## ENGINEERING TEST REPORT



VHF Air Band Transceiver Model No.: IC-A14, IC-A14S

FCC ID: AFJ307400

Applicant:

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Tested in Accordance With

## Federal Communications Commission (FCC) 47 CFR, Parts 2 and 87 (Subpart D) – Aviation Services

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## **EXHIBIT 1. INTRODUCTION**

## 1.1. SCOPE

Reference:	FCC Parts 2 and 87	
Title:	Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), Title 47 Telecommunication – Parts 2 & 87	
Purpose of Test:	To obtain FCC Certification Authorization for Radio operating in the frequency band 118-136.975 MHz.	
Test Procedures:	Both conducted and radiated emissions measurements were conducted in accordance with American National Standards Institute ANSI C63.4 - American National Standard for Methods of Measurement of Radio-Noise Emissions from Low-Voltage Electrical and Electronic Equipment in the Range of 9 kHz to 40 GHz.	

## 1.2. RELATED SUBMITTAL(S)/GRANT(S)

None

## 1.3. NORMATIVE REFERENCES

Publication	Year	Title	
FCC CFR Parts 0-19, 80-End	2007	Code of Federal Regulations – Telecommunication	
ANSI C63.4	2003	American National Standard for Methods of Measurement of Radio-Noise Emissions from Low-Voltage Electrical and Electronic Equipment in the Range of 9 kHz to 40 GHz	
CISPR 16-1	2003	Specification for Radio Disturbance and Immunity measuring apparatus and methods	
TIA/EIA 603, Edition C	2004	Land Mobile FM or PM Communications Equipment Measurement and Performance Standards	

## **EXHIBIT 2. PERFORMANCE ASSESSMENT**

## 2.1. CLIENT INFORMATION

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## 2.2. EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST (EUT) INFORMATION

The following information (with the exception of the Date of Receipt) has been supplied by the applicant.

Brand Name:	ICOM Incorporated	
Product Name:	VHF Air Band Transceiver	
Model Name or Number:	IC-A14	
Serial Number:	0000204	
External Power Supply:	DC 7.4V battery pack or 9.5V DC battery case (6xAA alkaline batteries)	
Transmitting/Receiving Antenna Type:	Non-integral	
Type of Equipment:	Non-broadcast Radio Communication Equipment	
Primary User Functions of EUT:	VHF air band transceiver for voice communication in occupational environment.	

#### 2.3. EUT'S TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

TRANSMITTER		
Equipment Type:	Portable	
Intended Operating Environment: Aviation Services		
Power Supply Requirement: 7.4V DC battery or 9.5V DC battery case (6×AA alkaline batteries)		
RF Output Power Rating: 5.0W (PEP), 1.5W (CW)		
Operating Frequency Range:	118.000-136.975 MHz	
RF Output Impedance:	50 Ohms	
Channel Spacing:	25.0 KHz	
Emission Designation*:	6K00A3E	
Antenna Connector Type:	BNC Type Connector	

<sup>\*</sup> For an average case of commercial telephony, the Necessary Bandwidth is calculated as follows:

## **Calculation of Necessary Bandwidth for Telephony (Commercial Quality)**

Telephony, double-sideband (single channel):

Bn = 2M

Where: Bn = necessary bandwidth in hertz

M = maximum modulation frequency in hertz

M = 3000Hz

Bn = 2(3000) = 6000 Hz = 6.00 KHz

## 2.4. LIST OF EUT'S PORTS

Port Number	EUT's Port Description	Number of Identical Ports	Connector Type	Cable Type (Shielded/Non-shielded)
1	Antenna	1	BNC	Shielded
2	External speaker	1	3.5 mm phone jack	Shielded
3	External microphone	1	2.5 mm phone jack	Shielded

# EXHIBIT 3. EUT OPERATING CONDITION AND CONFIGURATIONS DURING TESTS

## 3.1. OPERATIONAL TEST CONDITIONS & ARRANGEMENT FOR TEST SIGNALS

Operating Modes:	The transmitter was operated in a continuous transmission mode with the carrier modulated as specified in the Test Data.	
Special Test Software:	N/A	
Special Hardware Used: Test jig was provided by the manufacturer.		
Transmitter Test Antenna:	The EUT is tested with the transmitter antenna port terminated to a 50 Ohms RF Load.	

Transmitter Test Signals		
Frequency Band(s):	118.000-136.975 MHz	
Test Frequency(ies): (Near lowest, near middle & near highest frequencies in the frequency range of operation.)	118.000, 127.500 and 136.975 MHz	
Transmitter Wanted Output Test Signals:		
Measured RF Output Power:	1.469 W (mean)	
Normal Test Modulation:	AM or 2500 Hz tone at an input level 16 dB greater than that necessary to produce 50 percent modulation.	
Modulating signal source:	External	

## **EXHIBIT 4. SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS**

#### 4.1. LOCATION OF TESTS

All of the measurements described in this report were performed at Ultratech Group of Labs located in the city of Oakville, Province of Ontario, Canada.

#### 4.2. APPLICABILITY & SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS

FCC Section(s)	Test Requirements	Applicability (Yes/No)
2.1046 & 87.131	RF Power Output	Yes

## 4.3. MODIFICATIONS INCORPORATED IN THE EUT FOR COMPLIANCE PURPOSES

None.

## 4.4. DEVIATION OF STANDARD TEST PROCEDURES

None.

# EXHIBIT 5. MEASUREMENTS, EXAMINATIONS & TEST DATA FOR EMC EMISSIONS

## 5.1. RF POWER OUTPUT [§§ 2.1046 & 87.131]

#### 5.1.1. Limits

**§§ 87.131** The following table lists authorized emissions and maximum power. Power must be determined by direct measurement.

Class of station	Frequency band/ frequency	Authorized emission(s) 2	Maximum power <sup>1</sup>
Aeronautical advisory	VHF	A3E	10 watts <sup>3</sup>
Aeronautical multicom	VHF	A3E	10 watts
Aeronautical search and rescue	VHF	A3E	10 watts
Aviation support	VHF	A3E	50 watts
Airport control tower	VHF	A3E	50 watts
Aeronautical utility mobile	VHF	A3E	10 watts
Aircraft	VHF	A3E	50 watts

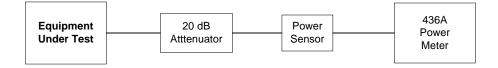
#### Notes:

- (1) The power is measured at the transmitter output terminals and the type of power is determined according to the emission designator as follows:
  - (i) Mean power (pY) for amplitude modulated emissions and transmitting both sidebands using unmodulated full carrier.
  - (ii) Peak envelope power (pX) for all emission designators other than those referred to in paragraph (i) of this note.
- (2) Excludes automatic link establishment.
- (3) Power is limited to 0.5 watt, but may not exceed 2 watts when station is used in an automatic unattended mode.

## 5.1.2. Test Equipment

Test Instruments	Manufacturer	Model No.	Serial No.	Operating Range
Attenuator	Weinschel	46-20-34	BM1347	DC – 18 GHz
Attenuator	Weinschel	46-30-34	BM5354	DC – 18 GHz
Power Meter	Hewlett Packard	437B	3.13E+09	10 kHz – 50 GHz
Power Sensor	Hewlett Packard	8481A	1150A15143	9 kHz – 26.5 GHz

#### 5.1.3. Test Arrangement



## 5.1.4. Test Data

## 5.1.4.1. 7.4V DC battery

Transmitter Channel Output	Fundamental Frequency (MHz)	Measured (mean) Power @ Antenna Port (watts)	Maximum Power Limit (watts)
Lowest	118.000	1.400	10
Middle	127.500	1.469	10
Highest	136.970	1.416	10

## 5.1.4.2. 9.5V DC battery case (6 × AA alkaline batteries)

Transmitter Channel Output	Fundamental Frequency (MHz)	Measured (mean) Power @ Antenna Port (watts)	Maximum Power Limit (watts)
Lowest	118.000	1.402	10
Middle	127.500	1.469	10
Highest	136.970	1.416	10

## **EXHIBIT 6.** Test Equipments List

Test Instruments	Manufacturer	Model No.	Serial No.	Operating Range
Attenuator	Weinschel	46-20-34	BM1347	DC – 18 GHz
Attenuator	Weinschel	46-30-34	BM5354	DC – 18 GHz
BiConiLog Antenna	Emco	3142	10005	0.03 – 2 GHz
BiConiLog Antenna	ETS-Lindgren	3142B	1575	26 MHz – 2 GHz
Communication test set	Hewlett Packard	8920B	US39064699	AF SG DC – 20 kHz
EMC Analyzer	Hewlett Packard	8593EM	•••	9kHz – 22 GHz
FFT (audio) EMI Receiver	Advantest	R9211E	82020336	10 mHz – 100 kHz, 1 MHz Input Impedance
High Pass Filter	Mini-Circuits	SHP-300	10427	Cut of 230 MHz
Horn Antenna	Emco	3155	9701-5061	1 – 18 GHz
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Infinium Oscilloscope	Hewlett Packard	54810A	US38380192	500 MHz, 1 GSa/s
Microwave Frequency Counter	EIP	545A	2683	10 Hz – 18 GHz
Modulation Analyzer	Hewlett Packard	8910B	3226A04606	150 kHz – 1300 MHz
Power Divider	Mini-Circuits	15542	105	1 MHz – 1 GHz
Power Meter	Hewlett Packard	437B	3.13E+09	10 kHz – 50 GHz
Power Sensor	Hewlett Packard	8481A	1150A15143	9 kHz – 26.5 GHz
RF Amplifier	Com-Power	PA-103		1 MHz – 1 GHz
RF Amplifier	Hewlett Packard	84498	3008A00769	1 – 26.5 GHz
Signal Generator	Hewlett Packard	83752B	3610A00457	0.01- 20 GHz
Spectrum Analyzer	Rohde & Schwarz	FSEK20/B4/B21	834157/005	9 kHz – 40 GHz
Spectrum Analyzer	Rohde & Schwarz	FSEK30	100077	20 Hz – 40 GHz
Spectrum Analyzer	Advantest	R3271	15050203	100 Hz – 26.5 GHz
Spectrum Analyzer / EMI Receiver	Hewlett Packard	8546A	3650A00371	9 kHz – 6.5 GHz Built-in amplifier 30dB
Temperature & Humidity Chamber	Tenney	T5	9723B	-40 °C - +80 °C range

## **EXHIBIT 7. MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY**

The measurement uncertainties stated were calculated in accordance with the requirements of NIST Technical Note 1297 and NIS 81 (1994)

#### 7.1. RADIATED EMISSION MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

CONTRIBUTION	PROBABILITY	UNCERTAINTY (+ dB)		
(Radiated Emissions)	DISTRIBUTION	3 m	10 m	
Antenna Factor Calibration	Normal (k=2)	<u>+</u> 1.0	<u>+</u> 1.0	
Cable Loss Calibration	Normal (k=2)	<u>+</u> 0.3	<u>+</u> 0.5	
EMI Receiver specification	Rectangular	<u>+</u> 1.5	<u>+</u> 1.5	
Antenna Directivit	Rectangular	+0.5	+0.5	
Antenna factor variation with height	Rectangular	<u>+</u> 2.0	<u>+</u> 0.5	
Antenna phase center variation	Rectangular	0.0	<u>+</u> 0.2	
Antenna factor frequency interpolation	Rectangular	<u>+</u> 0.25	<u>+</u> 0.25	
Measurement distance variation	Rectangular	<u>+</u> 0.6	<u>+</u> 0.4	
Site imperfections	Rectangular	<u>+</u> 2.0	<u>+</u> 2.0	
Mismatch: Receiver VRC $\Gamma_1$ = 0.2 Antenna VRC $\Gamma_R$ = 0.67(Bi) 0.3 (Lp) Uncertainty limits 20Log(1± $\Gamma_1\Gamma_R$ )	U-Shaped	+1.1	<u>+</u> 0.5	
System repeatability	Std. Deviation	<u>+</u> 0.5	<u>+</u> 0.5	
Repeatability of EUT		-	-	
Combined standard uncertainty	Normal	+2.19 / -2.21	+1.74 / -1.72	
Expanded uncertainty U	Normal (k=2)	+4.38 / -4.42	+3.48 / -3.44	

Calculation for maximum uncertainty when 3m biconical antenna including a factor of k = 2 is used:

$$U = 2u_c(y) = 2x(+2.19) = +4.38 \text{ dB}$$
 And  $U = 2u_c(y) = 2x(-2.21) = -4.42 \text{ dB}$ 

## **EXHIBIT 8. MEASUREMENT METHODS**

#### 8.1. CONDUCTED POWER MEASUREMENTS

- The following shall be applied to the combination(s) of the radio device and its intended antenna(e).
- If the RF level is user adjustable, all measurements shall be made with the highest power level available to the user for that combination.
- The following method of measurement shall apply to both conducted and radiated measurements.
- The radiated measurements are performed at the Ultratech Calibrated Open Field Test Site.
- The measurement shall be performed using normal operation of the equipment with modulation.

Test procedure shall be as follows:

#### Step 1: Duty Cycle measurements if the transmitter's transmission is transient

- > Using a EMI Receiver with the frequency span set to 0 Hz and the sweep time set at a suitable value to capture the envelope peaks and the duty cycle of the transmitter output signal:
- The duty cycle of the transmitter, x = Tx on / (Tx on + Tx off) with 0<x<1, is measure and recorded in the test report. For the purpose of testing, the equipment shall be operated with a duty cycle that is equal or more than 0.1.

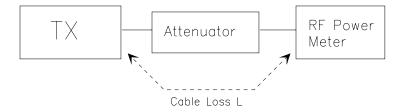
#### Step 2: Calculation of Average EIRP. See Figure 1

- The average output power of the transmitter shall be determined using a wideband, calibrated RF average power meter with the power sensor with an integration period that exceeds the repetition period of the transmitter by a factor 5 or more. The observed value shall be recorded as "A" (in dBm):
- > The e.i.r.p. shall be calculated from the above measured power output "A", the observed duty cycle x, and the applicable antenna assembly gain "G" in dBi, according to the formula:

$$EIRP = A + G + 10log(1/x)$$

{ X = 1 for continuous transmission => 10log(1/x) = 0 dB }

Figure 1.



# 8.2. RADIATED POWER MEASUREMENTS (ERP & EIRP) USING SUBSTITUTION METHOD

## 8.2.1. Maximizing RF Emission Level (E-Field)

- (a) The measurements was performed with full rf output power and modulation.
- (b) Test was performed at listed 3m open area test site (listed with FCC, IC, ITI, NVLAP, ACA & VCCI).
- (c) The transmitter under test was placed at the specified height on a non-conducting turntable (80 cm height)
- (d) The BÍCONILOG antenna (20 MHz to 1 GHz) or HORN antenna (1 GHz to 18 GHz) was used for measuring.
- (e) Load an appropriate correction factors file in EMI Receiver for correcting the field strength reading level

Total Correction Factor recorded in the EMI Receiver = Cable Loss + Antenna Factor E (dBuV/m) = Reading (dBuV) + Total Correction Factor (dB/m)

(f) Set the EMI Receiver and #2 as follows:

Center Frequency: test frequency
Resolution BW: 100 kHz
Video BW: same
Detector Mode: positive
Average: off

Span: 3 x the signal bandwidth

- (g) The test antenna was lowered or raised from 1 to 4 meters until the maximum signal level was detected.
- (ħ) The transmitter was rotated through 360° about a vertical axis until a higher maximum signal was received.
- (i) The test antenna was lowered or raised again from 1 to 4 meters until a maximum was obtained. This level was recorded.
- (j) The recorded reading was corrected to the true field strength level by adding the antenna factor, cable loss and subtracting the pre-amplifier gain.
- (k) The above steps were repeated with both transmitters' antenna and test receiving antenna placed in vertical and horizontal polarization. Both readings with the antennas placed in vertical and horizontal polarization shall be recorded.
- (I) Repeat for all different test signal frequencies

#### 8.2.2. Measuring the EIRP of Spurious/Harmonic Emissions Using Substitution Method

(a) Set the EMI Receiver (for measuring E-Field) and Receiver #2 (for measuring EIRP) as follows:

Center Frequency: equal to the signal source

Resolution BW: 10 kHz Video BW: same **Detector Mode:** positive Average: off

Span: 3 x the signal bandwidth

(b) Load an appropriate correction factors file in EMI Receiver for correcting the field strength reading level

Total Correction Factor recorded in the EMI Receiver = Cable Loss + Antenna Factor E (dBuV/m) = Reading (dBuV) + Total Correction Factor (dB/m)

- (c) Select the frequency and E-field levels obtained in the Section 8.2.1 for ERP/EIRP measurements.
- Substitute the EUT by a signal generator and one of the following transmitting antenna (substitution antenna):
  - DIPOLE antenna for frequency from 30-1000 MHz or
  - HORN antenna for frequency above 1 GHz }
- (e) Mount the transmitting antenna at 1.5 meter high from the ground plane.
- Use one of the following antenna as a receiving antenna:
  - DIPOLE antenna for frequency from 30-1000 MHz or
  - HORN antenna for frequency above 1 GHz }.
- (g) If the DIPOLE antenna is used, tune it's elements to the frequency as specified in the calibration manual.
- (h) Adjust both transmitting and receiving antenna in a VERTICAL polarization.
- Tune the EMI Receivers to the test frequency.
- Lower or raise the test antenna from 1 to 4 meters until the maximum signal level was detected.
- (k) The transmitter was rotated through 360° about a vertical axis until a higher maximum signal was received.
- Lower or raise the test antenna from 1 to 4 meters until the maximum signal level was detected.
- (m) Adjust input signal to the substitution antenna until an equal or a known related level to that detected from the transmitter was obtained in the test receiver.
- (n) Record the power level read from the Average Power Meter and calculate the ERP/EIRP as follows:

Total Correction factor in EMI Receiver # 2 = L2 - L1 + G1

- Where: P: Actual RF Power fed into the substitution antenna port after corrected.
  - P1: Power output from the signal generator
  - P2: Power measured at attenuator A input
  - P3: Power reading on the Average Power Meter
  - EIRP: EIRP after correction ERP: ERP after correction
- (o) Adjust both transmitting and receiving antenna in a HORIZONTAL polarization, then repeat step (k) to (o)

- (p) Repeat step (d) to (o) for different test frequency
   (q) Repeat steps (c) to (j) with the substitution antenna oriented in horizontal polarization.
   (r) Actual gain of the EUT's antenna is the difference of the measured EIRP and measured RF power at the RF port. Correct the antenna gain if necessary.

Figure 2

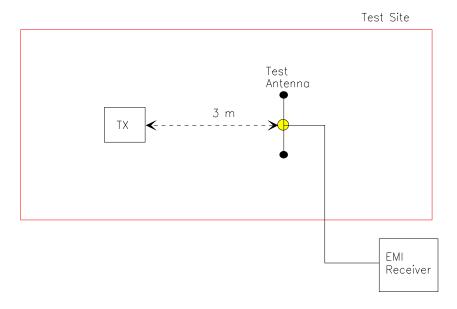
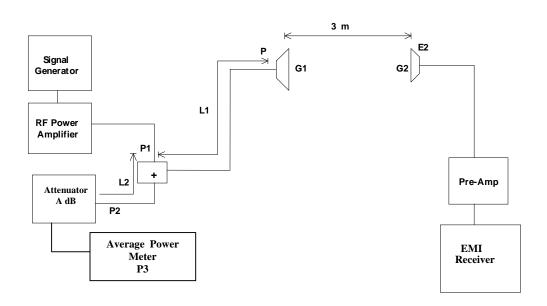


Figure 3



#### 8.3. FREQUENCY STABILITY

Refer to FCC @ 2.1055.

- (a) The frequency stability shall be measured with variation of ambient temperature as follows: From -30 to +50 centigrade except that specified in subparagraph (2) & (3) of this paragraph.
- (b) Frequency measurements shall be made at extremes of the specified temperature range and at intervals of not more than 10 centigrade through the range. A period of time sufficient to stabilize all of the components of the oscillator circuit at each temperature level shall be allowed prior to frequency measurement. The short-term transient effects on the frequency of the transmitter due to keying (except for broadcast transmitters) and any heating element cycling normally occurring at each ambient temperature level also shall be shown. Only the portion or portions of the transmitter containing the frequency determining and stability circuitry need be subjected to the temperature variation test.
- (d) The frequency stability supply shall be measured with variation of primary supply voltage as follows:
  - (1) Vary primary supply voltage from 85 to 115 percent of the nominal value for other than hand carried battery equipment.
  - (2) For hand carried, battery powered equipment, reduce primary supply voltage to the battery operating end point which shall be specified by the manufacturer.
  - (3) The supply voltage shall be measured at the input to the cable normally provide with the equipment, or at the power supply terminals if cables are not normally provided. Effects on frequency of transmitter keying (except for broadcast transmitters) and any heating element cycling at the nominal supply voltage and at each extreme also shall be shown.
- (e) When deemed necessary, the Commission may require tests of frequency stability under conditions in addition to those specifically set out in paragraphs (a), (b), (c) and (d) of this section. (For example, measurements showing the effect of proximity to large metal objects, or of various types of antennas, may be required for portable equipment).

#### 8.4. EMISSION LIMITATIONS

<u>Voice or Digital Modulation Through a Voice Input Port @ 2.1049(c)(i)</u>:- The transmitter was modulated by a 2.5 KHz tone signal at an input level 16 dB greater than that required to produce 50% modulation (e.g.: <u>+</u>2.5 KHz peak deviation at 1 KHz modulating frequency). The input level was established at the frequency of maximum response of the audio modulating circuit.

<u>Digital Modulation Through a Data Input Port @ 2.1049(h)</u>:- Transmitters employing digital modulation techniques - when modulated by an input signal such that its amplitude and symbol rate represent the maximum rated conditions under which the equipment will be operated. The signal shall be applied through any filter networks, pseudo-random generators or other devices required in normal service. Additionally, the Emission Masks shall be shown for operation with any devices used for modifying the spectrum when such devices are operational at the discretion of the user.

The following EMI Receiver bandwidth shall be used for measurement of Emission Mask/Out-of-Band Emission Measurements:

- (1) For 25 kHz Channel Spacing: RBW = 300 Hz
- (2) For 12.5 kHz or 6.25 kHz Channel Spacings: RBW = 100 Hz

The all cases the Video Bandwidth shall be equal or greater than the measuring bandwidth.

## 8.5. SPURIOUS EMISSIONS (CONDUCTED)

With transmitter modulation characteristics described in Out-of-Band Emissions measurements @ 2.1049, the transmitter spurious and harmonic emissions were scanned. The spurious and harmonic emissions were measured with the EMI Receiver controls set as RBW = 30 kHz minimum, VBW ≥ RBW and SWEEP TIME = AUTO). The transmitter was operated at a full rated power output, and modulated as follows:

**FCC CFR 47, Para. 2.1057 - Frequency spectrum to be investigated:-** The spectrum was investigated from the lowest radio generated in the equipment up to at least the 10<sup>th</sup> harmonic of the carrier frequency or to the highest frequency practicable in the present state of the art of measuring techniques, whichever is lower. Particular attention should be paid to harmonics and subharmonics of the carrier frequency. Radiation at the frequencies of multiplier stages should be checked. The

amplitude of spurious emissions which are attenuated more than 20 dB below the permissible value need not be reported.

FCC CFR 47, Para. 2.1051 - Spurious Emissions at Antenna Terminal:- The radio frequency voltage or powers generated within the equipment and appearing on a spurious frequency shall be checked at the equipment output terminals when properly loaded with a suitable artificial antenna. Curves or equivalent data shall show the magnitude of the harmonic and other spurious emission that can be detected when the equipment is operated under the conditions specified in 2.1049 as appropriate. The magnitude of spurious emissions which are attenuated more than 20 dB below the permissible value need not be specified.