

RF Exposure Exemption Report

Silicon Laboratories Finland Oy

Main Model: SiW917Y1GA
Series Model: SiW917Y1GN



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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY
The calculation of output power for this product was found to be exempt from routine evaluation at a distance of 20 cm with ARPANSA Radio Protection Series S-1 Advisory Note assuming continuous exposure of 6 minutes or more. If alternative antennas are used with greater gains, the distance must be recalculated.

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1 Report Summary

1.1 Report Modification Record

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Issue	Description of Change	Date of Issue
1	First Issue	29-August-2024

Table 1

1.2 Introduction

Applicant	Silicon Laboratories Finland Oy
Manufacturer	Silicon Laboratories Finland Oy
Model Number(s)	Main Model SiW917Y1GA Series Model: SiW917Y1GN
Hardware Version(s)	1.0
Software Version(s)	Stack's "Connectivity Firmware" version 2.10.1.2.0.4 (WLAN) Stack's "Connectivity Firmware" version 2.12.1.0.0.1 (BLE)
Specification/Issue/Date	• ARPANSA Radio Protection Series S-1 Advisory Note
Order Number	PTP ~ 6000530772
Date	08-March-2024
Related Document(s)	• ARPANSA Radio Protection Series S-1: (Rev.1) • IEEE C95.3:2002 IEEE Recommended Practice for Measurements and Computations of Radio Frequency Electromagnetic Fields with Respect to Human Exposure to Such Fields, 100 kHz–300 GHz



1.3 Brief Summary of Results

The wireless device described within this report was compliant with the restrictions related to human exposure to electromagnetic fields for both general public and worker/occupational exposures.

The WLAN radio within the device is compliant for separation distances greater than or equal to 20 cm as per the calculations made in accordance in section 2.2.1.

The BLE radio within this device is compliant at any separation distance as compliance is based on compliance with the Low Power Exclusion Level as per table 1 of ARPANA RPS S-1 Advisory Note.

The calculations shown in this report were made in accordance with the procedures specified in the applied test specification(s).



1.4 Application Form

Equipment Description

Technical Description: (Please provide a brief description of the intended use of the equipment)	Bluetooth Low Energy (LE), and Wi-Fi 802.11b/g/n/ax wireless radio module
Manufacturer:	Silicon Laboratories Finland Oy
Model:	Main Model: SiW917Y1GA (with integral antenna) Series Model: SiW917Y1GN (with no integral antenna but RF pin)
Part Number:	Not Applicable

If more than one frequency band is supported, please confirm which combinations of bands are capable of Simultaneous Transmit.	
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Frequency Band 1: 2.4 GHz WLAN

Antenna Model 1:	Integral Antenna	
Antenna length 1:	1.4	cm
Antenna Model 2:	ANT-2.4-CW-CT-SMA-RPS by TE Connectivity	
Antenna length 2:	14.2	cm
Bottom frequency:	2412	MHz
Middle frequency:	2442	MHz
Top frequency:	2472	MHz

Maximum power (input to the antenna including a tolerance):	19.7	dBm
Antenna gain 1 (or maximum gain allowed):	2.26	dBi
Antenna gain 2 (or maximum gain allowed):	2.80	dBi

Or

Field Strength Measurement:		dB μ A/M
Measurement Distance:		cm

Separation distance from antenna to the user/bystander	20	cm
Transmitter Duty Cycle:		%



Frequency Band 2: 2.4 GHz BLE

Antenna Model 1:	Integral Antenna	
Antenna length 1:	1.4	cm
Antenna Model 2:	ANT-2.4-CW-CT-SMA-RPS by TE Connectivity	
Antenna length 2:	14.2	cm
Bottom frequency:	2402	MHz
Middle frequency:	2444	MHz
Top frequency:	2480	MHz

Maximum power (input to the antenna including a tolerance):	8.8	dBm
Antenna gain 1 (or maximum gain allowed):	2.26	dBi
Antenna gain 2 (or maximum gain allowed):	2.80	dBi

Or

Field Strength Measurement:		dBμA/M
Measurement Distance:		cm

Separation distance from antenna to the user/bystander	20	cm
Transmitter Duty Cycle:		%

Data in the tables above is provided by the Manufacturer.

1.5 Product Information

1.5.1 Technical Description

Bluetooth Low Energy (LE), and Wi-Fi 802.11b/g/n/ax wireless radio module.

1.5.2 Transmitter Description

The following radio access technologies and frequency bands are supported by the equipment under test.

Radio Access Technology	Frequency Band (MHz)	Minimum Frequency (MHz)	Output Power (dBm)	Duty Cycle (%)
BLE	2402 – 2480	2402	8.8	100
WLAN	2412 – 2472	2412	19.7	100

Table 2 – Transmitter Description

1.5.3 Antenna Description

The following antennas are supported by the equipment under test.

Antenna Model	Gain (dBi)	Antenna length (cm)	Minimum Separation Distance (cm)
Integral Antenna	2.26	1.4	20
ANT-2.4-CW-CT-SMA-RPS by TE Connectivity	2.80	14.2	20

Table 3 – Antenna Description

In the case of more than one type of antenna being supported by the equipment, the calculation is based on the maximum of the antenna gains. If other antennas can be used that have greater gains, the minimum separation distances will need to be recalculated.

1.5.4 Equipment Configuration

Single Transmitter, simultaneous transmission of BLE and WLAN is not supported.

2 Assessment Details

2.1 Assessment Method

The assessment method is by calculation of the power density S , electric field strength E , magnetic field strength H or magnetic flux density B .

The calculation uses the spherical model applicable under far field conditions and also radiating near field conditions where applicable.

$$S = E \times H = \frac{E^2}{\eta} = H^2 \times \eta = \frac{P \times G_i}{4 \times \pi \times r^2}$$

Where:

η - Impedance of free space (377 ohm in far field)

P – Average transmitter power W ($P_{av} = P_{max} \times \text{Duty Cycle}$)

G_i – Antenna gain ratio relative to isotropic

r – Separation distance m

The magnetic flux density is related to the magnetic field strength by a constant:

$$B = \mu_o \times H$$

Where:

μ_o – Permeability of free space $4 \times \pi \text{ E-7 H/m}$

This assessment assumes that exposure is continuous for 6 minutes or more in accordance with the averaging time required by the exposure standards at the stated minimum compliance boundary separation distance. Exposures of less than 6 minutes at other separation distances are not addressed by this report.

This assessment method of RF exposure is applicable to separation distances of 20 cm or more beyond the reactive near field boundary. Separation distances of less than 20 cm require a Specific Absorption Rate (SAR) assessment.

The reactive near field boundary and far field region boundary depend on the frequency and wavelength and also on the antenna dimension. The boundaries of the field regions are calculated in Section 2.3 to demonstrate the validity of using the spherical model.

The result is compared to the limits in Annex A to determine compliance or to calculate the required compliance distance. The calculation is based on the lowest frequency in each band as the most onerous requirement as the limits increase with frequency for frequencies above 10-50 MHz (dependent on region).

2.2 Individual Antenna Port Exposure Results

2.2.1 Calculation of Exposure at Specified Separation Distance

The frequencies shown in the tables below have been chosen based on the lowest possible frequency that the EUT can transmit. A full list of the regional requirements is shown in Annex A.

RAT	Frequency (MHz)	RF Exposure Level at minimum compliance boundary of 0.2 m							
		S Power Density (W/m ²)		E Field (V/m)		H Field (A/m)		B Field (μT)	
		Result	Limit	Result	Limit	Result	Limit	Result	Limit
BLE (ext. ant.)	2402	0.03	200.00	3.29	N/A	0.0087	N/A	0.0110	N/A
WLAN (ext. ant.)	2412	0.35	200.00	11.55	N/A	0.0306	N/A	0.0385	N/A
BLE (int. ant.)	2402	0.03	200.00	3.09	N/A	0.0082	N/A	0.0103	N/A
WLAN (int. ant.)	2412	0.31	200.00	10.85	N/A	0.0288	N/A	0.0362	N/A

Table 4 – Worker/Occupational Individual Transmitter Result

The calculations show that the EUT complies with the worker/occupational exposure levels described in the listed specifications in Annex A at the point of investigation, a minimum distance of 0.2 m.

RAT	Frequency (MHz)	RF Exposure Level at minimum compliance boundary of 0.2 m							
		S Power Density (W/m ²)		E Field (V/m)		H Field (A/m)		B Field (μT)	
		Result	Limit	Result	Limit	Result	Limit	Result	Limit
BLE (ext. ant.)	2402	0.03	40.00	3.29	N/A	0.0087	N/A	0.0110	N/A
WLAN (ext. ant.)	2412	0.35	40.00	11.55	N/A	0.0306	N/A	0.0385	N/A
BLE (int. ant.)	2402	0.03	40.00	3.09	N/A	0.0082	N/A	0.0103	N/A
WLAN (int. ant.)	2412	0.31	40.00	10.85	N/A	0.0288	N/A	0.0362	N/A

Table 5 – General Public Individual Transmitter Result

The calculations show that the EUT complies with the general public exposure levels described in the listed specifications in Annex A at the point of investigation, a minimum distance of 0.2 m.

2.3 Far Field Region Boundary Results

The far field region boundary calculation result is shown in Table 6:

Near Field / Far Field Boundary AS/NZS 2772.2 Appendix B			
RAT Name	Frequency MHz	Reactive Near Field Boundary (Wave Impedance Dependent)	Far Field Boundary (Antennas on axis)
		$\lambda/4$ (m)	$2D^2/\lambda$ (m)
BLE (ext. ant.)	2402	0.0312	0.3229
WLAN (ext. ant.)	2412	0.0311	0.3242
BLE (int. ant.)	2402	0.0312	0.0031
WLAN (int. ant.)	2412	0.0311	0.0032

Table 6 – Far Field Boundary

The table below shows the maximum calculated near field / far field region boundaries.

The compliance boundary of 0.2 m is in the radiating near field region and therefore, the approach described in section 2.1 is an over estimate of the exposure and therefore a conservative assessment.

Field Region	Reactive Near Field Region	Radiating Near Field Region	Far Field Region
Maximum Boundary	< 0.0312 m	0.0312 – 0.3242 m	> 0.3424 m
Validity of Regions	Spherical model potential under-estimate: SAR / test assessment required	Spherical model over-estimate and conservative	Spherical model valid
Compliance Boundary Location	N/A	0.2 m	N/A

Table 7 – Assessment Method Validity

2.4 Uncertainty

The basic computation formulas presented in section 2.1 are conservative formulas for the estimation of RF field strength or power density.

No uncertainty estimations are required when using these formulas but there is clear guidance on where and when these formulas are applicable. For the estimate of S, E or H to be conservative, the transmitter power P and antenna gain G_i values shall be the upper bounds of uncertainty therefore maximum values are used.

The spherical formula is valid under far field conditions which are established in the section above.



ANNEX A

REGIONAL REQUIREMENTS



Frequency Range (MHz)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)
0.1 - 0.135	-	-	-
>0.135 - 10	-	-	10.8/f _M
>10 - 30	-	1504/f _M ^{0.7}	10.8/f _M
>30 - 400	50	139	0.36
>400 - 2000	0.29f _M ^{0.43}	10.58f _M ^{0.43}	0.0274f _M ^{0.43}
>2000 - 6000	200	-	-
>6000 - <300000	275/f _G ^{0.177}	-	-
300000	100	-	-

Table A.1 – ARPANSA Radiation Protection Series S-1 Worker/Occupational Limits

Frequency Range (MHz)	Power Density (W/m ²)	Electric Field Strength (V/m)	Magnetic Field Strength (A/m)
0.1 - 0.233	-	-	-
>0.233 - 10	-	-	4.9/f _M
>10 - 30	-	671/f _M ^{0.7}	4.9/f _M
>30 - 400	10	62	0.163
>400 - 2000	0.058f _M ^{0.43}	4.72f _M ^{0.43}	0.0123f _M ^{0.43}
>2000 - 6000	40	-	-
>6000 - <300000	55/f _G ^{0.177}	-	-
300000	20	-	-

Table A.2 – ARPANSA Radiation Protection Series S-1 General Public Limits



ANNEX B

**BLE transmitter assessment as per
RPS S-1 Advisory Note: Low-power exclusion level**



2.5 RPS S-1 Advisory Note: Low-power exclusion level Pmax

Low Power Exclusion Result:

RAT	Frequency (MHz)	Maximum Conducted Power Output mW	Antenna Gain Ratio	Duty Cycle %	Source Based Power (mW)	Separation Distance (mm)	Exemption Limit (mW)*	SAR Test Exclusion (Yes/No)
BLE (int. ant.)	2402	7.59	1.68	100	12.75	0	20	Yes
BLE (ext. ant.)	2402	7.59	1.91	100	14.50	0	20	Yes

Table 8

The Low Power exclusion threshold has been evaluated using the method described above from information supplied by the manufacturer. Based on the evaluation above, the BLE radio transmitter is categorically excluded from SAR/RF exposure testing.