

FCC CFR47 PART 15 SUBPART C CERTIFICATION TEST REPORT

FOR

802.11b/g CARDBUS

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1. TEST RESULT CERTIFICATION

COMPANY NAME: ATHEROS COMMUNICATIONS

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EUT DESCRIPTION: 802.11B/G CARDBUS

MODEL: AR5BCB-00031

DATE TESTED: MAY 21 – JUNE 11, 2003

APPLICABLE STANDARDS

STANDARD TEST RESULTS

FCC PART 15 SUBPART C NO NON-COMPLIANCE NOTED

Compliance Certification Services, Inc. tested the above equipment in accordance with the requirements set forth in the above standards. The test results show that the equipment tested is capable of demonstrating compliance with the requirements as documented in this report.

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2. EUT DESCRIPTION

The EUT is an 802.11b/g transceiver module.

The EUT has a output power of 23.46 dBm (222 mW) and an antenna gain of 0 dBi in the 2400 - 2483.5 MHz band.

3. TEST METHODOLOGY

The tests documented in this report were performed in accordance with ANSI C63.4/1992, FCC CFR 47 Part 2 and FCC CFR 47 Part 15.

4. FACILITIES AND ACCREDITATION

4.1. FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

The open area test sites and conducted measurement facilities used to collect the radiated data are located at 561F Monterey Road, Morgan Hill, California, USA. The sites are constructed in conformance with the requirements of ANSI C63.7, ANSI C63.4 and CISPR Publication 22.

All receiving equipment conforms to CISPR Publication 16-1, "Radio Interference Measuring Apparatus and Measurement Methods."

4.2. TABLE OF ACCREDITATIONS AND LISTINGS

Country	Agency	Scope of Accreditation	Logo
USA	FCC	3/10 meter Open Area Test Sites to perform FCC Part 15/18 measurements	FC 1300
Japan	VCCI	CISPR 22 Two OATS and one conducted Site	VCCI R-1014, R-619, C-640
Norway	NEMKO	EN50081-1, EN50081-2, EN50082-1, EN50082-2, IEC61000-6-1, IEC61000-6-2, EN50083-2, EN50091-2, EN50130-4, EN55011, EN55013, EN55014-1, EN55104, EN55015, EN61547, EN55022, EN55024, EN61000-3-2, EN61000-3-3, EN60945, EN61326-1	N _{ELA 117}
Norway	NEMKO	EN60601-1-2 and IEC 60601-1-2, the Collateral Standards for Electro-Medical Products. MDD, 93/42/EEC, AIMD 90/385/EEC	N _{ELA-171}
Taiwan	BSMI	CNS 13438	高 <u>A</u> SL2-IN-E-1012
Canada	Industry Canada	RSS210 Low Power Transmitter and Receiver	Canada IC2324 A,B,C, and F

5. CALIBRATION AND UNCERTAINTY

5.1. MEASURING INSTRUMENT CALIBRATION

The measurement instruments utilized to perform the tests documented in this report have been calibrated in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations, and are traceable to national standards.

5.2. MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

Where relevant, the following measurement uncertainty levels have been estimated for tests performed on the apparatus:

Radiated Emission, 30 to 200 MHz	+/- 3.3 dB
Radiated Emission, 200 to 1000 MHz	+4.5 / -2.9 dB
Radiated Emission, 1000 to 2000 MHz	+4.5 / -2.9 dB
Power Line Conducted Emission	+/- 2.9 dB

Uncertainty figures are valid to a confidence level of 95%.

5.3. TEST AND MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT

The following test and measurement equipment was utilized for the tests documented in this report:

TEST AND MEASUREMENT EQUIPMENT LIST				
Name of Equipment	Manufacturer	Model	Serial Number	Calibration Due Date
Quasi-Peak Adapter	HP	85650A	2521A01038	7/16/04
SA Display Section	HP	85662A	2314A04793	7/16/04
SA RF Section	HP	85680A	2314A02604	7/16/04
Horn Antenna (1 - 18GHz)	EMCO	3115	6739	2/4/04
Antenna, Log Periodic 200- 1000MHz	EMCO	3146	9107-3163	3/06/04
Preamplifier	Miteq	NSP10023988	646456	4/26/04
Spectrum Analyzer	HP	8593EM	3710A00205	6/11/03
High Pass Filter (4.57GHz)	FSY Microwave	FM-4570-9SS	003	N.C.R.
Spectrum Analyzer	Agilent	E4446A	US42070220	03/01/04
Power Meter	Agilent	E4416A	GB41291150	08/09/03
Power Sensor	Agilent	E9327A	US40440755	08/09/03

6. SETUP OF EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST

SETUP INFORMATION FOR TRANSMITTER TESTS

SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

PERIPHERAL SUPPORT EQUIPMENT LIST					
Device Type Manufacturer Model Serial Number FCC ID					
Laptop	Toshiba	TC8517ZCA000	J291200E8019	Doc	
Power Adapter	Toshiba	PA3083U-1ACA	0536906G	Doc	

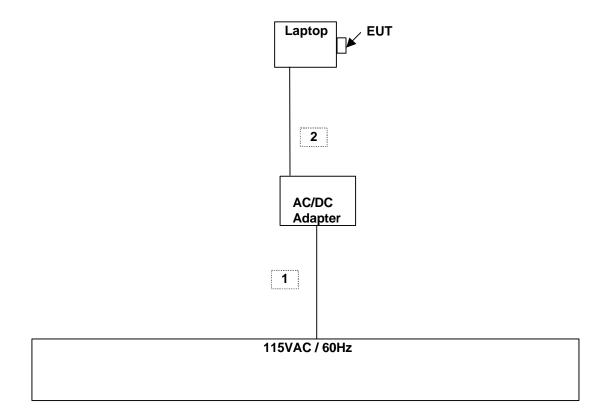
I/O CABLES

	Cable No.	Port	# of Identical Ports	Connector Type	Cable Type	Cable Length	Remarks
Ī	1	AC	2	US115V	Un-Shielded	2m	NA

TEST SETUP

The EUT was installed in the host computer and operated via a test program.

SETUP DIAGRAM FOR TESTS



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7. APPLICABLE LIMITS AND TEST RESULTS

7.1. 6 dB BANDWIDTH

LIMIT

§15.247 (a) (2) For direct sequence systems, the minimum 6 dB bandwidth shall be at least 500 kHz.

TEST PROCEDURE

The transmitter output is connected to a spectrum analyzer. The RBW is set to 100 kHz and the VBW is set to 100 kHz. The sweep time is coupled.

RESULTS

No non-compliance noted:

802.11b Mode

002/1101/1000						
Channel	Frequency	6 dB Bandwidth	Minimum Limit			
	(MHz)	(kHz)	(kHz)			
Low	2412	10170	500			
Middle	2437	10200	500			
High	2462	10130	500			

802.11g Normal Mode

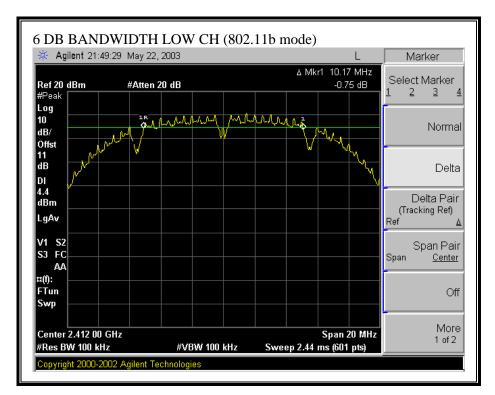
Channel	Frequency	6 dB Bandwidth	Minimum Limit	
	(MHz)	(kHz)	(kHz)	
Low	2412	16533	500	
Middle	2437	16300	500	
High	2462	16470	500	

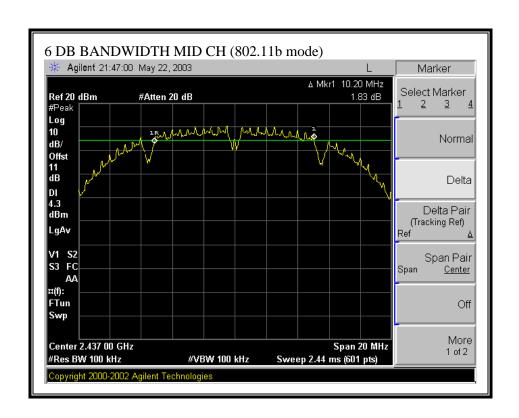
802.11g Turbo Mode

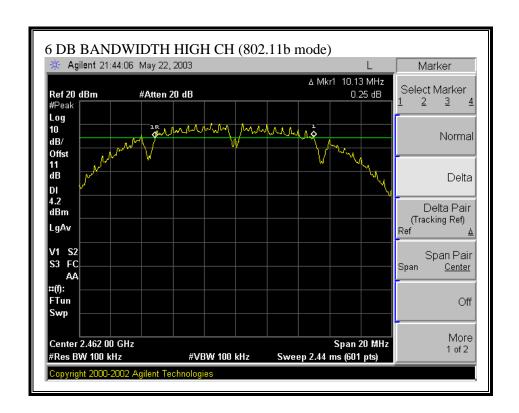
Channel	Frequency	6 dB Bandwidth	Minimum Limit	
	(MHz)	(kHz)	(kHz)	
Middle	2437	31500	500	

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6 DB BANDWIDTH (802.11b MODE)

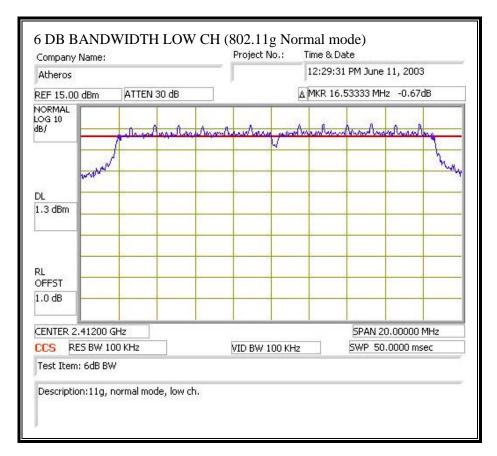


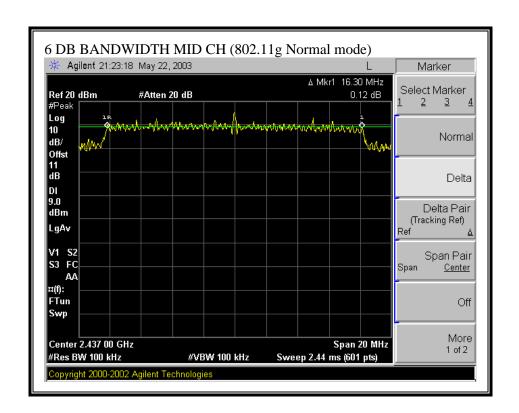


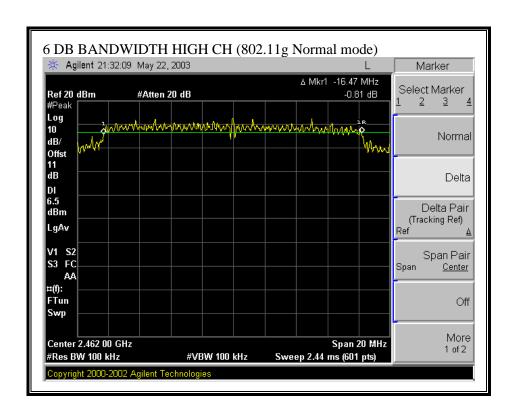


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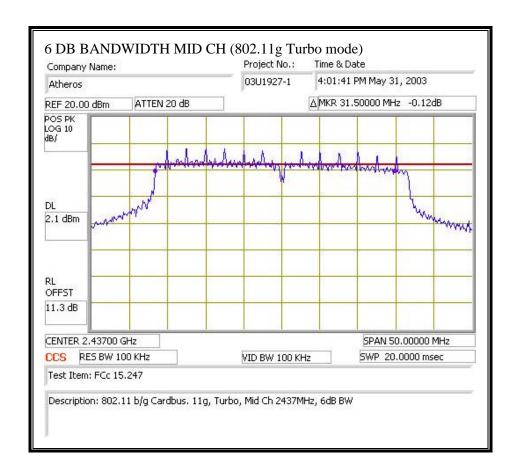
6 DB BANDWIDTH (802.11g NORMAL MODE)







6 DB BANDWIDTH (802.11g TURBO MODE)



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7.2. OUTPUT POWER

PEAK POWER LIMIT

§15.247 (b) The maximum peak output power of the intentional radiator shall not exceed the following:

\$15.247 (b) (3) For systems using digital modulation in the 902-928 MHz, 2400-2483.5 MHz , and 5725-5850 MHz bands: 1 watt.

§15.247 (b) (4) Except as shown in paragraphs (b)(3) (i), (ii) and (iii) of this section, if transmitting antennas of directional gain greater than 6 dBi are used the peak output power from the intentional radiator shall be reduced below the stated values in paragraphs (b)(1) or (b)(2) of this section, as appropriate, by the amount in dB that the directional gain of the antenna exceeds 6 dBi.

The maximum antenna gain is 0 dBi, therefore the limit is 30 dBm.

AVERAGE POWER LIMIT

None; for reporting purposes only.

TEST PROCEDURE

The transmitter output is connected to a power meter. The power meter is set to simultaneously read peak power and average power.

RESULTS

No non-compliance noted:

The cable assembly insertion loss of 11 dB (including 10 dB pad and 1 dB cable) was entered as an offset in the power meter to allow for direct reading of power.

802.11b Mode

Channel	Frequency	Average Power	Peak Power	Limit	Margin
	(MHz)	(dBm)	(dBm)	(dBm)	(dB)
Low	2412	20.08	21.70	30	-8.30
Middle	2437	20.28	21.78	30	-8.22
High	2462	20.10	21.73	30	-8.27

802.11g Normal Mode

Channel	Frequency	Average Power	Peak Power	Limit	Margin
	(MHz)	(dBm)	(dBm)	(dBm)	(dB)
Low	2412	18.50	23.20	30	-6.80
Middle	2437	18.95	23.46	30	-6.54
High	2462	18.45	23.00	30	-7.00

802.11g Turbo Mode

Channel	Frequency	Average Power	Peak Power	Limit	Margin
	(MHz)	(dBm)	(dBm)	(dBm)	(dB)
Middle	2437	18.70	22.36	30	-7.64

7.3. PEAK POWER SPECTRAL DENSITY

LIMIT

§15.247 (d) For direct sequence systems, the peak power spectral density conducted from the intentional radiator to the antenna shall not be greater than 8 dBm in any 3 kHz band during any time interval of continuous transmission.

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TEST PROCEDURE

The transmitter output is connected to a spectrum analyzer, the maximum level in a 3 kHz bandwidth is measured with the spectrum analyzer using RBW = 3 kHz and VBW >= 3KHz, sweep time = span / 3 kHz, and video averaging is turned off. The PPSD is the highest level found across the emission in any 3 kHz band.

2.4 GHz BAND RESULTS

No non-compliance noted:

802.11b Mode

Channel	Frequency	PPSD	Limit	Margin
	(MHz)	(dBm)	(dBm)	(dB)
Low	2412	-0.06	8	-8.06
Middle	2437	-0.82	8	-8.82
High	2462	-0.93	8	-8.93

802.11g Normal Mode

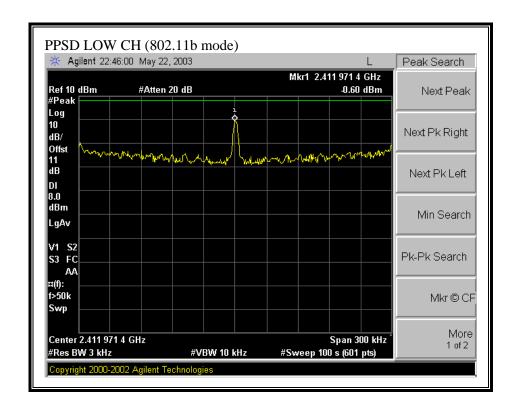
Channel	Frequency	PPSD	Limit	Margin
	(MHz)	(dBm)	(dBm)	(dB)
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Middle	2437	5.66	8	-2.34
High	2462	3.35	8	-4.65

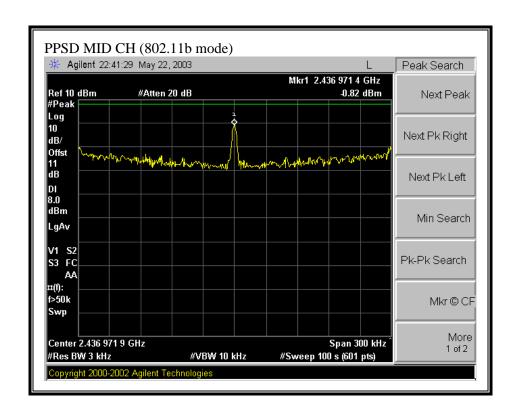
802.11g Turbo Mode

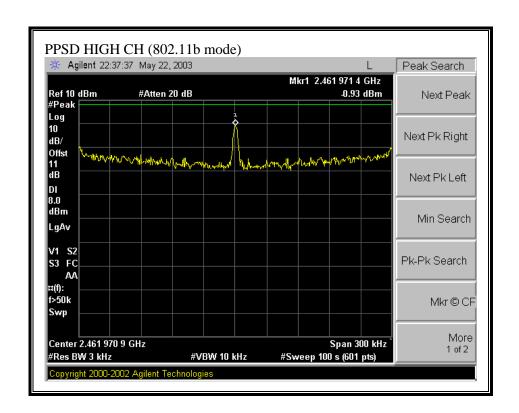
Channel	Frequency	PPSD	Limit	Margin
	(MHz)	(dBm)	(dBm)	(dB)
Middle	2437	-8.60	8	-16.60

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PEAK POWER SPECTRAL DENSITY (802.11b MODE)

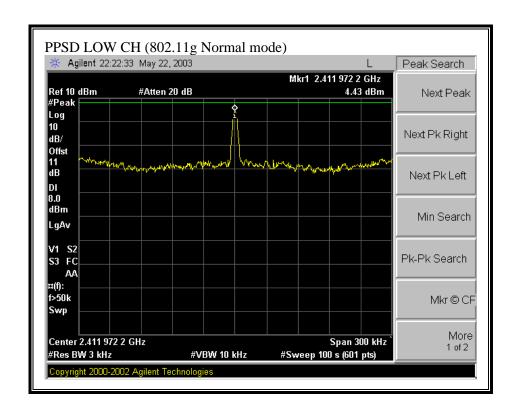


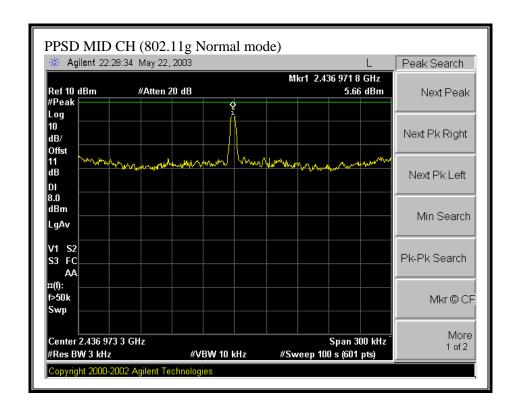


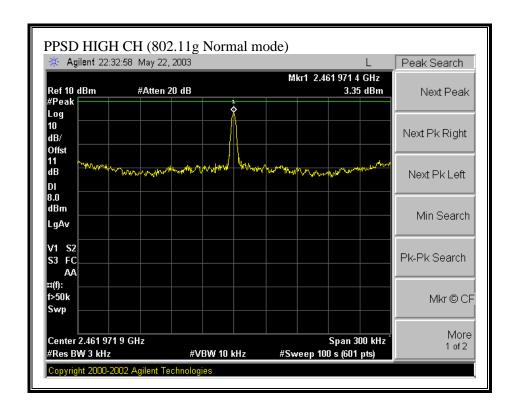


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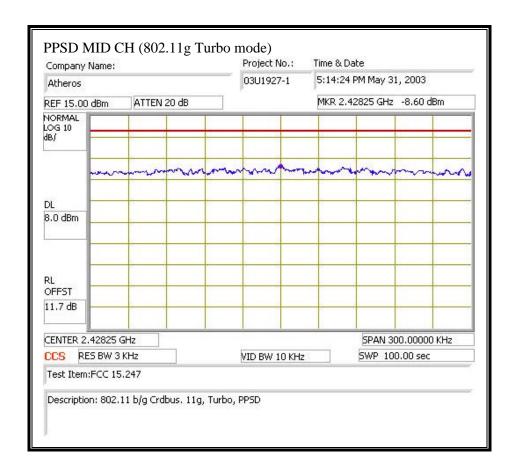
PEAK POWER SPECTRAL DENSITY (802.11g NORMAL MODE)







PEAK POWER SPECTRAL DENSITY (802.11g TURBO MODE)



7.4. CONDUCTED SPURIOUS EMISSIONS

LIMITS

§15.247 (c) In any 100 kHz bandwidth outside the frequency band in which the spread spectrum intentional radiator is operating, the radio frequency power that is produced by the intentional radiator shall be at least 20 dB below that in the 100 kHz bandwidth within the band that contains the highest level of the desired power, based on either an RF conducted or a radiated measurement. Attenuation below the general limits specified in §15.209(a) is not required. In addition, radiated emissions which fall in the restricted bands, as defined in§15.205(a), must also comply with the radiated emission limits specified in §15.209(a) (see §15.205(c)).

TEST PROCEDURE

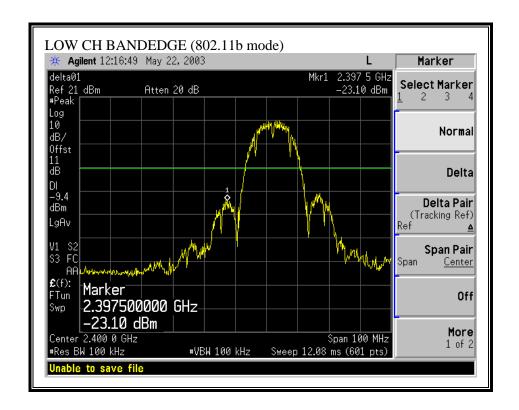
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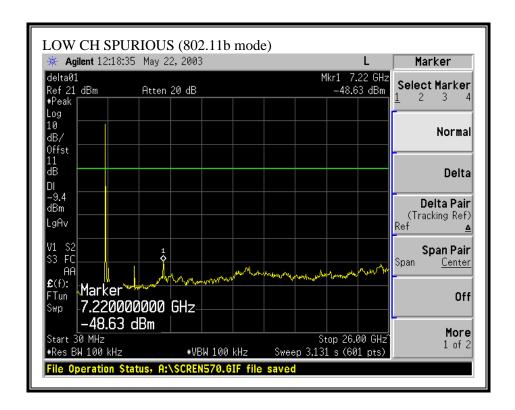
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RESULTS

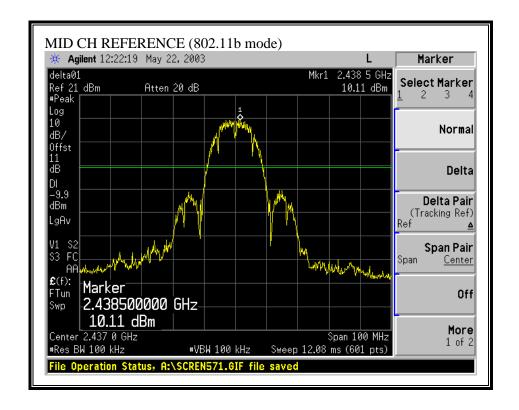
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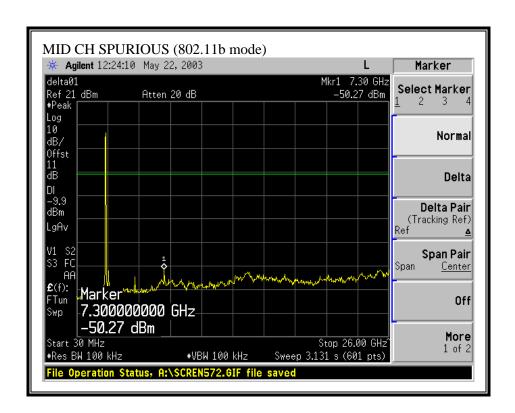
SPURIOUS EMISSIONS, LOW CHANNEL (802.11b MODE)



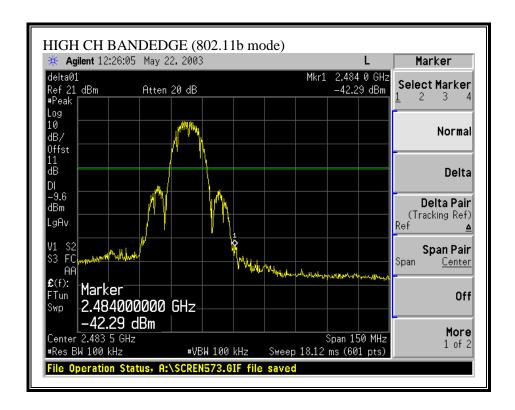


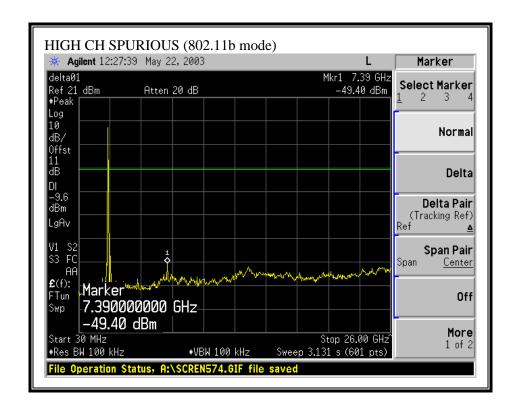
SPURIOUS EMISSIONS, MID CHANNEL (802.11b MODE)



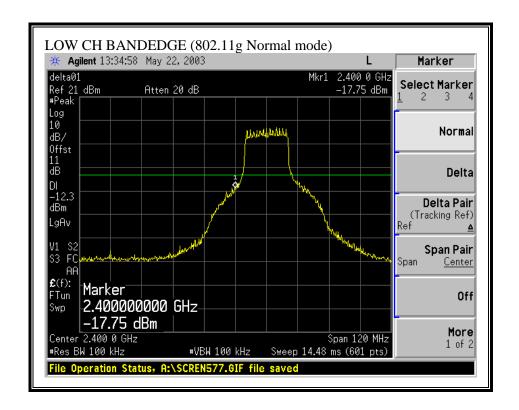


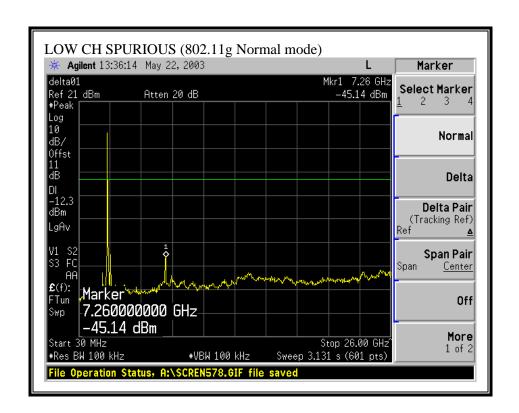
SPURIOUS EMISSIONS, HIGH CHANNEL (802.11b MODE)



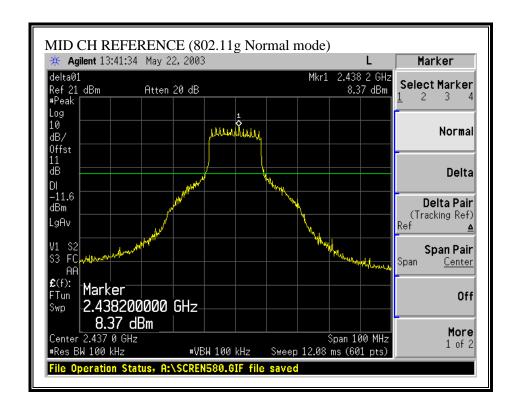


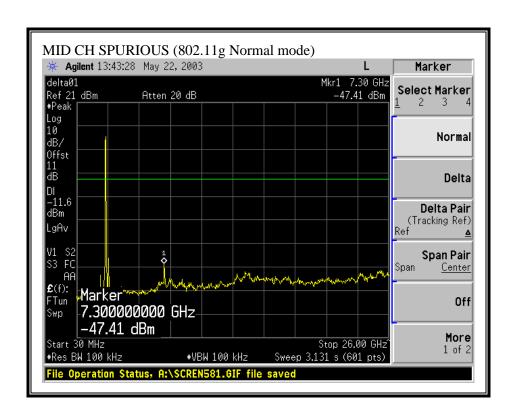
SPURIOUS EMISSIONS, LOW CHANNEL (802.11g NORMAL MODE)



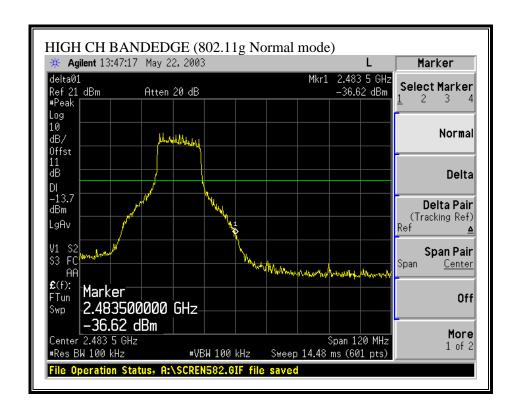


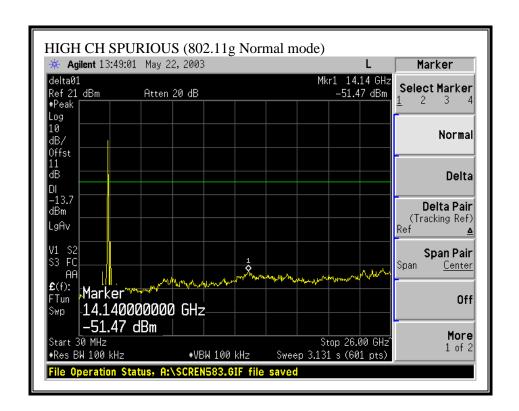
SPURIOUS EMISSIONS, MID CHANNEL (802.11g NORMAL MODE)



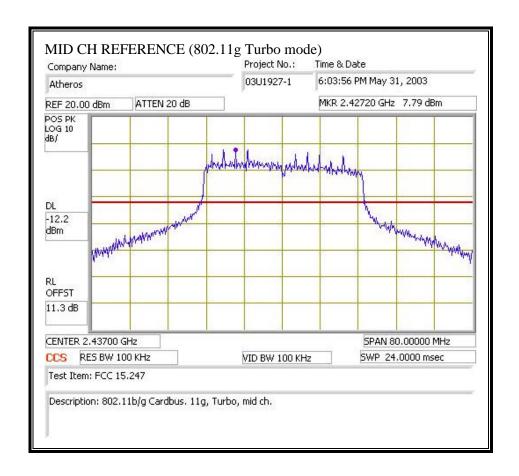


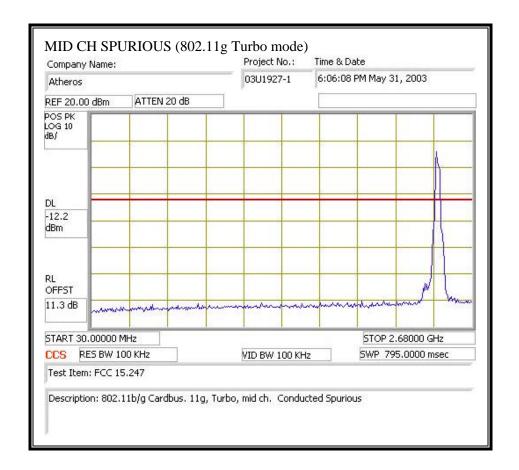
SPURIOUS EMISSIONS, HIGH CHANNEL (802.11g NORMAL MODE)

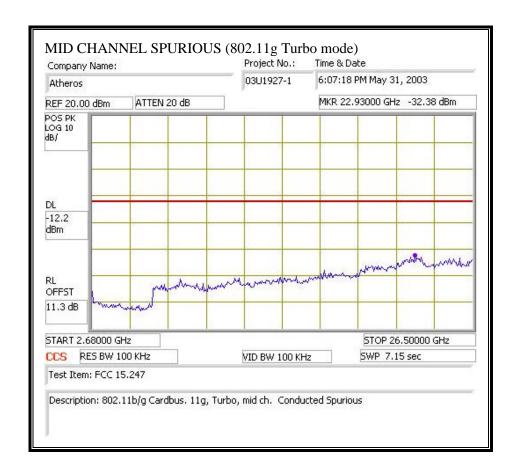




SPURIOUS EMISSIONS, MID CHANNEL (802.11g TURBO MODE)







7.5. RADIATED EMISSIONS

LIMITS

§15.205 (a) Except as shown in paragraph (d) of this section, only spurious emissions are permitted in any of the frequency bands listed below:

MHz	MHz	MHz	GHz
0.090 - 0.110	16.42 - 16.423	399.9 - 410	4.5 - 5.15
¹ 0.495 - 0.505	16.69475 - 16.69525	608 - 614	5.35 - 5.46
2.1735 - 2.1905	16.80425 - 16.80475	960 - 1240	7.25 - 7.75
4.125 - 4.128	25.5 - 25.67	1300 - 1427	8.025 - 8.5
4.17725 - 4.17775	37.5 - 38.25	1435 - 1626.5	9.0 - 9.2
4.20725 - 4.20775	73 - 74.6	1645.5 - 1646.5	9.3 - 9.5
6.215 - 6.218	74.8 - 75.2	1660 - 1710	10.6 - 12.7
6.26775 - 6.26825	108 - 121.94	1718.8 - 1722.2	13.25 - 13.4
6.31175 - 6.31225	123 - 138	2200 - 2300	14.47 - 14.5
8.291 - 8.294	149.9 - 150.05	2310 - 2390	15.35 - 16.2
8.362 - 8.366	156.52475 - 156.52525	2483.5 - 2500	17.7 - 21.4
8.37625 - 8.38675	156.7 - 156.9	2655 - 2900	22.01 - 23.12
8.41425 - 8.41475	162.0125 - 167.17	3260 - 3267	23.6 - 24.0
12.29 - 12.293	167.72 - 173.2	3332 - 3339	31.2 - 31.8
12.51975 - 12.52025	240 - 285	3345.8 - 3358	36.43 - 36.5
12.57675 - 12.57725	322 - 335.4	3600 - 4400	$(^2)$
13.36 - 13.41			

¹ Until February 1, 1999, this restricted band shall be 0.490-0.510 MHz.

§15.205 (b) Except as provided in paragraphs (d) and (e), the field strength of emissions appearing within these frequency bands shall not exceed the limits shown in Section 15.209. At frequencies equal to or less than 1000 MHz, compliance with the limits in Section 15.209 shall be demonstrated using measurement instrumentation employing a CISPR quasi-peak detector. Above 1000 MHz, compliance with the emission limits in Section 15.209 shall be demonstrated based on the average value of the measured emissions. The provisions in Section 15.35 apply to these measurements.

² Above 38.6

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§15.209 (a) Except as provided elsewhere in this Subpart, the emissions from an intentional radiator shall not exceed the field strength levels specified in the following table:

Frequency (MHz)	Field Strength (microvolts/meter)	Measurement Distance (meters)
30 - 88	100 **	3
88 - 216	150 **	3
216 - 960	200 **	3
Above 960	500	3

^{**} Except as provided in paragraph (g), fundamental emissions from intentional radiators operating under this Section shall not be located in the frequency bands 54-72 MHz, 76-88 MHz, 174-216 MHz or 470-806 MHz. However, operation within these frequency bands is permitted under other sections of this Part, e.g., Sections 15.231 and 15.241.

§15.209 (b) In the emission table above, the tighter limit applies at the band edges.

TEST PROCEDURE

The EUT is placed on a non-conducting table 80 cm above the ground plane. The antenna to EUT distance is 3 meters. The EUT is configured in accordance with ANSI C63.4. The EUT is set to transmit in a continuous mode.

For measurements below 1 GHz the resolution bandwidth is set to 100 kHz for peak detection measurements or 120 kHz for quasi-peak detection measurements. Peak detection is used unless otherwise noted as quasi-peak.

For measurements above 1 GHz the resolution bandwidth is set to 1 MHz, then the video bandwidth is set to 1 MHz for peak measurements and 10 Hz for average measurements.

The spectrum from 30 MHz to 26 GHz is investigated with the transmitter set to the lowest, middle, and highest channels.

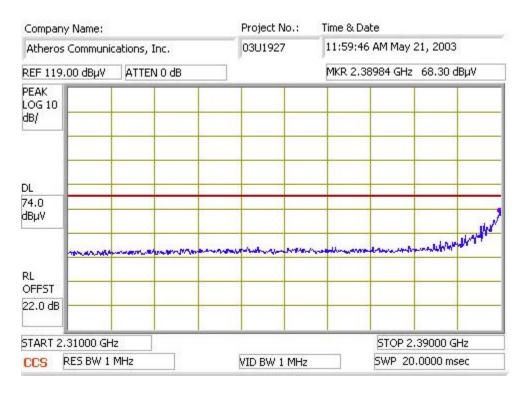
The frequency range of interest is monitored at a fixed antenna height and EUT azimuth. The EUT is rotated through 360 degrees to maximize emissions received. The antenna is scanned from 1 to 4 meters above the ground plane to further maximize the emission. Measurements are made with the antenna polarized in both the vertical and the horizontal positions.

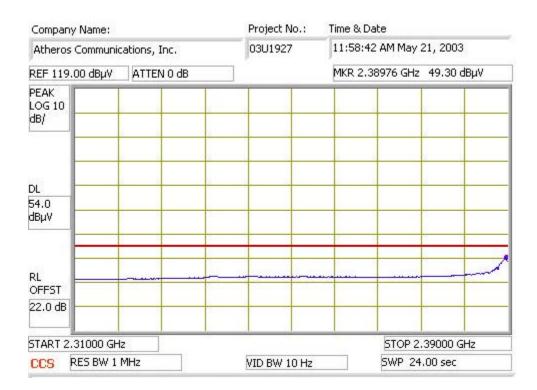
RESULTS

No non-compliance noted:

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RESTRICTED BANDEDGE (b MODE, LOW CHANNEL, HORIZONTAL)





RESTRICTED BANDEDGE (b MODE, LOW CHANNEL, VERTICAL)

