

4m Broadband LEO Earth station antenna

The Calian 4m Broadband LEO Earth station antenna combines high accuracy, high efficiency Cassegrain optics with high-speed slewing to track faster targets, including LEO and MEO satellites. The third tilt axis ensures uninterrupted tracking over the keyhole. The use of advanced manufacturing techniques results in a major step forward in affordable precision antenna design. The antenna can be fitted with several different feeds to support your application. Our ground station integration experience in the satellite industry means this antenna is designed to meet the needs of your network.

Specifications

General configuration

Configuration	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Dual reflector Cassegrain design 2 axis motion, elevation over azimuth with 3rd axis tilt option
Main reflector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4m diameter Precision formed aluminum Surface accuracy < 0.008" RMS
Sub reflector	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High accuracy construction
Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2 ft. diameter with additional RF equipment mounting provisions
Pedestal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> High stiffness reinforced pedestal
Optional	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 ft. diameter Hub for internal RF equipment integration De-icing system Active 3rd axis

M&C interface

- Ethernet interface for M&C and user interface
- Full remote operation and monitoring with multiple tracking options.
- The antenna can be controlled via the provided computer software application or via a customer interface

Mechanical performance

Pointing accuracy • < 0.018°

Tracking accuracy: • < 0.0082°

Speed

- up to 12°/s in azimuth
- up to 3°/s in elevation

Acceleration • up to 3°/s² in both axis

Travel range • ±200° in azimuth (400° continuous)
0° – 90° in elevation

Tilt • Active or Fixed Tilt (up to 8.5°)

Drives • Single motor backlash-free drive, in azimuth. low backlash, precision jackscrew, in elevation

Power

Drive systems • 200 to 240 VAC and 380 to 430 VAC
3-phase, frequency 50/60Hz

De-icing system • 208/220 3-phase

Feed options

- Supports single and dual band feeds, e.g., S to Ka, S/X, C/Ku, X/Ku, X/Ka, Ku/Ka, Q/V, etc.
- CP and LP Broadband feed options available

Tracking options

- Multiple open and closed loop tracking options include: Program track, NORAD TLE, IESS-412,
- Monopulse (optional), Step Track (optional)



Environmental performance

Temperature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational – 30 to +50 °C Survival – 40 to +70 °C
Seismic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0.3g horizontal and vertical
Wind speed	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Operational 56kph (35mph) Gusting up to 72kph (45 mph) Survival, 200 kph (125 mph) in stow position
Humidity	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 0 to 100% with condensation
Ice accumulation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 30mm thick on all exposed surfaces
Corrosion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Galvanized ASTM-A123, stainless and galvanized fasteners, multi-layer epoxy-based paint

Shipping configuration and features

- Modular design to allow for easy shipping in standard containers or crates
- Rapid deployment, assembly, and commissioning at customer site

Ka-band performance

	Rx	Tx
Frequency (GHz)	17.70 – 21.50	27.50 – 31.00
Feed ports	2*	2
Antenna gain	56.8 dBi @21.5 GHz	59.9 dBi @31 GHz
Beamwidth @ – 3dB	0.28°	0.19°
G/Ts at Clear Sky with 120 K LNA @ 20° Elevation		
17.70 GHz	31.1 dB/K	
19.60 GHz	32.9 dB/K	
21.50 GHz	33.1 dB/K	
Power handling, per port (CW)		650 W
VSWR (Feed interface)	1.25	1.25
Cross pol isolation	32.78 dB	32.78 dB
Port to port isolation Rx → Tx, Tx → Rx	85 dB	85 dB
Port to port isolation Rx → Rx, Tx → Tx	20 dB	20 dB
Sidelobes	Meets ITU-RS-580-6	Meets ITU-RS-580-6

*Additional tracking ports available

Ku-band performance

	Rx	Tx
Frequency (GHz)	10.70 – 12.75	12.70 – 14.50
Feed ports	2	2
Antenna gain	52.2 dBi @12.75 GHz	53.5 dBi @14.50 GHz
Beamwidth @ – 3dB	0.47°	0.40°
G/Ts at Clear Sky with 59 K LNA @ 20° Elevation		
10.70 GHz	29.8 dB/K	
11.75 GHz	30.6 dB/K	
12.75 GHz	31.3 dB/K	
Power handling, per port (CW)		1.5 KW
VSWR (Feed interface)	1.25	1.25
Cross pol isolation	35 dB	35 dB
Port to port isolation Rx → Tx, Tx → Rx	85 dB	85 dB
Port to port isolation Rx → Rx, Tx → Tx	35 dB	35 dB
Sidelobes	Meets ITU-RS-580-6	Meets ITU-RS-580-6

X-band performance

	Rx	Tx
Frequency (GHz)	7.25 – 7.75	7.90 – 8.40
Feed ports	2	2
Antenna gain	48.0 dBi @7.75 GHz	48.7dBi @8.40 GHz
Beamwidth @ – 3dB	0.73°	0.67°
G/Ts at Clear Sky with 50 K LNA @ 10° Elevation		
7.25 GHz	27.0 dB/K	
7.50 GHz	27.3 dB/K	
7.75 GHz	27.6 dB/K	
Power handling, per port (CW)		2 KW
VSWR (Feed interface)	1.30	1.30
Cross pol isolation	32.78 dB	32.78 dB
Port to port isolation Rx → Tx, Tx → Rx	85 dB	85 dB
Port to port isolation Rx → Rx, Tx → Tx	18 dB	18 dB
Sidelobes	Meets ITU-RS-580-6	Meets ITU-RS-580-6

C-band performance

	Rx	Tx
Frequency (GHz)	3.400 – 4.200	5.725 – 6.725
Feed ports	2	2
Antenna gain	42.9 dBi@4.200 GHz	47.0 dBi@6.725 GHz
Beamwidth @ – 3dB	1.44°	0.88°
G/Ts at Clear Sky with 30 KLNA @ 20° Elevation		
3.400 GHz	21.8 dB/K	
3.800 GHz	22.8 dB/K	
4.200 GHz	23.7 dB/K	
Power handling, per port (CW)		2.5 KW
VSWR (Feed interface)	1.25	1.25
Cross pol isolation	32.78 dB	32.78 dB
Port to port isolation Rx → Tx, Tx → Rx	85 dB	85 dB
Port to port isolation Rx → Rx, Tx → Tx	20 dB	20 dB
Sidelobes	Meets ITU-RS-580-6	Meets ITU-RS-580-6

S-band performance

	Rx	Tx
Frequency (GHz)	2.170 – 2.300	1.980 – 2.120
Feed ports	2	2
Antenna gain	37.7 dBi@2.300 GHz	37.0 dBi@2.120 GHz
Beamwidth @ – 3dB	2.44°	2.66°
G/Ts at Clear Sky with 45 KLNA @ 20° Elevation		
2.170 GHz	17.0 dB/K	
2.235 GHz	17.2 dB/K	
2.300 GHz	17.5 dB/K	
Power handling, per port (CW)		5 KW
VSWR (Feed interface)	1.25	1.25
Cross pol isolation	32.78 dB	32.78 dB
Port to port isolation Rx → Tx, Tx → Rx	85 dB	85 dB
Port to port isolation Rx → Rx, Tx → Tx	20 dB	20 dB
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