

FCC §15.407 (f) , §1.1310 , §2.1091& RSS-102 § 4- MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)

Applicable Standard

According to subpart 15.407(f) and subpart §1.1310, systems operating under the provisions of this section shall be operated in a manner that ensures that the public is not exposed to radio frequency energy level in excess of the Commission's guidelines.

Limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) (§1.1310, §2.1091)

(B) Limits for 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	2.19/f	*(180/f ²)	30
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;

According to §1.1310 and §2.1091 RF exposure is calculated.

According to RSS-102 § 4Table 4, RF Field Strength Limits for Devices Used by the General Public (Uncontrolled Environment)

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Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field (V/m rms)	Magnetic Field (A/m rms)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Reference Period (minutes)
0.003-10 ²¹	83	90	-	Instantaneous*
0.1-10	-	0.73/ f	-	6**
1.1-10	87/ f ^{0.5}	-	-	6**
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 x 10 ⁻⁴ f ^{0.5}	6.67 x 10 ⁻⁵ f	616000/ f ^{1.2}
Note: f is frequency in MHz. *Based on nerve stimulation (NS). ** Based on specific absorption rate (SAR).				

Calculation Formula:

Prediction of power density at the distance of the applicable MPE limit:

$S = PG/4\pi R^2$ = power density (in appropriate units, e.g. mW/cm²);

P = power input to the antenna (in appropriate units, e.g., mW);

G = power gain of the antenna in the direction of interest relative to an isotropic radiator, the power gain factor, is normally numeric gain;

R = distance to the center of radiation of the antenna (appropriate units, e.g., cm);

For simultaneously transmit system, the calculated power density should comply with:

$$\sum_i \frac{S_i}{S_{Limit,i}} \leq 1$$

Calculated Data:

Mode	Frequency (MHz)	Antenna Gain		Tune-up Power		Evaluation Distance (cm)	Power Density		MPE Limit	
		(dBi)	(numeric)	(dBm)	(mW)		(mW/cm ²)	(W/m ²)	FCC (mW/cm ²)	RSS-102 (W/m ²)
WLAN 2.4GHz	2412-2462	2	1.58	28	630.96	20.00	0.1990	1.99	1.0	5.37
WLAN 5GHz	5150-5850	2	1.58	18	63.10	20.00	0.02	0.2	1.0	9.05
LTE Band 7	2500-2570	3	2.00	24	251.19	20.00	0.10	1.0	1.0	5.50
LTE Band 40	2305-2315	3	2.00	19	79.43	20.00	0.032	0.32	1.0	5.20
	2350-2360	3	2.00	19	79.43	20.00	0.032	0.32	1.0	5.27
LTE Band 41	2500-2690	3	2.00	25	316.23	20.00	0.1256	1.256	1.0	5.49
LTE Band 43	3650-3700	3	2.00	23	199.53	20.00	0.0792	0.792	1.0	7.12

The WLAN 2.4GHz, 5GHz and LTE can transmit simultaneously:

For FCC:

$$\sum_i \frac{S_i}{S_{Limit,i}}$$

$$= S_{2.4}/S_{limit-2.4} + S_5/S_{limit-5} + S_{LTE}/S_{limit-LTE}$$

$$= 0.199/1 + 0.02/1 + 0.1256/1$$

$$= 0.3446$$

$$< 1.0$$

For RSS-102:

$$\sum_i \frac{S_i}{S_{Limit,i}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= S_{2.4}/S_{limit-2.4} + S_5/S_{limit-5} + S_{LTE}/S_{limit-LTE} \\ &= 1.99/5.37 + 0.2/9.05 + 1.256/5.49 \\ &= 0.621 \\ &< 1.0 \end{aligned}$$

Result: Compliance, The device meets MPE requirement for Devices Used by the General Public (Uncontrolled Environment) at distance ≥ 20 cm.

FCC §15.203 ,RSS-GEN§8.3- ANTENNA REQUIREMENT

Applicable Standard

According to § 15.203, an intentional radiator shall be designed to ensure that no antenna other than that furnished by the responsible party shall be used with the device. The use of a permanently attached antenna or of an antenna that uses a unique coupling to the intentional radiator shall be considered sufficient to comply with the provisions of this section. The manufacturer may design the unit so that a broken antenna can be replaced by the user, but the user of a standard antenna jack or electrical connector is prohibited. The structure and application of the EUT were analyzed to determine compliance with section §15.203 of the rules. §15.203 state that the subject device must meet the following criteria:

- a. Antenna must be permanently attached to the unit.
- b. Antenna must use a unique type of connector to attach to the EUT.

Unit must be professionally installed, and installer shall be responsible for verifying that the correct antenna is employed with the unit.

According to RSS-Gen §8.3, The applicant for equipment certification, as per RSP-100, must provide a list of all antenna types that may be used with the licence-exempt transmitter, indicating the maximum permissible antenna gain (in dBi) and the required impedance for each antenna.

Licence-exempt transmitters that have received equipment certification may operate with different types of antennas. However, it is not permissible to exceed the maximum equivalent isotropically radiated power (e.i.r.p.) limits specified in the applicable standard (RSS) for the licence-exempt apparatus.

Testing shall be performed using the highest gain antenna of each combination of licence-exempt transmitter and antenna type, with the transmitter output power set at the maximum level.⁹ When a measurement at the antenna connector is used to determine RF output power, the effective gain of the device's antenna shall be stated, based on a measurement or on data from the antenna manufacturer.

User manuals for transmitters equipped with detachable antennas shall also contain the following notice in a conspicuous location:

This radio transmitter (identify the device by certification number or model number if Category II) has been approved by Industry Canada to operate with the antenna types listed below with the maximum permissible gain indicated. Antenna types not included in this list, having a gain greater than the maximum gain indicated for that type, are strictly prohibited for use with this device.

Immediately following the above notice, the manufacturer shall provide a list of all antenna types approved for use with the transmitter, indicating the maximum permissible antenna gain (in dBi).