

ENERLINKSIII GROUND MODEM TRANSCEIVER



RADIO INTERFACE MODULE



The Viasat EnerLinksIII™ Autotracking Antenna System (ETAS) provides a complete, high performance ground station solution for video and ISR data links using the Viasat EnerLinksIII Ground Modem Transceiver (GMT).

An antenna with a parabolic reflector design is an ideal choice for the ground station antenna, since its gain varies in a way that exactly offsets the propagation loss variation, allowing the link margin to be constant with frequency.

When using the autotracking antenna system, the Viasat EnerLinksIII calculated LOS range at 11 Mbps is 75 nmi with 10 dB of link margin for multipath fading. In practice, greater range is usually achieved. Similarly, performance well beyond 100 nmi is achievable at 5 Mbps.

The ETAS also includes an omni-directional antenna for operation at close range where the angular velocity of the aircraft may exceed the ability of the tracking gimbal to follow it. The diversity combining capability of Viasat EnerLinksIII allows the downlink to switch seamlessly and automatically between the two antennas. The uplink is likewise switched to the appropriate antenna using an RF switch.

Tracking and acquisition is accomplished using a combination of GPS position information (when available) and signal strength. The ETAS includes an integrated GPS receiver and flux gate compass to allow it to determine its location and orientation.

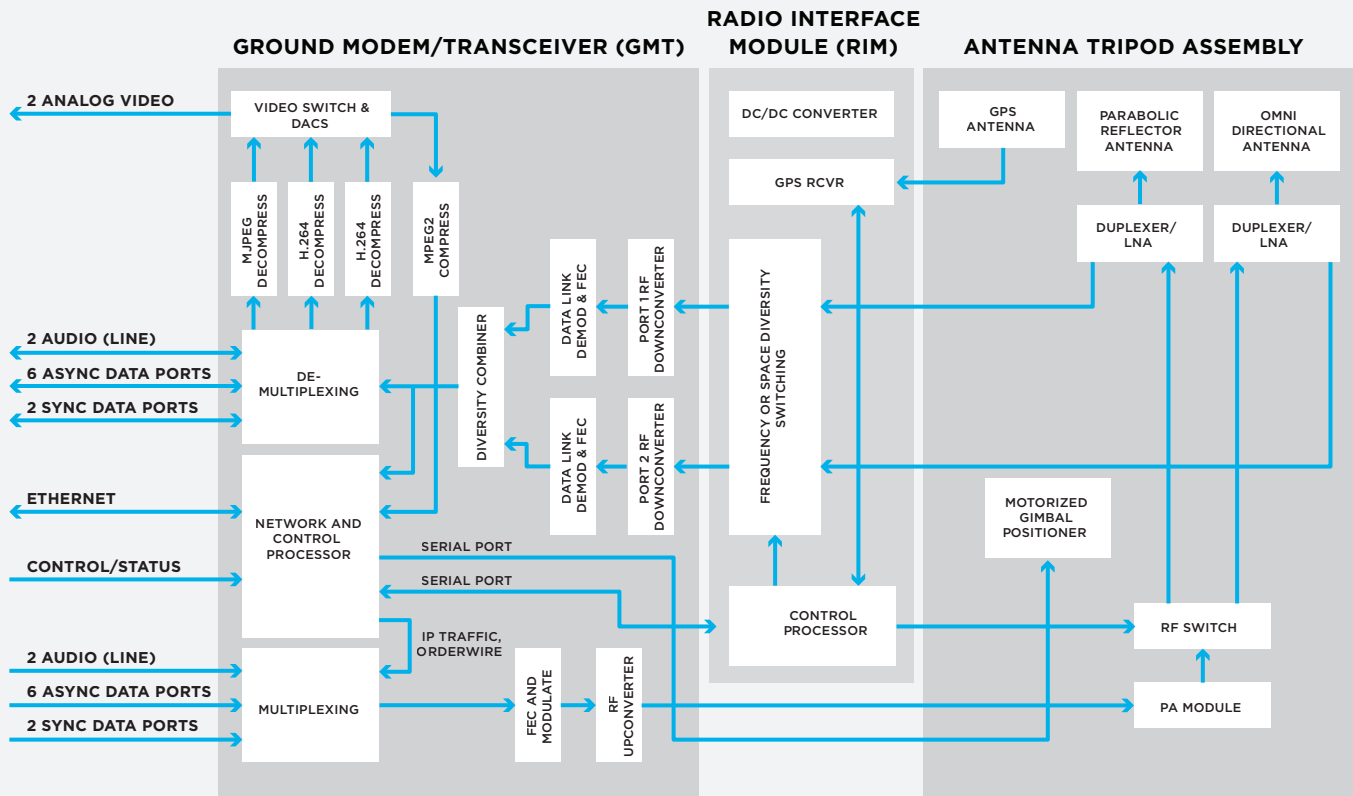
AUTOTRACKING ANTENNA AT-A-GLANCE

- » Rugged, portable autotracking antenna system enhances EnerLinksIII range performance
- » 24 in. parabolic reflector provides gains from 18 dBi at 1.7 GHz to 28 dBi at 5.5 GHz
- » Narrow beamwidth improves theater wide system spectrum efficiency
- » Omni antenna for operation at close range
- » Tracking algorithm implemented within Viasat EnerLinksIII Ground Modem Transceiver—no additional tracking unit box needed.
- » Fully integrated with all RF components

USING THE AUTOTRACKING ANTENNA SYSTEM >>>>

The Viasat EnerLinksIII system will provide downlink LOS range of at least 75 nmi at 11 Mbps, and over 100 nmi range at 5 Mbps at any frequency band in which it can operate.

Viasat Autotracking Antenna System



ETAS incorporates all the RF components that are sensitive to cable loss including duplexers, LNAs and Power Amplifiers. These are packaged directly behind the parabolic reflector using minimum length cable runs. Power for the LNAs and PA is conducted on the RF cables, minimizing the number of cables required.

The tracking algorithms are implemented in software residing in the GMT. The GMT interfaces to the Antenna Tripod Assembly through a Radio Interface Module that provides power conditioning for the gimbal power and control for the GPS receiver and various RF switches. The Radio Interface Module also allows switching to enable use of the GMT in a frequency diversity mode if required.

SPECIFICATIONS

ANTENNA

Parabolic Diameter	24 in.
Gain at 1700 MHz (approx)	18 dBi
	3 dB beamwidth at 1700 MHz 20°
Gain at 5500 MHz (approx)	28 dBi
	3 dB beamwidth at 5500 MHz 6°

OMNI ANTENNA

1700 to 2500 MHz Gain (LxD)	3dBic; 16 x 1.58 in.
4400 to 5850 MHz Gain (LxD)	4dBic; 4.2 x 2.0 in.

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Size	3.2 x 7.9 x 10.5 in.
Weight	6.5 lb

ANTENNA TRIPOD ASSEMBLY

Size	6 ft < height < 7.5 ft
	triangular foot print 45 in./side
Weight	68 lb

ENVIRONMENTAL

Temperature	
» Operating	-0° to +60° C
» Non-operating	-40° to +85° C
Humidity	To 95% non-condensing
Vibration	Consistent with section 514.4, category 20 of MIL-STD-810F Procedure 1, Figure 514.5 (wheeled vehicles)

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