

# **MEASUREMENT AND TECHNICAL REPORT ON THE TEXAS INSTRUMENTS ARC 13.56 MHz READER**

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**1.0 GENERAL INFORMATION**

**1.1 Product Description**

The Texas Instruments ARC 13.56 MHz Reader, FCC ID Number A92DCBMPR, allows customers wishing to purchase motor fuel to interface directly with a fuel dispenser via a handheld transponder. The ARC 13.56 MHz Reader transmits at 13.56 MHz which provides energy to the handheld transponder causing it to reflect a signal (also at 13.56 MHz) containing the customer's data back to the ARC 13.56 MHz Reader.

The Texas Instruments ARC (Automatic Recognition of Customer) 13.56 MHz Reader is a Radio Frequency Identification Device (RFID) which is designed for use in conjunction with a handheld battery-less transponder. The hand-held transponder is carried by the user. The transmitter portion of the ARC 13.56 MHz Reader operates at 13.56 MHz and is subject to FCC Part 15, Subpart C, "Intentional Radiator," paragraph 15.225 (13.553-13.567MHz). Radiated emissions from the intentional radiator portion of the device is subject to the limits in Section 15.209 of the Rules outside of the 13.56 +/- 0.007 MHz band. Radiated emissions from the digital electronics portion of the device is subject to FCC Part 15, Subpart B, "Unintentional Radiator," paragraph 15.109, under the Class A limits and as such, the device is incorporated into an application that is subject to Class A limits. Conducted emissions from on the AC power line are subject to FCC Part 15, Subpart C, "Intentional Radiator," paragraph 15.207. Table 1.1 lists the ARC 13.56 MHz Reader components.

**1.2 Related Grants**

There are no related grants.

**1.3 Tested System Details**

The ARC 13.56 MHz Reader is mounted into an enclosure such as a fueling dispenser and includes two bezel-mounted 13.56 MHz low Q antennae, two Multi-Protocol Readers, a Data Control Board, a Switched DC Power Supply and associated transformer. These components are listed in Table 1.1, and the functional relationship is provided in block diagram in Attachment 1. The 13.56 MHz signal originates on the Multi-Protocol Reader board (Texas Instruments part number RI-STU-TRDA-01) from which the signal is sent via the Antenna Signal/Ground cable to the Bezel Antenna where it is intentionally radiated. Attachment 1 contains a detailed technical description and functionality of the ARC 13.56 MHz Reader and its components.

**TABLE 1.1  
ARC 13.56 MHz READER COMPONENTS**

<b>Component Description</b>	<b>Texas Instruments Part No.</b>
Data Control Board (DCB)	RI-CTL-DCMA-02
Multi-Protocol Reader (2)	RI-STU-TRDA-01
13.56 MHz Bezel Antenna (2)	none
DC Power Supply (Power One Model HC24-2.4-A)	none
Power Distribution Board (Dresser Ind., Wayne Div. 884599-001, Rev. 1)	none

#### **1.4 Test Methodology**

Radiated and conducted testing was performed according to the procedures in ANSI C63.4-1992 and the limits prescribed in CFR 47, FCC Parts 15.109, 15.207, 15.209 and 15.225. Radiated testing was performed at antenna to EUT distances of 3, 10, 20, and 30 meters.

#### **1.5 Test Facility**

The Open Area Test Site and Conducted Measurement Facility used to collect data are located at Southwest Research Institute, 6220 Culebra Road, San Antonio, Texas. Details concerning these test sites are found in the report entitled, "Description of Measurement Facility," dated 28 April 1997, which is on file with the FCC Laboratory Division in Columbia, Maryland. On June 12, 1997, the FCC approved the sites for the purpose of providing test results for submission with equipment authorization applications under the Commission's Equipment Authorization Program.

## **2.0 PRODUCT LABELING**

### **2.1 FCC ID Label**

The FCC ID label is shown in the drawing in Attachment 2.

### **2.2 Location of Label on EUT**

The location of the label is shown in the drawing in Attachment 2.

### **2.3 Label for the Exterior of Devices Incorporating the EUT**

The ARC 13.56 MHz Reader will be incorporated in other devices such as a system housing. A label will be supplied with the ARC 13.56 MHz Reader for placement on the exterior of the device in which the equipment is incorporated. This label is shown in the drawing in Attachment 2.

### **2.4 Supplemental Information to be in the Reader Manual**

In addition to reiteration of required information as an intentional radiator, in keeping with sections 15.21 and 15.105 of the FCC rules, the manual supplied with the ARC 13.56 MHz Reader will also include the following admonitions:

**NOTE:** This equipment has been tested and found to comply with the limits for a Class A digital device, pursuant to Part 15 of the FCC Rules. These limits are designed to provide reasonable protection against harmful interference when the equipment is operated in a commercial environment. This equipment generates, uses, and can radiate radio frequency energy and, if not installed and used in accordance with the instruction manual, may cause harmful interference to radio communications. Operation of this equipment in a residential area is likely to cause harmful interference in which case the user will be required to correct the interference at his own expense.

**NO MODIFICATIONS:** Modifications to this device shall not be made without the written consent of Texas Instruments Incorporated. Unauthorized modifications may void the authority granted under Federal Communications Commission Rules permitting the operation of this device.

### **3.0 SYSTEM TEST CONFIGURATION**

#### **3.1 Justification**

Radiated tests were performed on the ARC 13.56 MHz Reader intentional radiator from 13.56 MHz to 1 GHz for the highest fundamental and harmonics. Radiated tests were performed up to 1 GHz for harmonics of the fundamental emission and spurious emissions related to the digital electronics portion of the unit. Both vertical and horizontal polarizations were tested. Radiated signature scans were made at 3 meters in a shielded anechoic chamber.

#### **3.2 EUT Exercise**

The ARC 13.56 MHz Reader is powered by 115 VAC. The ARC 13.56 MHz Reader was exercised by establishing the interrogation reply sequence using a handheld transponder.

#### **3.3 Special Accessories**

A CORCOM 10VR3 power line filter was installed on the ARC 13.56 MHz Reader AC power line.

#### **3.4 Equipment Modification**

The requirement of the CORCOM 10VR3 power line filter was determined during conducted emissions testing. The power line filter was required to meet the Part 15 conducted emission limits. A photograph of the power line filter is provided in Appendix D.

#### **3.5 Configuration of Tested System**

Refer to Attachment 1 for block diagram of tested configuration. Refer to Appendix D for photographs of the EUT test configuration.

#### **3.6 Antenna Connector**

This ARC 13.56 MHz Reader is intended for incorporation into other devices. It is not a consumer device. It requires installation by a technician or assembly line worker trained in its installation in order to properly install it in other devices. Because this is a device that inherently requires professional installation, it complies with the requirements of Section 15.203 of the Commission's Rules. The written instructions packed with the device will explain the requirement for professional installation.

**4.0 BLOCK DIAGRAM OF THE ARC 13.56 MHz READER**

Refer to Attachment 1 for a block diagram of the tested configuration.



**5.0 CONDUCTED AND RADIATED MEASUREMENT PHOTOS**

Refer to Appendix E for photographs of the conducted and radiated test setups.

## 6.0 CONDUCTED EMISSION DATA

### 6.1 Conducted Measurement Data

The initial step in collecting conducted data was to perform a spectrum analyzer peak scan of the measurement range to determine worst case. A computer-controlled spectrum analyzer was used to produce a peak measurement data plot. Quasi-peak measurements were made on signals that were close to or above the Section 15.207 limit. The worst case emission levels are provided in Table 6.1. Appendix A contains conducted emission measurement plots.

**TABLE 6.1  
WORST CASE CONDUCTED EMISSION LEVELS**

<b>Judgment: EUT Passed By 2 dB</b>			
<b>FREQUENCY (MHz)</b>	<b>MEASURED LEVEL (dBF V)<sup>1</sup></b>		<b>CLASS B LIMIT (dBF V)</b>
	<b>LINE</b>	<b>NEUTRAL</b>	
13.56	39		48
13.56		46	48

<sup>1</sup> Neutral measurement is a quasi-peak measurement made with a spectrum analyzer. The line measurement is a peak measurement.

### 6.2 Conducted Test Instrumentation

The test instrumentation used to make conducted measurements is given in Appendix C.

**7.0 RADIATED EMISSION DATA**

The data below are the corrected highest level EME measurements taken from the following radiated data sheets. The data sheets include the emission frequencies and the corrected level. An explanation of the field strength calculation is given in paragraph 7.3.

**7.1 Radiated Measurement Data**

Measurements were made of the fundamental frequency of 13.56 MHz at 30 meters. Additionally, the spectrum was investigated for harmonics and spurious emissions up to 30 MHz at 30 meters. No harmonics or other spurious emissions were detected. The measurement level of the fundamental at the center frequency, as well as the level of the fundamental at the band edges, is shown in Table 7.1.

**TABLE 7.1  
MEASUREMENTS OF FUNDAMENTAL FREQUENCY**

<b>Judgment: EUT Fundamental Passed by 32.2 dB Band Edges passed by 2.2 dB</b>		
Frequency (MHz)	Corrected Level <sup>1</sup> dB(μV/m)	Limit dB(μV/m)
13.56	47.8	80 (30 meters)
13.5485	36.8	39 (10 meters)
13.5715	36.8	39 (10 meters)

1 All readings are quasi-peak manual measurements made with a receiver.

The spectrum from 30 MHz to 1 GHz was investigated for spurious emissions. The worst case spurious emissions are given in Table 7.2. Peak signature scans are provided in Appendix B.

**TABLE 7.2  
MEASUREMENTS OF SPURIOUS EMISSIONS**

<b>Judgment EUT passed by 6.1 dB</b>			
Frequency (MHz)	Corrected Level <sup>1</sup> dB (V/m)	Limit DB(V/m)	“dB” Under limit
366.08	39.9	46	6.1
325.40	37.4	46	8.6
583.02	36.8	46	9.2

1 All readings are quasi-peak manual measurements made with a receiver.

**Radiated Emissions Test Data**

FREQUENCY (MHz)	13.559	13.559	13.56	13.559	13.5485	13.5715	
TRANSDUCER	ALR-25	ALR-25	ALR-25	ALR-25	ALR-25	ALR-25	
Antenna to DUT distance (meters)	30	30	30	10	10	10	
Antenna height (meters)	1	1	1	1	1	1	
POLARIZATION to DUT: (    Parallel, ⊥ Perpendicular, = Parallel to Ground)	⊥		=	⊥	⊥	⊥	Scann 30 ME polariz other c detect
SIGNAL DIRECTION (degrees)	109	109	109	109	109	109	
RECEIVER ATTENUATION (dB)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
METER (dBΦV)	11.6	-7.4	-6.3	20.4	0.6	0.6	
TRANSDUCER FACTOR (dB)	34.9	34.9	34.9	34.9	34.9	34.9	
EXTERNAL GAIN/CABLE LOSS (dB)	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.3	
CORRECTED LEVEL (dBΦV/m)	47.8	28.8	29.9	56.6	36.8	36.8	
LIMIT (dBΦV/m)	80	80	80	90 <sup>1</sup>	39 <sup>1</sup>	39 <sup>1</sup>	

Date: 8/31/99      Detection Method:   X   CISPR    PEAK    AVERAGE    Other  
 Project No.: 10-3169-001      EUT: Texas Instruments  
 Test Category: FCC Part 15      OPR/Asst.: D.Smith  
 Temp. & %r.H: 90F/44RH

<sup>1</sup>Used 20 dB per decade roll-off to adjust limit for closer distance.

**Radiated Emissions Test Data**

FREQUENCY (MHz)	34.2	54.24	153.30	203.36	298.30	366.08	3
TRANSDUCER	BDA-25	BDA-25	BDA-25	T-2	T-2	T-2	
Antenna to DUT distance (meters)	3	3	3	3	3	3	
Antenna height (meters)	4.14	2.34	4.14	1.34	1.56	2.4	
POLARIZATION (V =Vertical H= Horizontal)	H	V	H	V	H	V	
SIGNAL DIRECTION	(ambient)	58E	(ambient)	282E	217E	80E	
RECEIVER ATTENUATION (dB)	0	0	0	0	0	0	
METER (dBΦV)	5.8	9.9	7.2	34.4	34.5	38.5	
TRANSDUCER FACTOR (dB)	17	9.0	15.2	21.3	18.5	21.8	
EXTERNAL GAIN/CABLE LOSS (dB)	2.1	2.6	4.6	-22.7	-21.1	-20.4	
CORRECTED LEVEL (dBΦV/m)	24.9 (ambient)	21.5	27.0 (ambient)	33.0	31.9	39.9	
LIMIT (dBΦV/m)	40	40	43.5	43.5	46	46	

Date: 8/31/99  
 Project No.: 10-3169-001  
 Test Category: FCC Part 15  
 Temp, & %r.H.: 90°F, 44%

Detection Method:  X CISPR  PEAK  AVERAGE  Other  
 EUT: Texas Instruments  
 OPR/Asst.: D.Smith

**Radiated Emissions Test Data**

FREQUENCY (MHz)	583.02	623.71					
TRANSDUCER	T-3	T-3					
Antenna to DUT distance (meters)	3	3					
Antenna height (meters)	2.62	1.48					
POLARIZATION (V =Vertical H= Horizontal)	H	V					
SIGNAL DIRECTION	246E	79E					
RECEIVER ATTENUATION (dB)	0	0					
METER (dB $\Phi$ V)	30.0	25.0					
TRANSDUCER FACTOR (dB)	23.8	23.5					
EXTERNAL GAIN/CABLE LOSS (dB)	-17.0	-16.6					
CORRECTED LEVEL (dB $\Phi$ V/m)	36.8	31.9					
LIMIT (dB $\Phi$ V/m)	46	46					

Date: 8/31/99  
 Project No.: 10-3169-001  
 Test Category: FCC Part 15  
 Temp, & %r.H.: 90°F, 44%

Detection Method:  X CISPR  PEAK  AVERAGE  Other  
 EUT: Texas Instruments  
 OPR/Asst.: D.Smith

The frequency tolerance of the ARC 13.56 MHz Reader 13.56 MHz fundamental emission was verified to be within the +/-0.01% (+/-1.356 kHz) requirement from Part 15, paragraph 15.225, when exposed to temperature variations of -20 degrees to +50 degrees C. The fundamental emission was monitored on a spectrum analyzer as the ARC 13.56 MHz Reader was exposed to +50 degrees C for 10 minutes, and then -20 degrees C for 10 minutes, in accordance with the procedure in ANSI C63.4-1992, paragraph 13.1.6.1. The frequency varied by approximately +/-1.000 kHz. In addition, the 115 VAC supply voltage was varied from 85% to 115% at room temperature in accordance with paragraph 15.225. The frequency of the fundamental emission did not vary more than approximately 280 Hz during the entire procedure.

## 7.2 Test Instrumentation for Radiated Measurements

Scans were made at an open area test site (OATS) and in an RF semi-anechoic chamber 28' long x 16' wide x 16' high with its interior lined on the ceiling and four walls with pyramidal absorber material up to four feet in length. Measurements were made with a spectrum analyzer and a quasi-peak adapter in the anechoic chamber and with a receiver at the OATS. The list of test instrumentation used to perform the testing is shown in Appendix C.

## 7.3 Field Strength Calculation

The field strength was calculated by adding the antenna factor and cable factor, and subtracting the amplifier gain (when used) from the measured reading. The basic equation with a sample calculation is provided below:

$$FS = RA + AF + CF - AG$$

Where

- FS = Field Strength
- RA = Receiver Amplitude
- AF = Antenna Factor
- CF = Cable Attenuation
- AG = Amplifier Gain

For example, reducing the 13.56 MHz measurement on the data sheet on page 12 (first column) yields:

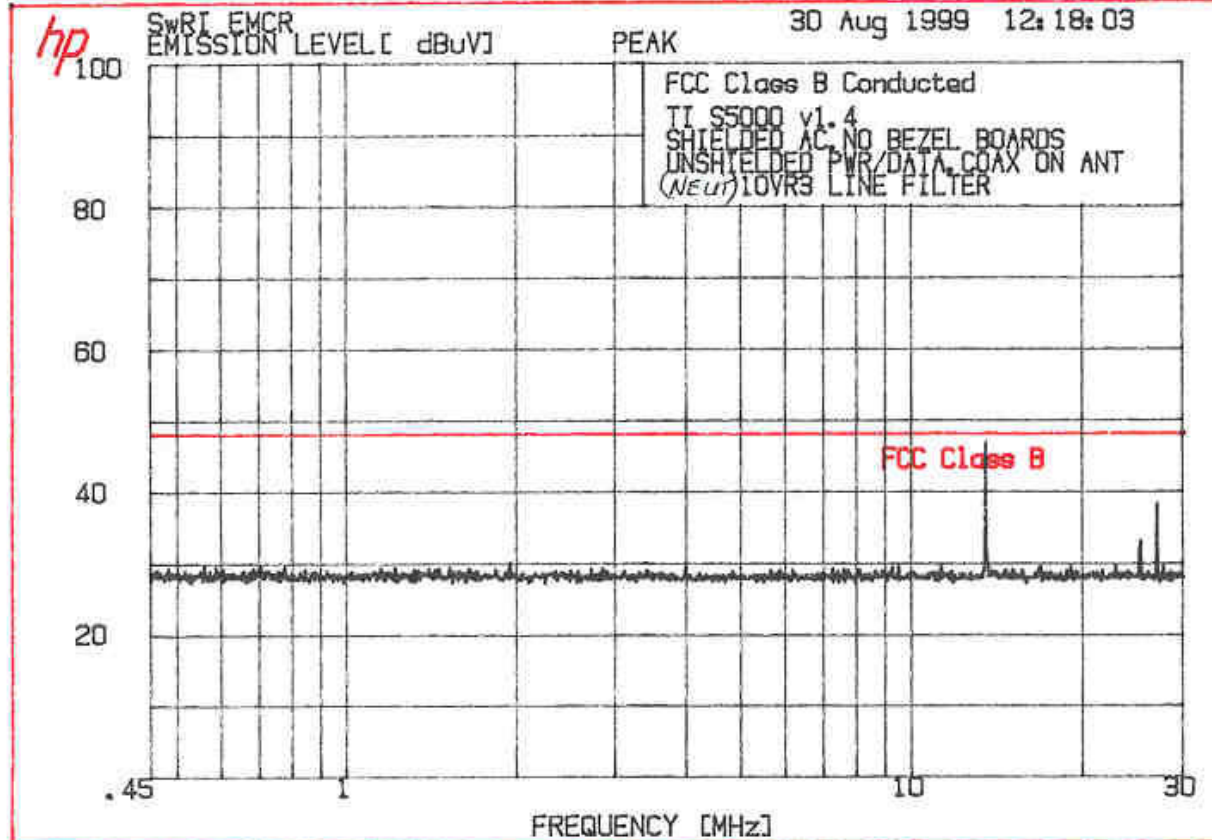
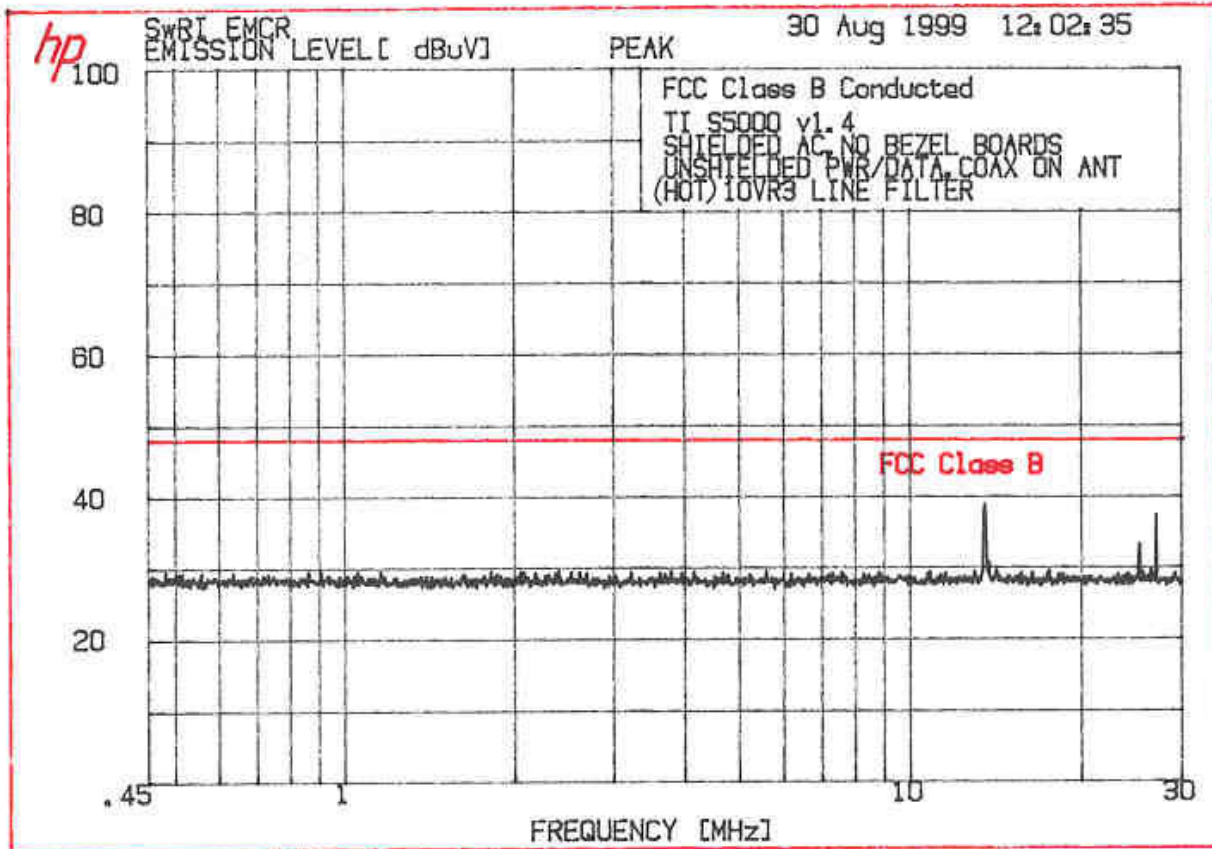
$$\begin{array}{r}
 11.6 \text{ dB } (\mu\text{V}) \\
 34.9 \text{ dB } (1/\text{m}) \\
 \underline{1.3 \text{ dB } (CF/AG \text{ FACTOR})} \\
 FS = 47.8 \text{ dB } (\mu\text{V}/\text{m})
 \end{array}$$

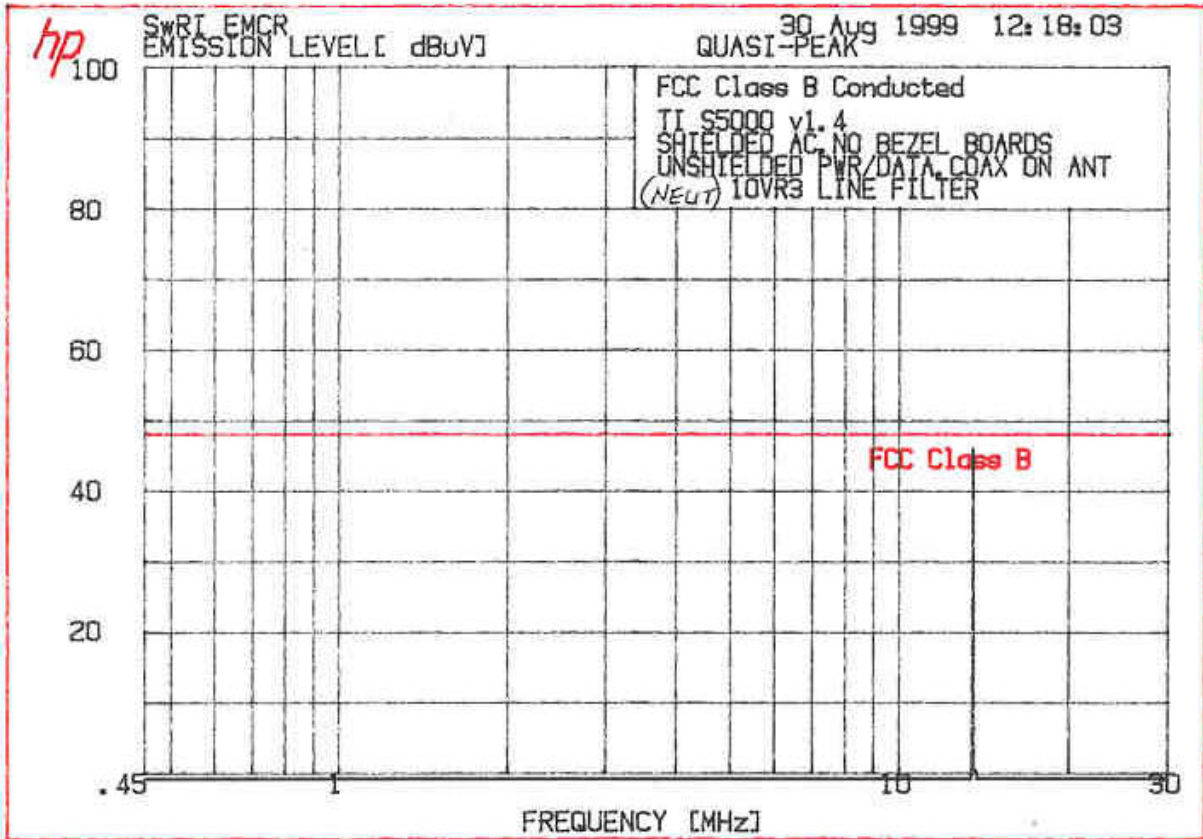
To equation convert the dB ( $\mu\text{V}/\text{m}$ ) value to its corresponding level in  $\mu\text{V}/\text{m}$  is as follows:

$$\text{Level in } \mu\text{V}/\text{m} \text{ Common Antilogarithm } [(47.8 \text{ dB } \mu\text{V}/\text{m})/20] = 245 \mu\text{V}/\text{m}$$

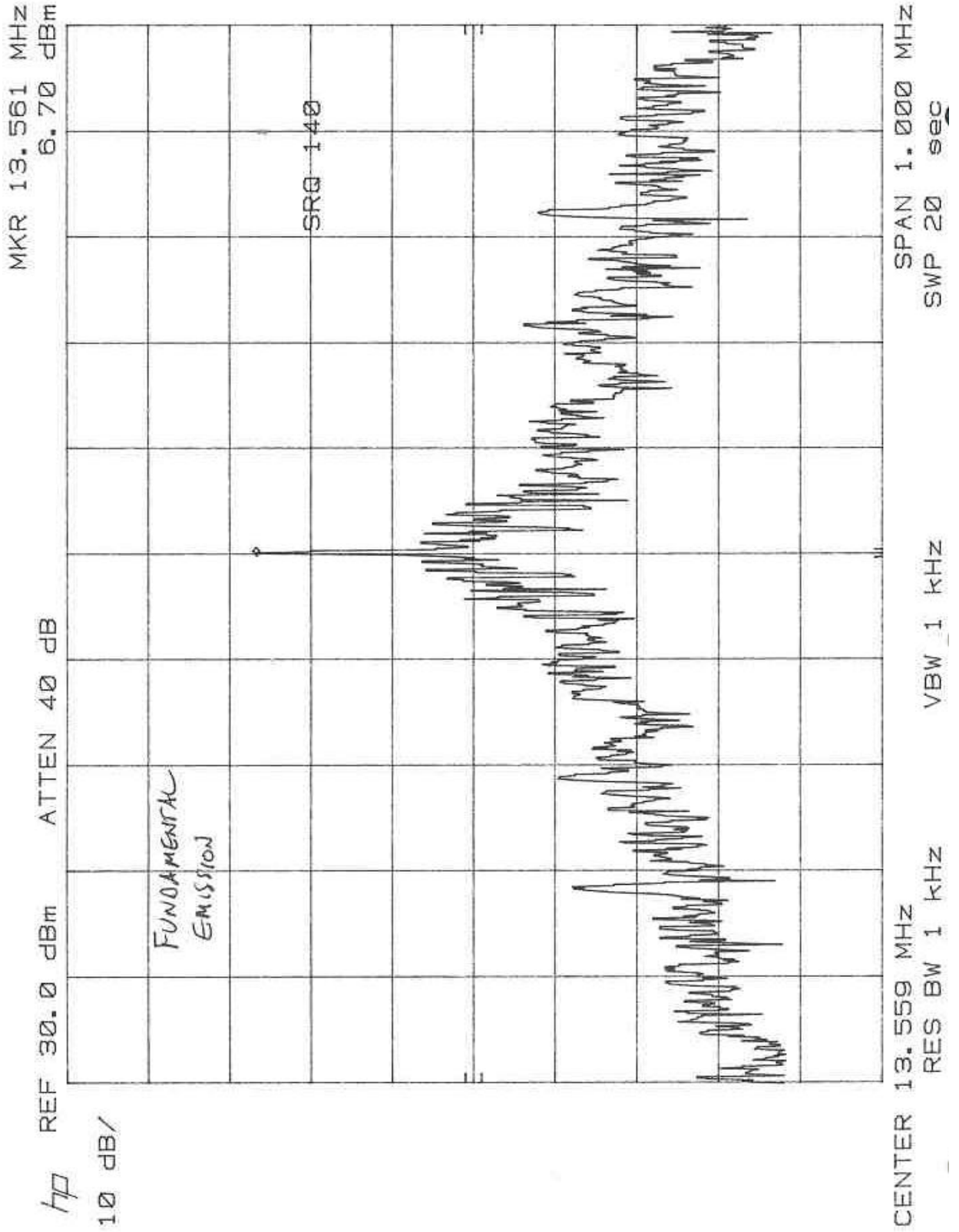
**APPENDIX A**  
**CONDUCTED EMISSIONS MEASUREMENTS PLOTS**

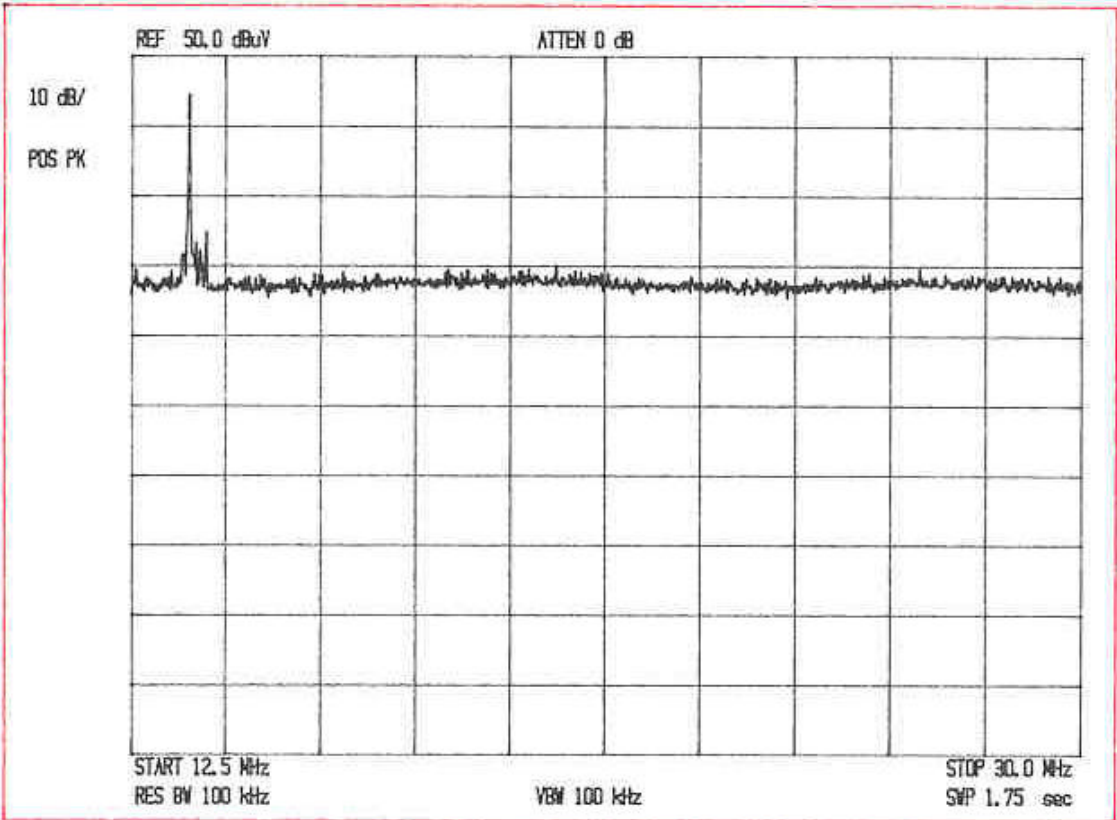




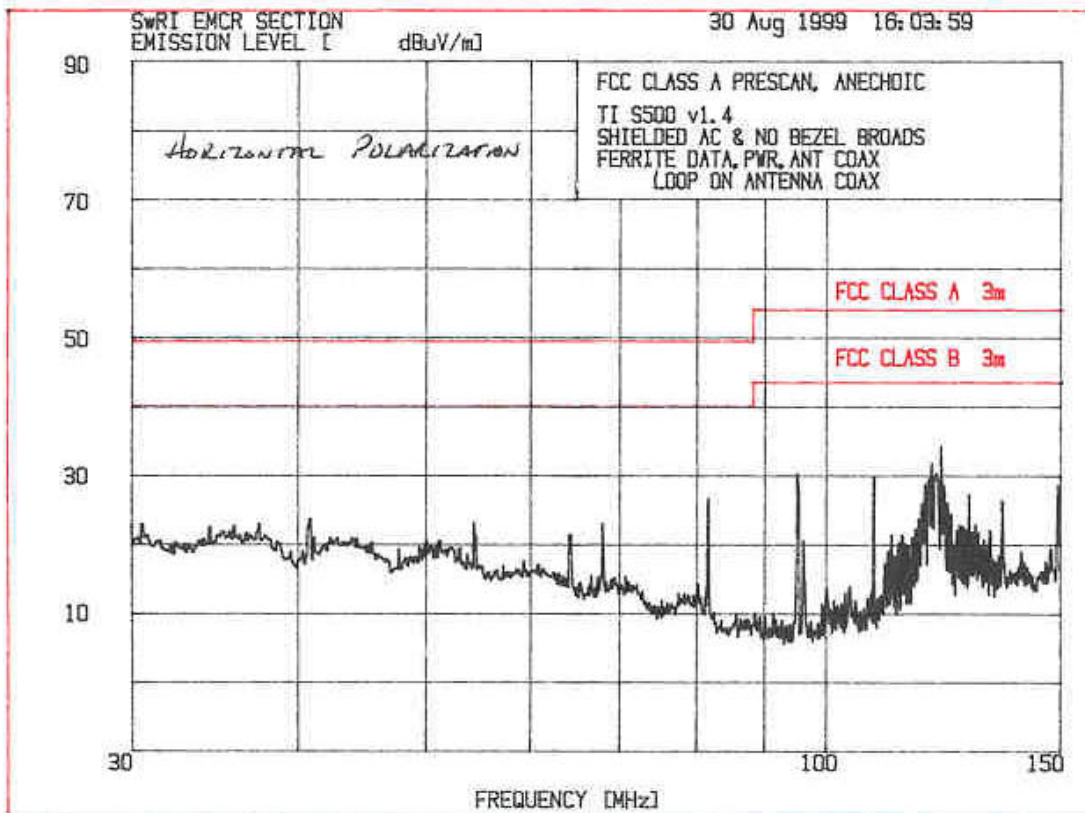
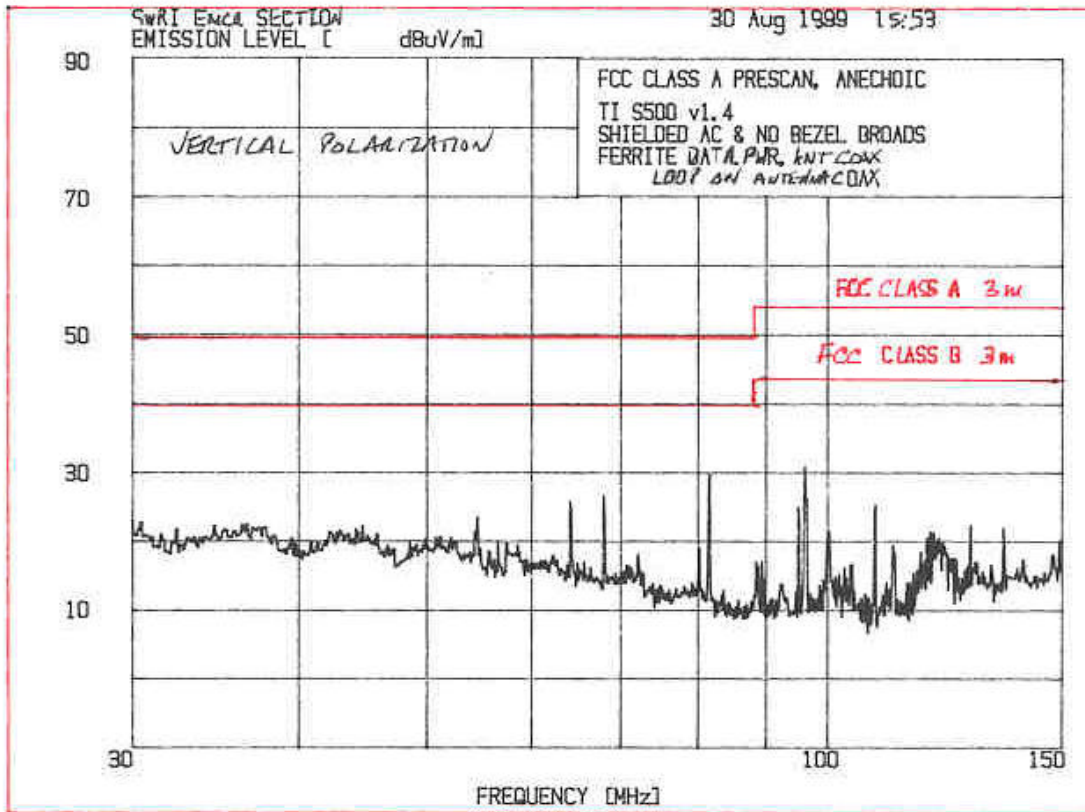


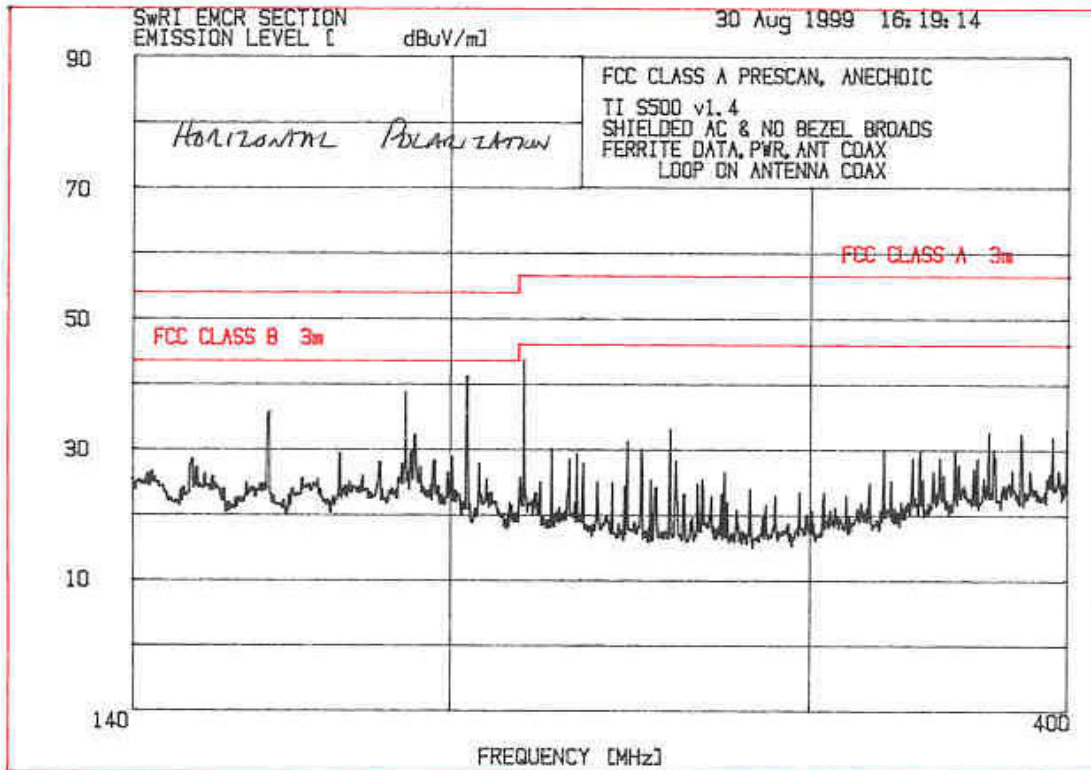
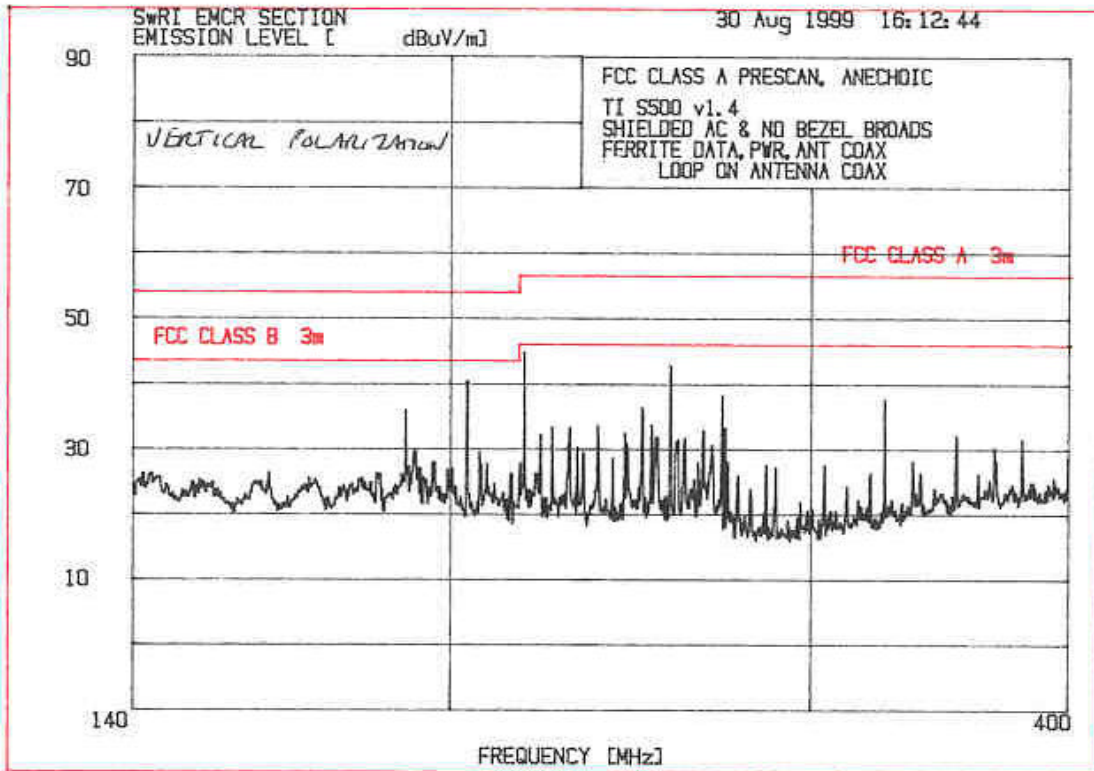
**APPENDIX B**  
**RADIATED SIGNATURE MEASUREMENTS PLOTS**



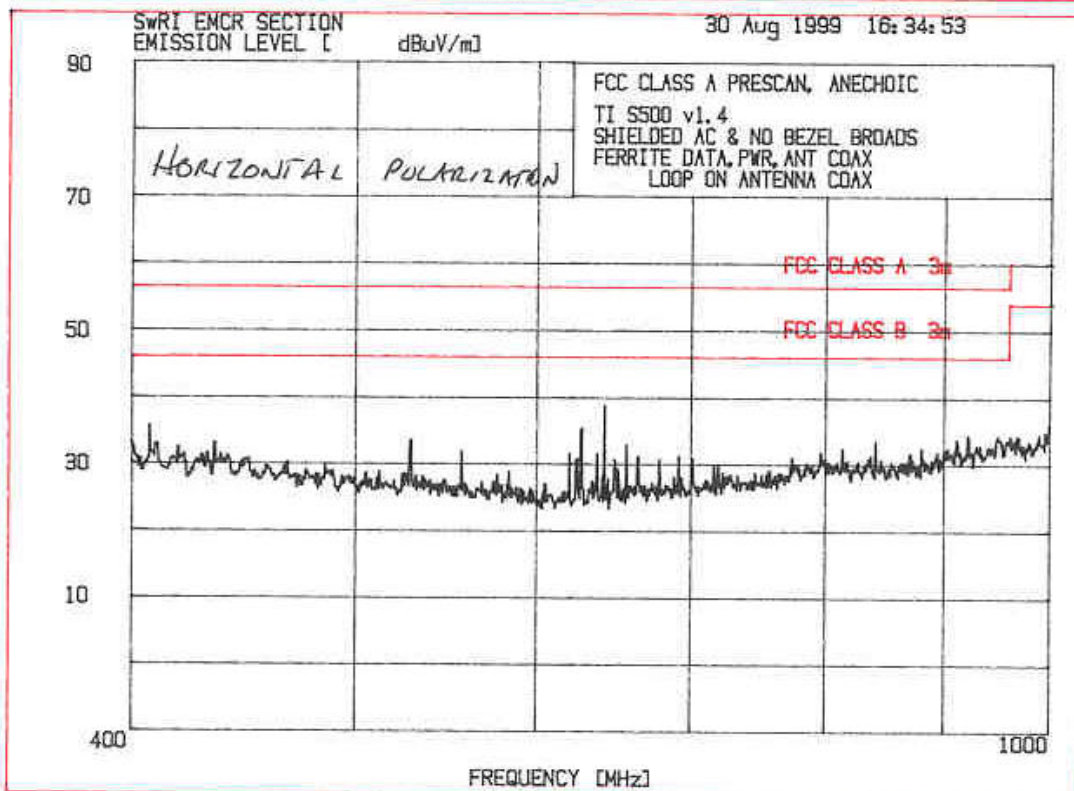
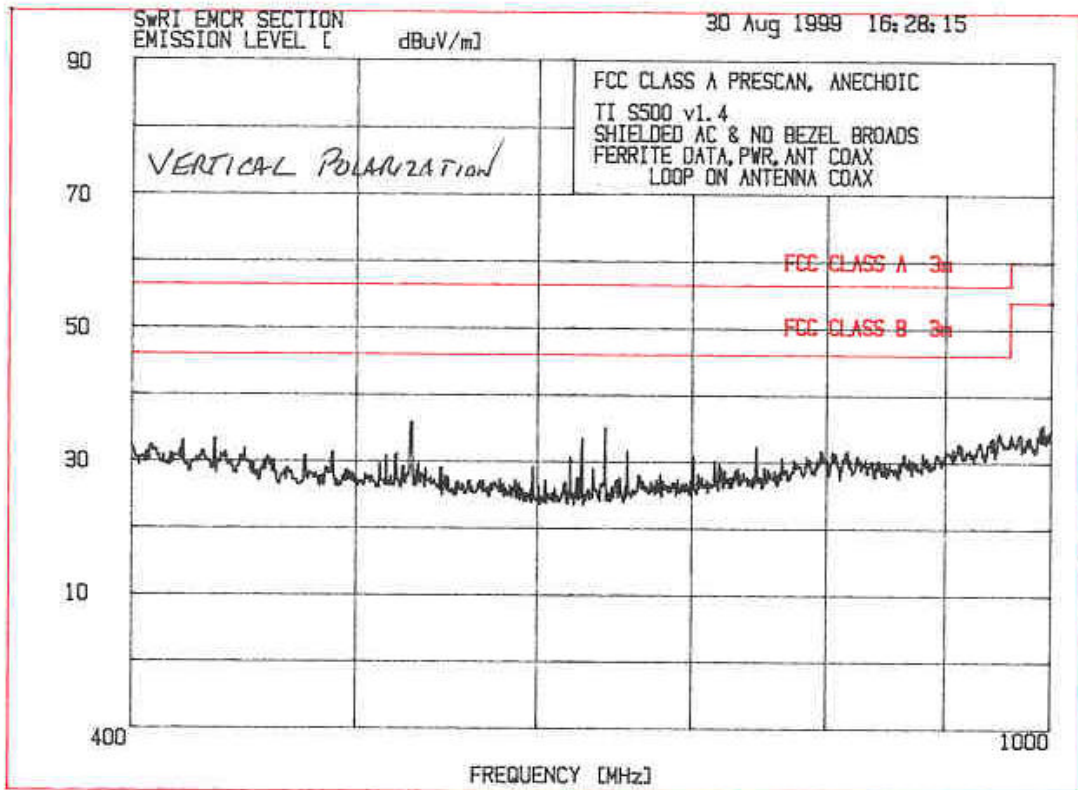












**APPENDIX C**  
**TEST INSTRUMENTATION**

**EQUIPMENT USE REPORT**

<b>MANUFACTURER</b>	<b>MODEL NO.</b>	<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	<b>SERIAL NO.</b>	<b>CAL DATE</b>
<b>CONDUCTED EMISSIONS</b>				
RHODE & SCHWARTZ	ESH2-Z5	LISN	891362	9APR00
HP	8566B	SPECTRUM ANALYZER	2209A01333	12FEB00
HP	85650A	QUASI_PEAK ADAPTER	2043A00213	16FEB00
<b>ANECHOIC CHAMBER</b>				
SWRI	UTC 10 221-1	PREAMP 10-1000 MHz 35dB GAIN	9112SN15	verified
HP	8568B	SPECTRUM ANALYZER	2415A00464	27OCT99
HP	85650A	QUASI-PEAK ADAPTER	2043A00259	3DEC99
HP	8447F	PREAMP	2727A00226	verified
EMCO	3121-DB3	ANTENNA, DIPOLE	148	verified
EMCO	3121-DB4	ANTENNA, DIPOLE	1097	verified
EMCO	3121-DB2	ANTENNA, DIPOLE	147	verified
<b>OATS</b>				
RHODE & SWARTZ	ESS	TEST RECEIVER	848588/033	23SEP00
EMCO	2090	TURNABLE/MAST CONTROLLER	9808-1348	Verified
SWRI	2 MHz-1GHz	OATS PRE-AMP	1	NCR
ELECTROMETRIC S	BDA25S	ANTENNA, DIPOLE	535	29APR00
EMPIRE	DM-105-T2	ANTENNA, DIPOLE	L-000178	29APR00
EMPIRE	DM-105-T3	ANTENNA, DIPOLE	L-000108	30APR00
ELECTROMETRIC S	ALR-25	LOOP ANTENNA	086	3FEB00
<b>TEMPERATURE AND VOLTAGE VARIATION</b>				
HP	8568B	SPECTRUM ANALYZER	2415A00464	27OCT99
FLUKE	K/J	THERMOMETER	3910515	1OCT99
FLUKE	87	DVM	5260059	4MAY00
TENNY	TEMP GUARD III	TEMPERATURE CHAMBER	NSN	NCR
HP	8566B	SPECTRUM ANALYZER	2209A01333	12FEB00

**APPENDIX D**  
**PHOTOS OF TESTED EUT**

<b>File Name</b>	<b>EUT Photo</b>
pic00021.jpg	ARC 13.56 MHz Reader test box with EMI Power Line Filter
filter.jpg	EMI Power Line Filter
pic00024.jpg	ARC 13.56 MHz Reader test box disassembled
pic00023.jpg	View of bezel antenna and Multiprotocol Reader in test box
pic00028.jpg	Antenna and Multiprotocol Reader assembled on faceplate of test box
Antenna T&B.jpg	13.56 MHz Reader Bezel Antenna Board Assembly
pic00027.jpg	Power supply and power distribution board in test box
pic00025.jpg	ARC 13.56 MHz Reader Power Supply
pic00026.jpg	Digital Control Board with cables; assembled on bracket
tiboards.jpg	Top view of Digital Control Board Assembly
tiboard1b.jpg	Bottom view of Digital Control Board Assembly
timprv14t.jpg	Top view of Multiprotocol Reader (TI P/N RI-STU-TRDA-01)
timprv14b.jpg	Bottom view of Multiprotocol Reader (TI P/N RI-STU-TRDA-01)

**APPENDIX E**

**PHOTOS OF TEST SETUPS**

<b>Test Setup</b>	<b>File Name</b>
Radiated Emissions	Radiated 1.jpg
Radiated Emissions	Radiated 2.jpg
Radiated Emissions	Radiated 3.jpg
Radiated Emissions	Radiated 4.jpg
Conducted Emissions	Conducted 1.jpg
Conducted Emissions	Conducted 2.jpg