

COMMUNICATIONS QUASAR-STRX

ONE-STOP TMTC SDR-BASED SOLUTION

The Quasar-STRX is our next generation telecommand/ telemetry transceiver for Smallsats and CubeSats. The transceiver is based on popular industry standard SDR and processing components that have many years' flight heritage. The Quasar-STRX is part of a family of codeveloped satellite communication products that provide different options for TMTC subsystem design

Quasar-STRX is the core of an end-to-end S-band TMTC solution that also include the Quasar-WSANT, a compact wideband S-band patch antenna covering both receive and transmit channels, and a diplexer. All designed for optimal heat transfer from components to enclosure.

Avoid systems integration challenges and costly project delays with our one-stop solution. Compatible with common ground station communications protocols. It is capable of transmitting QPSK and OQPSK at up to 5 Msymbols per second, RS+CC channel coding and receiving BPSK 64 kSps to 2 MSps, BCH channel coding. This solution is compatible with standard satellite ground station TMTC modems.

The compact, wideband antenna removes the need for two separate antennas for up- and downlink paths and the diplexer option enables improved band-isolation.

This solution is compatible with Bright Ascension Flight Software suite used on AAC Clyde Space spacecraft.

Designed using flight proven heritage solutions incorporating our latest innovations. This market leading solution is not only able to transmit and receive at impressive rates but packs a punch with its compatibility



FLEXIBILIT

The transceiver consists of an assembly of AAC Clyde Space's SDR module and an RF Front End (RFFE) module with band-specific transmit and receive lineups. The two modules are independent and separable to facilitate flexible mounting configurations.

Compact, with extremely durable connectors. It uses Harwin Gecko connectors for power and digital; SMP connectors for RF. The transceiver lineup has flight heritage. Fault tolerant circuits and software to assist recovery from single event upsets and ensure resilience against ionising radiation will be implemented in future versions.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

General	
Temperature	-25°C to +60°C
Mass	< 270 g
Control and data interfaces	CAN, SPI, I2C
Power Consumption	3.5 W receive mode (always on)
RF interface	50 Ω SMP
Radiation tolerance	TBC
Design Life	3-5 years

Transmitter	
Frequency band	2.200 - 2.290 GHz
RF output power	-10 to 33 dBm in 0.25 dB steps (TBC)
Spurious responses	<-30 dBc
Frequency stability	±1 ppm
Modulation schemes	Filtered (0)QPSK (CCSDS)
Pulse shaping filter	Root raised cosine, roll-off 0.2 to 0.5
Symbol rate	Up to 5 MSps
Channel coding	Convolutional/Reed-Solomon/Concatenated
Data link protocol	 TM Synchronization and Channel Coding (CCSDS 131.0-B-3) TM Space Data Link Protocol (CCSDS 132.0 B 3)

Mechanical Dimensions		
Length	96 mm	
Width	90 mm	
Height including enclosure	23 mm	



Quasar-WSANT Wideband Patch Antenna

Designed for optimized communications. Avoid systems integration challenges and costly project delays with our one-stop solution.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

Receiver RFFE	
Frequency band	2.025 - 2.110 GHz
Symbol rate	64 kSpS to 2 MSps
Sensitivity	-150 + 10*log(symbol rate) dBm
Noise figure	<2 dB
Dynamic range	Sensitivity level to -30 dBm
Frequency stability	±1 ppm (TBC)
Power consumption	0.5 W (TBC)
Doppler	±150 kHz sweep rangeSlope 750 Hz/s
Carrier tracking pull-in range	± Symbol rate ÷ 4
Carrier lock tracking	±150 kHz
Modulation schemes	Filtered BPSK (CCSDS)
Pulse shaping filter	Root raised cosine, roll-off 0.35
Data link protocol	 TC Synchronization and Channel Coding (CCSDS 231.0-B-4) TC Space Data Link Protocol (CCSDS 232.0 B 4)
Channel coding	ВСН





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