

GPS L1 Link Budget

Satellite Transmitter

Transmitter Power (25 Watts)	14 dBW
RF Losses in transmitter path	-1.25 dB
Antenna Gain (with respect to a dipole)	11.35 dBd

Satellite ERP **24.10 dBW**

Propagation

Atmospheric and Polarization Losses	-0.5 dB
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$$Free\ Space\ Path\ Loss = -10 \times \log_{10} \left[\left(\frac{4\pi d}{\lambda} \right)^2 \right]$$

where d = distance (25236 km)
 lambda = wavelength = c/f
 c = speed of light (3x10⁸ m/sec)
 f = frequency (1.57542 GHz)

$$= -10 \log [317.125 \times 10^6 / 190.425 \times 10^{-3}]^2$$

$$= -10 \log [1.665 \times 10^9]^2$$

$$= -184.43\ dB$$

Received Power on Earth **-160.83 dBW**
-130.83 dBm

Gain of Receive Antenna	38 dBic
RF losses in LMR400 cabling and connectors from Receive Antenna to Line Amplifier	-6.7 dB
Gain of Line Amplifier	20 dB
Gain of Passive Radiating Antenna	3 dBic

$$Free\ Space\ Path\ Loss = -10 \times \log_{10} \left[\left(\frac{4\pi d}{\lambda} \right)^2 \right]$$

where d = 100 feet distance (30.48m)
 lambda = wavelength = c/f
 c = speed of light (3x10⁸ m/sec)
 f = frequency (1.57542 GHz)

$$= -10 \log [383.023 / 190.425 \times 10^{-3}]^2$$

$$= -10 \log [2011.41]^2$$

$$= -66.07\ dB$$

100 foot distance

RF power level at 100 ft distance **-142.60 dBm**