

Data Sheet

VIAMI

Seeker HL

In-Home Leakage Evaluation System
A Trilithic Series Leakage Solution

Overview

Mitigation of signal leakage within the subscriber premises is essential for the successful operation of the subscriber's cable and cellular services. To thoroughly evaluate the potential for interference to subscriber services, VIAMI has developed a patented approach to signal leakage measurement which will comprehensively test the Aeronautical and LTE bands in both fully digital and analog cable systems.

Historically, signal leakage detectors have required high levels of sensitivity to measure signal leakage radiating from the CATV system. Measurement within the subscriber premises and the migration to all digital services places even greater sensitivity requirements upon the leakage detector combined with a new requirement to simultaneously monitor for signal leakage in both the aeronautical and LTE bands.

In laboratory experiments, signal leakage measurements as low as $0.1 \mu\text{V}/\text{m}$ have proven sufficient to allow LTE signals to enter the subscriber network and disrupt cable services. Achieving a measurement sensitivity of $0.1 \mu\text{V}/\text{m}$ is beyond the measurement range of conventional signal leakage detectors and requires a new approach to leakage detection within the subscriber premises.

Testing Approach

To meet the new measurement and sensitivity requirements, the Seeker HL monitors 138 MHz and 757.5 MHz simultaneously, supporting testing in both the Aeronautical and LTE frequency bands.

Key Features

- Dual-band leakage receiver for both aeronautical and LTE frequencies
- Sensitivity up to $0.1 \mu\text{V}/\text{m}$ at 138 MHz and $0.4 \mu\text{V}/\text{m}$ at 757.5 MHz
- Tagged signal source combined with a discriminating leakage receiver
- Audible tone increases proportionally in pitch as technician moves closer to the source of leakage



The Seeker HL Signal Source replaces the cable service with two high output test carriers which pressurize the subscriber cabling revealing any damage which may lead to service interruption from ingressing LTE carriers.

Advanced In-Home Shielding Integrity Testing

Until recently, finding and fixing leakage in the aeronautical band was considered “good enough” for almost all cable operators. But, with increased deployment of off air services by cellular providers and increased bandwidth demands of both the MSOs and cellular providers, keeping the cable plant tight has never been more important. Additionally, the increase in service demands for cellular bandwidth has pushed services into the 700-800 MHz (LTE) band and maybe even lower into the 600 MHz band in the near future.

Until now, leakage detection has focused on the outside plant, but as cellular devices become more prevalent, we need to somehow verify if these devices are causing harmful interference when they are in close proximity to leakage or ingress sources within a home. Since the relative distance between a cell tower and cellular devices determines the transmit level of cellular devices, this can result in cellular devices transmitting their data with a signal strength as high as 3 V/m. Due to this possibility of high transmit level of cellular devices, even the smallest sources of leakage or ingress points within the home can lead to cellular signals causing issues with downstream QAM channels. With this problem in mind, VIAVI has developed the Seeker HL In-Home Leakage Evaluation System as a solution for finding the smallest of leaks in the home and to help identify any shielding defects that will allow cellular signals to enter into the cable system.

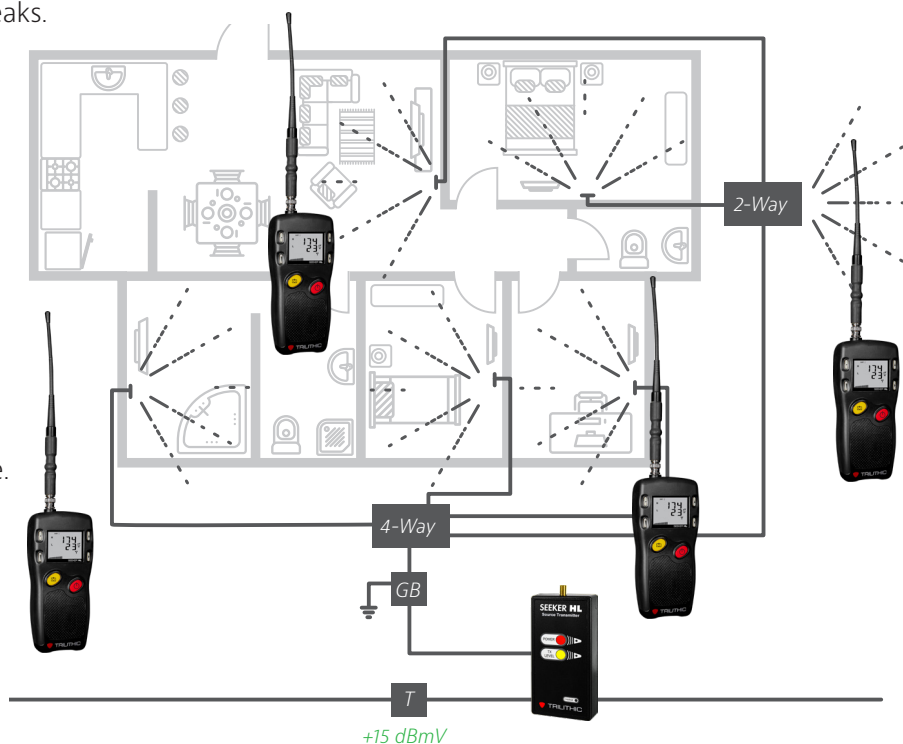
During an installation or service call, the Seeker HL In-Home Leakage Evaluation System provides technicians with a way to comprehensively evaluate the customer premises for leakage in both the Aeronautical and LTE bands within fully digital, analog, and mixed cable systems and is the only system available to quickly, easily, and accurately verify that the shielding integrity of in-home wiring meets the needs of today's high tech world.

This innovative, patented method of in-home leakage detection involves using the Seeker HL Source Transmitter to replace the cable service at the subscriber's ground block. The higher levels of the Seeker HL Source Transmitter will increase the field strength of the signals radiating out of the customer's home network, providing a higher level of sensitivity to find even the smallest of leaks.

The transmitter injects two single CW carriers into the subscriber network with a 20 Hz tag modulation, one inserted at 138 MHz and another at 757.5 MHz supporting testing in both the Aeronautical and LTE bands.

The source transmitter signal level is at a considerably higher level than typical active plant levels in order to “over-pressurize” the cable system in the home.

This approach is similar to pressurizing a water pipe and looking for any sources of water that may point to the location of a defect in the pipe.



Using the Seeker HL with its source transmitter allows the technician to detect leakage levels at an otherwise unheard of sensitivity down to 0.1 $\mu\text{V}/\text{m}$. The user may set the output level to 60 dBmV for home certification, but also has the option to reduce the level to 40 dBmV should the subscriber network prove to be too porous for pinpointing the location of a leak at the higher transmit level.

The Seeker HL provides both a visual readout of the measured levels in $\mu\text{V}/\text{m}$ and a tone proportional to signal strength. To prevent false triggering, the Seeker HL utilizes the VIAVI unique channel tagging technique. When checking the integrity of in-home shielding and to provide consistency with leakage levels typically found within the subscriber premises, the levels displayed by the Seeker HL have been normalized to represent the value of a leak at typical system levels. This correlation between measured and displayed levels will assist the technician in evaluating the severity and recording of a leak based on established industry practices.

Seeker HL Kit Includes The Following

- Seeker HL Leakage Detector
- Seeker HL Source Transmitter
- Near Field Probe (NFP-1)
- Precision RF Coaxial Test Cable (I/O-15)
- Carrying Case with Shoulder Strap
- AC to DC Power Adapter and Battery Charger with USB Charge and Data Cable (Mini-B Male to Standard-A Male)
- AC to DC Power Adapter and Battery Charger

Seeker HL Specifications

Operation	
Monitored Frequencies	Low Band: 138 MHz
	High Band: 757.5 MHz
Calibrated Level Range	0.1 to 1000 $\mu\text{V}/\text{m}$ @ 60 dBmV Transmit Level
Physical	
Construction	Plastic housing, with rubber overmold
Control	Front panel rubber keypad
Display	Dual numerical readout of detected low and high band leakage within sensitivity range
Speaker	Tone is present if leakage amplitude exceeds squelch setting
	Pitch is proportional to strength of leak
Dimensions (H x W x D)	7.50 x 3.25 x 1.50 in (191 x 83 x 38 mm)
Weight	1.0 lbs (454 grams)
Available Interface Types	
Antenna	BNC Type connector with dual band antenna
USB	Mini-B Port for charging & configuration using Seeker Setup Software
Battery and Power	
Operating Time	8 hours plus, dependent on use
Charge Time	10 hours
Battery	Single 2600 mAh @ 3.7V Li-Ion internal battery, factory replaceable
Power Adapter	Input: 100 to 240 VAC ~ 50 to 60 Hz, 0.3A Max
	Output: 5 VDC, 1.0A
Environmental	
Storage and Operating Temperature	Storage: -40° to +70° C (-40° to 158° F)
	Operating: -20° to +50° C (-4° to 122° F)

Available Software	Part Number
Available Software Seeker Setup Configuration Software	TRI-LKG-SW-SEEKER-PC
Optional Accessories	Part Number
CL-9 Vehicle Power Adapter with USB cable	TRI-ACCY-USBPWR-VEH-WCBL
Euro Power Adapter	TRI-ACCY-USBPWR-EUR-PLUG
UK Power Adapter	TRI-ACCY-USBPWR-UK-PLUG
Australian Power Adapter	TRI-ACCY-USBPWR-AUS-PLUG

Seeker HL Source Transmitter Specifications

Operation	
Source Frequencies	Low Band: 138 MHz
	High Band: 757.5 MHz
Modes of Operation	User selectable High or Low Output via front panel controls
Launch Amplitude	High Output: 60 dBmV
	Low Output: 40 dBmV
Level Stability	±2 dB at 25° C, stable over operating temperature
Physical	
Construction	Plastic housing
Control	Front panel keypad constructed from water resistant membrane
Indicators	Front panel ON/OFF, Output Level & Charge LEDs
Dimensions (H x W x D)	7.50 x 3.25 x 1.50 in (191 x 83 x 38 mm)
Weight	0.85 lbs (380 grams)
Available Interface Types	
RF Output Port	Replaceable F-Type connector
Battery and Power	
Operating Time	8 hours plus, dependent on use
Charge Time	4 hours
Battery	Single 2600 mAh @ 7.2V Li-Ion internal battery, factory replaceable
Power Adapter	Input: 100 to 240 VAC ~ 47 to 63 Hz, 1.1A Max
	Output: 15 VDC, 3.3A
Environmental	
Storage and Operating Temperature	Storage: -40° to +70° C (-40° to 158° F)
	Operating: -20° to +50° C (-4° to 122° F)



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