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**FCC EMC COMPLIANCE MEASUREMENTS ON
THE ERA TECHNOLOGY LTD 250 MHz
SURFACE PENETRATING RADAR SYSTEM**

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Description of Equipment Under Test: SPRscan

Type Number: 250 MHz

Serial Number: USPP2

Test Specification(s): 47 CFR part 15.209

Equipment Received: 31st January 2000

Test Date(s): 31st January 2000 - 4th February 2000

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**EMC COMPLIANCE MEASUREMENTS ON THE ERA TECHNOLOGY LTD
250 MHz SURFACE PENETRATING RADAR SYSTEM**

1 INTRODUCTION

The ERA Technology Ltd " SPRscan" 250 MHz Surface Penetrating Radar (SPR) system has been tested by the Radiocommunications Testing Department of ERA Technology Ltd on behalf of the Communications and RF Sensors Department of ERA Technology Ltd. The sample was tested for compliance with 47 CFR part 15.209. This report contains the results of these tests and is submitted to ERA Technology Ltd as the final result of testing.

2 EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST (EUT)

2.1 Identification of EUT

Brand Name: SPRscan

Model Name or Number: 250 MHz

Unique Type Identification: US Variant

Serial Number: USPP2

Country of Manufacture: United Kingdom

Date of Receipt: 31st January 2000

2.2 Modifications for Testing Incorporated in EUT

None.

2.3 System Components

Description: SPRscan Head

Model / Name: 136

Description: Trolley

Model/ Name: 139

Description: Controller

Model/ Name: 114

Description: Function Handle

Model/ Name: 119

Description: 25 m Cable

Model/ Name: Standard Production

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2.4 Additional Information Related to Testing

Type of Unit: Surface Penetrating Radar

Power Supply Requirements:

DC Supply (Volts/Amp): External Battery. 12 V / 3.5 A nominal

AC Supply (Volts/Amp): N/A

2.5 Support Equipment

None

3 TEST SPECIFICATION, METHOD AND PROCEDURES

3.1 Test Specification

Reference: 47 CFR parts 0 to 19

Title: Code of Federal Regulations: 1998

Purpose of Test: Intentional Transmitter Certification

3.2 Clauses and Applicability

3.2.1 Emissions

Clause Comment Applicability Note

- Enclosure Yes -3.3

Methods and Procedures

The methods and procedures used were in accordance with:

47 CFR part 15.209 Code of Federal Regulations : Radiated Emission

Limits, General

requirements

3.4 Location of Tests

All measurements described in this report were performed in the

Radiocommunications Testing

Department, and the Open Area Test Site at ERA Technology Ltd,

Cleeve Road, Leatherhead,

Surrey KT22 7SA in the UK.

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4 MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT

The measurement equipment used complied with the requirements of the standards referenced in

Section 3.3 Methods and Procedures. The equipment is regularly

calibrated to maintain traceability

to National Standards. Annex 1 contains a list of the test equipment used.

5 PERFORMANCE CRITERIA

5.1 Defined Performance

The EUT is to be operated in its normal operating state and

configured in accordance with the test

plan.

6 MEASUREMENTS, EXAMINATIONS AND DERIVED RESULTS

6.1 Summary of Test Results

Measurement Type Specification Clause Number Compliance Status

Radiated Enclosure Emissions 47 CFR part 15.209 - Complied

6.2 Radiated Enclosure Emissions

6.2.1 General Comments

The SPRscan system was tested to the code of Federal Regulations 47

CFR part 15.209 in order to

meet compliance requirements for the USA. Before being tested on the open area test site (OATS) it

was subject to a prescan in a fully lined anechoic chamber.

6.2.2 Environmental Conditions

Temperature: 15°C

Relative Humidity: 66%

6.2.3 Results - Radiated Enclosure Emissions

The test plan called for a measurement bandwidth of 120 kHz for the frequency range 30 to 1000 MHz and 1 MHz bandwidth for the frequency range 1 to 10 GHz. Using these bandwidths for the initial test runs there were no measurable emissions above system noise level, even with pre-amplifiers in use. It was necessary to reduce the bandwidth to 9 kHz, in order to measure the SPRscan emissions. This procedure was used for both the pre-scans and the open area test site measurements.

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6.2.4 Anechoic Chamber

Prior to the SPRscan system being tested on the open area test site, it was subject to a pre scan in a fully lined anechoic chamber to determine frequency components of any emissions. The SPR was positioned on a wooden turntable in the chamber. For the frequency range 30 to 1000 MHz a log spiral antenna was used as the measurement antenna and for 1 to 10 GHz a double ridge horn was used.

As called for by the test plan the initial test runs were carried out with the measurement analyser in 120 kHz bandwidth. This showed nothing above the ambient system noise. The bandwidth was then reduced to 9 kHz and the measurements were repeated, this showed the 1 MHz comb generator emissions. These measurements were all taken in peak mode.

6.2.5 Open Area Test Site

The SPRscan system was set up on an open area test site in accordance with SPRscan FCC Certification Test Plan dated 31.01.2000. The SPRscan system was sited on grass with the measurement antenna positioned on the metal ground plane using a 3 m test distance. The controller and battery were placed on a 0.8 m high wooden table, with the antenna placed on the grass under the table with the transmitter (the side face furthest from the radar head connector panel) facing the measurement antenna. A function handle was fitted and placed on the table, with a trolley connected and placed at the rear of the antenna in its normal operating position. A 25 m cable connected the radar head to the controller, with the excess coiled and placed on the table.

For the frequency range 30 to 1000 MHz a bi-log polarised antenna was used with the measuring receiver set to 120 kHz bandwidth. The antenna was connected via two microwave cables joined in series to a pre-amplifier which has a nominal gain of 26 dB and then to the measuring receiver, which was sited behind the antenna. The cables were also ferrite loaded. The results are shown in Table 1 with the QP value being 2 or 3 dB below the peak value. There were no emissions within 6 dB of the test limit.

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Table 1

Frequency MHz	Level (dBµV/m) Quasi Peak	Limit dBµV/m
144.90	23.30	43
148.90	23.10	43
151.90	18.40	43
155.98	19.50	43
168.90	20.00	43
198.90	30.90	43
233.90	38.70	46
234.90	37.70	46
249.90	39.50	46
300.00	34.60	46
349.90	38.00	46
399.90	33.80	46
599.90	36.10	46
699.90	30.00	46
800.00	27.95	46
898.90	31.20	46
999.90	33.00	54

For the frequency range 1 to 10 GHz a double ridge horn antenna was used. The antenna was set at 1 m height and connected via the two microwave cables in series to a pre-amplifier, which has a nominal gain of 29 dB over the frequency range of 100 MHz to 18 GHz into the measuring analyser, which was set to 1 MHz bandwidth. No emissions were found other than ambient transmissions.

It was decided to concentrate on the GPS frequency band of 1559 to 1610 MHz with a bandwidth of 9 kHz.

Plots 1 and 2 in Annex 2 show the horizontal and vertical polarisation emissions for the frequency range 1.559 GHz to 1.610 GHz with the transmitter running. Plot 1 shows the horizontal polarisation while plot 2 shows the vertical polarisation. As can be seen the emissions are vertically polarised, with a level of 24.28 dBµV. Adding the antenna correction factor of 26.5 dB and cable loss of 1.6 dB, and subtracting pre-amp gain of 29 dB gives a corrected value of 23.38 dBµV/m with a limit of 54 dBµV/m. Both plots are in peak mode.

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Plot 3 shows an average level in the horizontal mode for the same frequency span, whilst plot 4 shows the average in vertical mode. Plots 5, 6, 7, 8 and 9 show the ambient peak levels for the

frequency ranges 1 to 10 GHz in the vertical mode on the open area test site.

Additional plots were taken in the frequency range 1559 to 1610 MHz in order to characterise the transmission envelope from the SPRscan. Plot 10 shows the emissions at the centre position for 3 metre test site at 1 metre height, for a vertical polarisation. Plots 11 and 12 are for 0.5 and 1 metre to the right of the centre point, whilst 13 and 14 are 0.5 and 1 metre to the left. Plots 15 and 16 are at the centre point for 1.45 and 1.90 metres high. Note: Plots 1 - 16 are uncorrected. Annexes 5, 6 and 7 provide the horn, pre-amplifier and cable calibration factors to convert the plots to dBµV/m. In the worst case Plot 13 indicates the levels at this position exceeded those at the central position by 1.46 dB.

6.2.6 Setup for Testing the SPR Scan

Annex 3 shows the set ups for the testing on the open area test site.

Photograph 1 shows the general arrangement for testing, whilst 2, 3 and 4 show the arrangement of the SPR for testing.

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Annex 1

List of Test Equipment

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Annex 1 : Test Equipment List

Equipment Plant No. Cal. Due Date

Advantest Spectrum Analyser R3271 B160B 07/07/2000
Chase CBL6111A Bilog Antenna B898B 31/08/2001
Double Ridge Horn Antenna 3115 B895B 16/02/2000
Measuring Receiver UHR 4000 A753A 04/06/2000
Open Area Test Site A754A 03/08/2000
Anechoic Chamber B507B 04/09/2000

Environmental Sensor C101C 16/06/2000
Log Spiral Antenna AZ515 17/12/2000
Marconi Pre-amplifier 54432 - 010A B657B 14/01/2001
ERA Pre Amplifier Type WBA3-4-6G20N C122C 10/09/2000

N type Cables:

2.0 m long B540B 16/10/2000
3.0 m long B541B 16/10/2000
4.0 m long B224B 07/10/2000

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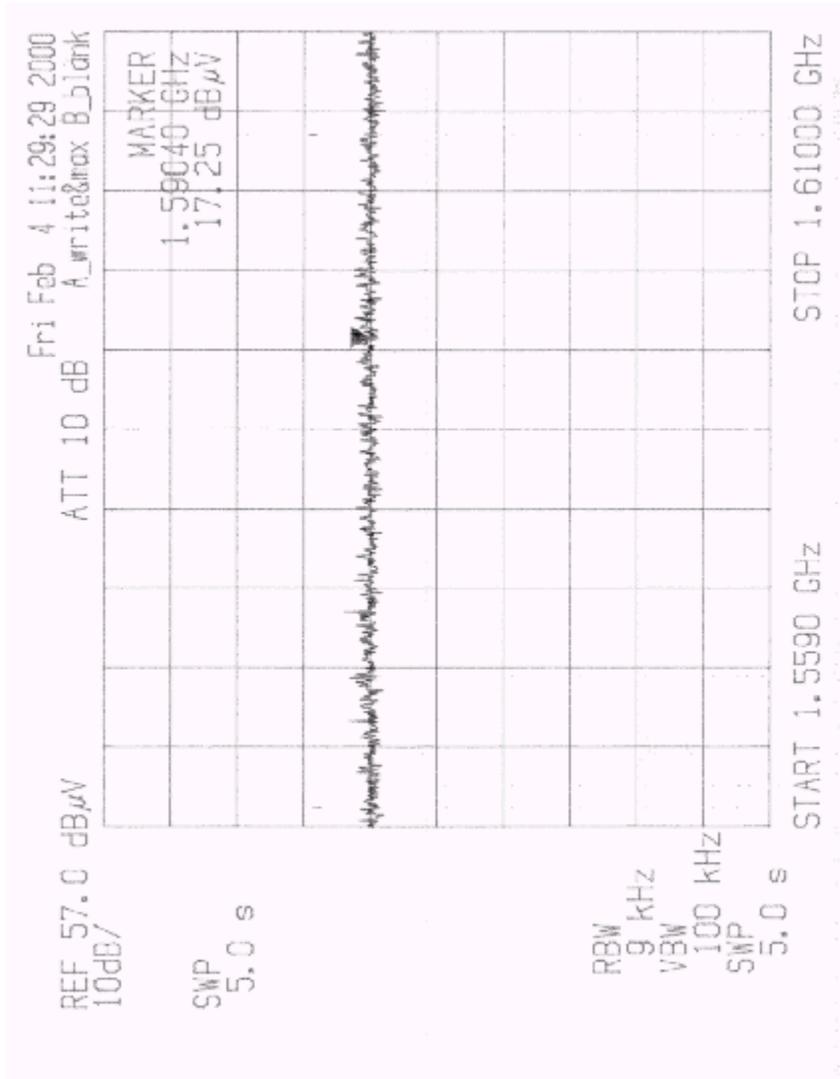
Plots of Emissions

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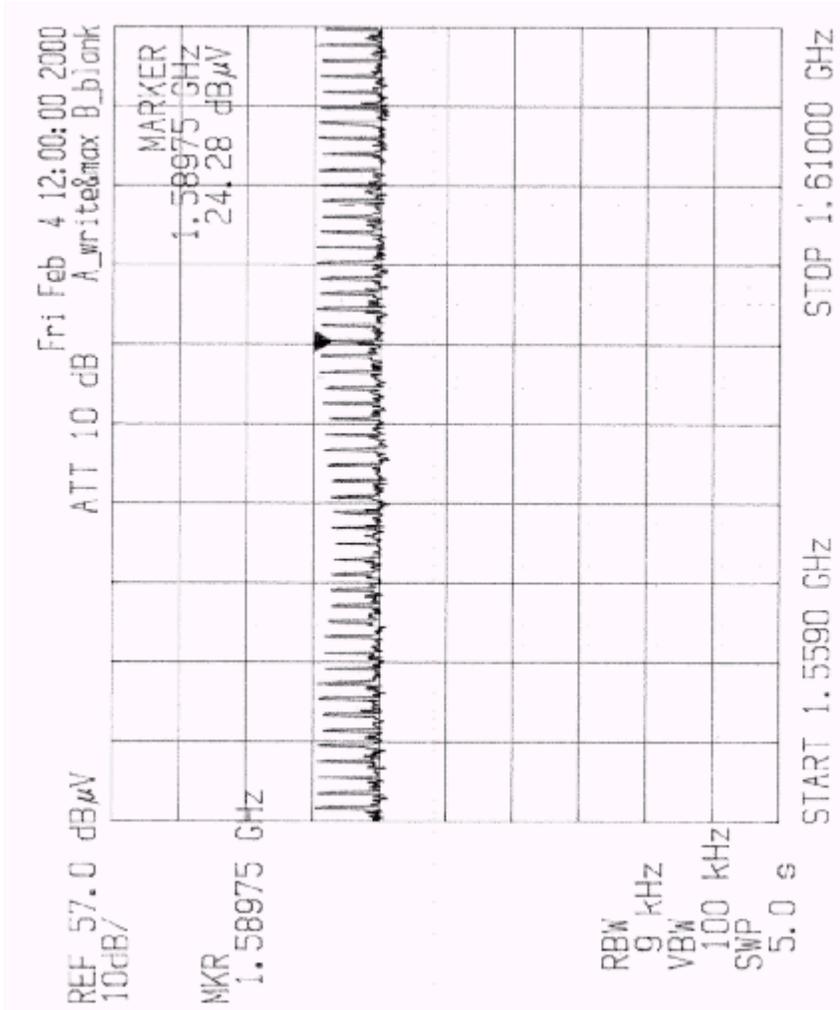
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Plot 1 Horizontal polarisation - peak mode



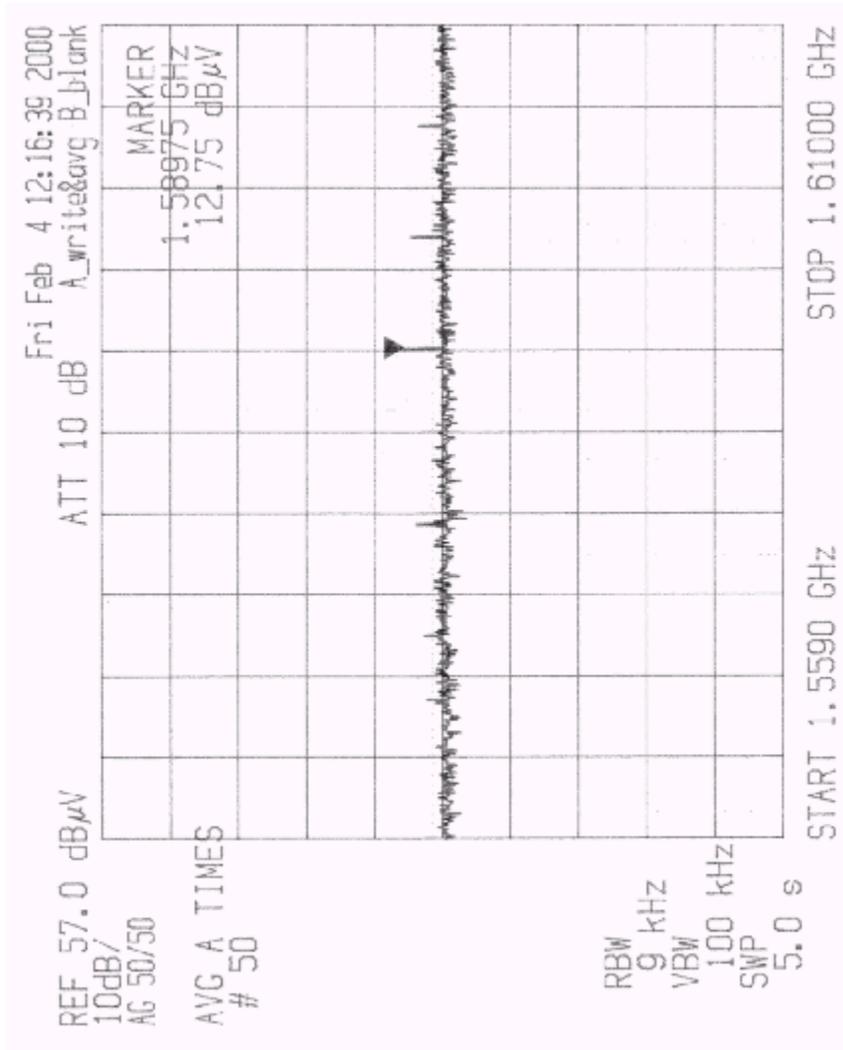
Plot 1 Horizontal polarisation - peak mode

Plot 2 Vertical polarisation - peak mode



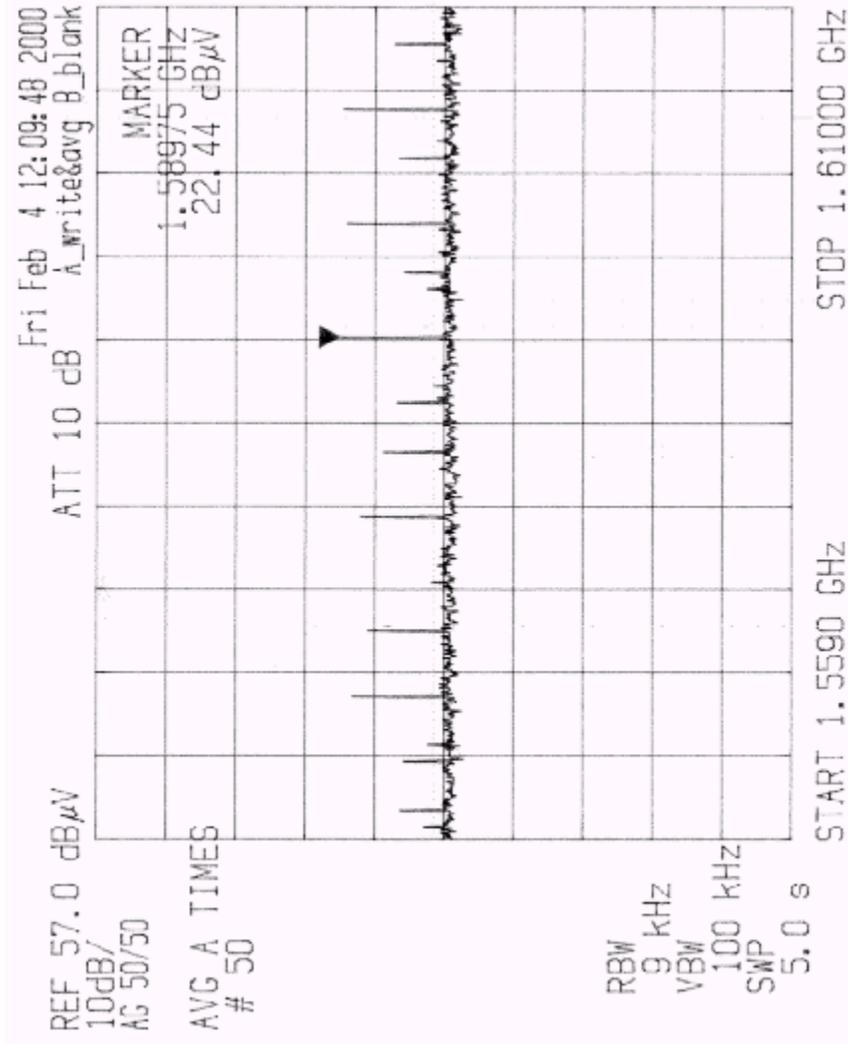
Plot 2 Vertical polarisation - peak mode

Plot 3 Horizontal polarisation - average mode

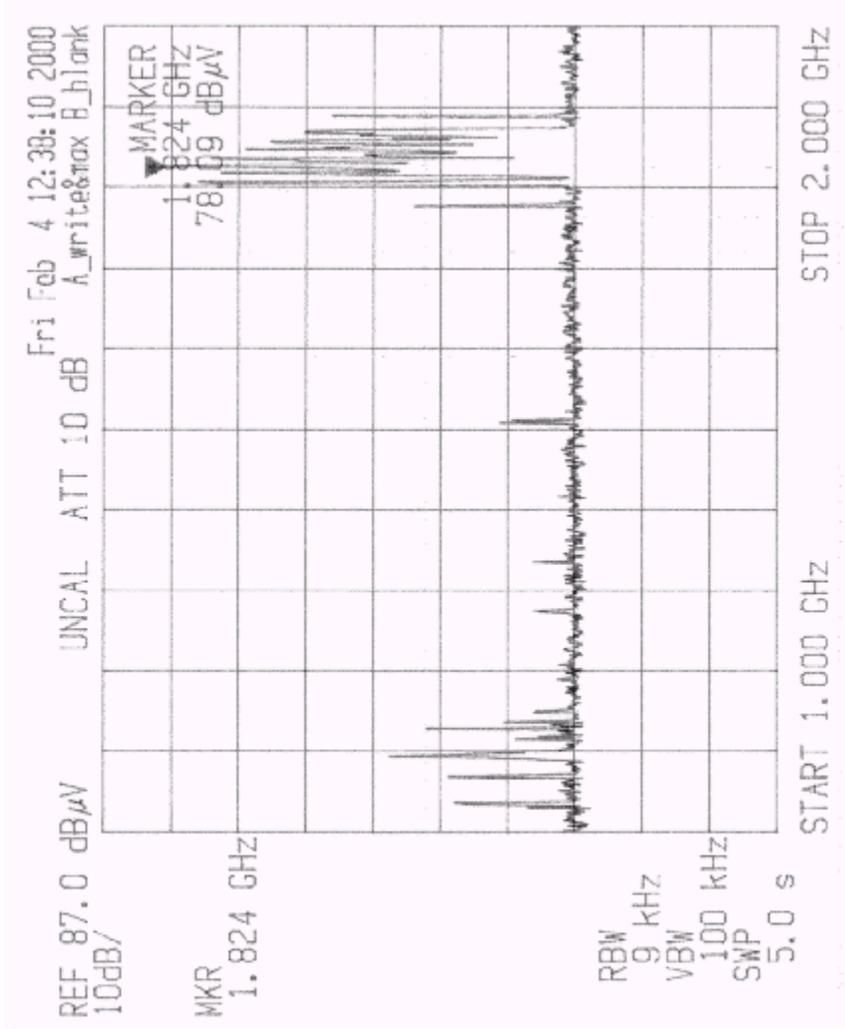


Plot 3 Horizontal polarisation - average mode

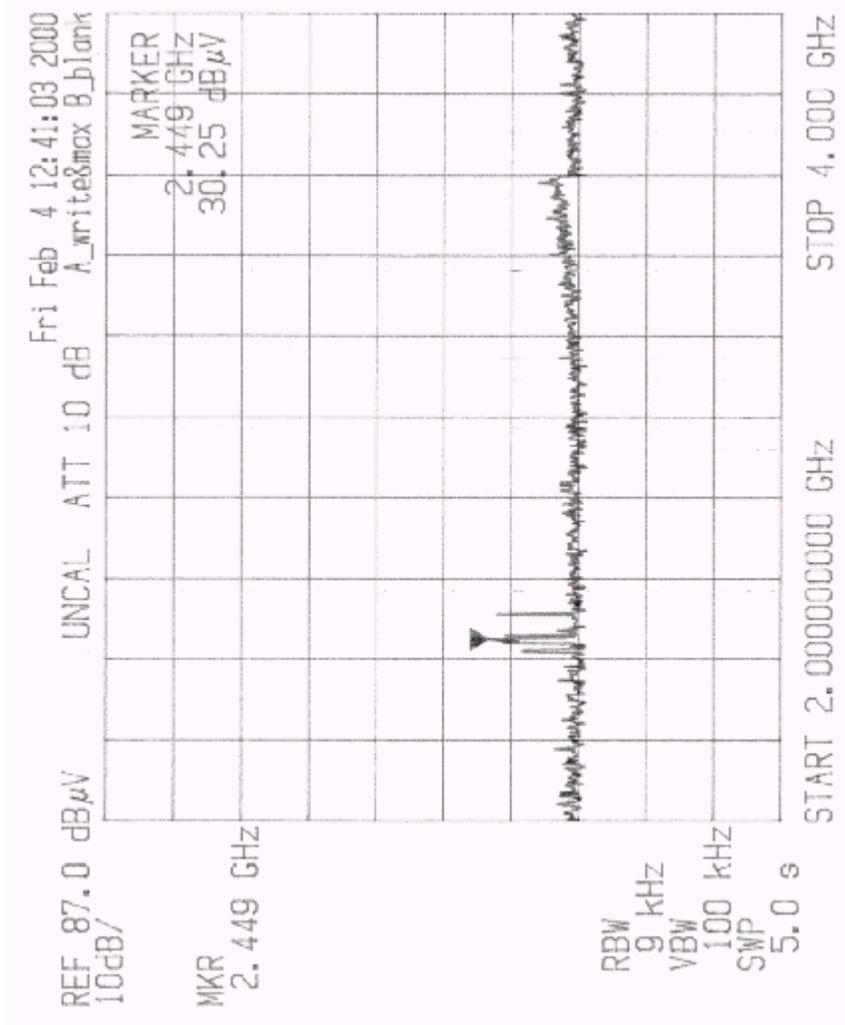
Plot 4 Vertical polarisation - average mode



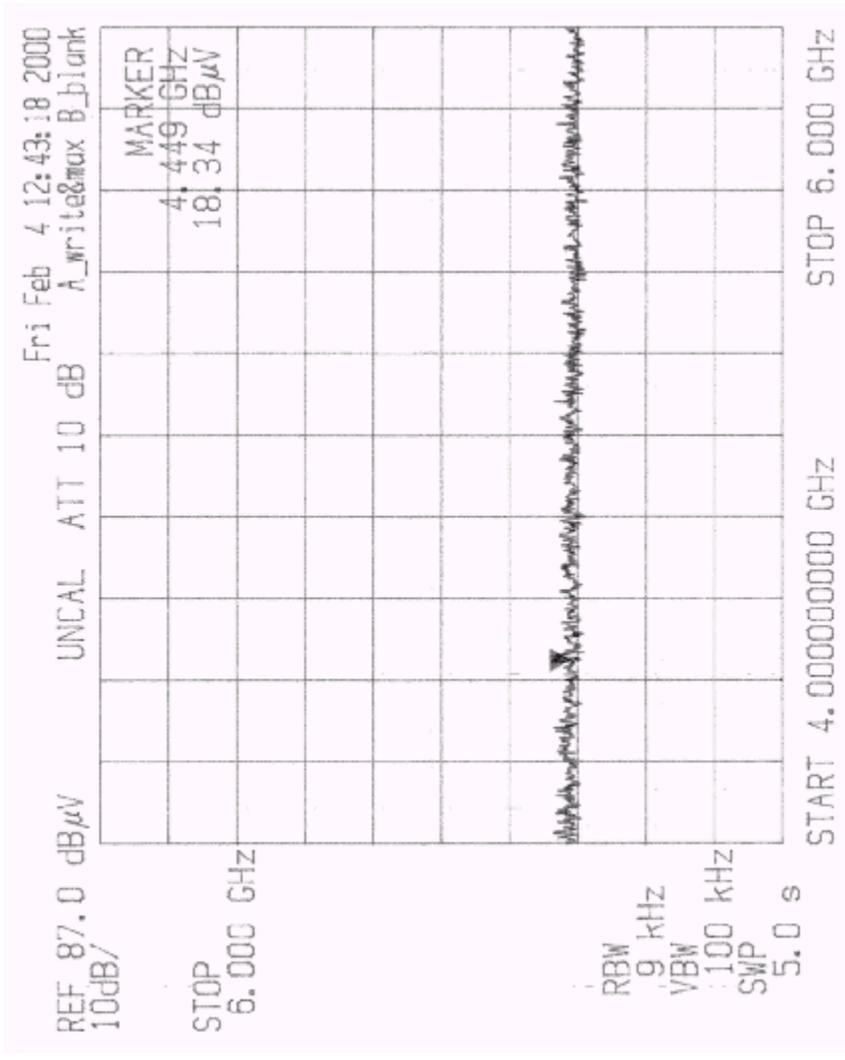
Plot 4 Vertical polarisation - average mode



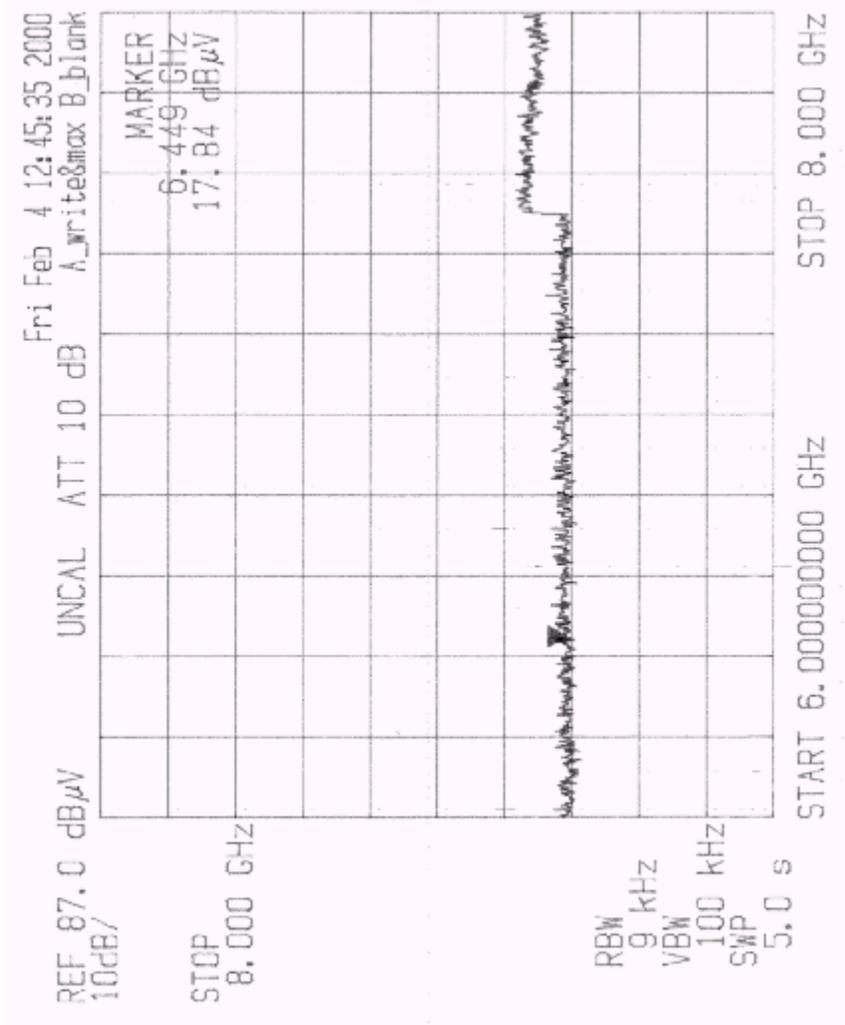
Plot 5 Ambient levels



Plot 6 Ambient levels

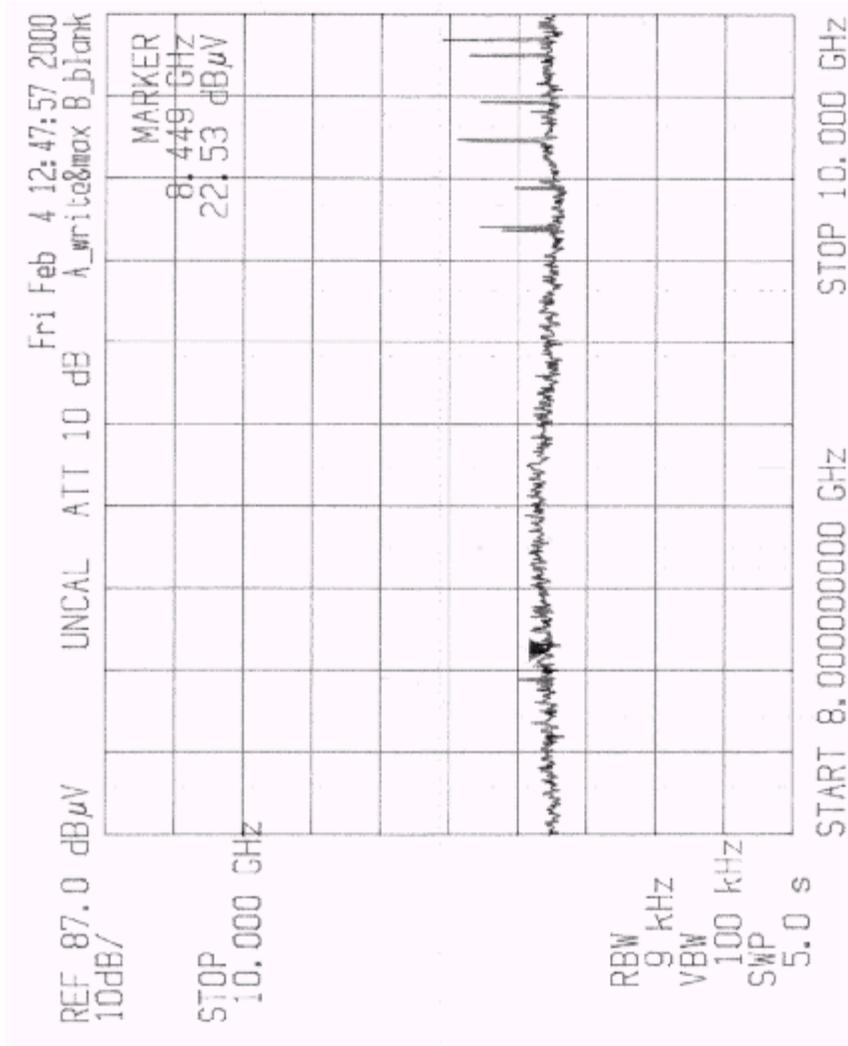


Plot 7 Ambient levels

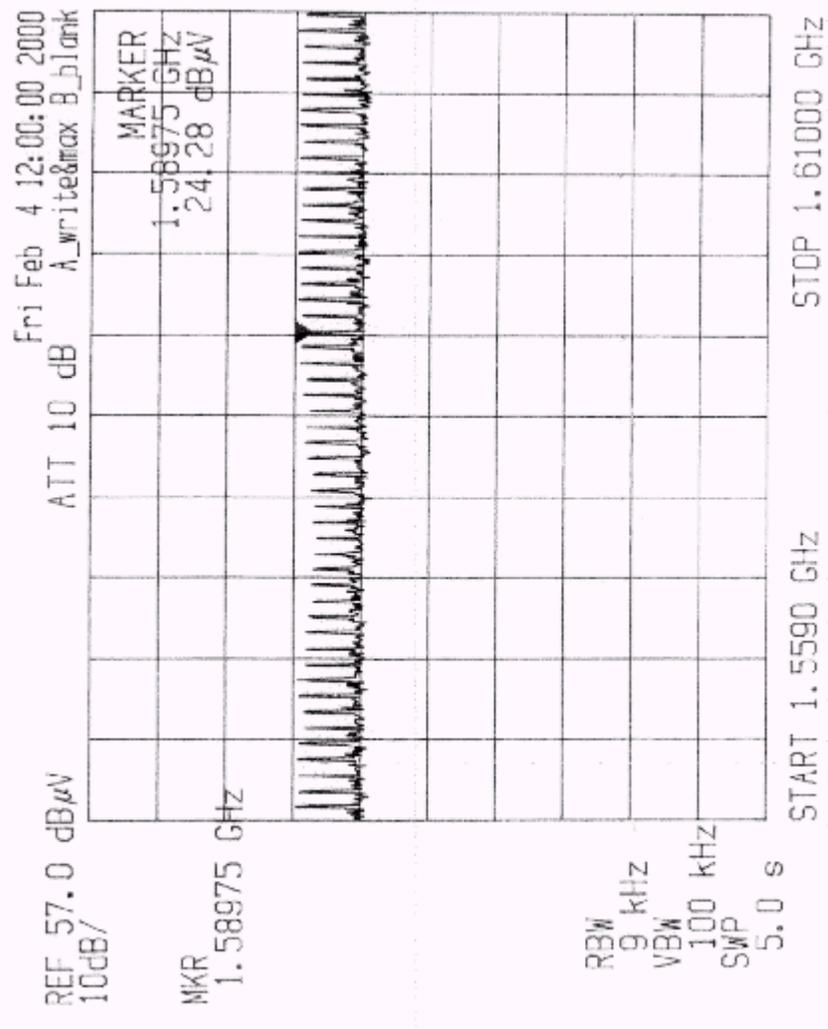


Plot 8 Ambient levels

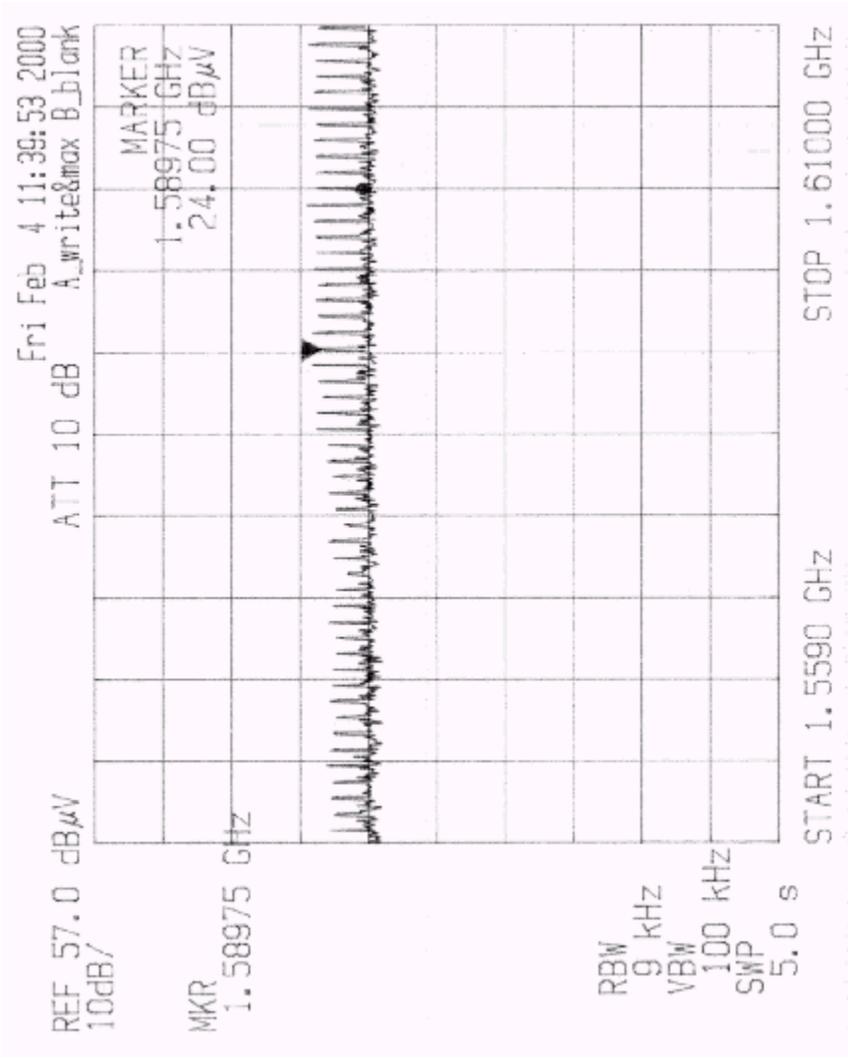
Plot 9 Ambient levels



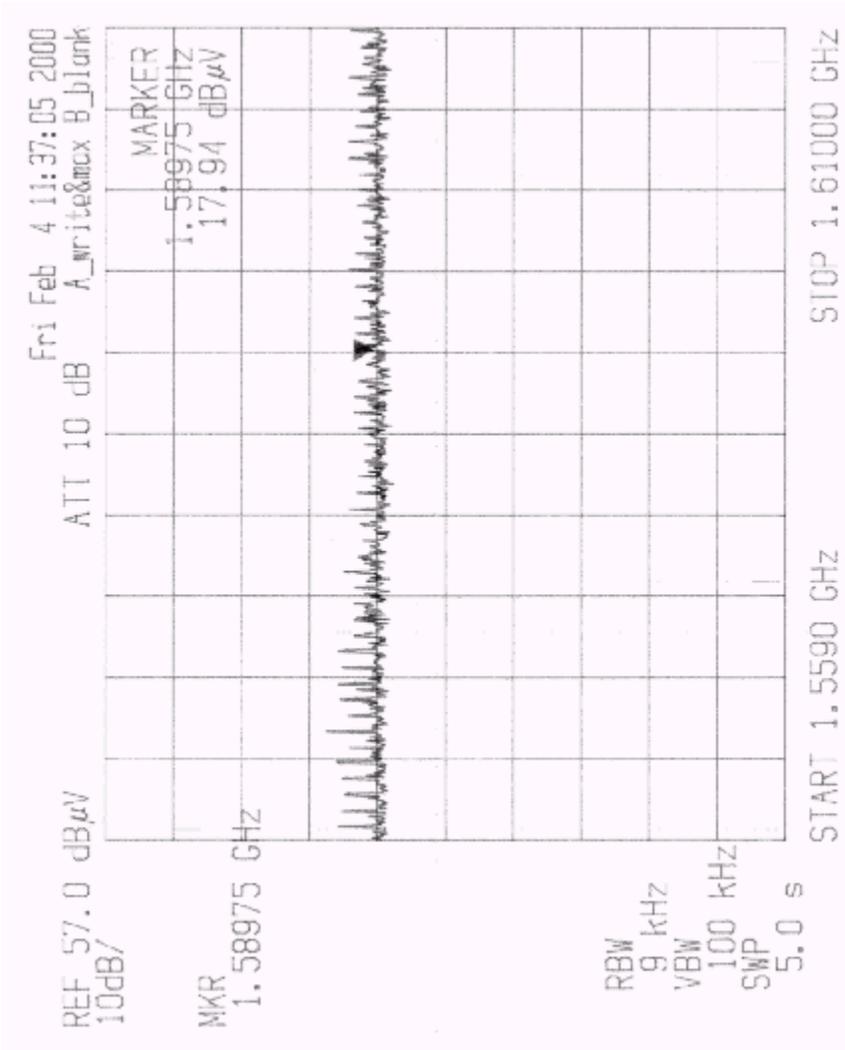
Plot 9 Ambient levels



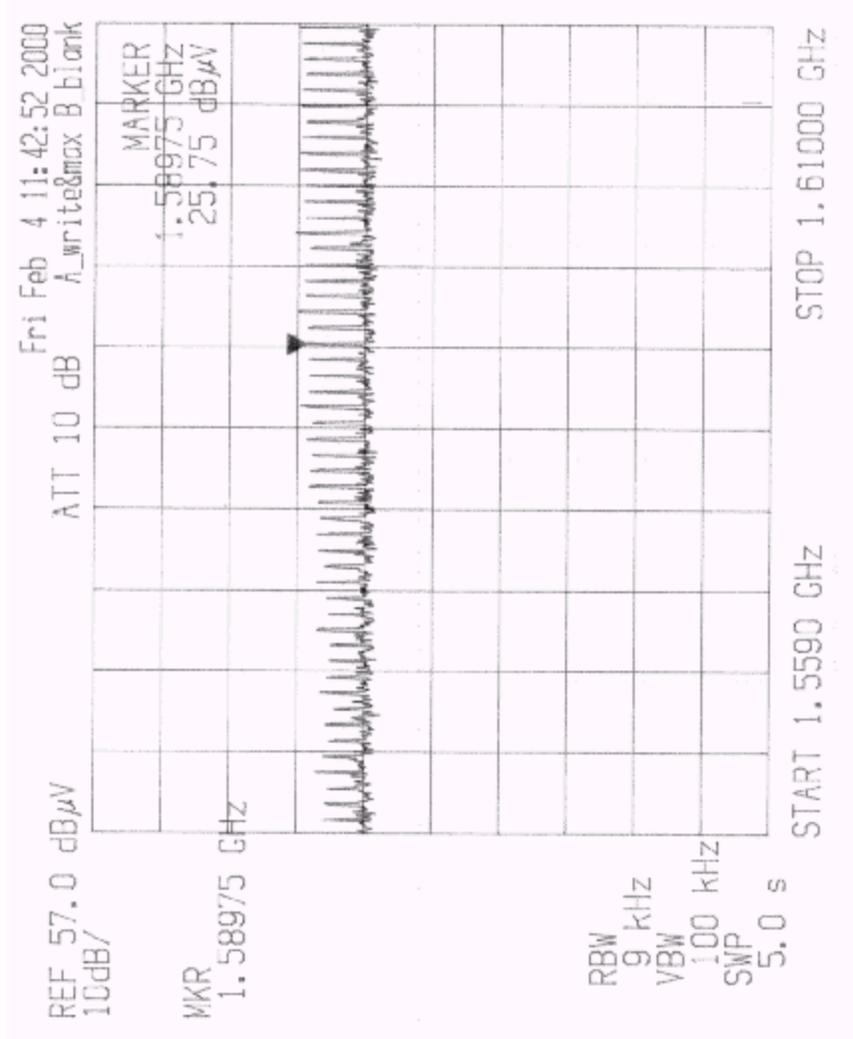
Plot 10 Vertical polarisation - central position - 1.0 m high



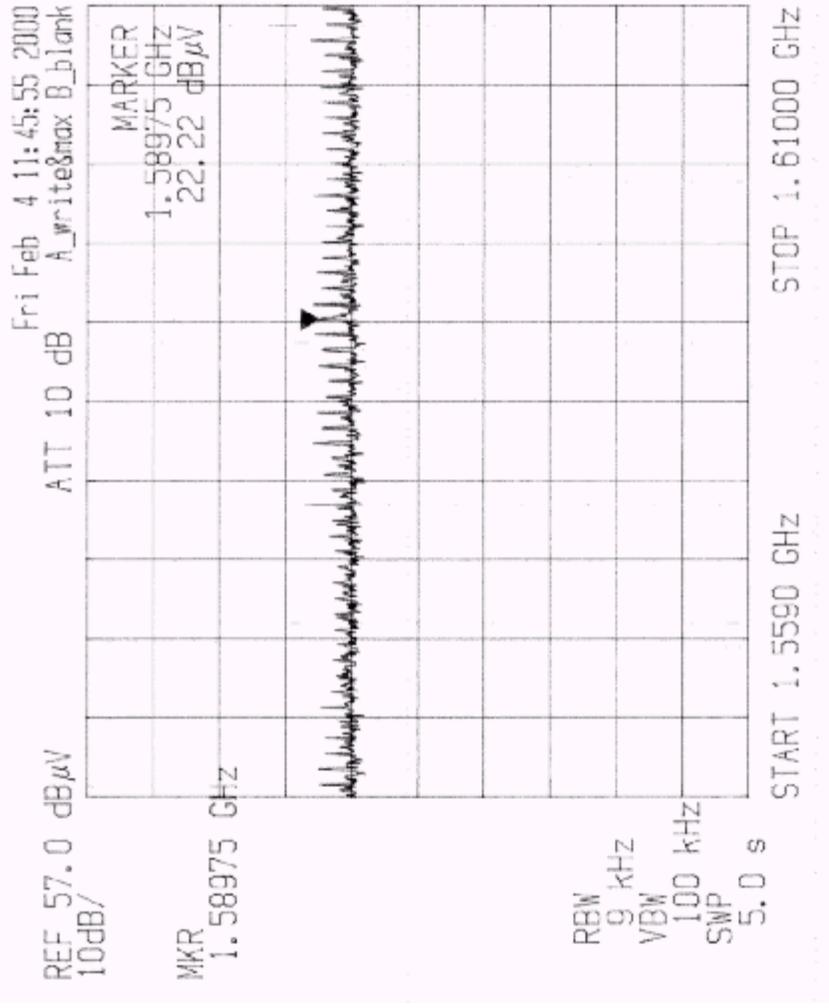
Plot 11 Vertical polarisation - 0.5 m right



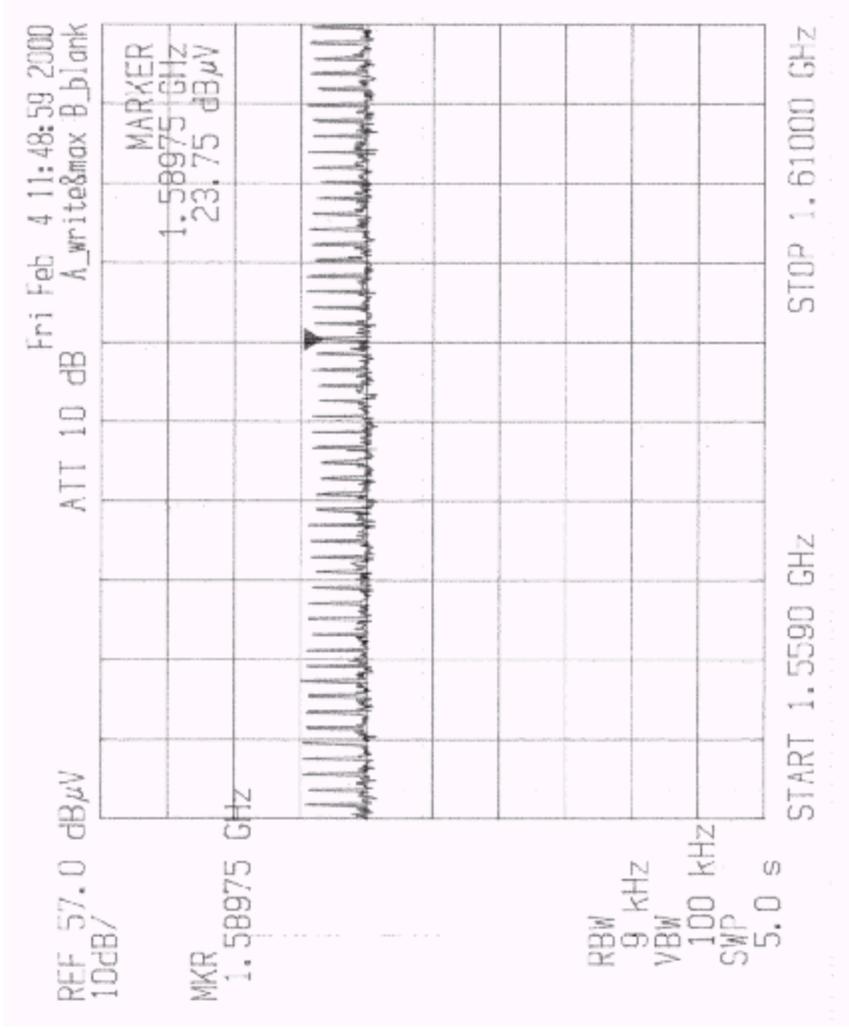
Plot 12 Vertical polarisation - 1.0 m right



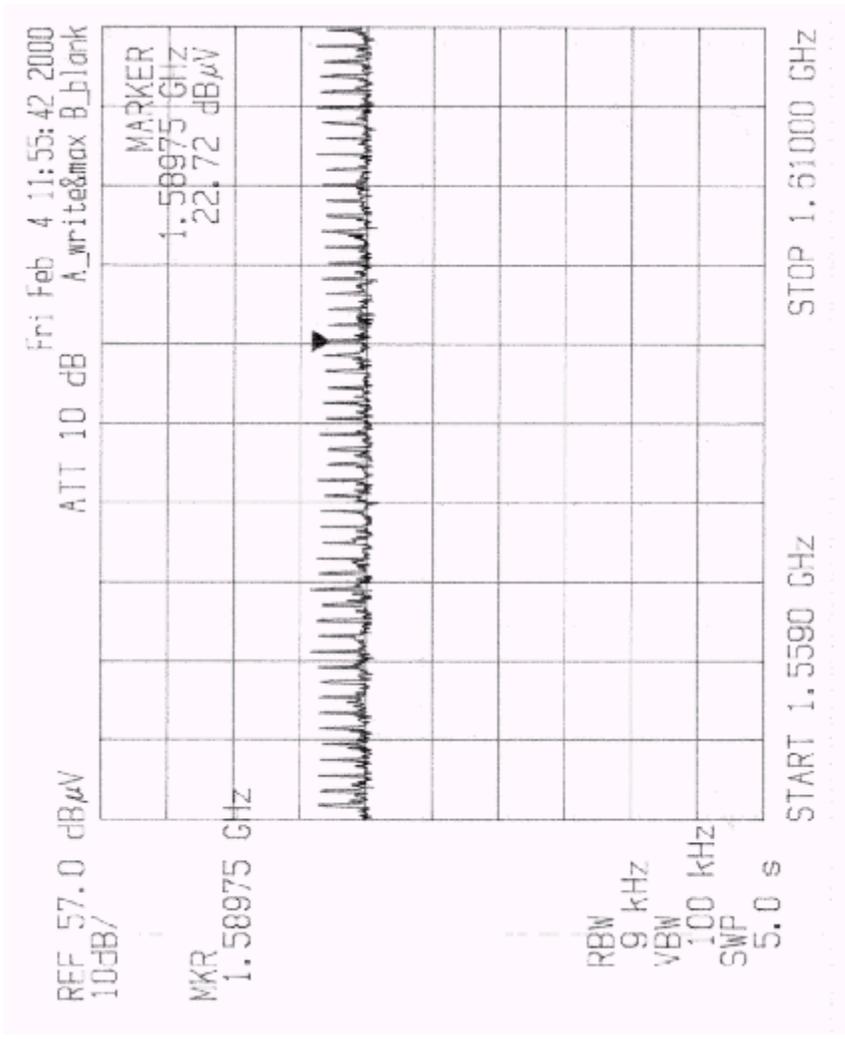
Plot 13 Vertical polarisation - 0.5 m left



Plot 14 Vertical polarisation - 1.0 m left



Plot 15 Vertical polarisation - central position - 1.45 m high



Plot 16 Vertical polarisation – central position – 1.90 m high

This document specifies the tests that need to be done to provide formal proof that SPRscan 250 MHz antenna meets the requirements of FCC specification 47 CFR part 15.209.

Method

The tests shall be carried out in accordance with ANSI C63.4 1992 as qualified by section 15 of the FCC specifications and as varied by the FCC labs to be relevant for the SPRscan system. The system must be tested on an FCC approved test site. In ERA's case this is the covered OATS. The FCC has confirmed that they will accept results above 1 GHz from the site. The measurement frequency range is 30 MHz to 10 GHz.

The measurement system noise floor (excluding ambients) should be at least 6 dB, ideally 10 dB, below the FCC 15.209 3 m test distance limits. These are: 30 - 88 MHz :- 40 dB μ V/m, 88 - 216 MHz :- 43 dB μ V/m, 216-960 MHz :- 46 dB μ V/m, above 960 MHz :- 54 dB μ V/m.

The SPRscan 250 MHz system is designed to operate into a lossy medium with the spurious antenna radiation to be measured being the residual from the front side of the antenna and the spurious emissions from the equipment itself. The FCC therefore want the system tested just off the OATS ground plane on grass with the measurement antenna on the ground plane at the test distance (3 m).

The emissions peak should be sought by adjusting the height of the measurement antenna.

The controller and battery should be on a 0.8m wooden table. The antenna should be on the grass under the table with the transmitter (the side face furthest from the radar head connector panel) facing the measurement antenna. A function handle should be fitted and placed on the table. A trolley should be connected and placed at the rear of the antenna in its usual position. A 25 m cable should be used to connect the radar head to the controller. The excess should be coiled and placed on the table.

Report

A formal test report is required. This must provide details of the tests carried out, the equipment used, the equipment tested, pictures of the equipment under test and the results. Both paper and electronic media are required. This report is to be presented to the FCC in electronic format as a MS Word document or Acrobat PDF to permit electronic filing of the certification application.

Equipment to be Tested

The equipment to be tested shall be a current production SPRscan 250 MHz system with the prototype US variant of the 250 MHz antenna with reduced output. The system is to be powered from batteries.

Required Tests

Emissions from 30 MHz to 1 GHz. Peak scan and CISPR quasi-peak on a selection of maximum

spurs. 120 kHz resolution bandwidth. 3 m test distance. NOTE: the main peak scan to search for

maximum levels may be carried out in a calibrated anechoic chamber. However, a peak scan on the

OATS is also essential as the grass will have different attenuation characteristics. It is recognised

that significant ambients will be present.

Background scan for both OATS and anechoic chamber, if used, from 30 MHz to 1 GHz with peak

detector. 120 kHz resolution bandwidth.

Emissions from 1 GHz to 10 GHz. Peak scan and average scan. Peak to average ratio to be

measured and stated. 1 MHz resolution bandwidth. 3 m test distance background scan for both

OATS and anechoic chamber, if used, from 1 GHz to 10 GHz with peak detector. 1 MHz resolution

bandwidth.

Emissions from 1559 to 1610 MHz (GPS band). Peak scan. Must be

carried out on OATS with

antenna on grass as described above. 10 kHz resolution bandwidth to minimise noise floor. 3 m

test distance. The maximum level of the comb spectrum needs to be measured. Noise floor needs

to be 10 dB below measurement. Background noise floor scan to be provided. In addition to the

level measurement an approximate estimate of the elevation of the emissions in this band is required.

This information is needed to address concerns expressed by the GPS community.

