RF Exposure Measurement

1. Introduction

2.4 GHz frequency band is regarded specially as a dangerous band for its heating harmfulness to the human body. That's why microwave oven is operating in this frequency band. The manufacturer whose product is working in this frequency band is obligatory to prove the harmfulness of his product.

In this document, we try to prove the safety of radiation harmfulness to the human body. The limit for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE) specified in FCC 1.1310 is followed. The Gain of the antenna used in this product is measured in a Fully Anechoic Chamber (FAC), and the total power input to the antenna is measured by power meter. 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.

Please be informed, Friis Formula estimate will over-predict the power density in the near field. Here we would like to use this estimate as the worst case condition.

2. RF Exposure Limit

According to FCC 1.1310: The criteria listed in the following table shall be used to evaluate the environmental impact of human exposure to radio-frequency (RF) radiation as specified in 1.1307(b)

LIMITS FOR MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)

Frequency	Electric Field	Magnetic Field	Power Density	Average Time	
Range	Strength (V/m)	Strength (A/m)	(mW/cm ²)	(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	

F = Frequency in MHz

3. Friis Formula

Friis transmission formula : $Pd = (Pout*G) / (4*pi*r)^2$

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

Pd is the limit of MPE, 1 mW/cm². If we know the maximum Gain of the antenna and the total power input to the antenna, through the calculation, we will know the distance r where the MPE limit is reached.

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

4 EUT Operating condition

The software provided by client enabled the EUT to transmit and receive data at lowest, middle and highest channel individually.

5 Climate Condition

The temperature and related humidity: 20 and 78% RH

6 Test Results

6.1 Antenna Gain

The maximum Gain measured in Fully Anechoic Chamber is –0.4dBi or 0.91 (numeric) (numeric)

6.2 Output Power Into Antenna & RF Exposure Distance :

CHANNEL	CHANNEL FREQUENCY (MHz)	OUTPUT POWER TO ANTENNA (mW)	MINIMUM ALLOWABLE DISTANCE (r) FROM SKIN (Centi-Meter)
1	2412	64.26	2.16
6	2437	95.06	2.61
11	2462	78.88	2.37

The calculated exposure distance is very close to the enclosure of the product. The separation distance between user and antenna under normal use is longer than 2.61 cm. So, SAR testing is not required.