

## EcoTech Marine

Model: Reeflink BR-10

Report No. ECTE0014.2 FCC 2.1091:2013 Maximum Permissible Exposure Level



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#### **Certificate of Evaluation**

Date of Evaluation: October 28, 2013 EcoTech Marine Model: Reeflink BR-10

#### **Emissions**

Description of Evaluation	Specification	Evaluation Method	Pass/Fail
Maximum Permissible Exposure	FCC 2.1091:2013	KDB 447498 D01 General RF Exposure Guidance v05r01	Pass

Approved By:

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## **REVISION HISTORY**

Revision Number	Description	Date	Page Number	
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#### **Barometric Pressure**

The recorded barometric pressure has been normalized to sea level.

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## **Product Description**

#### Client and Equipment Under Test (EUT) Information

Company Name:	EcoTech Marine
Address:	999 Postal Road
City, State, Zip:	Allentown, PA 18109
Test Requested By:	Mark Lindenmoyer
Model:	Reeflink BR-10
Date of Evaluation:	October 28, 2013

#### **Information Provided by the Party Requesting the Test**

#### **Functional Description of the EUT (Equipment Under Test):**

ReefLink is a wireless bridge that seamlessly integrates the Radion with the web-based EcoSmart Live platform to provide complete custom control of aquarium lighting. The EUT contains an 802.15.4 Zigbee DTS radio (FCC ID: VKB271829) which is co-located with an Atheros 802.11b/g Wi-Fi radio (FCC ID: PPD-AR4100).

#### Objective:

To demonstrate compliance of the radio with FCC requirements for RF exposure for 2.1091 mobile devices.

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#### **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 C95.1-1992 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 V05

The EUT contains an 802.15.4 Zigbee DTS radio (FCC ID: VKB271829) which is co-located with an Atheros 802.11b/g Wi-Fi radio (FCC ID: PPD-AR4100). These transceivers are mobile transmitters that each operate through their own antenna. They can transmit simultaneously.

"KDB 447498 D01 General RF Exposure Guidance v05r01" 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 simultaneous transmission at a 20 cm boundary.

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### **Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE)**

#### **FCC LIMITS FOR MPE**

Limits for General Population /Uncontrolled Exposure: 47 CFR 1.1310

Frequency Range	Electric Field Strength	Magnetic Field Strength	Power Density	Averaging Time
(MHz)	(V/m)	(A/m)	(mW/cm <sup>2</sup> )	(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

#### **METHOD OF EVALUATION**

The exposure level for each 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/cm2)

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 that 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.

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

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<sup>\* =</sup> Plane-wave equivalent power density



## **Maximum Permissible Exposure (MPE)**

EUT:	Reeflink BR-10			Work Order:	ECTE0014
Serial Number:	N/A			Date:	10/28/13
Customer:	EcoTech Marine	EcoTech Marine			N/A
Attendees:	None			Rel. Humidity (%):	N/A
Customer Project:	N/A			Bar. Pres. (mb):	N/A
Evaluated By:	Rod Peloquin Power: N/A			Job Site:	N/A

#### **TEST SPECIFICATIONS**

Specification:	Method:
FCC 2.1091:2013	KDB 447498 D01 General RF Exposure Guidance
	v05r01

#### **COMMENTS**

See Product Description

#### **DEVIATIONS FROM TEST STANDARD**

None

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#### **MPE Estimates for Individual Devices**

Radio	Antenna Type	Antenna Manufacturer	Transmit Frequency (MHz)	Max Peak Conducted Output Power (mW)	Duty Cycle	Duty Cycle Corrected Output Power (mW)	Antenna Gain (dBi)	Minimum Antenna Cable Loss (dB)	Power Density @ 20 cm (mW/cm²)	General Population Exposure Limit from 1.1310 (mW/cm²)	Ratio of Power Density to the Exposure Limit
Wi-Fi	PCB	Murata GJM0335C1ER5BB01D	2437	251	1	251	2.0	0	0.079	1.0	0.07914
Zigbee	Inverted F Trace	EcoTech Marine	2435	16.3	1	16.3	3.7	0	0.008	1.0	0.00764

#### **Worst Case Co-located Exposure Conditions**

Per KDB 447498 D01v05r01 Section 7.2, the Sum of Worst Case Power Ratios cannot exceed 1.0

Wi-Fi Worst Case Ratio of Power Density to the Exposure Limit	<b>Zigbee</b> Worst Case Ratio of Power Density to the Exposure Limit	Sum of Worst Case Ratios (Power Density to the Exposure Limit)	FCC Limit for Sum of Worst Case Ratios
0.07914	0.00764	0.08678	1.0

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The results shown in the above table are equivalent to the Sum of the EIRP of the Co-located Transmitters (EIRP TX1 + EIRP TX2) compared to the exposure limit. The benefit of this method is that accounts for transmitters operating at different frequencies against different exposure limits.

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