

8. MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE

LIMITS for FCC RF Exposure Evaluation

§1.1310 The criteria listed in Table 1 shall be used to evaluate the environmental impact of human exposure to radio-frequency (RF) radiation as specified in §1.1307(b), except in the case of portable devices which shall be evaluated according to the provisions of §2.1093 of this chapter.

TABLE 1—LIMITS FOR MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)

Frequency range (MHz)	Electric field strength (V/m)	Magnetic field strength (A/m)	Power density (mW/cm ²)	Averaging time (minutes)
(A) Limits for Occupational/Controlled Exposures				
0.3–3.0	614	1.63	*(100)	6
3.0–30	1842/f	4.89/f	*(900/f ²)	6
30–300	61.4	0.163	1.0	6
300–1500			f/300	6
1500–100,000			5	6
(B) Limits for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure				
0.3–1.34	614	1.63	*(100)	30
1.34–30	824/f	2.19/f	*(180/f ²)	30

TABLE 1—LIMITS FOR MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)—Continued

Frequency range (MHz)	Electric field strength (V/m)	Magnetic field strength (A/m)	Power density (mW/cm ²)	Averaging time (minutes)
30–300	27.5	0.073	0.2	30
300–1500			f/1500	30
1500–100,000			1.0	30

f = frequency in MHz

* = Plane-wave equivalent power density

NOTE 1 TO TABLE 1: Occupational/controlled limits apply in situations in which persons are exposed as a consequence of their employment provided those persons are fully aware of the potential for exposure and can exercise control over their exposure. Limits for occupational/controlled exposure also apply in situations when an individual is transient through a location where occupational/controlled limits apply provided he or she is made aware of the potential for exposure.

NOTE 2 TO TABLE 1: General population/uncontrolled exposures apply in situations in which the general public may be exposed, or in which persons that are exposed as a consequence of their employment may not be fully aware of the potential for exposure or can not exercise control over their exposure.

LIMITS per ISSED RSS-102 (issue 6)

Section 5.3.2 Table 7&8 for Exemption Limits for Routine Evaluation – RF Exposure Evaluation

(10MHz ro300GHz)

Table 7: RF field strength and power density limits for devices used by the general public (uncontrolled environment)

Frequency range (MHz)	Electric field (V _{RMS} /m)	Magnetic field (A _{RMS} /m)	Power density (W/m ²)	Reference period (minutes)
10-20	27.46	0.0728	2	6
20-48	$58.07 / f^{0.25}$	$0.1540 / f^{0.25}$	$8.944 / f^{0.5}$	6
48-300	22.06	0.05852	1.291	6
300-6000	$3.142 f^{0.3417}$	$0.008335 f^{0.3417}$	$0.02619 f^{0.6834}$	6
6000-15000	61.4	0.163	10	6
15000-150000	61.4	0.163	10	$616000 / f^{1.2}$
150000-300000	$0.158 f^{0.5}$	$4.21 \times 10^{-4} f^{0.5}$	$6.67 \times 10^{-5} f$	$616000 / f^{1.2}$

Note: f is frequency in MHz.

Table 8: RF field strength and power density limits for controlled-use devices (controlled environment)

Frequency range (MHz)	Electric field (V _{RMS} /m)	Magnetic field (A _{RMS} /m)	Power density (W/m ²)	Reference period (minutes)
10-20	61.4	0.163	10	6
20-48	$129.8 / f^{0.25}$	$0.3444 / f^{0.25}$	$44.72 / f^{0.5}$	6
48-100	49.33	0.1309	6.455	6
100-6000	$15.60 f^{0.25}$	$0.04138 f^{0.25}$	$0.6455 f^{0.5}$	6
6000-15000	137	0.364	50	6
15000-150000	137	0.364	50	$616000 / f^{1.2}$
150000-300000	$0.354 f^{0.5}$	$9.40 \times 10^{-4} f^{0.5}$	$3.33 \times 10^{-4} f$	$616000 / f^{1.2}$

Note: f is frequency in MHz.

In these cases, the information contained in the RF exposure technical brief may be limited to information that demonstrates how the e.i.r.p. was derived.

CALCULATIONS for MPE distance and Power Density

Given

$$E = \sqrt{(30 * P * G) / d}$$

and

$$S = E^2 / 3770$$

where

E = Field Strength in Volts/meter

P = Power in Watts

G = Numeric

antenna gain

d = Distance in

meters

S = Power Density in milliwatts/square centimeter

Combining equations and rearranging the terms to express the distance as a function of the remaining variables yields:

$$d = \sqrt{((30 * P * G) / (3770 * S))}$$

Changing to units of Power to mW and Distance to

cm, using: $P(\text{mW}) = P(\text{W}) / 1000$ and

$$d(\text{cm}) = 100 * d(\text{m})$$

yields

$$d = 100 * \sqrt{((30 * (P / 1000) * G) / (3770 * S))}$$

$$d = 0.282 * \sqrt{(P * G / S)}$$

where

d = distance in cm

P = Power in mW

G = Numeric antenna gain

S = Power Density in mW/cm²

Substituting the logarithmic form of power and

gain using: $P(\text{mW}) = 10^{(P(\text{dBm}) / 10)}$ and

$$G(\text{numeric}) = 10^{(G(\text{dBi}) / 10)}$$

yields

$$d = 0.282 * 10^{((P + G) / 20)} / \sqrt{S}$$

Equation (1)

$$S = 0.0795 * 10^{((P + G) / 10)} / d^2$$

Equation (2)

where

d = MPE distance in cm

P = Power in dBm

G = Antenna Gain in dBi

S = Power Density Limit in mW/cm²

Equation (1) and the measured Output power is used to calculate the MPE distance.

Equation (2) and the measured Output power is used to calculate the Power density.

APPLICABLE LIMITS

RF MPE for separation $\geq 20\text{cm}$

FCC: From §1.1310 Table 1 (B), for Public $S = 1.0 \text{ mW/cm}^2$ (for Professional, $S = 5.0 \text{ mW/cm}^2$)

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Limits For General Population / Uncontrolled Exposure				
300-1,500	-	-	F/1500	30
1,500-100,000	-	-	1.0	30

PD limit is 0.2887 mW/cm^2 at 433MHz.

IC: Per RSS-102, Sec. 5.3.2 Table 7,

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With formula of $2.619 \times 10^{-2} f^{0.6834} \text{ W/m}^2$, most restricted power density limit values are 1.66 W/m^2 at 433MHz, 2.74 W/m^2 at 902MHz, 5.34 W/m^2 at 2400MHz.

RESULTS

The max. measured ERP is -26.25dBm (0.00237mW) providing from 71.1dBuV/m E-field strength @3m.

No non-compliance noted.

1-mW Test Exemption:

Per § 1.1307(b)(3)(i)(A), a single RF source is exempt RF device (from the requirement to show data demonstrating compliance to RF exposure limits, as previously mentioned) if the available maximum time-averaged power is no more than 1 mW, regardless of separation distance. This exemption applies to all operating configurations and exposure conditions, for the frequency range 100 kHz to 100 GHz, regardless of fixed, mobile, or portable device exposure conditions.

For this EUT, max emission level is under the 0dBm (1mW) limit set in FCC Part 15, Sec. 231. No RF hazard need to be concerned.

The max. power density can be obtain by using the max. $P+G=0\text{dBm}$ and $d=20\text{cm}$, and plug all three items into equation (2), yielding,

Power Density Limit (mW/cm ²)	Max. Output Power+ Antenna] Gain (dBm)	Calculated Power Density (mW/ cm ²)
1.0/5.0	0	0.0002