TEM Horn Antenna

EMC Testing in the 5G/IoT Era!

The TEM horn antenna is an antenna for conducting a close proximity radiation immunity evaluation test (near electromagnetic field immunity test) of electromagnetic waves radiated from various wireless transmitters such as mobile phones and Wi-Fi equipment.

In the future, the close proximity radiation immunity evaluation test using the TEM horn antenna is expected to expand to various product standards such as medical equipment (IEC 60601-1-2) and multimedia equipment (CISPR 35).

NoiseKen's TEM horn antenna has a wide band, low VSWR, and wide electric field uniformity, offering an ideal solution for an efficient close proximity radiation immunity test.

* This product is based on research results of the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology (NICT), Japan and joint-research with Noise Laboratory Co., Ltd.

- TEM horn antenna compliant with IEC 61000-4-39 Ed.1 standard.
- Allows testing to the entire frequency range of 380 MHz 6 GHz with one antenna.
- Also supports 6 GHz band Wi-Fi "Wi-Fi 6E" (5.925 7.125 GHz).
- Low VSWR and high GAIN enable efficient electromagnetic wave radiation.
- Wide field uniformity reduces the number of times of movement of the antenna when radiating the EUT.
- Can be used for IEC 61000-4-3 preliminary testing in combination with a low-cost/low-output power
- amplifier by utilizing the proximity characteristics of the antenna.

	THA-380M60G	THA-380M70G	
Parameter	Specifications		
Compliant standard	IEC 61000-4-39		
Frequency range	380 MHz - 6 GHz (8 GHz) * over 6 GHz not guaranteed	380 MHz - 7.125 GHz	
VSWR	below 3 (refer to Figure "VSWR")	below 3 (refer to Figure "VSWR") * over 6 GHz not guaranteed	
Input power	380 MHz - 750 MHz : 180 W MAX		
	750 MHz - 1.7 GHz : 100 W MAX	380 MHz - 7.125 GHz : 100 W MAX	
	1.7 GHz - 6 GHz : 65 W MAX		
Electric field uniform area	refer to figure "Electric field distribution characteristics"		
Required power	refer to figure "Power required for generating 300 V/m (typ) (at 0.1 m)"		
Impedance (typ)	50 Ω		
Connector	N (J)		
Dimensions	W450 mm $ imes$ H420 mm $ imes$ D598 mm	W225 mm \times H324 mm \times D309.5 mm	
	*excluding protrusions, excluding φ 22 antenna support pole	*excluding protrusions, excluding φ 22 antenna support pole	
	*refer to the below figure "Dimensions" for the details	*refer to the below figure "Dimensions" for the details	
Weight	approx.3.2 kg	approx.1.6 kg	







THA-380M70G

THA-380M60G

THA-380M70G

* prototype image



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Antenna distance: 0.1 m

2 dB / Line: The second contour line from the inside is the electric field uniform area.

The electric field distribution is vertically and horizontally symmetrical

Close proximity distance characteristics

Distance attenuation characteristics * Distance attenuation characteristics on axes with 100 mm from the antenna as the reference point



Electric field distribution distance characteristics * Reference point: maximum of 100mm

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Securing Uniform Field Area

In the actual test, a quadrangle inscribed in the uniform electric field area is created to control the irradiation position. Therefore, a symmetrical electric field distribution characteristic that can create a large square with the maximum point in the center is required.



[Symmetrical Uniform Field Area] Since the uniform electric field area is symmetrical vertically and horizontally, a wide uniform electric field area can be obtained with reference to the central axis of the antenna.



[Distorted Uniform Field Area] If the uniform electric field area is distorted, it is difficult to secure a wide uniform field area with reference to the central axis of the antenna (the uniform field area becomes narrow).



Difference in the number of antenna movements

The wide and symmetrical electric field distribution characteristics contribute to shorter test time!

THA-380M60G and THA-380M70G Comparison Table

	THA-380M60G	THA-380M70G	
Dimensions, Weight	Good	Excellent	
Fragman (1999)	Excellent	Excellent	
Frequency range	8 GHz max (*guaranteed up to 6 GHz)	7.125 GHz max	
	Excellent	Excellent	
VSWR	Good VSWR even when facing metallic surfaces		
Required Power (for generating 300 V/m (typ) (at 0.1 m)	Good	Excellent	
Electric field distribution	Excellent	Good	
	Excellent	Good	
Distance attenuation characteristics	Attenuation after the reference point is low, being	Relatively large difference in attenuation	
	effective even for products with depth.	characteristics depending on the frequency.	
Electric field distribution distance characteristics	Excellent	Good	
		N/A	
Use in far-field test methods	Excellent	Specifically designed as an antenna for close	
		proximity radiation immunity testing	



System configuration image

The system consists of a signal generator serving as a signal source for noise, a power amplifier that amplifies the signal, a TEM horn antenna that emits radio waves, a power meter to check the power supplied to the TEM horn antenna and a software to control these devices.

The basic system configuration is almost the same with the IEC 61000-4-3 radiated immunity test. System setup for the proximity irradiation test can be achieved by simply switching the antennas from the broadband antenna to the TEM horn antenna. *antenna position control (X-Y control) is available as an option



System configuration using the dedicated software

Test image using dedicated software (X-Y position movement and polarization switching control)

In the test, the distance between the DUT and the antenna is set to 100 mm, and all surfaces of the DUT are radiated with vertically polarized waves and horizontally polarized waves. By using the dedicated software to automate the antenna movement and radio wave radiation, you can further reduce test time and labor.



The need for the close proximity radiation immunity testing

With the advent of new communication technologies and infrastructures such as IoT and 5G, in addition to smartphones and wireless LANs, which have become extremely popular in recent years, a world is emerging in which many electronic devices are connected by wireless communication. On the other hand, from the perspective of EMC, the number of cases where these wireless transmitters are in close proximity to other electronic devices is increasing, raising concerns about the risk of electromagnetic interference. Against this background, IEC 61000-4-39, an electromagnetic immunity test method for nearby transmitters, was issued. Since the electromagnetic field generated by a nearby transmitter is extremely strong and has the characteristics of the near field, it is necessary to perform it in addition to the conventional radiated immunity test that radiates from a distance. The basic standard IEC 61000-4-39 defines the antenna to be used, and it is necessary to use a TEM horn antenna in the frequency band of smartphones, mobile phones, and 5G (sub6).



Different test conditions show different test results



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