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Recapper

FCC 2.1091:2023

RFID

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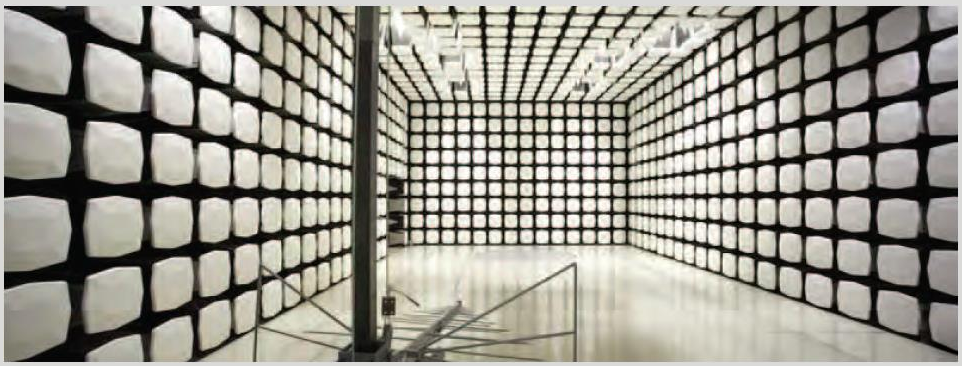

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CERTIFICATE OF EVALUATION

Last Date of Evaluation: December 14, 2023
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RF Exposure Evaluation

Standards

Specification	Method
FCC 2.1091:2023	FCC 447498 D01 General RF Exposure Guidance v06

Results

Method Clause	Description	Applied	Results	Comments
7.1	Maximum Permissible Exposure	Yes	Pass	None

Deviations From Evaluation Standards

None

Approved By:

Donald Facteau, Process Architect

Product compliance is the responsibility of the client; therefore, the tests and equipment modes of operation represented in this report were agreed upon by the client, prior to testing. The results of this test pertain only to the sample(s) tested. The specific description is noted in each of the individual sections of the test report supporting this certificate of test. This report reflects only those tests from the referenced standards shown in the certificate of test. It does not include inspection or verification of labels, identification, marking or user information. As indicated in the Statement of Work sent with the quotation, Element's standard process is to always use the latest published version of the test methods even when earlier versions are cited in the test specification. Issuance of a purchase order was de facto acceptance of this approach. Otherwise, the client would have advised Element in writing of the specific version of the test methods they wanted applied to the subject testing

REVISION HISTORY

Revision Number	Description	Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Page Number
01	Corrected Test Standard	2024-01-24	1
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ACCREDITATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

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☐	California	OC01-17	41 Tesla Irvine, CA 92618 (949) 861-8918	3310.04	2834B	SL2-IN-E-1154R	A-0029	US0158	TL-55
☐	Minnesota	MN01-11	9349 W Broadway Ave. Brooklyn Park, MN 55445 (612) 638-5136	3310.05	2834E	SL2-IN-E-1152R	A-0109	US0175	TL-57
☐	Oregon	EV01-12	6775 NE Evergreen Pkwy #400 Hillsboro, OR 97124 (503) 844-4066	3310.02	2834D	SL2-IN-E-1017	A-0108	US0017	TL-56
☐	Texas	TX01-09	3801 E Plano Pkwy Plano, TX 75074 (469) 304-5255	3310.03	2834G	SL2-IN-E-1158R	A-0201	US0191	TL-54
☐	Washington	NC01-05	19201 120th Ave NE Bothell, WA 98011 (425) 984-6600	3310.06	2834F	SL2-IN-E-1153R	A-0110	US0157	TL-67
☐	Offsite	N/A	See Product Description	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A

See data sheets for specific labs

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(2) A2LA Certificate No.
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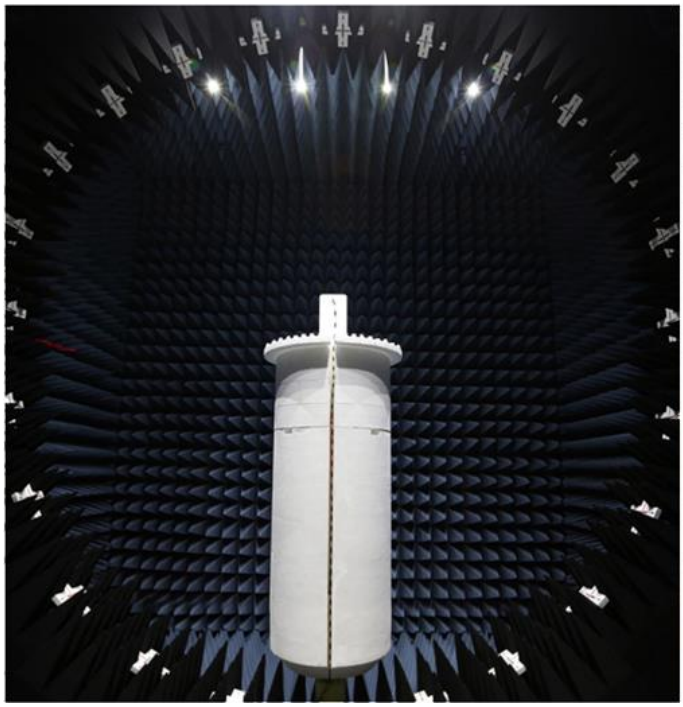

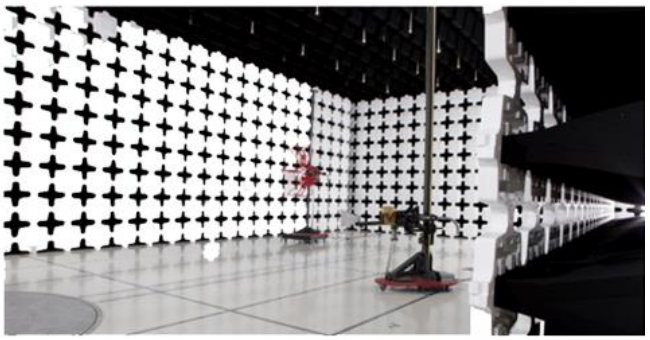

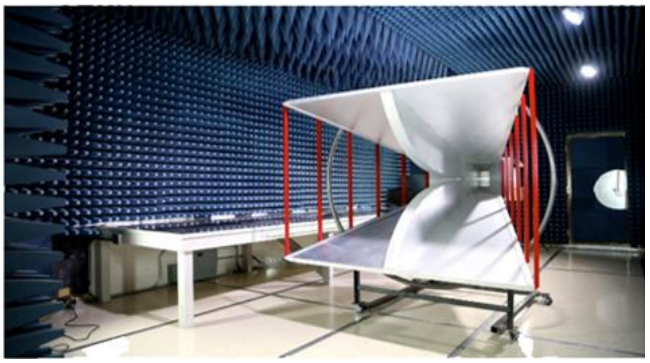

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Client and Equipment Under Evaluation Information

Company Name:	Abbott Laboratories
Address:	6901 Preston Rd
City, State, Zip:	Plano, TX 75024
Evaluation Requested By:	Frank Sun
EUT:	Recapper
Date of Evaluation:	12/14/2023

Information Provided by the Party Requesting the Evaluation

Functional Description of the Equipment:

This sample preparation module utilizes an internal robotic mechanism to secure conical plastic caps to close sample tubes carried to the module via CARs, before archiving via the track. The CARs are secured in the module while the recapping action is performed and released when action is completed.

This module contains a total of 4 RFID readers including 2 Access Point (1 RFID reader) and 1 Cross Switch (2 RFID readers)

Objective:

To demonstrate compliance with FCC requirements for RF exposure for 2.1091 mobile/fixed devices

RF EXPOSURE CONDITION

The following RF Exposure conditions were used for the assessment documented in this report:	
Intended Use	Mobile
Location on Body (if applicable)	NA
How is the Device Used	The device is used at a distance greater than 20cm from the user.
Radios Contained in the Same Host Device	RFID Cross Switch 1 (Reader 1) RFID Cross Switch 1 (Reader 2) RFID Access Point 1 RFID Access Point 2
Simultaneous Transmitting Radios	None
Body Worn Accessories	N/A
Environment	General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure

MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)

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OVERVIEW

Human exposure to RF emissions from mobile devices (47 CFR §2.1091) may be evaluated based on the MPE limits adopted by the FCC for electric and magnetic field strength and/or power density, as appropriate, since exposures are assumed to occur at distances of 20 cm or more from persons. ANSI C95.1:2005 + Amd 1:2010 specifies a minimum separation distance of 20 cm for performing reliable field measurements to determine adherence to MPE limits. If the minimum separation distance between a transmitter and nearby persons is more than 20 cm under normal operating conditions, compliance with MPE limits may be determined at such distance from the transmitter. When applicable, operation instructions and prominent warning labels may be used to alert the exposed persons to maintain a specified distance from the transmitter or to limit their exposure durations and usage conditions to ensure compliance. If the use of warning labels on a transmitter is not effective or desirable, the alternative of performing SAR evaluation with the device at its closest range to persons under normal operating conditions may be used. The field strength and power density limits adopted by the FCC are based on whole-body averaged exposure and the assumption of RF field levels relate most accurately to estimating whole-body averaged SAR. This means some local values of exposures exceeding the stated field strength and power density limits may not necessarily imply non-compliance if the spatial average of spatially averaged RF fields over the exposed portions of a person's body does not exceed the limits.

COMPLIANCE WITH FCC 2.1091

47 CFR §1.1307
"(b)(1) Requirements. (i) With respect to the limits on human exposure to RF provided in §1.1310 of this chapter, applicants to the Commission for the grant or modification of construction permits, licenses or renewals thereof, temporary authorities, equipment authorizations, or any other authorizations for radiofrequency sources must either:

(A) Determine that they qualify for an exemption pursuant to §1.1307(b)(3);

(B) Prepare an evaluation of the human exposure to RF radiation pursuant to §1.1310 and include in the application a statement confirming compliance with the limits in §1.1310; or

(C) Prepare an Environmental Assessment if those RF sources would cause human exposure to levels of RF radiation in excess of the limits in §1.1310.

47 CFR §2.1091
"A mobile device is defined as a transmitting device designed to be used in other than fixed locations and to generally be used in such a way that a separation distance of at least 20 centimeters is normally maintained between the RF source's radiating structure(s) and the body of the user or nearby persons. In this context, the term "fixed location" means that the device is physically secured at one location and is not able to be easily moved to another location while transmitting. Transmitting devices designed to be used by consumers or workers that can be easily re-located, such as wireless devices associated with a personal desktop computer, are considered to be mobile devices if they meet the 20-centimeter separation requirement."

The device will only be used with a separation distance between the antenna and the body of the user or nearby persons as shown in the table below and can therefore be considered a mobile transmitter per 47 CFR 2.1091(b).

COMPLIANCE WITH FCC KDB 447498 D01 General RF Exposure Guidance v06

"KDB 447498 D01 General RF Exposure Guidance v06" provides the procedures, requirements, and authorization policies for mobile and portable devices.

MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)

Devices operating in standalone mobile device exposure conditions may contain a single transmitter or multiple transmitters that do not transmit simultaneously are covered in section 7.1.

Devices containing multiple transmitters capable of simultaneous transmissions are covered in section 7.2.

LIMITS

Limits for General Population /Uncontrolled Exposure: 47 CFR 1.1310

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 - 100000			1	30

f = frequency in MHz
* = Plane-wave equivalent power density

POWER DENSITY

The exposure level for the radio is evaluated at a 20 cm distance from the radio's transmitting antenna using the general equation:

$$S = \frac{P * G}{4 * \pi * R^2}$$

Where: S = power density (mW/cm^2)
P = power input to the antenna (mW)
G = numeric power gain relative to an isotropic radiator
R = distance to the center of the radiation of the antenna (20 cm = limit for MPE estimates)
P*G = EIRP

Solving for S, the maximum power density 20 cm from the transmitting antenna is determined. This level is then compared to the applicable limit for the transmit frequency. If limits were not met at the 20 cm boundary the evaluation distance is increased until the limit is met as shown in the table below.

For co-located radios, the ratio of the calculated level to the limit is determined. The ratios for each co-located radio are summed. If the sum is less than or equal to one, then the device is excluded from testing and is deemed compliant.

Supporting Duty Cycle Analysis
Provided by: Frank Sun, EMC Engineer

The AAS Input Output Module (IOM) used to load and unload samples to and from the laboratory automation system, processes standard sample tubes of different sizes. It contains 4 drawers with racks and a sample robot. For the input function, the robot removes the sample from the rack and places it in a CAR. For the output function, the robot removes the sample from a CAR and places it in the rack.

Throughput of the AAS Track system is defined by the throughput of the Input Output Module. Under the most ideal and optimal condition, the throughput of the IOM is determined to be 900 tubes/hour (either input or output). This would translate

to 450 input tubes/hour and 450 output tubes/hour for a normal lab workflow (or 450 samples/hour). Each tube is placed on a CAR. Under the worst-case scenario, this would equal to 450 input CARs/hour and 450 output CARs/hour.

A track element only allows for one way driving direction and the CARs travel using right-hand traffic paths on the track. Therefore, each active track element (with RFID radio) would see only 450 CARs/hour (either input or output).

Each RFID radio within the track element would be triggered to momentarily turn on (60ms) when a magnet contained within the CAR passes over the hall sensor in the PCB containing the radio. The duty cycle of the radio (worst case) is then calculated as below:

$$Duty\ Cycle\ (RFID\ 13.56MHz\ radio) = t[on]\left(\frac{s}{trigger}\right) \times CARs\ throughput\left(\frac{trigger}{hour}\right) = 0.06\ \times 450 = 27\ \left(\frac{s}{hour}\right)$$
$$= \left(\frac{27}{3600}\right) * 100 = 0.75\%$$

The worst-case duty cycle does not expect to be different over 6 minutes or 30 minutes.

APPARENT POWER

When the transmitted signal is measured as a field strength value (dBµV/m), this value is converted to a power level using the following derivation (the field strength value has been distance corrected to 3 m):

Step 1 – Per ANSI C63.10:2013 section 10.3.9 equation (34), the relationship between EIRP and field strength is as follows:

$$EIRP_{meas}\ = E_{meas} - 95.3$$

Where:
$EIRP_{meas}$ is the equivalent isotropically radiated power in dBm as converted from a measured value
E_{meas} is the field strength at a 3 m measurement distance in dBµV/m. To convert from the specification measurement distance to 3 m, a 40 dB/decade adjustment was applied.

Step 2 – If a power tolerance or a tune-up value is provided, the reported power should be scaled accordingly:

$$EIRP\ = EIRP_{meas} + Tolerance$$

Where:
EIRP is the maximum equivalent isotropically radiated power in dBm
$EIRP_{meas}$ is the equivalent isotropically radiated power in dBm as converted from a measured value
Tolerance is either the tolerance provided in dB or the positive tune-up tolerance range in dB

Step 3 – Convert the EIRP value to linear terms

$$EIRP(mW) = 10^{\frac{EIRP\ (dBm)}{10}}$$

Where:

EIRP is the maximum equivalent isotropically radiated power, in terms of either mW or dBm

When the transmitted field strength value is reported as a magnetic field strength value, (dBµA/m), the value is converted to an electric field strength, (dBµV/m), by adding the free-space impedance, 20log(377 ohm) ~ 51.5 dBohm to the magnetic field strength (in logarithmic terms).

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ASSESSMENT

The standalone MPE and summed MPE ratios are summarized in the following table(s):

Radio	Transmit Frequency (MHz)	Radiated Output Power or Field Strength	Power Tolerance (dB)	Duty Cycle	Minimum Separation Distance (cm)	Power Density (mW/cm^2)	Limit (mW/cm^2)	Compliant
RFID: 13.56 MHz RFID Cross Switch 1 (Reader 2)	13.56	-11 dBuV/m @ 30m	1.8	0.8%	20	0.0	1.0	Yes
RFID: 13.56 MHz RFID Cross Switch 1 (Reader 1)	13.56	-1.3 dBuV/m @ 30m	1.8	0.8%	20	0.0	1.0	Yes
RFID: 13.56 MHz RFID Access Point 2	13.56	6.8 dBuV/m @ 30m	1.8	0.8%	20	0.0	1.0	Yes
RFID: 13.56 MHz RFID Access Point 1	13.56	12.4 dBuV/m @ 30m	1.8	0.8%	20	0.0	1.0	Yes

The information in the table above was obtained from:

A measured value was used in these calculations. From customer supplied information and Element test report #ABBO0283.2 Rev. 1.

Evaluator: Chuck Heller

End of Test Report