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# DFS TEST REPORT

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## RELEASE CONTROL RECORD

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RF140313E05-3	Original release	May 20, 2014



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## 1. CERTIFICATION

**PRODUCT:** 802.11 a/b/g/n/ac+ BT 4.1 M.2 Type Card

**BRAND NAME :** Qualcomm Atheros

**MODEL NO.:** QCNFA34AC

**TEST SAMPLE:** R&D SAMPLE

**APPLICANT:** Qualcomm Atheros, Inc.

**TESTED:** May 09, 2014

**STANDARDS:** FCC Part 15, Subpart E (Section 15.407)

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The above equipment (Model: QCNFA34AC) has been tested by **Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services (H.K.) Ltd., Taoyuan Branch**, and was in compliance with the requirement of the above standards. The test record, data evaluation & Equipment Under Test (EUT) configurations represented herein are true and accurate accounts of the measurements of the sample's EMC characteristics under the conditions specified in this report.

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## 2. EUT INFORMATION

### 2.1 OPERATING FREQUENCY BANDS AND MODE OF EUT

TABLE 1: OPERATING FREQUENCY BANDS AND MODE OF EUT

OPERATIONAL MODE	OPERATING FREQUENCY RANGE	
	5250~5350MHz	5470~5725MHz (5600MHz~5650MHz will be disable)
Client without radar detection and ad hoc function	✓	✓

### 2.2 EUT SOFTWARE AND FIRMWARE VERSION

TABLE 2: THE EUT SOFTWARE/FIRMWARE VERSION

PLATFORM	NO.	PRODUCT	MODEL NO.	SOFTWARE/FIRMWARE VERSION
Windows 8.1	1	802.11 a/b/g/n/ac+ BT 4.1 M.2 Type Card	QCNFA34AC	11.0.0.224 2014/4/27

### 2.3 DESCRIPTION OF AVAILABLE ANTENNAS TO THE EUT

TABLE 3: ANTENNA LIST

Brand	Model	Antenna Type	5G Gain with cable loss (dBi)	5G Cable Loss (dBi)	Connector Type	Cable Length (mm)
WNC	81-EBJ15.005	PIFA	Band 1&2: 3.08 Band 3: 4.76 Band 4: 4.76	Band1&2: 1.70 Band 3: 1.74 Band 4: 1.79	IPEX	300



## 2.4 EUT MAXIMUM CONDUCTED POWER

TABLE 4: THE MEASURED CONDUCTED OUTPUT POWER

### IEEE 802.11a

Frequency Band(MHz)	MAX. Power	
	Output Power(dBm)	Output Power(mW)
5250~5350MHz	18.28	67.322
5470~5725MHz	17.78	59.953

### IEEE 802.11ac VHT20

Frequency Band(MHz)	MAX. Power	
	Output Power(dBm)	Output Power(mW)
5250~5350MHz	18.26	66.924
5470~5725MHz	17.59	57.419

### IEEE 802.11ac VHT40

Frequency Band(MHz)	MAX. Power	
	Output Power(dBm)	Output Power(mW)
5250~5350MHz	16.65	46.228
5470~5725MHz	16.33	42.961

### IEEE 802.11ac VHT80

Frequency Band(MHz)	MAX. Power	
	Output Power(dBm)	Output Power(mW)
5250~5350MHz	12.7	18.628
5470~5725MHz	13.38	21.767



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## 2.5 EUT MAXIMUM EIRP POWER

TABLE 5: THE EIRP OUTPUT POWER LIST

### IEEE 802.11a

Frequency Band(MHz)	MAX. Power	
	Output Power(dBm)	Output Power(mW)
5250~5350MHz	24.37	273.626
5470~5725MHz	25.55	358.766

### IEEE 802.11ac VHT20

Frequency Band(MHz)	MAX. Power	
	Output Power(dBm)	Output Power(mW)
5250~5350MHz	24.35	272.008
5470~5725MHz	25.36	343.602

### IEEE 802.11ac VHT40

Frequency Band(MHz)	MAX. Power	
	Output Power(dBm)	Output Power(mW)
5250~5350MHz	22.74	187.891
5470~5725MHz	24.10	257.084

### IEEE 802.11ac VHT80

Frequency Band(MHz)	MAX. Power	
	Output Power(dBm)	Output Power(mW)
5250~5350MHz	18.79	75.712
5470~5725MHz	21.15	130.256



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## 2.6 TRANSMIT POWER CONTROL (TPC)

U-NII devices operating in the 5.25-5.35 GHz band and the 5.47-5.725 GHz band shall employ a TPC mechanism. The U-NII device is required to have the capability to operate at least 6 dB below the mean EIRP value of 30 dBm. A TPC mechanism is not required for systems with an EIRP of less than 500 mW.

Maximum EIRP of this device is 358.766mW which less than 500mW, therefore it's not require TPC function.

## 2.7 STATEMENT OF MANUFACTURER

This device (Client) is without radar detection, then the manufacturer statement confirming that information regarding the parameters of the detected Radar Waveforms is not available to the end user. **And the device doesn't have Ad Hoc mode on DFS frequency band.**



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### 3. U-NII DFS RULE REQUIREMENTS

#### 3.1 WORKING MODES AND REQUIRED TEST ITEMS

The manufacturer shall state whether the UUT is capable of operating as a Master and/or a Client. If the UUT is capable of operating in more than one operating mode then each operating mode shall be tested separately. See tables 6 and 7 for the applicability of DFS requirements for each of the operational modes.

TABLE 6: APPLICABILITY OF DFS REQUIREMENTS PRIOR TO USE A CHANNEL

REQUIREMENT	OPERATIONAL MODE		
	MASTER	CLIENT WITHOUT RADAR DETECTION	CLIENT WITH RADAR DETECTION
Non-Occupancy Period	✓	✓	✓
DFS Detection Threshold	✓	Not required	✓
Channel Availability Check Time	✓	Not required	Not required
Uniform Spreading	✓	Not required	Not required
U-NII Detection Bandwidth	✓	Not required	✓

TABLE 7: APPLICABILITY OF DFS REQUIREMENTS DURING NORMAL OPERATION

REQUIREMENT	OPERATIONAL MODE		
	MASTER	CLIENT WITHOUT RADAR DETECTION	CLIENT WITH RADAR DETECTION
DFS Detection Threshold	✓	Not required	✓
Channel Closing Transmission Time	✓	✓	✓
Channel Move Time	✓	✓	✓
U-NII Detection Bandwidth	✓	Not required	✓



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## 3.2 TEST LIMITS AND RADAR SIGNAL PARAMETERS

### DETECTION THRESHOLD VALUES

**TABLE 8: DFS DETECTION THRESHOLDS FOR MASTER DEVICES AND CLIENT DEVICES WITH RADAR DETECTION**

MAXIMUM TRANSMIT POWER	VALUE (SEE Note 1 and 2)
≥ 200 milliwatt	-64 dBm
< 200 milliwatt	-62 dBm

**Note 1:** This is the level at the input of the receiver assuming a 0 dBi receive antenna.

**Note 2:** Throughout these test procedures an additional 1 dB has been added to the amplitude of the test transmission waveforms to account for variations in measurement equipment. This will ensure that the test signal is at or above the detection threshold level to trigger a DFS response.



**TABLE 9: DFS RESPONSE REQUIREMENT VALUES**

PARAMETER	VALUE
Non-occupancy period	Minimum 30 minutes
Channel Availability Check Time	60 seconds
Channel Move Time	10 seconds See Note 1.
Channel Closing Transmission Time	200 milliseconds + an aggregate of 60 milliseconds over remaining 10 second period. See Notes 1 and 2.
U-NII Detection Bandwidth	Minimum 80% of the UNII 99% transmission power bandwidth. See Note 3.

**Note 1:** The instant that the Channel Move Time and the Channel Closing Transmission Time begins is as follows:

- For the Short Pulse Radar Test Signals this instant is the end of the Burst.
- For the Frequency Hopping radar Test Signal, this instant is the end of the last radar Burst generated.
- For the Long Pulse Radar Test Signal this instant is the end of the 12 second period defining the Radar Waveform.

**Note 2:** The Channel Closing Transmission Time is comprised of 200 milliseconds starting at the beginning of the Channel Move Time plus any additional intermittent control signals required to facilitate a Channel move (an aggregate of 60 milliseconds) during the remainder of the 10 second period. The aggregate duration of control signals will not count quiet periods in between transmissions.

**Note 3:** During the U-NII Detection Bandwidth detection test, radar type 1 is used and for each frequency step the minimum percentage of detection is 90 percent. Measurements are performed with no data traffic.



## **PARAMETERS OF DFS TEST SIGNALS**

Step intervals of 0.1 microsecond for Pulse Width, 1 microsecond for PRI, 1 MHz for chirp width and 1 for the number of pulses will be utilized for the random determination of specific test waveforms.

**TABLE 10: SHORT PULSE RADAR TEST WAVEFORMS**

RADAR TYPE	PULSE WIDTH (μsec)	PRI (μsec)	NUMBER OF PULSES	MINIMUM PERCENTAGE OF SUCCESSFUL DETECTION	MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRIALS
1	1	1428	18	60%	30
2	1-5	150-230	23-29	60%	30
3	6-10	200-500	16-18	60%	30
4	11-20	200-500	12-16	60%	30
Aggregate (Radar Types 1-4)				80%	120

**TABLE 11: LONG PULSE RADAR TEST WAVEFORM**

RADAR TYPE	PULSE WIDTH (μsec)	CHIRP WIDTH (MHz)	PRI (μsec)	NUMBER OF PULSES PER BURST	NUMBER OF BURSTS	MINIMUM PERCENTAGE OF SUCCESSFUL DETECTION	MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRIALS
5	50-100	5-20	1000-2000	1-3	8-20	80%	30

**TABLE 12: FREQUENCY HOPPING RADAR TEST WAVEFORM**

RADAR TYPE	PULSE WIDTH (μsec)	PRI (μsec)	PULSES PER HOP	HOPPING RATE (kHz)	HOPPING SEQUENCE LENGTH (msec)	MINIMUM PERCENTAGE OF SUCCESSFUL DETECTION	MINIMUM NUMBER OF TRIALS
6	1	333	9	0.333	300	70%	30



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## 4. TEST & SUPPORT EQUIPMENT LIST

### 4.1 TEST INSTRUMENTS

TABLE 13: TEST INSTRUMENTS LIST.

DESCRIPTION & MANUFACTURER	MODEL NO.	BRAND	CALIBRATED DATE	CALIBRATED UNTIL
Spectrum Analyzer R&S	FSW8	R&S	Aug. 07, 2013	Aug. 06, 2014
Signal generator	SMJ100A	R&S	Aug. 13, 2013	Aug. 12, 2014

### 4.2 DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORT UNITS

TABLE 14: SUPPORT UNIT INFORMATION.

NO.	PRODUCT	BRAND	MODEL NO.	ID	SPEC.
1	WIRELESS AC MODULE	ALPHA	WMC-AC01	RRK201206005 6-1	The maximum EIRP is 27.64 dBm, Antenna Gain is 3.428dBi

**Note:** This device was functioned as a Master Slave device during the DFS test.

TABLE 15: SOFTWARE/FIRMWARE INFORMATION.

NO.	PRODUCT	MODEL NO.	SOFTWARE/FIRMWARE VERSION
1.	WIRELESS AC MODULE	WMC-AC01	1.00 Wed 06 Mar 2013

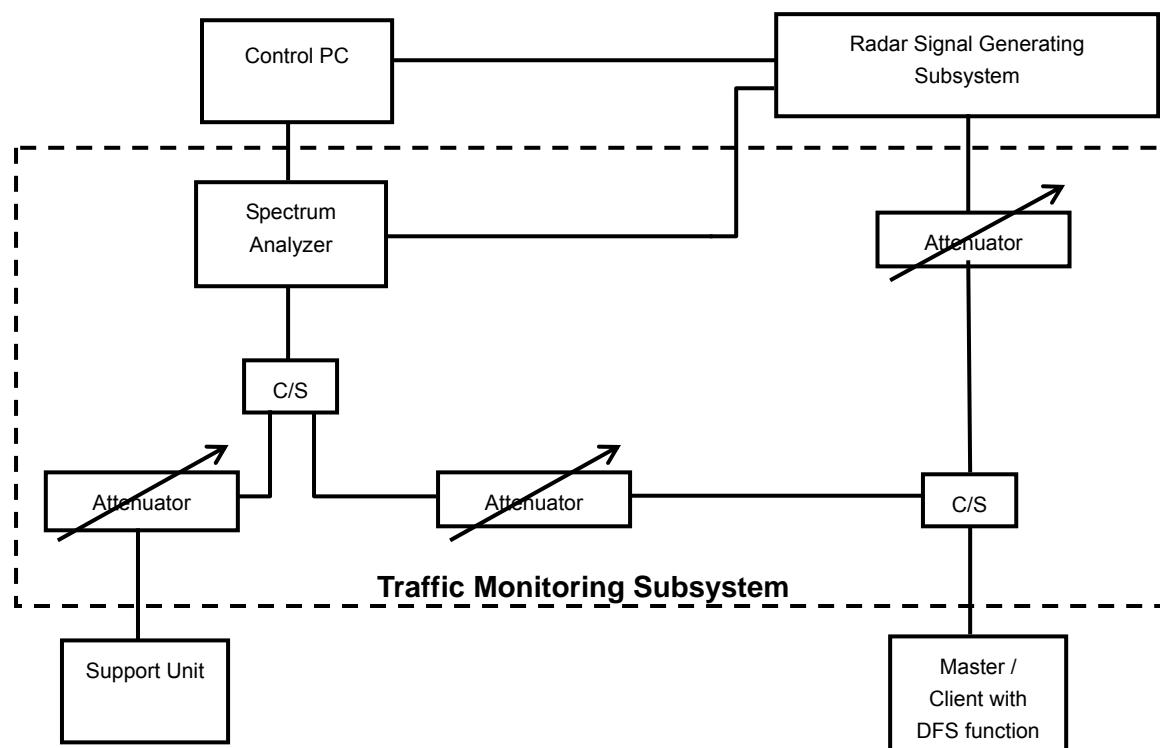
**Note:** This module WMC-AC01 was installed in the DIR-868L AP.

## 5. TEST PROCEDURE

### 5.1 BVADT DFS MEASUREMENT SYSTEM:

A complete BVADT DFS Measurement System consists of two subsystems: (1) the Radar Signal Generating Subsystem and (2) the Traffic Monitoring Subsystem. The control PC is necessary for generating the Radar waveforms in Table 10, 11 and 12. The traffic monitoring subsystem is specified to the type of unit under test (UUT).

### CONDUCTED SETUP CONFIGURATION OF ADT DFS MEASUREMENT SYSTEM



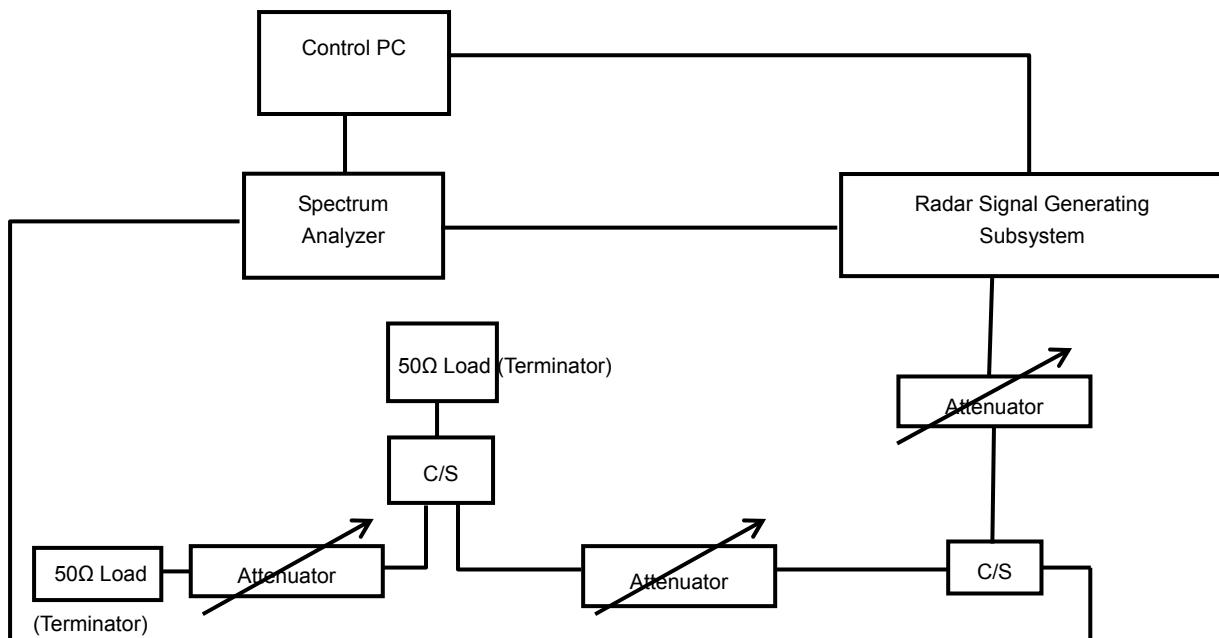
The test transmission will always be from the Master Device to the Client Device. While the Client device is set up to associate with the Master device and play the MPEG file (6  $\frac{1}{2}$  Magic Hours) from Master device, the designated MPEG test file and instructions are located at:

<http://ntiacsd.ntia.doc.gov/dfs/>.

## 5.2 CALIBRATION OF DFS DETECTION THRESHOLD LEVEL:

The measured channel is 5500 MHz in 20MHz Bandwidth, 5510MHz in 40MHz Bandwidth and 5530MHz in 80MHz Bandwidth. The radar signal was the same as transmitted channels, and injected into the antenna port of AP (master) or Client Device with Radar Detection, measured the channel closing transmission time and channel move time. The Master antenna gain is 3.428dBi and required detection threshold is -59.572dBm (= -64 +1 +3.428)dBm. The calibrated conducted detection threshold level is set to -59.572 dBm.

### CONDUCTED SETUP CONFIGURATION OF CALIBRATION OF DFS DETECTION THRESHOLD LEVEL

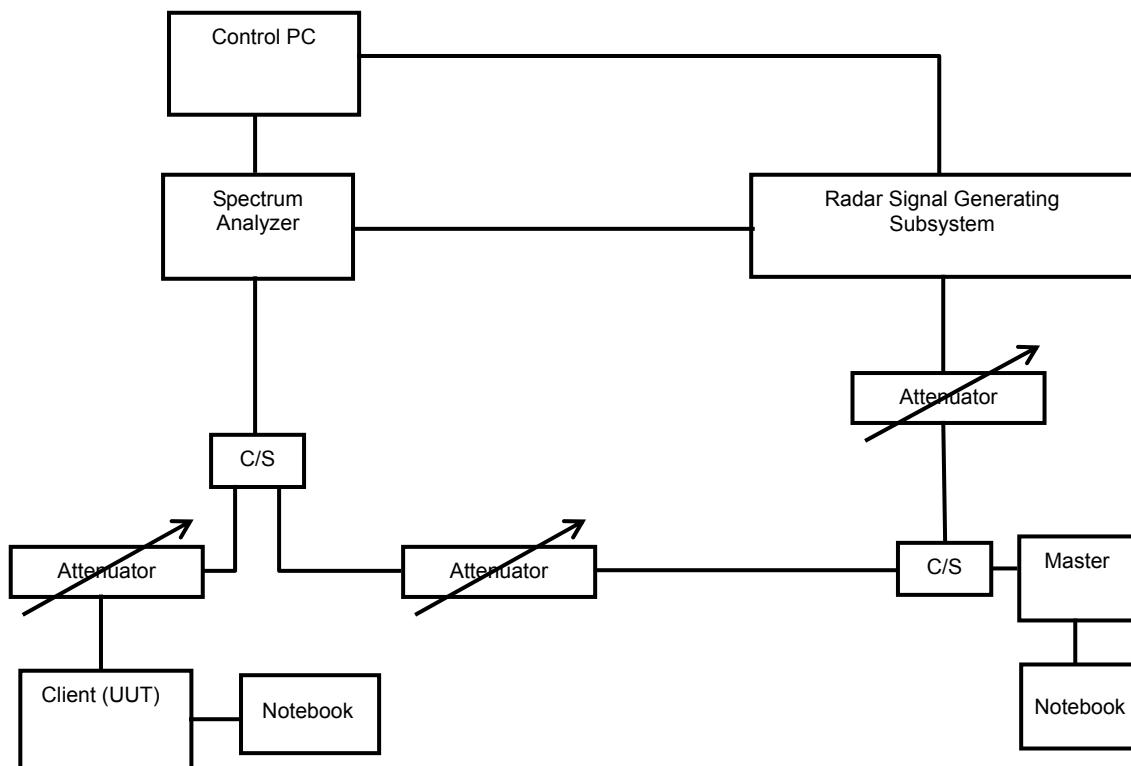


### 5.3 DEVIATION FROM TEST STANDARD

No deviation.

### 5.4 CONDUCTED TEST SETUP CONFIGURATION

#### 5.4.1 CLIENT WITHOUT RADAR DETECTION MODE



The UUT is a U-NII Device operating in Client mode without radar detection. The radar test signals are injected into the Master Device.



## 6. TEST RESULTS

### 6.1 SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS

CLAUSE		TEST PARAMETER	REMARKS	PASS/FAIL
FCC Part 15	RSS-210			
15.407	A9.3	DFS Detection Threshold	Not Applicable	NA
15.407	A9.3	Channel Availability Check Time	Not Applicable	NA
15.407	A9.3	Channel Move Time	Applicable	Pass
15.407	A9.3	Channel Closing Transmission Time	Applicable	Pass
15.407	A9.3	Non- Occupancy Period	Applicable	Pass
15.407	A9.3	Uniform Spreading	Not Applicable	NA
15.407	A9.3	U-NII Detection Bandwidth	Not Applicable	NA
15.407	A9.3	Non-associated test	Applicable	Pass
15.407	A9.3	Non-Co-Channel test	Applicable	Pass

## 6.2 DETAILED TEST RESULTS

### 6.2.1 TEST MODE: DEVICE OPERATING IN CLIENT WITHOUT RADAR DETECTION MODE.

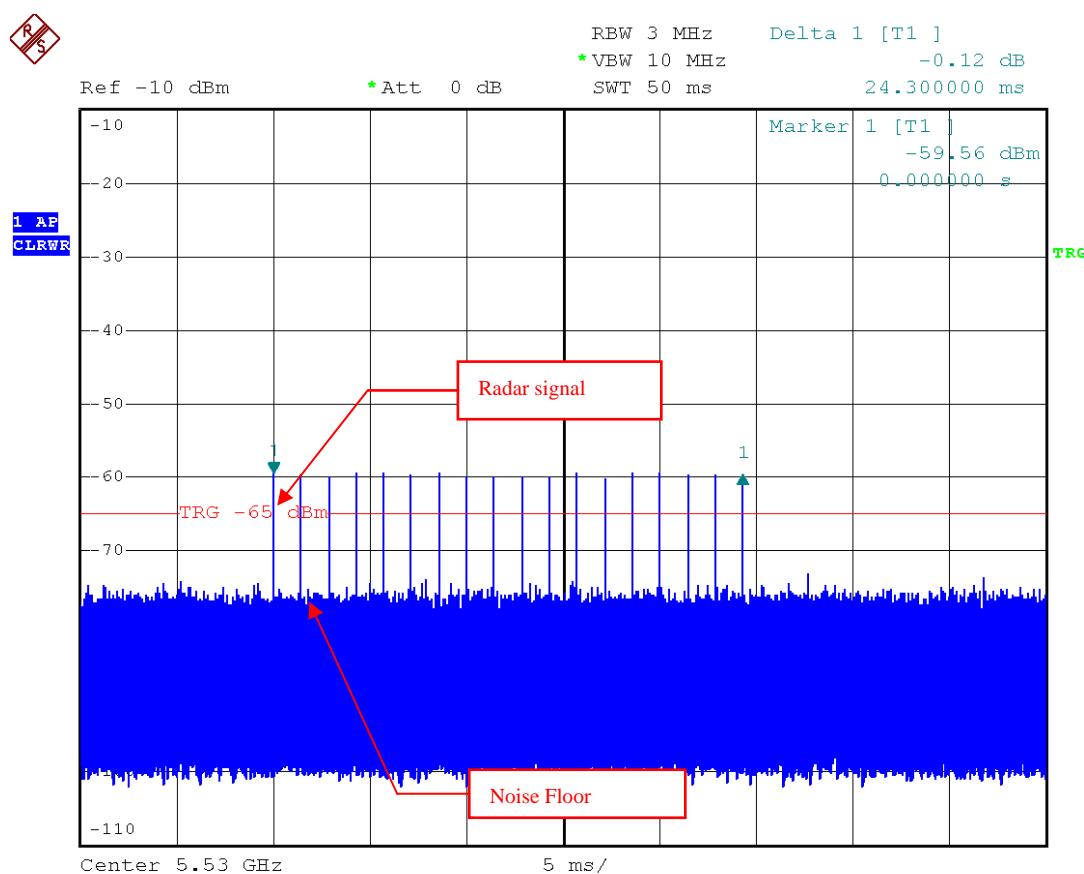
The radar test signals are injected into the Master Device.

This test was investigated for different bandwidth (20MHz、40MHz and 80MHz).

The following plots was done on 80MHz as a representative

#### 6.2.1.1 DFS DETECTION THRESHOLD

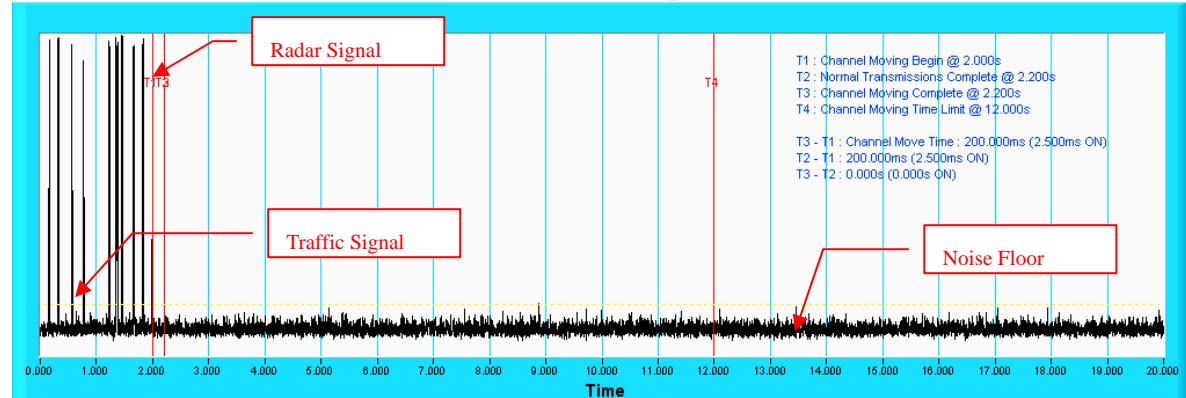
The Required detection threshold is -59.572dBm ( = -64 +3.428+1) dBm . The conducted radar burst level is set to -59.572dBm.



Radar Signal 1

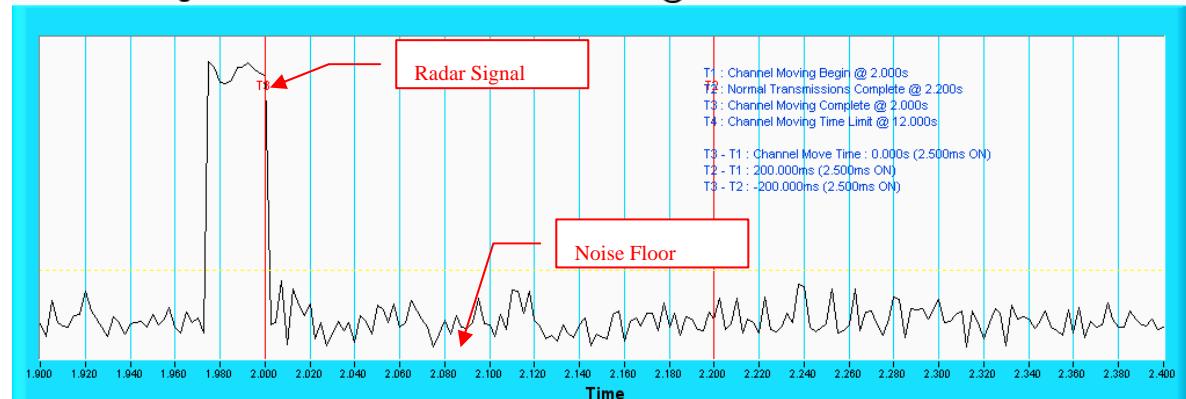
### 6.2.1.2 CHANNEL CLOSING TRANSMISSION AND CHANNEL MOVE TIME

#### Channel Closing Transmission Time & Channel Move Time @ CH 106 -5530MHz



**NOTE:** T1 denotes the start of Channel Move Time upon the end of the last Radar burst. T2 denotes the data transmission time of 200ms from T1. T4 denotes the 10 second from T1 to observe the aggregate duration of transmissions.

#### Channel Closing Transmission Time & Channel Move Time @ CH 106 -5530MHz

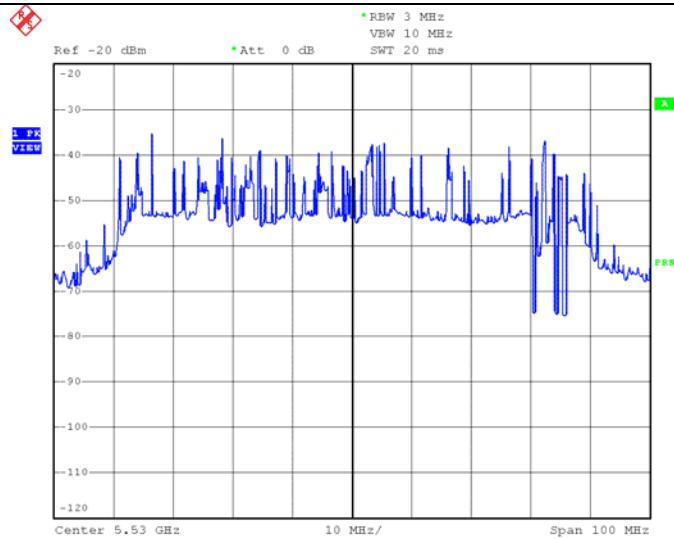


**NOTE:** An expanded plot for the device vacates the channel in the required 500ms.

### 6.2.1.3 NON- OCCUPANCY PERIOD

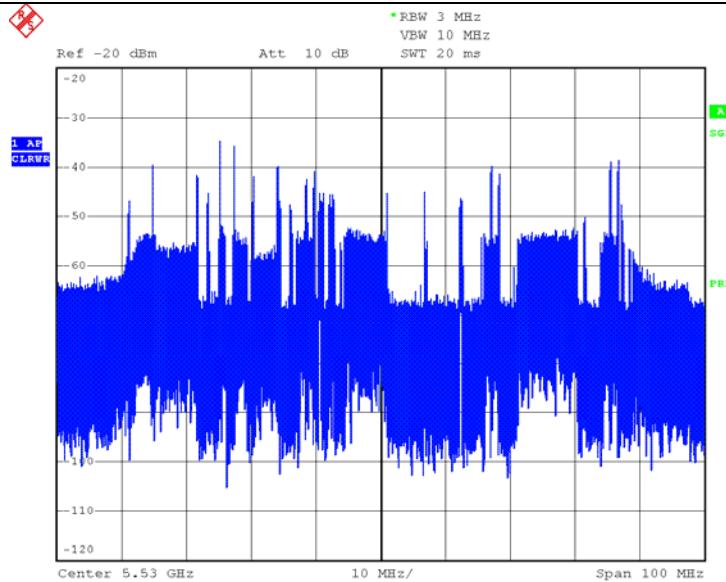
#### ASSOCIATED TEST

1) Test results demonstrating an associated client link is established with the master on a test frequency.



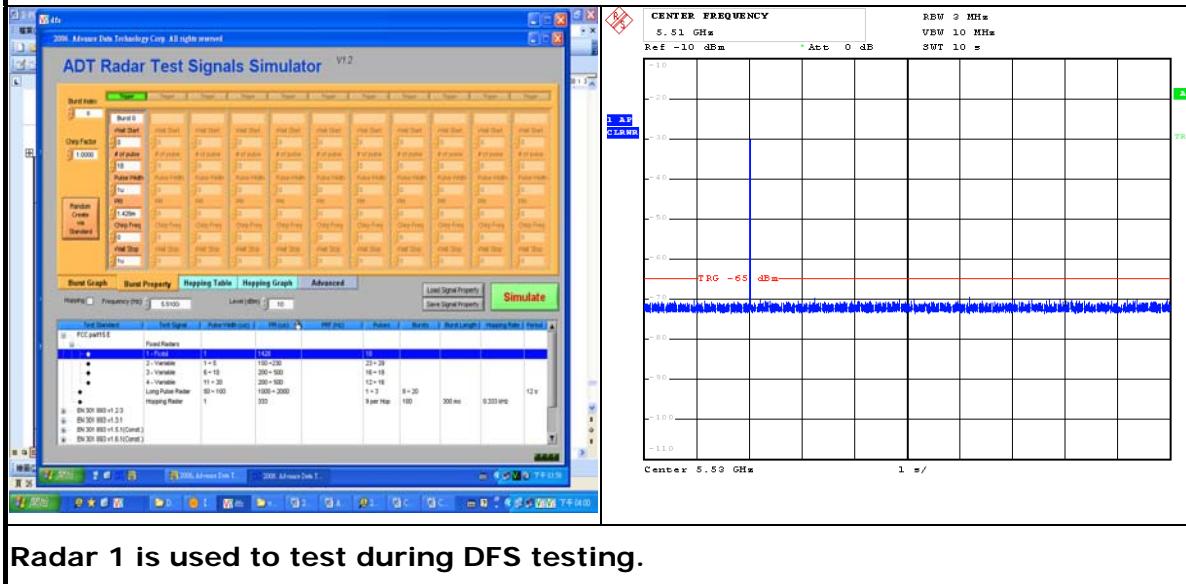
#### **EUT (Client ) links with master on 5530MHz**

2) The client and DFS-certified master device are associated, and the movie can be streamed as specified in the DFS Order for a non-occupancy period test.



**Client plays a specified files via master.**

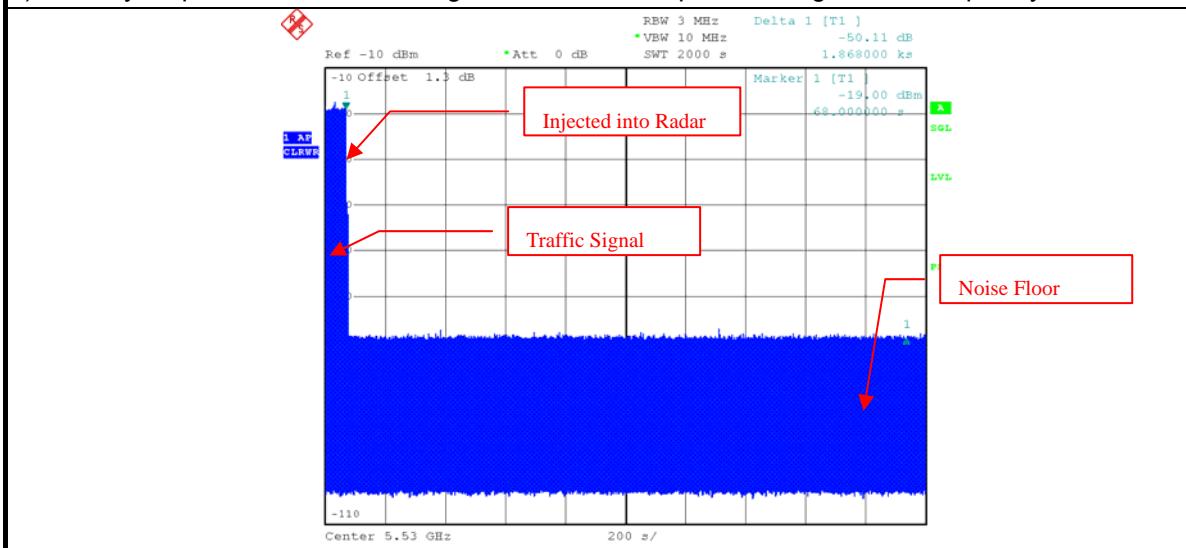
3). The device transmits one type of radar as specified in the DFS Order.



4) The test frequency has been monitored to ensure no transmission of any type has occurred for 30 minutes;

Note: If the client moves with the master, the device is considered compliant if nothing appears in the client non-occupancy period test. For devices that shut down (rather than moving channels), no beacons should appear;

5) An analyzer plot that contains a single 30-minute sweep on the original test frequency.

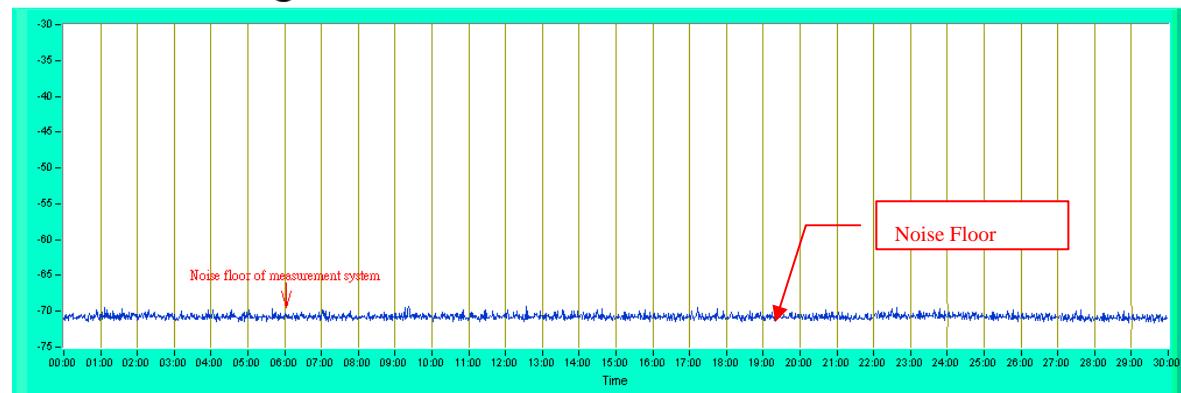


#### 6.2.1.4 NON-ASSOCIATED TEST

Master was off.

During the 30 minutes observation time, The UUT did not make any transmissions in the DFS band after UUT power up.

##### Non - Associated Test @ CH 106 - 5530 MHz



#### 6.2.1.5 NON- CO-CHANNEL TEST

The UUT was investigated after radar was detected the channel and made sure no co-channel operation with radars.



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## 7. INFORMATION ON THE TESTING LABORATORIES

We, Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services (H.K.) Ltd., Taoyuan Branch, were founded in 1988 to provide our best service in EMC, Radio, Telecom and Safety consultation. Our laboratories are accredited and approved according to ISO/IEC 17025.

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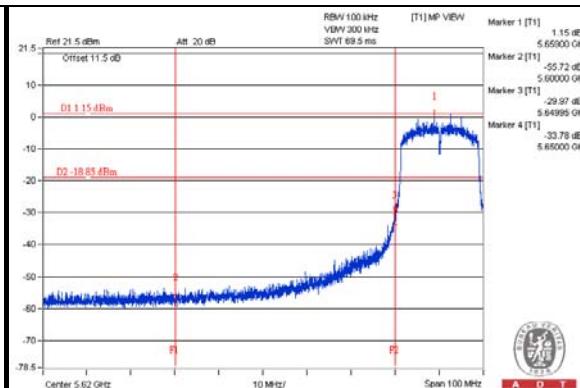
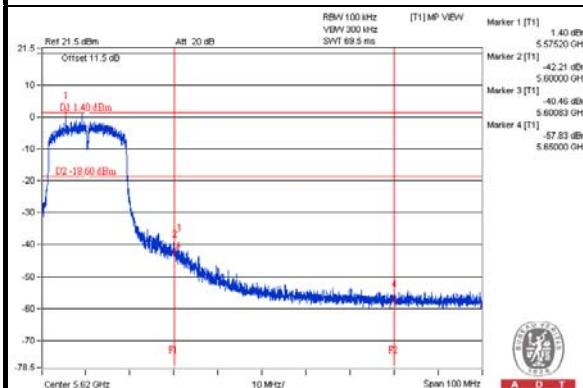
The address and road map of all our labs can be found in our web site also.

## 8. APPENDIX-A

Notch band in 5600-5650MHz

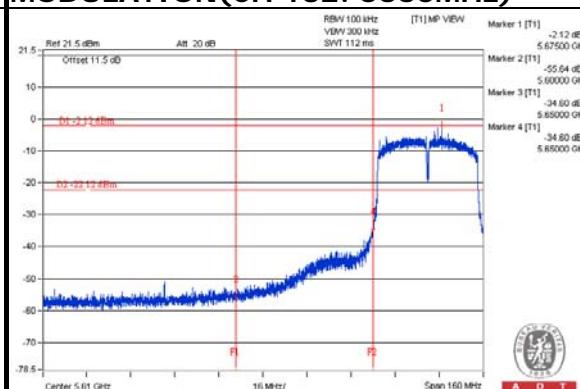
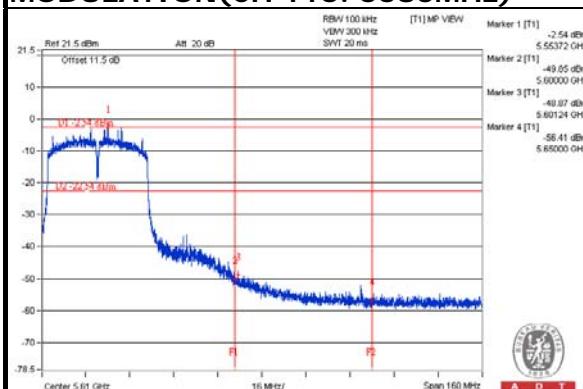
**Verify that the 5600 - 5650 MHz band is notched.**

**Test results demonstrating last channel shall not exceed the band edge on 5600~5650MHz.**



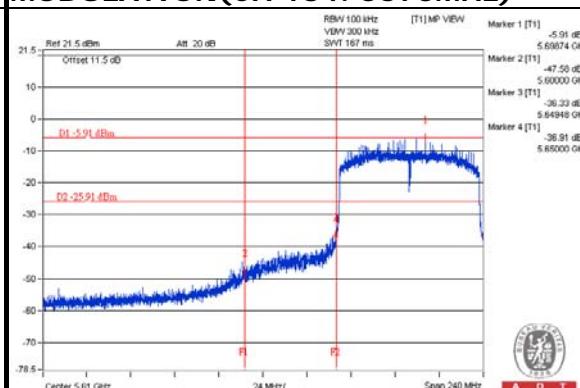
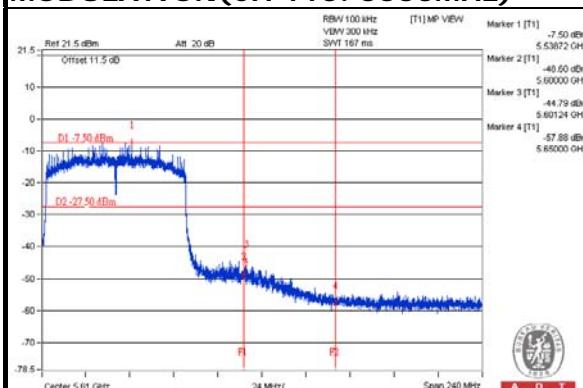
**802.11ac (VHT 20MHz) OFDM MODULATION(CH 116: 5580MHz)**

**802.11ac (VHT 20MHz) OFDM MODULATION(CH 132: 5660MHz)**



**802.11ac (VHT 40MHz) OFDM MODULATION(CH 110: 5550MHz)**

**802.11ac (VHT 40MHz) OFDM MODULATION(CH 134: 5670MHz)**

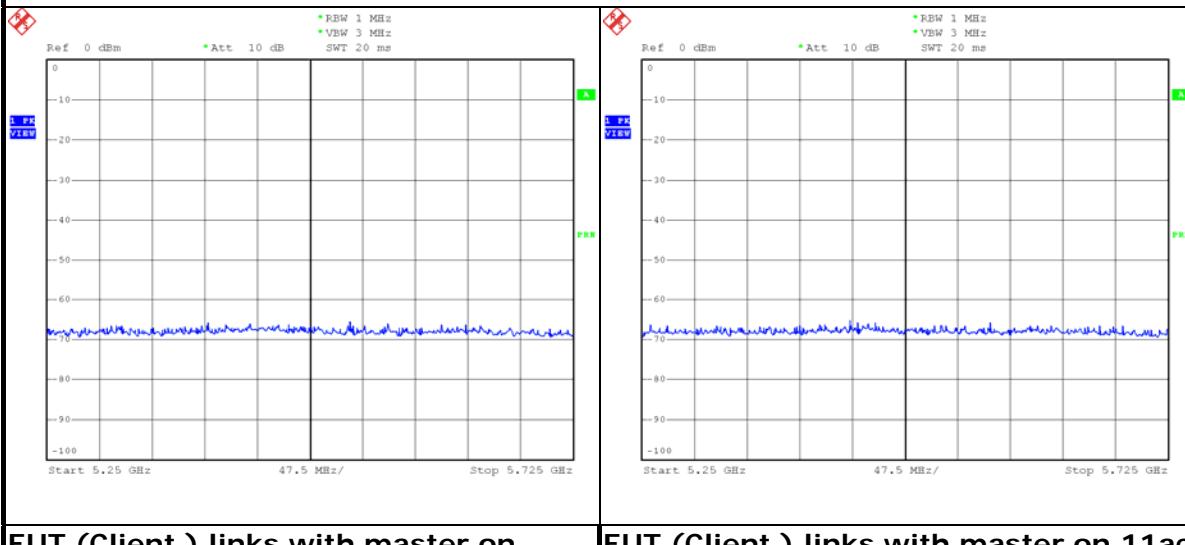


**802.11ac (VHT 80MHz) OFDM MODULATION(CH 106: 5530MHz)**

**802.11ac (VHT 80MHz) OFDM MODULATION(CH 138: 5690MHz)**

## NON BEACON ON DFS BAND

- 1) Test results demonstrating no any beacon on DFS band after power up.
- 2) Observation time is 10min after power up.



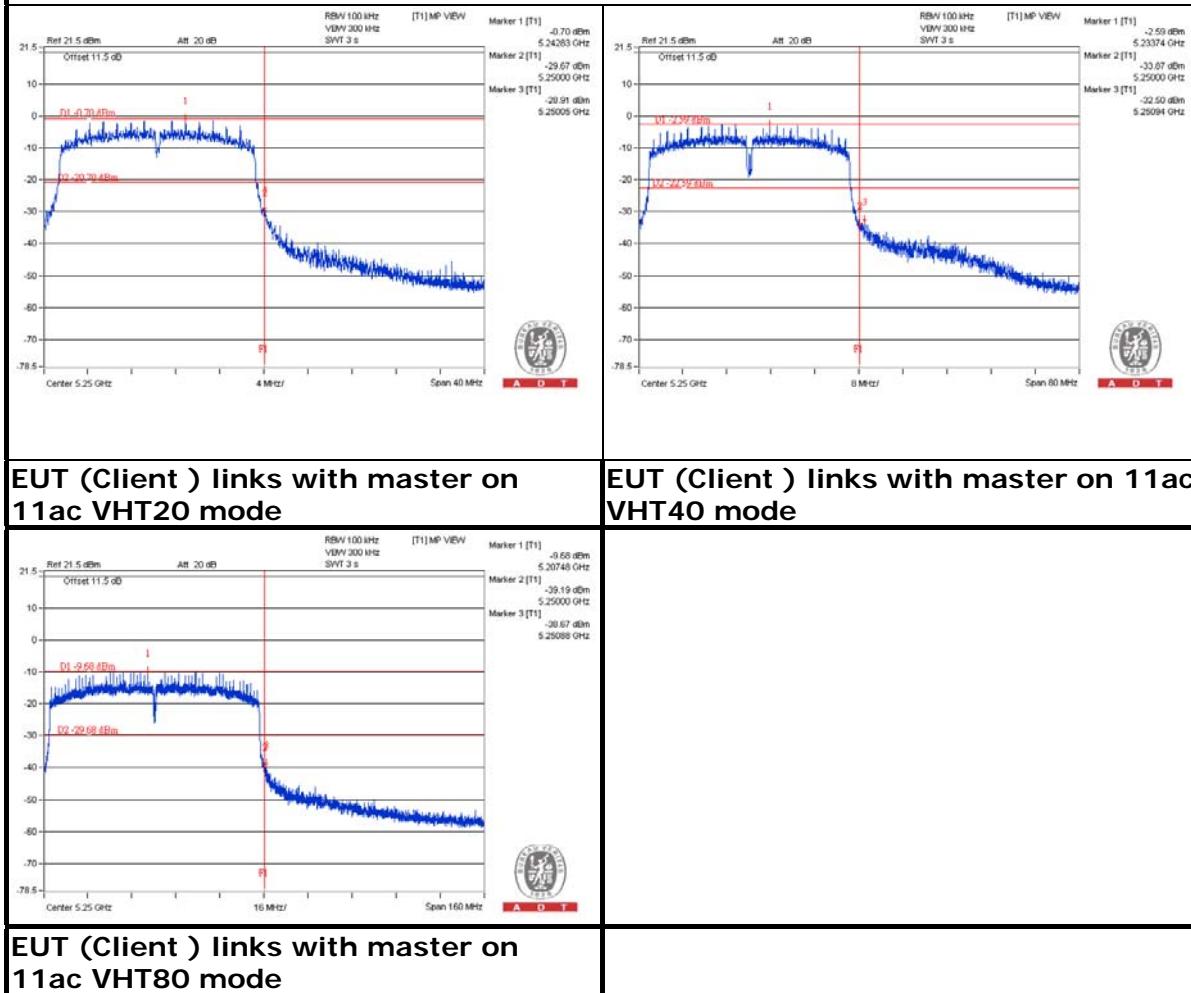
**EUT (Client ) links with master on 11ac VHT20 mode**

**EUT (Client ) links with master on 11ac VHT40 mode**



## BAND EDGE AT NEARBY DFS BAND

1) Test results demonstrating last channel (20dB BW) shall not exceed the band edge on 5150~5250MHz.





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## **9. APPENDIX B - MODIFICATIONS RECORDERS FOR ENGINEERING CHANGES TO THE EUT BY THE LAB**

No modifications were made to the EUT by the lab during the test.

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