

VT-002™ Slave Tracking Antenna

The VT-002 is a twin axis 0.2m planar array slave tracking antenna, it is self contained and is simple to setup and operate. The VT-002 can transmit & receive signals in either the L band with 11db gain or the S band with 13db gain and point continuously at a fix or moving position in the air or on the ground with a view of the sky from horizon to horizon in elevation and continuous rotation in azimuth.



Features

- RHCP high gain planer array antenna
- L or S Band Reception & Transmission
- · Autonomous slave tracking
- · Multiple mode slave tracking
- Easy maintenance modular design
- DC Brushless overrated motors
- Absolute encoders in all rotating parts with better than 0.05° accuracy
- Bus based internal communication
- Ethernet remote control

- Fully integrated auto-calibration system
- Simultaneous receive and transmit
- Good performance in adverse weather conditions
- Light weight carbon fiber and corrosion resistant alloy construction throughout
- Greatly reduced cabling
- · Less weight and better portability
- Integrated ACU Control



The hardware and software required to provide the Antenna Control Unit (ACU) functions is integrated into the antenna, this provides auto calibration, slaved "pointers", Program Tracking and Pre Tracking.

The antenna itself is programmed via an Ethernet link before a flight. It can store a number of settings locally for easy selection via a simple cockpit rotary switch or an RS 232 link. The antenna may be remote monitored and controlled over a local Ethernet making it possible to slave multiple antennas together.

Calibration of the antenna is automatically carried out on every start up and continuously during operation. The communications form local or remote GPS system and inertial navigation system allow the antenna to know its three dimensional position in respect the earth at all times. The controlling software refers to an integrated geodetic database to allow the antenna to correctly track a target even in difficult geographical conditions.

Specifications

Operating Frequency 2200-2350 MHz Band Selectable

Plus User Specified Special Frequencies

G/T Approx -1.5 at S-Band

Polarization RHCP

Main Antenna Gain (Minimum) 11.0 dBi @ 1435 MHz

13.0 dBi @ 2350 MHz

Sidelobes -30 dB Under Main Beam @ S-Band

Beam Width Minimum ±18°@ S-Band

Velocity Up to 90°/sec
Acceleration Up to 180°/sec²
Azimuth Travel Continuous Unlimited

Elevation Travel +/-90° Rotation (Horizon to Horizon)

Temperature Non-Operating -40° C to +70° C

Temperature Operating -40° C (with heating) to +65° C Plus Solar Relative Humidity Up to 100% Including Condensation

Rain Up to 5-inches Per Hour Ice One-half Inch, Radial

Weight Approx 9 kg
Power Requirement 50 W
Voltage/Frequency 28V DC

Interface RS232 & Ethernet

Size Approx 39cm H x 28cm W x 28cm D

Maximum Transmission Power 20Watt