

# Measurement of RF Interference from a Model 115MC Transmitter

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# **REVISION HISTORY**

Revision	Date	Description
_	4/5/2006	Initial release

#### Measurement of RF Emissions from an 115MC Transmitter

## **1.0 INTRODUCTION:**

- **1.1 Description of Test Item -** This document represents the results of the series of radio interference measurements performed on a model 115MC Transmitter, Serial No., None Assigned, (hereinafter referred to as the test item). The test item was designed to transmit at approximately 300MHz using an internal antenna. The test item was manufactured and submitted for testing by Chamberlain Manufacturing located in Elmhurst, IL.
- **1.2 Purpose** The test series was performed to determine if the test item meets the conducted and radiated RF emission requirements of the FCC "Code of Federal Regulations" Title 47, Part 15, Subpart C, Sections 15.207 and 15.231 for Intentional Radiators. Testing was performed in accordance with ANSI C63.4-2003.
- **1.3 Deviations, Additions and Exclusions -** There were no deviations, additions to, or exclusions from the test specification during this test series.
- **1.4 Applicable Documents -** The following documents of the exact issue designated form part of this document to the extent specified herein:
  - Federal Communications Commission "Code of Federal Regulations", Title 47, Part 15, Subpart C, dated 1 October 2005
  - 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"
- **1.5 Subcontractor Identification -** This series of tests was performed by Elite Electronic Engineering Incorporated of Downers Grove, Illinois. The laboratory is accredited by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) under the National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation



Program (NVLAP). NVLAP Lab Code: 100278-0.

**1.6 Laboratory Conditions** The temperature at the time of the test was 23°C and the relative humidity was 32%.

# **2.0 TEST ITEM SET-UP AND OPERATION:**

The test item is a Model No.115MC transmitter. A block diagram of the test item set-up is shown as Figure 1.

- **2.1 Power Input -** The test item obtained 12VDC from an internal 23AE battery.
- **2.2 Grounding -** The test item was ungrounded during the test.
- **2.3 Peripheral Equipment -** The test item was submitted for testing with no peripheral equipment.
  - **2.4 Interconnect Cables -** The test item was submitted for testing with no interconnect cables.
- **2.5 Operational Mode** For all tests the test item was placed on an 80cm high non-conductive stand. The test item was energized and set to transmit continuously at approximately 300MHz.
- **2.6 Test Item Modifications** Modifications were made to the test item and were documented by Chamberlain Manufacturing personnel.

## **3.0 TEST EQUIPMENT:**

- **3.1 Test Equipment List -** A list of the test equipment used can be found on Table I. All equipment was calibrated per the instruction manuals supplied by the manufacturer.
- **3.2 Calibration Traceability** Test equipment is maintained and calibrated on a regular basis. All calibrations are traceable to the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).
- **3.3 Measurement Uncertainty -** All measurements are an estimate of their true value. The measurement uncertainty characterizes, with a specified confidence level, the spread of values which may be possible for a given measurement system.

The measurement uncertainty budgets were based on guidelines in "ISO Guide to the Expression of Uncertainty in Measurements" and NAMAS NIS81 "The Treatment of Uncertainty in EMC Measurements".

The measurement uncertainty for these tests is presented below:

Conducted Emission Measurements				
Combined Standard Uncertainty	1.07	-1.07		



Expanded Uncertainty (95% confidence)	2.1	-2.1

Radiated Emission Measurements				
Combined Standard Uncertainty	2.26	-2.18		
Expanded Uncertainty (95% confidence)	4.5	-4.4		

## **4.0 REQUIREMENTS, PROCEDURES AND RESULTS:**

#### 4.1 Powerline Conducted Emissions

**4.1.1 Requirements -** Since the test item was powered by internal batteries, no conducted emissions tests were performed.

#### **4.2 Duty Cycle Factor Measurements:**

**4.2.1 Procedures:** The duty cycle factor is used to convert peak detected readings to average readings. This factor is computed from the time domain trace of the pulse modulation signal.

With the transmitter set up to transmit for maximum pulse density, the time domain trace is displayed on the spectrum analyzer. This trace is obtained by tuning center frequency to the transmitter frequency and then setting a zero span width with 10msec/div. The amplitude settings are adjusted so that the on/off transitions clear the 4th division from the bottom of the display. The markers are set at the beginning and end of a word period. If the word period exceeds 100 msec the word period is set to 100 msec. The on-time and off-time are then measured. The on-time is total time signal level exceeds the 4th division. Off-time is time under for the word period. The duty cycle is then computed as the (On-time/ word period) where the word period = (On-time + Off-time).

**4.2.2 Results:** The plot of the duty cycle is shown on data page 12. The duty cycle factor was computed to be -7.74dB.

#### **4.3 Radiated Measurements**

**4.3.1 Requirements -** The test item must comply with the requirements of FCC "Code of Federal Regulations Title 47", Part 15, Subpart C, Section 15.205 et seq. Paragraph 15.231(b) has the following radiated emission limits:

Fundamental Field Strength
Frequency Field Intensity Harmonics and



MHz	uV/m @ 3 meters	Spurious @ 3 meters
260 to 470	3,750 to 12,500*	375 to 1,250*

# \* - Linear Interpolation

For 299.98MHz, the limit at the fundamental is 5415.8 uV/m @ 3m and the limit on the harmonics is 541.6 uV/m @ 3m.

In addition, emissions appearing in the Restricted Bands of Operation listed in paragraph 15.205(a) shall not exceed the general requirements shown in paragraph 15.209.

**4.3.2 Procedures - O**pen field measurements were performed in a 32ft. x 20ft. x 14ft. high shielded enclosure. The shielded enclosure prevents emissions from other sources, such as radio and TV stations from interfering with the measurements. All powerlines and signal lines entering the enclosure pass through filters on the enclosure wall. The powerline filters prevent extraneous signals from entering the enclosure on these leads.

A preliminary radiated emissions test was performed to determine the emission characteristics of the test item. For the preliminary test, a broadband measuring antenna was positioned at a 3 meter distance from the test item. The entire frequency range from 30MHz to 3.0GHz was investigated using a peak detector function. The data was then processed by the computer to calculate equivalent field intensity.

The final open field emission tests were then manually performed over the frequency range of 30MHz to 3.0GHz. Between 30MHz and 1000MHz, a tuned dipole antenna was used as the pick-up device. A broadband double ridged waveguide antenna was used as the pick-up device for all frequencies above 1GHz. All significant broadband and narrowband signals were measured and recorded. The peak detected levels were converted to average levels using a duty cycle factor which was computed from the pulse train.

To ensure that maximum or worst case, emission levels were measured, the following steps were taken:

- (1) The test item was rotated so that all of its sides were exposed to the receiving antenna.
- (2) Since the measuring antenna is linearly polarized, both horizontal and vertical field components were measured.
- (3) The measuring antenna was raised and lowered from 1 to 4 meters for each antenna polarization to maximize the readings.
- (4) For hand-held or body-worn devices, the test item was rotated through three



orthogonal axes to determine which orientation produces the highest emission relative to the limit.

**4.3.3 Results -** The preliminary plots, with the test item transmitting at 300MHz, are presented on data pages 13 and 14. The plots are presented for a reference only, and are not used to determine compliance.

The final open area radiated levels, with the test item transmitting at 300MHz, are presented on data page 15. As can be seen from the data, all emissions measured from the test item were within the specification limits. The emissions level closet to the limit (worst case) occurred at 300.0MHz. The emissions level at this frequency was 0.1dB within the limit. See data page 15 for details. Photographs of the test configuration which yielded the highest, or worst case, radiated emission levels are shown on Figure 2.

# **4.4 Occupied Bandwidth Measurements**

- **4.4.1 Requirement -** In accordance with paragraph 15.231(c), all emissions within 20dB of the peak amplitude level of the center frequency are required to be within a band less than 0.25% of the center frequency wide.
- **4.4.2 Procedures -** The test item was placed on an 80cm high non-conductive stand. The unit was set to transmit continuously. With an antenna positioned nearby, occupied bandwidth emissions were displayed on the spectrum analyzer. The resolution bandwidth was set to 30 kHz and span was set to 2 MHz. The frequency spectrum near the fundamental was plotted
- **4.4.3 Results -** The plot of the emissions near the fundamental frequency are presented on data page 16. As can be seen from this data page, the transmitter met the occupied bandwidth requirements. The 99% bandwidth was measured to be 263kHz.

#### **5.0 CONCLUSIONS:**

With modifications made to the test item by Chamberlain Manufacturing personnel, it was determined that the Chamberlain Manufacturing Part No. 115MC, Serial No. None Assigned, did fully meet the conducted and radiated emission requirements of the FCC "Code of Federal Regulations" Title 47, Part 15, Subpart C, Section 15.205 et seq. for Intentional Radiators, when tested per ANSI C63.4-2003.

## **6.0 CERTIFICATION:**

Elite Electronic Engineering Incorporated certifies that the information contained in this report was obtained under conditions which meet or exceed those specified in the test specifications.

The data presented in this test report pertains to the test item at the test date. Any electrical or



mechanical modification made to the test item subsequent to the specified test date will serve to invalidate the data and void this certification.

# **7.0 ENDORSEMENT DISCLAIMER:**

This report must not be used to claim product endorsement by NVLAP or any agency of the US Government.

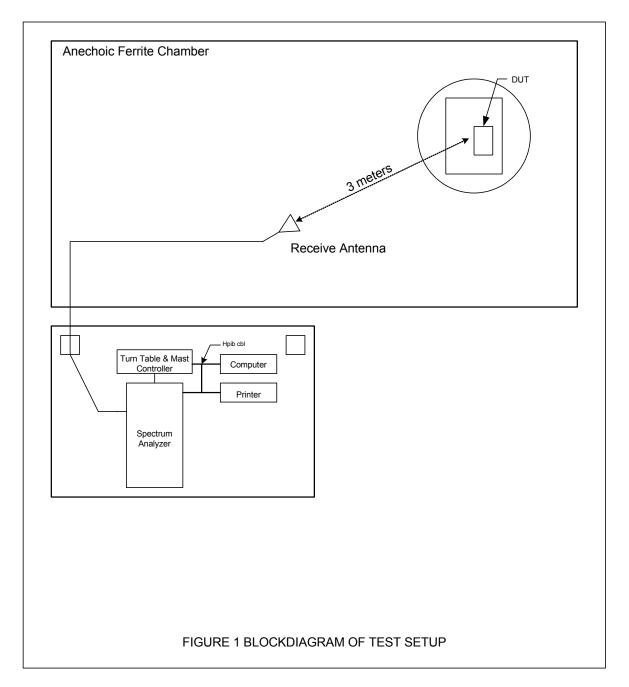


# TABLE I: TEST EQUIPMENT LIST

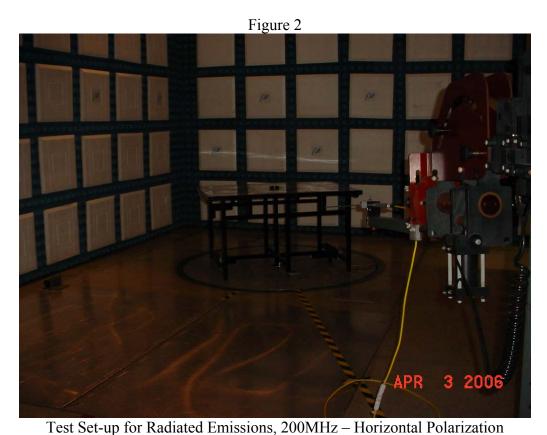
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Eq ID	Equipment Description	Manufacturer			Frequency Range			
Equip	ment Type: ACCESSORIES, MIS	CELLANEOUS						
XZG3	ATTENUATOR/SWITCH DRIVER	HEWLETT PACKARD	11713A	2421A03059			N/A	
Equip	ment Type: AMPLIFIERS							
APK3	PREAMPLIFIER	AGILENT TECHNOL	8449B	3008A01593	1-26.5GHZ	06/03/05	12	06/03/06
Equip	ment Type: ANTENNAS							
NDQ1 NTA0	TUNED DIPOLE ANTENNA TUNED DIPOLE ANTENNA BILOG ANTENNA RIDGED WAVE GUIDE	EMCO EMCO CHASE EMC LTD. EMCO	3121C-DB3 3121C-DB4 BILOG CBL611 3105	313 313 2057 2035	140-400MHZ 400-1000MHZ 0.03-2GHZ 1-12.4GHZ	03/10/06 03/10/06 08/15/05 10/01/05	12 12 12 12	03/10/07 03/10/07 08/15/06 10/01/06
Equip	ment Type: CONTROLLERS							
	COMPUTER MULTI-DEVICE CONTROLLER	GATEWAY EMCO	MFATXPNT NMZ 2090	0028483108 9701-1213	1.8GHZ 		N/A N/A	
Equip	ment Type: PRINTERS AND PLO	ITERS						
HRE1	LASER JET 5P	HEWLETT PACKARD	C3150A	USHB061052			N/A	
Equip	ment Type: RECEIVERS							
RAC2 RACD RAF4 RAKG RAKH	QUASIPEAK ADAPTER	HEWLETT PACKARD HEWLETT PACKARD HEWLETT PACKARD HEWLETT PACKARD	85685A 85650A 85462A	3638A08770 3010A01205 2043A00320 3549A00284 3448A00324	0.01-1000MHZ	12/23/05	12 12 12	02/10/07 12/23/06 02/10/07 11/22/06 11/22/06

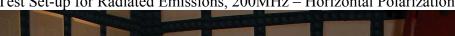
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Note 1: For the purpose of this test, the equipment was calibrated over the specified frequency range, pulse rate, or
modulation prior to the test or monitored by a calibrated instrument.

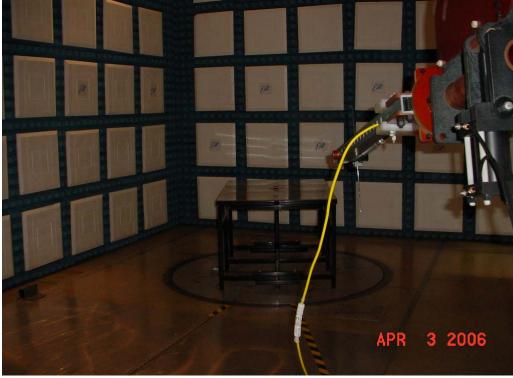






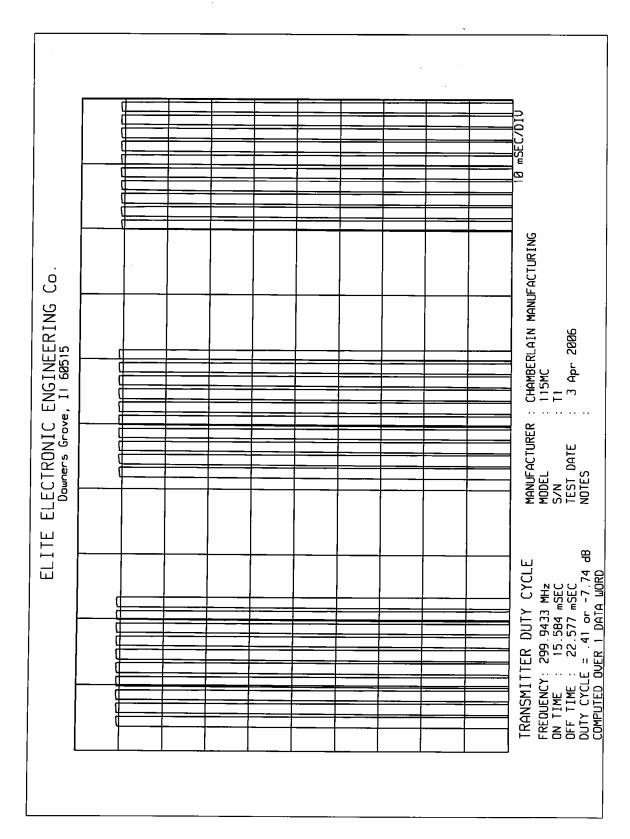




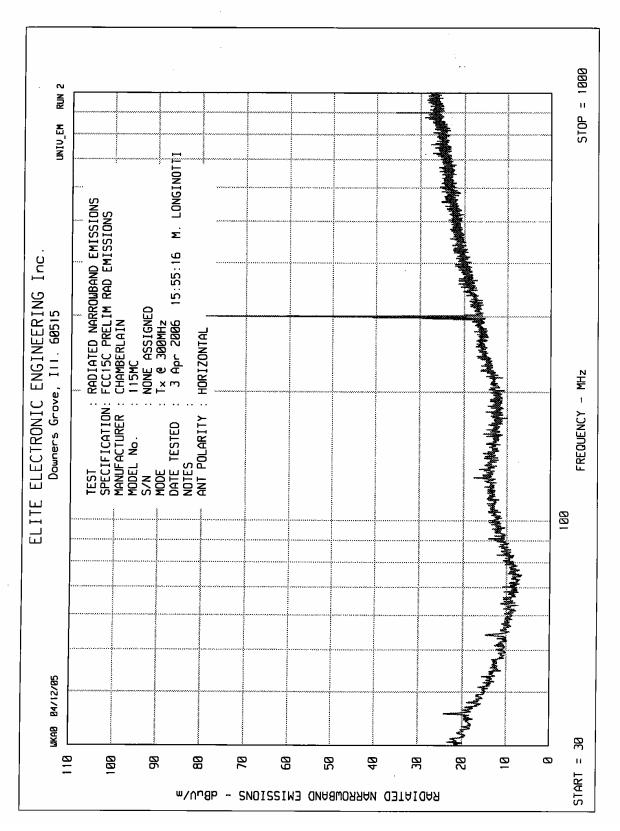


Test Set-up for Radiated Emissions, 300MHz – Vertical Polarization

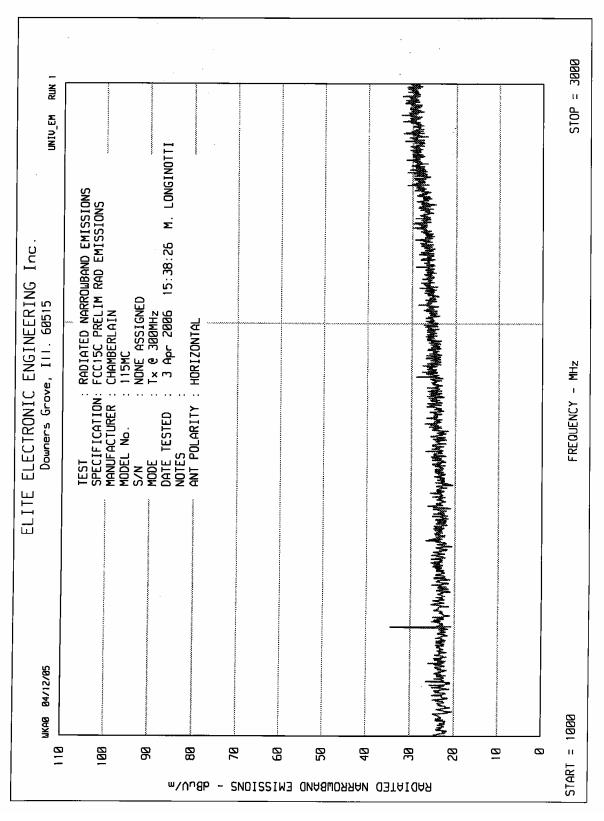














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SPECIFICATION: FCC PART 15C TRANSMITTER OPEN FIELD DATA

MANUFACTURER : CHAMBERLAIN

MODEL : 115MC

S/N

NOTES

S/N : TEST DATE : 3 Apr 2006

TEST ANTENNA : ROBERTS DIPOLE & DRWG ANTENNAS

FREQUENCY	ANT POL	MTR RDG	CBL FAC	ANT FAC	DUTY CYCLE	TOTAL dBuV/m	TOTAL uV/m	LIMIT No	OTES
MHz		dBuV	dВ	dВ	đВ	@3m	@3m	@3m	•
299.98	H	62.5	1.3	18.4	-7.7	74.5	5279.4	5415.8	
299.98	V	48.4	1.3	18.4	-7.7	60.4	1041.3	5415.8	
599.93	H	11.2	1.7	24.7	-7.7	29.9	31.2	541.6	
599.93	V	7.5	1.7	24.7	-7.7	26.2	20.4	541.6	
899.88	H	14.5	1.9	27.5	-7.7	36.2	64.6	541.6	
899.88	V	8.3	1.9	27.5	-7.7	30.0	31.6	541.6	
1199.71	H	13.7	2.3	26.3	-7.7	34.5	53.0	500.0	*
1199.71	V	10.9	2.3	26.3	-7.7	31.7	38.4	500.0	*
1499.80	H	9.3AMB	2.6	26.7	0.0	38.6	85.0	500.0	*
1499.80	V	8.2AMB	2.6	26.7	0.0	37.5	74.9	500.0	*
1799.80	H	8.1AMB	2.8	28.0	0.0	39.0	88.9	541.6	
1799.80	V	9.2AMB	2.8	28.0	0.0	40.1	100.9	541.6	
2099.50	H	<b>10.3AM</b> B	3.1	29.2	0.0	42.6	135.1	541.6	
2099.50	V	8.7AMB	3.1	29.2	0.0	41.0	112.3	541.6	
2399.70	H	9.2AMB	3.4	30.3	0.0	42.9	139.9	541.6	
2399.70	V	9.7AMB	3.4	30.3	0.0	43.4	148.2	541.6	
2699.80	H	8.6AMB	3.7	31.3	0.0	43.7	152.4	500.0	*
2699.80	V	8.7AMB	3.7	31.3	0.0	43.8	154.1	500.0	*
2999.60	H	7.4AMB	4.0	32.3	0.0	43.7	153.1	541.6	
2999.60	V	7.6AMB	4.0	32.3	0.0	43.9	156.6	541.6	

<sup>\*</sup> DENOTES A FREQUENCY CONFLICT WITH RESTRICTED BANDS



