

#### IV. IONOSPHERE

The following tables give the values of mean ionospheric absorption at oblique incidence (A3) for certain zenith distances of the Sun ( $\alpha$ ) expressed in decibels (dB). Values for ground sunset (SS) and ground sunrise (SR) are given for periods of 20 minutes centered on the times of  $\alpha = 90^\circ$ . Night values have been determined by taking the periods ranging from  $\alpha = 100^\circ$  to 23 00 GMT.

The sky wave of the transmitter Ceskoslovensko ( $f = 272$  kHz) has been recorded since January 1967. The geographical coordinates of the reflection point are  $48.4^\circ\text{N}$ ,  $17.1^\circ\text{E}$ . Because of reconstruction works on the transmitter Ceskoslovensko the absorption measurement at 272 kHz and the publication of data were suspended from April 1975 till September 1978.

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*Mean ionospheric Absorption L'(dB) at Oblique Incidence (A3)**f = 272*

January

Date of the night	SS	Night	SR
1/2	X	X	X
2,3	47,2	25.0	33.2
3/4	35.2	25.7	35.2
4 5	37.7	18.1	28.2
5/6	27.2	21.4	31.7
6,7	37.7	27.2	23.8
7,8	30.3	25.7	30.3
8,9	47.3	25.7	30.3
9 10	30.3	22.7	33.2
10,11	33.2	21.4	33.2
11/12	41.2	24.4	41.2
12,13	37.7	24.4	37.7
13,14	21.0	27.2	28.2
14,15	31.7	23.8	31.7
15,16	35.2	24.4	30.3
16,17	47.2	25.7	29.2
17,18	47.2	28.2	35.2
18,19	47.2	31.7	X
19,20	47.2	25.7	35.2
20/21	35.2	23.2	37.7
21,22	41.2	25.0	29.2
22 23	41.2	21.8	35.2
23 24	41.2	23.8	25.0
24 25	37.7	20.6	22.2
25/26	25.0	19.2	19.9
26,27	23.2	21.4	X
27,28	25.7	21.4	26.4
28/29	33.2	23.2	33.2
29 30	21.0	18.3	25.0
30/31	33.2	21.4	29.2
31/1	24.4	23.2	27.2
Median values	35.2	23.8	30.3

## February

Date of the night	SS	Night	SR
1/2	24.4	22.7	24.4
2/3	33.2	22.2	30.3
3/4	33.2	25.7	35.2
4/5	31.7	25.7	30.3
5/6	27.2	20.6	28.2
6/7	29.2	26.4	37.7
7/8	33.2	18.6	X
8/9	35.2	18.6	26.4
9/10	31.7	22.2	29.2
10/11	33.2	26.4	33.2
11/12	30.3	24.4	41.2
12/13	25.0	23.8	25.7
13/14	31.7	27.2	33.2
14/15	33.2	29.2	31.7
15/16	27.2	29.2	30.3
16/17	28.2	23.8	23.8
17/18	24.4	21.4	31.7
18/19	29.2	30.3	41.2
19/20	37.7	X	X
20/21	35.2	X	X
21/22	35.2	22.2	27.2
22/23	47.2	27.2	27.2
23/24	30.3	20.6	X
24/25	41.2	21.4	26.4
25/26	29.2	21.0	28.2
26/27	30.3	23.2	25.7
27/28	28.2	20.2	27.2
28/1	X	X	X
Median values	31.7	23.2	29.2

March			
Date of the night	SS	Night	SR
1 2	33.2	21.8	X
2 3	35.2	21.4	28.2
3 4	31.7	16.3	27.2
4 5	30.3	17.8	23.2
5 6	27.2	22.7	29.2
6 7	19.2	23.2	23.2
7 8	31.7	21.4	28.2
8 9	31.7	21.4	21.8
9 10	27.2	15.9	18.1
10 11	17.8	14.5	25.7
11 12	22.7	17.6	18.6
12 13	27.2	19.5	25.0
13 14	22.7	16.9	22.7
14/15	26.4	18.1	23.2
15 16	23.2	18.6	20.6
16 17	31.7	18.9	24.4
17 18	X	X	X
18 19	25.7	19.9	33.2
19 20	23.8	19.5	19.2
20 21	X	14.6	X
21 22	25.0	21.0	25.0
22 23	27.2	16.9	X
23 24	31.7	18.3	X
24 25	25.7	16.9	19.5
25 26	30.3	18.1	19.2
26 27	27.2	X	X
27 28	23.8	17.8	18.1
28 29	22.7	16.7	19.2
29/30	18.1	17.8	23.2
30/31	31.7	16.9	15.2
31/1	31.7	19.9	23.8
Median values	27.2	18.1	23.2

## April

Date of the night	SS	Night	SR
1/2	19.2	17.8	23.2
2 3	24.4	23.8	26.4
3/4	25.7	23.8	28.2
4 5	21.4	16.9	24.4
5/6	19.2	16.7	22.7
6 7	21.4	20.2	19.5
7 8	21.4	21.8	23.8
8 9	19.5	18.6	30.3
9 10	35.2	16.5	23.2
10 11	28.2	22.2	22.7
11 12	23.8	17.3	22.7
12 13	21.4	18.6	22.2
13 14	25.7	19.2	23.2
14 15	X	X	X
15 16	20.6	17.3	19.9
16 17	27.2	20.2	21.8
17 18	47.2	21.8	23.2
18 19	18.9	18.1	20.2
19 20	19.9	16.7	26.4
20 21	27.2	16.1	19.5
21 22	17.3	24.4	21.4
22/23	27.2	22.2	17.6
23/24	X	21.4	29.2
24 25	27.2	22.2	25.0
25 26	35.2	21.4	25.0
26 27	25.7	21.0	19.9
27 28	25.7	22.2	X
28/29	29.2	21.4	24.4
29 30	29.2	16.9	21.8
30/1	18.6	19.9	23.8
Median values	25.0	20.2	23.2

May			
Date of the night	SS	Night	SR
1 2	37.7	22.7	30.3
2/3	28.2	22.7	28.2
3/4	22.7	20.9	26.4
4 5	29.2	17.6	25.7
5 6	27.2	15.2	21.0
6/7	25.7	15.5	25.7
7 8	29.2	19.2	28.2
8 9	25.0	17.3	22.2
9 10	26.4	19.9	27.2
10 11	25.7	16.7	20.6
11 12	17.8	18.9	27.2
12 13	19.9	20.2	24.4
13 14	25.0	17.6	27.2
14 15	26.4	15.9	24.4
15 16	24.4	21.0	X
16 17	16.3	15.7	23.8
17 18	23.8	21.0	25.0
18 19	23.8	17.8	25.0
19 20	31.7	20.2	23.8
20/21	27.2	18.1	21.8
21/22	21.0	16.9	26.4
22 23	X	X	X
23 24	35.2	17.8	20.2
24/25	30.3	20.2	22.2
25/26	35.2	22.2	X
26/27	29.2	21.0	25.7
27 28	29.2	24.4	29.2
28 29	31.7	21.4	24.4
29/30	27.2	22.2	26.4
30/31	29.2	19.2	22.2
31/1	33.2	18.9	27.2
Median values	27.2	19.2	25.4

June			
Date of the night	SS	Night	SR
1 2	28.2	19.9	25.7
2 3	30.3	21.8	22.2
3,4	30.3	21.0	23.8
4/5	29.2	21.0	20.2
5,6	23.8	21.0	23.2
6/7	35.2	23.2	29.2
7/8	25.7	21.4	35.2
8 9	27.2	21.0	21.8
9/10	25.7	16.1	30.3
10 11	29.2	23.8	30.3
11/12	27.2	21.4	23.8
12/13	35.2	27.2	31.7
13/14	28.2	19.5	30.3
14/15	31.7	21.0	37.7
15/16	30.3	22.7	21.8
16/17	35.2	22.2	27.2
17,18	33.2	18.6	21.8
18/19	33.2	21.4	24.4
19 20	24.4	21.0	27.2
20 21	18.6	19.5	24.4
21/22	31.7	23.2	29.2
22 23	27.2	23.8	X
23/24	29.2	20.2	26.4
24/25	21.8	20.2	26.4
25/26	25.7	17.8	22.7
26 27	27.2	25.0	29.2
27 28	20.2	18.3	35.2
28/29	23.8	19.2	24.4
29 30	23.8	22.7	28.2
30/1	23.8	17.8	28.2
Median values	27.7	21.0	26.4

July			
Date of the night	SS	Night	SR
1/2	24.4	23.2	28.2
2/3	24.4	20.2	28.2
3/4	X	21.0	25.7
4/5	26.4	18.3	20.6
5/6	23.2	23.2	31.7
6/7	29.2	24.4	23.2
7/8	31.7	22.7	28.2
8/9	26.4	23.8	24.4
9/10	30.3	24.4	33.2
10/11	27.2	21.8	X
11/12	26.4	33.2	31.7
12/13	33.2	23.8	28.2
13/14	23.8	25.7	28.2
14/15	25.7	22.7	29.2
15/16	26.4	19.2	31.7
16/17	37.7	20.2	28.2
17/18	33.2	21.4	29.2
18/19	28.2	21.8	28.2
19/20	31.7	23.8	30.3
20/21	30.3	23.2	25.7
21/22	31.7	X	X
22/23	X	X	X
23/24	X	X	X
24/25	X	X	X
25/26	X	X	X
26/27	X	X	X
27/28	25.7	21.8	41.2
28/29	27.2	23.8	25.0
29/30	26.4	17.6	26.4
30/31	27.2	21.4	37.7
31/1	28.2	23.8	27.2
Median values	27.2	22.7	28.2



August			
Date of the night	SS	Night	SR
1/2	27.2	17.6	23.8
2/3	X	X	X
3/4	33.2	23.8	29.2
4/5	29.2	X	X
5/6	27.2	23.7	25.0
6/7	26.4	23.8	30.3
7/8	X	X	X
8/9	23.8	23.2	27.2
9/10	33.2	23.8	31.7
10/11	28.2	23.2	24.4
11/12	30.3	21.4	X
12/13	29.2	23.8	25.7
13/14	25.0	20.2	35.2
14/15	29.2	21.8	23.2
15/16	28.2	18.3	23.8
16/17	25.0	20.6	X
17/18	30.3	18.3	26.4
18/19	24.4	17.3	24.4
19/20	31.7	16.1	28.2
20/21	29.2	21.0	X
21/22	27.2	17.8	25.0
22/23	25.0	20.6	25.7
23/24	25.7	22.2	28.2
24/25	27.2	19.9	41.2
25/25	33.2	18.9	26.4
26/27	21.8	18.1	20.6
27/28	25.7	17.3	25.7
28/29	25.7	18.1	28.2
29/30	30.3	16.7	21.4
30/31	28.2	18.1	28.2
31/1	27.2	18.9	27.2
Median values	27.2	20.1	26.4

September			
Date of the night	SS	Night	SR
1/2	25.7	17.6	28.2
2 3	24.4	18.9	30.3
3/4	31.7	19.5	30.3
4 5	22.7	15.9	27.2
5/6	28.2	18.1	28.2
6/7	26.4	X	X
7 8	27.2	23.8	30.3
8 9	33.2	18.9	41.2
9 10	35.2	23.8	33.2
10/11	33.2	20.6	33.2
11/12	31.7	20.6	33.2
12/13	41.2	18.3	28.2
13/14	27.2	18.3	33.2
14/15	33.2	19.2	37.7
15/16	25.7	18.1	30.3
16/17	37.7	16.1	27.2
17/18	24.4	16.1	23.2
18 19	22.2	17.6	27.2
19/20	22.7	18.3	29.2
20/21	25.0	18.6	25.7
21 22	31.7	22.7	37.7
22/23	X	19.2	27.2
23 24	25.7	16.5	25.7
24/25	29.2	18.6	24.4
25/26	24.4	23.2	28.2
26 27	23.2	27.2	23.2
27/28	24.4	17.8	22.7
28 29	22.7	15.4	X
29/30	23.2	17.1	23.8
30 1	29.2	16.1	25.0
Median values	26.4	18.3	28.2

October			
Date of the night	SS	Night	SR
1/2	25.7	17.8	26.4
2/3	23.8	17.8	24.4
3/4	25.0	X	25.7
4/5	31.7	18.1	25.7
5/6	27.2	18.3	23.2
6/7	19.2	15.7	25.0
7/8	X	X	X
8/9	25.7	15.9	21.4
9/10	19.9	17.3	21.4
10/11	23.2	16.9	19.2
11/12	22.2	16.9	22.7
12/13	18.1	15.1	23.2
13/14	18.9	15.9	22.7
14/15	26.4	17.1	25.0
15/16	28.2	X	28.2
16/17	25.7	18.3	24.4
17/18	23.8	18.9	27.2
18/19	25.7	19.5	31.7
19/20	21.4	17.3	27.2
20/21	23.8	19.5	24.4
21/22	21.4	15.9	29.2
22/23	22.7	15.7	17.6
23/24	20.6	15.7	19.9
24/25	25.0	16.1	25.0
25/26	21.8	18.3	28.2
26/27	29.2	19.5	41.2
27/28	31.7	17.3	25.0
28/29	22.2	19.9	27.2
29/30	23.8	19.2	25.0
30/31	21.8	17.3	23.8
31/1	23.8	16.9	27.2
Median values	23.8	17.3	25.0

November			
Date of the night	SS	Night	SR
1 2	25.0	19.5	30.3
2/3	24.4	22.2	23.8
3 4	30.3	18.1	22.2
4 5	16.1	17.6	19.9
5 6	22.2	18.6	23.8
6/7	31.7	19.9	29.2
7 8	22.2	23.2	28.2
8 9	28.2	23.8	29.2
9 10	37.7	17.8	25.0
10 11	27.2	18.1	22.2
11 12	23.8	23.2	29.2
12 13	17.3	18.1	33.2
13 14	41.2	23.8	30.3
14 15	35.2	21.0	22.2
15 16	30.3	18.3	18.1
16 17	X	19.5	23.8
17 18	25.7	19.5	23.2
18 19	23.8	18.1	24.4
19,20	X	21.0	28.2
20 21	26.4	16.1	28.2
21 22	33.2	16.7	33.2
22 23	33.2	16.1	25.0
23/24	31.7	25.7	37.7
24/25	41.2	23.8	28.2
25 26	35.2	18.6	23.8
26 27	26.4	18.1	27.2
27 28	29.2	19.5	33.2
28/29	35.2	23.8	25.0
29 30	X	X	X
30 1	41.2	21.8	47.2
Median values	29.2	19.5	27.2

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December			
Date of the night	SS	Night	SR
1/2	35.2	25.0	35.2
2/3	27.2	19.5	25.7
3/4	29.2	18.1	26.4
4/5	27.2	21.4	19.9
5/6	25.0	18.6	23.2
6/7	29.2	21.0	33.2
7/8	31.7	24.4	27.2
8/9	41.2	24.4	30.3
9/10	28.2	19.2	26.4
10/11	47.2	23.8	41.2
11/12	27.2	23.8	30.3
12/13	33.2	X	28.2
13/14	25.7	X	37.7
14/15	X	X	X
15/16	X	X	X
16/17	41.2	24.4	33.2
17/18	25.7	23.8	27.2
18/19	41.2	22.7	37.7
19/20	28.2	18.1	33.2
20/21	29.2	27.2	47.2
21/22	37.7	26.4	37.7
22/23	37.7	21.0	30.3
23/24	23.8	22.2	37.7
24/25	27.2	23.2	35.2
25/26	33.2	27.2	35.2
26/27	31.7	25.0	29.2
27/28	31.7	25.7	30.3
28/29	37.7	23.2	X
29/30	37.7	25.7	30.3
30/31	37.7	23.8	29.2
31/1	31.7	21.4	31.7
Median values	31.7	23.8	30.3