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FCC-24
(AirCard 750)**

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1 General information

1.1 Notes

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1.4 Application details

Date of receipt of application : 2001-10-20
Date of receipt of test item : 2001-11-08
Date of test : 2001-11-08/09/20

1.5 Test item

Manufacturer : Applicant
Model : AirCard 750
Description : Tri-band GSM/GPRS wireless modem
Serial No. : S01092000009031
FCC ID : N7NAC750

Additional information

Frequency : GSM 900/1800/1900 MHz
Type of modulation : GSM
Number of channels : 299 (in PCS 1900)
Antenna : External tri-band
Power supply : 5.0VDC
Output power : 1 Watt
EUT Temp. Tolerance : -10 to + 55 Celsius
EUT Extreme Vol. Range : 4.5VDC to 5.5VDC

1.6 Test standards

FCC Part 24 / RSS133 r1

2 Technical test

2.1 Summary of test results

No deviations from the technical specification(s) were ascertained in the course of the tests performed.

Technical responsibility for area of testing :

2001-11-21

EMC & Radio

Lothar Schmidt (Manager)



Date

Section

Name

Signature

2.2 Test report

TEST REPORT

**Test report no.: 209FCC24/2001
AirCard 750**

TEST REPORT REFERENCE

LIST OF MEASUREMENTS

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POWER OUTPUT

SUBCLAUSE § 24.232

Summary:

This paragraph contains both average , peak output powers and EIRP measurements for the EUT. In all cases, the peak output power is within the required mask (this mask is specified in the JTC standards, TIA PN3389 Vol. 1 Chap 7, and is no FCC requirement).

Method of Measurements:

The EUT was set up for the max. output power with pseudo random data modulation. The power was measured with R&S Spectrum Analyzer FSEM 30 (peak and average) This measurements were done at 3 frequencies, 1850.2 MHz, 1880.0 MHz and 1909.8 MHz (bottom, middle and top of operational frequency range)

Limits:

Power Step	Nominal Peak Output Power (dBm)	Tolerance (dB)
0	+30	± 2

Power Measurements:

Conducted:

Frequency (MHz)	Power Step	Peak Output Power (dBm)	Average Output Power (dBm)
1850.2	0	28.02	18.78
1880.0	0	27.64	18.40
1909.8	0	27.77	18.53
Measurement uncertainty		± 0.5 dB	

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 3MHz VBW = 3MHz

EIRP Measurements

Description: This is the test for the maximum radiated power from the EUT.

Rule Part 24.232(b) specifies that "Mobile/portable stations are limited to 2 watts e.i.r.p. peak power..." and 24.232(c) specifies that "Peak transmit power must be measured over any interval of continuous transmission using instrumentation calibrated in terms of an rms-equivalent voltage."

Method of Measurement:

1. In an anechoic antenna test chamber, a half-wave dipole antenna for the frequency band of interest is placed at the reference center of the chamber. An RF Signal source for the frequency band of interest is connected to the dipole with a cable that has been constructed to not interfere with the radiation pattern of the antenna. A known (measured) power (Pin) is applied to the input of the dipole, and the power received (Pr) at the chamber's probe antenna is recorded.
2. A "reference path loss" is established as $Pin + 2.1 - Pr$.
3. The EUT is substituted for the dipole at the reference center of the chamber. The EUT is put into CW test mode and a scan is performed to obtain the radiation pattern.
4. From the radiation pattern, the co-ordinates where the maximum antenna gain occurs is identified.
5. The EUT is then put into pulse mode at its maximum power level (Power Step 0).
6. "Gated mode" power measurements are performed with the receiving antenna placed at the coordinates determined in Step 3 to determine the output power as defined in FCC Rule 24.232 (b) and (c). The "reference path loss" from Step 1 is added to this result.
7. This value is EIRP since the measurement is calibrated using a half-wave dipole antenna of known gain (2.1 dBi) and known input power (Pin).
8. ERP can be calculated from EIRP by subtracting the gain of the dipole, $ERP = EIRP - 2.1dBi$.

Limits:

Power Step	Burst Average EIRP (dBm)
0	<33

Power Measurements:

Plots are shown on next pages.

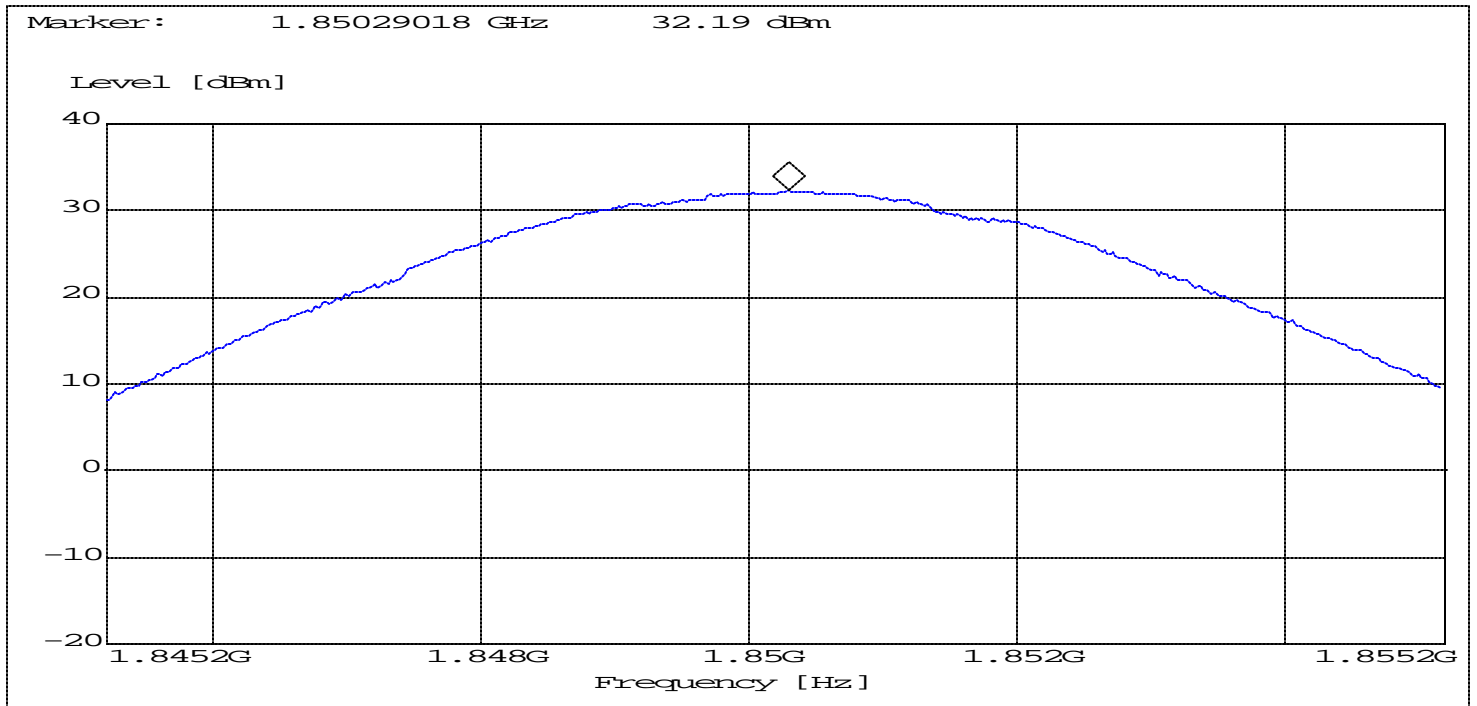
Radiated:

Frequency (MHz)	Power Step	BURST AVERAGE (dBm)		MODULATION AVERAGE (dBm)	
		EIRP	ERP	EIRP	ERP
1850.2	0	32.19	30.09	22.95	20.85
1880.0	0	32.54	30.44	23.30	21.20
1909.8	0	32.52	30.42	23.28	21.18
Measurement uncertainty		±0.5 dB			

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 3MHz VBW = 3MHz

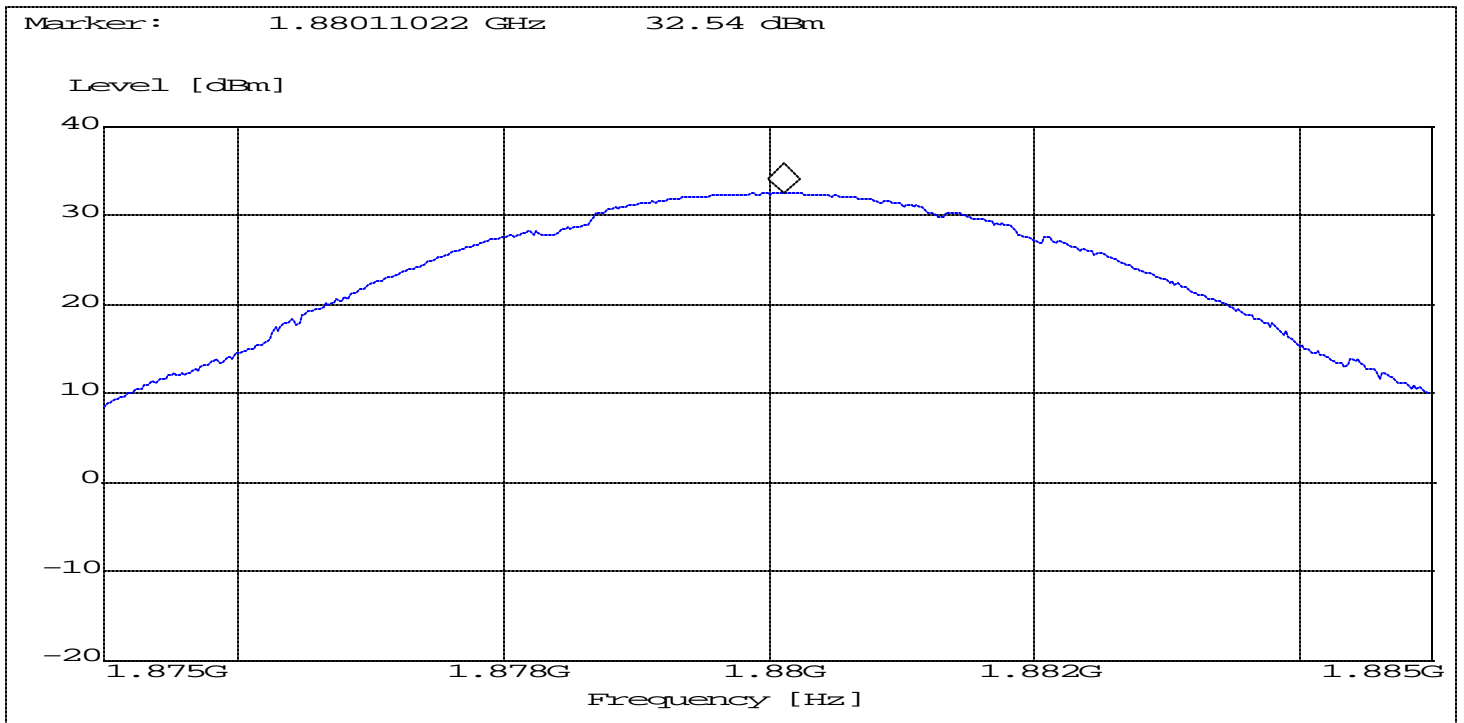
EIRP CHANNEL 512:

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 3MHz VBW = 3MHz



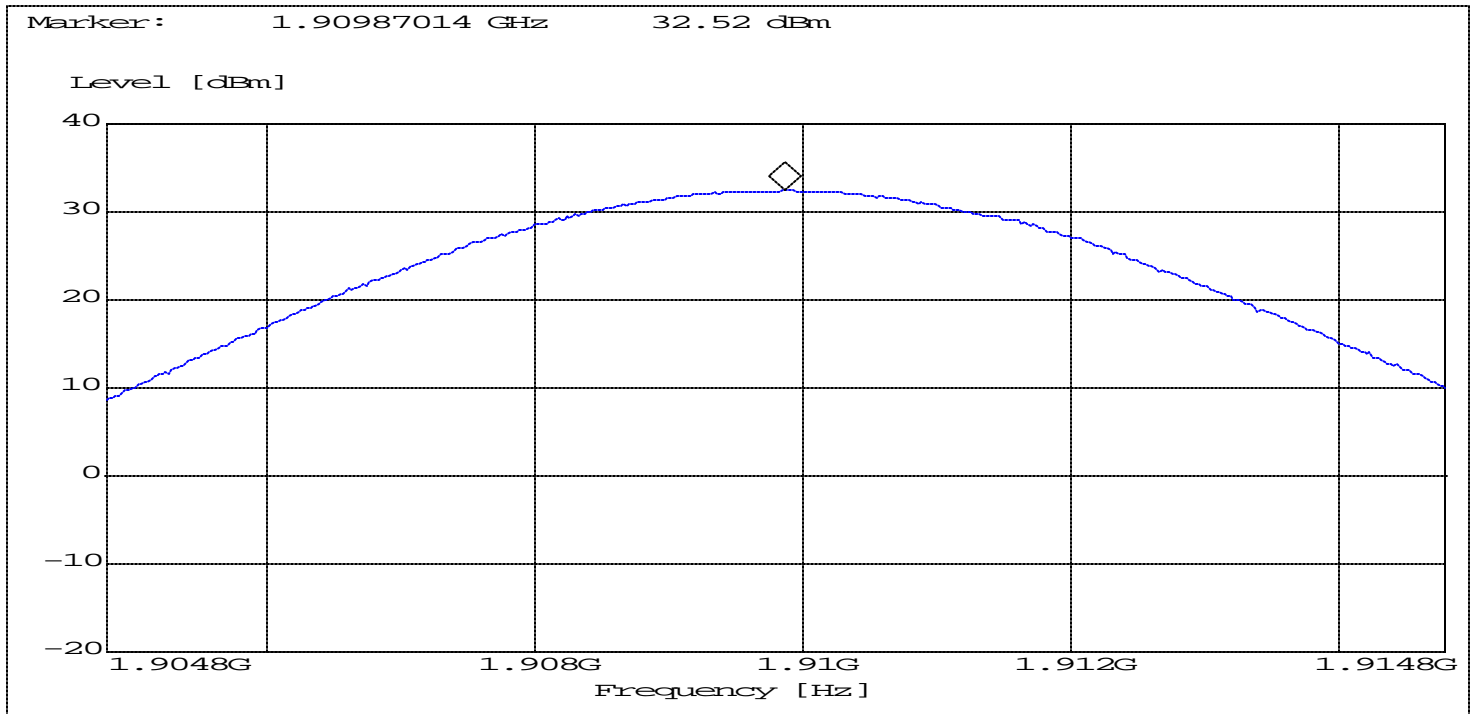
EIRP CHANNEL 661:

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 3MHz VBW = 3MHz



EIRP CHANNEL 810:

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 3MHz VBW = 3MHz



EMISSIONS LIMITS

§24.238

Measurement Procedure:

The following steps outline the procedure used to measure the radiated emissions from the EUT. The site is constructed in accordance with ANSI C63.4 – 1992 requirements and is recognised by the FCC to be in compliance for a 3 and a10 meter site. The spectrum was scanned from 30 MHz to the 10th harmonic of the highest frequency generated within the equipment, which is the transmitted carrier that can be as high as 1910 MHz. This was rounded up to 20 GHz. The resolution bandwidth is set as outlined in Part 24.238. The spectrum was scanned with the mobile station transmitting at carrier frequencies that pertain to low, mid and high channels of the USPCS band.

The final open field emission test procedure is as follows:

- a) The test item was placed on a 0.8 meter high non-conductive stand at a 3 meter test distance from the receive antenna.
- b) The antenna output was terminated in a 50 ohm load.
- c) A double ridged waveguide antenna was placed on an adjustable height antenna mast 3 meters from the test item for emission measurements.
- d) Detected emissions were maximized at each frequency by rotating the test item and adjusting the receive antenna height and polarization. The maximum meter reading was recorded. The radiated emission measurements of the harmonics of the transmit frequency through the 10th harmonic were measured with peak detector and 1 MHz bandwidth. If the harmonic could not be detected above the noise floor, the ambient level was recorded. The equivalent power into a dipole antenna was calculated from the field intensity levels measured at 3 meters using the equation shown below:

$$Pg = E^2 4\pi d^2 / 120\pi = E^2 d^2 / 30$$

- where : P = power in watts
- g = arithmetic gain of transmitting antenna over isotropic radiator.
- E = maximum field strength in volts/meter
- d = measurement distance in meter

Using a dipole gain of 1.67 or 2.2 dB and a test distance of 3 meters, this equation reduces to:

$$P(\text{dBm}) = E(\text{dBuV/m}) - 97.2\text{dB}$$

Measurement Limit:

Sec. 24.238 Emission Limits.

(a) On any frequency outside a licensee's frequency block (e.g. A, D, B, etc.) within the USPCS spectrum, the power of any emission shall be attenuated below the transmitter power (P, in Watts) by at least 43+10Log(P) dB. The specification that emissions shall be attenuated below the transmitter power (P) by at least 43 + 10 log (P) dB, translates in the relevant power range (1 to 0.001 W) to -13 dBm. At 1 W the specified minimum attenuation becomes 43 dB and relative to a 30 dBm (1 W) carrier becomes a limit of -13 dBm. At 0.001 W (0 dBm) the minimum attenuation is 13 dB which again yields a limit of -13 dBm. In this way a translation of the specification from relative to absolute terms is carried out.

Measurement Results:

Radiated emissions measurements were made only at the upper, center, and lower carrier frequencies of the USPCS band (1850.2 MHz, 1879.8 MHz and 1909.8 MHz). It was decided that measurements at these three carrier frequencies would be sufficient to demonstrate compliance with emissions limits because it was seen that all the significant spurs occur well outside the band and no radiation was seen from a carrier in one block of the USPCS band into any of the other blocks. The equipment must still, however, meet emissions requirements with the carrier at all frequencies over which it is capable of operating and it is the manufacturer's responsibility to verify this.

NOTE: The spurious emissions were done with different settings, using the relevant pre-amplifiers for the relevant frequency ranges. This is the reason that the graphs show different noise levels. In the range between 18 GHz and 19.1 GHz very short cable connections to the antenna was used to minimize the noise level.

RESULTS OF RADIATED TESTS FOR FCC-24:

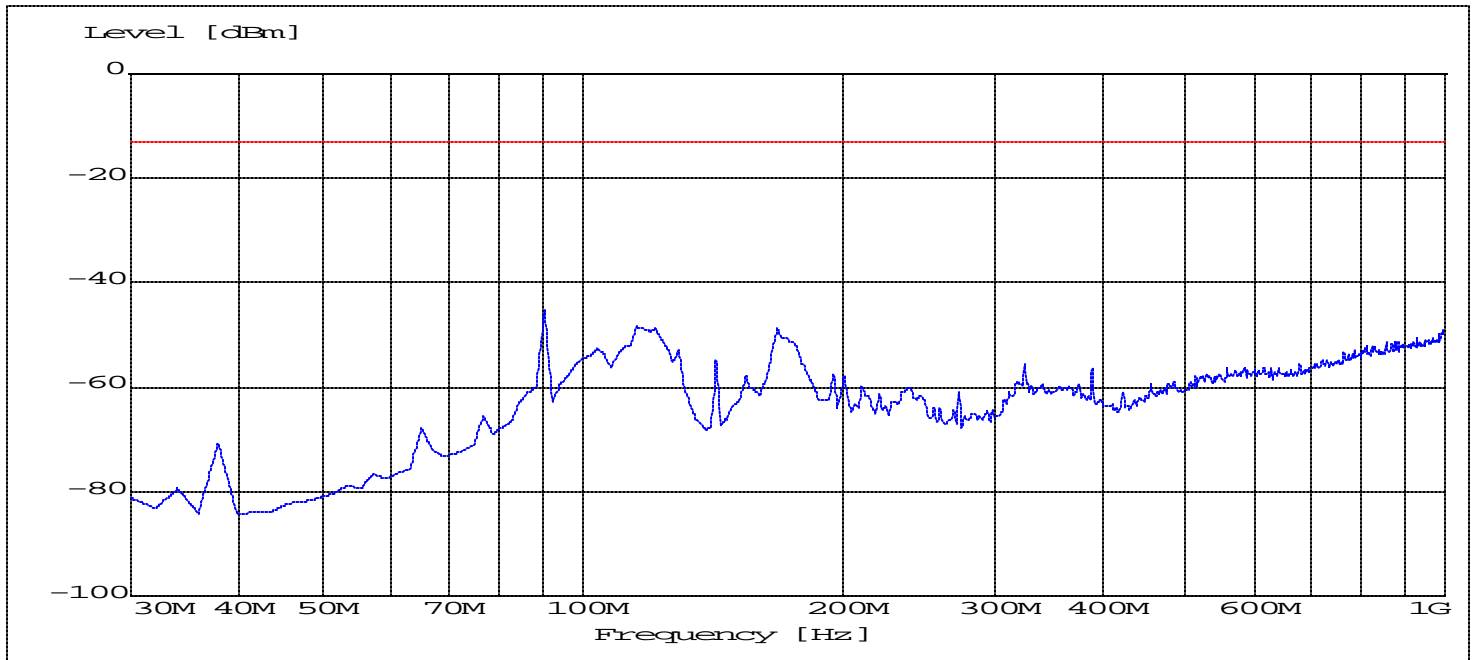
The final radiated levels are presented on the next pages.

RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

Channel 512 : 30MHz - 1GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 100KHz VBW = 100KHz



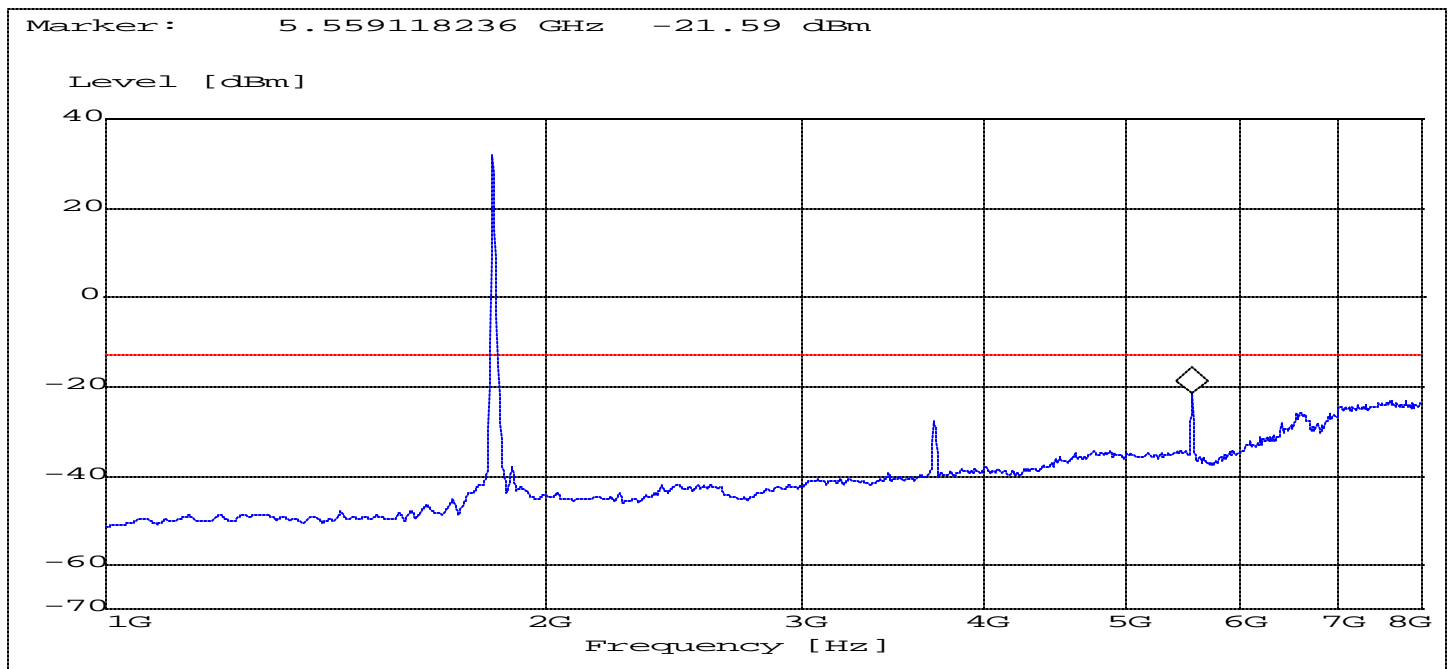
RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

Channel 512 : 1GHz – 8GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm

NOTE: peak above the limit line is the Carrier frequency.

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 1MHz VBW = 1MHz



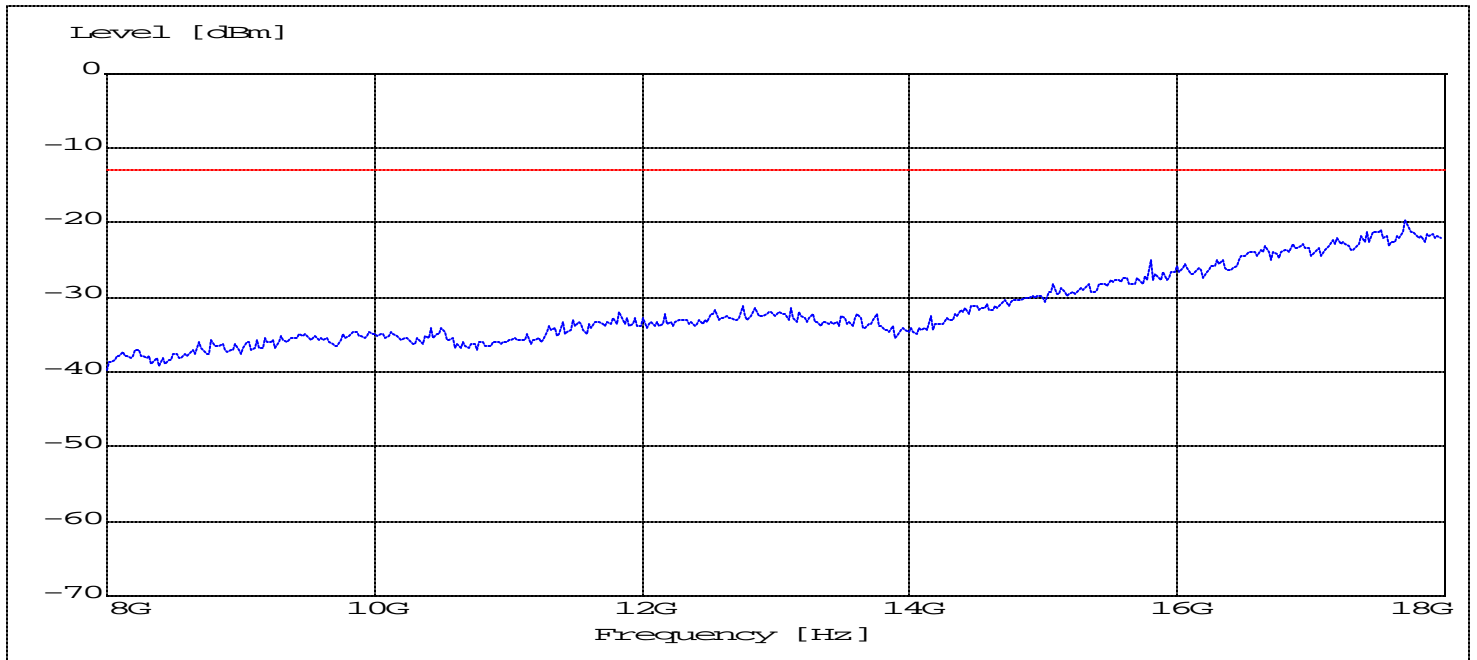
NOTE: Frequency resolution is not fine enough to show the exact frequency of the carrier, refer to plots under EIRP.

RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

Channel 512: 8GHz-18GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 1MHz VBW = 1MHz

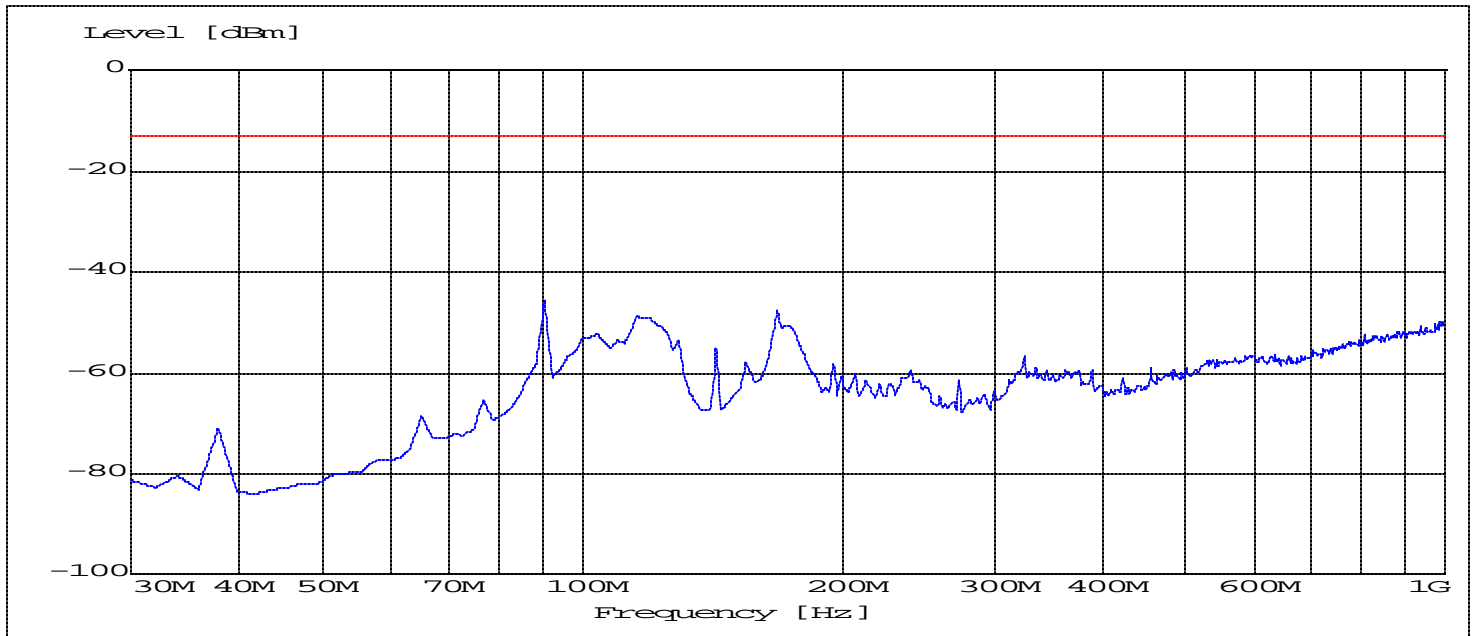


RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

Channel 661: 30MHz –1GHz

Spurious emission limit –13dBm

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 100KHz VBW = 100KHz



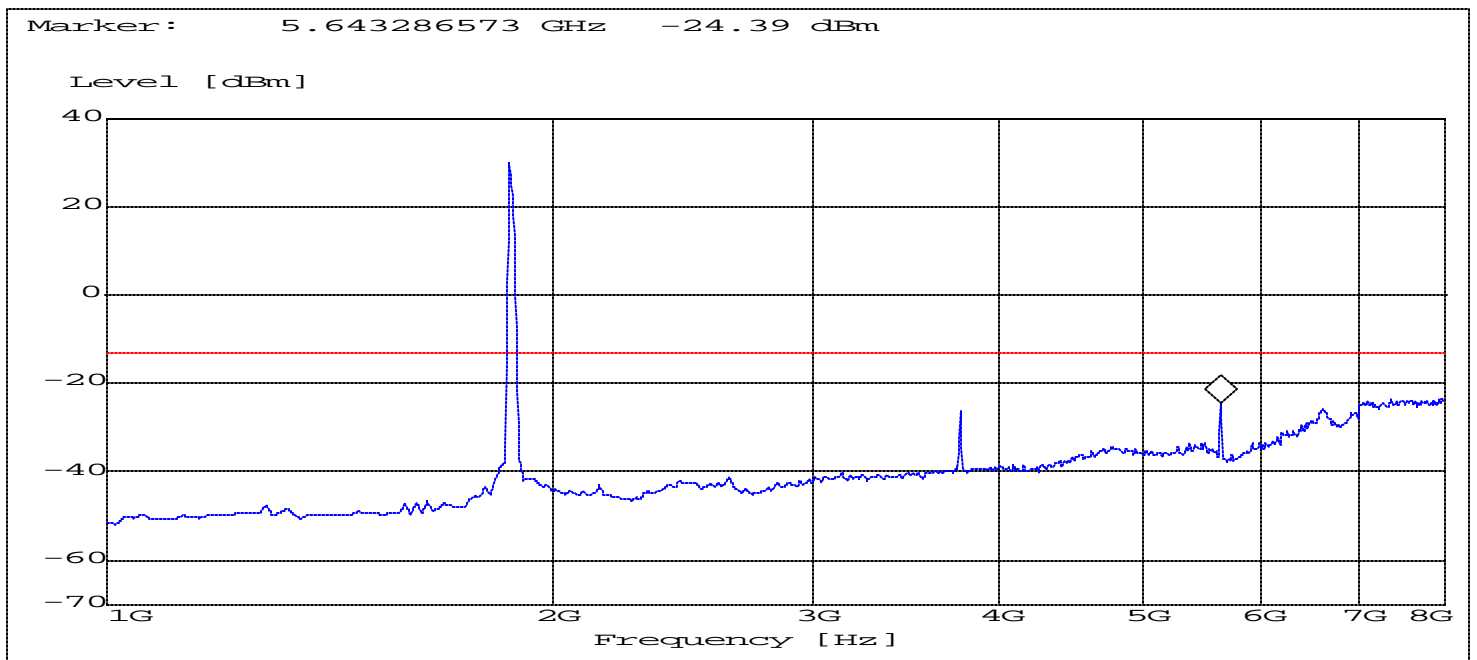
RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

Channel 661: 1GHz – 8GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm

NOTE: peak above the limit line is the fundamental frequency.

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 1MHz VBW = 1MHz



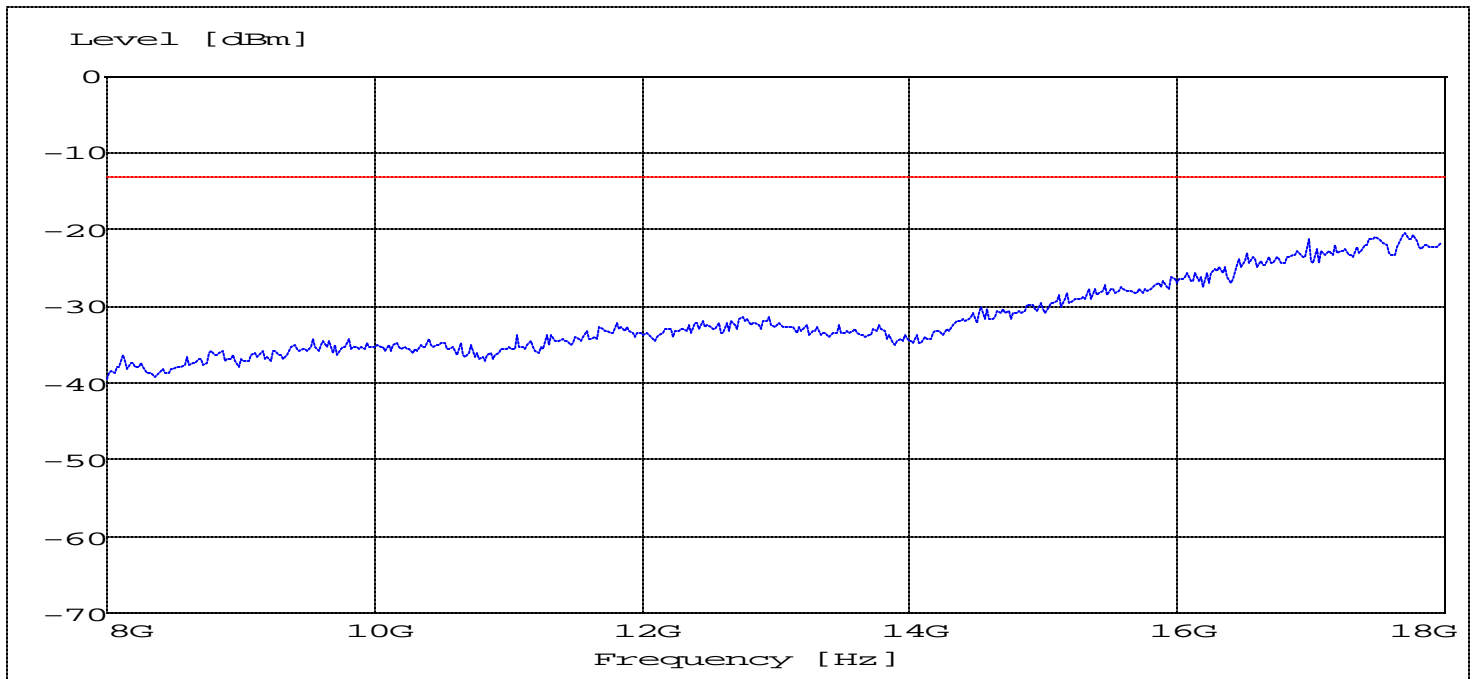
NOTE: Frequency resolution is not fine enough to show the exact frequency of the carrier, refer to plots under EIRP.

RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

Channel 661: 8GHz-18GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm

Analyzer Settings: RBW = 1MHz VBW = 1MHz

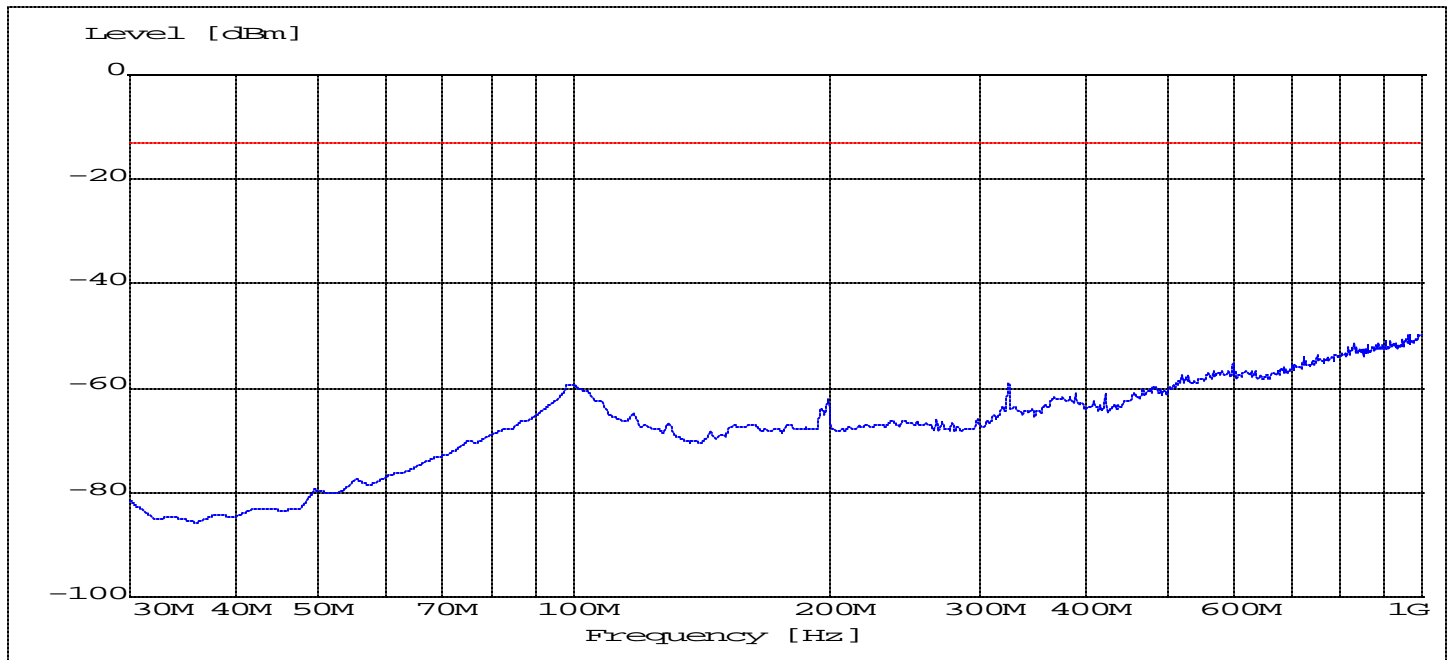


RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

Channel 810: 30MHz -1GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 100KHz VBW = 100KHz



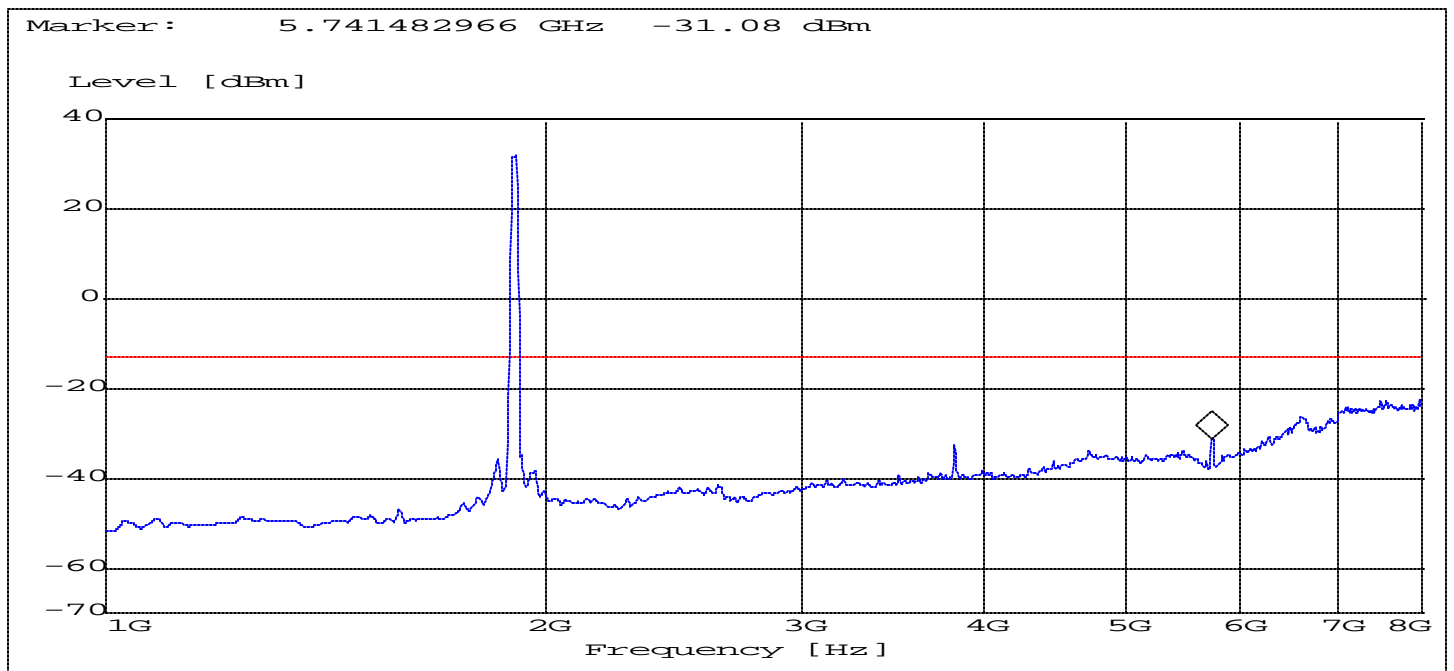
RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

Channel 810: 1GHz – 8GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm

NOTE: peak above the limit line is the fundamental frequency.

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 1MHz VBW = 1MHz



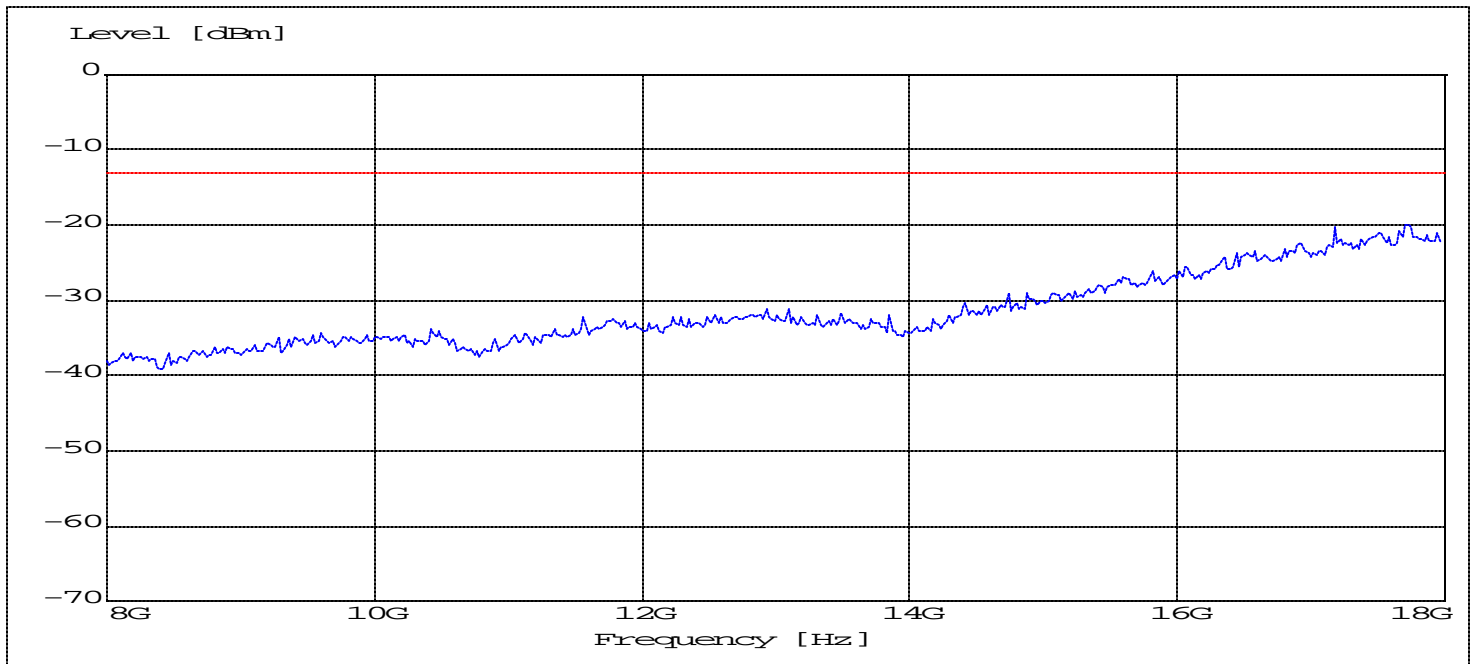
NOTE: Frequency resolution is not fine enough to show the exact frequency of the carrier, refer to plots under EIRP.

RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

Channel 810: 8GHz – 18GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 1MHz VBW = 1MHz



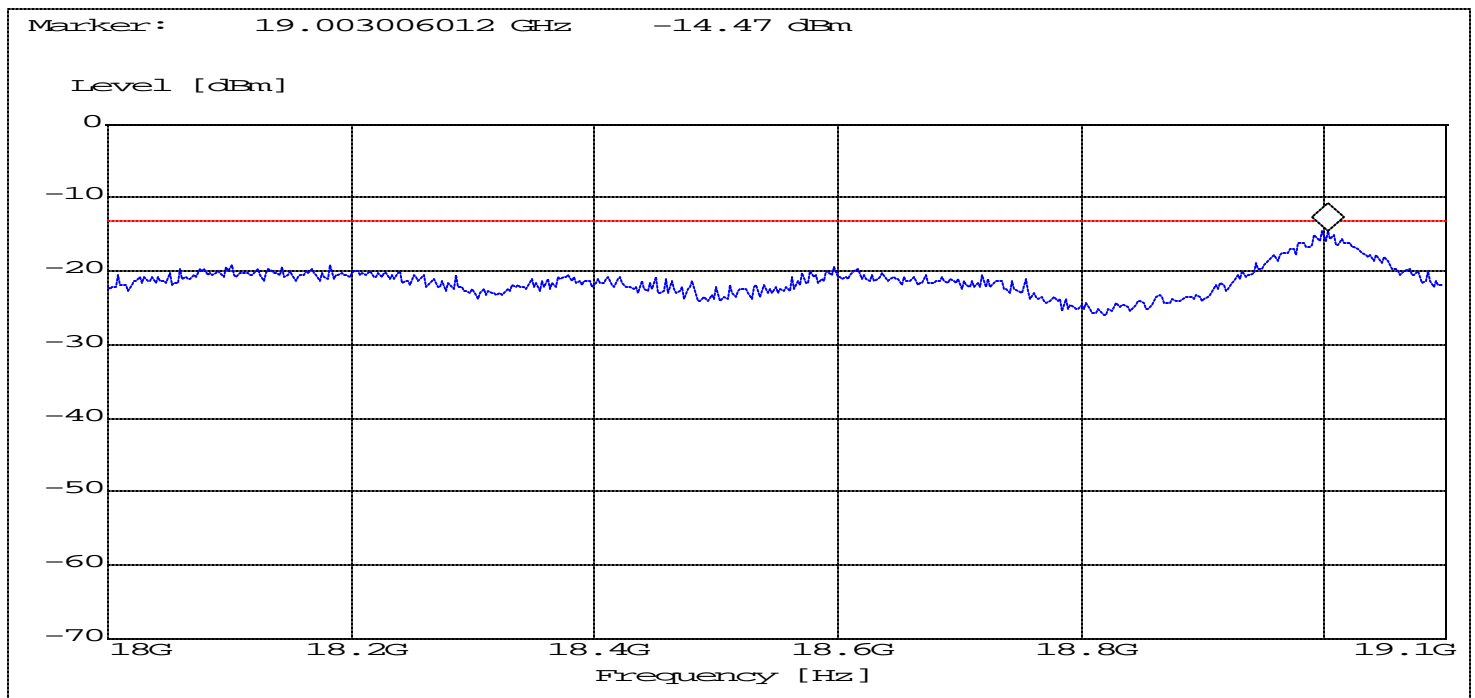
RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

18GHz – 19.1GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm

(This plot is valid for all the channels)

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 1MHz VBW = 1MHz

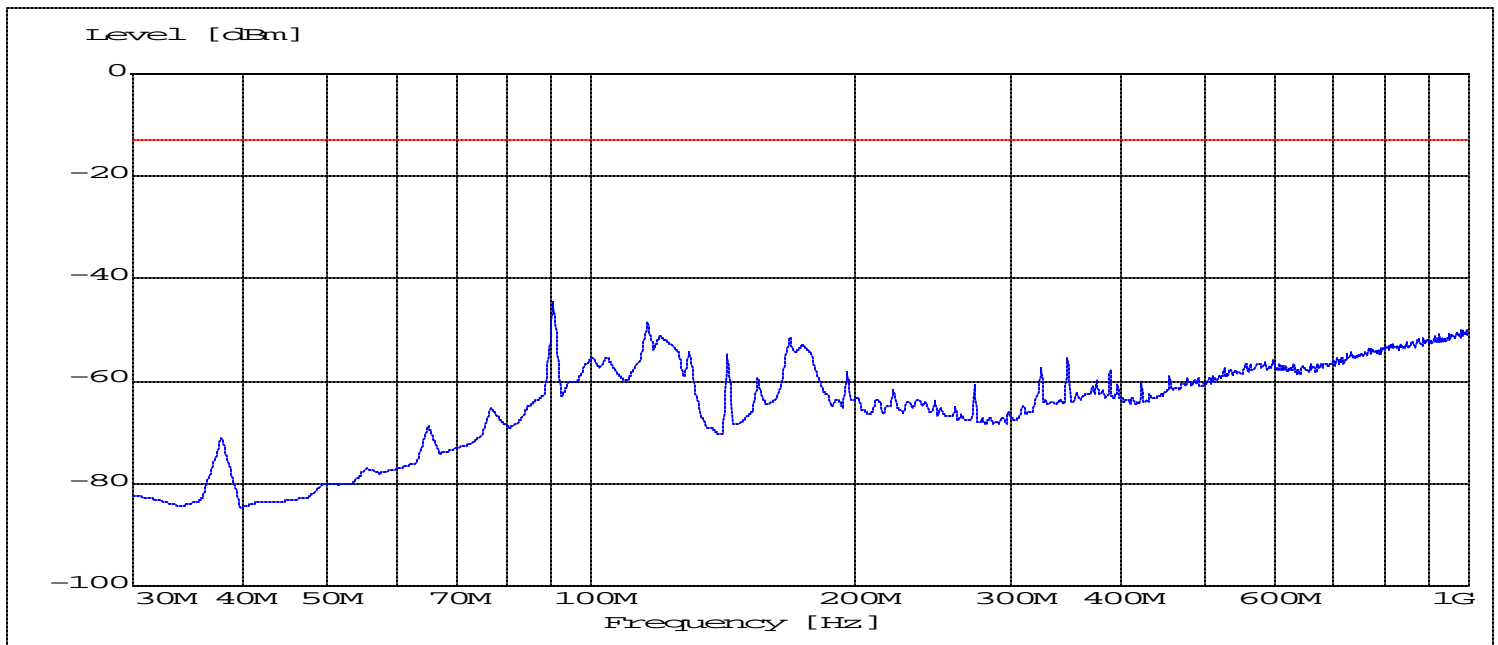


RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

EUT in Idle Mode: 30MHz – 1GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 100KHz VBW = 100KHz

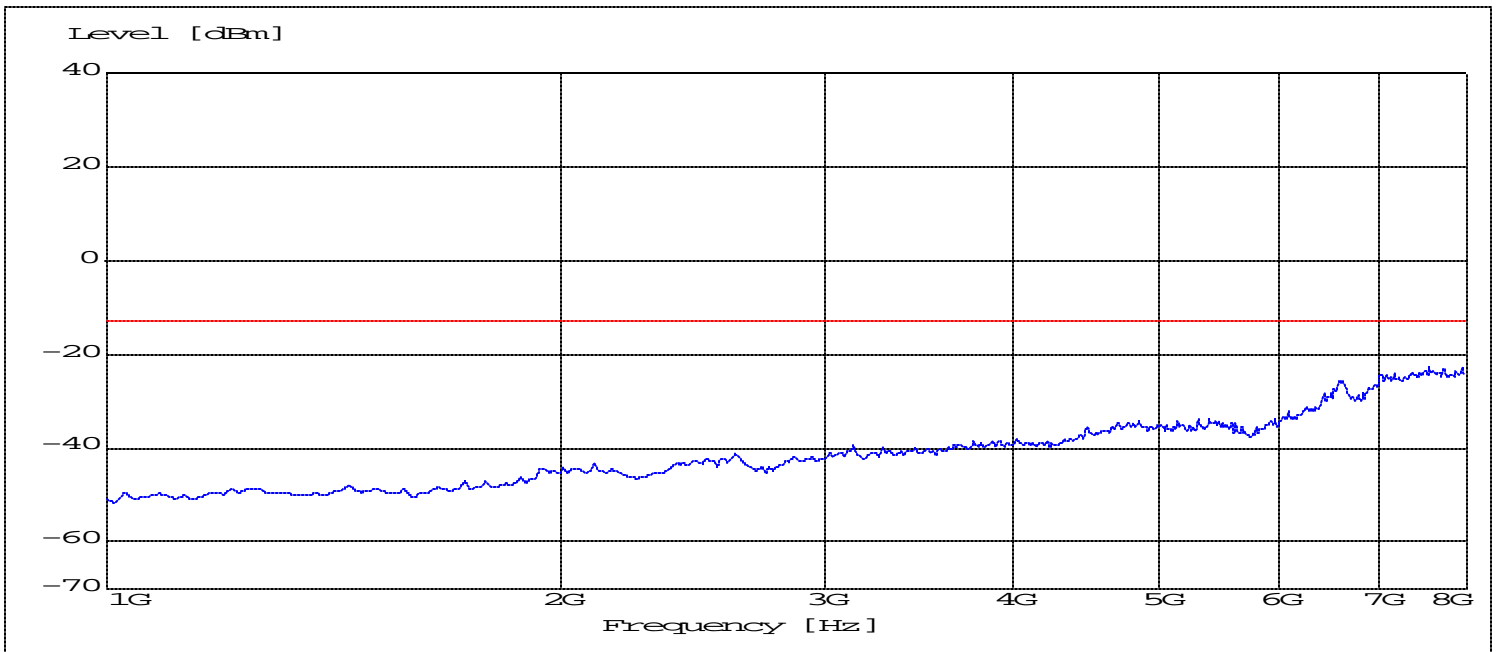


RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

EUT in Idle Mode: 1GHz – 8GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 1MHz VBW = 1MHz

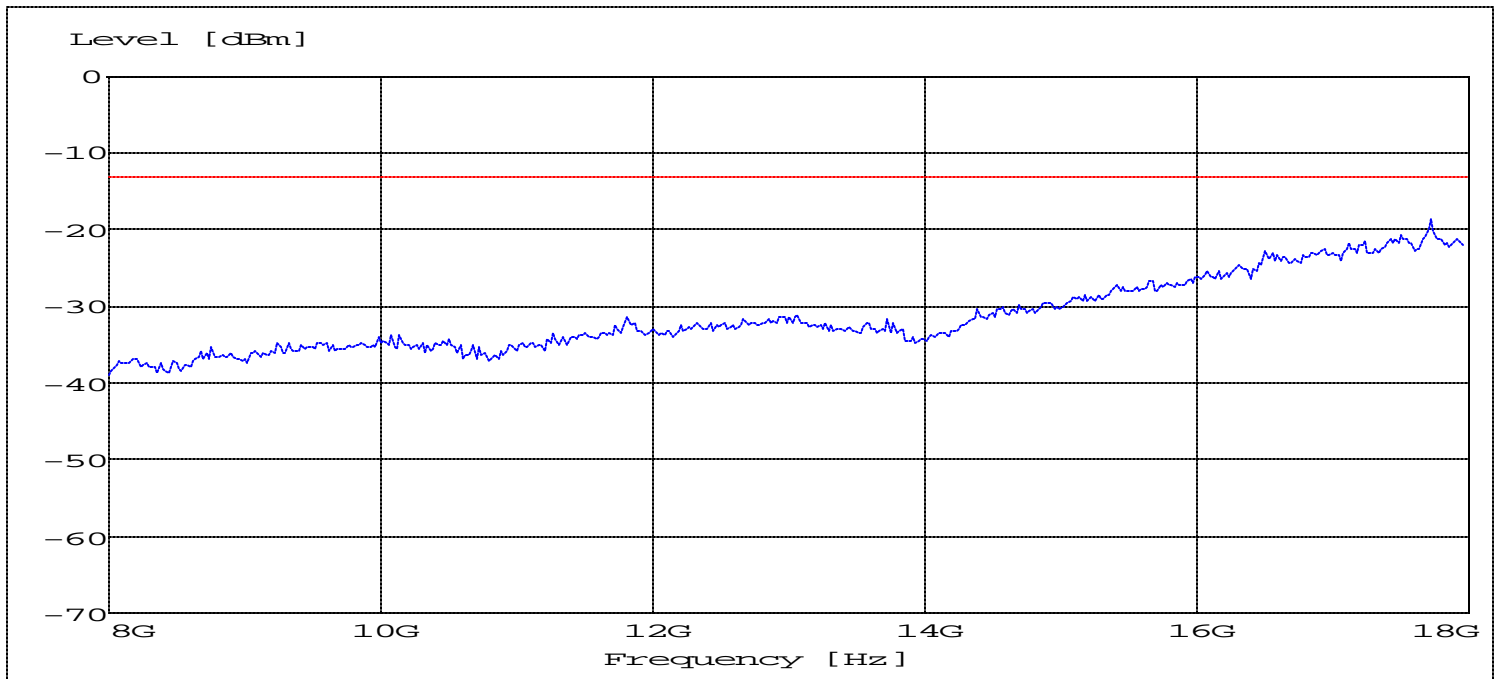


RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

EUT in Idle Mode: 8GHz – 18GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 1MHz VBW = 1MHz

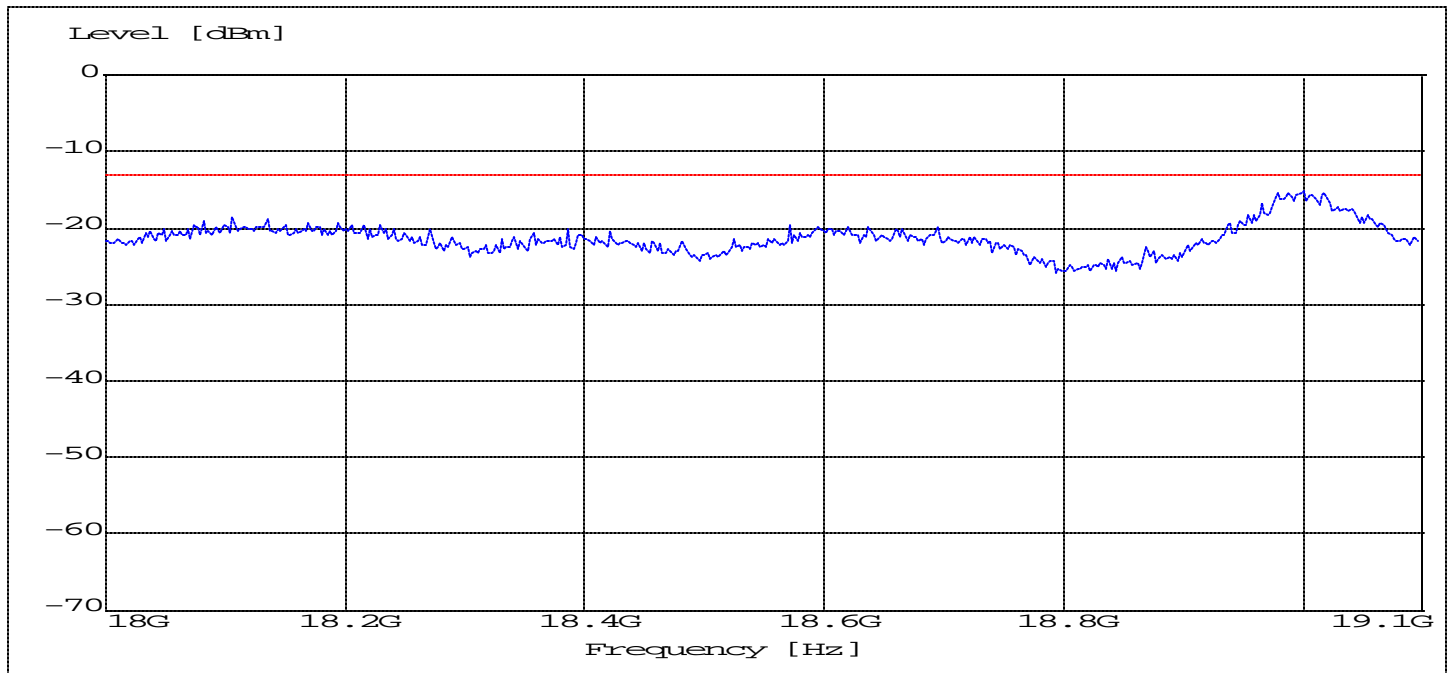


RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

EUT in Idle Mode: 18GHz – 19.1GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 1MHz VBW = 1MHz



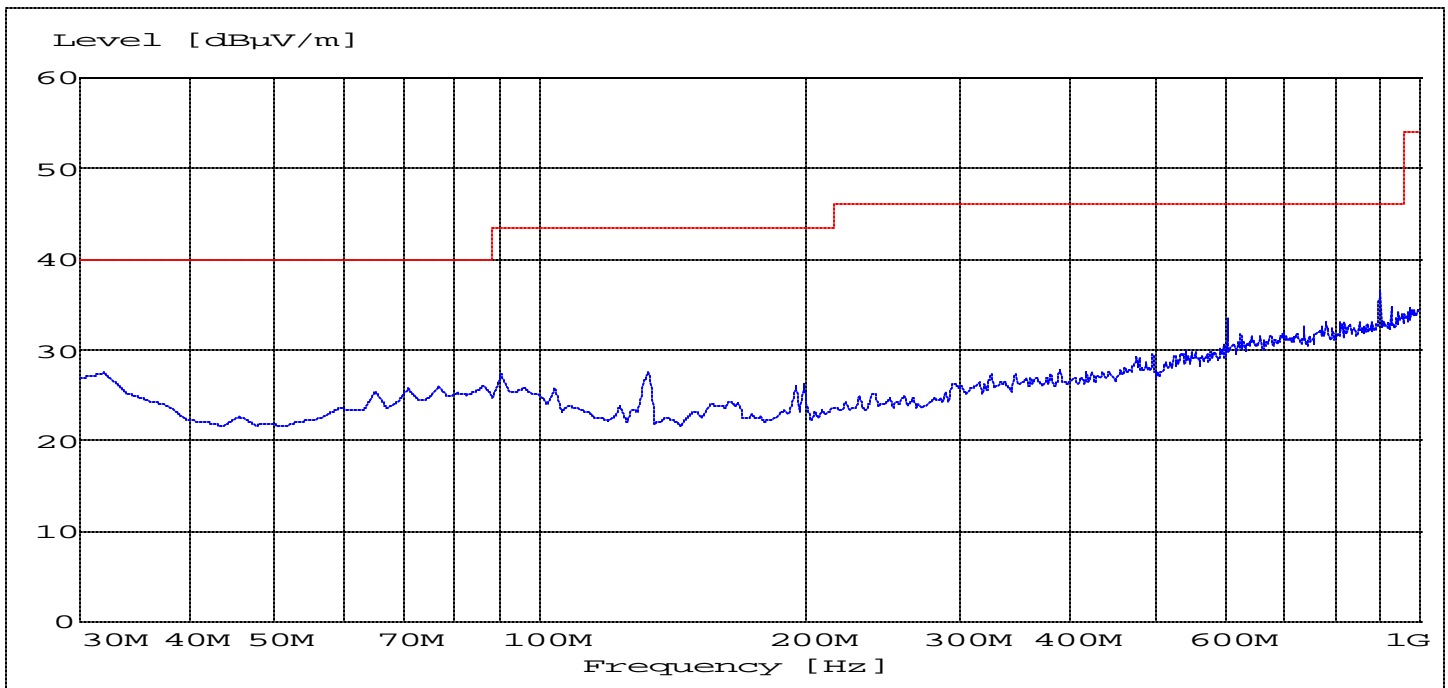
RECEIVER RADIATED EMISSIONS

(performed with Printer and Earpeice hooked up to the laptop PC)

EUT in Idle Mode: 30MHz – 1GHz

NOTE: The radiated emissions were done with different settings, using the relevant pre-amplifiers for the relevant frequency ranges. This is the reason that the graphs show different noise levels. In the range between 18GHz and 20 GHz very short cable connections to the antenna was used to minimize the noise level.

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 100KHz VBW = 100KHz



Limits

SUBCLAUSE § 15.209

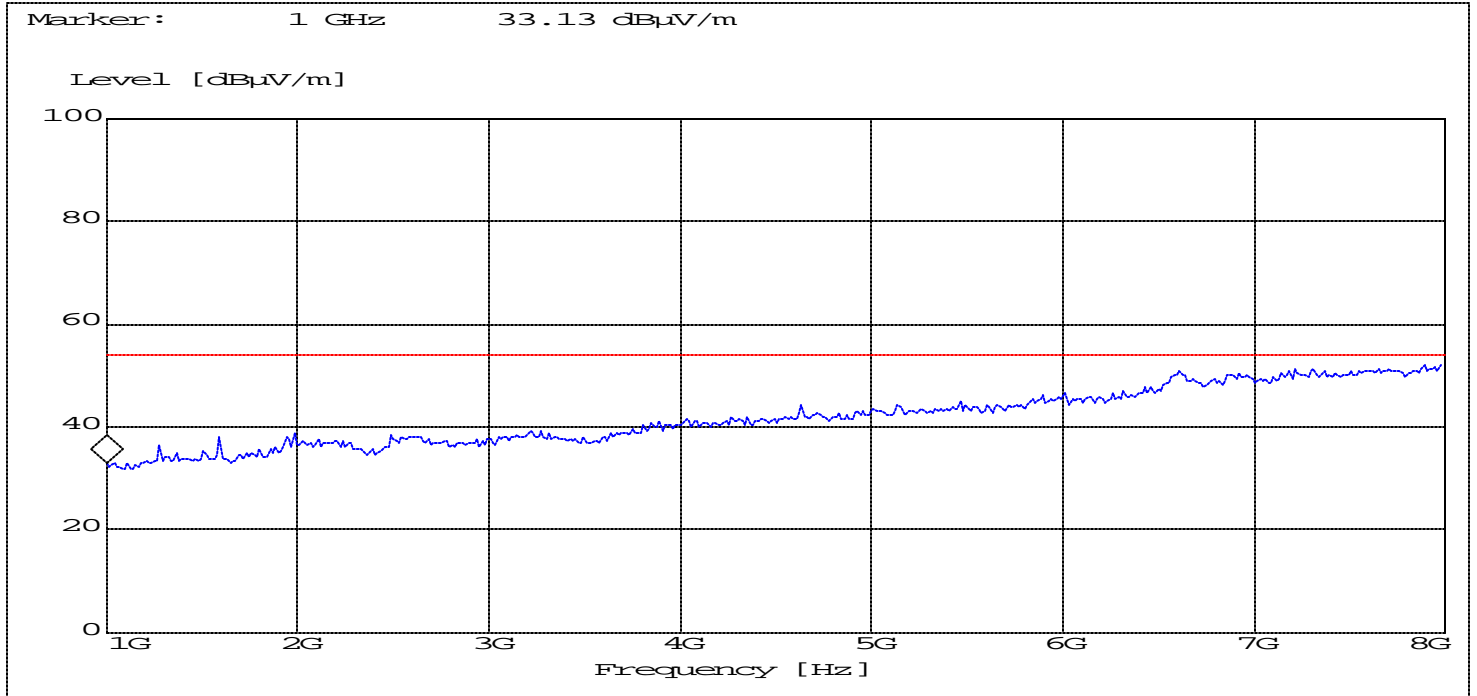
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0.009 - 0.490	2400/F(kHz)	300
0.490 - 1.705	24000/F(kHz)	30
1.705 - 30.0	30	30
30 - 88	100	3
88 - 216	150	3
216 - 960	200	3
above 960	500	3

RECEIVER RADIATED EMISSIONS

(performed with Printer and Earpeice hooked up to the laptop PC)

EUT in Idle Mode: 1GHz – 8GHz

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 1MHz VBW = 1MHz



Limits

SUBCLAUSE § 15.209

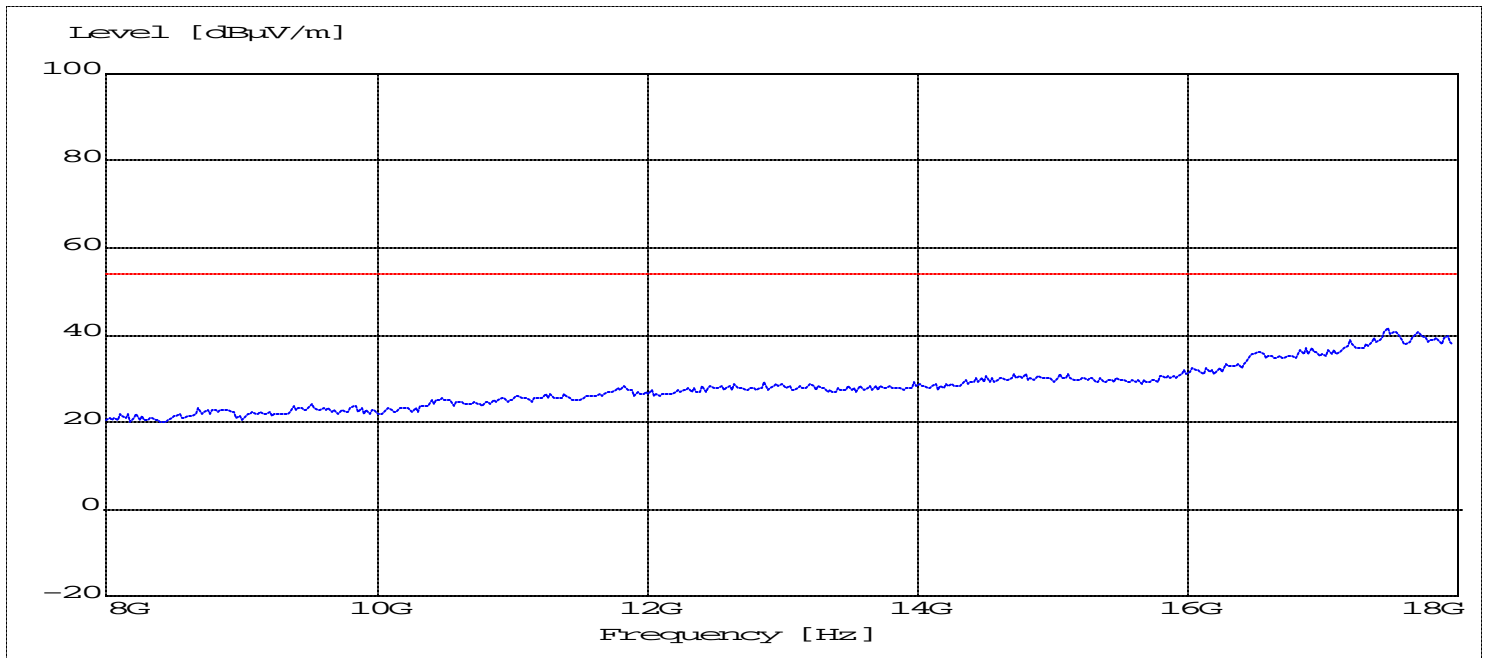
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0.490 - 1.705	24000/F(kHz)	30
1.705 - 30.0	30	30
30 - 88	100	3
88 - 216	150	3
216 - 960	200	3
above 960	500	3

RECEIVER RADIATED EMISSIONS

(performed with Printer and Earpeice hooked up to the laptop PC)

EUT in Idle Mode: 8GHz – 18GHz

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 1MHz VBW = 1MHz



Limits

SUBCLAUSE § 15.209

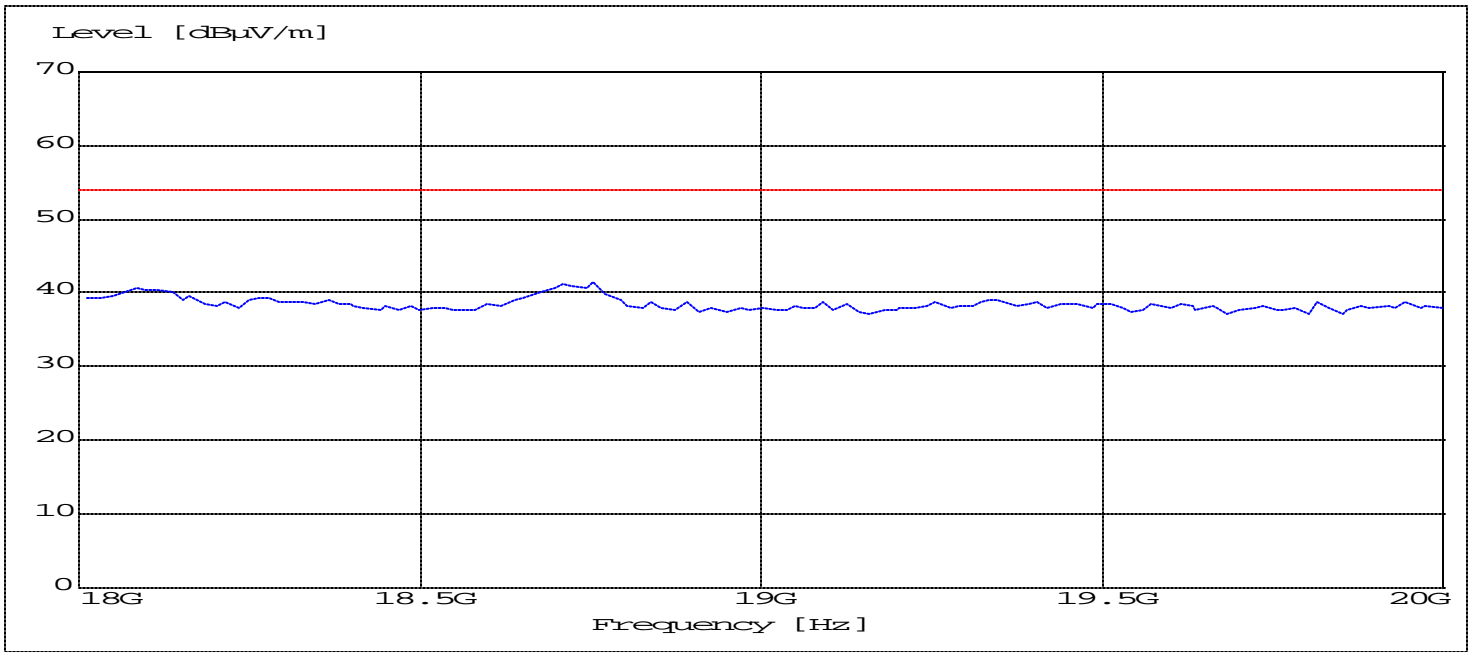
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0.490 - 1.705	24000/F(kHz)	30
1.705 - 30.0	30	30
30 - 88	100	3
88 - 216	150	3
216 - 960	200	3
above 960	500	3

RECEIVER RADIATED EMISSIONS

(performed with Printer and Earpeice hooked up to the laptop PC)

EUT in Idle Mode: 18GHz – 20GHz

ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 1MHz VBW = 1MHz



Limits

SUBCLAUSE § 15.209

Frequency (MHz)	Field strength (µV/m)	Measurement distance (m)
0.009 - 0.490	2400/F(kHz)	300
0.490 - 1.705	24000/F(kHz)	30
1.705 - 30.0	30	30
30 - 88	100	3
88 - 216	150	3
216 - 960	200	3
above 960	500	3

CONDUCTED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS**Measurement Procedure:**

The following steps outline the procedure used to measure the conducted emissions from the EUT.

1. Determine frequency range for measurements: From CFR 2.1057 the spectrum should be investigated from the lowest radio frequency generated in the equipment up to at least the 10th harmonic of the carrier frequency. For the equipment under test, this equates to a frequency range of 30 MHz to 19.1 GHz, data taken from 30 MHz to 20 GHz.

2. Determine EUT transmit frequencies: below outlines the band edge frequencies pertinent to conducted emissions testing.

USPCS Transmitter**Channel Frequency**

512 1850.2 MHz

661 1880.0 MHz

810 1909.8 MHz

Measurement Limit:

Sec. 24.238 Emission Limits.

(a) On any frequency outside frequency band of the USPCS spectrum, the power of any emission shall be attenuated below the transmitter power (P, in Watts) by at least $43+10\text{Log}(P)$ dB. For all power levels +30 dBm to 0 dBm, this becomes a constant specification limit of -13 dBm.

CONDUCTED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

Channel 512: 30MHz-1GHz

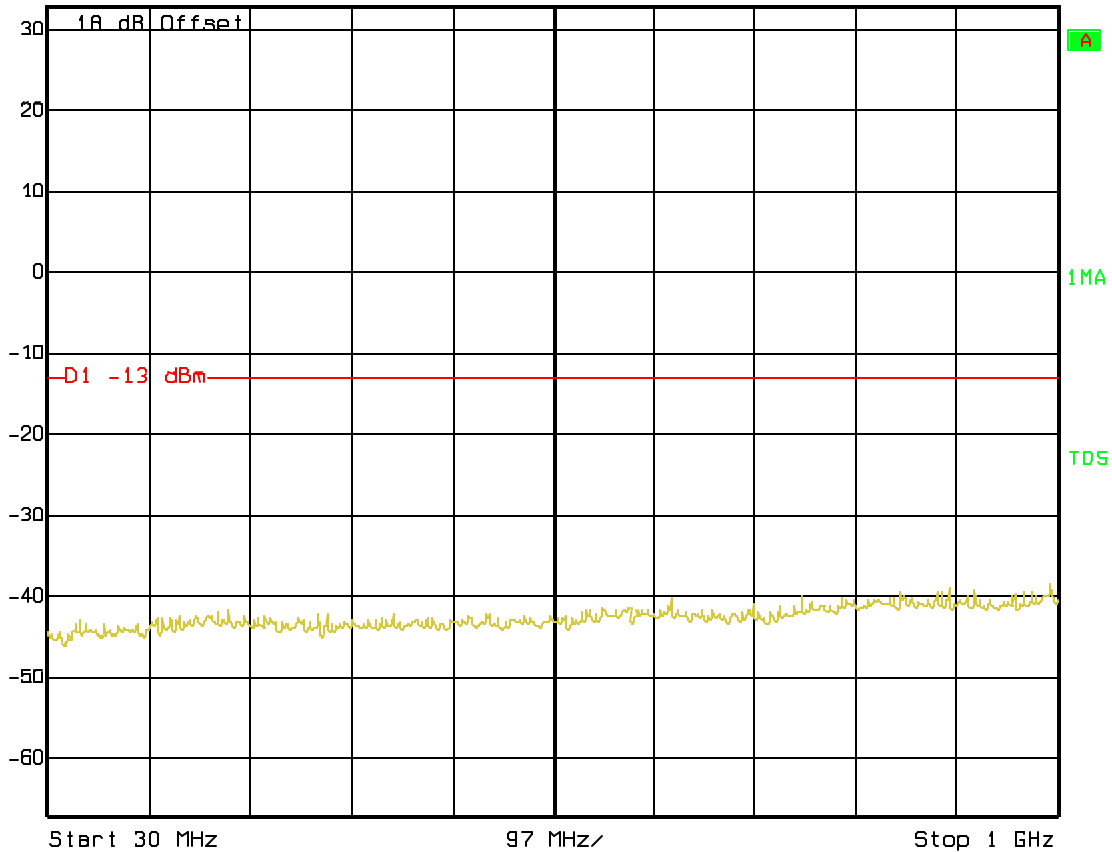
30MHz – 1GHz

Spurious emission limit –13dBm



Ref Lvl
33 dBm

RBW 100 kHz RF Att 30 dB
VBW 100 kHz
SWT 245 ms Unit dBm



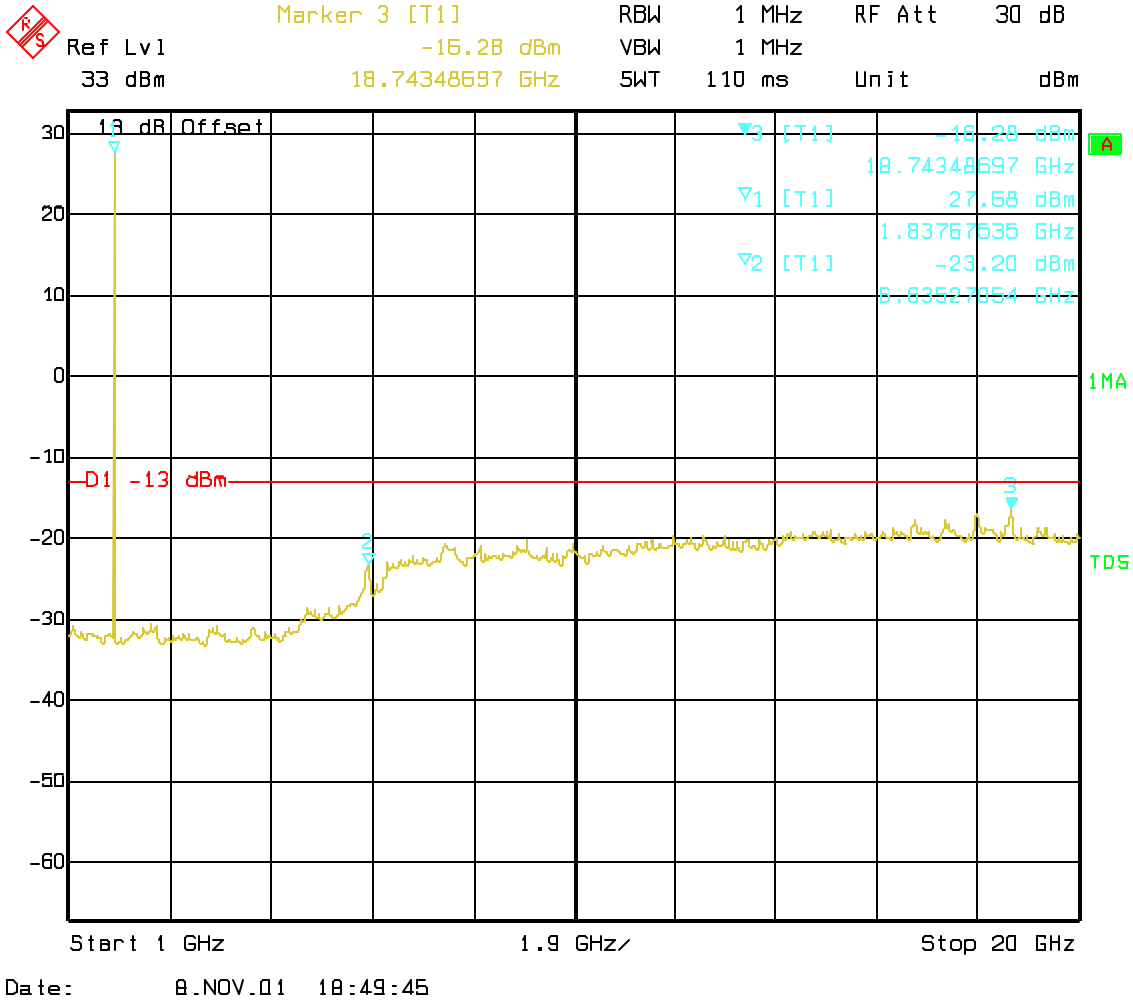
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CONDUCTED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

Channel 512:1GHz – 20GHz

Spurious emission limit –13dBm

NOTE: peak above the limit line is the carrier frequency.



NOTE: Frequency resolution is not fine enough to show the exact frequency of the carrier, refer to plots under EIRP.

CONDUCTED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

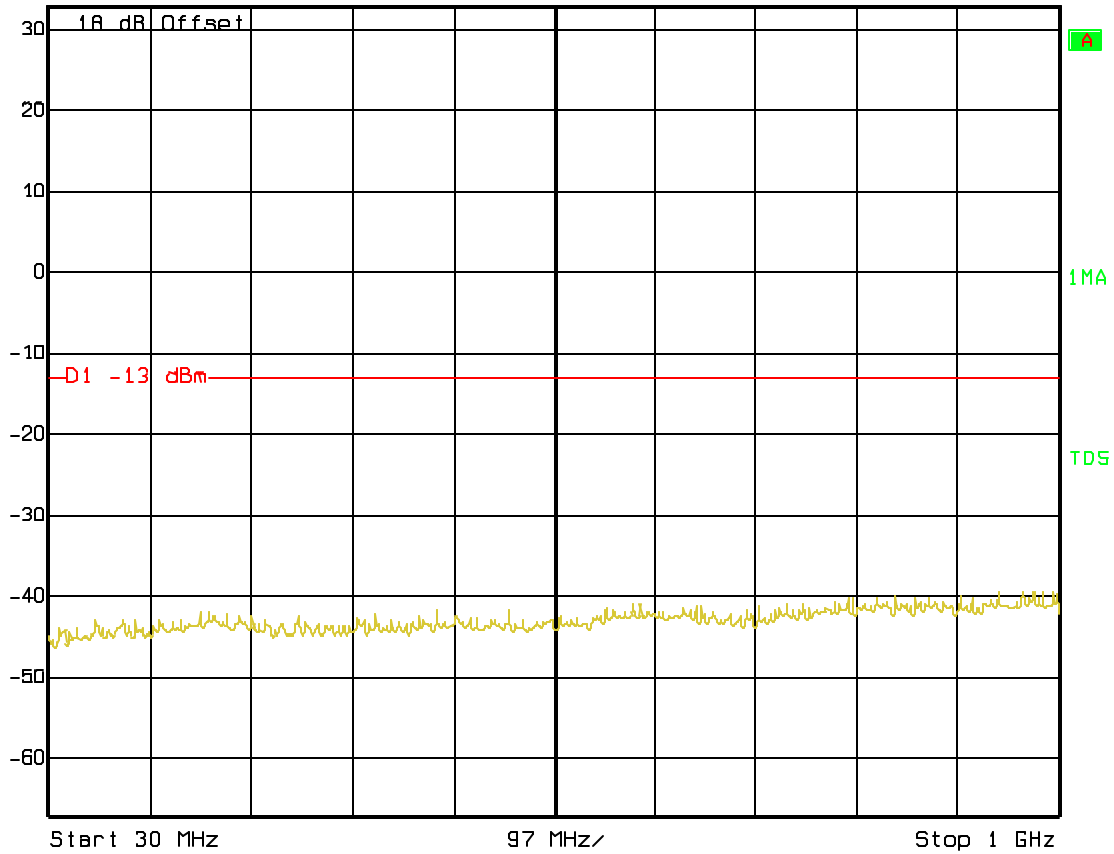
Channel 661: 30MHz-1GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm



Ref Lvl
33 dBm

RBW 100 kHz RF Att 30 dB
VBW 100 kHz
SWT 245 ms Unit dBm



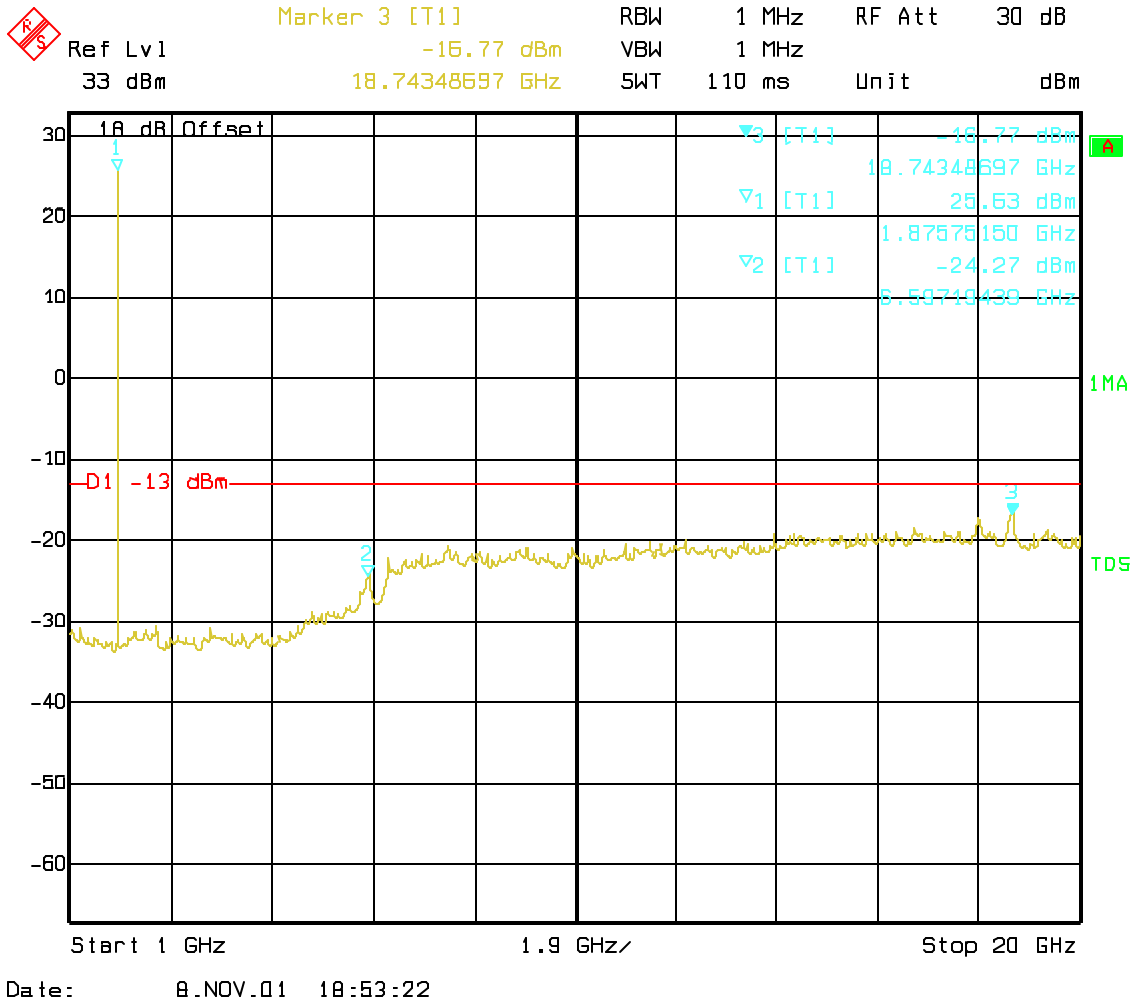
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CONDUCTED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

Channel 661: 1GHz-20GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm

NOTE: peak above the limit line is the carrier frequency.



NOTE: Frequency resolution is not fine enough to show the exact frequency of the carrier, refer to plots under EIRP.

CONDUCTED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

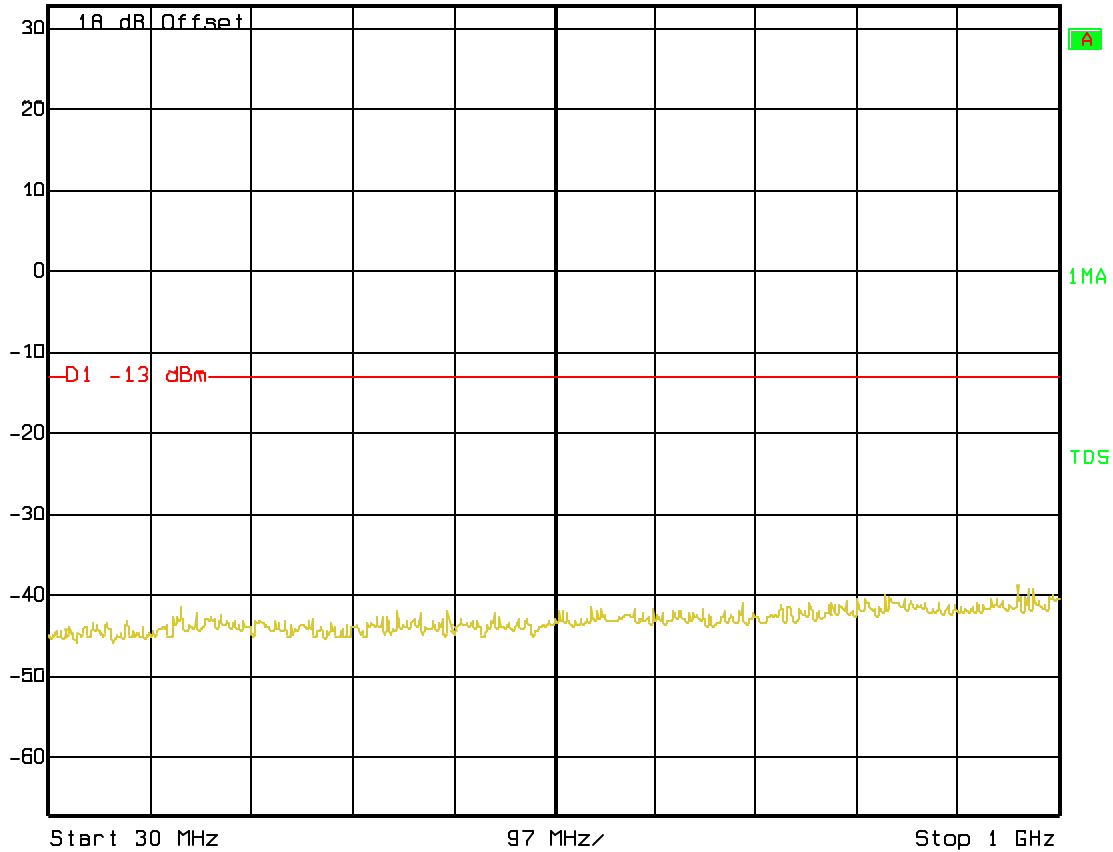
Channel 810: 30MHz-1GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm



Ref Lvl
33 dBm

RBW 100 kHz RF Att 30 dB
VBW 100 kHz
SWT 245 ms Unit dBm



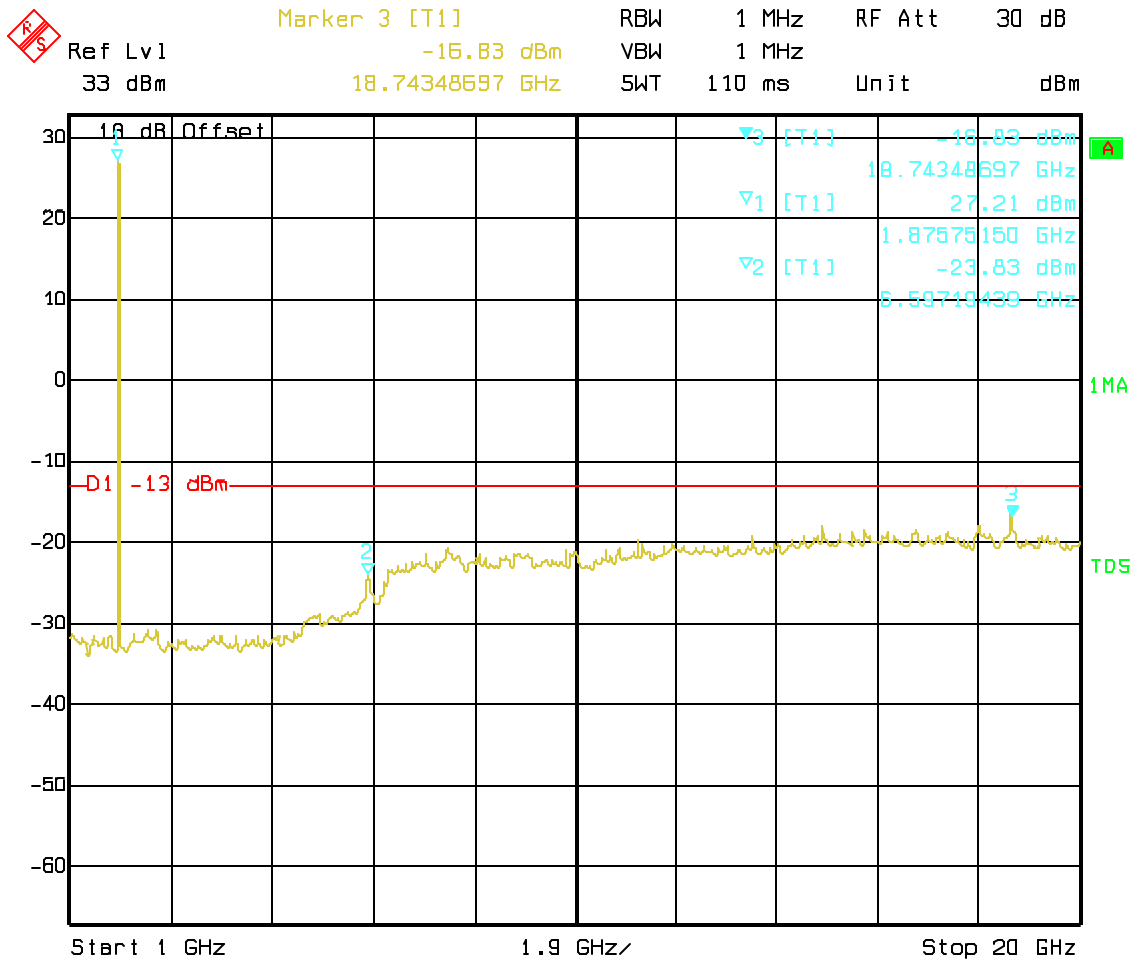
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CONDUCTED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

Channel 810:1GHz – 20GHz

Spurious emission limit –13dBm

NOTE: peak above the limit line is the carrier frequency.



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NOTE: Frequency resolution is not fine enough to show the exact frequency of the carrier, refer to plots under EIRP.

CONDUCTED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

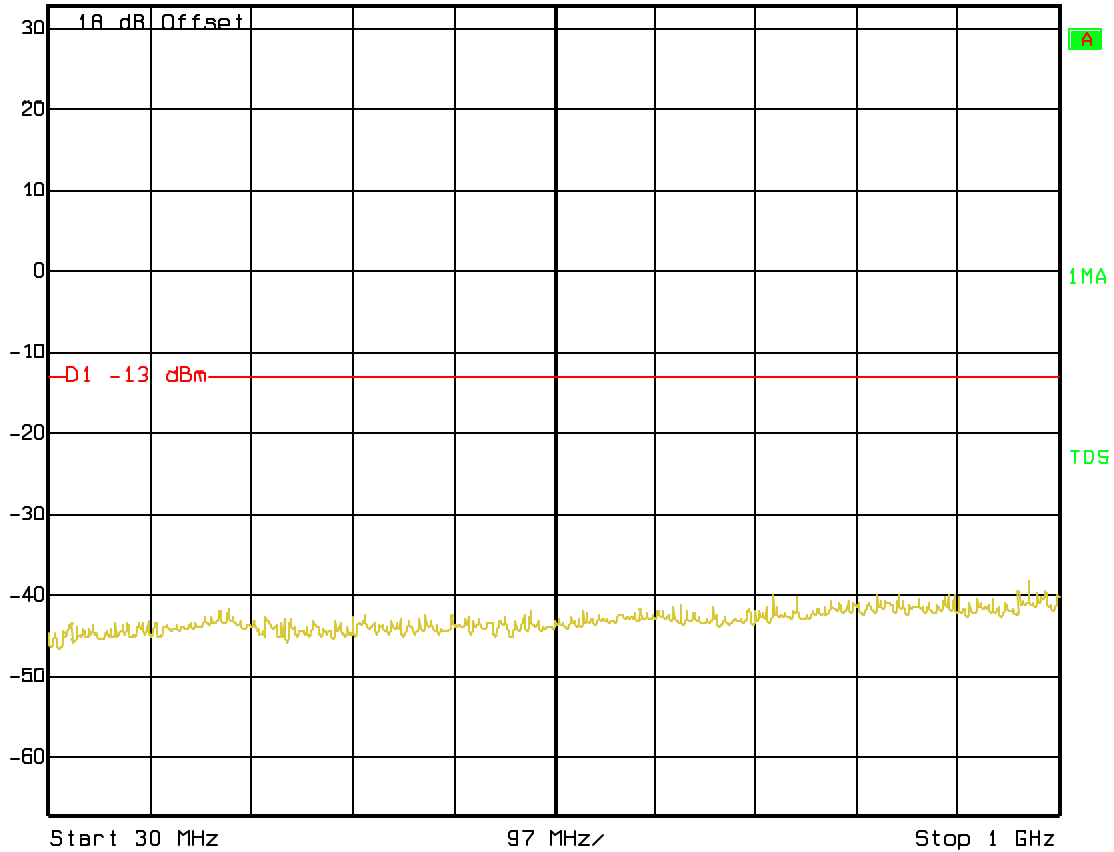
EUT in Idle Mode: 30MHz – 1GHz

Spurious emission limit –13dBm



Ref Lvl
33 dBm

RBW 100 kHz RF Att 30 dB
VBW 100 kHz
SWT 245 ms Unit dBm

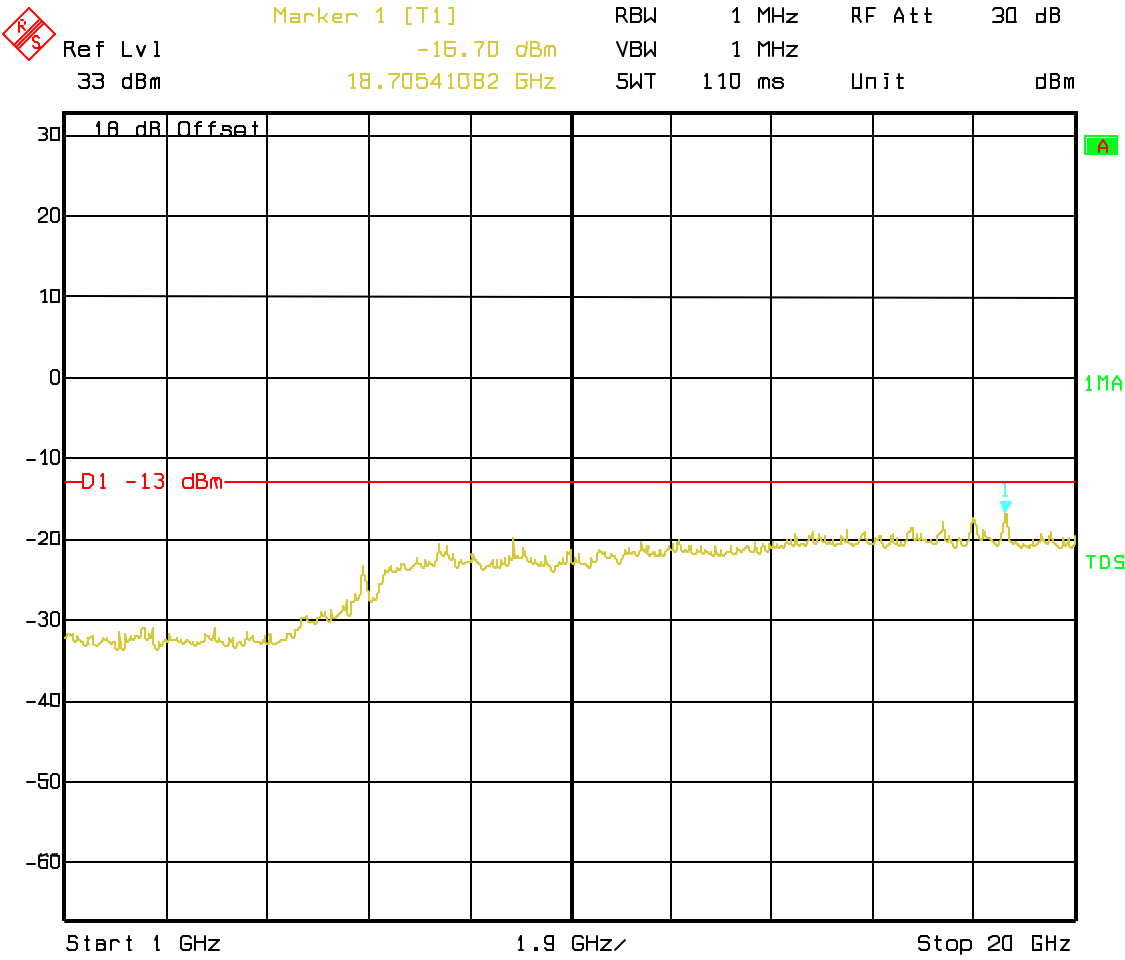


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CONDUCTED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

EUT in Idle Mode: 1GHz – 20GHz

Spurious emission limit -13dBm



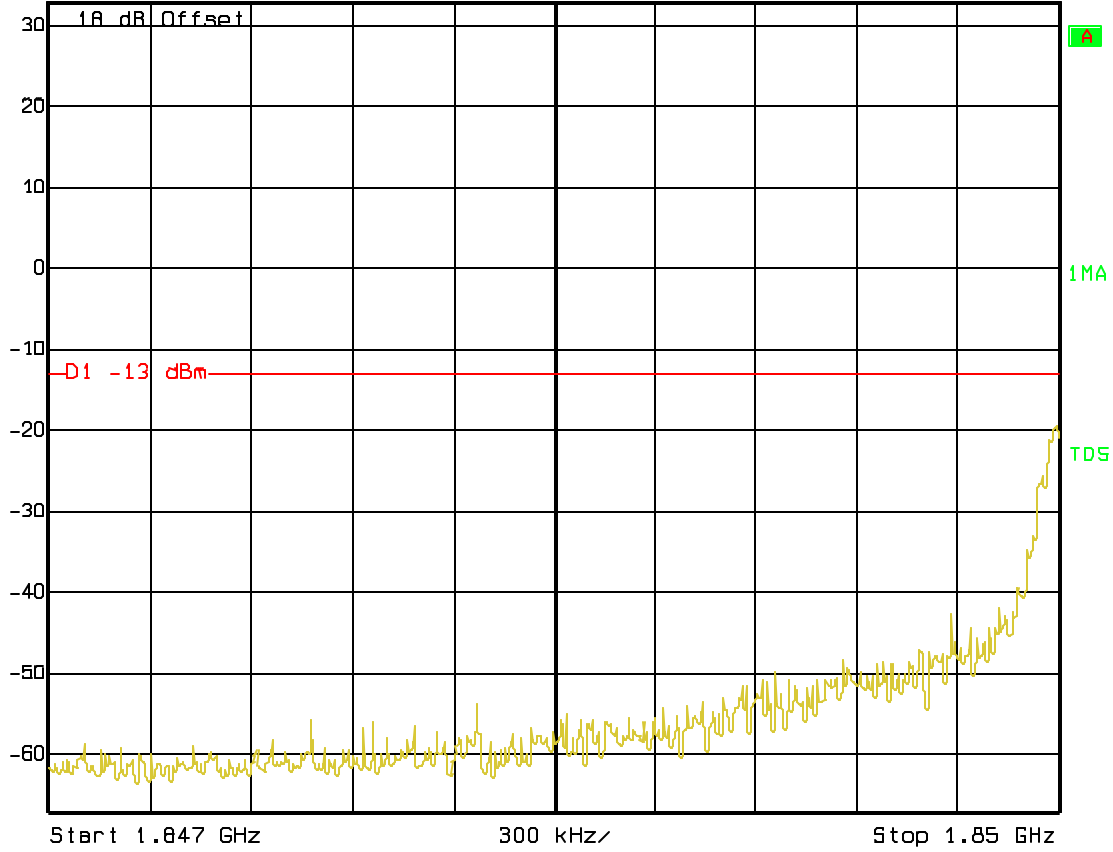
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Lower Band Edge:
(CONDUCTED)



Ref Lvl
33 dBm

RBW 3 kHz RF Att 30 dB
VBW 3 kHz
SWT 840 ms Unit dBm



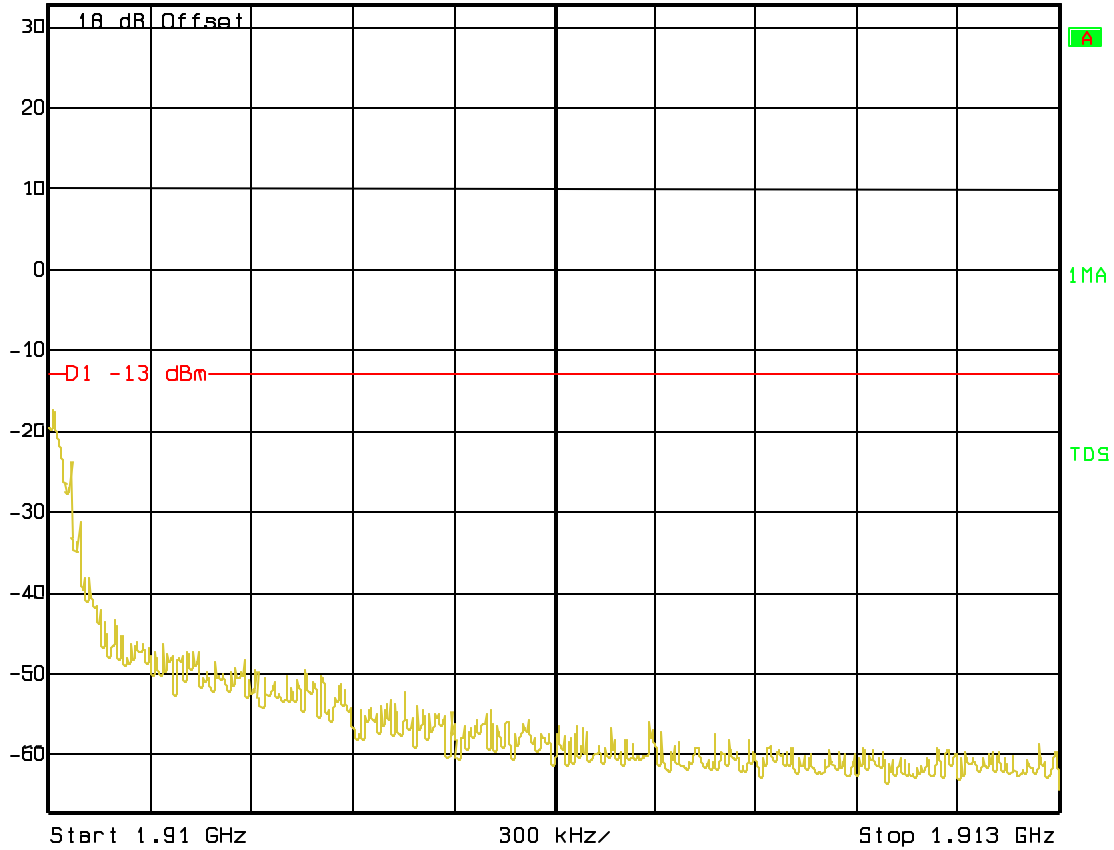
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Higher Band Edge:
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Ref Lvl
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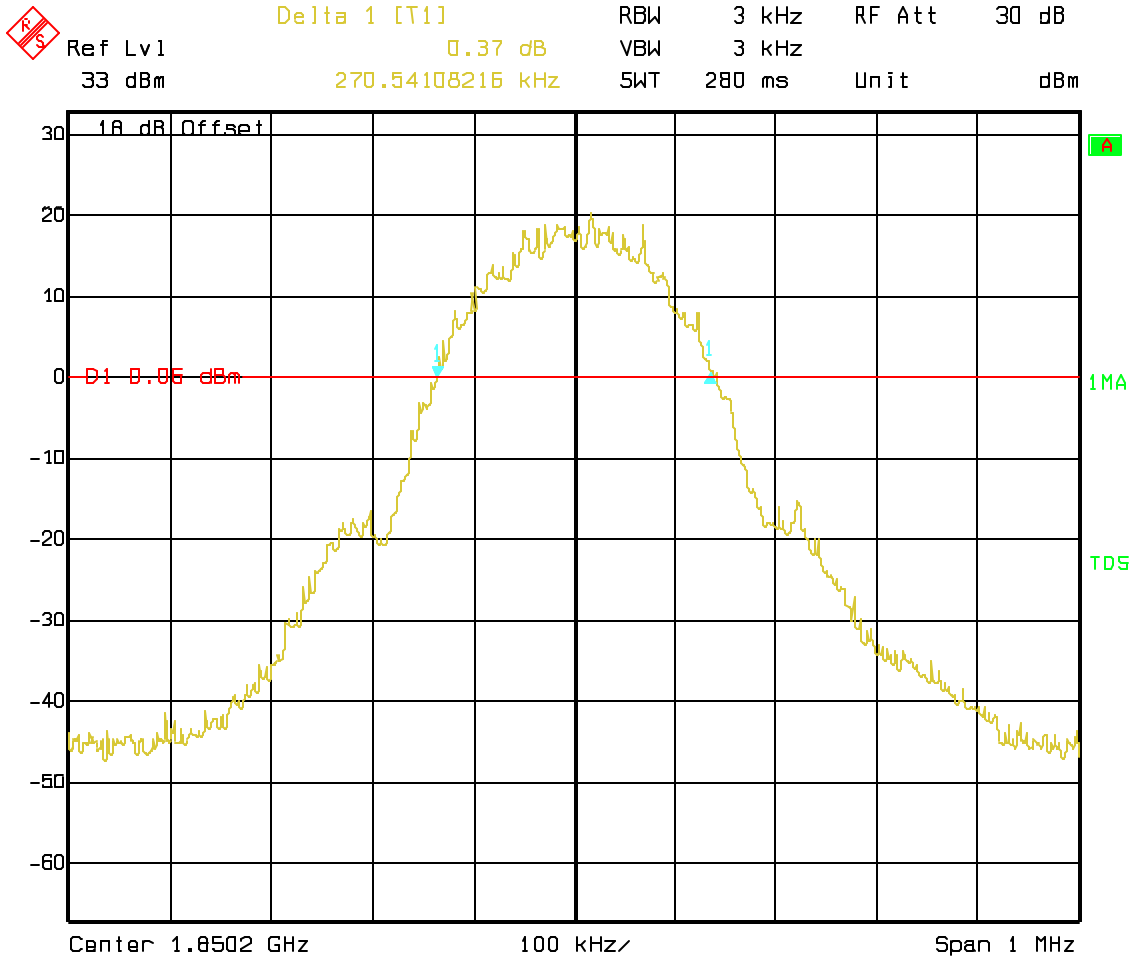
OCCUPIED BANDWIDTH**§2.989****Occupied Bandwidth Results**

Similar to conducted emissions, occupied bandwidth measurements are only provided for selected frequencies in order to reduce the amount of submitted data. Data were taken at the extreme and mid frequencies of the USPCS frequency band. Table 8.2 below lists the measured 99% power and -26dBC occupied bandwidths. Spectrum analyzer plots are included on the following pages.

Frequency	99% Occupied Bandwidth	-26 dBc Bandwidth
1850.2 MHz	270.54	318.63
1880.0 MHz	280.56	314.62
1909.2 MHz	280.56	312.62

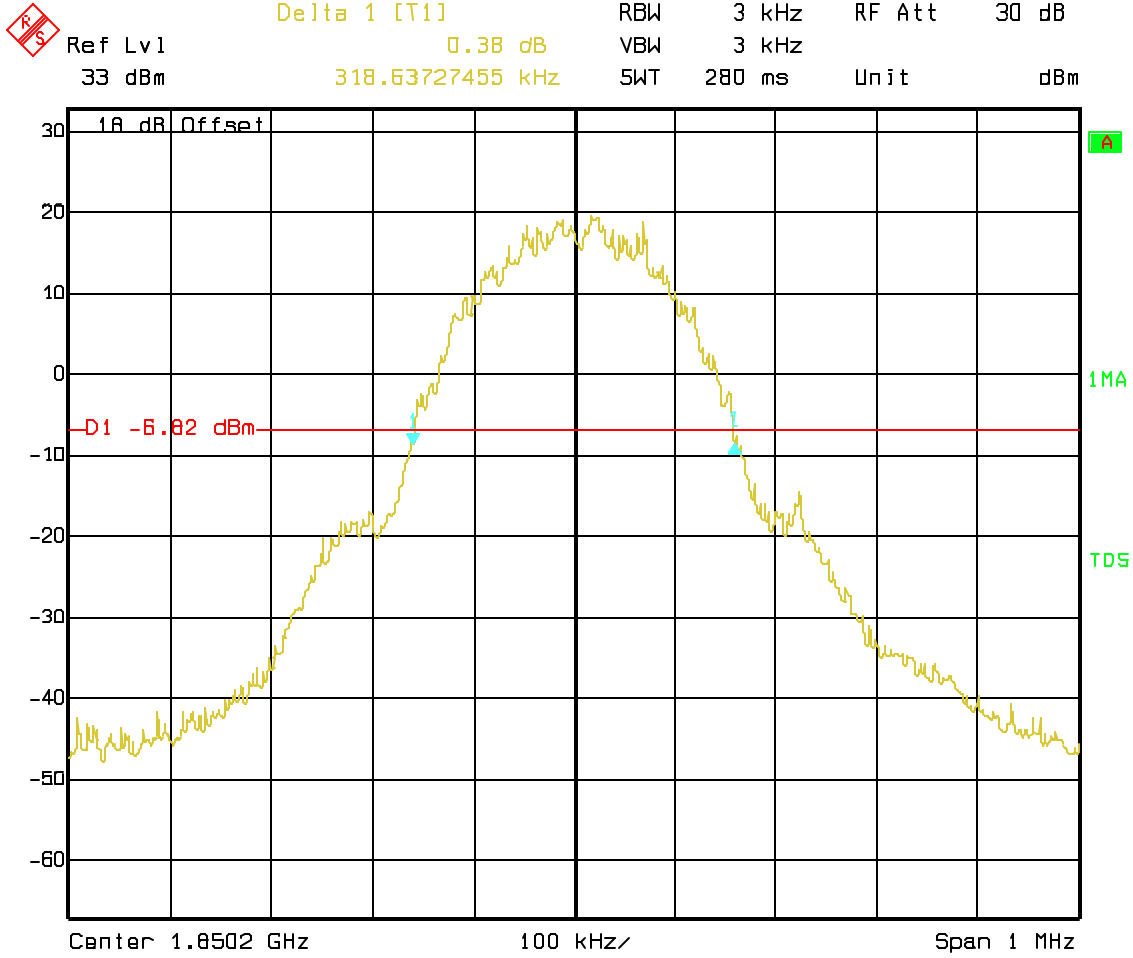
Part 24.238 (a) requires a measurement bandwidth of at least 1% of the occupied bandwidth. For ca. 290 kHz, this equates to a resolution bandwidth of at least 2.96 kHz. For this testing, a resolution bandwidth 3.0 kHz was used.

Channel 512
99% Occupied Bandwidth



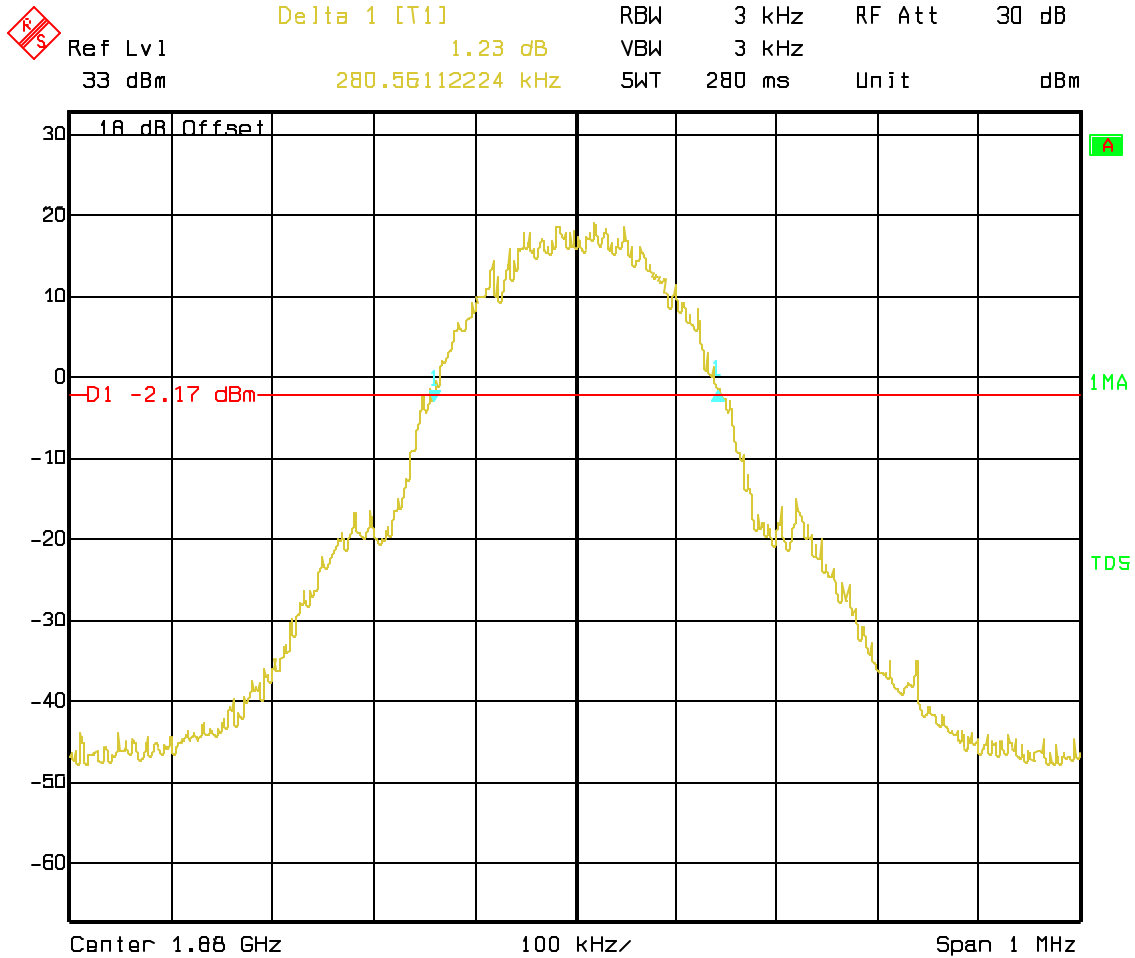
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Channel 512
-26 dBc Bandwidth



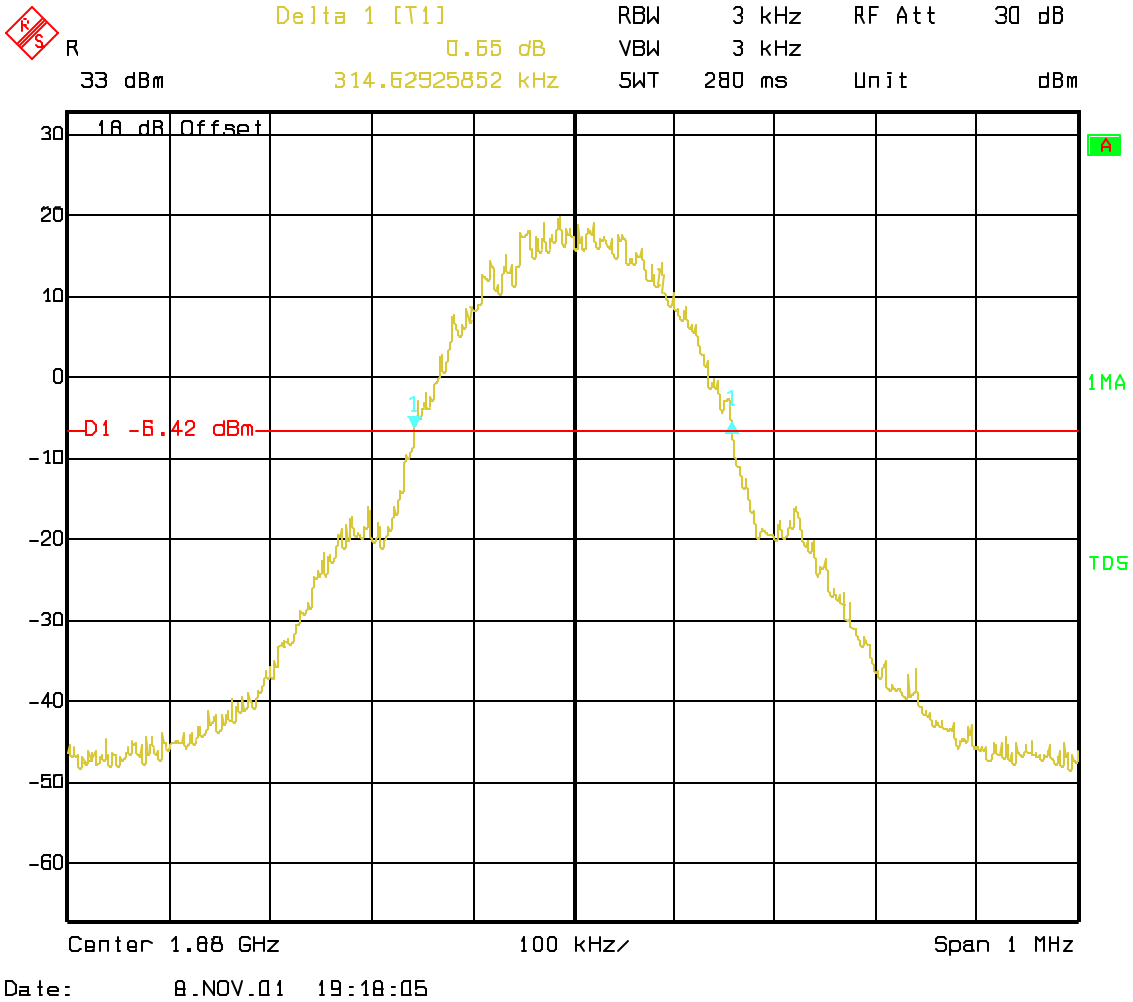
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Channel 661
99% Occupied Bandwidth

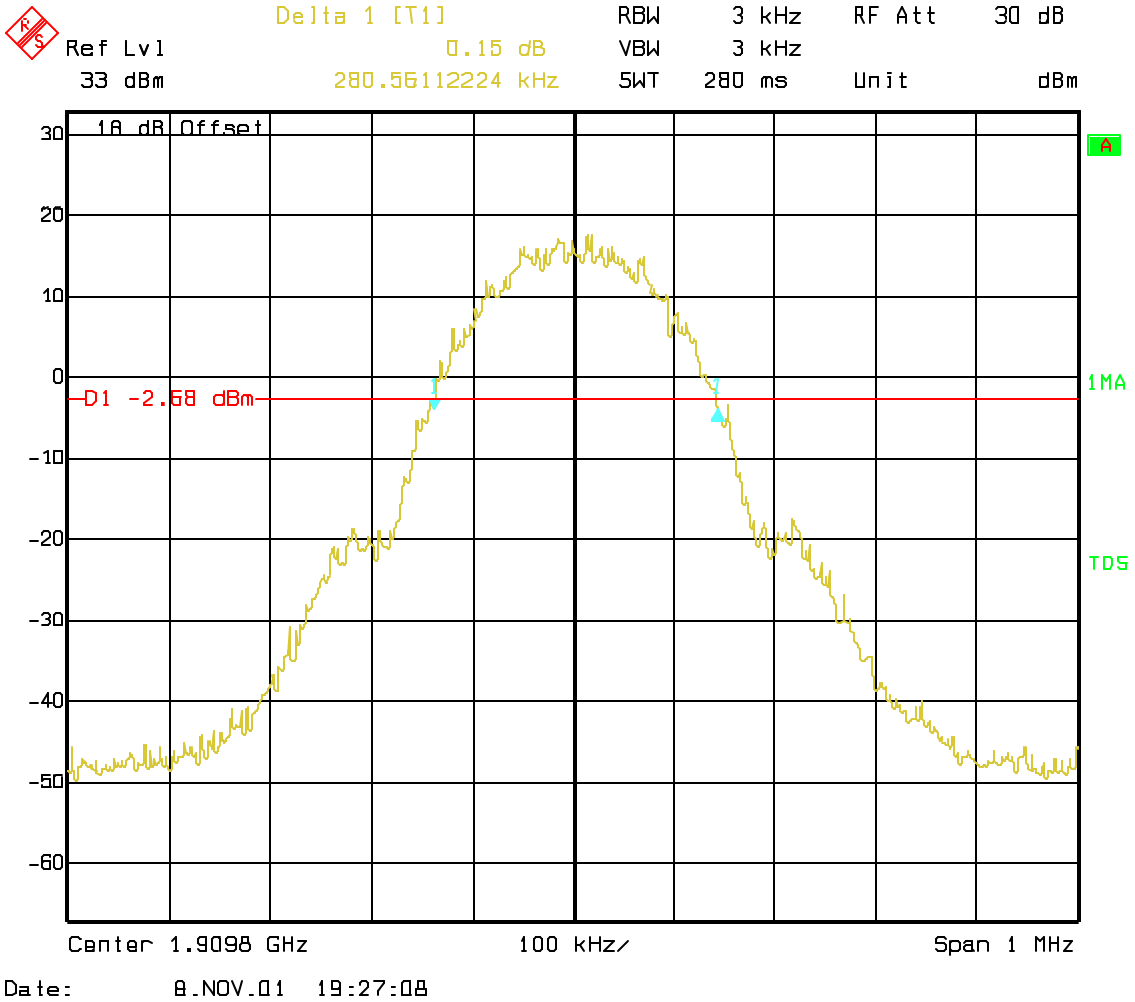


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Channel 661
-26 dBc Bandwidth

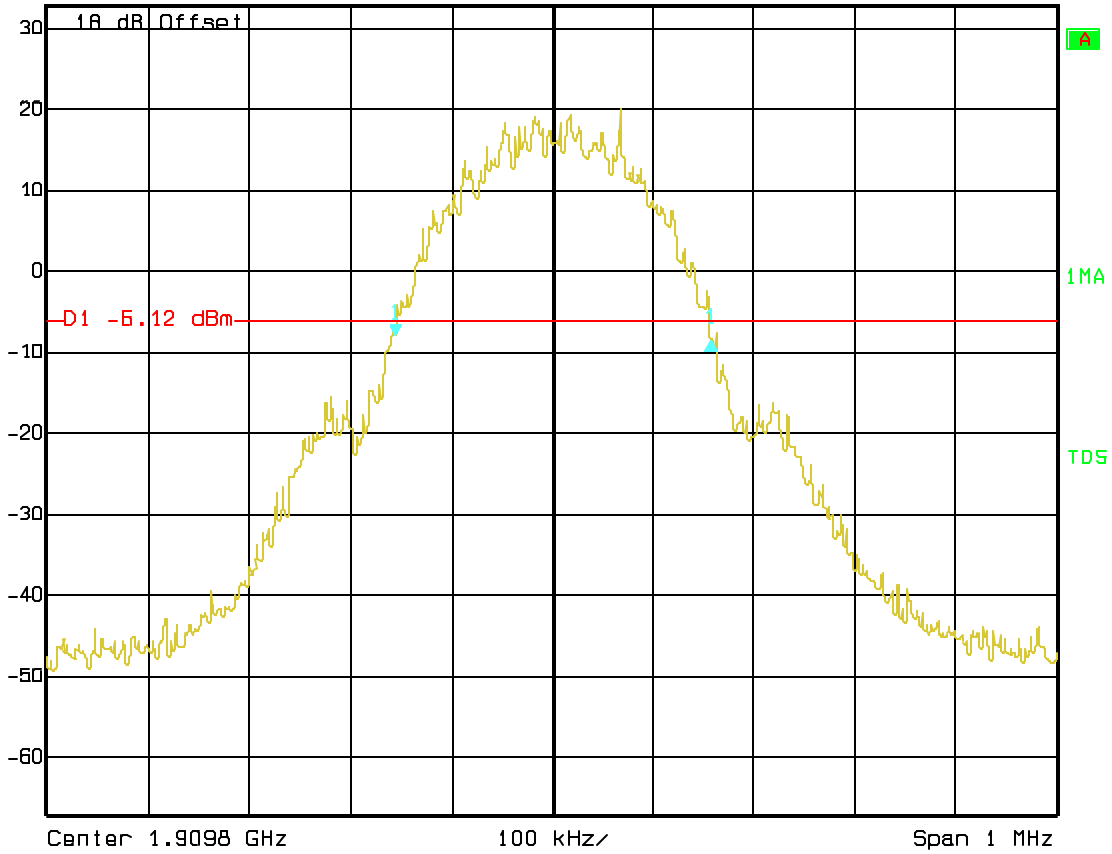


Channel 810
99% Occupied Bandwidth



Channel 810
-26 dBc Bandwidth

 Delta 1 [T1] RBW 3 kHz RF Att 30 dB
Ref Lvl -0.37 dB VBW 3 kHz
33 dBm 312.62525050 kHz SWT 280 ms Unit dBm



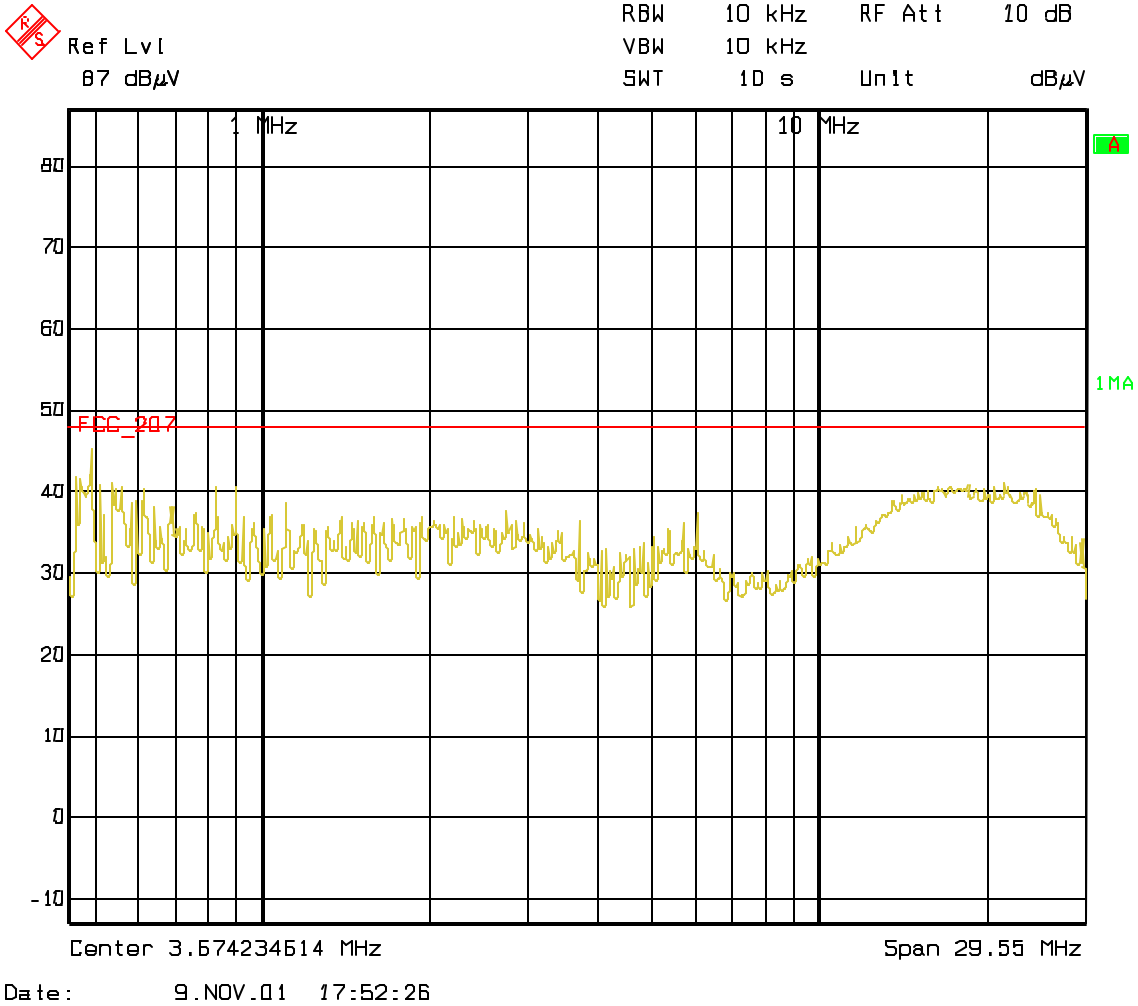
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CONDUCTED EMISSIONS

§ 15.107/207

Measured with AC/DC power adapter of PC plugged into LISN.

Phase: Line



Technical specification: 15.107 / 15.207 (Revised as of October 1, 1991)

Limit

0.45 to 30 MHz	250 μ V / 47.96dB μ V
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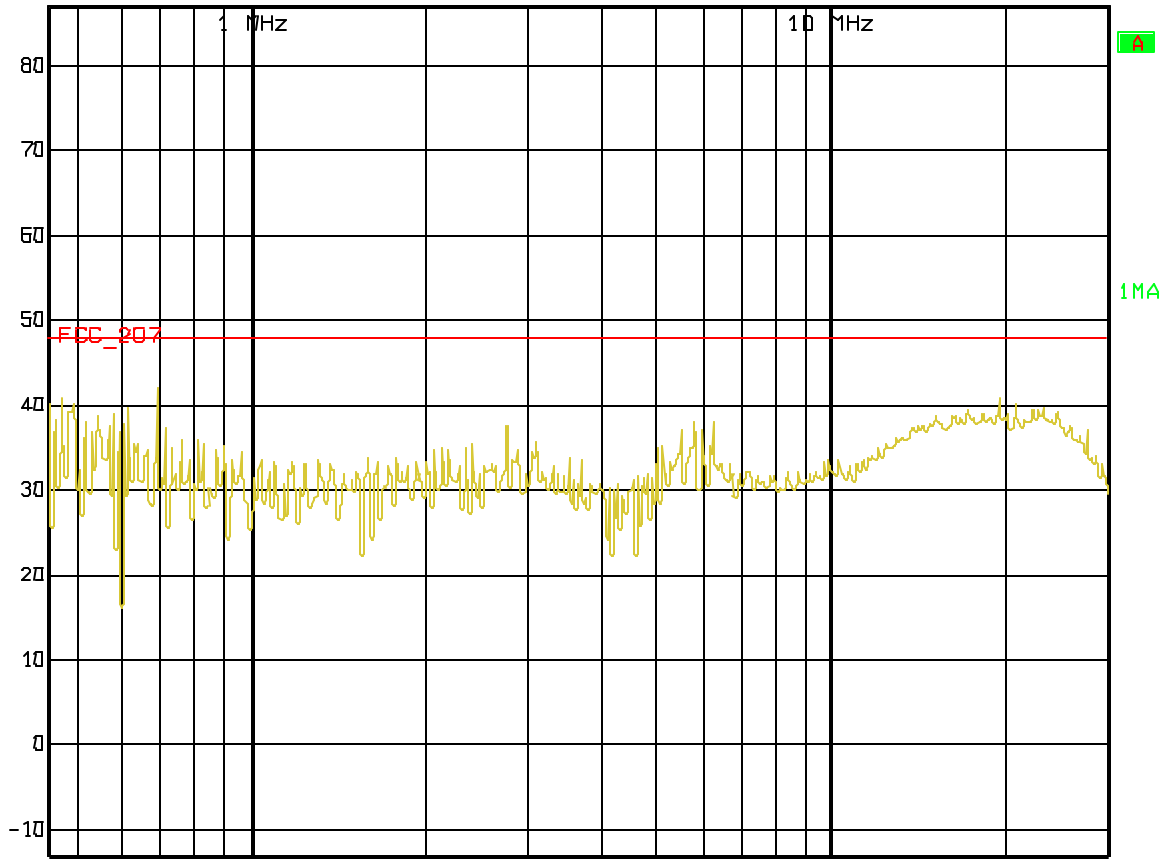
ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 10KHz VBW = 10KHz

Phase: Neutral



Ref Lvl
87 dB μ V

RBW 10 kHz RF Att 10 dB
VBW 10 kHz
SWT 10 s Unit dB μ V



Center 3.674234614 MHz

Span 29.55 MHz

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Technical specification : 15.107 / 15.207 (Revised as of October 1, 1991)

Limit

0.45 to 30 MHz	250 μ V / 47.96 dB μ V
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ANALYZER SETTINGS: RBW = 10KHz VBW = 10KHz

