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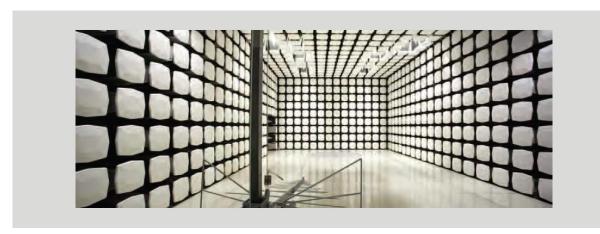
Pallet Tag

FCC 1.1307:2022

Bluetooth Low Energy

Report: DESC0001.2, Issue Date: May 10, 2022

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CERTIFICATE OF EVALUATION

Last Date of Evaluation: May 6, 2022
Descartes Systems (USA) LLC
EUT: Pallet Tag

RF Exposure Evaluation

Standards

Specification	Method
FCC 1.1307:2022	FCC 1.1307:2022

Results

Method Clause	Description	Applied	Results	Comments
(b)(3)(i)(A)	Exemption From RF Exposure Evaluation	Yes	Pass	None

Deviations From Evaluation Standards

None

Approved By:

Donald Facteau, Process Architect

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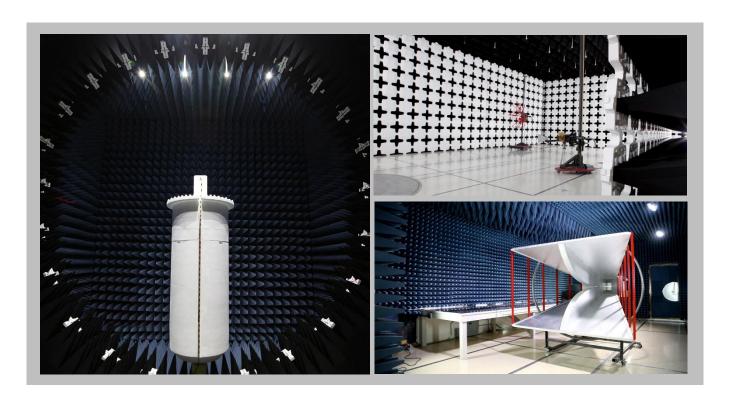California   Minnesota   Oregon   Texas   Washington

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PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Client and Equipment Under Evaluation Information

Company Name:	Descartes Systems (USA) LLC
Address:	37 N Orange Ave #500
City, State, Zip:	Orlando, FL 32801
Evaluation Requested By:	Maria Vivas
EUT:	Pallet Tag
Date of Evaluation:	May 6, 2022

Information Provided by the Party Requesting the Evaluation

Functional Description of the Equipment:

Bluetooth Low Energy (BLE) tag used to monitor movement of goods and equipment. Each tag is made up of a Nordic nRF5810 module encased in a housing. Also included are three lithium metal cell batteries.

COREInsight BLE Beacon tag is an active BLE beacon. COREInsight® Readers listen for special (custom) adverts from the Beacon Tag and when it is in range (approx. 60 meters), the Reader logs these detections. The COREInsight Beacon tag is classed as an always active device but its adverts are "non-connectable", therefore, don't allow any "pairing" to be established with the tag. Between advertisements the Tag goes into sleep mode (neither listens nor transmits).

The device always advertises 7 times every 60 seconds. Therefore the maximum and minimum possible advertising rate is 7 times every 60 seconds (each lasting 20ms. Total 140ms/minute). 140ms / 60000ms = 0.23% duty cycle. Duty cycle information provided by Rorie McPherson.

Objective:

To demonstrate compliance with FCC Requirements for RF exposure for 1.1307 RF exempt devices

RF Exposure Condition

The following RF Exposure conditions were used for the assessment documented in this report:	
Intended Use	Mobile
Location on Body (if applicable)	N/A
How is the Device Used	The equipment is used at a distance greater than 20 cm from the user.
Radios Contained in the Same Host Device	Bluetooth Low Energy
Simultaneous Transmitting Radios	None
Body Worn Accessories	N/A
Environment	General Population/Uncontrolled Exposure

EXEMPTION FROM RF EXPOSURE EVALUATION

OVERVIEW

With respect to the limits on human exposure to RF emissions provided in 47 CFR §1.1310, if equipment can be shown to qualify for an exemption pursuant to 47 CFR §1.1307(b)(3), an evaluation is not required.

COMPLIANCE WITH FCC 1.1310

Per 1.1307(b)(3), (i) For single RF sources (*i.e.,* any single fixed RF source, mobile device, or portable device, as defined in paragraph (b)(2) of this section): A single RF source is exempt if:

(A) The available maximum time-averaged power is no more than 1 mW, regardless of separation distance. This exemption may not be used in conjunction with other exemption criteria other than those in paragraph (b)(3)(ii)(A) of this section. Medical implant devices may only use this exemption and that in paragraph (b)(3)(ii)(A);

(B) Or 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. This method shall only be used at separation distances (cm) from 0.5 cm to 40 cm and at frequencies from 0.3 GHz to 6 GHz (inclusive). P_{th} is given by:

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

Where

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

And

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

(C) Or using Table 1 and 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. For the exemption in Table 1 to apply, R must be at least λ/2π, where λ is the free-space operating wavelength in meters. If the ERP of a single RF source is not easily obtained, then the available maximum time-averaged power may be used in lieu of ERP if the physical dimensions of the radiating structure(s) do not exceed the electrical length of λ/4 or if the antenna gain is less than that of a half-wave dipole (1.64 linear value).

TABLE 1 TO §1.1307(b)(3)(i)(C)—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.

(ii) For multiple RF sources: Multiple RF sources are exempt if:

(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). This exemption may not be used in conjunction with other exemption criteria other than those is paragraph (b)(3)(i)(A) of this section. Medical implant devices may only use this exemption and that in paragraph (b)(3)(i)(A).

(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.

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

Where:

a = number of fixed, mobile, or portable RF sources claiming exemption using paragraph (b)(3)(i)(B) of this section for P_{th}, including existing exempt transmitters and those being added.

b = number of fixed, mobile, or portable RF sources claiming exemption using paragraph (b)(3)(i)(C) of this section for Threshold ERP, including existing exempt transmitters and those being added.

c = number of existing fixed, mobile, or portable RF sources with known evaluation for the specified minimum distance including existing evaluated transmitters.

P_i = the available maximum time-averaged power or the ERP, whichever is greater, for fixed, mobile, or portable RF source i at a distance between 0.5 cm and 40 cm (inclusive).

$P_{th,i}$ = the exemption threshold power (P_{th}) according to paragraph (b)(3)(i)(B) of this section for fixed, mobile, or portable RF source i.

ERP_j = the ERP of fixed, mobile, or portable RF source j.

$ERP_{th,j}$ = exemption threshold ERP for fixed, mobile, or portable RF source j, at a distance of at least λ/2π according to the applicable formula of paragraph (b)(3)(i)(C) of this section.

$Evaluated_k$ = the maximum reported SAR or MPE of fixed, mobile, or portable RF source k either in the device or at the transmitter site from an existing evaluation at the location of exposure.

$Exposure\ Limit_k$ = either the general population/uncontrolled maximum permissible exposure (MPE) or specific absorption rate (SAR) limit for each fixed, mobile, or portable RF source k, as applicable from §1.1310

The relationship between EIRP and ERP is:

$$ERP\ (dBm) = EIRP\ (dBm) - 2.14\ dB$$

Where EIRP is the sum of the conducted power (dBm) and the antenna gain (dBi).

EXEMPTION FROM RF EXPOSURE EVALUATION

ASSESSMENT

The exposure level for the 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/cm^2)
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 the transmit frequency. If limits were not met at the 20 cm boundary the evaluation distance is increased until the limit is met as shown in the table below.

For co-located radios, the ratio of the calculated level to the limit is determined. The 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.

When the transmitted power is measured as a field strength value (dBµV/m), this value is converted to a power level using the following derivation (assuming the field strength value has been distance corrected to 3 m, see notes below table):

Step 1 – Per ANSI C63.10:2013 section 10.3.9 equation (34), the relationship between EIRP and field strength is as follows:

$$EIRP_{meas} = E_{meas} - 95.3$$

Where:
EIRP$_{meas}$ is the equivalent isotropically radiated power in dBm as converted from a measured value
E$_{meas}$ is the field strength at a 3 m measurement distance in dBµV/m. To convert from the specification measurement distance to 3m, a 40 dB/decade adjustment was applied.

Step 2 – If a power tolerance or a tune-up value is provided, the reported power should be scaled accordingly:

$$EIRP = EIRP_{meas} + Tolerance$$

Where:
EIRP is the maximum equivalent isotropically radiated power in dBm
EIRP$_{meas}$ is the equivalent isotropically radiated power in dBm as converted from a measured value
Tolerance is either the tolerance provided in dB or the positive tune-up tolerance range in dB

Step 3 – Convert the EIRP value to linear terms

$$EIRP(mW) = 10^{\frac{EIRP\ (dBm)}{10}}$$

Where:
EIRP is the maximum equivalent isotropically radiated power, in terms of either mW or dBm

This value can then be compared against the limit to determine compliance.

EXEMPTION FROM RF EXPOSURE EVALUATION

The exemption from RF exposure evaluation is summarized in the following table(s):

Radio	Transmit Frequency (MHz)	Radiated Output Power or Field Strength	Power Tolerance (dB)	Duty Cycle	Minimum Separation Distance (cm)	Calculated Conducted Exposure Power (mW)	Limit (mW)	Compliant
BLUETOOTH LOW ENERGY	2426	4 dBm EIRP	1.0	0.2%	20	0.0	1.0	Yes

The information in the table above was obtained from:

The rated value was used in these calculations. From client supplied information and Element test report number DESC0001.1 Rev. 1.

Evaluator: Chuck Heller

End of Test Report

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