

1. RF Exposure Requirements

1.1 General Information

Client Information

Applicant: Rheem
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Manufacturer: Rheem
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General Description of EUT:

Product Name: User Interface and Connectivity Module
Trade Name: /
Model No.: AP24037
Adding Model(s): /
Rated Voltage: DC12V
Battery Capacity: /
FCC ID: 2BOER-24037
Equipment Type: Mobile device

Technical Characteristics of EUT:

Frequency Range: 902.2-927.8MHz
RF Output Power: 11.83dBm (Conducted)
Modulation: FSK
Quantity of Channels: 129
Channel Separation: 200kHz
Type of Antenna: PCB Antenna
Antenna Gain: -6.29dBi

1.2 RF Exposure Exemption

According to §1.1307(b)(3) and KDB 447498 D04 Interim General RF Exposure Guidance v01, system operating under the provisions of this section shall be operating in a manner that the public is not exposed to radio frequency energy level in excess limit for maximum permissible exposure.

Option A: FCC Rule Part 1.1307 (b)(3)(i)(A): The available maximum time-averaged power is no more than 1mW, regardless of separation distance.

Option B: FCC Rule Part 1.1307 (b)(3)(i)(B): The available maximum time-averaged power or effective radiated power (ERP), whichever is greater, is less than or equal to the threshold P_{th} (mW) described in the following formula. P_{th} is given by:

$$P_{th} \text{ (mW)} = \begin{cases} ERP_{20 \text{ cm}}(d/20 \text{ cm})^x & d \leq 20 \text{ cm} \\ ERP_{20 \text{ cm}} & 20 \text{ cm} < d \leq 40 \text{ cm} \end{cases}$$

Where

$$x = -\log_{10} \left(\frac{60}{ERP_{20 \text{ cm}} \sqrt{f}} \right) \text{ and } f \text{ is in GHz;}$$

and

$$ERP_{20 \text{ cm}} \text{ (mW)} = \begin{cases} 2040f & 0.3 \text{ GHz} \leq f < 1.5 \text{ GHz} \\ 3060 & 1.5 \text{ GHz} \leq f \leq 6 \text{ GHz} \end{cases}$$

d = the separation distance (cm);

Option C: FCC Rule Part 1.1307 (b)(3)(i)(C): The minimum separation distance (R in meters) from the body of a nearby person for the frequency (f in MHz) at which the source operates, the ERP (watts) is no more than the calculated value prescribed for that frequency. R must be at least $\lambda/2\pi$, where λ is the free-space operating wavelength in meters.

Single RF Sources Subject to Routine Environmental Evaluation	
RF Source frequency (MHz)	Threshold ERP (watts)
0.3-1.34	$1,920 R^2$
1.34-30	$3,450 R^2/f^2$
30-300	$3.83 R^2$
300-1,500	$0.0128 R^2 f$
1,500-100,000	$19.2 R^2$

For Multiple RF sources: FCC Rule Part 1.1307(b)(3)(ii):

(A) The available maximum time-averaged power of each source is no more than 1 mW and there is a separation distance of two centimeters between any portion of a radiating structure operating and the nearest portion of any other radiating structure in the same device, except if the sum of multiple sources is less than 1 mW during the time-averaging period, in which case they may be treated as a single source (separation is not required).

(B) In the case of fixed RF sources operating in the same time-averaging period, or of multiple mobile or portable RF sources within a device operating in the same time averaging period, if the sum of the fractional contributions to the applicable thresholds is less than or equal to 1 as indicated in the following equation.

$$\sum_{i=1}^a \frac{P_i}{P_{th,i}} + \sum_{j=1}^b \frac{ERP_j}{ERP_{th,j}} + \sum_{k=1}^c \frac{Evaluated_k}{Exposure\ Limit_k} \leq 1$$

1.3 Calculated Result

Radio Access Technology	Prediction Frequency (MHz)	Output Power (dBm)	Antenna Gain (dBi)	Duty Cycle (%)	Tune-Up Time-Averaged Power (dBm)	ERP (dBm)
SRD	902.2	11.83	-6.29	100	12.00	3.56
Bluetooth	2402	20.66	2.00	100	21.00	20.85
Wi-Fi 2.4G	2412	24.52	2.00	100	25.00	24.85
Wi-Fi 5G	5180	14.18	2.00	100	15.00	14.85

Frequency (MHz)	Option	Min. Distance (cm)	Max. Power (dBm) (mW)		Exposure Limit (mW)	Ratio	Result
			(dBm)	(mW)			Pass/Fail
902.2	C	20.00	3.56	2.27	461.93	0.01	Pass
2402	C	20.00	20.85	121.62	768.00	0.16	Pass
2412	C	20.00	24.85	305.49	768.00	0.40	Pass
5180	C	20.00	14.85	30.55	768.00	0.04	Pass

Note: 1. Time-Averaged Power=Output Power * Duty Cycle; ERP= Time-Averaged Power+ Antenna gain-2.15dB

2. Option A, B and C refers as clause 1.2.
3. For option B, Max (time-averaged power, effective radiated power (ERP)) converts to Max. Power. For option C, ERP converts to Max. Power;
4. For option B, P_{th} (mW) converts to Exposure Limit (mW); For option C, ERP (W) converts to Exposure Limit (mW).
5. Ratio= Tune-Up ERP (mW)/ Exposure Limit (mW)

Mode for Simultaneous Multi-band Transmission:

Radio Access Technology	Ratio 1	Ratio 2	Simultaneous Ratio	Limit	Result
					Pass/Fail

SRD + Max(Bluetooth& Wi-Fi)	0.01	0.40	0.41	1.0	Pass
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Note:

For RF Module (FCC ID: XF6-M7DB7; the issue date: 08/10/2020)

Bluetooth Maximum peak output power (dBm):20.66; Antenna Gain (dBi):2.00

Wi-Fi (2.4G) Maximum peak output power (dBm):24.52; Antenna Gain (dBi):2.00

Wi-Fi (5G) Maximum peak output power (dBm):14.18; Antenna Gain (dBi):2.00

Result: Pass