

# 12m–15m Radio Telescopes

Calian Radio Telescopes have been used by NASA over the last decade for their VLBI program. They provide high accuracy, high efficiency Cassegrain optics and high-speed slewing systems. The use of advanced manufacturing techniques results in a major step forward in affordable precision antenna and telescope systems design. They offer exceptional pointing precision and reflector surface accuracy, making them ideal for advanced VLBI, Scientific, Radar and other array applications. This antenna has been deployed widely and is field-proven. The antenna can be fitted with several different feeds to support your application. Our ground station integration experience in the scientific, radar and satellite industry means this antenna is designed to meet the needs of your network.

## Specifications

### General configuration

<b>Configuration</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dual reflector Cassegrain design</li> <li>2 axis motion, elevation over azimuth</li> </ul>
<b>Main reflector</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>12 - 15m diameter</li> <li>Precision formed aluminum</li> <li>Surface accuracy below 0.008" RMS</li> </ul>
<b>Sub reflector</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>High accuracy composite</li> <li>Surface accuracy below 0.002" RMS</li> </ul>
<b>Hub</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Up to 10 ft. diameter for RF equipment integration available upon request</li> </ul>
<b>Pedestal</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>State of the art cable wrap systems with ample space for customer cables</li> </ul>
<b>Optional</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Platform with staircase and hoist</li> <li>De-icing system</li> <li>Environmentally controlled hub</li> <li>Adjustable polarization</li> </ul>

### 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** • <0.005°

**Speed** • Up to 12°/s in azimuth  
• Up to 6°/s in elevation

**Acceleration** • 3°/s<sup>2</sup> in both axis

**Travel range** • ±270° in azimuth (540° continuous)  
0°- 90° in elevation

**Drives** • Dual torque biased backlash-free drives in both axes

### Power

**Drive systems** • 380 to 480VAC 50/60Hz 3-phase

**De-icing system** • 208/220 3-phase

**Auxiliary circuits** • 208VAC split phase 60 Hz  
• 220VAC single phase 50 Hz (optional)

### Optional frequency bands

- Supports single, dual, and multi-band feeds, e.g., S to Ka, S/X, C/Ku, X/Ku, X/Ka, Ku/Ka, 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

<b>Temperature</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational -30 to +60 °C</li> <li>Survival -40 to +70 °C</li> </ul>
<b>Seismic</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0.3g horizontal and vertical</li> </ul>
<b>Wind speed</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Operational 72kph (45mph) Gusting up to 100kph (62 mph)</li> <li>Survival, 200 kph (125 mph) in stow position</li> </ul>
<b>Humidity</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>0 to 100% with condensation</li> </ul>
<b>Ice accumulation</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>30mm thick on all exposed surfaces</li> </ul>
<b>Corrosion</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Galvanized ASTM-A123, stainless and galvanized fasteners, multi-layer epoxy-based paint</li> </ul>

## Shipping configuration and features

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

## 12m antenna performance

	2 GHz	14 GHz	30 GHz
Feed Ports	2	2	2
Antenna Gain	46.7 dB	63.5 dB	69.7 dB
Beamwidth @ -3dB	0.91°	0.13°	0.06°
G/Ts at Clear Sky @ 10° Elevation	32.0 dB/K <sup>*1</sup>	46.4 dB/K <sup>*2</sup>	49.0 dB/K <sup>*3</sup>
VSWR (Feed interface)	1.25	1.25	1.25
Cross Pol Isolation	32.78 dB	35 dB	32.78 dB
Port to Port Isolation Rx → Tx, Tx → Rx	85 dB	85 dB	85 dB
Port to Port Isolation Rx → Rx, Tx → Tx	20 dB	35 dB	18 dB
Sidelobes	Meets ITU-R S-580-6	Meets ITU-R S-580-6	Meets ITU-R S-580-6

<sup>\*1</sup> The G/T is evaluated with a 30K cryo-LNA bolted at the feed interface.

<sup>\*2</sup> The G/T is evaluated with an 11K cryo-LNA bolted at the feed interface.

<sup>\*3</sup> The G/T is evaluated with a 10K cryo-LNA bolted at the feed interface.