

## FCC CFR47 CERTIFICATION CLASS II PERMISSIVE CHANGE TEST REPORT

### **FOR**

2.4 & 5 GHz 802.11 Minicard

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# 1. ATTESTATION OF TEST RESULTS

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**EUT DESCRIPTION:** 2.4 & 5 GHZ 802.11 MINICARD

MODEL: AR5BXB72

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#### APPLICABLE STANDARDS

STANDARD TEST RESULTS

FCC PART 15 SUBPART E NO NON-COMPLIANCE NOTED

Compliance Certification Services, Inc. tested the above equipment in accordance with the requirements set forth in the above standards. The test results show that the equipment tested is capable of demonstrating compliance with the requirements as documented in this report.

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### 2. TEST METHODOLOGY

The tests documented in this report were performed in accordance with ANSI C63.4-2003, FCC CFR 47 Part 2 and FCC CFR 47 Part 15.

### 3. FACILITIES AND ACCREDITATION

The test sites and measurement facilities used to collect data are located at 561F Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, California, USA. The sites are constructed in conformance with the requirements of ANSI C63.4, ANSI C63.7 and CISPR Publication 22. All receiving equipment conforms to CISPR Publication 16-1, "Radio Interference Measuring Apparatus and Measurement Methods."

CCS is accredited by NVLAP, Laboratory Code 200065-0. The full scope of accreditation can be viewed at http://www.ccsemc.com.

### 4. CALIBRATION AND UNCERTAINTY

#### 4.1. MEASURING INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION

The measuring equipment utilized to perform the tests documented in this report has been calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and is traceable to recognized national standards.

### 4.2. MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

Where relevant, the following measurement uncertainty levels have been estimated for tests performed on the apparatus:

PARAMETER	UNCERTAINTY
Radiated Emission, 30 to 200 MHz	+/- 3.3 dB
Radiated Emission, 200 to 1000 MHz	+4.5 / -2.9 dB
Radiated Emission, 1000 to 2000 MHz	+4.5 / -2.9 dB
Power Line Conducted Emission	+/- 2.9 dB

Uncertainty figures are valid to a confidence level of 95%.

## 5. EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST

### 5.1. DESCRIPTION OF EUT

The AR5BXB72 is designed for 802.11a/b/g/n applications using the AR541X/51XX chipset. It has three receive chains and two transmit chains, implemented with two outside chains (Chain 0 and 2) as Tx/Rx and the middle chain (chain 1) as Rx only.

#### 5.2. MANUFACTURER'S DESCRIPTION OF MODEL DIFFERENCES

Both models AR5BXB72 and AR5BXB72-L are identical product and same hardware configuration, the number difference is for marketing purposes only.

### 5.3. CLASS II PERMISSIVE CHANGE DESCRIPTION

Installed 2.4 & 5 GHz 802.11 Minicard (WLAN FCC ID: PPD-AR5BXB72-L) in LENOVO ThinkPad X60 Tablet 1.0 SIV A.

### 5.4. DESCRIPTION OF AVAILABLE ANTENNAS

The radio utilizes a set of three identical PIFA antennas with maximum gain is 2.78 dBi from 5150 – 5350 MHz.

#### 5.5. SOFTWARE AND FIRMWARE

The EUT driver software installed in the host support equipment during testing was AR5002, ANWI Diagnostic Kernel Drive.

The test utility software used during testing was Art Software Revision 4 Build # 7 Art 11n.

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#### 5.6. **WORST-CASE CONFIGURATION AND MODE**

The worst-case data rates are determined to be as follows for each mode, based on the investigations by measuring the average power, peak power and PPSD across all the data rates, bandwidths, modulations and spatial stream modes.

Thus all emissions tests were made with following data rates:

- 802.11a mode, 20 MHz Channel Bandwidth, 9 Mb/s, OFDM Modulation, Spatial Stream 1.
- 802.11n HT20 mode, 20 MHz Channel Bandwidth, MCS0, 6.5 Mb/s, OFDM Modulation, Spatial
- 802.11n HT40 mode, 40 MHz Channel Bandwidth, MCS0, 13.5 Mb/s, OFDM Modulation, Spatial Stream 1.

The worst-case configuration for tests below 1 GHz is the mode and channel with the highest power: 802.11b mode, mid channel.

The portable configuration at Z-Axis has the worst field strength emissions for both portable & mobile configurations. So, all radiated emissions tests were performed at Z-axis portable configuration.

Baseline testing demonstrated that the Power Spectral Density as measured through a combiner with both chains operating simultaneously is less than the sum of the Power Spectral Density of each individual chain when added linearly.

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## 5.7. DESCRIPTION OF TEST SETUP

### **SUPPORT EQUIPMENT**

PERIPHERAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT LIST							
Description Manufacturer Model Serial Number FCC ID							
AC Adapter	Lenovo	ThinkPad X60 Tablet 1.0 SIV B	91B52	N/A			
Latop	Lenovo	ThinkPad X60 Tablet 1.0 SIV A	91A14	N/A			

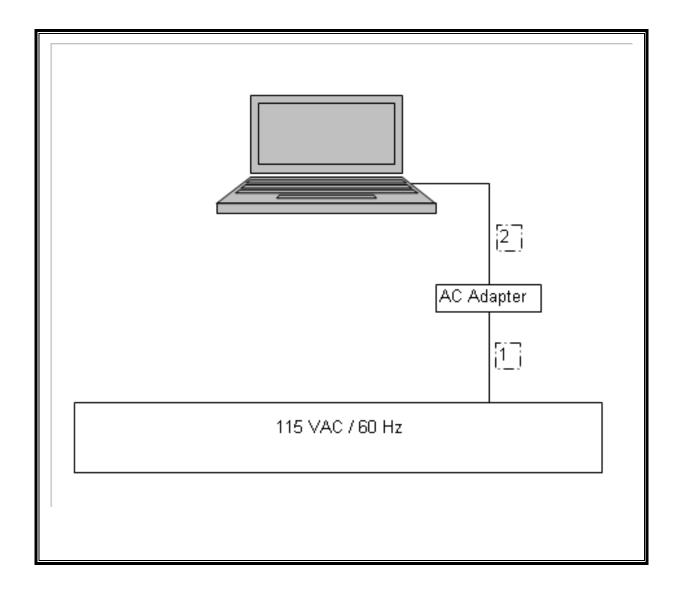
### I/O CABLES

	I/O CABLE LIST								
Cable Port # of Connected No. Identical Type Ports		Connector Type	Cable Type	Cable Length	Remarks				
1	AC	1	US115	Shielded	.50m	No			
2	DC	2	DC	Shielded	1.0m	Ferrite on laptop's end			

### **TEST SETUP**

The EUT is installed in the host laptop computer during the tests. Test software exercised the radio card.

### **SETUP DIAGRAM FOR TESTS**



## **6. TEST AND MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT**

The following test and measurement equipment was utilized for the tests documented in this report:

TEST EQUIPMENT LIST							
Description	Manufacturer	Model	Serial Number	Cal Due			
Antenna, Bilog 30 MHz ~ 2 Ghz	Sunol Sciences	JB1	A121003	9/3/2007			
RF Filter Section	Agilent / HP	85420E	3705A00256	2/4/2007			
EMI Receiver, 9 kHz ~ 2.9 GHz	Agilent / HP	8542E	3942A00286	2/4/2007			
Antenna, Horn 1 ~ 18 GHz	EMCO	3115	6717	4/22/2007			
Antenna, Horn, 18 ~ 26 GHz	ARA	MWH-1826/B	1013	9/12/2007			
Preamplifier, 1 ~ 26.5 GHz	Agilent / HP	8449B	3008A00369	8/17/2007			
Antenna, Horn 26 ~ 40 GHz	ARA	MWH-2640/B	1029	4/13/2007			
Preamplifier, 26 ~ 40 GHz	Miteq	NSP4000-SP2	924343	8/18/2007			
Spectrum Analyzer 3 Hz ~ 44 GHz	Agilent / HP	E4446A	MY45300064	12/19/2006			
Peak / Average Power Sensor	Agilent / HP	E9327A	US40440755	12/2/2007			
Peak Power Meter	Agilent / HP	E4416A	GB41291160	12/2/2007			
EMI Test Receiver	R & S	ESHS 20	827129/006	11/3/2006			
LISN, 10 kHz ~ 30 MHz	FCC	LISN-50/250-25-2	2023	8/30/2007			

### 7. LIMITS AND RESULTS

### 7.1. RADIATED EMISSIONS

### 7.1.1. TRANSMITTER RADIATED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

#### **LIMITS**

§15.205 (a) Except as shown in paragraph (d) of this section, only spurious emissions are permitted in any of the frequency bands listed below:

MHz	MHz	MHz	GHz
0.090 - 0.110	16.42 - 16.423	399.9 - 410	4.5 - 5.15
<sup>1</sup> 0.495 - 0.505	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 - 156.52525	2483.5 - 2500	17.7 - 21.4
8.37625 - 8.38675	156.7 - 156.9	2655 - 2900	22.01 - 23.12
8.41425 - 8.41475	162.0125 - 167.17	3260 - 3267	23.6 - 24.0
12.29 - 12.293	167.72 - 173.2	3332 - 3339	31.2 - 31.8
12.51975 - 12.52025	240 - 285	3345.8 - 3358	36.43 - 36.5
12.57675 - 12.57725	322 - 335.4	3600 - 4400	$\binom{2}{}$
13.36 - 13.41			·

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Until February 1, 1999, this restricted band shall be 0.490-0.510 MHz.

§15.205 (b) Except as provided in paragraphs (d) and (e), the field strength of emissions appearing within these frequency bands shall not exceed the limits shown in Section 15.209. At frequencies equal to or less than 1000 MHz, compliance with the limits in Section 15.209 shall be demonstrated using measurement instrumentation employing a CISPR quasi-peak detector. Above 1000 MHz, compliance with the emission limits in Section 15.209 shall be demonstrated based on the average value of the measured emissions. The provisions in Section 15.35 apply to these measurements.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Above 38.6

§15.209 (a) Except as provided elsewhere in this Subpart, the emissions from an intentional radiator shall not exceed the field strength levels specified in the following table:

Frequency Field Strength (MHz) (microvolts/meter)		Measurement Distance (meters)
30 - 88	100 **	3
88 - 216	150 **	3
216 - 960	200 **	3
Above 960	500	3

<sup>\*\*</sup> Except as provided in paragraph (g), fundamental emissions from intentional radiators operating under this Section shall not be located in the frequency bands 54-72 MHz, 76-88 MHz, 174-216 MHz or 470-806 MHz. However, operation within these frequency bands is permitted under other sections of this Part, e.g., Sections 15.231 and 15.241.

§15.209 (b) In the emission table above, the tighter limit applies at the band edges.

### **TEST PROCEDURE**

The EUT is placed on a non-conducting table 80 cm above the ground plane. The antenna to EUT distance is 3 meters. The EUT is configured in accordance with ANSI C63.4. The EUT is set to transmit in a continuous mode.

For measurements below 1 GHz the resolution bandwidth is set to 100 kHz for peak detection measurements or 120 kHz for quasi-peak detection measurements. Peak detection is used unless otherwise noted as quasi-peak.

For measurements above 1 GHz the resolution bandwidth is set to 1 MHz, then the video bandwidth is set to 1 MHz for peak measurements and 10 Hz for average measurements.

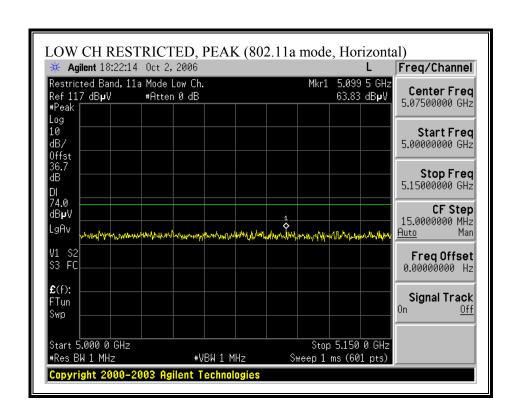
The spectrum from 30 MHz to 40 GHz is investigated with the transmitter set to the lowest, middle, and highest channels in each band.

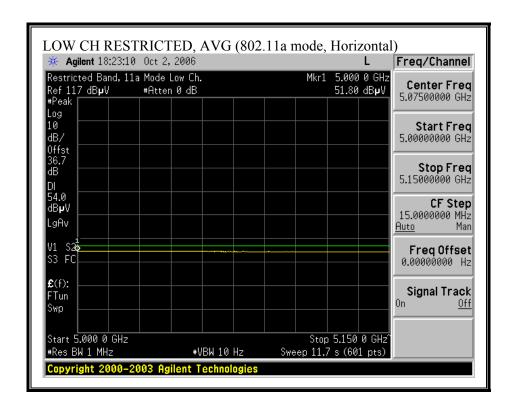
The frequency range of interest is monitored at a fixed antenna height and EUT azimuth. The EUT is rotated through 360 degrees to maximize emissions received. The antenna is scanned from 1 to 4 meters above the ground plane to further maximize the emission. Measurements are made with the antenna polarized in both the vertical and the horizontal positions.

#### 7.1.2. TRANSMITTER ABOVE 1 GHZ FOR 5150 TO 5350 MHz BAND

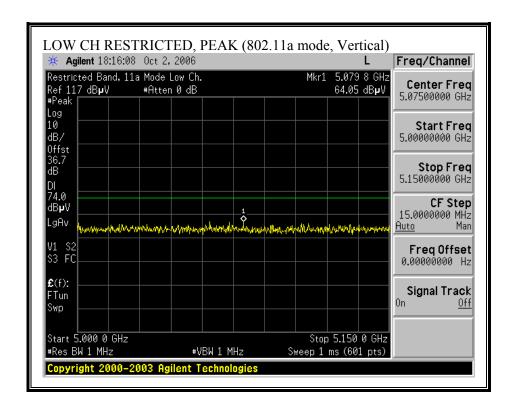
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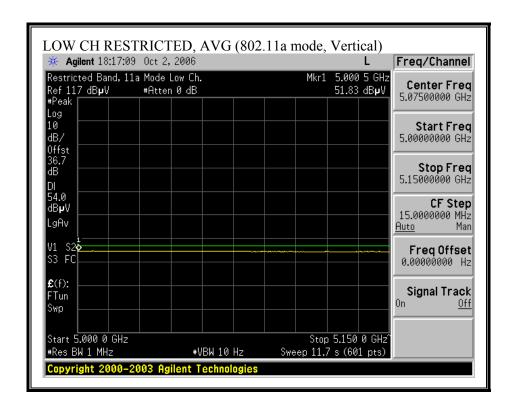
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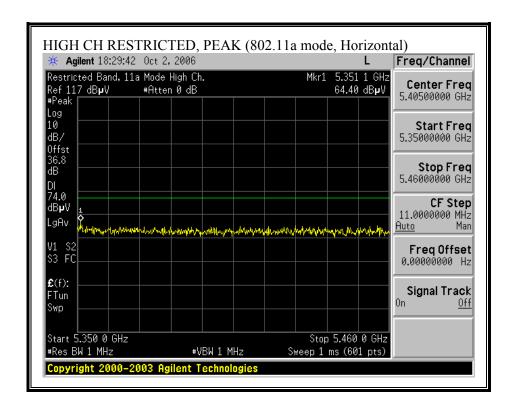


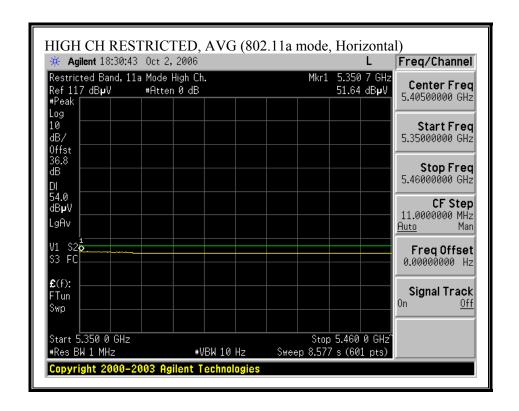
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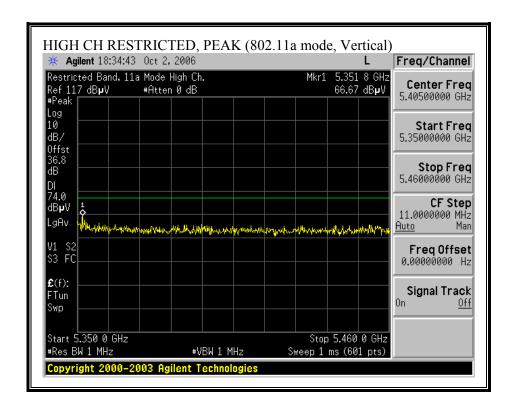


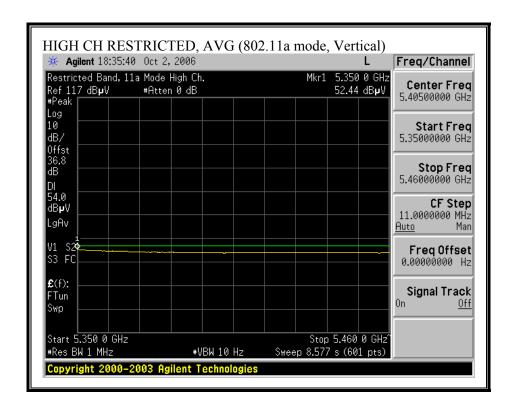
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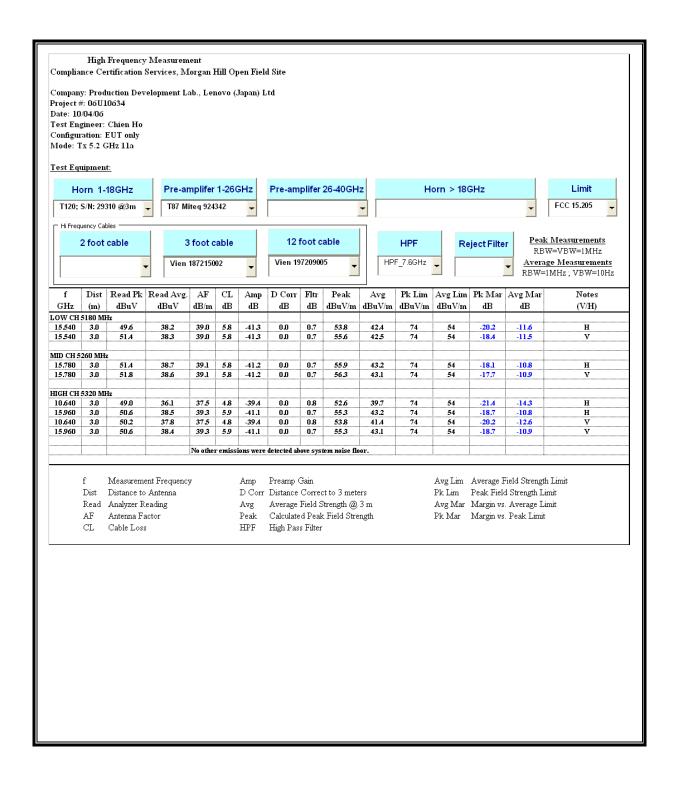


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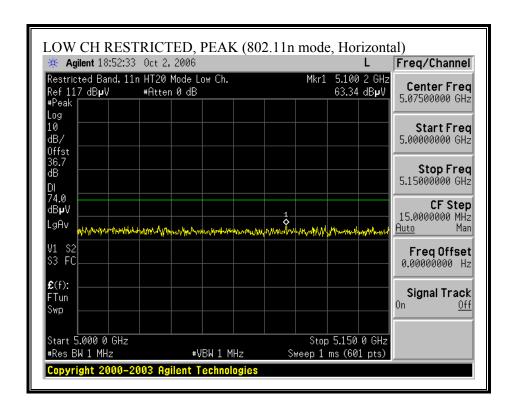


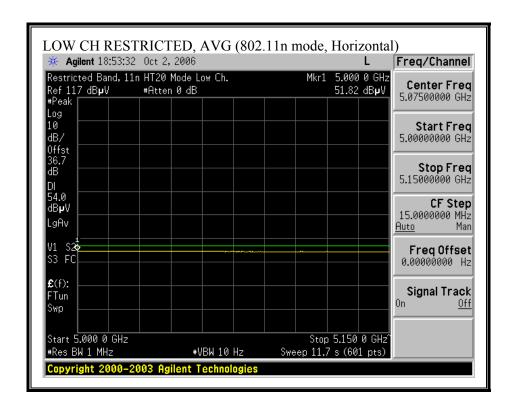
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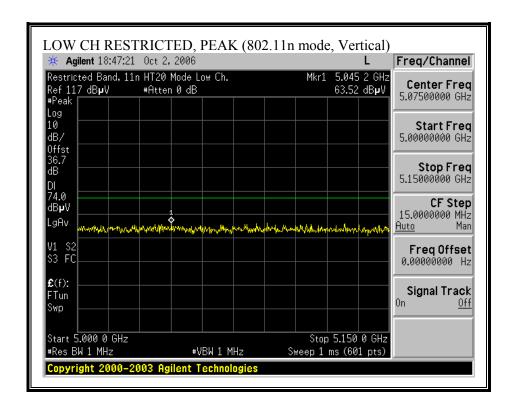
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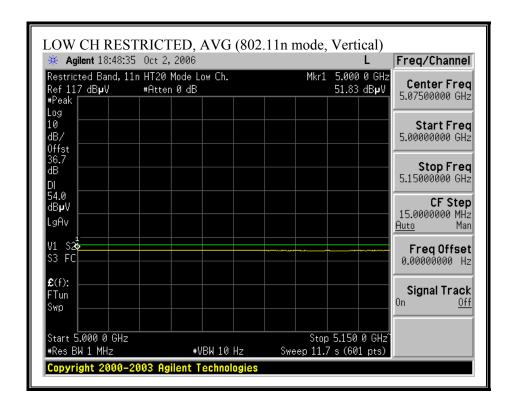
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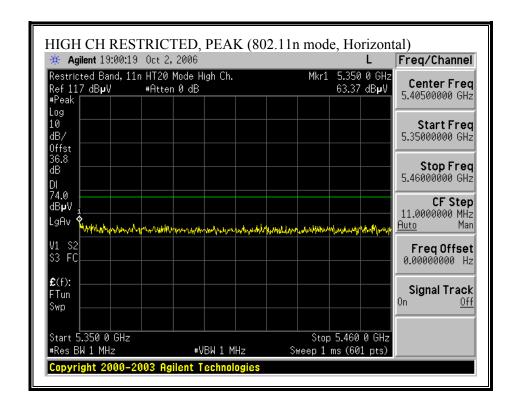


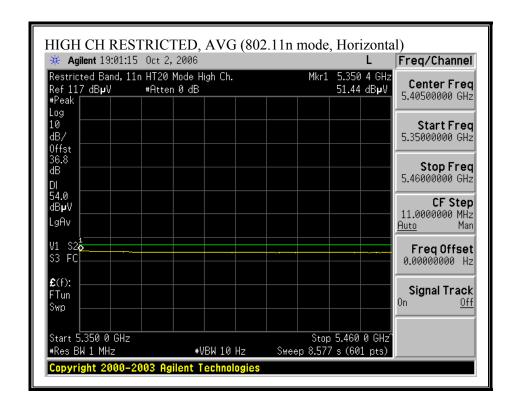
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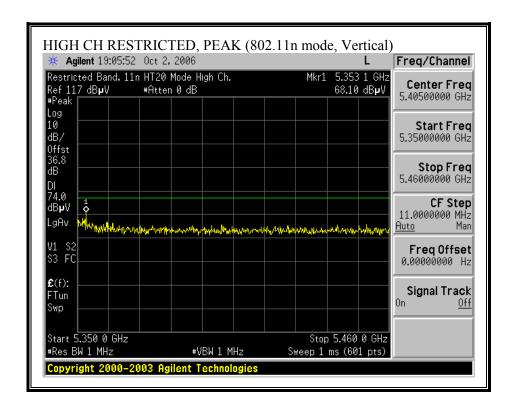


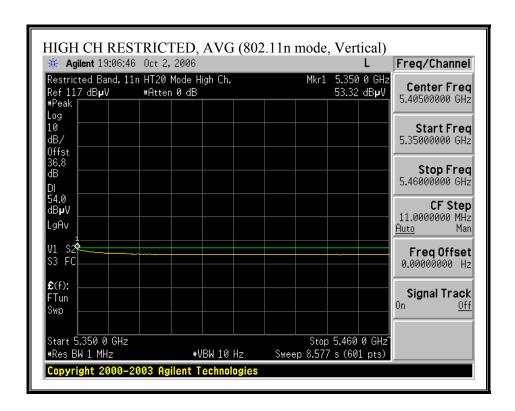
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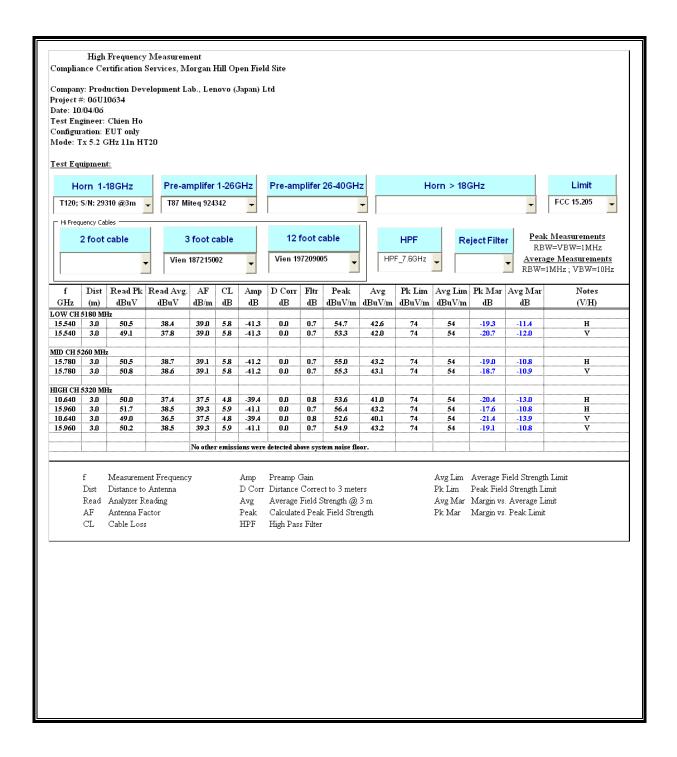


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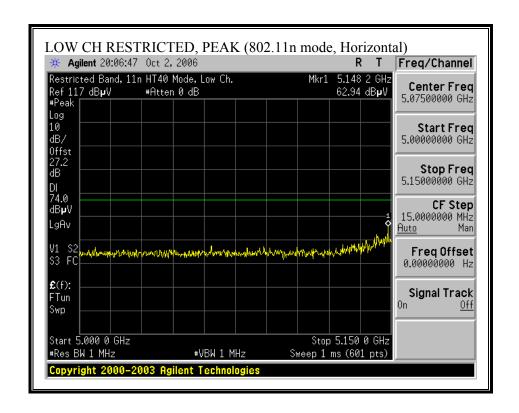


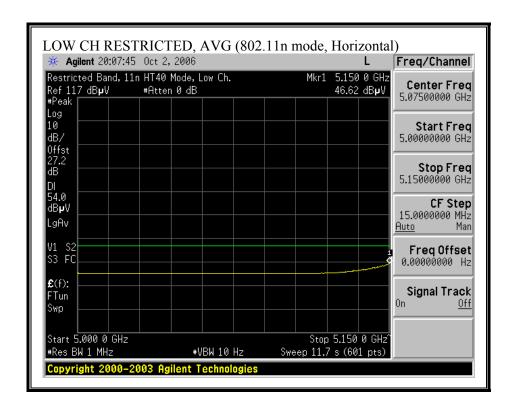
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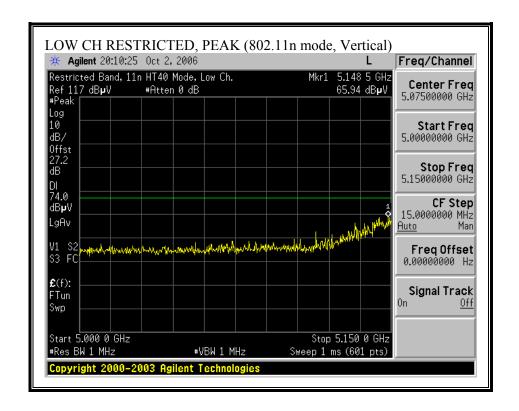
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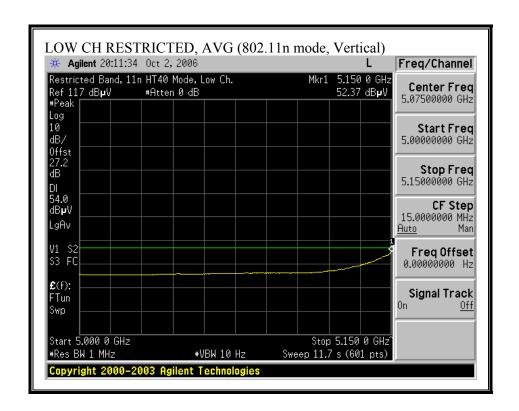
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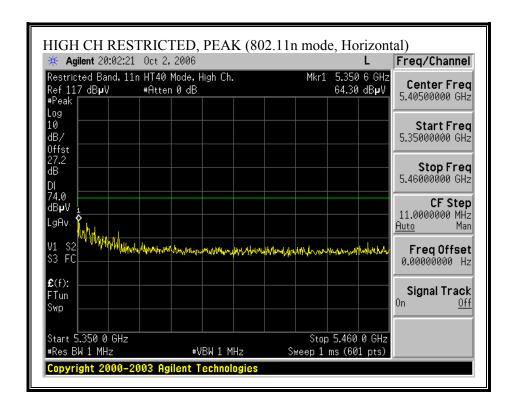


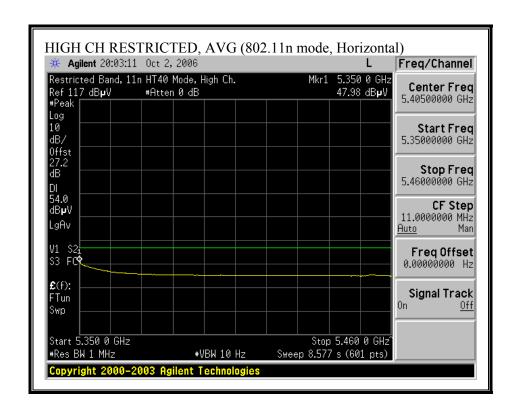
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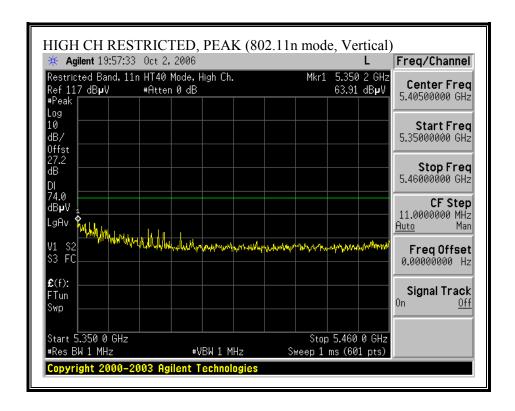


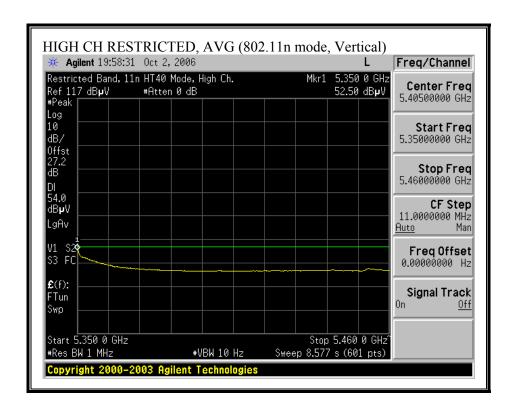
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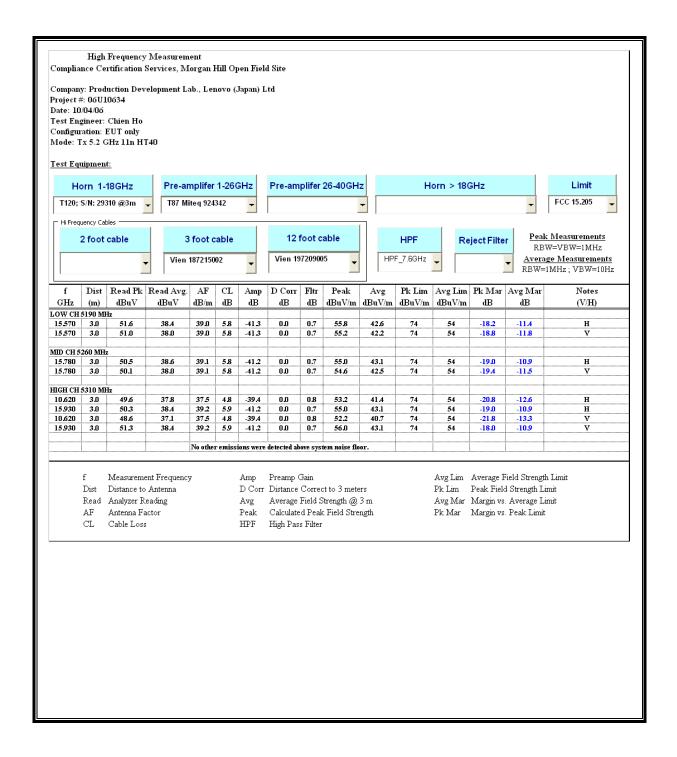


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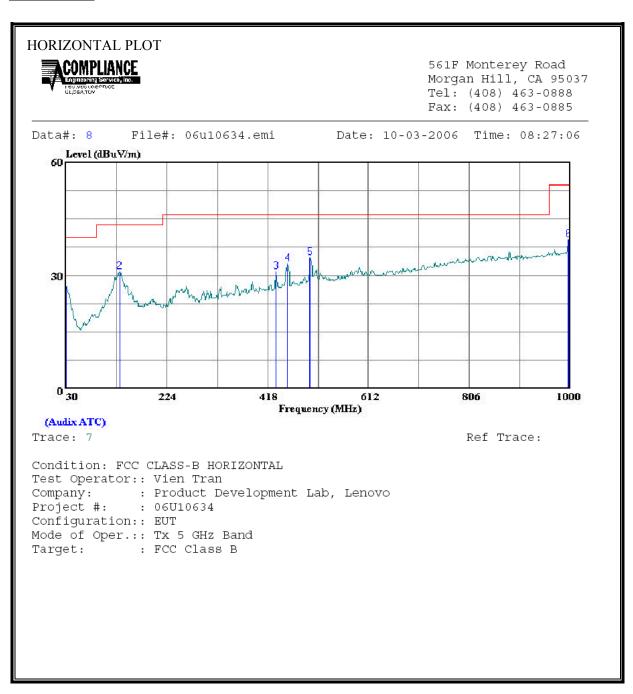
#### **HARMONICS AND SPURIOUS EMISSIONS (11n HT 40 MODE)**



#### 7.1.3. WORST-CASE RADIATED EMISSIONS BELOW 1 GHz

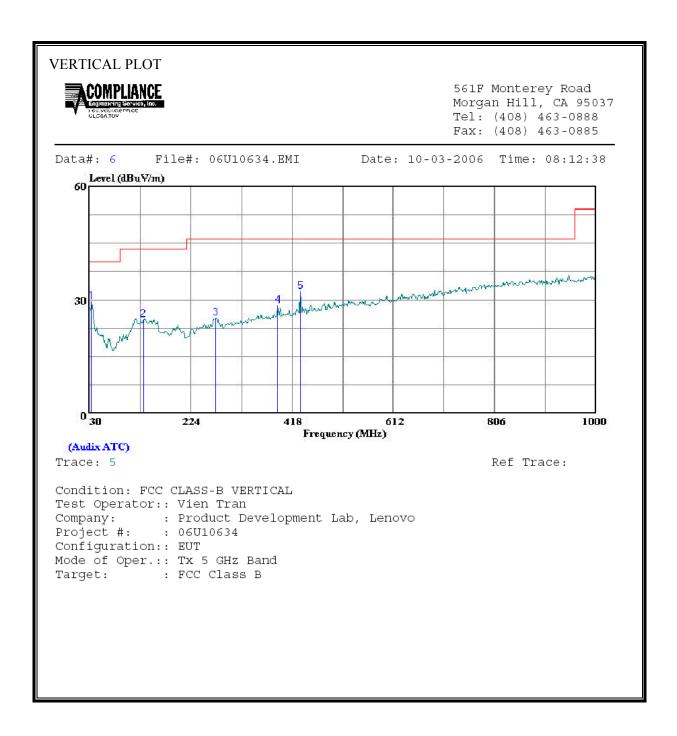
### SPURIOUS EMISSIONS 30 TO 1000 MHz (WORST-CASE CONFIGURATION, VERTICAL)

### **5 GHz BAND**



HORIZONTAL DATA							
	Freq	Read Level	Factor	Level	Limit Line	Over Limit	Remark
	MHZ	dBuV	dB	$\overline{\text{dBuV/m}}$	$\overline{\mathtt{dBuV/m}}$	dB	
1	30.000	6.54	20.45	26.99	40.00	-13.01	Peak
2	133.790	15.94	15.02	30.96	43.50	-12.54	Peak
3	434.490	12.12	18.84	30.96	46.00	-15.04	Peak
4	455.830	13.77	19.33	33.10	46.00	-12.90	Peak
5	499.480	14.43	20.22	34.65	46.00	-11.35	Peak
6	997.090	12.60	26.91	39.51	54.00	-14.49	Peak

### SPURIOUS EMISSIONS 30 TO 1000 MHz (WORST-CASE CONFIGURATION, VERTICAL)



VERTICAL DATA							
	Freq	Read Level	Factor	Level	Limit Line	Over Limit	Remark
	MHz	dBuV	dB	$\overline{\text{dBuV/m}}$	$\overline{\mathtt{dBuV/m}}$	dB	
1	33.880	10.41	19.05	29.46	40.00	-10.54	Peak
2	133.790	9.68	15.02	24.70	43.50	-18.80	Peak
3	271.530	10.45	14.65	25.10	46.00	-20.90	Peak
4	390.840	10.60	17.83	28.43	46.00	-17.57	Peak
5	434.490	13.25	18.84	32.09	46.00	-13.91	Peak

## 7.2. POWERLINE CONDUCTED EMISSIONS

#### LIMIT

 $\S15.207$  (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.

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

#### **RESULTS**

No non-compliance noted:

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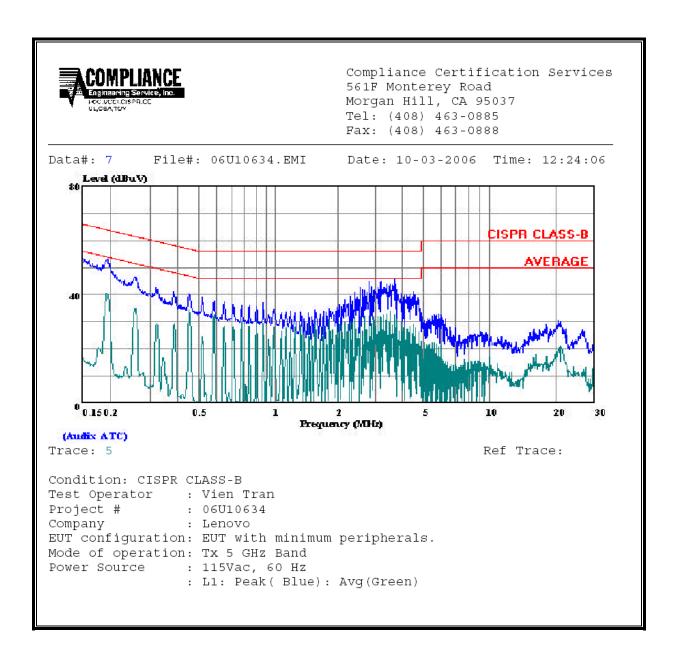
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### **6 WORST EMISSIONS**

	CONDUCTED EMISSIONS DATA (115VAC 60Hz)								
Freq.	Reading			Closs	Limit	FCC_B	Marg	in	Remark
(MHz)	PK (dBuV)	QP (dBuV)	AV (dBuV)	(dB)	QP	AV	QP (dB)	AV(dB)	L1/L2
0.19	52.93		40.69	0.00	63.91	53.91	-10.98	-13.22	L1
0.26	46.36		34.85	0.00	61.46	51.46	-15.10	-16.61	L1
3.76	45.68		34.40	0.00	56.00	46.00	-10.32	-11.60	L1
0.19	52.06		37.41	0.00	63.91	53.91	-11.85	-16.50	L2
0.26	46.04		32.20	0.00	61.46	51.46	-15.42	-19.26	L2
3.24	43.98		32.12	0.00	56.00	46.00	-12.02	-13.88	L2
6 Worst l	5 Worst Data								

#### **LINE 1 RESULTS**



#### **LINE 2 RESULTS**

