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REPORT

# RF Exposure Report for RFID Reader XT-1

#### Summary

This document reports the results from the Maximum Permissible Exposure analysis performed for RFID Reader XT-1.

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#### 1. Introduction

The RFID Reader XT-1 is evaluated according to FCC guidelines for human exposure to radio frequency electromagnetic fields. The evaluation results are used as part of the FCC-application.

The limit for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) specified in FCC 1.1310 is followed. Through the Friis transmission formula and the maximum gain of the antenna, we can calculate the distance, away from the product, where the limit of MPE is reached. Although the Friis transmission formula is a far field assumption, the calculated result of that is an over-prediction for near field power density. We will take that as the worst case to specify the safety range.

#### 1.1. References

- [1] Evaluating Compliance with FCC Guidelines for Human Exposure to Radiofrequency Electromagnetic Fields, (<a href="http://transition.fcc.gov">http://transition.fcc.gov</a>)
- [2] 13-111 XT-1 Installation Manual

#### 1.2. Definitions and abbreviations

Abbreviation	Description
DUT	Device Under Test
EIRP	Effective Isotropic Radiated Power
FCC	Federal Communications Commission
MPE	Maximum Permissible Exposure
RFID	Radio-frequency identification

Table 1. List of abbreviations

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## 2. System Description

## 2.1. Assessed Object

Name of test object (DUT)	XT-1 US
Model / Type	XT-1
Part No.	152600
Serial No.	-
FCC ID	-
Manufacturer	TagMaster AB
Supply Voltage	12V - 24V
Software version	-
Comments	-



Figure 1: Photo of assessed object.



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## 2.2. Characteristics and parameters of the assessed object

**RFID Reader XT-1:** 

Antenna : Integral antenna

Operating frequency: 902.75MHz – 927.25MHz

Transmit power : 1W

Max Duty Cycle : 100% during normal use

Power Supply : 12V – 24V

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## 3. RF Exposure Evaluation

### 3.1. RF Exposure Limits

According to FCC 1.1310: The criteria listed in the table 2 below shall be used to evaluate the environmental impact of human exposure to radio-frequency (RF) radiation.

Frequency	Electric Field	Magnetic Field	Power Density	Average Time		
Range	Strength (V/m)	Strength (A/m)	(mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	(minutes)		
(MHz)						
(A)Limits For Occupational / Control Exposures						
300-1500			F/300	6		
1500-100,000			5	6		
(B)Limits For General Population / Uncontrolled Exposure						
300-1500			F/1500	6		
1500-100,000			1.0	30		

Table 2. Limits for maximum permissible exposure (MPE), F = Frequency in MHz.

## 3.2. Exposure classification for XT-1

The FCC rules define two types of permissible exposure differentiated by the situation in which the exposure takes place and/or the status of the individuals who are subject to exposure.

#### General Population/uncontrolled exposure

The limits apply to those situations in which persons may not be aware of the presence of electromagnetic energy, where exposure is not employment-related, or where persons cannot exercise control over their exposure.

#### Occupational/controlled exposure

The limits apply to situations in which persons are exposed as a consequence of their employment, have been made fully aware of the potential for exposure, and can exercise control over their exposure.

The classification of XT-1 is Occupational/controlled exposure.

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#### 3.3. Friis Formula

The Friis transmission formula:

$$P_d = \frac{P_{out}G}{4\pi R^2}$$

where:

Pd = power density in mW/cm2

Pout = output power to antenna in mW

G = gain of antenna in linear scale

Pi = 3.1416

R = distance between observation point and center of the radiator in cm

If we know the maximum Gain of the antenna and the total power input to the antenna the MPE value at distance R can be calculated.

Ref.: David K. Cheng, Field and Wave Electromagnetics, Second Edition, Page 640, Eq. (11-133).

## 3.4. EUT operating condition

The antenna of the product, under normal use condition, is at least 25cm away from the body of the user. Warning statement to the user for keeping at least 25cm or more separation distance with the antenna is included in the XT-1 installation manual, see ref [1].

#### 3.5. Calculations

RF Exposure Limit and the calculated value at distance 25cm:

Limit for MPE (from FCC part 1.1310 table 2) for frequency f = 902.75MHz is:

Limit MPE = 
$$f(Mhz) / 1500 = 902.75 / 1500 = 0.60 \text{ mW/cm}2$$

Highest allowed Pout is 1W which together with the antenna gain of 6dBi gives an Effective Isotropic Radiated Power of 4W.

$$P_d = \frac{P_{out}G}{4\pi R^2} = \frac{4000mW}{1600\pi} = 0.509mW/cm^2$$

Pd = **0.509 mW/cm2**, which is at least 0.09 mW/cm2 below to the limit.



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## 4. Conclusions

The XT-1 is found to be compliant to the Maximum Permissible Exposure limits specified in the standard FCC 1.1310.