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1.0 Introduction

1.1 Test Summary

| FCC RULE | DESCRIPTION OF TEST | RESULT | PAGE |
|---|--|---|------|
| 2.1046 | RF Power Output | Complies 23 dBm - average 27.4 dBm - peak | 6 |
| 22.913, 24.232 | ERP, EIRP | Complies | 7 |
| 2.1047 | Modulation Requirements | Not Applicable | - |
| 2.1049 | Occupied Bandwidth, Emission Designator | 1M25F9W | 9 |
| 2.1051, 22.901(d) 22.917(f), 24.238(a) | Out of Band Emissions at Antenna Terminals Mobile Emissions In Base Frequency Range | Complies | 10 |
| 2.1053 | Field Strength of Spurious Radiation | Complies | 11 |
| 15.107 | Line Conducted Emissions | Complies | 20 |
| 2.1055 | Frequency Stability vs. Temperature | Complies | 21 |
| 2.1055 | Frequency Stability vs. Voltage | Complies | 22 |
| 2.1093 | Specific Absorption Rate | Complies | * |

* Separate Reports are issued

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1.2 Product Description

The Sierra Wireless Inc. Model AIRCARD 555 is dual band CDMA PCMCIA Radio Card with removable antenna.

For more information, please refer to the attached product description.

| | |
|---|---|
| Use of Product | Portable Cellular and PCS PCMCIA Card |
| Whether quantity (>1) production is planned | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes, <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Cellular Phone standards | CDMA |
| Type(s) of Emission | 1M25F9W |
| RF Output Power | 824-849 MHz: 23 dBm (Average) 1850-1910 MHz: 23 dBm (Average) |
| Frequency Range | 824 - 849 MHz, 1850 - 1910 MHz |
| Antenna(e) & Gain | ~ 0 dBi |
| Detachable antenna ? | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No |
| Receiver L.O. frequency | 1052.61 - 1077.57 MHz (Cellular) 2113.6 - 2173.6 MHz (PCS) |
| External input | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Audio <input type="checkbox"/> Digital Data |

1.3 Test Configuration

The Radio was tested in two configurations:

1. Radio Card installed into Laptop
2. Radio Card installed into hand-held computer (PDA)



| Item # | Description | Model No. | Serial No. |
|--------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| 1 | EUT | AIRCARD 555 | |
| 2 | Laptop | IBM 2609 | AB-C8259 |
| 3 | PDA | HP F1260A | SG84602056 |

1.4 Related Submittal(s) Grants

DOC for computer section. A separate DOC Report is prepared.

2.0 RF Power Output
FCC 2.1046

2.1 Test Procedure

The transmitter output was connected to the Average Power Meter. The output power was adjusted to 23 dBm. The transmitter output was connected a calibrated coaxial attenuator, the other end of which was connected to a spectrum analyzer. The resolution and video bandwidths of the spectrum analyzer were set up to 10 MHz and 7 MHz accordingly. The peak power at the transmitter output was determined by adding the value of the attenuator and cable loss to the spectrum analyzer reading.

Tests were performed at three frequencies (low, middle, and high channels) in Cellular in PCS bands.

2.2 Test Equipment

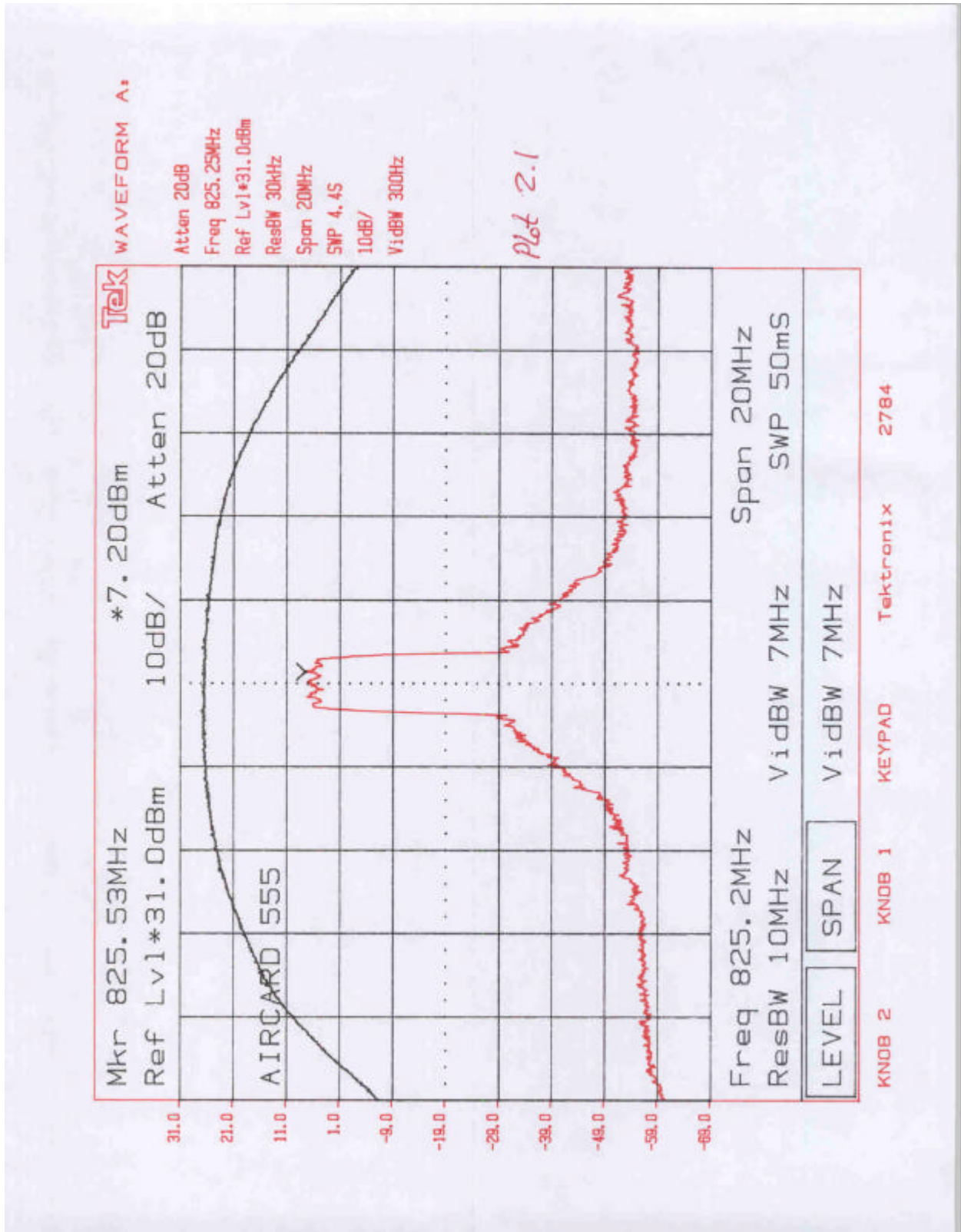
Gigatronics 8542 Power Meter
Tektronix 2784 Spectrum Analyzer, 100 Hz – 40 GHz
10 dB Attenuator

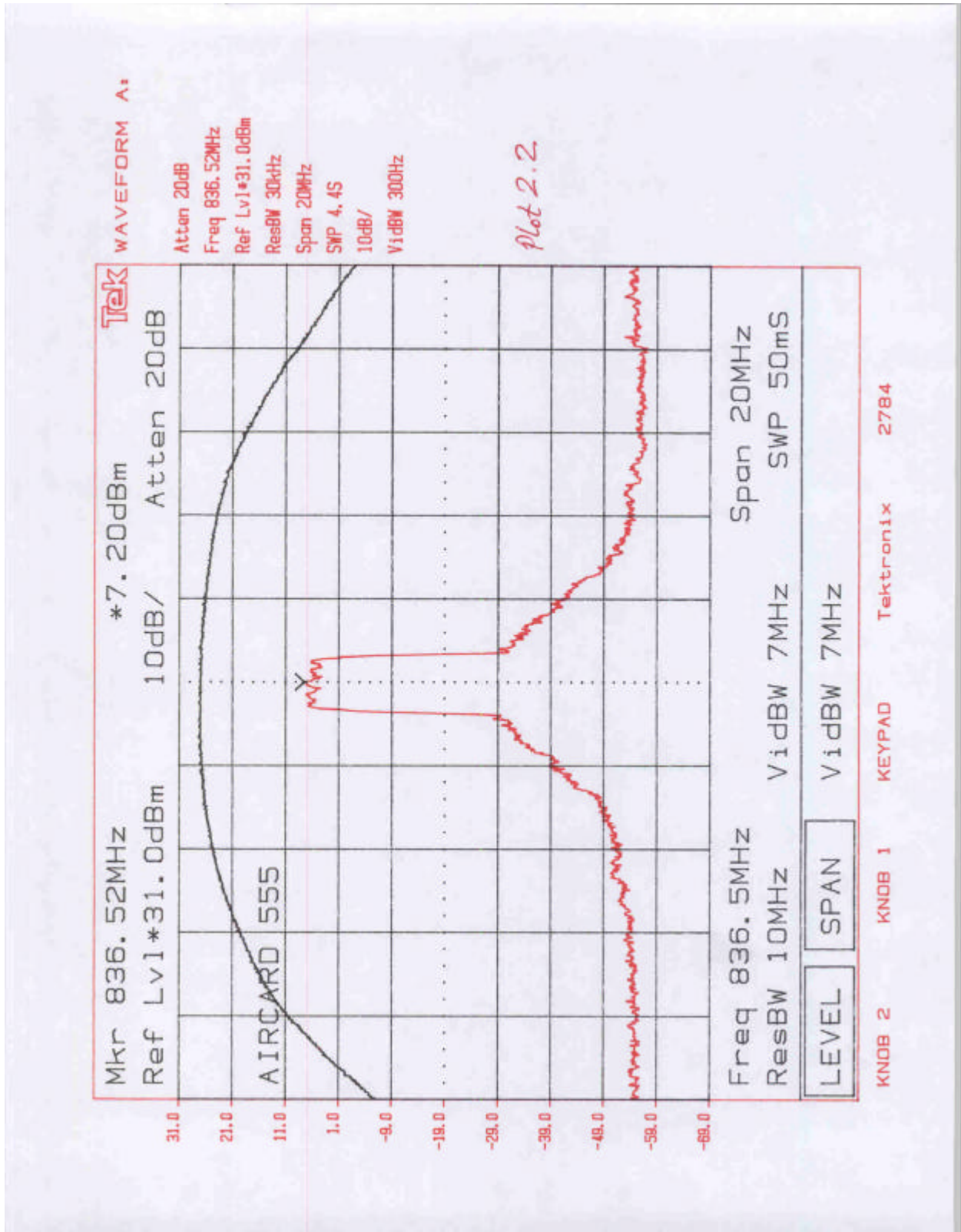
2.3 Test Results

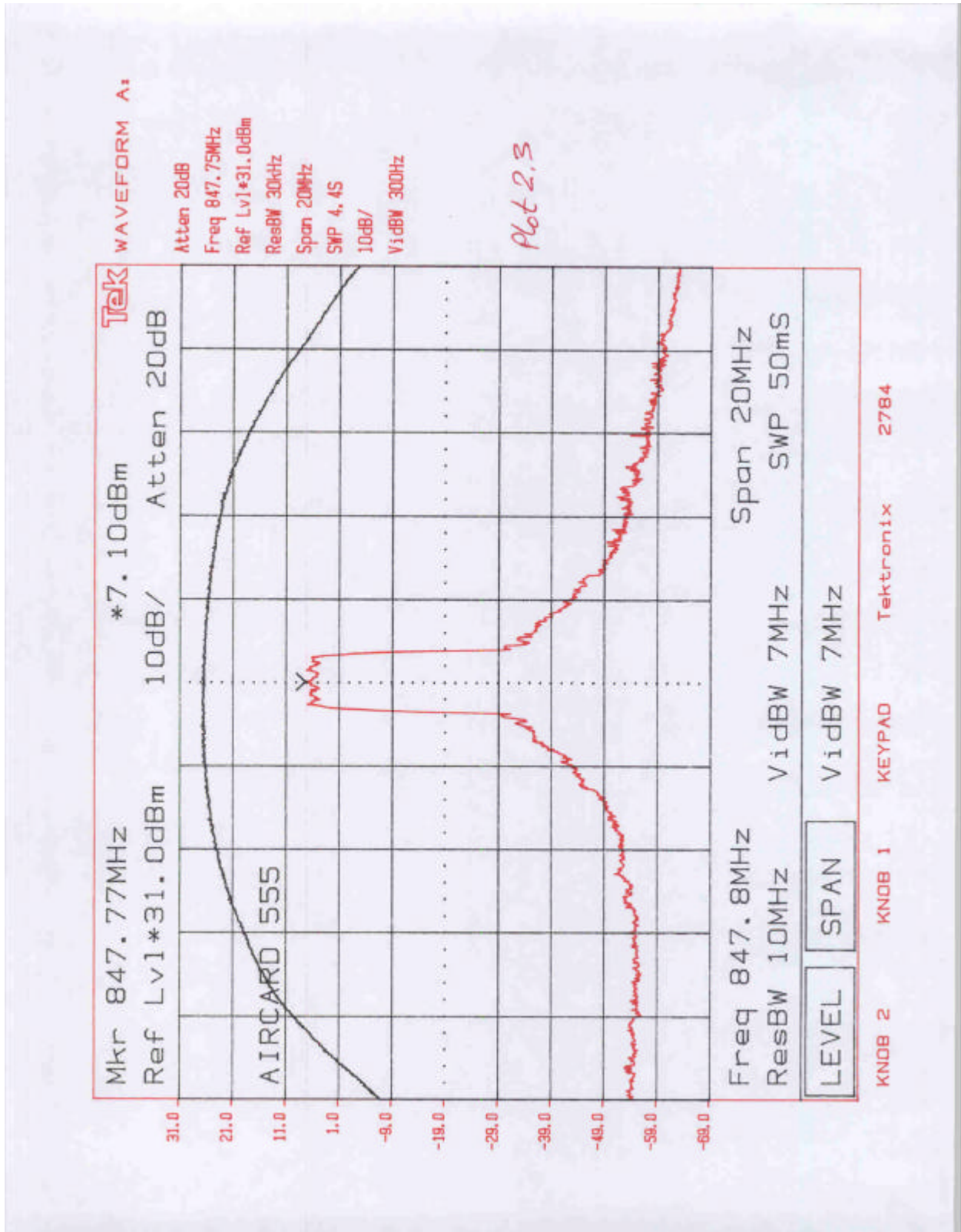
| Frequency (MHz) | Average Power (dBm) | Measured Peak Power (dBm) |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 825.25 | 23.0 | 27.3 |
| 836.5 | 23.0 | 27.4 |
| 847.75 | 23.0 | 27.4 |
| | | |
| 1851.25 | 23.0 | 27.4 |
| 1880.0 | 23.0 | 27.4 |
| 1908.75 | 23.0 | 27.3 |

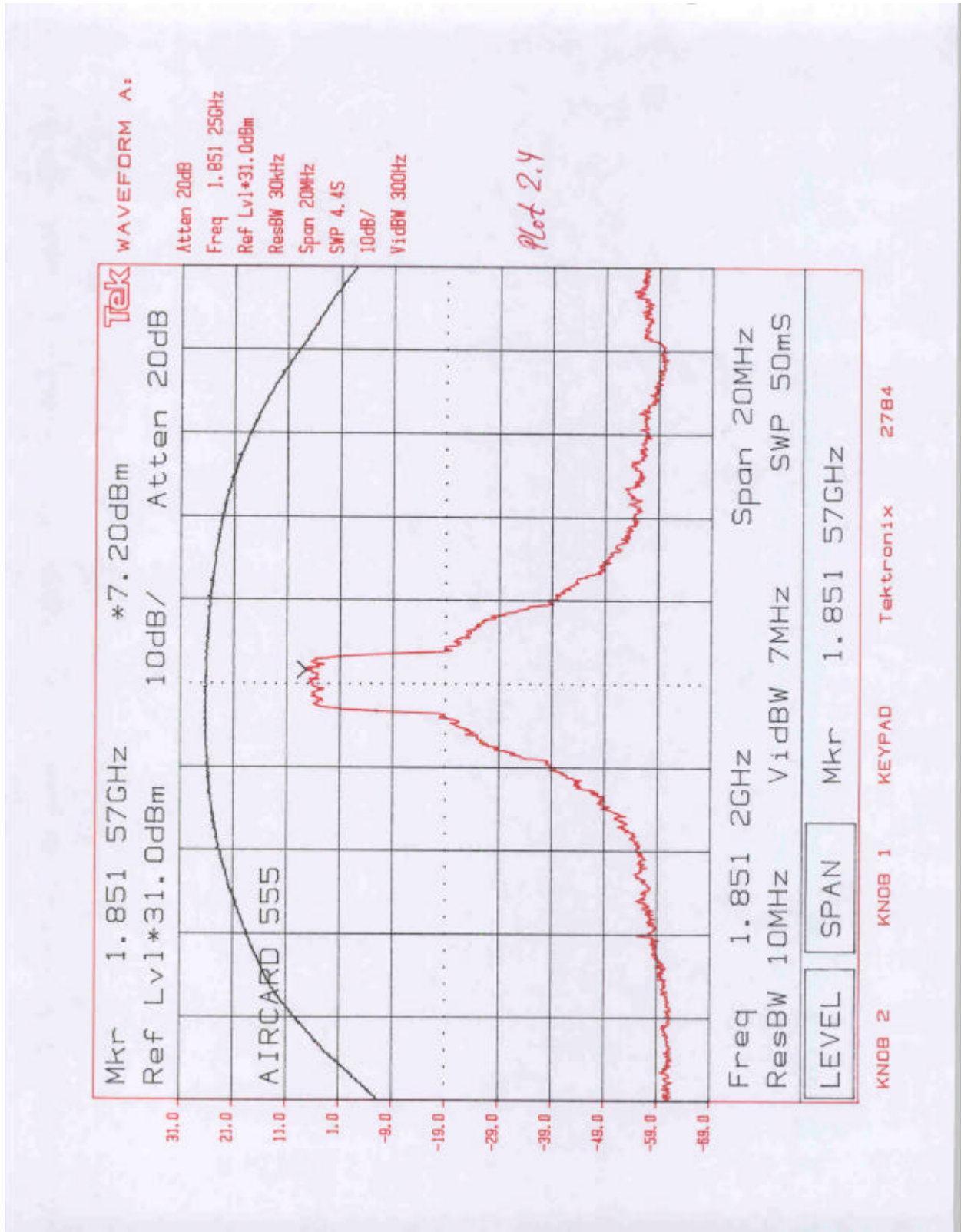
For more details refer to the attached plots:

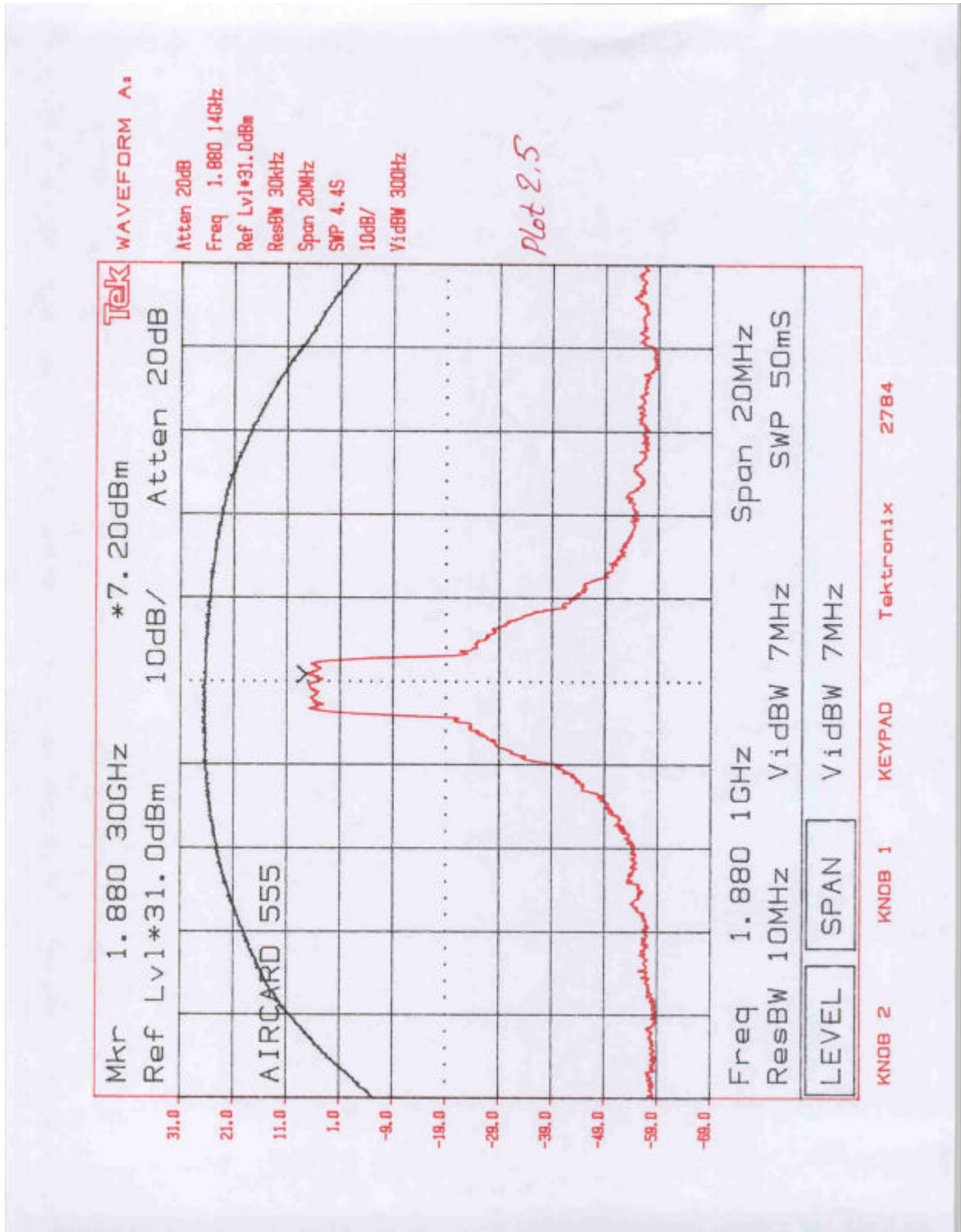
| Cellular Band (CDMA Mode) | |
|---------------------------|----------------|
| Plot Number | Description |
| 2.1 | Low Channel |
| 2.2 | Middle Channel |
| 2.3 | High Channel |
| PCS Band (CDMA Mode) | |
| Plot Number | Description |
| 2.4 | Low Channel |
| 2.5 | Middle Channel |
| 2.6 | High Channel |

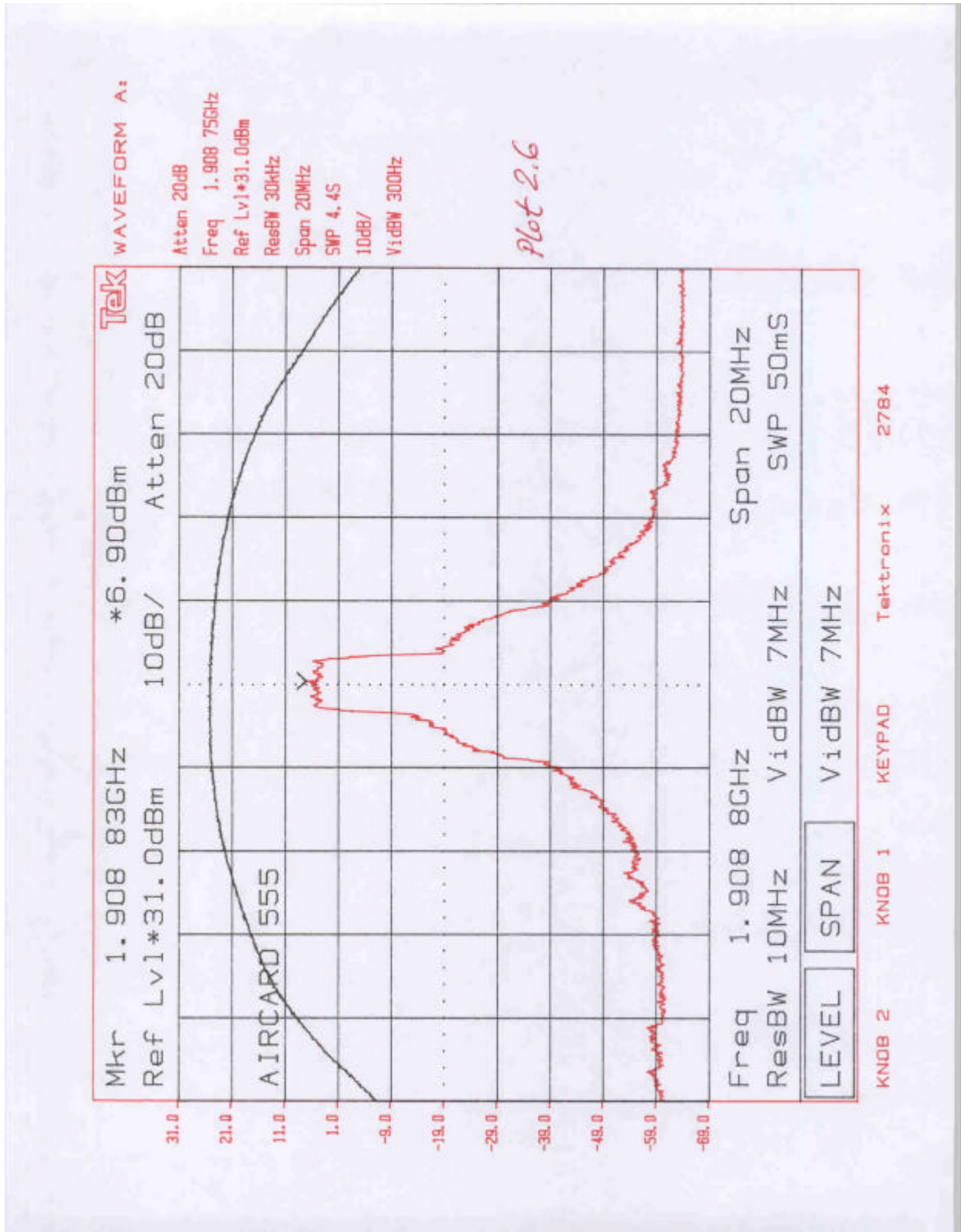












3.0 Radiated PowerFCC 22.913

The Effective Radiated Power (ERP) of mobile transmitters and auxiliary test transmitters must not exceed 7 Watts.

FCC 24.232

The Equivalent Isotropic Radiated Power (EIRP) must not exceed 2 Watts.

3.1 Test Procedure

The EUT was positioned on a non-conductive turntable, 0.8m above the ground plane on an open test site. The radiated emission at the fundamental frequency was measured at 3m distance with a test antenna and spectrum analyzer. During the measurement, the resolution and video bandwidths of the spectrum analyzer were set to 10 MHz and 7 MHz.

The highest emission level was recorded with the rotation of the turntable and the raising and lowering of the test antenna. The spectrum analyzer reading was recorded

ERP in frequency band 824-849 MHz, and EIRP in frequency band 1851.25-1910 MHz were measured using a substitution method. The EUT was replaced by half-wave dipole (824-849 MHz) or horn antenna (1851.25-1908.75 MHz) connected to a signal generator. The spectrum analyzer reading was recorded and ERP/EIRP was calculated as follows:

$$\text{ERP} = U_1 - U_2 + V_g, ; \text{EIRP} = U_1 - U_2 + V_g + G$$

where U_1 & U_2 are spectrum analyzer readings in dBuV when measured field strength from EUT & generator accordingly; V_g is the generator output in dBm; G is the transmitting antenna gain.

3.2 Test Equipment

Tektronix 2784 Spectrum Analyzer, 100 Hz – 40 GHz
EMCO 3148 Log Periodic Antenna
EMCO 3115 Horn Antenna
CDI Robert's Antenna
Hewlett Packard 8656A signal generator

3.3 Test Results

| | |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|
| Complies | Refer to the data sheet below |
|-----------------|-------------------------------|

| | Frequency MHz | Antenna Polarization H/V | SA Reading (EUT) dB(uV) | SA Reading (Signal Gen & Tuned Dipole) dB(uV) | Signal Generator Power dBm | Effective Radiated Power (EUT) dBm |
|--------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|---|--|---|
| Laptop | 825.25 | H | 103.0 | 85.7 | 9.6 | 26.9 |
| | 836.50 | H | 103.0 | 85.6 | 9.5 | 26.9 |
| | 847.75 | H | 102.1 | 84.7 | 9.4 | 26.8 |
| PDA | 825.25 | H | 102.7 | 85.7 | 9.6 | 26.6 |
| | 836.50 | H | 102.6 | 85.6 | 9.5 | 26.5 |
| | 847.75 | H | 101.8 | 84.7 | 9.4 | 26.5 |
| | Frequency MHz | Antenna Polarization H/V | SA Reading (EUT) dB(uV) | SA Reading (Signal Gen & Horn Antenna) dB(uV) | Signal Generator Power + Horn Antenna Gain dBm | Equivalent Isotropic Radiated Power (EUT) dBm |
| Laptop | 1851.25 | H | 97.1 | 85.0 | 16.2 | 28.3 |
| | 1880.00 | H | 96.5 | 84.5 | 16.0 | 28.0 |
| | 1908.75 | H | 94.9 | 84.4 | 15.9 | 26.4 |
| PDA | 1851.25 | H | 97.0 | 85.0 | 16.2 | 28.2 |
| | 1880.00 | H | 96.6 | 84.5 | 16.0 | 28.1 |
| | 1908.75 | H | 95.4 | 84.4 | 15.9 | 26.9 |

4.0 Occupied Bandwidth
FCC 2.1049

4.1 Test Procedure

The transmitter output was connected to a calibrated coaxial attenuator, the other end of which was connected to a spectrum analyzer. The Occupied Bandwidth (defined as the 99% Power Bandwidth) was measured with HP8546A Spectrum Analyzer.

4.2 Test Equipment

Hewlett Packard HP8546A Spectrum Analyzer

4.3 Test Results

See attached plots 4.1 and 4.2. The test result shows that the bandwidth is 1.288 MHz, which is 3% higher than the theoretical bandwidth for CDMA - 1.25 MHz. The Emission Designator was determined as 1M25F9W