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Abstract

This document summarizes the commercial and commercial/unlicensed wireless bands currently used in North America.

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1 Introduction

Mobile system operators are deploying wireless systems across North America with a choice of standardized technologies in different frequency bands. The objective of this document is to summarize and indicate the commercial and unlicensed wireless bands currently used in North America.

2 Background

The basic US Wireless Bands (as designated by 3GPP TSG RAN WG4) are listed in Table 2.1. Over the years, the various bands have been modified and expanded to allow additional bandwidth/capacity. The various bands are illustrated and further identified in the remainder of the document. Specific band numbers with issues have been identified in the notes of Table 2.1. No Carrier Aggregation documentation will be included in this document.

Table 2.1 – United States Band Numbers with Frequencies

E-UTRA Operating Band	Uplink (UL) operating band BS receive UE transmit		Downlink (DL) operating band BS transmit UE receive		Duplex Mode
	F _{UL_low}	F _{UL_high}	F _{DL_low}	F _{DL_high}	
2	1850 MHz	1910 MHz	1930 MHz	1990 MHz	FDD
4	1710 MHz	1755 MHz	2110 MHz	2155 MHz	FDD
5	824 MHz	849 MHz	869 MHz	894 MHz	FDD
7	2500 MHz		2620 MHz	2690 MHz	FDD
12	699 MHz	716 MHz	729 MHz	746 MHz	FDD
13	777 MHz	787 MHz	746 MHz	756 MHz	FDD
14	788 MHz	798 MHz	758 MHz	768 MHz	FDD
17	704 MHz	716 MHz	734 MHz	746 MHz	FDD
23 ¹	2000 MHz	2020 MHz	2180 MHz	2200 MHz	FDD
24	1610.5 MHz	1660.5 MHz	1525 MHz	1559 MHz	FDD
25	1850 MHz	1915 MHz	1930 MHz	1995 MHz	FDD
26	814 MHz	849 MHz	859 MHz	894 MHz	FDD
29	NA		717 MHz	728 MHz	FDD ²
30	2305 MHz	2315 MHz	2350 MHz	2360 MHz	FDD
41	2496 MHz	2690 MHz	2496 MHz	2690 MHz	TDD
46	5150 MHz	5925 MHz	5150 MHz	5925 MHz	TDD ⁸
47	5855 MHz	5925 MHz	5855 MHz	5925 MHz	TDD ¹¹
48	3550 MHz	3700 MHz	3550 MHz	3700 MHz	TDD
49	3550 MHz	3700 MHz	3550 MHz	3700 MHz	TDD ¹⁶
66	1710 MHz	1780 MHz	2110 MHz	2200 MHz	FDD ⁴
70	1695 MHz	1710 MHz	1995 MHz	2020 MHz	FDD ¹⁰
71	663 MHz	698 MHz	617 MHz	652 MHz	FDD