

# S + C bands 2.4 m ANTENNA & ANTENNA CONTROL UNIT





# **DESCRIPTION**

This station is designed for signals Receive in the **S+C** frequency bands.

A friendly Man Machine Interface installed on a PC allows its remote Monitoring & Control via a RS232 serial or TCP/IP link.

**Receive** is made through a **2.4 m dish** equipped with GPS tracking & RF tracking feed in RHCP & LHCP including LNA (Limiter in option), and filters.

Target tracking can be achieved through the three main modes: GPS tracking, Manual (through Joystick) and RF Auto-tracking

RF Auto Tracking can be performed through either an external Tracking Receiver or a dedicated HYPTRA 2 channels S+C Tracking Receiver.

In option the feed can be equipped with one Acquisition-Aid Antenna mounted directly at the rear of the main antenna feed.

The station is mainly composed of the following parts:

- External two-axis auto-tracking antenna

DGPS or Electronic compass for automatic north reference. Electronic & spirit level for automatic set-up in option for mobile station.

- <u>Antenna Drive Unit</u> composed of: the microcontroller unit, the power unit and the servo power unit.
- Antenna Control Unit (PC under Windows)

## **SPECIFICATIONS**

#### TM antenna

- Type: 2.4 m dish with primary feed (Monopulse)
- Frequency bands:2200-2400 MHz (S band)

: 5090- 5250 MHz (C band)

- G/T: 9.1 dB/K@ 2300 GHz and 15°El angle (23°C)

: 16.2 dB/K@ 5170 MHz and 15°El angle (23℃)

- Polarization: RHCP and LHCP

- 3 dB beamwidth: 3.2°typ. @ 2.3 GHz

- 3 dB beamwidth: 1.7°typ. @ 5.17 GHz

V.S.W.R < 1.5</li>

Side lobes: < 18 dB

#### Pedestal

- Type: Elevation over Azimuth
- Elevation range: -5°to +90°or -5°to +185°(in option)
- Azimuth range: unlimited (continuous rotation with rotary joint/slip ring assembly)
- Rotation speed max.: ≥ 25% on both axes
- Acceleration max.: ≥ 30%s<sup>2</sup> typ. on both axes, extended range in option
- Pointing accuracy: ± 0.005° (in manual mode)
- Tracking accuracy: 0.3° at 25% El & Az axis speed
- Optical encoders: 16 bits

#### Environmental

- Storage temperature: -40° to +70℃
- Operating temperature: -30°C to +50°C (outdoor), extended range in option.
- Rain: up to 50 mm/hour
- Relative humidity: 0 to 100% (outdoor)
- Operating wind load: 90 km/h
- Survival wind load: 144 Km/h (Up to 210 Km/h in option)

## **Mechanical**

- Antenna dimensions: 2.4 m
- Total weight (pedestal and dishes): < 450 kg
- Color (antenna and pedestal): RAL9003 (white) or other upon request.

#### Electrical

- Power supply: 220—230 VAC, 50—60 Hz
- Pedestal peak consumption: 1.5 KVA

## **OPTIONS:**

- Omni directional antennas for far field or zenith pass operating
- Video/IR system installed at the back of the dish.
- DGPS with inertial unit or Electronic compass & electronic spirit levels
- High antenna travel speed & acceleration
- Acquisition-Aid Antenna
- Dry air pressurization unit for pedestal and feed

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### **ANTENNA CONTROL UNIT (ACU)**

The dedicated software, through the color display, provides a user friendly interface (see below non contractual example of ACU screen).

The software can easily be customized for user's needs. Touch screen with integrated PC in option

# MONITORING INFORMATION available through the PC Man-Machine Interface

- Elevation and Azimuth pedestal angles
- Selected operating mode
- Tracking signal level (when Auto-tracking mode is active)
- Tracking errors
- Tracking polarization in operation
- Main antenna / Acquisition-Aid antenna status
- Alarms
- Logbook: events (El, Az, Time, antenna speed, received signal level, tracking errors, operating modes...) are recorded with 50ms step.







# OPERATING MODES available through the PC Man- Machine Interface

Elevation and Azimuth axes are independent:

- STOP: Stop on El. and Az.; brakes are switched on
- MANUAL: El. and Az. axes reach the angular positions received through the PC
- SLEW: El. and Az. axes speed adjustment(-25 to +25% with 8 bits; step = 0.16%s)
- AUTO-TRACKING: manual or automatic (with tracking error angle criteria or HF signal level criteria)
- GPS: The ACU elaborates El. and/or Az. angles through the target GPS information received by RS232 or TCP/IP link under NMEA 0183 standard. The target range is calculated by the ACU and displayed on the screen.
- SLAVE (option): The ACU elaborates El. and/or Az. angles through the SLAVE information received by TCP/IP link.
- **MEMORY TRACK (with AT mode):** as back up mode in case of auto-tracking lost. When auto-tracking is lost, the antenna continues traveling of Az and El with extrapolated speed.
- SEARCH (option): searching around current antenna location (spiral scan)
- PROGRAM TRACK (option): Tracking following a predicted trajectory download from computer.
- Acquisition-Aid Antenna (option): manual or automatic selection between the main antenna and the Acuisition-Aid Antenna.
- PRESET: Up to 100 El. and Az. angles can be stored
- SURVIVAL (STOW): El. 90°, brakes applied on El. and Az.
- INITIALIZATION: The ACU calculates the correction to be applied according to the electronic spirit level and compass information.
- **AUTOTRACKING SUPPORTED BY GPS (with AT mode)**: When GPS data from aircraft are available, the operator through the Man Machine Interface, can follow the aircraft and locates the aircraft into the 5 dB antenna pattern.

Starting in AutoTracking mode, if for any reason, the aircraft reaches this " 5 dB circle" then the antenna will automatically switch to GPS tracking mode.

Then when antenna will cross the 2 dB circle on its way back, the antenna will switch automatically in Auto-Tracking mode.

