

REVISED RADIO FREQUENCY EXPOSURE REPORT

FOR THE

**Itron Cellular 500G Module
Model: 500GAC**

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Revision History:

Original: Radio Frequency Exposure Report for Itron Cellular 500G Module, Model: 500GAC.

Revision A: Added statement to the Conditions During Test table to clarify the orientation of the EUT during testing.

Purpose:

To demonstrate compliance with United States, Canada, Australia and/or European Union RF Exposure requirements for Portable equipment (devices used $\leq 20\text{cm}$ from the body) with power output below exemption levels or Mobile equipment (devices used $>20\text{cm}$ from the body) where Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) Calculations apply.

Device and Antenna Operating Configuration:

Device operating at maximum output power with continuous transmission of modulated data.

Test Procedure:

This equipment is evaluated in accordance with the guidelines set forth in KDB 447498 & ANSI C95.1 for the US, Health Canada Safety Code 6 & RSS 102 for Canada, ARPANSA RPS3 for AU and EN 62479 or EN 62311 for EU.

Other Considerations:

Report considers stand-alone configurations only. RF Exposure limits are calculated at the mid-point of each operating band.

Referenced Test Reports:

The following test reports were referenced in conjunction with this assessment:
105379-12, 105379-13, 105379-14, 105379-16, 105379-17, 105379-18

Conditions During Test

The manufacturer declares the equipment is only installed in one orientation and was tested in that orientation.

RF Exposure Power Density Assessment (Single Transmitter, Stand Alone)

MPE Calculation:

$$\text{Power Density (S)} = \frac{\text{EIRP}}{4\pi d^2} \quad \text{Given: EIRP in mW or W and d in cm or m}$$

US MPE Assessment

Power Reported is:	☒ Peak ☐ Average						
Limit Used is:	☒ General Population ☐ Occupational Exposure						
Operating Band MHz	Power dBm	Ant Type/Gain dBi	EIRP dBm	Distance cm	MPE mW/cm ²	Limit mW/cm ²	Comments
903.0 to 926.8	16.09	PCB trace / 0.9	16.99	20	0.0099	0.61	OOK (PL3)
903.0 to 926.8	7.98	PCB trace / 0.9	8.88	20	0.0015	0.61	OOK (PL1)
902.4 to 927.6	15.30	PCB trace / 0.9	16.20	20	0.0083	0.61	300kbps (PL2)
902.4 to 927.6	15.30	PCB trace / 0.9	16.20	20	0.0083	0.61	300kbps (PL2)
2402 to 2480	12.62	PCB trace / -0.5	12.12	20	0.003	1.00	BLE (PL3)
699.1 to 715.9	24.5	PCB trace / -1.7	22.8	20	0.038	0.47	Cellular*

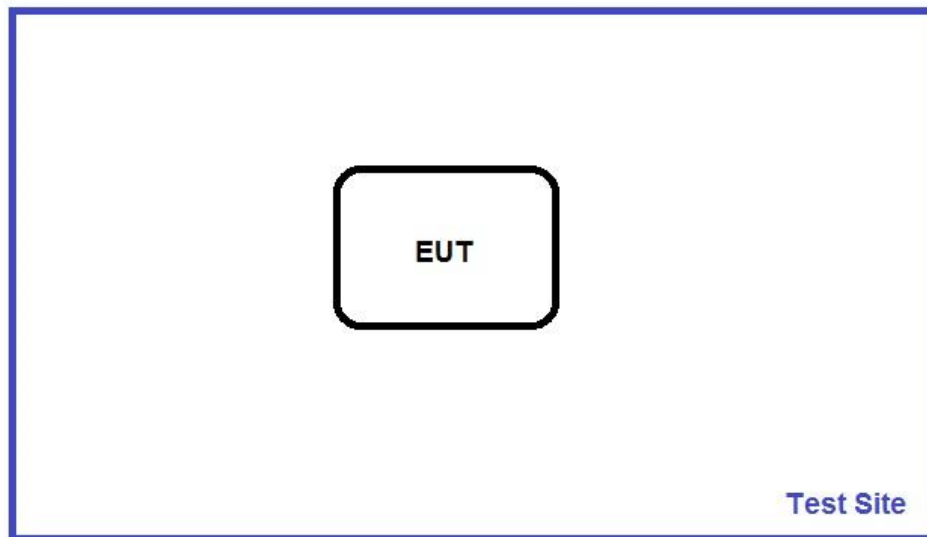
*Worst case output power is based on FCCID: N7NHL78 grant

IC MPE Assessment

Power Reported is:	☒ Peak ☐ Average						
Limit Used is:	☒ General Population ☐ Occupational Exposure						
Operating Band MHz	Power dBm	Ant Type/Gain dBi	EIRP dBm	Distance m	MPE W/m ²	Limit W/m ²	Comments
903.0 to 926.8	16.09	PCB trace / 0.9	16.99	0.2	0.099	2.77	OOK (PL3)
903.0 to 926.8	7.98	PCB trace / 0.9	8.88	0.2	0.015	2.77	OOK (PL1)
902.4 to 927.6	15.30	PCB trace / 0.9	16.20	0.2	0.083	2.77	300kbps (PL2)
902.4 to 927.6	15.30	PCB trace / 0.9	16.20	0.2	0.083	2.77	300kbps (PL2)
2402 to 2480	12.62	PCB trace / -0.5	12.12	0.2	0.032	5.41	BLE (PL3)
699.1 to 715.9	24.5	PCB trace / -1.7	22.8	0.2	0.379	2.32	Cellular*

*Worst case output power is based on FCCID: N7NHL78 grant

Test Setup Block Diagram



Summary:

Exemptions:

Equipment demonstrating compliance by portable RF exposure exemption have been evaluated, without further testing, for use under either portable or mobile RF exposure configurations. Additional configurations including collocation or simultaneous transmission with other transmitters (including necessary separation distances) are subject to further assessment. Certain exemption criteria may define specific separation distances. It is assumed that the manufacturer shall design the equipment such that these minimum separation distance is met.

MPE Calculation Results:

Equipment demonstrating compliance with MPE calculations have been evaluated, without further testing, for use under mobile RF exposure configurations as identified herein. Additional configurations including collocation or simultaneous transmission with other transmitters (including necessary separation distances) are subject to further assessment. It is assumed that the manufacturer shall design the equipment such that the minimum separation distance of 20cm (or greater, as listed above) is met or that the manufacturer provides a protection guide (e.g. installation instructions) to the end user such that the antenna(s) may be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in such a manor to maintain the minimum separation distance.

General Comments:

The absorption and distribution of Electromagnetic energy in the body is a very complex phenomena that depends on the mass, shape and physiological condition of the body; the orientation of the body with respect to the fields; and, the electrical properties of the body and the environment. Variables that may play a substantial role in possible biological effects are those that characterize the environment (including but not limited to: ambient temperature, air velocity, relative humidity and body insulation); and those that characterize the individual (including but not limited to: age, gender, activity level and existing debilitation or disease). Because innumerable factors may interact to determine specific biological effects of exposure to electromagnetic fields, any protection guide should consider both intended and unintended operational environments and provide guidance for installation and use of the product such that proper separation distances can be maintained. (ANSI C95.1).

APPENDIX A - RF Exposure Limits

United States Compliance Requirements (1.1310):

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits Occupational / Controlled Exposure

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (mW/cm ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.3-3.0	614	1.63	*(100)	6
3.0-30	1842 / f _{MHz}	4.89 / f _{MHz}	*(900 / f _{MHz} ²)	6
30-300	61.4	0.163	1	6
300-1500	---	---	f _{MHz} / 300	6
1500-100,000	---	---	5.0	6

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits General Population / Uncontrolled Exposure

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (mW/cm ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.3-1.34	614	1.63	*(100)	30
1.34-30	824 / f _{MHz}	2.19 / f _{MHz}	*(180 / f _{MHz} ²)	30
30-300	27.5	0.073	0.2	30
300-1500	---	---	f _{MHz} / 1500	30
1500-100,000	---	---	1.0	30

* Plane wave equivalent power density

Limit is calculated based on the mid-band frequency used in the operating frequency range.

Exemption Limits for Stand-Alone SAR Evaluation:

In accordance with KDB 447498 D01

Max Output Power at Exemption Limit (mW)		
Frequency (MHz)	$d \leq 50\text{mm}$	$50\text{mm} < d \leq 20\text{cm}$
<100	$\frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{R \cdot 50}{\sqrt{0.1}} \right) \cdot \left(1 + \text{LOG} \left(\frac{100}{f_{\text{MHz}}} \right) \right)$	$\left(\frac{R \cdot 50}{\sqrt{0.1}} + (d - 50) \frac{100}{150} \right) \cdot \left(1 + \text{LOG} \left(\frac{100}{f_{\text{MHz}}} \right) \right)$
100-1500	$\left(\frac{R \cdot d}{\sqrt{f_{\text{GHz}}}} \right)$	$\left(\frac{R \cdot 50}{\sqrt{f_{\text{GHz}}}} + (d - 50) \frac{f_{\text{MHz}}}{150} \right)$
1500-6000		$\left(\frac{R \cdot 50}{\sqrt{f_{\text{GHz}}}} + (d - 50) \cdot 10 \right)$

R is the allowed ratio: 3 for 1-g SAR and 7.5 for 10-g extremity SAR.

d is distance in mm, rounded to the nearest mm.

Canadian Compliance Requirements (RSS-102):

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits Occupational / Controlled Exposure:

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.003-10	170	180	--	Instantaneous
0.1-10	--	$1.6 / f_{\text{MHz}}$	--	6
1.29-10	$193 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$	--	--	6
10-20	61.4	0.163	10	6
20-48	$129.8 / f^{0.5}$	$0.3444 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.25}$	$44.72 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$	6
48-100	49.33	0.1309	6.455	6
100-6000	$15.60 f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.25}$	$0.04138 f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.25}$	$0.6455 f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$	6
6000-15000	137	0.364	50	6
15000-150,000	137	0.364	50	$616000 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{1.2}$
150,000-300,000	$0.354 f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$	$9.40 \times 10^{-4} f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$	$3.33 \times 10^{-4} f_{\text{MHz}}$	$616000 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{1.2}$

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits General Population / Uncontrolled Exposure

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.003-10	83	90	--	Instantaneous
0.1-10	--	$0.73 / f$	--	6
1.1-10	$87 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$	--	--	6
10-20	27.46	0.0728	2	6
20-48	$58.07 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.25}$	$0.1540 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.25}$	$8.944 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$	6
48-300	22.06	0.05852	1.291	6
300-6000	$3.142 f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.3417}$	$0.008335 f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.3417}$	$0.02619 f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.6834}$	6
6000-15000	61.4	0.163	10	6
15000-150,000	61.4	0.163	10	$616000 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{1.2}$
150,000-300,000	$0.158 f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$	$4.21 \times 10^{-4} f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$	$6.67 \times 10^{-5} f_{\text{MHz}}$	$616000 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{1.2}$

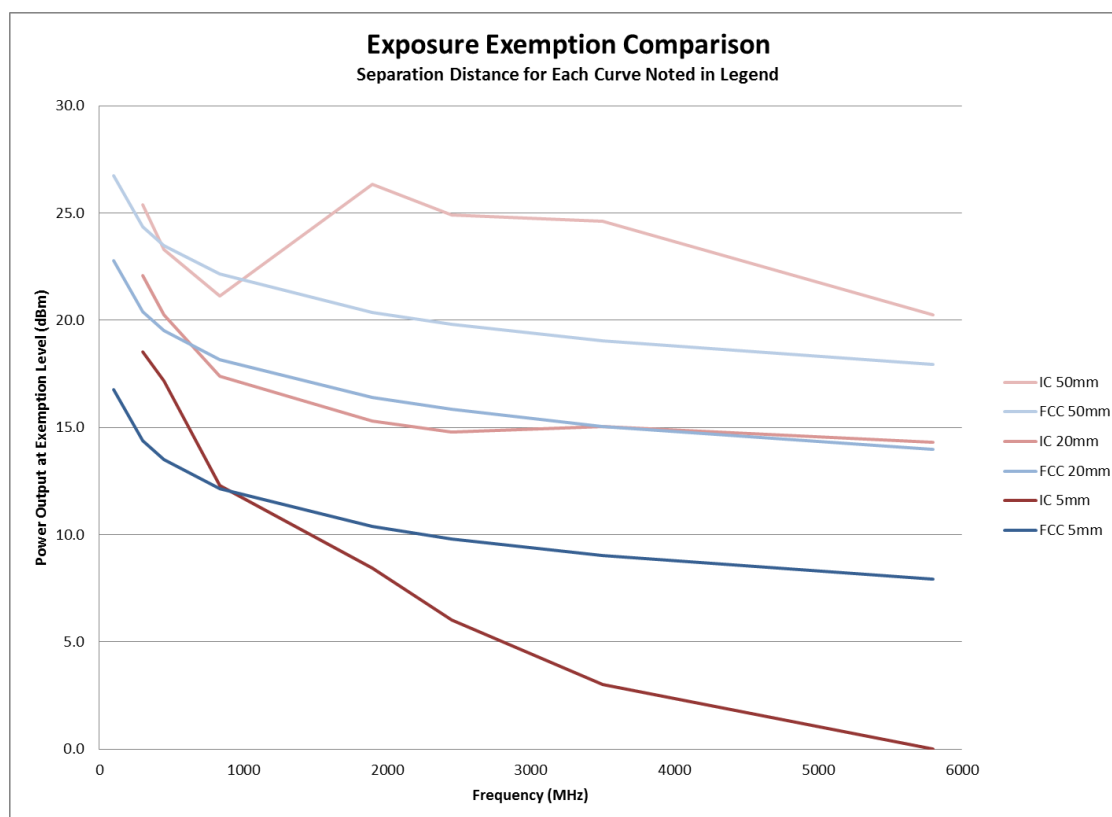
Exemption Limits for Stand-Alone SAR Evaluation:

Exemption Limits (mW) at Separation Distance (mm)										
Freq(MHz)	≤5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	≥50
≤300	71	101	132	162	193	223	254	284	315	345
450	52	70	88	106	123	141	159	177	195	213
835	17	30	42	55	67	80	92	105	117	130
1900	7	10	18	34	60	99	153	225	316	431
2450	4	7	15	30	52	83	123	173	235	309
3500	2	6	16	32	55	86	124	170	225	290
5800	1	6	15	27	41	56	71	85	97	106

Exemption Limits for Stand-Alone Mobile Routine Evaluation:

Frequency (MHz)	RF Exposure Exemption Limit (mW)
<20	1000
20-48	$4490 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$
48-300	600
300-6000	$13.1 f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.6834}$
≥6000	5000

General¹ Comparison of FCC and IC Exemption Limits for Stand Alone SAR Evaluation



¹ Non-Exhaustive

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency Requirements (ARPANSA):

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits Occupational / Controlled Exposure:

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.1 – 1.0	614	$1.63 / f_{\text{MHz}}$	---	6
1.0-10	$614 / f_{\text{MHz}}$	$1.63 / f_{\text{MHz}}$	$1000 / f_{\text{MHz}}^2$	6
10-400	61.4	0.163	10	6
400-2000	$3.07 * f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$	$0.00814 * f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$	$f_{\text{MHz}} / 40$	6
2000-10,000	137	0.36	50	6
10,000 – 300,000	137	0.36	50	$9.6 \times 10^4 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{1.05}$

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits General Population / Uncontrolled Exposure

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.10-0.15	86.8	4.86	---	6
0.150-1.0	86.8	$0.729 / f_{\text{MHz}}$	--	6
1.0-10	$86.8 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$	$0.729 / f_{\text{MHz}}$	---	6
10-400	27.4	0.0729	2	6
400-2000	$1.37 f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$	$0.00364 * f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$	$f_{\text{MHz}} / 200$	6
2000-10,000	61.4	0.163	10	6
10,000 – 300,000	61.4	0.163	10	$9.6 \times 10^4 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{1.05}$

**Power density limit applicable >100MHz*

Exemption Limits for Stand-Alone Evaluation:

Occupational Exposure: 100mW

Portable - General Public: 20mW

Mobile – General Public: Separation distance >20cm and power < 20mW or according to IEC 62479.

Or according to ARPANSA RPS3 Table S1

European Union Compliance Requirements (ICNIRP):

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits Occupational / Controlled Exposure:

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.00082-0.065	610	24.4	---	6
0.065-1.0	610	1.6/f	---	6
1.0-10	610 / f _{MHz}	1.6/f	---	6
10-400	61	0.16	10	6
400-2000	3.0 * f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	0.008 * f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	f _{MHz} / 40	6
2000-300,000	137	0.36	50	6

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits General Population / Uncontrolled Exposure

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.003-0.150	87	5.0	---	6
0.150-1.0	87	0.73 / f _{MHz}	--	6
1.0-10	87 / f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	0.73 / f _{MHz}	---	6
10-400	28	0.073	2	6
400-2000	1.375 f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	0.0037 * f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	f _{MHz} / 200	6
2000-300,000	61	0.16	10	6

**Power density limit applicable >100MHz*

Exemption Limits² for Stand-Alone SAR Evaluation:

Head / Body: 20mW

Extremity: 40mW

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