



T1 STAR TRACKER

Miniaturized Optical Head and Electrical Unit

STAR-TRACKER-ON-A-CHIP TECHNOLOGY

The T1 Optical Head (OH) is based on the sensor chip FaintStar2 developed under ESA contracts. The FaintStar2 is a CMOS Active Pixel Sensor with a suite of integrated on-chip functionality supporting a completely new class of miniaturized high performance star trackers.

Terma has taken the miniaturization challenge as far as possible, without compromising the accuracy required from a state-of-the-art star tracker.

The T1 Optical Head has been designed with very few components, for high reliability and low recurrent cost. The Optical Head is offered with SpaceWire interface, enabling an optimal solution for mass, power, and cost savings, by connecting the Optical Head directly to the S/C on board computer, without the need for the dedicated Electrical Unit.

FEATURES

- Rad-hard aspherical large aperture optics with outstanding straylight attenuation.
- Completely separated baffle and camera for best thermal stability.
- Kinematic mounting legs, compatibility to any S/C panel CTE.
- Extremely low recurrent cost at larger quantities.

SALES OPTIONS

- Optical Head stand-alone.
- Optical Head + Software STR Library.
- Optical Head + Electrical Unit (fully autonomous).

QUALIFICATION STATUS

- Optical Head is at TRL 9.
- Baffle is at TRL 9.
- Electrical Unit is at TRL 9.

Interested parties are invited to write to our team, terma.space@terma.com.





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T1 Optical Head	
Power Consumption	0.8 W
Interface CMD/Data	SpaceWire, 80 MHz
Maximum Update Rate	10 Hz
APS Resolution	1024 x 1024
Camera Head Mass	313 g
Optical Head Dimension	Footprint Ø92 mm Height 68 mm
Straylight Baffle Options (SEA, Dimension, Mass)	30 deg, Ø125 mm, h165 mm, 242 g 26 deg, Ø155 mm, h213 mm, 324 g Customized
Supply Voltage	5.0 V
Operating Temperature (qualification limits)	-40 °C to +65 °C (reduced performance above +30 °C on sensor)
Survival Temperature (qualification limits)	-40 °C to +65 °C
Lifetime	12 years in LEO @ 1000km 15 years in GEO
Lenses	Aspherical, radiation hard glasses
Field of View	20 deg circular, full moon accepted in FOV
Failure Rate in FITS (10e-9 failure/hour)	60 @ 35 °C
T1 Electrical Unit	
Architecture	LEON3-FT
Dimensions	100 x 100 x 40 mm ³
Mass	450 g
Power Consumption excl. OH	2.5 W
Supply Voltage	Redundant +28 V (20 V to 36 V)
Operating Temperature (qualification limits)	-40 °C to +65 °C
Survival Temperature (qualification limits)	-40 °C to +70 °C
Spacecraft Interface (TC/TM)	Redundant SpaceWire or RS422
Camera Head Interfaces	SpaceWire (maximum 2 OHs)
SAA & SEU Tolerance Worst Case GEO flux (25k protons/cm ² /s)	Acquisition & tracking full performance
Slew Rate	< 0.5 deg/s full performance < 3.0 deg/s reduced performance
Acquisition Time (typical)	< 10 s
Failure Rate in FITS (10e-9 failure/hour)	323 @ 35 °C



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T1 Performance		BOL (EOL: 15 years GEO)	
Bias	[arcsec] max	10	
Thermal Stability	[arcsec/K] max	0.1	
Spatial Error (FOV) ¹	[arcsec] 3 σ	2.1 - 2.4	
Spatial Error (Pixel)	[arcsec] 3 σ	1.3 (1.7)	
		+30°C	+50°C
Temporal Noise (rate < 0.5 deg/s)	[arcsec] 3 σ	1.7 (2.2)	6.7 (9)
Temporal Noise (rate < 1.5 deg/s)	[arcsec] 3 σ	5 (6)	20 (26)
Temporal Noise (rate < 3.0 deg/s)	[arcsec] 3 σ	18 (24)	74 (95)

¹Acceptance range can be tightened on request. Contact sales.

General remark: All parameters are quoted for cross-boresight directions. Around boresight values are a factor of 7 higher, except for the Bias and Thermal stability parameters.



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ORDERING INFORMATION

The T1 Star Tracker components can be ordered according to the table below.

Legend:

- EU: Electrical Unit (computer).
- OH: Optical head (camera part).
- A component is identified by a part number and dash variant according to xxxxxxx-yyy.
- A component can be ordered as an engineering model (EM) or flight model (FM).
- EEE screening level is per default Class 2 (QML-Q/JAN Class B). Class 1 screening level possible on request.

Component	P/N [xxxxxxx]	EM [-yyy]	FM [-yyy]
EU, redundant RS422 TCTM and PPS, 1 OH interface (fully qualified)	1148219	-203	-003
EU, redundant RS422 TCTM and PPS, 2 OH interfaces (under development, contact sales)	1148219	-201	-001
OH with alignment cube, 26 mm aperture (fully qualified)	1141039	-226	-026
OH with alignment bore-holes, 26 mm aperture (fully qualified)	1423506	-226	-026
Baffle, 26 deg Sun exclusion (fully qualified)	856722	-226	-026
Baffle, 30 deg Sun exclusion (fully qualified)	856722	-230	-030
Baffle Custom Sun exclusion (contact sales)	856722	-2yy	-0yy
EM EU-OH cable harness (zzz = length in cm)		1596276-zzz	
FM EU-OH cable harness (zzz = length in cm)		1193922-zzz	
Dynamic OGSE, 26 deg SEA Baffle interface		1423511-026	
Dynamic OGSE, 30 deg SEA Baffle interface		1423511-030	
Static OGSE, 26 deg SEA Baffle interface		903964-026	
Static OGSE, 30 deg SEA Baffle interface		903964-030	