Hearing Aid Compatibility (HAC) RF Emissions Test Report

APPLICANT	:	BlackBerry Limited
EQUIPMENT	:	Smartphone
BRAND NAME	:	BlackBerry
MODEL NAME	:	RHF141LW
MARKETING NAME	:	SQC100-3
FCC ID	:	L6ARHF140LW
STANDARD	:	FCC 47 CFR §20.19
		ANSI C63.19-2011
HAC RATING	:	М3

The product was completely tested on Nov. 27, 2014. We, SPORTON INTERNATIONAL INC., would like to declare that the tested sample has been evaluated in accordance with the procedures and shown the compliance with the applicable technical standards.

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Revision History

REPORT NO.	VERSION	DESCRIPTION	ISSUED DATE
HA471526A	Rev. 01	Initial issue of report	Dec. 03, 2014



1. Statement of Compliance

The HAC Rating of each air interface found during testing for the **BlackBerry**, **RHF141LW** are follows:

Band	M Rating
GSM850	M4
GSM1900	М3
WCDMA II	M4
WCDMA V	M4
CDMA2000 BC0	M4
CDMA2000 BC1	M4

They are in compliance with HAC limits specified in guidelines FCC 47 CFR §20.19 and ANSI Standard ANSI C63.19.

HAC Rating = M3 (ANSI C63.19-2011)

2. Administration Data

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Application Details			
Date of Start during the Test	Nov. 27, 2014		
Date of End during the Test Nov. 27, 2014			



3. General Information

3.1 Description of Equipment Under Test (EUT)

	Product Feature & Specification			
EUT Type	Smartphone			
Brand Name	BlackBerry			
Model Name	RHF141LW			
Marketing Name	SQC100-3			
FCC ID	L6ARHF140LW			
IMEI Code	990004609810795			
S/N	CLSBJ344A0600164			
Tx Frequency	GSM850: 824.2 MHz ~ 848.8 MHz GSM1900: 1850.2 MHz ~ 1909.8 MHz WCDMA Band V: 826.4 MHz ~ 846.6 MHz WCDMA Band II: 1852.4 MHz ~ 1907.6 MHz CDMA2000 BC0: 824.7 MHz ~ 1908.75 MHz CDMA2000 BC1: 1851.25 MHz ~ 1908.75 MHz LTE Band 13: 779.5 MHz ~ 784.5 MHz LTE Band 4: 1710.7 MHz ~ 1754.3 MHz WLAN 2.4GHz Band: 2412 MHz ~ 2462 MHz WLAN 5.2GHz Band: 5180 MHz ~ 5240 MHz WLAN 5.3GHz Band: 5260 MHz ~ 5320 MHz WLAN 5.5GHz Band: 5500 MHz ~ 5700 MHz WLAN 5.8GHz Band: 5745 MHz ~ 5825 MHz Bluetooth: 2402 MHz ~ 2480 MHz			
Antenna Type	WWAN Coupling type (LDS) WLAN PIFA Antenna Bluetooth: PIFA Antenna			
HW Version	PVT 2			
SW Version	10.3.1.1031 Radio 1032 /SR 10.3.1.663			
Mode	 GSM/GPRS/EGPRS RMC/AMR 12.2Kbps HSDPA HSUPA DC-HSDPA CDMA2000 : 1xRTT/1xEv-Do(Rev.0)/1xEv-Do(Rev.A) LTE: QPSK, 16QAM 802.11a/b/g/n HT20/HT40 Bluetooth v3.0_HS , Bluetooth v4.0_LE 			
EUT Stage	Identical Prototype			



3.2 Air Interface and Operating Mode

Air Interface	Band MHz	Туре	C63.19 Tested	Simultaneous Transmitter	ΟΤΤ	Power Reduction
	850	VO	Yes	WLAN, BT	NA	No
GSM	1900	0	res	WLAN, BT	NA	No
	GPRS/EDGE	DT	No	WLAN, BT	Yes	No
	850	N/O	No ⁽¹⁾	WLAN, BT	NA	No
WCDMA	1900	VO	INO [®] /	WLAN, BT	NA	No
	HSPA	DT	No	WLAN, BT	Yes	No
	BC0	N/O	VO Yes	WLAN, BT	NA	No
CDMA2000	BC1	VO		WLAN, BT	NA	No
	EVDO	DT	No	WLAN, BT	Yes	No
	Band 4	DT	Nia	WLAN, BT	Maa	No
LTE	Band 13	DT	No	WLAN, BT	Yes	No
	2450			GSM,CDMA WCDMA,LTE		No
	5200			GSM,CDMA WCDMA,LTE		No
WLAN	5300	DT	No	GSM,CDMA WCDMA,LTE	Yes	No
	5500			GSM,CDMA WCDMA,LTE		No
	5800			GSM,CDMA WCDMA,LTE		No
BT	2450	DT	No	GSM,CDMA WCDMA,LTE	NA	No

VO=CMRS Voice Service

DT=Digital Transport

VD=CMRS IP Voice Service and Digital Transport

(*)No Associated T-Coil measurement has been made in accordance with 285076 D02 T-Coil testing for CMRS IP

Remark:

1. WCDMA 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

3.3 Applied Standards

- FCC CFR47 Part 20.19
- ANSI C63.19 2011-version
- · FCC KDB 285076 D01 HAC Guidance v04
- FCC KDB 285076 D02 T Coil testing for CMRS IP v01r01



4. HAC RF Emission

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.

	E-field emissions		
Emission Categories	<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 4.1 Telephone near-field categories in linear units

5. <u>Measurement System Specification</u>

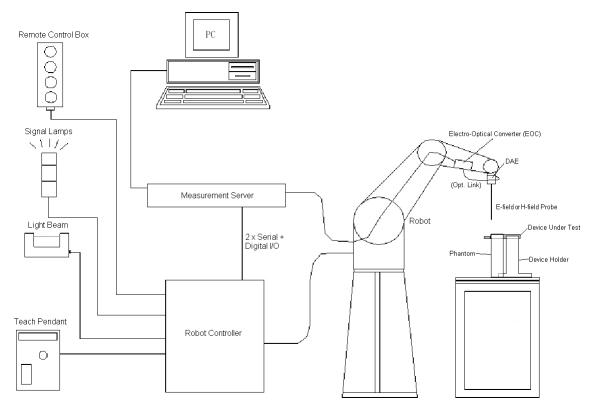
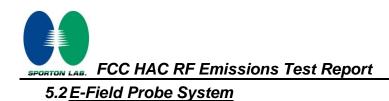


Fig 5.1 SPEAG DASY5 System Configurations

5.1 Test Arch Phantom

Construction :	Enables easy and well defined positioning of the phone and validation dipoles as well as simple teaching of the robot.	
Dimensions :	370 370 x 370 mm	Fig 5.8 Photo of Arch Phantom





E-Field Probe Specification

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 ±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).

5.3 System Hardware

The data acquisition electronics (DAE) consists of a highly sensitive electrometer-grade preamplifier with auto-zeroing, a channel and gain-switching multiplexer, a fast 16 bit AD-converter and a command decoder and control logic unit.

DAE

Robot

The SPEAG DASY system uses the high precision robots (DASY5: TX90XL) type from Stäubli SA (France). For the 6-axis controller system, the robot controller version (DASY5: CS8c) from Stäubli is used.



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

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

$$\mathbf{E}_{tot} = \sqrt{\mathbf{E}_x^2 + \mathbf{E}_y^2 + \mathbf{E}_z^2}$$

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



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5.5 Test Equipment List

Manufacturer	Name of Equipment	T	Serial Number	Calibration	
		Type/Model		Last Cal.	Due Date
SPEAG	835MHz Calibration Dipole	CD835V3	1045	Sep. 23, 2014	Sep. 22, 2015
SPEAG	1880MHz Calibration Dipole	CD1880V3	1038	Sep. 23, 2014	Sep. 22, 2015
SPEAG	Isotropic E-Field Probe	ER3DV6	2358	Jan. 30, 2014	Jan. 29, 2015
SPEAG	Data Acquisition Electronics	DAE4	1388	Sep. 24, 2014	Sep. 23, 2015
Wisewind	Thermometer	HTC-1	TM281	Oct. 21, 2014	Oct. 20, 2015
Anritsu	Power Meter	ML2495A	1419002	May. 16, 2014	May. 15, 2015
Anritsu	Power Sensor	MA2411B	1339124	Jun. 03, 2014	Jun. 02, 2015
Agilent	Wireless Communication Test Set	E5515C	MY50266977	May. 27, 2014	May. 26, 2015
Agilent	Dual Directional Coupler	778D	50422	NCR	NCR
Woken	Attenuator	WK0602-XX	N/A	NCR	NCR
R&S	Signal Generator	SMF100A	101107	May. 23, 2014	May. 22, 2015
R&S	Spectrum Analyzer	FSP 7	101131	Jul. 10, 2014	Jul. 09, 2015
Mini-Circuits	Power Amplifier	ZVE-8G+	D120604	Mar. 06, 2014	Mar. 05, 2015

Table 5.1 Test Equipment List

Note:

1. NCR: "No-Calibration Required"



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6. <u>Measurement System Validation</u>

Each DASY system is equipped with one or more system validation kits. These units, together with the predefined measurement procedures within the DASY software, enable the user to conduct the system performance check and system validation. System validation kit includes a dipole, tripod holder to fix it underneath the test Arch and a corresponding distance holder.

6.1 Purpose of System Performance Check

The system performance check verifies that the system operates within its specifications. System and operator errors can be detected and corrected. It is recommended that the system performance check be performed prior to any usage of the system in order to guarantee reproducible results. The system performance check uses normal HAC measurements in a simplified setup with a well characterized source. This setup was selected to give a high sensitivity to all parameters that might fail or vary over time. The system check does not intend to replace the calibration of the components, but indicates situations where the system uncertainty is exceeded due to drift or failure.

6.2 System Setup

- 1. In the simplified setup for system evaluation, the EUT is replaced by a calibrated dipole and the power source is replaced by a continuous wave which comes from a signal generator.
- 2. The center point of the probe element(s) is 15mm from the closest surface of the dipole elements.
- 3. The calibrated dipole must be placed beneath the arch phantom. The equipment setup is shown below:

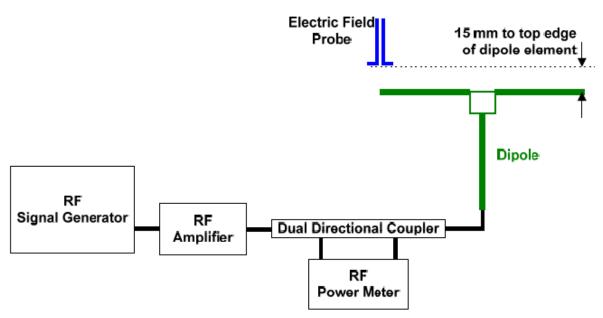


Fig. 6.1 System Validation Setup

The output power on dipole port must be calibrated to 20dBm (100mW) before dipole is connected.

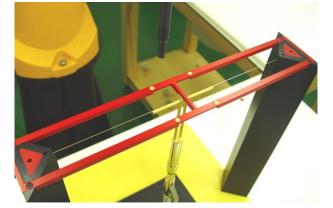


Fig 7.2 Dipole Setup

6.3 Verification Results

Comparing to the original E-field value provided by SPEAG, the verification data should be within its specification of 25 %. Table 6.1 shows the target value and measured value. The table below indicates the system performance check can meet the variation criterion and the plots can be referred to appendix A of this report.

Frequency (MHz)	Input Power (dBm)	Target Value (V/m)	E-Field above high end (V/m)	E-Field above low end (V/m)	Average Value (V/m)	Deviation (%)	Date
835	20	105.6	114.9	116.2	115.55	9.42	2014/11/27
1880	20	90.1	88.93	87.27	88.1	-2.22	2014/11/27

Table 6.1 Test Results of System Validation

Note: Deviation = ((Average E-field Value) - (Target value)) / (Target value) * 100%



7. Modulation Interference Factor

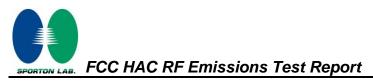
The HAC Standard ANSI C63.19-2011 defines a new scaling using the Modulation Interference Factor (MIF).

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 C63.19-2007.

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 alliteratively 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.



MIF values applied in this test report were provided by the HAC equipment provider, SPEAG, and the values are listed below

UID	Communication System Name	MIF(dB)
10021	GSM-FDD(TDMA,GMSK)	3.63
10011	UMTS-FDD(WCDMA)	-27.23
10039	CDMA2000 (1xRTT, RC1)	-19.77
10081	CDMA2000 (1xRTT, RC3)	-19.71
10295	CDMA2000 (1xRTT, RC1 SO3, 1/8th Rate 25 fr.)	3.26

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:

- i) 0.2 dB for MIF: -7 to +5 dB,
- ii) 0.5 dB for MIF: -13 to +11 dB
- iii) 1 dB for MIF: > -20 dB



8. <u>RF Emissions Test Procedure</u>

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

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)

- j) Compare this RF audio interference level with the categories in ANSI C63.19-2011 clause 8 and record the resulting WD category rating.
- k) For the T-Coil mode M-rating assessment, determine whether the chosen perpendicular measurement point is contained in an included sub-grid of the first scan. If so, then a second scan is not necessary. The first scan and resultant category rating may be used for the T-Coil mode M rating.

Otherwise, repeat step a) through step i), with the grid shifted so that it is centered on the perpendicular measurement point. Record the WD category rating.



Test Instructions

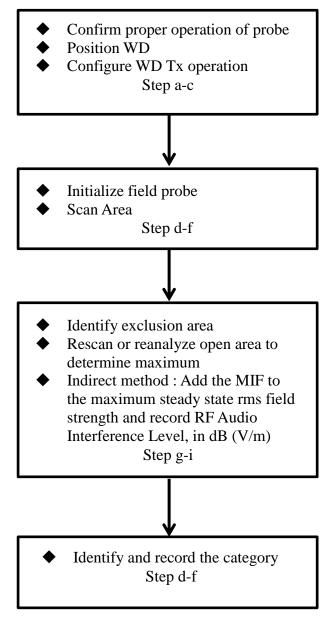
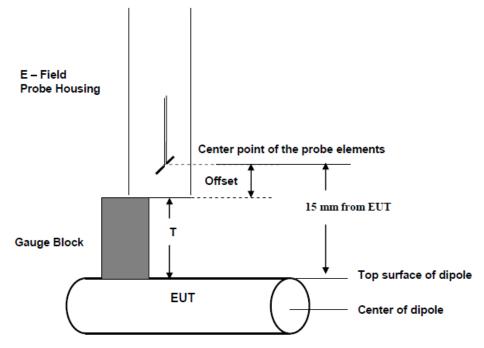


Fig 8.1 Flow Chart of HAC RF Emission





Fig 8.2 EUT reference and plane for HAC RF emission measurements







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9. Conducted RF Output Power (Unit: dBm)

Air Interface	GSM850			GSM1900			
Channel	128	189	251	512	661	810	
Frequency (MHz)	824.2	836.4	848.8	1850.2	1880.0	1909.8	
Average Antenna Input Power(dBm)	32.70	32.66	32.48	29.65	29.48	29.72	

Air Interface	WCDMA Band V			V	WCDMA Band II		
Channel	4132	4182	4233	9262	9400	9538	
Frequency (MHz)	826.4	836.4	846.6	1852.4	1880.0	1907.6	
Average Antenna Input Power(dBm)	23.18	23.20	23.11	23.68	23.62	23.41	

Air Interface	C	CDMA2000 BC	0	CDMA2000 BC1		
Channel	1013 384 777		25	600	1175	
Frequency (MHz)	824.7	836.52	848.31	1851.25	1880	1908.75
1xRTT RC1 SO55 Full rate	23.20	23.43	23.49	24.14	23.95	23.76
1xRTT RC3 SO55 Full rate	23.33	23.58	23.59	24.22	24.05	23.84
1xRTT RC1 SO3, 1/8th Rate	23.25	23.49	23.54	24.19	24.01	23.81

10. Low-power Exemption

According to ANSI C63.19 2011-version, an RF 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.

Air Interface	Operating Mode	Average Antenna Input Power (dBm)	MIF (dB)	Power + MIF(dB)	C63.19 test required
GSM850	GSM	32.70	3.63	36.33	Yes
GSM1900	GSM	29.72	3.63	33.35	Yes
WCDMA V	WCDMA	23.20	-27.23	-4.03	No
WCDMA II	WCDMA	23.68	-27.23	-3.55	No
	RC1_SO55_full rate	23.49	-19.77	3.72	No
CDMA2000 BC0	RC3_SO55_full rate	23.59	-19.71	3.88	No
	RC1_SO3_1/8rate	23.54	3.26	26.80	Yes
	RC1_SO55_full rate	24.14	-19.77	4.37	No
CDMA2000 BC1	RC3_SO55_full rate	24.22	-19.71	4.51	No
	RC1_SO3_1/8rate	24.19	3.26	27.45	Yes

Conclusion: HAC RF rating is M4 for the air interface which meets the low power exemption.



11. HAC RF Emission Test Results

11.1 E-Field Emission

Emission Cotogorios	E-field emissions				
Emission Categories	<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)			

Plot No.	Air Interface	Operating Mode	Channel	Average Antenna Input Power (dBm)	MIF	RF audio Interference Ievel dB(V/m)	Margin to FCC M3 limit (dB)	M-Rating
1	GSM850	GSM Voice	128	32.70	3.63	38.47	6.53	M4
2	GSM850	GSM Voice	189	32.66	3.63	38.92	6.08	M4
3	GSM850	GSM Voice	251	32.48	3.63	37.99	7.01	M4
4	GSM1900	GSM Voice	512	29.65	3.63	33.55	1.45	M3
5	GSM1900	GSM Voice	661	29.48	3.63	34.28	0.72	M3
6	GSM1900	GSM Voice	810	29.72	3.63	34.39	0.61	M3
7	CDMA2000 BC0	1xRTT, RC1 SO3, 1/8th Rate	1013	23.25	3.26	28.43	16.57	M4
8	CDMA2000 BC0	1xRTT, RC1 SO3, 1/8th Rate	384	23.49	3.26	27.89	17.11	M4
9	CDMA2000 BC0	1xRTT, RC1 SO3, 1/8th Rate	777	23.54	3.26	29.16	15.84	M4
10	CDMA2000 BC1	1xRTT, RC1 SO3, 1/8th Rate	25	24.19	3.26	26.82	8.18	M4
11	CDMA2000 BC1	1xRTT, RC1 SO3, 1/8th Rate	600	24.01	3.26	26.16	8.84	M4
12	CDMA2000 BC1	1xRTT, RC1 SO3, 1/8th Rate	1175	23.81	3.26	25.58	9.42	M4

Remark:

- 1. The HAC measurement system applies MIF value onto the measured RMS E-field, which is indirect method in ANSI C63.19 2011 version, and reports the RF audio interference level.
- 2. The uncertainty is 0.2dB of MIF ranges from -7dB to +5dB.GSM850 band with rating M4, GSM1900 band with rating M3 would not be affected considering the MIF uncertainty.
- 3. There is special HAC mode software on this EUT.

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12. <u>Uncertainty Assessment</u>

The component of uncertainly may generally be categorized according to the methods used to evaluate them. The evaluation of uncertainly by the statistical analysis of a series of observations is termed a Type A evaluation of uncertainty. The evaluation of uncertainty by means other than the statistical analysis of a series of observation is termed a Type B evaluation of uncertainty. Each component of uncertainty, however evaluated, is represented by an estimated standard deviation, termed standard uncertainty, which is determined by the positive square root of the estimated variance.

The combined standard uncertainty of the measurement result represents the estimated standard deviation of the result. It is obtained by combining the individual standard uncertainties of both Type A and Type B evaluation using the usual "root-sum-squares" (RSS) methods of combining standard deviations by taking the positive square root of the estimated variances. Expanded uncertainty is a measure of uncertainty that defines an interval about the measurement result within which the measured value is confidently believed to lie. It is obtained by multiplying the combined standard uncertainty by a coverage factor. For purpose of this document, a coverage factor two is used, which corresponds to confidence interval of about 95 %. The DASY uncertainty Budget is showed in Table 12.1.



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Error Description	Uncerta inty Value (±%)	Probability Distribution	Divisor	Ci (E)	Standard Uncertainty (E)			
Measurement System								
Probe Calibration	5.1	Normal	1	1	± 5.1 %			
Axial Isotropy	4.7	Rectangular	√3	1	± 2.7 %			
Sensor Displacement	16.5	Rectangular	√3	1	± 9.5 %			
Boundary Effects	2.4	Rectangular	√3	1	± 1.4 %			
Phantom Boundary Effects	7.2	Rectangular	√3	1	± 4.1 %			
Linearity	4.7	Rectangular	√3	1	± 2.7 %			
Scaling with PMF Calibration	10.0	Rectangular	√3	1	± 5.77 %			
System Detection Limit	1.0	Rectangular	√3	1	±0.6 %			
Readout Electronics	0.3	Normal	1	1	± 0.3 %			
Response Time	0.8	Rectangular	√3	1	± 0.5 %			
Integration Time	2.6	Rectangular	√3	1	± 1.5 %			
RF Ambient Conditions	3.0	Rectangular	√3	1	± 1.7 %			
RF Reflections	12.0	Rectangular	√3	1	± 6.9 %			
Probe Positioner	1.2	Rectangular	√3	1	± 0.7 %			
Probe Positioning	4.7	Rectangular	√3	1	± 2.7 %			
Extrap. and Interpolation	1.0	Rectangular	√3	1	±0.6 %			
Test Sample Related								
Device Positioning Vertical	4.7	Rectangular	√3	1	± 2.7 %			
Device Positioning Lateral	1.0	Rectangular	√3	1	± 0.6 %			
Device Holder and Phantom	2.4	Rectangular	√3	1	± 1.4 %			
Power Drift	5.0	Rectangular	√3	1	± 2.9 %			
Phantom and Setup Related	Phantom and Setup Related							
Phantom Thickness	2.4	Rectangular	√3	1	± 1.4 %			
Combined Standard Uncerta	± 16.30 %							
Coverage Factor for 95 %	K = 2							
Expanded Std. Uncertainty o	Expanded Std. Uncertainty on Power							
Expanded Std. Uncertainty o	± 16.3 %							

Table 12.1 Uncertainty Budget of HAC free field assessment

Remark:

Worst-Case uncertainty budget for HAC free field assessment according to ANSIC63.19 [1], [2]. The budget is valid for the frequency range 700 MHz - 3 GHz and represents a worst case analysis.



13. <u>References</u>

- ANSI C63.19-2011, "American National Standard for Methods of Measurement of Compatibility between Wireless Communications Devices and Hearing Aids", 27 May 2011
- [2] SPEAG DASY System Handbook