

(d) *Intermodulation immunity.* The receiver shall meet the requirements specified in paragraph (a) of this section in the presence of interference from two-signal, third order intermodulation products of two VHF-FM broadcast signals having levels in accordance with the following:

(1)  $2N_1 + N_2 + 72 \leq 0$  for VHF-FM sound broadcasting signals in the range 107.7–108 MHz; and

(2)  $2N_1 + N_2 + 3(24 - 20 \log \Delta f/0.4) \leq 0$  for VHF-FM sound broadcasting signals below 107.7 MHz, where the frequencies of the two VHF-FM sound broadcasting signals produce, within the receiver, a two signal, third-order intermodulation product on the desired VDB frequency.

(3) In the formulas in paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) of this section,  $N_1$  and  $N_2$  are the levels (dBm) of the two VHF FM sound broadcasting signals at the VHF data broadcast (VDB) receiver input. Neither level shall exceed the desensitization criteria set forth in paragraph (c) of this section.  $\Delta f = 108.1 - f_i$ , where  $f_i$  is the frequency of  $N_1$ , the VHF FM sound broadcasting signal closer to 108.1 MHz.

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### Subpart E—Frequencies

#### § 87.169 Scope.

This subpart contains class of station symbols and a frequency table which lists assignable frequencies. Frequencies in the Aviation Services will transmit communications for the safe, expeditious, and economic operation of aircraft and the protection of life and property in the air. Each class of land station may communicate in accordance with the particular sections of this part which govern these classes. Land stations in the Aviation Services in Alaska may transmit messages concerning sickness, death, weather, ice conditions or other matters relating to safety of life and property if there is no other established means of communications between the points in question and no charge is made for the communications service.

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#### § 87.171 Class of station symbols.

The two or three letter symbols for the classes of station in the aviation services are:

##### *Symbol and class of station*

AX—Aeronautical fixed  
 AXO—Aeronautical operational fixed  
 DGP—Differential GPS  
 FA—Aeronautical land (unspecified)  
 FAU—Aeronautical advisory (unicom)  
 FAC—Airport control tower  
 FAE—Aeronautical enroute  
 FAM—Aeronautical multicom  
 FAR—Aeronautical search and rescue  
 FAS—Aviation support  
 FAT—Flight test  
 FAW—Automatic weather observation  
 GCO—Ground Communication Outlet  
 MA—Aircraft (Air carrier and Private)  
 MA1—Air carrier aircraft only  
 MA2—Private aircraft only  
 MOU—Aeronautical utility mobile  
 MRT—ELT test  
 RCO—Remote Communications Outlet  
 RL—Radionavigation land (unspecified)  
 RLA—Marker beacon  
 RLB—Radiobeacon  
 RLD—RADAR/TEST  
 RLG—Glide path  
 RLL—Localizer  
 RLO—VHF omni-range  
 RLS—Surveillance radar  
 RLT—Radionavigation land test  
 RLW—Microwave landing system  
 RNV—Radio Navigation Land/DME  
 RPC—Ramp Control  
 TJ—Aircraft earth station in the Aeronautical Mobile-Satellite Service  
 UAT—Universal Access Transceiver

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#### § 87.173 Frequencies.

(a) The table in paragraph (b) of this section lists assignable carrier frequencies or frequency bands.

(1) The single letter symbol appearing in the “Subpart” column indicates the subpart of this part which contains additional applicable regulations.

(2) The two or three letter symbol appearing in the “Class of Station” column indicates the class of station to which the frequency is assignable.

(b) Frequency table:

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| Frequency or frequency band | Subpart | Class of station | Remarks  |
|-----------------------------|---------|------------------|--|
| 90–110 kHz                  | Q       | RL               | LORAN "C".   |
| 190–285 kHz                 | Q       | RLB              | Radiobeacons.  |
| 200–285 kHz                 | O       | FAC              | Air traffic control.   |
| 325–405 kHz                 | O       | FAC              | Air traffic control.   |
| 325–435 kHz                 | Q       | RLB              | Radiobeacons.  |
| 410.0 kHz                   | F       | MA               | International direction-finding for use outside of United States.                          |
| 457.0 kHz                   | F       | MA               | Working frequency for aircraft on over-water flights.                                      |
| 500.0 kHz                   | F       | MA               | International calling and distress frequency for ships and aircraft on over-water flights. |
| 510–535 kHz                 | Q       | RLB              | Radiobeacons.  |
| 2182.0 kHz                  | F       | MA               | International distress and calling.  |
| 2648.0 kHz                  | I       | AX               | Alaska station.  |
| 2850.0–3025.0 kHz           | I       | MA, FAE          | International HF.  |
| 2851.0 kHz                  | I, J    | MA, FAE, FAT     | International HF; Flight Test.   |
| 2866.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF; (Alaska).   |
| 2875.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF.   |
| 2878.0 kHz                  | I       | MA1, FAE         | Domestic HF; International HF.   |
| 2911.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF.   |
| 2956.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF.   |
| 3004.0 kHz                  | I, J    | MA, FAE, FAT     | International HF; Flight Test.   |
| 3019.0 kHz                  | I       | MA1, FAE         | Domestic HF; International HF.   |
| 3023.0 kHz                  | F, M, O | MA1, FAR, FAC    | Search and rescue communications.  |
| 3281.0 kHz                  | K       | MA, FAS          | Lighter-than-air craft and aeronautical stations serving lighter-than-air craft.           |
| 3400.0–3500.0 kHz           | I       | MA, FAE          | International HF.  |
| 3434.0 kHz                  | I       | MA1, FAE         | Domestic HF.   |
| 3443.0 kHz                  | J       | MA, FAT          | Flight Test.   |
| 3449.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF.   |
| 3470.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF; International HF.   |
| 4125.0 kHz                  | F       | MA               | Distress and safety with ships and coast stations.   |
| 4550.0 kHz                  | I       | AX               | Gulf of Mexico.  |
| 4645.0 kHz                  | I       | AX               | Alaska.  |
| 4650.0–4700.0 kHz           | I       | MA, FAE          | International HF.  |
| 4672.0 kHz                  | I       | MA1, FAE         | Domestic HF.   |
| 4947.5 kHz                  | I       | AX               | Alaska.  |
| 5036.0 kHz                  | I       | AX               | Gulf of Mexico.  |
| 5122.5 kHz                  | I       | AX               | Alaska.  |
| 5167.5 kHz                  | I       | FA               | Alaska emergency.  |
| 5310.0 kHz                  | I       | AX               | Alaska.  |
| 5450.0–5680.0 kHz           | I       | MA, FAE          | International HF.  |
| 5451.0 kHz                  | J       | MA, FAT          | Flight Test.   |
| 5463.0 kHz                  | I       | MA1, FAE         | Domestic HF.   |
| 5469.0 kHz                  | J       | MA, FAT          | Flight Test.   |
| 5472.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF.   |
| 5484.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF.   |
| 5490.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF.   |
| 5496.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF.   |
| 5508.0 kHz                  | I       | MA1, FAE         | Domestic HF.   |
| 5571.0 kHz                  | J       | MA, FAT          | Flight Test.   |
| 5631.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF.   |
| 5680.0 kHz                  | F, M, O | MA1, FAC, FAR    | Search and rescue communications.  |
| 5887.5 kHz                  | I       | AX               | Alaska.  |
| 6525.0–6685.0 kHz           | I       | MA, FAE          | International HF.  |
| 6550.0 kHz                  | J       | MA, FAT          | Flight Test.   |
| 6580.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF.   |
| 6604.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF.   |
| 8015.0 kHz                  | I       | AX               | Alaska.  |
| 8364.0 kHz                  | F       | MA               | Search and rescue communications.  |
| 8815.0–8965.0 kHz           | I       | MA, FAE          | International HF.  |
| 8822.0 kHz                  | J       | MA, FAT          | Flight Test.   |
| 8855.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF; international HF.   |
| 8876.0 kHz                  | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF.   |
| 10005.0–10100.0 kHz         | I       | MA, FAE          | International HF.  |
| 10045.0 kHz                 | J       | MA, FAT          | Flight Test.   |
| 10066.0 kHz                 | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF; international HF.   |
| 11275.0–11400.0 kHz         | I       | MA, FAE          | International HF.  |
| 11288.0 kHz                 | J       | MA, FAT          | Flight Test.   |
| 11306.0 kHz                 | J       | MA, FAT          | Flight Test.   |
| 11357.0 kHz                 | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF.   |
| 11363.0 kHz                 | I       | MA, FAE          | Domestic HF.   |
| 13260.0–13360.0 kHz         | I       | MA, FAE          | International HF.  |
| 13312.0 kHz                 | I, J    | MA, FAE, FAT     | International HF; Flight Test.   |

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------------|---|
| 17900.0–17970.0 kHz         | I .....                   | MA, FAE .....                        | International HF.   |
| 17964.0 kHz .....           | J .....                   | MA, FAT .....                        | Flight Test.  |
| 21924.0–22000.0 kHz         | I .....                   | MA, FAE .....                        | International HF.   |
| 21931.0 kHz .....           | J .....                   | MA, FAT .....                        | Flight Test.  |
| 72.02–72.98 MHz .....       | P .....                   | FA, AXO .....                        | Operational fixed.  |
| 75.000 MHz .....            | Q .....                   | RLA .....                            | Marker beacon.  |
| 75.42–75.98 MHz .....       | P .....                   | FA, AXO .....                        | Operational fixed.  |
| 108.000 MHz .....           | Q .....                   | RLT .....                            |   |
| 108.000–117.950 MHz         | Q .....                   | RLO .....                            | VHF omni-range.   |
| 108.000–117.975 MHz         | Q .....                   | DGP .....                            | Differential GPS.   |
| 108.050 MHz .....           | Q .....                   | RLT .....                            |   |
| 108.100–111.950 MHz         | Q .....                   | RLL .....                            | ILS Localizer.  |
| 108.100 MHz .....           | Q .....                   | RLT .....                            |   |
| 108.150 MHz .....           | Q .....                   | RLT .....                            |   |
| 118.000–121.400 MHz         | O, S .....                | MA, FAC, FAW, GCO<br>RCO, RPC .....  | 25 kHz channel spacing  |
| 121.500 MHz .....           | G, H, I, J, K, M, O ..... | MA, FAU, FAE, FAT,<br>FAS, FAC, FAM. | Emergency and distress.   |
| 121.600–121.925 MHz         | O, L, Q .....             | MA, FAC, MOU, RLT,<br>GCO, RCO, RPC. | 25 kHz channel spacing.   |
| 121.950 MHz .....           | K .....                   | FAS                                  |   |
| 121.975 MHz .....           | F, S .....                | MA2, FAW, FAC,<br>MOU.               | Air traffic control operations.   |
| 122.000 MHz .....           | F .....                   | MA, FAC, MOU .....                   | Air carrier and private aircraft enroute flight advisory service provided by FAA. |
| 122.025 MHz .....           | F, S .....                | MA2, FAW, FAC,<br>MOU.               | Air traffic control operations.   |
| 122.050 MHz .....           | F .....                   | MA, FAC, MOU .....                   | Air traffic control operations.   |
| 122.075 MHz .....           | F, S .....                | MA2, FAW, FAC,<br>MOU.               | Air traffic control operations.   |
| 122.100 MHz .....           | F, O .....                | MA, FAC, MOU .....                   | Air traffic control operations.   |
| 122.125–122.675 MHz         | F .....                   | MA2, FAC, MOU .....                  | Air traffic control operations; 25 kHz spacing.                                   |
| 122.700 MHz .....           | G, L .....                | MA, FAU, MOU .....                   | Unicom at airports with no control tower; Aeronautical utility stations.          |
| 122.725 MHz .....           | G, L .....                | MA, FAU, MOU .....                   | Unicom at airports with no control tower; Aeronautical utility stations.          |
| 122.750 MHz .....           | F .....                   | MA2 .....                            | Private fixed wing aircraft air-to-air communications.                            |
| 122.775 MHz .....           | K .....                   | MA, FAS                              |   |
| 122.800 MHz .....           | G, L .....                | MA, FAU, MOU .....                   | Unicom at airports with no control tower; Aeronautical utility stations.          |
| 122.825 MHz .....           | I .....                   | MA, FAE .....                        | Domestic VHF.   |
| 122.850 MHz .....           | H, K .....                | MA, FAM, FAS                         |   |
| 122.875 MHz .....           | I .....                   | MA, FAE .....                        | Domestic VHF.   |
| 122.900 MHz .....           | F, H, L, M .....          | MA, FAR, FAM, MOU                    |   |
| 122.925 MHz .....           | H .....                   | MA2, FAM.                            |   |
| 122.950 MHz .....           | G, L .....                | MA, FAU, MOU .....                   | Unicom at airports with control tower; Aeronautical utility stations.             |
| 122.975 MHz .....           | G, L .....                | MA, FAU, MOU .....                   | Unicom at airports with no control tower; Aeronautical utility stations.          |
| 123.000 MHz .....           | G, L .....                | MA, FAU, MOU .....                   | Unicom at airports with no control tower; Aeronautical utility stations.          |
| 123.025 MHz .....           | F .....                   | MA2 .....                            | Helicopter air-to-air communications; Air traffic control operations.             |
| 123.050 MHz .....           | G, L .....                | MA, FAU, MOU .....                   | Unicom at airports with no control tower; Aeronautical utility stations.          |
| 123.075 MHz .....           | G, L .....                | MA, FAU, MOU .....                   | Unicom at airports with no control tower; Aeronautical utility stations.          |
| 123.100 MHz .....           | M, O .....                | MA, FAC, FAR .....                   |   |
| 123.125 MHz .....           | J .....                   | MA, FAT .....                        | Itinerant.  |
| 123.150 MHz .....           | J .....                   | MA, FAT .....                        | Itinerant.  |
| 123.175 MHz .....           | J .....                   | MA, FAT .....                        | Itinerant.  |
| 123.200 MHz .....           | J .....                   | MA, FAT                              |   |
| 123.225 MHz .....           | J .....                   | MA, FAT                              |   |
| 123.250 MHz .....           | J .....                   | MA, FAT                              |   |
| 123.275 MHz .....           | J .....                   | MA, FAT                              |   |
| 123.300 MHz .....           | K .....                   | MA, FAS                              |   |
| 123.325 MHz .....           | J .....                   | MA, FAT                              |   |
| 123.350 MHz .....           | J .....                   | MA, FAT                              |   |
| 123.375 MHz .....           | J .....                   | MA, FAT                              |   |

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|-----------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 123.400 MHz                 | J                      | MA, FAT                           | Itinerant.  |
| 123.425 MHz                 | J                      | MA, FAT                           |   |
| 123.450 MHz                 | J                      | MA, FAT                           |   |
| 123.475 MHz                 | J                      | MA, FAT                           |   |
| 123.500 MHz                 | K                      | MA, FAS                           |   |
| 123.525 MHz                 | J                      | MA, FAT                           |   |
| 123.550 MHz                 | J                      | MA, FAT                           |   |
| 123.575 MHz                 | J                      | MA, FAT                           |   |
| 123.6–128.8 MHz             | O, S                   | MA, FAC, FAW, GCO, RCO, RPC.      |   |
| 128.825–132.000 MHz         | I                      | MA, FAE                           |   |
| 132.025–135.975 MHz         | O, S                   | MA, FAC, FAW, GCO, RCO, RPC.      | 25 kHz channel spacing.   |
| 136.000–136.400 MHz         | O, S                   | MA, FAC, FAW, GCO, RCO, RPC       | Air traffic control operations; 25 kHz channel spacing.   |
| 136.425 MHz                 | O, S                   | MA, FAC, FAW, GCO, RCO, RPC       | Air traffic control operations.   |
| 136.450 MHz                 | O, S                   | MA, FAC, FAW, GCO, RCO, RPC       | Air traffic control operations.   |
| 136.475 MHz                 | O, S                   | MA, FAC, FAW, GCO, RCO, RPC       | Air traffic control operations.   |
| 136.500–136.875 MHz         | I                      | MA, FAE                           | Domestic VHF.   |
| 136.900 MHz                 | I                      | MA, FAE                           | International and Domestic VHF.   |
| 136.925 MHz                 | I                      | MA, FAE                           | International and domestic VHF.   |
| 136.950 MHz                 | I                      | MA, FAE                           | International and domestic VHF.   |
| 136.975 MHz                 | I                      | MA, FAE                           | International and domestic VHF.   |
| 156.300 MHz                 | F                      | MA                                | For communications with ship stations under specific conditions.  |
| 156.375 MHz                 | F                      | MA                                | For communications with ship stations under specific conditions; Not authorized in New Orleans Vessel traffic service area.       |
| 156.400 MHz                 | F                      | MA                                | For communications with ship stations under specific conditions.  |
| 156.425 MHz                 | F                      | MA                                | For communications with ship stations under specific conditions.  |
| 156.450 MHz                 | F                      | MA                                | For communications with ship stations under specific conditions.  |
| 156.625 MHz                 | F                      | MA                                | For communications with ship stations under specific conditions.  |
| 156.800 MHz                 | F                      | MA                                | Distress, safety and calling frequency; For communications with ship stations under specific conditions.                          |
| 156.900 MHz                 | F                      | MA                                | For communications with ship stations under specific conditions.  |
| 157.425 MHz                 | F                      | MA                                | For communications with commercial fishing vessels under specific conditions except in Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Seaway Areas. |
| 243.000 MHz                 | F                      | MA                                | Emergency and distress frequency for use of survival craft and emergency locator transmitters.                                    |
| 328.600–335.400 MHz         | Q                      | RLG                               | ILS glide path.   |
| 334.550 MHz                 | Q                      | RLT                               |   |
| 334.700 MHz                 | Q                      | RLT                               |   |
| 406.0–406.1 MHz             | F, G, H, I, J, K, M, O | MA, FAU, FAE, FAT, FAS, FAC, FAM. | Emergency and distress.   |
| 960–1215 MHz                | F, Q                   | MA, RL, RNV                       | Electronic aids to air navigation.  |
| 978.000 MHz                 | F, L, Q                | MA, MOU, UAT                      | Universal Access Transceivers.  |
|                             | Q                      | RLT                               |   |
| 979.000 MHz                 | Q                      | RLT                               |   |
| 1030.000 MHz                | Q                      | RLT                               |   |
| 1104.000 MHz                | Q                      | RLT                               |   |
| 1300–1350 MHz               | F, Q                   | MA, RLS                           | Surveillance radars and transponders.   |
| 1435–1525 MHz               | F, J                   | MA, FAT                           | Aeronautical telemetry and telecommand operations.  |
| 1559–1610 MHz               | Q                      | DGP                               | Differential GPS.   |
| 1559–1626.5 MHz             | F, Q                   | MA, RL                            | Aeronautical radionavigation.   |
| 1646.5–1660.5 MHz           | F                      | TJ                                | Aeronautical Mobile-Satellite (R).  |
| 2310–2320 MHz               | J                      | MA, FAT                           | Aeronautical telemetry and telecommand operations.  |
| 2345–2395 MHz               | J                      | MA, FAT                           | Aeronautical telemetry and telecommand operations.  |
| 2700–2900 MHz               | Q                      | RLS, RLD                          | Airport surveillance and weather radar.   |
| 4200–4400 MHz               | F                      | MA                                | Radio altimeters.   |
| 5000–5250 MHz               | Q                      | MA, RLW                           | Microwave landing systems.  |
| 5031.000 MHz                | Q                      | RLT                               |   |

| Frequency or frequency band | Subpart    | Class of station | Remarks  |
|-----------------------------|------------|------------------|--|
| 5350–5470 MHz .....         | F .....    | MA .....         | Airborne radars and associated airborne beacons. |
| 8750–8850 MHz .....         | F .....    | MA .....         | Airborne doppler radar.                          |
| 9000–9200 MHz .....         | Q .....    | RLS, RLD .....   | Land-based radar.                                |
| 9300–9500 MHz .....         | F, Q ..... | MA .....         | Airborne radars and associated airborne beacons. |
| 13250–13400 MHz ....        | F .....    | MA .....         | Airborne doppler radar.                          |
| 15400–15700 MHz ....        | Q .....    | RL .....         | Aeronautical radionavigation.                    |
| 24750–25050 MHz ....        | F, Q ..... | MA, RL .....     | Aeronautical radionavigation.                    |
| 32300–33400 MHz ....        | F, Q ..... | MA, RL .....     | Aeronautical radionavigation.                    |

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**Subpart F—Aircraft Stations**

**§ 87.185 Scope of service.**

(a) Aircraft stations must limit their communications to the necessities of safe, efficient, and economic operation of aircraft and the protection of life and property in the air, except as otherwise specifically provided in this part. Contact with an aeronautical land station must only be attempted when the aircraft is within the service area of the land station. However, aircraft stations may transmit advisory information on air traffic control, unicom or aeronautical multicom frequencies for the benefit and use of other stations monitoring these frequencies in accordance with FAA recommended traffic advisory practices.

(b) Aircraft public correspondence service must be made available to all persons without discrimination and on reasonable demand, and must communicate without discrimination with any public coast station or mobile-satellite earth station authorized to provide aircraft public correspondence service.

(c) Aircraft public correspondence service on maritime mobile frequencies may only be carried by aircraft stations licensed to use maritime mobile frequencies and must follow the rules for public correspondence in part 80.

(d) Aircraft public correspondence service on Aeronautical Mobile-Satellite (R) Service frequencies may only be carried on aircraft earth stations licensed to use Aeronautical Mobile-Satellite (R) frequencies and are subject to the rules for public correspondence in this part. Aircraft public correspondence service on Maritime Mobile-Sat-

ellite Service frequencies may only be carried by aircraft earth stations licensed to use Maritime Mobile-Satellite frequencies and are subject to the rules for public correspondence in part 80.

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**§ 87.187 Frequencies.**

(a) Frequencies used for air-ground Communications are listed in subpart E. Aircraft stations may use frequencies assigned to Government or non-Government aeronautical stations or radionavigation land stations if the communications are within the aeronautical or radionavigation land station scope of service.

(b) 410 kHz is the international direction-finding frequency for use outside the continental United States.

(c) 457 kHz is an authorized working frequency for flights over the high seas.

(d) 500 kHz an international calling and distress frequency for aircraft on flights over the high seas. Except for distress, urgency or safety messages an aircraft station must not transmit on 500 kHz during the silence periods for three minutes twice each hour beginning at x h. 15 and x h.45 Coordinated Universal Time (u.t.c.).

(e) The frequency 2182 khz is an international distress and calling frequency for use by ship, aircraft and survival craft stations. Aircraft stations must use J3E emission when operating on 2182 kHz and communicating with domestic public and private coast stations. The emission H3E may be used