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1 GENERAL

1.1 Purpose

The purpose of this report is to demonstrate compliance with Part 15 Subpart C of the FCC's Code of Federal Regulations and Industry Canada's Radio Standards Specification RSS-210.

1.2 Product description

The CommandLink CL100 is a device that is used for installing and walk-by reading of RF devices which are installed in conjunction with water, gas, and electric meters via a wireless link. Typically the CL100 is used by the Utility or third party professional installation personnel. The CL100 will communicate to the RF devices either through an 895 kHz inductive transmitter interface or a 900 MHz licensed band RF link. This report addresses the 895 kHz inductive transmitter only. A separate report will address the 900 MHz licensed operation.

Technical Specifications:

Operating Frequency: 895 kHz

Modulation: AM (OOK)

Antenna: Inductive Coupler

Manufacturer Information:

Sensus Metering Systems, Inc.

400 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite K

Morrisville, NC 27560

Test Sample Serial Numbers: 245

Test Sample Condition: The test samples were provided in good working order with no visible defects.

1.3 Test Methodology and Considerations

The EUT is a handheld/body worn device therefore radiated emissions were performed with the EUT positioned in multiple orientations. Data representing the worst case orientation is provided in this report.

The EUT firmware turns OFF the 895 KHz Inductive transmitter when the external wall supply is plugged in and the batteries are charging; therefore the power supply was included in the unintentional radiated emissions and AC power line conducted emissions testing only.

2 TEST FACILITIES

2.1 Location

The radiated and conducted emissions test sites are located at the following address:

Advanced Compliance Solutions
5015 B.U. Bowman Drive
Buford, GA 30518
Phone: (770) 831-8048
Fax: (770) 831-8598

2.2 Laboratory Accreditations/Recognitions/Certifications

ACS is accredited to ISO/IEC 17025 by the National Institute of Standards and Technology under their National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP), Lab Code 200612-0. Unless otherwise specified, all tests methods described within this report are covered under the ISO/IEC 17025 scope of accreditation.

The Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site, Open Area Test Site (OATS) and Conducted Emissions Site have been fully described, submitted to, and accepted by the FCC, Industry Canada and the Japanese Voluntary Control Council for Interference by information technology equipment.

FCC Registration Number: 894540

Industry Canada Lab Code: IC 4175A-1

VCCI Member Number: 1831

- VCCI OATS Registration Number R-1526
- VCCI Conducted Emissions Site Registration Number: C-1608

2.3 Radiated Emissions Test Site Description

2.3.1 Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site

The Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site consists of a 20' x 30' x 18' shielded enclosure. The chamber is lined with Toyo Ferrite Grid Absorber, model number FFG-1000. The ferrite tile grid is 101 x 101 x 19mm thick and weighs approximately 550 grams. These tiles are mounted on steel panels and installed directly on the inner walls of the chamber.

The turntable is 150cm in diameter and is located 160cm from the back wall of the chamber. The chamber is grounded via 1 - 8' copper ground rod, installed at the center of the back wall, it is bound to the ground plane using 3/4" stainless steel braided cable.

The turntable is all steel, flush mounted table installed in an all steel frame. The table is remotely operated from inside the control room located 25' from the range. The turntable is electrically bonded to the surrounding ground plane via steel fingers installed on the edge of the turn table. The steel fingers make constant contact with the ground plane during operation.

Behind the turntable is a 3' x 6' x 4' deep shielded pit used for support equipment if necessary. The pit is equipped with 1 - 4" PVC chases from the turntable to the pit that allow for cabling to the EUT if necessary. The underside of the turntable can be accessed from the pit so cables can be supplied to the EUT from the pit.

A diagram of the Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site is shown in Figure 2.3-1 below:

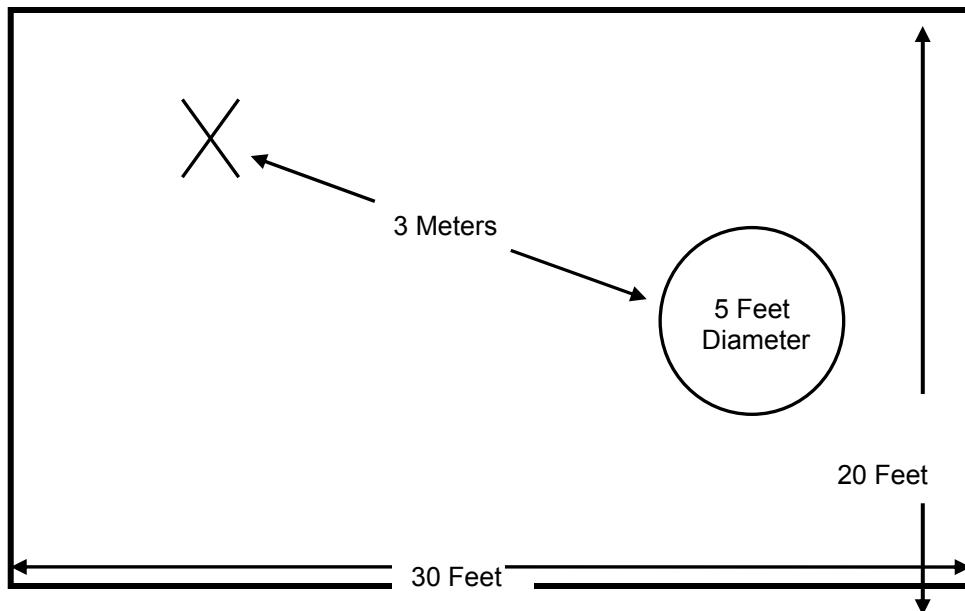


Figure 2.3-1: Semi-Anechoic Chamber Test Site

2.3.2 Open Area Tests Site (OATS)

The open area test site consists of a 40' x 66' concrete pad covered with a perforated electro-plated galvanized sheet metal. The perforations in the sheet metal are 1/8" holes that are staggered every 3/16". The individual sheets are placed to overlap each other by 1/4" and are riveted together to provide a continuous seam. Rivets are spaced every 3" in a 3 x 20 meter perimeter around the antenna mast and EUT area. Rivets in the remaining area are spaced as necessary to properly secure the ground plane and maintain the electrical continuity.

The entire ground plane extends 12' beyond the turntable edge and 16' beyond the antenna mast when set to a 10 meter measurement distance. The ground plane is grounded via 4 - 8' copper ground rods, each installed at a corner of the ground plane and bound to the ground plane using 3/4" stainless steel braided cable.

The turntable is an all aluminum 10' flush mounted table installed in an all aluminum frame. The table is remotely operated from inside the control room located 40' from the range. The turntable is electrically bonded to the surrounding ground plane via steel fingers installed on the edge of the turn table. The steel fingers make constant contact with the ground plane during operation.

Adjacent to the turntable is a 7' x 7' square and 4' deep concrete pit used for support equipment if necessary. The pit is equipped with 5 - 4" PVC chases from the pit to the control room that allow for cabling to the EUT if necessary. The underside of the turntable can be accessed from the pit so cables can be supplied to the EUT from the pit. The pit is covered with 2 sheets of 1/4" diamond style re-enforced steel sheets. The sheets are painted to match the perforated steel ground plane; however the underside edges have been masked off to maintain the electrical continuity of the ground plane. All reflecting objects are located outside of the ellipse defined in ANSI C63.4.

A diagram of the Open Area Test Site is shown in Figure 2.3-2 below:

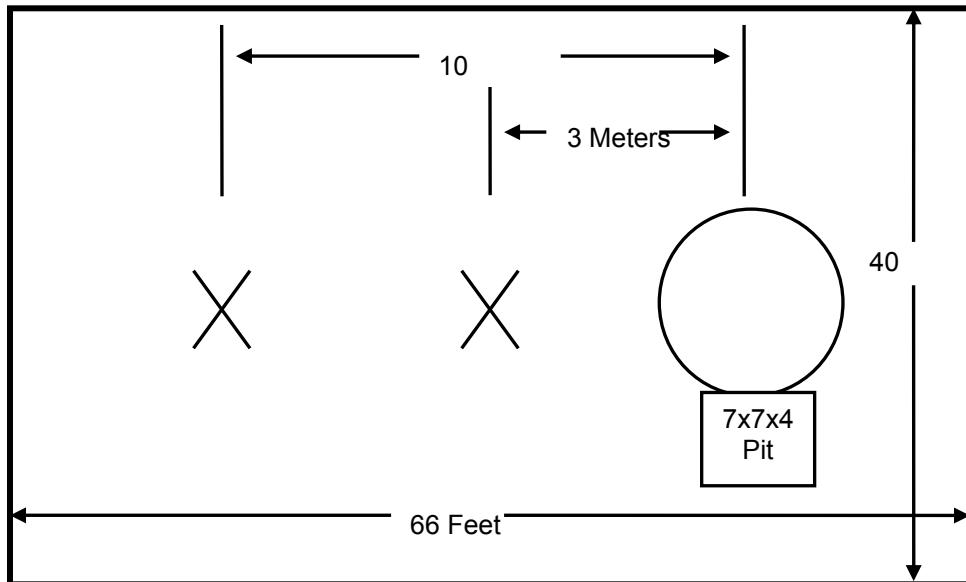


Figure 2.3-2: Open Area Test Site

2.4 Conducted Emissions Test Site Description

The AC mains conducted EMI site is located in the main EMC lab. It consists of an 8' x 8' solid aluminum horizontal group reference plane (GRP) bonded every 3" to an 8' X 8' vertical ground plane.

The site is of sufficient size to test table top and floor standing equipment in accordance with section 6.1.4 of ANSI C63.4.

A diagram of the room is shown below in figure 4.1.3-1:

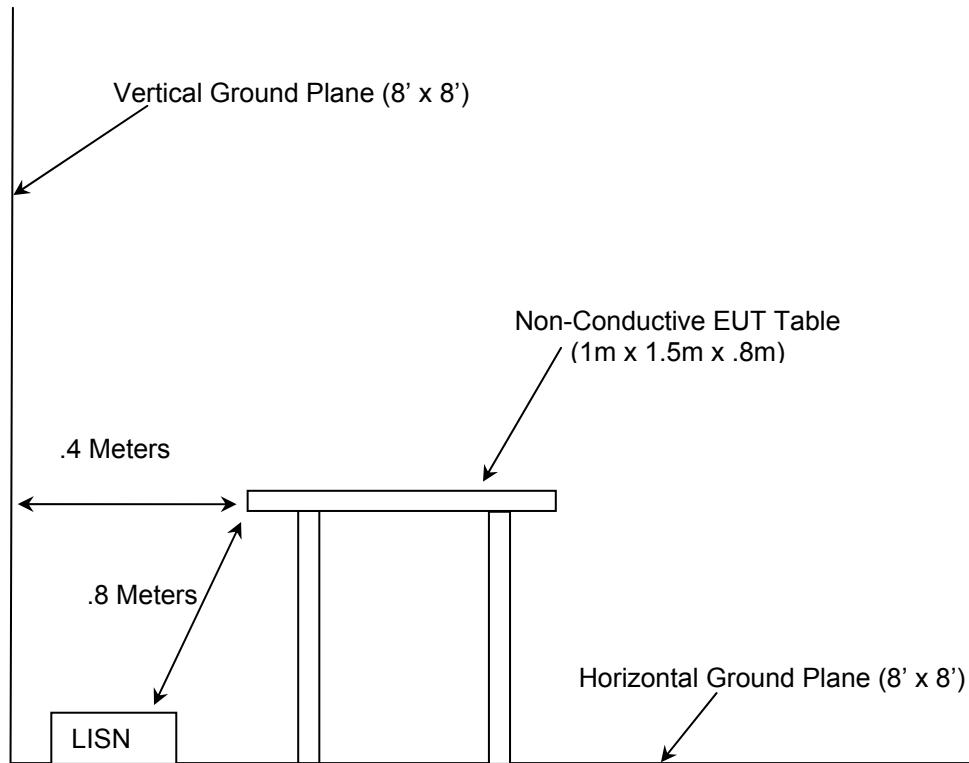


Figure 2.4-1: AC Mains Conducted EMI Site

3 APPLICABLE STANDARD REFERENCES

The following standards were used:

- ❖ ANSI C63.4-2003: Method of Measurements of Radio-Noise Emissions from Low-Voltage Electrical and Electronic Equipment in the 9KHz to 40GHz
- ❖ US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Title 47, Part 2, Subpart J: Equipment Authorization Procedures, 2010
- ❖ US Code of Federal Regulations (CFR): Title 47, Part 15, Subpart C: Radio Frequency Devices, Intentional Radiators, 2010
- ❖ Industry Canada Radio Standards Specification: RSS-210 - Low-power License-exempt Radiocommunication Devices (All Frequency Bands): Category I Equipment, Issue 8 June 2010
- ❖ Industry Canada Radio Standards Specification: RSS-GEN – General Requirements and Information for the Certification of Radiocommunication Equipment, Issue 3, Dec 2010.

4 LIST OF TEST EQUIPMENT

The calibration interval of test equipment is annually or the manufacturer's recommendations. Where the calibration interval deviates from the annual cycle based on the instrument manufacturer's recommendations, it shall be stated below.

Table 4-1: Test Equipment

Equipment Calibration Information					
ACS#	Mfg.	Eq. type	Model	S/N	Cal. Due
1	Rohde & Schwarz	Spectrum Analyzers	ESMI - Display	833771/007	09-21-2010 (See Note3)
2	Rohde & Schwarz	Spectrum Analyzers	ESMI-Receiver	839587/003	09-21-2010 (See Note3)
3	Rohde & Schwarz	Spectrum Analyzers	ESMI - Display	839379/011	02-02-2010 (See Note3)
4	Rohde & Schwarz	Spectrum Analyzers	ESMI - Receiver	833827/003	02-02-2010 (See Note3)
22	Agilent	Amplifiers	8449B	3008A00526	09-21-2010
25	Chase	Antennas	CBL6111	1043	09-02-2010 (See Note3)
73	Agilent	Amplifiers	8447D	2727A05624	07-15-2010
78	EMCO	Antennas	6502	9104-2608	01-20-2010 (See Note3)
152	EMCO	LISN	703125	9111-1905	03-25-2010
167	ACS	Cable Set	Chamber EMI Cable Set	167	02-06-2010 (See Note1)
168	Hewlett Packard	Attenuators	11947A	44829	02-10-2010 (See Note2)
283	Rohde & Schwarz	Spectrum Analyzers	FSP40	1000033	09-21-2010
291	Florida RF Cables	Cables	SMRE-200W-12.0-SMRE	None	11-24-2009 (See Note1)
292	Florida RF Cables	Cables	SMR-290AW-480.0-SMR	None	11-24-2009 (See Note1)
324	ACS	Cables	Belden	8214	07-15-2010 (See Note1)
329	A.H.Systems	Antennas	SAS-571	721	08-04-2010 (See Note3)
422	Florida RF	Cables	SMS-200AW-72.0-SMR	805	02-05-2010 (See Note1)

Note1: Items characterized on an annual cycle. The date shown indicates the next characterization due date.

Note2: Items verified on an annual cycle. The date shown indicates the next verification due date.

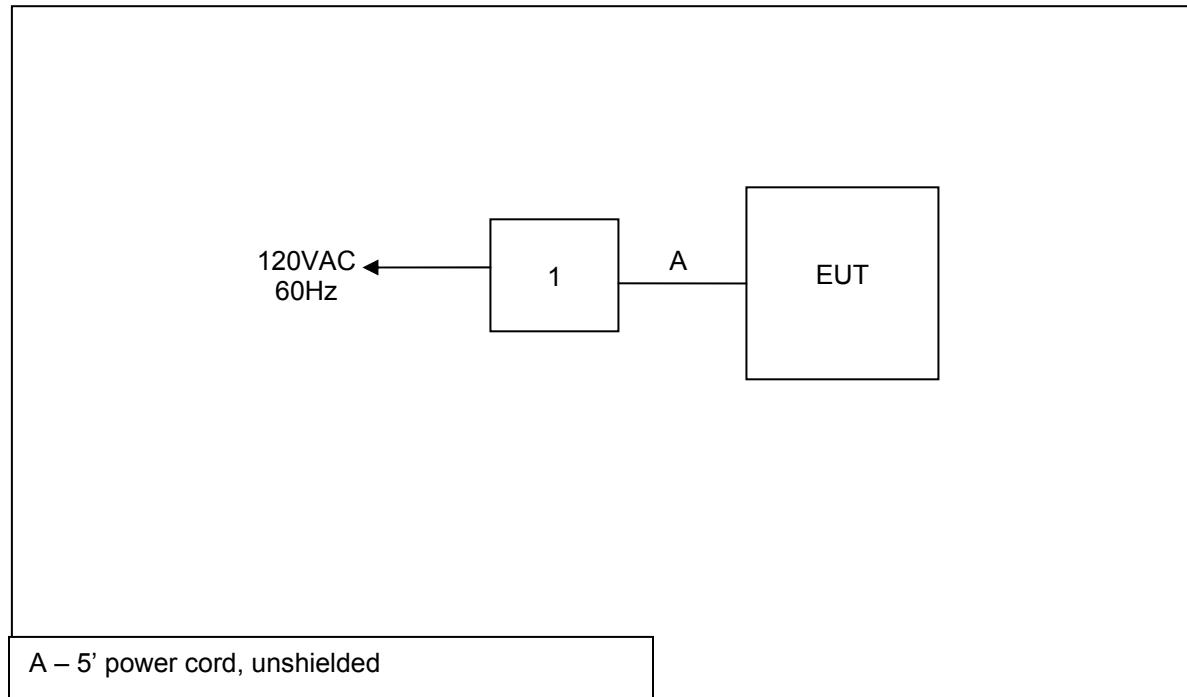
Note3: Items calibrated on a two year calibration cycle.

5 SUPPORT EQUIPMENT

Table 5-1: Support Equipment

Diagram #	Manufacturer	Equipment Type	Model Number	Serial Number
1	Wall Industries, Inc.	Power Supply	GP5U15U-1	NA

6 EQUIPMENT UNDER TEST SETUP BLOCK DIAGRAM



Note: The firmware turns OFF the 895 KHz Inductive transmitter when the external wall supply is plugged in and the batteries are charging; therefore the power supply was included in the unintentional radiated emissions and AC power line conducted emissions testing only.

7 SUMMARY OF TESTS

Along with the tabular data shown below, plots were taken of all signals deemed important enough to document.

7.1 Antenna Requirement – FCC: Section 15.203

The antenna is a permanent 22uH coil thus satisfying Part 15.203.

7.2 Power Line Conducted Emissions – FCC: Section 15.207 IC: RSS-Gen 7.2.2

7.2.1 Measurement Procedure

ANSI C63.4 sections 6 and 7 were the guiding documents for this evaluation. Conducted emissions were performed from 150kHz to 30MHz with the spectrum analyzer's resolution bandwidth set to 9kHz and the video bandwidth set to 30kHz. The calculation for the conducted emissions is as follows:

Corrected Reading = Analyzer Reading + LISN Loss + Cable Loss

Margin = Applicable Limit - Corrected Reading

7.2.2 Measurement Results

Results of the test are shown below in and Table 7.2.2-1 to 7.2.2.2.

Table 7.2.2-1: Line 1 Conducted EMI Results

Frequency (MHz)	Level (dBuV)	Transducer (dB)	Limit (dBuV)	Margin (dB)	Line	PE	Detector
0.192	29.8	9.9	64	34.2	L1	FLO	QP
0.36	14.3	10	59	44.4	L1	FLO	QP
0.492	17.7	10	56	38.4	L1	FLO	QP
0.516	24.7	10	56	31.3	L1	FLO	QP
11.064	21	9.9	60	39	L1	FLO	QP
11.55	22.3	9.8	60	37.7	L1	FLO	QP
11.598	22.4	9.8	60	37.6	L1	FLO	QP
11.682	22.3	9.8	60	37.7	L1	FLO	QP
11.874	21.8	9.8	60	38.2	L1	FLO	QP
12.33	21.8	9.9	60	38.2	L1	FLO	QP
0.252	18.4	10	52	33.3	L1	FLO	AVG
0.354	10.8	10	49	38.1	L1	FLO	AVG
0.492	14.8	10	46	31.4	L1	FLO	AVG
0.546	12.7	10	46	33.3	L1	FLO	AVG
11.064	18.4	9.9	50	31.6	L1	FLO	AVG
11.472	19.8	9.8	50	30.2	L1	FLO	AVG
11.694	19.6	9.8	50	30.4	L1	FLO	AVG
11.868	19.3	9.8	50	30.8	L1	FLO	AVG
11.946	19.2	9.8	50	30.8	L1	FLO	AVG
12.246	19.5	9.9	50	30.5	L1	FLO	AVG

Table 7.2.2-2: Line 2 Conducted EMI Results

Frequency (MHz)	Level (dBuV)	Transducer (dB)	Limit (dBuV)	Margin (dB)	Line	PE	Detector
0.15	34.6	9.9	66	31.4	L2	FLO	QP
0.486	20.1	10	56	36.1	L2	FLO	QP
0.516	28.2	10	56	27.8	L2	FLO	QP
1.206	10.5	10	56	45.5	L2	FLO	QP
1.344	10.1	10	56	45.9	L2	FLO	QP
2.46	11.3	10	56	44.7	L2	FLO	QP
4.008	17.3	9.9	56	38.7	L2	FLO	QP
4.098	18.6	9.9	56	37.4	L2	FLO	QP
4.44	16.1	10	56	39.9	L2	FLO	QP
4.65	18.2	10	56	37.8	L2	FLO	QP
0.192	25.6	9.9	54	28.3	L2	FLO	AVG
0.48	17.2	10	46	29.1	L2	FLO	AVG
0.528	26.1	10	46	19.9	L2	FLO	AVG
1.17	7.7	10	46	38.3	L2	FLO	AVG
1.386	7.2	10	46	38.8	L2	FLO	AVG
2.544	7.5	10	46	38.5	L2	FLO	AVG
4.068	15.1	9.9	46	30.9	L2	FLO	AVG
4.14	15.6	9.9	46	30.4	L2	FLO	AVG
4.404	11.6	10	46	34.4	L2	FLO	AVG
4.722	13.9	10	46	32.1	L2	FLO	AVG

7.3 Radiated Emissions – FCC CFR 47 Part 15.209 / RSS-210 Section 2.6

7.3.1 Measurement Procedure

Section 15.33(a)(4) specifies, if the intentional radiator contains a digital device, regardless of whether this digital device controls the functions of the intentional radiator or the digital device is used for additional control or function purposes other than to enable the operation of the intentional radiator, the frequency range shall be investigated up to frequency specified in 15.33(b)(1) for unintentional radiators. The upper frequency range for the digital device is 1000MHz which greater than the 10th harmonic of the fundamental frequency. The upper frequency range measured was 1000MHz.

Measurements below 30MHz were performed in a semi-anechoic chamber with a 3 meter separation distance between the EUT and measurement antenna. The EUT was rotated 360° and the loop antenna rotated about the vertical axis to maximize each emission. The magnetic loop receiving antenna was positioned with its center 1 meter above the ground.

The spectrum analyzer's resolution and video bandwidth was set to 100 Hz and 300 Hz respectively for frequencies below 150 kHz and 9 kHz and 30 kHz respectively for frequencies above 150 kHz and below 30 MHz. For measurements in the frequency bands 9-90 kHz and 110-490 kHz, an average detector was used. When average measurements are specified, the peak emissions were also compared to a limit corresponding to 20 dB above the maximum permitted average limit according to Part 15.35. All other emissions were measured using a Quasi-peak detector. The final measurements were then corrected by antenna correction factors and cable loss for comparison to the limits.

Measurements above 30 MHz were performed in a semi-anechoic chamber with a 3 meter separation distance between the EUT and measurement antenna. The EUT was rotated through 360° and the receive antenna height was varied from 1m to 4m so that the maximum radiated emissions level would be detected. For frequencies below 1000 MHz, quasi-peak measurements were made using a resolution bandwidth (RBW) of 120 kHz and a video bandwidth (VBW) of 300 kHz.

7.3.2 Distance Correction for Measurements Below 30 MHz – Part 15.31

Radiated measurements were performed at a distance closer than 30m as required, according to Part 15.209. Therefore a correction factor was applied to account for propagation loss at the specified distance. The propagation loss was determined by using the square of an inverse linear distance extrapolation factor (40dB/decade) according to 15.31. A sample calculation of the distance correction factor is shown below for limits expressed at a 30m measurement distance.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Distance correction factor (30m Specified Test Distance)} &= 40 * \text{Log}(\text{Test Distance}/30) \\ &= 40 * \text{Log}(3/30) \\ &= -40 \text{ dB}\end{aligned}$$

7.3.3 Measurement Results

Results of the test are given in Table 7.3.3-1:

Table 7.3.3-1: Radiated Emissions Tabulated Data

Frequency (MHz)	Level (dBuV)		Antenna Polarity (H/V)	Correction Factors (dB)	Corrected Level (dBuV/m)		Limit (dBuV/m)		Margin (dB)	
	pk	Qpk/Avg			pk	Qpk/Avg	pk	Qpk/Avg	pk	Qpk/Avg
0.895	-----	64.46	H	-15.12	-----	49.34	-----	68.6	-----	19.3
1.79	-----	52.81	H	-15.10	-----	37.71	-----	69.5	-----	31.8
2.685	-----	37.33	H	-15.10	-----	22.23	-----	69.5	-----	47.3
3.58	-----	23.92	H	-15.04	-----	8.88	-----	69.5	-----	60.6
4.475	-----	20.19	H	-14.91	-----	5.29	-----	69.5	-----	64.2

* Note: All emissions from the intentional radiator above 4.48 MHz kHz were attenuated below the permissible limit.

7.3.4 Sample Calculation

Example Calculation – Limit < 30MHz

Measurement Distance 30m @ 895kHz

$$\text{Limit (dBuV/m)} = 20 * \text{Log}(24000/F(\text{kHz})) - \text{Distance Correction Factor (Section 7.3.2)}$$

$$\text{Limit (dBuV/m)} = 20 * \text{Log}(24000/895) + 40$$

$$\text{Limit (dBuV/m)} = 68.6$$

Example Calculation - 895kHz Fundamental (See Table 7.3.3-1)

$$R_C = R_U + CF_T$$

Where:

CF_T = Total Correction Factor (AF+CA+AG)

R_U = Uncorrected Reading

R_C = Corrected Level

AF = Antenna Factor

CA = Cable Attenuation

AG = Amplifier Gain

$$\text{Corrected Level: } 64.46 - 15.12 = 49.34 \text{ dBuV}$$

$$\text{Margin: } 68.6 \text{ dBuV} - 49.34 \text{ dBuV} = 19.3 \text{ dB}$$

7.4 20dB / 99% Bandwidth – FCC: Section 15.215(c) / IC: RSS-210 Section 4.6.1

7.4.1 Measurement Procedure

The spectrum analyzer span was set to approximately 2 times the estimated bandwidth of the emission. The RBW was to $\geq 1\%$ of the estimated emission bandwidth. The trace was set to max hold with a peak detector active. The Delta function of the analyzer was utilized to determine the 20 dB bandwidth of the emission.

The 99% occupied bandwidth was measured with the spectrum analyzer span set to fully display the emission and approximately 20dB below the peak level. The RBW was to $\sim 1\%$ to 3% of the approximate emission width. The trace was set to max hold with a peak detector active. The occupied bandwidth measurement function of the analyzer was used for the 99% bandwidth.

7.4.2 Measurement Results

Results are shown below in table 7.4.2-1 and figure 7.4.2-1 to 7.4.2-2:

Table 7.4.2-1: 20dB / 99% Bandwidth

Frequency [kHz]	20dB Bandwidth [kHz]	99% Bandwidth [kHz]
895	23.3	29.2

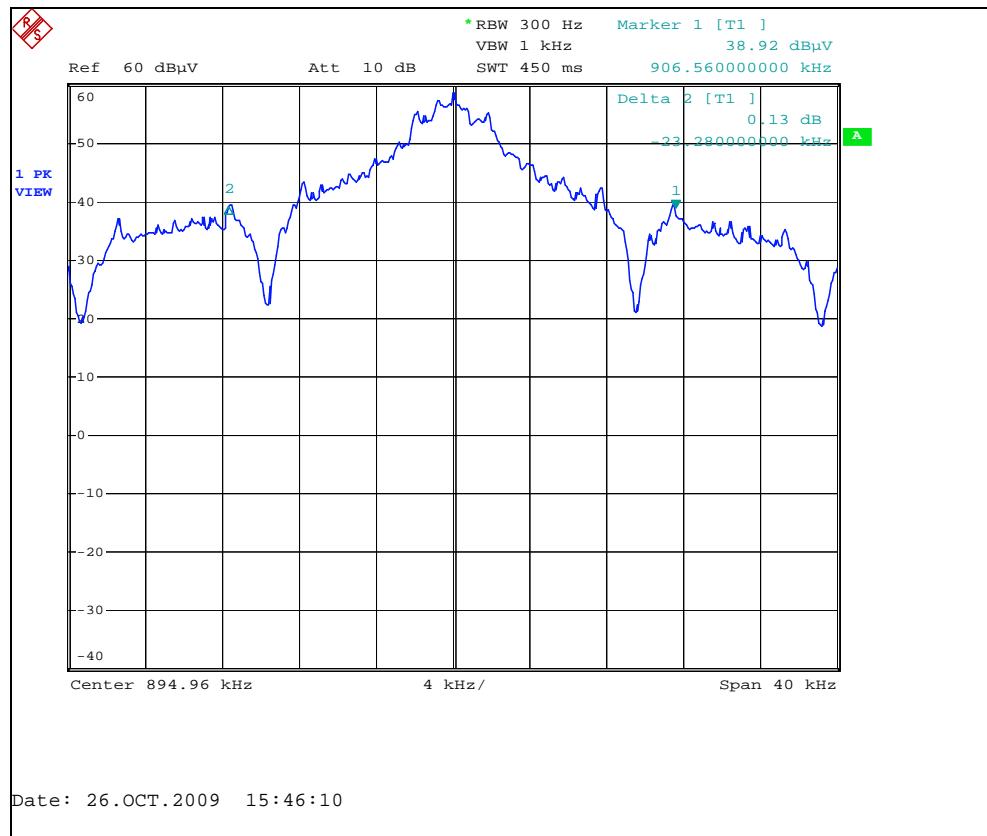


Figure 7.4.2-1: 20dB Bandwidth Plot

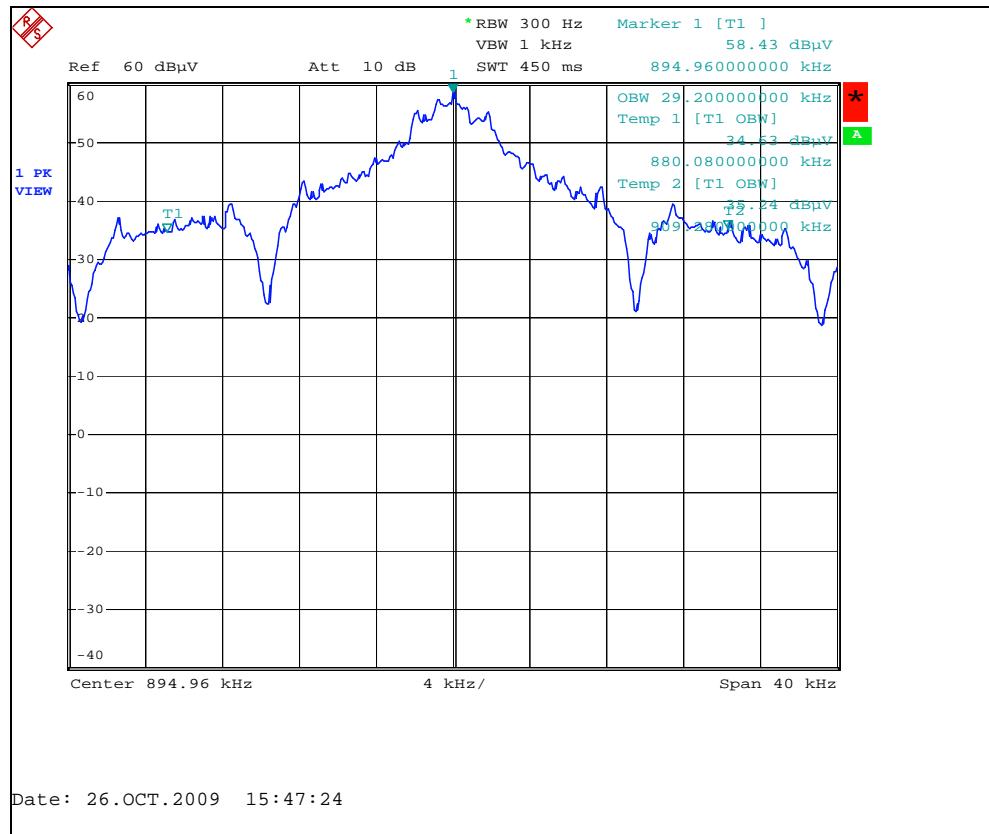


Figure 7.4.2-2: 99% Bandwidth Plot

7.5 Radiated Emissions – FCC: Section 15.109(Unintentional Radiation) IC: RSS-210 2.6

7.5.1 Measurement Procedure

Radiated emissions tests were performed over the frequency range of 30MHz to 1GHz. Measurements of the radiated field strength were made at a distance of 3 m from the boundary of the equipment under test (EUT) and the receiving antenna. The antenna height was varied from 1m to 4m so that the maximum radiated emissions level would be detected. Radiated measurements above 30MHz and below 1GHz were made with the Spectrum Analyzer's resolution bandwidth set to 120 KHz using a Quasi-peak detector.

7.5.2 Measurement Results

Results of the test are given in Table 7.5.2-1:

Table 7.5.2-1: Radiated Emissions Tabulated Data

Frequency (MHz)	Level (dBuV)		Antenna Polarity (H/V)	Correction Factors (dB)	Corrected Level (dBuV/m)		Limit (dBuV/m)		Margin (dB)	
	pk	Qpk/Avg			pk	Qpk/Avg	pk	Qpk/Avg	pk	Qpk/Avg
49.89	-----	39.46	V	-17.16	-----	22.30	-----	40.0	-----	17.70
126.4	-----	30.01	V	-12.17	-----	17.84	-----	43.5	-----	25.66
131.36	-----	43.60	V	-12.21	-----	31.39	-----	43.5	-----	12.11
384.02	-----	39.45	H	-7.66	-----	31.79	-----	46.0	-----	14.21
400	-----	37.22	H	-6.80	-----	30.42	-----	46.0	-----	15.58
416.9	-----	37.98	H	-6.88	-----	31.10	-----	46.0	-----	14.90

* Note: All emissions above 416.9 MHz were attenuated below the permissible limit.

8 CONCLUSION

In the opinion of ACS, Inc., the CL100, manufactured by Sensus Metering Systems meets the requirements of FCC Part 15 subpart C and Industry Canada's Radio Standards Specification RSS-210.

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