



Digi International Inc

XBee 3 LTE Cat 1

FCC 2.1091:2022

Bluetooth Low Energy

Cellular

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Last Date of Evaluation: November 15, 2022

Digi International Inc

EUT: XBee 3 LTE Cat 1

RF Exposure Evaluation

Standards

Specification	Method
FCC 2.1091:2022	FCC 447498 D01 General RF Exposure Guidance v06

Results

Method Clause	Description	Applied	Results	Comments
7.2	Maximum Permissible Exposure	Yes	Pass	The XBee 3 LTE Cat 1 requires a 21 cm minimum separation distance.

Deviations From Evaluation Standards

None

Approved By:



Donald Facteau, Process Architect

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REVISION HISTORY



Revision Number	Description	Date (yyyy-mm-dd)	Page Number
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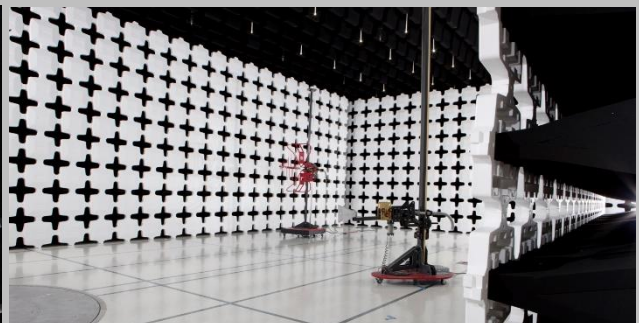
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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Client and Equipment Under Evaluation Information

Company Name:	Digi International Inc
Address:	9350 Excelsior Blvd #700
City, State, Zip:	Hopkins, MN 55343
Evaluation Requested By:	Bradley Ferguson
EUT:	XBee 3 LTE Cat 1
Date of Evaluation:	11/15/2022

Information Provided by the Party Requesting the Evaluation

Functional Description of the Equipment:

The XBee 3 LTE Cat 1 is an RF data module which communicates serial data through UART, SPI, or USB and receives or transmits this data through one of three RF communication ports:

- Cellular (FCC ID: QIPPLS63-W or QIPPLS63-X),
- Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) (FCC ID: MCQ-XBee 3 LTE Cat 1) , or
- GNSS (receive only)

The device is designed to be integrated into an end-product.

Dimensions are 1.2 in × 1.7 in × 0.4 in

Objective:

To demonstrate compliance with FCC Requirements for RF exposure for 1.1307 RF exempt devices

RF EXPOSURE CONDITION



The following RF Exposure conditions were used for the assessment documented in this report:	
Intended Use	Mobile
Location on Body (if applicable)	NA
How is the Device Used	The XBee 3 LTE Cat 1 is used at a distance of greater than 20 cm from the user.
Radios Contained in the Same Host Device	Bluetooth Low Energy Cellular
Simultaneous Transmitting Radios	Bluetooth Low Energy, Cellular
Body Worn Accessories	None
Environment	General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure

MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)



OVERVIEW

Human exposure to RF emissions from mobile devices (47 CFR §2.1091) may be evaluated based on the MPE limits adopted by the FCC for electric and magnetic field strength and/or power density, as appropriate, since exposures are assumed to occur at distances of 20 cm or more from persons. ANSI C95.1:2005 + Amd 1:2010 specifies a minimum separation distance of 20 cm for performing reliable field measurements to determine adherence to MPE limits. If the minimum separation distance between a transmitter and nearby persons is more than 20 cm under normal operating conditions, compliance with MPE limits may be determined at such distance from the transmitter. When applicable, operation instructions and prominent warning labels may be used to alert the exposed persons to maintain a specified distance from the transmitter or to limit their exposure durations and usage conditions to ensure compliance. If the use of warning labels on a transmitter is not effective or desirable, the alternative of performing SAR evaluation with the device at its closest range to persons under normal operating conditions may be used. The field strength and power density limits adopted by the FCC are based on whole-body averaged exposure and the assumption of RF field levels relate most accurately to estimating whole-body averaged SAR. This means some local values of exposures exceeding the stated field strength and power density limits may not necessarily imply non-compliance if the spatial average of spatially averaged RF fields over the exposed portions of a person's body does not exceed the limits.

COMPLIANCE WITH FCC 2.1091

47 CFR §1.1307

“(b)(1) Requirements. (i) With respect to the limits on human exposure to RF provided in §1.1310 of this chapter, applicants to the Commission for the grant or modification of construction permits, licenses or renewals thereof, temporary authorities, equipment authorizations, or any other authorizations for radiofrequency sources must either:

(A) Determine that they qualify for an exemption pursuant to §1.1307(b)(3);

(B) Prepare an evaluation of the human exposure to RF radiation pursuant to §1.1310 and include in the application a statement confirming compliance with the limits in §1.1310; or

(C) Prepare an Environmental Assessment if those RF sources would cause human exposure to levels of RF radiation in excess of the limits in §1.1310.

47 CFR §2.1091

“A mobile device is defined as a transmitting device designed to be used in other than fixed locations and to generally be used in such a way that a separation distance of at least 20 centimeters is normally maintained between the RF source's radiating structure(s) and the body of the user or nearby persons. In this context, the term “fixed location” means that the device is physically secured at one location and is not able to be easily moved to another location while transmitting. Transmitting devices designed to be used by consumers or workers that can be easily re-located, such as wireless devices associated with a personal desktop computer, are considered to be mobile devices if they meet the 20-centimeter separation requirement.”

The device will only be used with a separation distance between the antenna and the body of the user or nearby persons as shown in the table below and can therefore be considered a mobile transmitter per 47 CFR 2.1091(b).

COMPLIANCE WITH FCC KDB 447498 D01 General RF Exposure Guidance v06

"KDB 447498 D01 General RF Exposure Guidance v06" provides the procedures, requirements, and authorization policies for mobile and portable devices.

MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)



Devices operating in standalone mobile device exposure conditions may contain a single transmitter or multiple transmitters that do not transmit simultaneously are covered in section 7.1.

Devices containing multiple transmitters capable of simultaneous transmissions are covered in section 7.2.

LIMITS

Limits for General Population /Uncontrolled Exposure: 47 CFR 1.1310

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (mW/cm ²)	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.3 - 1.34	614	1.63	*(100)	30
1.34 - 30	824/f	2.19/f	*(180/f ²)	30
30 - 300	27.5	0.073	0.2	30
300 - 1500			f/1500	30
1500 - 100000			1	30

f = frequency in MHz

* = Plane-wave equivalent power density

ASSESSMENT

The exposure level for the radio is evaluated at a 20 cm distance from the radio's transmitting antenna using the general equation:

$$S = \frac{P * G}{4 * \pi * R^2}$$

Where: S = power density (mW/cm²)

P = power input to the antenna (mW)

G = numeric power gain relative to an isotropic radiator

R = distance to the center of the radiation of the antenna (20 cm = limit for MPE estimates)

P*G = EIRP

Solving for S, the maximum power density 20 cm from the transmitting antenna is determined. This level is then compared to the applicable limit for the transmit frequency. If limits were not met at the 20 cm boundary the evaluation distance is increased until the limit is met as shown in the table below.

For co-located radios, the ratio of the calculated level to the limit is determined. The ratios for each co-located radio are summed. If the sum is less than or equal to one, then the device is excluded from testing and is deemed compliant.

MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)



The standalone MPE and summed MPE ratios are summarized in the following table(s):

Radio	Transmit Frequency (MHz)	Conducted Output Power	Power Tolerance (dB)	Duty Cycle	Antenna Assembly Gain (dBi)	Minimum Separation Distance (cm)	Power Density (mW/cm ²)	Limit (mW/cm ²)	Ratio
Bluetooth Low Energy	2402	7 dBm	1.0	100.0%	4.0	20	0.0	1.0	0.00
Max Ratio									0.00

The information in the table above was obtained from:

The rated value was used in these calculations. Customer supplied information and Element report DGII0455.3 Rev 2 were used.

FCC ID: QIPPLS63-W

Radio	Transmit Frequency (MHz)	Conducted Output Power	Power Tolerance (dB)	Duty Cycle	Antenna Assembly Gain (dBi)	Minimum Separation Distance (cm)	Power Density (mW/cm ²)	Limit (mW/cm ²)	Ratio
Cellular: WCDMA Band 5	824	24 dBm	1.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	0.5	0.36
Cellular: WCDMA Band 4	1710	24 dBm	1.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	1.0	0.20
Cellular: WCDMA Band 2	1850	24 dBm	1.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	1.0	0.20
Cellular: LTE B7	2500	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	1.0	0.20
Cellular: LTE B66	1710	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	1.0	0.20
Cellular: LTE B5	824	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	0.5	0.36
Cellular: LTE B41	2496	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	1.0	0.20
Cellular: LTE B4	1710	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	1.0	0.20
Cellular: LTE B38	2570	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	1.0	0.20
Cellular: LTE B26	814	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	0.5	0.37
Cellular: LTE B2	1850	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	1.0	0.20
Cellular: LTE B14	788	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	0.5	0.38
Cellular: LTE B13	777	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	0.5	0.38
Cellular: LTE B12	699	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	0.5	0.43
Cellular: GSM 850	824	33 dBm	2.0	12.5%*	5	20	0.2	0.5	0.45
Cellular: GSM 1900	1850	30 dBm	2.0	12.5%*	5	20	0.1	1.0	0.12
Max Ratio									0.45

The information in the table above was obtained from:

* Duty cycle based on TDMA using 1 of 8 slots.

The rated value was used in these calculations. Customer supplied information and Thales Criterion PLSx3 data sheet were used. Antenna gain was obtained from the original QIPPLS63-W grant.

MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)



FCC ID: QIPPLS63-X

Radio	Transmit Frequency (MHz)	Conducted Output Power	Power Tolerance (dB)	Duty Cycle	Antenna Assembly Gain (dBi)	Minimum Separation Distance (cm)	Power Density (mW/cm ²)	Limit (mW/cm ²)	Ratio
Cellular: WCDMA Band 5	824	24 dBm	1.0	100.0%	9.4	20	0.5	0.5	1.00
Cellular: WCDMA Band 4	1710	24 dBm	1.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	1.0	0.20
Cellular: WCDMA Band 2	1850	24 dBm	1.0	100.0%	8.01	20	0.4	1.0	0.40
Cellular: LTE B71	663	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	8.48	21	0.4	0.4	0.91
Cellular: LTE B66	1710	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	1.0	0.20
Cellular: LTE B5	824	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	9.4	20	0.5	0.5	1.00
Cellular: LTE B4	1710	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	5	20	0.2	1.0	0.20
Cellular: LTE B26	814	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	9.3	20	0.5	0.5	0.99
Cellular: LTE B25	1850	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	8.01	20	0.4	1.0	0.40
Cellular: LTE B2	1850	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	8.01	20	0.4	1.0	0.40
Cellular: LTE B13	777	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	9.16	21	0.5	0.5	0.91
Cellular: LTE B12	699	23 dBm	2.0	100.0%	8.7	21	0.4	0.5	0.91
Max Ratio									1.00

The information in the table above was obtained from:

The rated value was used in these calculations. Customer supplied information and Thales Criterion PLSx3 data sheet were used.

Cellular Radio Option	Sum of Maximum Ratios	Limit	Compliant
FCC ID: QIPPLS63-W	0.45	1	Yes
FCC ID: QIPPLS63-X	1.00	1	Yes

Evaluator: Jay Whitworth

End of Test Report