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Release Control Record

Issue No.	Description	Date Issued
RF191118E09B-3	Original release.	Mar. 31, 2020

1 Certificate of Conformity

Product: Nighthawk AX6 AX5400 6-Stream WiFi Router, Nighthawk AX6 AX4300 6-Stream WiFi Router

Brand: NETGEAR

Test Model: RAX50

Series Model: RAX45

Sample Status: ENGINEERING SAMPLE

Applicant: NETGEAR, Inc.

Test Date: Jan. 21, 2020

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

References Test Guidance: KDB 905462 D02 UNII DFS Compliance Procedures New Rules v02

KDB 905462 D03 Clients Without Radar Detection New Rules v01r02

The above equipment has been tested by **Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services (H.K.) Ltd., Taoyuan Branch**, and found 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

No.	Product	Model No.	Software/Firmware Version
1	NIGHTHAWK AX6 AX5400 6-Stream WiFi Router	RAX50	V1.0.0.27_DFS_2.0.1.8

2.3 Description of Available Antennas to the EUT

Table 3: Antenna List

Frequency Range (GHz)	Directional Antenna Gain (dBi)	Antenna Type	Antenna Connector
2.4~2.4835	3.73	Dipole	R-SMA
5.15 ~ 5.25	6.61		
5.25 ~ 5.35	6.53		
5.47 ~ 5.725	6.64		
5.725 ~ 5.85	6.66		
Note: More detailed information, please refer to antenna specification.			

2.4 EUT Maximum Conducted Power

Table 4: The Measured Conducted Output Power

CDD Mode

Frequency Band (MHz)	MAX. Power		MIN. Power	
	Output Power (mW)	Output Power (dBm)	Output Power (mW)	Output Power (dBm)
5250~5350	233.996	23.69	58.75	17.69
5470~5725	240.035	23.80	60.26	17.8

Beamforming Mode

Frequency Band (MHz)	MAX. Power		MIN. Power	
	Output Power (mW)	Output Power (dBm)	Output Power (mW)	Output Power (dBm)
5250~5350	222.02	23.46	55.72	17.46
5470~5725	215.781	23.34	54.2	17.34

2.5 EUT Maximum EIRP Power

Table 5: The EIRP Output Power List

CDD Mode

Frequency Band (MHz)	MAX. EIRP Power		MIN. EIRP Power	
	Output Power (mW)	Output Power (dBm)	Output Power (mW)	Output Power (dBm)
5250~5350	493.174	26.93	123.88	20.93
5470~5725	528.445	27.23	132.74	21.23

Beamforming Mode

Frequency Band (MHz)	MAX. EIRP Power		MIN. EIRP Power	
	Output Power (mW)	Output Power (dBm)	Output Power (mW)	Output Power (dBm)
5250~5350	997.70	29.99	250.61	23.99
5470~5725	995.405	29.98	250.03	23.98

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 e.i.r.p. of less than 500 mW.

Applicable	EIRP	FCC 15.407 (h)(1)
√	>500mW	The TPC mechanism is required for system with an EIRP of above 500mW
	<500mW	The TPC mechanism is not required for system with an EIRP of less 500mW

The UUT can adjust a transmitter's output power based on the signal level present at the receiver. TPC is auto controlled by software.

2.7 Statement of Manufacturer

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

Note: Regarding KDB 905462 D03 Client Without Radar Detection New Rules v01r02 section(b)(5/6), 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. An analyzer plot that contains a single 30-minute sweep on the original channel.

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 each of the bonded 20 MHz channels and the channel center frequency.

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

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.

Note3: EIRP is based on the highest antenna gain. For MIMO devices refer to KDB Publication 662911 D01.

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

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.

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 0 should be used. 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
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	Roundup $\left\{ \left(\frac{1}{360} \right) \cdot \left(\frac{19 \cdot 10^6}{\text{PRI}_{\mu\text{sec}}} \right) \right\}$	60%	30
		15 unique PRI values randomly selected within the range of 518~3066 μsec with a minimum of 1 μsec, excluding PRI values selected in Test A			
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 close time tests.					

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

Three subsets of trials will be performed with a minimum of ten trials per subset. The subset of trials differ in where the Long Pulse Type 5 Signal is tuned in frequency.

- a) the Channel center frequency
- b) tuned frequencies such that 90% of the Long Pulse Type 5 frequency modulation is within the low edge of the UUT Occupied Bandwidth
- c) tuned frequencies such that 90% of the Long Pulse Type 5 frequency modulation is within the high edge of the UUT Occupied Bandwidth

It include 10 trails for every subset, the formula as below,

For subset case 1: the center frequency of the signal generator will remain fixed at the center of the UUT Channel.

For subset case 2: to retain 90% frequency overlap between the radar signal and the UUT Occupied Bandwidth, the center frequency of the signal generator will vary for each of the ten trials in subset case 2. The center frequency of the signal generator for each trial is calculated by:

$$FL + (0.4 * \text{Chirp Width [in MHz]})$$

For subset case 3: to retain 90% frequency overlap between the radar signal and the UUT Occupied Bandwidth, the center frequency of the signal generator will vary for each of the ten trials in subset case 3. The center frequency of the signal generator for each trial is calculated by:

$$FH - (0.4 * \text{Chirp Width [in MHz]})$$

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

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 Agilent	N9030A	MY54490679	July 17, 2019	July 16, 2020
Vector Signal Generator Agilent	N5182B	MY53051263	Aug. 30, 2019	Aug. 29, 2020
DFS Control Box	BV-DFS-CB	001	Nov. 29, 2019	Nov. 28, 2020

4.2 Description of Support Units

Table 14: Support Unit Information

No.	Product	Brand	Model No.	FCC ID	Spec
1	Wireless-AX6000 Dual Band Gigabit Router	ASUS	RT-AX88U	MSQ-RTAXHP00	The maximum EIRP is 29.97 dBm, Antenna Gain is 2.24dBi

NOTE: This device was functioned as a ☒ Master ☐ Slave device during the DFS test.

Table 15: Software/Firmware Information

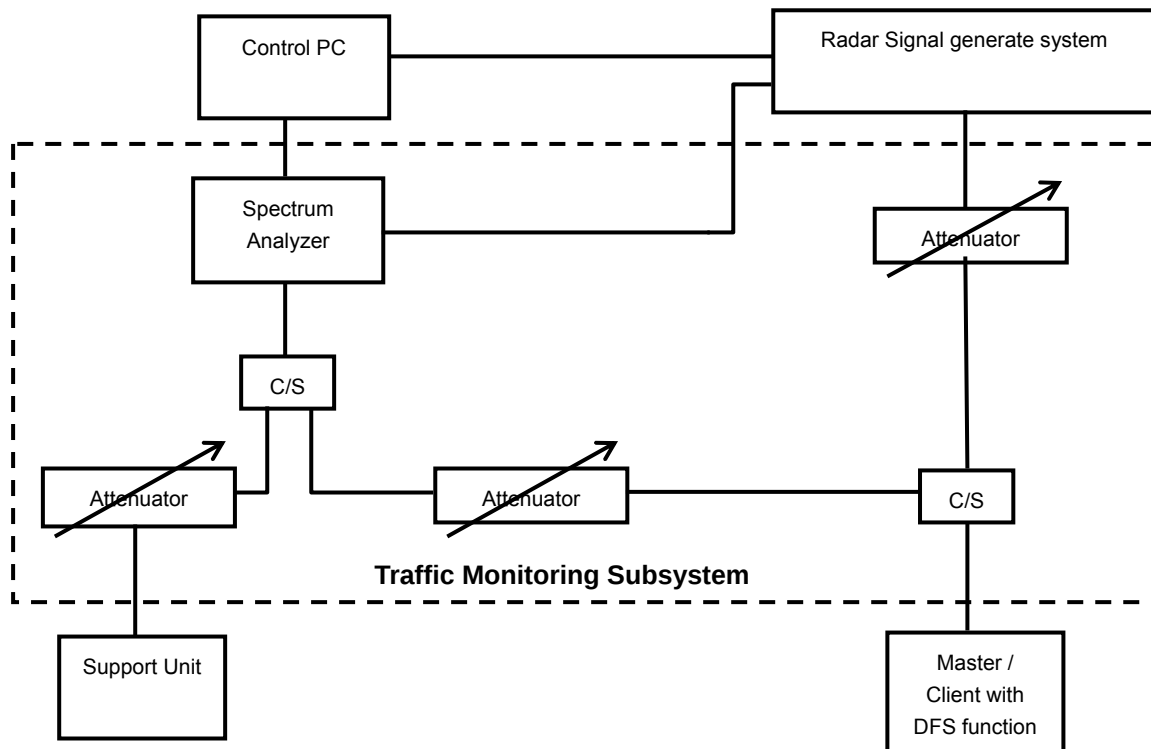
No.	Product	Model No.	Software/Firmware Version
1.	Wireless-AX6000 Dual Band Gigabit Router	RT-AX88U	3.0.0.4.384

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



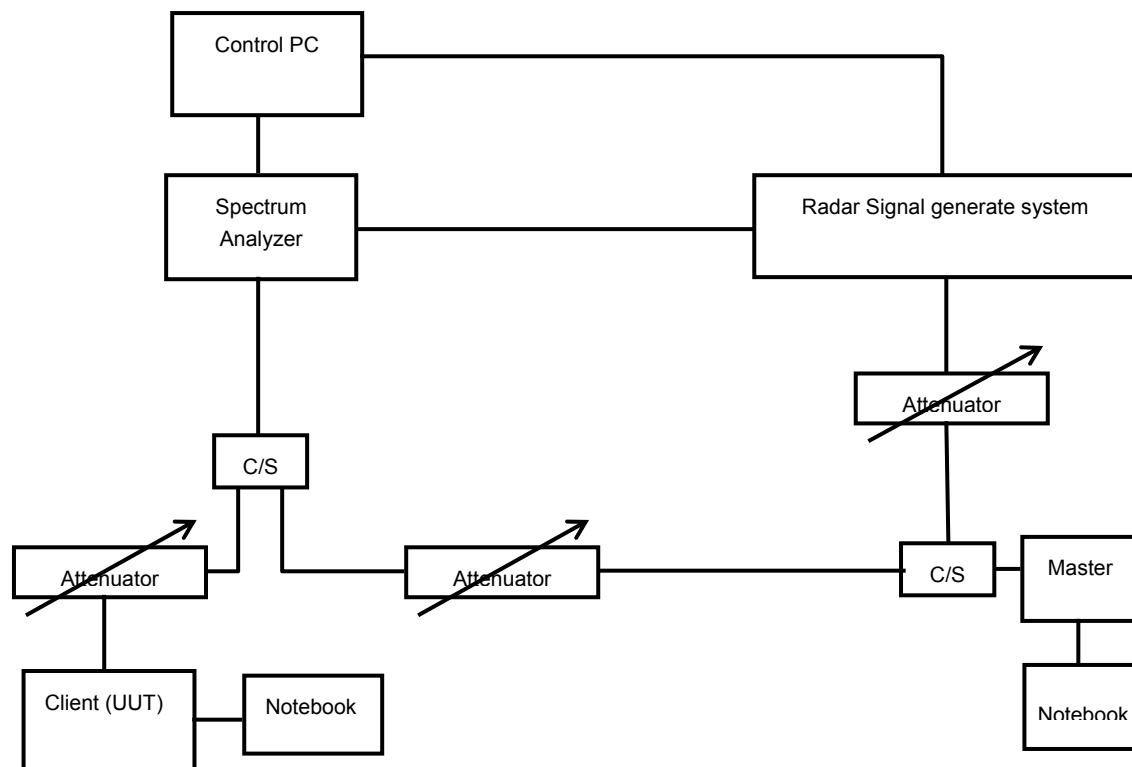
Channel Loading

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.	

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
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

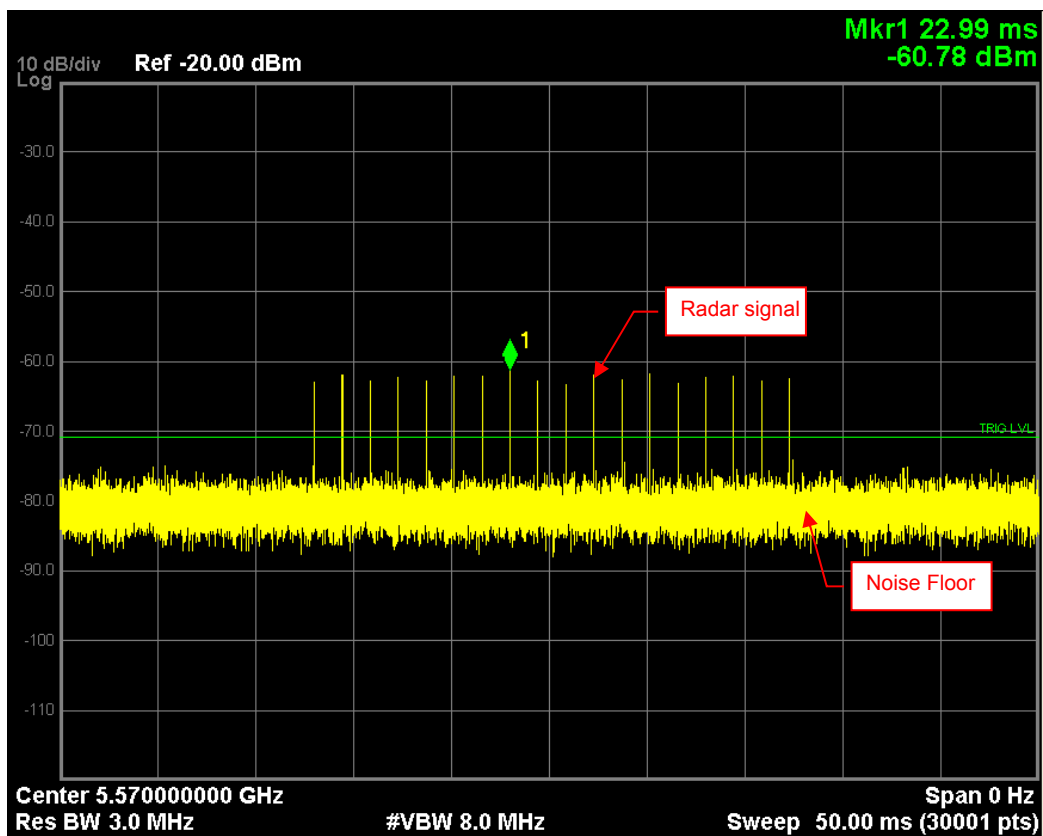
6.2 Test Results

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 (20/40/80/160MHz).
The following plots was done on 160MHz as a representative

DFS Detection Threshold

The Required detection threshold is -60.76dBm ($= -64 + 1 + 2.24$).
The conducted radar burst level is set lower than -60.76dBm .



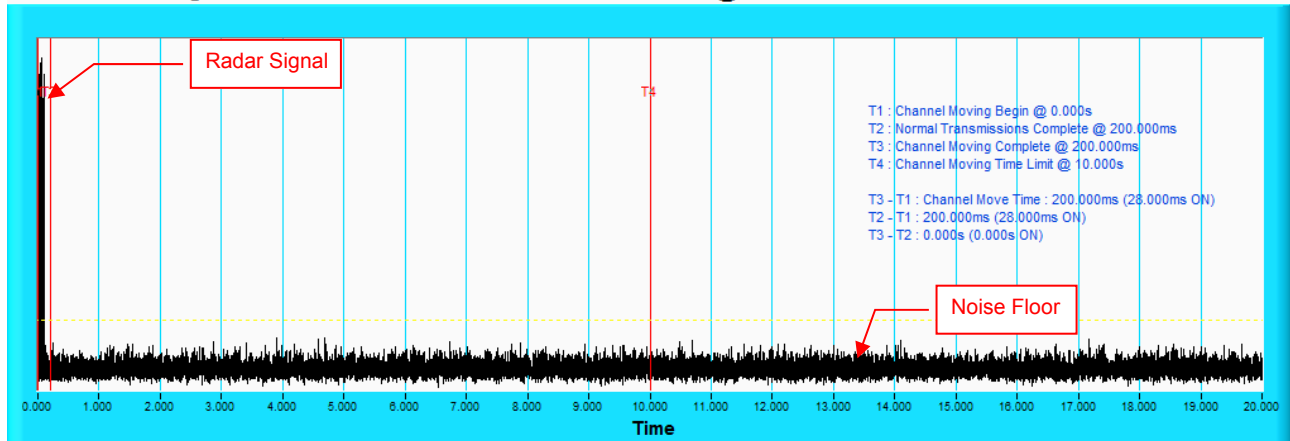
Radar Signal 0

6.2.2 Channel Closing Transmission and Channel Move Time

Radar Signal 0

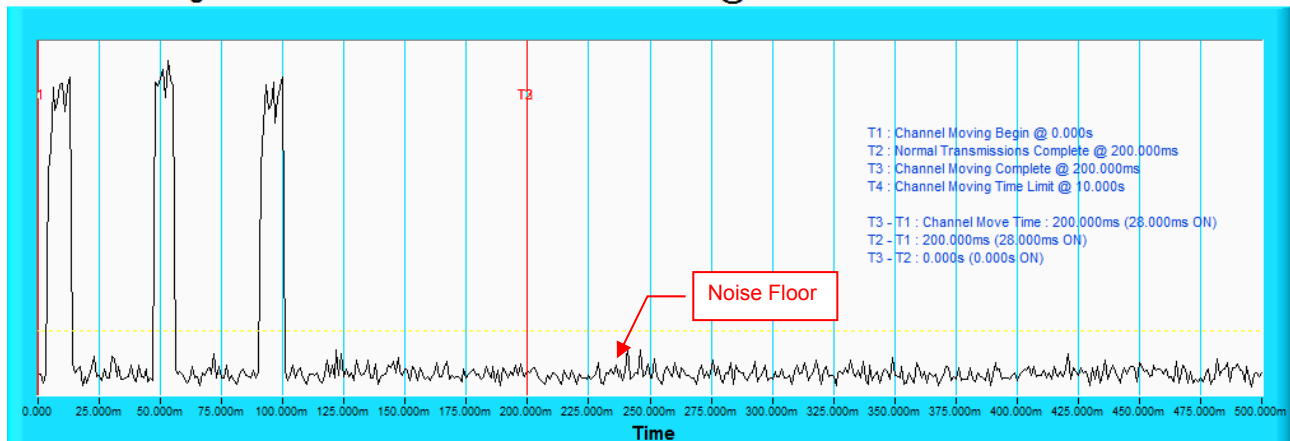
802.11ax (HE160)

Channel Closing Transmission Time & Channel Move Time @ CH114-5570MHz



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. T3 denotes the end of Channel Move Time. T4 denotes the 10 second from T1 to observe the aggregate duration of transmissions.

Channel Closing Transmission Time & Channel Move Time @ CH114-5570MHz

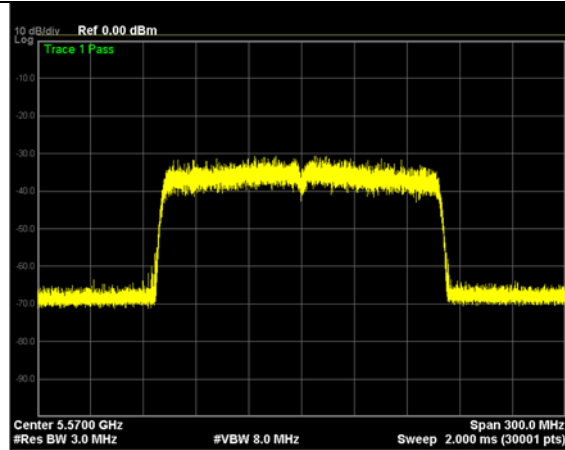


NOTE: An expanded plot for the device vacates the channel in the required 500ms.

6.2.3 Non-Occupancy Period

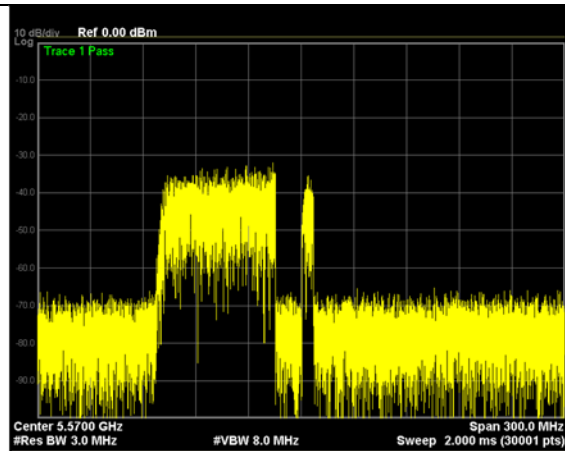
ASSOCIATED TEST

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



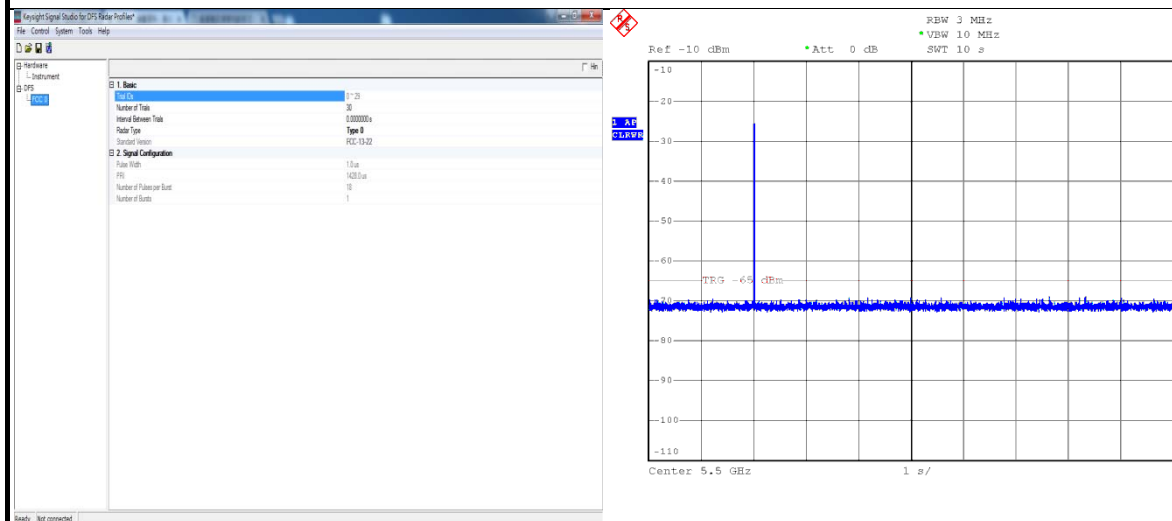
EUT (Client) links with master on 5570MHz

2) The client and DFS-certified master device are associated, and system testing will be performed with channel-loading for a non-occupancy period test.



Client performed with channel-loading via master.

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



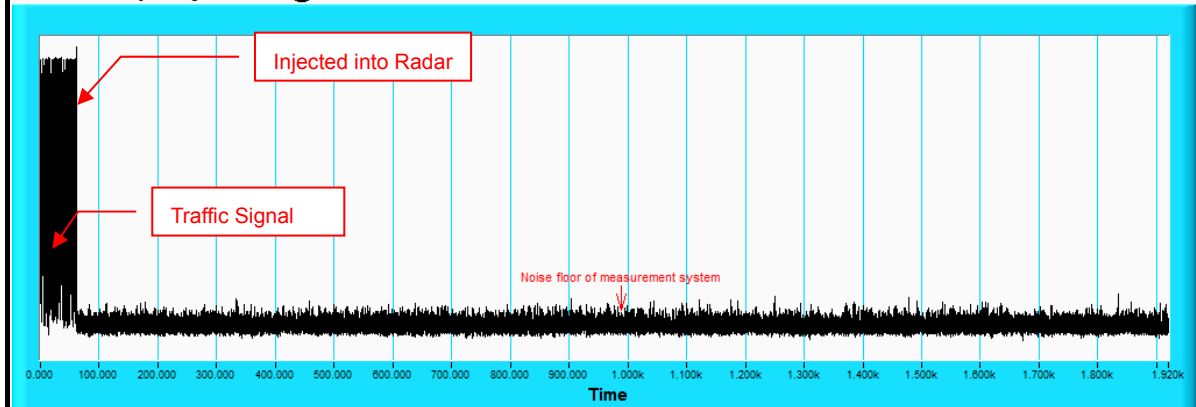
Radar 0 is used to test during DFS testing.

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.

Non - Occupancy Period @ CH114 - 5570MHz

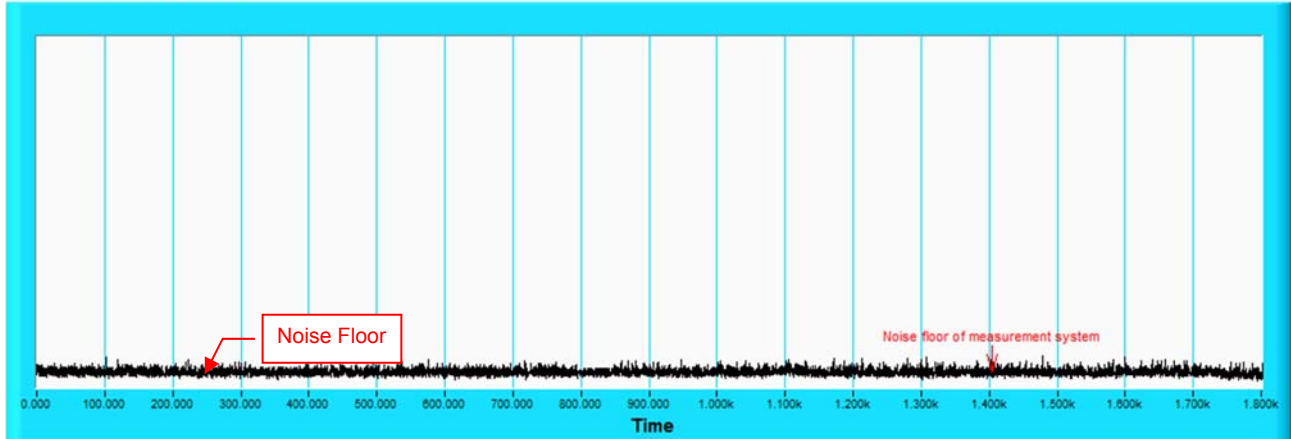


6.2.4 Non-Associated Test

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



6.2.5 Non- Co-Channel Test

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

7. Information of 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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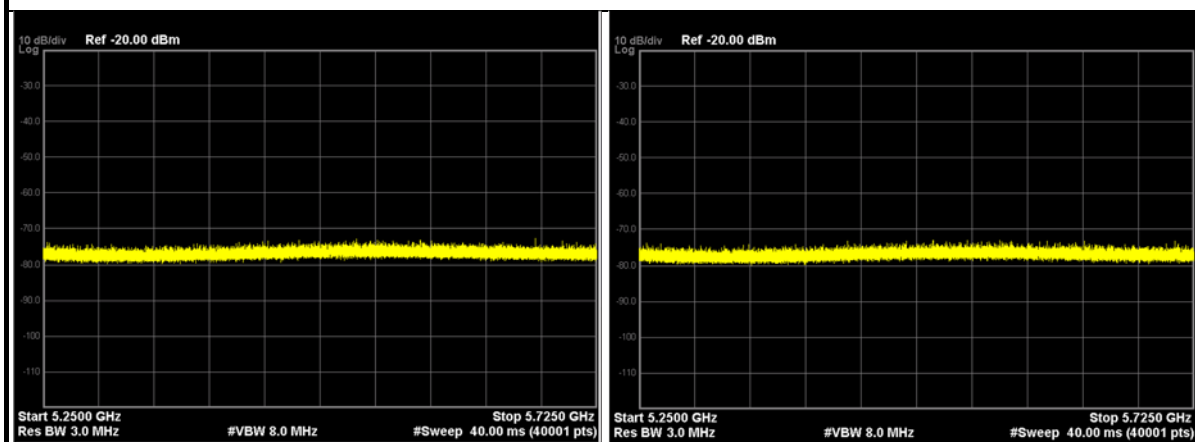
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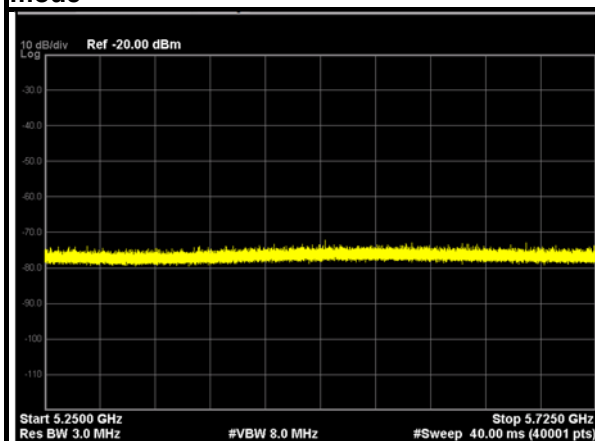
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NON BEACON ON DFS BAND

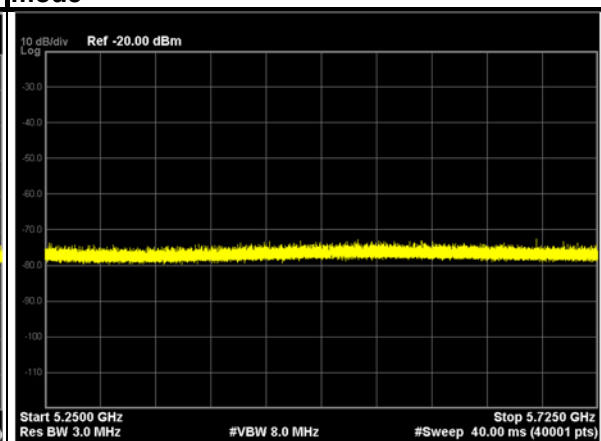
- 1) Test results demonstrating no any beacon on DFS band after power up.
- 2) Observation time is 10min after power up.



Client (UUT) no transmit on 802.11ax (HE20) mode



Client (UUT) no transmit on 802.11ax (HE40) mode



Client (UUT) no transmit on 802.11ax (HE80) mode

Client (UUT) no transmit on 802.11ax (HE160) mode

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