

3-day Space Weather Conditions (SUPARCO)

Friday, December 22, 2023, 12:15 PST



LOCAL CURRENT IONOSPHERIC CONDITIONS (SON)								
DATE	22-Dec-23 (noon)			23-Dec-23 (noon)			24-Dec-23 (noon)	
foF2	10.3 MHz			10.0 MHz			9.7 MHz	
h'F2	285 km			280 km			276 km	
TEC	42 TECU			40 TECU			38 TECU	
Maximum Usable Frequency (MUF) and Optimum Traffic Frequency (FOT) for various distances								
Distance (km)	100	200	400	600	800	1000	1500	3000
MUF (MHz) for 3 days (22 Dec – 24 Dec)	10.5	10.9	12.4	14.4	16.4	18.7	23.5	27.7
	10.2	10.7	11.8	14.0	16.1	18.4	23.4	27.4
	9.9	10.0	11.3	12.4	15.4	17.0	22.5	26.7
FOT (MHz) for 3 days (22 Dec – 24 Dec)	8.8	9.3	10.9	11.6	13.9	15.5	19.9	23.6
	8.6	9.1	10.7	11.5	13.7	15.3	19.7	23.4
	8.1	8.5	10.4	10.5	13.2	15.0	19.2	23.3
Local ionospheric conditions are normal as compared to the predicted monthly median MUF.								
LOCAL GEOMAGNETIC CONDITIONS								
K-index	0 (Quiet)			Quiet geomagnetic activity is expected.			Quiet geomagnetic activity is expected.	
F (SON/ISB)	45510/50020 nT			45520±10 /50028±20 nT			45520±10/50028±20 nT	
The local geomagnetic field is Quiet at the moment.								
SOLAR CONDITIONS								
SN	138			125 (SSN-predicted)			110 (SSN-predicted)	
F 10.7	194 sfu			182 sfu			174 sfu	
V _{sw}	345.4 km/s (Varied in the past 12 hrs between 324 & 500 km/s)			Low to moderate levels of solar windspeed may prevail.			Low to moderate levels of solar windspeed may prevail.	
Solar flares	C1.5 (max. flare in the past M3, 0004 UT)			Low to moderate levels of solar activity expected.			Low to moderate levels of solar activity expected.	
IMF Bt	+5.9 nT (varied in the past 12 hrs between +4.0 nT & +5.8 nT)			Expected to vary between positive and negative sectors.			Expected to vary between positive and negative sectors.	
Bz	+1.6 nT (varied in the past 12 hrs between -2.4 nT & +1.9 nT)							
Solar conditions are at low to moderate moderate levels with background X-ray flux at C-class levels.								

ANNEXURE

DEFINITIONS OF TERMINOLOGIES USED IN THIS SUMMARY	
foF2	Maximum frequency of F2-layer of the ionosphere
h'F2	Virtual height of the F2-layer
MUF	Maximum usable frequency for 3000 km
K-index	Local index defining geomagnetic conditions
Declination	Planetary A index defining geomagnetic conditions, predicted value during geomagnetic unsettled Conditions
F	Magnitude of the total geomagnetic field vector (unit in nano Teslas)
SON, difference	Sonmiani Geomagnetic Observatory mean value, <u>difference limit</u> from night time value of quiet conditions: 25-30 nT, max: 260 nT
ISB	Islamabad Geomagnetic Observatory mean value
SN	Relative sunspot numbers
V _{sw}	Solar Wind Speed (km/s)
F10.7	Solar radio flux at 2.8 GHz (10.7 cm wavelength)
sfu	Solar flux unit (defines the solar radio 10.7 cm flux)
Solar Flare	Could be B, C, M and X depending upon the intensity of x-rays being emitted (each type has further 10 classes based on amount of energy released by the flare)
IMF	Interplanetary magnetic field (the source of which is the Sun)
B _t	Total IMF (unit in Nano Teslas)
B _z	Vertical component of IMF (could be north/upward/positive or south/downward/negative) (unit in nano Teslas)
AR	Active Regions on the sun currently in view
CME	Coronal Mass Ejection
CH	Coronal Hole
KASI	Korean Astronomy & Space Science Institute
SWFs	Short-wave fadeouts, caused by M/X class flares on the daylit side of the hemisphere absorbing lower Frequencies and hampering HF communication.
SSN-predicted	Smooth Sunspot Number-it is an estimated value using a mathematical relation to forecast it.