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Test item description:	Kutta MFT43 Medium Frequency Radio	
Trademark:	N/A	
Model/type reference:	MFT43	
Manufacturer:	Kutta Radios, Inc	

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Address:	2075 West Pinnacle Peak Road Suite 102 Phoenix AZ 85027 USA	
Code (e.g. Ex __ II__ T__):	Ex ia I Ma	
Rating:	Ex ia I Ma	
Marking:		
Manufacturer:	Kutta Radios, Inc	
Supplier:	Advanced Comms	
Model:	Kutta MFT43 Radio	
Serial No:	See "Conditions of Certification"	
Ex Rating:	Ex ia I Ma	
I.A. Number:	MASC M/18-1294X	
Warning:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The unit must be fully contained in a non-metallic, non-static poach in hazardous area. A Static hazard may exist. Only wipe with a damp cloth 	
Particulars: test item vs. test requirements		
Classification of installation and use :	Ex ia I Ma	
Ingress protection :	IP54	
Rated ambient temperature range (°C):	-20°C to +40°C	
General remarks: None.		

1 Scope

This report provides the basis for certification of a **Kutta MFT43 Medium Frequency Radio**, according to IEC/SANS 60079-0:2012 and IEC/SANS 60079-11:2012 in standard atmospheric pressure for category **ia** Group **I**, EPL level **Ma** in ambient temperatures between **-20 °C and +40 °C**.

2 Equipment

The unit is a portable Medium Frequency Radio that is powered from a 12V Nickel-Metal-Hydride Battery pack. The unit comprises of a main body, antenna and a speaker-microphone unit. The main unit houses a Processor, Medium Frequency Transceiver and Carrier board PCB. On the enclosure there is a Power/volume knob, Power-in port, Hirose 12-pin port (round) as well as a TNC RF port (Antenna). The Speaker/Microphone connects to the Hirose port and the battery to the Power In port. The main unit is manufactured from a light aluminium alloy which is not allowed for underground applications. The unit is however a portable device and fully contained in a non-metallic, non-static poach. The unit has approximate dimensions of 140mm x 30mm x 110mm. A minimum ingress protection rating of IP54 must be maintained. See conditions.

3. Test and assessment

3.1 General aspects

3.1.1 Description of enclosure

See Equipment above.

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3.1.1.a Metallic enclosures – light metal requirements

The main unit is manufactured from a light aluminium alloy which is not allowed for underground applications. The unit is however a portable device and fully contained in a non-metallic, non-static poach. See conditions

3.1.1.b Non-metallic enclosure requirements

See Equipment above

3.1.2 Thermal endurance requirements (only for non-metallic enclosures using Annex F)

N/A. Annex F not applied.

3.1.3 Resistance to chemical agents (only Group I non-metallic enclosures using Annex F)

N/A. Annex F not applied.

3.1.4 Impact test / assessment (only for enclosures using Annex F)

N/A. Annex F not applied.

3.1.5 Drop test / assessment

The battery enclosure and radio unit are separated from each other and contained inside the carrier poach. The individual was subjected to -25°C for a period of 24 hours and dropped from a height of 1m onto a solid concrete floor. No separation or breakage that could impair the IP rating was recorded.

3.1.6 Ingress protection method and test (including gasket retention and cable entry provisions)

The unit maintains an IP54 rating by means of rubber seals on the main unit and speaker/microphone. The rod antenna is a sealed unit with a semi rubber over-mold. The battery enclosure is fully encapsulated. See conditions.

3.1.7 Resistance to light test / assessment (only for non-metallic enclosures using Annex F)

N/A. Annex F not applied.

3.1.8 Connection arrangement, including transient protection requirements

Connections to the main unit are made with screw-on or clip on male and female multi-pin connector plugs.

3.1.9 Dielectric strength test

The unit is a battery powered handheld device. From this no further assessment is required.

3.1.10 Earthing, bonding and circulating currents

No earthing required for intrinsic safety compliance.

3.1.11 Encapsulation

The main unit houses three PCBs that must be fully encapsulated to at least 1mm to free air. See conditions.

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3.1.12 Plastic electrostatic hazard assessment and tests

The main unit is manufactured from metallic material. The battery is contained inside a non-metallic, non-static pouch and should not be removed from the pouch in the hazardous area (See conditions). The speaker/microphone has a projected surface area of just more than 10 000mm². A static hazard may exist. See conditions. Details kept in the MASC project file.

3.1.13 Printed circuit board

The PCBs are constructed of a glass fibre epoxy.

3.1.14 Partitions, including earth screens

The apparatus utilizes no partitions. No test required.

3.1.15 Cable pull test

The apparatus does not contain a cable requiring testing as part of this approval.

3.1.16 Internal connectors

Internal connectors between the three PCBs are done by means of connector pins and SATA connectors fastened in place along with the PCB self.

3.1.17 Internal wiring

The main unit has internal wiring from one of the external connectors to the PCB. Connection to the PCB is made by means of a plug connector with reversal protection.

3.1.18 Marking requirements, including warning markings

See marking above.

3.1.19 Instructions, including live maintenance procedures (if any)

The unit is supplied with an instruction manual.

3.1.20 Any other general aspects

None

3.2 Spark ignition assessment and tests**3.2.1 Design of equipment to comply with spark ignition requirements**

The structure and electrical parameters of the equipment are sufficiently well defined to allow the ignition curves and method given in Annex A of IEC/SANS 60079-11 to be applied.

3.2.2 Apparatus supply and input/output parameters

See marking above.

3.2.3 Protection against polarity reversal

The battery is connected to the main unit with a cable and clip on connector. The connector has a polarity protection mechanism.

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MASC Report No 18-1294**3.2.4 Resistive spark ignition assessment and tests**

The current is actively limited by triplicated load monitoring / current limiting circuitry. The current is limited to less than 900mA. At a maximum voltage of 16.01V (15V Zener clamps with a 5% safety factor) this results in an effective resistance of 18.85Ω. This is considered intrinsically safe for Group I applications operating at 16.01V including a 1.5 times safety factor on current.

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3.2.5 Inductive spark ignition assessment and tests

The maximum allowed energy for Group I applications are 525μJ (SANS 60079-11).

$$E = \frac{1}{2} L \times I_o.$$

$I_{sc} = 0.789A$. From this the maximum allowed inductance amounts to 576.1 μH. The total inductance in the unit was determined to be 518μH which is less than the allowed inductance. From this no further assessment is required.

Note $I_o = 900mA$ was used for the inductive assessment

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3.2.6 Combination of resistive, capacitive and inductive assessment and tests

The total capacitance in the circuit was found to be more than allowed for per standard (including a 1.5 safety factor). It is therefore required to exclude the components from the explosive atmosphere by means of encapsulation. See conditions.

3.2.7 Let-through energy assessment and tests

The unit is a handheld battery powered unit and hence there is no possibility of a brief transient voltage / current higher than allowed for per Table A.1 . Therefore, no further assessment required.

3.2.8 Any other spark ignition assessments and tests

No other spark ignition assessment and tests are required.

3.3 Thermal ignition assessment and tests**3.3.1 Design of equipment to comply with thermal ignition requirements**

The power to the PCB is limited by the triplicated current limiting circuitry and resulting 18.85Ω in-line resistance. The PCB's are housed inside an IP54 enclosure. The battery pack and main unit PCBs are fully encapsulated to at least 1mm to free air. From this no further assessment is required.

3.3.2 Components temperature assessment and tests, including small component ignition test

The power is calculated using the nominal voltage from the battery pack and the resulting resistance from the triplicated active current limiters.

$$P_d = (V_{zener} \times 1.05)^2 / (4 R_{resulting})$$

$$P_d = 1.9936W$$

This is less than the allowed 3.3W for Group I applications.

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3.3.3 Wiring temperature assessment and tests

The equipment has been assessed as suitable for Group I temperature class (150°C). Reference to clause 5.6.3 of SANS60079-11 shows that such a power is acceptable for wiring without any further evaluation.

3.3.4 Printed board tracks assessment and tests

See "3.3.2 above".

3.3.5 Enclosure external temperature assessments and tests

Enclosure external temperatures will be less than internal component temperatures which comply with the assigned Group I.

3.3.6 Service temperature determination and assessment

No further assessment is required for external temperature, as the assessment above covers Group I sufficiently.

3.3.7 Any other thermal ignition assessments and tests

No other thermal ignition assessment and tests required.

3.4 Segregation requirements

Annex F was not applied.

3.5 Safety components**3.5.1 Transformers**

No transformers are incorporated.

3.5.2 Resistors

The unit does not utilize physical resistors.

3.5.3 Capacitors

The equipment contains no blocking capacitors.

3.5.4 Semiconductors

The equipment contains voltage clamps and triplicated series current limiters. See Section 3.5.11 below.

3.5.5 Opto-isolators

The unit contains no opto-isolators.

3.5.6 Relays

The unit contains no relays.

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3.5.7 Fuses

The unit utilises three 4.4A PTC fuses, but these are not included as part of the safety components.

3.5.8 Infallible connections

N/A

3.5.9 Infallible windings

No infallible windings are applicable in this application.

3.5.10 Any other safety components used

No other safety components are used in this application.

3.5.11 Ratings of safety components

Component designation	Component location	Value	Rating used * (W2)	Maximum Rating (W1)	$\frac{W1}{W2}$
D9 & D10	Power header – Main PCB	5W	2.025W	5W	> 1.5
U1, U2, U3	Battery PCB	4V – 80V	12.6	80V	>1.5
Q1, Q2, Q3	Battery PCB	130W	11.34W	130V	> 1.5

3.6 Requirements of specific components**3.6.1 Batteries**

The unit is powered from a Nickel-Metal-Hydride battery pack consisting of 10, 1.2V (min) cells connected in series. Three 4.4A PTC Trip fuses are in-line. The cells have rated capacity of 1.5Ah (min) and internal resistance of 15mOhm.

The cells were subjected to a short circuit assessment to determine the worst-case surface temperature.

The highest temperature after assessing 10 individual cells was 154°C on the surface of the cell itself. The cells are however fully encapsulated inside an IP54 enclosure and the maximum temperature on the surface of the enclosure was less than the required 150°C. From this no further assessment is required.

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3.6.2 Piezo electric devices

No piezo electric devices are used in this application.

3.6.3 Fibre optic cables/ Optical and RF Energy

No fibre optic cables or Optical devices are used in this application

3.6.4 Safety barriers – assessments and tests

No safety barriers are used in this application.

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3.6.5 Simple apparatus

No simple apparatus forms part of this assessment

3.6.6 Determination of parameters of loosely specified components

This clause was not applied for the equipment in this assessment.

3.6.7 Ex components and their mounting method

No Ex components are used in this application.

3.6.8 Any other components

No other components on which the intrinsic safety depends are used in this application.

4 Results

The **Kutta MFT43 Medium Frequency Radio**, **COMPLY** with the requirements of IEC/SANS 60079-0:20012 and IEC/SANS 60079-11:20012 in standard atmospheric pressure for category **ia** Group **I**, EPL level **Ma** in ambient temperatures between -20°C and +40°C.

5 Additional information

None.

6 Conditions**6.1 Conditions of manufacture**

- All PCBs in the main unit must be encapsulated to at least 1mm to free air.

6.2 Conditions of safe use

- The unit must be fully contained in a non-metallic, non-static pouch in hazardous area.
- A Static hazard may exist. Only wipe with a damp cloth

7 Schedule

The tests and assessments provided in this report are considered applicable to the following range of equipment:

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8 Documents

Medium Frequency Transceiver v4.3	MFT-SCH-4.3-001	-	31 July 2013
Top-Level Block Diagram	RCP1-BLK1	-	-
Dipole Rod Antenna Matching Circuit	D1-P-DPA1-LY	Rev B	08-08-2014
Dipole Rod Antenna Assembly (With BOM)	D1-P-DPA1-AS	Rev B	08-08-2014
Dipole Rod Antenna Matching Network	D1-P-DPA1-SC	Rev B	14-09-2014
12V Rechargeable Battery for DRUM 100RCP	D1-RCP-ISBAT-1	-	-
900mA Current limiter for Ex ia 12V Battery Pack	D1-RCP-ISBAT-2	Rev A	27-02-2018
DRUM 100P Speaker Microphone	D1-P-SPK1-SM	Rev A	01-06-2010

Photos, BOM and datasheets kept in project file.

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APPENDIX A COMPLIANCE CHECK LISTS

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