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FCC RADIO TEST REPORT

Applicant's company	**Linksys LLC**
Applicant Address	121 Theory Drive, Irvine, CA 92617, USA
FCC ID	**Q87-EA9500**

Product Name	Linksys Tri-Band Wireless-AC Router
Brand Name	LINKSYS
Model No.	EA9500
Test Rule Part(s)	47 CFR FCC Part 15 Subpart E § 15.407
Test Freq. Range	5150 ~ 5250MHz
Received Date	Aug. 05, 2015
Final Test Date	Mar. 30, 2016
Submission Type	Class II Change

Statement

Test result included is for the IEEE 802.11n and IEEE 802.11a/ac of the product.

The test result in this report refers exclusively to the presented test model / sample.

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The measurements and test results shown in this test report were made in accordance with the procedures and found in compliance with the limit given in **ANSI C63.10-2013**, **47 CFR FCC Part 15 Subpart E, KDB789033 D02 v01r01, KDB662911 D01 v02r01, KDB644545 D03 v01.**

The test equipment used to perform the test is calibrated and traceable to NML/ROC.

Testing Laboratory
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History of This Test Report

REPORT NO.	VERSION	DESCRIPTION	ISSUED DATE
FR581108-02AB	Rev. 01	Initial issue of report	Apr. 11, 2016

1. VERIFICATION OF COMPLIANCE

Product Name	:	Linksys Tri-Band Wireless-AC Router
Brand Name	:	LINKSYS
Model No.	:	EA9500
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Sporton International as requested by the applicant to evaluate the EMC performance of the product sample received on Aug. 05, 2015 would like to declare that the tested sample has been evaluated and found to be in compliance with the tested rule parts. The data recorded as well as the test configuration specified is true and accurate for showing the sample's EMC nature.

Sam Chen
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2. SUMMARY OF THE TEST RESULT

Applied Standard: 47 CFR FCC Part 15 Subpart E				
Part	**Rule Section**	**Description of Test**	**Result**	**Under Limit**
4.1	15.407(b)	Radiated Emissions	Complies	10.11 dB
4.2	15.407(b)	Band Edge Emissions	Complies	1.07 dB
4.3	15.203	Antenna Requirements	Complies	-

3. GENERAL INFORMATION

3.1. Product Details

Items	Description
Product Type	WLAN (4TX, 4RX)
Radio Type	Intentional Transceiver
Power Type	From power adapter
Modulation	IEEE 802.11a: OFDM IEEE 802.11n/ac: see the below table
Data Modulation	IEEE 802.11a/n: OFDM (BPSK / QPSK / 16QAM / 64QAM) IEEE 802.11ac: OFDM (BPSK / QPSK / 16QAM / 64QAM / 256QAM, 1024QAM)
Data Rate (Mbps)	IEEE 802.11a: OFDM (6/9/12/18/24/36/48/54) IEEE 802.11n/ac: see the below table
Frequency Range	5150 ~ 5250MHz
Channel Number	4 for 20MHz bandwidth ; 2 for 40MHz bandwidth 1 for 80MHz bandwidth
Carrier Frequencies	Please refer to section 3.4
Antenna	Please refer to section 3.3

Items	Description	
Communication Mode	☒ IP Based (Load Based)	☐ Frame Based
Beamforming Function	☒ With beamforming	☐ Without beamforming
Operate Condition	☒ Indoor	☐ Outdoor

Note: The product has beamforming function for 802.11 n/ac in 2.4GHz/5GHz.

Antenna and Band width

Antenna	Four (TX)		
Band width Mode	20 MHz	40 MHz	80 MHz
IEEE 802.11a	V	X	X
IEEE 802.11n	V	V	X
IEEE 802.11ac	V	V	V

IEEE 11n/ac Spec.

Protocol	Number of Transmit Chains (NTX)	Data Rate / MCS
802.11n (HT20)	4	MCS 0-31
802.11n (HT40)	4	MCS 0-31
802.11ac (VHT20)	4	MCS0-11/Nss1-4
802.11ac (VHT40)	4	MCS0-11/Nss1-4
802.11ac (VHT80)	4	MCS0-11/Nss1-4
Note 1: IEEE Std. 802.11n modulation consists of HT20 and HT40 (HT: High Throughput). Then EUT supports HT20 and HT40. Note 2: IEEE Std. 802.11ac modulation consists of VHT20, VHT40, VHT80 and VHT160 (VHT: Very High Throughput). Then EUT supports VHT20, VHT40 and VHT80. Note 3: Modulation modes consist of below configuration: HT20/HT40: IEEE 802.11n, VHT20/VHT40/VHT80: IEEE 802.11ac		

3.2. Accessories

Power	Brand	Model	Rating
Adapter	APD	DA-60M12	Input: 100-240V ~ 50-60Hz 1.5A Max. Output: 12V, 5A
Others			
Power cable*1 Non-shielded, 3 m			

3.3. Table for Filed Antenna

Ant.	Brand	Model Name	Antenna Type	Connector	Gain (dBi)		
					2.4GHz	5GHz Band 1	5GHz Band 4
1	ARISTOTLE	RFA-25-F90-1	Dipole Antenna	I-PEX	1.6	2	-
2	ARISTOTLE	RFA-25-F90-2	Dipole Antenna	I-PEX	2.25	1.74	-
3	ARISTOTLE	RFA-25-F90-3	Dipole Antenna	I-PEX	2.1	2.3	-
4	ARISTOTLE	RFA-25-F90-4	Dipole Antenna	I-PEX	2.22	1.77	-
5	ARISTOTLE	RFA-05-F90-1	Dipole Antenna	I-PEX	-	-	2.18
6	ARISTOTLE	RFA-05-F90-2	Dipole Antenna	I-PEX	-	-	2
7	ARISTOTLE	RFA-05-F90-3	Dipole Antenna	I-PEX	-	-	1.9
8	ARISTOTLE	RFA-05-F90-4	Dipole Antenna	I-PEX	-	-	1.9

Note: The EUT has eight antennas.

For 2.4GHz / 5G Band 1 function:

For IEEE 802.11a/b/g/n/ac mode (4TX/4RX)

Chain 1, Chain 2, Chain 3 and Chain 4 can be used as transmitting/receiving antenna.

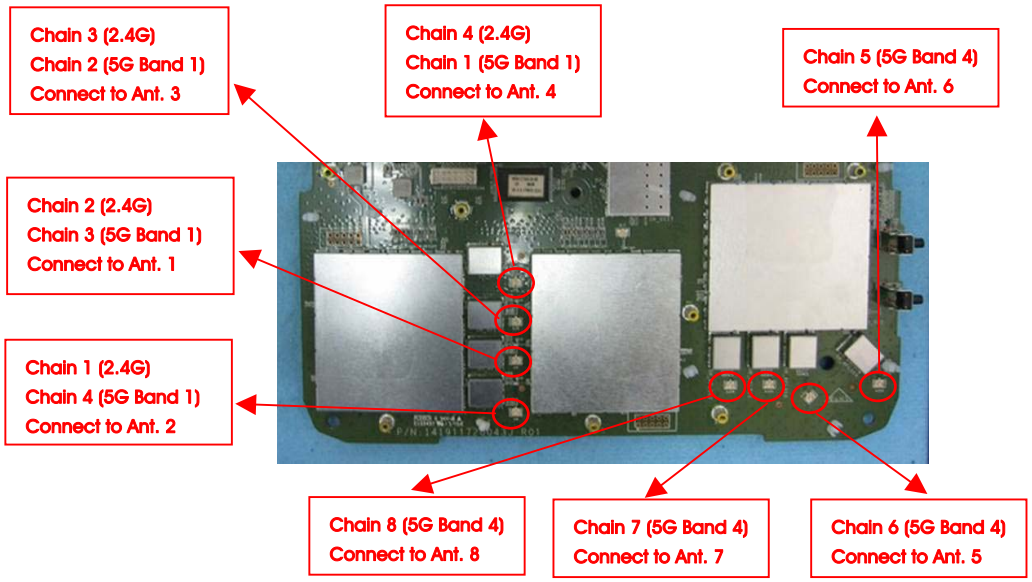
Chain 1, Chain 2, Chain 3 and Chain 4 could transmit/receive simultaneously.

For 5GHz Band 4 function:

For IEEE 802.11a/n/ac mode (4TX/4RX)

Chain 5, Chain 6, Chain 7 and Chain 8 can be used as transmitting/receiving antenna.

Chain 5, Chain 6, Chain 7 and Chain 8 could transmit/receive simultaneously.



3.4. Table for Carrier Frequencies

There are three bandwidth systems.

For 20MHz bandwidth systems, use Channel 36, 40, 44, 48.

For 40MHz bandwidth systems, use Channel 38, 46.

For 80MHz bandwidth systems, use Channel 42.

Frequency Band	Channel No.	Frequency	Channel No.	Frequency
5150~5250 MHz Band 1	36	5180 MHz	44	5220 MHz
	38	5190 MHz	46	5230 MHz
	40	5200 MHz	48	5240 MHz
	42	5210 MHz	-	-

3.5. Table for Test Modes

Preliminary tests were performed in different data rate to find the worst radiated emission. The data rate shown in the table below is the worst-case rate with respect to the specific test item. Investigation has been done on all the possible configurations for searching the worst cases. The following table is a list of the test modes shown in this test report.

Test Items	Mode		Data Rate	Channel	Chain
Radiated Emission Above 1GHz	For non-beamforming mode				
	11ac VHT40	Band 1	MCS0/Nss1	46	1+2+3+4
Band Edge Emission	For non-beamforming mode				
	11ac VHT40	Band 1	MCS0/Nss1	46	1+2+3+4

Note: VHT40 covers HT40, due to same modulation. The power setting for HT40 is the same or lower than 802.11ac VHT40.

The following test modes were performed for all tests:

For Radiated Emission test:

Mode 1. CTX - Place EUT in Z axis

3.6. Table for Testing Locations

Test Site Location					
Address:	No.8, Lane 724, Bo-ai St., Jhubei City, Hsinchu County 302, Taiwan, R.O.C.				
TEL:	886-3-656-9065				
FAX:	886-3-656-9085				
Test Site No.	**Site Category**	**Location**	**FCC Designation No.**	**IC File No.**	**VCCI Reg. No**
03CH01-CB	SAC	Hsin Chu	TW0006	IC 4086D	-

Open Area Test Site (OATS); Semi Anechoic Chamber (SAC).

3.7. Table for Class II Change

This product is an extension of original one reported under Sporton project number: FR581108AB.

Below is the table for the change of the product with respect to the original one.

Modifications	Performance Checking
Updating the color of the heatsink to black.	Do not have to retest assessed.
Updating the configuration of antennas.	After evaluating, do not effect the test results.
Updating the chip version from BCM4366B1 to BCM4366C0	After evaluating, the worst case is found at 802.11ac MCS0/Nss1 VHT40 CH46 (For Non-beamforming Mode) and retest this channel only. The test item as below. 1. Radiated Emissions (Above 1GHz) 2. Band Edge Emission Note: The above test items will be based on original output power to re-test.

3.8. Table for Supporting Units

Support Unit	Brand	Model	FCC ID
Notebook	DELL	E4300	DoC

3.9. EUT Operation during Test

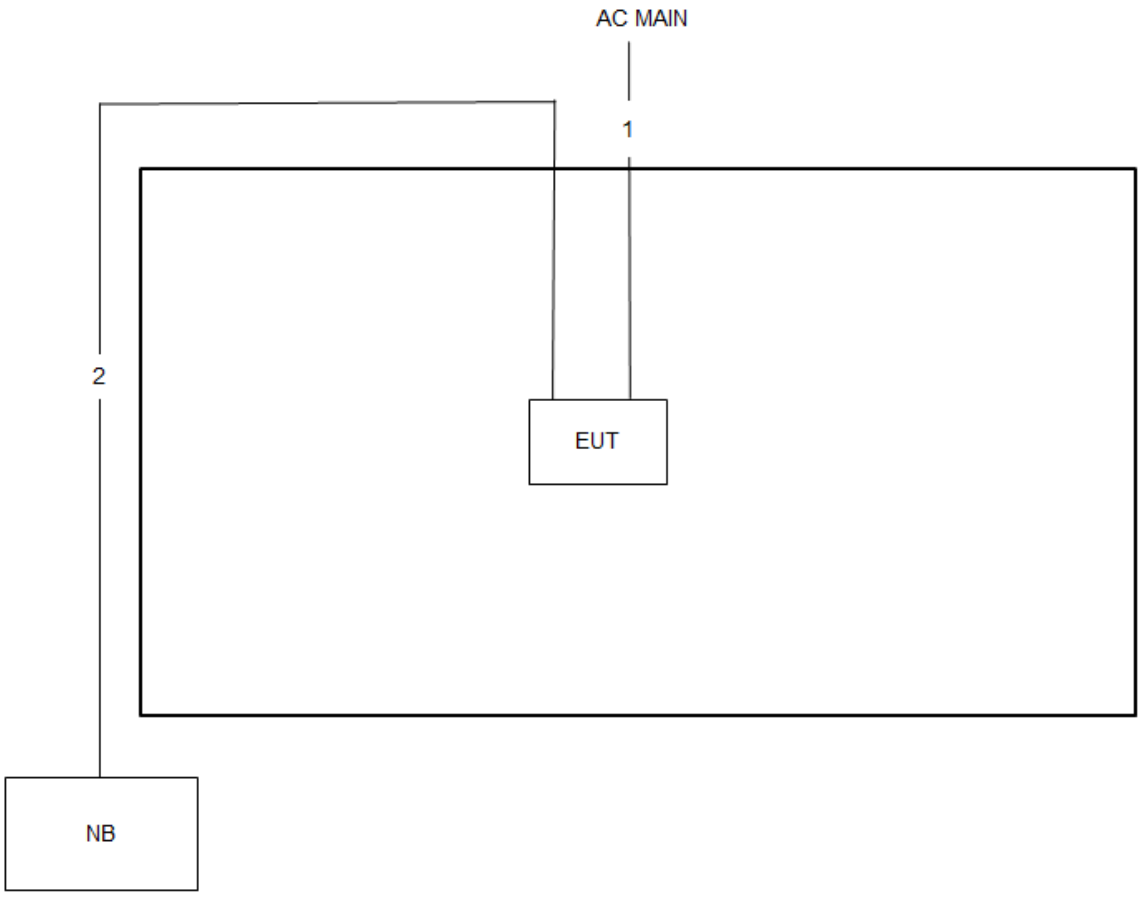
The EUT was programmed to be in continuously transmitting mode.

3.10. Duty Cycle

Mode	On Time (ms)	On+Off Time (ms)	Duty Cycle (%)	Duty Factor (dB)	1/T Minimum VBW (kHz)
802.11ac MCS0/Nss1 VHT40	0.942	0.980	96.12	0.17	1.06

3.11. Test Configurations

3.11.1. Radiation Emissions Test Configuration



Item	Connection	Shielded	Length
1	Power cable	No	3m
2	RJ-45 cable	No	10m

4. TEST RESULT

4.1. Radiated Emissions Measurement

4.1.1. Limit

For transmitters operating in the 5.15-5.25 GHz band: all emissions outside of the 5.15-5.35 GHz band shall not exceed an e.i.r.p. of −27 dBm/MHz.

In addition, In case the emission fall within the restricted band specified on 15.205(a), then the 15.209(a) limit in the table below has to be followed.

Frequencies (MHz)	Field Strength (micorvolts/meter)	Measurement Distance (meters)
0.009~0.490	2400/F(kHz)	300
0.490~1.705	24000/F(kHz)	30
1.705~30.0	30	30
30~88	100	3
88~216	150	3
216~960	200	3
Above 960	500	3

4.1.2. Measuring Instruments and Setting

Please refer to section 5 of equipments list in this report. The following table is the setting of spectrum analyzer and receiver.

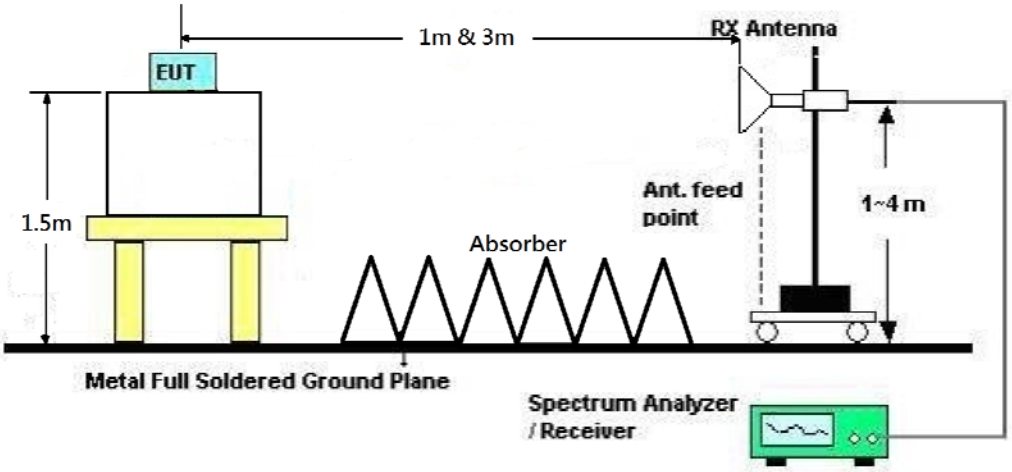
Spectrum Parameter	Setting
Attenuation	Auto
Start Frequency	1000 MHz
Stop Frequency	40 GHz
RBW / VBW (Emission in restricted band)	1MHz / 3MHz for Peak, 1MHz / 1/T for Average
RBW / VBW (Emission in non-restricted band)	1MHz / 3MHz for peak

Receiver Parameter	Setting
Attenuation	Auto
Start ~ Stop Frequency	9kHz~150kHz / RBW 200Hz for QP
Start ~ Stop Frequency	150kHz~30MHz / RBW 9kHz for QP
Start ~ Stop Frequency	30MHz~1000MHz / RBW 120kHz for QP

4.1.3. Test Procedures

1. Configure the EUT according to ANSI C63.10. The EUT was placed on the top of the turntable 1.5 meter above ground. The phase center of the receiving antenna mounted on the top of a height-variable antenna tower was placed 1m & 3m far away from the turntable.
2. Power on the EUT and all the supporting units. The turntable was rotated by 360 degrees to determine the position of the highest radiation.
3. The height of the broadband receiving antenna was varied between one meter and four meters above ground to find the maximum emissions field strength of both horizontal and vertical polarization.
4. For each suspected emissions, the antenna tower was scan (from 1 M to 4 M) and then the turntable was rotated (from 0 degree to 360 degrees) to find the maximum reading.
5. Set the test-receiver system to Peak or CISPR quasi-peak Detect Function with specified bandwidth under Maximum Hold Mode.
6. For emissions above 1GHz, use 1MHz VBW and 3MHz RBW for peak reading. Then 1MHz RBW and 1/T VBW for average reading in spectrum analyzer.
7. If the emissions level of the EUT in peak mode was 3 dB lower than the average limit specified, then testing will be stopped and peak values of EUT will be reported, otherwise, the emissions which do not have 3 dB margin will be repeated one by one using the quasi-peak method for below 1GHz.
8. For testing above 1GHz, the emissions level of the EUT in peak mode was lower than average limit (that means the emissions level in peak mode also complies with the limit in average mode), then testing will be stopped and peak values of EUT will be reported, otherwise, the emissions will be measured in average mode again and reported.
9. In case the emission is lower than 30MHz, loop antenna has to be used for measurement and the recorded data should be QP measured by receiver. High – Low scan is not required in this case.

4.1.4. Test Setup Layout



4.1.5. Test Deviation

There is no deviation with the original standard.

4.1.6. EUT Operation during Test

The EUT was programmed to be in continuously transmitting mode.

4.1.7. Results for Radiated Emissions (1GHz~40GHz)

Temperature	24°C	Humidity	56%
Test Engineer	Steven Liang	Configurations	IEEE 802.11ac MCS0/Nss1 VHT40 CH 46 / Chain 1 + Chain 2 + Chain 3 +Chain 4
Test Date	Mar. 28, 2016		

Horizontal

	Freq	Level	Limit Line	Over Limit	Read Level	Cable Loss	Antenna Factor	Preamp Factor	A/Pos	T/Pos	Remark	Pol/Phase
	MHz	dBuV/m	dBuV/m	dB	dBuV	dB	dB/m	dB	cm	deg		
1	15688.97	43.70	54.00	-10.30	28.63	12.57	38.36	35.86	105	198	Average	HORIZONTAL
2	15690.47	56.62	74.00	-17.38	41.55	12.57	38.36	35.86	105	198	Peak	HORIZONTAL

Vertical

	Freq	Level	Limit Line	Over Limit	Read Level	Cable Loss	Antenna Factor	Preamp Factor	A/Pos	T/Pos	Remark	Pol/Phase
	MHz	dBuV/m	dBuV/m	dB	dBuV	dB	dB/m	dB	cm	deg		
1	15690.40	43.89	54.00	-10.11	28.82	12.57	38.36	35.86	121	225	Average	VERTICAL
2	15693.56	56.56	74.00	-17.44	41.47	12.60	38.35	35.86	121	225	Peak	VERTICAL

Note:

The amplitude of spurious emissions that are attenuated by more than 20dB below the permissible value has no need to be reported.

Emission level (dBuV/m) = 20 log Emission level (uV/m).

Corrected Reading: Antenna Factor + Cable Loss + Read Level - Preamp Factor = Level.

4.2. Band Edge Emissions Measurement

4.2.1. Limit

For transmitters operating in the 5.15-5.25 GHz band: all emissions outside of the 5.15-5.35 GHz band shall not exceed an e.i.r.p. of −27 dBm/MHz.

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216~960	200	3
Above 960	500	3

4.2.2. Measuring Instruments and Setting

Please refer to section 5 of equipments list in this report. The following table is the setting of the spectrum analyzer.

Spectrum Parameter	Setting
Attenuation	Auto
Span Frequency	100 MHz
RBW / VBW (Emission in restricted band)	1MHz / 3MHz for Peak, 1MHz / 1/T for Average
RBW / VBW (Emission in non-restricted band)	1MHz / 3MHz for Peak

4.2.3. Test Procedures

The test procedure is the same as section 4.1.3.

4.2.4. Test Setup Layout

This test setup layout is the same as that shown in section 4.1.4.

4.2.5. Test Deviation

There is no deviation with the original standard.

4.2.6. EUT Operation during Test

The EUT was programmed to be in continuously transmitting mode.

4.2.7. Test Result of Band Edge and Fundamental Emissions

Temperature	24°C	Humidity	56%
Test Engineer	Steven Liang	Configurations	IEEE 802.11ac MCS0/Nss1 VHT40 CH 46 / Chain 1 + Chain 2 + Chain 3 +Chain 4
Test Date	Mar. 28, 2016		

Channel 46

	Freq	Level	Limit Line	Over Limit	Read Level	Cable Loss	Antenna Factor	Preamp Factor	A/Pos	T/Pos	Remark	Pol/Phase
	MHz	dBuV/m	dBuV/m	dB	dBuV	dB	dB/m	dB	cm	deg		
1	5087.69	52.93	54.00	-1.07	49.24	7.14	33.06	36.51	212	16	Average	VERTICAL
2	5142.18	67.91	74.00	-6.09	64.00	7.24	33.17	36.50	212	16	Peak	VERTICAL
3	5234.49	104.21	54.00			7.36	33.34	36.48	212	16	Average	VERTICAL
4	5237.69	114.83	74.00			7.36	33.34	36.48	212	16	Peak	VERTICAL

Item 3, 4 are the fundamental frequency at 5230 MHz.

Note:

Emission level (dBuV/m) = 20 log Emission level (uV/m)

Corrected Reading: Antenna Factor + Cable Loss + Read Level - Preamp Factor = Level

4.3. Antenna Requirements

4.3.1. Limit

Except for special regulations, the Low-power Radio-frequency Devices must not be equipped with any jacket for installing an antenna with extension cable. An intentional radiator shall be designed to ensure that no antenna other than that furnished by the responsible party shall be used with the device. The use of a permanently attached antenna or of an antenna that uses a unique coupling to the intentional radiator shall be considered sufficient to comply with the provisions of this Section. The manufacturer may design the unit so that the user can replace a broken antenna, but the use of a standard antenna jack or electrical connector is prohibited. Further, this requirement does not apply to intentional radiators that must be professionally installed.

4.3.2. Antenna Connector Construction

Please refer to section 3.3 in this test report; antenna connector complied with the requirements.

5. LIST OF MEASURING EQUIPMENTS

Instrument	Manufacturer	Model No.	Serial No.	Characteristics	Calibration Date	Remark
Horn Antenna	EMCO	3115	00075790	750MHz ~ 18GHz	Oct. 22, 2015	Radiation (03CH01-CB)
Horn Antenna	Schwarzbeck	BBHA 9170	BBHA9170252	15GHz ~ 40GHz	Jul. 21, 2015	Radiation (03CH01-CB)
Pre-Amplifier	Agilent	8449B	3008A02310	1GHz ~ 26.5GHz	Jan. 18, 2016	Radiation (03CH01-CB)
Pre-Amplifier	WM	TF-130N-R1	923365	26GHz ~ 40GHz	Nov.13, 2015	Radiation (03CH01-CB)
Spectrum Analyzer	R&S	FSP40	100056	9kHz ~ 40GHz	Oct. 27, 2015	Radiation (03CH01-CB)
RF Cable-high	Woken	High Cable-16	N/A	1 GHz ~ 18 GHz	Nov. 02, 2015	Radiation (03CH01-CB)
RF Cable-high	Woken	High Cable-17	N/A	1 GHz ~ 18 GHz	Nov. 02, 2015	Radiation (03CH01-CB)
RF Cable-high	Woken	High Cable-40G-1	N/A	18GHz ~ 40 GHz	Nov. 02, 2015	Radiation (03CH01-CB)
RF Cable-high	Woken	High Cable-40G-2	N/A	18GHz ~ 40 GHz	Nov. 02, 2015	Radiation (03CH01-CB)
Test Software	Audix	E3	6.2009-I0-7	N/A	N/A	Radiation (03CH01-CB)

Note: Calibration Interval of instruments listed above is one year.

6. MEASUREMENT UNCERTAINTY

Test Items	Uncertainty	Remark
Radiated Emission (1GHz ~ 18GHz)	3.7 dB	Confidence levels of 95%
Radiated Emission (18GHz ~ 40GHz)	3.5 dB	Confidence levels of 95%