

7.3. MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE

LIMITS

FCC §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.

IC RSS 102, Sec. 2.5.2 Exemption Limits for Routine Evaluation – RF Exposure Evaluation

RF exposure evaluation is required if the separation distance between the user and/or bystander and the device's radiating element is greater than 20 cm, except when the device operates as follows:

--- at or above 300 MHz and below 6 GHz and the source-based, time-averaged maximum e.i.r.p. of the device is equal to or less than $1.31 \times 10^{-2} f^{0.6834}$ W (adjusted for tune-up tolerance), where f is in MHz

CALCULATIONS per FCC requirements

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

$$(mW) = P (W) / 1000 \text{ and}$$

$$d (cm) = 100 * d (m)$$

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

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

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

yields

$$d = 0.282 * 10^{((P + G) / 20)} / \sqrt{S} \quad \text{Equation (1)}$$

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

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 peak power is used to calculate the MPE distance.
Equation (2) and the measured peak power is used to calculate the Power density.

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

For this EUT, $P = 13.85 \text{ dBm}$, $\text{Max } G = 1.0 \text{ dBi}$, and $d = 20 \text{ cm}$

Plug all three items into equation (2), and yields,

Power Density Limit (mW/cm^2)	Output Power (dBm)	Antenna Gain (dBi)	Power Density (mW/cm^2)
1.0/5.0	13.85	1.0	0.006

NOTE: For mobile or fixed location transmitters, the minimum separation distance is 20 cm, even if calculations indicate that the MPE distance would be less.

CALCULATIONS per IC requirements

From IC RSS 102, Sec. 2.5.2

For this EUT, the applied tight limit is 1.371 W at $f = 902.6 \text{ MHz}$. EUT has max e.i.r.p value, $13.85 + 1 = 14.85 \text{ dBm}$, i.e. 0.031 W , which is far under the limit. Therefore this EUT is exempt from RF exposure evaluation.

RESULTS

No non-compliance noted: