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RELEASE CONTROL RECORD

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1. CERTIFICATION

PRODUCT: 802.11a/b/g/n/ac + BT 4.1 M.2 2230 Type Card

BRAND NAME : Qualcomm Atheros

MODEL NO.: QCNFA364A

TEST SAMPLE: ENGINEERING SAMPLE

APPLICANT: Qualcomm Atheros, Inc.

TESTED: Feb. 10, 2015

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

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The above equipment (Model: QCNFA364A) 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
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	802.11a/b/g/n/ac + BT 4.1 M.2 2230 Type Card	QCNFA364A	2014/12/26 11.0.0.475

2.3 DESCRIPTION OF AVAILABLE ANTENNAS TO THE EUT

TABLE 3: ANTENNA LIST

Transmitter Circuit	Brand	Model	Ant. Type	2.4GHz Gain with cable loss (dBi)	5GHz Gain with cable loss (dBi)	2.4GHz Cable Loss (dBi)	5G Cable Loss (dBi)	Connector Type	Cable Length (mm)
Chain (0)	WNC	81-EBJ15.005	PIFA	3.00	Band 1&2: 2.56	1.15	Band 1&2: 1.70	IPEX	300
					Band 3: 4.76		Band 3: 1.74		
					Band 4: 4.76		Band 4: 1.79		
Chain (1)	WNC	81-EBJ15.005	PIFA	3.62	Band 1&2: 3.08	1.15	Band 1&2: 1.70	IPEX	300
					Band 3: 3.31		Band 3: 1.74		
					Band 4: 2.42		Band 4: 1.79		

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	19.97	99.27
5470~5725MHz	19.76	94.699

IEEE 802.11ac (VHT20)

Frequency Band(MHz)	MAX. Power	
	Output Power(dBm)	Output Power(mW)
5250~5350MHz	20.54	113.137
5470~5725MHz	20.15	103.624

IEEE 802.11ac (VHT40)

Frequency Band(MHz)	MAX. Power	
	Output Power(dBm)	Output Power(mW)
5250~5350MHz	19.84	96.417
5470~5725MHz	20.11	102.472

IEEE 802.11ac (VHT80)

FREQUENCY BAND (MHz)	MAX. POWER	
	OUTPUT POWER(dBm)	OUTPUT POWER(mW)
5250~5350	14.90	30.898
5470~5725	19.36	86.25

2.5 EUT MAXIMUM EIRP POWER

TABLE 5: THE EIRP OUTPUT POWER

IEEE 802.11a

Frequency Band(MHz)	MAX. Power	
	Output Power(dBm)	Output Power(mW)
5250~5350MHz	26.06	403.476
5470~5725MHz	27.53	566.690

IEEE 802.11ac (VHT20)

Frequency Band(MHz)	MAX. Power	
	Output Power(dBm)	Output Power(mW)
5250~5350MHz	26.63	459.838
5470~5725MHz	27.92	620.098

IEEE 802.11ac (VHT40)

Frequency Band(MHz)	MAX. Power	
	Output Power(dBm)	Output Power(mW)
5250~5350MHz	25.93	391.880
5470~5725MHz	27.88	613.204

IEEE 802.11ac (VHT80)

FREQUENCY BAND (MHz)	MAX. POWER	
	OUTPUT POWER(dBm)	OUTPUT POWER(mW)
5250~5350	20.99	125.583
5470~5725	27.13	516.130

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. TPC mechanism is not required for systems with an EIRP of less than 500 mW.

Maximum EIRP of this device is 620.098mW which more than 500mW, therefore it's require TPC function.

The UUT can adjust a transmitter's output power based on the signal level present at the receiver.

TPC is controlled by software and the user may adjust the Transmit Power level from web interface that may adjust the transmit power among Max,-3dB,-6dB, from web manually when the power needs to be increased or decreased.

The interface is for WLAN purpose that is installed fixedly, so we implement manual TPC instead of automatic TPC on the product.

2.7 STATEMENT OF MAUNFACTURER

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.**

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	✓	Not required	✓
DFS Detection Threshold	✓	Not required	✓
Channel Availability Check Time	✓	Not required	Not required
U-NII Detection Bandwidth	✓	Not required	✓

TABLE 7: APPLICABILITY OF DFS REQUIREMENTS DURING NORMAL OPERATION

Requirement	Operational Mode	
	Master or Client with radar detection	Client without radar detection
DFS Detection Threshold	✓	Not required
Channel Closing Transmission Time	✓	✓
Channel Move Time	✓	✓
U-NII Detection Bandwidth	✓	Not required

Additional requirements for devices with multiple bandwidth modes	Master or Client with radar detection	Client without radar detection
U-NII Detection Bandwidth and Statistical Performance Check	All BW modes must be tested	Not required
Channel Move Time and Channel Closing Transmission Time	Test using widest BW mode available	Test using the widest BW mode available for the link
All other tests	Any single BW mode	Not required

Note: Frequencies selected for statistical performance check (Section 7.8.4) should include several frequencies within the radar detection bandwidth and frequencies near the edge of the radar detection bandwidth. For 802.11 devices it is suggested to select frequencies in all 20 MHz channel blocks and a null frequencies between the bonded 20 MHz channel blocks.

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 Notes 1, 2, and 3)
EIRP \geq 200 milliwatt	-64 dBm
EIRP < 200 milliwatt and power spectral density < 10 dBm/MHz	-62 dBm
EIRP < 200 milliwatt that do not meet the power spectral density requirement	-64 dBm
<p>Note 1: This is the level at the input of the receiver assuming a 0 dBi receive antenna.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Note3: EIRP is based on the highest antenna gain. For MIMO devices refer to KDB Publication 662911 D01.</p>	

**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 100% of the U-NII 99% transmission power bandwidth. See Note 3
<p>Note 1: Channel Move Time and the Channel Closing Transmission Time should be performed with Radar Type 0. The measurement timing begins at the end of the Radar Type 0 burst.</p> <p>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.</p> <p>Note 3: During the U-NII Detection Bandwidth detection test, radar type 0 should be used. For each frequency step the minimum percentage of detection is 90 percent. Measurements are performed with no data traffic.</p>	

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.



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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
0	1	1428	18	See Note 1	See Note 1
1	1	Test A: 15 unique PRI values randomly selected from the list of 23 PRI values in Table 5a Test B: 15 unique PRI values randomly selected within the range of 518-3066 μsec, with a minimum increment of 1 μsec, excluding PRI values selected in Test A	$\text{Roundup} \left\{ \left(\frac{1}{360} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{19 \cdot 10^6}{\text{PRI}_{\mu\text{sec}}} \right) \right\}$	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
Note 1: Short Pulse Radar Type 0 should be used for the detection bandwidth test, channel move time, and channel closing time tests.					

**A D T****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.	SERIAL NO.	CALIBRATED DATE	CALIBRATED UNTIL
Spectrum Analyzer R&S	FSW8	101497	Aug. 06, 2014	Aug. 05, 2015
Vector Signal Generator R&S	SMJ100A	101878	Aug. 12, 2014	Aug. 11, 2015

4.2 DESCRIPTION OF SUPPORT UNITS

TABLE 14: SUPPORT UNIT INFORMATION.

NO.	PRODUCT	BRAND	MODEL NO.	ID	SPEC.
1	WIRELESS AC MODULE	D-Link	WMC-AC01	RRK2012060056-1	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

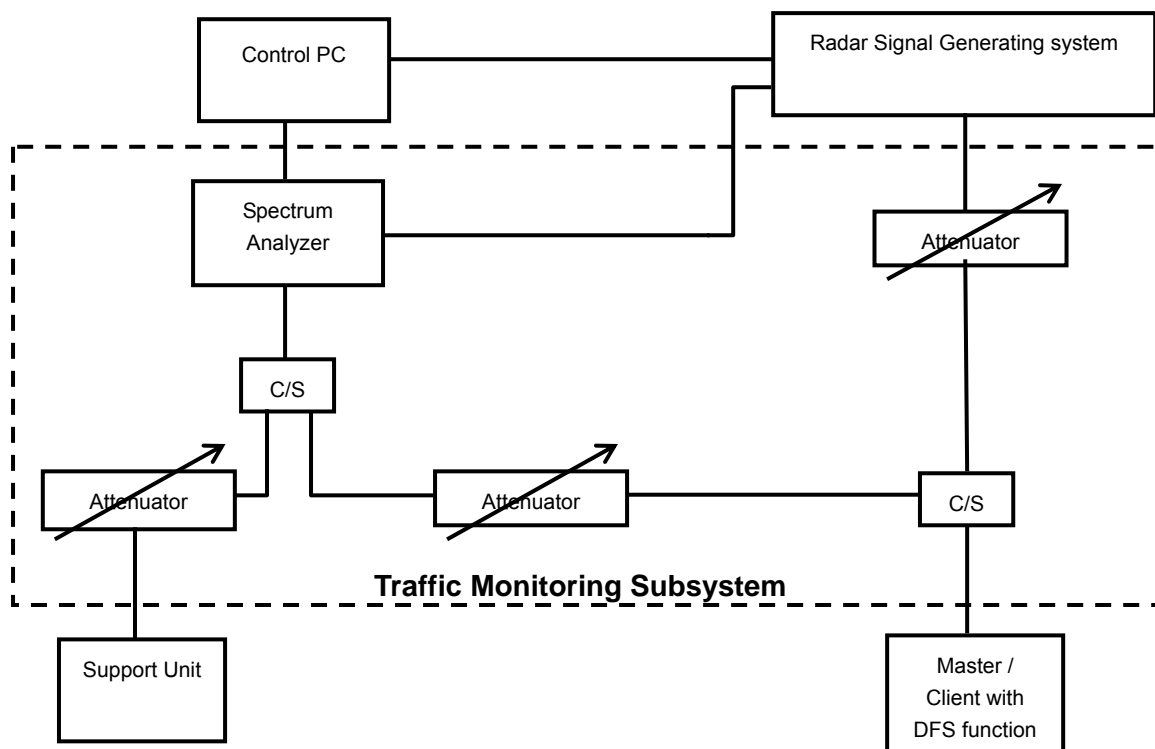
Note: This module WMC-AC01 was installed in the DIR-868L AP.

5. TEST PROCEDURE

5.1 DFS MEASUREMENT SYSTEM:

A complete DFS Measurement System consists of Radar signal generate system to generating the radar waveforms in Table 10, 11 and 12. The traffic monitoring system is specified to the type of unit under test (UUT).

Conducted setup configuration of DFS Measurement System



Channel Loading

System testing will be performed with channel-loading using means appropriate to the data types that are used by the unlicensed device. The following requirements apply:

a)	The data file must be of a type that is typical for the device (i.e., MPEG-2, MPEG-4, WAV, MP3, MP4, AVI, etc.) and must generally be transmitting in a streaming mode.	
b)	Software to ping the client is permitted to simulate data transfer but must have random ping intervals.	
c)	Timing plots are required with calculations demonstrating a minimum channel loading of approximately 17% or greater.	✓
d)	Unicast or Multicast protocols are preferable but other protocols may be used. The appropriate protocol used must be described in the test procedures.	

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 ($= -64 + 1 + 3.428$). The calibrated conducted detection threshold level is set to -59.572 dBm.

The diagram illustrates the experimental setup for radar signal generation and analysis. It includes the following components and connections:

- Control PC**: Connected to the **Spectrum Analyzer** and the **Radar Signal Generating system**.
- Spectrum Analyzer**: Receives signals from the **Radar Signal Generating system** and the **50Ω Load (Terminator)**.
- Radar Signal Generating system**: Generates radar signals, which pass through an **Attenuator** and a **C/S** (Circulator/Isolator) before being received by the **50Ω Load (Terminator)**.
- 50Ω Load (Terminator)**: A load used for impedance matching and signal termination.
- Attenuator**: A component used to reduce the power of the signal.
- C/S**: A circulator or isolator used to direct the signal flow.

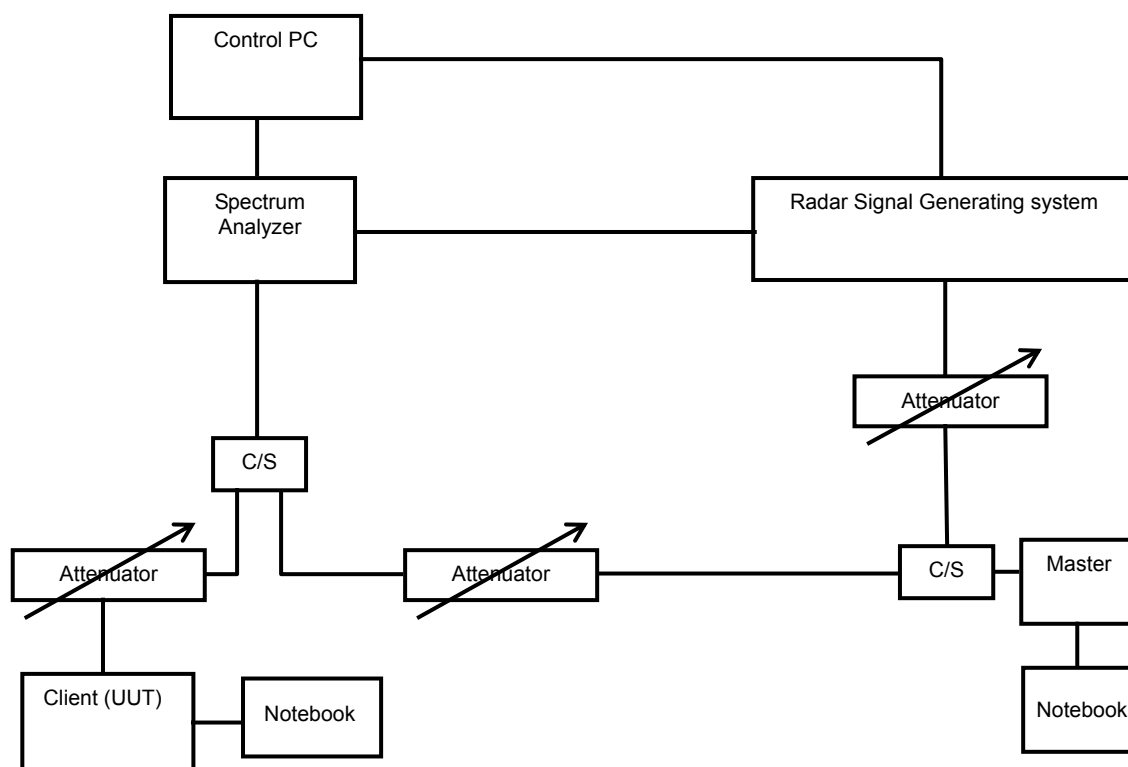
The setup is designed to measure the radar signal's characteristics, such as its spectrum, and to compare the results with theoretical calculations.

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.

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6. TEST RESULTS

6.1 SUMMARY OF TEST RESULTS

CLAUSE	TEST PARAMETER	REMARKS	PASS/FAIL
15.407	DFS Detection Threshold	Not Applicable	NA
15.407	Channel Availability Check Time	Not Applicable	NA
15.407	Channel Move Time	Applicable	Pass
15.407	Channel Closing Transmission Time	Applicable	Pass
15.407	Non- Occupancy Period	Applicable	Pass
15.407	U-NII Detection Bandwidth	Not Applicable	NA
15.407	Non-associated test	Applicable	Pass
15.407	Non-Co-Channel test	Applicable	Pass

6.2 DETAILED TEST RESULTS

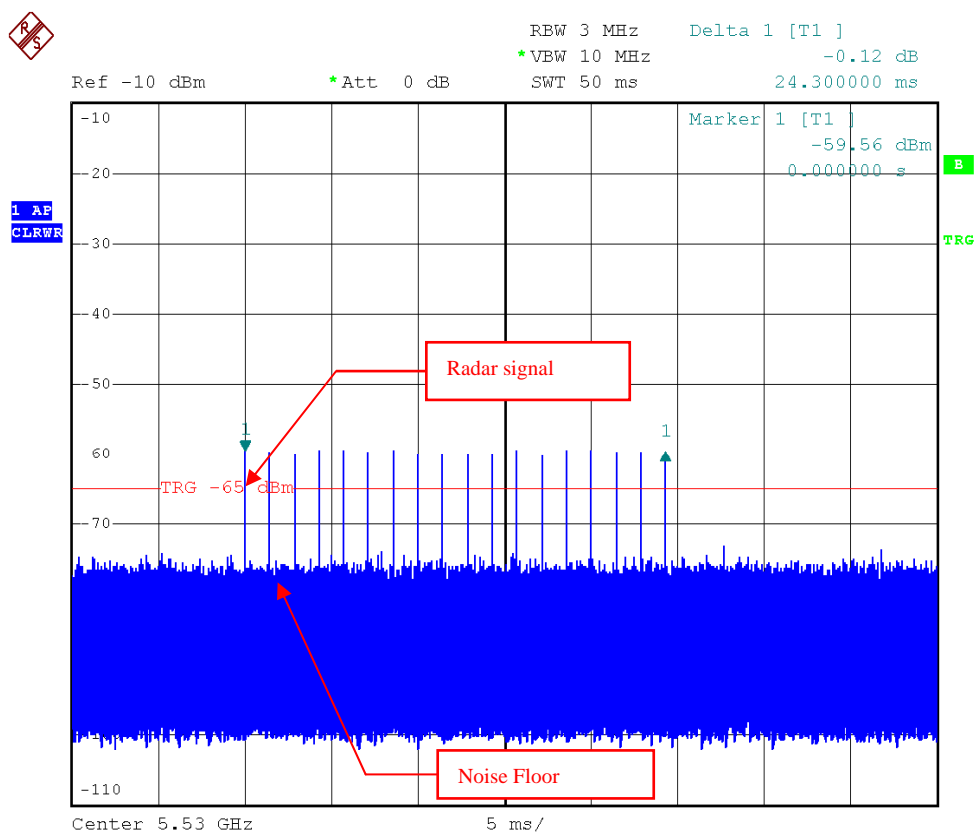
6.2.1 TEST MODE: DEVICE OPERATING IN CLIENT WITHOUT RADAR DETECTION MODE.

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

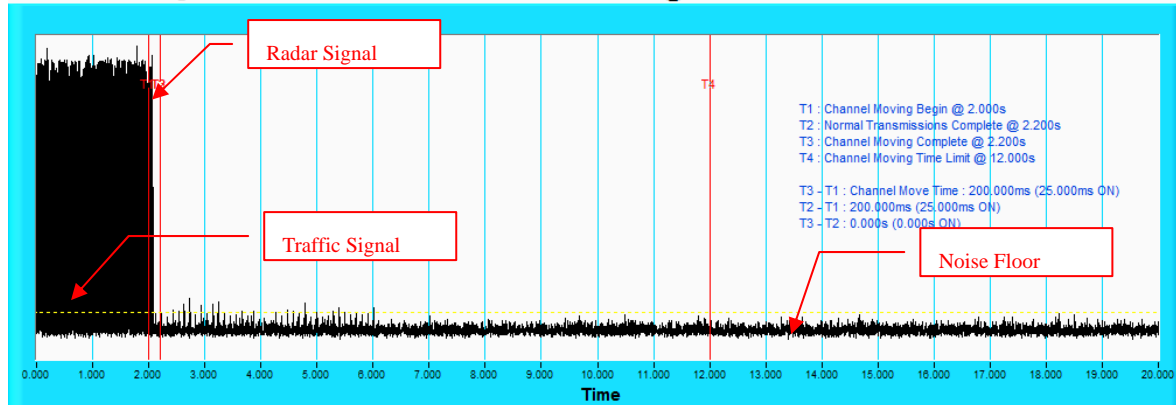
The required detection threshold is -59.572dBm (= -64 +3.428+1). The conducted radar burst level is set to -59.572dBm.



Radar Signal 0

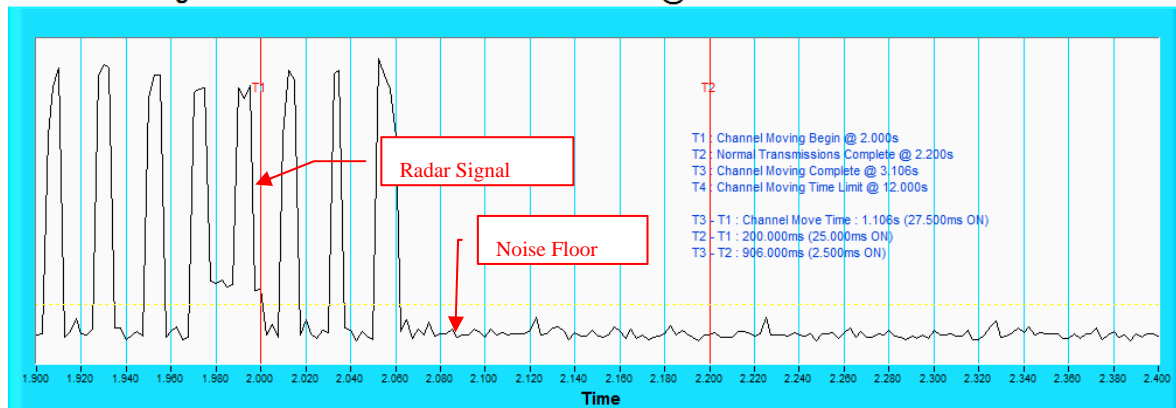
6.2.1.2 CHANNEL CLOSING TRANSMISSION AND CHANNEL MOVE TIME

Channel Closing Transmission Time & Channel Move Time @ CH106



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 @ CH106

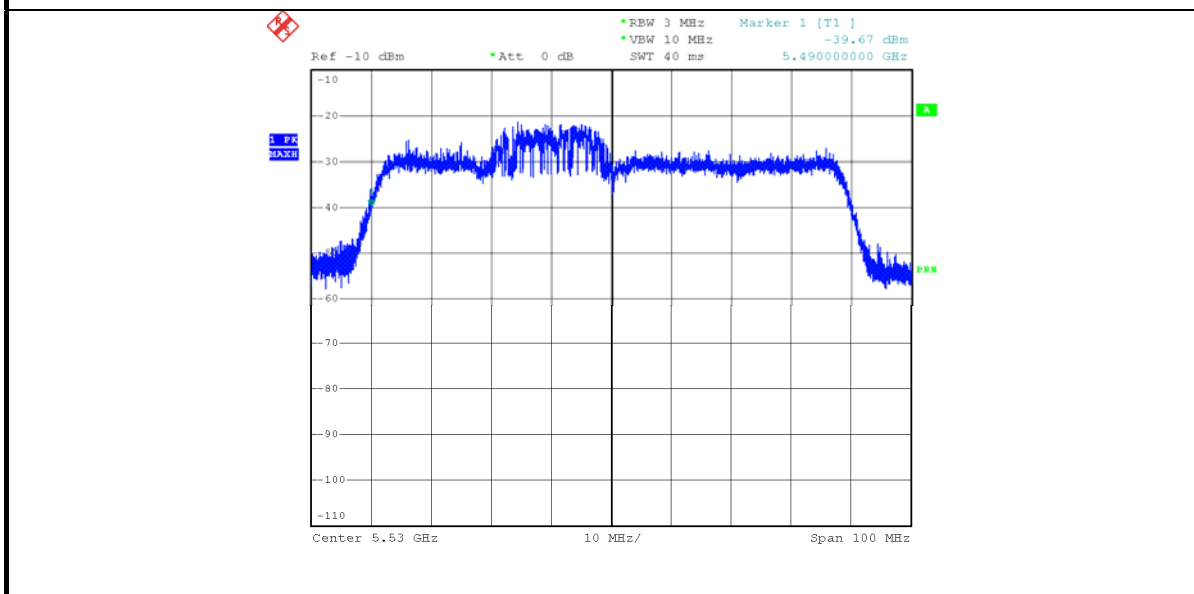


NOTE: An expanded plot for the device vacates the channel in the required 500ms.

6.2.1.3 NON- OCCUPANCY PERIOD

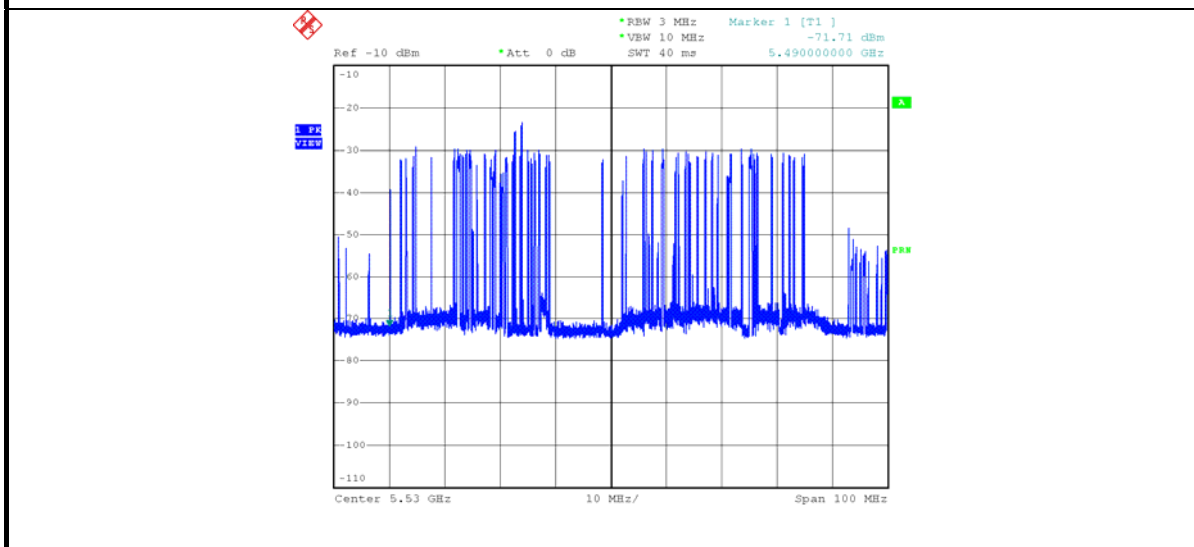
ASSOCIATED TEST

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



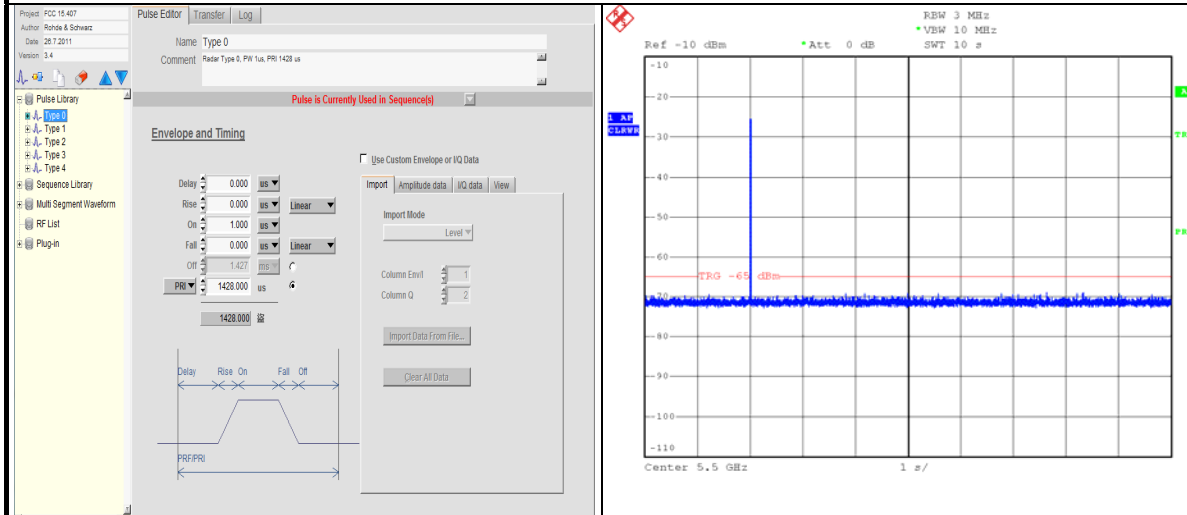
EUT (Client) links with master on 5530MHz

2) The master and DFS-certified client device are associated, and system testing will be performed with channel-loading using means appropriate to the data types 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.

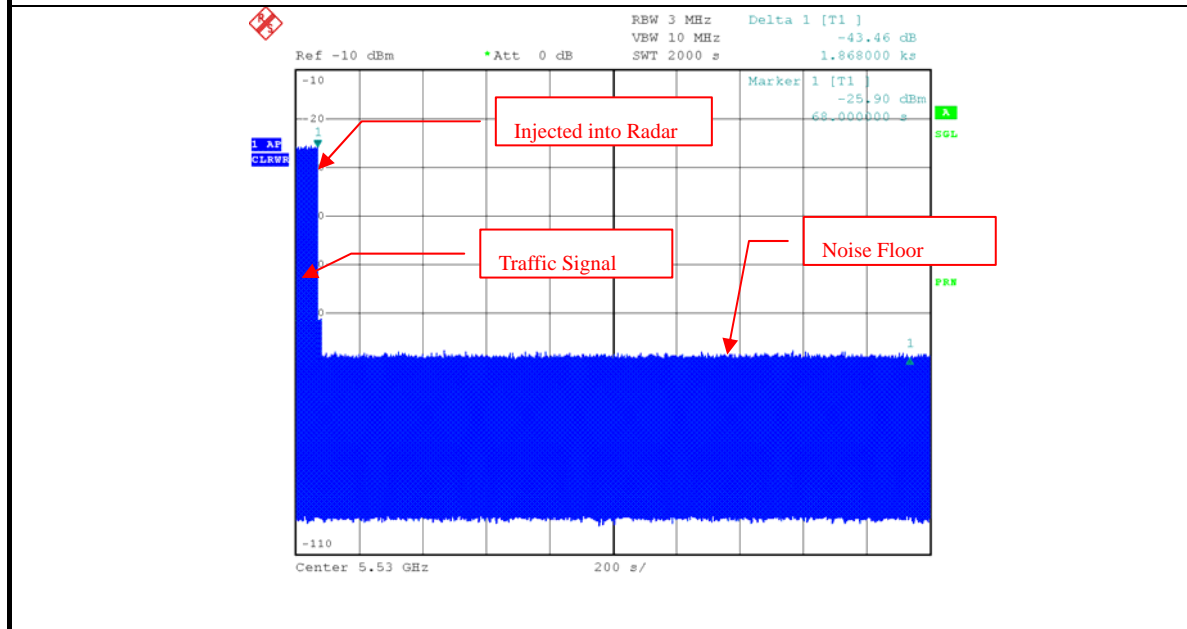


Radar 0 is used to test during DFS testing.

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.

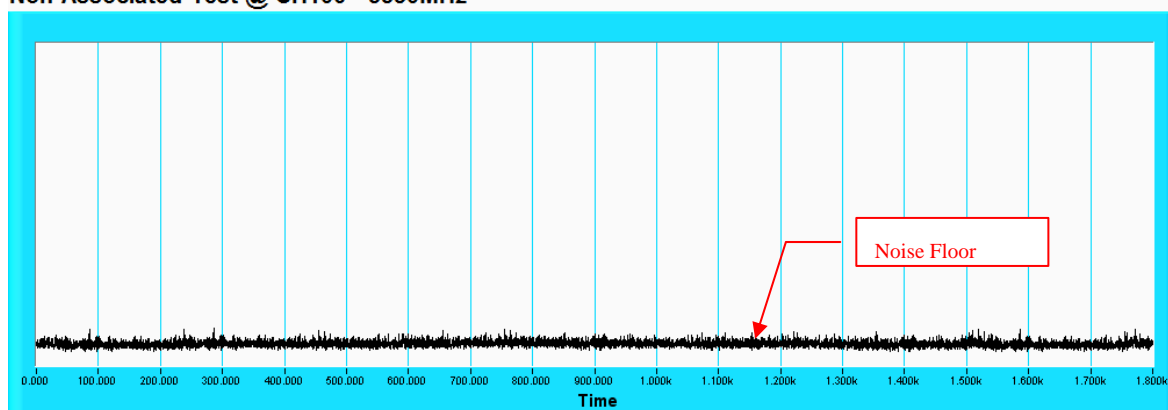


6.2.1.4 NON-ASSOCIATED TEST

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 @ CH106 - 5530MHz



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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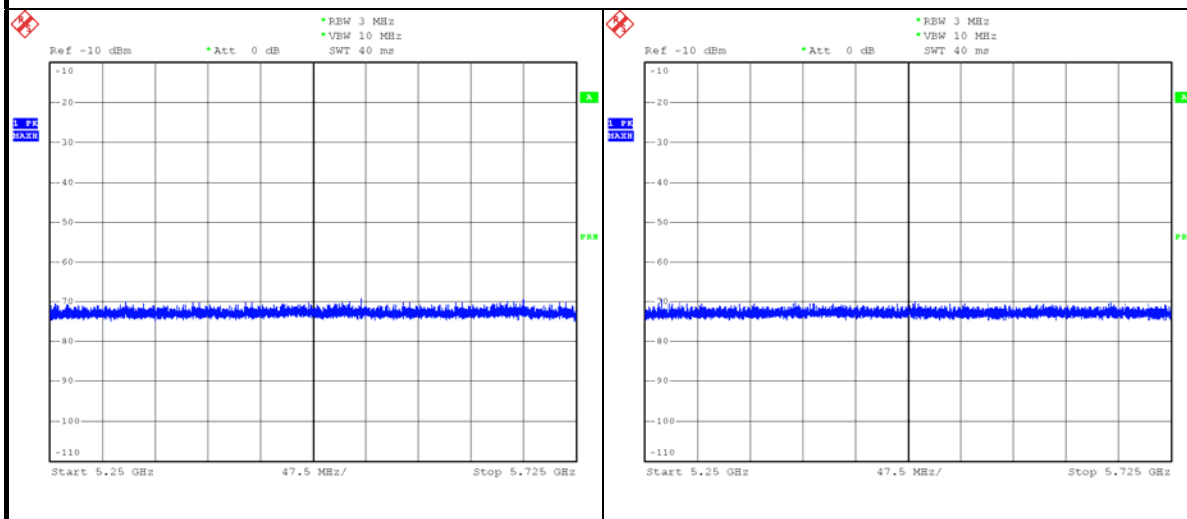
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8. APPENDIX-A

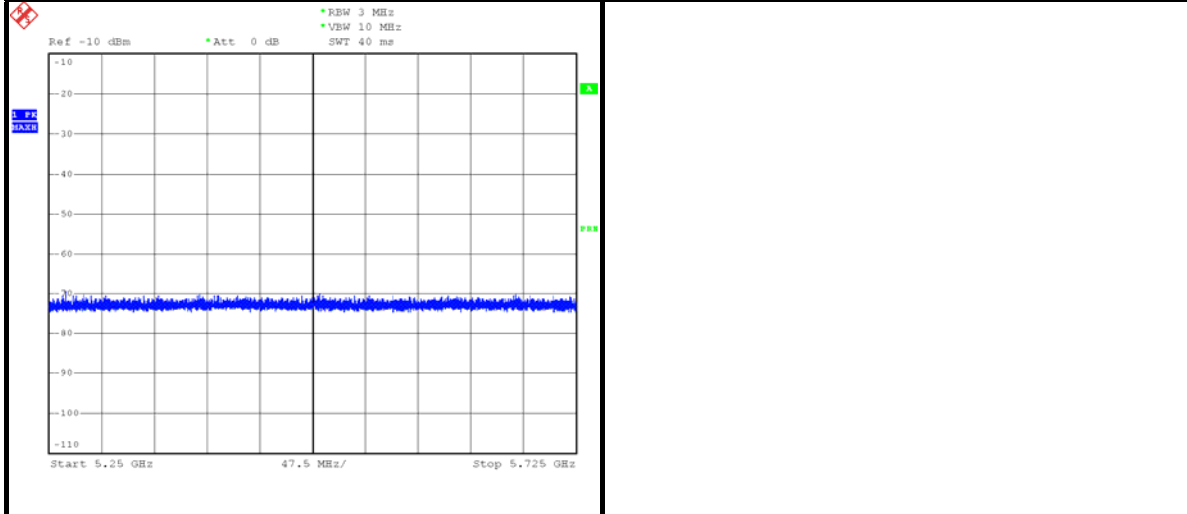
NON BEACON ON DFS BAND

- 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



EUT (Client) links with master on 11ac (VHT80) mode



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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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