

Certification Report on

Specific Absorption Rate (SAR)
Experimental Analysis

Research in Motion Ltd.

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Two-Way Pager

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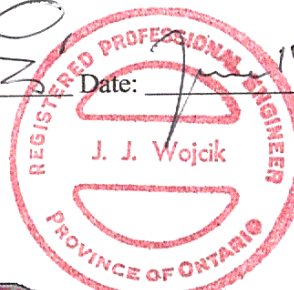
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FCC ID: L6AR800D-2-PW
Applicant: Research in Motion Limited
Equipment: Two-Way-Pager
Model: R800D-2-PW Rev. T
Standard: FCC 96-326, Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radio-Frequency Radiation

ENGINEERING SUMMARY

This report contains the results of the engineering evaluation performed on a Research in Motion two-way-pager, R800D-2-PW. The measurements were carried out in accordance with FCC 96-326. The two-way-pager was evaluated for its maximum power level of 2 W (33 dBm).

The R800D-2-PW was tested at high, middle, and low frequencies, with the maximum SAR coinciding with the peak performance RF output power of channel 2000_h (low, 806 MHz). Test data and graphs are presented in this report.

Based on the test results, and as it will be marketed, it is certified that the product meets the requirements as set forth in the above specifications, for an uncontrolled RF exposure environment.



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1. INTRODUCTION

Tests were conducted to determine the Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) of a sample of a Research in Motion R800D-2-PW two-way-pager. These tests were conducted at APREL Laboratories' facility located at 51 Spectrum Way, Nepean, Ontario, Canada. A view of the SAR measurement setup can be seen in Appendix A, Figure 1. This report describes the results obtained.

2. APPLICABLE DOCUMENTS

The following documents are applicable to the work performed:

- 1) FCC 96-326, Guidelines for Evaluating the Environmental Effects of Radio-Frequency Radiation
- 2) ANSI/IEEE C95.1-1992, IEEE Standard for Safety Levels with Respect to Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields, 3 kHz to 300 GHz.
- 3) ANSI/IEEE 95.3-1992, IEEE Recommended Practice for the Measurement of Potentially Hazardous Electromagnetic Fields – RF and Microwave.
- 4) OET Bulletin 65 (Edition 97-01) Supplement C (Edition 97-01), "Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields".

3. EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST

- Research in Motion R800D-2-PW Rev. T, BSN: 1000-387631

The two-way-pager is intended to be held in a belt-mounted plastic holster. The device is held in the plastic holster with the keypad and LCD display facing the user's body. The separation of the device from the body provided by the plastic holster and belt clip is 1.1 cm (no clothing allowance is included).

The actual test was conducted with the sample pager simulating the shirt pocket location, i.e. at a distance of 0 mm from the phantom surface. The sample transmitted at 2 Watts in the 806 – 821 MHz band.

The pager's antenna is a top loaded monopole type antenna with meander type of structure at the top and the bottom. Two antennas are used, one for transmit and the

other for receive, with the receiving antenna closer to the LCD and the transmit antenna closer to the back of the pager case. The antenna specifications supplied by the manufacturer can be found in Appendix B. A picture of the inside of the device, indicating the antenna, is included.

The device as it will be marketed will intrinsically restricts the transmit duty factor to less than 8% (29 seconds) in any 6 minute time window.

4. TEST EQUIPMENT

- Narda 8021B miniature E-field probe, s/n 04007, Asset # 301339
- CRS Robotics A255 articulated robot arm, s/n RA2750, Asset # 301355
- CRS Robotics C500 robotic system controller, s/n RC584, Asset # 201354
- R&S NRVS power meter, s/n 864268/017, Asset # 100851
- HP 438A power meter, s/n 2502A01684
- APREL UH-1, Universal Head-Arm, s/n 001, Asset # 301376
- Tissue Recipe and Calibration Requirements, APREL procedure SSI/DRB-TP-D01-033

5. TEST METHODOLOGY

1. The test methodology utilised in the certification of the two-way-pager complies with the requirements of FCC 96-326 and ANSI/IEEE C95.3-1992.
2. The E-field is measured with a small isotropic probe (output voltage proportional to E^2).
3. The probe is moved precisely from one point to the next using the robot (10 mm increments for wide area scanning, 5 mm increments for zoom scanning, and 2.5 mm increments for the final depth profile measurements).
4. The probe travels in the homogeneous liquid simulating human tissue. Appendix D contains information about the recipe and properties of the simulated tissue used for these measurements.

5. The liquid is contained in a manikin simulating a portion of the human body.
6. The two-way-pager is positioned in such a way that it touches the bottom of the phantom with either its top or its bottom side, which simulates having the device in a pocket.
7. All tests were performed with the highest power available from the sample two-way-pager, under transmit conditions.

More detailed descriptions of the test method is given in Section 6 when appropriate.

6. TEST RESULTS

6.1. TRANSMITTER CHARACTERISTICS

The battery-powered transmitter will consume energy from its batteries, which may affect its transmission characteristics. In order to gage this effect the output of the transmitter is sampled before and after each SAR run. We found that a transmitter setting of 500 ms ON and 100ms OFF worked well to obtain stable power readings. All power measurements in the following table were made with these ON and OFF times. For the subsequent scans different duty factors were used. For wide area scans to determine the frequency and position (LCD display up or down) of the highest peak SAR a duty factor of 47 % which is 100ms ON and 100 ms OFF was used. This was determined to give the shortest cycle with the most stable reading. For the area scans (2.5 mm and 12.5 mm), the zoom scans, and the depth scan a duty factor of 18.5 % which is 100 ms ON and 400 ms OFF was used. This was a trade off between getting closer to the actual duty factor where the pager would pass and the shortest cycle.

In the case of the two-way-pager which does not have an externally accessible feedpoint the radiated relative power was measured. A power meter was connected to an antenna adjacent to a fixture to hold the transmitter in a reproducible position. The following table shows the results for the six sets of data used for this report.

For the uncertainty table in Appendix C only power readings from the zoom scans and the depth scan were used because only those readings contribute to the 1 g SAR average.

Scan		D Relative Power Reading (dB)	Battery #
Type	Height [mm]		
Area	2.5	0	C
Area	12.5	-1.6	C
Zoom	2.5	-0.2	C
Zoom	7.5	-0.3	D
Zoom	12.5	-0.9	E
Depth	2.5 – 17.5	-0.2	B

6.2. SAR MEASUREMENTS

- 1) RF exposure is expressed as a Specific Absorption Rate (SAR). SAR is calculated from the E-field, measured in a grid of test points as shown in Appendix A, Figure 2 and 3. SAR is expressed as RF power per kilogram of mass, averaged in 1 cubic centimetre of tissue.
- 2) The Research in Motion R800D-2-PW two-way-pager was put into test mode for the SAR measurements using manufacturer supplied keypad commands to control the channel (2000_h) and maximum operating power (nominally 33 dBm). The duty factor for the wide area scans of the whole device was 47 % while for the smaller area scans and for the zoom and depth profile measurements it was 18.5 %.
- 3) Appendix A, Figure 4 shows a contour plot of the SAR measurements for the Research in Motion R800D-2-PW two-way-pager sample. The presented values were taken 2.5 mm into the simulated tissue from the Universal Head-Arm's (UH-a) solid inner surface with the bottom of the pager against the phantom. Figures 2 and 3 show the UH-a used in the measurements with its arm (empty) in position to hold the pager against the simulated body, top and bottom of pager, respectively. A grid is shown inside the UH-a indicating the orientation of the x-y grid used, with the co-ordinates (2,0) at the bottom right corner of the pager's LCD display for the top position. The bottom of the LCD display was aligned with the x-axis at y = 0 cm and the right edge of the LCD display was aligned with the y-axis at x = 2. For the bottom position the screw close to the antenna was aligned on the co-ordinates



(8,1). The x-axis is positive towards the left and the y-axis is positive towards the bottom. The antenna inside the two-way-pager is located at the left end of the device (top view), wrapped around the top part of the LCD display and the bottom of the keypad (see specifications and picture in Appendix B).

A different presentation of the same data is shown in Appendix A, Figure 5. This is a surface plot, where the measured SAR values provide the vertical dimension, which is useful as a visualisation aid.

Similar data was obtained 12.5 mm into the simulated muscle tissue. These measurements are presented as a contour plot in Appendix A, Figure 6 and surface plot in Appendix A, Figure 7.

Figure 8, Appendix A shows an overlay of the pager’s outline (bottom side), superimposed onto the contour plot of an area scan with a duty factor of 47%.

Figures 4 through 7 show that there is a dominant peak, in the contour plots, that diminishes in magnitude with depth into the tissue simulation.

- 4) Wide area scans were performed for the low (2000_h, 806 MHz), middle (22D0_h, 815 MHz) and high (24B0_h, 821 MHz) channels with a 47% duty factor for two positions of the pager keyboard: “up” against the phantom and “down” away from the phantom. The peak single point SAR for the scans were:

Channel	Channel #	Frequency	Pager	Highest Peak SAR
	[hexadecimal]	[MHz]	Keyboard	[W/kg]
Low	2000	806	down	4.64
Middle	22D0	815	down	4.26
High	24B0	821	down	3.56
Low	2000	806	up	1.75
Middle	22D0	815	up	1.73
High	24B0	821	up	1.64

Subsequent testing was performed on the middle channel with the pager keyboard down.

- 5) Wide area scans were also performed for different duty factors. The peak single point SAR for the scans were:

Duty Factor	[%]	4.6	4.6	4.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	47
Peak SAR	[W/kg]	0.65	0.74	0.65	1.07	0.81	1.22	2.34	2.24	2.38	2.28	2.22	2.15	2.39	4.64



- 6) The low channel (2000_h) with the keyboard side down SAR peak was then explored with an 18.5 % duty factor on a refined 0.5 cm grid in three dimensions. Figures 9, 10, and 11 show the measurements made at 2.5, 7.5, and 12.5 mm respectively. The SAR value averaged over 1 cm³ was determined from these measurements by averaging the 27 points (3x3x3) comprising a 1 cm cube. The maximum SAR value measured, averaged over 1cm³, was determined from these measurements to be 1.58 W/kg.
- 7) To extrapolate the maximum SAR value averaged over 1 cm³ to the inner surface of the head phantom a series of measurements were made at a few (x,y) co-ordinates within the refined grid as a function of depth, with 2.5 mm spacing. Appendix A, Figure 12 shows the data gathered and the exponential curves fit to them (Microsoft Excel 97). The average exponential coefficient was determined to be $(-0.069 \pm 0.007) / \text{mm}$.

The distance from the probe tip to the inner surface of the head phantom for the lowest point is 2.5 mm. The distance from the probe tip to the tip of the measuring dipole within the Narda 8021B miniature RF probe is 7 mm. The total extrapolation distance is 9.5 mm, the sum of these two.

Applying the exponential coefficient over the 9.5 mm to the maximum SAR value average over 1 cm³ that was determined previously, we obtain **the maximum SAR value at the surface averaged over 1 cm³ of 3.04 W/kg**.

7. ANALYSIS

The preceding measurements were performed with an 18.5 % duty factor and a maximum power of 2 W (33dBm). RIM has found that due to the 0.5 dB tolerance in the calibration software tool the pager could have an absolute maximum power of 2.25W (33.5 dBm). It was determined by proportional scaling of the maximum power to 2.25 W that the device would produce an estimated 1g SAR of 3.42 W/kg.

The measurements of the highest local SAR versus duty factor of the pager will enable the 1 g SAR to be determined as a function of duty factor. The following table shows the different duty factors with their corresponding measured peak SAR as well as the calculated 1 g SAR. The first two rows were shown previously in Section 6.2.5. The calculated 1 g SAR was determined by the ratio of the 1g SAR at 2.25 W power to the curve fit peak SAR both with an 18.5% duty factor.

Duty Factor	[%]	4.6	4.6	4.6	9.5	9.5	9.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	18.5	47
Peak SAR	[W/kg]	0.65	0.74	0.65	1.07	0.81	1.22	2.34	2.24	2.38	2.28	2.22	2.15	2.39	4.64
1 g SAR	[W/kg]	0.99	1.13	0.98	1.62	1.23	1.85	3.55	3.40	3.61	3.47	3.37	3.26	3.63	7.05

If the data for Figure 13 is fitted to a polynomial equation we get:

$$\text{Peak Local SAR} = -0.000839x^2 + 0.1395x - 0.0435$$

where x is the duty factor.

In order to obtain the 1 g SAR this equation is scaled by the ratio at 18.5 % duty factor of the maximum 1 g SAR at 2.25 W and the peak local SAR as determined by the previous equation, i.e.:

$$\text{Peak 1 g SAR} = \frac{\text{peak local SAR} * (1 \text{ g SAR} @ 2.25\text{W})}{\text{peak local SAR} @ 18.5 \%}$$

This last equation was used to determine that a conservative peak 1 g SAR of 1.55 W/kg would occur for a duty factor of 8.0 %.



8. CONCLUSIONS

The maximum Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) averaged over 1 g, determined at 806 MHz (low channel, 2000_h), of the Research in Motion Limited R800D-2-PW two-way-pager, is 3.04 W/kg when operating with an 18.5% duty factor. The overall margin of uncertainty for this measurement is $\pm 24.4\%$ (Appendix C). Based on these measurements and the analysis of the preceding section the device will be marketed with a maximum operating duty factor of 8%. The SAR limit given in the FCC 96-326 safety guideline is 1.6 W/kg. This unit as tested, and as it will be marketed, is found to be compliant with this requirement.



APPENDIX A

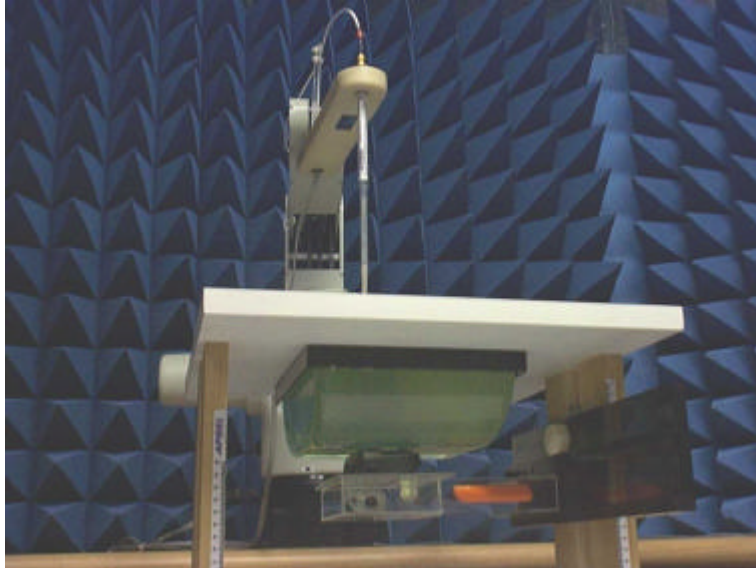


Figure 1



Figure 2



Figure 3

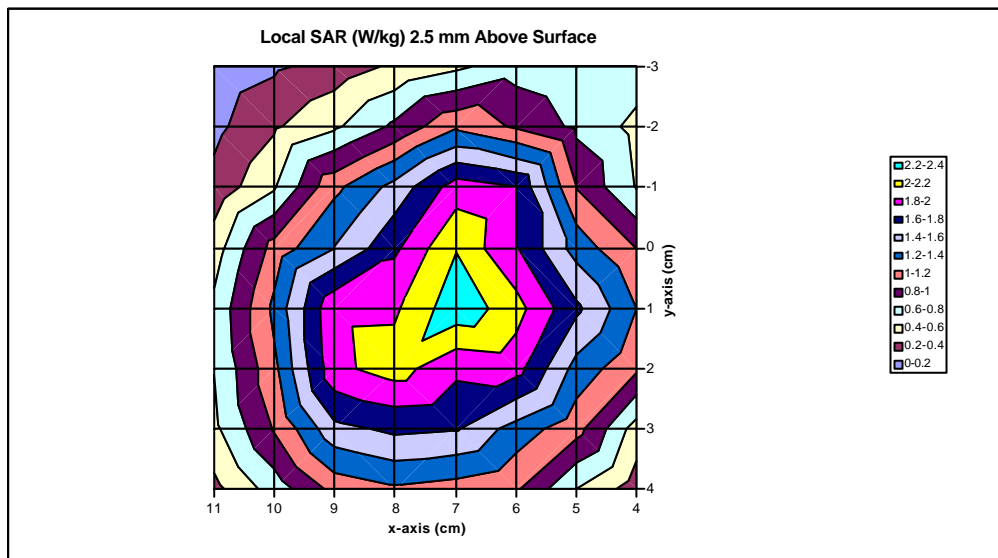


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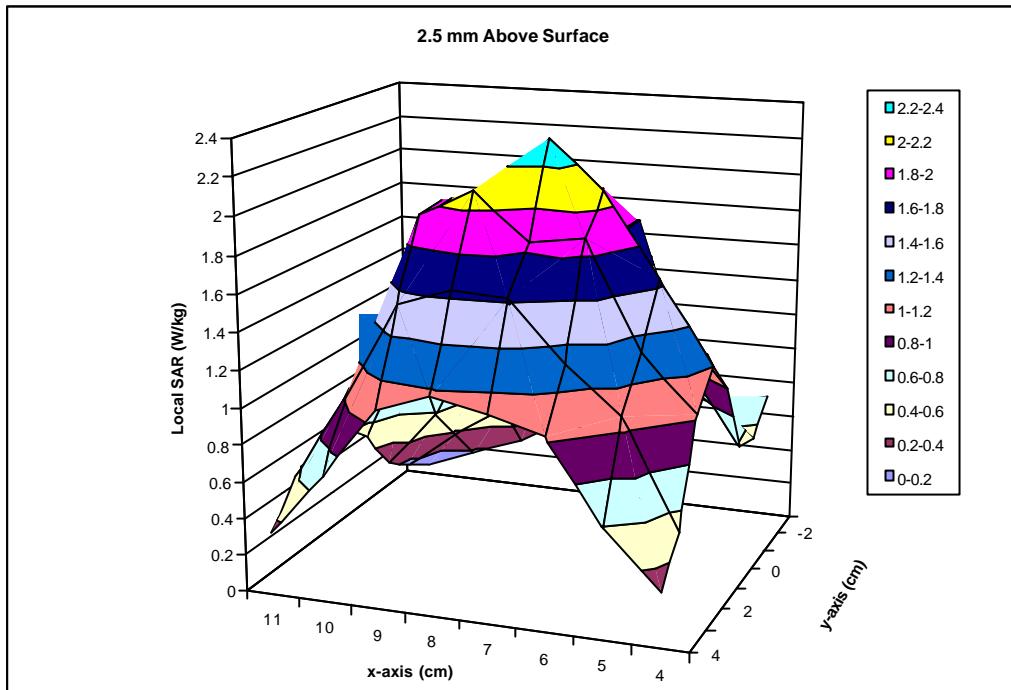


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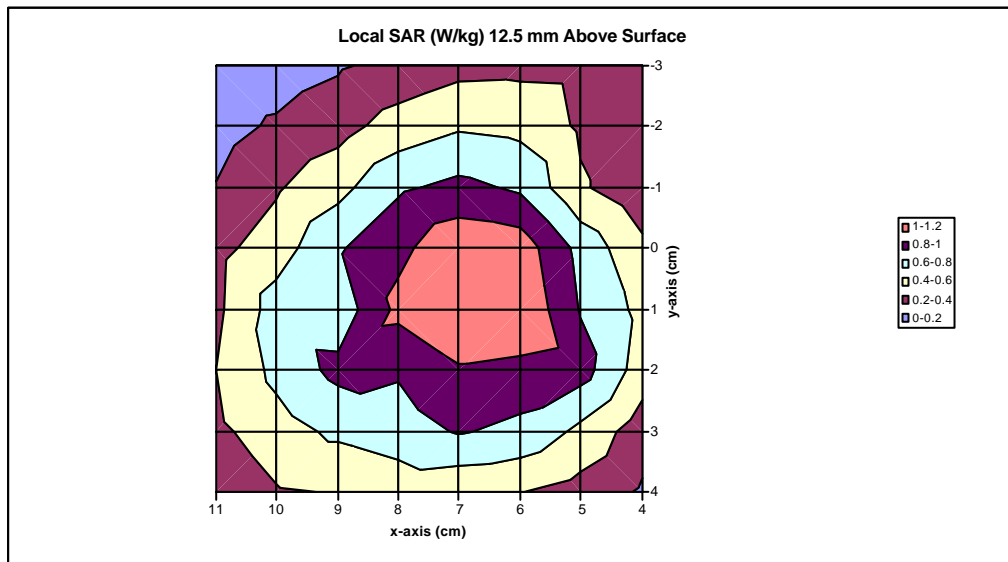


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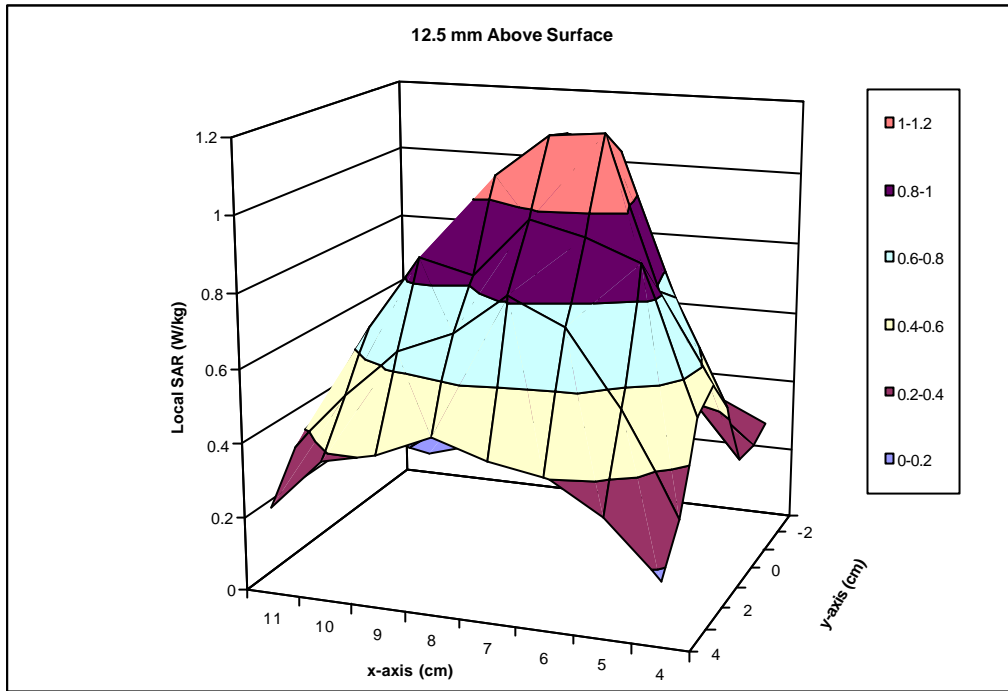


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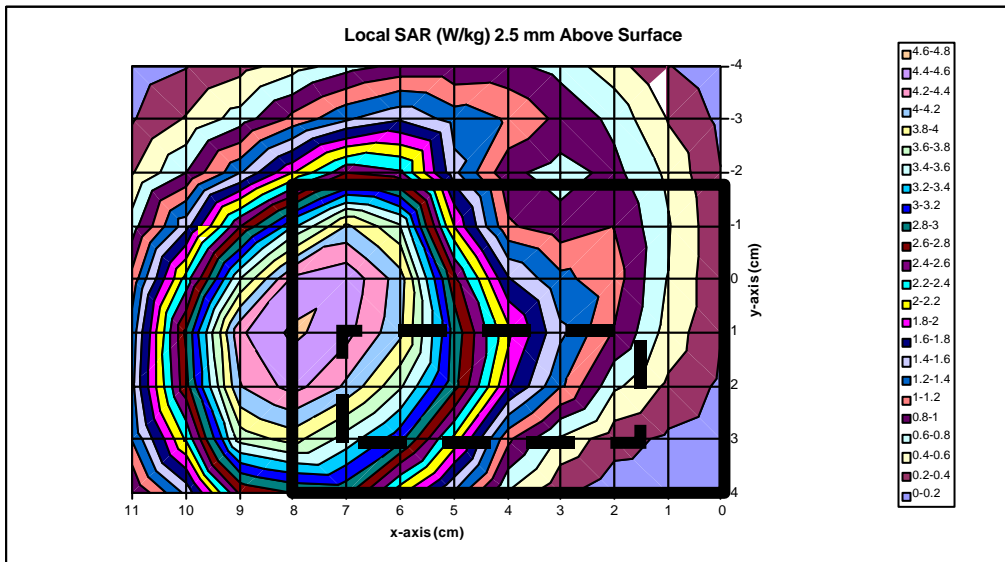


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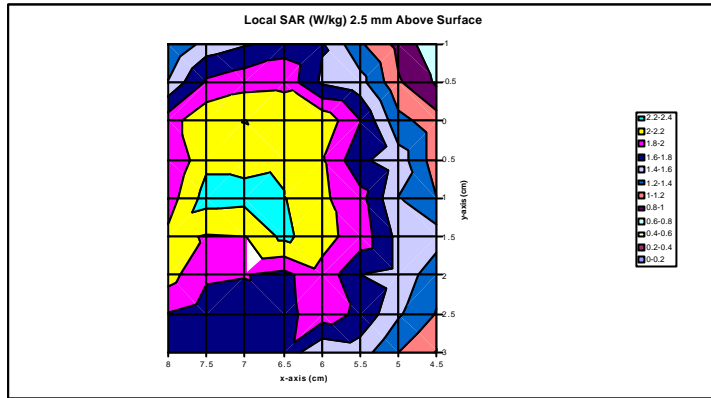


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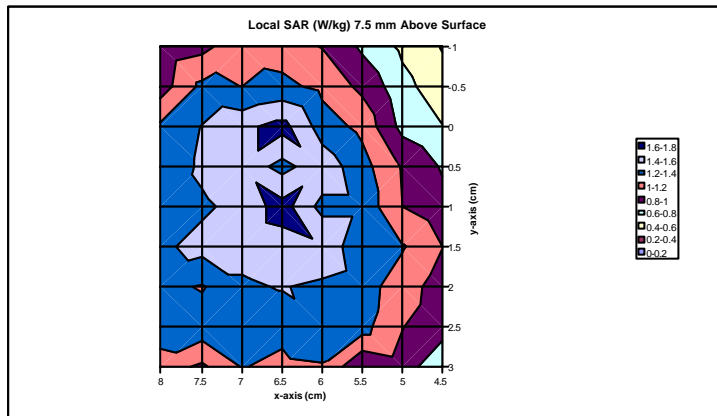


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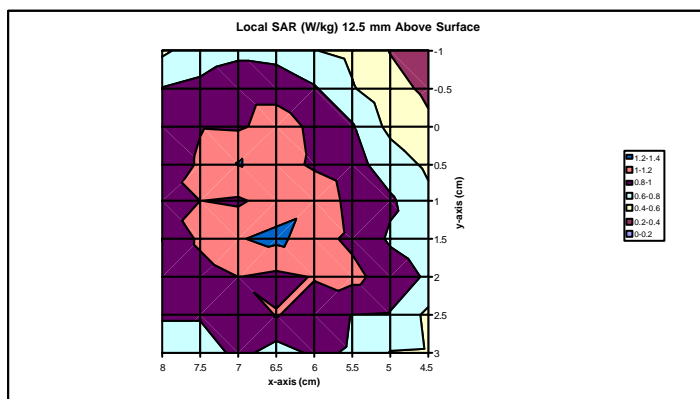


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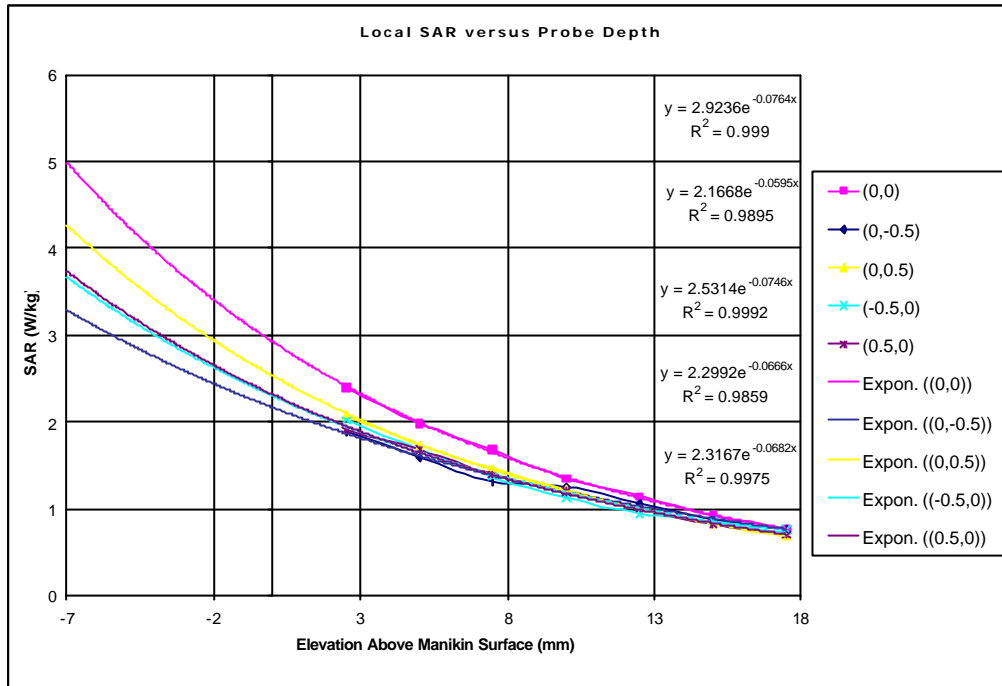


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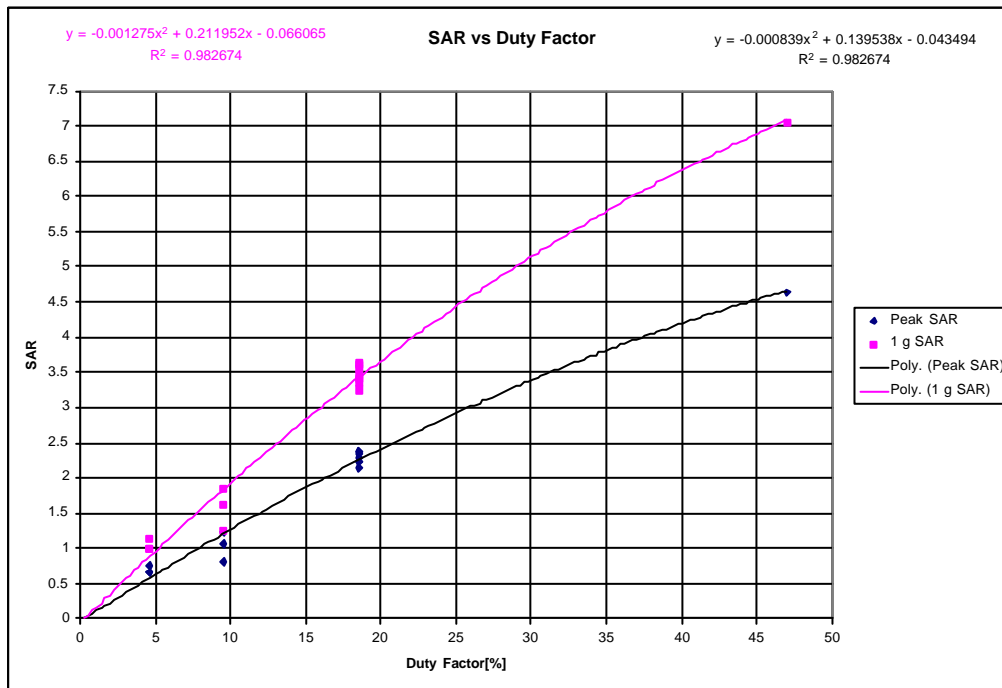
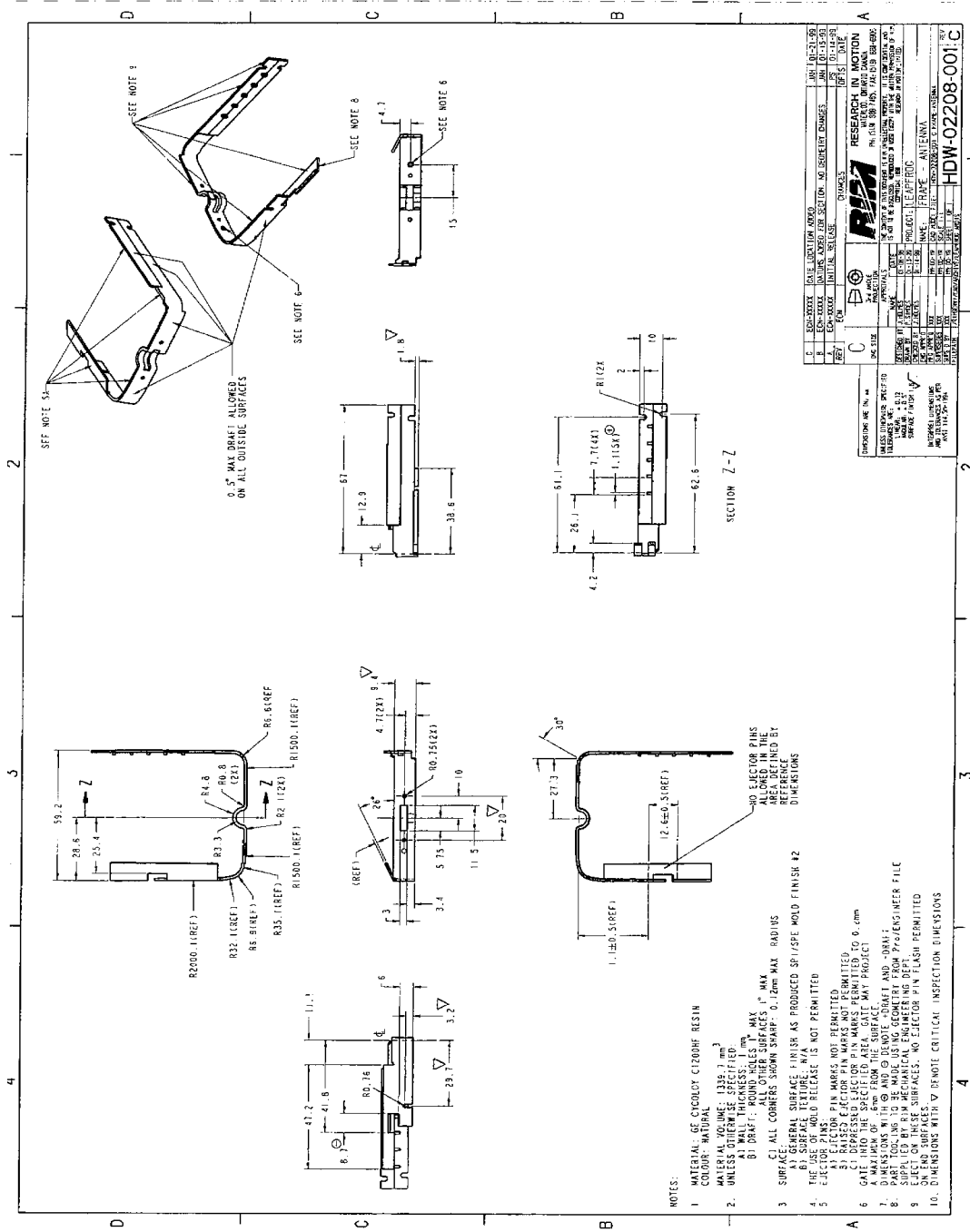


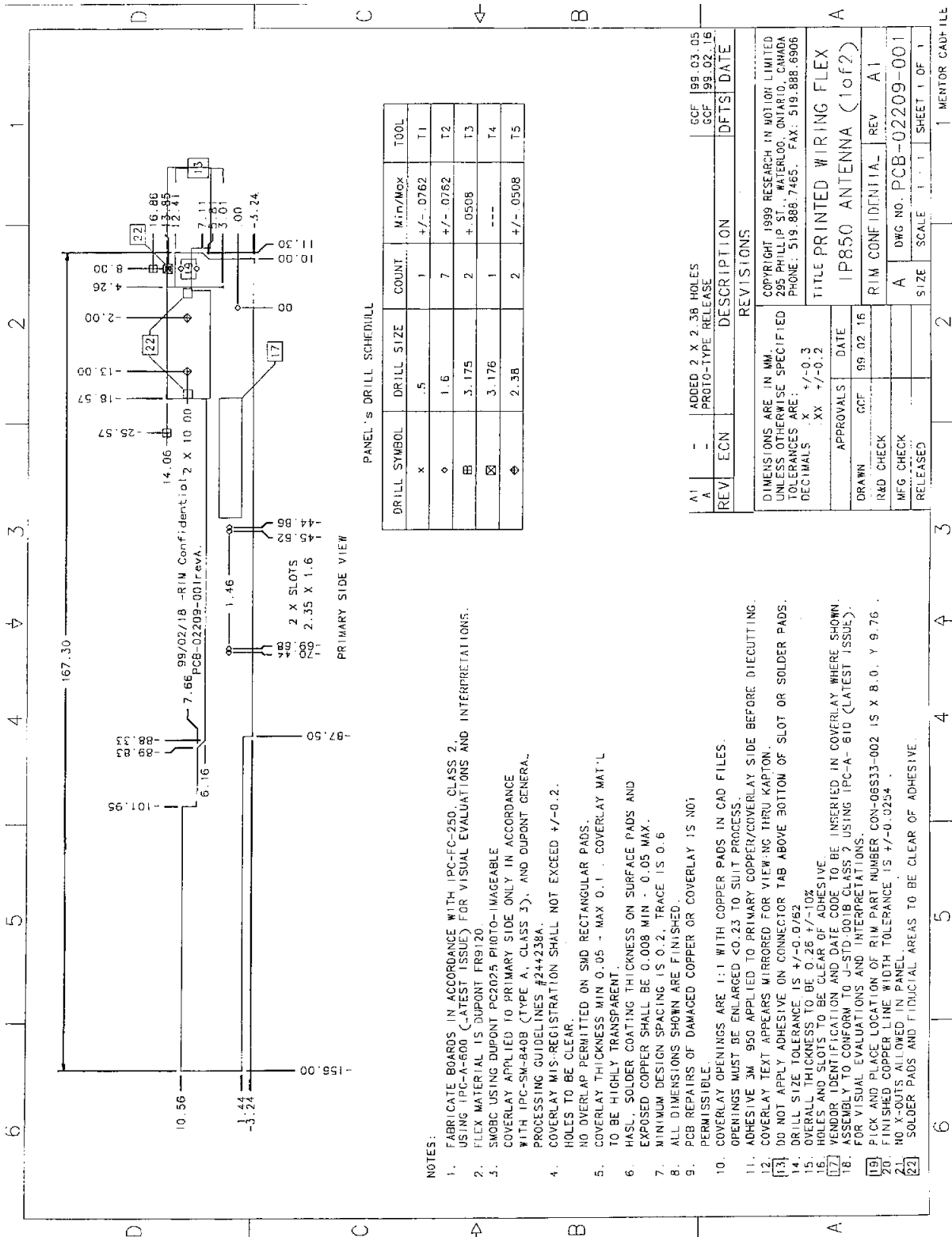
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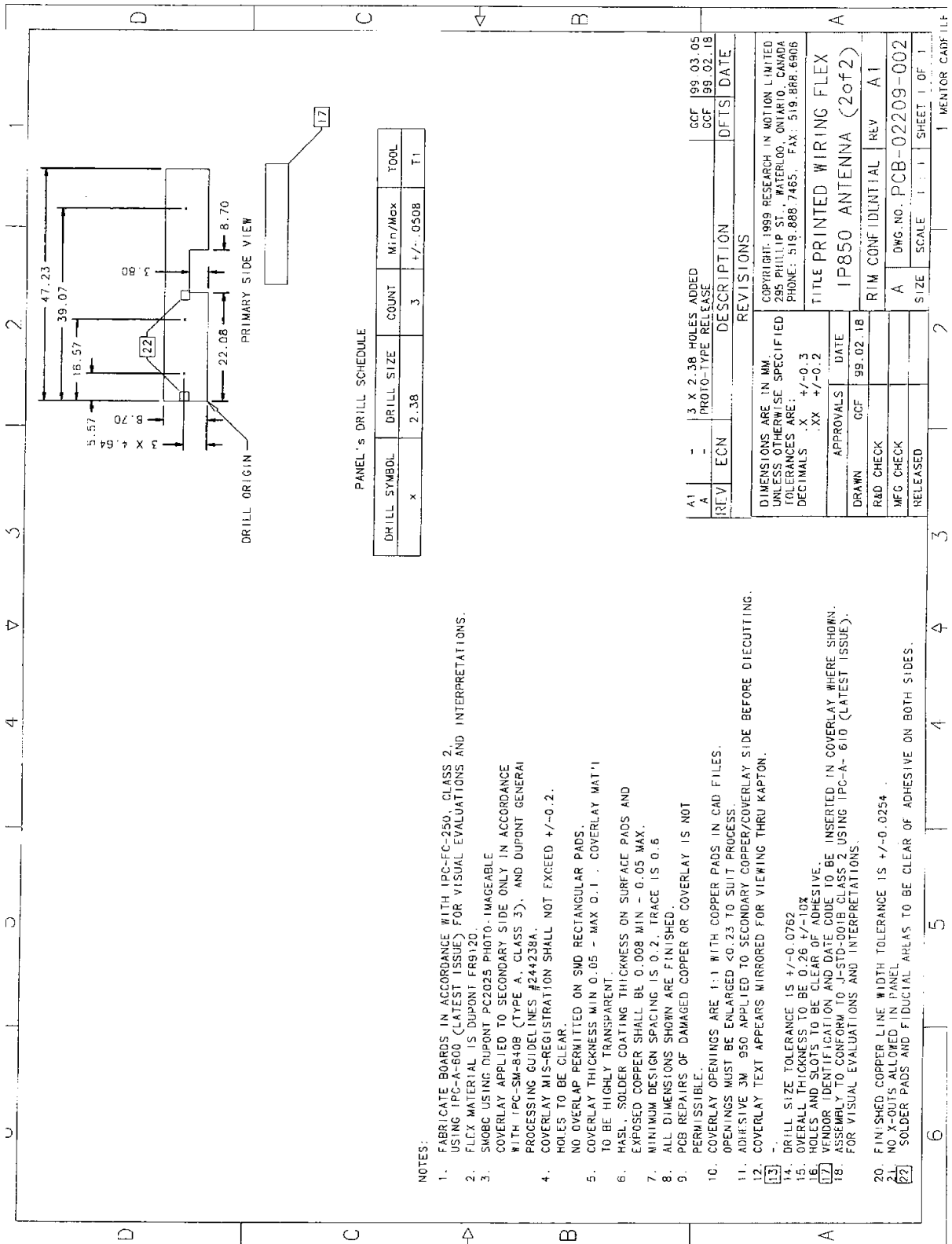


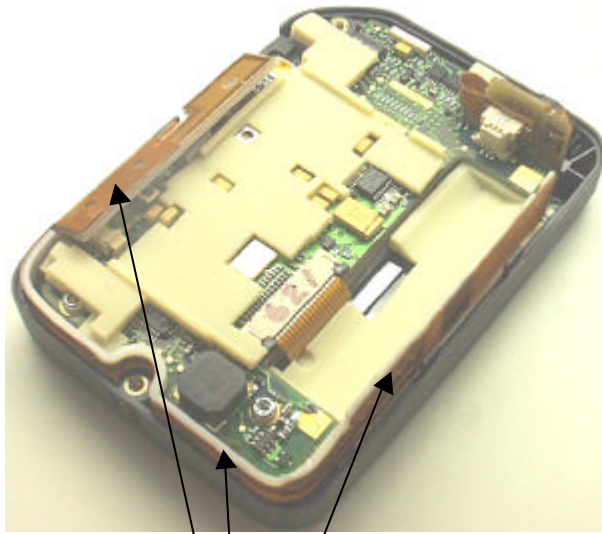
APPENDIX B

Manufacturer's Antenna Specifications









Antenna



APPENDIX C

Uncertainties Contributing to the Overall Uncertainty		
Type of Uncertainty	Specific to	Uncertainty
Power variation due to battery condition	DUT	9.8%
Extrapolation due to curve fit of SAR vs depth	DUT	19.5%
Extrapolation due to depth measurement	setup	3.4%
Conductivity	setup	6.0%
Density	setup	2.6%
Tissue enhancement factor	setup	7.0%
Voltage measurement	setup	0.8%
Probe sensitivity factor	setup	3.5%
		24.4% RSS

Note that the overall uncertainty is determined using the root sum square method (RSS).



APPENDIX D

Simulated Muscle Material and Calibration Technique

The muscle mixture used was based on that presented SSI/DRB-TP-D01-033, “Tissue Recipe and Calibration Requirements”.

De-ionised water	52.8 %
Sugar	45.3 %
Salt	1.5 %
HEC	0.3 %
Bactericide	0.1 %

Mass density, ρ 1.30 g/ml
 (The density used to determine SAR from the measurements was the recommended 1040 kg/m³ found in Appendix E of Supplement C to OET Bulletin 65, Edition 97-01)

Dielectric parameters of the simulated tissue material were determined using a Hewlett Packard 8510 Network Analyser, a Hewlett Packard 809B Slotted Line Carriage, and an APREL SLP-001 Slotted Line Probe.

The dielectric properties are:

	APREL	OET 65 Supplement	$\Delta/\%$
Dielectric constant, ϵ_r	54.1	56.2	-3.7
Conductivity, σ [S/m]	1.07	0.94	+13.8
Tissue Conversion Factor, γ	5.2	-	-



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 CALIBRATION DATE 4-Jun-99
 CALIBRATED BY Heike
 Frequency Range 100MHz-1GHz
 Frequency Calibrated 815 MHz
 Tissue Type Muscle

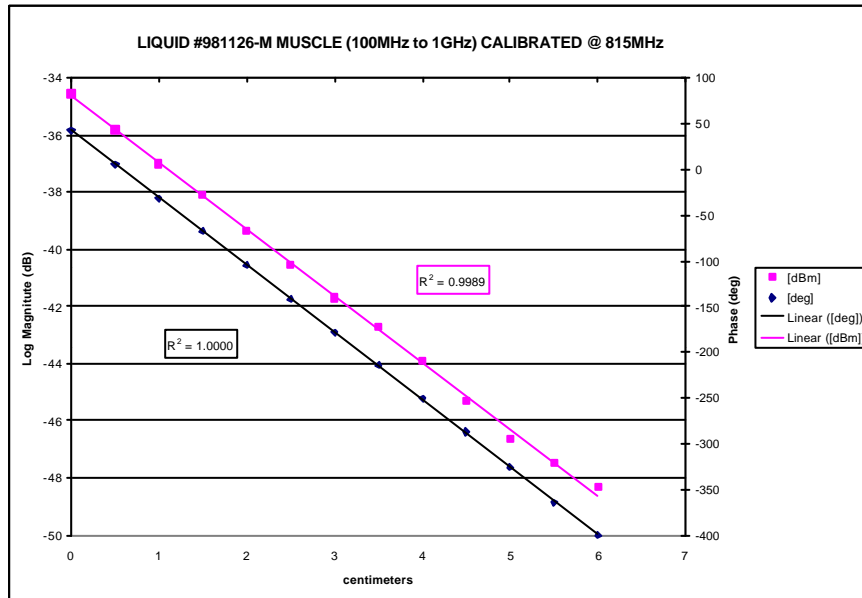
Position [cm]	Amplitude		Phase	
	[dBm]	[deg]	[deg]	[deg]
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0.5	-35.8	5.98	5.98	5.98
1	-36.99	-31.17	-31.17	-31.17
1.5	-38.11	-67.69	-67.69	-67.69
2	-39.35	-104.42	-104.42	-104.42
2.5	-40.56	-142.09	-142.09	-142.09
3	-41.69	-178.66	-178.66	-178.66
3.5	-42.69	145.48	145.48	-214.52
4	-43.88	109.25	109.25	-250.75
4.5	-45.28	72.53	72.53	-287.47
5	-46.63	34.24	34.24	-325.76
5.5	-47.5	-4.09	-4.09	-364.09
6	-48.3	-39.93	-39.93	-399.93

ΔdB_1	-7.14	Δdeg_1	-221.65
ΔdB_2	-6.89	Δdeg_2	-220.5
ΔdB_3	-6.89	Δdeg_3	-219.58
ΔdB_4	-7.17	Δdeg_4	-219.78
ΔdB_5	-7.28	Δdeg_5	-221.34
ΔdB_6	-6.94	Δdeg_6	-222
ΔdB_7	-6.61	Δdeg_7	-221.27
ΔdB_{AVG} [dB]	-6.99	Ddeg _{AVG} [deg]	-220.8742857
$dB_{AVG}(\alpha_{AVG})$ [dB/cm]	-2.33	deg _{AVG}(\beta_{AVG}) [deg/cm]}	-73.6247619
(α_{AVG}) [NP/cm]	-0.26819634	(β_{AVG}) [rad/cm]	-1.284994506

f [Hz]	8.15E+08
μ [H/cm]	1.25664E-08
ϵ_0 [F/cm]	8.854E-14

ϵ_r	54.1
$\epsilon_{r\text{effective}}$	1.07

S/m



808 MHz Data (Heike & Sherry) MUSCLE

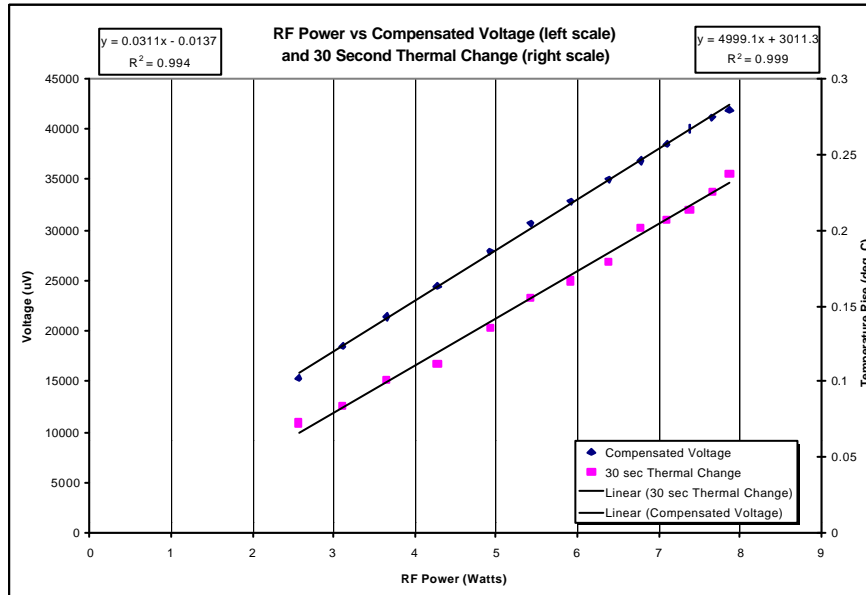
RF Power			Ch0	Ch1	Ch2	delta T (30 sec)	Sum	Thermal
W	dBm	R&S	uV	uV	uV	deg. C	V/EI	SAR
2.564484	34.09	-12.02	11719	3467	2344	0.0728	15321.9	6.73
3.111716	34.93	-11.18	14087	4199	2856	0.0843	18477.9	7.80
3.655948	35.63	-10.48	16260	4858	3369	0.1008	21398.9	9.32
4.275629	36.31	-9.8	18457	5591	3882	0.1116	24406.4	10.32
4.920395	36.92	-9.19	20996	6445	4443	0.1352	27861.4	12.51
5.420009	37.34	-8.77	23022	7153	4907	0.1555	30655.6	14.38
5.915616	37.72	-8.39	24561	7715	5273	0.1664	32810.8	15.39
6.382635	38.05	-8.06	26099	8252	5688	0.1795	34984	16.60
6.776415	38.31	-7.8	27417	8691	6055	0.2013	36837.2	18.62
7.095773	38.51	-7.6	28589	9131	6323	0.2069	38480.1	19.14
7.379042	38.68	-7.43	29639	9570	6567	0.2138	39994.9	19.78
7.655966	38.84	-7.27	30420	9839	6812	0.2249	41123.9	20.80
7.870458	38.96	-7.15	30933	10034	6934	0.237	41849.1	21.92

Directional Coupler factor 26.11 dB (Asset 100251 cal file data (Janusz, 21 Jul 96))
 Additional inline attenuation 20 dB

Sensitivity (e) 0.759 0.754 0.796 - Sensor Sensitivity in mV/ (mW/cm²): 835 MHz cal (AU + HW, 1 Sep 98)
 η = 1.50 e 1.1385 1.131 1.194

Density 1.3 g/cm³ 1300 kg/m³ - Marcin. summer 97
 Conductivity 11 mS/cm 1.1 S/m - Heike 1-Mar-99
 Heat Capacity (c) 2.775 J/C/g 2775 J/C/kg - average of Balzano (2.7) and Kuster (2.85) values
 Exposure Time 30 seconds 30 seconds
 Slope of Measure Voltage (m_v) 4999.11 uV/W 0.005 V/W
 - standard error or mv 48.6137 uV/W 4.9E-05 V/W 1.0%
 Slope of Measure Temp Change (m_t) 0.03106 C/W 0.03106 C/W
 - standard error or mT 0.00073 C/W 0.00073 C/W 2.3%

Tissue Conversion Factor (≠) 5.2



APPENDIX E

Validation Scan

