



# 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					
Optical Heads (OH)			Environmental Characteristics		
Baffle protecting the lens from direct Sun and Earth illumination			Temperatures		
Lens made of Rad-Hard glasses			Full performance	-20°C to +60°C	
HAS-2 APS (CMOS) detector and its Thermo-Electric Cooler			Operating range	-30°C to +60°C	
Spacewire interface (MIL 1355) with Electronic Unit			Storage	-40°C to +70°C	
Electronic Unit (EU)			Mechanical loads	Random 30 gRMS	Shocks 2350 gSRS
Fully redundant architecture with internal cross-strapping			Mechanical Interfaces		
Power Converter supplying the OH and the Processing Unit			1 Optical Head	Mass 1.4 kg - Dimensions Ø146.5 mm x H283 mm	
Embedded software processing OH's data and computing the attitude			1 Electronic Unit	Mass 3.9 kg - Dimensions 194 x 166 x 159 mm³	
Embedded Star Catalog			Electrical Interfaces		
Typical Attitude accuracy in 2-head blended solution (EOL 15 years in GEO)			Typical power consumption	8 W for 1 EU and 2 OH @ 20°C	
BIAS	< 11 arcsec		Electrical Consumption	< 1 W per OH @ 20°C	
Thermo-elastic Error	<0.055 arcsec/°C		Head dissipation	0.9W @20°C (no Sun)	
FOV spatial error @ 20°C ± 3°C	<0.6 arcsec @ 3σ three axes		Power supply	21 to 52 Volts	
Pixel spatial error	<3.1 arcsec @ 3σ three axes		Output data	MIL1553B or RS422 (AC/CS16 protocol)	
Temporal NEA	<0.8 arcsec/vHz @ 3σ three axes		Reliability and Lifetime		
Additional Performance Features			1 Optical Head	Level 1: 190 FIT	Level 2: 241 FIT
Autonomous Attitude Acquisition in less than 2.5 seconds			1 Electronic Unit	Level 1: 512 FIT	Level 2: 736 FIT
Attitude tracking up to 2 heads simultaneously	15 Stars per OH		GEO 18 years	GTO 6 months	
	Update rate up to 16Hz		Qualified Options		
Robustness			Enhanced shielding for GEO mission		
Acquisition from lost in space	Up to 8 deg/s		Baffle with 35 deg Sun Exclusion Angle		
Tracking	7 deg/s and 2.3 deg/s² @10Hz		HYDRA-M: light LEO version for 1 or 2 OH without Thermo-Electric Cooler		
Sun Exclusion Angle	26 deg		HYDRA-CP: software hosted into On-Board Computer		
Earth limb Exclusion Angle	18.5 deg				
No performance degradation with full Moon in FOV			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.		
Robust to Sun and Earth blooming on one head with two heads operating					
Robust to peak Solar Flare in acquisition and tracking					

### 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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