# SPECTRUM CONTROL

## We make the invisible visible



# The world's leading experts in controlling the electromagnetic spectrum

Our capabilities range from industry-leading EMI protection to advanced RF/microwave signal conditioning and processing. You can rely on our expertise to help you solve your electromagnetic spectrum challenges.



### A rich heritage and possibilities without limits

For more than 70 years Spectrum Control has led the way in developing reliable, high-performance technologies for powering and conditioning RF and microwave signals and protecting electronic equipment from electromagnetic interference. We continue to push out the limits of the possible today, innovating in material science, design, and manufacturing technologies.



Betsy Gifford Chief Human Resources Officer

John Muller Chief Growth Officer

Michael Armbrecht Chief Financial Officer lan Dunn Chief Technology Officer

> Rich Sorelle Chief Executive Officer



### Focused Product Teams Led by Experts

**TRx** – High frequency, high-reliability transmit, receive modules for ground, airborne, and space-based AESAs **Lead = David Smith** (UK) Locations = Great Yarmouth, Milton Keynes Products = TR modules, Hi-Rel Micro-E NPI = QTRM Value Proposition = High-frequency, high-rel manufacturing, GMIC expertise **OpenX** – Next-gen open, interoperable analog and RF modules, subsystems, and solutions **Lead = Lorne Graves** Location = Frederick Product Lines = Programmables & Subsystems, Power (PDUs) NPI = OpenVPX Family of Tuners, Converters, Sources, and direct-to-digital receiver, exciters, AIUs, PDUs Value Proposition = Unrivaled SWaP-C

**RFx** – Next-gen digitally-enabled, interoperable RF assemblies and modules **Lead = Jeff Miner** Locations = Delmar, Marlborough, Philadelphia Products = Amps, Filters, IMAs, Micro-E, SAW NPI = Switched Filter Bank Value Proposition = Unrivaled, highreliability design and manufacturing expertise 0 – 50 GHz

EMIX – EMI Protection & Control Components Lead = Jeff Chereson Locations = Ann Arbor, Fairview, Frederick, State College, Mexico Products = Coaxial Filters, Passive Coax, Power Filters & Modules NPI = Custom connector references Value Proposition = ceramic capacitor cost /reliability ratio **RELx** – Extreme reliability microelectronics, world-class design and manufacturing expertise **Lead = Dr. Byron Shulver** (UK) Locations = Great Yarmouth Products = Micro-E design and manufacturing services for extreme reliability challenges NPI = Optofire Value Proposition = design, manufacturing, and testing to 250C



## **EMx EMI** Solutions

## Protecting the Electromagnetic Signals...

**EMI Protection: c**onditioning signal and/or power, preventing electro-magnetic disturbances from affecting System performance.



**SPECTRUM** 

EMX

CONTROL

### ... that matter most to our Customers

EMI Solutions

### **External Signal Disturbances**





### Electromagnetic Compatibility (EMC)

**EMC:** the ability of systems, equipment or devices that use electromagnetic energy to operate in their intended environment without suffering unacceptable degradation or causing unacceptable degradation in other devices.

#### **EMC Requires Proper:**

System layout Filtering Shielding and grounding

#### Non-compliance Could Result In:

Poor signal integrity System failure Putting operators of system at risk



At Spectrum, we use words like **Emissions**, **Immunity**, **Compliance**, these words as the backbone of a company defending systems against EMI, not as a punchline ...

The 10 Commandments provide tools for EMC Compliance



## Safeguarding Mission-Critical Infrastructure

### **Electromagnetic Environmental Effects [E3] Solutions**

#### **Environment Definitions**

- P-static: Precipitation static
- ESD
- Lightning / DO-160
- MIL-STD 461 EMI/EMC
  - Conducted
  - Radiated
  - Broadband filtering
- HERO: Hazardous Electromagnetic Radiation to Ordinance
- HERF: High Energy Radio Frequency Weapon
- EMP/HEMP: Electromagnetic Pulse
- Background EME: Electromagnetic Energy
  - Natural
  - Artificial: telecom/wireless/5G, appliances or system noise
- Spurious Emission: unwanted effects like harmonic emissions, parasitic emissions, intermodulation products and frequency conversion products



Prevent Emissions / Provide Immunity

EMx

SPECTRUM CONTROL

### EMC Test & Design

- Emissions: measured by connecting a LISN, current probe or antenna to an EMI receiver
  - Desired frequency range is scanned, measuring the amplitude of the signal found
- Immunity: performed by connecting a LISN, current probe, or antenna to an RF amplifier instead of a receiver
  - Test is injecting instead of detecting, scanning the device under test for a response to energy being injected
- Conducted: measured directly through the wires and cables
- Radiated: measured via antenna



*Immunity: Verifies the performance of a device when subjected to known high values of EMI Emissions: The measure of amplitude and frequency of EMI generated by a device* 

EMX

SPECTRUM



### EMC Test & Design



#### **Conducted Emissions Test**



#### **Radiated Emissions Test**





J:\EMCLAB\DATA\LSI\AUGUST\_14\_2006\A.HGL



### Noise Sources

#### Customer Noise Exposure / Emanation

#### **Frequency Spectrum of Solutions**

Frequency (MHz)->	Application	.001	.005	.01	.05	.1	.5	1	5	10	50	100	500	1000	5000	10000	20000
Source																	
Connectivity	X	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		
Power Harmonics	X	0	0	0	0	0											
Transient Energy	X			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0			
Motor Noise	X			0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Tempest Data				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Power Sources	X				0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0				
Transmitters	X					0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Digital Noise	X						0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0		

Symbol	Detail
X	Customer Application
0	Spectrum Control Solution

- What is cause, amplitude, frequency of disturbance needing a low pass filter?
- What real estate is available?
- What interface is required?
- What are power requirements?
- What is use environment?

### **Emission Sources**

### **Common Contributors**

- Switch mode power supplies: with typical operating frequencies between 20kHz and 2MHz, types of power supplies dominate the telecom industry
- Computer or digital circuits: the latest computers operate above 3GHz, but most lines in and out of the main board operate between 10kHz and 500MHz
- Brushed DC motors: generate broadband EMI from a few kHz to well beyond 1000MHz

#### Foxworthy Engineering:

- If you have a switching power supply ...
- You might need a filter.
- If you have processor or digital circuit ...
  - You might need a filter.
- If you have a motor or actuator ...
  - You might need a filter.



Passing emissions is no guarantee a device will pass immunity and vice versa

### Immunity

### **Sensitive Circuits**

- Sensors and sensor inputs: temperature, pressure, vibration, position, humidity, gas analyzers, voltage and current monitoring circuits, etc.
  - These devices usually contain or feed operational amplifiers which are very sensitive to external RF transmitters
  - Sensor inputs rarely have emissions issues
- **Digital electronics:** usually handle higher levels of EMI than sensors but still have problems when used near RF transmitters greater than 10 watts. Some circuits have trouble passing emissions and immunity.
- Switch mode power supplies and brushed DC motors: rarely exhibit immunity failures

Passing emissions is no guarantee a device will pass immunity and vice versa

### SPECTRUM Mission Critical Equipment in an EMI Environment

- Conducted Emissions
- Conducted Immunity [Susceptibility]



*EMI: electromagnetic disturbances that affects system performance* 

### SPECTRUM Mission Critical Equipment in an EMI Environment

• Radiated Emissions

EMx

• Radiated Immunity [Susceptibility]



*EMI: electromagnetic disturbances that affects system performance* 

#### H Mission Critical Equipment in an EMI Environment CONTROL

• Hybrid sources

**SPECTRUM** 

EMX

- Conducted radiated and radiated conducted
- Filter and shield



*EMI: electromagnetic disturbances that affects system performance* 





### **Common Mode**

- Signal or noise that flow in the same direction on a pair of lines
- Typical sources
  - Stray parasitics
  - Radiated energy
- Typical fixes
  - Feedthrough capacitors (coaxial)
  - Common mode chokes

### **Differential Mode**

- Signal or noise that flows in opposite directions on a pair of lines
- Typical sources
  - Power line harmonic noise
  - Noise source in proximity to one line (vs both)
- Typical fixes
  - Series differential components
  - Across line capacitance

EMI: electromagnetic disturbances that affects system performance

Noise





Dual Line Filter

### SPECTRUM CONTROL

### 10 Commandments of EMC Design



- 1. Know your EMI profile and specifications you need to meet
- 2. Filter at immediate entry point to system
- 3. Design filter for I/O and signal lines with response tailored to the application
- 4. Match and balance system impedances
- 5. Shielding: shield noise emitting or noise susceptible modules and devices, modules, circuit boards, interfaces (ground layer)
- 6. Grounding: provide adequate grounding to boards and modules including multilayer board ground planes to isolate power from signal circuits for EMI paths. Material surface finishes and plating's designed for low resistivity: 3milli-ohm / sq cm.
- 7. Ferrite cores for common mode emissions around input power, signal, coaxial lines, etc. for common mode emissions
- 8. Twisted pairs at 18 turns / foot to minimize magnetic pick-up
- 9. Keep all apertures to less that lambda/20
- 10. Use correct transient suppressors for transient speed, power, and parasitics

*Electromagnetic compliance requires filtering, shielding/grounding & system layout disciplines* 



### #1 - Noise Profile & Specifications

Know your EMI profile and specifications you need to meet

### **Governing Specifications**

Geography	Specification	Industry
North America	MIL-STD-461	Military
North America	DO-160	Aviation
North America	FDA	Medical
North America	FCC	Telecom
North America	CISPR 25	Automotive
International	EU Directive 89/336/EEC	Residential/Industrial
International	UK MOD	Military/Aerospace



### MIL-STD-461E Test Plan Scenario

#	Test	Туре	Frequency Range
1	CE102	Conducted Emissions	10KHz – 10MHz
2	RE102	Radiated Emissions	10KHz – 18GHz
3	CS114	Conducted Susceptibility	10KHz – 200MHz
4	RS103	Radiated Susceptibility	10Khz – 40GHz







Filter at immediate entry point to system







### #3 - Filter Design & Selection

Design filter for I/O and signal lines with response tailored to the application

- Low Pass Filters are the most common filter type to solve EMC issues
- Harmonics:
  - Cause almost all EMC emissions problems
  - Switch mode power supplies, computer/digital circuits and DC brushed motors all generate harmonics.
  - The 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> odd harmonics are the hardest to filter. They are highest in energy and are closest to the fundamental frequency

Frequency [MHz]	Harmonic	High energy Harmonics
4	1	Fundamental
8	2	
12	3	Х
16	4	
20	5	Х
24	6	
28	7	Х
32	8	
36	9	
4000	1000	



#### **Filter Types**







### #3 - Filter Design: Insertion Loss

Design filter for I/O and signal lines with response tailored to the application

### IL is the ratio of output Voltage before and after insertion of a filter

### Per MIL-STD-220:

- ILdB = 20 Log (V1/V2)
- Using S-Parameters: ILdB = 20 Log Mag(S21)

(Where ZS = ZL = 50 Ohms)



IL (dB)	Voltage Ratio
100	1:100,000
80	1:10,000
60	1:1000
40	1:100
20	1:10
6	1:2
3	1:1.1414
1	1:1

3dB is termed cut-off or half power, or where V1 = [V2]/1.414

When specifying IL, 80 dB is still the practical output from an RF test set-up



### #3 - Filter Design & Performance

Design filter for I/O and signal lines with response tailored to the application

- Solutions curve comparison
  - 50-ohm source
  - 50-ohm load
- Coaxial Pi
- Coaxial feedthrough "C"
- Chip capacitor
- Leaded capacitor





*The slope of the coaxial Pi filter and coaxial feedthrough filter perform similar to "pure" simulated model.* 

Filter Selection includes construction in addition to circuit design

EMx



### #3 - Filter Design & Selection

Design filter for I/O and signal lines with response tailored to the application

### **Different types of Low Pass Filters**



Slope = n x 20 dB/dec

Туре	"n"	Slope dB/dec	
С	1	20	
L	2	40	Directional
Pi	3	60	
Т	3	60	
Double L	4	80	Directional
Double Pi	5	100	
Double T	5	100	



### #4 - Impedance Matching & Balancing

Match and balance system impedances

### **Common Design Considerations**

- Low impedance looking into high impedance
- High impedance looking into low impedance
- Impedance balancing on differential pairs
  - Balance pairs to avoid creating additional differential issues from common mode interference
- Impedance of high-speed digital signals
  - Can't filter in traditional methods signal / integrity distortion
  - Example: Ethernet, USB, HDMI
  - Common mode ferrite sleeve post design







Shield noise emitting or noise susceptible modules and devices, modules, circuit boards, interfaces (ground layer)

### **Cabling Scenarios**





### #6 - Grounding & Surface Conductivity

Provide adequate grounding to boards and modules including multilayer board ground planes to isolate power from signal circuits for EMI paths. Material surface finishes and plating's designed for low resistivity: 3milli-ohm / sq cm.

#### Ground Resistance of Platings

\_\_\_\_\_\_ FOR >80dB R=<.003 /cm ∩ HP-4328A Milliohm METER FORCE 8oz. FORCE 8oz. PLATED <u>\_\_\_\_1cm.</u> 1cm. MATERIA LINDER TEST PLATING 8oz. Milliohms .75 .77 .8 .74 TIN .71 YELLOW 17 11 7 10 12 11 CHROMATE UNPLATED 1.6 1.8 2.0 1.7 1.8 2.2 EDGE

#### IL vs Ground Resistance: 1000pF filter



Surface material selection is important



**#6 - Grounding Effects** Provide adequate grounding to boards and modules including multilayer board ground planes to isolate power from signal circuits for EMI paths. Material surface finishes and plating's designed for low resistivity: 3milli-ohm / sq cm.

### Filtered Connector Grounding Scenarios

80.0







Even with proper filter placement interface grounding is important



**#6 - Grounding & Shielding Notes** Provide adequate grounding to boards and modules including multilayer board ground planes to isolate power from signal circuits for EMI paths. Material surface finishes and plating's designed for low resistivity: 3milli-ohm / sq cm.

- Add ground plane on multi-layer boards to isolate digital from power circuits
- Isolate signal grounds from power grounds
- Avoid long ground connections and traces to avoid ground loops
- Provide as many points of contact to substantial ground planes
- External power returns with dedicated wiring [Avoid power return through chassis]
- Separate Input and Output (I/O) cables to avoid coupling [Bundling]
- Avoid combining I/O and power in same connector





### #7 - Common Mode Technique: Ferrite Beads

Ferrite cores for common mode emissions around input power, signal, coaxial lines, etc. for common mode emissions

- Ferrite beads / sleeves
- Most commonly applied in a common mode configuration
- Ferrite materials have a Real and Loss component (complex permeability u'')
- Loss component is beneficial at frequencies above cross over in EMC applications



Common Mode

Differential Mode

**Cable Ferrite** 

Ferrite Beads work best in common mode configuration

ĒMx

100

10,000

100,000

1,000,000



### #8 - Common Mode Technique: Twisted Pair

*Twisted pairs at 18 turns / foot to minimize magnetic pick-up* 

#### **Twisted Pairs**

- Field Cancellation
- Differential Voltage: same on both wires
- Dielectric Constant: changes with tighter twist
- Field cancellation & cross talk reduction
- Better isolation from outside influences
- Makes wire equal distance from noise source
- Reduced dielectric losses









⊑ M×

### #9 - Openings & Apertures

Keep all apertures to less that lambda/20

### Aperture Design & Chassis Openings Survey





Frequency	Maximum gap
120MHz	4.92 inch
600MHz	0.98 inch
1.5GHz	0.394 inch
3GHz	0.197 inch

Equation: [(3x10^8)\*39.4] / (f) = lambda

Lambda / 20 = aperture max.Simplified 591/f(MHz) = aperture max. inches

Depending on frequency of operation, openings in chassis affect EMC compliance



### #10 – Transients

Use correct transient suppressors for transient speed, power, and parasitics

- Use correct suppressor for application
- Common types of transients
  - ESD
  - Lightning
  - EMP/HEMP









TVS

Style	Relative Energy Capability	Speed	Parasitic
Diode	Low	Fast	Med
Varistor	Med	Med	High
Gas Discharge Tube	High	Slow	Low

#### **Typical Transient Curves**



#### E2 Pulse Energy similar to Lightning Strike



#### E3 Pulse Long Duration



### **Technology & Solutions**

- USA-designed and manufactured in our State College, PA facility
- Solid-wall and embedded technologies for commercial and high-performance military applications
- Largest offering of EMI capacitor sizes and configurations (cylindrical and rectangular geometries)
- Multiple termination materials (F.O.S., Silver, Gold, Nickel, Copper) for specific customer requirements
- Coated ceramics available for high voltage and transient requirements





*Coaxial ceramic capacitors key to high frequency performance* 

EMx

SPECTRUM

### **Recent & Scheduled Filter Launches**

#### **Dual Line Hermetic**

- Packaged in a standard MIL-PRF-15733 style package
- Two circuits in that package size



#### Space Grade

- Meets requirements of MIL-PRF-28861 B+ Level
- Up-screened to meet higher reliability requirements



#### EMSEC & MIL-STD 461 - Single Phase Power Entry

- Meet requirements of MIL-PRF-15733
- In 5, 10, 15, 20A current ratings



#### **Transient Protection**

- Power entry EMP/HEMP filters
- Power entry transient protection Lightning & DO-160



SPECTRUM

CONTRO



### Thank You! Questions?

Key Take-Aways

System Layout Filtering

Shielding & Grounding

#### **Engineering & Product Contacts**

Jeff Chereson – Director of EngineeringPH: (814) 474-0332E-Mail: Jeff.Chereson@am.spectrum.control.com

**Don Dilworth – Product Line Director** PH: (814) 474-0351 E-Mail: <u>Donald.Dilworth@am.spectrum.control.com</u>

#### Matt McAlevy – *Engineering Manager*

PH: (814) 474-0331 E-Mail: Matthew.McAlevy@am.spectrum.control.com

Jennifer Harkless – Product Line ManagerPH: (814) 474-4363E-Mail: Jennifer.Harkless@am.spectrum.control.com

