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Manufacturer: Sensus Metering Systems
Model: 520R

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1 GENERAL

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to demonstrate compliance with Part 15 Subpart C of the FCC's Code of Federal Regulations and Industry Canada's Radio Standards Specification RSS-210 for a Class II permissive change. The Class II permissive change is for the replacement of obsolete PLL IC and charge pump voltage doubler (SC1462) for new VCO/PLL Synthesizer IC (LMX2531LQ1742) and charge pump voltage doubler (LM2660MMX).

1.2 Product description

The Sensus Radio Read Meter Transceiver Unit 520R is a pit set radio signal device which permits off site meter reading via radio signal in a pit set or vault environment.

Table 1.2-1: Product Description

Mode of Operation	Frequency Range (MHz)	Data Rates Supported (kbps)
BPSK	904.6 – 925.4	15.625

Manufacturer Information:
Sensus Metering Systems
8609 Six Forks Road
Raleigh, NC 27615

Test Sample Serial Number(s): 1118FT31FE, 1118FT31FC, 1118FT31F1

Test Sample Condition: The EUT was in good physical conditions with no noticeable defects.

1.3 Test Methodology and Considerations

The 520R was evaluated for radiated and RF conducted emissions for the low, middle and high channels in the 904.6 MHz to 925.4 MHz frequency band of operation.

The preliminary evaluation for radiated emissions compliance were performed for the 520R set in three orthogonal orientation corresponding to the X,Y and Z axes. Final radiated emissions were performed using the orientation leading to the highest emissions as compared to the limits.

The RF conducted measurements were performed on a 520R unit modified to provide a temporary SMA connector at the antenna output port.

The frequency and conditions of operation for the evaluation are provided below.

Table 1.3-1: EUT Evaluation Configuration

Frequency (MHz)	Modulation	Data Rate (kbps)	Final Orientation
904.6	BPSK	15.625	XZ plane
915.0	BPSK	15.625	XZ plane
925.4	BPSK	15.625	XZ plane

The 520R is a battery operated device only and it is not meant be connected either directly or indirectly to the public utility line. Consequently, the 520R is exempted from power line conducted emissions evaluation. The compliance of the digital and receiver portions of the device is documented separately in a verification report.

2 TEST FACILITIES

2.1 Location

The radiated and conducted emissions test sites are located at the following address:

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FCC Test Firm Registration #: 587595
Industry Canada Lab Code: 4175C

2.2 Laboratory Accreditations/Recognitions/Certifications

ACS is accredited to ISO/IEC 17025 by ANSI-ASQ National Accreditation Board under their ACLASS program and has been issued certificate number AT-1533 in recognition of this accreditation. Unless otherwise specified, all test methods described within this report are covered under the ISO/IEC 17025 scope of accreditation.

2.3 Radiated & Conducted Emissions Test Site Description

2.3.1 Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site

The EMC radiated test facility consists of an RF-shielded enclosure. The interior dimensions of the indoor semi-anechoic chamber are approximately 48 feet (14.6 m) long by 36 feet (10.8 m) wide by 24 feet (7.3 m) high and consist of rigid, 1/8 inch (0.32 cm) steel-clad, wood core modular panels with steel framing. In the shielded enclosure, the faces of the panels are galvanized and the chamber is self-supporting. 8-foot RF absorbing cones are installed on 4 walls and the ceiling. The steel-clad ground plane is covered with vinyl floor.

The turntable is driven by pneumatic motor, which is capable of supporting a 2000 lb. load. The turntable is flushed with the chamber floor which it is connected to, around its circumference, with a continuous metallic loaded spring. An EMCO Model 1050 Multi-device Controller controls the turntable position.

A pneumatic motor is used to control antenna polarizations and height relative to the ground. The height information is displayed on the control unit EMCO Model 1050.

The control room is an RF shielded enclosure attached to the semi-anechoic chamber with two bulkhead panels for connecting RF, and control cables. The dimension of the room is 7.3 m x 4.9 m x 3 m high and the entrance doors of both control and conducted rooms are 3 feet (0.91 m) by 7 feet (2.13 m).

A diagram of the Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site is shown in Figure 2.3.1-1 below:

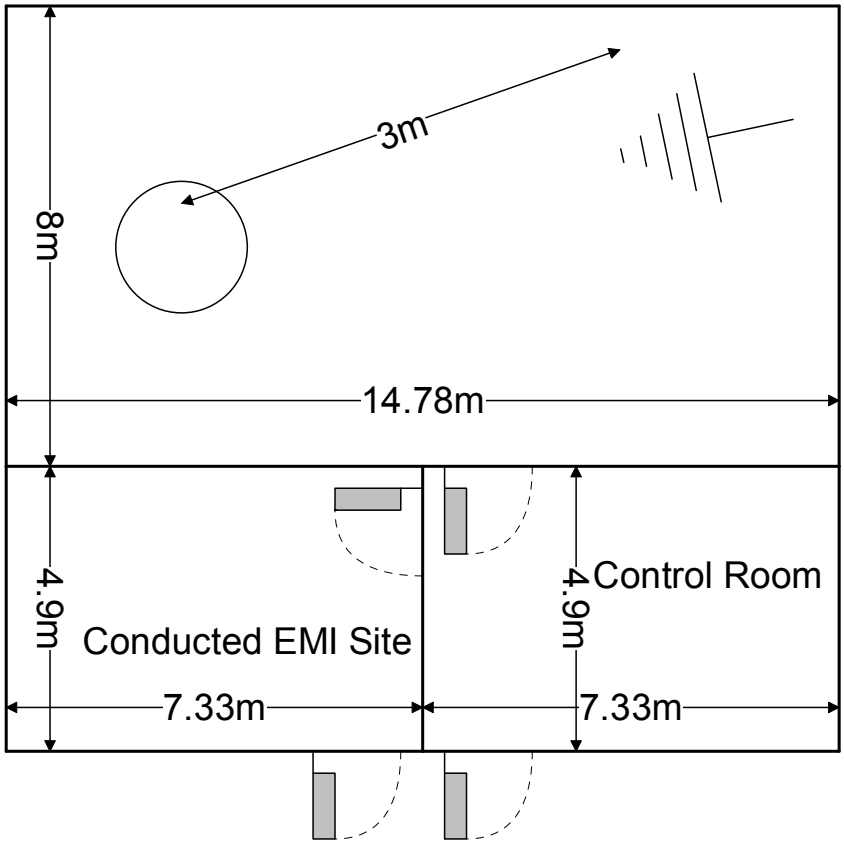


Figure 2.3.1-1: Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site

2.3.2 Conducted Emissions Test Site Description

The dimensions of the shielded conducted room are 7.3 x 4.9 x 3 m^3. As per ANSI C63.4 2003 requirements, the data were taken using two LISNs; a Solar Model 8028-50 50 Ω/50 µH and an EMCO Model 3825, which are installed as shown in Photograph 3. For 220 V, 50 Hz, a Polarad LISN (S/N 879341/048) is used in conjunction with a 1 kVA, 50 Hz/220 V EDGAR variable frequency generator, Model 1001B, to filter conducted noise from the generator.

A diagram of the room is shown below in figure 2.3.2-1:

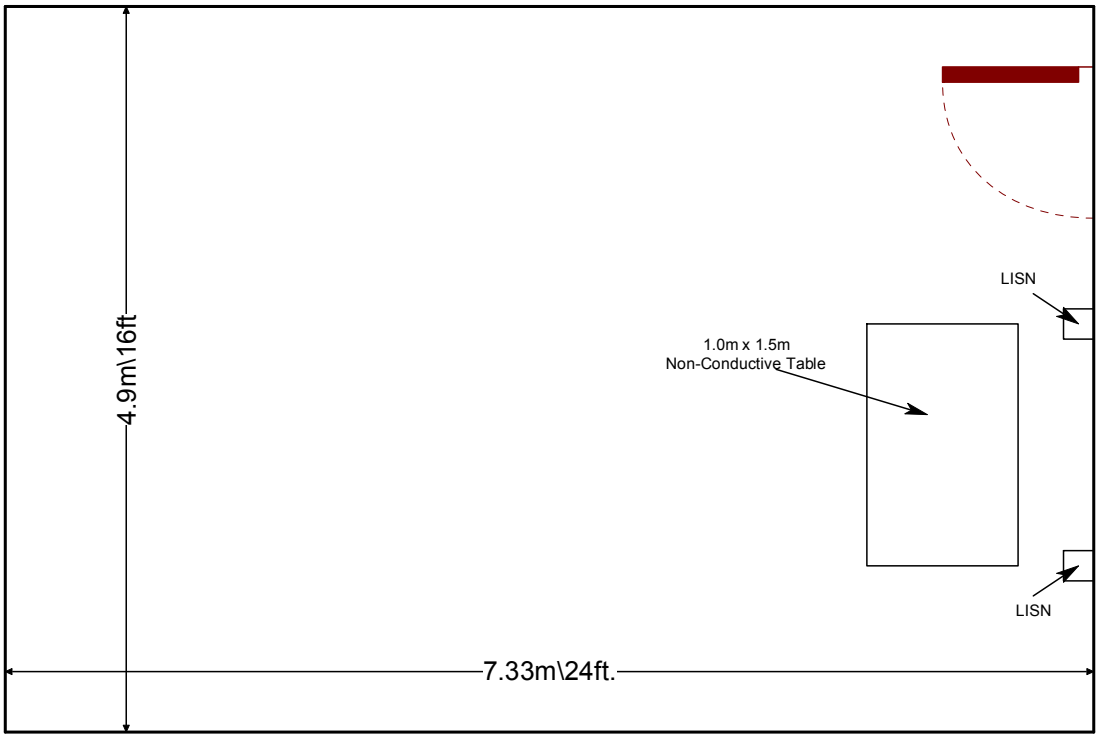


Figure 2.3.2-1: AC Mains Conducted EMI Site

3 APPLICABLE STANDARD REFERENCES

The following standards were used:

- ANSI C63.4-2003: Method of Measurements of Radio-Noise Emissions from Low-Voltage Electrical and Electronic Equipment in the 9KHz to 40GHz
- US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Title 47, Part 2, Subpart J: Equipment Authorization Procedures, 2010
- US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Title 47, Part 15, Subpart C: Radio Frequency Devices, Intentional Radiators, 2010
- KDB Publication No. 558074 - Measurement of Digital Transmission Systems Operating under Section 15.247, March 23, 2005
- Industry Canada Radio Standards Specification: RSS-210 - Low-power License-exempt Radiocommunication Devices (All Frequency Bands): Category I Equipment, Issue 8, December 2010.
- Industry Canada Radio Standards Specification: RSS-GEN – General Requirements and Information for the Certification of Radiocommunication Equipment, Issue 3, December 2010.

4 LIST OF TEST EQUIPMENT

The calibration interval of test equipment is annually or the manufacturer's recommendations. Where the calibration interval deviates from the annual cycle based on the instrument manufacturer's recommendations, it shall be stated below.

Table 4-1: Test Equipment

AssetID	Manufacturer	Model #	Equipment Type	Serial #	Last Calibration Date	Calibration Due Date
523	Agilent	E7405	Spectrum Analyzers	MY45103293	1/5/2011	1/5/2013
524	Chase	CBL6111	Antennas	1138	1/7/2011	1/7/2013
2006	EMCO	3115	Antennas	2573	3/2/2011	3/2/2013
2011	Hewlett-Packard	HP 8447D	Amplifiers	2443A03952	1/3/2011	1/3/2012
2012	Hewlett-Packard	HP83017A	Amplifiers	3123A00324	2/25/2011	2/25/2012
2013	Hewlett Packard	HP8566B	Spectrum Analyzers	2407A03233	8/5/2010	8/5/2012
2014	Hewlett Packard	HP 85650A	Quasi Peak Adapter	2430A00559	8/5/2010	8/5/2012
2037	ACS Boca	Chamber EMI Cable Set	Cable Set	2037	1/7/2011	1/7/2012
2044	QMI	N/A	Cables	2044	1/7/2011	1/7/2012
2071	Trilithic, Inc.	4HC1400-1-KK	Filter	9643263	2/3/2011	2/3/2012
2088	Hewlett Packard	11170B	Cables	2088	7/4/2011	7/4/2012
2069	Trilithic, Inc.	7NM867/122-X1-AA	Notch Filter	200315126	2/3/2011	2/3/2012
2075	Hewlett Packard	8495B	Attenuators	2626A11012	12/10/2010	12/10/2011

NCR=No Calibration Required

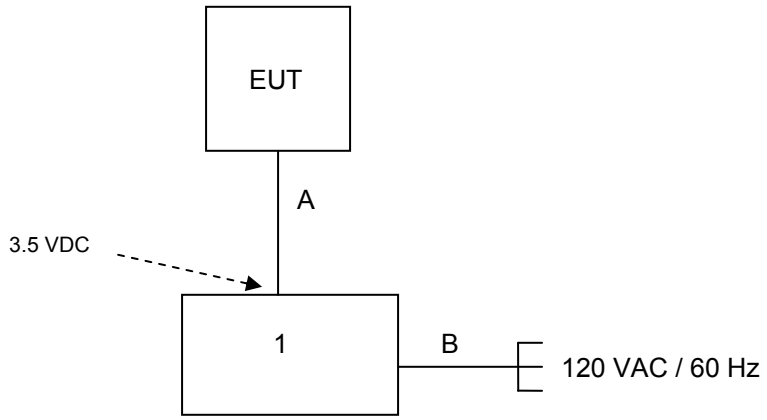
5 SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

Table 5-1: Support Equipment

Item	Equipment Type	Manufacturer	Model Number	Serial Number
1	DC Power Supply	MPJA	HY5003	003700278

6 EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST SETUP BLOCK DIAGRAM

A. 2 wire conductor, 1.75m, not shielded
B. AC Power cord, 1.8m, not shielded



* An input voltage of 3.5 VDC was supplied to the EUT by the MPJA HY5003 DC power supply. The HY5003 is not part of the system under test.

7 SUMMARY OF TESTS

Along with the tabular data shown below, plots were taken of all signals deemed important enough to document.

7.1 Antenna Requirement – FCC: Section 15.203

The 520R uses a printed circuit board folded dipole of 2.2 dBi gain.

7.2 6 dB Bandwidth - FCC: Section 15.247(a)(2) IC: RSS-210 A8.2(a)

7.2.1 Measurement Procedure

The 6dB bandwidth was measured in accordance with the FCC KDB Publication No. 558074 "Guidance on Measurements for Digital Transmission Systems (47 CFR 15.247)". The RBW of the spectrum analyzer was set to 100 kHz and VBW 300 kHz. Span was set large enough to capture the entire emissions and >> RBW.

7.2.2 Measurement Results

Results are shown below in Table 7.2.2-1 and Figures 7.2.2-1 through 7.2.2-3.

Table 7.2.2-1: 6 dB Bandwidth

Frequency [MHz]	6dB Bandwidth [kHz]
904.6	1150
915.0	1137.5
925.4	1150

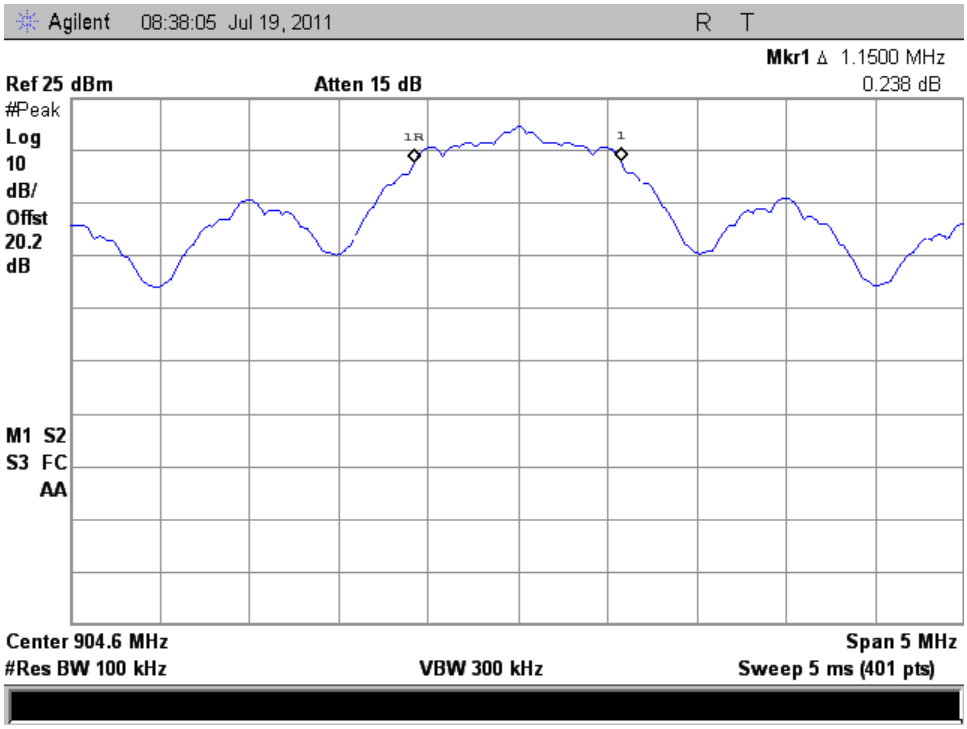


Figure 7.2.2-1: 6dB BW Low Channel

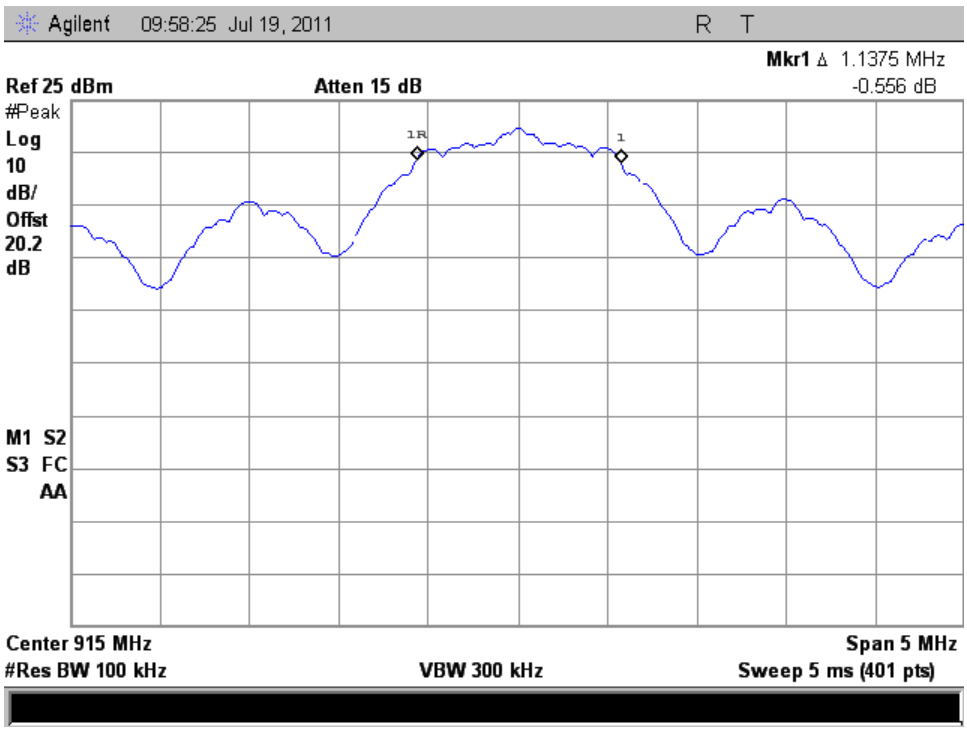


Figure 7.2.2-2: 6dB BW Low Channel

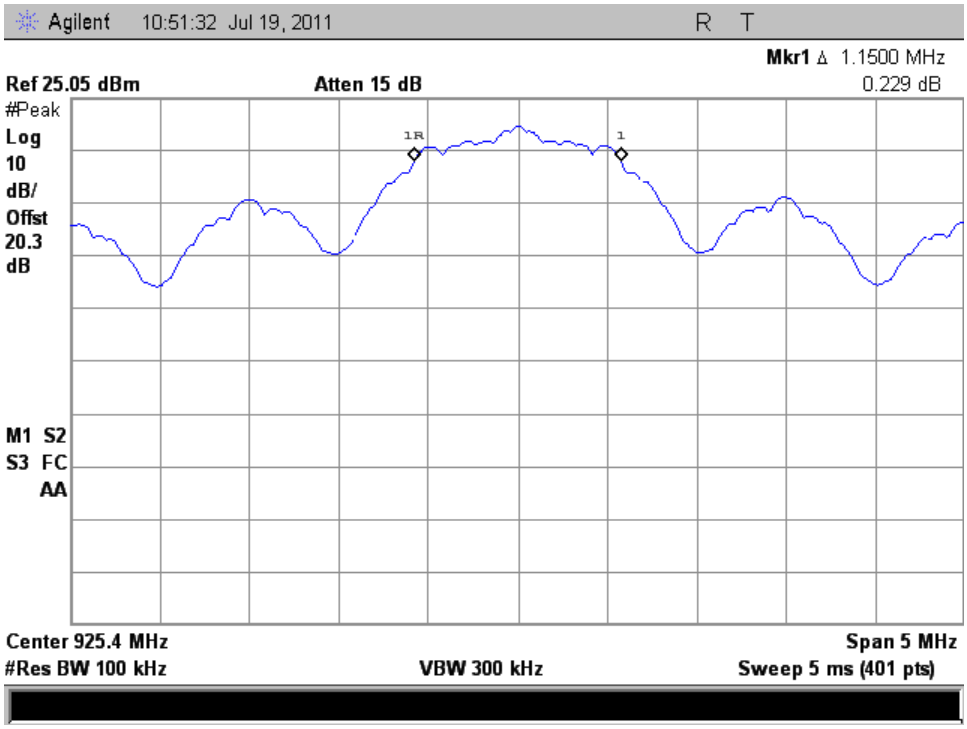


Figure 7.2.2-3: 6dB BW Low Channel

7.3 Peak Output Power - FCC Section 15.247(b)(3) IC: RSS-210 A8.4(4)

7.3.1 Measurement Procedure (Conducted Method)

The Peak Output Power was measured in accordance with the FCC KDB Publication No. 558074 "Guidance on Measurements for Digital Transmission Systems (47 CFR 15.247)" Power Option 1. The RF output of the equipment under test was directly connected to the input of the Spectrum Analyzer. Data was collected with the EUT operating at maximum power per channelization.

7.3.2 Measurement Results

Results are shown below in Table 7.3.2-1 and Figures 7.3.2-1 to 7.3.2-3 below:

Table 7.3.2-1: RF Output Power

Frequency [MHz]	Level [dBm]
904.6	21.75
915.0	21.96
925.4	21.94

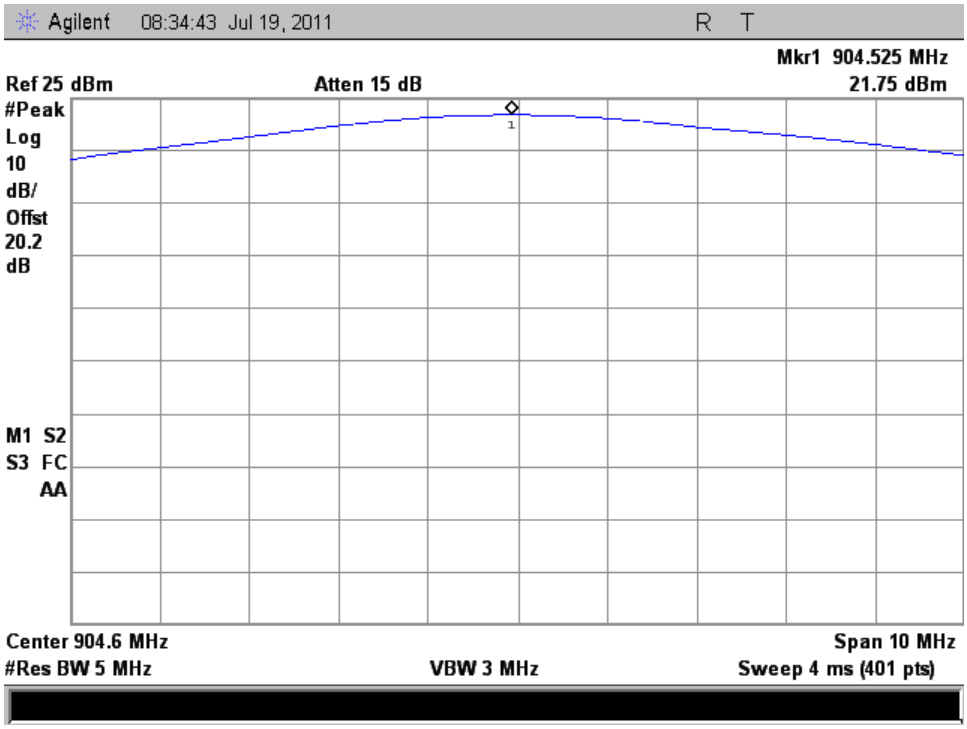


Figure 7.3.2-1: RF Output Power - Low Channel

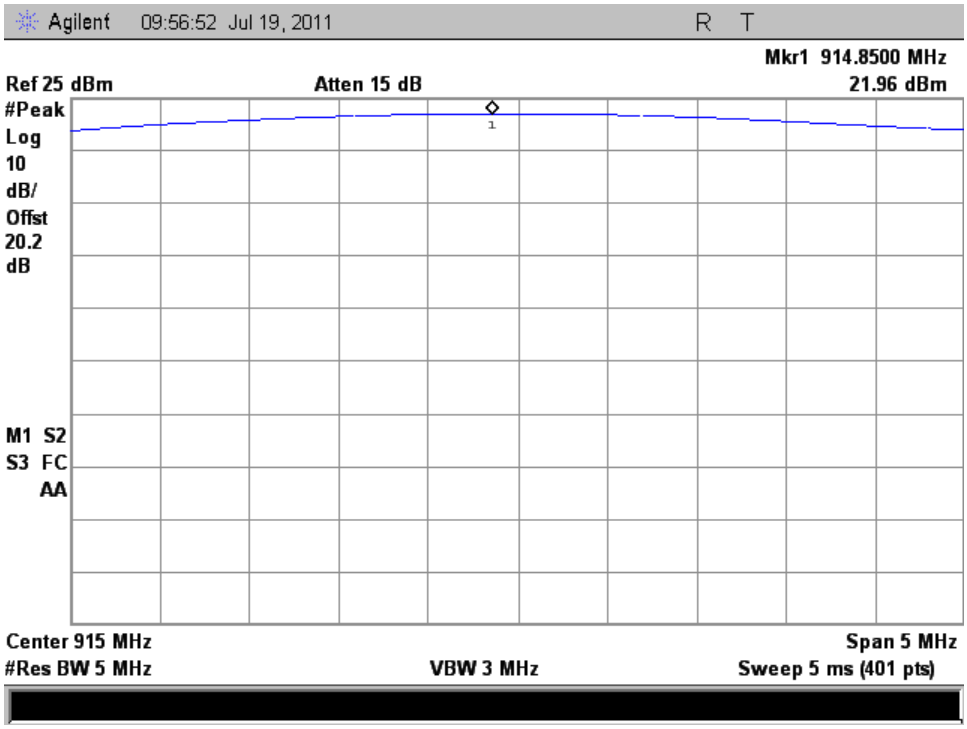


Figure 7.3.2-2: RF Output Power - Middle Channel

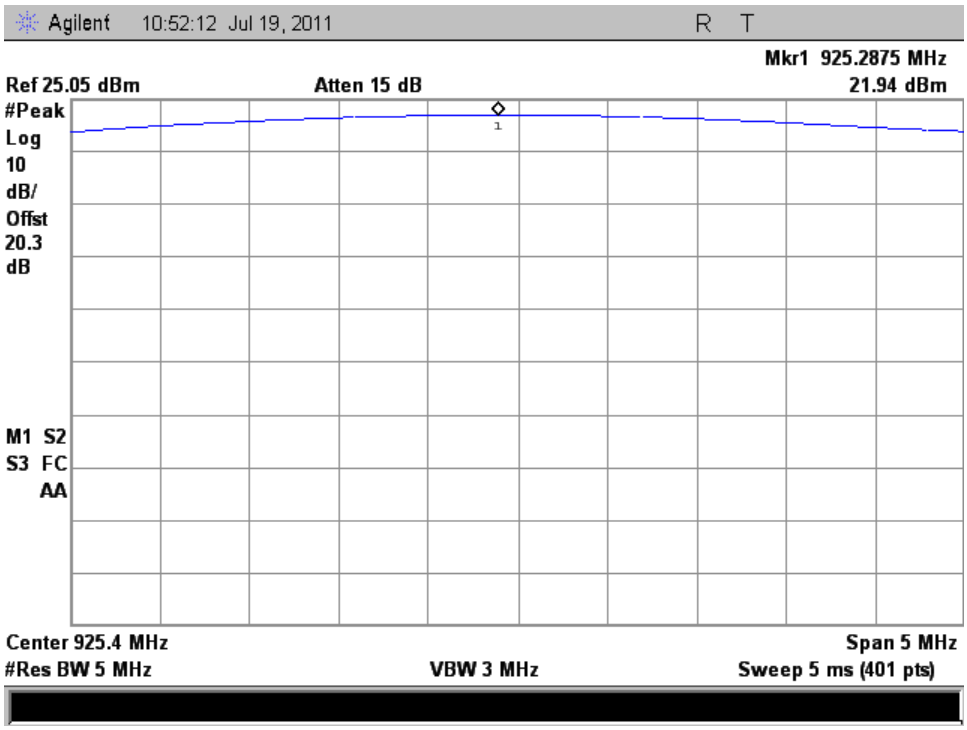


Figure 7.3.2-3: RF Output Power - High Channel

7.4 Band-Edge Compliance and Spurious Emissions-FCC 15.247(d) IC:RSS-210 2.2, A8.5

7.4.1 Band-Edge Compliance of RF Conducted Emissions

7.4.1.1 Measurement Procedure

The RF output port of the EUT was directly connected to the input of the spectrum analyzer. The EUT was investigated at the lowest and highest channel available to determine band-edge compliance. For each measurement the spectrum analyzer's RBW was set to 100 kHz, and the VBW was set to 300 kHz.

7.4.1.2 Measurement Results

Results are shown in the figures 7.4.1.2-1 to 7.4.1.2-2 below.

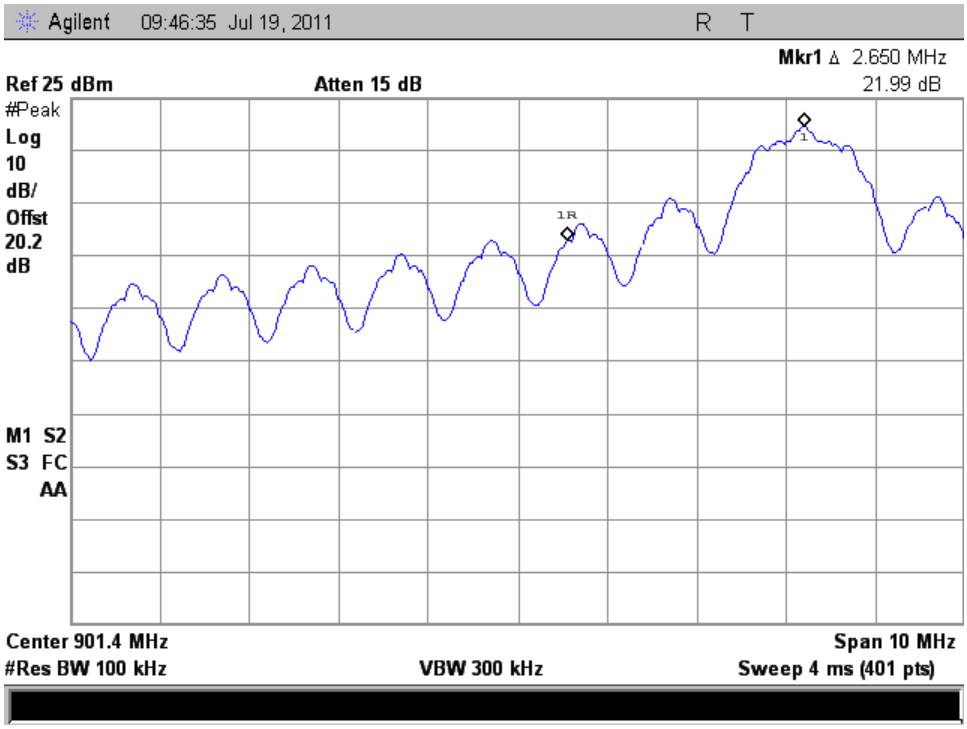


Figure 7.4.1.2-1: Lower Band-edge

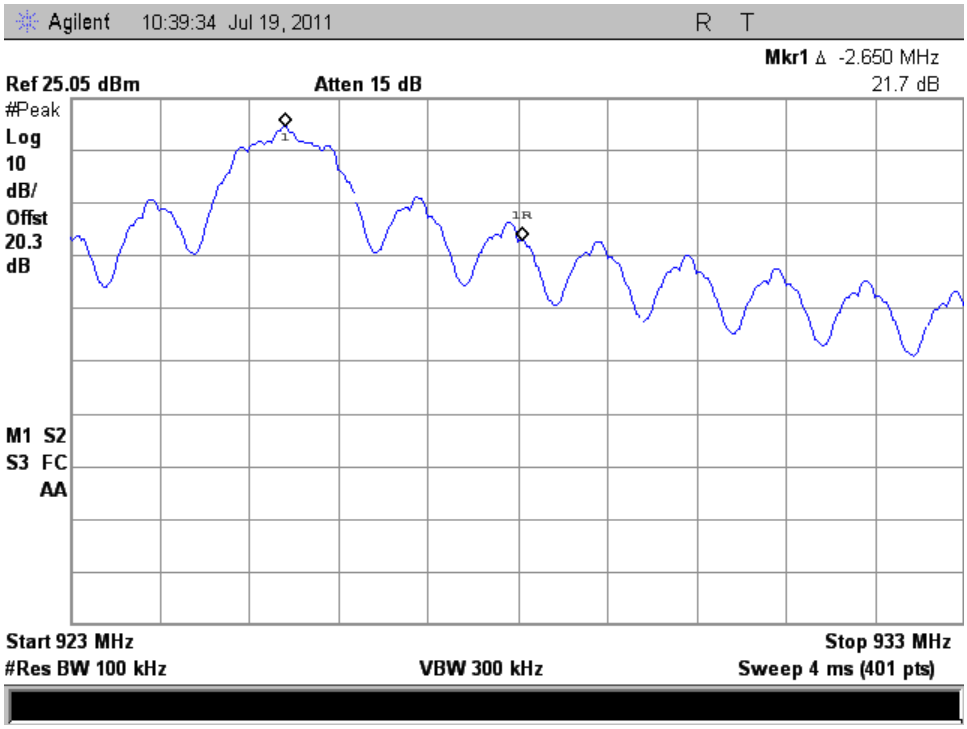


Figure 7.4.1.2-2: Upper Band-edge

7.4.2 RF Conducted Spurious Emissions

7.4.2.1 Measurement Procedure

The RF Conducted Spurious Emissions were measured in accordance with the FCC KDB Publication No. 558074 "Guidance on Measurements for Digital Transmission Systems (47 CFR 15.247)". The RF output port of the equipment under test was directly connected to the input of the spectrum analyzer. The EUT was investigated for conducted spurious emissions from 30MHz to 10GHz, 10 times the highest fundamental frequency. Measurements were made at the low, center and high channels of the EUT. For each measurement, the spectrum analyzer's RBW was set to 100 kHz and the VBW was set to 300 kHz. The peak Max Hold function of the analyzer was utilized.

7.4.2.2 Measurement Results

Results are shown below in Figures 7.4.2.2-1 to 7.4.2.2-6:

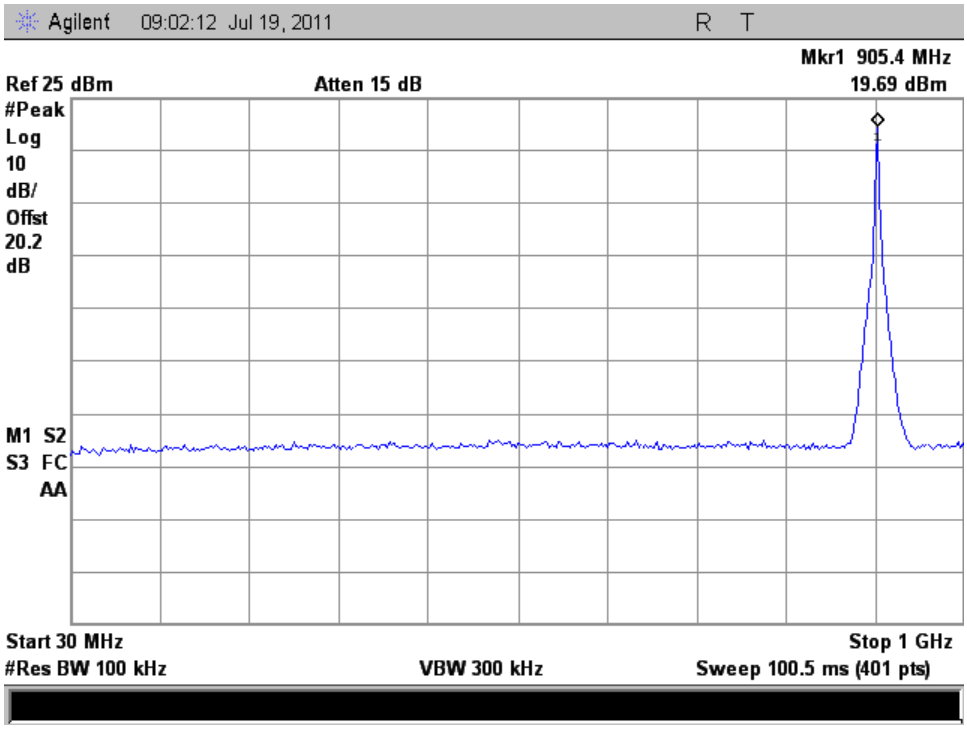


Figure 7.4.2.2-1: 30 MHz – 1 GHz – Low Channel

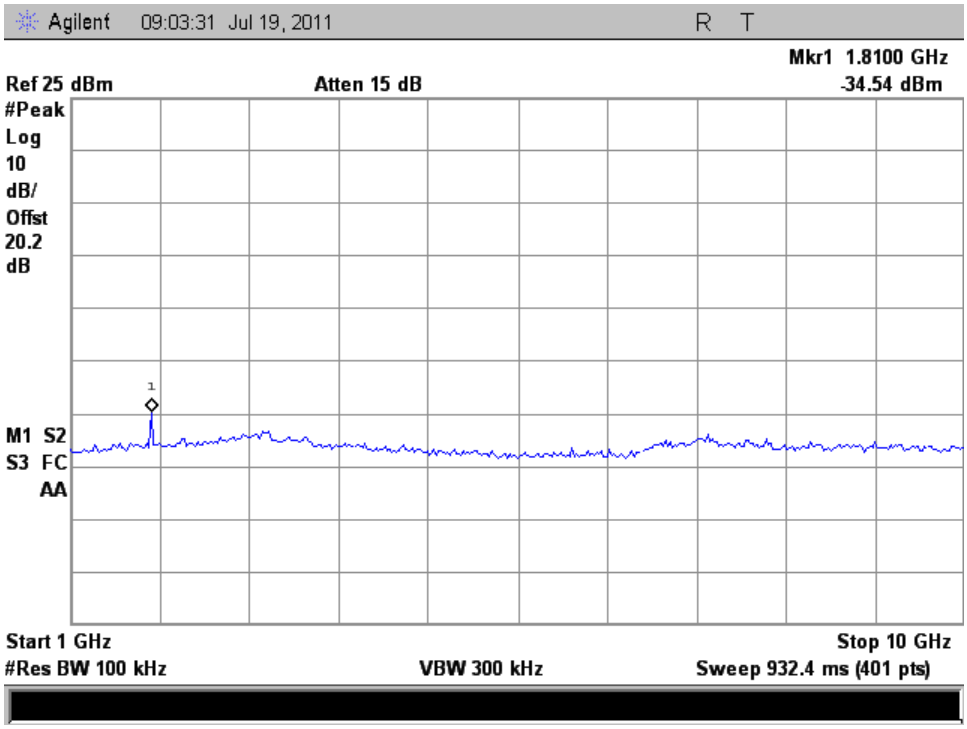


Figure 7.4.2.2-2: 1 GHz – 10 GHz – Low Channel

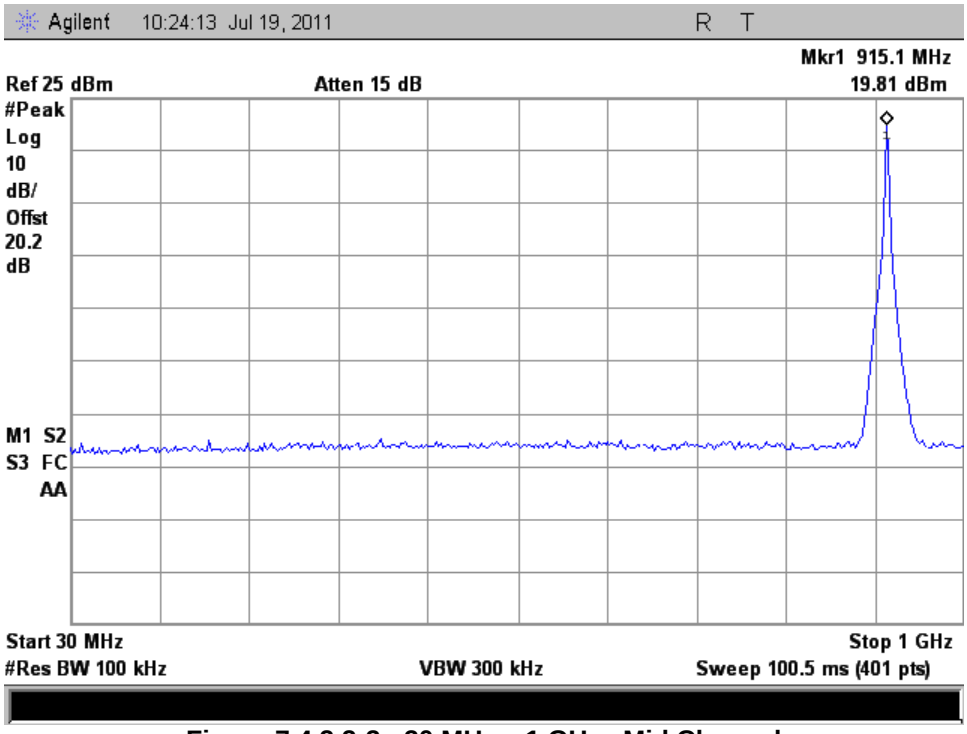


Figure 7.4.2.2-3: 30 MHz – 1 GHz –Mid Channel

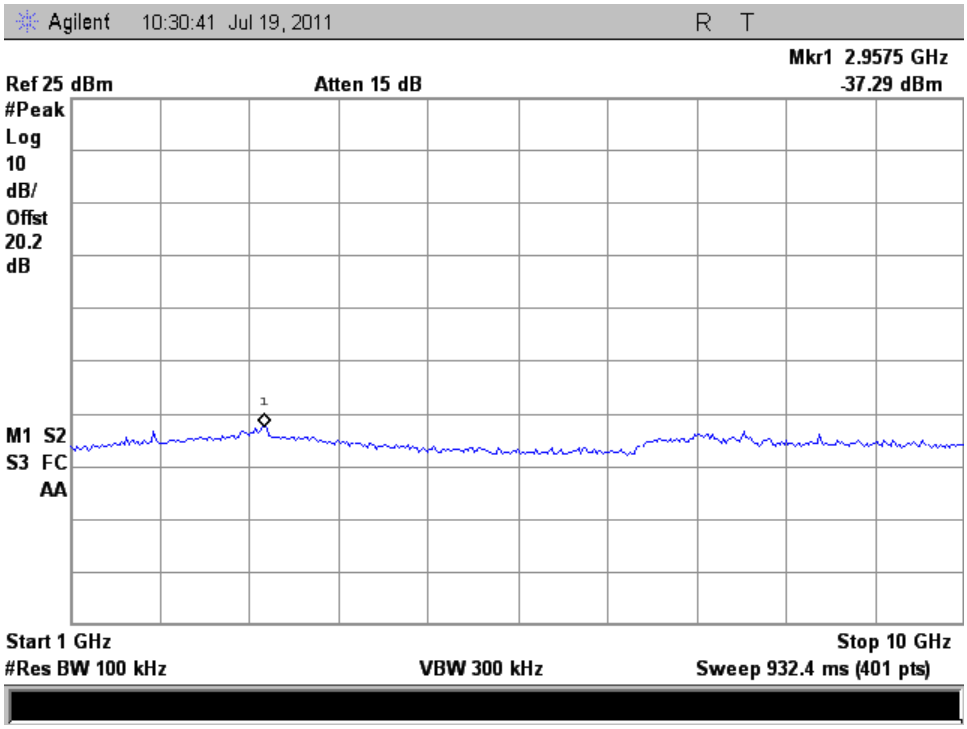


Figure 7.4.2.2-4: 1 GHz – 10 GHz – Mid Channel

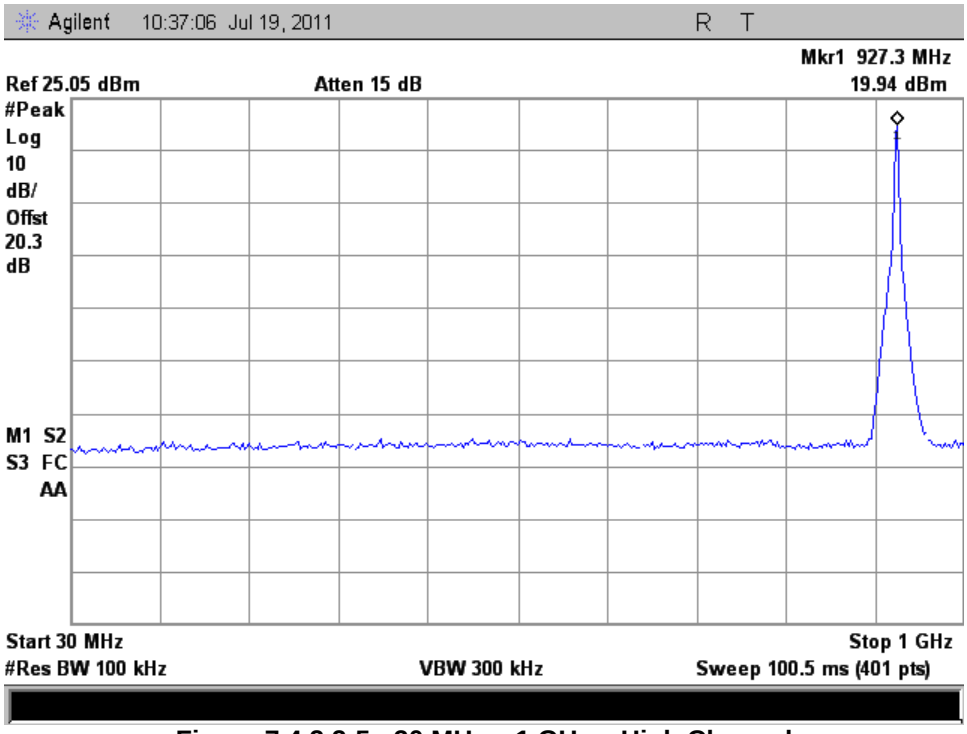


Figure 7.4.2.2-5: 30 MHz – 1 GHz – High Channel

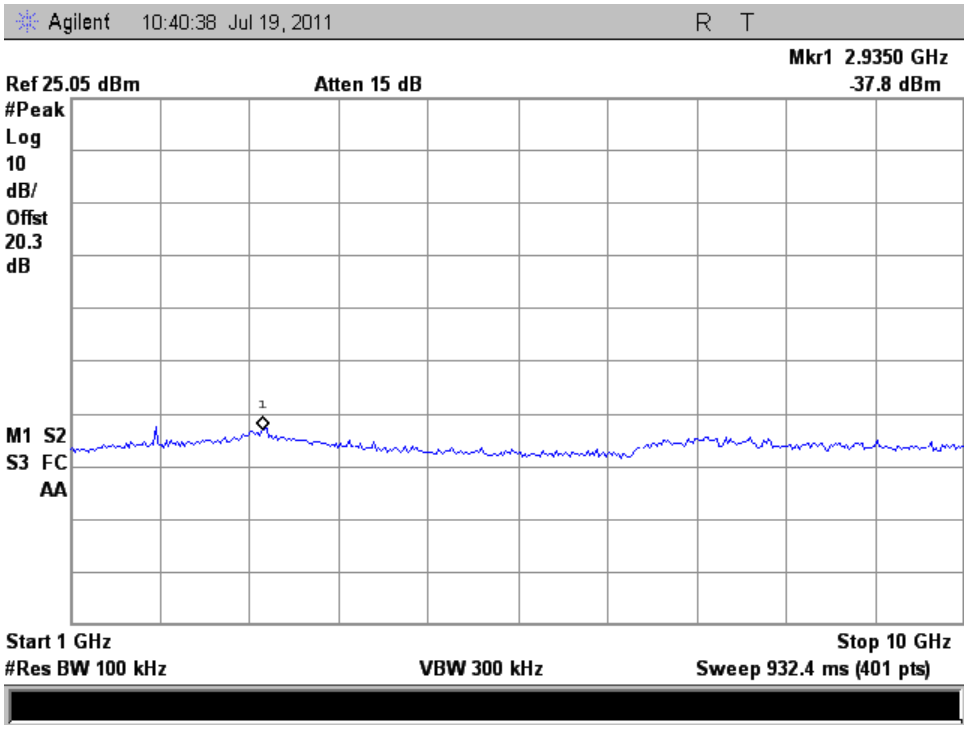


Figure 7.4.2.2-6: 1 GHz – 10 GHz –High Channel

7.4.3 Radiated Spurious Emissions - FCC Section 15.205 IC: RSS-210 2.6

7.4.3.1 Measurement Procedure

Radiated emissions tests were made over the frequency range of 30MHz to 10GHz, 10 times the highest fundamental frequency.

The EUT was rotated through 360° and the receive antenna height was varied from 1m to 4m so that the maximum radiated emissions level would be detected. For frequencies below 1000MHz, quasi-peak measurements were made using a resolution bandwidth RBW of 120 kHz and a video bandwidth VBW of 300 kHz. For frequencies above 1000MHz, peak and average measurements made with RBW and VBW of 1 MHz and 3MHz respectively.

Each emission found to be in a restricted band was compared to the applicable radiated limits. The emissions falling outside of the restricted were compared to 20 dBc below the fundamental frequency.

7.4.3.2 Measurement Results

Radiated spurious emissions found in the band of 30MHz to 10GHz are reported in the Table 7.4.3.2-1 below.

Table 7.4.3.2-1: Radiated Spurious Emissions Tabulated Data

Frequency (MHz)	Level (dBuV)		Antenna Polarity	Correction Factors	Corrected Level (dBuV/m)		Limit (dBuV/m)		Margin (dB)	
	pk	Qpk/Avg	(H/V)	(dB)	pk	Qpk/Avg	pk	Qpk/Avg	pk	Qpk/Avg
Low Channel (904.6 MHz)										
904.6	121.20	---------	H	0.49	121.69	---------	--------	--------	---------	---------
904.6	112.60	---------	V	0.49	113.09	---------	--------	--------	---------	---------
1808.983	55.75	53.61	H	-6.42	49.33	---------	101.7	---------	52.40	---------
1808.983	63.57	62.09	V	-6.42	57.15	---------	101.7	---------	44.60	---------
5427.383	43.95	37.32	H	5.65	49.60	42.97	74.0	54.0	24.40	11.00
5427.383	44.41	38.25	V	5.65	50.06	43.90	74.0	54.0	23.90	10.10
Middle Channel (915 MHz)										
915	120.90	---------	H	0.57	121.47	---------	--------	--------	---------	---------
915	112.00	---------	V	0.57	112.57	---------	--------	--------	---------	---------
1830	58.62	56.55	H	-6.28	52.33	---------	101.5	---------	49.20	---------
1830	59.65	57.54	V	-6.28	53.37	---------	101.5	---------	48.10	---------
5490	46.01	41.47	H	5.45	51.46	---------	101.5	---------	50.00	---------
5490	45.57	40.71	V	5.45	51.02	---------	101.5	---------	50.50	---------
High Channel (925.4 MHz)										
925.4	121.10	---------	H	0.52	121.62	---------	--------	--------	---------	---------
925.4	111.50	---------	V	0.52	112.02	---------	--------	--------	---------	---------
1850.8	55.69	53.34	H	-6.15	49.54	---------	101.6	---------	52.10	---------
1850.8	58.81	56.48	V	-6.15	52.66	---------	101.6	---------	48.90	---------
5552.4	44.70	38.77	H	5.51	50.21	---------	101.6	---------	51.40	---------
5552.4	46.03	40.85	V	5.51	51.54	---------	101.6	---------	50.10	---------

*Note:

- All emissions above 5552 MHz were attenuated below the permissible limit.
- The emissions falling outside of the restricted bands are compared to the limits corresponding to 20 dB below the carrier frequency

7.4.3.3 Sample Calculation:

$R_C = R_U + CF_T$

Where:

CF_T	=	Total Correction Factor (AF+CA+AG)-DC (Average Measurements Only)
R_U	=	Uncorrected Reading
R_C	=	Corrected Level
AF	=	Antenna Factor
CA	=	Cable Attenuation
AG	=	Amplifier Gain
DC	=	Duty Cycle Correction Factor

Example Calculation: Peak
Corrected Level: 43.95 + 5.65 = 49.6 dBµV/m
Margin: 74dBuV/m – 49.6 dBµV/m = 24.4 dB

Example Calculation: Average
Corrected Level: 37.32 + 5.65 - 0= 42.97 dBµV
Margin: 54dBuV – 42.97 dBµV = 11.0dB

7.5 Power Spectral Density - FCC Section 15.247(e) IC: RSS-210 A8.2(b)

7.5.1 PSD Measurement Procedure (Conducted Method)

The power spectral density was measured in accordance with the FCC KDB Publication No. 558074 “Guidance on Measurements for Digital Transmission Systems (47 CFR 15.247)”. The RF output port of the EUT was directly connected to the input of the spectrum analyzer. Offset values were input for cable and attenuation. The spectrum analyzer RBW was set to 3 kHz and VBW 10 kHz. Span was adjusted to 1150 kHz and the sweep time was set to 400 s > (Span/3 kHz).

7.5.2 Measurement Results

Results are shown below in Table 7.5.2-1 below:

Table 7.5.2-1: RF Output Power

Frequency [MHz]	Level [dBm]
904.6	7.612
915.0	7.791
925.4	7.861

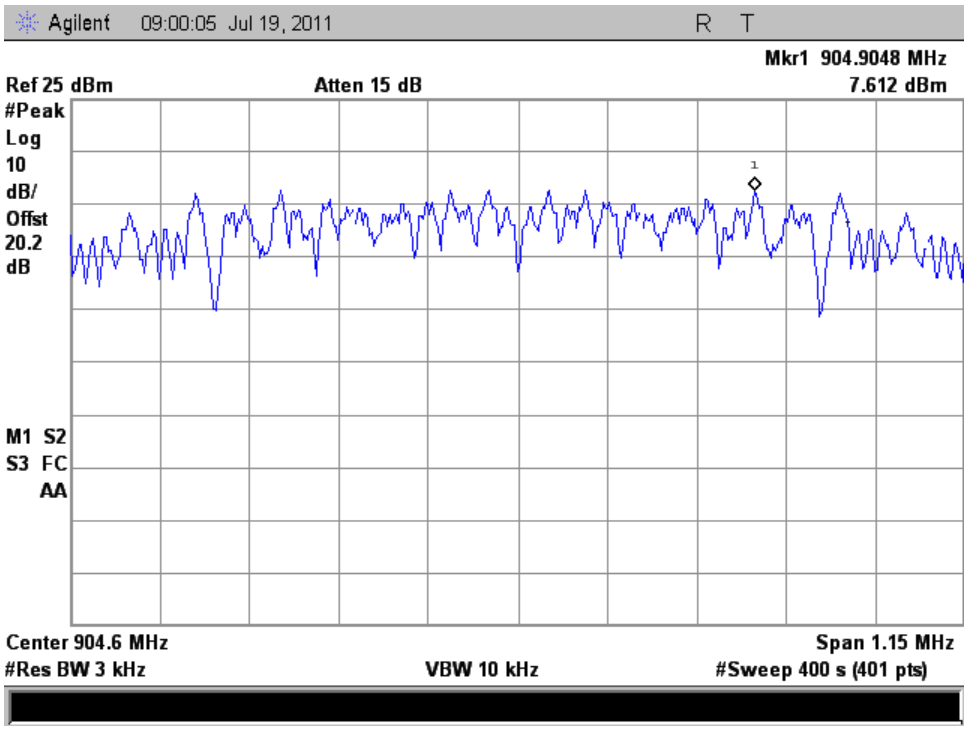


Figure 7.5.2-1: Power Spectral Density - Low Channel

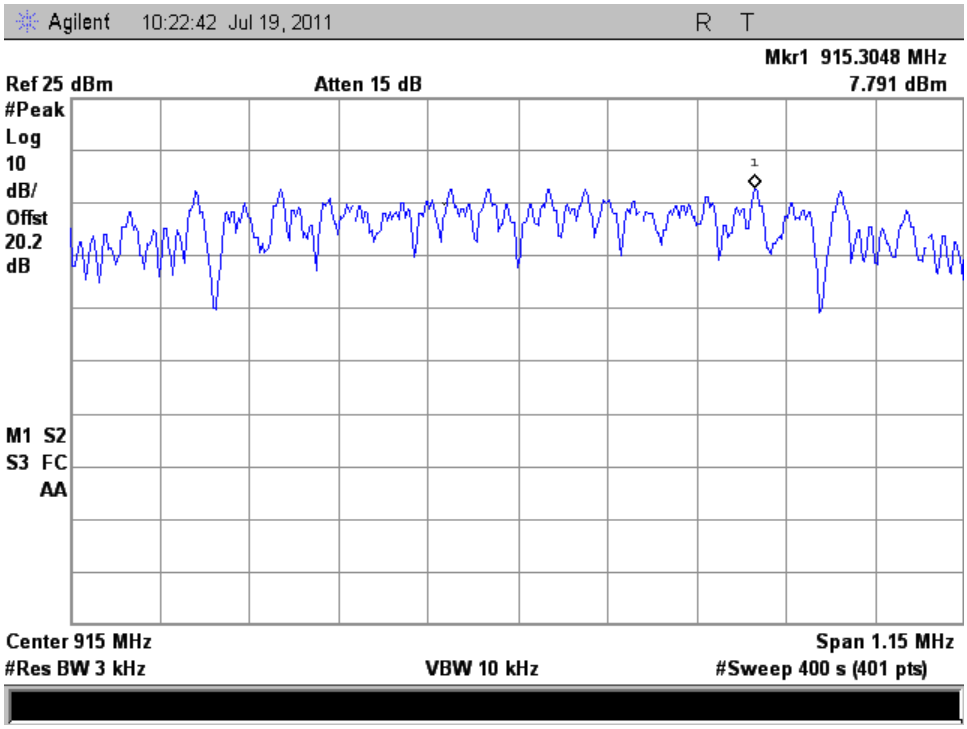


Figure 7.5.2-2: Power Spectral Density - Middle Channel

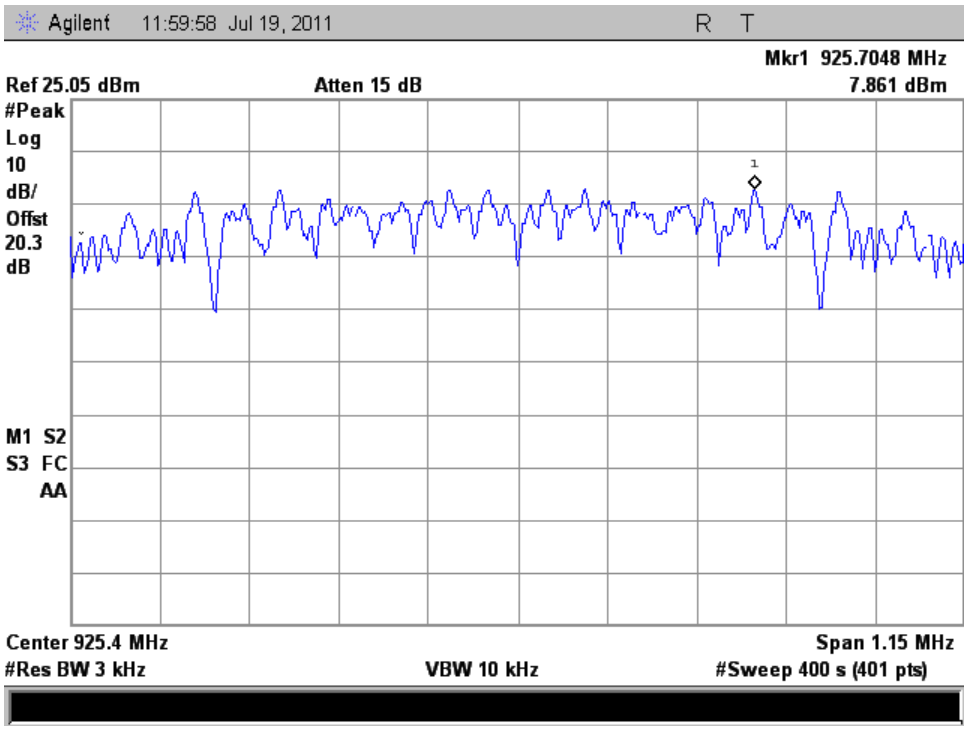


Figure 7.5.2-3: Power Spectral Density – High Channel

8 CONCLUSION

In the opinion of ACS, Inc. the 520R, manufactured by Sensus Metering Systems meets the requirements of FCC Part 15 subpart C and Industry Canada's Radio Standards Specification RSS-210.

END REPORT