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Measured Radio Frequency Emissions
From

UTA's Ford D186 GEM Module (Receiver)

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Summary

Tests for compliance with FCC Regulations subject to Part 15, Subpart B, were performed on UTA's Ford D186 GEM Module. This device is subject to Rules and Regulations as a Receiver. As a Digital Device it is exempt, but such measurements were made to assess the receiver's overall emissions.

In testing performed on February 16 and March 16, 1999, the device tested in the worst case met the specifications for radiated emissions by 7.0 dB (see p. 6). The line conductive emission tests do not apply, since the device is powered from an automotive 12 VDC system.

1. Introduction

UTA's Ford D186 GEM Module, was tested for compliance with FCC Regulations, Part 15, adopted under Docket 87-389, April 18, 1989. The tests were performed at the University of Michigan Radiation Laboratory Willow Run Test Range following the procedures described in ANSI C63.4-1992 "Methods of Measurement of Radio-Noise Emissions from Low-Voltage Electrical and Electronic Equipment in the Range of 9 kHz to 40 GHz". The attenuation characteristics of the Open Site facility are on file with FCC Laboratory, Columbia, Maryland. (FCC file 31040/SIT)

2. Test Procedure and Equipment Used

The test equipment commonly used in our facility is listed in Table 2.1 below. The second column identifies the specific equipment used in these tests. The HP 8593E spectrum analyzer is used for primary amplitude and frequency reference.

Table 2.1. Test Equipment.

Test Instrument	Equipment Used	Manufacturer/Model	Cal. Date/By
Spectrum Analyzer		Hewlett-Packard 8593A	June 1998/HP
(9kHz-22GHz)		SN: 3107A01358	
Spectrum Analyzer	X	Hewlett-Packard 8593E	July 1998/HP
(9kHz-26GHz)		SN: 3107A01131	
Spectrum Analyzer		Hewlett-Packard 182T/8558B	August 1997/U of M Rad Lab
(0.1-1500 MHz)		SN: 1529A01114/543592	
Preamplifier (5-1000MHz)	X	Watkins-Johnson A11 -1 plus A25-1S	May 1997/U of M Rad Lab
Preamplifier	X	Avantek	Nov. 1992/ U of M Rad Lab
(5-4000 MHz)			
Power Meter		Hewlett-Packard 432A	August 1989/U of M Rad Lab
w/ Thermistor		Hewlett-Packard 478A	August 1989/U of M Rad Lab
Broadband Bicone	X	University of Michigan	July 1988/U of M Rad Lab
(20-200 MHz)			
Broadband Bicone	\mathbf{X}	University of Michigan	June 1996/U of M Rad Lab
(200-1000 MHz			
Dipole Antenna Set	X	University of Michigan	June 1996/U of M Rad Lab
(25-1000 MHz)		77.400 04.440	
Dipole Antenna Set	Į.	EMCO 3121C	June 1996/U of M Rad Lab
(30-1000 MHz)		SN: 992	D 1 1000/ 73/700
Active Loop Anten	na	EMCO 6502	December 1993/ EMCO
(0.090-30MHz) Active Rod		SN: 2855 EMCO 3301B	December 1002/EMCO
(30Hz-50 MHz)		SN: 3223	December 1993/EMCO
Ridge-horn Antenn		University of Michigan	Eshmony 1001/II of M Dad I ah
(0.5-5 GHz)	ia A	·	February 1991/U of M Rad Lab
LISN Box		University of Michigan	May 1994/U of M Rad Lab
Signal Cables	X	Assorted	January 1993/U of M Rad Lab
X-Y Plotter		Hewlett-Packard 7046A	During Use/U of M Rad Lab
Signal Generator	X	Hewlett-Packard 8656A	January 1990/U of M Rad Lab
(0.1-990 MHz)	17	II 1 D 1 10005	A 1000 MTD
Printer	X	Hewlett-Packard 2225	August 1989/HP

3. Configuration and Identification of Device Under Test

The DUT is a 315.0 MHz superregenerative receiver, designed for onboard automobile security/convenience applications, and as such, it is powered from an automotive 12 VDC source. It is housed in a plastic case approximately 6.0 by 5.0 by 1.5 inches. Antenna is internal. For testing, a 3 meter long section of generic harness was used, with power wires separated from the control/signal lines. In the receiver digital section, the decoding, signal processing, etc. are performed by a microprocessor timed by a 4.00 MHz X-tal oscillator.

The DUT was designed and manufactured by United Technologies Automotive, 5200 Auto

Club Drive, Dearborn, MI 48126. It is identified as:

UTA's Ford D186 GEM Module Model: KOBUTAD1861 SN: 21689 FCC ID: KOBUTAD1861

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3.1 Modifications Made

There were no modifications made to the DUT by this laboratory.

4. Emission Limits

The DUT tested falls under Part 15, Subpart B, "Unintentional Radiators". The pertinent test frequencies, with corresponding emission limits, are given in Tables 4.1 and 4.2 below and Section 4.3.

4.1 Radiated Emission Limits

Table 4.1. Radiated Emission Limits (Ref: 15.33, 15.35, 15.109).

Freq. (MHz)	E _{lim} (3m) μV/m	E _{lim} dB(μV/m)		
30-88	100	40.0		
88-216	150	43.5		
216-960	200	46.0		
960-2000	500	54.0		

Note:

Quasi-Peak readings apply to 1000 MHz (120 kHz BW) Average readings apply above 1000 MHz (1 MHz BW)

4.2 Line Conducted Emission Limits

Table 4.2. Conducted Emission Limits (Ref: 15.107).

Freq. (MHz)	μV	dB(μV)		
0.450 - 1.705	250	48.0		
1.705 - 30.0	250	48.0		

Note: Ouasi-Peak readings apply here

4.3 Antenna Power Conduction Limits

Ref: 15.111(a). Pmax = 2 nW; for frequency range see Table 4.1.

5. Emission Tests and Results

Even though the FCC and/or Industry Canada specify that both the radiated and conductive emissions be measured using the Quasi-Peak and/or average detection schemes, we normally use peak detection since especially the Quasi-Peak is cumbersome to use with our instrumentation. In case the measurement fails to meet the limits, or the measurement is near the limit, it is remeasured using appropriate detection. We note, that since the peak detected signal is always higher or equal to the Quasi-Peak or average detected signal, the margin of compliance may be better, but not worse, than indicated in this report. The type of detection used is indicated in the data table, Table 5.1.

5.1 Anechoic Chamber Radiated Emission Tests

To familiarize with the radiated emission behavior of the DUT, it was studied and measured in the shielded anechoic chamber. In the chamber there is a set-up similar to that of an outdoor 3-meter site, with turntable, antenna mast, and a ground plane. Instrumentation includes spectrum analyzers and other equipment as needed.

To study and test for radiated emissions, the DUT was powered by a laboratory power supply at 13.6 VDC. A 315 MHz CW signal was injected (radiated) from a nearby signal generator using a short wire antenna. The DUT was placed on the test table on each of its three axis. For each placement, the table was rotated to obtain maximum signal for vertical and horizontal emission polarizations. This sequence was repeated throughout the required frequency range.

In the chamber we studied and recorded all the emissions using a ridge-horn antenna, which covers 200 MHz to 5000 MHz, up to 2 GHz. In scanning from 30 MHz to 2.0 GHz, there were no spurious emissions observed other than the LO, the injection signal, and the LO harmonics. Figures 5.1 and 5.2 show emissions measured 0-1000 MHz and 1000-2000 MHz, respectively. These measurements are made with a ridge-horn antenna at 3m, with spectrum analyzer in peak hold mode and the receiver rotated in all orientations. The measurements up to 1000 MHz (Fi.g. 5.1) are used for initial evaluation only, but those above 1000 MHz (Fig. 5.2) are used in final assessment for compliance.

5.2 Open Site Radiated Emission Tests

The DUT was then moved to the 3 meter Open Field Test Site where measurements were repeated up to 1000 MHz using a dipole. The DUT was excersized as described in Sec. 5.1 above. The measurements were made with a spectrum analyzer using 120 kHz IF bandwidth and peak detection mode, and, when appropriate, using Quasi-Peak or average detection (see 5.0). Figure 5.3 shows the DUT on the test table, and figure 5.4 shows the table oriented with respect to antenna for the worst case emissions for measurement at "fundamental".

The emissions from digital circuitry were measured on the Open Site using a standard dipole. These results are also given in Table 5.1.

5.3 Computations and Results for Radiated Emissions

To convert the dBm's measured on the spectrum analyzer to dB(µV/m), we use expression

$$E_3(dB\mu V/m) = 107 + P_R + K_A - K_G$$

where PR = power recorded on spectrum analyzer, dB, measured at 3m

KA = antenna factor, dB/m KG = pre-amplifier gain, including cable loss, dB

When presenting the data, at each frequency the highest measured emission under all of the possible orientations is given. Computations and results are given in Table 5.1. There we see that the DUT meets the limit by 7.0 dB.

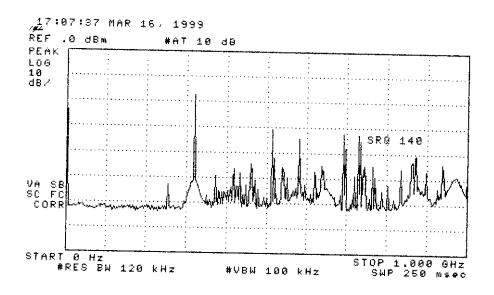
5.4 Conducted Emission Tests

These tests do not apply, since the DUT is powered from a 12 V automotive battery.

Table 5.1 Highest Emissions Measured

	Radiated Emission - RF UTA/Mira, RX; FC										
	Freq.	Ant.	Ant.	Pr	Det.	Ka	Kg	E3	E3lim	Pass	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
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1		Dip	_H	-64.2	Pk	18.9	22.7	39.0	46.0	7.0	flat
2		Dip	H	-64.3	Pk	18.9	22.7	38.9	46.0	7.1	side
3	 	Dip	H	-66.3	Pk	18.9	22.7	36.9	46.0	9.1	end
4	315.9	Dip	V	-71.9	Pk	18.9	22.7	31.3	46.0	14.7	flat
5	315.9	Dip	V_	-69.6	Pk	18.9	22.7	33.6	46.0	12.4	side
6	315.9	Dip	V	-70.4	Pk	18.9	22.7	32.8	46.0	13.2	end
7	630.0	_Dip_	V/H	-89.2	Pk	25.2	19.4	23.7	46.0	22.3	max. of all, noise; 10 kHz BW
8	945.0	Dip	V/H	-88.7	Pk	28.9	17.0	30.2	46.0	15.8	max. of all, noise; 10 kHz BW
9	1280.0	Horn	Н	-54.0	Pk	20.6	28.0	45.6	54.0	8.4	max. of all, noise
10	1440.0	Horn	H	-58.0	Pk	20.6	28.0	41.6	54.0	12.4	max. of all, noise
11	1550.0	Horn	Н	-61.0	Pk	21.5	28.2	39.3	54.0	14.7	max. of all, noise
12	1650.0	Horn	H	-60.0	Pk	21.5	28.2	40.3	54.0	13.7	max. of all, noise
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	Conducted Emissions							
	Freq.	Line	Det.	Vtest	Vlim	Pass		
#	MHz	Side	Used	dΒμV	dΒμV	dB	Comments	
1								
2							Not applicable	
3						<u> </u>		



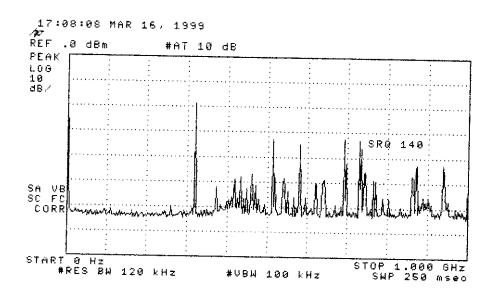
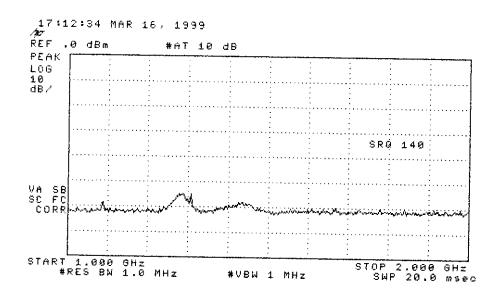


Figure 5.1. Emissions measured at 3 meters in anechoic chamber, 0-1000 MHz. (top) Receiver plus ambient (bottom) Ambient



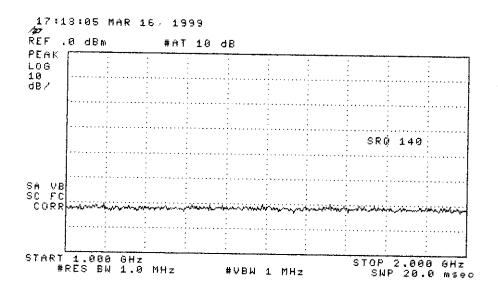


Figure 5.2. Emissions measured at 3 meters in anechoic chamber, 1000-2000 MHz. (top) Receiver plus ambient (bottom) Ambient

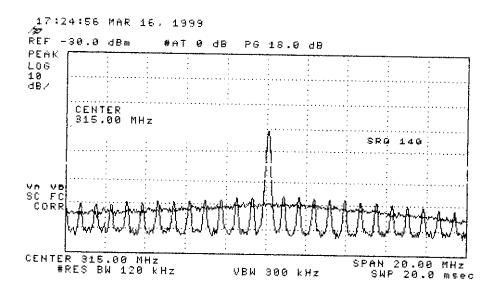


Figure 6.1. Relative receiver emissions in stand-by and "locked-in" modes. The final emission measurements were made with the receiver in "locked-in" mode.

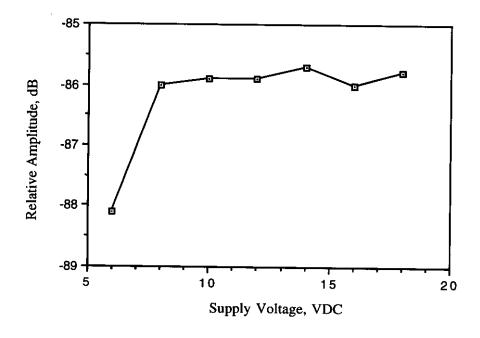


Figure 6.2. Relative emission at "fundamental" vs. supply voltage.