

UNIVERSAL SPACE TRANSPONDER (UST)

X and UHF Dual-Band

INPUT CHARACTERISTICS	Wes	
Data and Clock	LVDS	
Command and Control	MIL-STD-1553B	
UHF		
RF In	-130 dBm to -70 dBm	
Rx RF Frequency	435 to 450 MHz tunable (56 kHz steps)	
Noise Figure	4.5 dB (max)	
X-BAND		
RF In	-160 dBm to -60 dBm	
Rx RF Frequency	7145 to 7235 MHz tunable (400 kHz steps)	
Noise Figure	3.0 dB (max)	
OPERATING MODES		
UHF Full Duplex (FD), X-band FD, UHF and X-band Simultaneous FD, RX Only, TX Only, Standby		
Modulation/Demodulation	BPSK, QPSK, OQPSK, residual carrier, subcarrier, etc.	
Coding	Scrambling, differential, Reed-Solomon (255, 239), FEC (R=1/2, k=7), Manchester, LDPC	
Decoding	Manchester, Viterbi (soft R=1/2, k=7), differential, descrambling	
Ranging	Sequential ranging tones, pseudo-noise ranging, delta differential one-way ranging	
DATA RATE		
UHF	Tx (up to 12 Mbps) Rx (up to 10 Mbps) Relay (1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 64, 128, 256, 1024, 2048, 4096 ksps)	
X-band	Tx (up to 25 Mbps) Rx (up to 14 Mbps)	
Tracking Range	±100 KHz minimum	

OUTPUT CHARACTERISTICS	
UHF	
RF In	8.5 W FD (min) 10.7 W HD (min)
Rx RF Frequency	UHF 390 to 405 MHz; tunable (56 kHz steps)
X-BAND	
RF Output Power	0.01 W (min)
RF Output Frequency	8400 to 8450 MHz; tunable (400 kHz steps)
Frequency Source	Internal ±5 ppm
UHF and X RF Power TLM	0 to 5 V analog
Secondary V TLM	0 to 5 V analog
Temperature TLM	Thermistor
RADIATION	
Total Dose	20 krad 100 mil Al
ENVIRONMENTAL SPECIFICATIONS	
Temperature	-50 °C to +110 °C (non-operating) -45 °C to +70 °C (operating)
Vibration	Random, 7.9 grms, 3-axis
Shock	2,000 G-forces
PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS	
Dimensions	21.0 cm (8.3") W x 27.0 cm (10.6") D x 16.0 cm (6.3") H
Weight	6 kg (13.23 lb) (typical)
POWER REQUIREMENTS	
Input Voltage	+22 to +36 VDC
Input Power (Worst Case, End of Life)	94WX-band and UHF FD; $42WX-band$ FD; $87WUHF$ FD; $32WX-bandRX$ only; $3WUHFRX$ only; $26W$ standby



The UST is a highly flexible software-defined X and UHF dual-band transponder that uses universal modules to accommodate various frequency bands and mission parameters. The baseline design provides coherent X-Band transmit and receive capability, combined with a UHF proximity relay link.

The software-defined architecture is configurable for a variety of spacecraft communications protocols and links, including direct-to-Earth and spacecraft-to-spacecraft links in cislunar and deep space environments.

The transponder's universal digital processing module and in-flight re-programmability provides mission designers with a multitude of options for waveform, baseband pulseshaping, encoding and decoding to suit a vast array of operations.

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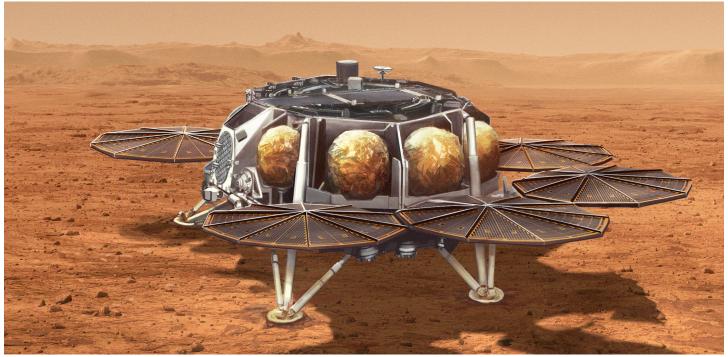


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CCSDS PROXIMITY-1 PROTOCOL

The Consultative Committee for Space Data Systems Proximity-1 Protocol incorporated in this transceiver provides error-free communication by employing an error detection and re-transmission service. Additionally, the Proximity-1 Protocol provides an automatic link establishment feature that allows the primary transceiver to reconfigure the secondary transceiver with no intervention from the secondary spacecraft.

DEEP SPACE NETWORK COMPATIBILITY

The UST is compatible with NASA's Deep Space Network (DSN) operated by JPL. The UST was developed in cooperation with JPL and is compatible with all operating modes for commanding, ranging and tracking and data return.

DECADES OF MISSION SUCCESS

The UST is based on hardware with an extensive heritage of mission success, including every JPL Mars mission since 1998. NASA's upcoming Mars Sample Return mission will use the UST to transmit and receive from the planet. L3Harris' space communication products consistently operate for years beyond their specified lifetime.

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