

KONGSBERG KARMA-7 FG

and a 22 cm antenna with polarizer.

Mechanism

FEATURES

General

- Long life
- European components
- High TX power capacity
- Low insertion loss
- Full hemispherical coverage
- Optional end stop proximity feedback
- Redundant position sensors and motors



The mechanism is realised using two identical Small Rotary Actuators (SRA) based on the Kongsberg EuroKARMA drive-line. The mechanism has been developed to accept RF sub-systems with single or dual polarisation in Ka-band.

KARMA-7 FG Antenna Pointing

The KARMA-7 is a state-of-the art space qualified Antenna Pointing System that consists of two main sub-systems, the mechanism with a

traditional azimuth over elevation configuration, and the RF system. The RF system consists of the RF feed network (rotary joints and wave guides),

The development and qualification of the APM was performed under an ESA GSTP. In 2015 KARMA-7 was selected for the MetOp-SG Ka-band data downlink. Each of the 6 MetOp-SG satellites carries two APMs, one nominal and one redundant, for a total delivery to MetOp-SG of 12 Flight Models and one spare.

Two KARMA-7 will be delivered in each of the Copernicus programs for CHIME, ROSE-L and LSTM for a minimum total of 6 Flight Models (3 optional). ROSE-L will be equipped with a dual polarized RF-system. LSTM will be equipped with a larger 30 cm antenna.



KARMA-7 FG TECHNICAL DATA

Mechanism

Motor type Coverage Rotational speed capability Full step resolution Qualification operational life Qualification revolutions Power requirements Position feedback Redundant two phase bipolar stepper ±210° in azimuth, ±90° in elevation 17°/s 0.012° 7.5 years 200 000 Cycles (equiv. 180 000 revs az and 120 000 revs el) Typically 25 W peak (depending on speed) Redundant potentiometer

Main RF characteristics (Ka-band)

Frequency25.5 to 27 GHzSystem Gain31 dBiInsertion loss< 0.8 dB</td>Power capability2x 70 WPolarisationRHCP or LHCP or Dual Polarized

Qualification temperatures

 Non-operational
 -40 °C to +70 °C

 Operational
 -30 °C to +60 °C

Mass



Dimension	
ØA	280 mm
ØB	70 mm
	221 mm
H1	37.5 mm
H2	208.5 mm
H3	
Total height from	
SCIF = H2+R	208.5+221=429.5mm

7.6 kg

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