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Abstract

This report has been prepared on behalf of Cooper Power Systems RFN430EL-A3 (1W) to document the findings of the maximum permissible exposure evaluation on the Cooper Power Systems RFN430EL-A3 (1W). The purpose of this evaluation is to establish a minimum safe distance as per the RF exposure requirements as defined in FCC §1.1307, §1.1310 / RSS102 issue 4.

This report documents the results of testing to the requirements of:

- CFR Title 47 Volume 1 Practice and Procedure; (1.1307) Environmental Assessments

The Evaluation was performed by Washington Laboratories, Ltd, 7560 Lindbergh Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20879. Washington Laboratories, Ltd. has been accepted as an EMC Conformity Assessment Body (CAB) under the United States/European Union Memorandum of Agreement. Washington Laboratories, Ltd. is accredited by ACLASS under Testing Certificate AT-1448.

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1 Introduction

This report has been prepared on behalf of Cooper Power Systems RFN430EL-A3 (1W) Transmitter to show compliance with the RF exposure requirements as defined in FCC §1.1307.

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2 Requirements

Three different categories of transmitters are defined by the FCC in OET Bulletin 65. These categories are fixed installation, mobile, and portable. Additionally, the FCC categorizes the use of the devices based on the user's awareness and the ability to exercise control over his or her exposure. The two categories are defined as Occupational/Controlled Exposure and General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure.

2.1 Transmitter Categories

2.1.1 Fixed Installations

A fixed location means that the device, including its antenna, is physically secured at a permanent location and is not able to be easily moved to another location. Additionally, distance to humans from the antenna is maintained to at least 2 meters.

2.1.2 Mobile Devices

A mobile device is defined as a transmitting device designed to be used in other than fixed locations and to be generally used in such a way that a separation distance of at least 20 centimeters is normally maintained between the transmitter's radiating structures and the body of the user or nearby persons. Transmitters designed to be used by consumers or workers that can be easily re-located, such as a wireless modem operating in a laptop computer, are considered mobile devices if they meet the 20 centimeter separation requirement. The FCC rules for evaluating mobile devices for RF compliance are found in 47 CFR §2.1091.

2.1.3 Portable Devices

A portable device is defined as a transmitting device designed to be used so that the radiating structure(s) of the device is/are within 20 centimeters of the body of the user. Portable device requirements are found in Section 2.1093 of the FCC's Rules (47 CFR§2.1093).

2.2 Exposure Categories

The limits for exposure are determined by the type of situation the individual is exposed to. Table 1 lists the limits for the particular environment.

2.2.1 Occupational/Controlled Exposure

In general, occupational/controlled exposure limits are applicable to situations in which persons are exposed as a consequence of their employment, who have been made fully aware of the potential for exposure and can exercise control over their exposure. This exposure category is also applicable when the exposure is of a transient nature due to incidental passage through a location where the exposure levels may be higher than the general population/uncontrolled limits, but the exposed person is fully aware of the potential for exposure and can exercise control over his or her exposure by leaving the area or by some other appropriate means. Awareness of the potential for RF exposure in a workplace or similar environment can be provided through specific training as part of a RF safety program. If appropriate, warning signs and labels can also be used to establish such awareness by providing prominent information on the risk of potential exposure and instructions on methods to minimize such exposure risks.

2.2.2 General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure

The general population / uncontrolled exposure limits are applicable to situations in which the general public may be exposed or in which persons who are exposed as a consequence of their employment may not be made fully aware of the potential for exposure or cannot exercise control over their exposure. Members of the general public would come under this category when exposure is not employment-related; for example, in the case of a wireless transmitter that exposes persons in its vicinity. Warning labels placed on low-power consumer devices such as cellular telephones are not considered sufficient to allow the device to be considered under the occupational/controlled category and the general population/uncontrolled exposure limits apply to these devices.

Table 1: MPE Limits

Frequency range (MHz)	Electric field strength (V/m)	Magnetic field strength (A/m)	Power density (mW/cm ²)
(A) Limits for Occupational/Controlled Exposures			
0.3–3.0	614	1.63	*(100)
3.0–30	1842/f	4.89/f	*(900/f ²)
30–300	61.4	0.163	1
300–1500	N/A	N/A	f/300
1500–100,000	N/A	N/A	5
(B) Limits for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure			
0.3–1.34	614	1.63	*(100)
1.34–30	824/f	2.19/f	*(180/f ²)
30–300	27.5	0.073	0.2
300–1500	N/A	N/A	f/1500
1500–100,000	N/A	N/A	1

3 Device Summary

Table 1 below summarizes the criteria used to evaluate the RFN430EL-A3.

Table 2: Device Summary of the RFN430EL-A3

Model Evaluated:	RFN430EL-A3 (1W)
Transmitter Category:	Mobile
Exposure Category:	General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure
Antenna Gain:	6dBi
Power Output (dBm):	29.54dBm
Evaluation Distance:	20cm
Frequency Range:	902.75-927.25MHz
Minimum Required Separation Distance	15.4cm

4 Radio Frequency Radiation Exposure Evaluation

4.1 Duty Cycle Corrections

4.1.1 902-928MHz Band Transceiver Power Corrections

The unit operates under the following conditions according to the theory of operation:

“The communications channel is divided into time slots. Each slot is 20 ms in length and corresponds to a single hop frequency. A time division duplexing (TDD) scheme is used where master and slave alternatively transmit and receive. The packet start is aligned with the slot start.”

Since the master and slave units alternately transmit a 19.58ms signal, the maximum transmit time per 6 minutes would be 3 minutes.

According to OET bulletin 65 Supplement B the signal could be reduced by:

The peak power in Watts * “the Duty factor” * “the transmit on time per 6 minutes”

For this unit 100% will be considered the Duty factor. Thus reduction for this unit will be:

**0.8995W (29.54dBm) * 1 (100% duty factor) * 0.5 (TX- 3 minutes of 6 minutes) =
0.44975W (26.5297dBm)**

In light of this, 26.5297dBm is entered in Table 1 below as the EUT transmit power

4.2 RF Exposure Results

The highest RF output power of the unit was measured and recorded. According to §1.1310 of the FCC rules, the power density limit for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure is 0.602mW/cm² (freq/1500).

The MPE shall be calculated at 20cm to show compliance with the power density limit. The following formula was used to calculate the Power Density:

$$S = \frac{PG}{4\pi R^2}$$

Where:

S = Power Density

P = Output Power at the Antenna Terminals

G = Gain of Transmit Antenna (linear gain-isotropic)

R = Distance from Transmitting Antenna

Table 3: Transmitter MPE Calculation Summary

Frequency	902.75	MHz
Limit	0.602	mW/cm ²
Distance (cm), R =	20	cm
Power (dBm), P =	26.5297	dBm
TX Ant Gain (dBi), G =	6	dB
Power Density:	0.36	mW/cm ²
Minimum Distance:	15.4	cm

From the above table the RFN430EL-A3 (1W) meets the MPE requirements at a minimum of 15.4cm separation from the user for a mobile device. The user manual for this device must contain a statement requiring at least this separation distance.