BRENT 2

END USER CRYPTOGRAPHIC EQUIPMENT

INTRODUCTION

BRENT 2 is a CESG-designed secure ISDN (Integrated Services Digital Network) telephone which protects voice and data up to **TOP SECRET** and all UK caveats. It is an upgrade to the current **BRENT** and meets requirements for both secure and non-secure telephony.

FEATURES

BRENT 2 has been designed to operate over EURO ISDN. It can be connected directly to the public ISDN, or to Private Branch Exchanges (PBXs) with I.420 connection. It offers the following features:

- Dial-through operation using the new RED ISDN S0 bus using both 64 Kbit/s channels independently
- EURO ISDN (BT ISDN2e) BRI compliant
- DTMF signalling
- Trusted Authentication Mechanism for automatic checking of caller's certificate

BRENT 2 has been evaluated by SECAN and has Military Committee approval for use within NATO. It is one of the three contenders in the NATO BRI competition.

BRENT 2's user-friendly operation allows secure calls to be established automatically when an appropriate Secure Telephone Key (STK) is used in each telephone. The unique user STK provides secure call authentication and ensures low key management overhead.

Commercial EURO ISDN S0 interface compatible equipment plus applications such as ISDN video conferencing and PCs may be connected directly to the **RED** S0 bus. The **RED** S0 bus can therefore be used to provide transparent secure dial-up connectivity between LANs.

Operation of **BRENT 2** in UK or approved countries is enabled using a UK or National User Group STK.







OPERATING MODES

- Secure or non-secure voice (warnings issued in non-secure mode)
- Secure dial through
- Secure data
- · Secure voice and data

USER INTERFACE

- 2 row by 40 character back-lit LCD for
 - remote party authentication
 - user prompt messages
 - call status messages
- dial keypad: standard 0-9 * #
- 18 memory keys
- 12 function keys



USER FEATURES

- Fully automatic secure call set-up
- Automatic switching to non-secure voice mode when communicating with non BRENT equipment or BRENTs without an STK inserted
- No loss of speech quality in secure mode
- Secondary DTMF dialling capability
- Recall function
- On-hook dialling
- Fast dialling (stored numbers)

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SECURITY FEATURES

- Self-synchronising cryptographic algorithm developed and approved by CESG
- Crypto and key management features proprietary to HMG
- Unique encryption variables generated automatically between phones for each call
- UK and National User Group STKs
- STK User Groups of unlimited size can be requested
- Erasure of all crypto data on removal of STK
- With the STK removed, the unit is not protectively marked, but is treated as accountable
- Call Bypass Monitor
- Tamper resistant construction

TECHNICAL FEATURES

- ISDN interface to public and private networks via basic access standard EURO ISDN & BT ISDN2e
- RED ISDN S0 bus
- **RED** data port interface to X.21 at 64 kbit/s (independent of voice channel)
- External 115/230V AC mains power supply unit (standard)

APPROVALS

- CESG certified for protectively marked traffic of the highest levels with all caveats
- TEMPEST approved to AMSG 720B and to BTR/01/202(4)
- BABT, EMC and safety tested and approved for use in benign office environments

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