

3.7 meter Ka-band

Broadband LEO Earth station antenna



Viasat 3.7 meter Ka-band antenna is ideally suited for high performance NGSO orbit Ka-band applications. With decades of experience going into the design, its performance, reliability and maintainability are unmatched.

The shaped antenna and subrefelctor with precision reflector surfaces provides superior gain and sidelobe performance at Ka-band frequencies. The antenna panels provide a rigid structure that maintains its shape in extreme thermal environments, including deice operation.

The design includes mounting provisions for LNAs, LNBs, and BUCs of up to 500W.

The rugged mount delivers pointing accuracy in adverse wind conditions. All axes utilize robust slewing drives for years of reliable service in severe environments. Optical encoders provide precision position feedback.

Viasat's proven antenna control system offers DC servo performance with adaptive step tracking for unparalleled tracking performance. For quick access and service, the control system is conveniently located on the pedestal.

Viasat's Antenna Control System features auto alignment capabilities which greatly simplify installation. Initial antenna pointing alignment errors are automatically detected and corrected by the system.



3.7-meter at-a-glance

- Antenna patterns compliant with FCC, ITU, ANATEL and Eutelsat regulations
- > High efficiency ring focus optics
- > Aluminum reflector construction
- 4-port circularly and linearly polarized feeds available
- › Precision structural steel mount
- Easily accessible counterweight arm frame for electronics packages
- > Damage resistant feed window

OPTIONS

- › Electric de-icing
- > HPA/LNA/converter mounting
- › Alternate frequency bands
- Installation and maintenance services

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ELECTRICAL	
Operating frequency (GHz)	
> Receive	17.8 to 20.2
> Transmit	27.5 to 30.0
Gain	
› Receive	54.5+20Log(F/18.95) dBi (Ref to Feed Rx port output)
→ Transmit	57.8+20Log(F/29.0) dBi (Ref to Feed Tx port input)
G/T (20° EL, clear sky)	29.5+20Log(F/18.95) dB/K (over listed bands)
Bandwidth (3 dB)	
> Receive	0.26° nominal
> Transmit	0.175° nominal
Feed system ²	 4-port TX/RX circular polarization WR34 TX ports/WR42 RX ports 80 dB nominal TX/RX isolation
VSWR TX and RX	1.4:1
Polarization	
› Sense	Simultaneous RHCP / LHPC
› Axial ratio	1.11:1 (1.0 dB)
Pattern envelope	Compliant to ITU 580, FCC 25.209, Anatel RES 572
Tracking accuracy	 Program track: 0.085° RMS BRE, winds 35 mph gusting to 45 mph Steptrack over program track, 0.067° RMS BRE, winds 35 mph gusting to 45 mph
Power	200–240 VAC, single phase, 50/60Hz

MECHANICAL	
Optics	Dual shaped, Gregorian ring focus
Reflector	
> Diameter	12.1 ft; 3.7 m
> Panels	10
Mount type	Elevation over azimuth over tilt axis
Axis drives	
> Elevation	Slewing drive, 3°/sec
> Azimuth	Slewing drive, 12°/sec
→ Tilt	Slewing drive, 0.6°/sec
Axis travel	
> Elevation	5° to 90°
> Azimuth	±225°, continuous
› Tilt	±8.5°
Servo	 Servo motors (dual Az, single El) Brushless DC motor (tilt) Optical on-axis encoders Digital servo control SGP4 orbit determined program track Augmented steptrack over program track Initial pointing alignment within ±5 degrees of north is automatically corrected
ENVIRONMENTAL	
Temperature	–40° to +50° (Operational)
Wind	
→ Operational	35 mph (56 km/h) gusting to 45 mph (72 km/h)
> Survival	125 mph (200 km/h), stowed
Atmospheric conditions	Salt, pollutants, and corrosive contaminants as conditions found in coastal and industrial areas
De-icing (optional)	Resistive heaters with automatic control

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