

High-Speed Downlink Solutions Ka/S Terminal

Solve the Downlink Bottleneck

Kepler's Ka/S Terminal features a software-defined radio and antenna payload that shares architecture with our flight-proven Ku Terminal with over 5,000 hours on orbit. Our solution enables remote-sensing satellites to downlink at 1+ Gbps.

| Parameter | Typical Value |
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| Downlink Speed | |
| Radio Supported Data Rate | Up to 1.75 Gbps |
| Uplink Speed | • |
| Radio Supported Data Rate | Up to 500 kbps |
| Transceiver + Memory Unit | · |
| Transmit Frequency | Ka-band EESS: 25.5 - 27.0 GHz |
| Transmit Power (at antenna interface) | 31 to 33 dBm depending on modulation and coding |
| Transmit Modulation and Coding | Current: All DVB-S2 modcods with ACM 2024: All DVB-S2(X) modcods with ACM |
| Transmit Symbol Rate | Up to 400 MBd |
| Receive Frequency | S-band (Space Operations): 2025 - 2110 MHz |
| Receive Modulation and Coding | Current: Kepler-proprietary spread-spectrum protocol Alternatives available upon request |
| Receive Symbol Rate | Up to 800 kBd |
| Receive Noise Figure (at radio interface) | 2 dB |
| Memory Unit Capacity | Up to 3 × 256+ GB solid-state drive |
| Power Consumption | Full duplex: 40 W; SSD Write Mode: 12 W |
| Supply Voltage Range | 9 to 14 V |
| Dimensions (L \times W \times H) and Weight | 110 × 115 × 83 mm, <1.25 kg |
| Software Configurability | Firmware upgradeable on orbit; configurable modcod, symbol rate, frequency |
| Data and Control Interface | Current: 1 Gigabit Ethernet over Samtec LSHM Upgradeable to 2.5 Gigabit Ethernet |
| Concept of Operations | Streaming Mode: Directly stream from onboard customer at limit of Ethernet interface. Supports downlink only. Store-and-Forward Mode: Transfer to onboard SSDs prior to pass, then transfer directly from SSDs during pass. Requires full-duplex communication. |
| Antenna | |
| Antenna Size (L × W × H) and Weight | 64 Element: 205 × 85 × 11 mm, <200 g 256 Element: 205 × 120 × 12 mm, <250 g Additional options available upon request. |
| Antenna Transmit Frequency | Ka-band EESS: 25.5 - 27.0 GHz |
| Antenna Transmit Gain | 64 Element: 20 dBic 256 Element: 24 dBic |
| Antenna Transmit 3dB Beamwidth (Half-Width) | 64 Element: 6.3° 256 Element: 3° |
| Antenna Receive Frequency | S-band (Space Operations): 2025 - 2110 MHz |
| Antenna Receive Gain | 5.7 dBic |
| Antenna Receive 3dB Beamwidth (Half-Width) | 4.8° |
| Antenna Polarization | LCHP or RCHP upon request |
| Radio Interface | RF over 2 × 2.92 mm connector (RX and TX) |