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Summary

Tests for compliance with FCC Regulations, CFR 47, Part 15 and with Industry Canada RSS-210/Gen, were performed on a Continental, FCC ID: M3N83144100, IC: 7812A-83144100. This device under test (DUT) is subject to the rules and regulations as a Transmitter.

In testing completed on January 14, 2013, the DUT tested met the allowed specifications for radiated emissions by 3.9 dB. AC mains conducted emissions are not subject to regulation as the DUT is powered by a 3 VDC lithium battery.

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1. Introduction

This Continental Transmitter was tested for compliance with FCC Regulations, Part 15, adopted under Docket 87-389, April 18, 1989 as subsequently amended, and with Industry Canada RSS-210/Gen, Issue 8. Tests were performed at the University of Michigan Radiation Laboratory Willow Run Test Range following the procedures described in ANSI C63.4-2003 "Methods of Measurement of Radio-Noise Emissions from Low-Voltage Electrical and Electronic Equipment in the Range of 9 kHz to 40 GHz". The Site description and attenuation characteristics of the Open Site facility are on file with FCC Laboratory, Columbia, Maryland (FCC Reg. No: 91050) and with Industry Canada, Ottawa, ON (File Ref. No: IC 2057A-1).

2. Equipment Used

The test equipment commonly used in our facility is listed in Table 2.1. Except where indicated as a pre-test, monitoring, or support device; all equipment listed below is a part of the University of Michigan Radiation Laboratory (UMRL) quality system. This quality system has been established to ensure all equipment has a clearly identifiable classification, calibration expiry date, and that all calibrations are traceable to national standards.

Table 2.1 Test Equipment.

Test Instrument	Used	Manufacturer/Model	Q Number
Spectrum Analyzer (9kHz-26GHz)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hewlett-Packard 8593E, SN: 3412A01131	HP8593E1
Spectrum Analyzer (9kHz-6.5GHz)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Hewlett-Packard 8595E, SN: 3543A01546	JDB8595E
Power Meter	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hewlett-Packard, 432A	HP432A1
Harmonic Mixer (26-40 GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hewlett-Packard 11970A, SN: 3003A08327	HP11970A1
Harmonic Mixer (40-60 GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hewlett-Packard 11970U, SN: 2332A00500	HP11970U1
Harmonic Mixer (75-110 GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hewlett-Packard 11970W, SN: 2521A00179	HP11970W1
Harmonic Mixer (140-220 GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Pacific Millimeter Prod., GMA, SN: 26	PMPGMA1
S-Band Std. Gain Horn	<input type="checkbox"/>	S/A, Model SGH-2.6	SBAND1
C-Band Std. Gain Horn	<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Michigan, NRL design	CBAND1
XN-Band Std. Gain Horn	<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Michigan, NRL design	XNBAND1
X-Band Std. Gain Horn	<input type="checkbox"/>	S/A, Model 12-8.2	XBAND1
X-band horn (8.2- 12.4 GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Narda 640	XBAND2
X-band horn (8.2- 12.4 GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Scientific Atlanta , 12-8.2, SN: 730	XBAND3
K-band horn (18-26.5 GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	FXR, Inc., K638KF	KBAND1
Ka-band horn (26.5-40 GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	FXR, Inc., U638A	KABAND1
U-band horn (40-60 GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Custom Microwave, HO19	UBAND1
W-band horn(75-110 GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Custom Microwave, HO10	WBAND1
G-band horn (140-220 GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Custom Microwave, HO5R	GBAND1
Bicone Antenna (30-250 MHz)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	University of Michigan, RLBC-1	LBBIC1
Bicone Antenna (200-1000 MHz)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	University of Michigan, RLBC-2	HBBIC1
Dipole Antenna Set (30-1000 MHz)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	University of Michigan, RLDP-1,-2,-3	UMDIP1
Dipole Antenna Set (30-1000 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	EMCO 3121C, SN: 992 (Ref. Antennas)	EMDIP1
Active Rod Antenna (30 Hz-50 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	EMCO 3301B, SN: 3223	EMROD1
Active Loop Antenna (30 Hz-50 MHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	EMCO 6502, SN:2855	EMLOOP1
Ridge-horn Antenna (300-5000 MHz)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	University of Michigan	UMRH1
Amplifier (5-1000 MHz)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Avantek, A11-1, A25-1S	AVAMP1
Amplifier (5-4500 MHz)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Avantek	AVAMP2
Amplifier (4.5-13 GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Avantek, AFT-12665	AVAMP3
Amplifier (6-16 GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Trek	TRAMP1
Amplifier (16-26 GHz)	<input type="checkbox"/>	Avantek	AVAMP4
LISN Box	<input type="checkbox"/>	University of Michigan	UMLISN1
Signal Generator	<input type="checkbox"/>	Hewlett-Packard 8657B	HPSG1

3. Device Under Test

3.1 Description & Block Diagram

The DUT is a 433.92 MHz tire pressure sensor transmitter designed for automotive/vehicular applications. It is powered by a 3 VDC lithium battery and is housed in a plastic case approximately 1 x 2 x 0.4 inches in dimension. The DUT is potted and permanently affixed in the wheel of a tire. The DUT is designed and manufactured by Continental Automotive Systems US Inc., 2400 Executive Hills Drive, Auburn Hills, Michigan 48326-2980.

Device	[Make], Model	[S/N], P/N	EMC Consideration
DUT	[Continental], SE10004A	-	Transmitter

3.2 Variants & Samples

There is only a single variant of this device. Three samples were provided for testing, one normal sample, one capable of CW transmission, and one un-potted for photographs and voltage variation.

3.3 Modes of Operation

The DUT periodically transmits tire pressure data when in motion (DRIVE mode) or when a slow decrease in pressure is detected (DN mode). The device is also capable of being automatically actuated (via LF interrogation) during servicing (LEARN mode) and can be manually actuated when the end user adds air to the tire (DP mode). LEARN and DP modes result in identical transmissions, and are henceforth referenced as a single LEARN DP mode in this application. Over all three (3) modes employed, the DUT transmits ten (10) unique ASK and FSK frames (protocols), each employing different data rates.

In the periodic DRIVE and DN modes, 9 and 10 frames (protocols), respectively, are repeated and spread over 2 transmissions (bursts). In LF actuated LEARN DP mode, the DUT responds to encoded LF interrogation with a single transmission (burst) containing 67 frames in less than 5 seconds.

To demonstrate compliance, the maximum on-time encoding in any given 100 ms window was identified and used to compute worst-case duty cycle. Emission bandwidth is measured by max-holding the spectrum over all transmitted encodings.

Per FCC correspondence, service modes fall under FCC part 15.231(a)(5). Figure 6.1 demonstrates compliance with both 15.231(a)(2) and (5). A detailed list of all operating modes is included in the Description of Operation exhibit, a portion of which is held confidential due to its proprietary nature.

3.4 Exemptions

- The DUT will be permanently installed in a transportation vehicle. As such, digital emissions are exempt from regulation (per FCC 15.103(a) and IC correspondence on ICES-003).
- The DUT employs some modes of operation that alert the vehicle user of sudden changes in tire pressure. Such alert modes fall under FCC 15.231(a)(4), and may operate during the pendency of the alarm condition.

3.5 EMC Relevant Modifications

No EMI Relevant Modifications were performed by this test laboratory.

4. Emissions Limits

4.1 Radiated Emissions Limits

The DUT tested falls under the category of an Intentional Radiator. The applicable testing frequencies and corresponding emission limits set by both the FCC and IC are given in Tables 4.1 and 4.2 below.

Table 4.1. TX Emission Limits (FCC: 15.231(e), .205(a); IC: RSS-210 2.7 T5).

Frequency (MHz)	Fundamental		Spurious**	
	Ave. E _{lim} (3m) (μ V/m)	dB (μ V/m)	Ave. E _{lim} (3m) (μ V/m)	dB (μ V/m)
260.0-470.0	1500-5000*		150-500	
315.0	2417	67.7	241.7	47.7
433.9	4399	72.9	439.9	52.9
322-335.4	Restricted Bands			
399.9-410	Restricted Bands		200	46.0
608-614	Restricted Bands			
960-1240/1427(IC)	Restricted Bands			
1300-1427	Restricted Bands			
1435-1626.5	Restricted Bands			
1645.5-1646.5 (IC)	Restricted Bands		500	54.0
1660-1710	Restricted Bands			
1718.9-1722.2	Restricted Bands			
2200-2300	Restricted Bands			

* Linear interpolation, formula: $E = -2833.2 + 16.67*f$ (MHz)

** Measure up to tenth harmonic; 120 kHz BW up to 1 GHz, 1 MHz BW above 1 GHz

Table 4.2. Spurious Emission Limits (FCC: 15.33, .35, .109/209; IC: RSS-210 2.7, T2)

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

Note: Average readings apply above 1000 MHz (1 MHz BW), Quasi-Peak readings apply to 1000 MHz (120 kHz RBW), PRF of intentional emissions > 20 Hz for QPK to apply.

Power Line Conducted Emissions Limits

Table 4.3 Emission Limits (FCC:15.107 (CISPR); IC: RSS-Gen, 7.2.2 T2).

Frequency (MHz)	Class A (dB μ V)		Class B (dB μ V)	
	Quasi-peak	Average	Quasi-peak	Average
.150 - 0.50	79	66	66 - 56*	56 - 46*
0.50 - 5	73	60	56	46
5 - 30	73	60	60	50

Notes:

1. The lower limit shall apply at the transition frequency
2. The limit decreases linearly with the logarithm of the frequency in the range 0.15-0.50 MHz:

*Class B Quasi-peak: $\text{dB}\mu\text{V} = 50.25 - 19.12 \log(f)$

*Class B Average: $\text{dB}\mu\text{V} = 40.25 - 19.12 \log(f)$

3. 9 kHz RBW

5. Measurement Procedures

5.1 Semi-Anechoic Chamber Radiated Emissions

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

The DUT is laid on the test table as shown in the included block diagram and/or photographs. A shielded loop antenna is employed when studying emissions from 9 kHz to 30 MHz. Above 30 MHz and below 250 MHz a biconical antenna is employed. Above 250 MHz a ridge or standard gain horn antennas are used. The spectrum analyzer resolution and video bandwidths are set so as to measure the DUT emission without decreasing the emission bandwidth (EBW) of the device. Emissions are studied for all orientations (3-axes) of the DUT and all test antenna polarizations. In the chamber, spectrum and modulation characteristics of intentional carriers are recorded. Receiver spurious emissions are measured with an appropriate carrier signal applied. Associated test data is presented in subsequent sections.

5.2 Outdoor Radiated Emissions

After measurements are performed indoors, emissions on our outdoor 3-meter Open Area Test Site (OATS) are made, when applicable. If the DUT connects to auxiliary equipment and is table or floor standing, the configurations prescribed in ANSI C63.4 are employed. Alternatively, an on-table layout more representative of actual use may be employed if the resulting emissions appear to be worst-case in such a configuration. Any intentionally radiating elements are placed on the test table flat, on their side, and on their end (3-axes) and worst case emissions are recorded. For each configuration the DUT is rotated 360 degrees about its azimuth and the receive antenna is raised and lowered between 1 and 4 meters to maximize radiated emissions from the device. Receiver spurious emissions are measured with an appropriate carrier signal applied. For devices with intentional emissions below 30 MHz, our shielded loop antenna at a 1 meter receive height is used. Low frequency field extrapolation to the regulatory limit distance is employed as needed. Emissions between 30 MHz and 1 GHz are measured using tuned dipoles and/or biconical antennas. Care is taken to ensure that the RBW and VBW used meet the regulatory requirements, and that the EBW of the DUT is not reduced. The Photographs included in this report show the Test Setup.

5.3 Radiated Field Computations

To convert the dBm values measured on the spectrum analyzer to dB(μ V/m), we use expression

$$E3(\text{dB}\mu\text{V/m}) = 107 + \text{PR} + \text{KA} - \text{KG} + \text{KE} - \text{CF}$$

where

PR	=	power recorded on spectrum analyzer, dBm, measured at 3 m
KA	=	antenna factor, dB/m
KG	=	pre-amplifier gain, including cable loss, dB
KE	=	duty correction factor, dB
CF	=	distance conversion (employed only if limits are specified at alternate distance), dB

When presenting the data at each frequency, the highest measured emission under all of the possible DUT orientations (3-axes) is given.

5.4 Indoor Power Line Conducted Emissions

When applicable, power line conducted emissions are measured in our semi-anechoic chamber. If the DUT connects to auxiliary equipment and is table or floor standing, the configurations prescribed in ANSI C63.4 are employed. Alternatively, an on-table layout more representative of actual use may be employed if the resulting emissions appear to be worst-case in such a configuration.

The conducted emissions measured with the spectrum analyzer and recorded (in dB μ V) from 0-2 MHz and 2-30 MHz for both the ungrounded (Hi) and grounded (Lo) conductors. The spectrum analyzer is set to peak-hold mode in order to record the highest peak throughout the course of functional operation. Only when the emission exceeds or is near the limit are quasi-peak and average detection used.

5.5 Supply Voltage Variation

Measurements of the variation in the fundamental radiated emission were performed with the supply voltage varied by no less than 85% and 115% of the nominal rated value. For battery operated equipment, tests were performed using a new battery, and worst case emissions are re-checked employing a new battery.

6. Test Results

6.1 Radiated Emissions

6.1.1 Correction for Pulse Operation

Over all three (3) operating modes, the DUT can, in the worst case, transmit one 10.00 ms long Protocol 3 FSK frame and two 10.2 ms long Protocol 4 FSK frames within a 103 ms window, as measured. Thus, in a 100 ms window, a worst case transmission of one full Protocol 4 frame, one full Protocol 3 frame, and 10.2 ms – 3.0 ms = 7.2 ms of a third Protocol 4 frame can occur. See Figure 6.1. All other combinations of protocols employed in each transmission result in a lower duty cycle as detailed in the manufacturer provided description of modes of operation for the device. Computing the duty factor for this worst case condition results in:

$$K_E = (10.0 \text{ ms} + 10.2 \text{ ms} + 7.2 \text{ ms}) / 100 \text{ ms} = 0.274 \text{ or } -11.2 \text{ dB.}$$

6.1.2 Emission Spectrum

The relative DUT emission spectrum is recorded and is shown in Figure 6.2.

6.1.3 Emission Bandwidth

The emission bandwidth of the signal is shown in Figure 6.3. The allowed 99% bandwidth is 0.25% of 433.92 MHz, or 1084.8 kHz. From the plot we see that the EBW was measured to be 135.0 kHz after max holding the EBW through all transmissions of the DUT.

6.1.4 Supply Voltage and Supply Voltage Variation

The DUT has been designed to be powered by a 3 VDC battery. For this test, relative radiated power was measured at the fundamental as the voltage was varied from 2 to 4 volts. The emission variation is shown in Figure 6.4.

Batteries:	before testing	$V_{oc} = 3.00 \text{ V}$
	after testing	$V_{oc} = 2.88 \text{ V}$
Ave. current from batteries		$I = 9.1 \text{ mA (cw)}$

6.2 Conducted Emissions

These tests do not apply, since the DUT is powered from a 3 VDC battery.

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Table 6.1 Highest Emissions Measured

Radiated Emission - RF											Conti RediSensor; FCC/IC
#	Freq. MHz	Ant. Used	Ant. Pol.	Pr dBm	Det. Used	Ka dB/m	Kg dB	E3* dB μ V/m	E3lim dB μ V/m	Pass dB	Comments
1	433.9	Dip	H	-27.6	Pk	21.5	21.7	68.1	72.9	4.8	side (0D3AED02)
2	433.9	Dip	V	-26.7	Pk	21.5	21.7	69.0	72.9	3.9	end
3	867.8	Dip	H	-83.5	Pk	27.8	18.3	21.9	52.9	31.0	side
4	867.8	Dip	V	-82.1	Pk	27.8	18.3	23.3	52.9	29.6	end
6	1301.8	Horn	H	-53.7	Pk	20.7	28.1	34.7	54.0	19.2	end
7	1735.7	Horn	H	-49.7	Pk	21.9	28.1	39.9	54.0	14.1	flat
8	2169.6	Horn	H	-45.4	Pk	22.9	26.5	46.8	54.0	7.1	end
9	2603.5	Horn	H	-58.6	Pk	24.1	25.7	35.6	54.0	18.4	side
10	3037.4	Horn	H	-61.5	Pk	25.5	23.9	35.8	54.0	18.1	flat
11	3471.4	Horn	H	-66.2	Pk	26.8	23.2	33.2	54.0	20.7	end
12	3905.3	Horn	H	-66.0	Pk	28.1	22.4	35.6	54.0	18.4	flat
13	4339.2	Horn	H	-72.2	Pk	29.5	16.2	36.8	54.0	17.2	flat
14											
15											
16											
17											
18											* Includes 11.2 dB duty factor
19											
20											
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24											
25											
26											
27											
Digital Radiated Emissions*											
#	Freq. kHz	Ant. Used	Ant. Pol.	Pr dBm	Det. Used	Ka dB/m	Kg dB	E3 dB μ V/m	E3lim dB μ V/m	Pass dB	Comments
1											
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3											
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5											
6											
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8											
9	* For devices used in transportation vehicles, digital emissions are exempt from FCC regulations per FCC 15.103(a)										

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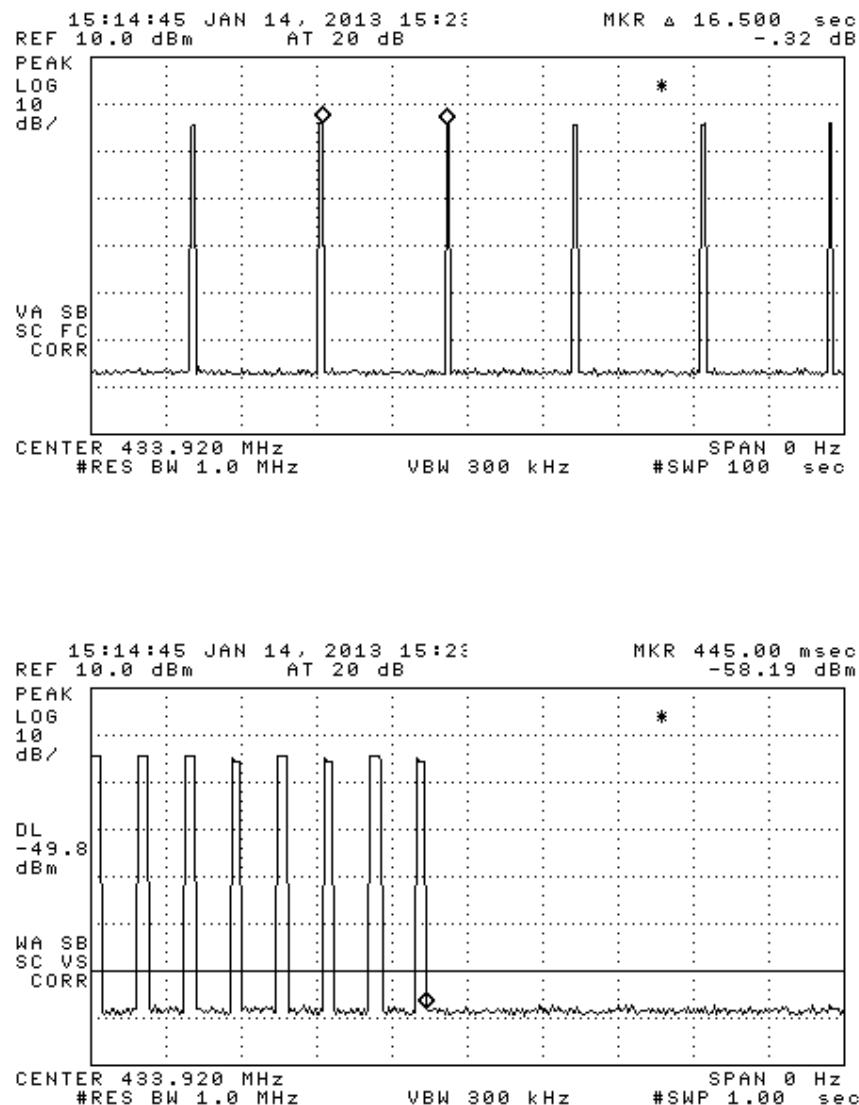


Figure 6.1(a). (top) Example DRIVE mode periodic transmission, (bottom) Example DRIVE mode periodic transmission is 445 ms in duration and composed of a number of different frames (protocols).

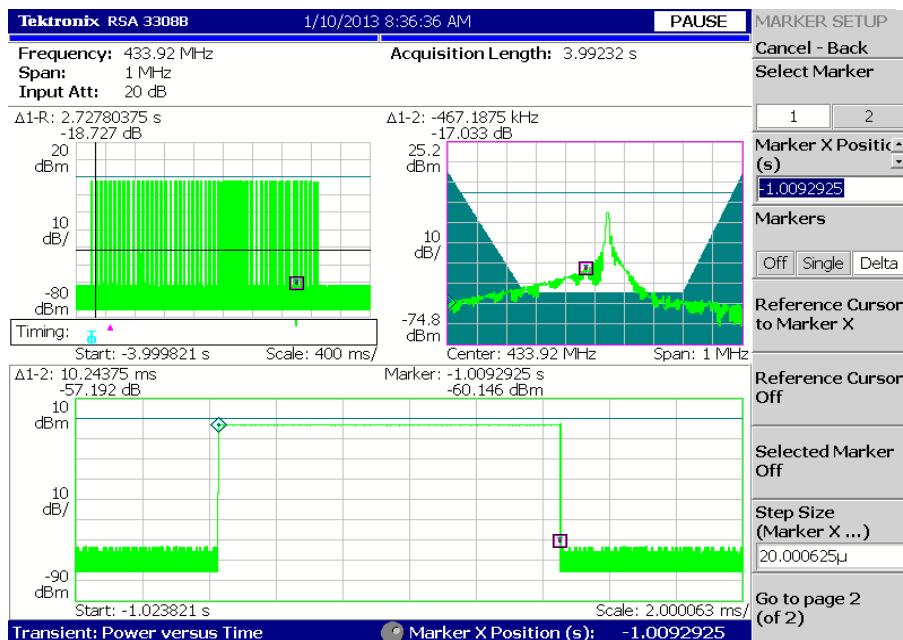
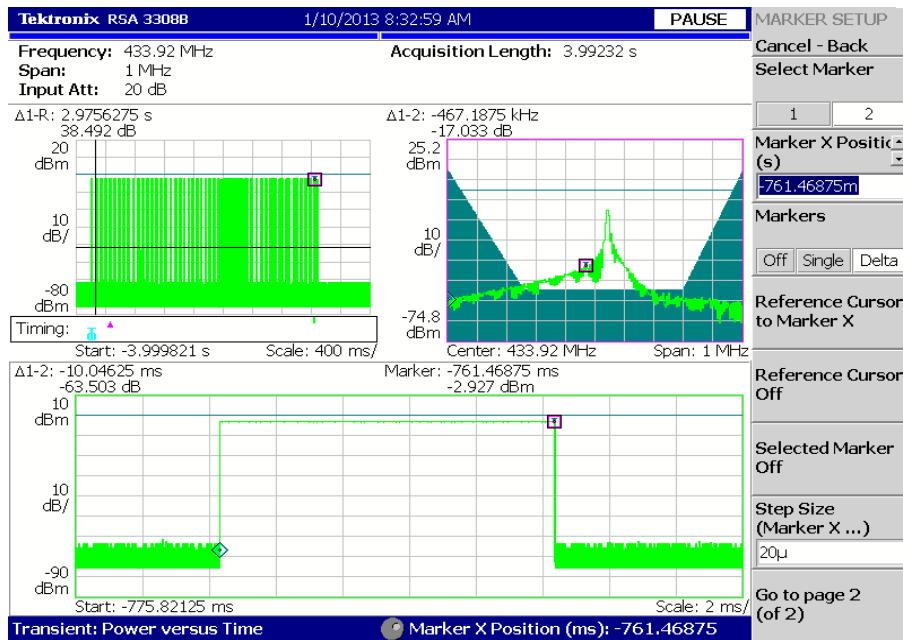


Figure 6.1(b). FSK Frames/Protocols composing worst case on time. (top) Protocol 3 (FSK), (bottom) Protocol 4 (FSK). See Description of Operation supplied with this application for details.

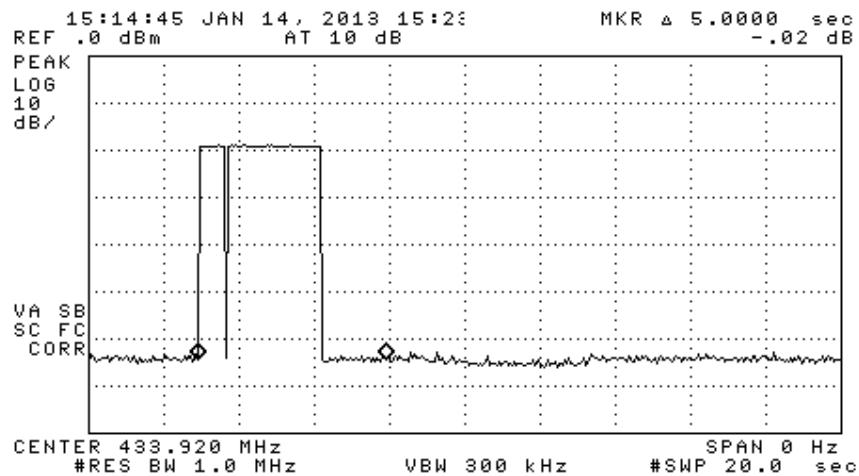


Figure 6.1(c). Example LEARN DP mode manual actuated transmission ceases in less than 5 seconds.

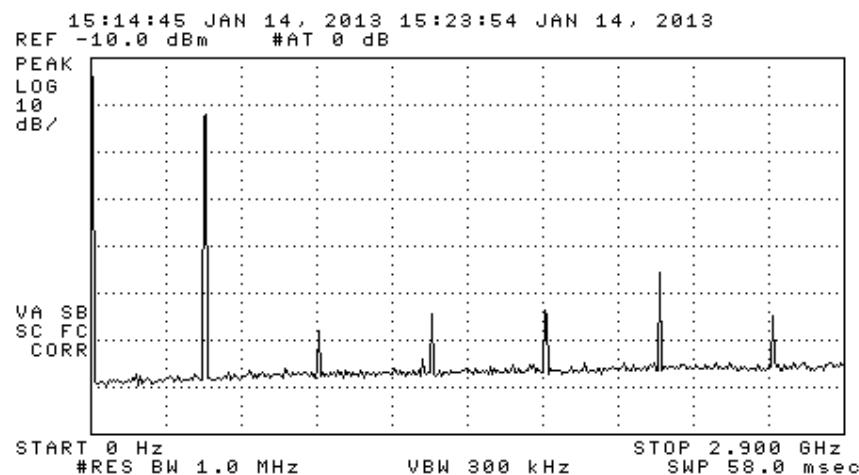


Figure 6.2. Emission spectrum of the DUT (pulsed emission). Amplitudes are only indicative (not calibrated).

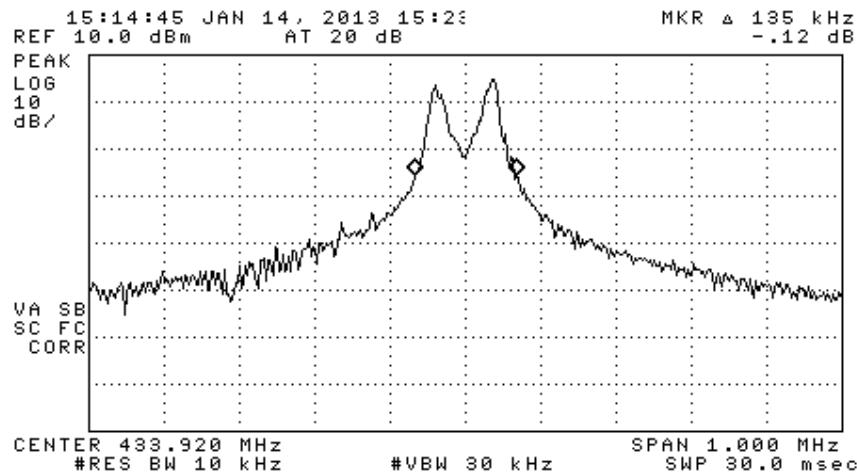


Figure 6.3. Measured emission bandwidth of the DUT (max-held through all protocols).

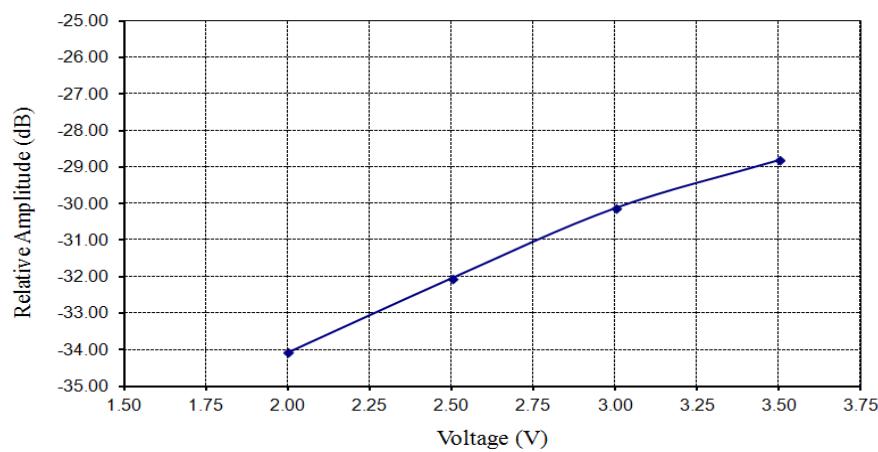
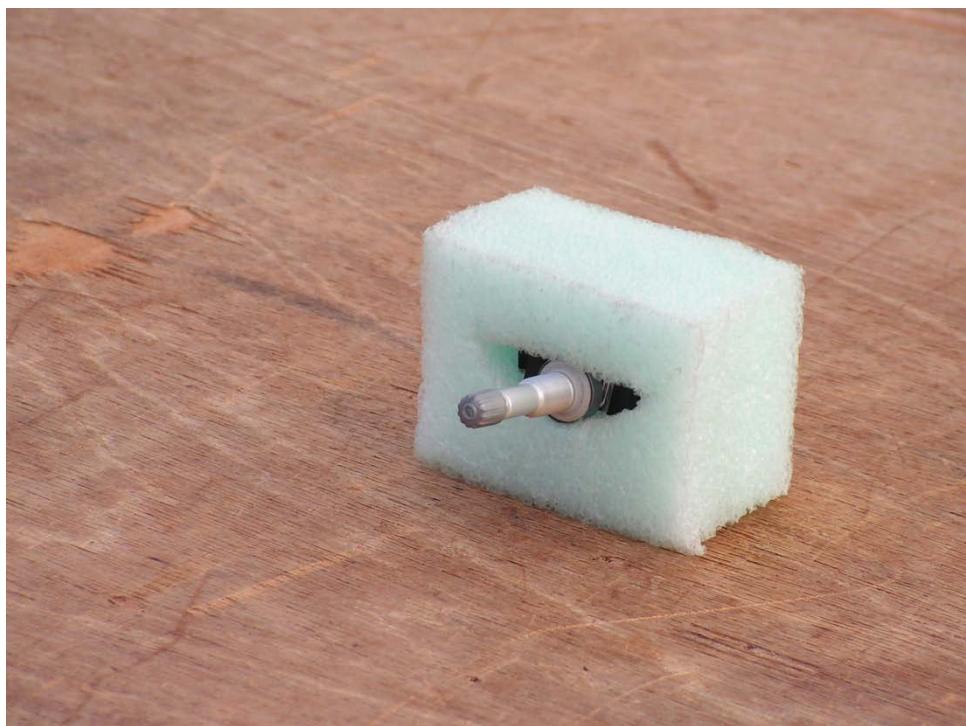


Figure 6.4. Relative emission at fundamental vs. supply voltage (pulse



Photograph 6.5. DUT on OATS (one of three axes tested)



Photograph 6.6. Close-up of DUT on OATS (one of three axes tested)