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Measured Radio Frequency Emissions
From

UTA Honda Acura 4-door Receiver
PN: 38850-S0K-A010-M1

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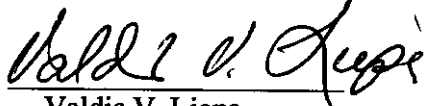
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Summary

Tests for compliance with FCC Regulations subject to Part 15, Subparts B and C, were performed on United Technologies Automotive Honda Acura 4-door superregenerative receiver. This device is subject to the Rules and Regulations as a receiver. As a Digital Device it is exempt, but such measurements were made to assess the receiver's overall emissions.

In testing performed on August 27, 1998, the device tested in the worst case met the allowed specifications for radiated emissions by 16.7 dBm (see p. 6). The conductive emission tests do not apply, since the device is powered from an automotive 12 VDC system.

1. Introduction

United Technologies Honda Acura 4-door receiver was tested for compliance with FCC Regulations, Part 15, adopted under Docket 87-389, April 18, 1989. The tests were performed at the University of Michigan Radiation Laboratory Willow Run Test Range following the procedures described in ANSI C63.4-1992 "Methods of Measurement of Radio-Noise Emissions from Low-Voltage Electrical and Electronic Equipment in the Range of 9 kHz to 40 GHz". The attenuation characteristics of the Open Site facility are on file with FCC Laboratory, Columbia, Maryland. (FCC file 31040/SIT)

2. Test Procedure and Equipment Used

The test equipment commonly used in our facility is listed in Table 2.1 below. The second column identifies the specific equipment used in these tests. The HP 8593E spectrum analyzer is used for primary amplitude and frequency reference.

Table 2.1. Test Equipment.

Test Instrument	Equipment Used	Manufacturer/Model	Cal. Date/By
Spectrum Analyzer (9kHz-22GHz)		Hewlett-Packard 8593A SN: 3107A01358	June 1998/HP
Spectrum Analyzer (9kHz-26GHz)	X	Hewlett-Packard 8593E SN: 3107A01131	July 1998/HP
Spectrum Analyzer (0.1-1500 MHz)	X	Hewlett-Packard 182T/8558B SN: 1529A01114/543592	August 1997/U of M Rad Lab
Preamplifier (5-1000MHz)	X	Watkins-Johnson A11 -1 plus A25-1S	May 1997/U of M Rad Lab
Preamplifier (5-4000 MHz)	X	Avantek	Nov. 1992/ U of M Rad Lab
Power Meter w/ Thermistor		Hewlett-Packard 432A	August 1989/U of M Rad Lab
Broadband Bicone (20-200 MHz)	X	Hewlett-Packard 478A	August 1989/U of M Rad Lab
Broadband Bicone (200-1000 MHz)	X	University of Michigan	July 1988/U of M Rad Lab
Dipole Antenna Set (25-1000 MHz)	X	University of Michigan	June 1996/U of M Rad Lab
Dipole Antenna Set (30-1000 MHz)		EMCO 3121C SN: 992	June 1996/U of M Rad Lab
Active Loop Antenna (0.090-30MHz)		EMCO 6502 SN: 2855	December 1993/ EMCO
Active Rod (30Hz-50 MHz)		EMCO 3301B SN: 3223	December 1993/EMCO
Ridge-horn Antenna (0.5-5 GHz)	X	University of Michigan	February 1991/U of M Rad Lab
LISN Box		University of Michigan	May 1994/U of M Rad Lab
Signal Cables	X	Assorted	January 1993/U of M Rad Lab
X-Y Plotter		Hewlett-Packard 7046A	During Use/U of M Rad Lab
Signal Generator (0.1-990 MHz)	X	Hewlett-Packard 8656A	January 1990/U of M Rad Lab
Printer	X	Hewlett-Packard 2225A	August 1989/HP

3. Configuration and Identification of Device Under Test

The DUT is a 315.0 MHz superregenerative receiver, designed for onboard automobile security/convenience applications, and as such, it is powered from an automotive 12 VDC source. It is housed in a plastic case approximately 3.5 by 4.5 by 1.0 inches. For testing, a 3 meter long section of harness was used. The wire harness is also utilized as an antenna. In the receiver digital section, the decoding, signal processing, etc. are performed by a microprocessor timed by a 3.68 MHz oscillator.

The DUT was designed and manufactured by United Technologies Automotive, 5200 Auto Club Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126-9982. It is identified as:

UTA Honda Acura 4-door Receiver
PN: 38850-S0K-A010-M1
SN: 3478
FCC ID: KOBUTAM1R
CANADA: 1983 102 297

3.1 Modifications Made

There were no modifications made to the DUT by this laboratory.

4. Emission Limits

The DUT tested falls under Part 15, Subpart B, "Unintentional Radiators". The pertinent test frequencies, with corresponding emission limits, are given in Tables 4.1 and 4.2 below.

4.1 Radiated Emission Limits

Table 4.1. Radiated Emission Limits (Ref: 15.33, 15.35, 15.109).

Freq. (MHz)	E_{lim} (3m) μ V/m	E_{lim} dB(μ V/m)
30-88	100	40.0
88-216	150	43.5
216-960	200	46.0
960-2000	500	54.0

Note: Quasi-Peak readings apply to 1000 MHz (120 kHz BW)
Average readings apply above 1000 MHz (1 MHz BW)

4.2 Conducted Emission Limits

Table 4.2. Conducted Emission Limits (Ref: 15.107).

Freq. (MHz)	μ V	dB(μ V)
0.450 - 1.705	250	48.0
1.705 - 30.0	250	48.0

Note: Quasi-Peak readings apply here

4.3 Antenna Power Conduction Limits

Ref: 15.111(a). P_{max} = 2 nW; for frequency range see Table 4.1.

5. Emission Tests and Results

NOTE: Even though the FCC and/or Industry Canada specify that both the radiated and conductive emissions be measured using the Quasi-Peak and/or average detection schemes, we normally use peak detection since especially the Quasi-Peak is cumbersome to use with our instrumentation. In case the measurement fails to meet the limits, or the measurement is near the limit, it is remeasured using appropriate detection. We note, that since the peak detected signal is always higher or equal to the Quasi-Peak or average detected signal, the margin of compliance may be better, but not worse, than indicated in this report. The type of detection used is indicated in the data table, Table 5.1.

5.1 Anechoic Chamber Radiated Emission Tests

To familiarize with the radiated emission behavior of the DUT, it was studied and measured in the shielded anechoic chamber. In the chamber there is a set-up similar to that of an outdoor 3-meter site, with turntable, antenna mast, and a ground plane. Instrumentation includes spectrum analyzers and other equipment as needed.

To study and test for radiated emissions, the DUT was powered by a laboratory power supply at 13.5 VDC. A 315 MHz CW signal was injected (radiated) from a nearby signal generator using a short wire antenna. The DUT was taped to a styrofoam block and placed on the test table on each of the three axis. At each orientation, the table was rotated to obtain maximum signal for vertical and horizontal emission polarizations. This sequence was repeated throughout the required frequency range.

In the chamber we studied and recorded all the emissions using a ridge-horn antenna, which covers 200 MHz to 5000 MHz, up to 2 GHz. In scanning from 30 MHz to 2.0 GHz, there were no spurious emissions observed other than the LO and injection signal (315 MHz), and the LO harmonics. Figures 5.1 and 5.2 show emissions measured 0-1000 MHz and 1000-2000 MHz, respectively. These measurements are made with a ridge-horn antenna at 3m, with spectrum analyzer in peak hold mode and the receiver rotated in all orientations. The measurements up to 1000 MHz (Fig. 5.1) are used for initial evaluation only, but those above 1000 MHz (Fig. 5.2) are used in final assessment for compliance.

5.2 Open Site Radiated Emission Tests

The DUT was then moved to the 3 meter Open Field Test Site where measurements were repeated up to 1000 MHz using a small bicone, or dipoles when the measurement is near the limit. The DUT was exercised as described in Sec. 5.1 above. The measurements were made with a spectrum analyzer using 120 kHz IF bandwidth and peak detection mode, and, when appropriate, using Quasi-Peak or average detection (see 5.0). Figure 5.3 shows the DUT on the test table, and figure 5.4 shows the table oriented with respect to antenna for the worst case emissions for measurement at "fundamental".

The emissions from digital circuitry were measured on the Open Site using a standard bicone. These results are also presented in Table 5.1.

5.3 Computations and Results for Radiated Emissions

To convert the dBm's measured on the spectrum analyzer to dB(μV/m), we use expression

$$E_3(\text{dB}\mu\text{V/m}) = 107 + P_R + K_A - K_G$$

where

- P_R = power recorded on spectrum analyzer, dB, measured at 3m
- K_A = antenna factor, dB/m
- K_G = pre-amplifier gain, including cable loss, dB

When presenting the data, at each frequency the highest measured emission under all of the possible orientations is given. Computations and results are given in Table 5.1. There we see that the DUT meets the limit by 16.7 dB.

5.4 Conducted Emission Tests

These tests do not apply, since the DUT is powered from an automotive 12 VDC system.

6. Other Measurements

6.1 Emission Spectrum Near Fundamental

Near operating frequency the emission spectrum is measured typically over 50 MHz span with and without injection signal. These data are taken with the DUT close to antenna and hence amplitudes are relative. The plots are shown in Figure 6.1.

6.2 Effect of Supply Voltage Variation

The DUT has been designed to operate from 12 VDC power. Using a spectrum analyzer, relative radiated emissions were recorded at the "fundamental" (312.7 MHz) as voltage was varied from 6.0 to 18.0 VDC. Figure 6.2 shows the emission variation.

6.3 Operating Voltage and Current

$$\begin{aligned} V &= 12.5 \text{ VDC} \\ I &= 3.7 \text{ mADC} \end{aligned}$$

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Table 5.1 Highest Emissions Measured

Radiated Emission - RF											UTA Honda Acura RX; FCC
#	Freq. MHz	Ant. Used	Ant. Pol.	Pr dBm	Det. Used	Ka dB/m	Kg dB	E3 dBμV/m	E3lim dBμV/m	Pass dB	Comments
1	312.7	SBic	H	-73.3	Pk	18.8	25.6	27.0	46.0	19.0	end
2	312.7	SBic	V	-76.3	Pk	18.8	25.6	24.0	46.0	22.0	end
3	625.0	SBic	H	-90.1	Pk	25.1	22.2	19.8	46.0	26.2	end
4	625.0	SBic	V	-89.9	Pk	25.1	22.2	20.0	46.0	26.0	side
5	940.0	SBic	H	-90.4	Pk	28.8	19.8	25.6	46.0	20.4	max. all, noise; 10 kHz BW
6	940.0	SBic	V	-90.4	Pk	28.8	19.8	25.6	46.0	20.4	max. all, noise; 10 kHz BW
7	1250.0	Horn	H	-62.3	Pk	20.6	28.0	37.3	54.0	16.7	max. all, *worst case
8	1590.0	Horn	H	-68.5	Pk	21.3	28.2	31.6	54.0	22.4	max. all, noise; 10 kHz BW
9	2000.0	Horn	H	-68.5	Pk	22.5	28.2	32.8	54.0	21.2	max. all, noise; 10 kHz BW

Radiated Emission - Digital											
#	Freq. MHz	Ant. Used	Ant. Pol.	Pr dBm	Det. Used	Ka dB/m	Kg dB	E3 dBμV/m	E3lim dBμV/m	Pass dB	Comments

Conducted Emissions							
#	Freq. MHz	Line Side	Det. Used	Vtest dBμV	Vlim dBμV	Pass dB	Comments

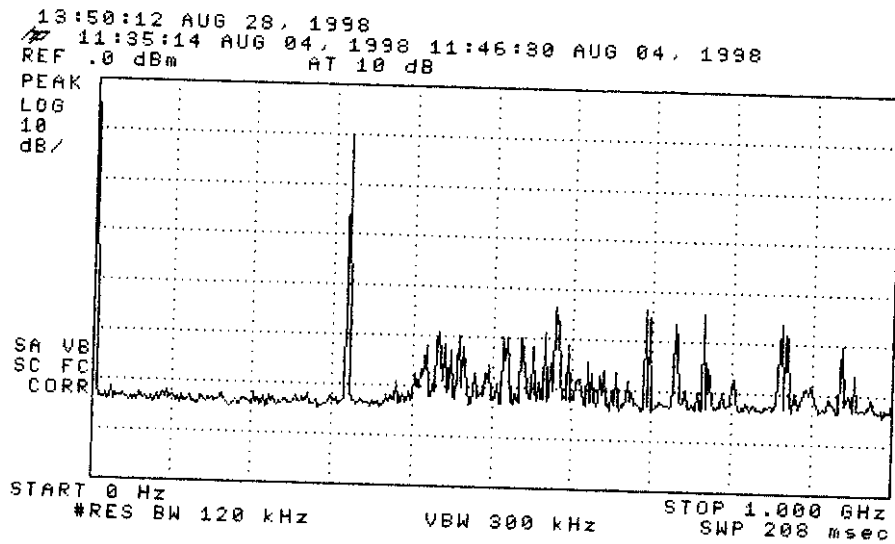
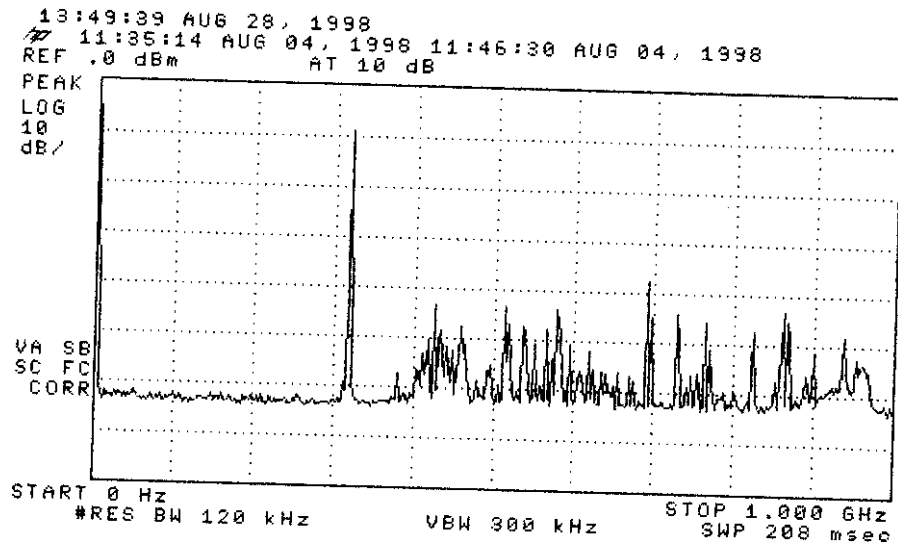


Figure 5.1. Emissions measured at 3 meters in anechoic chamber, 0-1000 MHz.
 (top) Receiver plus ambient
 (bottom) Ambient

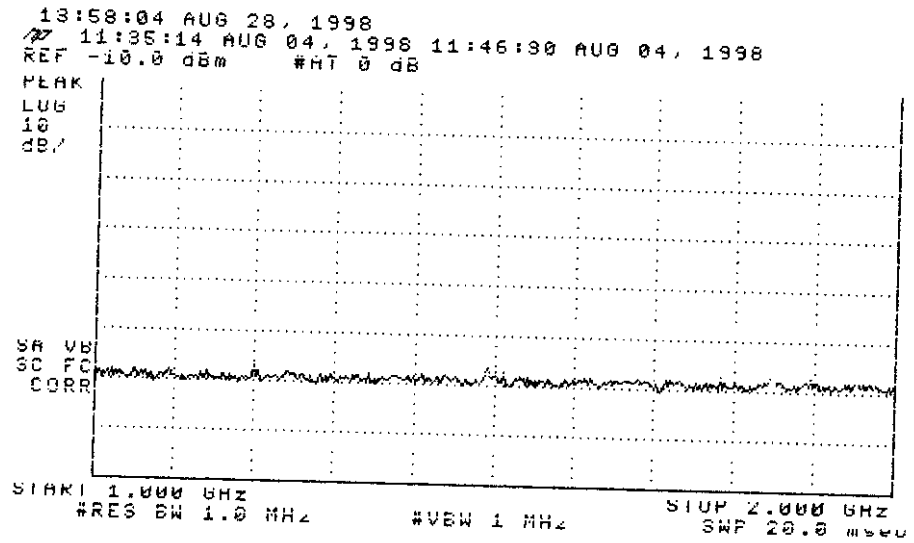
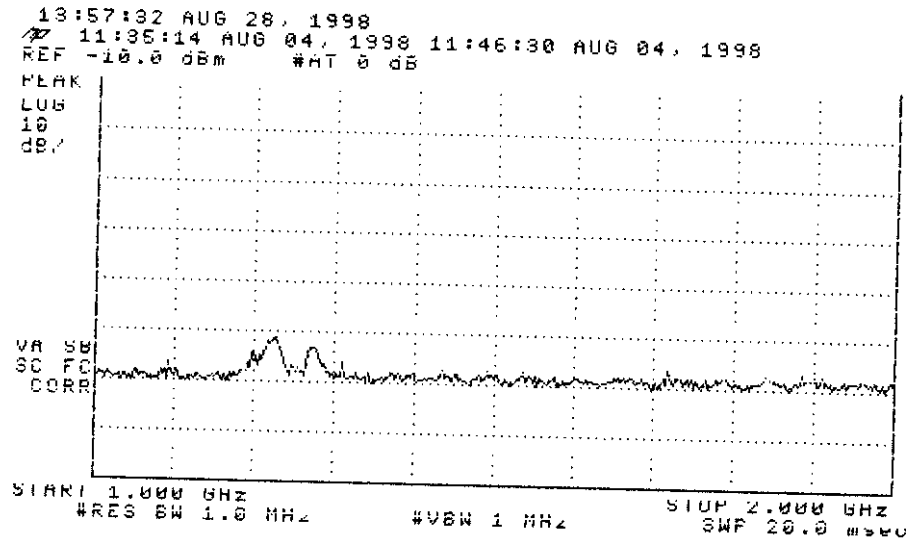


Figure 5.2. Emissions measured at 3 meters in anechoic chamber, 1000-2000 MHz.
 (top) Receiver plus ambient
 (bottom) Ambient

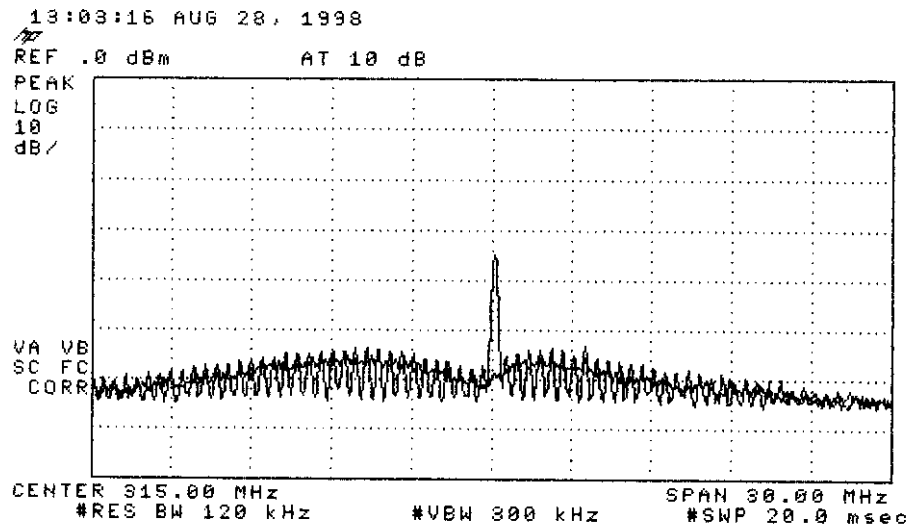


Figure 6.1. Relative receiver emissions in stand-by and "locked-in" modes. The final emission measurements were made with the receiver in "locked-in" mode.

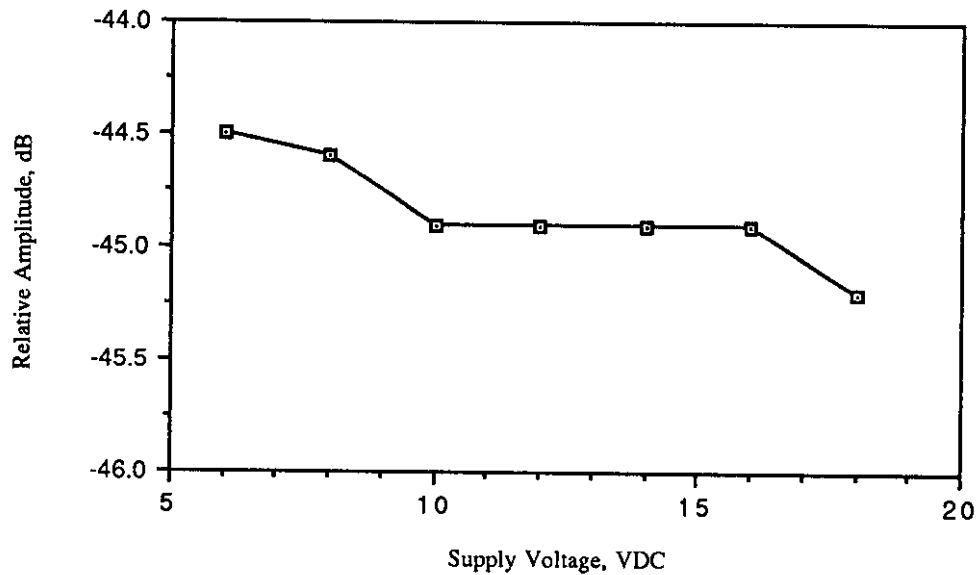


Figure 6.2. Relative emission at "fundamental" vs. supply voltage.