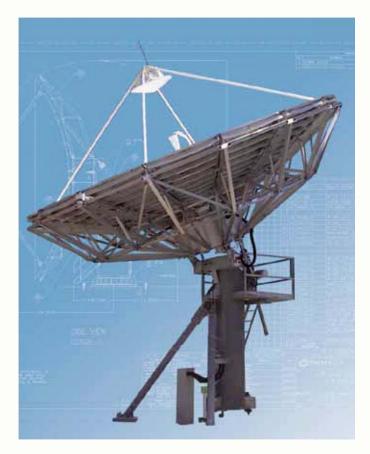
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Satcom Antennas



The Strength to Perform

All-aluminum reflector with fully interchangeable components

1.5 to 18.4 GHz operation, meeting ITU and FCC

Galvanized steel elevation over azimuth pedestal with jackscrews

125 mph (200 km/h) wind survival



Description

The General Dynamics SATCOM Technologies 8.1-meter antenna delivers exceptional performance for transmit/ receive and receive-only applications for L to Ku-band frequencies. This antenna offers a reflector design that incorporates precision-formed panels, truss radials and hub assembly. It features an innovative Cassegrain feed and subreflector design which results in high gain, low noise temperature, high antenna efficiency and excellent rejection of noise and microwave interference. A large center hub provides spacious accommodation for equipment mounting. The aluminum reflector is supported by a galvanized elevation over azimuth kingpost pedestal that provides the required stiffness for pointing and tracking accuracy. The pedestals are designed for full orbital arc coverage and are readily adaptable to ground or rooftop installations. The electrical performance is compliant with ITU and FCC sidelobe specifications and Intelsat (F3) and Eutelsat requirements.

Options

- L, S, C, Ku, and DBS feed configurations
- CP/LP manual or remote switchable feeds
- Specialized feed systems (e.g. extended, multi-band)
- Improved feed cross-pol performance
- Antenna control system with tracking
- Reflector and feed deicing systems
- Environmental hub configurations
- Integrated transmit cross-axis kits
- Integrated LNA or LNB systems
- HPAs, converters and M&C systems
- Load frame mounts
- Packing for sea and air transport
- Turnkey installation and testing

Upgrades

- Extended azimuth travel
- Low operating temperatures
- High power configurations
- For Ka-band see separate datasheet



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Technical Specifications

	C-Band 4-Port		C-Band 4-Port		Ext. C-Band 4-Port		Ku-Band 4-Port		DBS-Band 4-Port	
	Circular Polarized		Linear Polarized		Linear Polarized		Linear Polarized		Linear Polarized	
Electrical (1)	Receive	Transmit	Receive	Transmit	Receive	Transmit	Receive	Transmit	Receive	Transmit
Frequency (GHz)	3.625 -	5.850 -	3.625 -	5.850 -	3.400 -	5.850 -	10.700 -	13.750 -	10.700 -	17.300 -
	4.200	6.425	4.200	6.425	4.200	6.725	12.750	14.500	12.750	18.400
Antenna Gain, Midband (dBi) (2)	49.40	53.10	49.40	53.20	49.30	53.20	58.00	59.70	58.30	61.30
VSWR	1.25:1	1.25:1	1.25:1	1.25:1	1.30:1	1.30:1	1.30:1	1.30:1	1.30:1	1.30:1
Pattern Beamwidth (2)										
-3 dB, at midband	0.58°	0.38°	0.58°	0.37°	0.58°	0.37°	0.20°	0.16°	0.19°	0.14°
Antenna Noise Temperature (K)										
5° Elevation	52		50		55		90		81	
10° Elevation	43		40		46		76		66	
20° Elevation	37		35		40		68		57	
40° Elevation	35		33		38		64		53	
Typical G/T (dB/K) (3)										
4.000 GHz, 30 K LNA	31.1		31.3		30.8					
11.725 GHz, 70 K LNA							36.6		37.3	
Axial Ratio (dB)	0.50	0.50								
Power Handling (total)		10 kW CW		10 kW CW		10 kW CW		2 kW CW		2 kW CW
Cross Polarization Isolation (dB)										
On Axis	30.8	30.8	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	35.0
Within 1.0 dB beamwidth	30.8	30.8	30.0	30.0	30.0	30.0	35.0	35.0	35.0	30.0
Port to Port Isolation (dB)										
Rx/Tx (Rx frequency)	0	-70	0	-50	0	-70	0	-70	0	-75
Tx/Rx (Tx frequency)	-85	0	-85	0	-85	0	-85	0	-85	0
Sidelobe Performance	Meets ITU-RS-580, FCC									
RF Specification	975-1045		975-1327		975-1931		975-2914		975-2073	

(1) All values are at rear feed flange. (2) C-band Rx values are at 4 GHz. (3) Typical G/T at 20° elevation with clear horizon using single bolt-on LNA to feed.

Mechanical/Environmental (4)	Kingpost Pedestal (KP120)	Kingpost Pedestal (KX200)				
Antenna Diameter	8.1 meters (26.67 feet)					
Antenna Type	Cassegrain design					
Reflector Construction	16 precision-formed aluminum panels with heat-diffusing white paint					
	Cleaned and brightened aluminum back-up structure					
Hub Dimensions	70 in (178 cm) OD, 36 in (91 cm) depth					
Mount Configuration	Elevation over azimuth pedestal, constructed of galvanized A36 steel					
Drive Type	Manual jack screws					
Azimuth Travel	120° continuous	200° (2 segments @ 120°)				
Elevation Travel	5 to 90° continuous	0 to 90° continuous				
Foundation (L x W x D)	22.0 x 22.0 x 2.0 ft (6.7 x 6.7 x 0.61 m)	22.0 x 22.0 x 1.5 ft (6.7 x 6.7 x 0.46 m)				
Concrete	36.0 yds ³ (27.5 m ³)	27.0 yds³ (20.6 m³)				
Reinforcing Steel	6,100 lbs. (2,767 kg)	3,560 lbs. (1,615 kg)				
Shipping Containers	One 40 ft standard					
Operational Wind Loading	45 mph (72 km/h) gusting to 60 mph (97 km/h)					
Survival Wind Loading	125 mph (200 km/h) @ 58° F (15° C), any position					
Operational Temperature	+5° to +122° F (-15° to +50° C)					
Survival Temperature	-22° to +140° F (-30° to +60° C), low temperature options available					
Rain	Up to 4 in/h (10 cm/h)					
Relative Humidity	0 to 100% with condensation					
Solar Radiation	360 BTU/h/ft² (1,000 Kcal/h/m²)					
Ice (survival)	1 in (2.5 cm) on all surfaces or 1/2 in (1.3 cm) on all surfaces with 80 mph (130 km/h) wind gusts					
Atmospheric Conditions	As encountered in coastal regions and/or heavily industrialized areas					
Shock and Vibration	As encountered during shipment by airplane, ship or truck					

⁽⁴⁾ Some specifications may vary based on the combination of equipment, options and/or upgrades ordered.