



Hearing Aid Compatibility (HAC) RF Emissions Test Report

APPLICANT : ZTE CORPORATION
EQUIPMENT : LTE/CDMA Multi-Mode Digital
Mobile Phone
BRAND NAME : ZTE
MODEL NAME : N9137
FCC ID : SRQ-N9137
STANDARD : FCC 47 CFR §20.19
ANSI C63.19-2011

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Appendix A. Product Equality Declaration



Revision History

REPORT NO.	VERSION	DESCRIPTION	ISSUED DATE
HA760302-01A	Rev. 01	Initial issue of report	Sep. 28, 2018

**1. General Information**

Product Feature & Specification	
Applicant Name	ZTE CORPORATION
Equipment Name	LTE/CDMA Multi-Mode Digital Mobile Phone
Brand Name	ZTE
FCC ID	SRQ-N9137
HW Version	N9137HW1.0
SW Version	N9137UV1.0.0B01
EUT Stage	Identical Prototype
Exposure category	General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure
Frequency Band	CDMA2000 BC0: 824.7 MHz ~ 848.31 MHz CDMA 2000 BC1: 1851.25 MHz ~ 1908.75 MHz LTE Band 2: 1850.7 MHz ~ 1909.3 MHz LTE Band 4: 1710.7 MHz ~ 1754.3 MHz LTE Band 5: 824.7 MHz ~ 848.3 MHz LTE Band 12: 699.7 MHz ~ 715.3 MHz LTE Band 13: 779.5 MHz ~ 784.5 MHz LTE Band 25: 1850.7 MHz ~ 1914.3 MHz WLAN 2.4GHz Band: 2412 MHz ~ 2462 MHz Bluetooth: 2402 MHz ~ 2480 MHz
Mode	CDMA2000 : 1xRTT/1xEv-Do(Rcv.0)/1xEv-Do(Rcv.A) LTE: QPSK, 16QAM 802.11b/g/n HT20/HT40 Bluetooth v3.0+EDR, Bluetooth v4.0 LE, Bluetooth v4.1 LE, Bluetooth v4.2 LE
Remark: This is a variant report. The product equality declaration could be referred to Appendix A. all test cases were performed on original report which can be referred to SPORTON Report Number HA760302A.	



2. Administration Data

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3. Applied Standards

- FCC CFR47 Part 20.19
- ANSI C63.19-2011
- FCC KDB 285076 D01 HAC Guidance v05
- FCC KDB 285076 D02 T Coil testing v03
- FCC KDB 285076 D03 HAC FAQ v01
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4. RF Audio Interference Level

FCC wireless hearing aid compatibility rules ensure that consumers with hearing loss are able to access wireless communications services through a wide selection of handsets without experiencing disabling radio frequency (RF) interference or other technical obstacles.

To define and measure the hearing aid compatibility of handsets, in CFR47 part 20.19 ANSI C63.19 is referenced. A handset is considered hearing aid-compatible for acoustic coupling if it meets a rating of at least M3 under ANSI C63.19, and A handset is considered hearing aid compatible for inductive coupling if it meets a rating of at least T3. According to ANSI C63.19 2011 version, for acoustic coupling, the RF electric field emissions of wireless communication devices should be measured and rated according to the emission level as below.

Emission Categories	E-field emissions	
	<960Mhz	>960Mhz
M1	50 to 55 dB (V/m)	40 to 45 dB (V/m)
M2	45 to 50 dB (V/m)	35 to 40 dB (V/m)
M3	40 to 45 dB (V/m)	30 to 35 dB (V/m)
M4	<40 dB (V/m)	<30 dB (V/m)

Table 5.1 Telephone near-field categories in linear units

**5. Air Interface and Operating Mode**

Air Interface	Band MHz	Type	C63.19 Tested	Simultaneous Transmitter	Name of Voice Service	Power Reduction
CDMA	BC0	VO	Yes	WLAN, BT	CMRS Voice	No
	BC1			WLAN, BT		No
	EVDO	DT	No	WLAN, BT	NA	No
LTE (FDD)	Band 2	VD	No ⁽¹⁾	WLAN, BT	VoLTE	No
	Band 4			WLAN, BT		No
	Band 5			WLAN, BT		No
	Band 12			WLAN, BT		No
	Band 13			WLAN, BT		No
	Band 25			WLAN, BT		No
Wi-Fi	2450	DT	No	CDMA, LTE	NA	No
BT	2450	DT	No	CDMA, LTE	NA	No

Type Transport:

VO= Voice only

DT= Digital Transport only (no voice)

VD= CMRS and IP Voice Service over Digital Transport

Remark:

- The air interface is exempted from testing by low power exemption that its average antenna input power plus its MIF is ≤ 17 dBm, and is rated as M4

6. Measurement System Specification

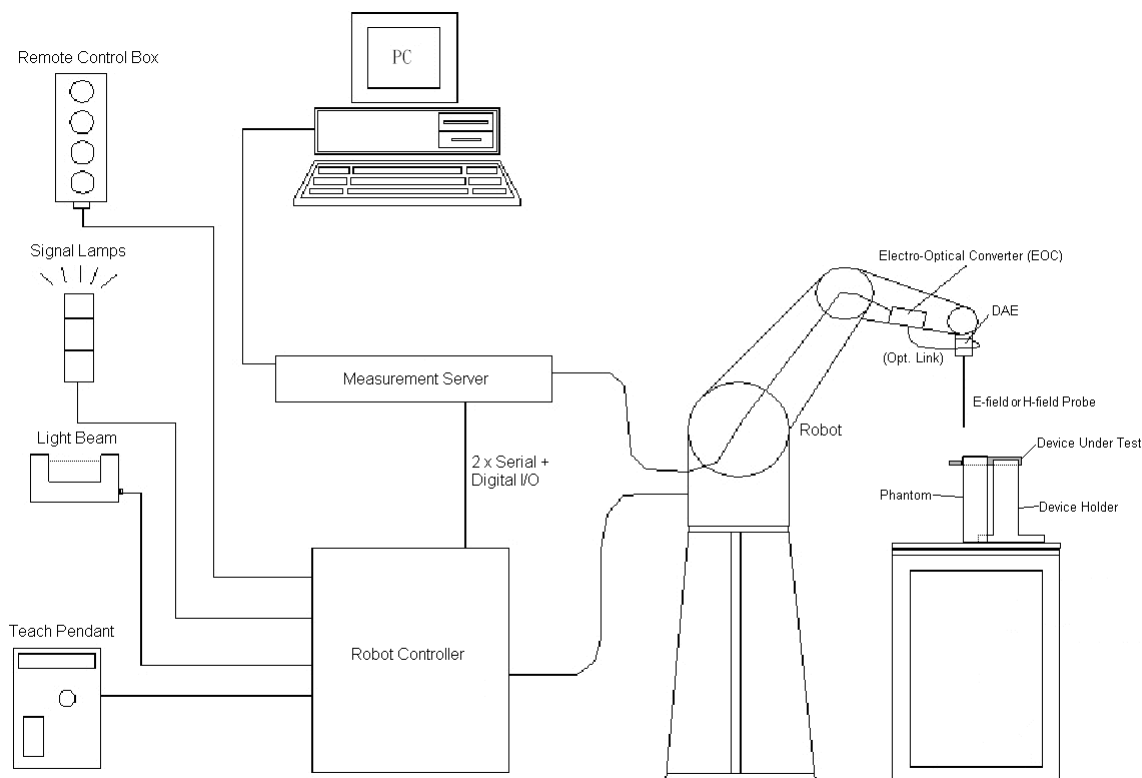


Fig 5.1 System Configurations

6.1 E-Field Probe System

E-Field Probe Specification

<ER3DV6>

Construction	One dipole parallel, two dipoles normal to probe axis Built-in shielding against static charges
Calibration	In air from 100 MHz to 3.0 GHz (absolute accuracy $\pm 6.0\%$, $k=2$)
Frequency	100 MHz to 6 GHz; Linearity: ± 2.0 dB (100 MHz to 3 GHz)
Directivity	± 0.2 dB in air (rotation around probe axis) ± 0.4 dB in air (rotation normal to probe axis)
Dynamic Range	2 V/m to 1000 V/m (M3 or better device readings fall well below diode compression point)
Linearity	± 0.2 dB
Dimensions	Overall length: 330 mm (Tip: 16 mm) Tip diameter: 8 mm (Body: 12 mm) Distance from probe tip to dipole centers: 2.5 mm



Fig 5.2 Photo of E-field Probe

Probe Tip Description:

HAC field measurements take place in the close near field with high gradients. Increasing the measuring distance from the source will generally decrease the measured field values (in case of the validation dipole approx. 10% per mm).

6.2 Data Storage and Evaluation

The DASY software stores the assessed data from the data acquisition electronics as raw data (in microvolt readings from the probe sensors), together with all the necessary software parameters for the data evaluation (probe calibration data, and device frequency and modulation data) in measurement files.

Probe parameters :	- Sensitivity	Norm _i , a _{i0} , a _{i1} , a _{i2}
	- Conversion factor	ConvF _i
	- Diode compression point	dcp _i
Device parameters :	- Frequency	f
	- Crest factor	cf
Media parameters :	- Conductivity	σ
	- Density	ρ

The formula for each channel can be given as :

$$V_i = U_i + U_i^2 \cdot \frac{cf}{dcp_i}$$

with V_i = compensated signal of channel i, (i = x, y, z)
 U_i = input signal of channel i, (i = x, y, z)
 cf = crest factor of exciting field (DASY parameter)
 dcp_i = diode compression point (DASY parameter)

From the compensated input signals, the primary field data for each channel can be evaluated :

$$\text{E-field Probes : } E_i = \sqrt{\frac{V_i}{\text{Norm}_i \cdot \text{ConvF}}}$$

with V_i = compensated signal of channel i, (i = x, y, z)
 Norm_i = sensor sensitivity of channel i, (i = x, y, z), $\mu\text{V}/(\text{V/m})^2$ for E-field Probes
 ConvF = sensitivity enhancement in solution
 f = carrier frequency [GHz]
 E_i = electric field strength of channel i in V/m

The RSS value of the field components gives the total field strength (Hermitian magnitude) :

$$E_{\text{tot}} = \sqrt{E_x^2 + E_y^2 + E_z^2}$$

The primary field data are used to calculate the derived field units.



7. RF Emissions Test Procedure

Referenced from ANSI C63.19 -2011 section 5.5.1

- a. Confirm the proper operation of the field probe, probe measurement system, and other instrumentation and the positioning system.
- b. Position the WD in its intended test position.
- c. Set the WD to transmit a fixed and repeatable combination of signal power and modulation characteristic that is representative of the worst case (highest interference potential) encountered in normal use. Transiently occurring start-up, changeover, or termination conditions, or other operations likely to occur less than 1% of the time during normal operation, may be excluded from consideration.
- d. The center sub-grid shall be centered on the T-Coil mode perpendicular measurement point or the acoustic output, as appropriate. Locate the field probe at the initial test position in the 50 mm by 50 mm grid, which is contained in the measurement plane, refer to illustrated in Figure 8.2. If the field alignment method is used, align the probe for maximum field reception.
- e. Record the reading at the output of the measurement system.
- f. Scan the entire 50 mm by 50 mm region in equality spaced increments and record the reading at each measurement point, The distance between measurement points shall be sufficient to assure the identification of the maximum reading.
- g. Identify the five contiguous sub-grids around the center sub-grid whose maximum reading is the lowest of all available choices. This eliminates the three sub-grids with the maximum readings. Thus, the six areas to be used to determine the WD's highest emissions are identified.
- h. Identify the maximum reading within the non-excluded sub-grids identified in step g).
- i. Indirect measurement method
- j. The RF audio interference level in dB (V/m) is obtained by adding the MIF (in dB) to the maximum steady-state rms field-strength reading, in dB (V/m)
- k. Compare this RF audio interference level with the categories in ANSI C63.19-2011 clause 8 and record the resulting WD category rating.
- l. For the T-Coil perpendicular measurement location is ≥ 5.0 mm from the center of the acoustic output, then two different 50 mm by 50 mm areas may need to be scanned, the first for the microphone mode assessment and the second for the T-Coil assessment.
- m. The second for the T-Coil assessment, with the grid shifted so that it is centered on the perpendicular measurement point. Record the WD category rating.

Test Instructions

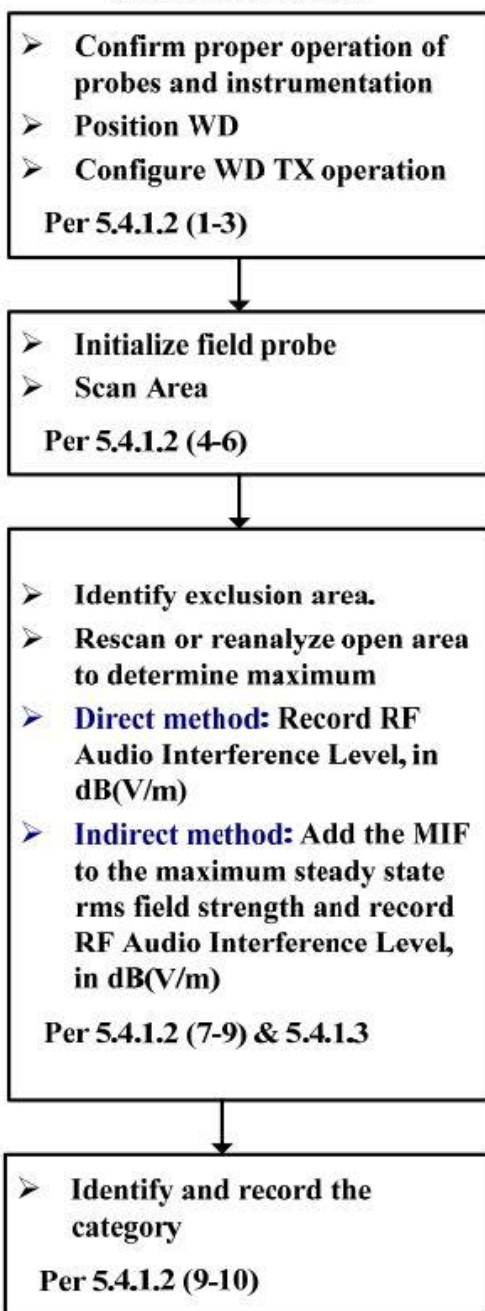


Figure 8.1 RF Emissions Flow Chart

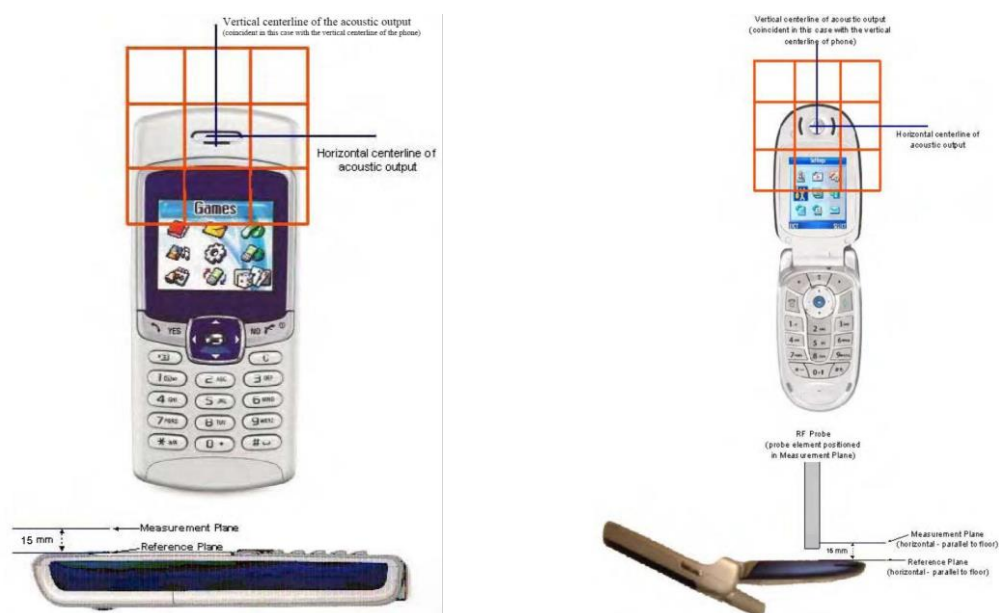


Fig 8.2 EUT reference and plane for HAC RF emission measurements

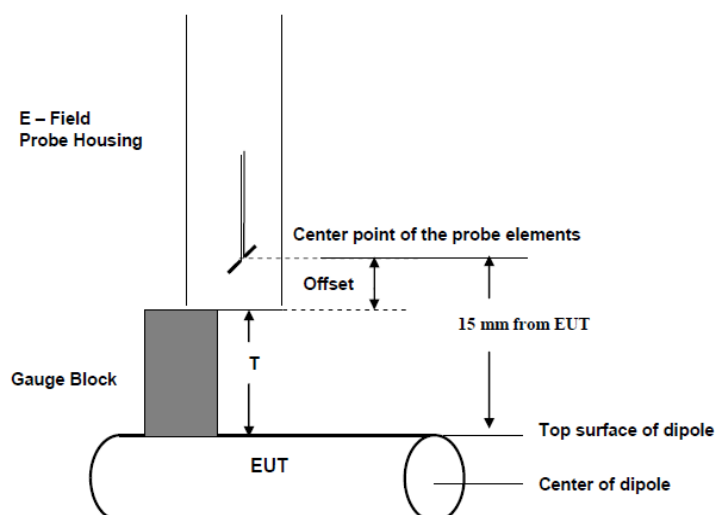


Fig. 8.3 Gauge block with E-field probe

8. Modulation Interference Factor

The HAC Standard ANSI C63.19-2011 defines a new scaling using the Modulation Interference Factor (MIF). For any specific fixed and repeatable modulated signal, a modulation interference factor (MIF, expressed in dB) may be developed that relates its interference potential to its steady-state rms signal level or average power level. This factor is a function only of the audio-frequency amplitude modulation characteristics of the signal and is the same for field-strength and conducted power measurements. It is important to emphasize that the MIF is valid only for a specific repeatable audio-frequency amplitude modulation characteristic. Any change in modulation characteristic requires determination and application of a new MIF.

The Modulation Interference factor (MIF, in dB) is added to the measured average E-field (in dBV/m) and converts it to the RF Audio Interference level (in dBV/m). This level considers the audible amplitude modulation components in the RF E-field. CW fields without amplitude modulation are assumed to not interfere with the hearing aid electronics. Modulations without time slots and low fluctuations at low frequencies have low MIF values, TDMA modulations with narrow transmission and repetition rates of few 100 Hz have high MIF values and give similar classifications as ANSI C63.19-2011.

ER3D, EF3D and EU2D E-field probes have a bandwidth <10 kHz and can therefore not evaluate the RF envelope in the full audio band. DASY52 is therefore using the indirect measurement method according to ANSI C63.19-2011 which is the primary method. These near field probes read the averaged E-field measurement. Especially for the new high peak-to-average (PAR) signal types, the probes shall be linearized by PMR calibration in order to not overestimate the field reading. Probe Modulation Response (PMR) calibration linearizes the probe response over its dynamic range for specific modulations which are characterized by their UID and result in an uncertainty specified in the probe calibration certificate. The MIF is characteristic for a given waveform envelope and can be used as a constant conversion factor if the probe has been PMR calibrated.

The evaluation method for the MIF is defined in ANSI C63.19-2011 section D.7. An RMS demodulated RF signal is fed to a spectral filter (similar to an A weighting filter) and forwarded to a temporal filter acting as a quasi-peak detector. The averaged output of these filtering is scaled to a 1 kHz 80% AM signal as reference. MIF measurement requires additional instrumentation and is not well suited for evaluation by the end user with reasonable uncertainty. It may alternatively be determined through analysis and simulation, because it is constant and characteristic for a communication signal. DASY52 uses well-defined signals for PMR calibration. The MIF of these signals has been determined by simulation and it is automatically applied.

The MIF measurement uncertainty is estimated as follows, declared by HAC equipment provider SPEAG, for modulation frequencies from slotted waveforms with fundamental frequency and at least 2 harmonics within 10 kHz:

1. 0.2 dB for MIF: -7 to +5 dB
2. 0.5 dB for MIF: -13 to +11 dB
3. 1 dB for MIF: > -20 dB

MIF values applied in this test report were provided by the HAC equipment provider of SPEAG, and the worst values for all air interface are listed below to determine the Low-power Exemption.

UID	Communication System Name	MIF(dB)
10081	CDMA2000 (1xRTT, RC3)	-19.71
10295	CDMA2000 (1xRTT, RC1 SO3, 1/8th Rate 25 fr.)	3.26
10403	CDMA2000 (1xEV-DO, Rev. 0)	-17.67
10170	LTE-FDD(SC-FDMA,1RB,20MHz,16-QAM)	-9.76

9. Low-power Exemption

<Max Tune-up Limit>

Mode		Average Power (dBm)
CDMA2000	BC0	24.00
	BC1	24.00
LTE	Band 2	23.00
	Band 4	23.00
	Band 5	23.00
	Band 12	23.00
	Band 13	23.00
	Band 25	23.00

<Low Power Exemption>

Air Interface	Max Average Antenna Input Power (dBm)	Worst Case MIF (dB)	Power + MIF(dB)	C63.19 test required
CDMA2000 BC0 (1/8th Frame Rate)	24.00	3.26	27.26	Yes
CDMA2000 BC0 (Full Frame Rate)	24.00	-19.71	4.29	No
CDMA2000 BC1 (1/8th Frame Rate)	24.00	3.26	27.26	Yes
CDMA2000 BC1 (Full Frame Rate)	24.00	-19.71	4.29	No
LTE - FDD	23.00	-9.76	13.24	No

General Note:

1. According to ANSI C63.19 2011-version, for the air interface technology of a device is exempt from testing when its average antenna input power plus its MIF is ≤ 17 dBm for any of its operating modes.
2. For LTE operation the worst case MIF plus the worst case average antenna input power for all modes are investigated to determine the testing requirements for this device.
3. HAC RF rating is M4 for the air interface which meets the low power exemption.
4. The CDMA test data performed on original report which can be referred to SPORTON Report Number HA760302A.



Appendix A. Product Equality Declaration

ZTE CORPORATION

Product Change Description

As the applicant of the below model, [ZTE Corporation] declares that the product,

[N9137]

[ZTE Corporation]

is the variant of the initial certified product,

[N9137]

[ZTE Corporation]

[Project Number:17ZTE252]

SOFTWARE MODIFICATIONS:

Protocol Stack changes: NO

MMS/STK changes: NO

JAVA changes: NO

Other changes detailed:

1.disable the GSM/UMTS Bands and CDMA BC10, LTE B26/B41 Bands

2.added the VoLTE feature.

3.disable the VoIP and VoWifi

HARDWARE MODIFICATION:

Band changes: NO

Power Amplifier changes: NO

Antenna changes: NO

PCB Layout changes: NO

Components on PCB changes: NO

LCD changes: NO

Speaker changes: NO

Camera changes: NO

Vibrator changes: NO

Bluetooth changes: NO

FM changes: NO

Other changes: NO

MECHANICAL MODIFICATIONS:

Use new metal front/back cover or keypad: NO

Mechanical shell changes: NO

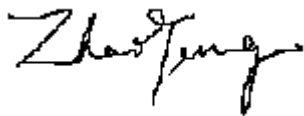
Other changes detailed: NO

ACCESSORY MODIFICATIONS:

Battery changes:

AC Adaptor changes:

Earphone changes:



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