



# FCC/ISED Test Report

**For:**  
Particle Industries

**Brand:**  
Particle

**Marketing Name:**  
Boron BRN404X

**Model:**  
BRN404X

**Product Description:**  
LTE Development Board with EtherSIM

**CONTAINS FCC ID: 2AEMI-BRN404X**

**Applied Rules and Standards:**  
47 CFR Parts: 15B, and ICES-003 Issue 7

**REPORT #: EMC\_PARTI\_010\_23001\_FCC\_15B**

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## 1 Assessment

The following device as further described in section 3 of this report was evaluated against the applicable criteria specified in the Code of Federal Regulations Title 47 parts 15B and ICES-003 Issue 7.

Radiated Emission tests are carried out to show that the EUT complies with FCC15.109 (b) and ICES-003 3.2.2 radiated emissions limit for Class B device.

No deficiencies were ascertained.

| Company             | Description                         | Model # |
|---------------------|-------------------------------------|---------|
| Particle Industries | LTE Development Board with EtherSIM | BRN404X |

### Responsible for Testing Laboratory:

| 2023-07-10 | Compliance | Arndt Stoecker<br>(Director of Regulatory Services) |           |
|------------|------------|---|-----------|
| Date       | Section    | Name  | Signature |

### Responsible for the Report:

| 2023-07-10 | Compliance | Cheng Song<br>(EMC Engineer) |           |
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| Date       | Section    | Name                         | Signature |

The test results of this test report relate exclusively to the test item specified in Section 3.  
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## 2 Administrative Data

### 2.1 Identification of the Testing Laboratory Issuing the EMC Test Report

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|---|------------------------|
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| <b>Responsible Project Leader:</b>      | Phillip Quintal        |

### 2.2 Identification of the Client

|                          |                            |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Client Firm/Name:</b> | Particle Industries        |
| <b>Street Address:</b>   | 325 9 <sup>th</sup> Street |
| <b>City/Zip Code</b>     | San Francisco/ CA 94103    |
| <b>Country</b>           | USA                        |

### 2.3 Identification of the Manufacturer

|                               |                |
|-------------------------------|----------------|
| <b>Manufacturer's Name:</b>   | Same as Client |
| <b>Manufacturers Address:</b> |                |
| <b>City/Zip Code</b>          |                |
| <b>Country</b>                |                |

### 3 Equipment Under Test (EUT)

#### 3.1 EUT Specifications

|  |   |
|--|---|
| <b>Brand:</b>                                      | Particle  |
| <b>Marketing Name:</b>                             | Boron BRN404X   |
| <b>Product Description:</b>                        | LTE Development Board with EtherSIM   |
| <b>Model Name :</b>                                | BRN404X   |
| <b>Contains FCC-ID :</b>                           | 2AEMI-BRN404X   |
| <b>HW Version :</b>                                | V1.5.1  |
| <b>SW Version :</b>                                | V4.0.0  |
| <b>Bands/Modes Supported</b>                       | LTE CAT M1 bands: 2,4,5,12,13   |
| <b>Other Radios included in the device</b>         | <p><u>Cellular:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• u-blox SARA-R510S</li> <li>• FCC ID: XPYUBX19KM01; IC: 8595A-UBX19KM01</li> </ul> <p><u>Bluetooth:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nordic Semiconductor nRF52840 SoC</li> <li>• Bluetooth 5 LE</li> </ul> |
| <b>Power Supply/ Rated Operating Voltage Range</b> | DC 5V from Host Unit or DC 3.7V from Li-ion battery Vmin = 3.4V, Vmax = 4.4V, Vnom = 3.7V   |
| <b>Operating Temperature Range</b>                 | Low : -20 °C Norm 25 °C High 60 °C  |
| <b>Sample Revision</b>                             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Production <input type="checkbox"/> Pre-Production  |
| <b>EUT Dimensions</b>                              | 22.86mm x 50.8mm x 16.4mm   |
| <b>Weight</b>                                      | 10g   |
| <b>EUT Diameter</b>                                | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> < 60 cm <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____  |

### 3.2 EUT details

| EUT # | Model Number | HW Version | SW Version | Comments |
|-------|--------------|------------|------------|----------|
| 1     | BRN404X      | V1.5.1     | V4.0.0     | N/A      |

### 3.3 Accessory Equipment (AE) details

| AE # | Type | Model | Manufacturer | Serial Number |
|------|------|-------|--------------|---------------|
| 1    | NA   | N/A   | N/A          | N/A           |

### 3.4 Test Setup Configurations

| Set-up # | EUT / AE used for set-up | Comments |
|----------|--------------------------|----------|
| 1        | EUT1                     | -        |

### 3.5 Mode of Operation details

| Mode of Operation | Description of Operating modes | Additional Information                           |
|-------------------|--------------------------------|--|
| Op. 1             | Idle                           | EUT in fully functional mode with all radios off |

## 4 **Subject of Investigation**

The objective of the measurements done by CETECOM Inc. was to evaluate the compliance of the EUT against the relevant requirements specified in the Code of Federal Regulations Title 47 parts 15B and ICES-003 Issue 7.

### 4.1 **Date of Testing:**

2023-05-31 – 2023-05-31

### 4.2 **Measurement Uncertainty**

Where relevant, the following measurement uncertainty levels have been estimated for tests performed on the apparatus, with 95% confidence interval (in dB delta to result), based on a coverage factor k=2.

| Measurement System               | EMC 1   | EMC 2   |
|----------------------------------|---------|---------|
| Conducted emissions (mains port) | 1.12 dB | 0.46 dB |
| Radiated emissions (< 30 MHz)    | 3.66 dB | 3.88 dB |
| (30 MHz – 1GHz)                  | 3.17 dB | 3.34 dB |
| (1 GHz – 3 GHz)                  | 5.01 dB | 4.45 dB |
| (>3 GHz)                         | 4.0 dB  | 4.79 dB |

### 4.3 **Environmental Conditions during Testing:**

The following environmental conditions were maintained during the course of testing:

- Ambient Temperature: 20-25°C
- Relative humidity: 40-60%

Deviating test conditions are indicated at individual test description where applicable.

### 4.4 **Decision Rule**

Cetecom advanced follows [ILAC G8:2019 chapter 4.2.1 \(Simple Acceptance Rule\)](#).

“Only the measured values related to their corresponding limits will be used to decide whether the equipment under test meets the requirements of the test standards listed in chapter 3. The measurement uncertainty is mentioned in this test report, See chapter 9, but is not taken into account – neither to the limits nor to the measurement results. Measurement results with a smaller margin to the corresponding limits than the measurement uncertainty have a potential risk of more than 5% that the decision might be wrong.”

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## 5 **Measurement Procedures**

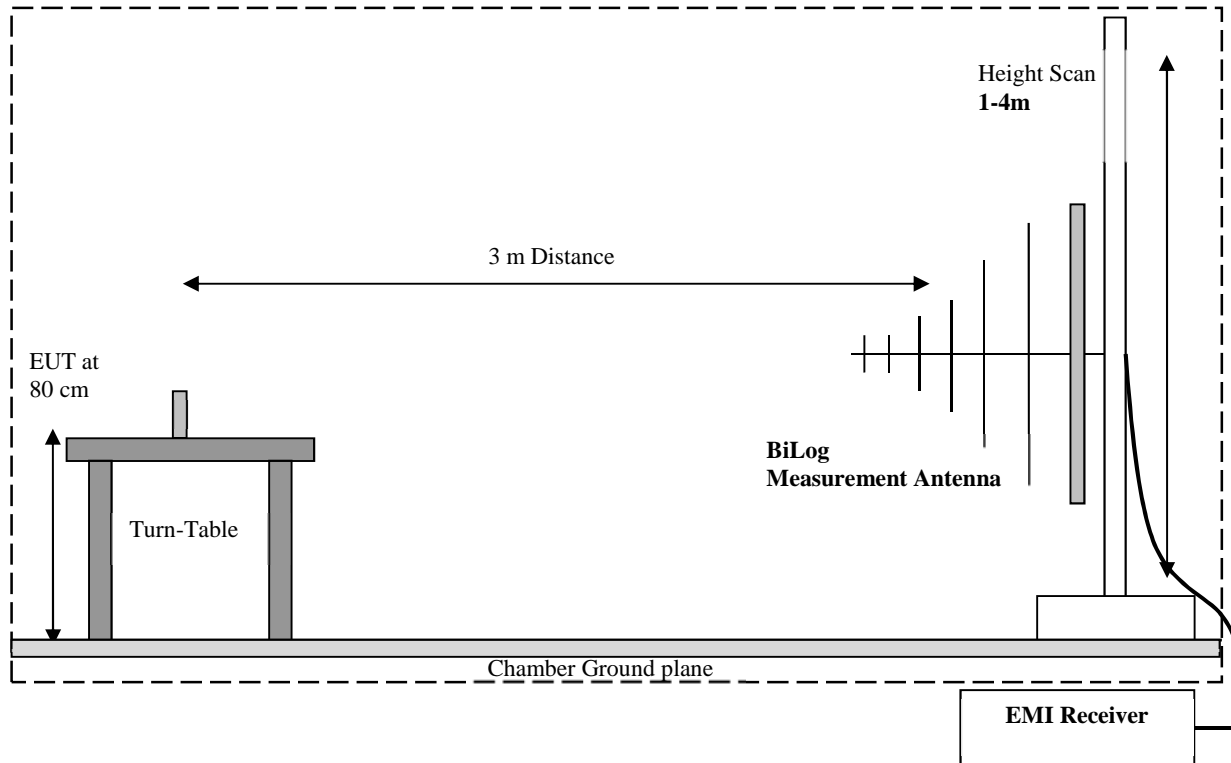
Testing is performed according to the guidelines provided in ANSI C63.4-2014 American National Standard for Methods of Measurement of Radio-Noise Emissions from Low-Voltage Electrical and Electronic Equipment in the Range of 9 kHz to 40 GHz

### 5.1 **Radiated Measurement for EUT with diameter less than 60 cm**

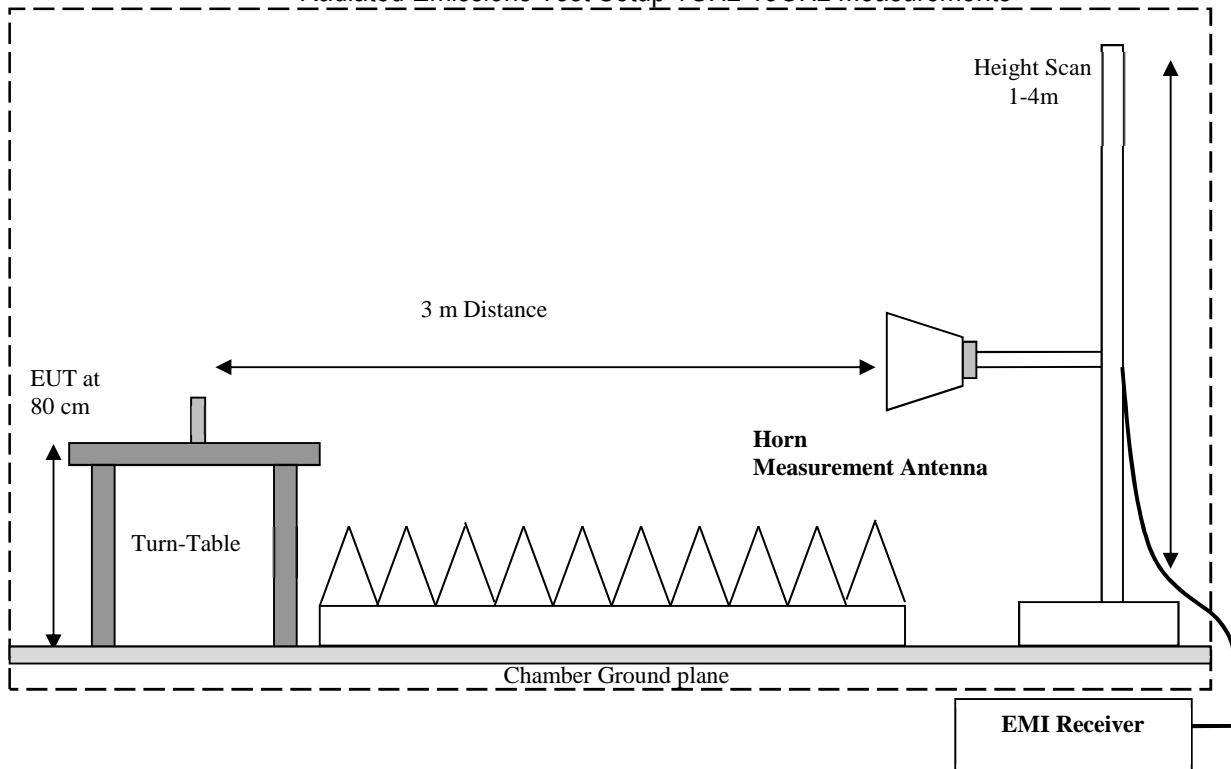
- The exploratory measurement is accomplished by running a matrix of 16 sweeps over the required frequency range with R&S Test-SW EMC32 for 4 positions of the turntable, two orthogonal positions of the EUT and both antenna polarizations. This procedure exceeds the requirement of the above standards to cover the 3 orthogonal axis of the EUT. A max peak detector is utilized during the exploratory measurement. The Test-SW creates an overall maximum trace for all 12 sweeps and saves the settings for each point of this trace. The maximum trace is part of the test report.
- The 10 highest emissions are selected with an automatic algorithm of EMC32 searching for peaks in the noise floor and ensuring that broadband signals are not selected multiple times.
- The maxima are then put through the final measurement and again maximized in a 90deg range of the turntable, fine search in frequency domain and height scan between 1m and 4m.
- The above procedure is repeated for all possible ways of power supply to EUT and for all supported modulations.
- In case there are no emissions above noise floor level only the maximum trace is reported as described above.
- The results are split up into up to 4 frequency ranges due to antenna bandwidth restrictions. A magnetic loop is used from 9 kHz to 30 MHz, a Biconilog antenna is used from 30 MHz to 1 GHz, and two different horn antennas are used to cover frequencies up to 40 GHz.



### Radiated Emissions Test Setup 30MHz-1GHz Measurements



### Radiated Emissions Test Setup 1GHz-18GHz Measurements



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## 5.2 Sample Calculations for Field Strength Measurements

Field Strength is calculated from the Spectrum Analyzer/ Receiver readings, taking into account the following parameters:

- Measured reading in dB $\mu$ V
- Cable Loss between the receiving antenna and SA in dB and
- Antenna Factor in dB/m

All radiated measurement plots in this report are taken from a test SW that calculates the Field Strength based on the following equation:

$$FS \text{ (dB}\mu\text{V/m)} = \text{Measured Value on SA (dB}\mu\text{V)} + \text{Cable Loss (dB)} + \text{Antenna Factor (dB/m)}$$

Example:

| Frequency (MHz) | Measured SA (dB $\mu$ V) | Cable Loss (dB) | Antenna Factor Correction (dB) | Field Strength Result (dB $\mu$ V/m) |
|-----------------|--------------------------|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1000            | 80.5                     | 3.5             | 14                             | 98.0                                 |

## 6 Measurement Results Summary

| Test Specification              | Test Case           | Temperature and Voltage Conditions | Mode  | Pass | NA | NP | Result   |
|---------------------------------|---------------------|------------------------------------|-------|------|----|----|----------|
| FCC §15.109<br>ICES-003, §3.2.2 | Radiated Emissions  | Nominal                            | Op. 1 | ■    | □  | □  | Complies |
| FCC §15.107<br>ICES-003, §3.2.1 | Conducted Emissions | Nominal                            | Op. 1 | □    | ■  | □  | Note 2   |

**Note 1:** NA= Not Applicable; NP= Not Performed.

**Note 2:** EUT does not draw power from public mains.

## 7 Test Result Data

### 7.1 Radiated Emissions Measurement according to CFR 47 Part 15.109 and ICES-003 §3.2.2

| Spectrum Analyzer settings                  |                |                |
|---|----------------|----------------|
| Sweep Frequency Range                       | 30 MHz – 1 GHz | 1 GHz – 40 GHz |
| Resolution Bandwidth                        | 120 kHz        | 1 MHz          |
| Detector (Exploratory Measurements)         | Peak           | Peak, Average  |
| Detector (Final Measurements)               | Quasi-Peak     | Peak, Average  |
| Trace Mode                                  | Max Hold       | Max Hold       |
| Step Size                                   | 40 kHz         | 800 kHz        |
| Measurement Time (Exploratory Measurements) | 2 ms           | 2 ms           |
| Measurement Time (Final Measurements)       | 100 ms         | 100 ms         |

#### 7.1.1 Limits:

##### FCC §15.109

| Class A Limits              |                              |                               |
|-----------------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Frequency of emission (MHz) | Field Strength @ 10 m (µV/m) | Field Strength @ 3 m (dBµV/m) |
| 30-88                       | 90                           | 49.5                          |
| 88-216                      | 150                          | 54                            |
| 216-960                     | 210                          | 56.9                          |
| Above 960                   | 300                          | 60                            |

| Class B Limits              |                             |                               |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Frequency of emission (MHz) | Field Strength @ 3 m (µV/m) | Field Strength @ 3 m (dBµV/m) |
| 30-88                       | 100                         | 40                            |
| 88-216                      | 150                         | 43.5                          |
| 216-960                     | 200                         | 46                            |
| Above 960                   | 500                         | 54                            |

**Note:** For measurements below 1 GHz, the limits above use a quasi-peak detector. For measurements above 1 GHz, the limits above use an average detector.

##### ICES-003 sec.3.2.2

| Class A Limits              |                                |                               |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Frequency of emission (MHz) | Field Strength @ 10 m (dBµV/m) | Field Strength @ 3 m (dBµV/m) |
| 30-88                       | 40                             | 50                            |
| 88-216                      | 43.5                           | 54                            |
| 216-230                     | 46.4                           | 56.9                          |
| 230-960                     | 47                             | 57                            |
| Above 960                   | 49.5                           | 60                            |

| Class B Limits              |                                |                               |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Frequency of emission (MHz) | Field Strength @ 10 m (dBµV/m) | Field Strength @ 3 m (dBµV/m) |
| 30-88                       | 30                             | 40                            |
| 88-216                      | 33.1                           | 43.5                          |
| 216-230                     | 35.6                           | 46                            |
| 230-960                     | 37                             | 47                            |
| Above 960                   | 43.5                           | 54                            |

**Note:** For measurements below 1 GHz, the limits above use a quasi-peak detector. For measurements above 1 GHz, the limits above use an average detector.

**7.1.2 Test Summary:**

| Environmental Conditions |           |
|--------------------------|-----------|
| Ambient Temperature:     | 20.9°C    |
| Relative Humidity:       | 40%       |
| Atmospheric Pressure:    | 1022 mbar |

| Test Results |              |                    |                 |                    |          |        |
|--------------|--------------|--------------------|-----------------|--------------------|----------|--------|
| Plot #       | EUT Set-Up # | EUT operating mode | Scan Frequency  | Power Supply Input | Comments | Result |
| 1 - 3        | 1            | Op. 1              | 30 MHz – 18 GHz | 24 VAC             | -        | Pass   |

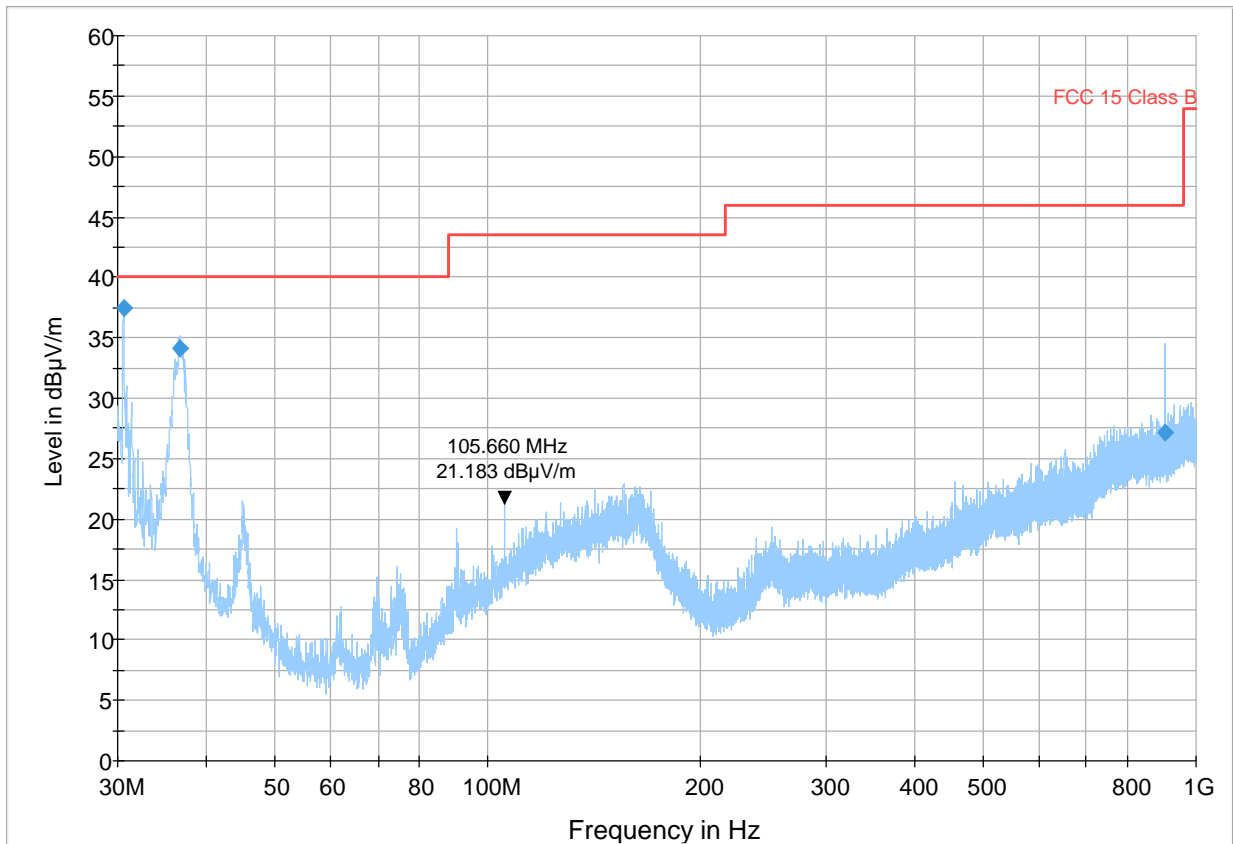
### 7.1.3 Measurement Plots:

Plot # 1 FCC 15B 30-1000MHz

#### Final\_Result

| Frequency | QuasiPeak | Limit (dBµV/m) | Margin | Measurement | Bandwidth | Height | Polarization | Azimuth | Correction (dB/m) | Significance | Preamplifier | Trace Correction |
|-----------|-----------|----------------|--------|-------------|-----------|--------|--------------|---------|-------------------|--------------|--------------|------------------|
| 30.56     | 37.47     | 40.00          | 2.53   | 500.0       | 120.0     | 285.0  | H            | 141.0   | 24.5              | 0.1          | 0.0          | 24.3             |
| 36.72     | 34.17     | 40.00          | 5.83   | 500.0       | 120.0     | 107.0  | H            | 246.0   | 21.2              | 0.3          | 0.0          | 20.9             |
| 903.78    | 27.11     | 46.02          | 18.91  | 500.0       | 120.0     | 252.0  | V            | 303.0   | 31.5              | 2.6          | 0.0          | 29.0             |

| Frequency (MHz) | Raw Rec (dBµV) |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 30.56           | 13.0           |
| 36.72           | 12.9           |
| 903.78          | -4.4           |



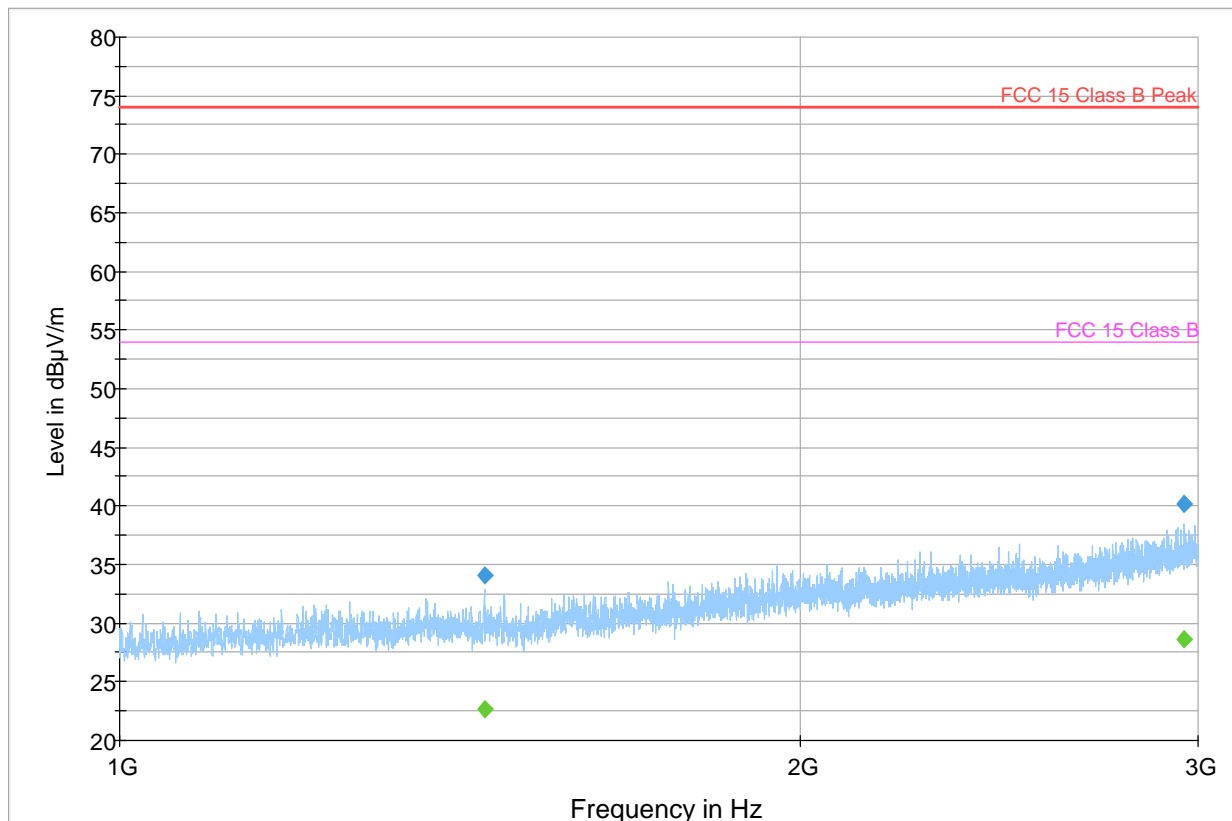
— Preview Result 1-PK+    — FCC 15 Class B    ◆ Final\_Result QPK

**Plot # 2 FCC 15B 1-3GHz**

**Final\_Result**

| Frequency | MaxPeak | RMS (dBµV/) | Limit (dBµV/) | Margin | Meas. | Bandwidth | Height | Pol | Azimuth | Corr. (dB/) | Sig Pat | Pream p | Trd Corr. |
|-----------|---------|-------------|---------------|--------|-------|-----------|--------|-----|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 1449.75   | 34.05   | ---         | 73.98         | 39.93  | 500.  | 1000.0    | 196.0  | V   | 267.0   | -5.6        | -       | 0.0     | 25.5      |
| 1449.75   | ---     | 22.68       | 53.98         | 31.30  | 500.  | 1000.0    | 196.0  | V   | 267.0   | -5.6        | -       | 0.0     | 25.5      |
| 2958.75   | 40.24   | ---         | 73.98         | 33.74  | 500.  | 1000.0    | 212.0  | V   | 91.0    | 0.3         | -       | 0.0     | 29.9      |
| 2958.75   | ---     | 28.58       | 53.98         | 25.39  | 500.  | 1000.0    | 212.0  | V   | 91.0    | 0.3         | -       | 0.0     | 29.9      |

| Frequency (MHz) | Raw Rec (dBµV) |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 1449.75         | 39.7           |
| 1449.75         | 28.3           |
| 2958.75         | 39.9           |
| 2958.75         | 28.3           |



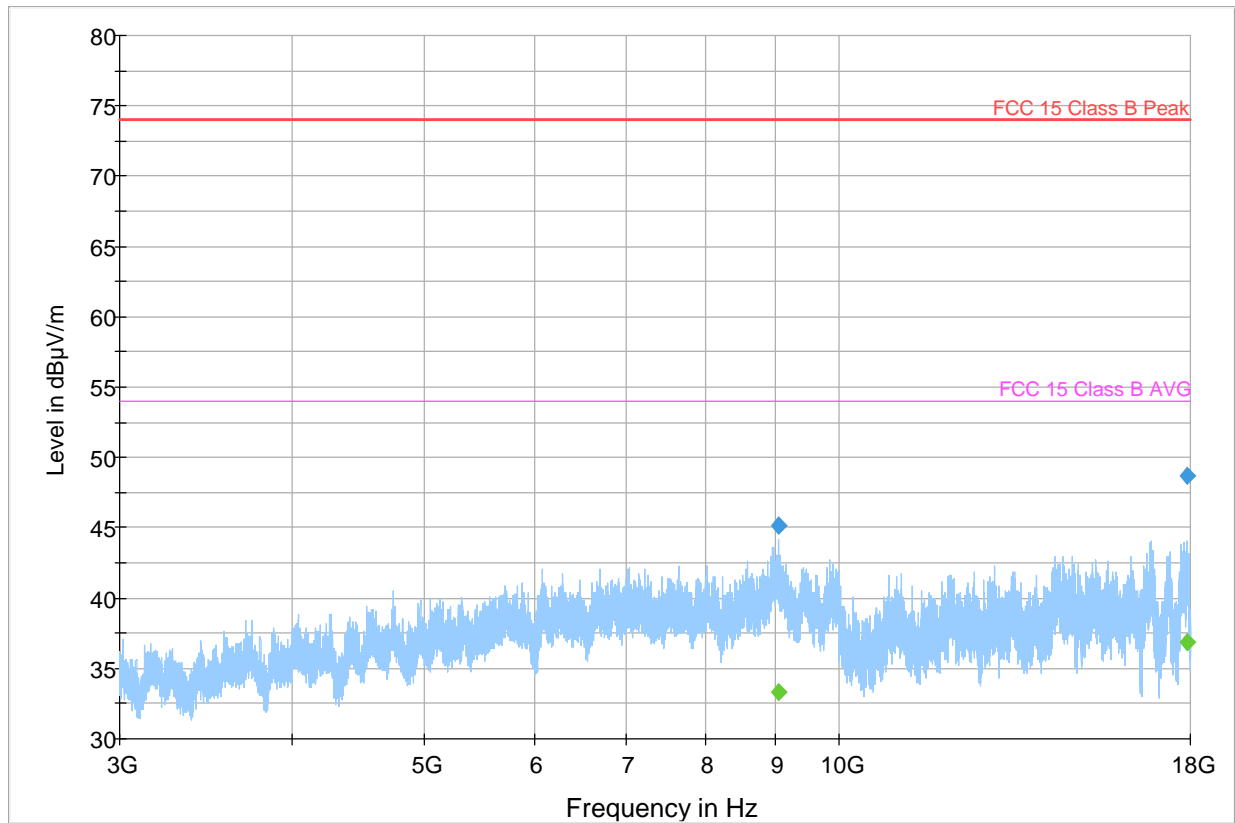
- Preview Result 1-PK+
- FCC 15 Class B Peak
- FCC 15 Class B
- ◆ Final\_Result PK+
- ◆ Final\_Result RMS

**Plot # 3 FCC 15B 3-18GHz**

**Final\_Result**

| Frequency | MaxPeak | RMS (dBµV/) | Limit (dBµV/) | Margin | Meas. | Bandwidth | Height | Po l | Azimuth | Corr. (dB/) | Sig Pat | Pream p | Trd Corr. |
|-----------|---------|-------------|---------------|--------|-------|-----------|--------|------|---------|-------------|---------|---------|-----------|
| 9038.25   | ---     | 33.35       | 53.98         | 20.63  | 500.  | 1000.0    | 112.0  | H    | 90.0    | -24.7       | -       | 0.0     | -10.7     |
| 9038.25   | 45.15   | ---         | 73.98         | 28.83  | 500.  | 1000.0    | 112.0  | H    | 90.0    | -24.7       | -       | 0.0     | -10.7     |
| 17909.82  | ---     | 36.82       | 53.98         | 17.16  | 500.  | 1000.0    | 107.0  | V    | 69.0    | -7.0        | -8.9    | 0.0     | 1.9       |
| 17909.82  | 48.69   | ---         | 73.98         | 25.29  | 500.  | 1000.0    | 107.0  | V    | 69.0    | -7.0        | -8.9    | 0.0     | 1.9       |

| Frequency (MHz) | Raw Rec (dBµV) |
|-----------------|----------------|
| 9038.25         | 58.0           |
| 9038.25         | 69.8           |
| 17909.82        | 43.8           |
| 17909.82        | 55.7           |



◆ Preview Result 1-PK+ Final\_Result PK+
 — FCC 15 Class B Peak
 — FCC 15 Class B AVG
 ◆ Final\_Result RMS



## 8 Test setup photos

Setup photos are included in the supporting file name: "EMC\_PARTI\_010\_23001\_FCC\_Setup\_Photos"

## 9 Test Equipment and Ancillaries Used For Testing

| Equipment Type    | Manufacturer    | Model     | Serial #  | Calibration Cycle | Last Calibration Date |
|-------------------|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| BILOG ANTENNA     | ETS.LINDGREN    | 3142E     | 00166067  | 3 YEARS           | 10/21/2021            |
| Biconlog Antenna  | ETS Lindgren    | BiLA2G    | 00164698  | 3 YEARS           | 8/14/2020             |
| HORN ANTENNA      | EMCO            | 3115      | 00035111  | 3 YEARS           | 09/30/2021            |
| HORN ANTENNA      | ETS.LINDGREN    | 3116      | 00070497  | 3 YEARS           | 11/23/2020            |
| TEST RECEIVER     | R&S             | ESU40     | 100251    | 3 YEARS           | 09/13/2021            |
| TEST RECEIVER     | R&S             | ESW 44    | 101715    | 3 YEARS           | 09/14/2021            |
| DIGITAL THRMMETER | CONTROL COMPANY | 36934-164 | 181230565 | 3 YEARS           | 10/20/2021            |
| LISN              | FCC             | N/A       | 08014     | 3 YEARS           | 08/31/2021            |

Note: Equipment used meets the measurement uncertainty requirements as required per applicable standards for 95% confidence levels. Calibration due dates, unless defined specifically, falls on the last day of the month. Items indicated "N/A" for cal status either do not specifically require calibration or is internally characterized before use.

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## 10 Revision History

| Date       | Report Name                 | Changes to report | Prepared by |
|------------|-----------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 2023-06-06 | EMC_PARTI_010_23001_FCC_15B | Initial Version   | Cheng Song  |

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