

FCC MPE Evaluation Report

Report No. : SA160526C29
Applicant : Qualcomm Atheros, Inc.
Address : 1700 Technology Drive, San Jose, CA95110
Product : PCIE 802.11a/b/g/n 2.4GHz/5GHz+USB BT 4.0 card
FCC ID : PPD-AR5B22
Brand : Atheros
Model No. : AR5B22
Standards : FCC Part 2 (Section 2.1091)
KDB 447498 D01
Sample Received Date : May 26, 2016
Date of Evaluation : Jun. 21, 2016

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Release Control Record

| Report No. | Reason for Change | Date Issued |
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| SA160526C29 | Initial release | Jun. 24, 2016 |
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1. Description of Equipment Under Test

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|-----------------------------------|---|
| EUT Type | PCIE 802.11a/b/g/n 2.4GHz/5GHz+USB BT 4.0 card |
| FCC ID | PPD-AR5B22 |
| Brand Name | Atheros |
| Model Name | AR5B22 |
| Tx Frequency Bands (Unit: MHz) | WLAN : 2412 ~ 2462, 5180 ~ 5240, 5260 ~ 5320, 5500 ~ 5700, 5745 ~ 5825 Bluetooth : 2402 ~ 2480 |
| Uplink Modulations | 802.11b : DSSS 802.11a/g/n : OFDM Bluetooth : GFSK, $\pi/4$ -DQPSK, 8-DPSK |
| Antenna Type | Refer to Note as below |
| EUT Stage | Identical Prototype |

Note:

- The EUT is authorized for use in specific End-product. Please refer to below table for more details.

| Item | Brand | Model |
|---------------------|-------|-------|
| Industrial Computer | Dell | N02PC |

- The antenna information is listed as below.

| Antenna Type | Brand Name | Parts Number | Antenna Gain (dBi) | |
|--------------|-------------------------------------|---|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| | | | 2.4GHz | 5GHz |
| Dipole | Laird | WLAN Main Antenna: PDV24515-DE1 WLAN Aux Antenna: PDV24515-DE1 | Main: 2.9 Aux: 2.9 | Main: 4.0 Aux: 4.0 |
| Monopole | Taoglas Antenna Solution Ltd. | WLAN Main Antenna: MA761.B.BICG.014 WLAN Aux Antenna: MA761.B.BICG.014 | Main: 2.82 Aux: 2.79 | Main: 4.11 Aux: 4.51 |

- The above EUT information is declared by manufacturer and for more detailed features description please refers to the manufacturer's specifications or User's Manual.

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2. MPE (Maximum Permissible Exposure) Assessment

2.1 Introduction

According to 47 CFR §2.1091, a mobile device is defined as a transmitting device designed to be used in other than fixed locations and to generally be used in such a way that a separation distance of at least 20 cm is normally maintained between the transmitting antenna and the body of the user or nearby persons. In this context, the term “fixed location” means that the device is physically secured at one location and is not able to be easily moved to another location. Transmitting devices designed to be used by consumers or workers that can be easily re-located, such as wireless devices associated with a personal computer, are considered to be mobile devices if they meet the 20 cm separation requirement. The limits to be used for MPE evaluation are specified in §1.1310. All unlicensed personal communications service (PCS) devices and unlicensed NII devices shall be subject to the limits for general population/uncontrolled exposure.

2.2 RF Radiation Exposure Limits

According to 47 CFR §1.1310, the criteria listed in below table shall be used to evaluate the environmental impact of human exposure to 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.

| Frequency Range (MHz) | Electric Field Strength (V/m) | Magnetic Field Strength (A/m) | Power Density (mW/cm ²) | Averaging Time (min) |
|--|-------------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| (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 – 100000 | - | - | 5 | 6 |
| (B) Limits for General Population / Uncontrolled Exposures | | | | |
| 0.3 – 1.34 | 614 | 1.63 | 100 | 30 |
| 1.34 – 30 | 824/f | 2.19/f | 180/f ² | 30 |
| 30 – 300 | 27.5 | 0.073 | 0.2 | 30 |
| 300 – 1500 | - | - | f/1500 | 30 |
| 1500 – 100000 | - | - | 1.0 | 30 |

Limits for maximum permissible exposure (MPE)

Notes:

1. f = frequency in MHz
2. 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 they are made aware of the potential for exposure.
3. 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 cannot exercise control over their exposure.

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2.3 MPE Assessment Method

Calculations can be made to predict RF field strength and power density levels around typical RF sources. For example, in the case of a single radiating antenna, a prediction for power density in the far-field of the antenna can be made by use of the general Equations below. This equation is generally accurate in the far-field of an antenna but will over-predict power density in the near field, where they could be used for making a "worst case" or conservative prediction.

$$\text{Power Density (S)} = \frac{PG}{4\pi R^2} = \frac{\text{EIRP}}{4\pi R^2}$$

Where

S = Power Density, unit in mW/cm²

P = Power input to the antenna, unit in mW

G = Power gain of the antenna in the direction of interest relative to an isotropic radiator

R = Distance to the center of radiation of the antenna, unit in cm

EIRP = Effective isotropically radiated power

2.4 MPE Calculation for Standalone Operations

The manufacturer expects that the radiated component of this device will not close to the human body during normal usage and the warning statement was also stated in the user instruction. Since the transmitting antenna will be kept at least 20 cm away from the human body, the MPE level is calculated based on this condition and the result is listed in below table.

| Band | Max. Time-averaged Power (dBm) | Peak Antenna Gain (dBi) | Max. Time-averaged EIRP (mW) | Max. Time-averaged ERP (W) | Calculated Power Density (mW/cm ²) | MPE Limit (mW/cm ²) | Result |
|-----------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|----------------------------|--|---------------------------------|--------|
| WLAN 2.4G | 20 | 2.90 | 194.98 | 0.12 | 0.04 | 1.00 | PASS |
| WLAN 5.2G | 16.5 | 4.51 | 126.18 | 0.08 | 0.03 | 1.00 | PASS |
| WLAN 5.3G | 19.5 | 4.51 | 251.77 | 0.15 | 0.05 | 1.00 | PASS |
| WLAN 5.6G | 18.0 | 4.51 | 178.24 | 0.11 | 0.04 | 1.00 | PASS |
| WLAN 5.8G | 17.0 | 4.51 | 141.58 | 0.09 | 0.03 | 1.00 | PASS |
| Bluetooth | 4.5 | 2.90 | 5.50 | < 0.01 | < 0.01 | 1.00 | PASS |

Summary:

Since the ERP (effective radiated power) operated at < 1.5 GHz is less than 1.5 watts and > 1.5 GHz is less than 3 watts, the routine environmental evaluation is not required, and the MPE result calculated for this device complies with the MPE limit as specified in 47 CFR §1.1310.

3. Information on the Testing Laboratories

We, Bureau Veritas Consumer Products Services (H.K.) Ltd., Taoyuan Branch, were founded in 1988 to provide our best service in EMC, Radio, Telecom and Safety consultation. Our laboratories are accredited and approved according to ISO/IEC 17025.

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