

AirCard 881U Additional Test Report

(RF Power Output)

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1 Introduction and Purpose

The AirCard 881U (FCC ID: N7NMC8781U) wireless modem was originally certified by FCC as an HSDPA device. This document provides additional RF output power data in Release 6 HSDPA/HSUPA mode in support of a Class II Permissive Change application for the AirCard 881U wireless modem per FCC's guidance in the latest correspondence (CRN33809).

2 Test Summary

FCC RULE	TEST Item	RESULT
2.1046	RF Power Output	Output power in Rel 6 HSPA mode is not higher than in Rel 99 WCDMA mode or Rel 5
		HSDPA mode, therefore additional SAR testing in Rel 6 HSPA mode is not required.

The tests described in this report were performed by Mr. Philip Wright at:

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3 Description of DUT (Device Under Test)

AirCard 881U is a 3G multi-band wireless modem supporting HSDPA Category 8 with downlink data rate up to 7.2Mbps and HSUPA Category 5 with uplink data rate up to 2 Mbps. In the US, only Cellular and PCS bands are operational, so this test report only contains data for these two bands (850MHz and 1900MHz).

4 RF Power Output

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4.1 Test Procedure

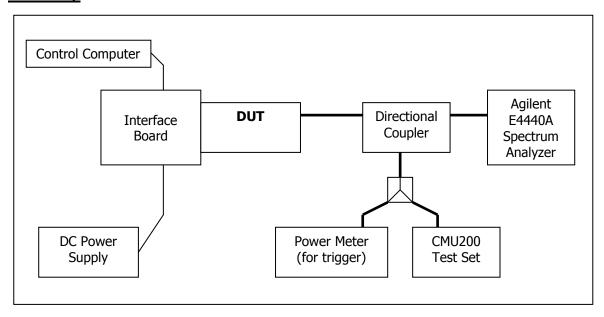
The transmitter output was connected to a Rohde & Schwarz CMU200 Test Set and configured to operate at maximum power according to each test. The power was measured using the spectrum analyzer at three equally spaced operating frequencies for each band. The RBW was set to 5MHz for the WCDMA measurements. The spectrum

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analyzer was set to measure the RF output power with the cable and coupler losses accounted for.

Test Setup



4.2 Test Equipment

Instrument List

EQUIPMENT	MANUFACTURER	MODEL NO.	SERIAL NO.	CAL. DATE
Control Computer	TC	Generic PC	100488	N/A
Wireless Test Set	Rohde & Schwarz	CMU200	836766/030	N/A
Spectrum Analyzer	Agilent	PSA E4440A	US41421268	Mar. 1, 2007
DC Power Supply	HP	6632A	3530A	N/A
Interface Board	Shop built	Minnow	N/A	N/A
Directional Coupler	Mini-Circuits	ZA3PD-2	N/A	N/A

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4.3 RF Output Power Results for HSDPA Rel6

The AirCard 881U supports Category 8 FDD HS-DSCH physical layer. As stated in the 3GPP TS25.306 V7.3.0 Table 5.1a, the details of Category 8 are as follows:

- Maximum of 10 E-DSCH received codes
- Minimum 1 inter-TTI interval
- Maximum 14411bits in an E-DSCH transport block received within an E-DSCH TTI
- Total number of soft channel bits is 134400
- Support of QPSK and 16QAM

A detailed list of all settings used is included at the end of this report in section 6.0

The following Sub-Tests were completed according to the test requirements outlined in section 5.2A of the 3GPP TS34.121-1 V7.5.0 specification. All TX RMS and Peak power requirements for Power Class 3 were met according to table 5.2AA.5 and achieved through the outlined test procedure in section 5.2AA.4.2. All UE channels and power ratio's are set according to table C10.1.4 in the 3GPP TS34.121-1 V7.5.0 specification. A summary of these settings are illustrated below:

		Call	RMC		Power Class 3				MPR
Subte	st Mode	Type	(kbps)	HSDPA FRC	Max Limit dBm	β c/ β d	etahs	CM (db)	(db)
1	HSDPA	PS	12.2	H-Set 1 QPSK	24 (+1.7/-3.7 db)	2 /15	4/15	0.0	0.0
2	HSDPA	PS	12.2	H-Set 1 QPSK	24 (+1.7/-3.7 db)	12 /15	24/15	1.0	0.0
3	HSDPA	PS	12.2	H-Set 1 QPSK	23.5 (+2.2/-3.7 db)	15 /8	30/15	1.5	0.5
4	HSDPA	PS	12.2	H-Set 1 QPSK	23.5 (+2.2/-3.7 db)	15 /4	30/15	1.5	0.5

4.3.1 Sub-Test 1

 $\beta c=2/15$, $\beta d=15/15$, $\beta hs=4/15$

Frequency		Power (dBm)
(MHz)	Channel	RMS	Peak
826.4	4132	22.22	25.8
836.4	4182	22.27	25.8
846.6	4233	22.31	25.9
1852.4	9262	22.27	25.8
1880.0	9400	22.25	26.0
1907.5	9538	22.31	25.9

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4.3.2 Sub-Test 2

 $\beta c=12/15$, $\beta d=15/15$, $\beta hs=24/15$

Frequency		Power ((dBm)
(MHz)	Channel	RMS	Peak
826.4	4132	22.12	25.7
836.4	4182	22.17	25.3
846.6	4233	22.15	25.2
1852.4	9262	22.21	25.4
1880.0	9400	22.02	25.3
1907.5	9538	21.98	25.4

4.3.3 **Sub-Test 3**

 $\beta c=15/15$, $\beta d=15/8$, $\beta hs=30/15$

Frequency		Power ((dBm)
(MHz)	Channel	RMS	Peak
826.4	4132	22.13	25.2
836.4	4182	22.17	25.4
846.6	4233	22.24	25.6
1852.4	9262	22.17	25.4
1880.0	9400	22.19	25.7
1907.5	9538	22.13	25.4

4.3.4 Sub-Test 4

 $\beta c=15/15$, $\beta d=4/15$, $\beta hs=30/15$

Frequency		Power (dBm)		
(MHz)	Channel	RMS	Peak	
826.4	4132	22.02	25.4	
836.4	4182	22.15	25.3	
846.6	4233	21.99	25.3	
1852.4	9262	21.98	25.2	
1880.0	9400	22.01	25.2	
1907.5	9538	21.98	25.3	

4.4 RF Output Power Results for HSPA (HSDPA & HSUPA) Rel6

The AirCard 881U supports Category 5 FDD E-DCH physical layer. As stated in the 3GPP TS25.306 V7.3.0 Table 5.1g, the details of Category 5 are as follows:

- Maximum of 2 E-DCH transmitted codes
- Minimum spreading factor of SF2
- Support for only 10ms TTI E-DCH
- Maximum 20000bits in an E-DCH transport block within a 10ms E-DCH TTI
- Data rate of 2 Mbps
- Support of QPSK only

A detailed list of all settings used is included at the end of this report in section 6.0

The following 5 Sub-Tests were completed according to the test requirements outlined in section 5.2B of the 3GPP TS34.121-1 V7.5.0 specification. All TX RMS and Peak power requirements were met according to table 5.2B.5 and achieved through the outlined test procedure in section 5.2B.4.2. All UE channels and power ratio's are set according to table C11.1.3 in the 3GPP TS34.121-1 V7.5.0 specification. A summary of these settings are illustrated below:

		Call	RMC		Power Class 3	0 (0 1	0.	0.	CM	MPR
Subtest	Mode	I ype	(kbps)	HSDPA FRC	Max Limit dBm	pc/pa	pns	etaed	(db)	(db)
1	HSPA	PS	12.2	H-Set 1 QPSK	24 (+1.7/-5.2 db)	11 /15	22/15	209/225	1.0	0.0
2	HSPA	PS	12.2	H-Set 1 QPSK	22 (+3.7/-5.2 db)	6 /15	12/15	12/15	3.0	2.0
3	HSPA	PS	12.2	H-Set 1 QPSK	23 (+2.7/-5.2 db)	15 /15	30/15	30/15	2.0	1.0
4	HSPA	PS	12.2	H-Set 1 QPSK	22 (+1.7/-5.2 db)	15 /9	4/15	2/15	3.0	2.0
5	HSPA	PS	12.2	H-Set 1 QPSK	24 (+1.7/-5.2 db)	15/15	30/15	24/15	1.0	0.0

4.4.1 **Sub-Test 1:**

 β c=11/15, β d=15/15, β hs=22/15, β ec=209/225, β ed=1039/225, AG=20, 1xSF4, E-TFCI=75.

Frequency		Power (dBm)		
(MHz)	Channel	RMS	Peak	
826.4	4132	22.12	25.7	
836.4	4182	22.03	25.9	
846.6	4233	21.99	26.0	
1852.4	9262	22.21	26.0	
1880.0	9400	22.11	25.8	
1907.5	9538	22.15	25.9	

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4.4.2 Sub-Test 2:

βc=6/15, βd=15/15, βhs=12/15, βec=12/15, βed=94/75, AG=12, 1xSF4, E-TFCI=67.

Frequency		Power (dBm)		
(MHz)	Channel	RMS	Peak	
826.4	4132	21.95	26.0	
836.4	4182	22.07	25.9	
846.6	4233	22.02	25.8	
1852.4	9262	22.11	26.0	
1880.0	9400	22.05	26.1	
1907.5	9538	21.98	25.9	

4.4.3 Sub-Test 3:

βc=15/15, βd=15/15, βhs=30/15, βec=30/15, βed=47/15, AG=15, 2xSF4. E-TFCI=92, Note: # of Reference E-TFCI=2.

Frequency		Power (dBm)		
(MHz)	Channel	RMS	Peak	
826.4	4132	21.99	25.9	
836.4	4182	21.87	26.0	
846.6	4233	21.84	26.1	
1852.4	9262	21.91	25.9	
1880.0	9400	21.87	25.9	
1907.5	9538	21.85	26.1	

4.4.4 Sub-Test 4:

βc=2/15, βd=15/15, βhs=4/15, βec=2/15, βed=56/75, AG=17, 1xSF4, E-TFCI=71.

Frequency		Power (dBm)		
(MHz)	Channel	RMS	Peak	
826.4	4132	22.09	26.0	
836.4	4182	22.12	25.9	
846.6	4233	22.19	25.9	
1852.4	9262	22.15	25.8	
1880.0	9400	22.17	25.9	
1907.5	9538	22.11	26.0	

4.4.5 Sub-Test 5:

 $\beta c=15/15$, $\beta d=15/15$, $\beta hs=30/15$, $\beta ec=24/15$, $\beta ed=134/15$, AG=21, 1xSF4, E-TFCI=81.

Frequency		Power (dBm)		
(MHz)	Channel	RMS	Peak	
826.4	4132	22.19	25.8	
836.4	4182	22.17	25.9	
846.6	4233	22.06	26.0	
1852.4	9262	22.09	25.8	
1880.0	9400	22.15	25.9	
1907.5	9538	22.19	26.0	

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5 CMU200 Settings for all Tests Completed

UE Power Control Settings

Maximum allowable UE-Power = 24.0 dBm

UL Target Power = 24.0 dBm

Node B Settings

Primary Scrambling Code = 9

Output Channel Power = -51.7 dBm

OCNS = Off

Total Output Power (Ior+Ioc) = -51.7 dBm

RMC Settings

Reference Channel Type: 12.2 kbps Downlink/Uplink DL DTCH Transport Format: 12.2

kbps DL Resources in Use: 100 % UL CRC (Sym. Loop Mode 2): Off

Test Mode: Loop Mode 2 Channel Data Source DTCH: PRBS9

Voice Settings

Voice Source: Echo Loopback Type: Off

Adaptive Multirate Settings

Active Code Set: Selection A

Codec Mode: 12.2 kbps

Signaling RAB Settings

SRB Cell DCH: 3.4 kbps

BS Down Link Physical Channels Settings

Ior = -51.7 dBm

P-CPICH = -3.3 dB

P-SCH = -8.3 dB

S-SCH = -8.3 dB

P-CCPCH = -5.3 dB

S-CCPCH = -5.3 dB

S-CCPCH Channel Code = 2

PICH = -8.3 dB

PICH Channel Code = 3

AICH = -8.3 dB

AICH Channel Code = 6

DPDCH = -10.3 dB

DPDCH Channel Code = 96

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Power Offset (DPCCH/DPDCH) = 0.0 dB

DL DPCH Timing Offset = 0

Secondary Scrambling Code = 0

Secondary Scrambling Code (HSDPA) = 0

HSDPA Channels = On

TPC Settings

Algorithm = 2

TPC Step Size = 1dB

TPC Pattern Setup = Set 1 (All 1, after linked to get maximum power)

HSDPA Mode Settings:

Node B Settings

Primary Scrambling Code = 9

Output Channel Power = -86 dBm

OCNS = Off

Total Output Power (Ior+Ioc) = -86 dBm

Network Settings

Packet Switched Domain = ON

HSDPA Test Mode Settings

Radiobearer Setup = RMC 12.2 kbps + HSPDA

RMC Test Loop = Loop Mode 1 RLC TM

HSDPA HS-DSCH

CQI Feedback Cycle = 4ms

CQI Repetition Factor = 2

ACK/NACK Repetition Factor = 3

UE Category = 8

Channel Configuration Type = FRC

H-Set Selection = H-Set 1 QPSK

RV Coding Sequence {0,2,5,6}

<u>HSDPA Gain Factors</u> are set according to each specific sub-test in table C.10.1.4 of 3GPP TS 34.121.

HSPA Mode Settings:

UE Power Control Settings

Maximum allowable UE-Power = 24.0 dBm

UL Target Power: Set according to each specific sub-test in table 5.2B.5 of 3GPP TS 34.121 less 5db for starting point.

UE Packet Data Gain Factors

Bc and Bd: *

 Δ ACK, Δ NACK, Δ CQI=8

HSUPA

E-DCH Physical Layer Category = 5

E-TFCI Table Index = 1

Minimum Set E-TFCI = 1*

Maximum Channelisation Code: 1xSF4 or 2xSF4*

Initial Service Grant: *

UE Gain Factors

ΔE-DPCCH: *

Number of Reference E-TFCIs: **

Reference E-TFCI's: **
E-TFCI Power offsets: **

Node B Settings

Primary Scrambling Code = 9

Output Channel Power = -86 dBm

OCNS = Off

Total Output Power (Ior+Ioc) = -86 dBm

Paket Switched

DCH Type: HSUPA Test Mode Data Rate: HSDPA/HSUPA HSDPA Test Mode Settings

Radiobearer Setup = RMC 12.2kbps + HSDPA RMC Test Loop = Loop Mode 1 RLC TM

HSDPA HS-DSCH

CQI Feedback Cycle = 4ms

CQI Repetition Factor = 2

ACK/NACK Repetition Factor = 3

UE Category = 8

Channel Configuration Type = FRC

H-Set Selection = H-Set 1 QPSK

RV Coding Sequence {0,2,5,6}

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HSUPA Test Mode Settings

Radiobearer Setup = SRB 3.4 + HSPA

HSUPA Settings TTI mode: 10ms

E-AGCH

Pattern Length: 1 AG Value: *

Downlink Physical Channels

HSUPA Channels: On

E-AGCH: -6.0db

E-AGCH Chan. Code: 6 E-RGCH/E-HICH: -5.0db E-RGCH Active: Off

E-RGCH/E-HICH Chan. Code: 6

6 Conclusion

The test results shown above demonstrate that the output power in Rel 6 HSPA mode is not higher than in Rel 99 WCDMA mode or Rel 5 HSDPA mode, therefore SAR testing in Rel 6 HSPA mode is not required.

^{*}Set according to each specific sub-test in table C.11.1.3 of 3GPP TS 34.121.

^{**} Set according to each specific sub-test in table <u>5.2B.2/3</u> of 3GPP TS 34.121.