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**Minimum Operational Performance
Standards (MOPS) for Aircraft VDL Mode 2
Physical Link and Network Layer**

Change 1

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1. In Step 2 of Section 2.4.4.1.12, remove the second sentence, add “dBm” after 75 and replace “-” with “minus”.

2.4.4.1.12 In-Band Intermodulation/Desensitization

Reference: Section 2.2.1.2.12

Equipment Required

Desired VDL Mode 2 Signal Source

Undesired VDL Mode 2 Signal Source

VHF Signal Generator

External BER Test Fixture (optional)

RF Combiner

Measurement Procedure

- Step 1 Connect the equipment as shown in [Figure 2-16](#) or [Figure 2-17](#).
- Step 2 Use the Desired VDL Mode 2 Signal Source as Signal Generator A to generate the desired input signal to the receiver. Tune Signal Generator A to one of the test frequencies (Section 2.4.4). Modulate the output of Signal Generator A with either an appropriate test payload in burst form provided by the external BER test fixture, or a test payload provided by the data generator, as appropriate. Adjust the level of Signal Generator A to produce a signal level of minus 75 dBm at the receiver input.
- Step 3 Use the VHF Source as interfering Signal Generator B. Tune Signal Generator B to a frequency 1 MHz above the selected channel frequency. Set Signal Generator B to produce an unmodulated carrier to the input of the receiver at minus 32 dBm.
- Step 4 Use the Undesired VHF Source as interfering Signal Generator C. Tune Signal Generator C to a frequency 2 MHz above the selected test frequency. Create an Undesired VDL Mode 2 Signal with Generator C at a level of minus 32 dBm.
- Step 5 Apply the desired signal and the two interfering signals to the receiver input via the RF combiner. Use the process of Section 2.4.2.1 or Section 2.4.2.2, as appropriate, to determine the error rate. Verify compliance with the error rate requirements of Section 2.2.1.2.
- Step 6 Repeat Steps 3 to 5 for the other two test frequencies (Section 2.4.4).

Note: In the absence of the desired signal (i.e., Generator A switched “off”), the intermodulation products produced by any interaction between the interfering signal generators B & C, must be less than minus 105 dBm at the receiver input. Additional band-pass filters, inserted between each generator and the R.F combiner, may be necessary to reduce the intermodulation product.