

5.8. RF EXPOSURE REQUIREMENTS [§§ 15.247(i), 1.1310 & 2.1091]

5.8.1. Limits

§ 1.1310: The criteria listed in the following table shall be used to evaluate the environmental impact of human exposure to radio-frequency (RF) radiation as specified in 1.1307(b).

Limits for Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE)

| Frequency range (MHz) | Electric field strength (V/m) | Magnetic field strength (A/m) | Power density (mW/cm ²) | Averaging time (minutes) |
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| (A) Limits for Occupational/Controlled Exposures | | | | |
| 0.3-3.0 | 614 | 1.63 | *(100) | 6 |
| 3.0-30 | 1842/f | 4.89/f | *(900/f ²) | 6 |
| 30-300 | 61.4 | 0.163 | 1.0 | 6 |
| 300-1500 | | | f/300 | 6 |
| 1500-100,000 | | | 5 | 6 |
| (B) Limits for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure | | | | |
| 0.3-1.34 | 614 | 1.63 | *(100) | 30 |
| 1.34-30 | 824/f | 2.19/f | *(180/f ²) | 30 |
| 30-300 | 27.5 | 0.073 | 0.2 | 30 |
| 300-1500 | | | f/1500 | 30 |
| 1500-100,000 | | | 1.0 | 30 |

f = frequency in MHz

* = Plane-wave equivalent power density

Note 1: Occupational/controlled limits apply in situations in which persons are exposed as a consequence of their employment provided those persons are fully aware of the potential for exposure and can exercise control over their exposure. Limits for occupational/controlled exposure also apply in situations when an individual is transient through a location where occupational/controlled limits apply provided he or she is made aware of the potential for exposure.

Note 2: General population/uncontrolled exposures apply in situations in which the general public may be exposed, or in which persons that are exposed as a consequence of their employment may not be fully aware of the potential for exposure or can not exercise control over their exposure.

5.8.2. Method of Measurements

Calculation Method of Power Density/RF Safety Distance:

$$S = \frac{PG}{4\pi \cdot r^2} = \frac{EIRP}{4\pi \cdot r^2}$$

Where,

P: power input to the antenna in mW
EIRP: Equivalent (effective) isotropic radiated power.
S: power density mW/cm²
G: numeric gain of antenna relative to isotropic radiator
r: distance to centre of radiation in cm

$$r = \sqrt{\frac{PG}{4\pi \cdot S}} = \sqrt{\frac{EIRP}{4\pi \cdot S}}$$

FCC radio frequency exposure limits may be exceeded at distances closer than r cm from the antenna of this device.

5.8.3. RF Evaluation for Mobile Applications

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| Maximum RF Power conducted, $P_{\text{conducted}}[\text{W}]$: | 0.25 |
| Maximum Antenna Gain, $G[\text{dBi}]$: | 3 |
| Maximum EIRP, $P_{\text{EIRP}}[\text{W}]$: | 0.5 |
| MPE Limit for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure, $S_{\text{uncontrolled}}[\text{mW/cm}^2]$ | 0.3135 |
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| Min Calculated RF Safety Distance for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure, $r_{\text{safety_uncontrolled}}[\text{cm}]$ | 12 |
| Min Required RF Safety Distance for General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure, $r_{\text{safety_uncontrolled}}[\text{cm}]$ | 20cm , since calculated value is below 20cm |

5.8.4. RF Evaluation for Portable Applications

For portable applications, refer to SAR test report for portable host products with the module integrated.