FCC ID: OWS-NIC714 IC: 5975A-NIC714

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#### EMISSIONS TEST REPORT FOR A LOW POWER TRANSMITTER

#### I. GENERAL INFORMATION

Requirement: FCC

Test Requirements: FCC Part 15

Applicant: Silver Spring Networks

575 Broadway Street

Redwood City, CA 94063

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#### II. DESCRIPTION OF EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST (EUT)

The Silver Spring Networks (SSN) model NIC414 is a radio module for electric power meter communications use. The board incorporates a 900 MHz frequency hopping mesh network radio and a 2.4 GHz DTS radio.

#### III. TEST DATES AND TEST LOCATION

Testing was performed on various dates between 18 April 2011 and 11 June 2012.

Radiated emissions and AC Line Conducted Emissions:

Compliance Certification Services 47173 Benicia Street Fremont, CA 94538

Radiated emissions and antenna port conducted emissions:

BACL Laboratories 1274 Anvilwood Ave. Sunnyvale, CA 94089

J.M. Cohen

Antenna port conducted emissions tests were performed at Silver Spring Networks.

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EMC Consultant/Agent for Silver Spring Networks

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# 15.203 Antenna connector requirement

The EUT uses a custom permanently attached integral antenna, a special sheet metal antenna manufactured by Silver Spring Networks for electric meters. There is also an optional external antenna that can be used with this radio.

Antenna description	Mfr.	Model No.	Gain
Built-in sheet metal electric	SSN	n/a	4 dBi at 915 MHz
meter			1 dBi at 2.4 GHz
External monopole antenna	SSN		3 dBi at 915 MHz
(omni)			3.6 dBi at 2.4 GHz

#### TEST PROCEDURES

All tests were performed in accordance with the applicable procedures called out in the following documents, unless otherwise noted:

#### FCC 47CFR15

DA 00-705: Filing and Measurement Guidelines for Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum Systems

RSS-Gen Issue 3: General Requirements and Information for the Certification of Radio Apparatus

RSS-210 Issue 8: Low power license exempt radio frequency devices (December 2010) RSS-212: Test Facilities and Test Methods for Radio Equipment

ANSI C63.4 – 2003, American National Standard for Methods of Measurement of Radio-Noise Emissions from Low-Voltage Electrical and Electronic Equipment in the Range of 9 kHz to 40 GHz.

Laboratory Accreditation Information

#### UL CCS

2.948 FCC: Registration Number: 152170 Industry Canada Test Site: 2324B Accrediting Body: NVLAP

#### **BACL**

2.948 FCC Registration Number: 90464

Industry Canada Test Site Registration Number: 3062A

Accrediting Body:: A2LA

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# **Test Equipment**

# Compliance Certification Services:

TEST EQUIPMENT LIST										
Description	Manufacturer	Model	Asset	Cal Due						
Antenna, Bilog, 2 GHz	Sunol Sciences	JB1	C01011	07/16/12						
PSA Series Spectrum Analyzer	Agilent / HP	E4440A	C01179	04/28/12						
Preamplifier, 26.5 GHz	Agilent / HP	8449B	C01052	07/12/12						
Horn Antenna	EMCO	3115	C00945	06/30/12						
Preamplifier, 1300 MHz	Agilent / HP	8447D	C00885	11/11/12						
LISN, 30 MHz	FCC	LISN-50/250-25-2	N02625	11/11/12						
LISN, 30 MHz	Solar	8012-50-R-24-BNC	N02481	11/20/12						

# Silver Spring Networks:

Equipment	Mfr	Model	Serial No.	Cal Due
Spectrum analyzer	Agilent	E4405B	MY45113391	01/23/13
Spectrum analyzer	Agilent	N9030A	MY48030147	01/23/13
Spectrum Analyzer	HP	8652B	2712A00113	9/28/12

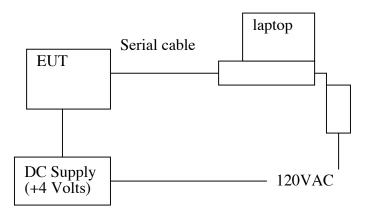
# BACL

Manufacturer	Description	Model No.	Serial No.	Calibration Date
Rohde & Schwarz	EMI Test Receiver	ESCI 1166.5950K03	100337	2012-03-22
Agilent	Spectrum Analyzer	E4440A	MY44303352	2012-05-10
Sunol Science Corp	System Controller	SC99V	122303-1	N/R
Sunol Science Corp	Combination Antenna	JB3	A0020106-3	2011-06-29
EMCO	Horn antenna	3115	9511-4627	2011-10-03
Hewlett Packard	Pre amplifier	8447D	2944A06639	2012-06-09
Mini-Circuits	Pre Amplifier	ZVA-183-S	570400946	2012-05-09

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# **Test Set-up Diagram**



# **Support Equipment**

Equipment	Mfr	Model	Asset No.
DC Power Supply	Agilent	E3610A	2844
Laptop PC	Dell	PP01L	TW-0791UH1280-
			OC9-6558
AC/DC adapter	CUI Inc.	DSA-60W-20	2607HB

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# 900 MHz FREQUENCY HOPPING SPREAD SPECTRUM RADIO EMISSIONS

The 900 MHz FHSS will employ the following channel separations and modulations:

Channel SeparationModulation400 kHzGFSK300 kHzFSK, GFSK200 kHzFSK, GFSK

The following data is presented for all channel separation modes:

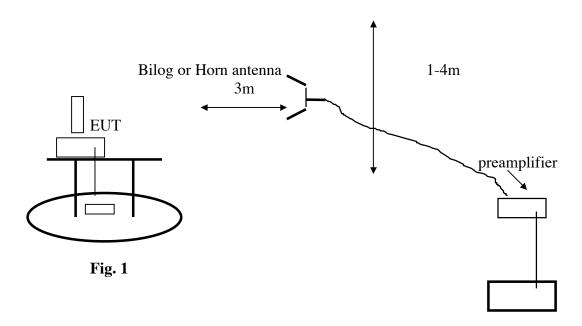
Occupied Bandwidth Hopping Channel Separation Number of hopping channels Channel occupancy in 20 seconds

Worst-case data for radiated emissions, antenna port conducted spurious, and output power was obtained for 300 kHz channel separation.

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#### TEST RESULTS

#### Radiated Test Set-up, 30 MHz-9.3 GHz



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#### **Test Procedures**

Radiated emissions generated by the transmitter portion of the EUT were measured.

- 1. The EUT was placed on a wooden table resting on a turntable on the test site. The search antenna was placed 3m from the EUT. The EUT antenna was mounted in the with the EUT TX antenna pointed directly to the search antenna.
- 2. The turntable was slowly rotated to locate the direction of maximum emission at each emission falling in the restricted bands of 15.205.
- 3. Emissions were investigated to the 10<sup>th</sup> harmonic of the fundamental.
  - 4. Once maximum direction was determined, the search antenna was raised and lowered in both vertical and horizontal polarizations. The maximum readings so obtained are recorded in the data listed below.

**Test Results:** Worst-case results are presented. Refer to data sheets below. Restricted band emissions meet 54 dBuV/m. Other undesired emissions from the transmitter meet the -20 dBc requirement in 15.247(d).

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# 15.205 Restricted Frequency Bands

MHz	MHz	MHz	GHz
0.090 - 0.110	16.42 - 16.423	399.9 - 410	4.5 - 5.15
0.495 - 0.505 (1)	16.69475 - 16.69525	608 - 614	5.35 - 5.46
2.1735 - 2.1905	16.80425 - 16.80475	960 - 1240	7.25 - 7.75
4.125 - 4.128	25.5 - 25.67	1300 - 1427	8.025 - 8.5
4.17725 - 4.17775	37.5 - 38.25	1435 - 1626.5	9.0 - 9.2
4.20725 - 4.20775	73 - 74.6	1645.5 - 1646.5	9.3 - 9.5
6.215 - 6.218	74.8 - 75.2	1660 - 1710	10.6 - 12.7
6.26775 - 6.26825	108 - 121.94	1718.8 - 1722.2	13.25 - 13.4
6.31175 - 6.31225	123 - 138	2200 - 2300	14.47 - 14.5
8.291 - 8.294	149.9 - 150.05	2310 - 2390	15.35 - 16.2
8.362 - 8.366	156.52475 -	2483.5 - 2500	17.7 - 21.4
8.37625 - 8.38675	156.52525	2655 - 2900	22.01 - 23.12
8.41425 - 8.41475	156.7 - 156.9	3260 - 3267	23.6 - 24.0
12.29 - 12.293	162.0125 - 167.17	3332 - 3339	31.2 - 31.8
12.51975 - 12.52025	167.72 - 173.2	3345.8 - 3358	36.43 - 36.5
12.57675 - 12.57725	240 - 285	3600 - 4400	
13.36 - 13.41	322 - 335.4		

# 15.209 General Field Strength Limits

Frequency (MHz)	Field Strength (microvolts/meter)	Measurement Distance (meters)
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

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# **Radiated Emissions Above 1 GHz**

# **Internal antenna**



Company: Silver Spring Network Project number: T1201261 Frequency: 900 MHz measurement: Radiated Spurious Emission above 1GHz Date: 01-26-2012

Tester: Quinn Jiang EUT info: S/N: 174029000 Rev 02, MAC 001350040000002E

#### internal antenna

Low Channe	1										
Frequency (MHz)	S.A. Reading	Azimuth (degrees)		Test Antenna	ı	Cable Loss	Pre-Amp. (dB)	Cord. Reading	FO	cc	
	(dBµV)		Height (cm)	Polarity (H/V)	Factor (dB/m)	(dB)		(dBµV/m)	Limit (dBµV/m)	Margin (dB)	Comments
				Low chan	nel 902.3 MI	Hz measured	at 3 meters				
2706	50.71	82	100	V	28.6	4.1	27.60	55.81	74	-18.19	peak
2706	48.42	197	100	Н	28.6	4.1	27.60	53.52	74	-20.48	peak
2706	48.17	82	100	V	28.6	4.1	27.60	53.27	54	-0.73	Ave
2706	45.34	197	100	Н	28.6	4.1	27.60	50.44	54	-3.56	Ave
4511	43.52	329	100	V	32.0	5.10	27.4	53.22	74	-20.78	peak
4511	42.86	121	152	Н	32.0	5.10	27.4	52.56	74	-21.44	peak
4511	38.17	329	100	V	32.0	5.10	27.4	47.87	54	-6.13	Ave
4511	36.56	121	152	Н	32.0	5.10	27.4	46.26	54	-7.74	Ave

Middle Char	nnel											_
Frequency	S.A.	Azimuth				Cable	Pre-Amp.	Cord.				
(MHz)	Reading	(degrees)		Test Antenna	1	Loss	(dB)	Reading	FO	CC		
	(dBµV)		Height	Polarity	Factor	(dB)		$(dB\mu V/m)$	Limit	Margin		
			(cm)	(H/V)	(dB/m)				(dBµV/m)	(dB)	Comments	J
				Middle cha	nnel 915.2 M	Hz measured	l at 3 meters					_
2745	44.54	286	100	V	28.6	4.1	27.60	49.64	74	-24.36	peak	ats=60
2745	44.17	198	100	Н	28.6	4.1	27.60	49.27	74	-24.73	peak	ats=60
2745	38.01	286	100	V	28.6	4.1	27.60	43.11	54	-10.89	Ave	ats=60
2745	37.85	198	100	Н	28.6	4.1	27.60	42.95	54	-11.05	Ave	ats=60
4576	41.9	331	100	V	32.0	5.10	27.4	51.60	74	-22.40	peak	ats=60
4576	39.22	76	150	Н	32.0	5.10	27.4	48.92	74	-25.08	peak	ats=60
4576	35.08	331	100	V	32.0	5.10	27.4	44.78	54	-9.22	Ave	ats=60
4576	29.25	76	150	Н	32.0	5.10	27.4	38.95	54	-15.05	Ave	ats=60

High Channe	el											_
Frequency	S.A.	Azimuth				Cable	Pre-Amp.	Cord.				
(MHz)	Reading	(degrees)		Test Antenna	l	Loss	(dB)	Reading	FC	CC		
	(dBµV)		Height	Polarity	Factor	(dB)		$(dB\mu V/m)$	Limit	Margin		
			(cm)	(H/V)	(dB/m)				$(dB\mu V/m)$	(dB)	Comments	
				High chan	nel 927.8 MI	Iz measured	at 3 meters					
3711	44.31	139	100	V	31.5	4.8	27.20	53.41	74	-20.59	peak	ats=60
3711	43.01	180	100	Н	31.5	4.8	27.20	52.11	74	-21.89	peak	ats=60
3711	39.09	139	100	V	31.5	4.8	27.20	48.19	54	-5.81	Ave	ats=60
3711	37	180	100	Н	31.5	4.8	27.20	46.10	54	-7.90	Ave	ats=60

note: no 3nd and 5th harmonics

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### **Radiated Emissions Below 1 GHZ**

### **Internal antenna**

# Low Channel



#### Mid Channel



High Channel



Note: All TX emissions more than 20 dB below limits

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# **Radiated Emissions Above 1 GHz**

# External antenna



Company: Silver Spring Network Project number: T1201261 Frequency: 900 MHz

measurement: Radiated Spurious Emission above 1GHz

Date: 01-31-2012

Tester: Quinn Jiang EUT info: S/N: 174029000 Rev 02, MAC 001350040000002E

External antenna

Low Chann	<mark>iel</mark>											_
Frequency	S.A.	Azimuth				Cable	Pre-Amp.	Cord.				
(MHz)	Reading	(degrees)		Test Antenna			(dB)	Reading	FC	CC	J	
	(dBµV)		Height	Polarity	Factor	(dB)		$(dB\mu V/m)$	Limit	Margin		
			(cm)	(H/V)	(dB/m)				$(dB\mu V/m)$	(dB)	Comments	]
				Low char	nel 902.3 MI	Hz measured	at 3 meters					
2706	49.92	268	100	V	28.6	4.1	27.60	55.02	74	-18.98	Peak	ats=4
2706	49.22	148	100	Н	28.6	4.1	27.60	54.32	74	-19.68	Peak	ats=4
2706	48.73	268	100	V	28.6	4.1	27.60	53.83	54	-0.17	Ave	ats=4
2706	47.7	148	100	Н	28.6	4.1	27.60	52.80	54	-1.20	Ave	ats=4

Middle Chan	inel											_
Frequency	S.A.	Azimuth				Cable	Pre-Amp.	Cord.				
(MHz)	Reading	(degrees)		Test Antenna	l	Loss	(dB)	Reading	FC	CC		
	(dBµV)		Height	Polarity	Factor	(dB)		(dBµV/m)	Limit	Margin		
			(cm)	(H/V)	(dB/m)				$(dB\mu V/m)$	(dB)	Comments	
	Middle channel 915.2 MHz measured at 3 meters											
2745	45.09	73	118	V	28.6	4.1	27.60	50.19	74	-23.81	peak	ats=40
2745	43.78	147	100	Н	28.6	4.1	27.60	48.88	74	-25.12	peak	ats=40
2745	42.31	73	118	V	28.6	4.1	27.60	47.41	54	-6.59	Ave	ats=40
2745	40.08	147	100	Н	28.6	4.1	27.60	45.18	54	-8.82	Ave	ats=40

High Channe	el											_
Frequency	S.A.	Azimuth				Cable	Pre-Amp.	Cord.				
(MHz)	Reading	(degrees)		Test Antenna	ı	Loss	(dB)	Reading	FC	CC		i
	(dBµV)		Height	Polarity	Factor	(dB)		$(dB\mu V/m)$	Limit	Margin		i
			(cm)	(H/V)	(dB/m)				$(dB\mu V/m)$	(dB)	Comments	Ü
				High char	nel 927.8 M	Hz measured	at 3 meters					Ĺ
3711	38.15	180	122	V	31.5	4.8	27.20	47.25	74	-26.75	peak	ats=40
3711	39.88	272	100	Н	31.5	4.8	27.20	48.98	74	-25.02	peak	ats=40
3711	30.88	180	122	V	31.5	4.8	27.20	39.98	54	-14.02	Ave	ats=40
3711	34.39	272	100	Н	31.5	4.8	27.20	43.49	54	-10.51	Ave	ats=40

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#### **Radiated Emissions Below 1 GHZ**

#### External antenna

All emissions from transmitter more than 20 dB limits.

#### 20 dB Bandwidth

#### **LIMIT**

15.247(a) i: 500 kHz maximum bandwidth allowed.

#### **TEST PROCEDURE**

The TX output is connected to a spectrum analyzer. The OCC BW function is activated.

RBW > 1% of 20 dB BW

VBW>RBW Detector: PEAK

#### **RESULTS**

No non-compliance noted:

**NOTE**: Only GFSK modulation is available for 400 kHz channel separation. Both GFSK and FSK modulations are available for 300 kHz and 200 kHz channel separations. Worst case (largest occupied bandwidths) are reported below.

400 kHz Channel Separation (worst case)

Channel	Frequency	20 dB Bandwidth
	(MHz)	(kHz)
Low	902.3	355.72
Middle	915.2	356.96
High	926.9	352.58

300 kHz Channel Separation (FSK worst case)

Channel	Frequency	20 dB Bandwidth
	(MHz)	(kHz)
Low	902.3	232.67
Middle	915.2	232.6
High	926.9	232.29

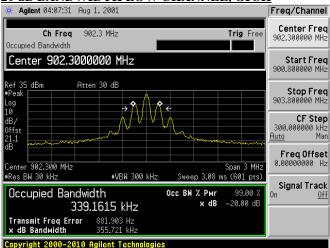
200 kHz Channel Separation (FSK worst case)

Channel	Frequency	20 dB Bandwidth
	(MHz)	(kHz)
Low	902.4	187.37
Middle	915	189.45
High	926.8	187.27

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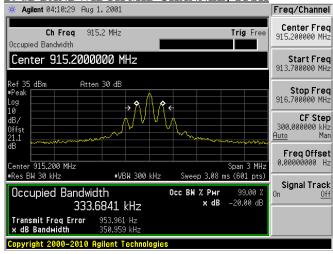
### 400 kHz Channel Separation

### 20 dB BANDWIDTH LOW CHANNEL, GFSK



# 400 kHz Channel Separation

#### 20 dB BANDWIDTH MID CHANNEL, GFSK

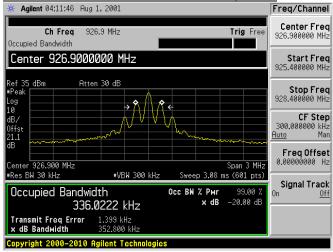


400 kHz Channel Separation

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#### 20 dB BANDWIDTH HIGH CHANNEL, GFSK

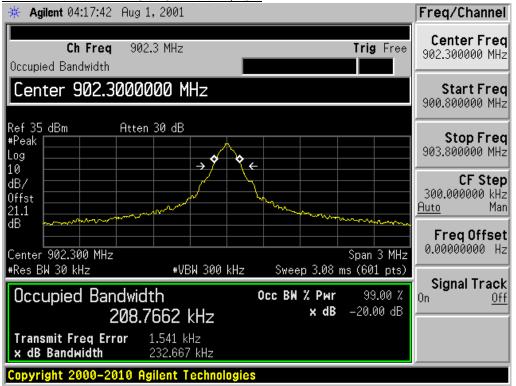


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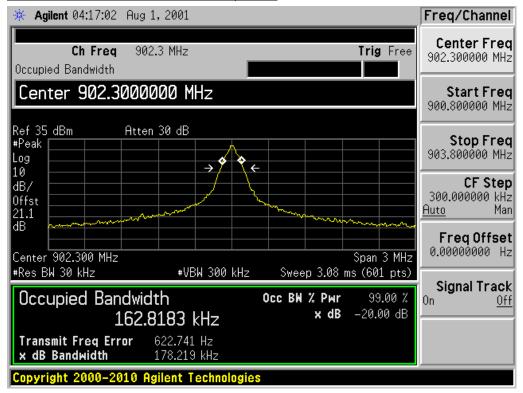
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# 300 kHz Channel Separation

#### 20 dB BANDWIDTH LOW CHANNEL, FSK



#### 20 dB BANDWIDTH LOW CHANNEL, GFSK

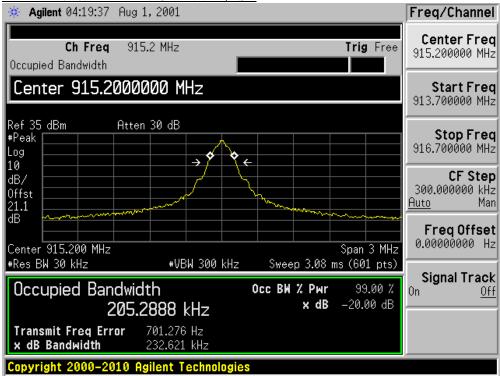


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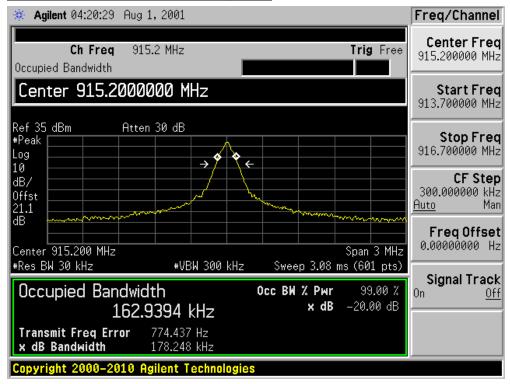
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# 300 kHz Channel Separation





#### 20 dB BANDWIDTH MID CHANNEL, GFSK

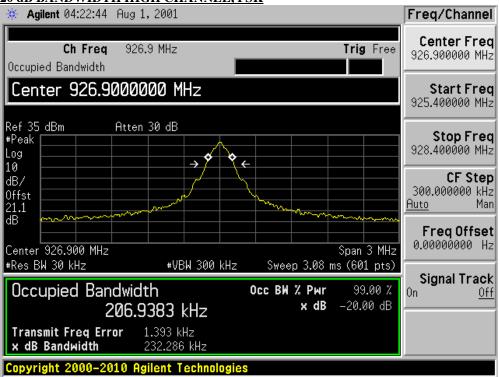


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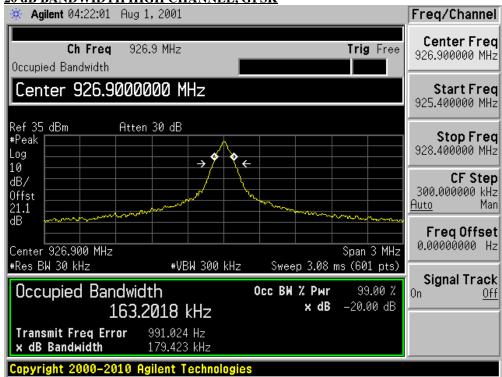
# 300 kHz Channel Separation

#### 20 dB BANDWIDTH HIGH CHANNEL, FSK



### 300 kHz Channel Separation

#### 20 dB BANDWIDTH HIGH CHANNEL, GFSK

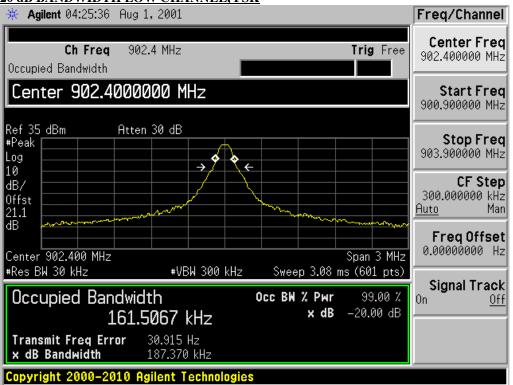


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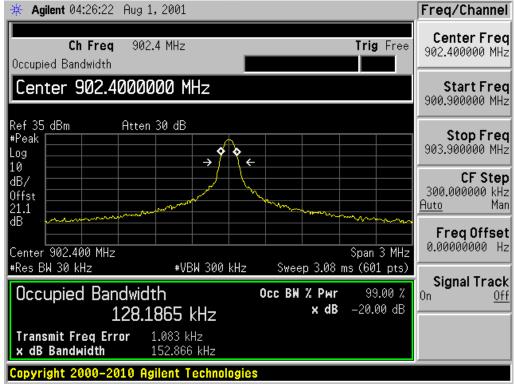
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# 200 kHz Channel Separation

### 20 dB BANDWIDTH LOW CHANNEL, FSK



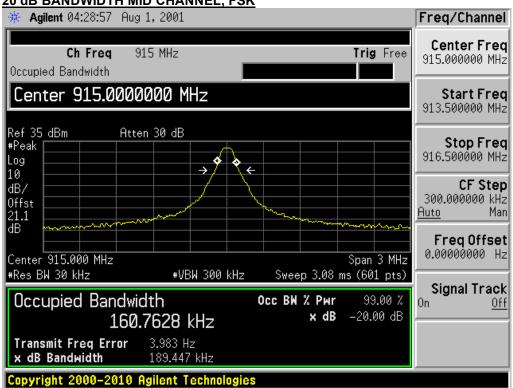
#### 20 dB BANDWIDTH LOW CHANNEL, GFSK



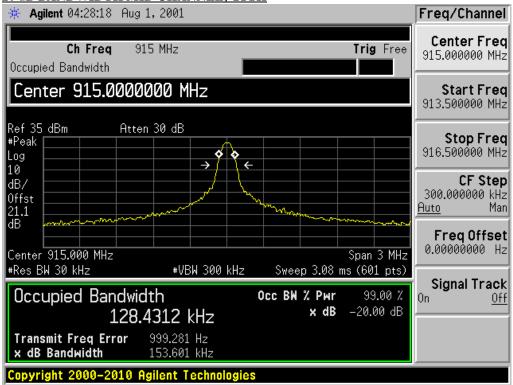
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#### 200 kHz Channel Separation 20 dB BANDWIDTH MID CHANNEL, FSK



#### 20 dB BANDWIDTH MID CHANNEL, GFSK

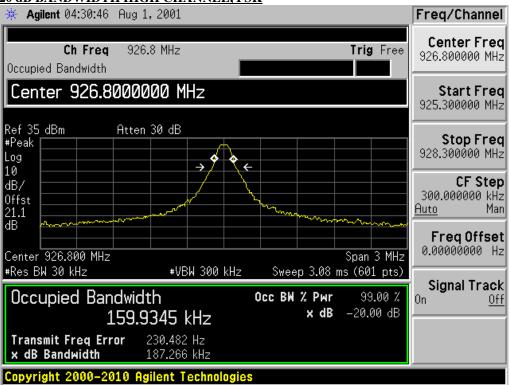


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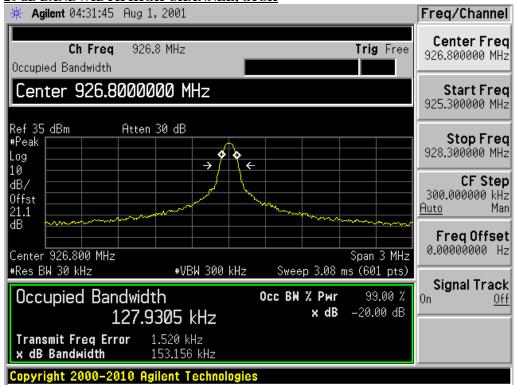
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# 200 kHz Channel Separation

#### 20 dB BANDWIDTH HIGH CHANNEL, FSK



#### 20 dB BANDWIDTH HIGH CHANNEL, GFSK



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# 99% Occupied Bandwidth

### <u>LIMIT</u>

None, for information purposes only.

The TX output is connected to a spectrum analyzer. The OCC BW function is activated.

RBW > 1% of SPAN

VBW> 3xRBW

Detector: SAMPLE

#### **RESULTS**

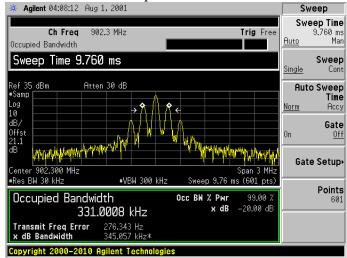
No non-compliance noted.

Plots below show worst-case occupied bandwidth for each channel separation.

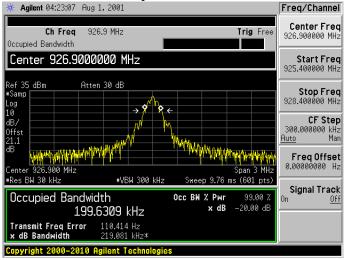
<b>Channel Separation</b>	Worst-case Occupied BW
400 kHz	331 kHz (Low channel)
300 kHz	199.63 kHz (High channel)
200 kHz	151.86 kHz (High channel)

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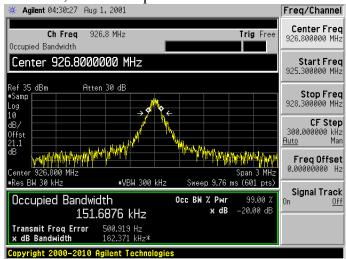
#### 99% BW, 400 kHz separation



#### 99% BW, 300 kHz separation



#### 99% BW, 200 kHz separation



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# HOPPING FREQUENCY SEPARATION

#### **LIMIT**

§15.247 (a) (1) Frequency hopping systems shall have hopping channel carrier frequencies separated by a minimum of 25 kHz or the 20 dB bandwidth of the hoping channel, whichever is greater.

#### TEST PROCEDURE

The transmitter output is connected to a spectrum analyzer. The RBW is set to 10 kHz and the VBW is set to 30 kHz. The sweep time is coupled.

#### **RESULTS**

No non-compliance noted:

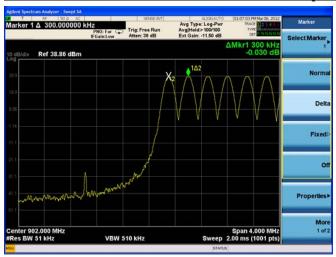
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#### **HOPPING FREQUENCY SEPARATION 400 kHz Separation**



#### **HOPPING FREQUENCY SEPARATION 300 kHz Separation**



#### **HOPPING FREQUENCY SEPARATION 200 kHz Separation**



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#### NUMBER OF HOPPING CHANNELS

#### **LIMIT**

§15.247 (a) (1) (i) For frequency hopping systems operating in the 902–928 MHz band: if the 20 dB bandwidth of the hopping channel is less than 250 kHz, the system shall use at least 50 hopping frequencies and the average time of occupancy on any frequency shall not be greater than 0.4 seconds within a 20 second period; if the 20 dB bandwidth of the hopping channel is 250 kHz or greater, the system shall use at least 25 hopping frequencies and the average time of occupancy on any frequency shall not be greater than 0.4 seconds within a 10 second period. The maximum allowed 20 dB bandwidth of the hopping channel is 500 kHz.

#### TEST PROCEDURE

The transmitter output is connected to a spectrum analyzer. The span is set to cover the entire authorized band, in either a single sweep or in multiple contiguous sweeps. The RBW is set to 3 % of the span. The analyzer is set to Max Hold.

#### RESULTS

No non-compliance noted:

400 kHz channel separation: 62 channels 300 kHz channel separation: 83 channels 200 kHz channel separation: 123 channels

NOTE: The hopping channel plots below show higher numbers of channels than listed above. The test software is limited to showing all available channels, and some of the channels are used in other regulatory domains (ex.: Australia) but are not used in the United States or Canada.

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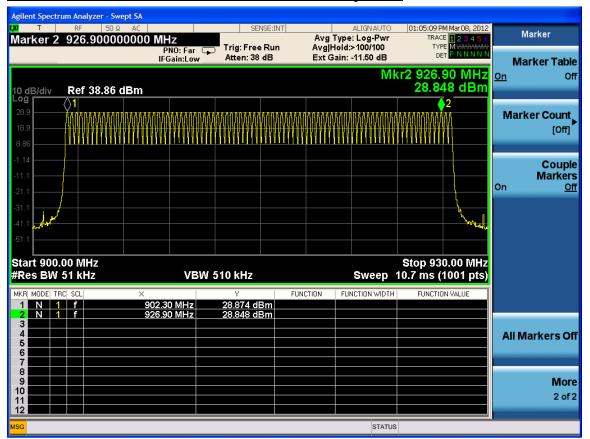
#### NUMBER OF HOPPING CHANNELS: 400 kHz Channel Separation Agilent Spectrum Analyzer - Swept SA 10:43:31 AM Apr 01, 2011 SENSE:INT Marker Avg Type: Log-Pwr Avg|Hold:>100/100 Ext Gain: -11.50 dB TRACE 1 2 3 4 5 I Marker 3 927.600000000 MHz Trig: Free Run PNO: Far 🖵 IFGain:Low Atten: 40 dB Select Marker Mkr3 927.60 MHz 28,889 dBm 10 dB/div Log Ref 40.00 dBm **⊘**2∕3 ĸIJŶŶIJĸŀĬIJŨŨĿŨĸĿĸĬĸĸĸĬſĬĬĬĬĬĬŶĸĿĸŨĬĬŧĸŶĬĬĸŶĬĸŶĸŨĬĬĸĸIJĬĬĸĸĿŨŴĸĬŨĬŴţŨ Normal Delta Fixed▷ Stop 930.00 MHz Sweep 2.93 ms (1001 pts) Start 900.00 MHz #Res BW 100 kHz **#VBW** 300 kHz Off FUNCTION FUNCTION WIDTH FUNCTION VALUE 29.068 dBm 29.644 dBm 28.889 dBm 902.39 MHz 926.90 MHz 927.60 MHz **Properties** 8 9 10 More

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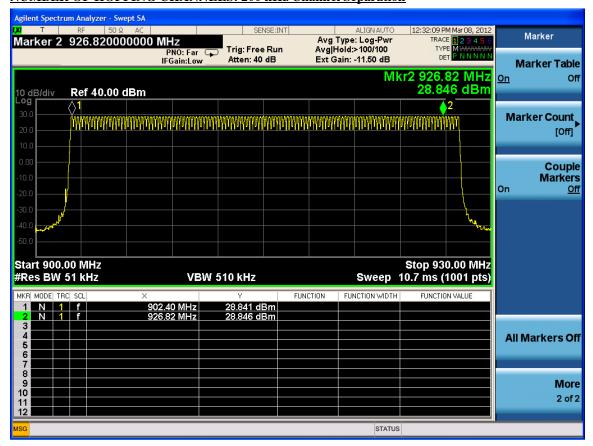
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#### NUMBER OF HOPPING CHANNELS: 300 kHz Channel Separation



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# NUMBER OF HOPPING CHANNELS: 200 kHz Channel Separation



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#### AVERAGE TIME OF OCCUPANCY

#### **LIMIT**

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#### **TEST PROCEDURE**

The transmitter output is connected to a spectrum analyzer. The span is set to 0 Hz, centered on a single, selected hopping channel. The width of a single pulse is measured in a fast scan. The number of pulses is measured in a 20 second scan, to enable resolution of each occurrence.

#### **RESULTS**

No non-compliance noted:

Channel	Нор	Total hops/20 sec	Average time of	Limit
Separation	duration		occupancy msec	in 20 sec
	msec			msec
400 kHz	3.8	9	34.2	400
300 kHz	1.95	12	13.95	400
200 kHz	2.0	8	16	400

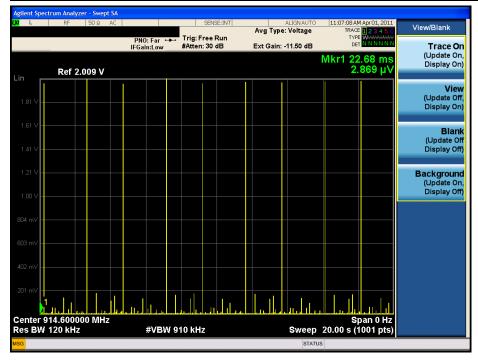
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# **Hop duration 400kHz Channel Separation**



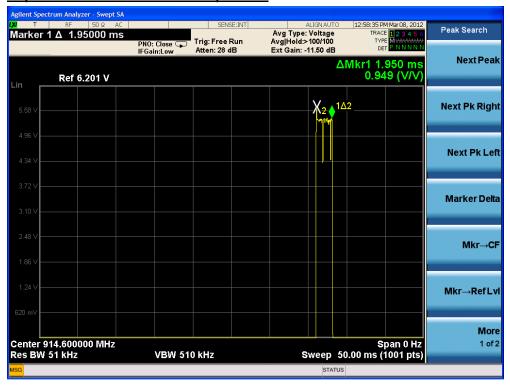
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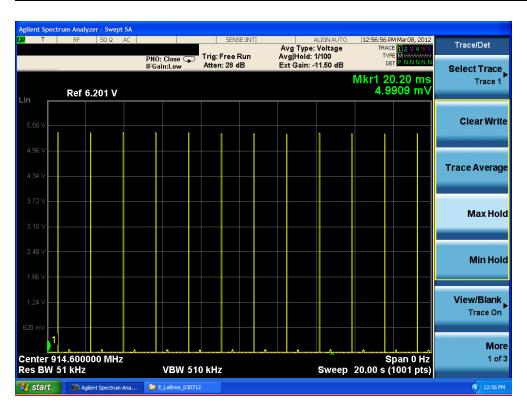
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#### **Hop duration 300kHz Channel Separation**



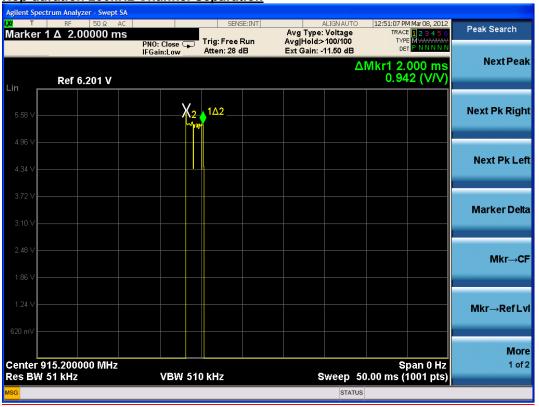
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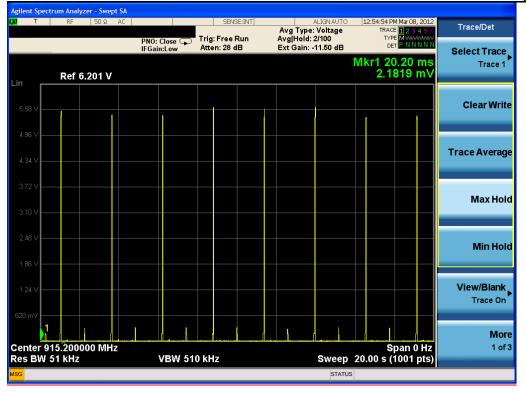
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#### Hop duration 200kHz Channel Separation



#### NUMBER OF PULSES IN 20 SECOND OBSERVATION PERIOD 200kHz Channel Separation



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#### PEAK OUTPUT POWER

#### PEAK POWER LIMIT

§15.247 (b) The maximum peak output power of the intentional radiator shall not exceed the following:

§15.247 (b) (2) For frequency hopping systems operating in the 902-928 MHz band, employing at least 50 hopping channels: 1 watt; and employing less than 50 hopping channels, but at least 25 hopping channels: 0.25 watt.

§15.247 (b) (4) Except as shown in paragraphs (b)(3) (i), (ii) and (iii) of this section, if transmitting antennas of directional gain greater than 6 dBi are used the peak output power from the intentional radiator shall be reduced below the stated values in paragraphs (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this section, as appropriate, by the amount in dB that the directional gain of the antenna exceeds 6 dBi.

The maximum antenna gain is 4 dBi, therefore the power limit is 30 dBm.

#### **TEST PROCEDURE**

The transmitter output is connected to a spectrum analyzer through appropriate attenuation. Analyzer settings:

RBW > EBW VBW = 3xRBWDetector: PEAK

#### **RESULTS**

No non-compliance noted:

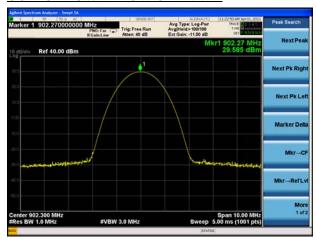
Channel	Frequency	P out
Low	902.3	29.56
Mid	914.9	29.56
High	926.9	29.54

Note: Power output essentially equal for all hopping channel separation modes. Data presented for 300 kHz channel separation mode as most typical worst case.

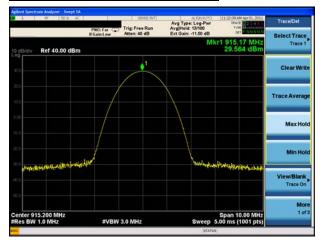
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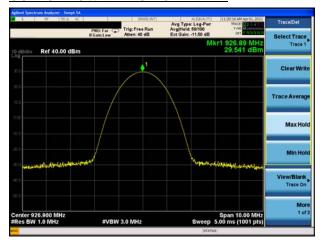
#### **OUTPUT POWER LOW CHANNEL**



#### **OUTPUT POWER MID CHANNEL**



#### **OUTPUT POWER HIGH CHANNEL**



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#### MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE

#### **LIMITS**

§1.1310 The criteria listed in Table 1 shall be used to evaluate the environmental impact of human exposure to radio-frequency (RF) radiation as specified in §1.1307(b), except in the case of portable devices which shall be evaluated according to the provisions of §2.1093 of this chapter.

TABLE 1-LIMITS FOR MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)

Frequency range (MHz)	Electric field strength (V/m)	Magnetic field strength (A/m)	Power density (mW/cm²)	Averaging time (minutes)			
(A) Limits for Occupational/Controlled Exposures							
0.3–3.0 3.0–30 30–300 300–1500 1500–100,000	614 1842# 61.4	1.63 4.89# 0.163	*(100) *(900/f²) 1.0 f/300 5	6 6 6 6			
(B) Limits for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure							
0.3–1.34	614 824/f	1.63 2.19/f	*(100) *(180/f²)	30 30			

TABLE 1-LIMITS FOR MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)-Continued

Frequency range (MHz)	Electric field strength (V/m)	Magnetic field strength (A/m)	Power density (mW/cm²)	Averaging time (minutes)
30–300 300–1500 1500–100,000	27.5	0.073	0.2 f/1500 1.0	30 30 30

f = frequency in MHz

exposure or can not exercise control over their exposure.

<sup>\* =</sup> Plane-wave equivalent power density
NOTE 1 TO TABLE 1: Occupational/controlled limits apply in situations in which persons are exposed as a consequence of their employment provided those persons are fully aware of the potential for exposure and can exercise control over their exposure. Limits for occupational/controlled exposure also apply in situations when an individual is transient through a location where occupational/controlled limits apply provided he or she is made aware of the potential for exposure.

NOTE 2 TO TABLE 1: General population/uncontrolled exposures apply in situations in which the general public may be exposed, or in which persons that are exposed as a consequence of their employment may not be fully aware of the potential for exposures.

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#### **CALCULATIONS**

Given

 $E = \sqrt{(30 * P * G)} / d$ 

and

 $S = E ^2 / 3770$ 

where

E = Field Strength in Volts/meter

P = Power in Watts

G = Numeric antenna gain

d = Distance in meters

S = Power Density in milliwatts/square centimeter

Combining equations and rearranging the terms to express the distance as a function of the remaining variables yields:

$$d = \sqrt{((30 * P * G) / (3770 * S))}$$

Changing to units of Power to mW and Distance to cm, using:

$$P(mW) = P(W) / 1000$$
 and

$$d(cm) = 100 * d(m)$$

yields

$$d = 100 * \sqrt{((30 * (P / 1000) * G) / (3770 * S))}$$
  
$$d = 0.282 * \sqrt{(P * G / S)}$$

where

d = distance in cm

P = Power in mW

G = Numeric antenna gain

 $S = Power Density in mW/cm^2$ 

Substituting the logarithmic form of power and gain using:

$$P(mW) = 10 \land (P(dBm) / 10)$$
 and

$$G \text{ (numeric)} = 10 ^ (G \text{ (dBi)} / 10)$$

yields

$$d = 0.282 * 10 \land ((P + G) / 20) / \sqrt{S}$$
 Equation (1)

where

d = MPE distance in cm

P = Power in dBm

G = Antenna Gain in dBi

 $S = Power Density Limit in mW/cm^2$ 

Equation (1) and the measured peak power is used to calculate the MPE distance.

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#### **LIMITS**

From  $\S1.1310$  Table 1 (B), S = 0.6 mW/cm<sup>2</sup>

#### **RESULTS**

No non-compliance noted:

Worst-case RF exposure condition is for internal antenna operation as the gain is higher

<b>Power Density</b>	Output	Antenna	S, mW/cm2
Limit	Power	Gain	at 20cm
(mW/cm^2)	(dBm)	(dBi)	
0.6	29.56	4.00	0.45

MPE Distance: 17.4 cm (for 900 MHz operation alone). MPE calculation for dual 900/2.4 GHz operation is presented in a separate document.

NOTE: For mobile or fixed location transmitters, the minimum separation distance is 20 cm, even if calculations indicate that the MPE distance would be less.

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#### **CONDUCTED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS**

#### **LIMITS**

§15.247 (c) In any 100 kHz bandwidth outside the frequency band in which the spread spectrum intentional radiator is operating, the radio frequency power that is produced by the intentional radiator shall be at least 20 dB below that in the 100 kHz bandwidth within the band that contains the highest level of the desired power, based on either an RF conducted or a radiated measurement. Attenuation below the general limits specified in §15.209(a) is not required. In addition, radiated emissions which fall in the restricted bands, as defined in §15.205(a), must also comply with the radiated emission limits specified in §15.209(a) (see §15.205(c)).

#### TEST PROCEDURE

The transmitter output is connected to a spectrum analyzer. The resolution bandwidth is set to 100 kHz. The video bandwidth is set to 100 kHz.

The spectrum from 30 MHz to 10 GHz is investigated with the transmitter set to the lowest, middle, and highest channels.

Testing was performed for worst-case operation:

300 kHz channel separation FSK modulation

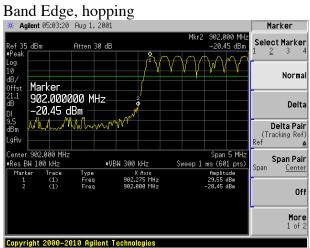
#### **RESULTS**

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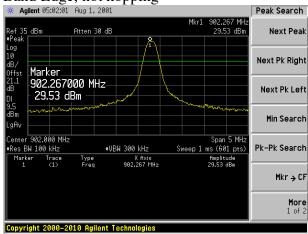
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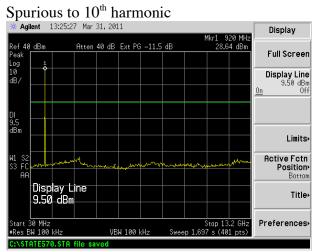
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#### SPURIOUS EMISSIONS, LOW CHANNEL



Band Edge, not hopping

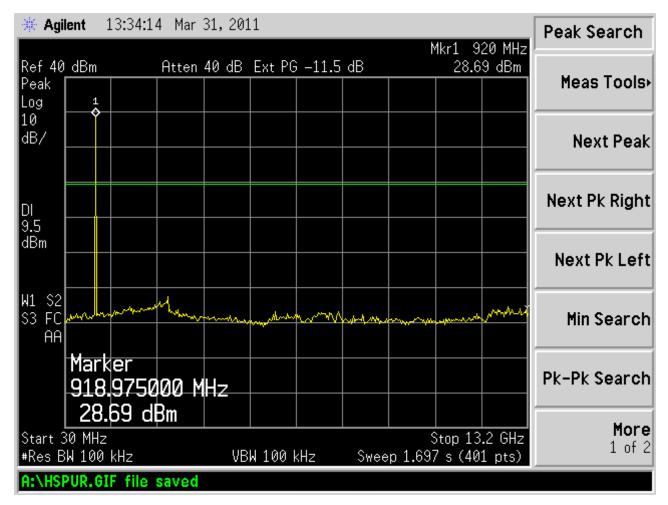




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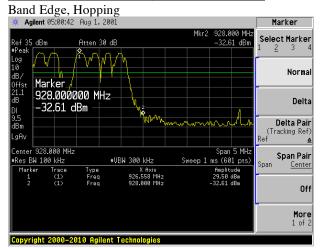




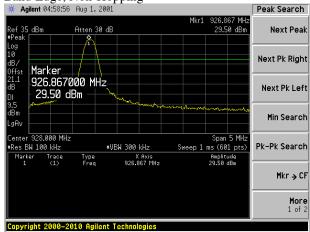
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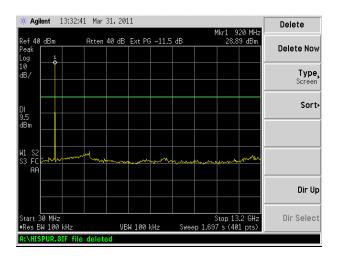
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### SPURIOUS EMISSIONS, HIGH CHANNEL



Band Edge, Non-Hopping





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#### 4.4 POWERLINE CONDUCTED EMISSIONS

#### **LIMIT**

§15.207 (a) Except as shown in paragraphs (b) and (c) of this section, for an intentional radiator 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  $\mu$ 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 boundary between the frequency ranges.

Frequency of Emission (MHz)	Conducted Limit (dBuV)		
	Quasi-peak	Average	
0.15-0.5	66 to 56 *	56 to 46 *	
0.5-5	56	46	
5-30	60	50	

Decreases with the logarithm of the frequency.

#### TEST PROCEDURE

The EUT is placed on a non-conducting table 40 cm from the vertical ground plane and 80 cm above the horizontal ground plane. The EUT is configured in accordance with ANSI C63.4.

The resolution bandwidth is set to 9 kHz for both peak detection and quasi-peak detection measurements. Peak detection is used unless otherwise noted as quasi-peak.

The transmitter was configured to simultaneously transmit FHSS mode in the 902 MHz and 2.4 GHz bands simultaneously, since this is the worst case operation (maximum output power) for simultaneous operation.

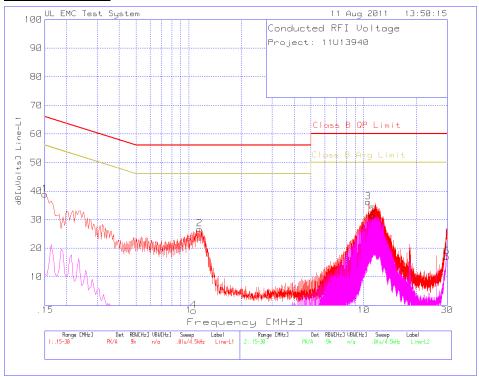
Line conducted data is recorded for both NEUTRAL and HOT lines.

#### RESULTS

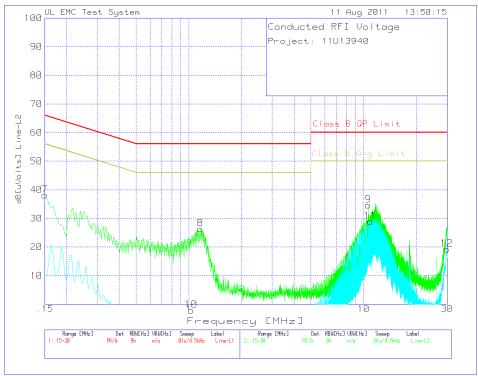
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#### LINE 1 RESULTS



#### **LINE 2 RESULTS**



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