

UAS Development

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Why an Experimental License is Necessary:

An experimental license is required to support development and testing of the UAS communications data link architecture.

Operation Description:

The operation involves experimentation using a Common Data Link (CDL) systems that will be used as the communications data link for a UAS. The initial phase of the experimentation will require ground testing of the data link from the UAS terminal to a ground control station terminal. During this phase of the testing the aircraft terminal equipment will be operated on the ground at Bingen, WA. The UAS communications terminal will transmit in the CDL mobile band (14400 – 14830 MHz), and the fixed ground control terminal will transmit in the CDL fixed band (15150 – 15350 MHz). No mobile air operations are required for the initial phase, and all communications tests will be conducted within the requested areas of operation.

Follow-on testing will include actual mobile air to fixed ground station operations, and is anticipated to be conducted at Boardman Bombing Range, OR. Flight testing will demonstrate communications capability from ground to 10,000 feet.

Table (1) lists the aircraft terminal specifications, including frequency band of operation, transmitter output power, emissions, antenna types and gains, as well as maximum ERP. Figure (1) is a diagram of the aircraft terminal configuration.

Frequency Data	
Transmit	14400 – 14830 MHz
Receive	15150 – 15350 MHz
Transmitter Data	
Transmitter Model	Mini CDL 200
Transmitter Manufacturer	L3 Communications
Transmitter Power Output	2.5 Watts
Antenna Data	
Bicone Antenna	5 dBi Gain Omni
Bicone Antenna ERP	5 Watts
Hemispherical Antenna	3.8 dBi Gain Omni
Hemispherical Antenna ERP	4 Watts
Emission Data	
Emissions	800KG1D 8M00G1D 21M4G1D 42M8G1D

Table 1 – Aircraft Terminal Data

Table (2) lists the ground terminal specifications, including frequency band of operation, transmitter output power, emissions, antenna types and gains, as well as maximum ERP. The ERP calculation takes into account various system losses between the transmitter output and antenna feed. Figure (2) is a diagram of the ground terminal.

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Hemispherical Antenna ERP	4 Watts
1.2 Meter Directional Dish	8 Watts + 41.1 dBi
1.2 Meter Directional Dish ERP	83,000 Watts
Emission Data	
Emissions	800KG1D 8M00G1D 21M4G1D 42M8G1D

Table 2 – Ground Terminal Data

Table (3) lists the locations/areas of operations, as well as the station class of the operation.

City	State	Latitude	Longitude	Radius (KM)	Station Type
Bingen	WA	45-42-23N	121-27-29W	5	Fixed/Ground
Boardman Bombing Range	OR	45-44-54N	119-47-38W	2	Fixed/Ground
Boardman Bombing Range	OR	45-44-54N	119-47-38W	50	Mobile/Air

Table 3 – Location Data

Operation Period:

Start Date: April 1, 2017

Stop Date: September 30, 2017

Stop Buzzer POC:

Stop Buzzer for this operation is Insitu Operations Action Center at 509-493-4691.