

Compact Marine Adcock DF Antenna

20 – 6000 MHz

Product Code: DF-A0158

VERSION: 1.2



PRODUCT DESCRIPTION:

The DF-A0158 is a wideband compact DF antenna with a ruggedized design to suit harsh environments and applications.

The antenna uses primarily Adcock type arrays, and incorporates a patented high sensitivity hybrid loop-Adcock topology for the lowest frequency band to maintain high sensitivity for its size. Each band offers an omni-channel output that can also be used for monitoring.

Band switching is done by a switch integrated into the antenna. An on-board wideband noise source is provided to allow for downstream RF channel calibration. An on-board electronic compass is provided.

Communication to, and control of, the antenna is provided by means of RS485 interface. Band switching can also be accomplished via direct differential pair switching for higher speed if needed.

SPECIFICATIONS:

Electrical: DF	
Frequency range	20 – 6000 MHz
Band B	20 – 700 MHz ¹
Band C	500 – 2000 MHz ¹
Band D	1500 – 6000 MHz ²
Channels per band	3
DF method	Watson-Watt or 3-channel CIDF
RMS accuracy	< 5° (using only pure WW)*
Polarisation	Vertical
Omni-output	Yes (utilised for Watson Watt estimation)
Nominal input impedance	50 Ω
Electrical: band switch (DF-A0158 only) and CAL switch (DF-A0158-01)	
Frequency range	20 – 6000 MHz
Control	- RS 485 serial at 115 kbaud - two switching lines, each a differential pair using RS485 levels
Switching time	< 100 μs using serial commands < 4 μs when using dedicated lines
Integrated compass	Available on RS485 serial. Accuracy 2°
Stored information	Model no., serial no., user data fields
RF calibration	Internal wideband noise source
Power supply	15 ±2 V DC
Power consumption	< 1 W (noise source and compass off)
Interfaces:	
Electrical	Connectors recessed into base of antenna
	DF-A0158 DF-A0158-01
Antenna outputs	3x N-type female 9x TNC female
Control and power	MIL-DTL-38999 multi-pin connector
Mechanical	Flange for vehicle, mast or shelter mounting
Mechanical:	
Dimensions (ø x h)	320 mm x 690 mm
Total mass	8.5 kg
Environmental: designed to meet the following specifications	
Temperature range	-35 °C to +71 °C
Vibration	MIL-STD-167-1 type I
Transport vibration	MIL-STD-810 F ground trans
EMC	MIL-STD-461 F
Humidity	60 °C & RH = 95%
Rain and water	Waterproof; drain holes
Salt fog	MIL-STD-810 F
Maximum wind speed	144 km/h normal operation 200 km/h survival (tested)

* Improved accuracy is possible using correlative methods

Notes:

- Optimum band change-over frequencies to be chosen by user after measurement.
- Some degradation of accuracy using pure Watson Watt estimation can occur from 5.5 - 6.0 GHz (can be corrected using correlative methods or correction table)
- RMS accuracy is measured over all azimuth, over each full band. Individual frequencies may exceed this figure.

*CA Application 2,853,219;

*EP Patent 2771943;

*U.S. Patent No. 14/353,382;

*ZA Patent No. 2014/02806

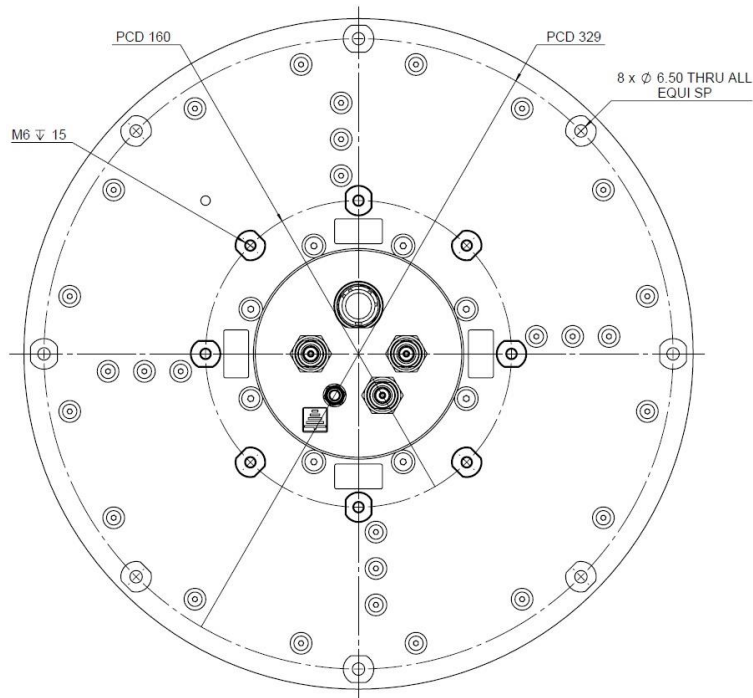
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MOUNTING DIMENSIONS: (DF-A0158 connector layout shown)



ANTENNA CHANNEL GAIN:

