

# NORTHWEST EMC

**Impinj, Inc.**  
**xSpan RFID reader system**  
**FCC 2.1091:2016**  
**902 – 928 MHz Transceiver**  
**Bluetooth Low Energy Module**

**Report # IMPI0002**



NVLAP Lab Code: 200629-0

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# CERTIFICATE OF EVALUATION

Last Date of Evaluation: August 22, 2016  
Impinj, Inc.  
Model: xSpan RFID reader system

## Radio Equipment Evaluation

### Standards

Specification	Method
FCC 2.1091:2016	FCC KDB 447498 D01 General RF Exposure v06

### Results

Method Clause	Test Description	Applied	Results	Comments
7.2	Maximum Permissible Exposure	Yes	Pass	A 23 cm minimum separation distance must be maintained between the antenna(s) and the user. A statement to that effect (or greater distance) must be contained in the user documentation

### Deviations From Test Standards

None

### Approved By:



Rod Munro, Operations Manager

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# REVISION HISTORY

Revision Number	Description	Date	Page Number
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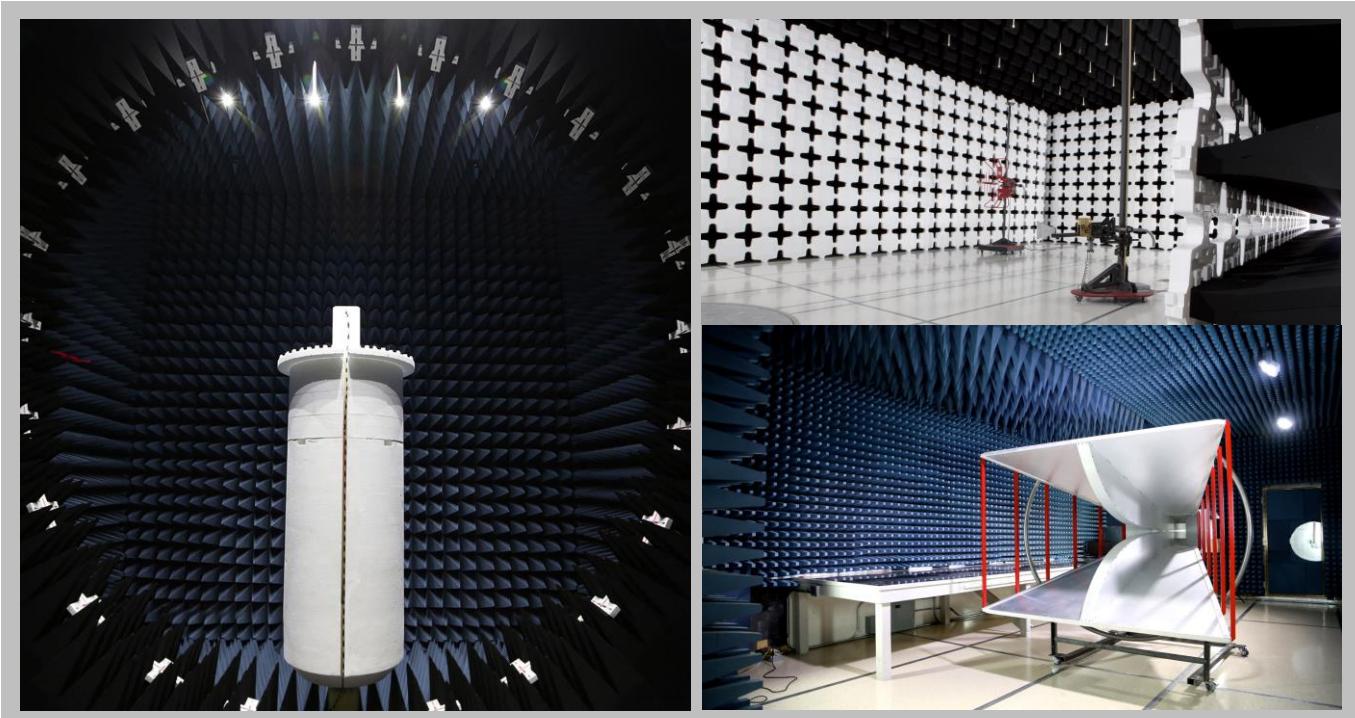
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# PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

## Client and Equipment Information

<b>Company Name:</b>	Impinj, Inc.
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<b>City, State, Zip:</b>	Seattle, WA 98109
<b>Test Requested By:</b>	John Moran
<b>Model:</b>	xSpan RFID reader system
<b>First Date of Test:</b>	July 06, 2016

## Information Provided by the Party Requesting the Evaluation

### **Functional Description of the Equipment:**

UHF RFID reader gateway system with phased array antenna and Bluetooth radio.

The RFID radio controls maximum allowed transmit power per beam by using a formula of TX power = 36 - antenna gain. The antenna gain per beam is stored in non-volatile memory and is programmed at time of manufacture and is not user accessible.

The system contains a console port which is for installation/engineering use only and USB which is not intended for customer use.

### **Evaluation Objective:**

To demonstrate compliance with the FCC RF exposure requirements for the RFID and Bluetooth radios that can transmit simultaneously.

# MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)

## OVERVIEW

Human exposure to RF emissions from mobile devices (47 CFR §2.1091) may be evaluated based on the MPE limits adopted by the FCC for electric and magnetic field strength and/or power density, as appropriate, since exposures are assumed to occur at distances of 20 cm or more from persons. ANSI C95.1:2005 + Amd 1:2010 specifies a minimum separation distance of 20 cm for performing reliable field measurements to determine adherence to MPE limits. If the minimum separation distance between a transmitter and nearby persons is more than 20 cm under normal operating conditions, compliance with MPE limits may be determined at such distance from the transmitter. When applicable, operation instructions and prominent warning labels may be used to alert the exposed persons to maintain a specified distance from the transmitter or to limit their exposure durations and usage conditions to ensure compliance. If the use of warning labels on a transmitter is not effective or desirable, the alternative of performing SAR evaluation with the device at its closest range to persons under normal operating conditions may be used. The field strength and power density limits adopted by the FCC are based on whole-body averaged exposure and the assumption of RF field levels relate most accurately to estimating whole-body averaged SAR. This means some local values of exposures exceeding the stated field strength and power density limits may not necessarily imply non-compliance if the spatial average of spatially averaged RF fields over the exposed portions of a person's body does not exceed the limits.

## COMPLIANCE WITH 2.1091

*“Mobile devices that operate in the Cellular Radiotelephone Service, the Personal Communications Services, the Satellite Communications Services, the General Wireless Communications Service, the Wireless Communications Service, the Maritime Services and the Specialized Mobile Radio Service authorized under subpart H of part 22 of this chapter, parts 24, 25, 26 and 27 of this chapter, part 80 of this chapter (ship earth stations devices only) and part 90 of this chapter are subject to routine environmental evaluation for RF exposure prior to equipment authorization or use if they operate at frequencies of 1.5 GHz or below and their effective radiated power (ERP) is 1.5 watts or more, or if they operate at frequencies above 1.5 GHz and their ERP is 3 watts or more. Unlicensed personal communications service devices, unlicensed millimeter wave devices and unlicensed NII devices authorized under §§15.253, 15.255, and 15.257, and subparts D and E of part 15 of this chapter are also subject to routine environmental evaluation for RF exposure prior to equipment authorization or use if their ERP is 3 watts or more or if they meet the definition of a portable device as specified in §2.1093(b) requiring evaluation under the provisions of that section. All other mobile and unlicensed transmitting devices are categorically excluded from routine environmental evaluation for RF exposure prior to equipment authorization or use, except as specified in §§1.1307(c) and 1.1307(d) of this chapter. Applications for equipment authorization of mobile and unlicensed transmitting devices subject to routine environmental evaluation must contain a statement confirming compliance with the limits specified in paragraph (d) of this section as part of their application.”*

**The EUT will only be used with a separation distance of 20 centimeters or greater between the antenna and the body of the user or nearby persons and can therefore be considered a mobile transmitter per 47 CFR 2.1091(b). Per 47 CFR 1.1310, the EUT meets the General Population / Uncontrolled exposure limits listed in Table 1.**

## COMPLIANCE WITH FCC KDB 447498 D01 General RF Exposure Guidance v06

"KDB 447498 D01 General RF Exposure Guidance v06" provides the procedures, requirements, and authorization policies for mobile and portable devices. Section 7.2 best fits the exposure condition described in this report. Since these mobile devices are categorically excluded from routine evaluation; simple calculations may be used to estimate the power density to demonstrate compliance with 47 CFR 1.1310 requirements. The attached estimate shows MPE limits are met for standalone transmission at a boundary distance shown in the table below.

# MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)

## FCC LIMITS FOR MPE

Limits for General Population /Uncontrolled Exposure: 47 CFR 1.1310

Frequency Range (MHz)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)	Power Density (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Averaging Time (minutes)
0.3 - 1.34	614	1.63	*(100)	30
1.34 - 30	824/f	2.19/f	*(180/f <sup>2</sup> )	30
30 - 300	27.5	0.073	0.2	30
300 - 1500			f/1500	30
1500 - 100000			1	30

f = frequency in MHz

\* = Plane-wave equivalent power density

## METHOD OF EVALUATION

The exposure level for the radio is evaluated at a 20 cm distance from the radio's transmitting antenna using the general equation:

$$S = \frac{P * G}{4 * \pi * R^2}$$

Where: S = power density (mW/cm<sup>2</sup>)

P = power input to the antenna (mW)

G = numeric power gain relative to an isotropic radiator

R = distance to the center of the radiation of the antenna (20 cm = limit for MPE estimates)

P\*G = EIRP

Solving for S, the maximum power density 20 cm from the transmitting antenna is determined. This level is then compared to the applicable limit for the transmit frequency. If limits were not met at the 20 cm boundary the evaluation distance is increased until the limit is met as shown in the table below.

The level is then compared to the applicable limit for the transmit frequency. This is called the "MPE Ratio". The MPE ratios for each co-located radio are summed. If the sum is less than or equal to one, then the device is excluded from testing and is deemed compliant.

# MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)

The standalone MPE and summed MPE ratios are summarized in the following table:

Radio	Transmit Frequency (MHz)	Measured Conducted Output Power (dBm)	Duty Cycle	Highest Antenna Gain (dBi)	Minimum Antenna Cable Loss (dB)	Minimum Separation Distance (cm)	Power Density (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Limit (mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	Ratio
RFID	902.75	28.45	1	7.5	0	23	0.592	0.6	0.9837
Max Ratio									0.9837

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BT	2442	1.511	1	0.5	0	23	0.00026	1.0	0.00026
Max Ratio									0.00025

Sum of Maximum Ratios	Limit	Compliant
0.9840	1	Yes