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## RF EXPOSURE EVALUATION (MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE)

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PCTEST Lab, Columbia, MD, USA

**Test Report Serial No.:**

0906021143.QHC

**FCC ID:** QHC-GPRSCOL50

**APPLICANT:** SmartSynch

**EUT Type:** 850/1900 GSM/GPRS Watthour Meter with 900 MHz Transmitter

**FCC Rule Part(s):** FCC Part 1 (§1.1310) and Part 2 (§2.1091)

**FCC Classification:** PCS Licensed Transmitter (PCB)

**Test Procedure:** OET Bulletin 65



The device bearing the FCC Identifier specified above has been shown to comply with the applicable technical standards as indicated in the measurement report and has been tested in accordance with the measurement procedures specified in FCC OET Bulletin 65 (See Test Report). These measurements were performed with no deviation from the standards. Test results reported herein relate only to the item(s) tested.

I authorize and attest to the accuracy of data. All measurements reported herein were performed by me or were made under my supervision and are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. I assume full responsibility for the completeness of these measurements and vouch for the qualifications of all persons taking them.

*PCTEST certifies that no party to this application has been denied the FCC benefits pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. 862.*

  
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President





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## 1.0 RF EXPOSURE EVALUATION – MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)

### 1.1 Introduction

This document is prepared on behalf of SmartSynch to show compliance with the RF Exposure requirements as required in §1.1310 of the FCC Rules and Regulations and RSS-102 of Industry Canada.

The limit for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE), specified in FCC §1.1310, is listed in Table 1-1. According to FCC §1.1310 and RSS-102: the criteria listed in the following table shall be used to evaluate the environmental impact of human exposure to radio-frequency (RF) radiation as specified in §1.1307(b).

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Average Time (Minutes)
(A) Limits For Occupational / Control Exposures (f = frequency)				
30-300	61.4	0.163	1.0	6
300-1500	...	...	f/300	6
1500-100,000	...	...	5.0	6
(B) Limits For General Population / Uncontrolled Exposure (f = frequency)				
30-300	27.5	0.073	0.2	30
300-1500	...	...	f/1500	30
1500-100,000	...	...	1.0	30



Table 1-1. Limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE)

### 1.2 EUT Description

The SmartSynch Model: A3 GPRS Collector 5.0 is a Watthour Meter containing a previously certified 850/1900 GSM/GPRS module (FCC ID: IHDT56FV1) and 900MHz LANOB frequency hopping module. For this MPE evaluation the maximum power density is calculated based on the maximum conducted power and the proposed antenna gains for each band of each transmitter.

#### EUT:

Model: A3 GPRS Collector 5.0  
 Grantee: SmartSynch  
 FCC ID: QHC-GPRSCOL50  
 Antenna Gains: 3dBi – 850/1900 Band (Antenex Antenna)  
 5dBi – 900 MHz band

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### 1.3 MPE Requirements Overview



Three different categories of transmitters are defined by the FCC in OET Bulletin 65. These categories are fixed installation, mobile, and portable and are defined as follows:

- **Fixed Installations:** 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.
- **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.
- **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).

The FCC also categorizes the use of the device as based upon the user's awareness and ability to exercise control over his or her exposure. The two categories defined are Occupational/ Controlled Exposure and General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure. These two categories are defined as follows:

- **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.
- **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.

The SmartSynch 850/1900 GSM/GPRS Watthour Meter with 900 MHz Transmitter FCC ID: QHC-GPRSCOL50 is evaluated to the Mobile Device requirements and is considered a device to be used by the General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure.

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## 1.4 Procedure

The procedure used to determine the RF power density was based upon a calculation for determining compliance with the MPE requirements.

The power generated by each transmitter used in this product was initially measured by a power meter and the powers were recorded. Through use of the Friis transmission formula and knowledge of the maximum antenna gain to be used, the power density level is calculated at a distance of 20cm.

The antenna gains of each antenna to be used with the different available transmitters were used to calculate the MPE in all relevant bands of operation.

### Friis Transmission Formula

Friis transmission formula:  $P_d = (P_{out} * G) / (4\pi r^2)$

Where,

$P_d$  = Power Density (mW/cm<sup>2</sup>)

$\pi$  = 3.1416

$P_{out}$  = output power to antenna (mW)

$r$  = distance between observation point and center of the radiator (cm)

$G$  = gain of antenna in linear scale

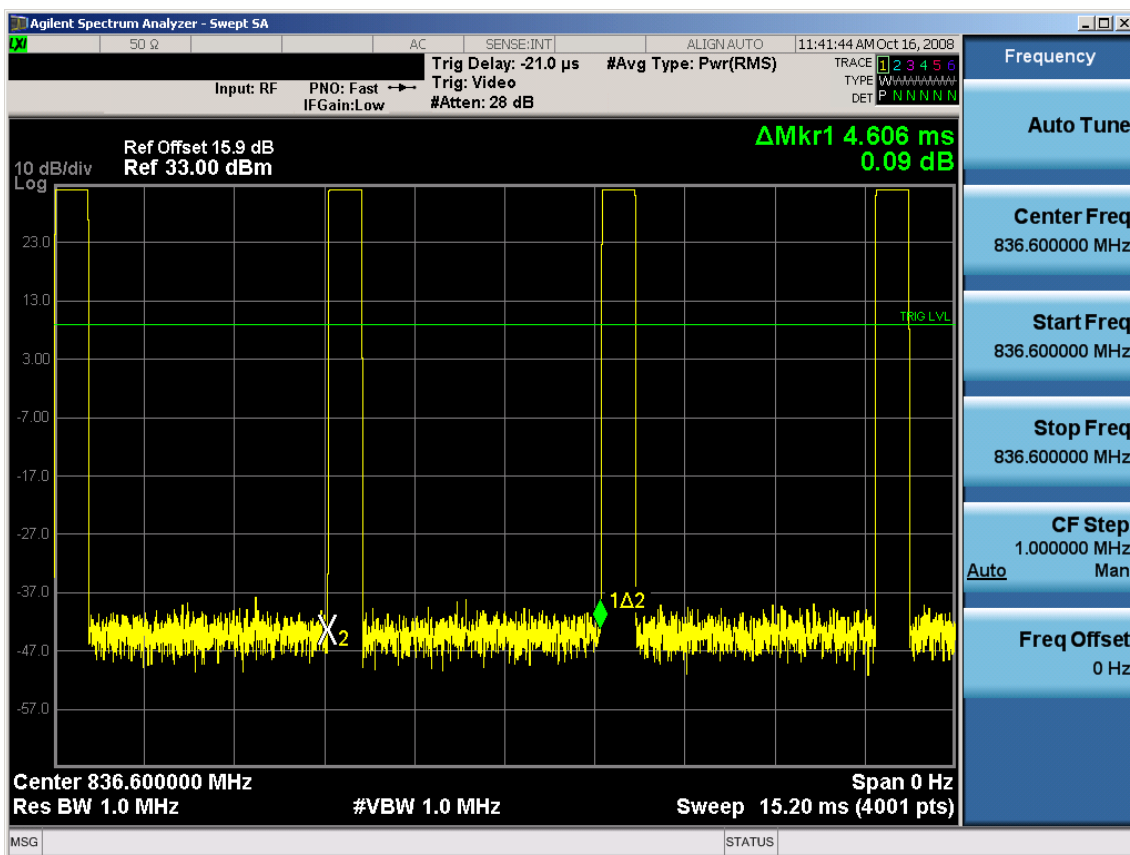




Figure 1-1. Pulse Repetition Interval Plot

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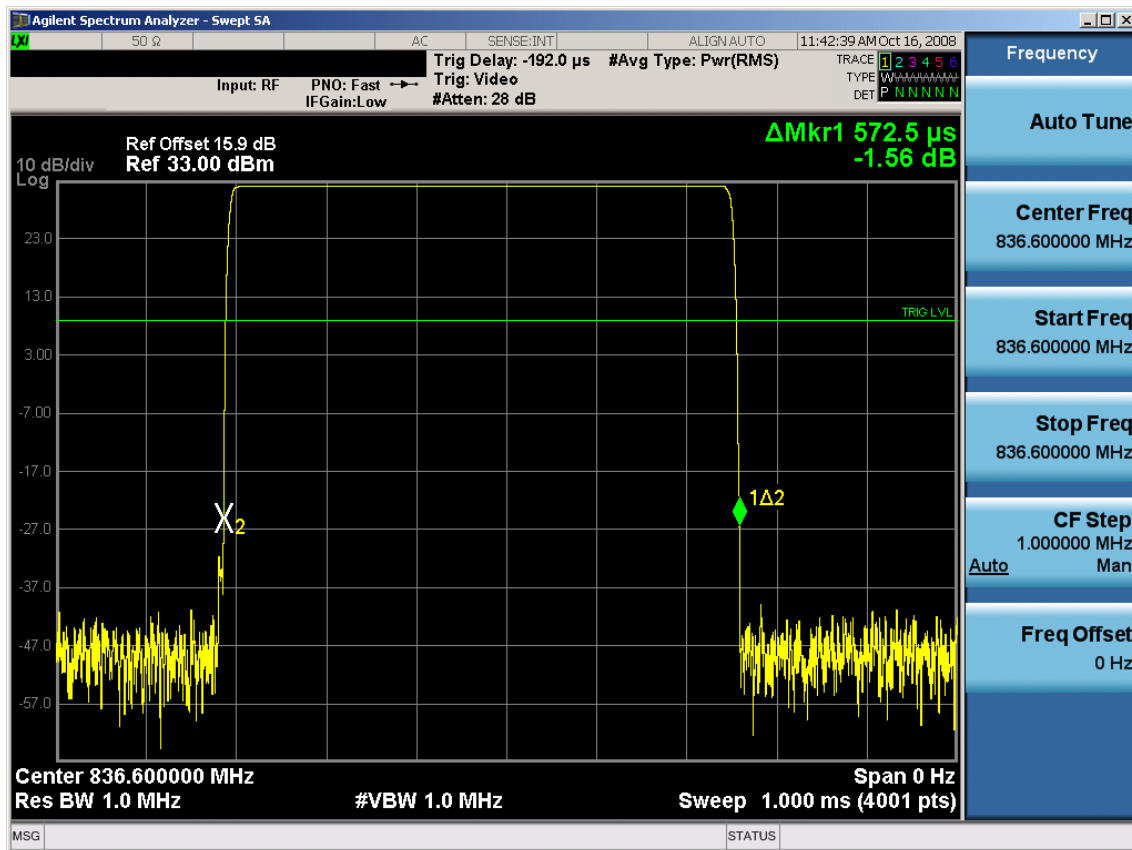


Figure 1-2. Pulse Width Plot

## Duty Cycle Calculation

$$\text{Duty Cycle} = \frac{\tau}{PRI}$$

Where,

$\tau$  = Pulse width (ms)

PRI = Pulse Repetition Interval (ms)

$$\text{Duty Cycle} = \frac{0.5725\text{ms}}{4.606\text{ms}} = 0.124 \rightarrow 12.4\% \text{ Duty Cycle}$$

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# Transmitter Conducted Output Power **§2.1046**

A base station simulator (Rhode and Schwartz Model: CMU200) was used to establish communication with the **SmartSynch 850/1900 GSM/GPRS Watthour Meter with 900 MHz Transmitter FCC ID: QHC-GPRSCOL50**. The base station simulator parameters were set to produce the maximum power from the EUT. This device was tested under all configurations and the highest power is reported in GPRS mode and using a Power Control Level of "0" in the PCS Band and "5" in the Cellular Band. The GPRS conducted powers are reported below.

Band	Channel	GPRS	
		Uplink / Downlink Slots Used	Conducted Power
			[dBm]
Cellular	128	1/1	31.50
	190	1/1	31.36
	251	1/1	31.06
PCS	512	1/1	27.47
	661	1/1	28.13
	810	1/1	27.72



## Calculated MPE

The power density limit for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure at each frequency is determined based on the information in Table 1-1.

There is no co-location between the electric fields of any two transmitters therefore following power densities are calculated for each individual transmitter by frequency at 20cm spacing:

Frequency	824.2 MHz
Limit	0.549 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>
Distance (cm), R =	20 cm
Power (dBm), P =	31.5 dBm
TX Ant Gain (dBi), G =	3 dBi
Duty Cycle, DC =	12.4 %
Power Density (S) =	0.070 mW/cm <sup>2</sup> (at 20cm)
Minimum Distance =	7.1 cm

**Table 1-2. Calculated MPE Data for Cellular Band**

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Frequency:	1880 MHz	
Limit:	1.000 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	
Distance (cm), R =	20 cm	
Power (dBm), P =	28.13 dBm	650.13 mW
TX Ant Gain (dBi), G =	3 dBi	
Duty Cycle, DC =	12.4 %	
Power Density (S) =	0.0320 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	(at 20cm)
Minimum Distance =	3.6 cm	

Table 1-3. Calculated MPE Data for PCS Band



Frequency	914.8 MHz	
Limit	0.610 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	
Distance (cm), R =	20 cm	
Power (dBm), P =	22.73 dBm	187.50 mW
TX Ant Gain (dB), G =	5 dBi	
Power Density (S) =	0.118 mW/cm <sup>2</sup>	(at 20cm)
Minimum Distance =	8.8 cm	

Table 1-4. Calculated MPE Data for 900MHz Transmitter

## 1.5 Summary of Results

Frequency Band [MHz]	Maximum Antenna Gain [dBi]	MPE @ 20cm (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Test Result
824.2 – 848.8	3	0.070	PASS
1850.2 – 1909.8	3	0.032	PASS
902.8 – 914.8	5	0.118	PASS



Table 1-5. Maximum Permissible Exposure Summary Table

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## 2.0 CONCLUSION

The device meets the mobile RF exposure limit at a 20cm separation distance as specified in §2.1091 of the FCC Rules and Regulations and Health Canada Safety Code 6. An appropriate RF exposure compliance statement will be placed in the user's manual.

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