5 FCC §15.247(i) §2.1093 & ISED RSS-102 - RF Exposure

5.1 Applicable Standards

According to FCC KDB 447498 D01 General RF Exposure Guidance v06 Section 4.3.1, Unless specifically required by the published RF exposure KDB procedures, standalone 1-g head or body and 10-g extremity SAR evaluation for general population exposure conditions, by measurement or numerical simulation, is not required when the corresponding SAR Test Exclusion Threshold condition, listed below, is satisfied. These test exclusion conditions are based on source-based time-averaged maximum conducted output power of the RF channel requiring evaluation, adjusted for tune-up tolerance, and the minimum test separation distance required for the exposure conditions. The minimum test separation distance is determined by the smallest distance from the antenna and radiating structures or outer surface of the device, according to the host form factor, exposure conditions and platform requirements, to any part of the body or extremity of a user or bystander (see 5) of section 4.1). To qualify for SAR test exclusion, the test separation distances applied must be fully explained and justified by the operating configurations and exposure conditions of the transmitter and applicable host platform requirements, typically in the SAR measurement or SAR analysis report, according to the required published RF exposure KDB procedures. When no other RF exposure testing or reporting is required, a statement of justification and compliance must be included in the equipment approval, in lieu of the SAR report, to qualify for the SAR test exclusion. When required, the device specific conditions described in the other published RF exposure KDB procedures must be satisfied before applying these SAR test exclusion provisions; for example, handheld PTT two-way radios, handsets, laptops & tablets etc.

1) The 1-g and 10-g SAR test exclusion thresholds for 100 MHz to 6 GHz at test separation distances ≤ 50 mm are determined by:

   [(max. power of channel, including tune-up tolerance, mW)/(min. test separation distance, mm)] · [√f(GHz)] ≤ 3.0 for 1-g SAR and ≤ 7.5 for 10-g extremity SAR, where

   • f (GHz) is the RF channel transmit frequency in GHz
   • Power and distance are rounded to the nearest mW and mm before calculation
   • The result is rounded to one decimal place for comparison
   • 3.0 and 7.5 are referred to as the numeric thresholds in the step 2 below

   The test exclusions are applicable only when the minimum test separation distance is ≤ 50 mm and for transmission frequencies between 100 MHz and 6 GHz. When the minimum test separation distance is < 5 mm, a distance of 5 mm according to 5) in section 4.1 is applied to determine SAR test exclusion.

2) At 100 MHz to 6 GHz and for test separation distances > 50 mm, the SAR test exclusion threshold is determined according to the following, and as illustrated in Appendix B:

   a) [Power allowed at numeric threshold for 50 mm in step 1) + (test separation distance - 50 mm)·(f(MHz)/150)] mW, at 100 MHz to 1500 MHz
   b) [Power allowed at numeric threshold for 50 mm in step 1) + (test separation distance - 50 mm)·10] mW at > 1500 MHz and ≤ 6 GHz

3) At frequencies below 100 MHz, the following may be considered for SAR test exclusion, and as illustrated in Appendix C:

   a) The power threshold at the corresponding test separation distance at 100 MHz in step 2) is multiplied by [1 + log(100/f(MHz))] for test separation distances > 50 mm and < 200 mm
   b) The power threshold determined by the equation in a) for 50 mm and 100 MHz is multiplied by ½ for test separation distances ≤ 50 mm

c) SAR measurement procedures are not established below 100 MHz. When SAR test exclusion cannot be applied, a KDB inquiry is required to determine SAR evaluation requirements for any test results to be acceptable.

According to FCC KDB 447498 D01 General RF Exposure Guidance v06 Section 2.2.1, as discussed in § 1.1307(b)(3)(ii)(A), the 1-mW exemption intended for single transmitters may be also applied to simultaneous transmission conditions, within the same host device, according one of the following criteria:

a) When maximum available power each individual transmitting antenna within the same time averaging period is ≤ 1 mW, and the nearest parts of the antenna structures of the simultaneously operating transmitters are separated by at least 2 cm.
b) When the aggregate maximum available power of all transmitting antennas is ≤ 1 mW in the same time-averaging period.

This exemption may not be combined with any other exemption

According to ISED RSS-102 Issue 5 Section 2.5.1 Exemption Limits for Routine Evaluation-SAR Evaluation:

SAR evaluation is required if the separation distance between the user and/or bystander and the antenna and/or radiating element of the device is less than or equal to 20 cm, except when the device operates at or below the applicable output power level (adjusted for tune-up tolerance) for the specified separation distance defined in table below,

Frequency (MHz)	Exemption Limits (mW)				
	At separation distance of ≤5 mm	At separation distance of 10 mm	At separation distance of 15 mm	At separation distance of 20 mm	At separation distance of 25 mm
≤300	71	101	132	162	193
450	52	70	88	106	123
835	17	30	42	55	67
1900	7	10	18	34	60
2450	4	7	15	30	52
3500	2	6	16	32	55
5800	1	6	15	27	41

Frequency (MHz)	Exemption Limits (mW)				
	At separation distance of 30 mm	At separation distance of 35 mm	At separation distance of 40 mm	At separation distance of 45 mm	At separation distance of ≥50 mm
≤300	223	254	284	315	345
450	141	159	177	195	213
835	80	92	105	117	130
1900	99	153	225	316	431
2450	83	123	173	235	309
3500	86	124	170	225	290
5800	56	71	85	97	106

5.2 RF Exposure Evaluation Exemption for FCC

2.4Wifi:

The maximum power of channel, including tune-up tolerance is 4.42dBm(2.77mW). According to FCC KDB 447498,

[(max. power of channel, including tune-up tolerance, mW)/(min. test separation distance, mm)] [√f(GHz)] = (2.77 mW/5mm)* √2.462 = 0.87, which is less than 3.0. Therefore, FCC SAR testing is excluded.

BLE:

The maximum power of channel, including tune-up tolerance is 2dBm(1.58mW). According to FCC KDB 447498,

[(max. power of channel, including tune-up tolerance, mW)/(min. test separation distance, mm)] [√f(GHz)] = (1.58 mW/5mm)* √2.480 = 0.50, which is less than 3.0. Therefore, FCC SAR testing is excluded.

Simultaneous Transmission evaluation:

WiFi Contribution	BLE Contribution	Simultaneous Contribution	Limit
0.29	0.17	0.46	< 1.0

Note: Radio contributions are the evaluated power divided by the exposure limit

5.3 RF Exposure Evaluation Exemption for IC

802.11g 2437 MHz

4.42dBm + 1.0 dBi = 5.42 dBm(3.48mW) < 4mW

BLE, 2442 MHz

2dBm + 1.0 dBi = 3 dBm(2mW) < 4mW

Therefore, RF exposure is not required.

Note: Worst case distance of 5mm was used for calculations
Note: For Wi-Fi, the time-averaged output power was derived from the maximum measured power (i.e. 16.71 dBm) and duty cycle (5.9%). For example, the time-averaged output power = measured output power – 10*log(1/duty cycle)=16.71-12.29= 4.42 dBm.
Note: Normal Operation Duty Cycle clearly shown in section 1.4.2.3 of customer provided document titled "626-00006-001-_001 Wireless Analysis of Sol E-reader"
Note: Antenna Gain info provided by customer