

8. RF EXPOSURE

8.1. RULES AND LIMITS

FCC RULES

§1.1310 The criteria listed in Table 1 shall be used to evaluate the environmental impact of human exposure to radio-frequency (RF) radiation as specified in §1.1307(b), except in the case of portable devices which shall be evaluated according to the provisions of §2.1093 of this chapter.

TABLE 1—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) |
|---|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (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 |

TABLE 1—LIMITS FOR MAXIMUM PERMISSIBLE EXPOSURE (MPE)—Continued

| Frequency range (MHz) | Electric field strength (V/m) | Magnetic field strength (A/m) | Power density (mW/cm ²) | Averaging time (minutes) |
|-----------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 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 TO TABLE 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 TO TABLE 1: 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.

IC RULES

IC Safety Code 6, Section 2.2.1 (a) A person other than an RF and microwave exposed worker shall not be exposed to electromagnetic radiation in a frequency band listed in Column 1 of Table 5, if the field strength exceeds the value given in Column 2 or 3 of Table 5, when averaged spatially and over time, or if the power density exceeds the value given in Column 4 of Table 5, when averaged spatially and over time.

Table 5

Exposure Limits for Persons Not Classed As RF and Microwave Exposed Workers (Including the General Public)

| 1 Frequency (MHz) | 2 Electric Field Strength; rms (V/m) | 3 Magnetic Field Strength; rms (A/m) | 4 Power Density (W/m ²) | 5 Averaging Time (min) |
|-------------------------|---|---|--|----------------------------------|
| 0.003–1 | 280 | 2.19 | | 6 |
| 1–10 | 280/ <i>f</i> | 2.19/ <i>f</i> | | 6 |
| 10–30 | 28 | 2.19/ <i>f</i> | | 6 |
| 30–300 | 28 | 0.073 | 2* | 6 |
| 300–1 500 | 1.585 <i>f</i> ^{0.5} | 0.0042 <i>f</i> ^{0.5} | <i>f</i> /150 | 6 |
| 1 500–15 000 | 61.4 | 0.163 | 10 | 6 |
| 15 000–150 000 | 61.4 | 0.163 | 10 | 616 000/ <i>f</i> ^{1.2} |
| 150 000–300 000 | 0.158 <i>f</i> ^{0.5} | 4.21 × 10 ⁻⁴ <i>f</i> ^{0.5} | 6.67 × 10 ⁻⁵ <i>f</i> | 616 000/ <i>f</i> ^{1.2} |

* Power density limit is applicable at frequencies greater than 100 MHz.

Notes: 1. Frequency, *f*, is in MHz.
2. A power density of 10 W/m² is equivalent to 1 mW/cm².
3. A magnetic field strength of 1 A/m corresponds to 1.257 microtesla (μT) or 12.57 milligauss (mG).

8.2. OPERATING MODES

The setup phase (LRP) and normal operation (MRP/HRP) do not occur simultaneously; therefore it is appropriate to consider the RF exposure during these two operating modes independently.

8.3. SETUP PHASE (LRP) EVALUATION

8.3.1. SETUP PHASE (LRP) PROCEDURE

The maximum power of the Setup Phase (LRP) emission is measured on-axis at a 5 cm distance using a small aperture rectangular waveguide probe antenna as specified in IEEE C95.3.

The RF Exposure calculations for LRP assume that the off-axis power density in all possible beam orientations is equal to the maximum on-axis power density, and the separation distance is the height of the lowest antenna element.

The probe antenna is connected to a spectrum analyzer via a downconverter. The spectrum analyzer is set to measure channel power using peak detection with the Max Hold mode activated, to capture the maximum peak emission level as the LRP beam is scanned over the normal range of beam orientations. The source-based duty cycle is applied to this peak measurement to yield the maximum average emission level.

The power density is calculated using the Friis equation and OET 65 Equation 18:

(Friis equation)

$$(P_T G_T)_{eff} = \frac{P_R}{G_R} \left(\frac{4\pi D}{\lambda} \right)^2$$

where

$(P_T G_T)_{eff}$ = effective radiated power at measurement distance

P_R = Power Received

G_R = Gain of small aperture Receive probe antenna

D = Measurement distance

λ = wavelength

(OET 65 Equation 18)

$$S = (P_T G_T)_{eff} / (4\pi D)^2$$

where:

S = Power Density

$(P_T G_T)_{eff}$ = effective radiated power at measurement distance

D = Separation Distance

8.3.2. SETUP PHASE (LRP) RESULTS

Duty Cycle = $100 * (0.137 \text{ us} / 20.7 \text{ us}) = 0.66\%$

Duty Cycle Factor = $10 * \text{Log} (0.137 \text{ us} / 20.7 \text{ us}) = -21.8 \text{ dB}$

LRP POWER DENSITY

| Freq (GHz) | Meas Dist (cm) | Meas Peak Power (dBm) | Duty Cycle Factor (dB) | Probe Gain (dBi) | Average (Pt*Gt) (dBm) | Average (Pt*Gt) (mw) | Separation Distance (cm) | Power Density (mW/cm^2) (W/m^2) | FCC / IC Pwr Density Limit (mW/cm^2) (W/m^2) |
|---------------|----------------------|--------------------------------|---------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------------------|--|--|
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Worst-case LRP Channel for Laptop Configuration #1

| | | | | | | | | | |
|--------|-----|-------|--------|------|-----|-----|-----|--------|------|
| 60.480 | 5.0 | -6.41 | -21.80 | 6.53 | 7.3 | 5.4 | 3.9 | 0.0282 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0.282 | 10.0 |

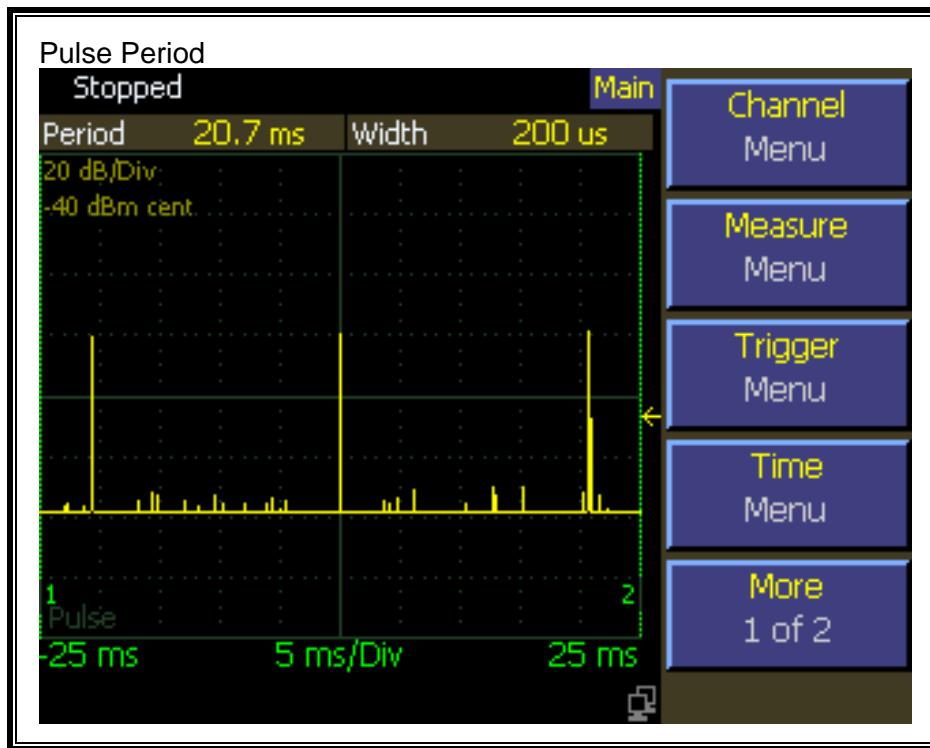
Worst-case LRP Channel for Laptop Configuration #2

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|--------|-----|-------|--------|------|-----|-----|-----|--------|------|
| 60.480 | 5.0 | -5.20 | -21.80 | 6.53 | 8.5 | 7.1 | 4.5 | 0.0280 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0.280 | 10.0 |

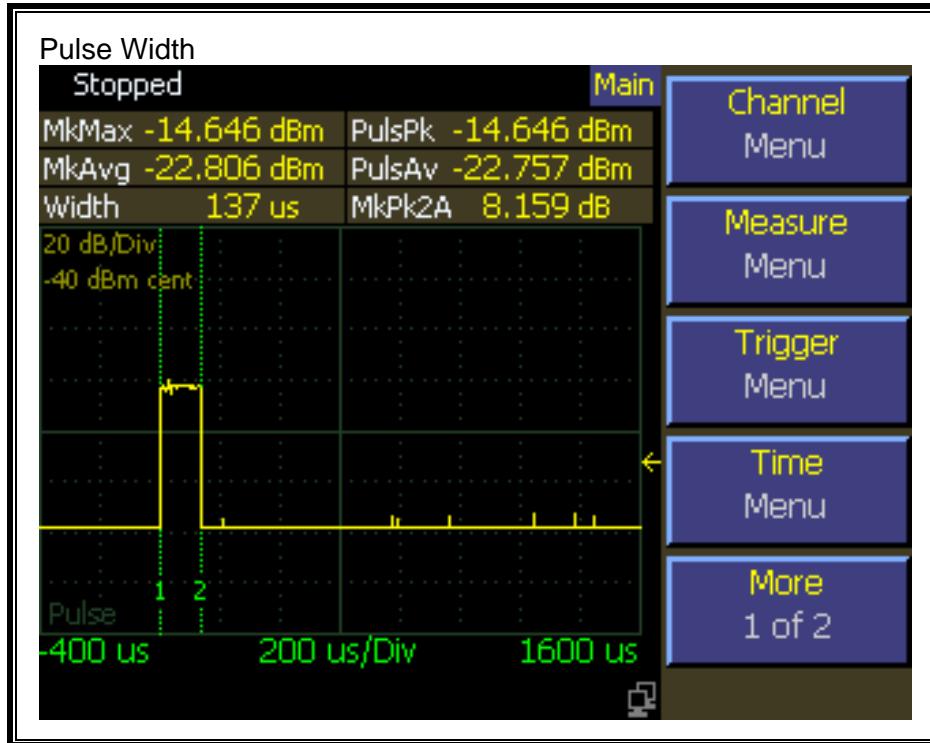
Worst-case LRP Channel for Laptop Configuration #3

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|--------|-----|-------|--------|------|-----|-----|-----|--------|------|
| 60.639 | 5.0 | -8.21 | -21.80 | 6.53 | 5.5 | 3.6 | 4.9 | 0.0119 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | | 0.119 | 10.0 |

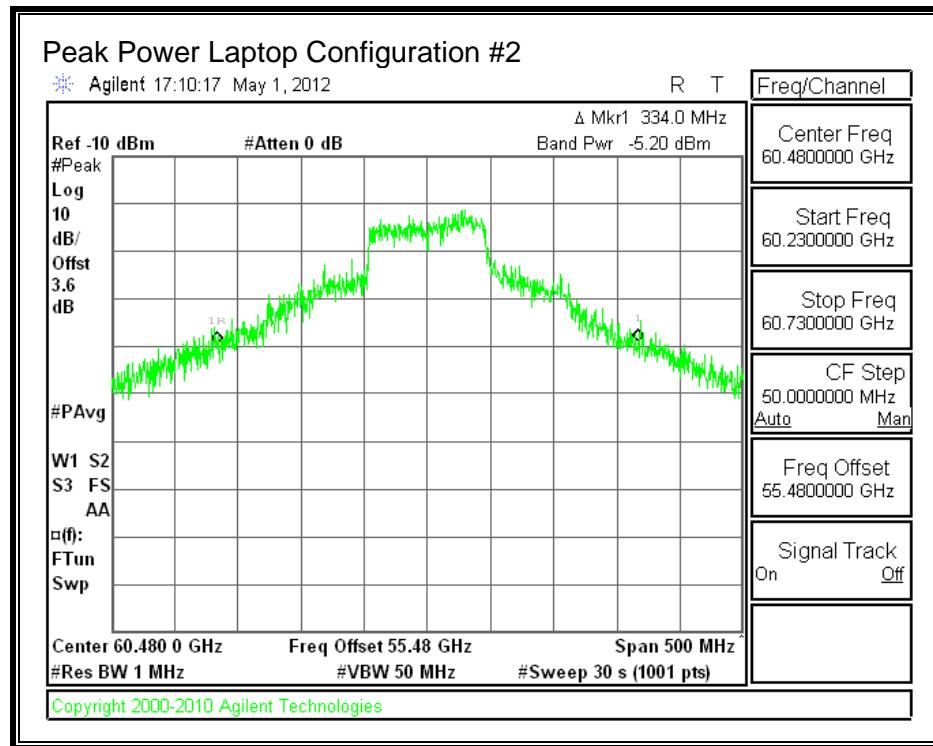
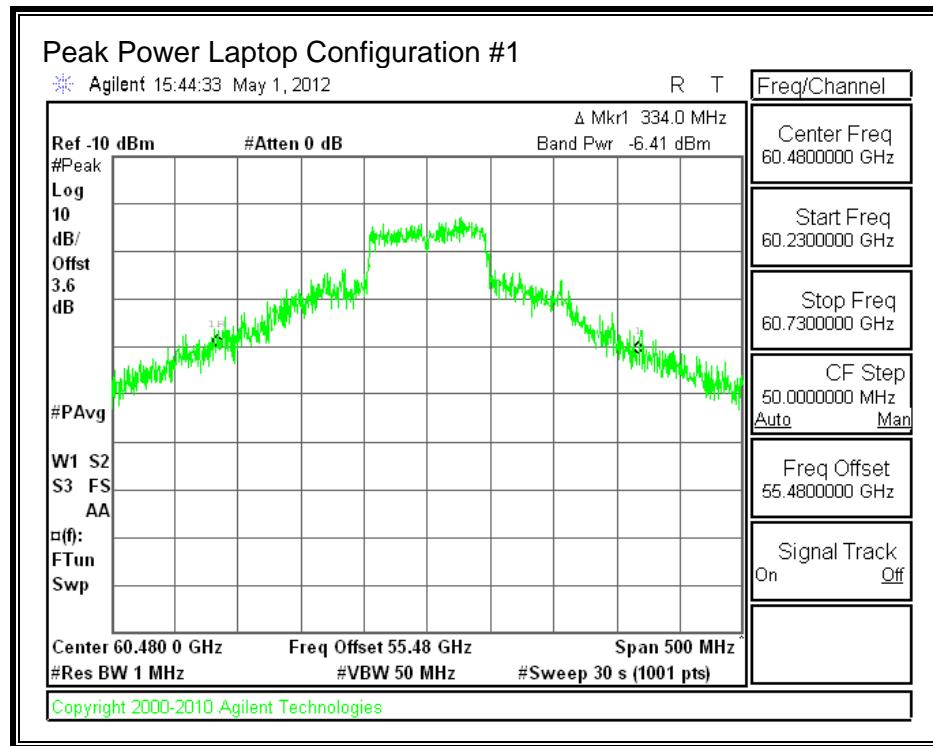
8.3.3. SETUP PHASE (LRP) DUTY CYCLE

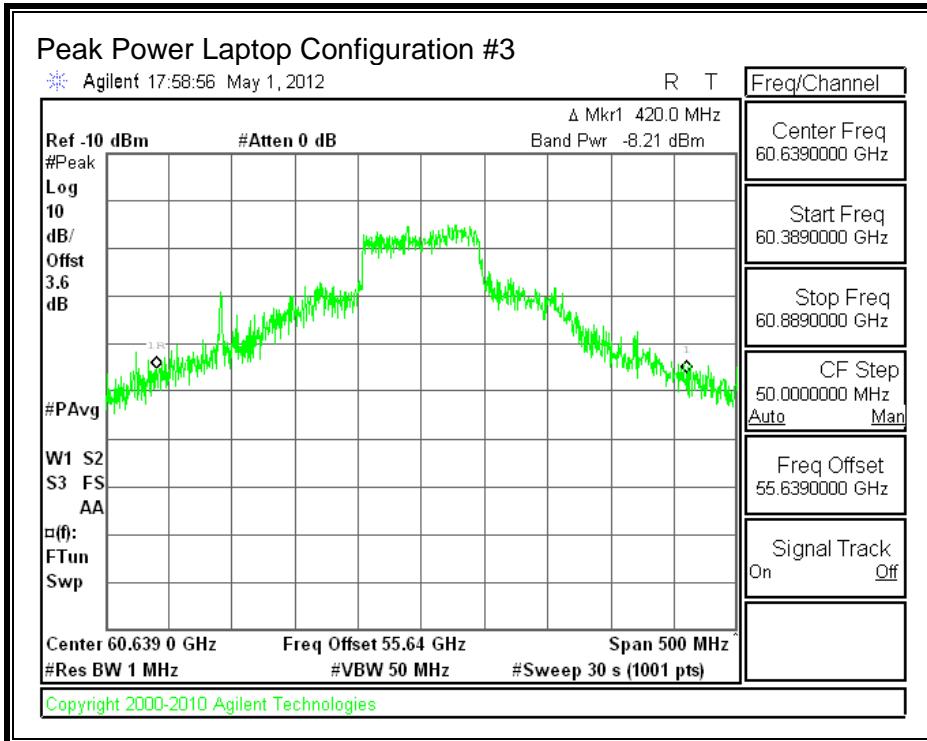


Note: Pulse width measurement has limited resolution in 5 ms/Div scan.



8.3.4. PEAK ON-AXIS LRP POWER





8.4. NORMAL OPERATION (MRP/HRP) EVALUATION

8.4.1. NORMAL OPERATION (MRP/HRP) PROCEDURE

The worst-case average power of the Normal Operation Phase (MRPHRP) emission is measured directly using a small aperture rectangular waveguide probe antenna as specified in IEEE C95.3.

The probe antenna is connected to an average power sensor. Since the transmitting antenna beam is locked during the measurement and the sensor responds across ON and OFF times of the EUT, the inherent source-based duty cycle is included in the measurement and no duty cycle factor is applied to subsequent calculations.

The measurement is made with the EUT TX beam angle oriented in the worst-case direction, with the measurement probe bore-sighted to this beam, and with the aperture of the probe in the plane of the base of the host laptop. The measurement distance is equal to the separation distance corresponding to the location of this worst-case power density.

The power density is calculated using the Friis equation and OET 65 Equation 18:

(Friis equation)

$$(P_T G_T)_{eff} = \frac{P_R}{G_R} \left(\frac{4\pi D}{\lambda} \right)^2$$

where

$(P_T G_T)_{eff}$ = effective radiated power at measurement distance

P_R = Power Received

G_R = Gain of small aperture Receive probe antenna

D = Measurement distance

λ = wavelength

(OET 65 Equation 18)

$$S = (P_T G_T)_{eff} / (4\pi D)^2$$

where:

S = Power Density

$(P_T G_T)_{eff}$ = effective radiated power at measurement distance

D = Separation Distance

8.4.2. NORMAL OPERATION (MRP/HRP) RESULTS

| Freq | Meas Dist | Meas Avg Power | Probe Gain | Boresight (Pt*Gt) | Boresight (Pt*Gt) | Separation Distance | Power Density | FCC Pwr Density Limit |
|-------|-----------|----------------|------------|-------------------|-------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| (GHz) | (cm) | (dBm) | (dBi) | (dBm) | (mw) | (cm) | (mW/cm^2) | (mW/cm^2) |
| | | | | | | | (W/m^2) | (W/m^2) |

| MRP for Laptop Configuration #1 | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|--------|------|------|-------|-----|--------|------|
| 60.480 | 5.5 | -13.70 | 6.53 | 22.6 | 184.0 | 5.5 | 0.4842 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | 4.8416 | 10.0 |
| 62.640 | 5.5 | -12.99 | 6.49 | 23.7 | 234.5 | 5.5 | 0.6173 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | 6.1726 | 10.0 |
| HRP for Laptop Configuration #1 | | | | | | | | |
| 60.480 | 5.5 | -14.50 | 6.53 | 21.8 | 153.0 | 5.5 | 0.4027 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | 4.0271 | 10.0 |
| 62.640 | 5.5 | -15.21 | 6.49 | 21.5 | 140.7 | 5.5 | 0.3702 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | 3.7023 | 10.0 |

| MRP for Laptop Configuration #2 | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|--------|------|------|-------|-----|--------|------|
| 60.480 | 6.4 | -14.84 | 6.53 | 22.8 | 191.6 | 6.4 | 0.3724 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | 3.7238 | 10.0 |
| 62.640 | 6.4 | -15.03 | 6.49 | 23.0 | 198.5 | 6.4 | 0.3859 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | 3.8590 | 10.0 |
| HRP for Laptop Configuration #2 | | | | | | | | |
| 60.480 | 6.4 | -15.31 | 6.53 | 22.4 | 171.9 | 6.4 | 0.3342 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | 3.3419 | 10.0 |
| 62.640 | 6.4 | -16.22 | 6.49 | 21.8 | 150.9 | 6.4 | 0.2934 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | 2.9341 | 10.0 |

| MRP for Laptop Configuration #3 | | | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|--------|------|------|-------|-----|--------|------|
| 60.480 | 6.9 | -16.79 | 6.53 | 21.5 | 142.1 | 6.9 | 0.2377 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | 2.3768 | 10.0 |
| 62.640 | 6.9 | -18.22 | 6.49 | 20.4 | 110.7 | 6.9 | 0.1851 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | 1.8513 | 10.0 |
| HRP for Laptop Configuration #3 | | | | | | | | |
| 60.480 | 6.9 | -17.95 | 6.53 | 20.4 | 108.8 | 6.9 | 0.1820 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | 1.8197 | 10.0 |
| 62.640 | 6.9 | -19.55 | 6.49 | 19.1 | 81.5 | 6.9 | 0.1363 | 1.0 |
| | | | | | | | 1.3629 | 10.0 |