

Federal Communications Commission

§ 18.307

§ 18.303 Prohibited frequency bands.

Operation of ISM equipment within the following safety, search and rescue frequency bands is prohibited: 490–510 kHz, 2170–2194 kHz, 8354–8374 kHz, 121.4–121.6 MHz, 156.7–156.9 MHz, and 242.8–243.2 MHz.

§ 18.305 Field strength limits.

(a) ISM equipment operating on a frequency specified in §18.301 is permitted unlimited radiated energy in the band specified for that frequency.

(b) The field strength levels of emissions which lie outside the bands specified in §18.301, unless otherwise indicated, shall not exceed the following:

Equipment	Operating frequency	RF Power generated by equipment (watts)	Field strength limit (µV/m)	Distance (meters)
Any type unless otherwise specified (miscellaneous).	Any ISM frequency	Below 500	25	300
		500 or more	25×SQRT(power/500)	1300
	Any non-ISM frequency ..	Below 500	15	300
		500 or more	15×SQRT(power/500)	1300
Industrial heaters and RF stabilized arc welders.	On or below 5,725 MHz ..	Any	10	1,600
	Above 5,725 MHz	Any	(²)	(²)
Medical diathermy	Any ISM frequency	Any	25	300
	Any non-ISM frequency ..	Any	15	300
Ultrasonic	Below 490 kHz	Below 500	2,400/F(kHz)	300
		500 or more	2,400/F(kHz)× SQRT(power/500).	300
	490 to 1,600 kHz	Any	24,000/F(kHz)	30
	Above 1,600 kHz	Any	15	30
Induction cooking ranges	Below 90 kHz	Any	1,500	430
	On or above 90 kHz	Any	300	430

¹ Field strength may not exceed 10 µV/m at 1600 meters. Consumer equipment operating below 1000 MHz is not permitted the increase in field strength otherwise permitted here for power over 500 watts.
² Reduced to the greatest extent possible.
³ Field strength may not exceed 10 µV/m at 1600 meters. Consumer equipment is not permitted the increase in field strength otherwise permitted here for over 500 watts.
⁴ Induction cooking ranges manufactured prior to February 1, 1980, shall be subject to the field strength limits for miscellaneous ISM equipment.

(c) The field strength limits for RF lighting devices shall be the following:

Frequency (MHz)	Field strength limit at 30 meters (µV/m)
Non-consumer equipment:	
30–88	30
88–216	50
216–1000	70
Consumer equipment:	
30–88	10
88–216	15
216–1000	20

NOTES

- The tighter limit shall apply at the boundary between two frequency ranges.
- Testing for compliance with these limits may be made at closer distances, provided a sufficient number of measurements are taken to plot the radiation pattern, to determine the major lobes of radiation, and to determine the expected field strength level at 30, 300, or 1600 meters. Alternatively, if measurements are made at only one closer fixed distance, then the permissible field strength

limits shall be adjusted using 1/d as an attenuation factor.

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§ 18.307 Conduction limits.

For the following equipment, when designed to be connected to the public utility (AC) power line the radio frequency voltage that is conducted back onto the AC power line on any frequency or frequencies shall not exceed the limits in the following tables. Compliance with the provisions of this paragraph shall be based on the measurement of the radio frequency voltage between each power line and ground at the power terminal using a 50 µH/50 ohms line impedance stabilization network (LISN).

(a) All Induction cooking ranges and ultrasonic equipment:

Frequency of emission (MHz)	Conducted limit (dBµV)	
	Quasi-peak	Average
0.009–0.05	110	—