

Vector™ VR500 Smart Antenna

OEM Hardware for Machine Control Systems



key features

- Simple all-in-one RTK capable heading solution
- Athena™ RTK and Atlas® L-band capable
- Integrated IMU delivers fast start-up times and provides heading during temporary GNSS loss
- Fully rugged IP69, MIL-STD810G, MIL-STD202F, IEC 60068-2 compliant solution for the harshest environments

The Vector VR500 is the first rugged all-in-one multi-frequency, multi-GNSS smart antenna which provides RTK-level position and precise heading. This rugged design is compliant to IP69, MIL-STD810G, MIL-STD-202F, and IEC 60068-2 standards for water ingress, shock, and vibration for the harshest environments. The VR500 is a great solution for machine control and other challenging applications.

The all-in-one VR500 with set antenna separation provides consistent and reliable position and heading accuracy.



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GNSS Receiver Specifications

Receiver Type:	Vector GNSS RTK Receiver	
Signals Received:	GPS, GLONASS, BeiDou, Galileo, QZSS, IRNSS and Atlas	
Channels:	744	
GPS Sensitivity:	-142 dBm	
SBAS Tracking:	3-channel, parallel tracking	
Update Rate:	10 Hz standard, 50 Hz optional	
Timing (1PPS) Accuracy:	20 ns	
Rate of Turn:	100°/s maximum	
Cold Start:	40 s (no almanac or RTC)	
Warm Start:	20 s typical (almanac and RTC)	
Hot Start:	5 s typical (almanac, RTC and position)	
Heading Fix:	10 s typical (Hot Start)	
Antenna Input Impedance:	50 Ω	
Maximum Speed:	1,850 mph (999 kts)	
Maximum Altitude:	18,288 m (60,000 ft)	
Differential Options:	SBAS, Atlas (L-band), RTK	

Accuracy

Positioning:	Horizontal (95%)	Vertical (95%)
Autonomous, no SA ² :	1.2 m	2.5 m
SBAS (WAAS) ² :	0.25 m	0.5 m
Atlas (L-band) ^{2,8} :	0.04 m	0.08 m
RTK ¹ :	10 mm + 1 ppm	20 mm + 2 ppm
Heading (RMS):	< 0.2°	
Pitch/Roll (RMS):	1°	
Heave (RMS):	30 cm (DGPS) ⁶ , 10 cm (RTK) ⁶	

L-Band Receiver Specifications

Channels:	1530 to 1560 MHz
Sensitivity:	-130 dBm
Channel Spacing:	5 kHz
Satellite Selection:	Manual or Automatic
Reacquisition Time:	15 sec (typical)
Processor:	DSP for demodulation and protocol decoding module provides processing for the differential algorithms

Communications

Ports:	1x full-duplex RS-232/RS-422, 1x RS232, 2x CAN, 1x Ethernet
Baud Rates:	4800 - 115200
Radio Interfaces:	Bluetooth 2.0 (Class 2), Wi-Fi 2.4 GHz, UHF (400 MHz)
Correction I/O Protocol:	Atlas, Hemisphere GNSS proprietary, RTCM v2.3 (DGPS), RTCM v3 (RTK), CMR, CMR+ ¹
Data I/O Protocol:	NMEA 0183, Hemisphere GNSS binary
Timing Output:	1PPS, CMOS, active low, falling edge sync, 10 k Ω , 10 pF load
Event Marker Input:	CMOS, active low, falling edge sync, 10 k Ω , 10 pF load
Heading Warning I/O:	Open relay system indicates invalid heading

Power

Input Voltage:	9-32 VDC
Power Consumption:	10.5W Maximum (All signals and L-band)
Current Consumption:	1.2A Maximum
Power Isolation:	No
Reverse Polarity Protection:	Yes

Environmental

Operating Temperature:	-40°C to +70°C (-40°F to +158°F)
Storage Temperature:	-40°C to +85°C (-40°F to +185°F)
Humidity:	95% non-condensing
Mechanical Shock:	50Gs, 11ms half sine pulse, 10 shocks in each direction and axis, total 60 shocks
	Operational IEC 60068-2-29 MIL-STD-810G
Vibration:	Vibration Sine: 30.6Grms MIL-STD-810G SAE J1211 ISO 16750-3:2007
	Vibration Random: 5.96Grms IEC 60068-2-64 MIL-STD-202F
EMC:	EN 13309 Construction Machinery
	ISO 13766 Earth Moving
	E-Mark
	FCC part 15 Subpart B, CISPR22
IMO Wheelmark Certification:	No
Enclosure:	IP69

Mechanical

Dimensions:	66.3L x 20.9 W x 14.6 H cm
Weight:	2.1kg
Status Indications (LED):	Power, GNSS Lock, Heading, UHF corrections
Power/Data Connector:	22-pin environmentally sealed

Aiding Devices

Gyro:	Provides smooth heading, fast heading reacquisition and reliable < 0.5° per min heading for periods up to 3 min. when loss of GPS has occurred ⁴
Tilt Sensors:	Provide pitch, roll data and assist in fast start-up and reacquisition of heading solution

¹ Depends on multipath environment, number of satellites in view, satellite geometry, no SA, and ionospheric activity

² Depends on multipath environment, number of satellites in view, WAAS coverage and satellite geometry

³ Depends on multipath environment, number of satellites in view, satellite geometry, baseline length (for differential services), and ionospheric activity

⁴ Based on a 40 second time constant

⁵ Hemisphere GNSS proprietary

⁶ Requires a Hemisphere GNSS subscription

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