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Test and Measurement Data

All tests and measurement data shown were performed in accordance with FCC Rules and Regulations Part 90.219, KDB 935210 D03 Booster, and FCC Part 2, where appropriate.

Standard Test Conditions and Engineering Practices

Except as noted herein, the following conditions and procedures were observed during the testing.

In accordance with ANSI/TIA 603C, and unless otherwise indicated in the specific measurement results, the ambient temperature of the actual EUT was maintained within the range of 10° to 40°C (50° to 104°F) unless the particular equipment requirements specify testing over a different temperature range. Also, unless otherwise indicated, the humidity levels were in the range of 10% to 90% relative humidity.

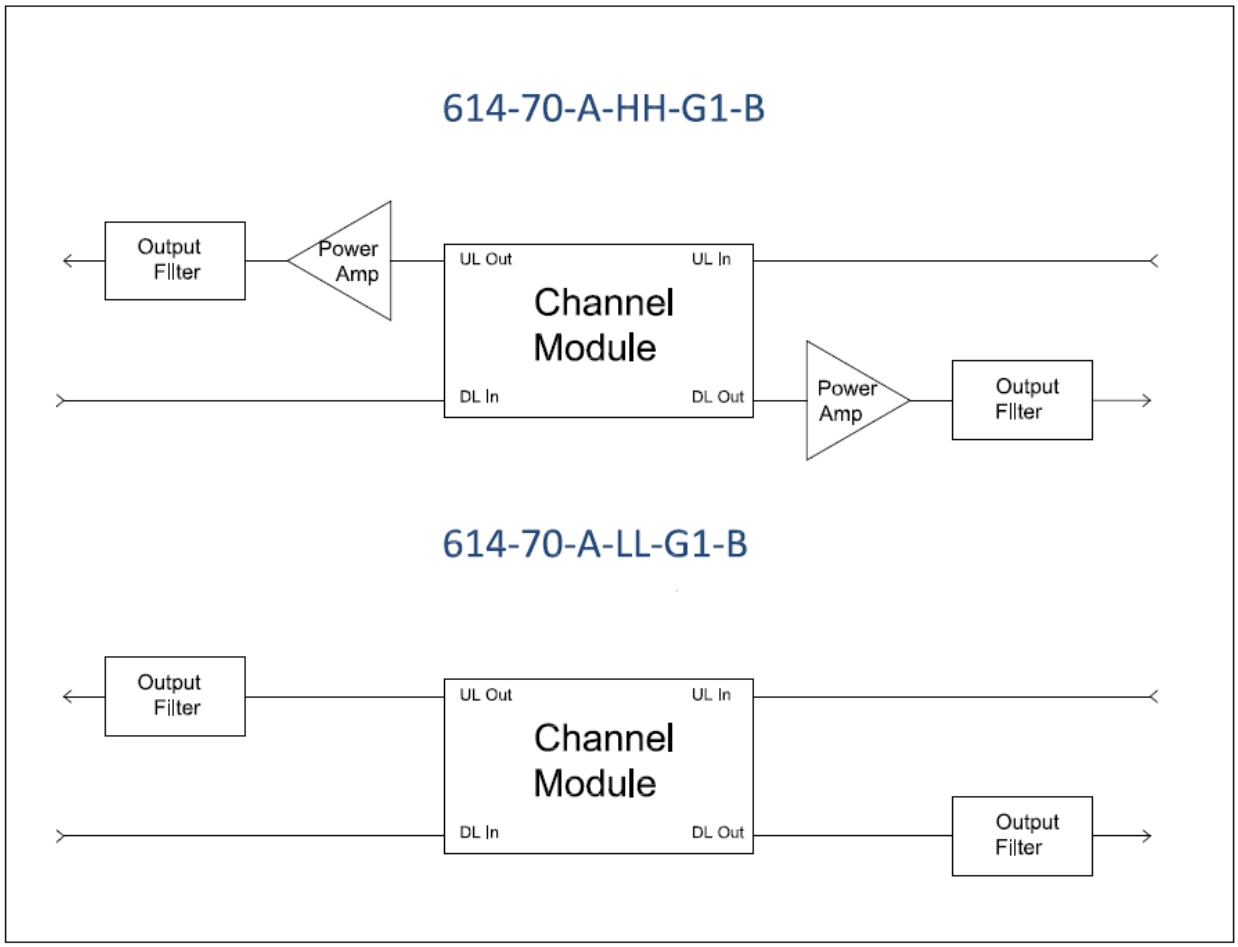
Environmental Conditions		
Temp (ºC)	**Humidity (%)**	**Pressure (mbar)**
23.0 – 29.4	23.3 – 38.1	960.8 – 968.5

Measurement results, unless otherwise noted, are worst-case measurements.

EUT Description
ModelTested: 614-70-A-HH-G1-B (High Power) and 614-70-A-LL-G1-B (Low Power)
Description: Class B UHF Digital Signal Booster
Firmware: R21.D6
Software: N/A

Additional Information:
The EUT is a Class B industrial UHF digital signal booster operating from 450 – 470 MHz. The downlink operates from 450 – 465 MHz and the uplink operates from 455 – 470 MHz.
Each band has a low power and high power output, configurable in software but not available to the end user, the selection of either low or high power is a factory setting only.
All the test data was recorded in both the low power and high power modes of operation.
The downlink and uplink bands have wideband bandpass filters that cover the entire band.
Additional filtering is provided by quantity two (2x) 3 MHz cavity filters, at the inputs of the uplink and downlink paths, which are selected depending on the final installation requirements.
These Input cavity filters were not installed during the testing of the signal booster in order to test the entire band. The manufacturer has declared that the filter insertion loss is specified to be 2 dB maximum. Sample tests of the 4 filters that were available showed the insertion loss to be 1.5 – 2.1dB. Leaving these filters out provided the worst case test results for the required tests.

RF Block Diagram as tested



The signal booster uses the following frequency bands.
The emission designators listed are representative emission designators used by transmitters whose signal is amplified by this booster.

	Frequency (MHz)	Emission Designators
Downlink	450 – 465	F3E, F3D, F1E
Uplink	455 - 470	F3E, F3D, F1E

EUT Operation during Tests
The manufacturer was present to operate the equipment during the testing of the signal booster.
The manufacturer used a proprietary software program to interface with the EUT in order to change frequencies and set the power level.
As mentioned in the additional information, the cavity filters were not installed. The output power was set to the maximum level available for all the tests.

AGC Threshold
Several tests reference the AGC Threshold level.
The AGC Threshold was measured as follows:

- Connect a signal generator to the input of the EUT.
- Connect a spectrum analyzer to the output of the EUT using appropriate attenuation.
- Use a CW signal.
- While monitoring the output of the EUT, increase the input level until the output stops increasing or drops a few 10th's of a dB.
- This is the AGC threshold level of the EUT.
- When the procedure calls out to set the RF Input to just below the AGC Threshold, The AGC Threshold is measured using the procedure listed above, and then the RF Input is backed off 0.2 dB below this threshold level.

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Accessories: None

Cables:

Qty	Description	Length (M)	Shielding Y/N	Shielded Hood Y/N	Termination
1	AC Power	2	N	N	N/A

Modifications: None

Test Result Summary

Specification	Test Name	Pass, Fail, N/A	Comments
KDB 935210-D03	Authorized Frequency Band	Pass	
2.1046	Output Power (Conducted)	Pass	
90.219(e)(1)	Radiated Output Power	Pass	
90.219(e)(4)(i)(ii)(iii) 90.210 2.1049	Occupied Bandwidth (Emission Masks)	Pass	
90.219(e)(3) 2.1051	Spurious Emissions (Transmitter Conducted)	Pass	
KDB 935210-D03	Intermodulation	Pass	
90.219(e)(2)	Noise Figure	Pass	
90.213	Frequency Stability (Temperature Variation)	N/A	The EUT does not perform frequency translation
90.213	Frequency Stability (Voltage Variation)	N/A	The EUT does not perform frequency translation

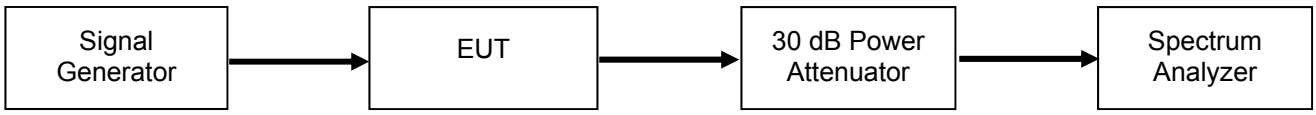
Out of Band Rejection

Name of Test: Out of Band Rejection
Engineer: Greg Corbin
Test Equipment Utilized: i00405, i00424
Test Date: 6/18/2014

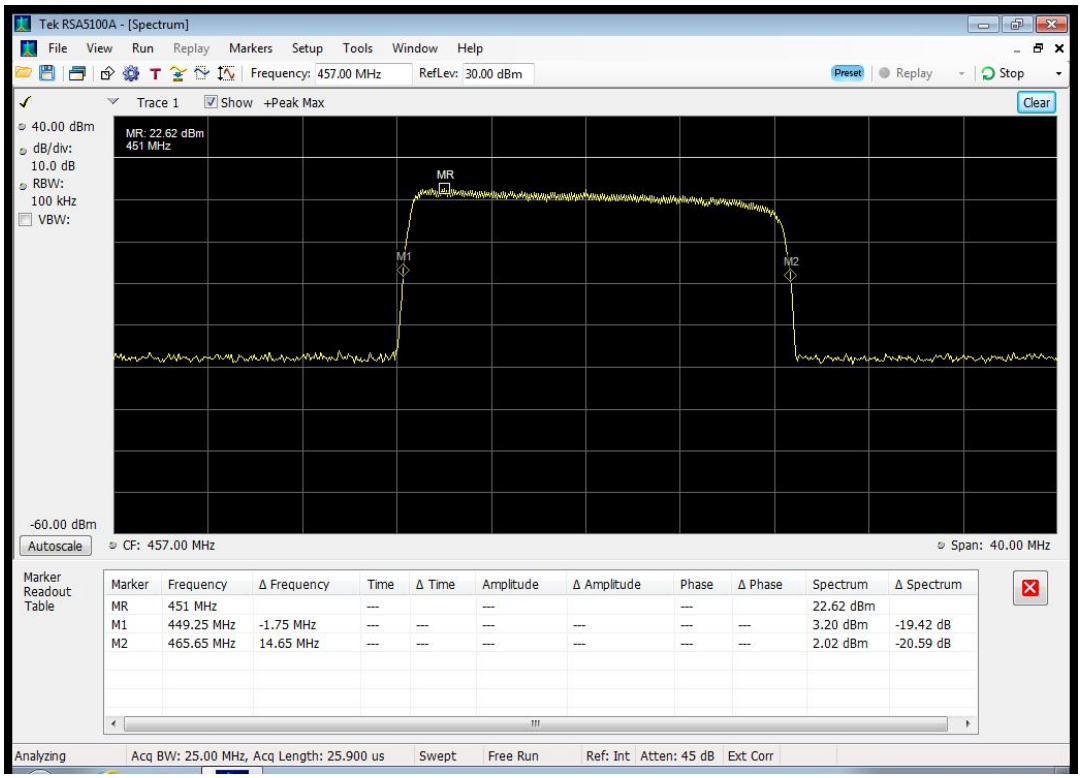
Test Procedure

The EUT was connected to a spectrum analyzer through a 30 dB power attenuator. A signal generator was utilized to produce a swept CW signal with the RF input level set to 3 dB below the AGC Threshold level. The Uplink and Downlink filter response and the -20 dB bandwidth were measured. The marker table function of the spectrum analyzer was used to show the peak amplitude in the passband and the -20 dB bandwidth of the pass band filter.
RBW = 100 KHz
Video BW = 3x RBW

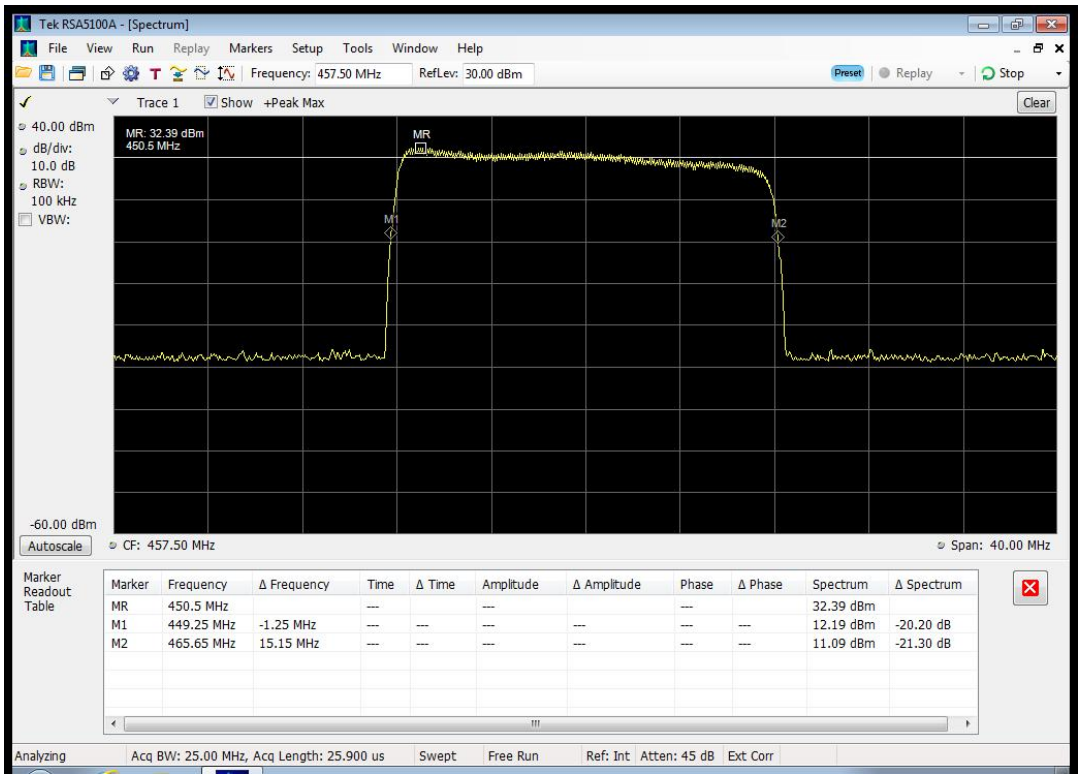
Test Setup



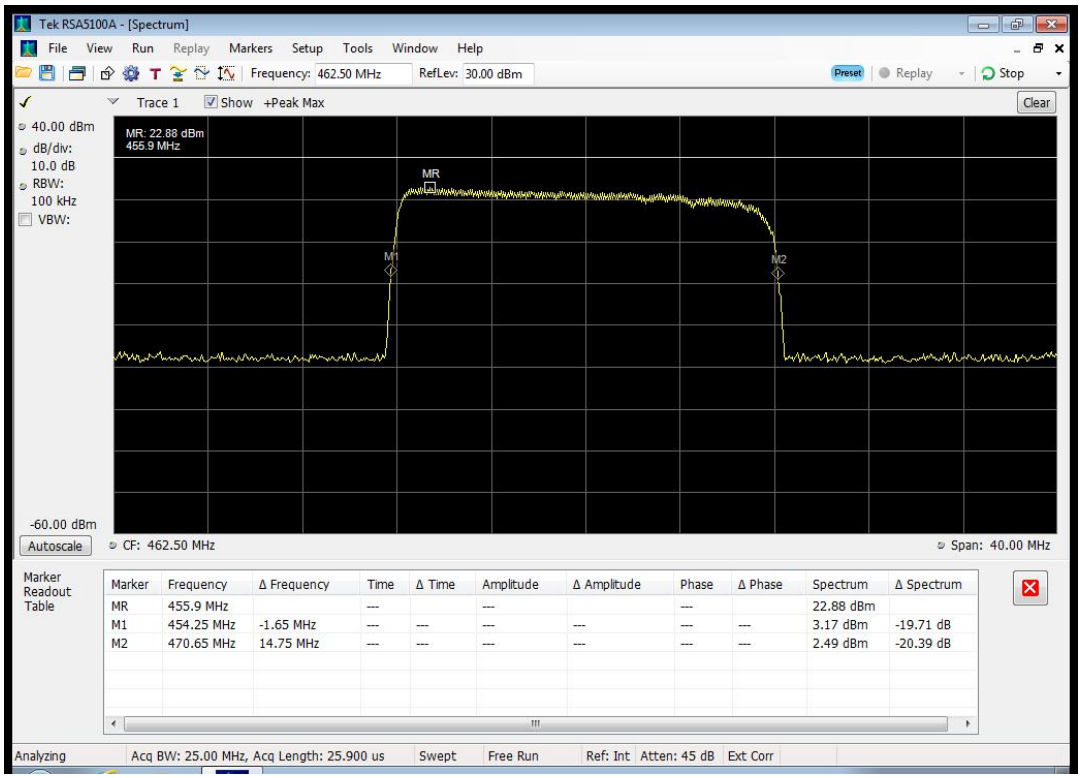
Out of Band Rejection Test Results
Downlink_450 – 465 MHz_ Low Power Mode



Downlink_450 – 465 MHz_ High Power mode

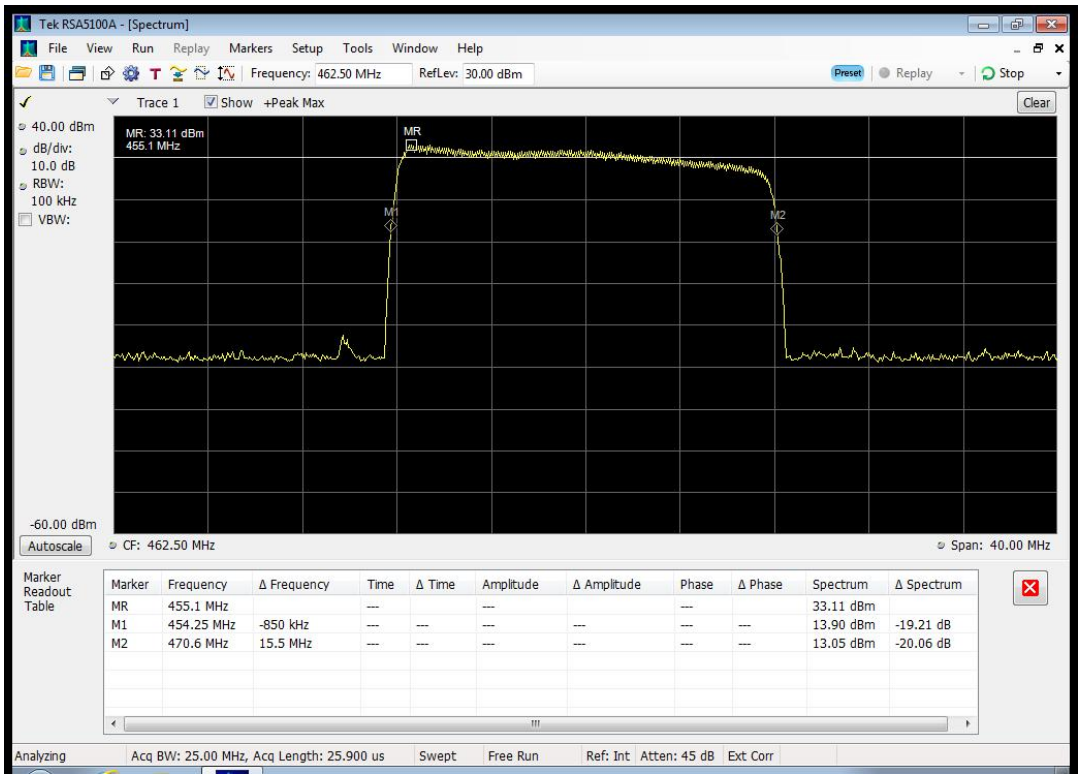


Uplink_455 - 470 MHz_ Low Power model



Marker	Frequency	Δ Frequency	Time	Δ Time	Amplitude	Δ Amplitude	Phase	Δ Phase	Spectrum	Δ Spectrum
MR	455.9 MHz		---		---		---		22.88 dBm	
M1	454.25 MHz	-1.65 MHz	---	---	---	---	---	---	3.17 dBm	-19.71 dB
M2	470.65 MHz	14.75 MHz	---	---	---	---	---	---	2.49 dBm	-20.39 dB

Uplink_455 - 470 MHz_ High Power model



Marker	Frequency	Δ Frequency	Time	Δ Time	Amplitude	Δ Amplitude	Phase	Δ Phase	Spectrum	Δ Spectrum
MR	455.1 MHz		---		---		---		33.11 dBm	
M1	454.25 MHz	-850 kHz	---	---	---	---	---	---	13.90 dBm	-19.21 dB
M2	470.6 MHz	15.5 MHz	---	---	---	---	---	---	13.05 dBm	-20.06 dB

Conducted Output Power and Amplifier Gain

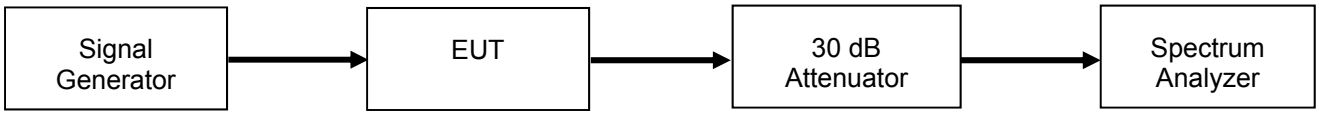
Name of Test:	Conducted Output Power and Amplifier Gain	**Engineer:** Greg Corbin
Test Equipment Utilized:	i00405, i00424	**Test Date:** 6/16/2014

Test Procedure

The Equipment Under Test (EUT) was connected to a spectrum analyzer through a 30 dB Power attenuator. All cable and attenuator losses were input into the spectrum analyzer as a reference level offset to ensure accurate readings were obtained.
A CW signal was utilized, set to the frequency of the peak amplitude measured in the Out of Band Rejection test.
The RF input signal level was set to 0.2 dB below the AGC Threshold.
RBW = 100 kHz
Video BW = 3x RBW
The Input and Output power levels were recorded and the gain was calculated using the following formula:

Gain (dB) = Output Power (dBm) – Input Power (dBm)

Test Setup



Downlink Output Power and Gain

Mode	Tuned Frequency (MHz)	Input Power (dBm)	Output Power (dBm)	Gain (dB)
Low Power	451	-57.8	25.5	83.3
High Power	450.5	-61.5	36.3	97.8

Uplink Output Power and Gain

Mode	Tuned Frequency (MHz)	Input Power (dBm)	Output Power (dBm)	Gain (dB)
Low Power	455.9	-57.0	25.4	82.4
High Power	455.1	-59.3	36.7	96.0

Radiated Output Power

Radiated Power (ERP) is dependent on the cable loss and antennas used when installed.
The maximum power output from the booster is limited to +37 dBm composite power by the GUI provided for to final end user.
The user's manual contains the following statement limiting the Radiated Output Power to 5 watts ERP at the time of installation.

Caution: The ERP from the booster system must not exceed +37dBm (5 Watts) in order to maintain compliant with FCC regulations

Conducted Spurious Emissions

Name of Test:	Conducted Spurious Emissions	**Engineer:** Greg Corbin
Test Equipment Utilized:	i00405, i00424	**Test Date:** 6/18/2014

Test Procedure

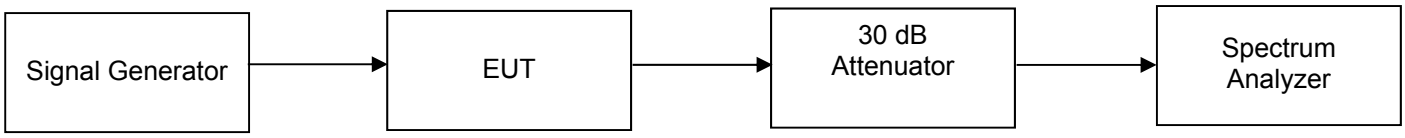
The Equipment Under Test (EUT) was connected to a spectrum analyzer through a 30 dB Power attenuator. All cable and attenuator losses were input into the spectrum analyzer as a combination of reference level offset and correction factor as needed to ensure accurate readings were obtained.
A CW signal was utilized, set to the center frequency of the passband.
The RF input signal level was set to 0.2 dB below the AGC Threshold.
The RBW was set to 100 kHz for measurements below 1 GHz and 1 MHz for measurements above 1 GHz.
The VBW was set to 3 times the RBW.

The frequency range from 30 MHz to the 10th harmonic of the passband frequency was observed and plotted.

The following formula was used for calculating the limits.

Conducted Spurious Emissions Limit = P1 – (43+ 10Log(P2)) = -13 dBm
P1 = power in dBm
P2 = power in Watts

Test Setup



Downlink 450 – 465 MHz_ Conducted Spurious Emissions Summary Table

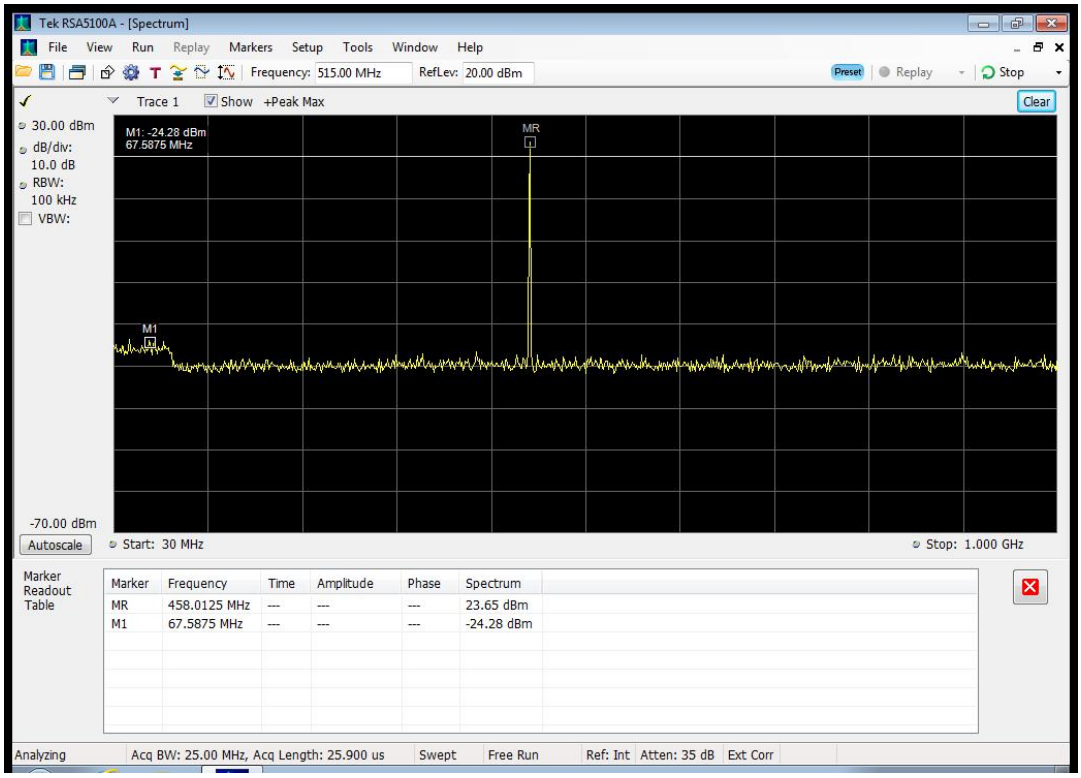
Mode	Tuned Frequency (MHz)	Spurious Frequency (MHz)	Measured Spurious Level (dBm)	Specification Limit (dBm)	Result
Low Power	457.5	4800	-15.9	-13	Pass
High Power	457.5	915.125	-21.3	-13	Pass

Uplink 455 – 470 MHz_ Conducted Spurious Emissions Summary Table

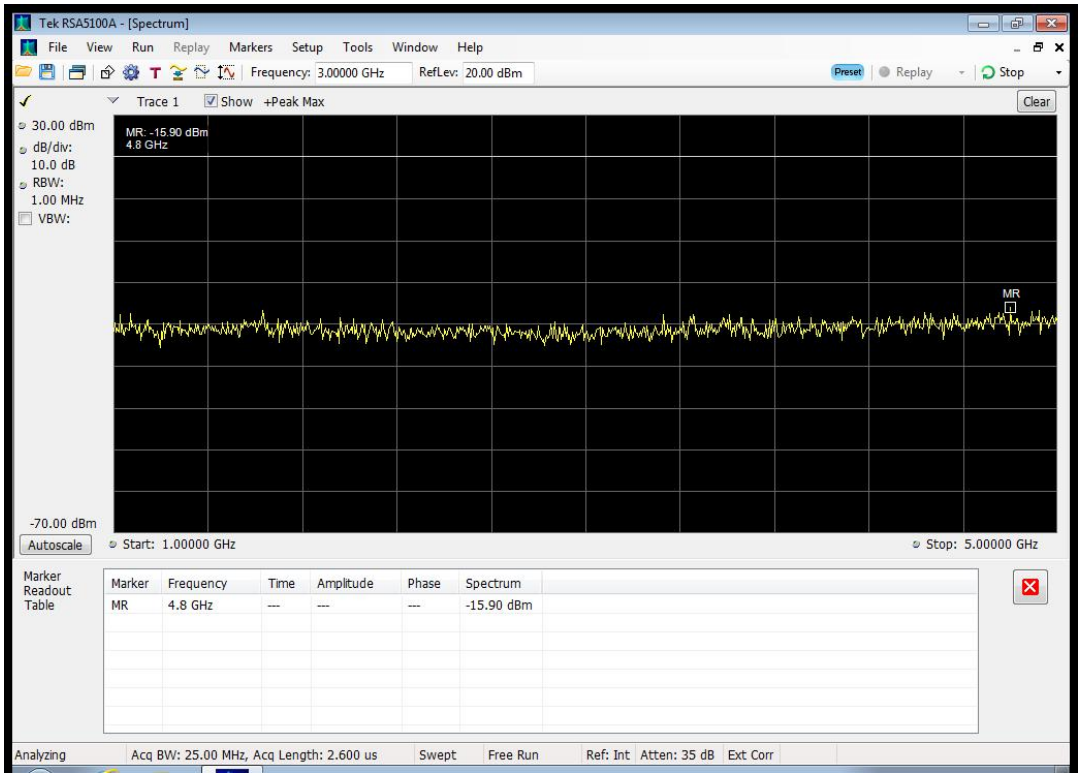
Mode	Tuned Frequency (MHz)	Spurious Frequency (MHz)	Measured Spurious Level (dBm)	Specification Limit (dBm)	Result
Low Power	462.5	4890	-16.3	-13	Pass
High Power	462.5	4890	-14.7	-13	Pass

Conducted Spurious Emissions Test Plots

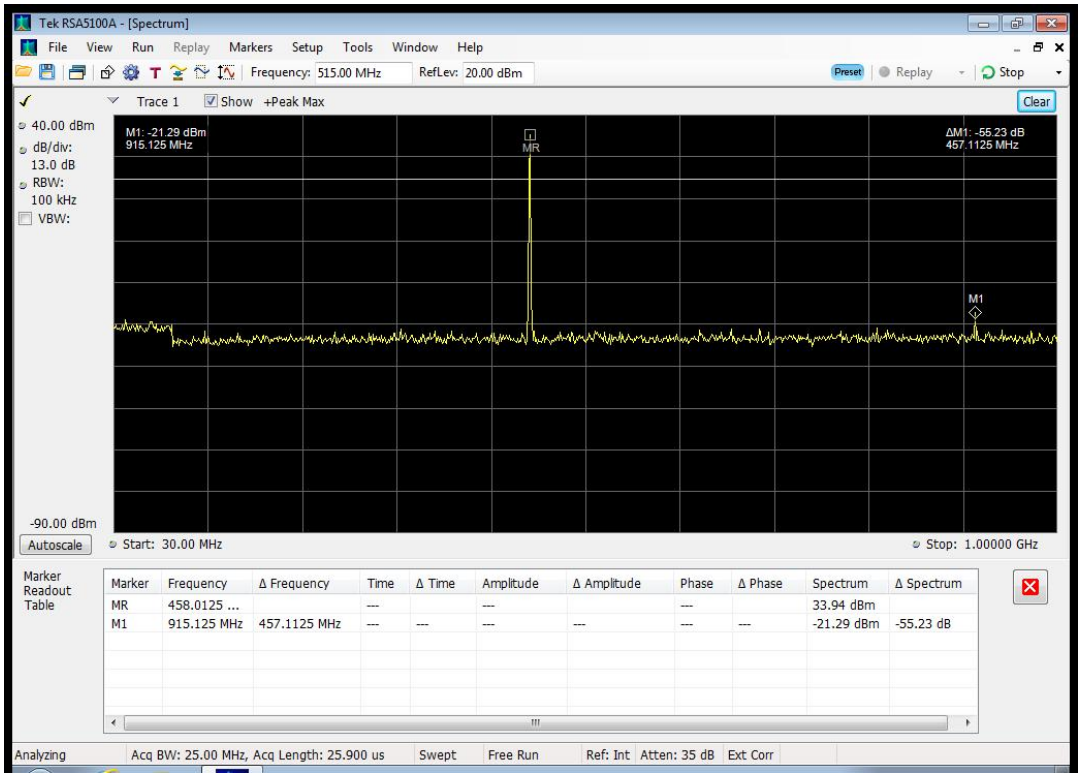
Downlink 450 – 465 MHz _ Low Power_30 MHz – 1 GHz



Downlink 450 – 465 MHz _ Low Power_1 – 5 GHz



Downlink 450 – 465 MHz _ High Power_30 MHz – 1 GHz



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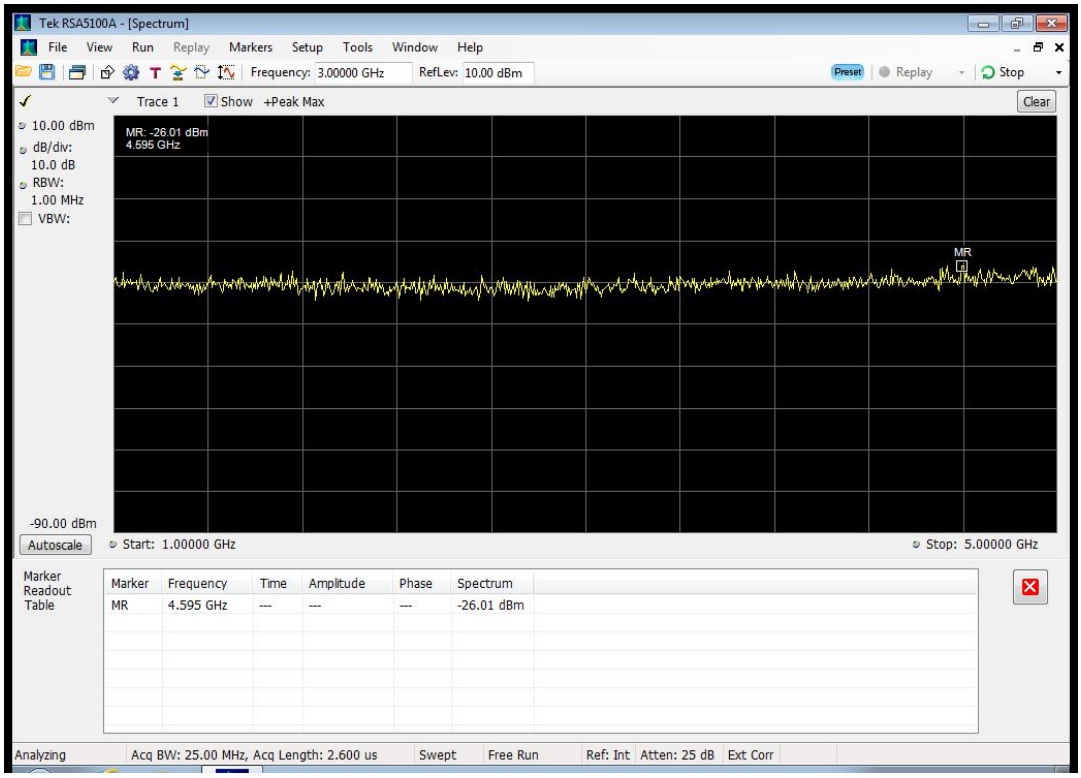
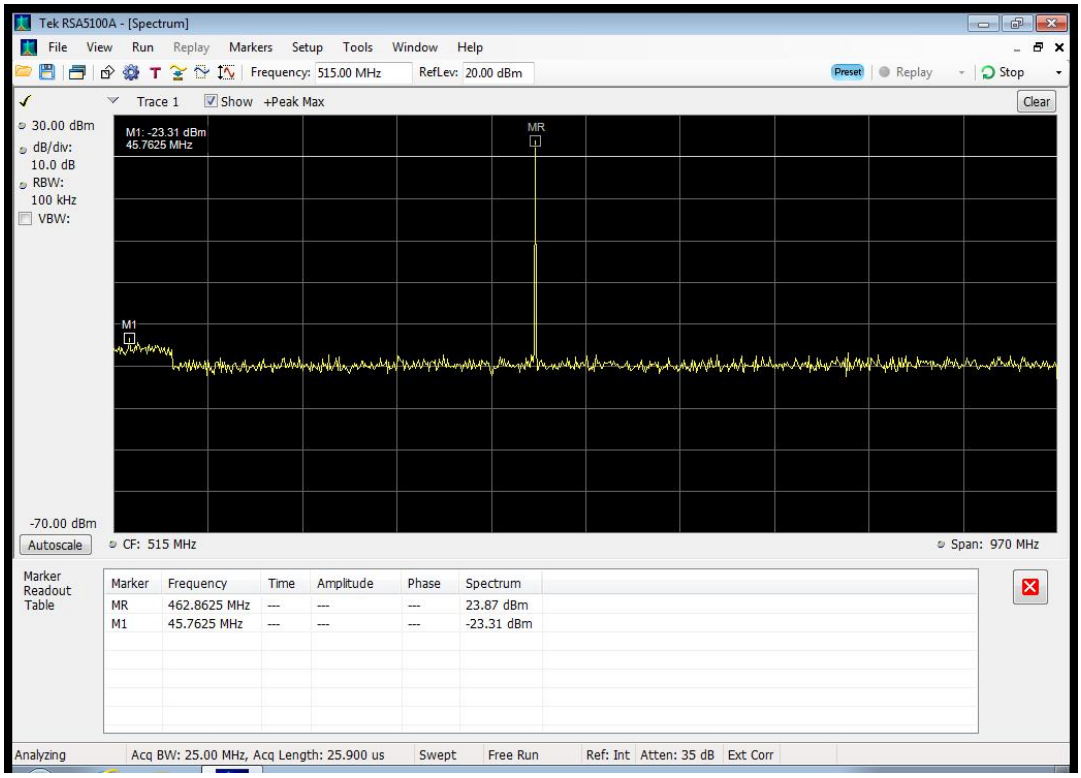


Uplink 455 – 470 MHz _ Low Power_30 MHz – 1 GHz



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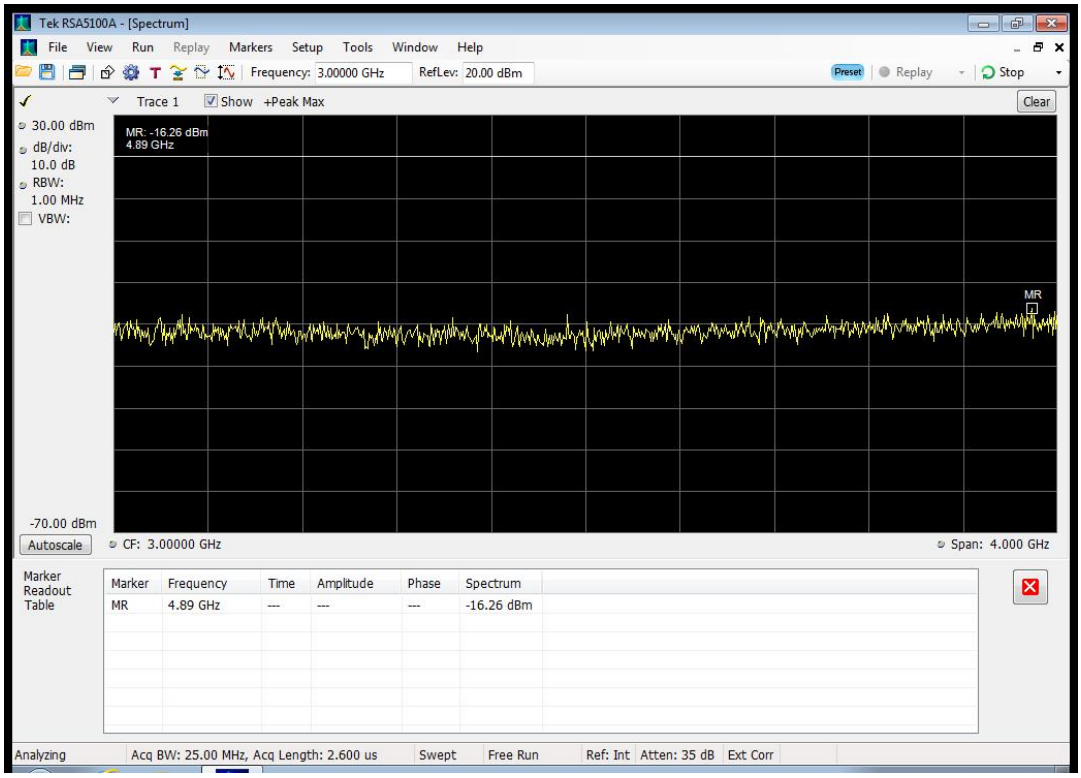
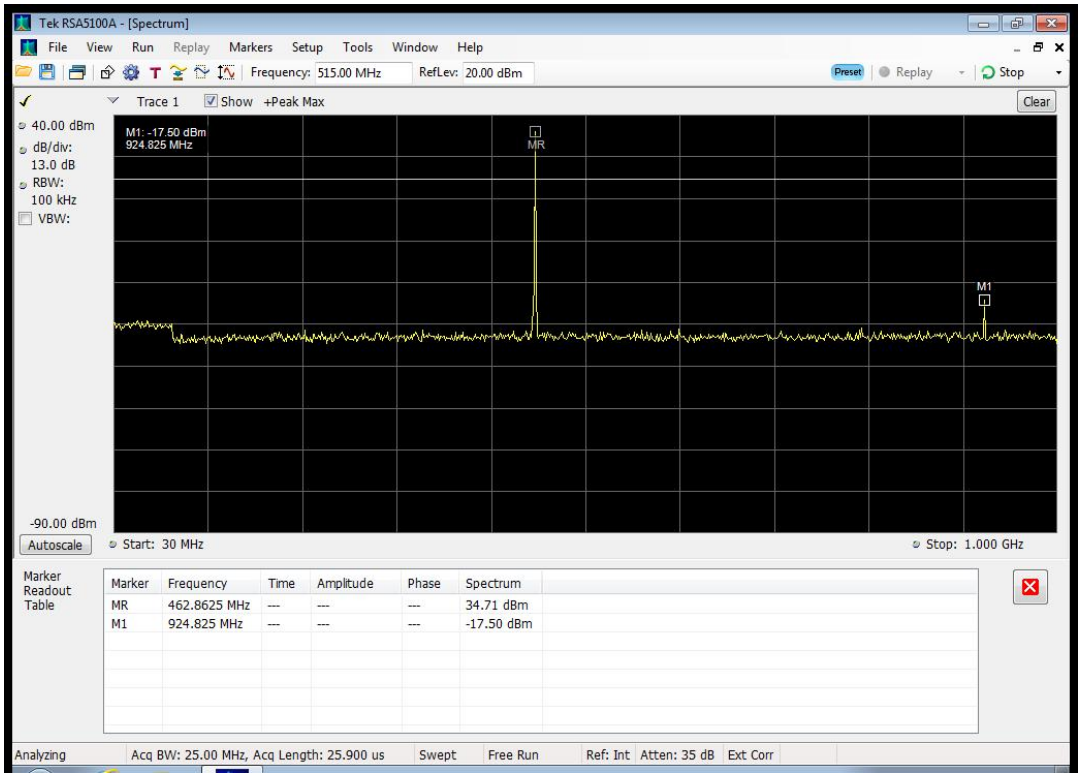
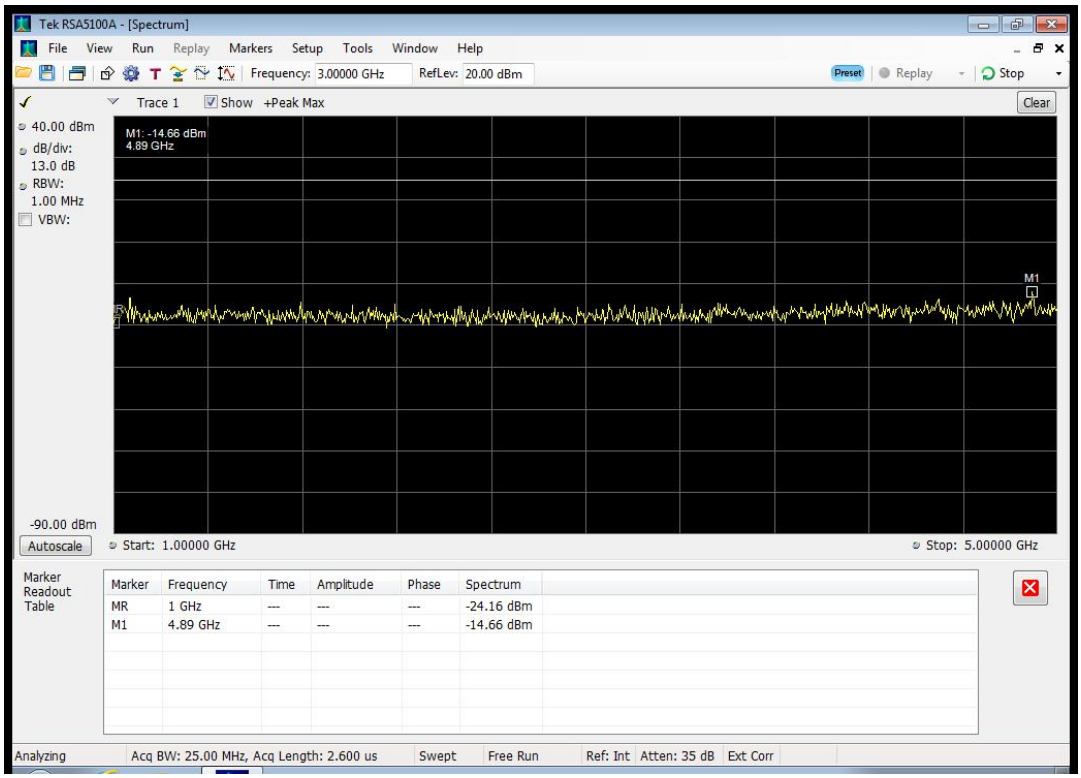


Uplink 455 – 470 MHz _ High Power_30 MHz – 1 GHz



Uplink 455 – 470 MHz _ High Power_1 – 5 GHz



Radiated Spurious Emissions

Name of Test:	Radiated Spurious Emissions	**Engineer:** Greg Corbin	
Test Equipment Utilized:	i00103, i00134, i00349, i00379, i00405, i00428	**Test Date:** 6/16/2014	

Test Procedure

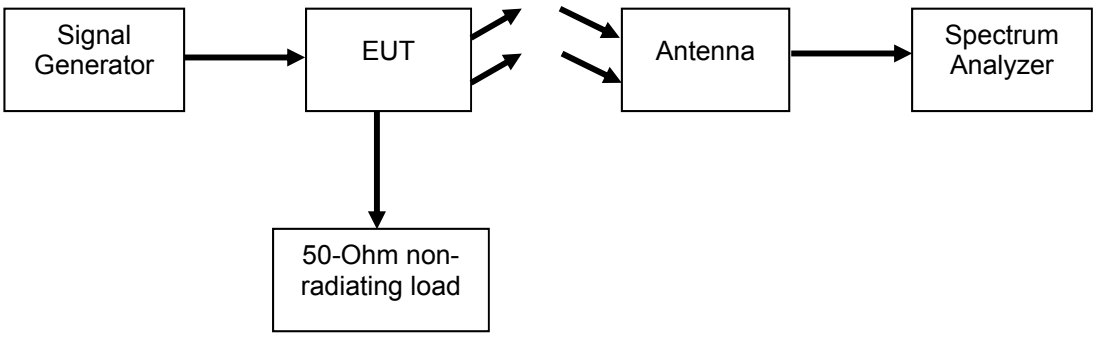
The EUT was tested in an semi-anechoic chamber with the turntable set 3m from the receiving antenna. A spectrum analyzer was used to verify that the EUT met the requirements for Radiated Emissions. The EUT was tested by rotating it 360 degrees with the antenna in both the vertical and horizontal orientation while raised from 1 to 4 meters to ensure that the signal levels were maximized. All cable and antenna correction factors were input into the spectrum analyzer ensuring an accurate measurement in ERP/EIRP with the resultant power in dBm. A signal generator was used to provide a CW signal. The EUT output was terminated into a 50 Ohm non-radiating load.

The RBW was set to 100 kHz for measurements below 1 GHz and 1 MHz for measurements above 1 GHz.
The VBW was set to 3 times the RBW.

The following formula was used for calculating the limits:

Radiated Spurious Emissions Limit = P1 – (43+ 10Log(P2)) = -13dBm
P1 = power in dBm
P2 = power in Watts

Test Setup



Test Results

Tuned Frequency (MHz)	Measured Frequency (MHz)	Measured Level (dBm)	Limit (dBm)	Result
462.5	925	-73.6	-13	Pass
462.5	1387.5	-43.4	-13	Pass
462.5	1850	-42.7	-13	Pass
462.5	2312.5	-38	-13	Pass

No other emissions were detected. All emissions were less than –13 dBm.

Emission Masks (Occupied Bandwidth)

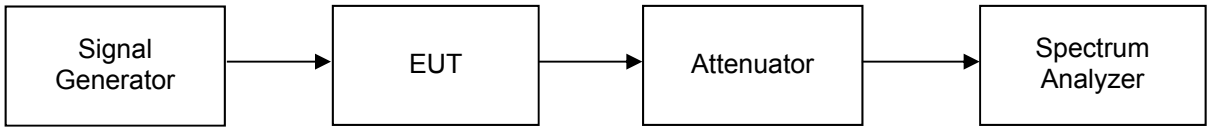
Name of Test:	Emission Masks (Occupied Bandwidth)	**Engineer:** Greg Corbin
Test Equipment Utilized	i00405, i00424	**Test Date:** 6/16/2014

Test Procedure

The EUT was connected directly to a spectrum analyzer to verify that the EUT meets the required emissions mask.
A reference level plot is provided to verify that the peak power was established prior to testing the mask.
The EUT is a booster amplifier that does not contain a transmitter; representative emission designators used in the industry were used for the emission masks and are listed in Table 1.
Emission Masks were measured in both the low power and high power modes of operation.

Emission Designator	Emission Mask	Type of Modulation	Occupied Bandwidth (kHz)	Channel Spacing (kHz)	Audio Frequency (kHz)	Deviation (kHz)	RBW (Hz)
16K0F3E	B	FM	16.0	25	2.5	5.0	300
11K3F3E	D	FM	11.3	12.5	1.0	2.5	100
4K00F1E	E	FM	4	6.25	1.0	1.0	100

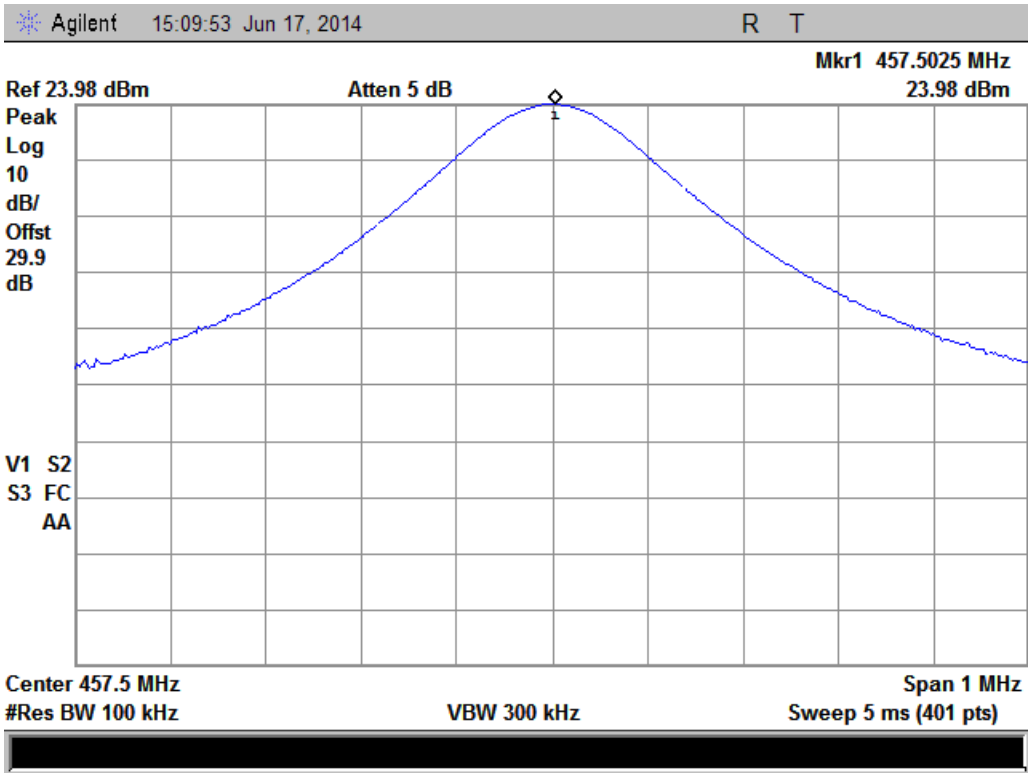
Test Setup



Emission Mask Plots

DownLink _ Low Power_ 450 – 465 MHz
Tuned Frequency = 457.5 MHz

Reference Plot for Mask



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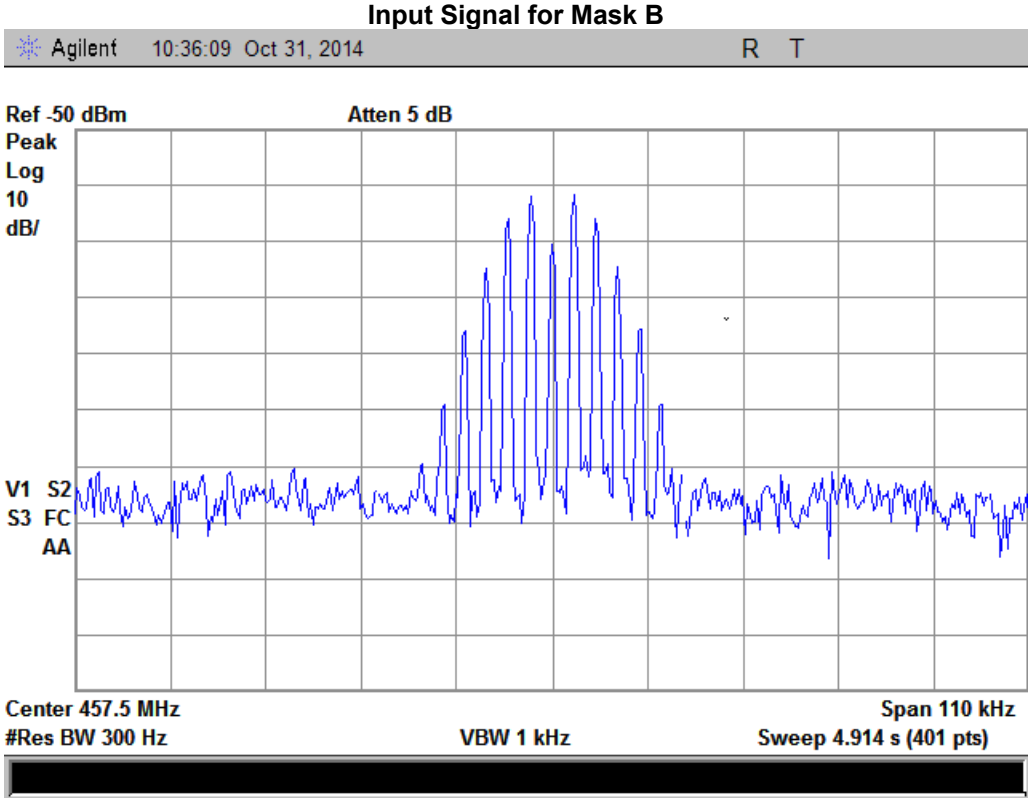

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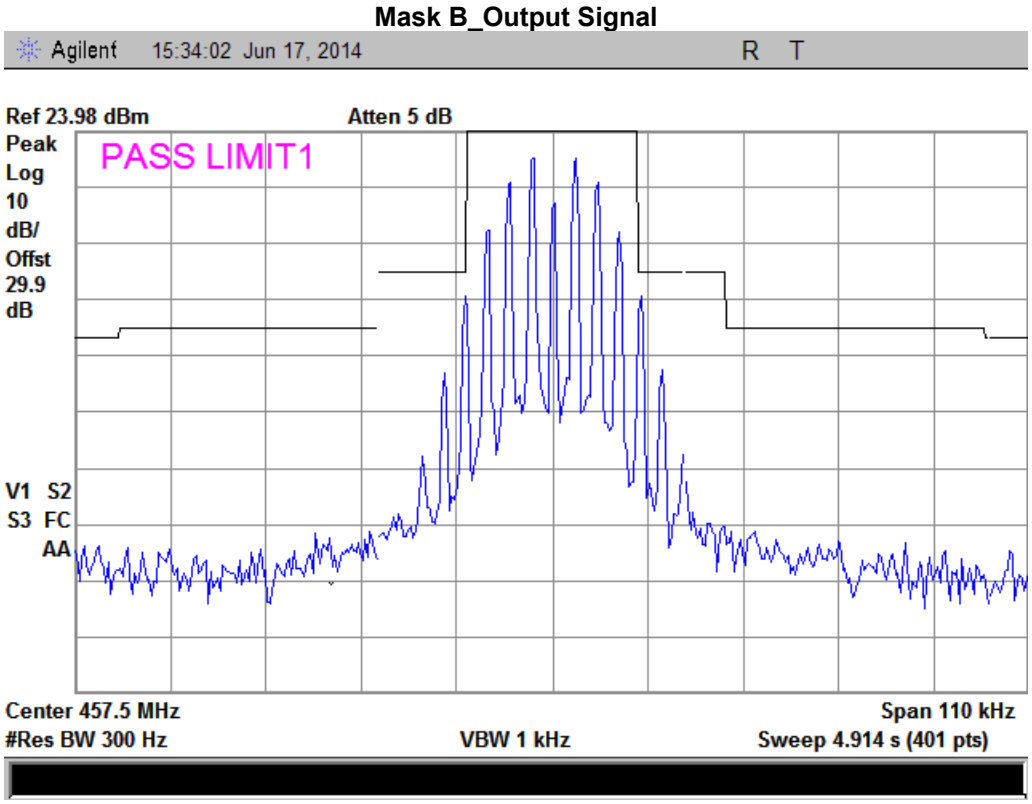

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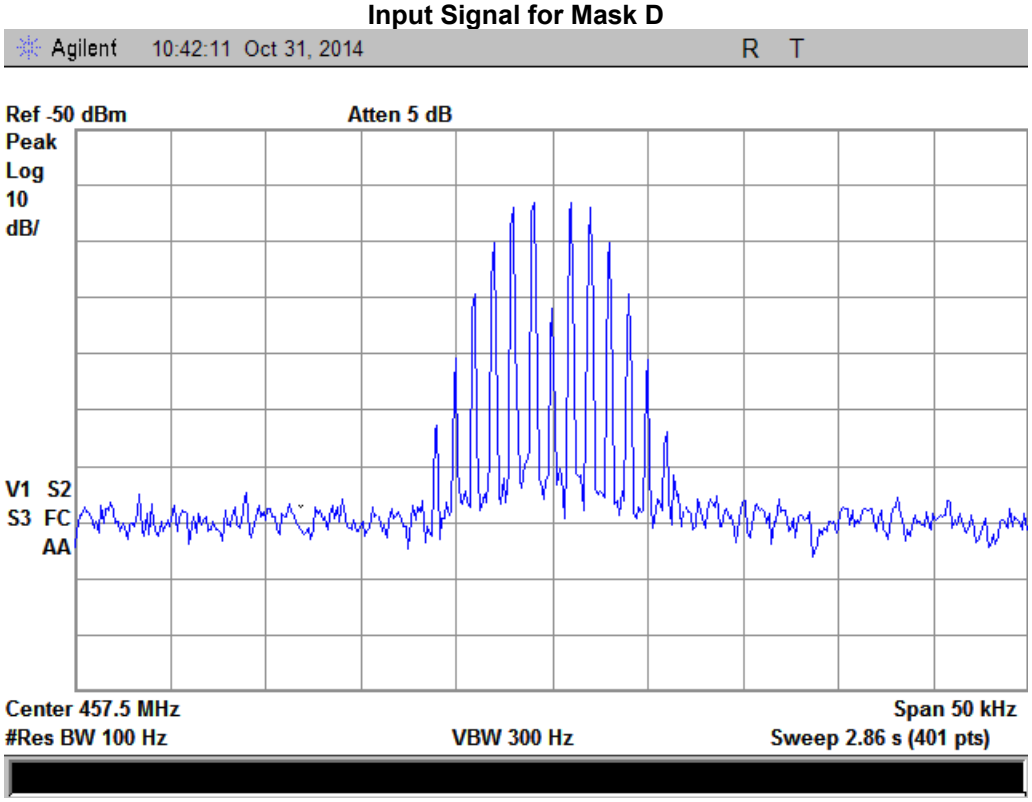

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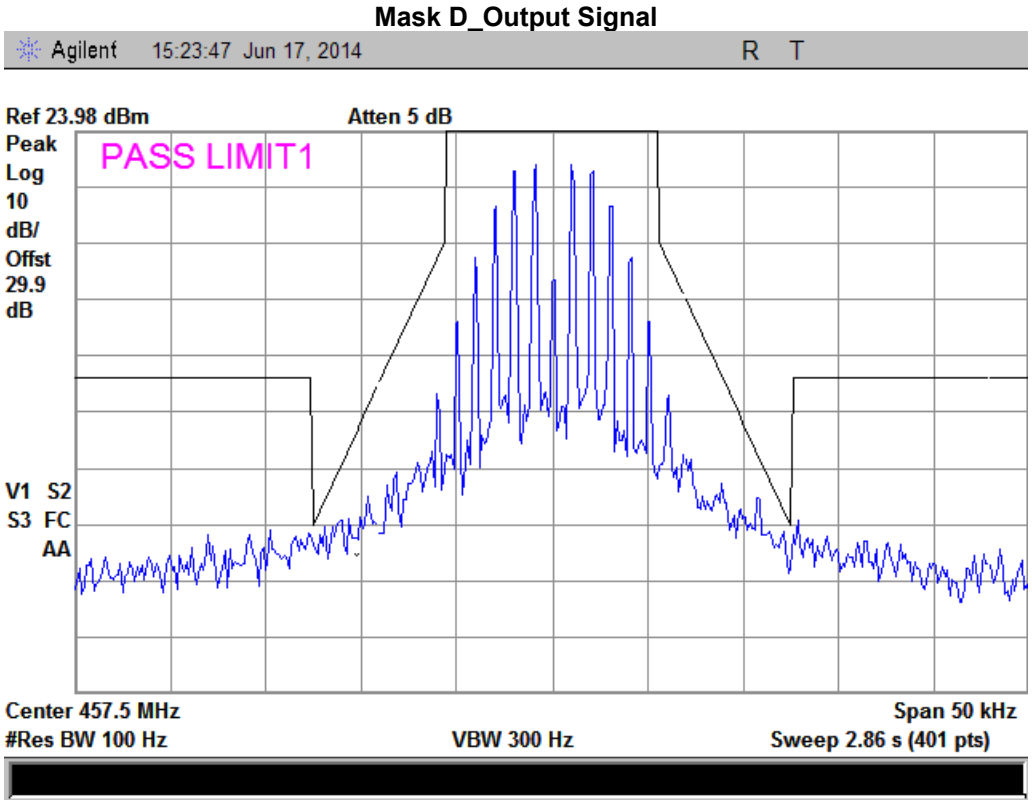

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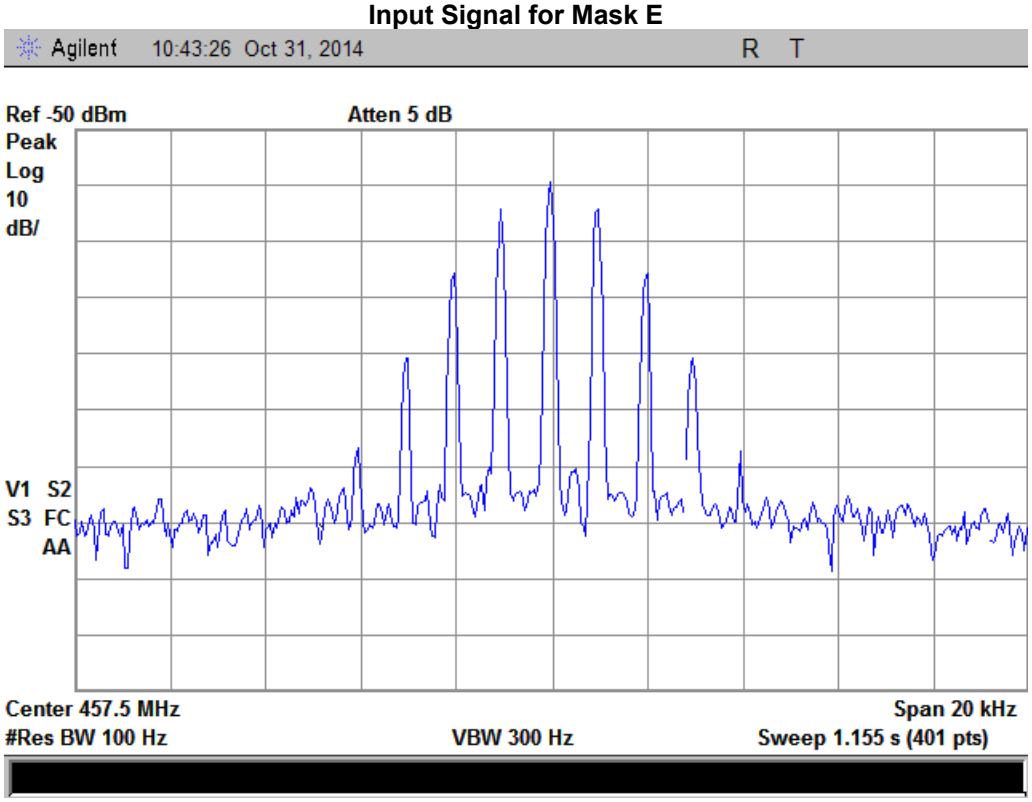

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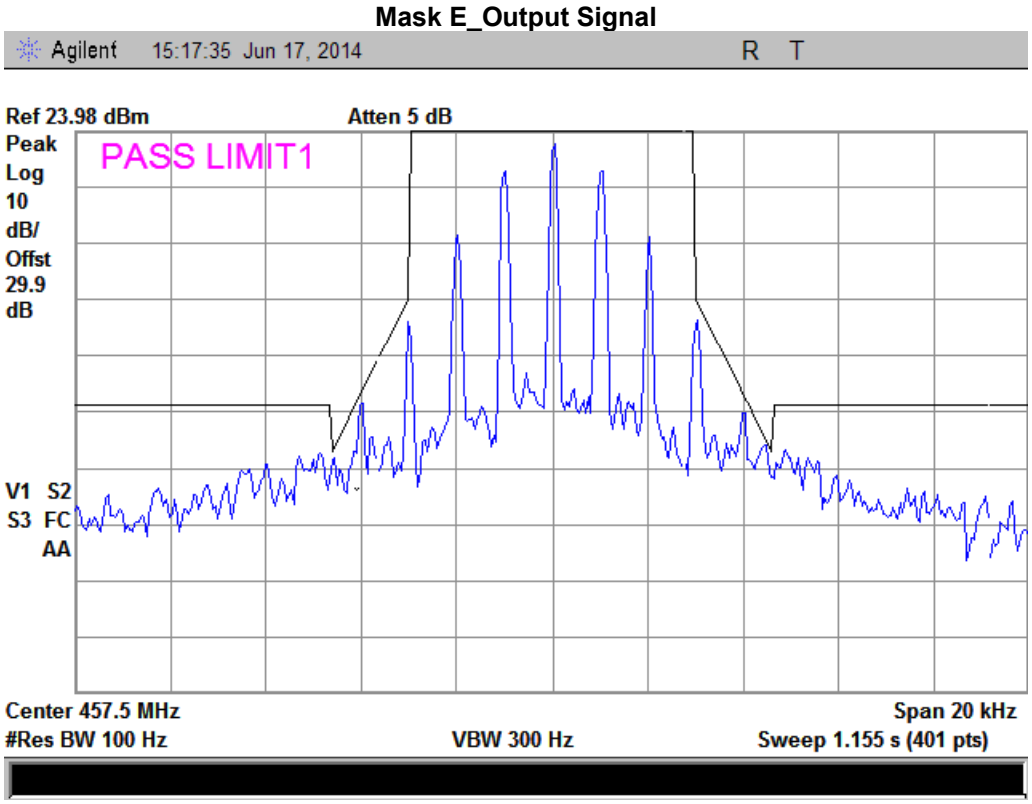

Uplink_ Low Power_ 455 - 470 MHz
Tuned Frequency = 462.5 MHz

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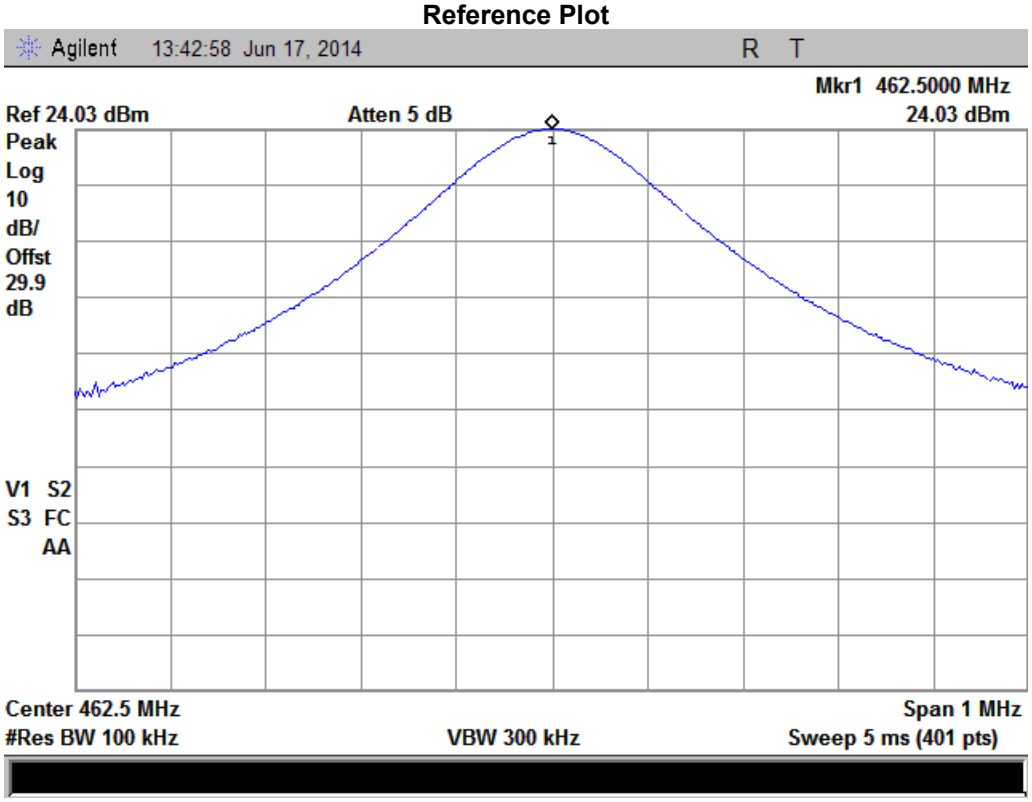

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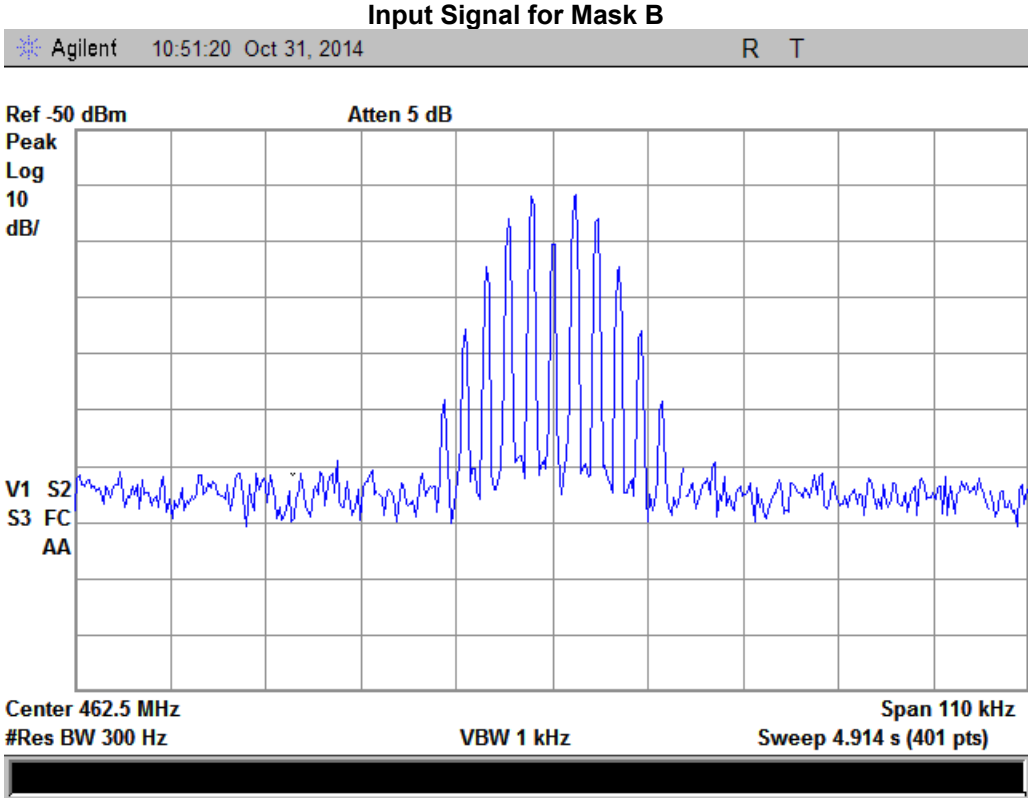

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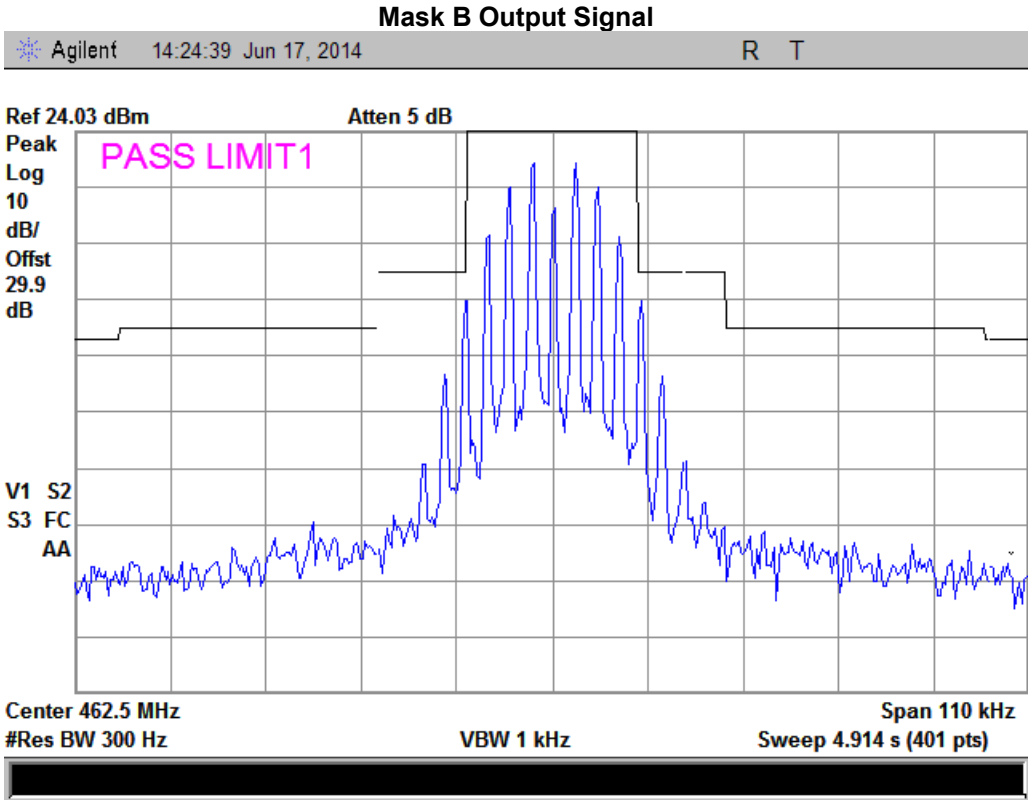

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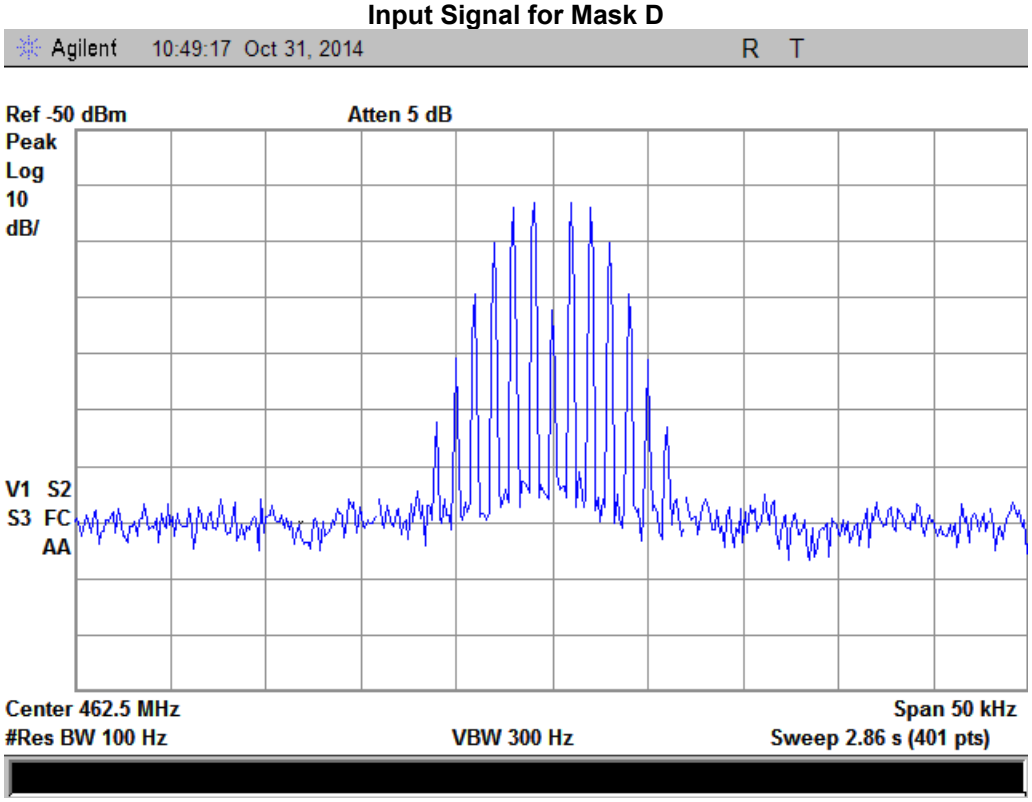

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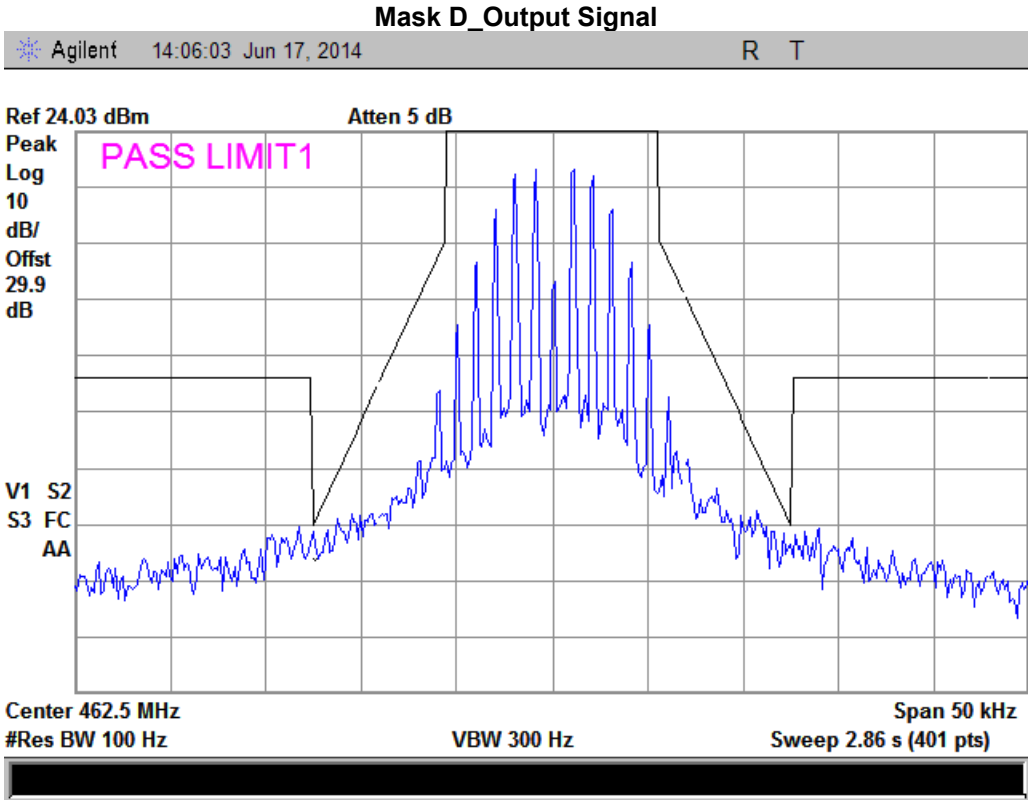

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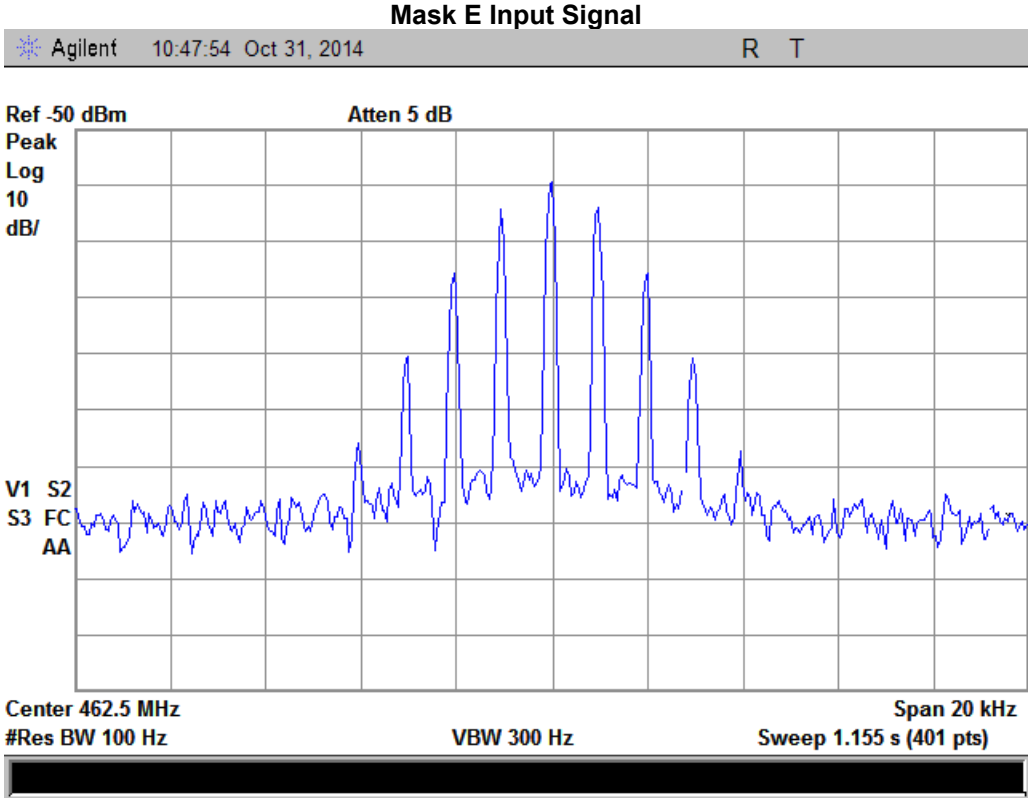

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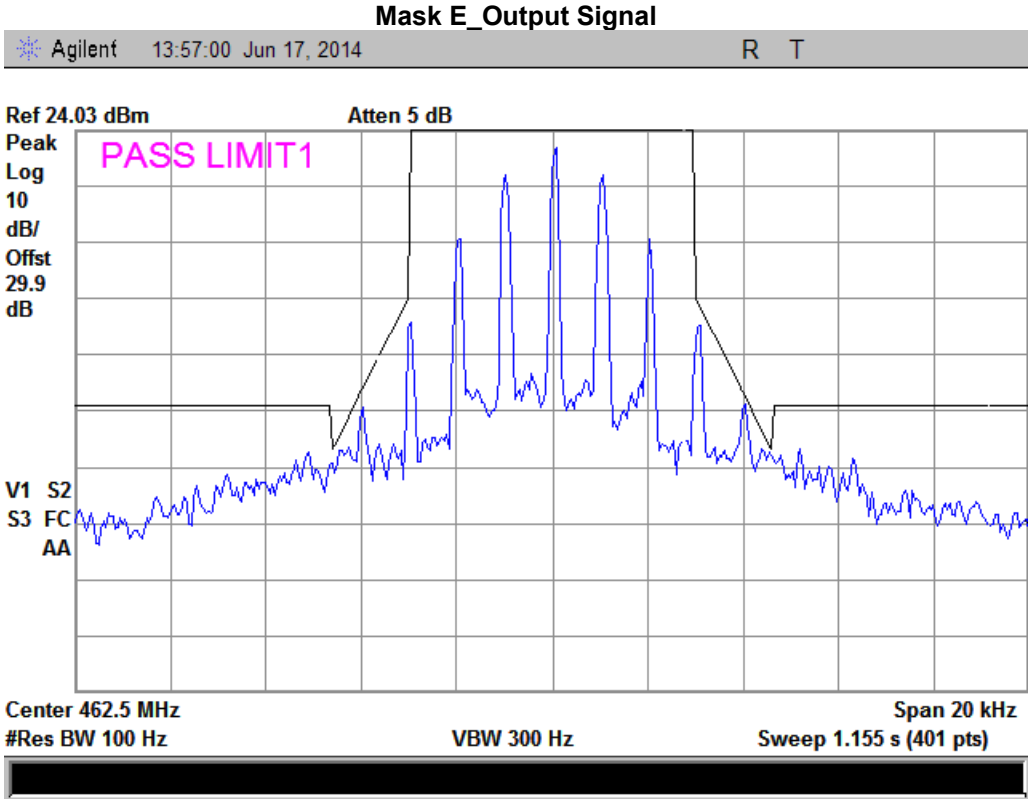
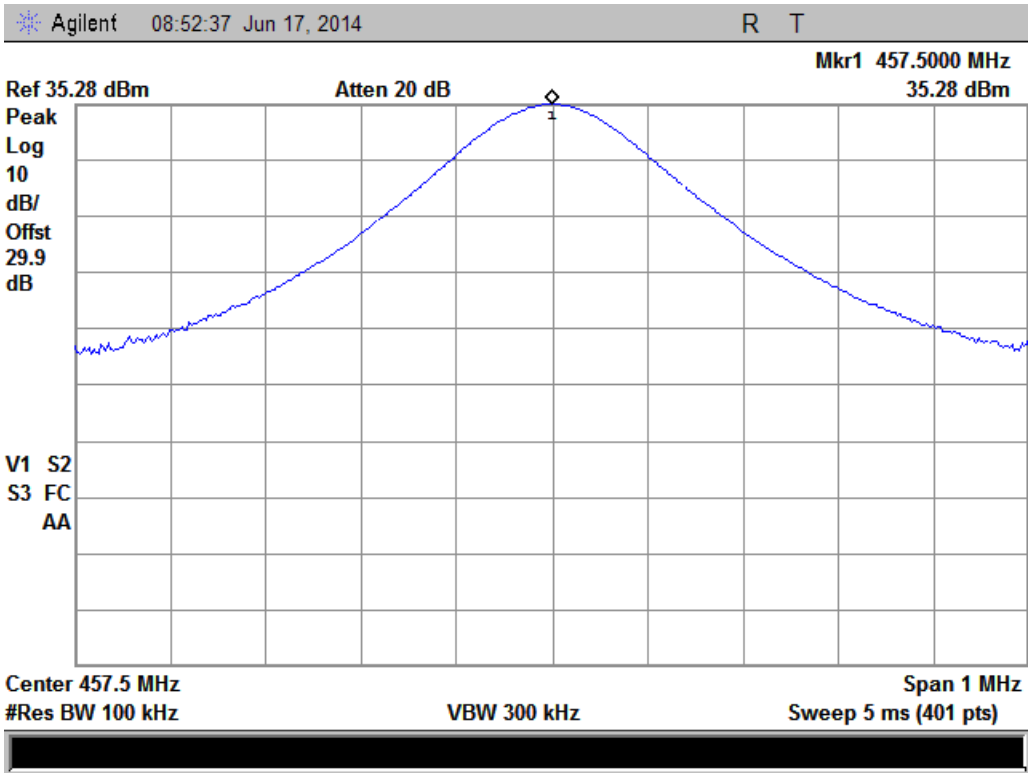


Emission Mask Plots

DownLink _ High Power_ 450 – 465 MHz
Tuned Frequency = 457.5 MHz

Reference Plot



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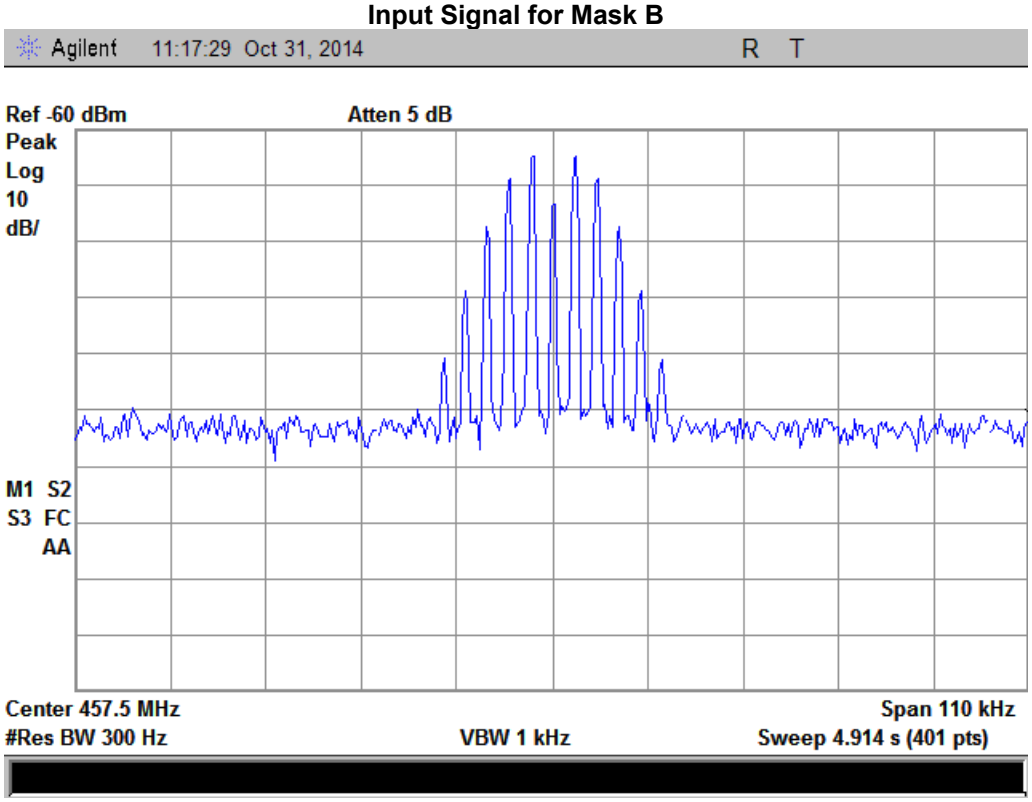

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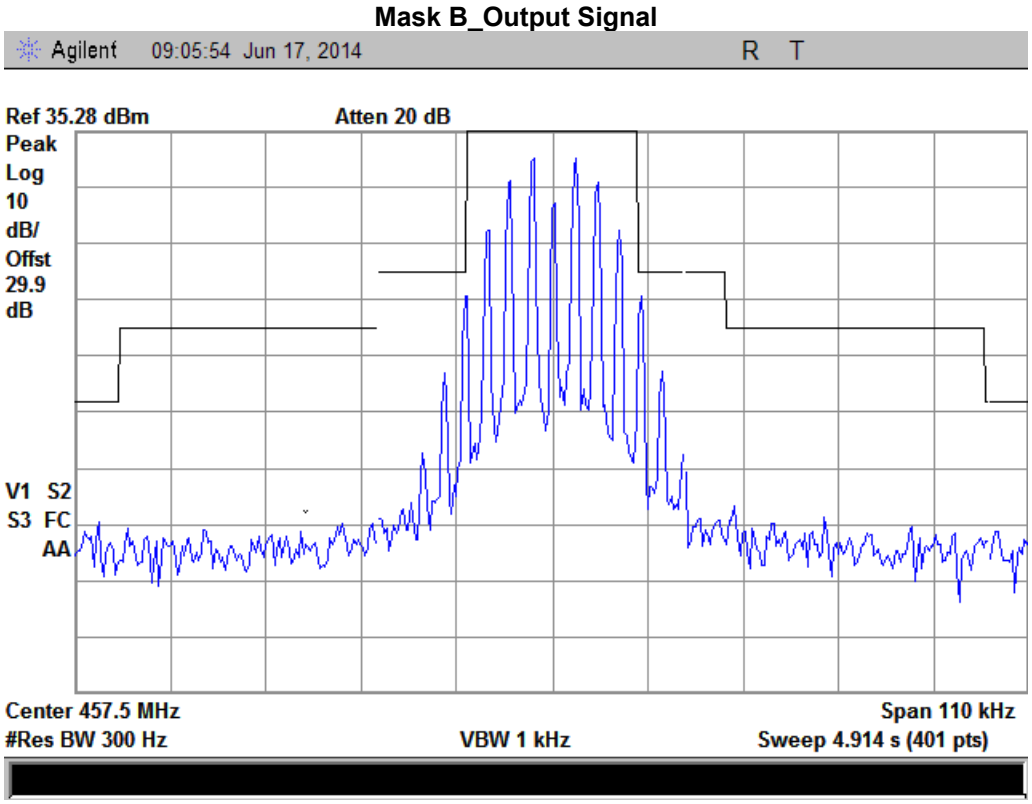

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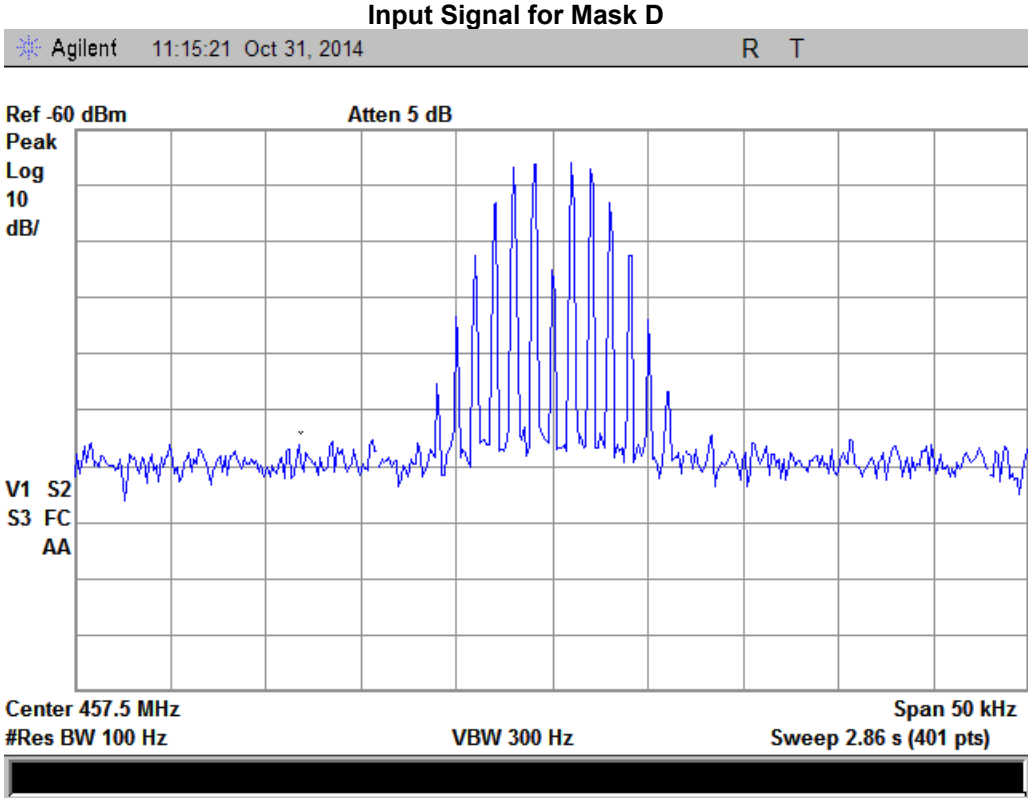

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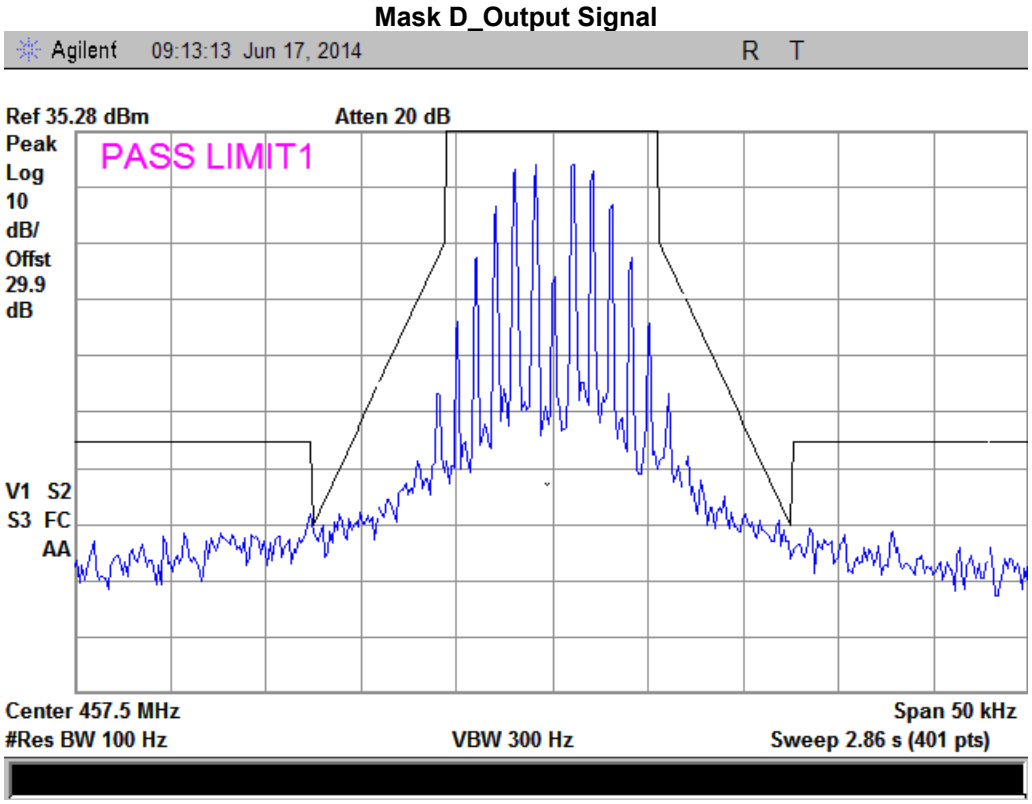

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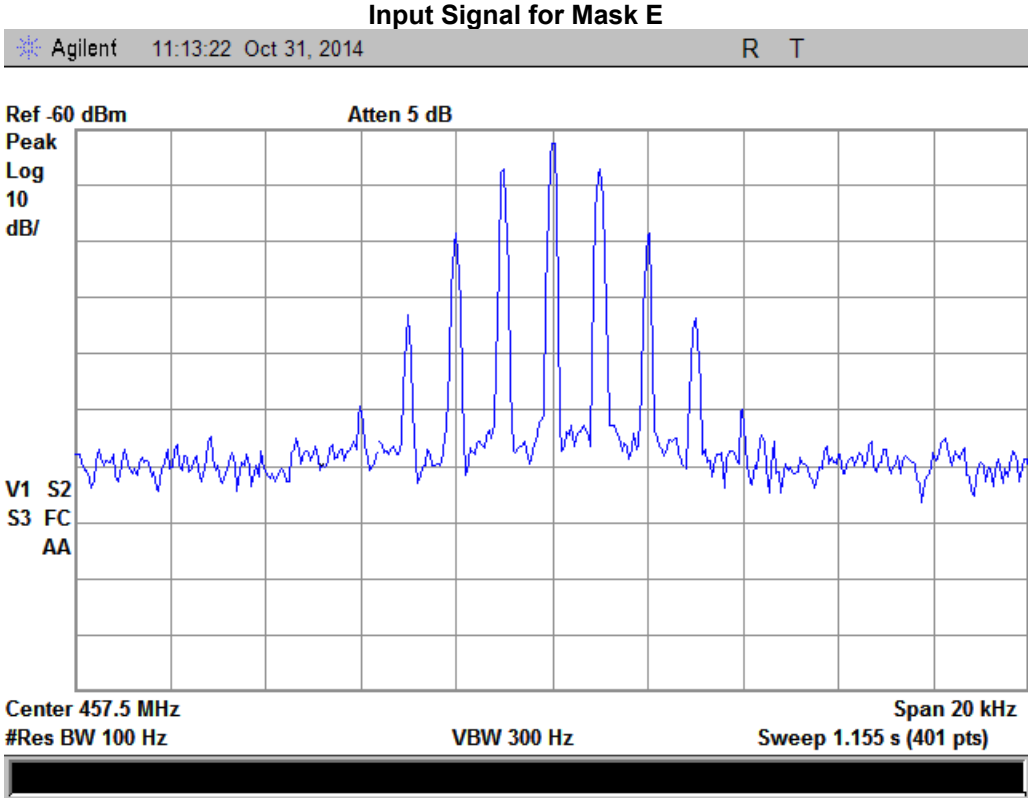

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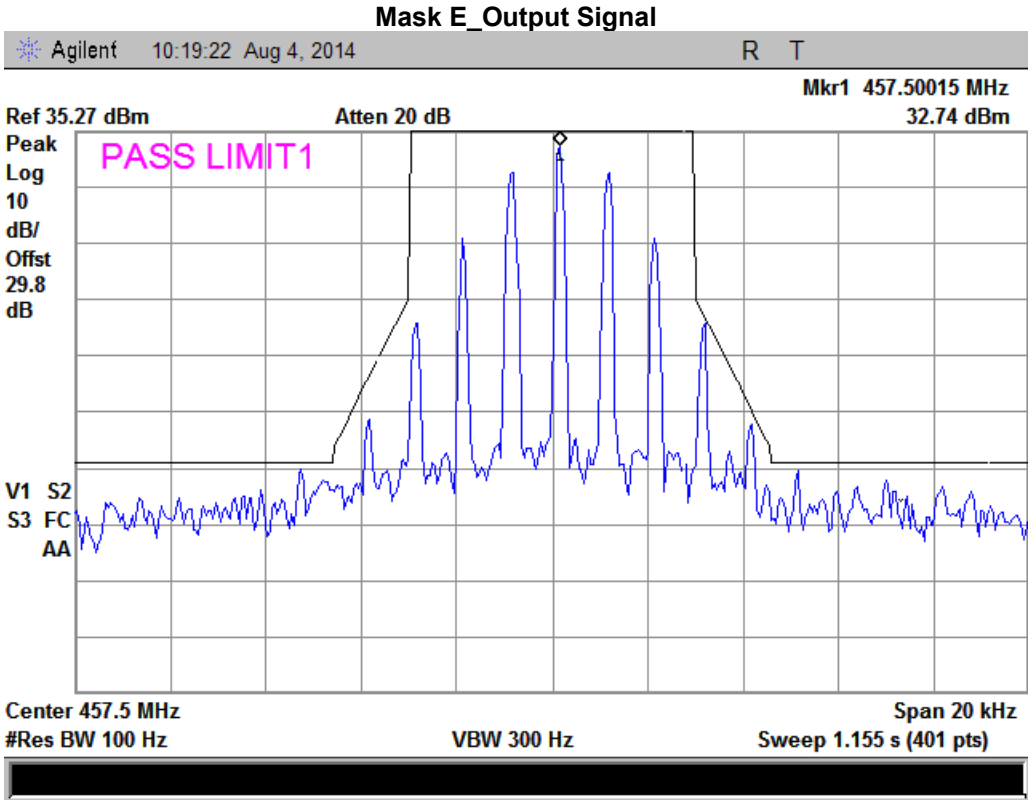
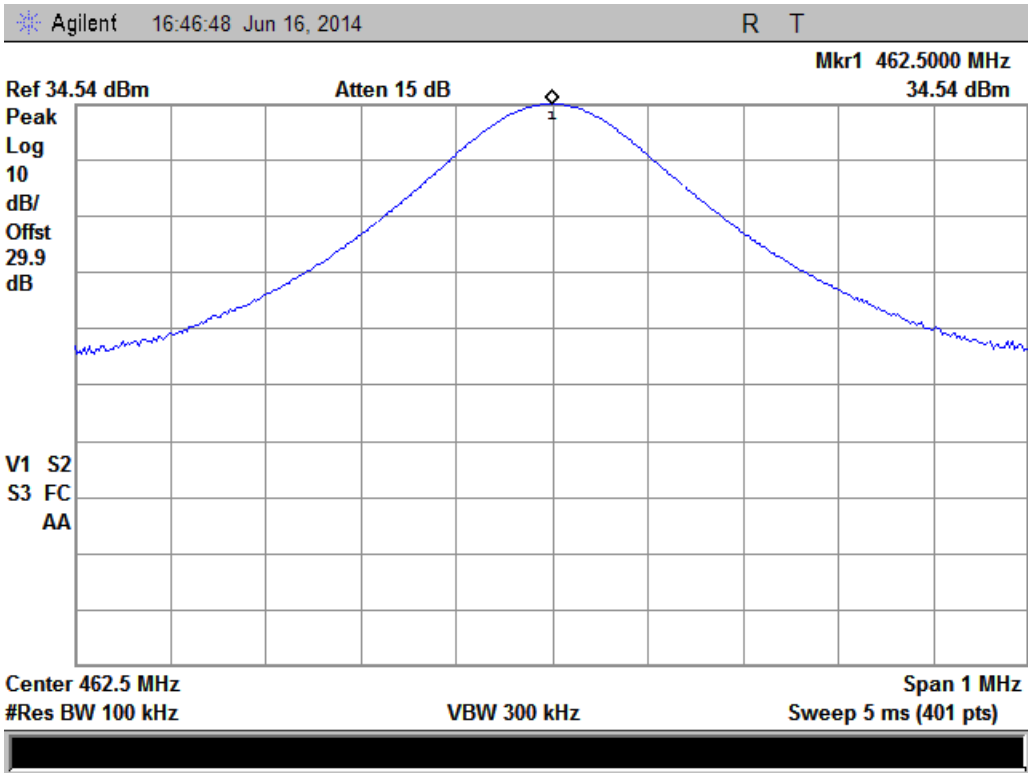


Uplink_ High Power_ 455 - 470 MHz
Tuned Frequency = 462.5 MHz

Reference Plot for Mask



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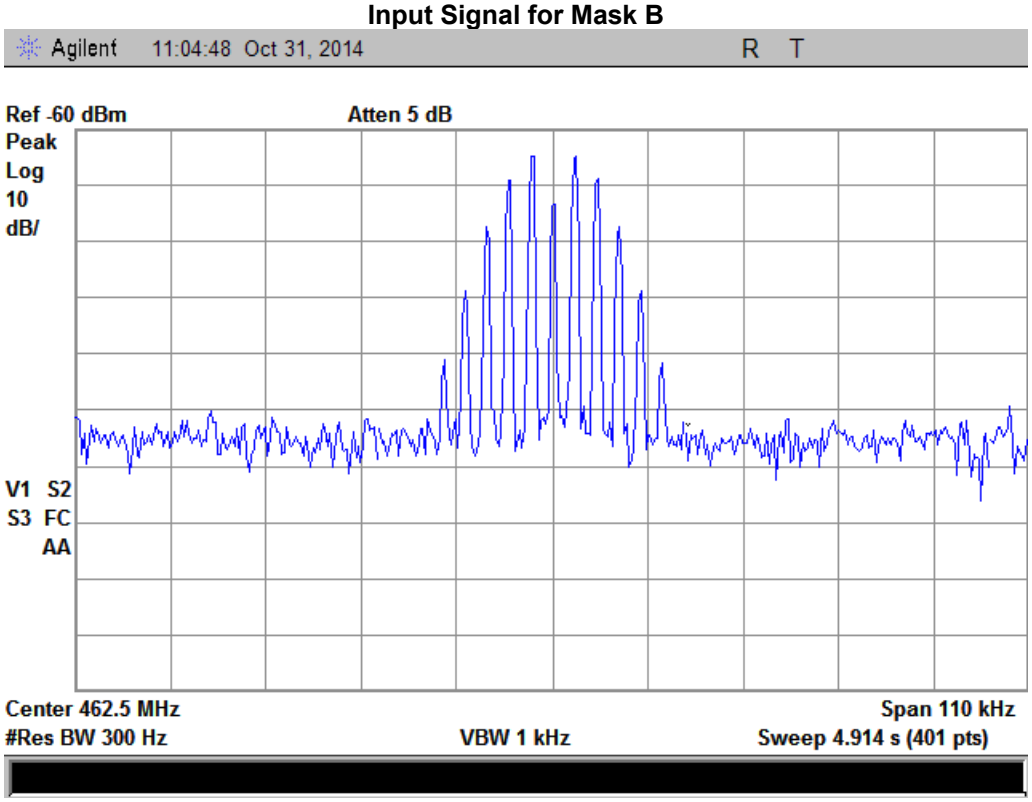

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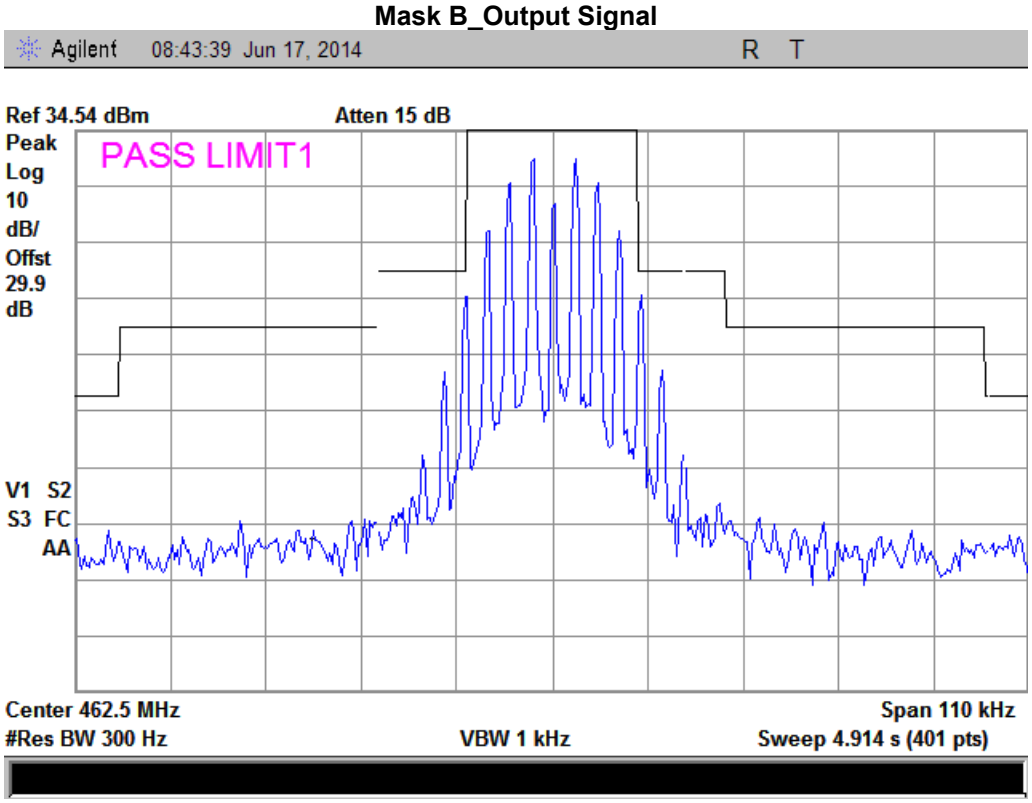

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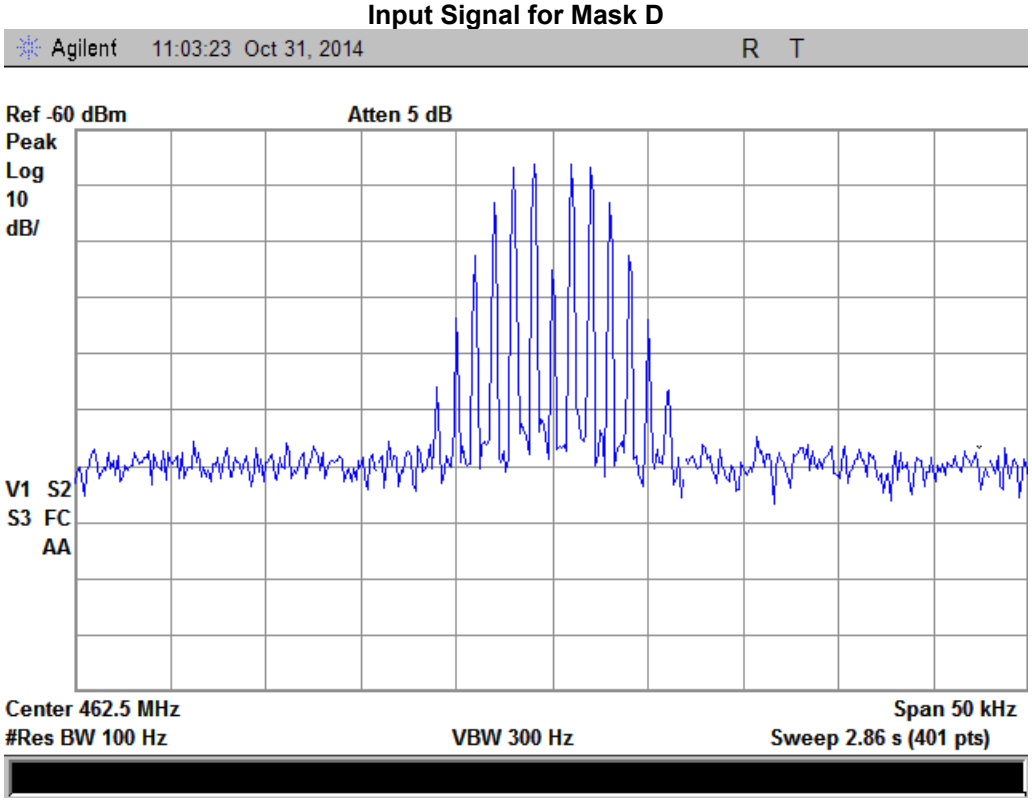

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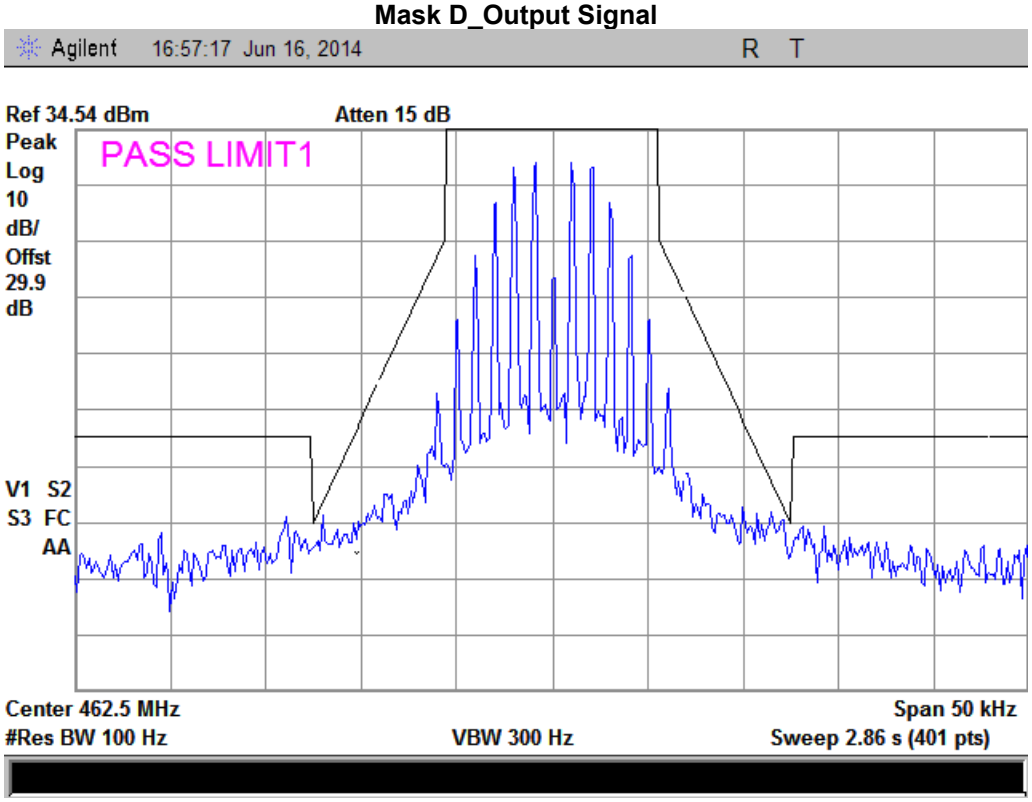

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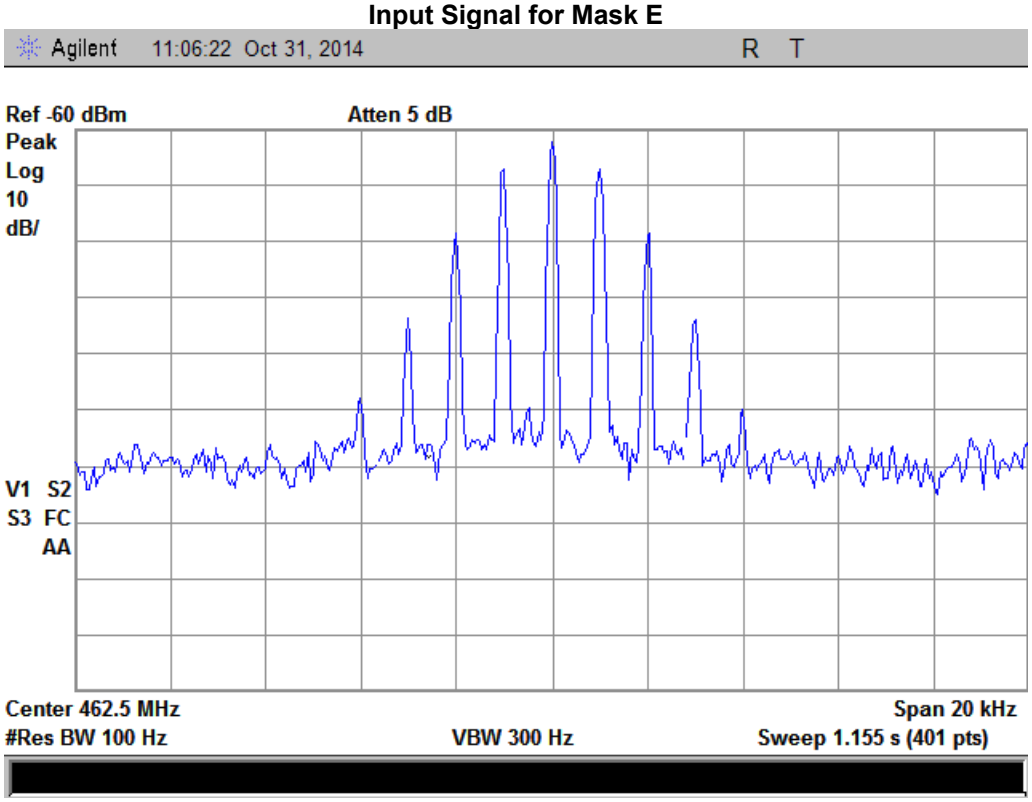

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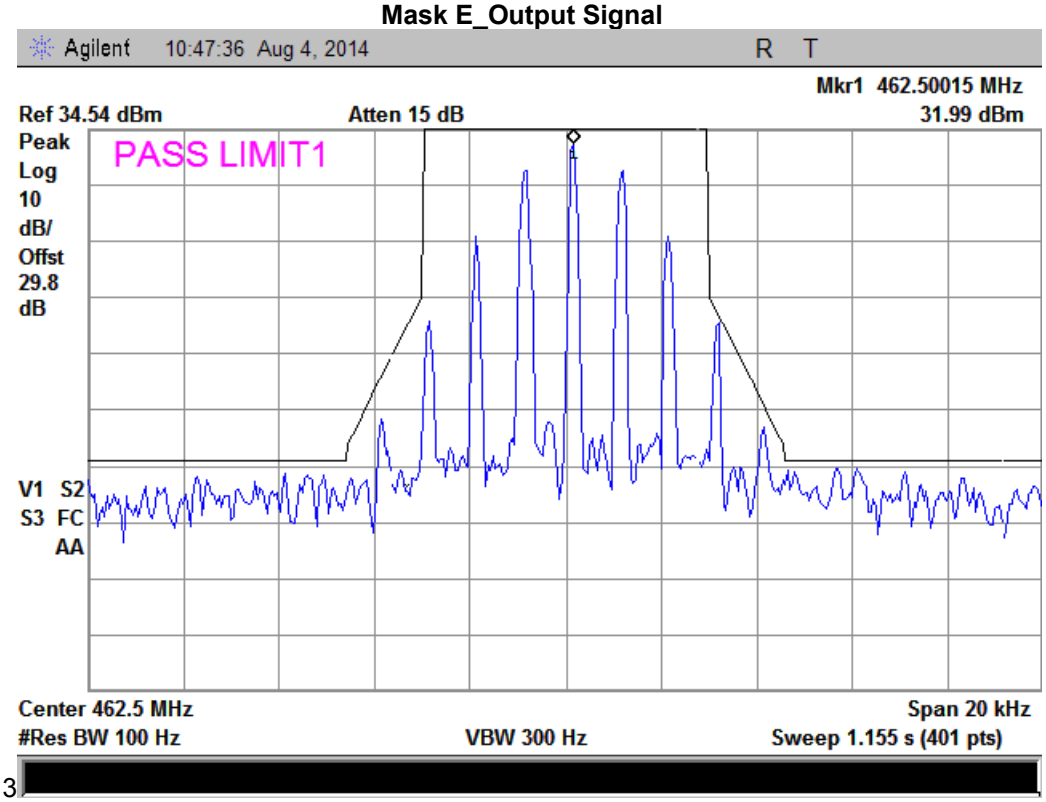

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Intermodulation

Name of Test:	Intermodulation	**Engineer:** Greg Corbin
Test Equipment Utilized:	i00405, i00424	**Test Date:** 6/16/14

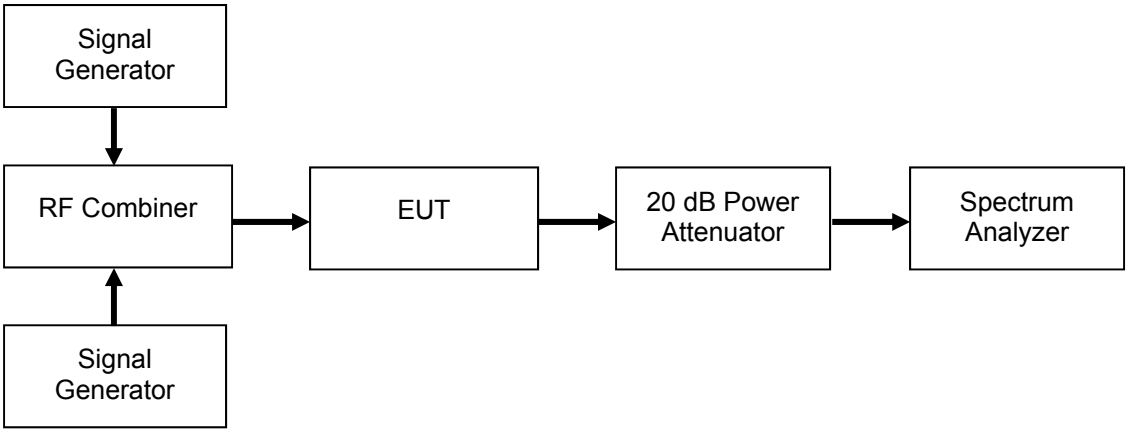
Test Procedure

The EUT was connected to a spectrum analyzer through a 20 dB power attenuator. Two signal generators were utilized to produce a two tone signal with the 12.5 KHz channel spacing set so the intermodulation products fell within the operational band. Frequency at the maximum power from out of band rejection was utilized.

The RF input signal level was set to 0.2 dB below the AGC Threshold.
RBW = 200 Hz
Video BW = 3x RBW

The downlink intermodulation products within the operational band were examined and the maximum amplitude from the intermodulation signals was recorded in tabular form.

Test Setup



Downlink Intermodulation Test Results

Downlink Low Power
450 – 465 MHz

Input Frequency (MHz)		Intermodulation Level (dBm)
450.98125	451.01875	-13.6

Downlink High Power
450 – 465 MHz

Input Frequency (MHz)		Intermodulation Level (dBm)
450.98125	451.01875	-13.5

Uplink Low Power
455 – 470 MHz

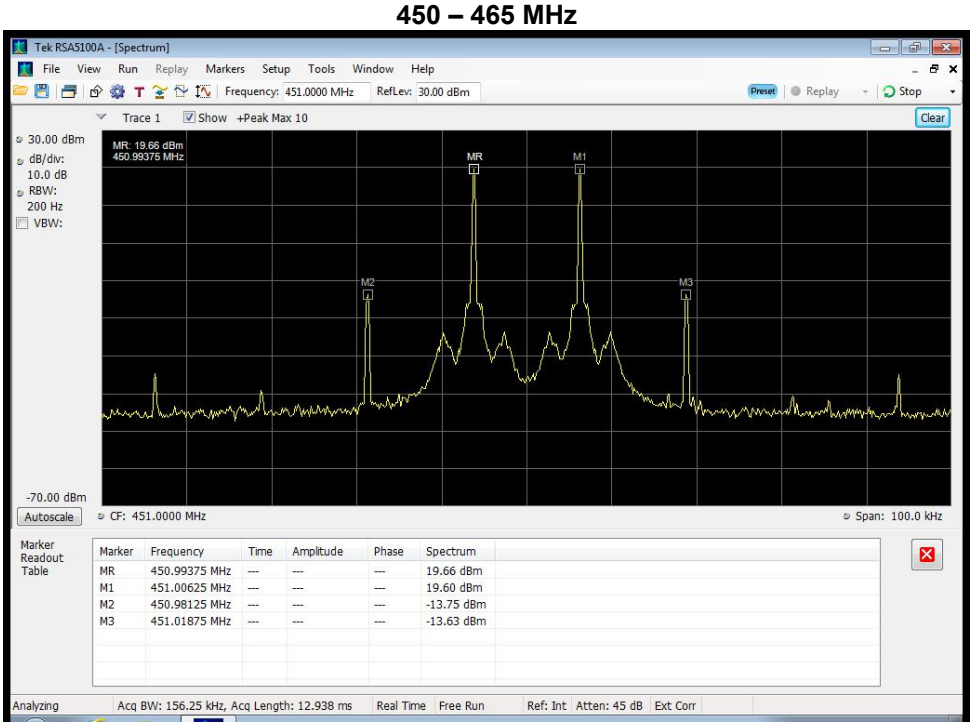
Input Frequency (MHz)		Intermodulation Level (dBm)
455.88125	455.91875	-13.4

Uplink High Power
455 – 470 MHz

Input Frequency (MHz)		Intermodulation Level (dBm)
455.08125	455.11875	-14.3

Intermodulation Test Plots

Downlink Low Power
450 – 465 MHz



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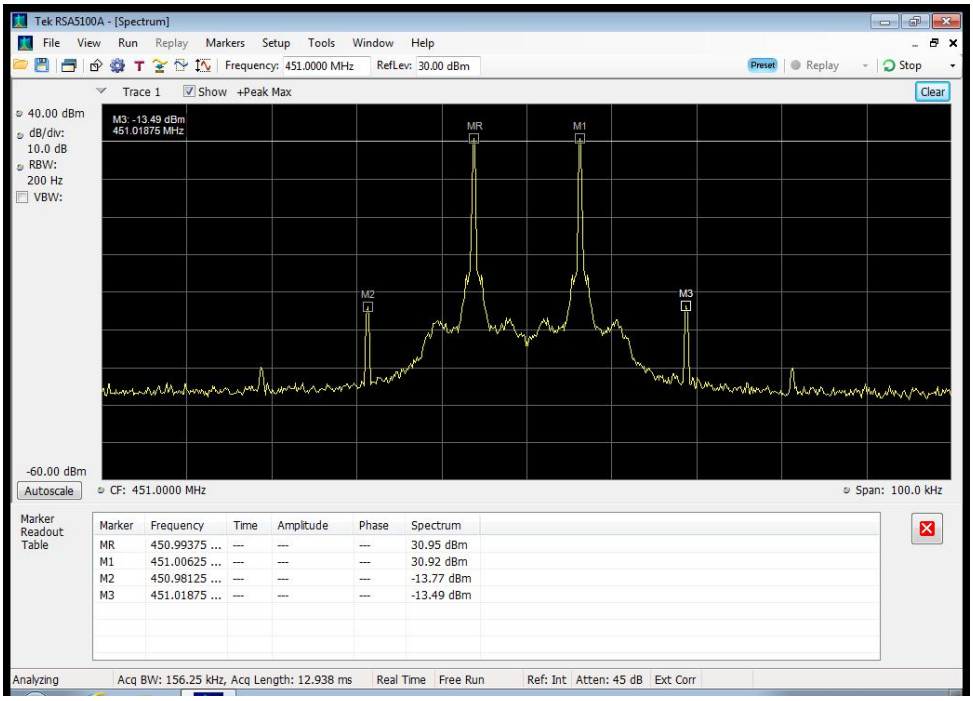

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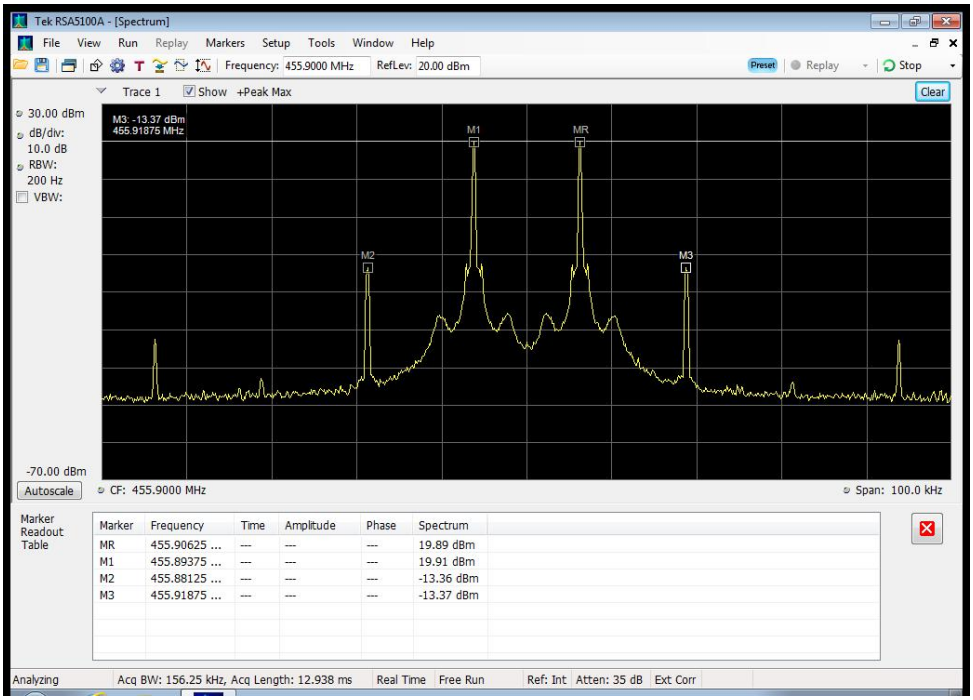

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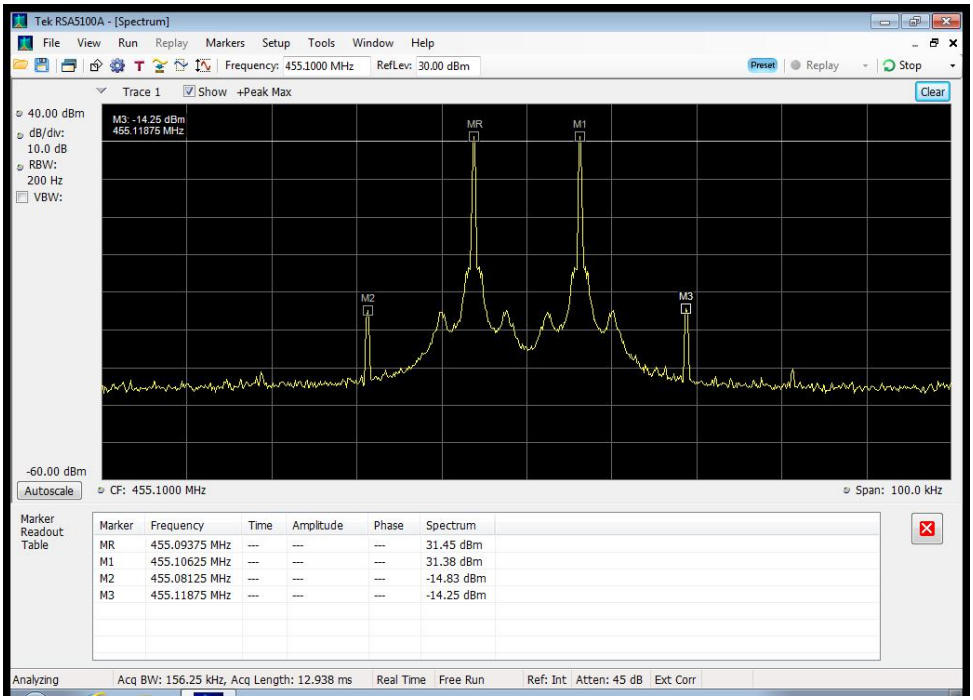


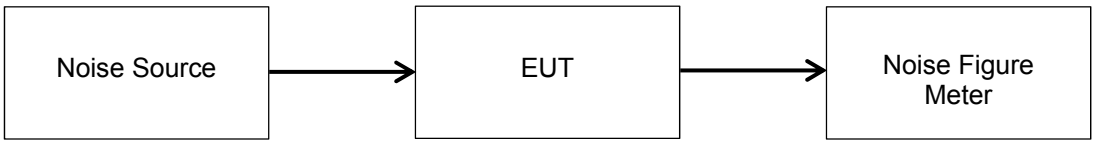
Noise Figure Test

Name of Test: Noise Figure **Engineer:** Greg Corbin
Test Equipment Utilized: N8973A, N4000A **Test Date:** 8/4/2014

Test Procedure

The test equipment was connected as shown in the test set-up.

The noise figure was measured at the passband center frequency.
Noise figure was measured using the high power output.



Operational Band (MHz)	Test Frequency (MHz)	Noise Figure (dB)
Downlink 450 – 465	457.5	6.7
Uplink 455 – 470	462.5	5.6

Test Equipment Utilized

Description	Manufacturer	Model #	CT Asset #	Last Cal Date	Cal Due Date
Horn Antenna	EMCO	3115	i00103	12/11/12	12/11/14
Termination, High Power, 500 watts	Bird	8201	i00134	Verified on: 6/18/14	
Humidity / Temp Meter	Newport	IBTHX-W-5	i00282	3/24/14	3/24/15
Bi-Log Antenna	Schaffner	CBL 6111D	i00349	10/8/13	10/8/15
EMI Analyzer	Agilent	E7405A	i00379	1/14/14	1/14/15
Signal Generator	Rohde & Schwarz	SMU200A	i00405	12/11/13	12/11/14
Spectrum Analyzer	Textronix	RSA5126A	i00424	9/22/13	9/22/14
3 Meter Semi-Anechoic Chamber	Panashield	3 Meter Semi-Anechoic Chamber	i00428	11/26/13	11/26/15
Noise Figure Meter	Agilent	N8973A	Bird Technology	Verified 8-4-14	
Noise Source	Agilent	N4000A	Bird Technology	Verified 8-4-14	

In addition to the above listed equipment standard RF connectors and cables were utilized in the testing of the described equipment. Prior to testing these components were tested to verify proper operation.

END OF TEST REPORT

Test Setup Photos
FCC ID: EZZ61470

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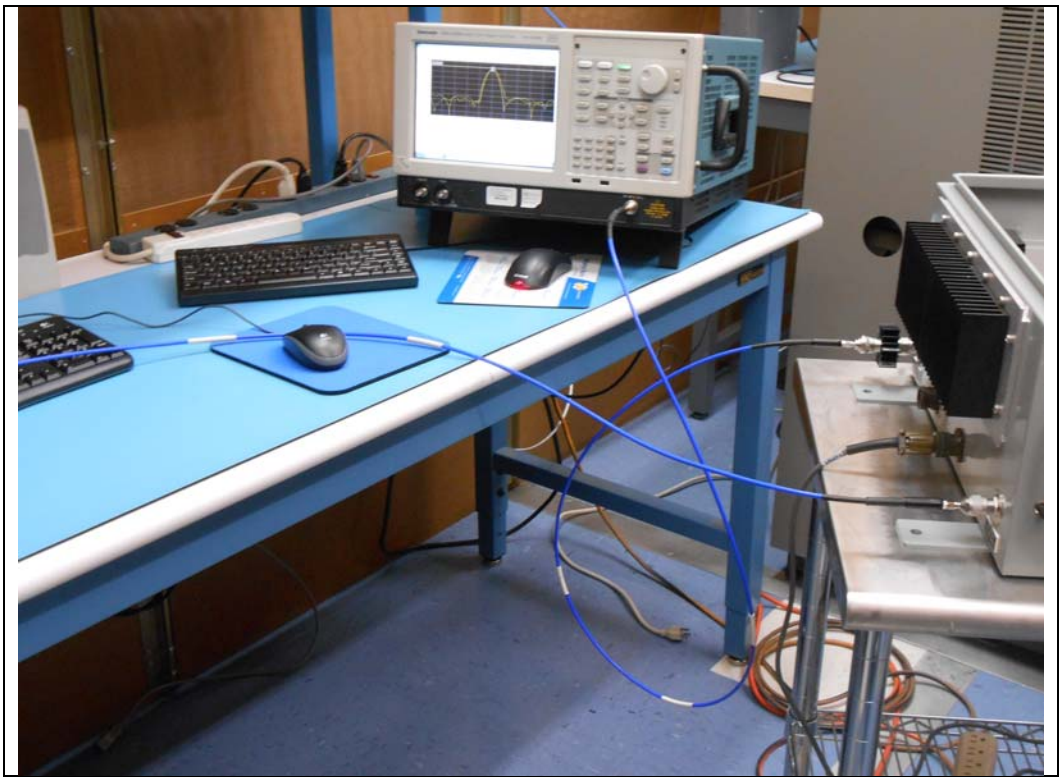
RF Conducted #2



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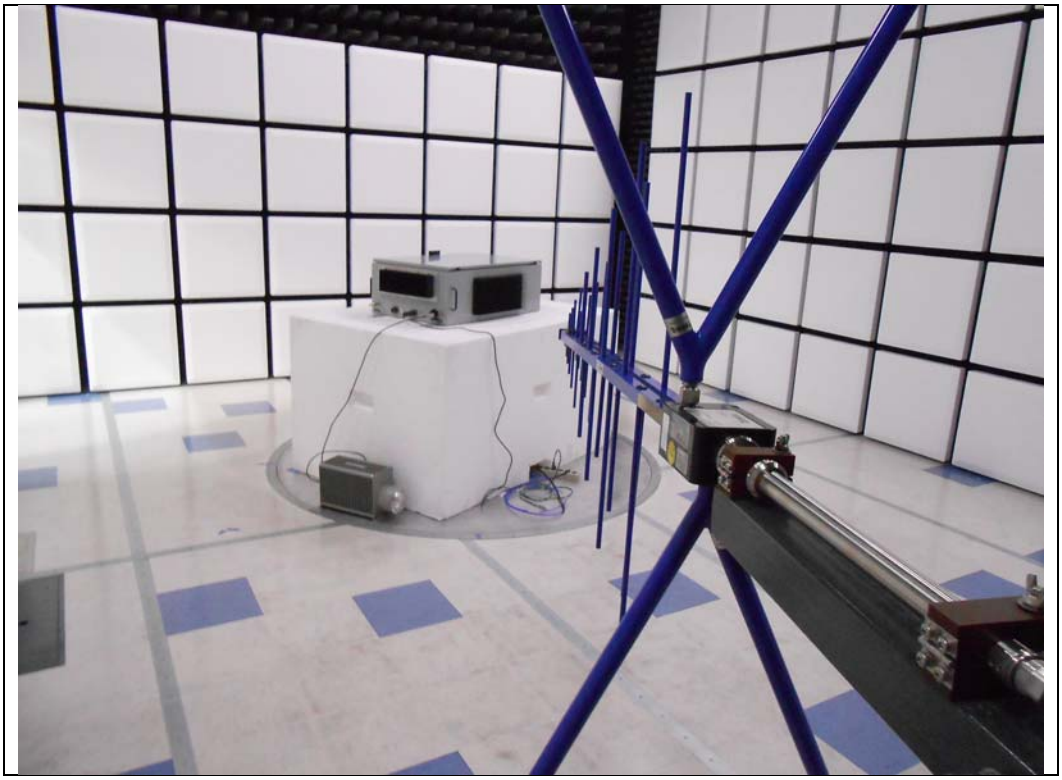
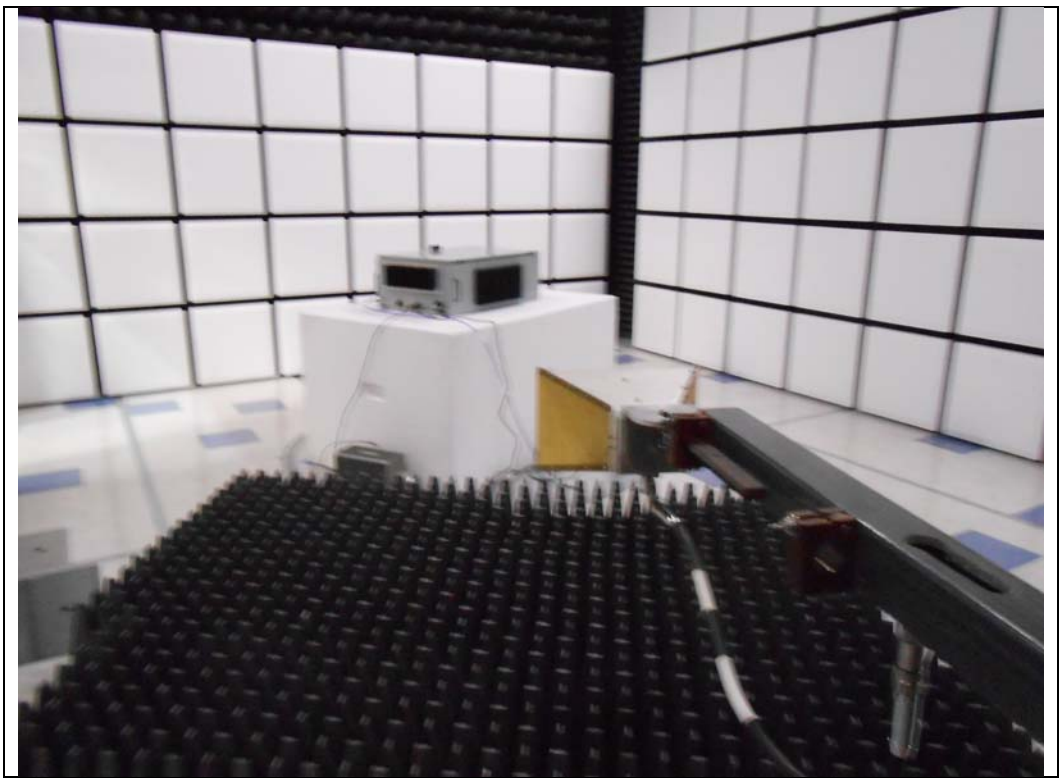
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