

FCC / IC DFS Test Report

Applicant : Qualcomm Atheros, Inc.
Manufacturer : 1700 Technology Drive, San Jose, CA95110
Equipment : Dual Band 2x2 MIMO 802.11ac/abgn WLAN plus BT
Brand Name : Qualcomm Atheros
Model No. : QCWB342
FCC ID : PPD-QCWB342
IC ID : 4104A-QCWB342
Standard : 47 CFR FCC Part 15.407
RSS-210 Issue 8
Operate Mode : Client without radar detection

The product sample received on Feb. 20, 2013 and completely tested on May 26, 2013. We, SPORTON, would like to declare that the tested sample has been evaluated in accordance with the procedures given in FCC 06-96 Appendix and shown compliance with the applicable technical standards.

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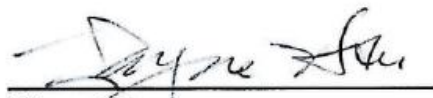

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Summary of Test Result

Conformance Test Specifications (FCC 06-96 Appendix)					
Report Clause	Ref. Std. Clause	Description	Measured	Limit	Result
-	7.8.1	DFS: UNII Detection Bandwidth Measurement	N/A (Client w/o test)	80% of the 99% BW	N/A
-	7.8.2.1	DFS: Initial Channel Availability Check Time	N/A (Client w/o test)	CAC ≥ 60 sec	N/A
-	7.8.2.2	DFS: Radar Burst at the Beginning of the Channel Availability Check Time	N/A (Client w/o test)	Detection Threshold: -64 dBm	N/A
-	7.8.2.3	DFS: Radar Burst at the End of the Channel Availability Check Time	N/A (Client w/o test)	Detection Threshold: -64 dBm	N/A
3.3	7.8.3	DFS: In-Service Monitoring for Channel Move Time (CMT)	CMT < 10sec	CMT ≤ 10sec	Complied
3.3	7.8.3	DFS: In-Service Monitoring for Channel Closing Transmission Time (CCTT)	CCTT < 60 ms	CCTT ≤ 60 ms starting at CMT 200ms	Complied
3.3	7.8.3	DFS: In-Service Monitoring for Non-Occupancy Period (NOP)	NOP > 30 min	NOP ≥ 30 min	Complied
-	7.8.4	DFS: Statistical Performance Check	N/A (Client w/o test)	Table 5 - 7 (KDB 905462)	N/A
-	5.8.1	DFS: Uniform Spreading	N/A (Client w/o this function)	Uniform Spreading for DFS Band	N/A
3.1.4	8.1	User Access Restrictions	Manufacturer attestation NOT accessible to user	DFS controls	Complied

Revision History

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1 General Description

1.1 Information

1.1.1 RF General Information

IEEE Std. 802.11	Channel Bandwidth (MHz)
a, n (HT20), ac (VHT20)	20
n (HT40), ac (VHT40)	40
ac (VHT80)	80
802.11a/n uses a combination of OFDM-BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM modulation. 802.11ac uses a combination of OFDM-BPSK, QPSK, 16QAM, 64QAM, 256QAM modulation.	

1.1.2 Antenna Information

Antenna Category	
☒	External antenna (dedicated antennas)
☒	RF connector provided
☒	Unique antenna connector. (e.g., MMCX, U.FL, IPX, and RP-SMA, RP-N type...)
☐	Standard antenna connector. (e.g., SMA, N, BNC, and TNC type...)

Antenna General Information				
No.	Ant. Cat.	Ant. Type	Frequency Band	Maximum Gain (dBi)
1	Integral	PIFA	5250 MHz ~ 5350 MHz	3.08
	Integral	PIFA	5470 MHz ~ 5725 MHz	4.76
☒ For conducted tests, antenna ports are used for the tests and Master lowest antenna gain [2] dBi that was used to set the DFS Detection Threshold level during calibration of the test setup.				

1.2 Support Equipment

Support Equipment				
No.	Equipment	Brand Name	Model Name	FCC ID
1	Access Point	3Com	WL-605	O9C-WL605
2	NoteBook PC	Dell	Latitude E5510	DoC

1.3 Testing Applied Standards

According to the specifications of the manufacturer, the EUT must comply with the requirements of the following standards:

- ♦ FCC 06-96 Appendix
- ♦ FCC KDB 905462 5 GHz UNII DFS Compliance Procedures
- ♦ FCC KDB 443999 Approval of DFS UNII Devices

1.4 Testing Location Information

Testing Location				
☒	HWA YA	ADD : No. 52, Hwa Ya 1 st Rd., Hwa Ya Technology Park, Kwei-Shan Hsiang, Tao Yuan Hsien, Taiwan, R.O.C.		
		TEL : 886-3-327-3456 FAX : 886-3-318-0055		
Test Condition	Test Site No.	Test Engineer	Test Environment	Test Date
DFS Site	DF01-HY	Bear Chen	22.3°C / 62%	May 24, 2013~ May 26, 2013

1.5 Measurement Uncertainty

ISO/IEC 17025 requires that an estimate of the measurement uncertainties associated with the emissions test results be included in the report. The measurement uncertainties given below are based on a 95% confidence level (based on a coverage factor (k=2))

Measurement Uncertainty		
Test Item	Uncertainty	Limit
Radio frequency	$\pm 8.7 \times 10^{-7}$	N/A
RF output power, conducted	± 0.63 dB	N/A
All emissions, conducted	± 0.83 dB	N/A
All emissions, radiated	± 2.87 dB	N/A
Temperature	± 0.8 °C	N/A
Humidity	± 3 %	N/A
DC and low frequency voltages	± 3 %	N/A
Time	± 1.42 %	N/A

2 Test Configuration of EUT

2.1 DFS and TPC Information

The DFS Related Operating Mode(s) of the Equipment			
☐ Master			
☐ Slave with radar detection			
☒ Slave without radar detection			
Software / Firmware Version		1.0.2.22	
Communication Mode		☒ IP Based	☐ Frame Based
IEEE Std. 802.11	Frequency Range (MHz)	TPC (Transmit Power Control)	Passive Scan
a / n (HT20) / ac (VHT20)	☒ 5250-5350	Yes	Yes
n (HT40) / ac (VHT40)	☒ 5470-5725	Yes	Yes
ac (VHT80)	☒ 5600-5650	Yes	Yes

2.2 The Worst Case Measurement Configuration

The Worst Case Mode for Following Conformance Tests	
Tests Item	Dynamic Frequency Selection (DFS)
Test Condition	Conducted measurement at transmit chains
Modulation Mode	
HT20 / HT40	

3 Dynamic Frequency Selection (DFS) Test Result

3.1 General DFS Information

3.1.1 DFS Parameters

Table D.1: DFS 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 periods. See Notes 1 and 2.
U-NII Detection Bandwidth	Minimum 80% of the 99% power bandwidth See Note 3.
Note 1: The instant that the <i>Channel Move Time</i> and the <i>Channel Closing Transmission Time</i> begins is as follows: • For the Short pulse radar Test Signals this instant is the end of the <i>Burst</i>. • For the Frequency Hopping radar Test Signal, this instant is the end of the last radar <i>Burst</i> generated. • For the Long Pulse radar Test Signal this instant is the end of the 12 second period defining the radar transmission. Note 2: The <i>Channel Closing Transmission Time</i> is comprised of 200 milliseconds starting at the beginning of the <i>Channel Move Time</i> plus any additional intermittent control signals required to facilitate <i>Channel</i> changes (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 <i>U-NII Detection Bandwidth</i> detection test, radar type 1 is used and for each frequency step the minimum percentage of detection is 90%. Measurements are performed with no data traffic.	

Table D.2: Interference threshold values	
Maximum Transmit Power	Value (see note)
≥ 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.	

3.1.2 Applicability of DFS Requirements Prior to Use of a Channel

Requirement	DFS Operational mode		
	Master	Client without radar detection	Client with radar detection
<i>Non-Occupancy Period</i>	Yes	Not required	Yes
<i>DFS Detection Threshold</i>	Yes	Not required	Yes
<i>Channel Availability Check Time</i>	Yes	Not required	Not required
<i>Uniform Spreading</i>	Yes	Not required	Not required
<i>U-NII Detection Bandwidth</i>	Yes	Not required	Yes

3.1.3 Applicability of DFS Requirements during Normal Operation

Requirement	DFS Operational mode		
	Master	Client without radar detection	Client with radar detection
<i>DFS Detection Threshold</i>	Yes	Not required	Yes
<i>Channel Closing Transmission Time</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>Channel Move Time</i>	Yes	Yes	Yes
<i>U-NII Detection Bandwidth</i>	Yes	Not required	Yes

3.1.4 User Access Restrictions

User Access Restrictions	
☒	DFS controls (hardware or software) related to radar detection are NOT accessible to the user. Manufacturer statement confirming that information regarding the parameters of the detected Radar Waveforms is not available to the end user.

3.1.5 Channel Loading/Data Streaming

☒	IP Based (Load Based) - stream the test file from the Master to the Client.
☐	Performed NTIA approved WAV file. (EUT w/o video function application)
☒	Performed NTIA approved MPEG2 file. (EUT with video function application)
☐	Alternative streaming e.g., FTP with about 17 to 20% loading and submit proposal to FCC.
☐	Frame Based - stream the test file from the Master to the Client.
☐	fixed talk/listen ratio, set the ratio to 45%/55%
NTIA test file refer as: http://ntiacsd.ntia.doc.gov/dfs/	

3.2 Radar Test Waveform Calibration

3.2.1 Short Pulse Radar Test Waveforms

Radar Type	Pulse Width (μsec)	PRI (μsec)	Number of Pulses	Minimum Percentage of Successful Detection	Minimum 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

A minimum of 30 unique waveforms are required for each of the short pulse radar types 2 through 4. For short pulse radar type 1, the same waveform is used a minimum of 30 times. If more than 30 waveforms are used for short pulse radar types 2 through 4, then each additional waveform must also be unique and not repeated from the previous waveforms. The aggregate is the average of the percentage of successful detections of short pulse radar types 1-4.

3.2.2 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 Trials
5	50-100	5-20	1000-2000	1-3	8-20	80%	30

Each waveform is defined as follows:

- The transmission period for the Long Pulse Radar test signal is 12 seconds.
- There are a total of 8 to 20 Bursts in the 12 second period, with the number of Bursts being randomly chosen. This number is *Burst_Count*.
- Each Burst consists of 1 to 3 pulses, with the number of pulses being randomly chosen. Each Burst within the 12 second sequence may have a different number of pulses.
- The pulse width is between 50 and 100 microseconds, with the pulse width being randomly chosen. Each pulse within a Burst will have the same pulse width. Pulses in different Bursts may have different pulse widths.
- Each pulse has a linear FM chirp between 5 and 20 MHz, with the chirp width being randomly chosen. Each pulse within a Burst will have the same chirp width. Pulses in different Bursts may have different chirp widths. The chirp is centered on the pulse. For example, with a radar frequency of 5300 MHz and a 20 MHz chirped signal, the chirp starts at 5290 MHz and ends at 5310 MHz.
- If more than one pulse is present in a Burst, the time between the pulses will be between 1000 and 2000 microseconds, with the time being randomly chosen. If three pulses are present in a Burst, the time between the first and second pulses is chosen independently of the time between the second and third pulses.
- The 12 second transmission period is divided into even intervals. The number of intervals is equal to *Burst_Count*. Each interval is of length $(12,000,000 / \text{Burst_Count})$ microseconds. Each interval contains one Burst. The start time for the Burst, relative to the beginning of the interval, is between 1 and $[(12,000,000 / \text{Burst_Count}) - (\text{Total Burst Length}) + (\text{One Random PRI Interval})]$ microseconds, with the start time being randomly chosen. The step interval for the start time is 1 microsecond. The start time for each Burst is chosen independently.

3.2.3 Frequency Hopping Radar Test Waveform

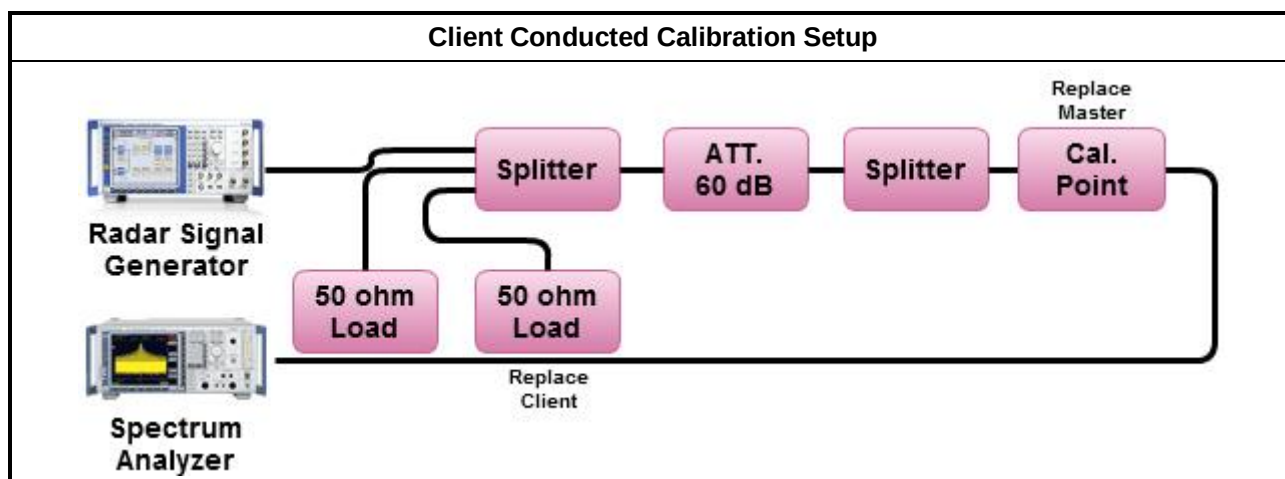
Radar Type	Pulse Width (μsec)	PRI (μsec)	Pulses per Hop	Hopping Rate (kHz)	Hopping Sequence Length (ms)	Minimum Percentage of Successful Detection	Minimum Trials
6	1	333	9	0.333	300	70%	30

The FCC Type 6 waveform uses a static waveform with 100 bursts in the instruments ARB. In addition, the RF list mode is operated with a list containing 100 frequencies from a randomly generated list and it had be ensured that at least one of the random frequencies falls into the UNII Detection Bandwidth of the DUT. Each burst from the waveform file initiates a trigger pulse at the beginning that switches the RF list from one item to the next one.

3.2.4 Master DFS Threshold Level

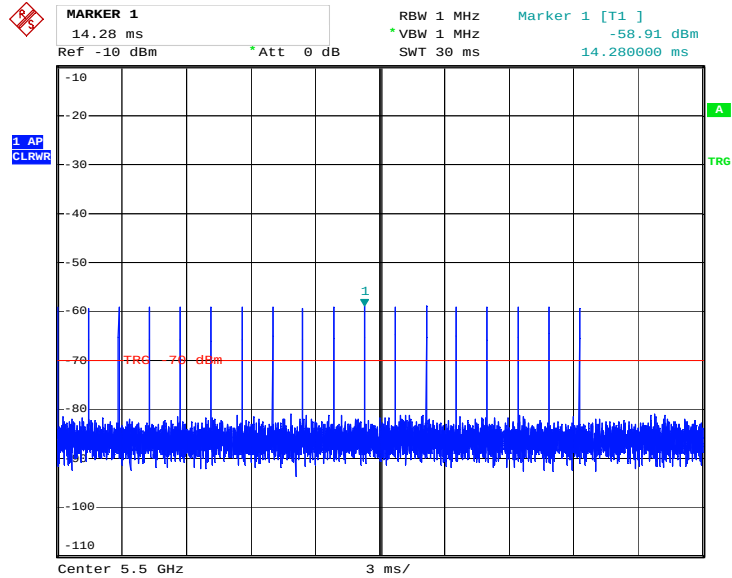
Master DFS Threshold Level	
DFS Threshold level: -59 dBm	☒ at the antenna connector
	☐ in front of the antenna
The Interference Radar Detection Threshold Level is $(-62\text{dBm}) + (2 [\text{dBi}]) + \{1 \text{ dB}\} = -59 \text{ dBm}$. That had been taken into account the master output power range and antenna gain.	

3.2.5 Calibration Setup



Calibration Plots

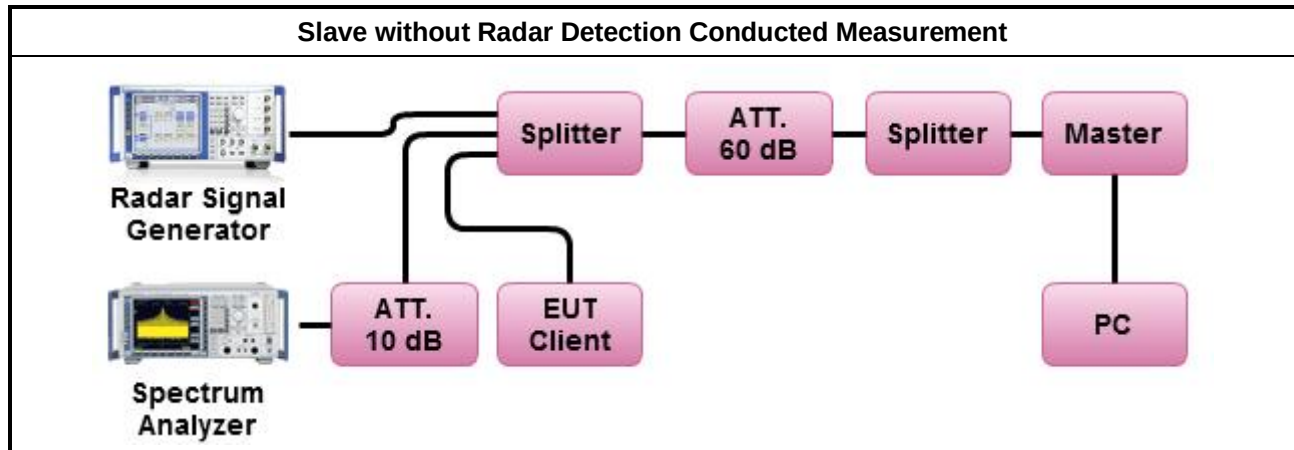
Radar #1 DFS detection threshold level



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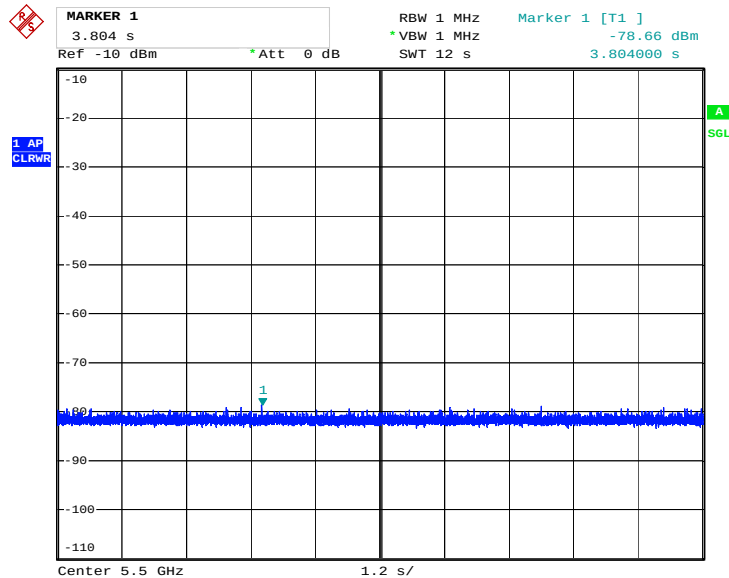
3.2.6 Test Setup

A spectrum analyzer is used as a monitor to verify that the EUT has vacated the Channel within the (Channel Closing Transmission Time and Channel Move Time, and does not transmit on a Channel during the Non-Occupancy Period after the detection and Channel move.



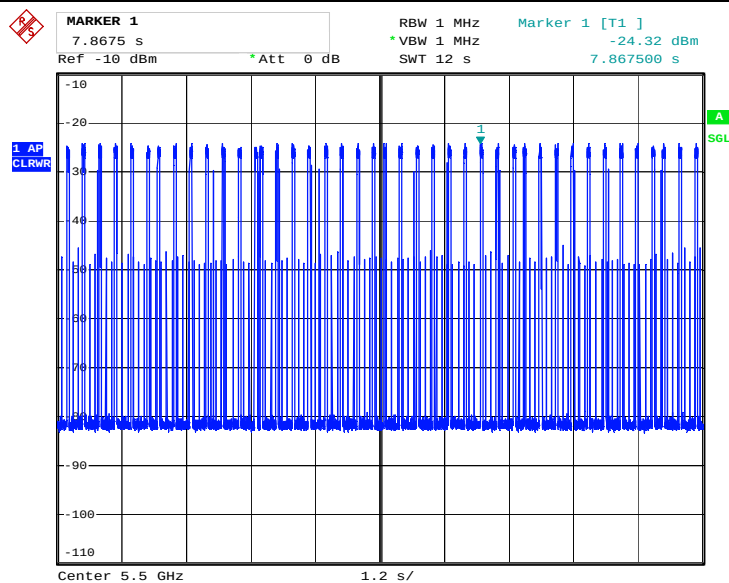
Verification that when the EUT is "off" that the RF energy emitted Plots

Without Data Traffic Plot (Noise Plot)



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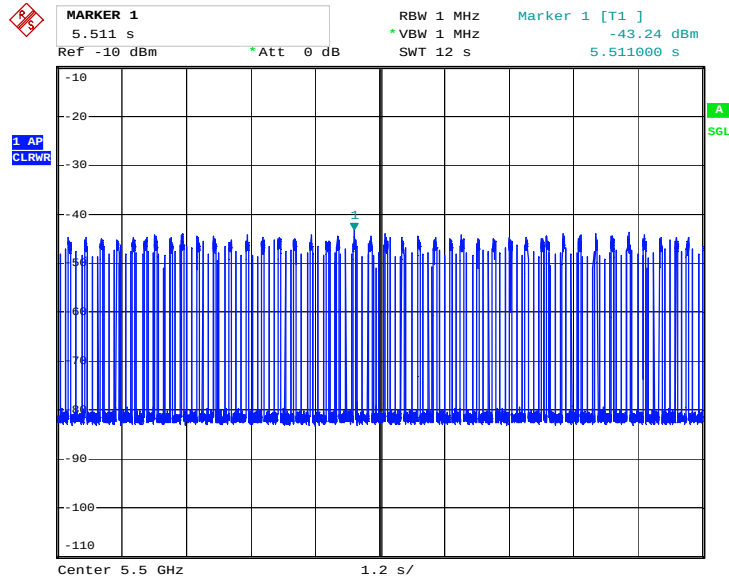
EUT Client Data Traffic Plot



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Verification that when the EUT is "off" that the RF energy emitted Plots

Master Data Traffic Plot



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3.3 In-service Monitoring

3.3.1 In-service Monitoring Limit

In-service Monitoring Limit	
Channel Move Time	10 sec
Channel Closing Transmission Time	200 ms + an aggregate of 60 ms over remaining 10 sec periods.
Non-occupancy period	Minimum 30 minutes

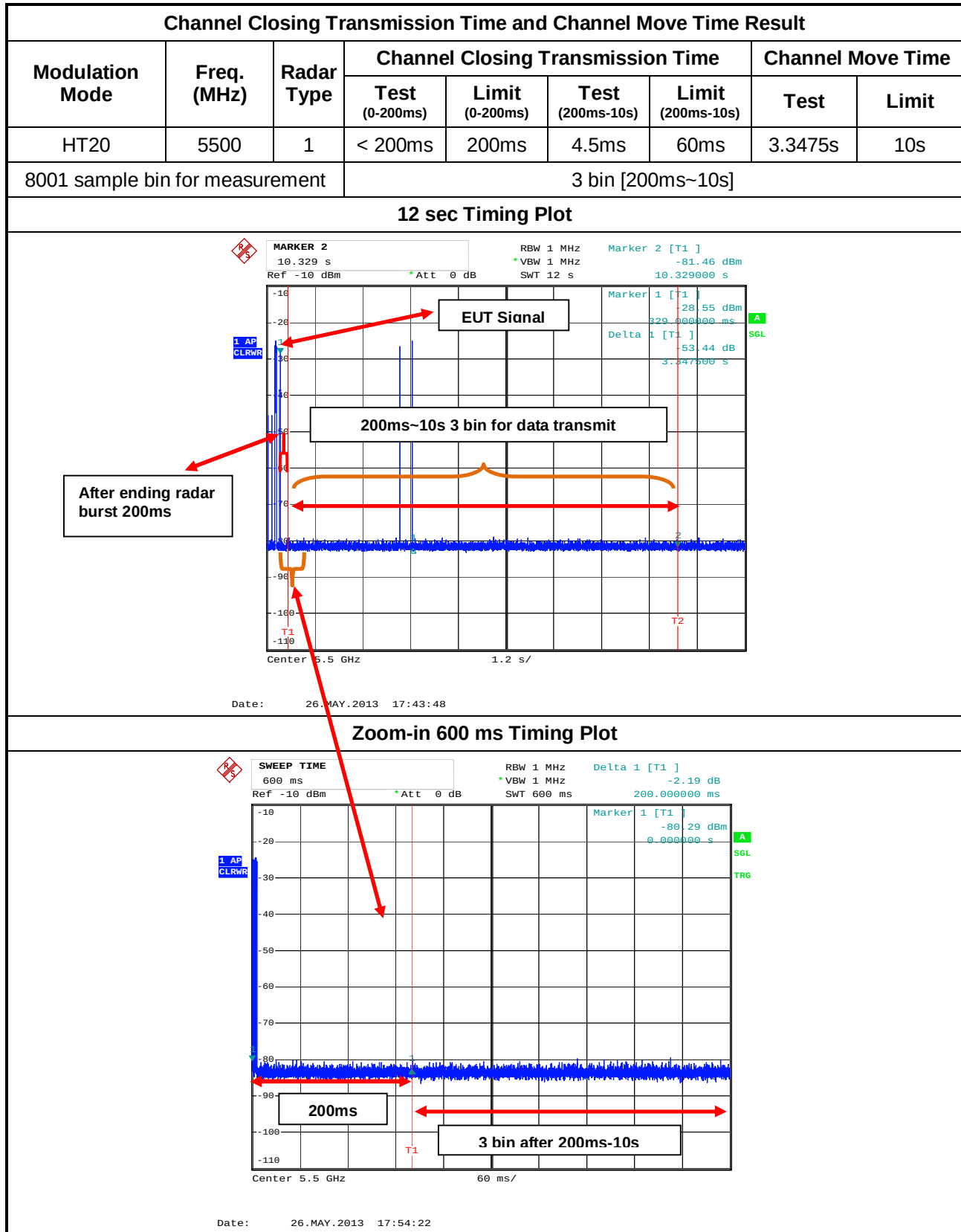
3.3.2 Measuring Instruments

Refer a test equipment and calibration data table in this test report.

3.3.3 Test Procedures

Test Method
☒ Refer as FCC 06-96 Appendix, clause 7.8.3 verified during In-Service Monitoring; Channel Closing Transmission Time, Channel Move Time. Client Device will associate with the EUT. Observe the transmissions of the EUT at the end of the radar Burst on the Operating Channel for duration greater than 10 seconds. Measure and record the transmissions from the EUT during the observation time (Channel Move Time). Compare the Channel Move Time and Channel Closing Transmission Time limits.
☒ Refer as FCC 06-96 Appendix, clause 8.3 verified during In-Service Monitoring; Channel Closing Transmission Time, Channel Move Time. One 10 sec plot needs to be reported for the Short Pulse Radar Types 1-4 and one for the Long Pulse Radar Type in a 22 sec plot. And zoom-in a 600 ms plot verified channel closing time for the aggregate transmission time starting from 200ms after the end of the radar signal to the completion of the channel move.
☒ Refer as FCC 06-96 Appendix, clause 7.8.3 verified during In-Service Monitoring; Non-Occupancy Period. Client Device will associate with the EUT. Observe the transmissions of the EUT at the end of the radar Burst on the Operating Channel for duration greater than 10 seconds. Measure and record the transmissions from the EUT during the observation time (Non-Occupancy Period). Compare the Non-Occupancy Period limits.

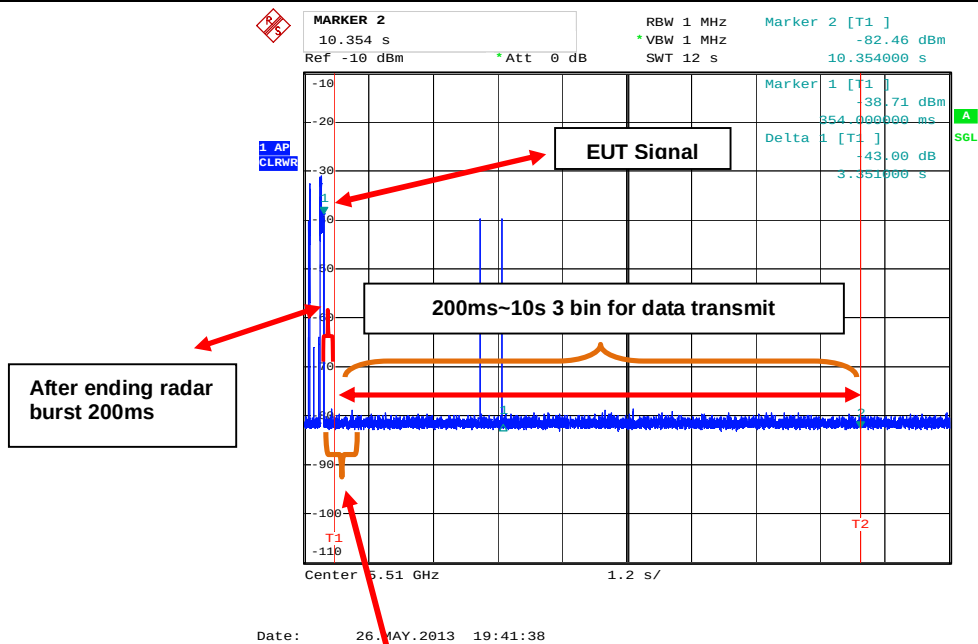
3.3.4 Test Result of In-service Monitoring



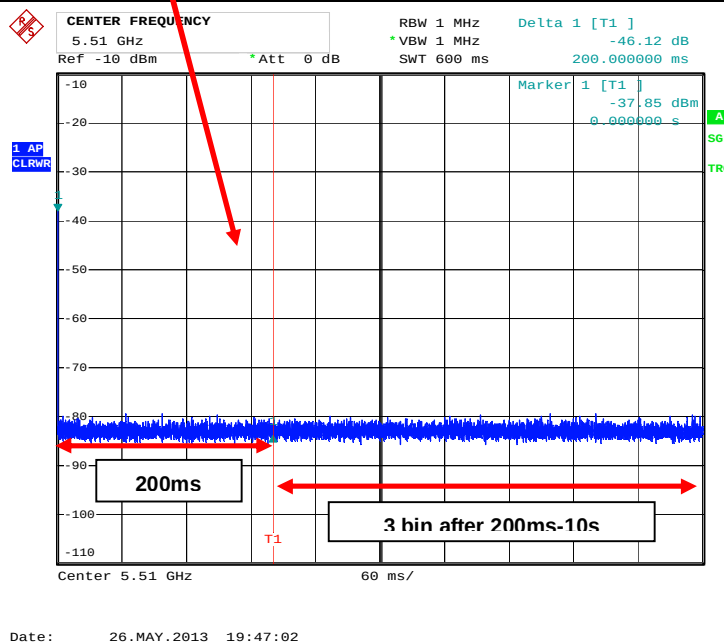
Channel Closing Transmission Time and Channel Move Time Result

Modulation Mode	Freq. (MHz)	Radar Type	Channel Closing Transmission Time				Channel Move Time	
			Test (0-200ms)	Limit (0-200ms)	Test (200ms-10s)	Limit (200ms-10s)	Test	Limit
HT40	5510	1	< 200ms	200ms	4.5ms	60ms	3.351s	10s
8001 sample bin for measurement			3 bin [200ms~10s]					

12 sec Timing Plot

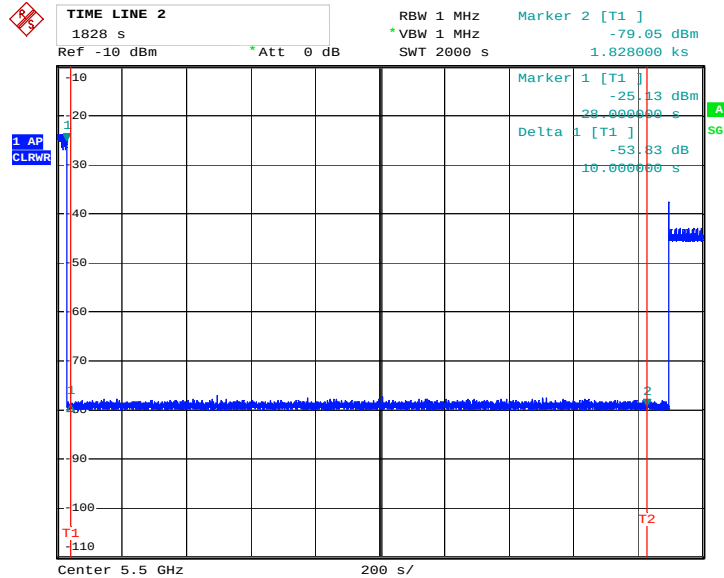


Zoom-in 600 ms Timing Plot



Non-Occupancy Period Result

Modulation Mode	Freq. (MHz)	Non-Occupancy Period		
		Measured	Limit	Result
HT20	5500	>30min	30min	Complied

2000 sec Timing Plot


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4 Test Equipment and Calibration Data

Instrument	Manufacturer	Model No.	Serial No.	Spec.	Calibration Date	Remark
Spectrum Analyzer	R&S	FSP	100644	9kHz ~ 40GHz	Aug. 20, 2012	Radiation (DFS01-HY)
Vector signal generator base unit	R&S	SMU200A	102098	100kHz ~ 6GHz	Oct. 03, 2012	Radiation (DFS01-HY)
RF Power Divider	Worken	0120A002201801O	11012007220	2 ~ 18 GHz 2 Way	Dec. 04, 2012	Radiation (DFS01-HY)
RF Power Splitter	MCLI	PS3-7	812	0.5 ~ 18 GHz 3 Way	Dec. 04, 2012	Radiation (DFS01-HY)
RF Power Splitter	Worken	0120A04201101O	DOM2008W1A1	2 ~ 18 GHz 4 Way	Dec. 04, 2012	Radiation (DFS01-HY)
RF Cable-0.5m	HUBER+SUHNER	SUCOFLEX_103	53804/3 52134 52131	1GHz ~ 33GHz	Dec. 04, 2012	Radiation (DFS01-HY)
RF Cable-0.2m	HUBER+SUHNER	SUCOFLEX_103	47614/3 47616/3	1GHz ~ 33GHz	Dec. 04, 2012	Radiation (DFS01-HY)

Note: Calibration Interval of instruments listed above is one year.