

Report on the Intermodulation Testing

For

Technology Solutions (UK) Ltd

on

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REPORT ON THE INTERMODULATION TESTING OF A  
Technology Solutions (UK) Ltd  
1166 Bluetooth Rugged UHF RFID Reader  
WITH RESPECT TO SPECIFICATIONS  
FCC 47CFR 15.247 & IC RSS-247  
INTERMODULATION EMISSIONS INVESTIGATION

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## 1 Revision Record

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## 2 Summary

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Canada: Testing of radio apparatus for TAC (technical acceptance certificate) per subsections 4(2) of the Radiocommunication Act and 21(1) of the Radiocommunication Regulations.

TEST SPECIFICATION(S): Intermodulation emissions investigation using FCC 47CFR 15.247 & IC RSS-247

EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST (EUT): 1166 Bluetooth Rugged UHF RFID Reader

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## 2.1 Test Summary

<b><i>Test Method and Description</i></b>	<b><i>Specifications</i></b>	<b><i>Applicable to this equipment</i></b>	<b><i>Result / Note</i></b>
Intermodulation spurious emissions	FCC 47CFR 15.247 & IC RSS-247	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pass

### Notes:

The results contained in this report relate only to the items tested, in the condition at time of test, and were obtained in the period between the date of initial receipt of samples and the date of issue of the report.

The apparatus was set up and exercised using the configurations, modes of operation and arrangements defined in this report only. Any modifications made are identified in Section 8 of this report.

Particular operating modes, apparatus monitoring methods and performance criteria required by the standards tested to have been performed except where identified in Section 5.2 of this test report (Deviations from Test Standards).

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## 4 Introduction

This report TRA-030913-47-01A presents the results of the Radio testing on a 1166 Bluetooth Rugged UHF RFID Reader.

The 1166 Bluetooth Rugged UHF RFID Reader contains Pre-approved Radio modules that are able to operate simultaneously.

The Pre-approved Modules are: FCC ID is QOQWT12  
IC ID is 5123A-BGTWT12A

The testing was carried out for Technology Solutions (UK) Ltd by Element, at the address(es) detailed below.

<input type="checkbox"/>	Element Hull Unit E South Orbital Trading Park Hedon Road Hull HU9 1NJ UK	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Element Skelmersdale Unit 1 Pendle Place Skelmersdale West Lancashire WN8 9PN UK
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This report details the configuration of the equipment, the test methods used and any relevant modifications where appropriate.

All test and measurement equipment under the control of the laboratory and requiring calibration is subject to an established programme and procedures to control and maintain measurement standards. The quality management system meets the principles of ISO 9001, and has quality control procedures for monitoring the validity of tests undertaken. Records and sufficient detail are retained to establish an audit trail of calibration records relating to its test results for a defined period. Under control of the established calibration programme, key quantities or values of the test & measurement instrumentation are within specification and comply with the relevant traceable internationally recognised and appropriate standard specifications, which are UKAS calibrated as such where these properties have a significant effect on results. Participation in inter-laboratory comparisons and proficiency testing ensures satisfactory correlation of results conform to Elements own procedures, as well as statistical techniques for analysis of test data providing the appropriate confidence in measurements.

Throughout this report EUT denotes equipment under test.

### FCC Site Listing:

Element is accredited for the above sites under the US-EU MRA, Designation number UK0009.

### IC Registration Number(s):

Element Hull	3483A
Element North West	3930B

The test site requirements of ANSI C63.4-2014 are met up to 1GHz.

The test site SVSWR requirements of CISPR 16-1-4:2010 are met over the frequency range 1 GHz to 18 GHz.

## 5 Glossary of Terms

<b>§</b>	denotes a section reference from the standard, not this document
<b>AC</b>	Alternating Current
<b>ANSI</b>	American National Standards Institute
<b>BW</b>	bandwidth
<b>C</b>	Celsius
<b>CFR</b>	Code of Federal Regulations
<b>CW</b>	Continuous Wave
<b>dB</b>	decibel
<b>dBm</b>	dB relative to 1 milliwatt
<b>DC</b>	Direct Current
<b>DSSS</b>	Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum
<b>EIRP</b>	Equivalent Isotropically Radiated Power
<b>ERP</b>	Effective Radiated Power
<b>EUT</b>	Equipment Under Test
<b>FCC</b>	Federal Communications Commission
<b>FHSS</b>	Frequency Hopping Spread Spectrum
<b>Hz</b>	hertz
<b>IC</b>	Industry Canada
<b>ITU</b>	International Telecommunication Union
<b>LBT</b>	Listen Before Talk
<b>m</b>	metre
<b>max</b>	maximum
<b>MIMO</b>	Multiple Input and Multiple Output
<b>min</b>	minimum
<b>MRA</b>	Mutual Recognition Agreement
<b>N/A</b>	Not Applicable
<b>PCB</b>	Printed Circuit Board
<b>PDF</b>	Portable Document Format
<b>Pt-mpt</b>	Point-to-multipoint
<b>Pt-pt</b>	Point-to-point
<b>RF</b>	Radio Frequency
<b>RH</b>	Relative Humidity
<b>RMS</b>	Root Mean Square
<b>Rx</b>	receiver
<b>s</b>	second
<b>SVSWR</b>	Site Voltage Standing Wave Ratio
<b>Tx</b>	transmitter
<b>UKAS</b>	United Kingdom Accreditation Service
<b>V</b>	volt
<b>W</b>	watt
<b>Ω</b>	ohm

## 6 Equipment Under Test

### 6.1 EUT Identification

- Name: 1166 Bluetooth Rugged UHF RFID Reader

### 6.2 System Equipment

Equipment listed below forms part of the overall test setup and is required for equipment functionality and/or monitoring during testing. The compliance levels achieved in this report relate only to the EUT and not items given in the following list.

*Not Applicable – No support/monitoring equipment required.*

### 6.3 EUT Mode of Operation

#### 6.3.1 Transmission

The mode of operation for Tx tests was as follows:

Radios were set to transmit permanently in various combinations, the spectrum was checked to determine if any intermodulation products were generated due to multiple radios operating simultaneously. The worst case emission plots are shown in this document other combinations different produce not higher intermodulation products shown in this report.

### 6.4 EUT Description

The EUT is a handheld UHF RFID Reader and Bluetooth device.

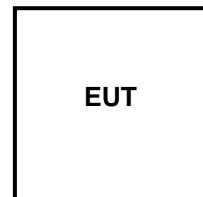
## 7 Modifications

No modifications were performed during this assessment.

## 8 EUT Test Setup

### 8.1 *Block Diagram*

The following diagram shows basic EUT interconnections with cable type and cable lengths identified:



## 8.2 General Set-up Photograph

The following photograph shows basic EUT set-up:



## 9 General Technical Parameters

### 9.1 *Normal Conditions*

The 1166 Bluetooth Rugged UHF RFID Reader was tested under the normal environmental conditions of the test laboratory, except where otherwise stated. The normal power source applied was approx.11.25V dc from batteries.

## 10 Radiated emissions, intermodulation products

### 10.1 Definitions

#### *Spurious emissions*

Emissions on a frequency or frequencies, which are outside the necessary bandwidth and the level of which may be reduced without affecting the corresponding transmission of information. Spurious emissions include harmonic emissions, parasitic emissions, intermodulation products and frequency conversion products, but exclude out-of-band emissions.

#### *Intermodulation products*

Emissions of two or more electromagnetic waves transmitted simultaneously through a nonlinear electronic system.

### 10.2 Test Parameters

Test Location:	Element Skelmersdale
Test Chamber:	Radio chamber
Test Standard and Clause:	ANSI C63.10-2013, Clause 6.5 and 6.6
Deviations From Standard:	None
Measurement BW:	30 MHz to 1 GHz: 120 kHz Above 1 GHz: 1 MHz
Measurement Detector:	Up to 1 GHz: quasi-peak Above 1 GHz: RMS average and Peak

### Environmental Conditions (Normal Environment)

Temperature: 23 °C	+15 °C to +35 °C (as declared)
Humidity: 28 % RH	20 % RH to 75 % RH (as declared)
Supply: 11.25 V dc	11.25 V dc ±10 % (as declared)

### 10.3 Test Limits

RSS-GEN, RSS-210

Unwanted emissions that fall within the restricted frequency bands shall comply with the limits specified:

#### General Field Strength Limits for License-Exempt Transmitters at Frequencies above 30 MHz

Frequency (MHz)	Field Strength ( $\mu$ V/m at 3 m)
30 to 88	100
88 to 216	150
216 to 960	200
Above 960	500

RSS-132, RSS-133

At least  $43 + 10 \log P$  dB

$$(10\log P_{\text{watts}}) - (43 + 10\log (P_{\text{watts}} * 1000)) = \text{LIMIT} = -13 \text{ dBm}$$

#### 10.4 Test Method

With the EUT setup as per section 9 of this report and connected as per Figure i, the emissions from the EUT were measured on a spectrum analyzer / EMI receiver.

Radiated electromagnetic emissions from the EUT are checked first by preview scans. Preview scans for all spectrum and modulation characteristics are checked, using a peak detector and where applicable worst-case determined for function, operation, orientation, etc. for both vertical and horizontal polarisations. Pre-scan plots are shown with a peak detector and 100 kHz RBW.

If the EUT connects to auxiliary equipment and is table or floor standing, the configurations prescribed in ANSI C63.10 are followed. Alternatively, a layout closest to normal use (as declared by the provider) is employed, (see EUT setup photographs for more detail).

Emissions between 30 MHz and 1 GHz are measured using calibrated broadband antennas. Emissions above 1 GHz are characterized using standard gain horn antennas. Pre-amplifiers and filters are used where required. Care is taken to ensure that test receiver resolution bandwidth, video bandwidth and detector type(s) meet the regulatory requirements.

For both horizontal and vertical polarizations, the EUT is then rotated through 360 degrees in azimuth until the highest emission is detected. At the previously determined azimuth the test antenna is raised and lowered from 1 to 4 m in height until a maximum emission level is detected, this maximum value is recorded.

Power values measured on the test receiver / analyzer are converted to field strength, FS, in dB $\mu$ V/m at the regulatory distance, using:

$$FS = PR + CL + AF - PA + DC - CF$$

Where,

PR is the power recorded on the receiver / spectrum analyzer in dB $\mu$ V;

CL is the cable loss in dB;

AF is the test antenna factor in dB/m;

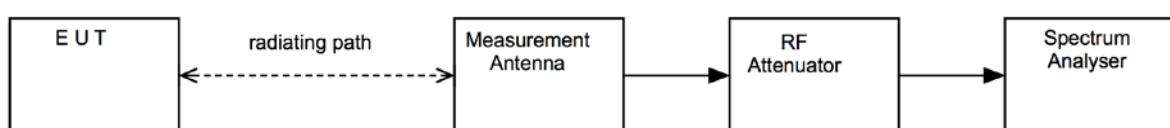
PA is the pre-amplifier gain in dB (where used);

DC is the duty correction factor in dB (where used, e.g. harmonics of pulsed fundamental);

CF is the distance factor in dB (where measurement distance different to limit distance);

This field strength value is then compared with the regulatory limit.

**Figure i Test Setup**



### 10.5 Test Set-up Photograph

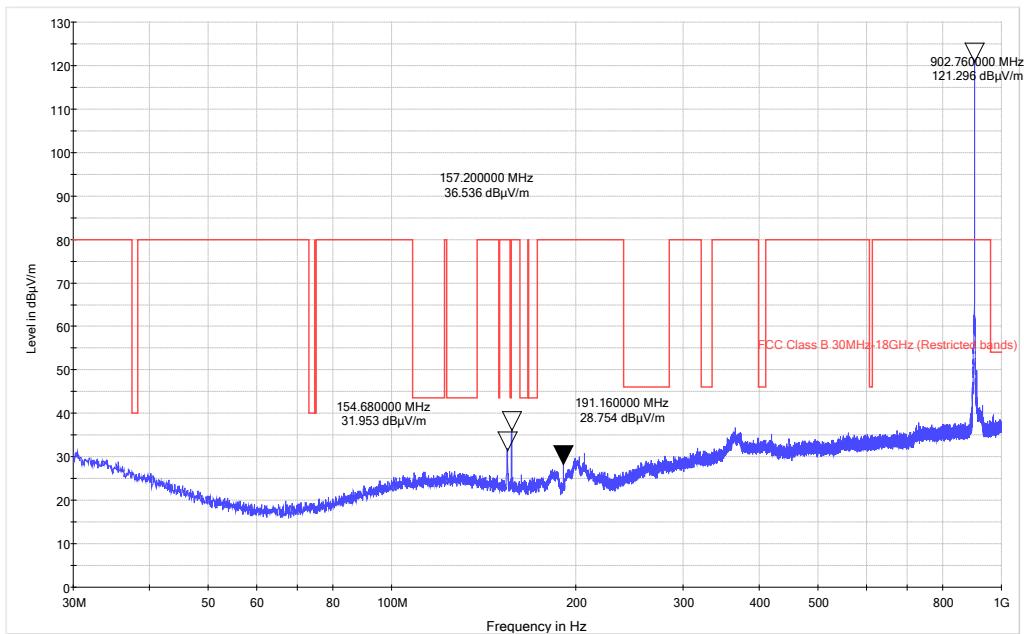


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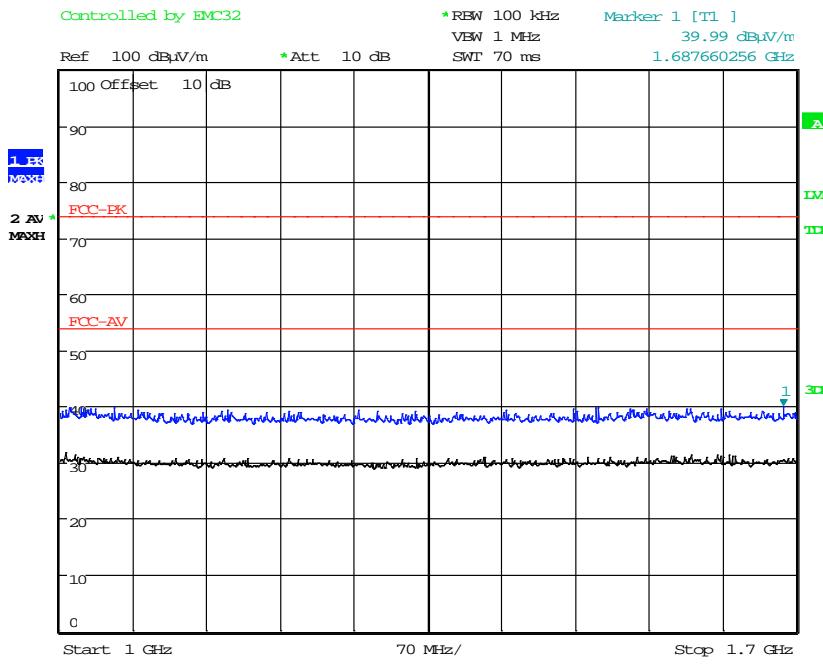
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ESVS10	R&S	ESVS10	L352	07/08/2016	12
Spectrum Analyser	R&S	FSU50	U544	16/03/2017	12
Horn Antenna	EMCO	3115	TRL139	25/09/2017	24
Pre-Amplifier	Agilent	8449B	TRL572	16/02/2017	12

## 10.7 Test Results; RFID Bottom channel & Bluetooth Mid Channel

30MHz - 1GHz

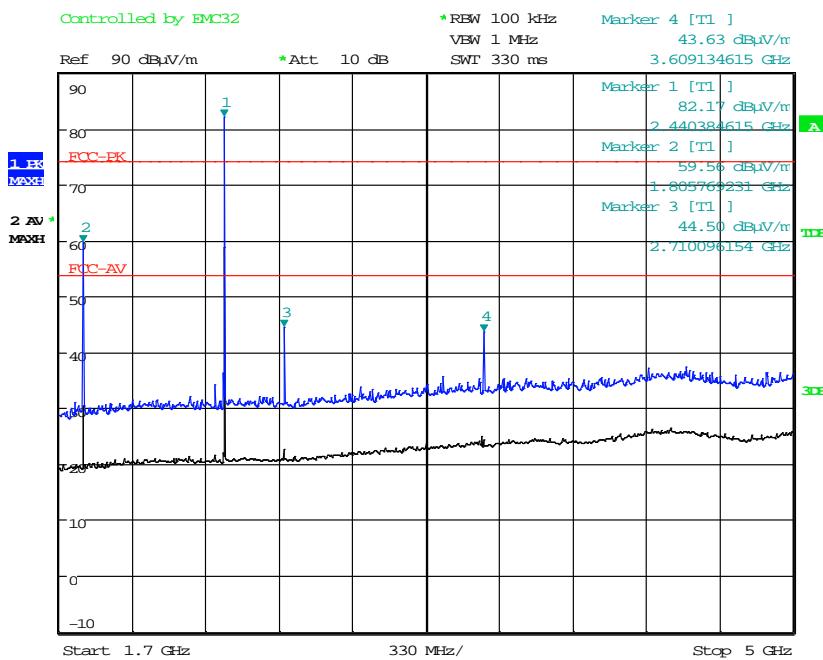


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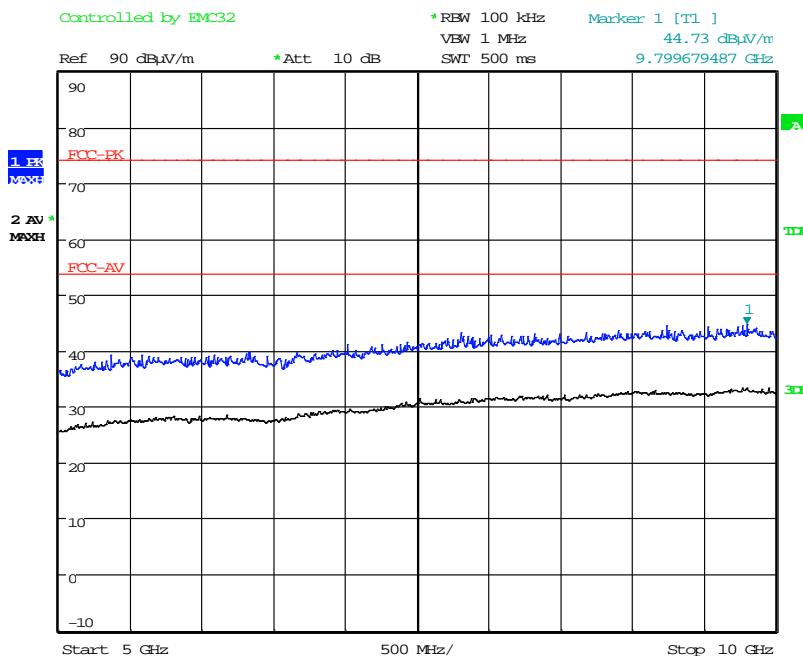
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## 1.7GHz – 5GHz



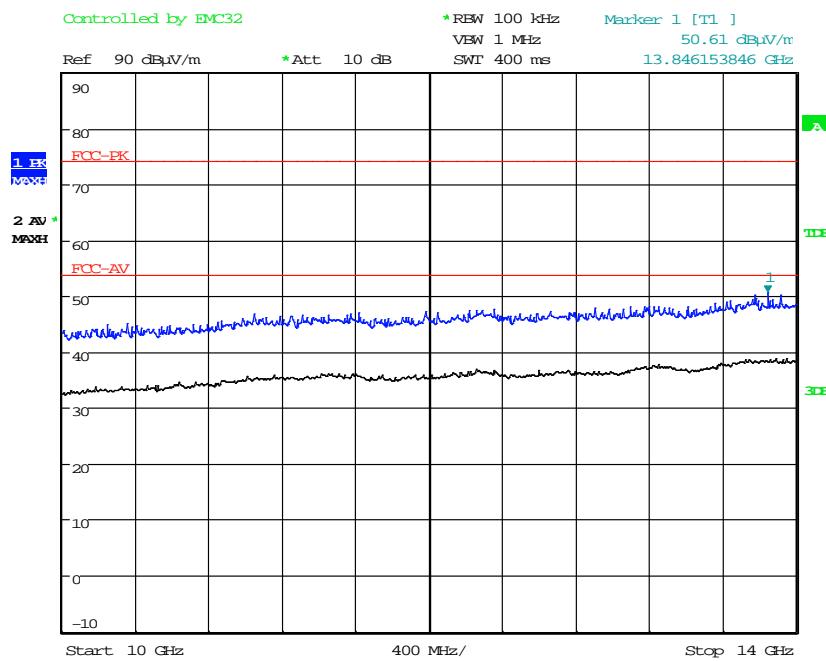
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## 5GHz – 10GHz



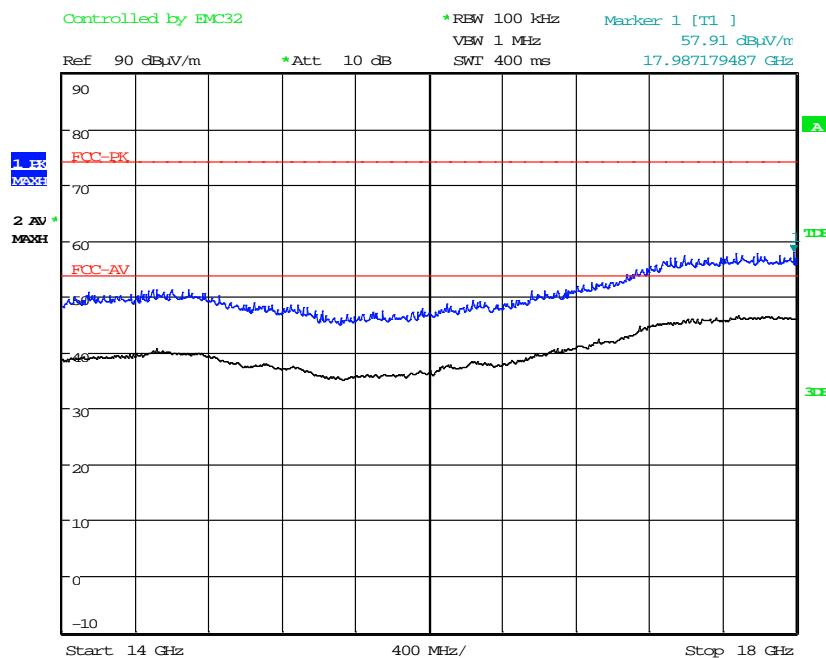
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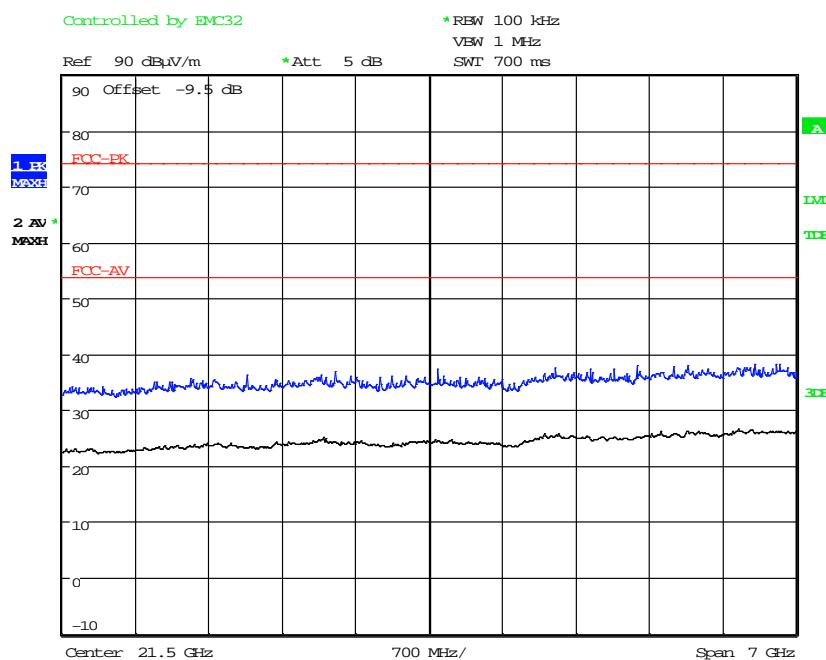
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## 14GHz – 18GHz



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## 18GHz – 25GHz

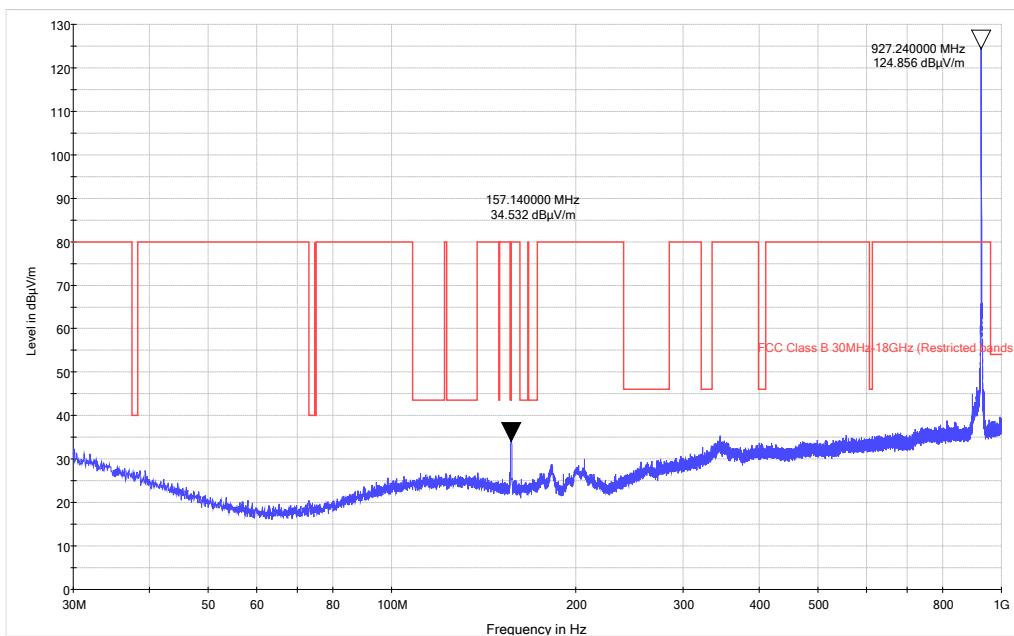


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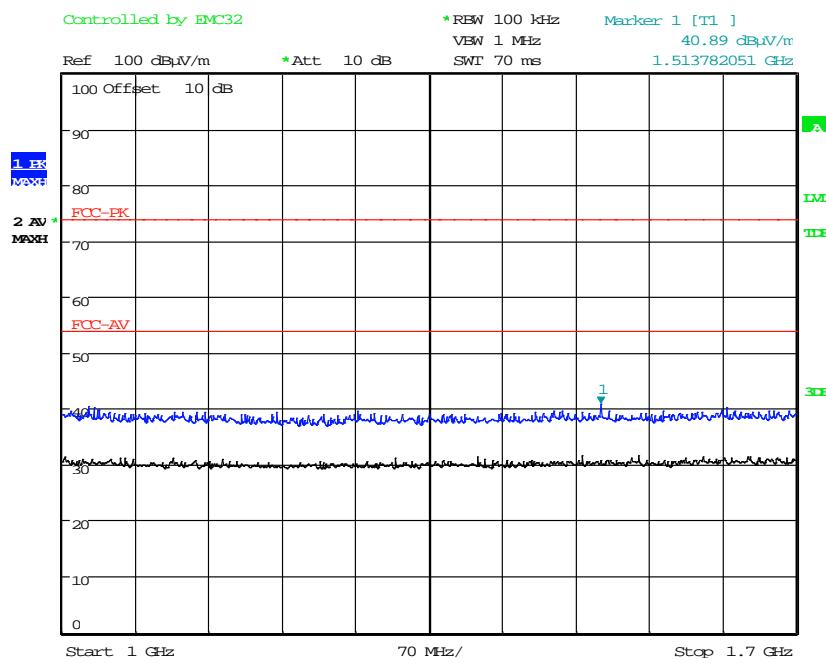
**All emissions on graphs are related to either the RFID operation or the Bluetooth operation and are not intermodulation products.**

## 10.8 Test Results; RFID Top channel & Bluetooth Mid Channel

30MHz – 1GHz

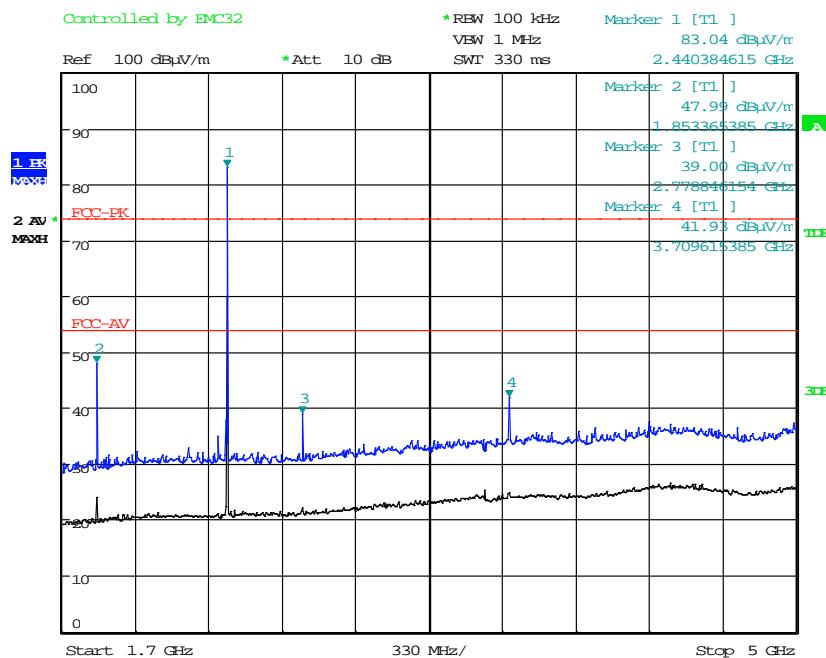


## 1GHz-1.7GHz



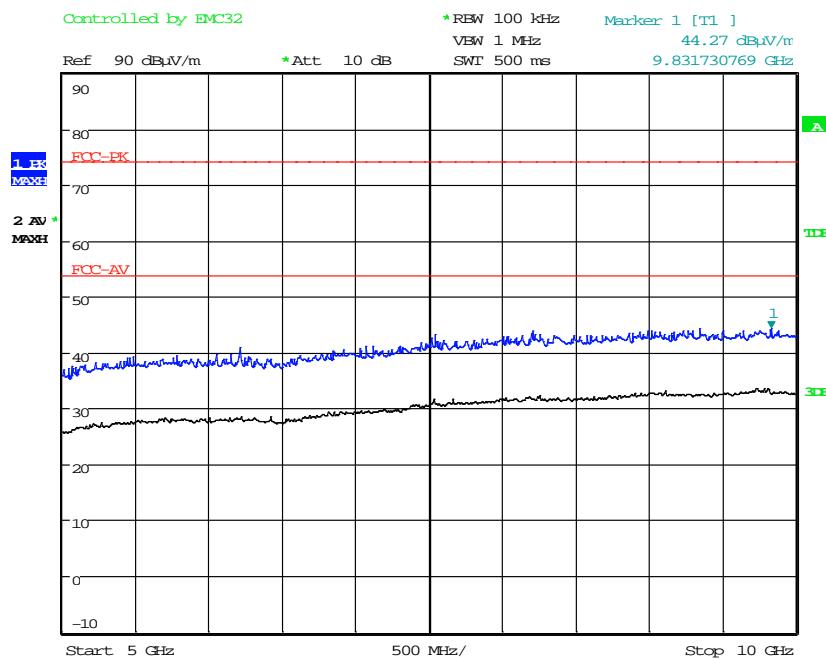
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## 1.7GHz – 5GHz



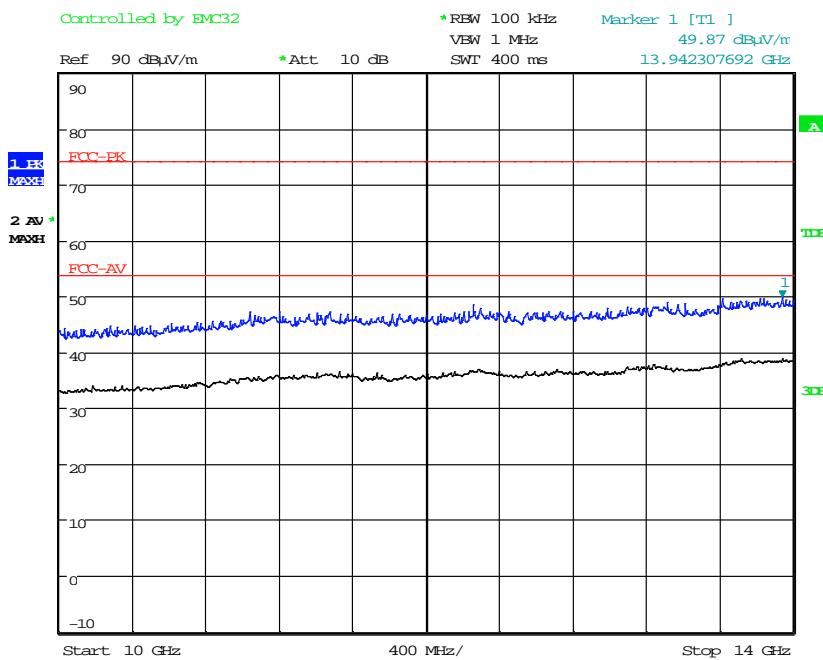
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## 5GHz – 10GHz



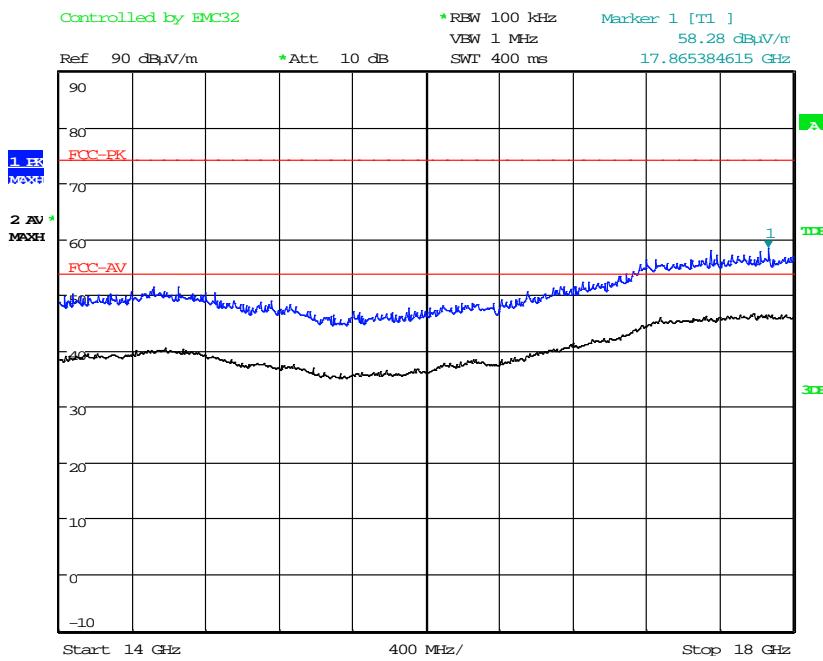
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## 10GHz – 14GHz



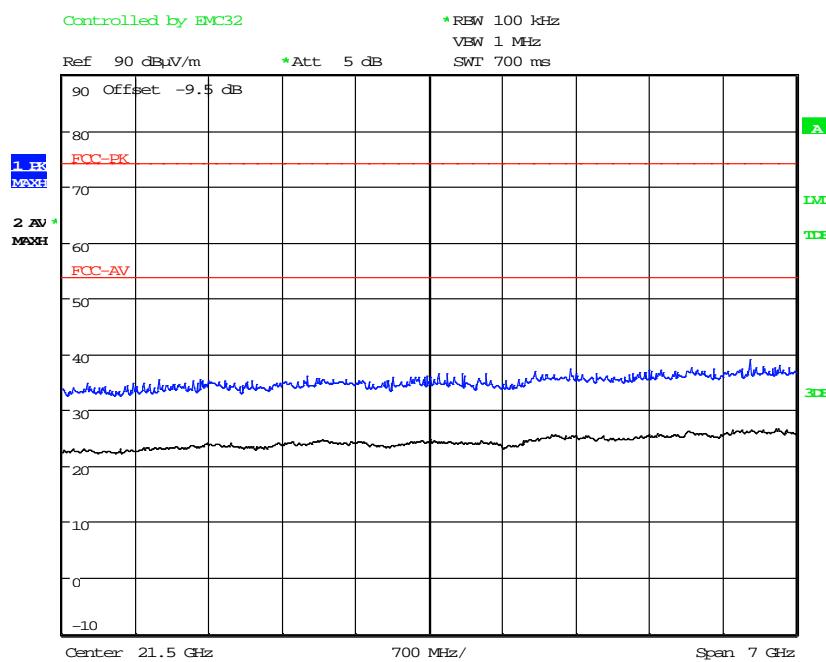
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## 14GHz – 18GHz



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## 18GHz – 25GHz



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## 11 Measurement Uncertainty

### Calculated Measurement Uncertainties

All statements of uncertainty are expanded standard uncertainty using a coverage factor of 1.96 to give a 95 % confidence:

#### [1] Radiated spurious emissions

Uncertainty in test result (30 MHz to 1 GHz) = **4.6 dB**

Uncertainty in test result (1 GHz to 18 GHz) = **4.7 dB**