

RADIO FREQUENCY EXPOSURE REPORT

FOR THE

**DigiTrak Falcon Short Range Transmitter
Model: BTM***

*(See Appendix C for Manufacturers Declaration)

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Purpose:

To demonstrate compliance with United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, European Union and/or United Kingdom RF Exposure requirements for Portable equipment (devices used \leq 20cm from the body) with power output below exemption levels or Mobile equipment (devices used $>$ 20cm from the body) where Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) Calculations apply.

Device and Antenna Operating Configuration:

Device operating at maximum output power with continuous transmission of modulated data.

Method:

This equipment is evaluated in accordance with the guidelines set forth in 47 CFR 1.1310, KDB 447498 & ANSI C95.1 for the US, Health Canada Safety Code 6 & RSS 102 for Canada, ARPANSA RPS S-1 for AU & NZ and EN 62479 or EN 62311 for EU and UK.

Other Considerations:

Report considers stand-alone equipment configurations only. RF Exposure limits are calculated at the mid-point of each operating band. Multi-transmitter equipment are assumed to permit simultaneous transmission, unless indicated otherwise. Simultaneous transmissions are aggregated providing a worst case assessment.

Referenced Test Reports:

The following test reports were referenced in conjunction with this assessment:
108253-3
108253-4
108253-7

Decision Rule:

Outcome of RF exposure assessment is listed in the comment section(s) below as a binary statement for simple acceptance rule according to ILAC-G8 (2019).

RF Exposure Portable Equipment Assessment
Exemption Calculations
(Single Transmitter, Stand Alone)

US Exemption

Power Reported is:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peak <input type="checkbox"/> Average						
Limit Used is:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Population <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Exposure						
Criteria:	47 CFR 1.1307(b)(3)(i) Criteria A						
Operating Band	Power dBm	Ant Type	EIRP dBm	Sep. Dist mm	Exemption Limit	Comment	
					dBm	mW	
4.5-43kHz	See measured EIRP	Ferrite rod with turns	-44.3	5	0dBm	1.0	Pass

EIRP is estimated from 10.9 dB μ V/m @ 300m

AU Exemption

Power Reported is:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peak <input type="checkbox"/> Average					
Limit Used is:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Population <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Exposure					
Operating Band	Power dBm	Ant Type	EIRP	Exemption Limit	Comment	
				dBm	mW	
4.5-43kHz	See measured EIRP	Ferrite rod with turns	18.7 μ W	13	20	Pass

NZ Exemption

Power Reported is:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Peak <input type="checkbox"/> Average					
Limit Used is:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> General Population <input type="checkbox"/> Occupational Exposure					
Operating Band	Power dBm	Ant Type	EIRP dBm	Exemption Limit	Comment	
				dBm	mW	
9-43kHz	See measured EIRP	Ferrite rod with turns	-44.3	13	20	Pass

EIRP is estimated from fundamental measurement by converting dB μ A/m measurement to EIRP.

18.5dB μ A/m at 10m = 10.9 dB μ V/m @ 300m

Summary:

Exemptions:

Equipment demonstrating compliance by portable RF exposure exemption have been evaluated, without further testing, for use under either portable or mobile RF exposure configurations. Additional configurations including collocation or simultaneous transmission with other transmitters (including necessary separation distances) are subject to further assessment. Certain exemption criteria may define specific separation distances. It is assumed that the manufacturer shall design the equipment such that these minimum separation distance is met.

MPE Calculation Results:

Equipment demonstrating compliance with MPE calculations have been evaluated, without further testing, for use under mobile RF exposure configurations as identified herein. Additional configurations including collocation or simultaneous transmission with other transmitters (including necessary separation distances) are subject to further assessment. It is assumed that the manufacturer shall design the equipment such that the minimum separation distance of 20cm (or greater, as listed above) is met or that the manufacturer provides a protection guide (e.g. installation instructions) to the end user such that the antenna(s) may be installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions in such a manor to maintain the minimum separation distance.

General Comments:

The absorption and distribution of Electromagnetic energy in the body is a very complex phenomena that depends on the mass, shape and physiological condition of the body; the orientation of the body with respect to the fields; and, the electrical properties of the body and the environment. Variables that may play a substantial role in possible biological effects are those that characterize the environment (including but not limited to: ambient temperature, air velocity, relative humidity and body insulation); and those that characterize the individual (including but not limited to: age, gender, activity level and existing debilitation or disease). Because innumerable factors may interact to determine specific biological effects of exposure to electromagnetic fields, any protection guide should consider both intended and unintended operational environments and provide guidance for installation and use of the equipment such that proper separation distances can be maintained. (ANSI C95.1).

APPENDIX A - RF Exposure Limits

United States Compliance Requirements (1.1310):

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits Occupational / Controlled Exposure

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (mW/cm ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.3-3.0	614	1.63	*(100)	< 6
3.0-30	1842 / f _{MHz}	4.89 / f _{MHz}	*(900 / f _{MHz} ²)	< 6
30-300	61.4	0.163	1	< 6
300-1500	--	--	f _{MHz} / 300	< 6
1500-100,000	--	--	5.0	< 6

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits General Population / Uncontrolled Exposure

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (mW/cm ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.3-1.34	614	1.63	*(100)	< 30
1.34-30	824 / f _{MHz}	2.19 / f _{MHz}	*(180 / f _{MHz} ²)	< 30
30-300	27.5	0.073	0.2	< 30
300-1500	--	--	f _{MHz} / 1500	< 30
1500-100,000	--	--	1.0	< 30

* Plane wave equivalent power density

Limit is calculated based on the mid-band frequency used in the operating frequency range.

Exemption Limits for Stand-Alone SAR Evaluation:

In accordance with 47 CFR 1.1307(b)(3)(i)

Exemption Threshold for Maximum Time Averaged Output Power or EIRP (mW)		
Frequency (MHz)	0.5 ≤ d ≤ 20cm	20cm < d ≤ 40cm
0.1 – 100,000	≤ 1 (including d<0.5)	
0.3 – 1.34	1.64 * 192 * d ² d ≥ λ/2π	
1.34 – 30	1.64 * 345 * $\frac{d^2}{f_{MHz}^2}$ d ≥ λ/2π	
30 – 300	1.64 * 0.383 * d ² d ≥ λ/2π	
300 – 1500 -	1.64 * 0.00128 * d ² * f _{MHz} d ≥ λ/2π, or 1.64 * 2.04 * f _{MHz} * $\left(\frac{d}{20}\right)^{-\text{Log}\left(\frac{60}{2040*f_{MHz}^{1.5}}\right)-4.5}$	1.64 * 0.00128 * d ² * f _{MHz} d ≥ λ/2π, or 1.64 * 2.04 * f _{MHz}
1500 – 6000	1.64 * 1.92 * d ² d ≥ λ/2π, or 1.64 * 3060 * $\left(\frac{d}{20}\right)^{-\text{Log}\left(\frac{60}{3060*f_{MHz}^{0.5}}\right)-1.5}$	1.64 * 1.92 * d ² d ≥ λ/2π, or 1.64 * 3060
6000 – 100,000	1.64 * 1.92 * d ² d ≥ λ/2π	

Equations have been modified from the published version to reflect consistent units of d in cm, P_{th} in mW (EIRP) and f in MHz.

Canadian Compliance Requirements (RSS-102):

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits
Occupational / Controlled Exposure:

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.003-10	170	180	--	Instantaneous
0.1-10	--	1.6 / f _{MHz}	--	6
1.29-10	193 / f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	--	--	6
10-20	61.4	0.163	10	6
20-48	129.8 / f ^{0.5}	0.3444 / f _{MHz} ^{0.25}	44.72 / f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	6
48-100	49.33	0.1309	6.455	6
100-6000	15.60 f _{MHz} ^{0.25}	0.04138 f _{MHz} ^{0.25}	0.6455 f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	6
6000-15000	137	0.364	50	6
15000-150,000	137	0.364	50	616000 / f _{MHz} ^{1.2}
150,000-300,000	0.354 f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	9.40x10 ⁻⁴ f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	3.33x10 ⁻⁴ f _{MHz}	616000 / f _{MHz} ^{1.2}

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits
General Population / Uncontrolled Exposure

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.003-10	83	90	--	Instantaneous
0.1-10	--	0.73 / f	--	6
1.1-10	87 / f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	--	--	6
10-20	27.46	0.0728	2	6
20-48	58.07 / f _{MHz} ^{0.25}	0.1540 / f _{MHz} ^{0.25}	8.944 / f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	6
48-300	22.06	0.05852	1.291	6
300-6000	3.142 f _{MHz} ^{0.3417}	0.008335 f _{MHz} ^{0.3417}	0.02619 f _{MHz} ^{0.6834}	6
6000-15000	61.4	0.163	10	6
15000-150,000	61.4	0.163	10	616000 / f _{MHz} ^{1.2}
150,000-300,000	0.158 f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	4.21x10 ⁻⁴ f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	6.67x10 ⁻⁵ f _{MHz}	616000 / f _{MHz} ^{1.2}

Exemption Limits for Stand-Alone SAR Evaluation:

Freq(MHz)	Exemption Limits (mW) at Separation Distance (mm)									
	≤5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45	≥50
≤300	71	101	132	162	193	223	254	284	315	345
450	52	70	88	106	123	141	159	177	195	213
835	17	30	42	55	67	80	92	105	117	130
1900	7	10	18	34	60	99	153	225	316	431
2450	4	7	15	30	52	83	123	173	235	309
3500	2	6	16	32	55	86	124	170	225	290
5800	1	6	15	27	41	56	71	85	97	106

Exemption Limits for Stand-Alone Mobile Routine Evaluation:

Frequency (MHz)	RF Exposure Exemption Limit (mW)
<20	1000
20-48	$4490 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.5}$
48-300	600
300-6000	$13.1 f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.6834}$
≥6000	5000

Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency Requirements (ARPANSA):

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits
Occupational / Controlled Exposure:

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.1 – 6.943	170	4.9 / f _{MHz}	--	30
6.943-30	660 / f _{MHz}	4.9 / f _{MHz}	--	30
30-400	61	0.16	10	30
400-2000	3 * f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	0.008 * f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	f _{MHz} / 40	30
2000-300,000	--	--	50	30

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits
General Population / Uncontrolled Exposure

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.1 - 6.27	83	2.2 / f _{MHz}	--	30
6.27 – 30	300 / f _{MHz} ^{0.7}	2.2 / f _{MHz}	--	30
30-400	27.7	0.073	2	30
400-2000	1.375 f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	0.0037* f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	f _{MHz} / 200	30
2000-300,000	--	--	10	30

Exemption Limits for Stand-Alone Evaluation:

In accordance with ARPANSA RPS S-1 Advisory Note.

Exemption Threshold for Maximum Time Averaged Output Power (mW)		
Frequency (MHz)	General Public	Occupational
0.1 – 6000	20	100
6000 – 30,000	8	40
30,000 – 300,000	4	20

New Zealand Requirements (NZS 2772.1):

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits
Occupational / Controlled Exposure:

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.1 – 1	610	1.6 / f _{MHz}	--	6
1-10	610 / f _{MHz}	1.6 / f _{MHz}	--	6
10-400	61	0.16	10	6
400-2000	3 * f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	0.008 * f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	f _{MHz} / 40	6
2000-300,000	137	0.36	50	6

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits
General Population / Uncontrolled Exposure

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.1 – 0.15	87	5	--	6
0.15 – 1	87	0.73 / f _{MHz}	--	6
1 – 10	87 / f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	0.73 / f _{MHz}	--	6
10-400	28	0.073	2	6
400-2000	1.375 f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	0.0037* f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	f _{MHz} / 200	6
2000-300,000	61	0.16	10	6

Exemption Limits for Stand-Alone Evaluation:

Mean Power < 20mW

Mean power with duty cycle $\leq 50\%$ and $d > 2.5\text{cm}$: $\begin{cases} 7000 \mid 0.1 < f_{MHz} < 450 \text{ MHz} \\ 630,000/f_{MHz} \mid 450 < f_{MHz} < 2500 \text{ MHz} \end{cases} \text{ mW}$

European Union Compliance Requirements 1999/519/EC

RF Exposure Evaluation Limits General Population / Uncontrolled Exposure

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.003-0.150	87	5.0	--	6
0.150-1.0	87	0.73 / $f_{MHz}^{0.5}$	--	6
1.0-10	$87 / f_{MHz}^{0.5}$	0.73 / $f_{MHz}^{0.5}$	--	6
10-400	28	0.073	2	6
400-2000	$1.375 f_{MHz}^{0.5}$	$0.0037 * f_{MHz}^{0.5}$	$f_{MHz} / 200$	6
2000-300,000	61	0.16	10	6

**Power density limit applicable >100MHz*

Exemption Limits¹ for Stand-Alone SAR Evaluation:

Head / Body: 20mW

Extremity: 40mW

¹ EN 62479 Annex A, General Public

General Reference Levels for Local Exposure (ICNIRP 1998):

***RF Exposure Evaluation Limits
Occupational / Controlled Exposure:***

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.00082-0.065	610	24.4	--	6
0.065-1.0	610	1.6/f	--	6
1.0-10	610 / f _{MHz}	1.6/f	--	6
10-400	61	0.16	10	6
400-2000	3.0 * f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	0.008 * f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	f _{MHz} / 40	6
2000-300,000	137	0.36	50	6

***RF Exposure Evaluation Limits
General Population / Uncontrolled Exposure***

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.003-0.150	87	5.0	--	6
0.150-1.0	87	0.73 / f _{MHz}	--	6
1.0-10	87 / f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	0.73 / f _{MHz}	--	6
10-400	28	0.073	2	6
400-2000	1.375 f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	0.0037* f _{MHz} ^{0.5}	f _{MHz} / 200	6
2000-300,000	61	0.16	10	6

*Power density limit applicable >100MHz

General Reference Levels for Local Exposure (ICNIRP 2020):

***RF Exposure Evaluation Limits
Occupational / Controlled Exposure:***

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.1-30	$1504 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.7}$	$10.8 / f_{\text{MHz}}$	--	6
30-400	139	0.36	50	6
400-2000	$10.58 * f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.43}$	$0.0274 * f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.43}$	$0.29 * f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.86}$	6
2000-6000	--	--	200	6
6000-300,000	--	--	$275 / f_{\text{GHz}}^{0.177}$	6
300,000	--	--	100	6

***RF Exposure Evaluation Limits
General Population / Uncontrolled Exposure***

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.1-30	$671 / f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.7}$	$4.9 / f_{\text{MHz}}$	--	6
30-400	62	0.163	10	6
400-2000	$4.72 f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.43}$	$0.0123 * f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.43}$	$0.058 * f_{\text{MHz}}^{0.86}$	6
2000-6000	--	--	40	6
6000-300,000	--	--	$55 / f_{\text{GHz}}^{0.177}$	6
300,000	--	--	20	6

Selected Excerpts:

Note 4: For frequencies of 100 kHz to 30 MHz, regardless of the far-field/near-field zone distinctions, compliance is demonstrated if neither peak spatial Electric Field or peak spatial Magnetic Field, over the projected whole-body space, exceeds the above reference level values.

Note 5: For frequencies of >30MHz to 6 GHz: within the far-field zone, compliance is demonstrated if one of peak spatial Incident Power Density, Electric Field or Magnetic Field, over the projected whole-body space, does not exceed the above reference level values (only one is required)

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Appendix C: Manufacturer Declaration and Functional

The DigiTrak Falcon Short Range Transmitter, model BTM, is a low frequency induction device, used for guiding purposes during a horizontal directional drilling operation. Model variants FT2XS and FT1XS are electrically and mechanically identical to each other. The devices differ only in labeling and frequency of operation; the FT1XS operates on a single band at 9-13.5khz. The FT2XS operates at 4.5- 43khz. All testing of FT2XS is representative of testing of the FT1XS at 9-13khz, per the manufacturer.