



HYDRA-TC

TWO HEADS STAR TRACKER

- › SEPARATE OPTICAL HEADS AND ELECTRONIC UNITS
- › VERSATILE, ROBUST, ACCURATE AND FLIGHT PROVEN
- › FULLY REDONDANT ELECTRONICS
- › DESIGNED FOR 18-YEAR GEO SATCOM

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS		Environmental Characteristics	
Optical Heads (OH)		Temperatures	
Baffle protecting the lens from direct Sun and Earth illumination		Full performance	
Lens made of Rad-Hard glasses		-20°C to +60°C	
HAS-2 APS (CMOS) detector and its Thermo-Electric Cooler		Operating range	
Spacewire interface (MIL 1355) with Electronic Unit		-30°C to +60°C	
Electronic Unit (EU)		Storage	
Fully redundant architecture with internal cross-strapping		-40°C to +70°C	
Power Converter supplying the OH and the Processing Unit		Mechanical loads	
Embedded software processing OH's data and computing the attitude		Random 30 gRMS	
Embedded Star Catalog		Shocks 2350 gSRS	
Typical Attitude accuracy in 2-head blended solution (EOL 15 years in GEO)		Mechanical Interfaces	
BIAS		1 Optical Head	
< 11 arcsec		Mass 1.4 kg - Dimensions Ø146.5 mm x H283 mm	
Thermo-elastic Error		1 Electronic Unit	
<0.055 arcsec/°C		Mass 3.9 kg - Dimensions 194 x 166 x 159 mm ³	
FOV spatial error @ 20°C ± 3°C		Electrical Interfaces	
<0.6 arcsec @ 3σ three axes		Typical power consumption	
Pixel spatial error		8 W for 1 EU and 2 OH @ 20°C	
<3.1 arcsec @ 3σ three axes		Electrical Consumption	
Temporal NEA		< 1 W per OH @ 20°C	
<0.8 arcsec/vHz @ 3σ three axes		Head dissipation	
Additional Performance Features		0.9W @20°C (no Sun)	
Autonomous Attitude Acquisition in less than 2.5 seconds		Power supply	
Attitude tracking up to 2 heads simultaneously		21 to 52 Volts	
15 Stars per OH		Output data	
Update rate up to 16Hz		MIL1553B or RS422 (AC/CS16 protocol)	
Robustness		Reliability and Lifetime	
Acquisition from lost in space		1 Optical Head	
Up to 8 deg/s		Level 1: 190 FIT	
Tracking		Level 2: 241 FIT	
7 deg/s and 2.3 deg/s ² @10Hz		1 Electronic Unit	
Sun Exclusion Angle		Level 1: 512 FIT	
26 deg		Level 2: 736 FIT	
Earth limb Exclusion Angle		GEO 18 years	
18.5 deg		GTO 6 months	
No performance degradation with full Moon in FOV		Qualified Options	
Robust to Sun and Earth blooming on one head with two heads operating		Enhanced shielding for GEO mission	
Robust to peak Solar Flare in acquisition and tracking		Baffle with 35 deg Sun Exclusion Angle	
		HYDRA-M: light LEO version for 1 or 2 OH without Thermo-Electric Cooler	
		HYDRA-CP: software hosted into On-Board Computer	
		2 OH may be connected to a fully redundant EU with up to 8m length cable.	
		Single FOV and blended solution attitude data both available.	

EXCEPTIONAL ROBUSTNESS

► Hydra can survive high mechanical loads and performs under very harsh conditions: dynamic, protons, stray-light..

EMBEDDED FDIR FUNCTIONS

► Hydra autonomously manages any situation and the sensor always delivers accurate attitude data in operating domains with selectable update rates up to 16Hz.



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