

New Calculation of Compliance with NTIA Guidelines:

Power Level Considerations:

The NTIA restricts the maximum signal level to -140 dBm as received from an isotropic antenna at a distance of 100 feet from the building where the test is being conducted. Therefore, the maximum power level output from the GPS Source GLI-Metro RK GPS repeater will need to be limited to conform to this regulation.

Calculations do not take into account any building attenuation:

GPS Average Received Signal Power in North America: -130 dBm

Receive Antenna gain: 35 dB

Antenna Cable Insertion Loss to the repeater: -12dB (100 ft. of LMR-240 cable at 1575 Mhz + Connector loss)

Repeater Amplifier Gain: 30dB

Repeater Antenna Gain (best case): 3dB

Antenna distance to nearest exterior wall: 10 ft.

Using the free space radiation propagation loss calculation:

Where:

$$\text{Loss (dB)} = 20 \log_{10} (4\pi * \text{Distance} / \lambda)$$

Where:

$$\lambda = \text{wavelength: @ 1575 MHz} = 19 \text{ cm} = 0.62 \text{ ft}$$

Where:

$$\text{Distance} = 110 \text{ ft. total} = 10 \text{ ft. from antenna exterior wall} + 100 \text{ ft. restricted perimeter}$$

Therefore:

$$\text{Free Space Loss} = 20 \log_{10} (4\pi * 110/0.62) = -66\text{dB}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Effective Isotropic Radiated Power at the Antenna} &= \text{GPS Received Signal Power} + \text{Receive Antenna Gain} \\ &+ \text{Cable Loss} + \text{Repeater Amplifier Gain} + \text{Repeater Antenna Gain} = \\ &-130\text{dB} + 35\text{dB} + (-12\text{dB}) + 30\text{dB} + 3\text{dB} = -74\text{dB} \end{aligned}$$

So calculating the Repeated Signal Power @ 110 feet:

$$\text{GPS Received Signal Power} + \text{Receive Antenna Gain} + \text{Cable Loss} + \text{Repeater Amplifier Gain} + \text{Repeater Antenna Gain} + \text{Free Space Loss (@110 ft)} =$$

$$-130 \text{ dBm} + 35\text{dB} + (-12\text{dB}) + 30\text{dB} + 3\text{dB} + (-66\text{dB}) = -140\text{dBm}$$

Therefore, setting the repeater amplifier gain of the GLI-Metro RK to 30dB will result in a signal level that will be -140dBm at 110 feet from the antenna.