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## PLT-Interference Range Contest

The EMC Industry Association announces a contest to identify the interference range of Power Line Telecommunications - otherwise known as PLC or BPL.

Competitors may be individuals or groups. They must demonstrate the presence of interference from a PLT installation – which might for example, comprise Comtrend or BTVision or Belkin Power Line Adaptors – at the greatest possible distance.

Two prizes of VR120 wide-band hand-held Scanner Receivers, kindly donated by Yaesu (UK) Ltd. are to be won;-

**The “LDX” prize** will go to the entry that, in the opinion of the organisers, best combines distance with technical excellence and credibility to Standards and Regulatory bodies.

**The “MTY” – most typical - prize** will be awarded to the entrant whose detection distance is closest to the average distance claimed by all entrants. The organisers hope that this award will encourage everyone concerned to enter.

For details of the rules and how to enter go to <http://www.emcia.org/news.aspx>

For technical support and in-depth information about PLT go to <http://www.theemcjournal.com/>

Entries must be received by Monday 6th September 2010.

The contest is staged against a background of regulatory inertia that has resulted in the unfettered sale of hundreds of thousands of PLT devices that do not conform to the recognised international EMC standards or regulatory requirements. These cause serious – but sometimes difficult to identify – interference to short wave broadcast and point-to-point radio services. The problem has been brought into even sharper focus by the launch of the Belkin Gigabit PLA whose interference emissions extend into the VHF frequencies used by FM, DAB and mobile services.

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