

Standard Micro Propulsion System

X14029003-0X

The VACCO Standard Micro-Propulsion System (MiPS) is a low-cost, cold gas propulsion system designed for CubeSats.

Using Chemically Etched Micro System (ChEMS™) technology, VACCO has produced a complete propulsion system including propellant storage, pressurization, distribution, thrusters, and controller. This simple, highly integrated design uses a self-pressurizing liquid propellant that is expelled as a gas.

The 0.3U MiPS is capable of 44 N-Sec of total impulse with up to 880,000 firings, MiPS brings true propulsion capabilities to micro-spacecraft for formation flying, attitude control and velocity change (delta-v).



Features

- Five thrusters for pitch, yaw, roll and delta-v
- 10 mN thrust
- Up to 880,000 minimum impulse firings
- Frictionless valves
- Inherently safe, non-toxic R134a propellant
- All-welded aluminum alloy construction
- Light weight
- Minimal re-entry hazard
- Smart system with integral controller
 - Simple RS422 digital interface
 - Integral sensor suite
 - Closed-loop vector pointing
 - Closed-loop thrust vector control

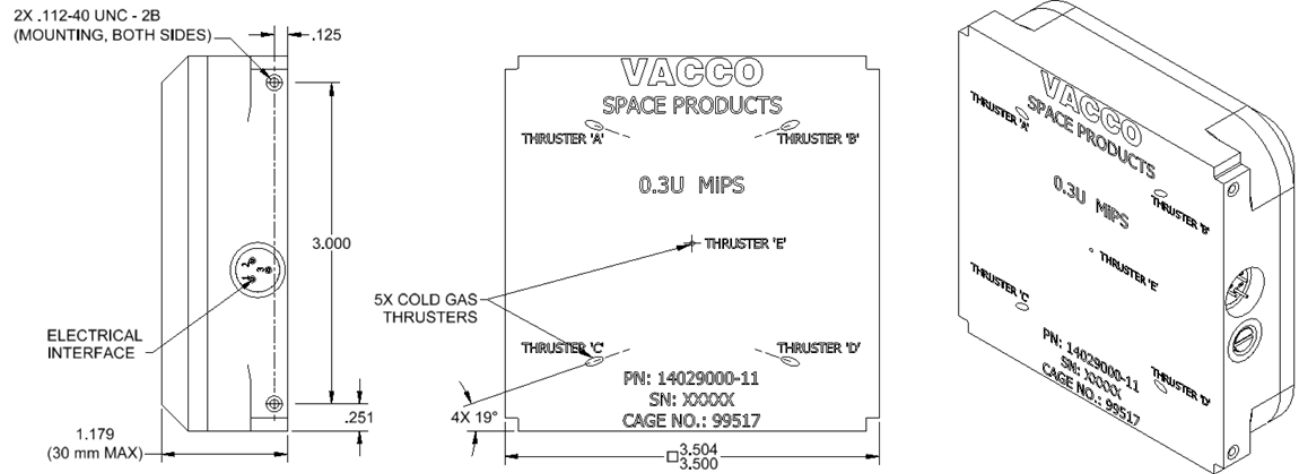
Operating Parameters

Nominal Thrust..... 10 mN @ 20°C
 Specific Impulse..... 40 sec
 Total Impulse 44 to 250 N-sec
 Internal Leakage $<1 \times 10^3$ sccs GHe
 External Leakage $<1 \times 10^{-6}$ sccs GHe
 Operating Temperature..... 0°C to +60°C

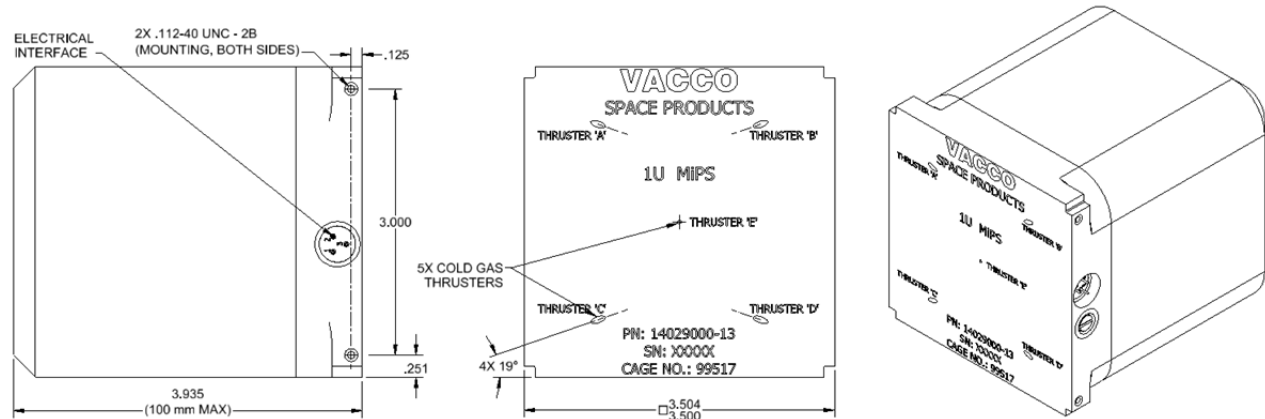
Vibration..... 16 Grms
 Minimum Impulse Bit..... 0.05 mN-sec
 Operating Voltage 9.0 to 12.6 vdc
 Mass (Including Propellant) 542 grams (wet)
 Stand-By Power 0.25 watts
 Maximum Steady-State Power 10 watts

Performance characteristics are based on customer requirements. As such, they are not representative of component capabilities or limitations.

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Spec List

Part Number	Size	Depth (mm)	"Wet" Mass (grams)	Total Impulse (N-sec)
X14029003-1	0.3U	30	542	44
X14029003-4	0.5U	50	743	103
X14029003-7	0.8U	80	1044	191
X14029003-9	1U	100	1245	250