	I _{peak-2P_unb}	0.6	0.682		0.7	0.021	0.008	0.0105	0.0185
Type 4	I _{peak-2P_unb}	I _{peak-2P_unb}	0.96	0.925		0.988	0.02964	0.008	0.01482	0.02282