

Introduction to ICNIRP and EMF

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ICNIRP FOR AMATEUR RADIO IS:

- **70% DOCUMENTATION**
- **20% ENGINEERING**
- **10% NOT DOING THINGS**

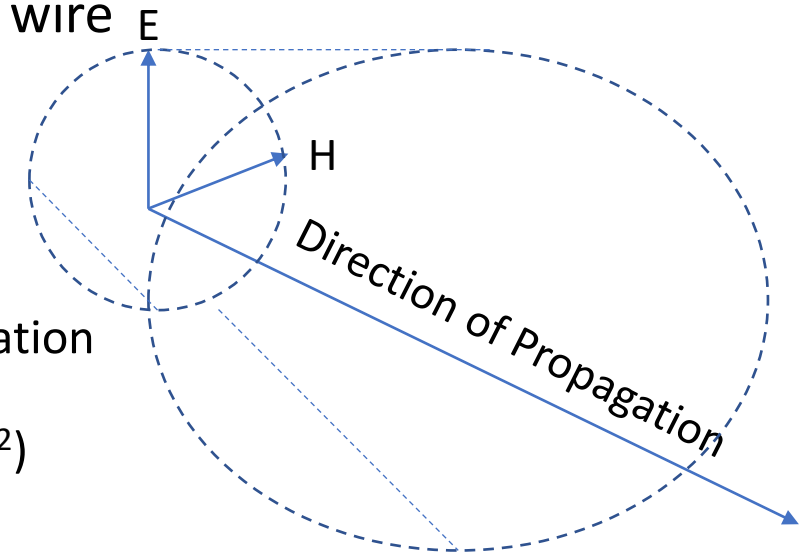
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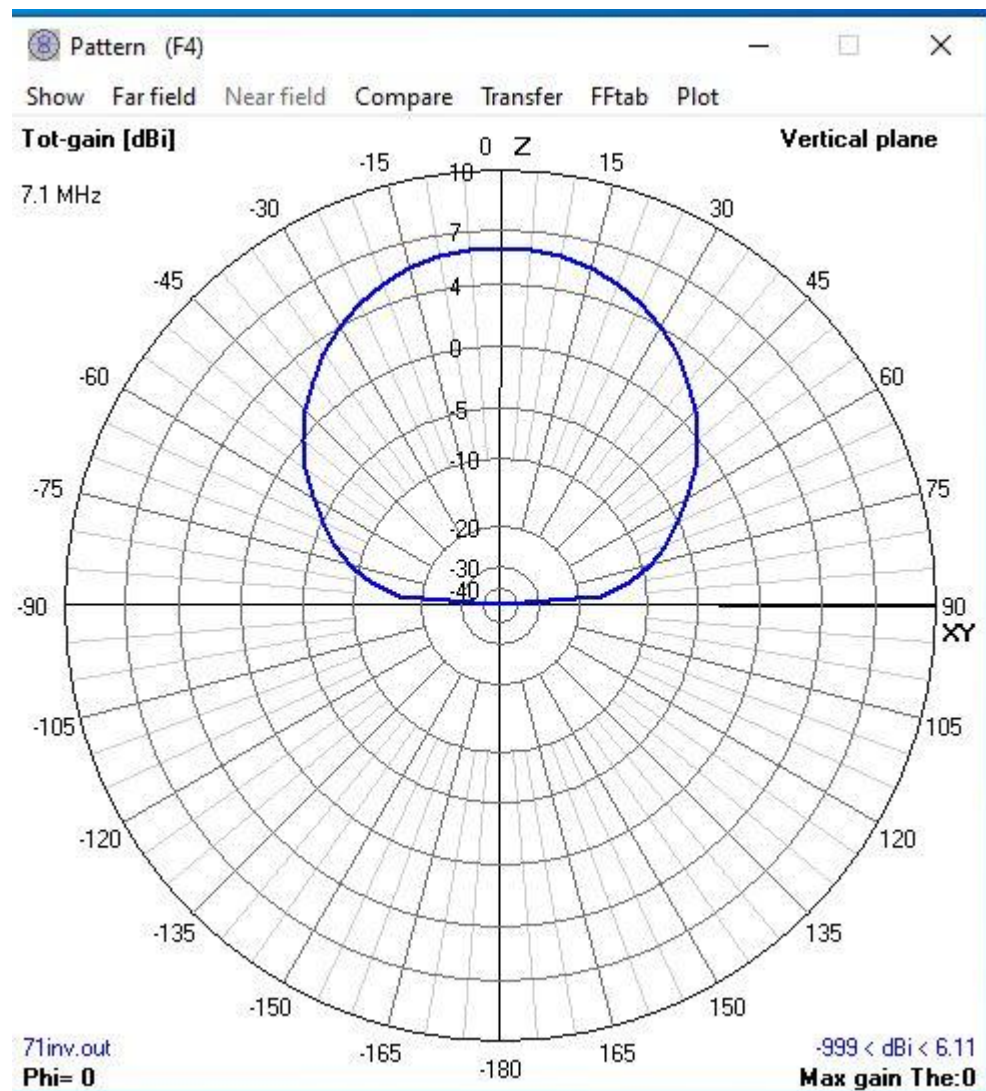
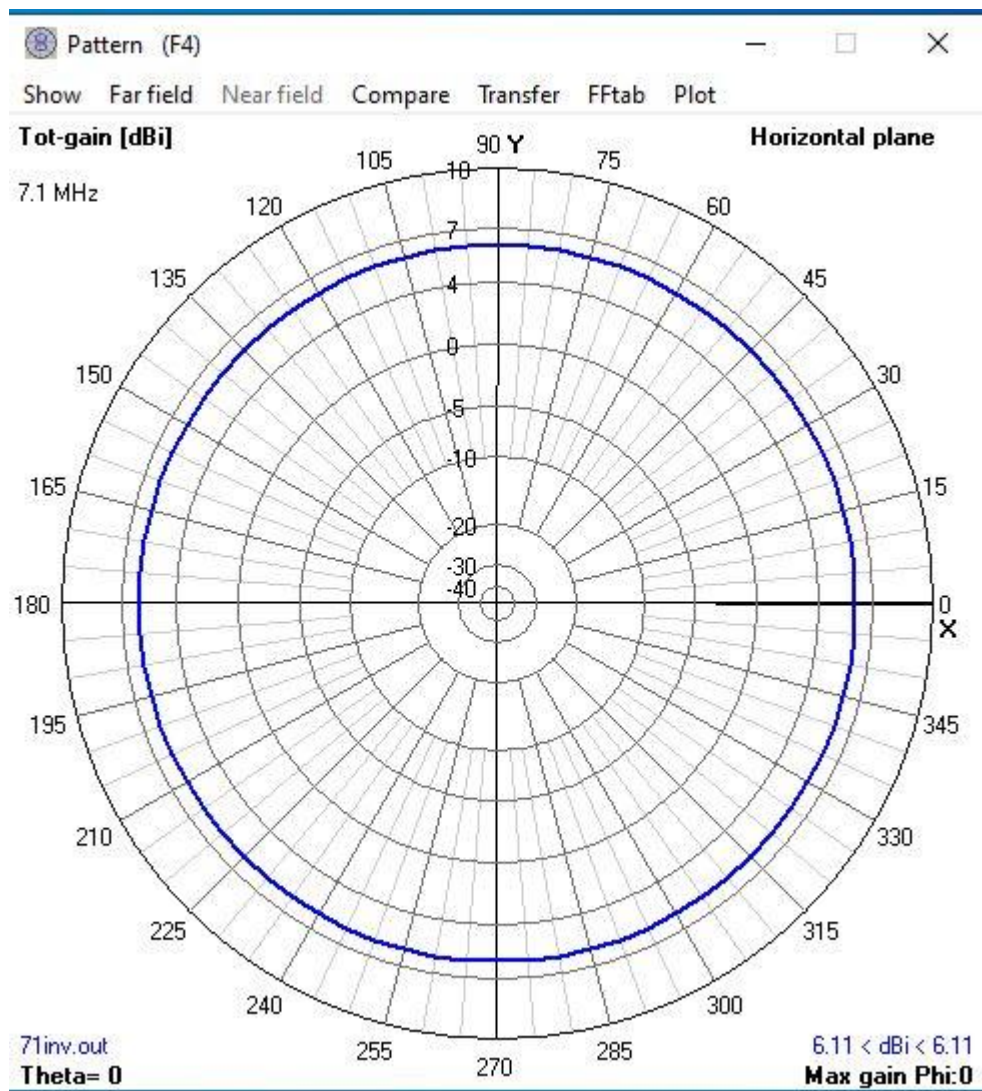
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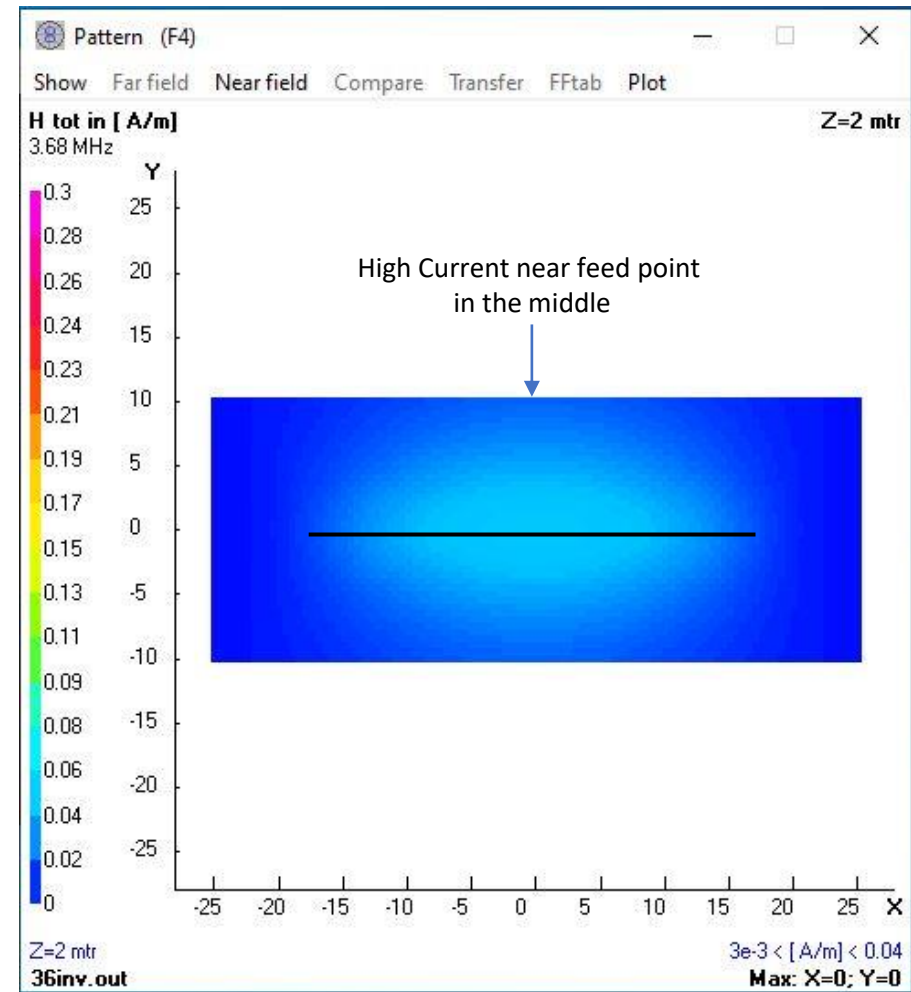
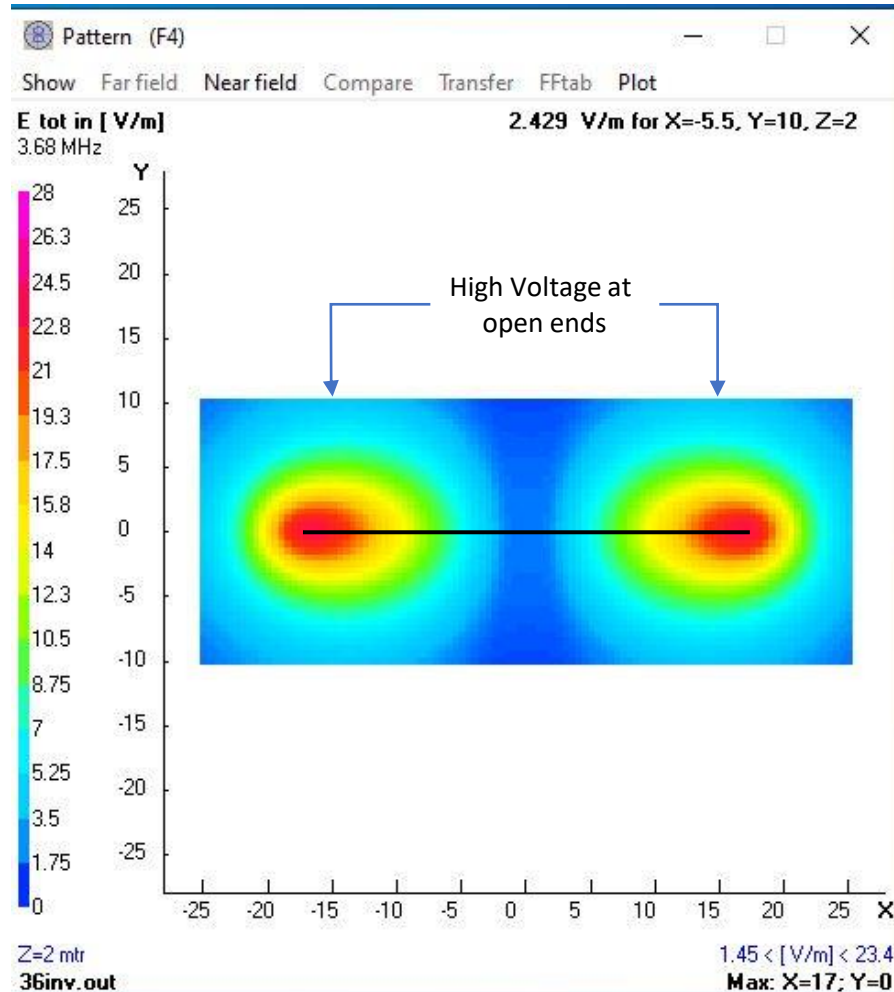
- An electric field is produced by an electric charge or voltage in a wire
 - It is measured in volts per meter (Vm^{-1} or V/m)
- A magnetic field is produced by magnets or a current in a wire
 - It is measured in amps per metre (Am^{-1} or A/m)
- Radio waves consist of linked electric and magnetic fields
 - Propagating at right angles to each other and the direction of propagation
 - Carrying power which spreads out (leading to the inverse square law)
 - Power density is measured in Watts per Square Metre (Wm^{-2} or W/m^2)
- Antennas create radio waves using a system of conductors
 - The electric and magnetic fields combine at a distance to create a radio wave
 - This is the **FAR FIELD**
 - Close to the antenna they need to be measured or plotted separately
 - This is the **NEAR FIELD**
 - The antenna can be considered as a point source if you are far enough away to be in the far field
 - Contributions of individual elements need to be added up at each location nearer to the antenna



Far field plots of an inverted V dipole



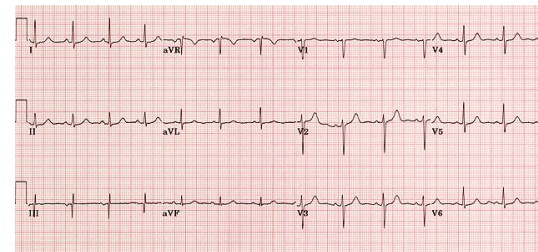
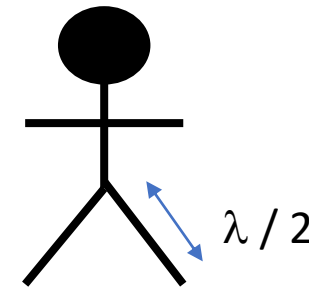
Near Field Plots of an inverted V Dipole



Maximum E Field is at open ends – maximum current is near feed point in the centre – nothing like far field !

Biological Effects of Electromagnetic Fields

- Heating – much existing use e.g.
 - Microwave Cooking – 2.4GHz 500-1000W
 - Industrial RF Heating – 27MHz many KW
 - Medical RF Heating – various ISM bands
- Induced Currents
 - Arms and legs as antennas
- Nerve Stimulation
 - Our nervous system is electrochemical



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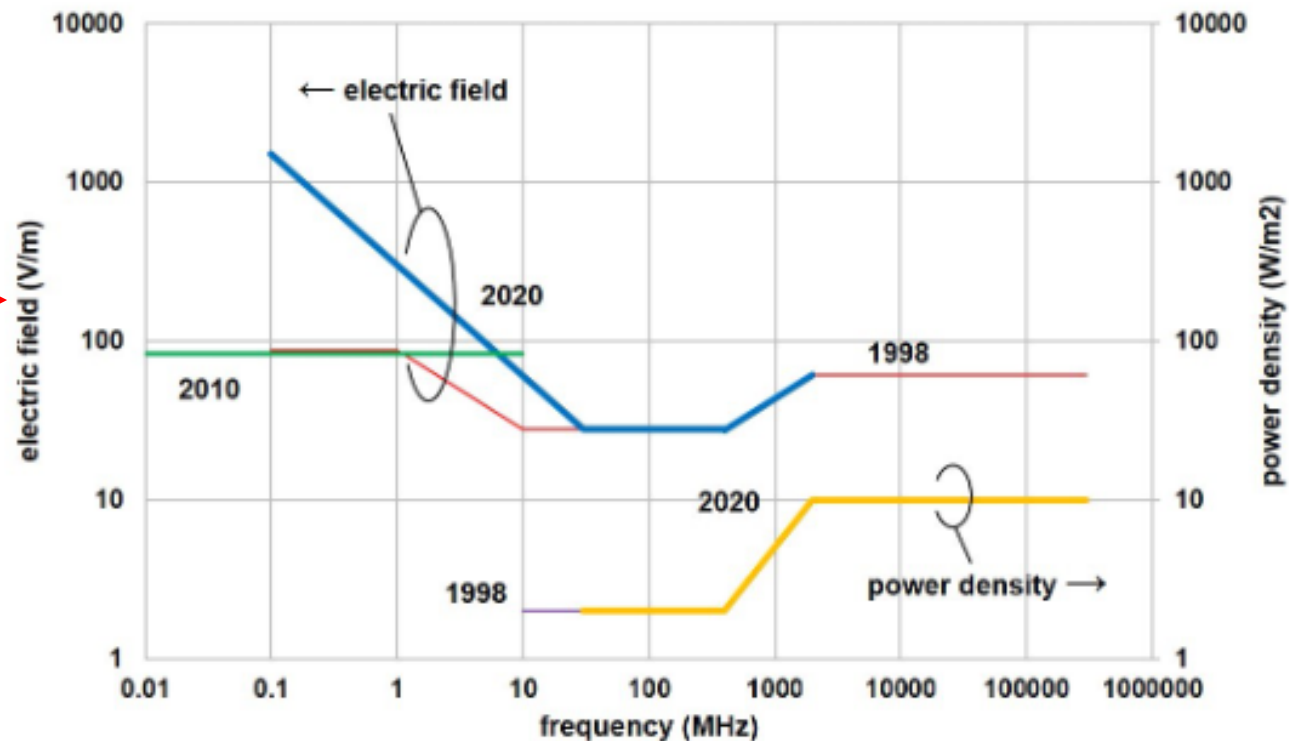
- Guidelines for protection of the public from electromagnetic fields
<https://www.icnirp.org/en/publications/index.html>
<https://www.icnirp.org/en/publications/article/rf-guidelines-2020.html>
- Published in the journal “Health Physics” by an international committee
- Covers effects due to
 - Gradual and Rapid Heating (the main emphasis)
 - Changes to cell membranes
 - Electrostimulation of nerves below 10MHz

What does ICNIRP do ?

- Provides separate limits for General Public and Occupational exposure
 - In general occupational levels are double the public levels
- Limits are stated in terms of
 - E fields (volts per metre) and H fields (amps per metre) at low frequencies below 30MHz
 - Power density (watts per square metre) at above 30MHz (equivalent E and H available)
- Three versions – progressively less severe in most respects
 - 1998
 - 2010
 - 2020

ICNIRP Limits in each version

[icnirp.org/en/differences.html#:~:text=ICNIRP%20\(1998\)%20and%20ICNIRP%20\(,more%20conservative%20g](http://icnirp.org/en/differences.html#:~:text=ICNIRP%20(1998)%20and%20ICNIRP%20(,more%20conservative%20g)
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Separate Electric and Magnetic Field limits must be used below 10MHz

Power Density can be used above 10MHz

Figure 1. Whole body average reference levels for the general public for the ICNIRP (1998), ICNIRP (2010) and ICNIRP (2020) guidelines, for the 100 kHz to 300 GHz frequency range. Note that the units of the two y-axes (i.e. electric field and power density) are independent of each other.

ICNIRP 2020 table 6 – reference levels

Table 6. Reference levels for local exposure, averaged over 6 min, to electromagnetic fields from 100 kHz to 300 GHz (unperturbed rms values).^a

Exposure scenario	Frequency range	Incident E-field strength; E_{inc} ($V\ m^{-1}$)	Incident H-field strength; H_{inc} ($A\ m^{-1}$)	Incident power density; S_{inc} ($W\ m^{-2}$)
Occupational	0.1 – 30 MHz	$1504/f_M^{0.7}$	$10.8/f_M$	NA
	>30 – 400 MHz	139	0.36	50
	>400 – 2000 MHz	$10.58f_M^{0.43}$	$0.0274f_M^{0.43}$	$0.29f_M^{0.86}$
	>2 – 6 GHz	NA	NA	200
	>6 – <300 GHz	NA	NA	$275/f_G^{0.177}$
	300 GHz	NA	NA	100
General public	0.1 – 30 MHz	$671/f_M^{0.7}$	$4.9/f_M$	NA
	>30 – 400 MHz	62	0.163	10
	>400 – 2000 MHz	$4.72f_M^{0.43}$	$0.0123f_M^{0.43}$	$0.058f_M^{0.86}$
	>2 – 6 GHz	NA	NA	40
	>6 – 300 GHz	NA	NA	$55/f_G^{0.177}$
	300 GHz	NA	NA	20

^a Note:

4. For frequencies of 100 kHz to 30 MHz, regardless of the far-field/near-field zone distinctions, compliance is demonstrated if neither E_{inc} or H_{inc} exceeds the above reference level values.

5. For frequencies of >30 MHz to 2 GHz: (a) within the far-field zone: compliance is demonstrated if either S_{inc} , E_{inc} or H_{inc} , does not exceed the above reference level values (only one is required); S_{eq} may be substituted for S_{inc} ; (b) within the radiative near-field zone, compliance is demonstrated if either S_{inc} , or both E_{inc} and H_{inc} , does not exceed the above reference level values; and (c) within the reactive near-field zone: compliance is demonstrated if both E_{inc} and H_{inc} do not exceed the above reference level values; S_{inc} cannot be used to demonstrate compliance, and so basic restrictions must be assessed.

NOTE: Table 5 gives 30 minute VHF/UHF levels at 44% of 6 minute levels which apply to GB2RS readers and repeaters !

ICNIRP 2020 E-Field limits below 10MHz

Table 8. Reference levels for local exposure to electromagnetic fields from 100 kHz to 10 MHz (unperturbed rms values), for peak values.^a

Exposure scenario	Frequency range	Incident E-field strength; E_{inc} ($V\ m^{-1}$)	Incident H-field strength; H_{inc} ($A\ m^{-1}$)
Occupational	100 kHz – 10 MHz	170	80
General public	100 kHz – 10 MHz	83	21

^aNote:

1. Regardless of the far-field/near-field zone distinction, compliance is demonstrated if neither peak spatial E_{inc} or peak spatial H_{inc} , over the projected whole-body space, exceeds the above reference level values.

In general Table 6 gives lower H-Field and higher E-Field limits below 10MHz than Table 8 so lower HF bands E-Field limit is 83V/m but H must be calculated

ICNIRP 2020 levels calculated per band

ICNIRP 2020 limits by band				
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BAND	Freq MHz	E (V/M)	H (A/M)	Source (Where 2 options, use lower)
160m	1.9	83	2.58	E from ICNIRP Table 8, H table 6 - general public levels
80m	3.65	83	1.34	E from ICNIRP Table 8, H table 6 - general public levels
60m	5.5	83	0.89	E from ICNIRP Table 8, H table 6 - general public levels
40m	7.1	83	0.69	E from ICNIRP Table 8, H table 6 - general public levels
30m	10	83	0.49	ICNIRP Table 6 - general public levels - below 30MHz
20m	14.2	104.74	0.35	ICNIRP Table 6 - general public levels - below 30MHz
15m	21.2	79.12	0.23	ICNIRP Table 6 - general public levels - below 30MHz
10m	29	63.54	0.17	ICNIRP Table 6 - general public levels - below 30MHz
6m	51	62.00	0.16	ICNIRP Table 6 - general public levels - 30-400MHz
4m	70	62.00	0.16	ICNIRP Table 6 - general public levels - 30-400MHz
2m	145	62.00	0.16	ICNIRP Table 6 - general public levels - 30-400MHz
70cm	432	64.15	0.17	ICNIRP Table 6 - general public levels - 400-2000MHz

ICNIRP Power Limits are Averages above 10MHz

- Below 10 MHz peak E-Field matters
 - Therefore use PEP
 - Regardless of mode or TX/RX ratio
- Above 10 MHz limits are 6 minute average rather than peak so we can
 - Consider TX/RX ratio
 - Within TX/RX periods consider average power for the mode in use
- The RSGB calculator does this for you

Don't overestimate the TX/RX ratio & mode factor

- Only net control stations or 1:1 QSOs are near 1:1 (50%)
 - If overs are short divide power by number of stations in the net
 - If overs are longer use percentage of 6 minutes taken by each over
- Only FM and data modes have 100% transmitted power throughout an over
- CW 40%
- SSB 20-50% depending on compression and gaps in speech
- Average power = electrical power x TX/RX ratio x mode factor
- In net operation TX/RX ratio can be very low e.g.
in a 80m SSB net with 5 stations and processed SSB
average PEP = 20% of 40% = 8% of metered PEP

Transmit mo	mode factor %
SSB	20.0%
SSB Processec	50.0%
Voice FM	100.0%
FSK	100.0%
RTTY	100.0%
FM	100.0%
AFSK	100.0%
CW	40.0%
Carrier	100.0%
Analog TV	60.0%
FSK441	100.0%
JT65	77.0%
Digital	100.0%
FT8	100.0%
MSK144	100.0%
DMR	100.0%
YSF	100.0%
Dstar	100.0%
WSTJ	100.0%

Effect of Antennas on Power

- ICNIRP uses EIRP (Effective Isotropically Radiated Power)
- EIRP is affected by antenna gain
- Bear in mind that gain is directional
 - So peak power is where antenna is pointing
 - Power (and fields) are less in other directions
 - RSGB and OFCOM calculators give the separation in the direction of maximum gain
 - Other calculators do correct for this !

Antenna Gain

- Antenna gain and radiated power is expressed in dBi or dBd
 - dBi and EIRP are relative to a spherical radiator (e.g. the sun or a light bulb)
 - dBd and ERP are relative to a dipole which radiates mostly sideways
 - There is a fixed ratio of $10/6 = 2.15\text{dB}$ between dBi and dBd
 - $\text{dBi} = \text{dBd} + 2.15$ and $\text{dBd} = \text{dBi} - 2.15$
- Dealers generally specify antenna gains in dBi
 - Be sure to start from ERP if dBd or EIRP if dBi
 - The maths underlying the OFCOM calculator use average EIRP

Power to EIRP conversion chart

<https://g0ozs.co.uk/mdwiki/emf/g0ozs-power-gain-eirp-lookup.png>

	Gain dBi	0	1	2	2.15	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Gain dBd	-2.15	-1.15	-0.15	0	0.85	1.85	2.85	3.85	4.85	5.85	6.85	7.85
POWER (W)	1	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.5	3.2	4.0	5.0	6.3	7.9	10.0
	2	2.0	2.5	3.2	3.3	4.0	5.0	6.3	8.0	10.0	12.6	15.9	20.0
	3	3.0	3.8	4.8	4.9	6.0	7.5	9.5	11.9	15.0	18.9	23.8	30.0
	4	4.0	5.0	6.3	6.6	8.0	10.0	12.6	15.9	20.0	25.2	31.8	40.0
	5	5.0	6.3	7.9	8.2	10.0	12.6	15.8	19.9	25.1	31.5	39.7	50.0
	6	6.0	7.6	9.5	9.8	12.0	15.1	19.0	23.9	30.1	37.9	47.7	60.0
	6.1	6.1	7.7	9.7	10.0	12.2	15.3	19.3	24.3	30.6	38.5	48.5	61.0
	7	7.0	8.8	11.1	11.5	14.0	17.6	22.1	27.9	35.1	44.2	55.6	70.0
	8	8.0	10.1	12.7	13.1	16.0	20.1	25.3	31.8	40.1	50.5	63.5	80.0
	9	9.0	11.3	14.3	14.8	18.0	22.6	28.5	35.8	45.1	56.8	71.5	90.0
	10	10.0	12.6	15.8	16.4	20.0	25.1	31.6	39.8	50.1	63.1	79.4	100.0
	12	12.0	15.1	19.0	19.7	23.9	30.1	37.9	47.8	60.1	75.7	95.3	120.0
	15	15.0	18.9	23.8	24.6	29.9	37.7	47.4	59.7	75.2	94.6	119.1	150.0
	20	20.0	25.2	31.7	32.8	39.9	50.2	63.2	79.6	100.2	126.2	158.9	200.0
	25	25.0	31.5	39.6	41.0	49.9	62.8	79.1	99.5	125.3	157.7	198.6	250.0
	30	30.0	37.8	47.5	49.2	59.9	75.4	94.9	119.4	150.4	189.3	238.3	300.0
	35	35.0	44.1	55.5	57.4	69.8	87.9	110.7	139.3	175.4	220.8	278.0	350.0
	40	40.0	50.4	63.4	65.6	79.8	100.5	126.5	159.2	200.5	252.4	317.7	400.0
	45	45.0	56.7	71.3	73.8	89.8	113.0	142.3	179.1	225.5	283.9	357.4	450.0
	50	50.0	62.9	79.2	82.0	99.8	125.6	158.1	199.1	250.6	315.5	397.2	500.0
60	60.0	75.5	95.1	98.4	119.7	150.7	189.7	238.9	300.7	378.6	476.6	600.0	
70	70.0	88.1	110.9	114.8	139.7	175.8	221.4	278.7	350.8	441.7	556.0	700.0	
80	80.0	100.7	126.8	131.2	159.6	201.0	253.0	318.5	400.9	504.8	635.5	800.0	
90	90.0	113.3	142.6	147.7	179.6	226.1	284.6	358.3	451.1	567.9	714.9	900.0	
100	100.0	125.9	158.5	164.1	199.5	251.2	316.2	398.1	501.2	631.0	794.3	1000.0	

The new OFCOM condition

And guidelines specifically relevant to Amateur Radio

The new OFCOM condition

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/manage-your-licence/emf>

https://www.ofcom.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0028/220798/emf-licence-condition-what-you-need-to-know-amateur-radio.pdf

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/manage-your-licence/emf/compliance-and-enforcement-guidance>

7(1) The Licensee shall ensure that:

- (a) the emitted frequency of the apparatus comprised in the Radio Equipment is as stable and as free from Unwanted Emissions as the state of technical development for amateur radio apparatus reasonably permits; **and**
- (b) whatever class of emission is in use, the bandwidth occupied by the emission is such that not more than 1% of the mean power of the transmission falls outside the nominal modulated carrier bandwidth³; **and**
- (c) the establishment, installation, modification or use of the Radio Equipment is carried out in accordance with the restrictions set out in Schedule 3 of this Licence in relation to electromagnetic field (EMF) exposure.**

7(2) Where this Licence is a Foundation Licence, the Licensee shall only use commercially available Radio Equipment which satisfies IR 2028. Foundation Licence holders may also use Radio Equipment constructed using commercially available kits which satisfy IR 2028.

7(3) Notwithstanding any other terms of this Licence, the Licensee shall ensure that the Radio Equipment is designed, constructed, maintained and used so that its use does not cause any Undue Interference to any wireless telegraphy.

(Change highlighting provided by OFCOM)

OFCOM Licence Changes

- OFCOM added a new clause 7.1c and schedule 3
- Schedule 3 specifies ICNIRP 1998 table 7 or 2020 tables 5 to 9
- Schedule 3 clause 7 incorporates the OFCOM guidance by reference
- Requires local records to be available for inspection by Ofcom
 - But does not prescribe the form or contents of these records in detail
- The OFCOM Guidance
 - Exempts transmitters below 10.1w EIRP (i.e. after antenna gain)
 - Includes family members guests and lodgers as general public
 - Exempts amateur licensees working together e.g. at a field day
 - Exempts shared sites below a total power of 100W from extra rules otherwise relevant
 - Defines and excludes areas where the public can be presumed not to be present
 - Lists methods of demonstrating and recording compliance
 - Lists methods of mitigating the risk including distance, locked gates and signage
 - Confirms that OFCOM accept operator settings and average power as mitigation

OFCOM resources

OFCOM have provided resources to help licensees assess compliance

- The Spreadsheet Calculator
<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/manage-your-licence/emf/calculator>
- The Guidance for Radio Amateurs
https://www.ofcom.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0028/220798/emf-licence-condition-what-you-need-to-know-amateur-radio.pdf
 - There is a flowchart on page 3
 - There is a table of pre-calculated distances by power and band on page 10

The Pre Calculated OFCOM table

BAND/EIRP	10W	50W	100W	200W	300W	400W	1KW
10MHz	4.8m	4.8m	4.8m	4.8m	5.6m	6.4m	10.1m
14MHz	3.8m	3.8m	3.8m	4.6m	5.6m	6.4m	10.1m
21MHz	2.3m	2.3m	3.2m	4.6m	5.6m	6.4m	10.1m
28MHz	1.8m	2.3m	3.2m	4.6m	5.6m	6.4m	10.1m
50MHz	1.1m	2.3m	3.2m	4.6m	5.6m	6.4m	10.1m
70MHz	1.1m	2.3m	3.2m	4.6m	5.6m	6.4m	10.1m
144MHz	1.1m	2.3m	3.2m	4.6m	5.6m	6.4m	10.1m
432Mhz	1.0m	2.2m	3.8m	4.4m	5.4m	6.2m	9.8m

This is a re-creation of the OFCOM power / separation table now removed from the guidance document.

This lists the limits by band with *extra rows* for 21MHz and 70MHz and *extra columns* for 200W and 300W EIRP.

OFCOM implementation Schedule

You need to have done this by the following dates:

- **18 November 2021** for frequencies you are using at or above 110 MHz;
- **18 May 2022** for frequencies you are using above 10 MHz but below 110 MHz;
- **18 November 2022** for frequencies you are using at or below 10 MHz.

Demonstrating Compliance

Methods of demonstrating compliance

In order of increasing difficulty:

- Use of low power and low gain antennas
- Avoiding the general public
- Use of OFCOM's calculator or one derived from it
- Use of published tables or pre-assessed configurations

Simplifications

The following will always be true and can save work:

- If I calculate an antenna separation for the highest power I can use, it will be more than enough for any lower power into the same antenna.
- If there is enough clearance at a given power, frequency and height then any additional height will be an improvement.
- For simple antennas (dipole and $\frac{1}{4}$ wave) OFCOM gives a slightly greater separation distance at 2m than 70cm for equal gain. So a 2m calculation will cover 70cm.
- For HF wire antenna below 10MHz the E-field limit determines the distance

Demonstrating compliance
through use of low power

Demonstrating compliance due to low power

OFCOM exempt stations with EIRP less than 10W from assessment and separation distance requirements in guideline 6.5(a). This can be achieved by

- Choosing a radio and antenna so as to make it physically impossible to exceed 10W EIRP
- Set up and/or installation of the radio and antenna to operate below 10W EIRP
- Above 10MHz, Operating restrictions to bring the 6 minute average power below 10W EIRP
- Demonstrating this can be achieved by, for example:
 - Programming a code plug to allow only compliant output power with your antenna
 - Buying a radio and antenna incapable of exceeding the power limit (guideline 6.5a)
 - Noting in the log that the power switch was set to low or medium (guideline 6.8)
 - Calculating Power x antenna gain x modulation factor to be less than 10W (guideline 6.5a)
 - Keeping a low transmit / receive ratio (guideline 6.8) by use of TOT or short overs

I have prepared a summary sheet showing how all my radios can be used without an antenna assessment under guideline 6.5(a) either by design or with power and duty cycle limits

GOOZS RADIO LOW POWER STATEMENT

The following transmitters or transceivers used under this license are incapable of more than 6 watts of electrical power output or can be set to achieve an average power less than 6 watts, so, when used with a dipole or an antenna of lesser gain including but not limited to a quarter wave or shorter whip or a helical whip antenna, are incapable of radiating more than 10.1W EIRP so are assessed to comply with OFCOM license condition 7.1 (c) due to a 6 minute average EIRP of 10 watts or less according to guideline 6.5 (a). Where necessary, the power settings and duty cycle limits required to reduce the average power to 6 Watts or less according to guideline 6.8 are listed. Use of these settings will ensure a 6 minute average EIRP below 10 Watts:



Make	Model	Band(s)	Power/Mode	Special Conditions for compliance under guideline 6.8
Kenwood	TH-D7E	2m/70cm	5 Watts FM/APRS	NONE
<u>Lanch</u>	HG-UV98	2m/70cm	5 Watts FM	NONE
TYT	MD-390	70cm	5 Watts DMR/FM	NONE
Motorola	Astro Spectra	2m	8/25 Watts FM	1:1 TX/RX ratio on 8W and 1:4 TX/RX ratio on 25W max over 1 minute
ICOM	IC-F1010	2m	5/25 Watts FM	None on 5W 1:4 TX/RX ratio on 25W
ICOM	IC-F610	70cm	5/25 Watts FM	None on 5W 1:4 TX/RX ratio on 25W
ICOM	IC-F3G and S	2m	6 Watts FM	1:1 TX/RX ratio and original antenna
ICOM	IC-F4G and S	70cm	5 Watts FM	NONE
ICOM	IC-2E	2m	1.5 Watts FM	NONE
<u>Alinco</u>	DR-599	2m/70cm	5/15/35 Watts FM	Low or Medium Power Only – 1:2 TX/RX ratio on Medium
Kenwood	TM-D710	2m/70cm	5/15/45 Watts FM/APRS	None on 5W 1:3 TX/RX on 15W and 10:1 APRS only on 45W
Plessey	UK/PRC-320	1.5-30MHz	5/30 Watts SSB/CW	None on Low Power, HP only above 10MHz 1:1 Max TX/RX ratio * %
M.E.L. (Thales)	UK/PRC-319	1.5-30MHz	6/40 Watts SSB/CW/FSK	None on Low Power, HP SSB 1:2 FSK 1:8 max ratio only above 10MHz * %
M.E.L. (Thales)	UK/PRC-321	1.5-30MHz	5/45 Watts SSB	None on Low Power Mode. HP only above 10MHz 1:2 Max TX/RX ratio * %
Marconi	UK/VRC-353	4m/6m	0.25/1/15/30 Watts	NONE on 0.1 and 1W, 1:2 TX/RX ratio on 15W, assess for 50W
RACAL	P25 (PRC8894)	2m	5 Watts FM/P25	NONE
RACAL	Cougar	2m and 4m	2 Watts FM	NONE
RACAL	Cougar SMT	2m and 4m	18 Watts	1:4 TX/RX ratio maximum
RACAL	VRM5080	2m and 4m	0.1/15/60 Watts FM	Low or Medium Power Only – 1:2 TX/RX ratio on Medium, assess 60W
<u>Tadiran</u>	PRC-77	4m/6m	4 Watts FM	NONE
Telefunken	SEM35	10m/6m	2 Watts FM	NONE
<u>Voronzeh</u>	R-107T	10m/6m	1.5 Watts FM	NONE
<u>Voronzeh</u>	R-126	6m	0.25 Watts FM	NONE
REME	SR-128	40m/80m	1 Watt CW	NONE
<u>Skanti</u>	TRP8255	10-30MHz	20/60/120W CW/SSB	1:1 TX/RX ratio on low power, 1:3 TX/RX ratio on medium, assess for high %

* Because ICNIRP 2020 table 8 specifies peak power below 10MHz averaging under guideline 6.8 cannot be used to achieve compliance with clause 7.1(c)

% Using 40% modulation factor for Processed SSB and CW as in RSGB Calculator version 9d of March 2021

Maximum transmit time for 10W average

It is possible to calculate the maximum percentage of transmit time in 6 minutes to keep under 10W average EIRP for a given antenna gain and RF power output, when operating above 10MHz:

<https://g0ozs.co.uk/mdwiki/emf/g0ozs-power-gain-exempt-duty-cycle.png>

FM TX:RX ratio needed to achieve 10 Watts EIRP											
Antenna Gain (dBi) - add 2.14 and round up if found in dBd											
RF POWER	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
1	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	100%
2	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	100%	79%	63%	50%
3	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	84%	67%	53%	42%	33%
4	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	79%	63%	50%	40%	31%	25%
5	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	80%	63%	50%	40%	32%	25%	20%
6	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	84%	66%	53%	42%	33%	26%	21%	17%
7	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	90%	72%	57%	45%	36%	29%	23%	18%	14%
8	NO LIMIT	NO LIMIT	79%	63%	50%	40%	31%	25%	20%	16%	13%
9	NO LIMIT	88%	70%	56%	44%	35%	28%	22%	18%	14%	11%
10	NO LIMIT	79%	63%	50%	40%	32%	25%	20%	16%	13%	10%
12	83%	66%	53%	42%	33%	26%	21%	17%	13%	10%	8%
15	67%	53%	42%	33%	27%	21%	17%	13%	11%	8%	7%
20	50%	40%	32%	25%	20%	16%	13%	10%	8%	6%	5%
25	40%	32%	25%	20%	16%	13%	10%	8%	6%	5%	4%
30	33%	26%	21%	17%	13%	11%	8%	7%	5%	4%	3%
40	25%	20%	16%	13%	10%	8%	6%	5%	4%	3%	3%
50	20%	16%	13%	10%	8%	6%	5%	4%	3%	3%	2%

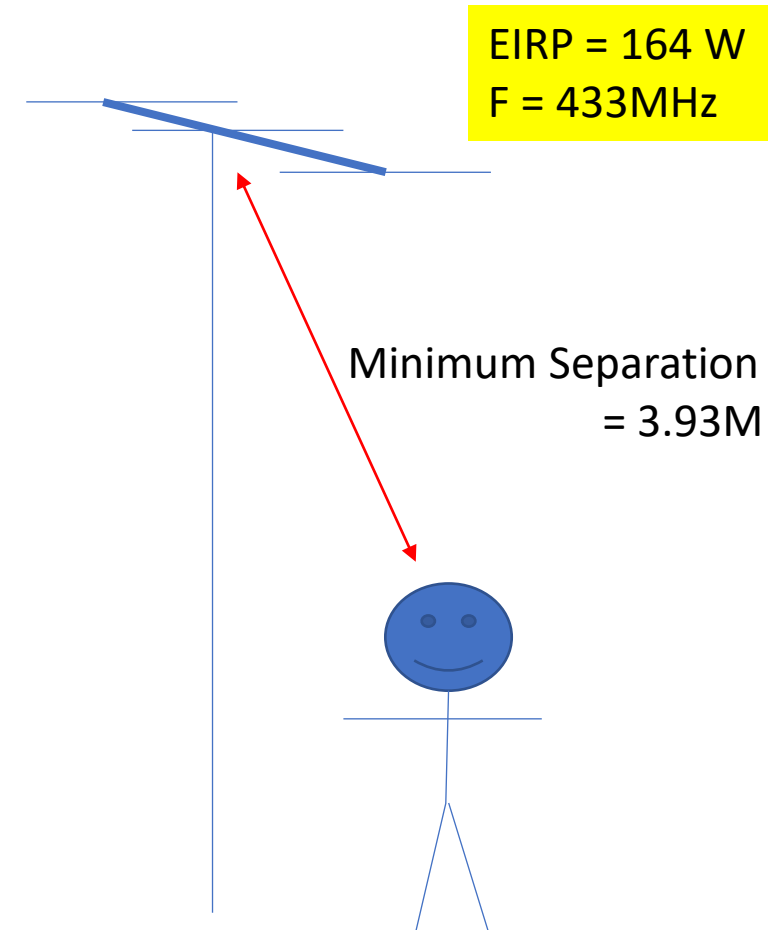
The OFCOM Calculator

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/manage-your-licence/emf/calculator>

<https://www.ofcom.org.uk/data/assets/file/0013/220810/emf-calculator-v1.0.xlsx>

The OFCOM calculator

- Originally provided as an Excel sheet (still there)
 - Reputed to run in Google Docs and OpenOffice
- Now available as an online form
- Treats antenna as a point source
- Takes EIRP, duty cycle and Frequency as input
- Uses ICNIRP 1998 formulae
- No results below 10MHz
- Separation distance is straight line to the antenna
- Good for VHF if you know your EIRP – use with care if the “Reactive Near Field” distance gets close to the Separation Distance.



OFCOM Data Input

Enter either the maximum power radiated from your antenna (in [Watts EIRP or Watts ERP](#)) or the power output from your equipment into your antenna (in Watts)

 Watts ▼ (i)

Antenna gain

 dBd ▼ (i)

Does your equipment transmit all of the time?

Yes No

Max transmission time in any 6 minute period

 Minutes ▼ (i)

Please enter the operating frequency of your equipment

 MHz (i)

Calculate

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OFCOM Results

Compliance Distance Calculation Result

Input parameters

Power input	35 (Watts)
Antenna gain	8 (dBd)
Max transmission time in any 6 minute period	3 Minutes
Operating frequency of equipment	432 (MHz)

Calculated result

The result of the calculation is a compliance distance in metres that you need to maintain between the antenna and members of the general public

Compliance Distance (R)	4.13 (m)
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For information only, intermediate parameters used in calculation are provided below

Percentage of transmission time in any 6 minute period	50.00%
Average radiated power EIRP	181.08 (Watts)
Wavelength	0.69 (m)
Reactive near-field boundary	0.11 (m) ⓘ
Reference level for power density (from ICNIRP 1998 Guidelines)	2.16 (W/m ²)

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Re-Calculate

Tabulated OFCOM Results

It is possible to prepare a table of separation vs frequency and power using the OFCOM calculator

<https://g0ozs.co.uk/mdwiki/emf/g0ozs-band-eirp-separation-lookup.png>

BAND/EIRP	10W	50W	100W	200W	300W	400W	1KW
10MHz	4.8m	4.8m	4.8m	4.8m	5.6m	6.4m	10.1m
14MHz	3.8m	3.8m	3.8m	4.6m	5.6m	6.4m	10.1m
21MHz	2.3m	2.3m	3.2m	4.6m	5.6m	6.4m	10.1m
28MHz	1.8m	2.3m	3.2m	4.6m	5.6m	6.4m	10.1m
50MHz	1.1m	2.3m	3.2m	4.6m	5.6m	6.4m	10.1m
70MHz	1.1m	2.3m	3.2m	4.6m	5.6m	6.4m	10.1m
144MHz	1.1m	2.3m	3.2m	4.6m	5.6m	6.4m	10.1m
432Mhz	1.0m	2.2m	3.8m	4.4m	5.4m	6.2m	9.8m

Tabulated EIRP Results

It is possible to prepare a table of power and antenna gain to EIRP from first principles or using the OFCOM page <https://g0ozs.co.uk/mdwiki/emf/g0ozs-power-gain-eirp-lookup.png>

	Gain dBi	0	1	2	2.15	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Gain dBd	-2.15	-1.15	-0.15	0	0.85	1.85	2.85	3.85	4.85	5.85	6.85	7.85
POWER (W)	1	1.0	1.3	1.6	1.6	2.0	2.5	3.2	4.0	5.0	6.3	7.9	10.0
	2	2.0	2.5	3.2	3.3	4.0	5.0	6.3	8.0	10.0	12.6	15.9	20.0
	3	3.0	3.8	4.8	4.9	6.0	7.5	9.5	11.9	15.0	18.9	23.8	30.0
	4	4.0	5.0	6.3	6.6	8.0	10.0	12.6	15.9	20.0	25.2	31.8	40.0
	5	5.0	6.3	7.9	8.2	10.0	12.6	15.8	19.9	25.1	31.5	39.7	50.0
	6	6.0	7.6	9.5	9.8	12.0	15.1	19.0	23.9	30.1	37.9	47.7	60.0
	6.1	6.1	7.7	9.7	10.0	12.2	15.3	19.3	24.3	30.6	38.5	48.5	61.0
	7	7.0	8.8	11.1	11.5	14.0	17.6	22.1	27.9	35.1	44.2	55.6	70.0
	8	8.0	10.1	12.7	13.1	16.0	20.1	25.3	31.8	40.1	50.5	63.5	80.0
	9	9.0	11.3	14.3	14.8	18.0	22.6	28.5	35.8	45.1	56.8	71.5	90.0
	10	10.0	12.6	15.8	16.4	20.0	25.1	31.6	39.8	50.1	63.1	79.4	100.0
	12	12.0	15.1	19.0	19.7	23.9	30.1	37.9	47.8	60.1	75.7	95.3	120.0
	15	15.0	18.9	23.8	24.6	29.9	37.7	47.4	59.7	75.2	94.6	119.1	150.0
	20	20.0	25.2	31.7	32.8	39.9	50.2	63.2	79.6	100.2	126.2	158.9	200.0
	25	25.0	31.5	39.6	41.0	49.9	62.8	79.1	99.5	125.3	157.7	198.6	250.0
	30	30.0	37.8	47.5	49.2	59.9	75.4	94.9	119.4	150.4	189.3	238.3	300.0
	35	35.0	44.1	55.5	57.4	69.8	87.9	110.7	139.3	175.4	220.8	278.0	350.0
	40	40.0	50.4	63.4	65.6	79.8	100.5	126.5	159.2	200.5	252.4	317.7	400.0
	45	45.0	56.7	71.3	73.8	89.8	113.0	142.3	179.1	225.5	283.9	357.4	450.0
	50	50.0	62.9	79.2	82.0	99.8	125.6	158.1	199.1	250.6	315.5	397.2	500.0
60	60.0	75.5	95.1	98.4	119.7	150.7	189.7	238.9	300.7	378.6	476.6	600.0	
70	70.0	88.1	110.9	114.8	139.7	175.8	221.4	278.7	350.8	441.7	556.0	700.0	
80	80.0	100.7	126.8	131.2	159.6	201.0	253.0	318.5	400.9	504.8	635.5	800.0	
90	90.0	113.3	142.6	147.7	179.6	226.1	284.6	358.3	451.1	567.9	714.9	900.0	
100	100.0	125.9	158.5	164.1	199.5	251.2	316.2	398.1	501.2	631.0	794.3	1000.0	

The RSGB Calculator

<https://rsgb.org/main/technical/emc/emf-exposure/>

<https://rsgb.services/public/software/emccalculator/>

<https://rsgb.services/public/publications/emc/emf-calculator-v0.1.2-rsgb11d.xlsx>


The RSGB Calculator

- Shares the same core calculation and limitations with OFCOM but
 - Adds antenna, feeder and average power calculations
 - Converts OFCOM distance to horizontal and vertical separations
 - Understands that antennas don't have the same gain downwards as outwards
 - Provides standard cable, antenna and transmission mode values
- Available as both
 - A web form and
 - An Excel spreadsheet
- Is designed to be printed and kept as a compliance record
- As it is based on the same maths as OFCOM it is also pessimistic at HF
 - More so as you go lower in frequency

RSGB Calculator Example – VHF Base 130W FM

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Configuration name: G0OZS-VHF-QRO **Notes:** No uncontrolled public access within 5 metres at ground level.
Highest output power is RM LA-250 with 6W drive giving 130W out.
50% duty cycle for normal QSO operation - see separate report for GB2RS.
Calculated for FM as worst case - other modes have lower duty cycle.
Minimum mast height is 6m when in use.



Radio	Feeder	Antenna
Band: 2m	Cable type: Ecoflex 10	Antenna type: 5 Element Yagi
Mid-band frequency: 145.5MHz	Loss per 100m: -4.8dB	Antenna gain: 12.6 (11dBi)
Transmit mode: Voice FM	Cable length (m): 15	Mainlobe EIRP: 692.3W (28.4dBW)
Mode factor: 100% (0dB)	Feeder loss: -0.7dB	Antenna polarization: Vertical
Transmitter power (W): 130 (21.1dBW)	Second feeder losses (-dB): 0	Height of antenna (m): 5
Transmit % in 6 minutes: 50 (-3dB)	Other losses (-dB): 0	Directivity factor (-dB): 6 (-6dB)
Average power from transmitter: 65W (18.1dBW)	Average power into antenna: 55W (17.4dBW)	Average EIRP: 173.9W (22.4dBW)
Peak power from transmitter: 130W (21.1dBW)	Peak power into antenna: 110W (20.4dBW)	Peak EIRP: 347.8W (25.4dBW)

Further assessment required (average power > 10W or peak power > 100W EIRP)
Please use one of the methods below

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[ITU-T K.52 ICNIRP 1998 limits](#)- [Note: Calculator Limitations](#)

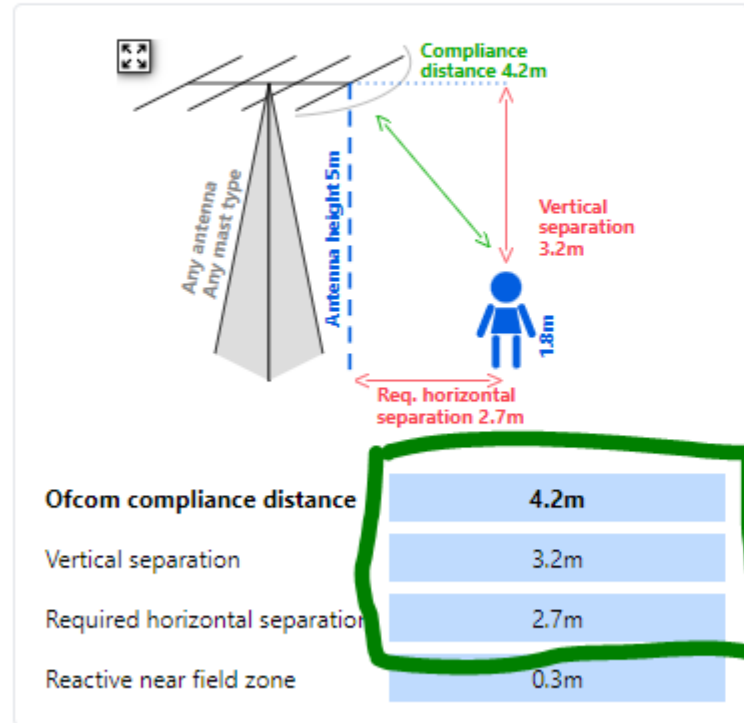
RSGB Calculator Example – Results

Further assessment required (average power > 10W or peak power > 100W EIRP)

Please use one of the methods below

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RSGB Calculator Built In – UHF Handheld 5W FM

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Standard configurations

5W handheld (70cm) ▼

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Notes:

Feeder	
Cable type	None ▼
Loss per 100m	0dB
Cable length (m)	0
Feeder loss	0dB
Second feeder losses (-dB)	0
Other losses (-dB)	0
Average power into antenna	5W (7dBW)
Peak power into antenna	5W (7dBW)

Antenna	
Antenna type	Rubber Duck ▼
Antenna gain	1.7 (2.2dBi)
Mainlobe EIRP	8.3W (9.2dBW)
Antenna polarization	Vertical ▼
Height of antenna (m)	1,8
Directivity factor (-dB)	0
Average EIRP	8.3W (9.2dBW)
Peak EIRP	8.3W (9.2dBW)



Low power compliant

No further assessment needed as average power <= 10W and peak power <= 100W EIRP

RSGB Calculator Built In – UHF Handheld 5W FM

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Standard configurations

5W handheld (70cm) ▼

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Saved configurations

G00ZS-VHF-QRO ▼

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Manage

Notes:

Feeder

Cable type	None ▼
Loss per 100m	0dB
Cable length (m)	0
Feeder loss	0dB
Second feeder losses (-dB)	0
Other losses (-dB)	0
Average power into antenna	5W (7dBW)
Peak power into antenna	5W (7dBW)

Antenna

Antenna type	Rubber Duck ▼
Antenna gain	1.7 (2.2dBi)
Mainlobe EIRP	8.3W (9.2dBW)
Antenna polarization	Vertical ▼
Height of antenna (m)	1.8
Directivity factor (-dB)	0
Average EIRP	8.3W (9.2dBW)
Peak EIRP	8.3W (9.2dBW)

Transmitter

Mid-band frequency	435MHz
Transmit mode	Voice FM ▼
Mode factor	100% (0dB)
Transmitter power (W)	5 (7dBW)
Transmit % in 6 minutes	100 (0dB)
Average power from transmitter	5W (7dBW)
Peak power from transmitter	5W (7dBW)

Low power compliant

No further assessment needed as average power <= 10W and peak power <= 100W EIRP



RSGB Calculator – VHF Mobile

Radio

Band	2m
Mid-band frequency	145.5MHz
Transmit mode	Voice FM
Mode factor	100% (0dB)
Transmitter power (W)	45 (16.5dBW)
Transmit % in 6 minutes	50 (-3dB)
Average power from transmitter	22.5W (13.5dBW)
Peak power from transmitter	45W (16.5dBW)

Feeder

Cable type	RG58A
Loss per 100m	-18.1dB
Cable length (m)	5
Feeder loss	-0.9dB
Second feeder losses (-dB)	0
Other losses (-dB)	0
Average power into antenna	18.3W (12.6dBW)
Peak power into antenna	36.5W (15.6dBW)

Antenna

Antenna type	Custom
Custom gain (dBi)	2,4 (1.74)
Mainlobe EIRP	31.7W (15dBW)
Antenna polarization	Vertical
Height of antenna (m)	1,6
Directivity factor (-dB)	0
Average EIRP	31.7W (15dBW)
Peak EIRP	63.5W (18dBW)

Further assessment required (average power > 10W or peak power > 100W EIRP)

Please use one of the methods below

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Ofcom compliance distance	1.8m
Vertical separation	0m
Required horizontal separation	1.8m
Reactive near field zone	0.3m

RSGB Calculator – UHF Mobile

Radio

Band	70cm	▼
Mid-band frequency	435MHz	
Transmit mode	Voice FM	▼
Mode factor	100% (0dB)	
Transmitter power (W)	45	(16.5dBW)
Transmit % in 6 minutes	50	(-3dB)
Average power from transmitter	22.5W	(13.5dBW)
Peak power from transmitter	45W	(16.5dBW)

Feeder

Cable type	RG58A	▼
Loss per 100m	-34.6dB	
Cable length (m)	5	
Feeder loss	-1.7dB	
Second feeder losses (-dB)	0	
Other losses (-dB)	0	
Average power into antenna	15.1W	(11.8dBW)
Peak power into antenna	30.2W	(14.8dBW)

Antenna

Antenna type	Custom	▼
Custom gain (dBi)	2,4	(1.74)
Mainlobe EIRP	26.3W	(14.2dBW)
Antenna polarization	Vertical	▼
Height of antenna (m)	1,6	
Directivity factor (-dB)	0	
Average EIRP	26.3W	(14.2dBW)
Peak EIRP	52.5W	(17.2dBW)

Further assessment required (average power > 10W or peak power > 100W EIRP)

Please use one of the methods below

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Ofcom compliance distance	1.6m
Vertical separation	0m
Required horizontal separation	1.6m
Reactive near field zone	0.1m

RSGB Calculator – HF Intermediate SSB

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Configuration name: **Intermediate SSB**

Notes:

Radio

Band	20m
Mid-band frequency	14.2MHz
Transmit mode	SSB
Mode factor	20% (-7dB)
Transmitter power (W)	50 (17dBW)
Transmit % in 6 minutes	50 (-3dB)
Average power from transmitter	5W (7dBW)
Peak power from transmitter	50W (17dBW)

Feeder

Cable type	RG213
Loss per 100m	-2.4dB
Cable length (m)	15
Feeder loss	-0.4dB
Second feeder losses (-dB)	0
Other losses (-dB)	0
Average power into antenna	4.6W (6.6dBW)
Peak power into antenna	45.9W (16.6dBW)

Antenna

Antenna type	Half wave dipole
Antenna gain	1.6 (2.2dBi)
Mainlobe EIRP	7.5W (8.8dBW)
Antenna polarization	Horizontal
Height of antenna (m)	6
Directivity factor (-dB)	0
Average EIRP	7.5W (8.8dBW)
Peak EIRP	75.4W (18.8dBW)

Low power compliant

No further assessment needed as average power $\leq 10W$ and peak power $\leq 100W$ EIRP

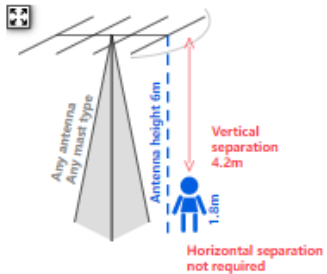
RSGB Calculator – HF Intermediate SSB Processed

Radio		Feeder		Antenna	
Band	20m	Cable type	RG213	Antenna type	Half wave dipole
Mid-band frequency	14.2MHz	Loss per 100m	-2.4dB	Antenna gain	1.6 (2.2dBi)
Transmit mode	SSB Processed	Cable length (m)	15	Mainlobe EIRP	18.8W (12.8dBW)
Mode factor	50% (-3dB)	Feeder loss	-0.4dB	Antenna polarization	Horizontal
Transmitter power (W)	50 (17dBW)	Second feeder losses (-dB)	0	Height of antenna (m)	6
Transmit % in 6 minutes	50 (-3dB)	Other losses (-dB)	0	Directivity factor (-dB)	0
Average power from transmitter	12.5W (11dBW)	Average power into antenna	11.5W (10.6dBW)	Average EIRP	18.8W (12.8dBW)
Peak power from transmitter	50W (17dBW)	Peak power into antenna	45.9W (16.6dBW)	Peak EIRP	75.4W (18.8dBW)

Further assessment required (average power > 10W or peak power > 100W EIRP)
Please use one of the methods below

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Ofcom compliance distance	3.4m
Vertical separation	4.2m
Required horizontal separation	0m
Reactive near field zone	3.4m

Same = $\frac{\lambda}{2\pi}$

Advanced Tools for HF and QRO

Limitations of simple calculators

- OFCOM, RSGB and IARU R1 ICNIRPCALC use a simple formula

The diagram illustrates the formula for separation R based on three input parameters: EIRP, Ground Reflection, and Power Density Limit. Arrows from each parameter point to the corresponding term in the formula:

$$R = \sqrt{\frac{P_t(1 + |\Gamma|)^2}{4\pi S_r}}$$

Ground Reflection points to $|\Gamma|$, EIRP points to P_t , and Power Density Limit points to S_r .

- This treats the antenna as a point source
- It is not valid in the inner “reactive” near field zone close to the antenna – OFCOM use $\lambda / 2\pi$ or approximately 1/6 wavelength for this.
- They tell you the reactive near field distance if it is greater than the formula result
- If the safety distance is less than the near field distance then other methods must be used to map the fields inside this zone

OFCOM acceptable alternatives

OFCOM recognise the limits of their calculator and in section 6.24 of

https://www.ofcom.org.uk/data/assets/pdf_file/0025/214459/guidance-emf-compliance-enforcement.pdf

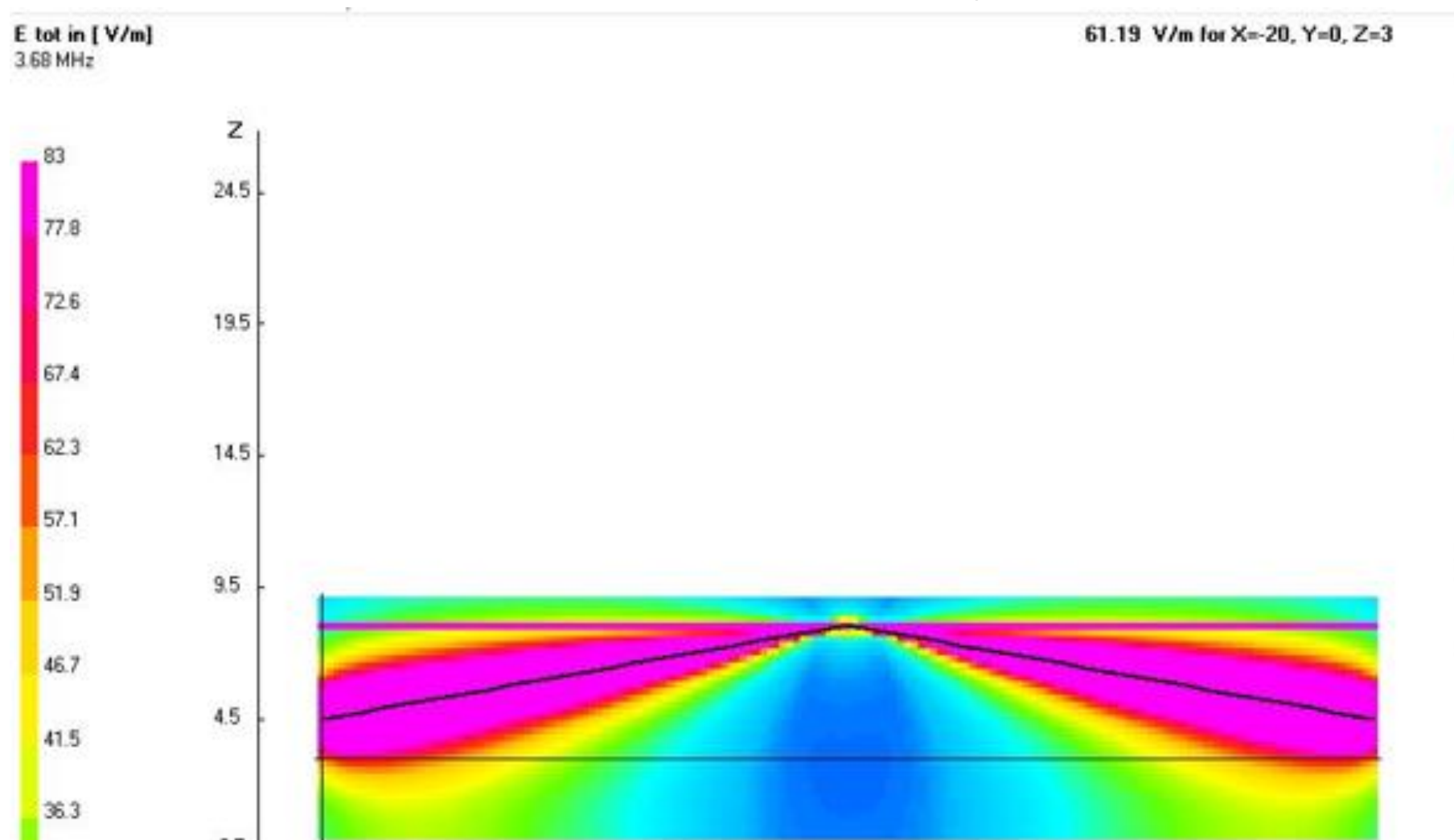
they list the following methods of assessment (summarised to fit the slide)

- a) Manufacturer's Instructions
- b) OFCOM's EMF Calculator
- c) Other EMF calculators that the user is confident produce sufficiently accurate results
- d) Measurements done in accordance with methods in OFCOM's list of recognised standards
- e) Pre-assessed configurations provided by OFCOM or developed and shared by reputable organisations such as for example the RSGB
- f) Instructions from a third party expert (such as a radiocommunications industry professional) who has the technical expertise to ensure that the equipment is installed and operated in compliance with the General Public EMF limits

Electromagnetic Modelling Software

- Produces a map of near field strength in 3 dimensions
- Can model nearby objects as well as the antenna
- Can model interactions between antennas
- Electromagnetic models can be used by
 - Looking at pre-calculated models such as the RSGB PAC or the ARRL book
 - Running the software yourself
- NEC2 the Numerical Electromagnetics Code
 - is the “gold standard” of free electromagnetic modelling software
 - NEC was developed by Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in the USA
 - It has been around for over 40 years
 - Many “user friendly” derivatives and work-alikes exist
 - NEC4 is paid and much better especially at modelling real ground
- The RSGB PACs and the ARRL book are based on NEC calculations

NEC model of inverted-V dipole E-Field



RSGB Pre Assessed Configurations

<http://rsgb.org/main/files/2021/04/PAC-1-HW-Dipole-160to40m-v1.0.pdf>

https://rsgb.services/public/publications/emc/PAEC-2_VHF-UHF_Beams_V1p0_2021-09-22.pdf

RSGB Pre-Assessed Dipoles

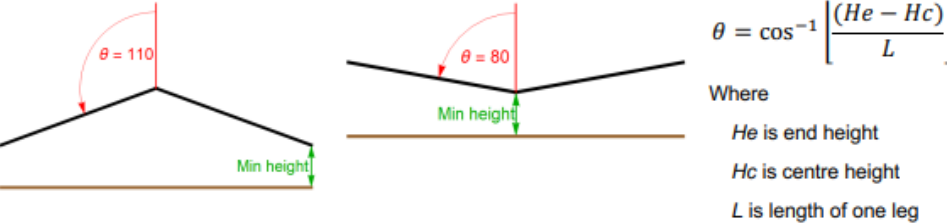


Figure 1 – Defining the V angle θ and minimum height

Table 2 – Minimum height for pre-assessed configuration cases

#	Configuration Description		Transmit power	Minimum height AGL for radiating structure			
	Ground	V angle		160m	80m	60m	40m
1	Any excluding Sea	Any		160m	80m	60m	40m
			<= 10 W	2.3m	2.3m	2.3m	2.3m
			<= 50 W	3.2m	3.0m	2.9m	2.8m
			<= 100 W	3.7m	3.6m	3.4m	3.3m
			<= 400 W	6.4m	5.3m	N/A	4.3m
2	Any excluding Sea, Rich Soil	Any		160m	80m	60m	40m
			<= 10 W	2.2m	2.2m	2.2m	2.2m
			<= 50 W	2.7m	2.6m	2.6m	2.6m
			<= 100 W	3.1m	3.0m	3.0m	2.9m
			<= 400 W	4.8m	4.4m	N/A	4.0m

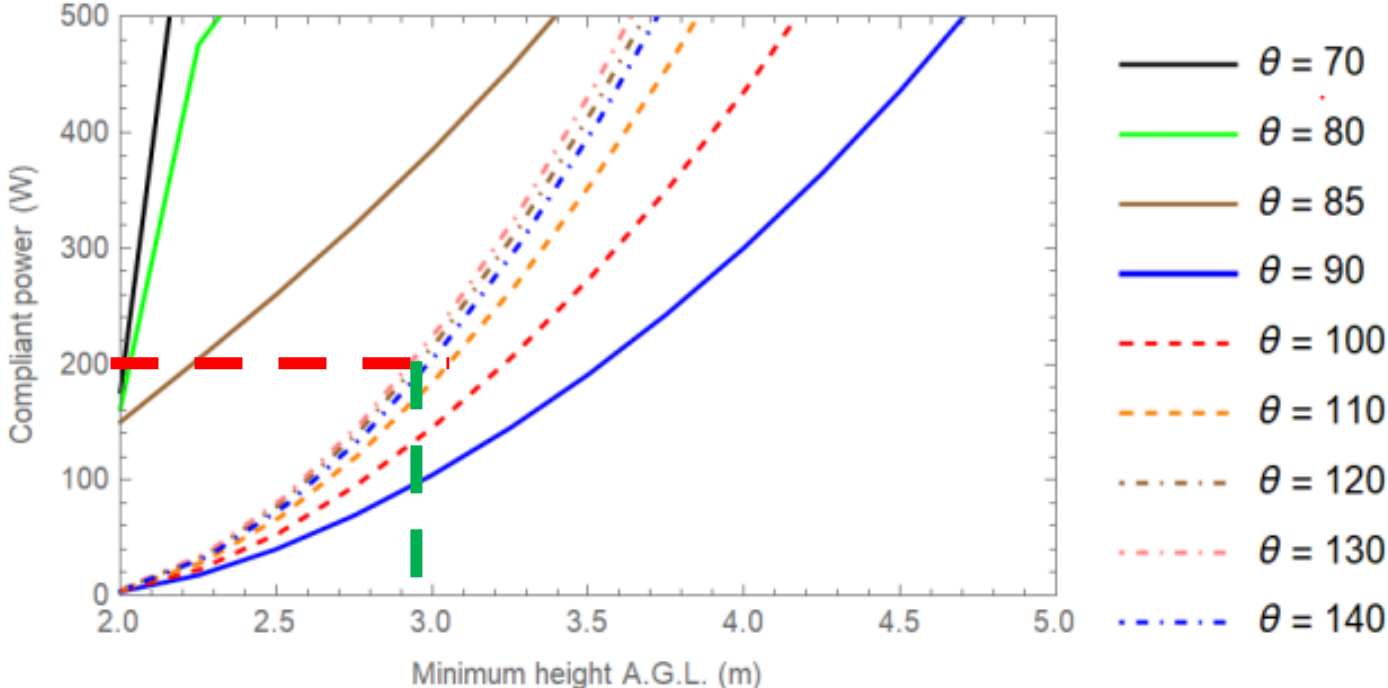


Figure C.2: Compliant power v minimum height for different V angle θ deg for 80m half-wave dipole antenna – “Clay ground”

1. Read across from power level to curve for your ground type
2. Minimum height is below where power level crosses curve

RSGB Pre-Assessed VHF/UHF Beams

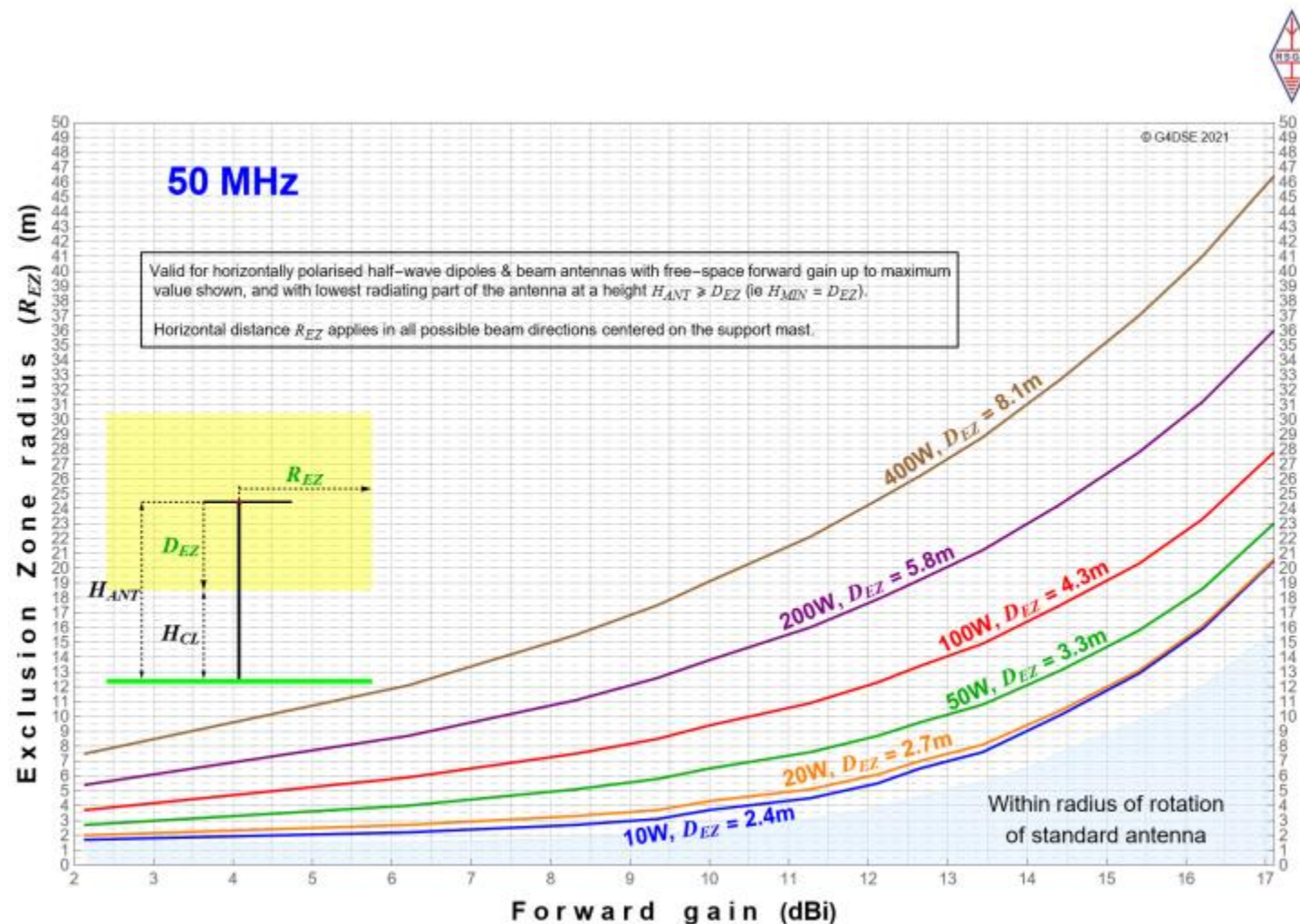
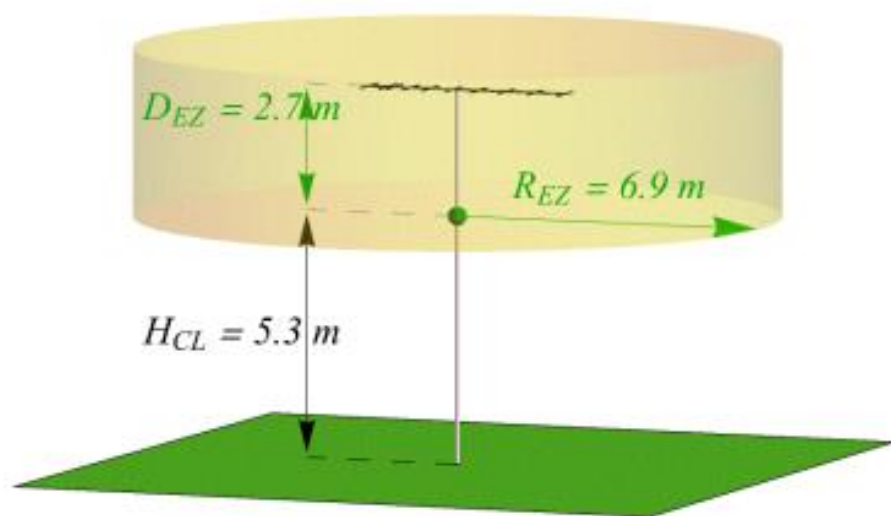


Figure 3A—Exclusion Zone for antennas mounted higher than $H_{MIN} = D_{EZ}$ (50 MHz)

The ARRL Book

<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Technology/RFsafetyCommittee/RF%20Exposure%20and%20You.pdf>

The ARRL Book

- Titled “RF Exposure and You” by Ed Hare W1RFI
- Based on ICNIRP 1998 and published in 2003
- Calculated using software from Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory
- “Uncontrolled” is equivalent to OFCOM’s “general public” limit
- Chapter 8 contains tables of safe distance for common antennas
 - Verticals
 - Dipoles and G5RV/Windom
 - Yagis
 - Long Wires
- Dimensions are in feet (1 metre = 3.25 feet)
- Download at:
<http://www.arrl.org/files/file/Technology/RFsafetyCommittee/RF%20Exposure%20and%20You.pdf>

Example Table

40-meter band horizontal, half-wave dipole, Frequency = 7.3 MHz, Height above ground = 20 feet

Horizontal distance (feet) from any part of the antenna for compliance with occupational/controlled or general population/uncontrolled exposure limits*

Power** (watts)	Height above ground (feet) where exposure occurs							
	6 feet		12 feet		20 feet		30 feet	
	con.	unc.	con.	unc.	con.	unc.	con.	unc.
10	0	0	0	0	.5	1	0	0
25	0	0	0	0	1	1.5	0	0
50	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0
100	0	0	0	0	1.5	2.5	0	0
200	0	0	0	0	1.5	3.5	0	0
250	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
300	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	0
400	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0
500	0	0	0	0	0	5.5	0	0
600	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0
750	0	0	0	0	0	6.5	0	0
1000	0	0	0	1.5	3.5	7.5	0	0
1250	0	0	0	4.5	4	8	0	0
1500	0	0	0	6	4	9	0	0

This means the public can walk under any part of this antenna

30-meter band horizontal, half-wave dipole, Frequency = 10.15 MHz, Height above ground = 10 feet

Note a Zero clearance distance means no clearance required at that height above ground

How to improve EMF compliance?

There are alternatives to technical compliance

If the most accurate calculations still show that the general public could access locations where the EMF field levels exceed the ICNIRP limits you may be able to modify your station or operating habits to address the issue.

It is not necessary to stop operating !

What can I do to improve ICNIRP Compliance

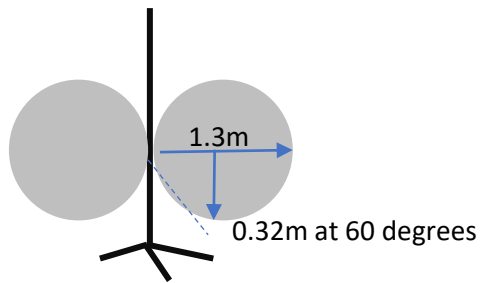
- Reduce the power required to establish communication
 - Use modes that need less power (e.g. FT8)
 - Limit transmit/receive ratio (set a Time out)
- Modify the Antenna
 - Use a taller mast (which makes up for reduced power !)
 - Prevent a beam antenna from pointing at public areas
 - Use a higher gain antenna to reduce downward radiation
- Operate when the “public” are not there
 - Wait until the family are out
 - Use CCTV or motion sensors to alert you when someone is in the exclusion zone
- Put up warning signs or barriers

Effect of raising the antenna

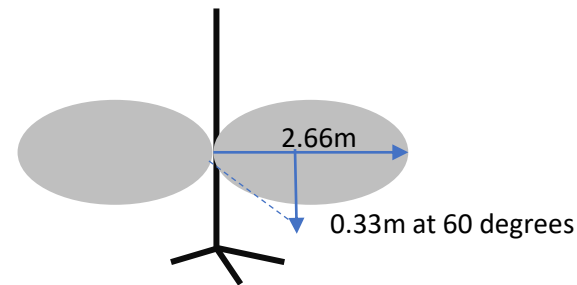
- The inverse square law applies to separation distance in far field
 - A large increase in power requires a smaller increase in separation
 - Conversely a small increase in separation allows much more power
 - The easiest way to increase separation is upwards
 - 5 metres is enough for any reasonable portable VHF setup used for RAYNET etc
 - It is easy to construct simple unguyed masts to get a VHF antenna 5m high
- Antennas have gain in the vertical plane
 - So raising the main beam above head height helps
 - OFCOM only give separation in the direction of maximum antenna gain
 - Use the RSGB calculator and look up the directivity factor in antenna books or makers data
- Higher antennas give longer range
 - This offsets the effect of reduced power so is a win/win

Avoiding pointing antennas at the public

- Directional antennas need more separation in direction of max gain
- Less separation is needed in other directions
 - OFCOM only give separation in maximum gain direction
 - RSGB PAEC 2 covers beam antennas in detail
- Take account of vertical radiation pattern for omnidirectional antennas
 - High Gain vertically polarised antennas have flat patterns
 - This can considerably reduce separation or height required
 - The RSGB calculator needs you to find the correction for your antenna yourself
 - IARU R1 IcnirpCalc.exe has pattern data for many commercial antennas
<http://www.iaru-r1.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/08/icnirp.zip>



Diamond X30 (3dBi on 2m)
100 W FM



Diamond X700H (9.3dBi on 2m)
100W FM

Non Technical Solutions

- Operate high power only when family are out and door is locked
 - This is particularly relevant to loft antennas
- Use fences and gates with locks or alarms to exclude or warn of people
 - This is applicable to larger gardens accessible to young people
- Operate /p when you can see public approaching and stop transmitting
 - This is applicable to SOTA and similar open outdoor sites
 - Many RAYNET events may also be covered
- Park where people cant get near you safely due to traffic or vegetation
- Use signs to discourage long exposure of passing pedestrians
 - This is applicable to “static mobile” use

The MoD Approach



**Do not loiter
within 2m of
any antenna**

THE END