

HC979EXF



Embedded Multi-Constellation Full-Band Antenna

Frequency Coverage: GPS L1, L2, L5 | QZSS L6 | GALILEO E1, E5a, E5b, E6 | BEIDOU B1, B2a, B2b, B3 | GLONASS G1, G2, G3 | NavIC L5 + L-Band

The patented HC979EXF embedded helical antenna is designed for precision positioning, covering the GPS/QZSS-L1/L2/L5/L6, GLONASS-G1/G2/G3, Galileo-E1/E5a/E5b/E6, BeiDou-B1/B2/B2a/B3, and NavIC-L5 frequency bands, including the satellite-based augmentation system (SBAS) available in the region of operation [WAAS (North America), EGNOS (Europe), MSAS (Japan), or GAGAN (India)], as well as L-Band correction services.

Weighing only 8 g, the light and compact HC979EXF features a precision-tuned helix element that provides excellent axial ratios and operates without the requirement of a ground plane, making it ideal for a wide variety of applications, including unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs).

The HC979EXF features an industry-leading low current, low-noise amplifier (LNA) that includes an integrated low-loss pre-filter. eXtended Filtering was added to the helical antenna line to mitigate new radio frequency bands that interfere with GNSS signals. For example, new LTE bands have been activated, and their signal or harmonic frequencies can affect GNSS antennas and receivers. In North America, the planned Ligado service, which will broadcast in the frequency range of 1526 to 1536 MHz, can affect GNSS antennas that receive space-based L-band correction service signals (1539 - 1559 MHz). Similarly, new LTE signals in Europe [Band 32 (1452 - 1496 MHz)] and Japan [Bands 11 and 21 (1476 - 1511 MHz)] have also affected GNSS signals. Lastly, the Inmarsat satellite communication uplink (1626.5 - 1660.5 MHz), commonly used on maritime vessels, can also affect nearby GNSS antennas.

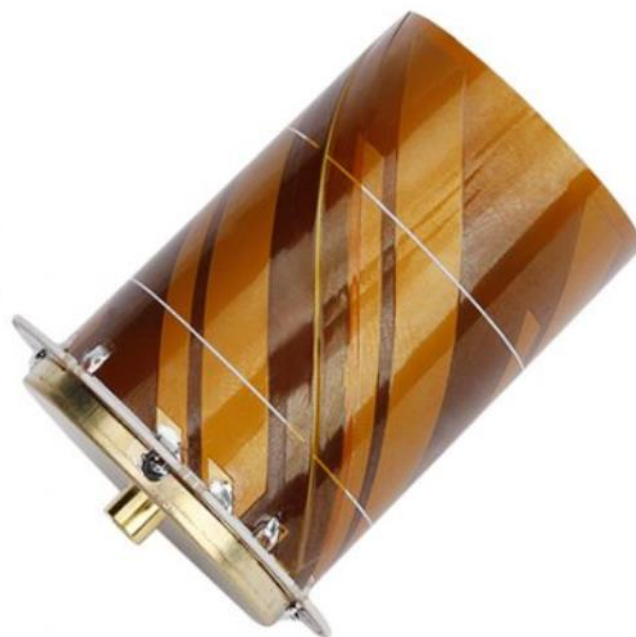
Field tests have confirmed that Calian's custom XF filtering mitigates the new (Europe and Japan) and existing LTE signals, enabling the XF antenna to produce clean and pure GNSS radio frequency data.

Tallysman provides an optional mounting ring for embedded helical antennas, which traps the outer edge of the antenna circuit board to the host circuit board or to any flat surface. To facilitate a successful installation and optimum antenna performance, Tallysman also provides an Embedded Helical Antenna Installation Guide.

Calian's helical family has passed a rigorous 30-hour vibration test procedure, consisting of five cycles of 2-hour tests per axis (x, y, z):

- Cycle 1: 1.05 Grms;
- Cycle 2: 1.20 Grms;
- Cycle 3: 1.35 Grms;
- Cycle 4: 3.67 Grms;
- Cycle 5: 3.67 Grms.

Mounting instructions available on our product page.



Applications

- Autonomous unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs)
- Precision GNSS positioning
- Precision land survey positioning
- Mission-critical GNSS timing
- Network timing and synchronization
- Sea and land container tracking
- Fleet management and asset tracking
- Marine and avionics systems
- Law enforcement and public safety

Features

- Very low noise preamp (2.5 dB typ.)
- Axial ratio (≤ 0.5 dB at zenith)
- LNA gain (28 dB typ., 35 dB typ.)
- Low current (26 mA typ., 32 mA typ.)
- ESD circuit protection (15 kV)
- Invariant performance from 2.5 to 16 VDC
- REACH, and RoHS compliant

Benefits

- Extremely light (8 g)
- Ideal for RTK and PPP surveying systems
- Excellent RH circular polarized signal reception
- Great multipath rejection
- Increased system accuracy
- Excellent signal-to-noise ratio
- Industrial temperature range
- Rugged design, ideal for harsh environments

About Calian: With global headquarters and manufacturing in Ottawa, Canada, Calian is a leading manufacturer of high-precision antennas and components for Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) applications. Calian's mission is to support the needs of a new generation of positioning systems by delivering unprecedented antenna precision at competitive prices. Learn more at www.calian.com/gnss

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Antenna

Technology RHCP quadrifilar helix

		Gain dBic typ. at Zenith	Axial Ratio dB at Zenith
GNSS			
GPS / QZSS	L1	2.5	≤ 0.5
	L2	2.0	≤ 0.5
	L5	1.0	≤ 0.5
GLONASS	G1	1.5	≤ 0.5
	G2	1.1	≤ 0.5
	G3	2.6	≤ 0.5
Galileo	E1	2.5	≤ 0.5
	E5A	1.1	≤ 0.5
	E5B	2.2	≤ 0.5
	E6	-2.5	≤ 0.5
BeiDou	B1	2.5	≤ 0.5
	B2b	2.7	≤ 0.5
	B2a	1.0	≤ 0.5
	B3	-1.5	≤ 0.5
IRNSS / NavIC	L5	1.0	≤ 0.5
QZSS	L6	-2.5	≤ 0.5
L-Band Services		1.5	≤ 0.5
Satellite Communications			
Iridium		-	-
Globalstar		-	-
Other			
Axial Ratio at 10°	-	Efficiency	-
PC Variation	± 3.0 mm (all freq.)	PCO (z-axis, mm)	32 (L1), 37 (L2)

Mechanicals

Mechanical Size	38.7 mm (dia.) x 49.7 mm (h.)
Weight	8 g
Radome	-
Mount	Helical mounting ring P/N 23-0220-0
Available Connectors	MCX (female)

Environmental

Operating Temperature	-40 °C to + 85 °C
Storage Temperature	-50 °C to + 95 °C
Vibration	MIL-STD-810-G - Test Method 514.6
Shock	-
Salt Fog	-
IP Rating	-
Compliance	IPC-A-610, FCC, RED / CE Mark, RoHS, REACH

Warranty:

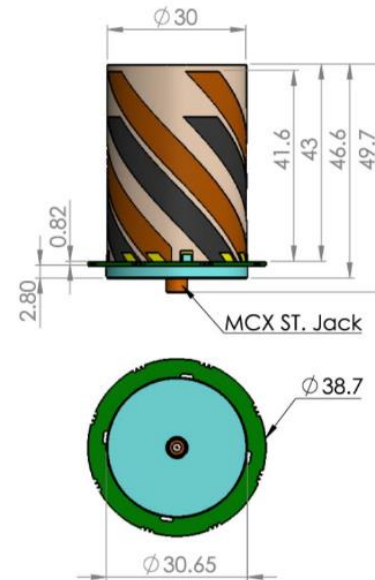
Parts and Labour	1-year standard warranty
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Low Noise Amplifier (LNA) - Measured at 3V and 25°C

Frequency Bandwidth		Out of Band Rejection
Lower Band	1164 - 1300 MHz	≥ 85 dB @ ≤ 0950 MHz ≥ 70 dB @ ≤ 1125 MHz ≥ 75 dB @ ≥ 1350 MHz
L-Band Corr.	1539 - 1559 MHz	≥ 65 dB @ ≤ 1500 MHz ≥ 45 dB @ ≤ 1525 MHz ≥ 05 dB @ ≤ 1536 MHz
Upper Band	1559 - 1606 MHz	≥ 30 dB @ ≥ 1626 MHz ≥ 65 dB @ ≥ 1650 MHz

Architecture	eXtended Filtering
Gain	28 dB typ., 35 dB typ.
Noise Figure	2.5 dB typ.
VSWR	< 1.5:1 typ., 2:1 max.
Supply Voltage Range	2.5 to 16 VDC nominal, up to 50mV p-p ripple
Supply Current	26 mA typ. (28 dB), 32 mA typ. (35 dB)
ESD Circuit Protection	15 kV air discharge
P 1dB Output	11 dBm typ.
Group Delay	20 ns (L1), 3 ns (L2), 31 ns (L5), 48 ns (L5)

Mechanical Drawing - Units in 'mm'



Ordering Information

Part Number 33-HC979EXF-xx
where xx = gain (28 or 35 dB)

Please refer to our **Ordering Guide** to review available radomes and connectors at:
<https://at.calian.com/gnss/information-support/part-number-ordering-guide/>