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**CERTIFICATION TEST REPORT
FOR**

EXPRESSCARD WIRELESS MODEM

MODEL NUMBER: AirCard 504

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IC: 2417C-AC500**

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1. ATTESTATION OF TEST RESULTS

COMPANY NAME: SIERRA WIRELESS, INC.
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EUT DESCRIPTION: ExpressCard Wireless Modem

MODEL: AirCard 504

SERIAL NUMBER: F9E2619006E2-OC

DATE TESTED: NOVEMBER 06-07, 2009

APPLICABLE STANDARDS	
STANDARD	TEST RESULTS
FCC PART 15 SUBPART B	PASS
ICES-003 ISSUE 4, 2004-02	PASS

Compliance Certification Services, Inc. (CCS) tested the above equipment in accordance with the requirements set forth in the above standards. All indications of Pass/Fail in this report are opinions expressed by CCS based on interpretations and/or observations of test results. Measurement Uncertainties were not taken into account and are published for informational purposes only. The test results show that the equipment tested is capable of demonstrating compliance with the requirements as documented in this report.

Note: The results documented in this report apply only to the tested sample, under the conditions and modes of operation as described herein. This document may not be altered or revised in any way unless done so by CCS and all revisions are duly noted in the revisions section. Any alteration of this document not carried out by CCS will constitute fraud and shall nullify the document. No part of this report may be used to claim product certification, approval, or endorsement by NVLAP, NIST, or any government agency.

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2. TEST METHODOLOGY

The tests documented in this report were performed in accordance with ANSI C63.4-2003 and ICES-003 ISSUE 4, 2004-02.

3. FACILITIES AND ACCREDITATION

The test sites and measurement facilities used to collect data are located at 47173 Benicia Street, Fremont, California, USA.

CCS is accredited by NVLAP, Laboratory Code 200065-0. The full scope of accreditation can be viewed at <http://www.ccsemc.com>.

4. CALIBRATION AND UNCERTAINTY

4.1. MEASURING INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION

The measuring equipment utilized to perform the tests documented in this report has been calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and is traceable to recognized national standards.

4.2. SAMPLE CALCULATION

Where relevant, the following sample calculation is provided:

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Field Strength (dBuV/m)} &= \text{Measured Voltage (dBuV)} + \text{Antenna Factor (dB/m)} + \\ &\text{Cable Loss (dB)} - \text{Preamp Gain (dB)} \\ 36.5 \text{ dBuV} + 18.7 \text{ dB/m} + 0.6 \text{ dB} - 26.9 \text{ dB} &= 28.9 \text{ dBuV/m} \end{aligned}$$

4.3. MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

Where relevant, the following measurement uncertainty levels have been estimated for tests performed on the apparatus:

PARAMETER	UNCERTAINTY
Conducted Disturbance, 0.15 to 30 MHz	3.52 dB
Radiated Disturbance, 30 to 1000 MHz	4.94 dB

Uncertainty figures are valid to a confidence level of 95%.

5. EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST

5.1. DESCRIPTION OF EUT

The AC504 modem, referred to as “EUT” hereafter, is a multi-band wireless modem operating on the GSM/GPRS/EDGE/UMTS networks. In the US and Canada, only cellular and PCS bands are used for GSM/GPRS/UMTS operation, so this test report only contains data for these two bands (850MHz and 1900MHz).

GENERAL INFORMATION

CHASSIS MATERIAL	PLASTIC
ENCLOSURE MATERIAL	PLASTIC
POWER REQUIREMENTS	3.3VDC from Host device
POWERLINE FILTER MANUFACTURER AND MODEL	N/A
LIST OF ALL OSCILLATOR FREQUENCIES GREATER THAN OR EQUAL TO 9 kHz	19.2MHz, 3.9796GHz

5.2. WORST CASE CONFIGURATIONS

Two configurations have been investigated on:

1. EUT directly plugged into the Laptop with a PC card adapter.
2. EUT directly plugged into the Laptop without PC card adapter

5.3. MODE(S) OF OPERATION

Mode	Description
Normal	The EUT was in normal mode, while all the I/O ports active to transfer data between the laptop and other peripherals.

5.4. SOFTWARE AND FIRMWARE

The test software used during the test was EMCTest software.

5.5. MODIFICATIONS

No modifications were made during testing.

5.6. DETAILS OF TESTED SYSTEM

SUPPORT EQUIPMENT & PERIPHERALS

PERIPHERAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT LIST				
Description	Manufacturer	Model	Serial Number	FCC ID
Laptop	IBM	Lenovo T60	ZZBC354	DoC
AC Adapter	IBM	92P1160	11S92P1160Z1ZAW66C90MH	DoC
Mouse	HP	M-U48a	LZE01650032	DoC
Printer	Microline 186	D22300A	AE5A048148A0	DoC

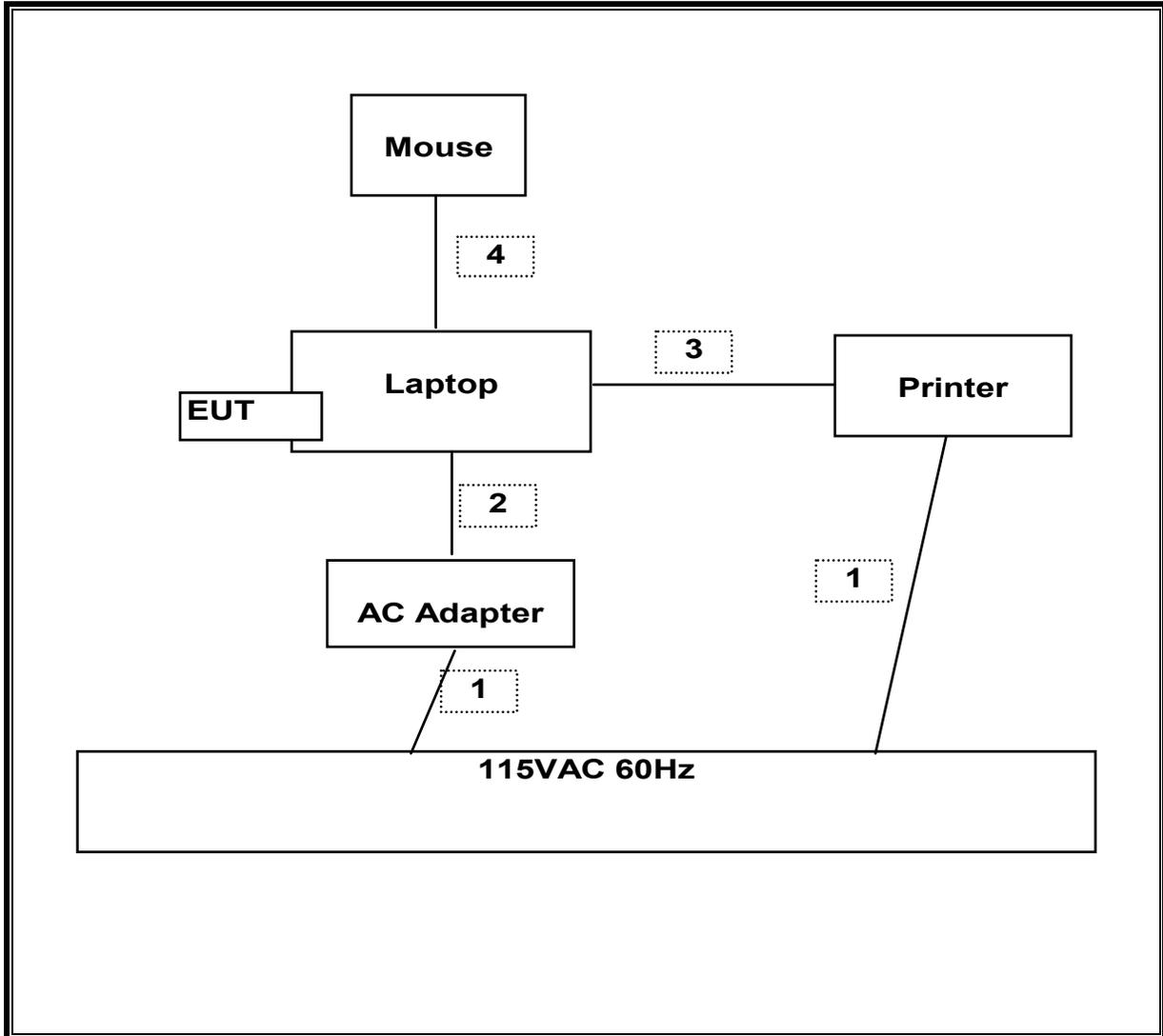
I/O CABLES

I/O CABLE LIST						
Cable No.	Port	# of Identical Ports	Connector Type	Cable Type	Cable Length	Remarks
1	AC	2	US 115V	Un-shielded	2m	N/A
2	DC	1	DC	Un-shielded	2m	N/A
3	USB	1	printer	Un-shielded	2m	N/A
4	USB	1	Mouse	Un-shielded	1.2m	N/A

TEST SETUP

The EUT is plugged into a laptop with and without a PC card adapter, test software exercised the EUT.

TEST SETUP DIAGRAM



6. TEST AND MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT

The following test and measurement equipment was utilized for the tests documented in this report:

TEST EQUIPMENT LIST				
Description	Manufacturer	Model	Serial Number	Cal Due
Antenna, Bilog, 2 GHz	Sundl Sciences	JB1	A121003	01/14/10
Preamplifier, 1300 MHz	Agilent / HP	8447D	1937A02062	03/31/10
Preamplifier, 26.5 GHz	Agilent / HP	8449B	3008A00561	02/04/10
Spectrum Analyzer, 26.5 GHz	Agilent / HP	E4440A	C01178	08/31/10
LISN, 30 MHz	FCC	LISN-50/250-25-2	2023	11/06/10
LISN, 10 kHz ~ 30 MHz	Solar	8012-50-R-24-BNC	8379443	11/06/10
EMI Test Receiver, 30 MHz	R & S	ESHS 20	827129/006	05/06/11

7. APPLICABLE LIMITS AND TEST RESULTS

7.1. RADIATED EMISSIONS

TEST PROCEDURE

ANSI C63.4

The highest clock frequency generated is 3.9796 GHz in the EUT. Therefore the frequency range was investigated from 30 MHz to 20 GHz.

LIMIT

§15.109 (a) Except for Class A digital devices, the field strength of radiated emissions from unintentional radiators at a distance of 3 meters shall not exceed the following values:

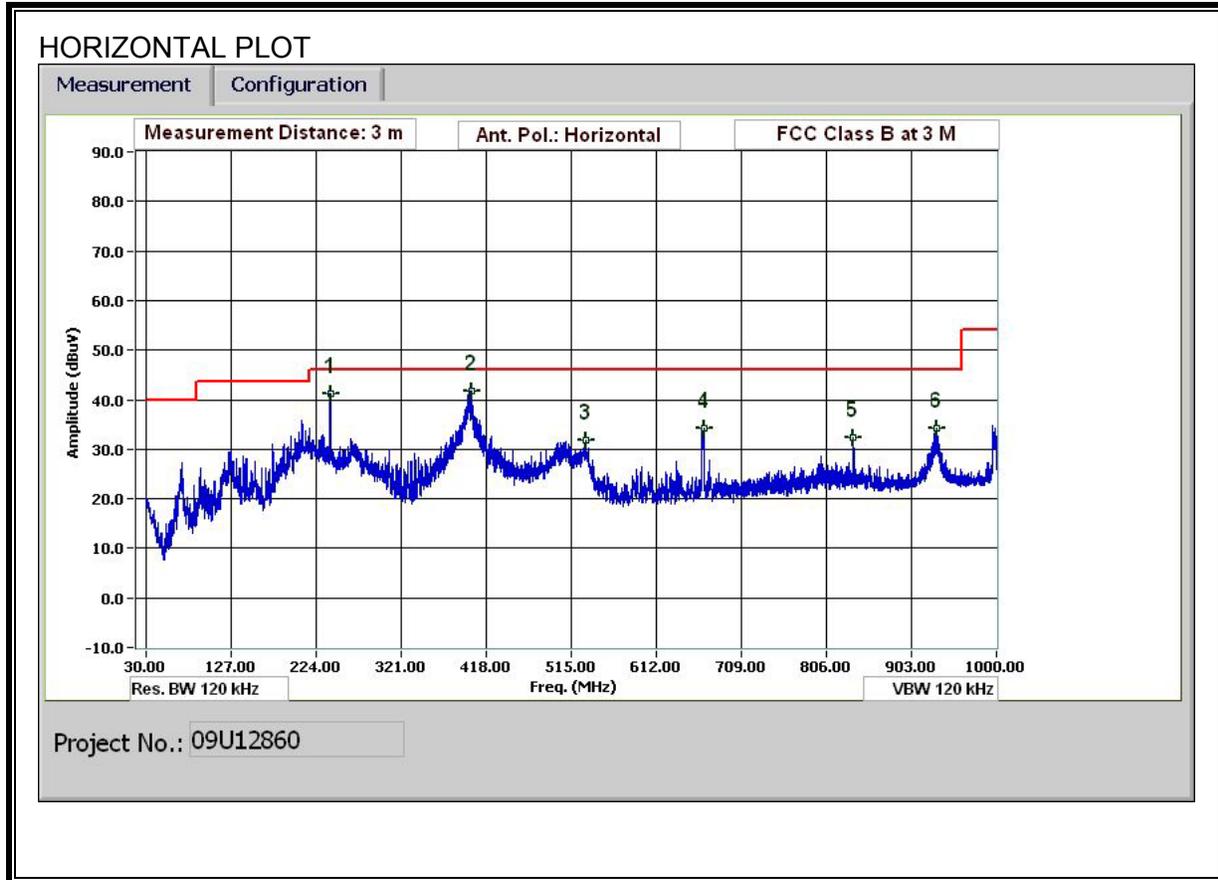
Limits for radiated disturbance of Class B ITE at measuring distance of 3 m	
Frequency range (MHz)	Quasi-peak limits (dB μ V/m)
30 to 88	40
88 to 216	43.5
216 to 960	46
Above 960 MHz	54

Note: The lower limit shall apply at the transition frequency.

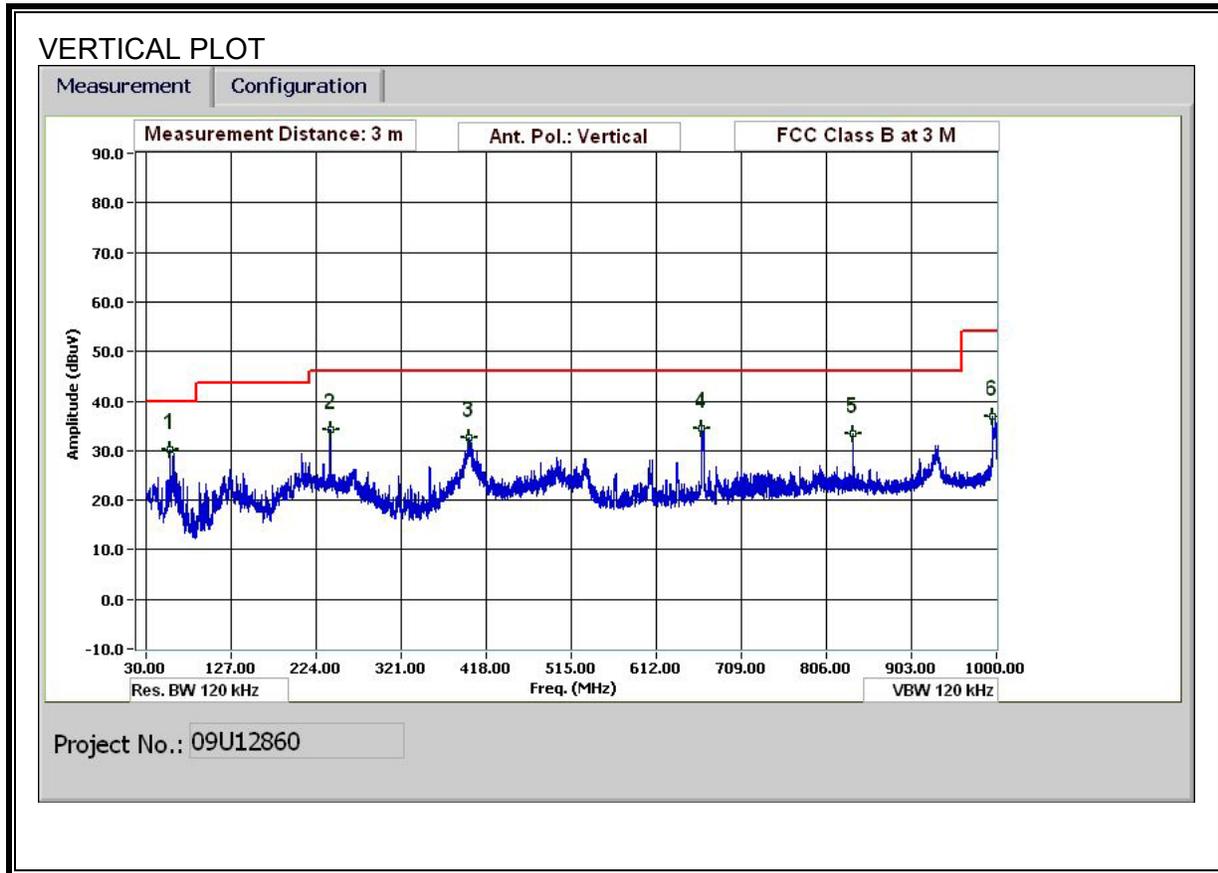
RESULTS

SPURIOUS EMISSIONS 30 TO 1000 MHz (WORST-CASE CONFIGURATION, HORIZONTAL)

WITH PC CARD ADAPTER



SPURIOUS EMISSIONS 30 TO 1000 MHz (WORST-CASE CONFIGURATION, VERTICAL)



EMISSIONS DATA

30-1000MHz Frequency Measurement
 Compliance Certification Services, Fremont 5m Chamber

Test Engr: Chin Pang
 Date: 11/06/09
 Project #: 09U12860
 Company: Sierra Wireless
 EUT Description: Express Card Wireless Modem
 Configuration: EUT with PC card adapter and basic peripheral
 EUT M/N: AirCard 504
 Test Target: FCC Class B
 Mode Oper: Normal

f Measurement Frequency Amp Preamp Gain Margin Margin vs. Limit
 Dist Distance to Antenna D Corr Distance Correct to 3 meters
 Read Analyzer Reading Filter Filter Insert Loss
 AF Antenna Factor Corr. Calculated Field Strength
 CL Cable Loss Limit Field Strength Limit

f MHz	Dist (m)	Read dBuV	AF dB/m	CL dB	Amp dB	D Corr dB	Filter dB	Corr. dBuV/m	Limit dBuV/m	Margin dB	Ant. Pol. V/H	Det. P/A/QP	Notes
57.841	3.0	51.2	7.9	0.7	29.6	0.0	0.0	30.1	40.0	-9.9	V	P	
240.009	3.0	49.8	11.8	1.4	28.8	0.0	0.0	34.2	46.0	-11.8	V	P	
398.055	3.0	45.0	15.0	1.9	29.3	0.0	0.0	32.7	46.0	-13.3	V	P	
663.746	3.0	42.6	18.9	2.5	29.6	0.0	0.0	34.4	46.0	-11.6	V	P	
836.433	3.0	38.2	21.2	2.9	28.9	0.0	0.0	33.4	46.0	-12.7	V	P	
995.800	3.0	39.5	22.5	3.2	28.4	0.0	0.0	36.9	54.0	-17.1	V	P	
240.009	3.0	56.9	11.8	1.4	28.8	0.0	0.0	41.3	46.0	-4.7	H	P	
240.009	3.0	56.9	11.8	1.4	28.8	0.0	0.0	39.3	46.0	-6.7	H	QP	
400.575	3.0	54.0	15.0	1.9	29.3	0.0	0.0	41.6	46.0	-4.4	H	P	
400.575	3.0	54.0	15.0	1.9	29.3	0.0	0.0	37.6	46.0	-8.4	H	QP	
531.621	3.0	42.1	17.3	2.2	29.7	0.0	0.0	31.9	46.0	-14.1	H	P	
666.146	3.0	42.3	18.9	2.5	29.6	0.0	0.0	34.1	46.0	-11.9	H	P	
836.313	3.0	37.1	21.2	2.9	28.9	0.0	0.0	32.2	46.0	-13.8	H	P	
932.197	3.0	37.8	21.9	3.1	28.5	0.0	0.0	34.2	46.0	-11.8	H	P	

SPURIOUS EMISSIONS ABOVE 1000 MHz (WORST-CASE CONFIGURATION)

High Frequency Measurement
 Compliance Certification Services, Fremont 5m Chamber

Company: Sierra Wireless
 Project #: 09U12860
 Date: 11/6/09
 Test Engineer: Chun Pang
 EUT Description: ExpressCard Wireless Modem
 Model No: AirCard 504
 Configuration: EUT (with PC Card adapter) and Basic peripheral
 Mode: Normal

Test Equipment:

Horn 1-18GHz	Pre-amplifier 1-26GHz	Pre-amplifier 26-40GHz	Horn > 18GHz	Limit
T59; S/N: 3245 @3m	T145 Agilent 3008A0056			FCC 15.209

Hi Frequency Cables

3' cable 22807700	12' cable 22807600	20' cable 22807500	HPF	Reject Filter	Peak Measurements RBW=VBW=1MHz <u>Average Measurements</u> RBW=1MHz; VBW=10Hz
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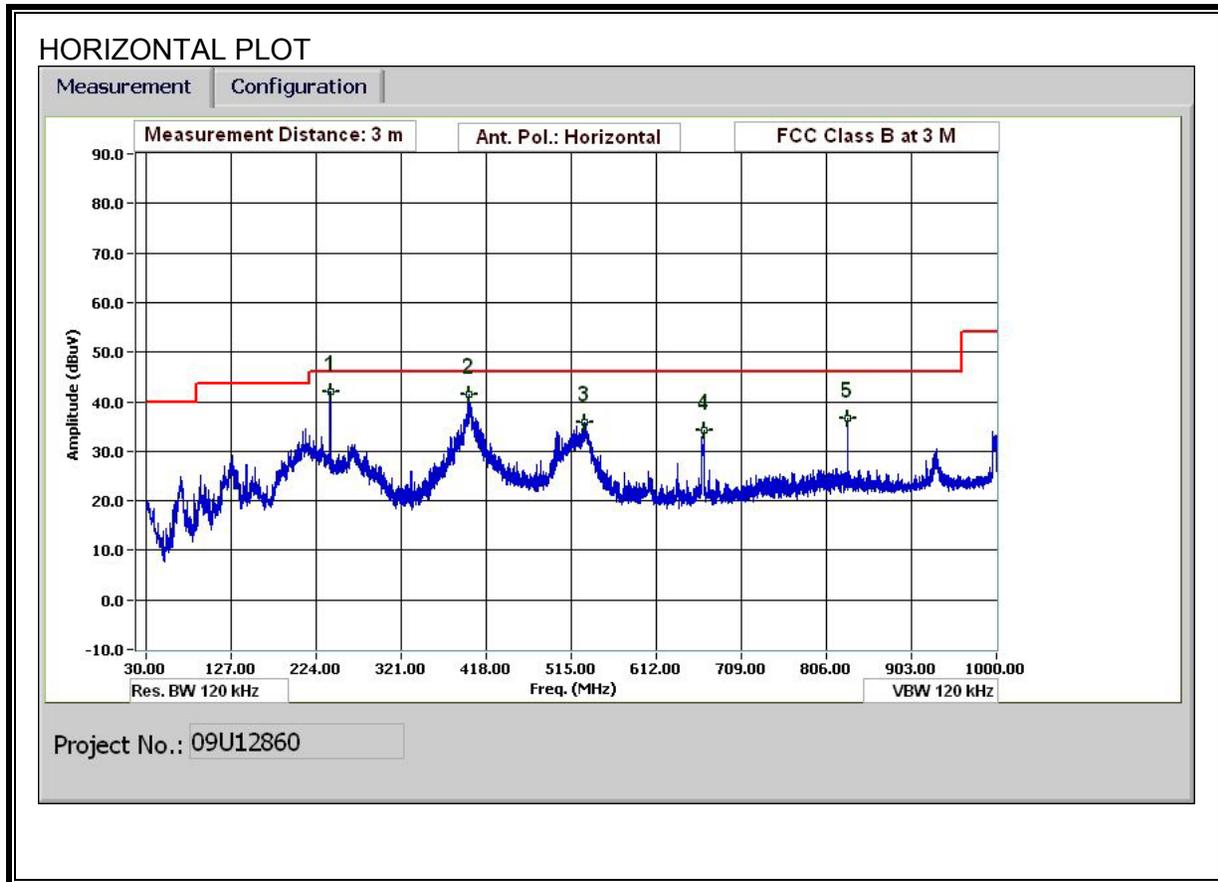
f GHz	Dist (m)	Read Pk dBuV	Read Avg. dBuV	AF dB/m	CL dB	Amp dB	D Corr dB	Fltr dB	Peak dBuV/m	Avg dBuV/m	Pk Lim dBuV/m	Avg Lim dBuV/m	Pk Mar dB	Avg Mar dB	Notes (V/H)
1.063	3.0	60.5	38.6	24.2	2.4	-36.1	0.0	0.0	51.0	29.1	74	54	-23.0	-24.9	V
1.330	3.0	55.7	37.8	25.2	2.7	-35.9	0.0	0.0	47.7	29.8	74	54	-26.3	-24.2	V
1.063	3.0	52.5	34.5	24.2	2.4	-36.1	0.0	0.0	43.0	25.0	74	54	-31.0	-29.0	H
1.463	3.0	52.0	34.3	25.6	2.9	-35.8	0.0	0.0	44.7	27.0	74	54	-29.3	-27.0	H

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Note: No other emissions were detected above the system noise floor.

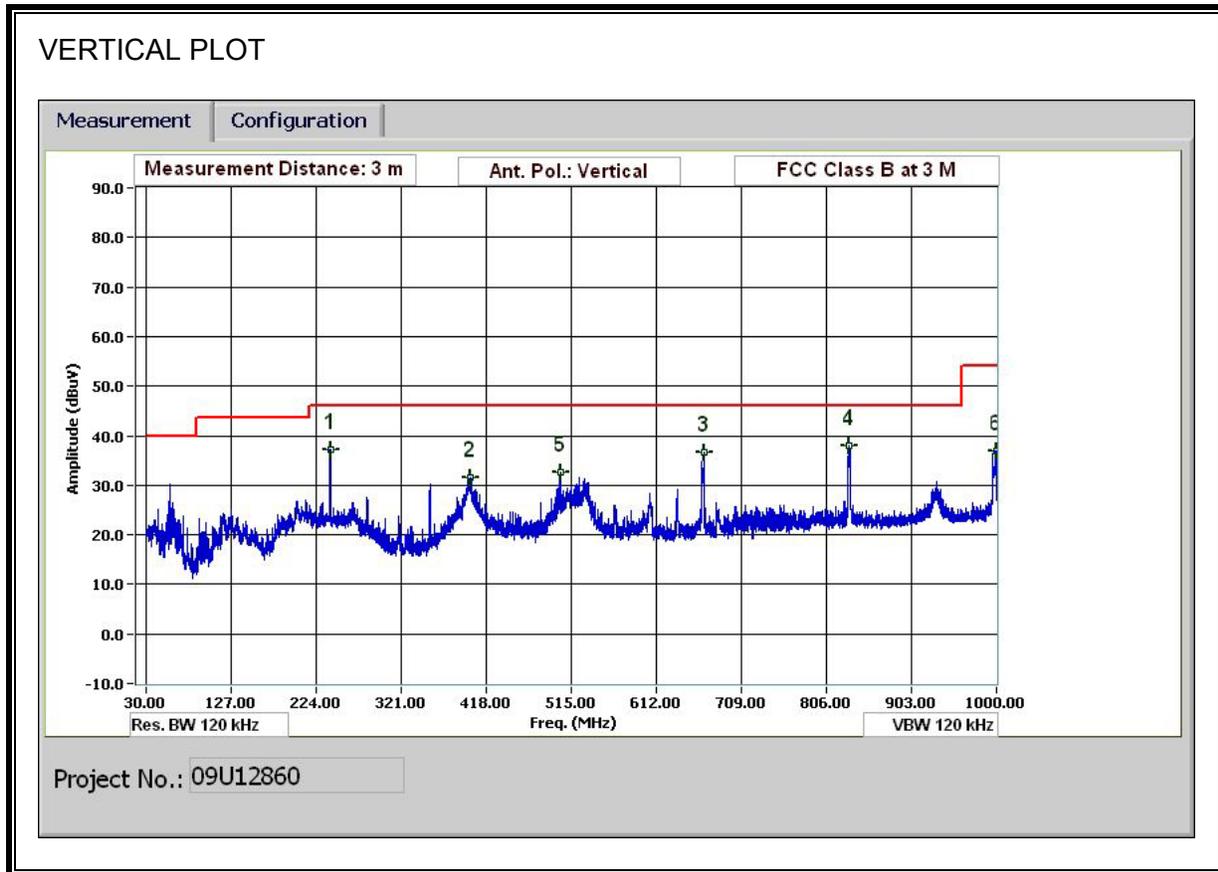
f	Measurement Frequency	Amp	Preamp Gain	Avg Lim	Average Field Strength Limit
Dist	Distance to Antenna	D Corr	Distance Correct to 3 meters	Pk Lim	Peak Field Strength Limit
Read	Analyzer Reading	Avg	Average Field Strength @ 3 m	Avg Mar	Margin vs. Average Limit
AF	Antenna Factor	Peak	Calculated Peak Field Strength	Pk Mar	Margin vs. Peak Limit
CL	Cable Loss	HPF	High Pass Filter		

SPURIOUS EMISSIONS 30 TO 1000 MHz (WORST-CASE CONFIGURATION, HORIZONTAL)

WITHOUT PC CARD ADAPTER



SPURIOUS EMISSIONS 30 TO 1000 MHz (WORST-CASE CONFIGURATION, VERTICAL)



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 Test Target: FCC Class B
 Mode Oper: Normal

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 Read Analyzer Reading Filter Filter Insert Loss
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 CL Cable Loss Limit Field Strength Limit

f MHz	Dist (m)	Read dBuV	AF dB/m	CL dB	Amp dB	D Corr dB	Filter dB	Corr. dBuV/m	Limit dBuV/m	Margin dB	Ant. Pol. V/H	Det. P/A/QP	Notes
240.009	3.0	57.5	11.8	1.4	28.8	0.0	0.0	42.0	46.0	-4.0	H	P	
240.009	3.0	57.5	11.8	1.4	28.8	0.0	0.0	40.8	46.0	-5.2	H	QP	
397.695	3.0	53.9	15.0	1.9	29.3	0.0	0.0	41.5	46.0	-4.5	H	P	
397.695	3.0	53.9	15.0	1.9	29.3	0.0	0.0	37.3	46.0	-8.7	H	QP	
530.421	3.0	46.2	17.2	2.2	29.7	0.0	0.0	36.0	46.0	-10.0	H	P	
666.146	3.0	42.3	18.9	2.5	29.6	0.0	0.0	34.2	46.0	-11.8	H	P	
830.673	3.0	41.5	21.2	2.9	29.0	0.0	0.0	36.6	46.0	-9.4	H	P	
240.009	3.0	52.8	11.8	1.4	28.8	0.0	0.0	37.2	46.0	-8.8	V	P	
400.455	3.0	44.0	15.0	1.9	29.3	0.0	0.0	31.7	46.0	-14.3	V	P	
502.819	3.0	43.4	16.8	2.1	29.7	0.0	0.0	32.6	46.0	-13.4	V	P	
666.026	3.0	44.7	18.9	2.5	29.6	0.0	0.0	36.6	46.0	-9.4	V	P	
831.393	3.0	42.9	21.2	2.9	29.0	0.0	0.0	37.9	46.0	-8.1	V	P	
999.280	3.0	39.4	22.6	3.2	28.4	0.0	0.0	36.9	54.0	-17.1	V	P	

SPURIOUS EMISSIONS ABOVE 1000 MHz (WORST-CASE CONFIGURATION)

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3' cable 22807700	12' cable 22807600	20' cable 22807500			

f	Dist	Read Pk	Read Avg	AF	CL	Amp	D Corr	Filtr	Peak	Avg	Pk Lim	Avg Lim	Pk Mar	Avg Mar	Notes
GHz	(m)	dBuV	dBuV	dB/m	dB	dB	dB	dB	dBuV/m	dBuV/m	dBuV/m	dBuV/m	dB	dB	(V/H)
1.063	3.0	62.0	40.8	24.2	2.4	-36.1	0.0	0.0	52.5	31.3	74	54	-21.5	-22.7	V
1.330	3.0	57.8	40.0	25.2	2.7	-35.9	0.0	0.0	49.8	32.0	74	54	-24.2	-22.0	V
1.065	3.0	55.0	35.8	24.2	2.4	-36.1	0.0	0.0	45.5	26.3	74	54	-28.5	-27.7	H
1.327	3.0	53.6	37.0	25.1	2.7	-35.9	0.0	0.0	45.6	29.0	74	54	-28.4	-25.0	H

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f	Measurement Frequency	Amp	Preamp Gain	Avg Lim	Average Field Strength Limit
Dist	Distance to Antenna	D Corr	Distance Correct to 3 meters	Pk Lim	Peak Field Strength Limit
Read	Analyzer Reading	Avg	Average Field Strength @ 3 m	Avg Mar	Margin vs. Average Limit
AF	Antenna Factor	Peak	Calculated Peak Field Strength	Pk Mar	Margin vs. Peak Limit
CL	Cable Loss	HPF	High Pass Filter		

7.2. AC MAINS LINE CONDUCTED EMISSIONS

TEST PROCEDURE

ANSI C63.4

LIMIT

§15.107 (a) Except for Class A digital devices, for equipment that is designed to be connected to the public utility (AC) power line, the radio frequency voltage that is conducted back onto the AC power line on any frequency or frequencies within the band 150 kHz to 30 MHz shall not exceed the limits in the following table, as measured using a 50 μ H/50 ohms line impedance stabilization network (LISN). Compliance with the provisions of this paragraph shall be based on the measurement of the radio frequency voltage between each power line and ground at the power terminal. The lower limit applies at the band edges.

Frequency range (MHz)	Limits (dB μ V)	
	Quasi-peak	Average
0.15 to 0.50	66 to 56	56 to 46
0.50 to 5	56	46
5 to 30	60	50

Notes:
1. The lower limit shall apply at the transition frequencies
2. The limit decreases linearly with the logarithm of the frequency in the range 0.15 MHz to 0.50 MHz.

RESULTS

6 WORST EMISSIONS

WITH PC CARD ADAPTER

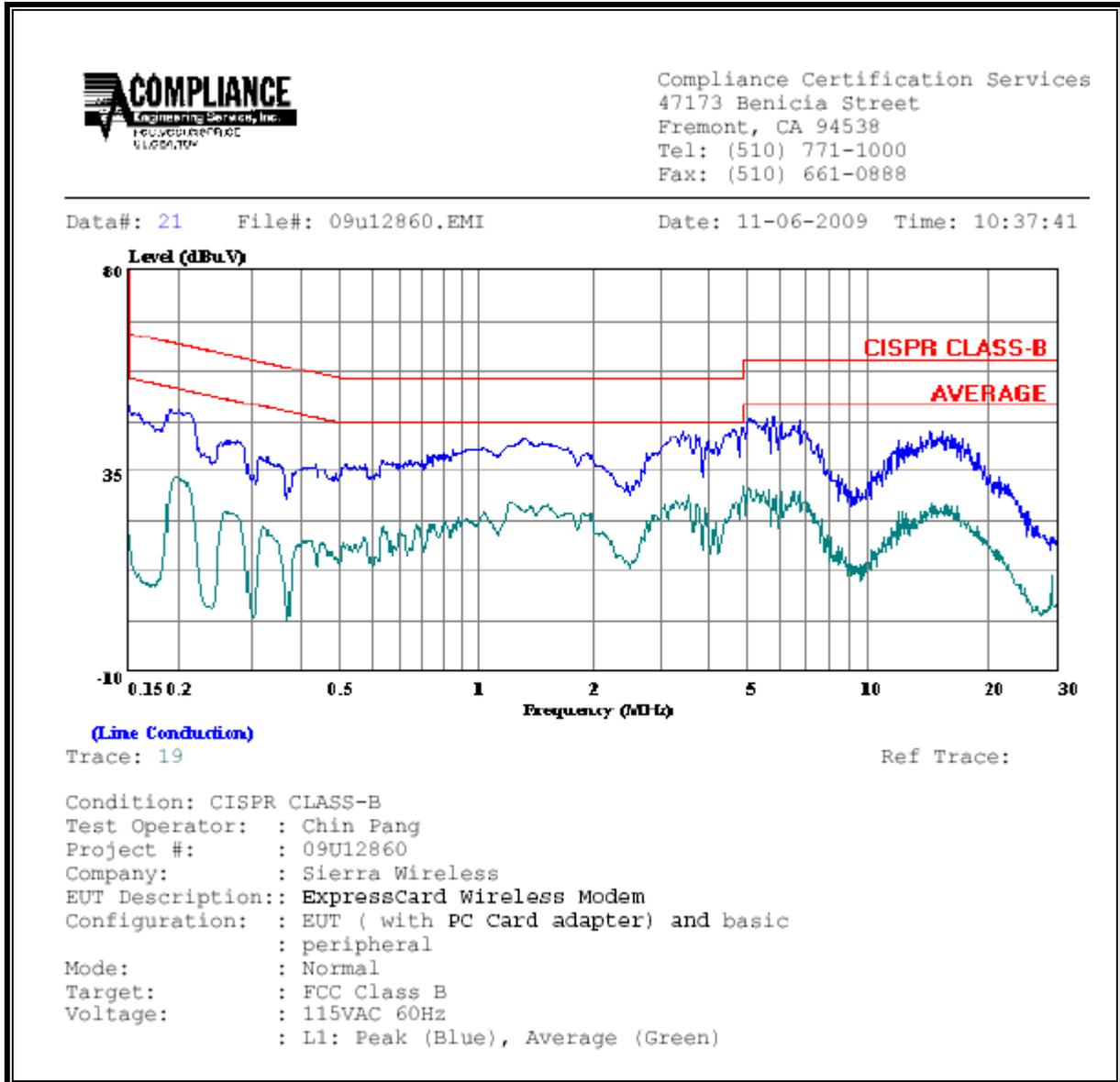
CONDUCTED EMISSIONS DATA (115VAC 60Hz)										
Freq. (MHz)	Reading			Class (dB)	Limit QP	EN_B		Margin		Remark L1 / L2
	PK (dBuV)	QP (dBuV)	AV (dBuV)			AV	QP (dB)	AV (dB)		
0.20	49.00	--	33.61	0.00	63.82	53.82	-14.82	-20.21	L1	
3.64	44.27	--	29.79	0.00	56.00	46.00	-11.73	-16.21	L1	
6.84	47.12	--	30.62	0.00	60.00	50.00	-12.88	-19.38	L1	
0.20	48.72	--	33.16	0.00	63.82	53.82	-15.10	-20.66	L2	
3.64	44.49	--	30.57	0.00	56.00	46.00	-11.51	-15.43	L2	
5.14	47.12	--	31.60	0.00	60.00	50.00	-12.88	-18.40	L2	
6 Worst Data										

WITHOUT PC CARD ADAPTER

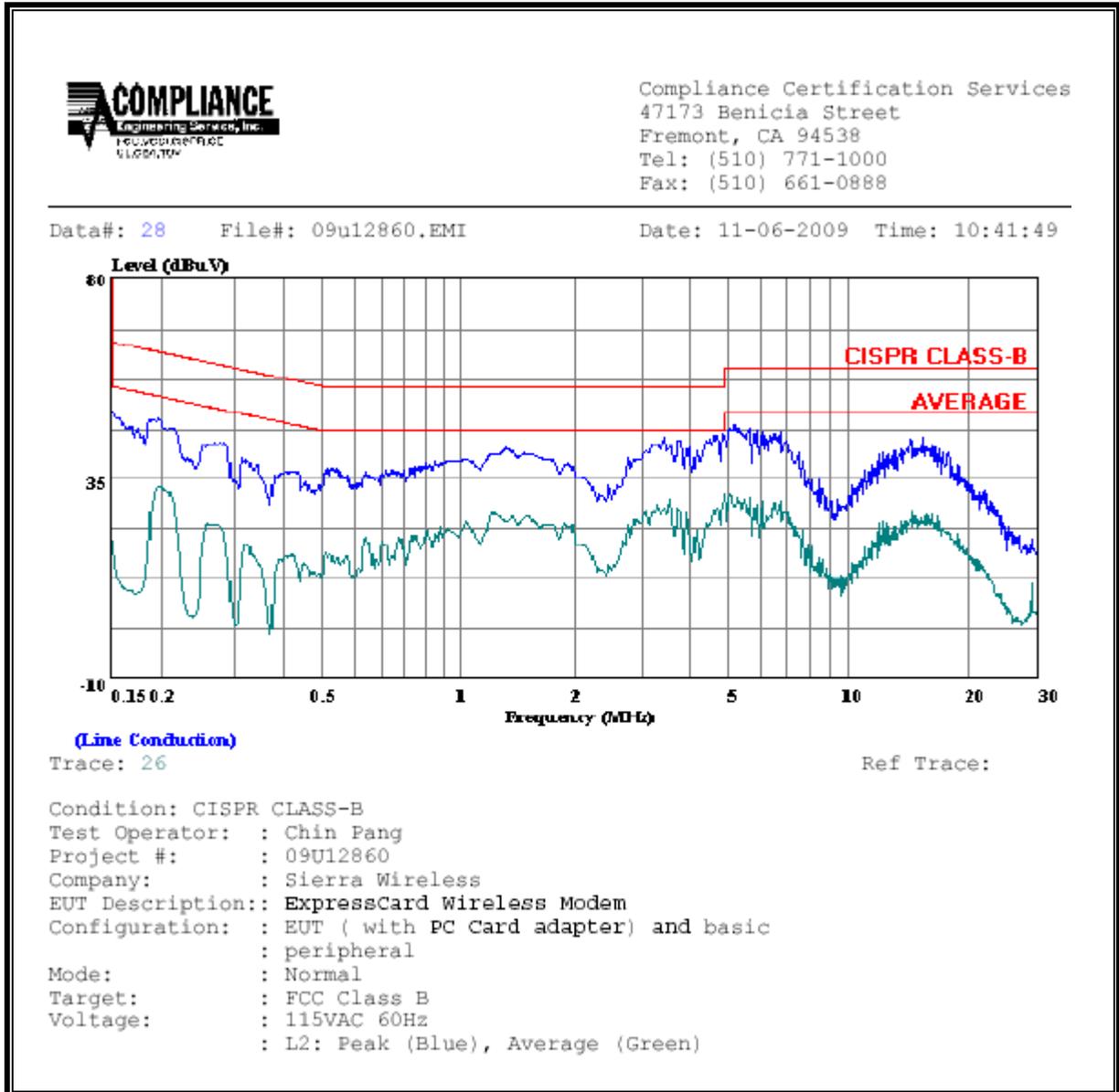
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	PK (dBuV)	QP (dBuV)	AV (dBuV)			AV	QP (dB)	AV (dB)		
0.19	50.29	--	32.94	0.00	64.04	54.04	-13.75	-21.10	L1	
3.64	45.30	--	30.11	0.00	56.00	46.00	-10.70	-15.89	L1	
6.81	46.58	--	30.73	0.00	60.00	50.00	-13.42	-19.27	L1	
0.20	49.28	--	33.15	0.00	63.82	53.82	-14.54	-20.67	L2	
3.64	44.61	--	30.54	0.00	56.00	46.00	-11.39	-15.46	L2	
5.14	47.32	--	32.02	0.00	60.00	50.00	-12.68	-17.98	L2	
6 Worst Data										

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LINE 1 RESULTS

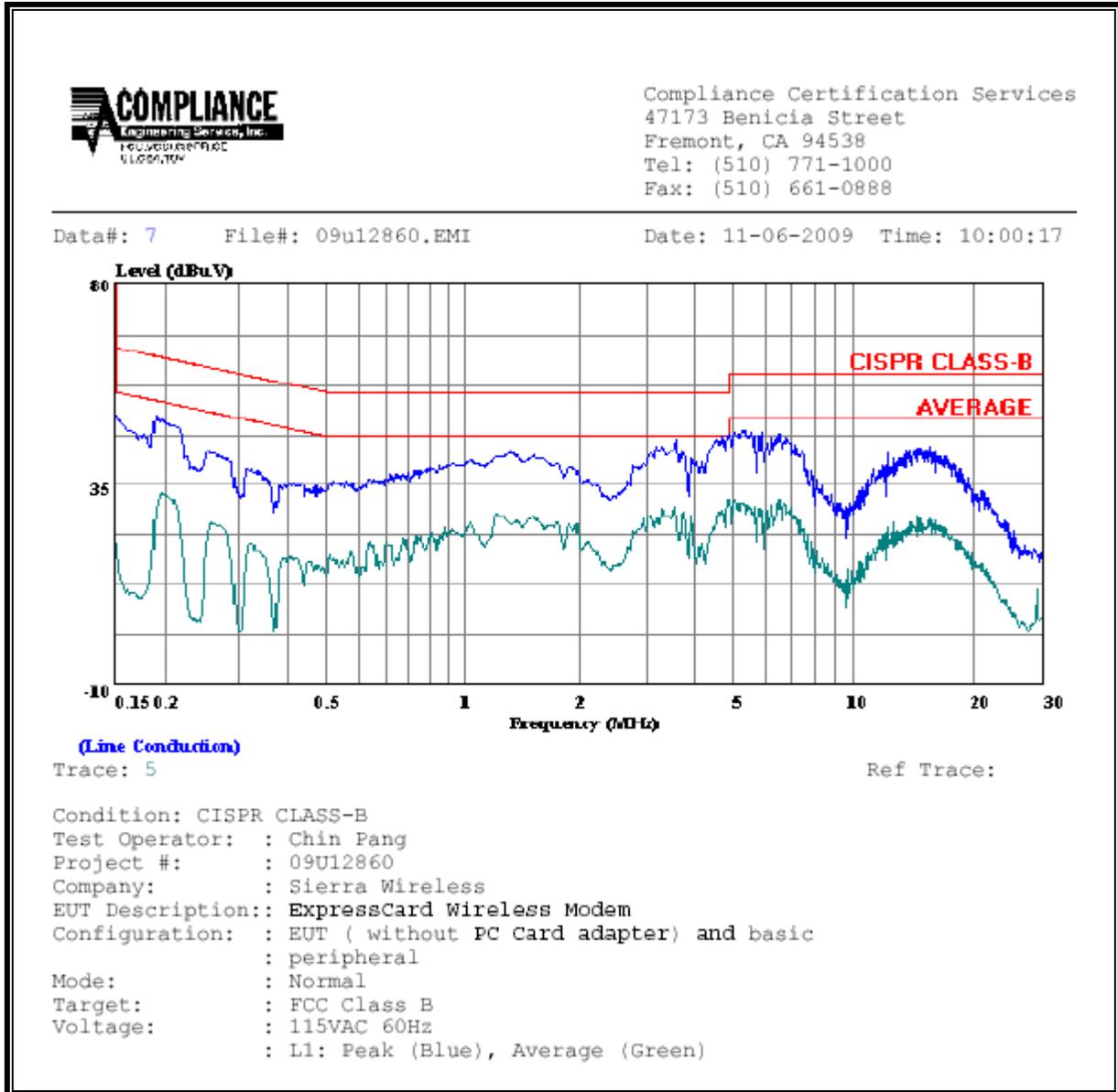


LINE 2 RESULTS



WITHOUT PC CARD ADAPTER

LINE 1 RESULTS



LINE 2 RESULTS

