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Part 3: "Network specifications";

Part 4: "Radio interface protocol specifications";

**Part 5: "Radio interface physical layer specifications":**

Sub-part 1: "Physical Layer on the Radio Path: General Description; GMR-1 3G 45.001";

Sub-part 2: "Multiplexing and Multiple Access; Stage 2 Service Description; GMR-1 3G 45.002";

Sub-part 3: "Channel Coding; GMR-1 3G 45.003";

Sub-part 4: "Modulation; GMR-1 3G 45.004";

**Sub-part 5: "Radio Transmission and Reception; GMR-1 3G 45.005";**

Sub-part 6: "Radio Subsystem Link Control; GMR-1 3G 45.008";

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The GMR release 2 specifications add packet mode services to GMR release 1. The GMR release 2 specifications introduce the GEO-Mobile Packet Radio Service (GMPRS). GMPRS is derived from the terrestrial digital cellular standard GPRS (included in GSM Phase 2+) and it supports access to GSM/GPRS core networks.

The GMR release 3 specifications evolve packet mode services of GMR release 2 to 3<sup>rd</sup> generation UMTS compatible services. The GMR release 3 specifications introduce the GEO-Mobile Radio Third Generation (GMR-1 3G) service. Where applicable, GMR-1 3G is derived from the terrestrial digital cellular standard 3GPP and it supports access to 3GPP core networks.

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# 1 Scope

The present document defines the performance requirements for the Mobile Earth Station (MES) radio transceiver for the GMR-1 3G Mobile Satellite System.

Requirements are defined for two categories of parameters:

- Those that are required to provide compatibility among the radio channels, connected either to separate or common antennas, which are used in the system. This category also includes parameters providing compatibility with existing systems in the same or adjacent frequency bands.
- Those that define the transmission quality of the system.

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- [1] ETSI TS 101 376-1-1: "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 2) General Packet Radio Service; Part 1: General specifications; Sub-part 1: Abbreviations and acronyms; GMPRS-1 01.004".

NOTE: This is a reference to a GMR-1 Release 2 specification. See the introduction for more details.

- [2] ETSI TS 101 376-5-4: "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 3); Third Generation Satellite Packet Radio Service; Part 5: Radio interface physical layer specifications; Sub-part 4: Modulation; GMR-1 3G 45.004".
- [3] ETSI TS 101 376-5-6: "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 3); Third Generation Satellite Packet Radio Service; Part 5: Radio interface physical layer specifications; Sub-part 6: Radio Subsystem Link Control; GMR-1 3G 45.008".
- [4] ETSI EN 301 681: "Satellite Earth Stations and Systems (SES); Harmonised EN for Mobile Earth Stations (MESs) of Geostationary mobile satellite systems, including handheld earth stations, for Satellite Personal Communications Networks (S-PCN) in the 1,5/1,6 GHz bands under the Mobile Satellite Service (MSS) covering the essential requirements of article 3.2 of the R&TTE Directive".
- [5] ETSI TS 101 376-5-5: "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 1); Part 5: Radio interface physical layer specifications; Sub-part 5: Radio Transmission and Reception; GMR-1 05.005".

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- [6] ETSI TS 101 376-1-2: "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 3); Third Generation Satellite Packet Radio Service; Part 1: General specifications; Sub-part 2: Introduction to the GMR-1 family; GMR-1 3G 41.201".
- [7] ETSI EN 301 444: "Satellite Earth Stations and Systems (SES); Harmonised Standard for Land Mobile Earth Stations (LMES) operating in the 1,5 GHz and 1,6 GHz bands providing voice and/or data communications covering essential requirements of article 3.2 of the Directive 2014/53/EU".
- [8] ETSI TS 101 376-5-7: "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 3); Third Generation Satellite Packet Radio Service; Part 5: Radio interface physical layer specifications; Sub-part 7: Radio Subsystem Synchronization; GMR-1 3G 45.010".
- [9] ETSI TS 101 376-5-2: "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 3); Third Generation Satellite Packet Radio Service; Part 5: Radio interface physical layer specifications; Sub-part 2: Multiplexing and Multiple Access; Stage 2 Service Description; GMR-1 3G 45.002".
- [10] ETSI EN 302 574-3: "Satellite Earth Stations and Systems (SES); Harmonised Standard for satellite earth stations for MSS operating in the 1 980 MHz to 2 010 MHz (earth-to-space) and 2 170 MHz to 2 200 MHz (space-to- earth) frequency bands; Part 3: User Equipment (UE) for narrowband systems: Harmonised EN covering the essential requirements of article 3.2 of the Directive 2014/53/EU".
- [11] ETSI TS 101 376-5-3: "GEO-Mobile Radio Interface Specifications (Release 3); Third Generation Satellite Packet Radio Service; Part 5: Radio interface physical layer specifications; Sub-part 3: Channel Coding; GMR-1 3G 45.003".

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## 3 Definitions, symbols and abbreviations

### 3.1 Definitions

For the purposes of the present document, the terms and definitions given in GMR-1 3G 41.201 [6] and the following apply:

**active transmission:** defined as the combination of the ramp-up, ramp-down, and active burst transmission periods

**average EIRP:** burst EIRP averaged over at least 200 bursts

**burst EIRP:** instantaneous EIRP measured over 90 % of the active portion of a burst

**carrier-off state:** MES is in this state when it does not transmit any signal and it is more than 20 ms away from any active transmission (i.e. the carrier-off state excludes the carrier-standby state)

**carrier-on state:** MES is in this state when it transmits a signal (i.e. the carrier-on state corresponds to an active transmission)

**carrier-standby state:** MES is in this state when it does not transmit any signal but it is within 20 ms of the carrier-on state (i.e. the carrier-standby state occurs for up to 20 ms immediately before, and up to 20 ms immediately after the carrier-on state)

**Terminal Type:** alphabetic designator defining a terminal, as described in ETSI TS 101 376-5-2 [9]

**Terminal Type Identifier:** numerical identifier defining a terminal, as described in ETSI TS 101 376-5-2 [9]

NOTE: Each Terminal Type can have more than one associated Terminal Type Identifier.

## 3.2 Symbols

For the purposes of the present document, the following symbols apply:

$E_b$	Average energy per bit in the wanted signal
$E_s$	Average energy per symbol in the wanted signal
$N_0$	Average channel noise (the noise power spectral density integrated over the channel bandwidth)
0x	Prefix used for Hexadecimal representation of identifiers or numbers

## 3.3 Abbreviations

For the purposes of the present document, the abbreviations given in GMPRS-1 01.004 [1] apply.

## 3.4 Terminal Types (informative)

Terminal Types and related Terminal Type Identifiers are defined in ETSI TS 101 376-5-2 [9]. The following information is provided for information only and in the event of any conflict the definitions in ETSI TS 101 376-5-2 [9] take precedence.

Terminals are defined throughout the present document in terms of Terminal Type Identifiers in Hexadecimal format. Table 3.1 summarizes the relationship between Terminal Types and Terminal Type Identifiers.

**Table 3.1: Terminal Types and Identifiers**

Terminal Type Identifier (Hexadecimal)	Terminal Type	Operating Band	Antenna Radiation Pattern Category (see note)	Notes
0x9	C	L	B	Handheld
0xA	C	L	B	Handheld
0xB	C	L	B	Handheld
0xC	C	L	B	Handheld
0xD	D	L	B	Portable - Internal Antenna
0xE	D	L	B	Portable - Passive Ext. Antenna
0xF	D	L	B	Portable - Active Ext. Antenna
0x10	E	S	N	Handheld
0x11	E	S	N	Handheld
0x12	E	S	N	Handheld
0x15	F	S	N	Handheld
0x1A	G	S	N	Handheld
0x1F	H	S	B	Vehicular
0x20	H	S	B	Vehicular
0x24	I	S	B	Fixed
0x25	I	S	B	Fixed
0x29	J	L	N	Handheld
0x2E	K	L	N	Handheld
0x33	L	L	N	Handheld

Terminal Type Identifier (Hexadecimal)	Terminal Type	Operating Band	Antenna Radiation Pattern Category (see note)	Notes
0x38	M	L	B	Fixed
0x3D	N/A	L	N	Handheld - Small
0x3E	N/A	L	B	Handheld - Smartphone
0x3F	N/A	L	B	Handheld - Rugged
0x40	N/A	L	B	Asset Tracking
0x41	N/A	L	B	Portable
0x42	N/A	L	B	Semi-Fixed
0x43	N/A	L	B	Vehicular
0x44	N/A	L	B	Maritime
0x45	N/A	L	B	Aeronautical
0x46	N/A	L	B	Maritime - Small
0x47	N/A	L	B	Vehicular - Small
0x48	A	L	B	Fixed
0x49	N/A	L	B	Aeronautical – Small
0x4A	N/A	S	B	Portable - Standard
0x4B	N/A	S	B	Portable - Standard
0x4C	N/A	S	B	Portable - High
0x4D	N/A	S	B	Portable - High

NOTE: Antenna radiation patterns are categorized as Boresight Oriented (B) or Non-Boresight Oriented (N). Refer to clause 6.2 for more details.

## 4 Frequency bands and channel arrangement

### 4.0 General

GMR-1 operation is defined for L-Band and S-Band LMSS frequency allocations.

### 4.1 Frequency bands and duplex method

MESs operate in frequency division multiplexing (FDM) mode at L-band in two paired 34 MHz frequency bands, which are allocated world-wide for land mobile satellite service (LMSS). The frequency bands are:

- MES receives: 1 525,0 MHz to 1 559,0 MHz;
- MES transmits: 1 626,5 MHz to 1 660,5 MHz.

In the FDM scheme, L-band downlink (forward) radio frequency (RF) carriers in the satellite-to-MES direction are paired with L-band uplink (return) RF carriers in the MES-to-satellite direction at a frequency offset of 101,5 MHz for circuit switched operation.

MESs operate at S-band frequencies, which are allocated world-wide for land mobile satellite service (LMSS). The combined frequency bands are:

- MES receives (Space-to-Earth): 2 170,0 MHz to 2 200,0 MHz;
- MES transmits (Earth-to-Space): 1 980,0 MHz to 2 020,0 MHz.

MESs operate in a subset of these combined S-band frequencies as appropriate for the region of operation.

NOTE 1: In North America, current S-Band frequency allocations are the following subset of the combined frequency bands: Space-to-Earth: 2 180 MHz to 2 200 MHz; Earth-to-Space: 2 000 MHz to 2 020 MHz.

NOTE 2: In Europe, current S-Band frequency allocations are the following subset of the combined frequency bands: Space-to-Earth: 2 170 MHz to 2 200 MHz; Earth-to-Space: 1 980 MHz to 2 010 MHz.

For packet switched operation, the FDM scheme may be operated in full duplex with any downlink (forward) RF carrier used with any uplink (return) RF carrier without necessarily having a fixed frequency offset between the two carriers.

## 4.2 RF carrier spacing and designation

The 34 MHz of L-band operating band is divided into 1 087 paired carriers, with carrier spacing of 31,250 kHz.

The 40 MHz of S-band spectrum in Earth-to-Space direction is divided into 1 280 carriers with carrier spacing of 31,250 kHz. The 30 MHz of S-Band spectrum in Space-to-Earth direction is divided into 960 carriers with carrier spacing of 31,250 kHz.

Absolute Radio Frequency Channel Numbers (ARFCN),  $N$ , are assigned to each carrier pair and take the values from 1 through 1 087 ( $1 \leq N \leq 1\,087$ ) when operating in L-Band.

ARFCNs,  $N$ , are numbered from 1 through 1 280 ( $1 \leq N \leq 1\,280$ ) when operating in S-Band for Earth-to-Space and from 1 through 960 ( $1 \leq N \leq 960$ ) when operating in S-Band for Space-to-Earth.

The centre frequency of the carriers in kHz corresponding to an ARFCN is given by the expressions in table 4.1 for L-band and in table 4.1a for S-band.

**Table 4.1: ARFCNs for L-Band**

	Carrier centre frequencies (kHz)	ARFCN
Mobile earth station receive	$1\,525\,000,00 + 31,25 \times N$	$1 \leq N \leq 1\,087$
Mobile earth station transmit	$1\,626\,500,00 + 31,25 \times N$	$1 \leq N \leq 1\,087$

**Table 4.1a: ARFCNs for S-Band**

	Carrier centre frequencies (kHz)	ARFCN
Mobile earth station receive	$2\,170\,000,00 + 15,625 + 31,25 \times (N_{RX} - 1)$	$1 \leq N_{RX} \leq 960$
Mobile earth station transmit	$1\,980\,000,00 + 15,625 + 31,25 \times (N_{TX} - 1)$	$1 \leq N_{TX} \leq 1\,280$

The ARFCN and centre frequency of the carriers are given in table 4.2 for L-band and table 4.2a for S-band Space-to-Earth and table 4.2b for S-band Earth-to-Space. The RF channels are spaced at 31,25 kHz intervals, which provides 32 carriers per MHz.

**Table 4.2: ARFCN and frequencies for L-Band**

MES-RX centre frequencies (kHz)	MES-TX centre frequencies (kHz)	ARFCN (N)
1 525 031,25	1 626 531,25	1
1 525 062,50	1 626 562,50	2
...	...	...
1 529 937,50	1 631 437,50	158
1 529 968,75	1 631 468,75	159
1 530 000,00	1 631 500,00	160
1 530 031,25	1 631 531,25	161
...	...	...
1 532 937,50	1 634 437,50	254
1 532 968,75	1 634 468,75	255
1 533 000,00	1 634 500,00	256
...	...	...
...	...	...
...	...	...
1 543 968,75	1 645 468,75	607
1 544 000,00	1 645 500,00	608
...	...	...
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