Laser Communication Terminal for LEO

ATLAS-2

FEATURES & DESCRIPTION

- Integrated fine pointing within 2° cone
- Wide 2° angle tracking sensor for fast signal acquisition
- SDA compliant physical layer and PAT sequence
- Mechanically isolated EDFA assembly for flexible integration and heatsinking
- 2.5 Gbps nominal transmit data rate (hardware support for up to 10 Gbps)
- 156 Mbps nominal receive data rate
- 30 W maximum power consumption
- In-orbit calibration of optical misalignments
- Compatible with Astrolight's transportable optical ground station OGS-2.5

ATLAS-2 is Astrolight's second generation low SWaP laser communication terminal designed for space-to-ground and spaceto-space links. ATLAS-2 is optimized for transmission of large volumes of payload data and low data rate return links, ideal for observation data relay distribution. The modular design enables integration flexibility and data rate scaling with up to 2W of optical power provided by Astrolight's proprietary **Erbium-Doped** Fiber Amplifier (EDFA).

ATLAS-2 can self-calibrate in-orbit, providing actionable data that increases overall link reliability. The terminal is optimized for operation with Astrolight's OGS-2.5 optical ground station.

APPLICATIONS

Data relay via inter-satellite links

Large data volume space-to-ground downlinks

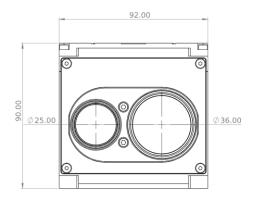


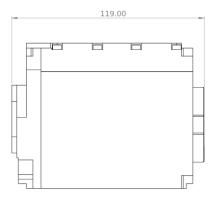
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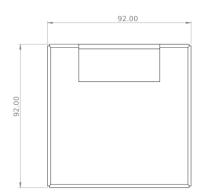
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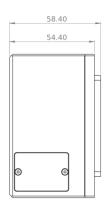
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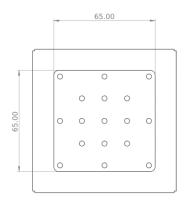




Dimensions (mm) of ATLAS-2 Free Space Optics (FSO) enclosure







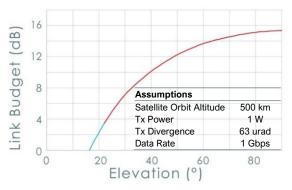
Dimensions (mm) of ATLAS-2 Erbium-Doped Fiber Amplifier (EDFA) unit, rated for 1W optical power

Optical parameters	
Tx/Rx wavelength	1553.3 / 1536.6
Tx optical power	< 2 W
Tx/Rx clear aperture	32.4 mm
Tracking clear aperture	21 mm
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Pointing Specification	
Fine pointing precision	< 15 µrad
Transmit divergence	±63 µrad at 1/e ²
Tracking FoV	2°
Fine pointing range	2°

Data Transfer Specification	
Nominal Tx data rate	2.5 Gbps
Nominal Rx data rate	156 Mbps
Required irradiance at Rx	25 μW/m²
Maximum ISL range*	2500 km
* when communicating with SDA compatible terminal	

Thermal Specification	
Power dissipation EDFA unit	20 W**
Power dissipation FSO unit	10 W
Operating temp. range	-30° to 60° C
Survival temp. range	-45° to 80° C
**D-41 (4)W EDEA	



Example link margin at different elevations using Astrolight's ATLAS-2 satellite terminal and OGS-2.5. Viable data transmission is marked in red.

Satellite Bus Requirements		
Platform pointing	0.5°, 2σ	
Telemetry interface	RS422 / CAN	
Dower	Idle 1W /	
Power Consumption	Nominal 10W /	
	Peak up to 30W*	
Power supply	5V & 12V	
Mass	2.3 kg	
Volume	1.7 U	