Measurement of RF Interference from a Model 1A6421 Fingerprint Scanner Transmitter

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REVISION HISTORY

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1 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Scope of Tests

This document represents the results of the series of radio interference measurements performed on a model 1A6421 Fingerprint Scanner, (hereinafter referred to as the test item). No serial number was assigned to the test item. The test item was designed to transmit at approximately 315MHz using an internal antenna. The test item was manufactured and submitted for testing by Chamberlain 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, Section 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 EMC Laboratory 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.

1.5 Laboratory Conditions

The temperature at the time of the test was 21°C and the relative humidity was 18%.

2 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 B for Receivers, dated 1 October 2006
- 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"
- Industry Canada RSS-210, Issue 6, September 2005, “Spectrum Management and Telecommunications Radio Standards Specification, Low-power License-exempt radio communication devices (All Frequency Bands): Category I Equipment”
- Industry Canada RSS-GEN, Issue 1, September 2005, “Spectrum Management and Telecommunications Radio Standards Specification, General Requirements and Information for the Certification of radio communication equipment”

3 TEST ITEM SET-UP AND OPERATION

3.1 General Description

The test item is a Fingerprint Scanner, Part No. 1A6421. A block diagram of the test item setup is shown as Figure 1.

3.1.1 Power Input

The test item obtained 6VDC power via internal batteries.

3.1.2 Peripheral Equipment

The test item had no ports for peripheral equipment

3.1.3 Interconnect Cables

The test item had no ports for interconnect cables

3.1.4 Grounding

Since the test item was powered with batteries, it was ungrounded during the tests.

3.2 Operational Mode

For all tests the test item was energized and placed on an 80cm high non-conductive stand. For test purposes, the test item was programmed to transmit continuously. During normal operation, the test item ceases transmission 400mseconds after the fingerprint scanner has been activated.

3.3 Test Item Modifications

No modifications were required for compliance to the FCC requirements.

4 TEST FACILITY AND TEST INSTRUMENTATION

4.1 Shielded Enclosure

All tests were performed in a 32ft. x 20ft. x 18ft. hybrid ferrite-tile/anechoic absorber lined test chamber. With the exception of the floor, the reflective surfaces of the shielded chamber are lined with ferrite tiles on the walls and ceiling. Anechoic absorber material is installed over the ferrite tile. The floor of the chamber is used as the ground plane. The chamber complies with ANSI C63.4-2003 for site attenuation.

4.2 Test Instrumentation

The test instrumentation and auxiliary equipment used during the tests are listed in Table 9-1. All equipment was calibrated per the instruction manuals supplied by the manufacturer.

Conducted emission tests were performed with a spectrum analyzer in conjunction with a quasi-peak adapter.

Radiated emissions were performed with a spectrum analyzer. This receiver allows measurements with the bandwidths and detector function specified by the FCC.

4.3 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).

4.4 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 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

5 TEST PROCEDURES

5.1 Powerline Conducted Emissions

5.1.1 Requirements

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

5.2 Duty Cycle Factor Measurements

5.2.1 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).

5.2.2 Results

A representative plot of the duty cycle is shown on page 13. Since the transmitter uses a rolling code, the duty cycle correction factor used was calculated based on the average case. The following average case information was supplied by Chamberlain Manufacturing:

An average ON time is used because of the ever changing rolling code.

For 100 msec period:
1msec average sync pulse (50% of the time the sync pulse is 0.5msec and 50% of the time the sync pulse is 1.5msec)

20 digits for a total time of 40 msec, but only half of them are ON (oscillator running) for an average of 20 msec.

59msec average blanktime

The total is 100msec.

20 log 21/100 = -13.55

With the test item transmitting at 315MHz, the average case duty cycle correction factor would be -13.55dB.

5.3 Radiated Measurements

5.3.1 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.

*Example Paragraph 15.231(b) has the following radiated emission limits:

Fundamental Frequency MHz	Field Intensity uV/m @ 3 meters	Field Strength Harmonics and Spurious @ 3 meters
260 to 470	3,750 to 12,500*	375 to 1,250*

* - Linear Interpolation

*Example For 315MHz, the limit at the fundamental is 6040.4uV/m @ 3m and the limit on the harmonics is 604uV/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.

5.3.2 Procedures

Radiated 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 3.5GHz 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 3500MHz. 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.

5.3.3 Results

The preliminary plots, with the test item transmitting at 315MHz, are presented on pages 14 and 15. 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 315MHz, are presented on page 16. 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 314.97MHz. The emissions level at this frequency was 0.3dB within the limit. See page 16 for details. Photographs of the test configuration which yielded the highest, or worst case, radiated emission levels are shown on Figure 2.

5.4 Occupied Bandwidth Measurements

5.4.1 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.

5.4.2 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.

5.4.3 Results

The plot of the emissions near the fundamental frequency is presented on page 17. As can be seen from this data page, the transmitter met the occupied bandwidth requirements. In addition, the 99% emission bandwidth measured 268 kHz when using the analyzer's special function key.

6 OTHER TEST CONDITIONS

6.1 Test Personnel and Witnesses

All tests were performed by qualified personnel from Elite Electronic Engineering Incorporated.

6.2 Disposition of the Test Item

The test item and all associated equipment were returned to Chamberlain upon completion of the tests.

7 CONCLUSIONS

It was determined that the Chamberlain Fingerprint Scanner, Part No. 1A6421, 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 and the requirements of Industry Canada RSS 210, when tested per ANSI C63.4-2003.

8 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.

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

9 EQUIPMENT LIST

Table 9-1 Equipment List

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Eq ID	Equipment Description	Manufacturer	Model No.	Serial No.	Frequency Range	Cal Date	Cal Inv	Due Date
Equipment Type: ACCESSORIES, MISCELLANEOUS								
XZG5	ATTENUATOR/SWITCH DRIVER	HEWLETT PACKARD	11713A	2508A05689	PROGRAMMABLE		NOTE 1	
Equipment Type: AMPLIFIERS								
APK5	PREAMPLIFIER	HEWLETT PACKARD	8449B	29331A00183	2GHZ-22GHZ	04/27/06	12	04/27/07
Equipment Type: ANTENNAS								
NDP1	TUNED DIPOLE ANTENNA	EMCO	3121C-DB3	313	140-400MHZ	03/10/06	12	03/10/07
NDQ1	TUNED DIPOLE ANTENNA	EMCO	3121C-DB4	313	400-1000MHZ	03/10/06	12	03/10/07
NTA0	BILOG ANTENNA	CHASE EMC LTD.	BILOG CBL611	2057	0.03-2GHZ	08/21/06	12	08/21/07
NWF0	RIDGED WAVE GUIDE	EMCO	3105	2035	1-12.4GHZ	10/09/06	12	10/09/07
Equipment Type: CONTROLLERS								
CDS2	COMPUTER	GATEWAY	MFATXPNT NMZ	0028483108	1.8GHZ		N/A	
CMA0	MULTI-DEVICE CONTROLLER	EMCO	2090	9701-1213	---		N/A	
Equipment Type: PRINTERS AND PLOTTERS								
HRE1	LASER JET 5P	HEWLETT PACKARD	C3150A	USHB061052	---		N/A	
Equipment Type: RECEIVERS								
RAC2	SPECTRUM ANALYZER	HEWLETT PACKARD	85660B	2504A01234	100HZ-22GHZ	02/10/06	12	02/10/07
RACH	RF PRESELECTOR	HEWLETT PACKARD	85685A	8574A00284	20HZ-2GHZ	10/11/06	12	10/11/07
RAF6	QUASIPEAK ADAPTOR W/ RECEI	HEWLETT PACKARD	85650A	2412A00403	0.01-1000MHZ	08/17/06	12	08/17/07
RAKG	RF SECTION	HEWLETT PACKARD	85462A	3549A00284	0.009-6500MHZ	11/27/06	12	11/27/07
RAKH	RF FILTER SECTION	HEWLETT PACKARD	85460A	3448A00324	---	11/27/06	12	11/27/07

Cal. Interval: Listed in Months I/O: Initial Only N/A: Not Applicable

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.

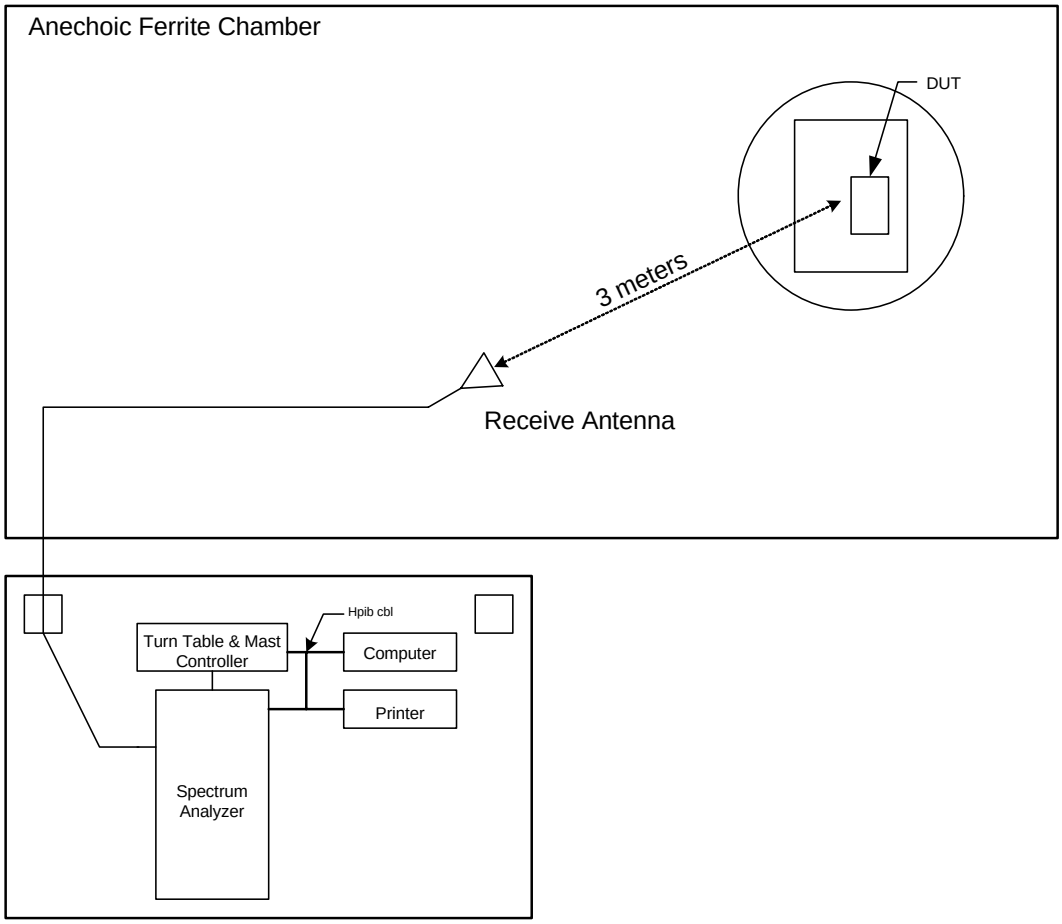
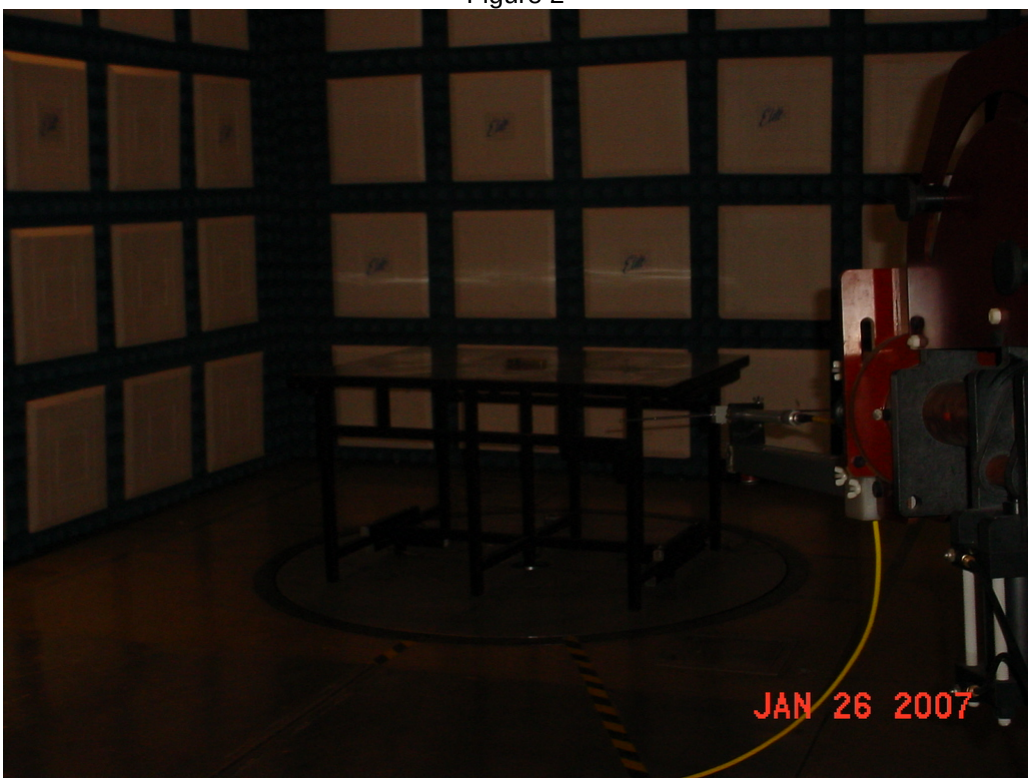


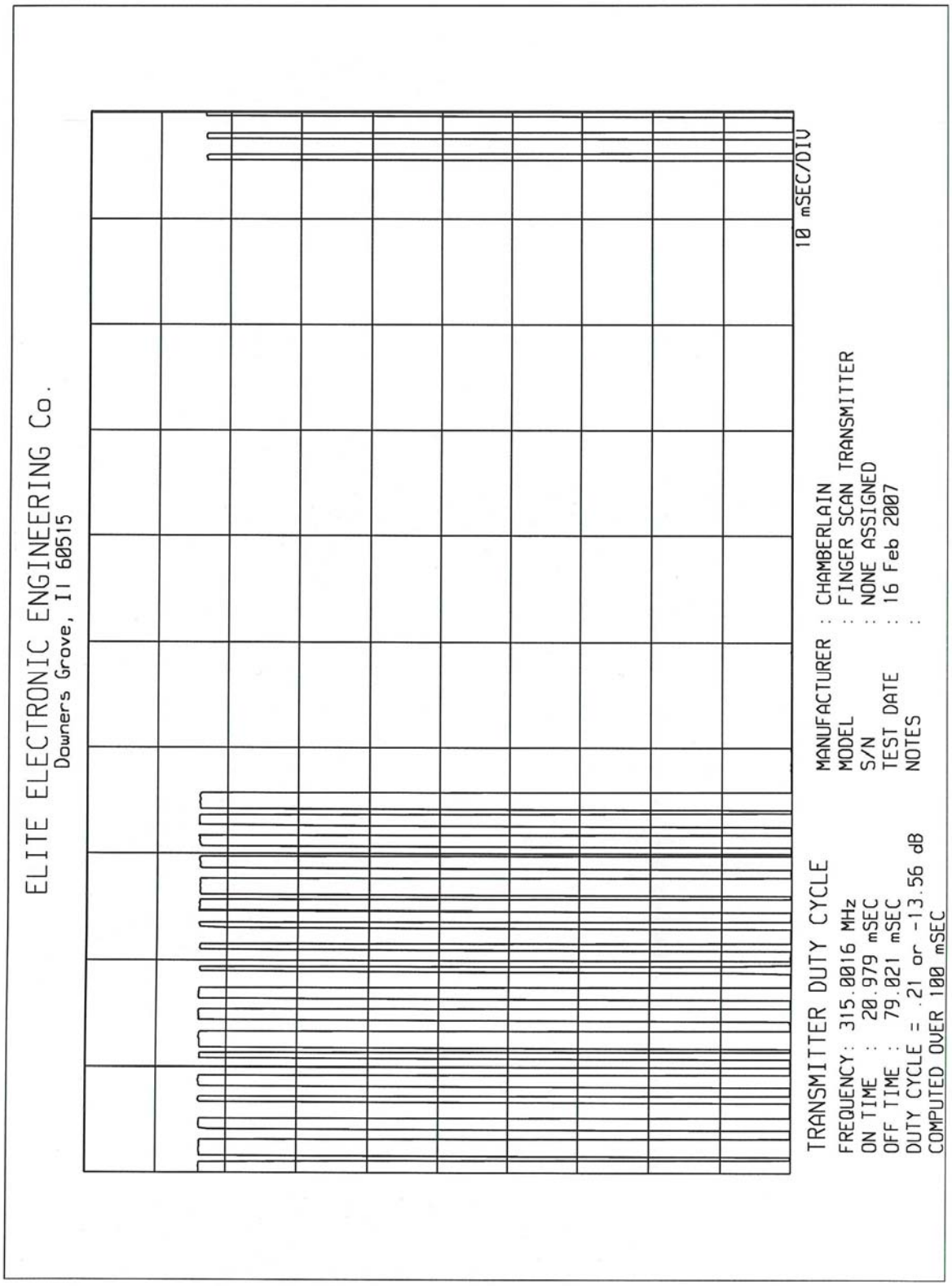
FIGURE 1 BLOCKDIAGRAM OF TEST SETUP

Figure 2



Test Set-up for Radiated Emissions – Horizontal Polarity

Test Set-up for Radiated Emissions – Vertical Polarity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Downers Grove, Il 60515
10 mSEC/DIV
TRANSMITTER DUTY CYCLE
FREQUENCY: 315.0016 MHz
ON TIME : 20.979 mSEC
OFF TIME : 79.021 mSEC
DUTY CYCLE = .21 or -13.56 dB
COMPUTED OVER 100 mSEC
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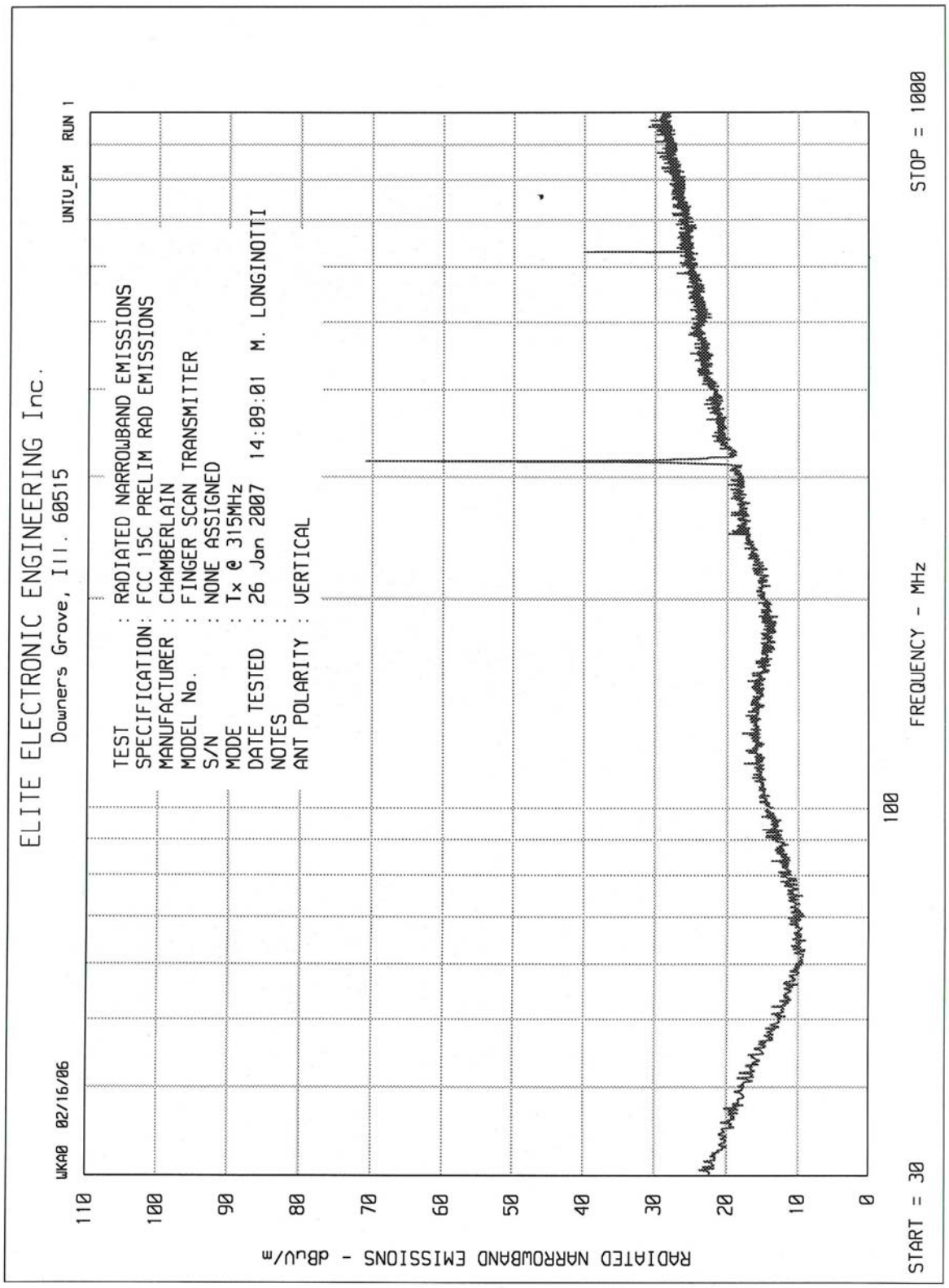
MODEL : FINGER SCAN TRANSMITTER
S/N : NONE ASSIGNED
TEST DATE : 16 Feb 2007
NOTES :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Downers Grove, Ill. 60515
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SPECIFICATION: FCC 15C PRELIM RAD EMISSIONS
MANUFACTURER : CHAMBERLAIN
MODEL No. : FINGER SCAN TRANSMITTER
S/N : NONE ASSIGNED
MODE : Tx @ 315MHz
DATE TESTED : 26 Jan 2007 14:09:01 M. LONGINOTTI
NOTES :
ANT POLARITY : VERTICAL
RADIATED NARROWBAND EMISSIONS - dBuV/m
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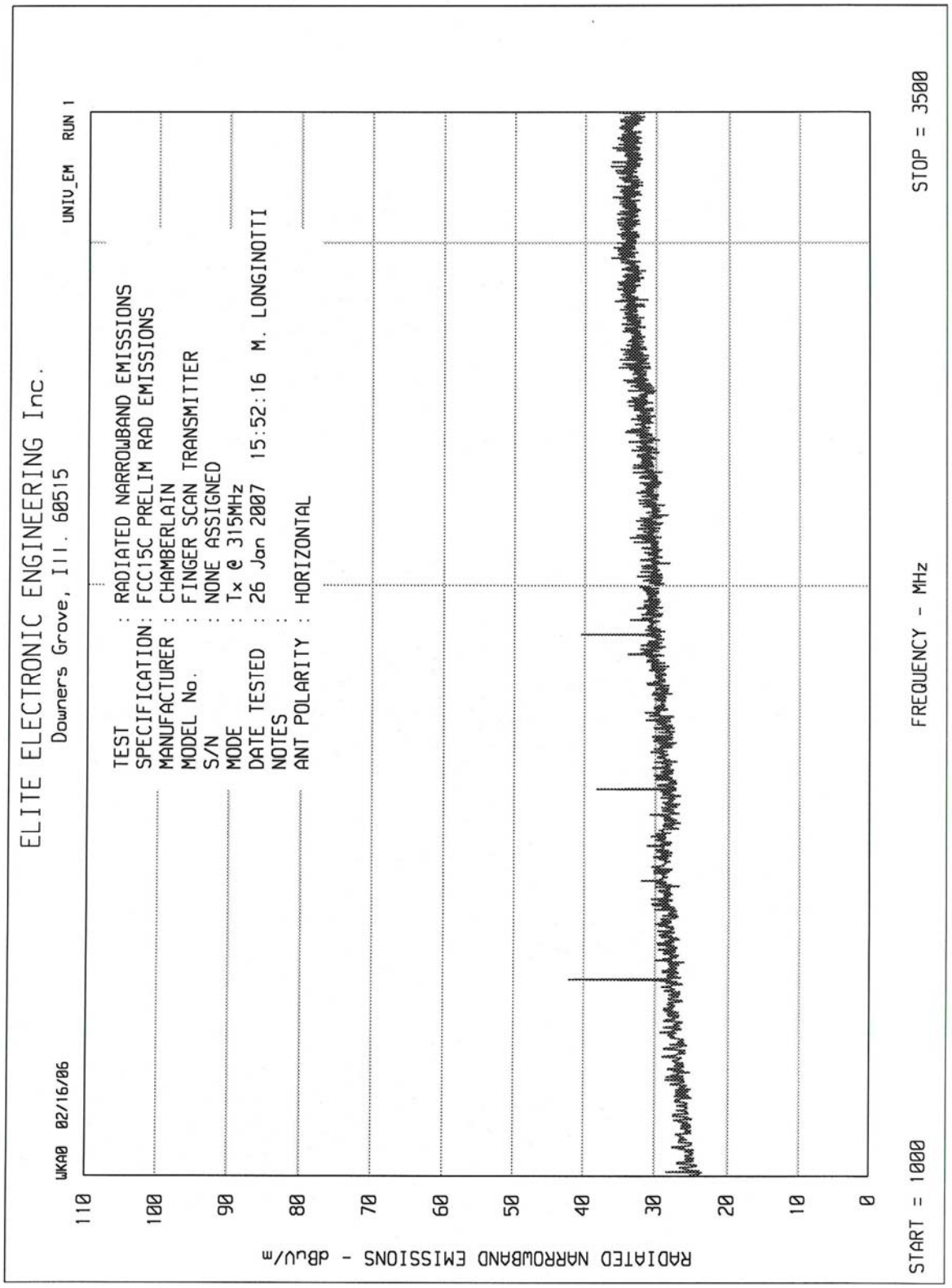
FREQUENCY - MHz
STOP = 1000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Downers Grove, Ill. 60515
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MANUFACTURER : CHAMBERLAIN
MODEL No. : FINGER SCAN TRANSMITTER
S/N : NONE ASSIGNED
MODE : Tx @ 315MHz
DATE TESTED : 26 Jan 2007 15:52:16 M. LONGINOTTI
NOTES : :
ANT POLARITY : HORIZONTAL
RADIATED NARROWBAND EMISSIONS - dBuV/m
110
100
90
80
70
60
50
40
30
20
10
0
START = 1000
FREQUENCY - MHz
STOP = 3500

ETR No.
DATA PAGE

SPECIFICATION : FCC PART 15C TRANSMITTER OPEN FIELD DATA
MANUFACTURER : CHAMBERLAIN
MODEL : FINGER SCAN TRANSMITTER
S/N : NONE ASSIGNED
TEST DATE : 26 Jan 2007
NOTES : Tx @ 315MHz
TEST ANTENNA : ROBERTS DIPOLE & DRWG ANTENNAS

FREQUENCY MHz	ANT POL	MTR RDG dBuV	CBL FAC dB	ANT FAC dB	DUTY CYCLE dB	TOTAL dBuV/m @3m	TOTAL uV/m @3m	LIMIT uV/m @3m	NOTES
314.97	H	68.8	1.3	18.7	-13.6	75.3	5806.2	6040.4	
314.97	V	59.1	1.3	18.7	-13.6	65.6	1900.6	6040.4	
629.95	H	31.5	1.7	24.6	-13.6	44.3	164.4	604.0	
629.95	V	22.5	1.7	24.6	-13.6	35.3	58.3	604.0	
944.93	H	15.7	2.0	28.5	-13.6	32.6	42.8	604.0	
944.93	V	12.2	2.0	28.5	-13.6	29.1	28.6	604.0	
1259.90	H	28.2	2.3	26.2	-13.6	43.2	144.0	604.0	
1259.90	V	20.9	2.3	26.2	-13.6	35.9	62.1	604.0	
1574.90	V	22.9	2.7	27.1	-13.6	39.1	90.1	500.0	*
1574.90	H	27.4	2.7	27.1	-13.6	43.6	151.3	500.0	*
1889.80	H	22.0	2.9	28.5	-13.6	39.9	99.0	604.0	
1889.80	V	13.4AMB	2.9	28.5	0.0	44.9	175.1	604.0	
2204.80	V	15.6	3.2	29.5	-13.6	34.8	54.8	500.0	*
2204.80	H	17.7	3.2	29.5	-13.6	36.9	69.8	500.0	*
2519.80	H	13.0AMB	3.6	30.2	0.0	46.7	217.1	604.0	
2519.80	V	10.6AMB	3.6	30.2	0.0	44.3	164.7	604.0	
2834.70	V	11.0AMB	3.9	31.1	0.0	46.0	199.4	500.0	*
2834.70	H	13.9AMB	3.9	31.1	0.0	48.9	278.4	500.0	*
3149.70	H	10.8AMB	4.1	31.8	0.0	46.7	215.1	604.0	
3149.70	V	10.2AMB	4.1	31.8	0.0	46.1	200.8	604.0	

* DENOTES A FREQUENCY CONFLICT WITH RESTRICTED BANDS

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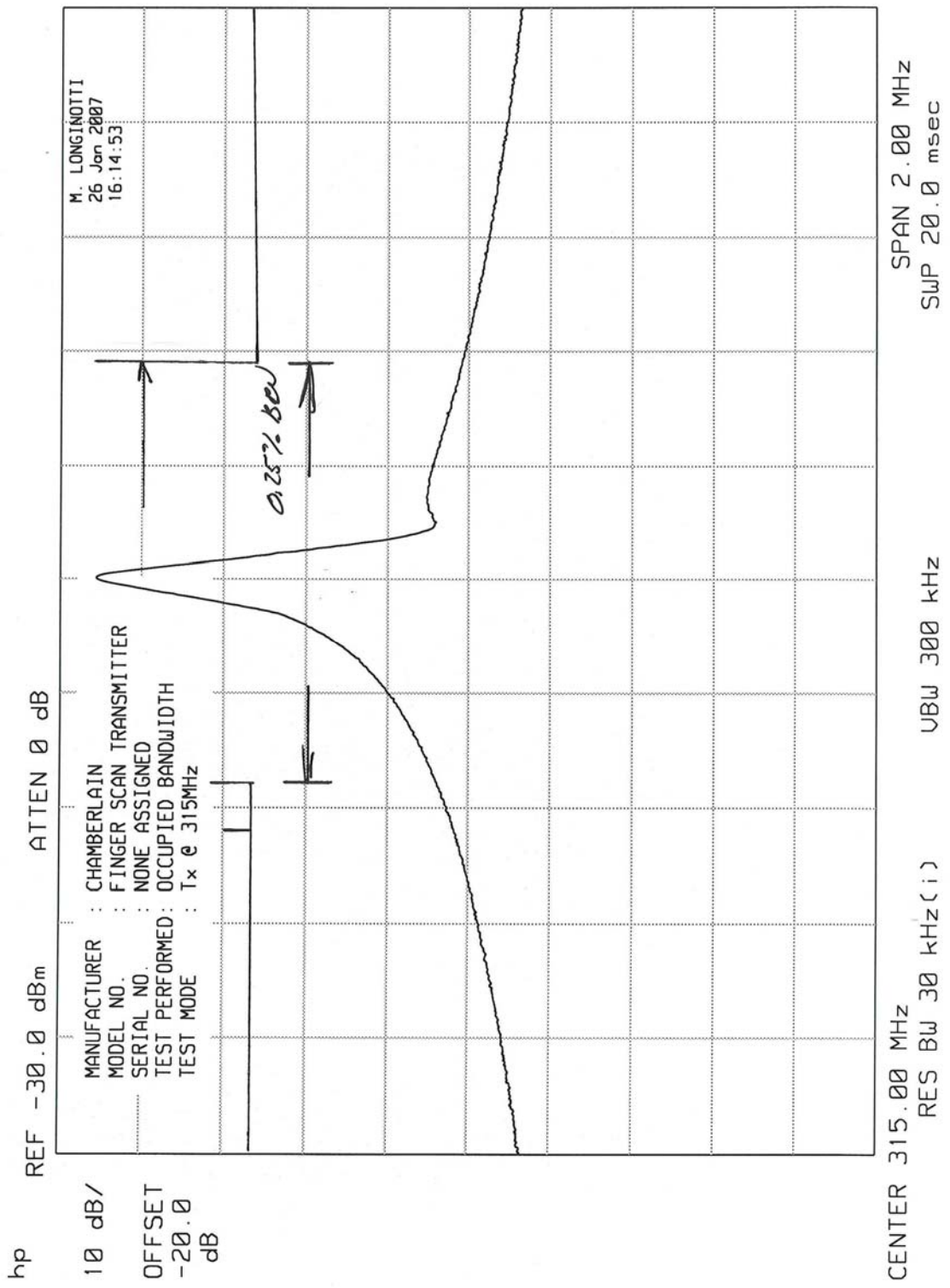
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26 Jan 2007
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SERIAL NO. : NONE ASSIGNED
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RES BW 30 kHz(i)
VBW 300 kHz
SPAN 2.00 MHz
SWP 20.0 msec