

NANO STAR TRACKERS



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

Our flight-proven, high-performing and reliable star trackers are compatible across spacecraft platforms and suited even for the most challenging and sensitive missions.

The industry-trusted Blue Canyon Technologies Nano Star Tracker (NST) is qualified beyond GEVS level environments, giving our customers a low SWaP-C solution with sunning capabilities. The turnkey starlight-in, quaternion-out system integrates easily and tracks down to 7.5 magnitude.

With an on-board star catalog of more than 20,000 stars, our tracker is the ideal fit for standalone missions or constellations.

Made in the U.S. and applicable for DOD applications.

HERITAGE

There are currently more than 150 star trackers on-orbit with more than 250 years of cumulative flight time. The longest mission to date for our NST was launched in 2016 with the Cygnss satellite for hurricane forecasting.

DESIGN

Our NST is designed with technical capabilities and radiation tolerance suited to missions in both LEO and GEO.

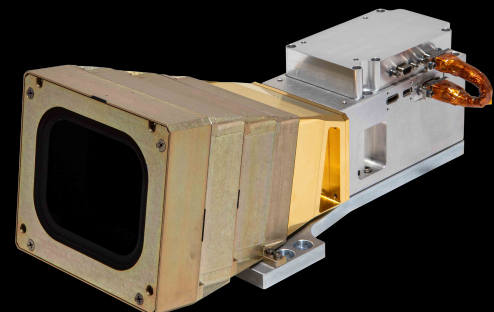
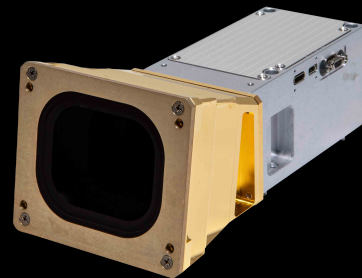
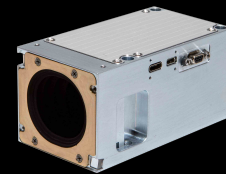
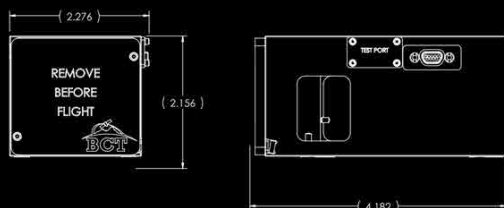
Blue Canyon Technologies Star Trackers include internal control electronics baffles. External baffles on the mid-extension and full-extension units narrow sun and earth exclusion angles.

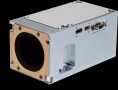
FEATURES INCLUDE

- Nearly 500 star trackers manufactured with more than 150 on-orbit
- Low SWaP-C
- Tracks stars down to 7.5 magnitude
- On-board star catalog features more than 20,000 stars
- Lost-in-space star identification
- Shock test qualified
- EMI / EMC tested to MIL-STD-461
- User friendly RS-422 or RS-485 interface

BASELINE DELIVERABLES

- User Manual
- Interface Control documentation
- Command and Telemetry Handbook
- Functional and performance test results
- Certificate of Conformance (flight units only)
- Environmental test results (flight units only)





PERFORMANCE

STANDARD NST

MID EXTENSION

FULL EXTENSION

FIELD OF VIEW

10 x 12 deg

10 x 12 deg

CROSS-BORESIGHT
ACCURACY (1-sigma)

Gen 2: 6 arcsec

Gen 3: 1 arcsec
Gen 2: 6 arcsec

ABOUT-BORESIGHT
ACCURACY (1-sigma)

Gen 2: 40 arcsec

Gen 3: 10 arcsec
Gen 2: 40 arcsec

SLEWING CROSS-BORESIGHT
ACCURACY (@ 1 deg/sec)
(1-sigma)

Gen 2: 15 arcsec

Gen 3: 8 arcsec
Gen 2: 15 arcsec

SLEWING ABOUT-BORESIGHT
ACCURACY (@ 1 deg/sec)
(1-sigma)

Gen 2: 200 arcsec

Gen 3: 50 arcsec
Gen 2: 200 arcsec

SOLUTION RATE

5 Hz

MAX SLEW RATE

> 2 deg/sec

LOST-IN-SPACE
STAR IDENTIFICATION

< 4 sec (up to 1.5 deg/sec)

SKY COVERAGE

> 99%

BAFFLE SUN EXCLUSION ANGLE

45 deg

22 deg

17.5 deg

BAFFLE EARTH EXCLUSION ANGLE

25 deg

15 deg

12 deg

MECHANICAL INTERFACE

DIMENSIONS

10 x 5.5 x 5 cm

17 x 8.5 x 7 cm

25 x 10 x 10 cm

MASS

0.35 kg

0.45 kg

0.85 kg

ELECTRICAL INTERFACE

SUPPLY VOLTAGE

5 V or 28 V

PEAK POWER CONSUMPTION

< 1.5 W (5 V) or < 3.5 W (28 V)

SIGNAL INTERFACE

RS-485 or RS-422

ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS

OPERATING TEMPERATURE

-20°C to +50°C

SURVIVAL TEMPERATURE

-30°C to +70°C

VIBRATION QUALIFICATION

GEVS Qualification Profile

DESIGN LIFE

> 10 years (LEO)
> 5 years (GEO)



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