

Cobham Antenna Systems Microwave Antennas

Specialist Antenna Design and Manufacture
Antennas for Ground Control Centres

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Designed to the highest specification



Critical and efficient communications



Antennas used worldwide on all types of unmanned airborne vehicles and target drones



Control links and robotics



Sector, Multi Sector and Omni Antennas



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Sector

Azimuth coverage from 30° to 210°

- Gain up to 20dBi
- Null-fill, electrical tilt and sidelobe suppression available

Sector antennas provide wide area coverage for military and security base station applications. They have clearly defined, wide, azimuth coverage, 30° to 210° in the horizontal plane with narrow elevation profiled vertical coverage.

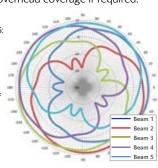
SA7-150-0.36V/1572 sector under test during development



Multi Sector arrays - a multiple beam antenna in one housing - provide high gain wide area (up to 360°) and overhead coverage if required.

MSA6-2.4V/1795: sector azimuth patterns show 9dBi peak gain, 120° beamwidth and high level of overlap

Multi Sector



Omni-Directional

- Robust construction
- High gain, up to 10dBi
- Polarisation circular or linear

An omni antenna radiates 360° in the horizontal plane with peak gain on or close to the horizon. All of our omnis are centre-fed making them ground-plane independent with stable radiation patterns across the band. High gain collinear omnis can be produced by stacking and feeding more elements. Sidelobes can be controlled and the elevation beam can be shaped to provide other features such as null-fill or electrical tilt. Collinear antennas are light weight with rigid glass fibre radomes and aluminium spigots for stable mounting.

Sector Antennas

Part Number	Frequency	Gain	Beamwidt	h	Polarisation	Dimensions	Connector	Photo
	GHz	dBi	Azimuth*	Elevation	ı°	mm		+
SA7-150-0.36V/1572	0.34 - 0.37	6	173	35	Vertical	1090x386x3	N(F)	above
SA13-60-0.9V/1462	0.90 - 0.93	13	73	16.5	Vertical	560x250x30	N(F)	+
SA11-120-1.3V/1384	1.15 - 1.40	11	120	16	Vertical	870x95.6 Ø	N(F)	+
SA9-120-1.3V/1445	1.20 - 1.45	9	120	36	Vertical	490x95.6 Ø	N(M)	+
SA17-18V/417	1.71 - 1.88	17	70	9	Vertical	1204x140x21	N(F)	
SA16-19V/230	1.85 - 1.99	16	75	10	Vertical	782x150x20	N(F)	+
SA17-22V/555	2.00 - 2.30	17	65	8	Vertical	1140x150x14	N(F)	+
SA12-110-2.4V/1480	2.00 - 2.70	12	112	17	Vertical	569x79 Ø	TNC(F)	+













SA16-19V/230



SA17-22V/555



SA12-110-2.4V/1480



SA16-60-25V/858	2.40 - 2.70	16	60	10	Vertical	725×130×11	N(F)	+
SA16-60-35V/579	3.40 - 3.70	16	60	10	Vertical	474x88x9	N(F)	+
SA17-60-4.7V/1419	4.40 - 5.00	17	55	8.5	Vertical	470x106x23	N(F)	+
FPA10-4.7R/1564	4.40 - 5.00	9.5	54	58	Right Circular	10x84 Ø	TNC(F)	+
SA15-90-104V-D1/1124	10.10 - 10.65	15	84-87	7	Vertical	330x15x14	N(F)	
SA17-13R/1077	13.40 - 14.00	17	75	6	Right Circular	220x50x11	SMA(F)	+

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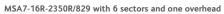
Cranfield Aerospace prototype Boeing X-48B Blended Wing Body UAV, feature blade antennas



Multi Sector Antennas

Part Number	Frequency	Gain	Beamwidt		Polarisation	Dimensions	Connector	Photo
	GHz	dBi	Azimuth*	Elevation®		mm		+
MSA5-1400/1131	1.31 - 1.43	12 sector	88	19	Vertical			
		6.5 o/head	57	56	Right Circular	743x197 Ø	N(F)	
MSA6-2.4V/1795	2.00 - 2.70	8 sector	110	36	Vertical			
		7 o/head			Right Circular	300x155 Ø	SMA(F) x6	+
MSA7-16-2350R/829	2.30 - 2.40	14 sector	70	10				
		6.5 o/head	60	53	Right Circular	812x231 Ø	N(F)	+
MSA5-10-24R/389	2.30 - 2.50	10 sector	90	40				
		6 o/head	90	90	Right Circular	210x140 Ø	SMA(F) x5	
MSA4-24R/199	2.30 - 2.50	13	90	20	Right Circular	606x156Ø	N(F)	+
MSA5-24L-ECS/1293	2.30 - 2.50	13 sector	90	20				
		7 o/head	80	80	Left Circular	582x156 Ø	N/a	
MSA5-24R/223	2.30 - 2.50	13 sector	80	20				
		7 o/head	80	80	Right Circular	706x156 Ø	N(F)	
MSA5-26L/117	2.48 - 2.68	13 sector	90	20				
		7 o/head	80	80	Left Circular	706x156 Ø	N(F)	
MSA5-3.3L/1407	3.20 - 3.40	12.5 sector	68	16.7				
		8 o/head	64	62	Left Circular	582x156 Ø	N/a	

MSA6-2.4V/1795













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MSA5-3.4V/1435	3.35 - 3.55	13	80	16.5	Vertical	482x162 Ø	SMA(F) x5	
MSA7-16-35R/497	3.40 - 3.50	15 sector	70	10				
		7 o/head	70	60	Right Circular	681x158Ø	N(F)	+
MSA5-34L/963	3.40 - 3.60	13 sector	80	20				
		7 o/head	80	80	Left Circular	606x156Ø	N(F)	
MSA5-34R-ECS/374	3.40 - 3.60	13 sector	80	20				
		7 o/head	80	80	Right Circular	706x156 Ø	N(F)	+
MSA6-15-46L/879	4.40 - 4.80	15 sector	70	8.4				
		8.5 o/head	60	55	Left Circular	527x158 Ø	N(F)	+
MSA6-4.7V/1484	4.40 - 5.00	15 sector	70	8	Vertical			
		8 o/head	70	65	Right Circular	627x162 Ø	N(F)	
MSA6-90-4.7V/1554	4.40 - 5.00	13.8 sector	90	8	Vertical			
		8 o/head	70	65	Right Circular	627x162 Ø	N(F)	
MSA10-HEX-105V/250	10.30 - 10.80	10	80	40	Vertical	50x60 Ø	SMA(M) x6	+

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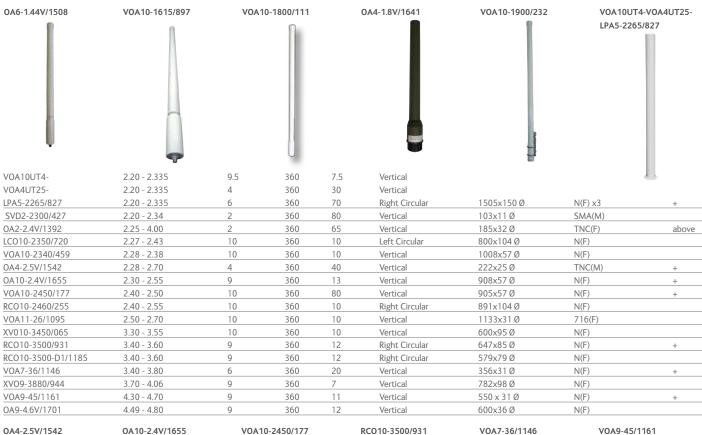






Omni Antennas

Part Number	Frequency GHz	Gain dBi	Beamwidtl Azimuth	h Elevation°	Polarisation	Dimensions mm	Connector	Photo +
OA4-0.9V/1520	0.87 - 0.96	4.5	360	45	Vertical	605x57 Ø	N(F)	
OA8-1.4V/1251	1.35 - 1.525	9	360	12.6	Vertical	1208x57 Ø	N(F)	
OA6-1.44V/1508	1.43 - 1.45	7	360	19.5	Vertical	858x57 Ø	N(F)	+
VOA10-1615/897	1.59 - 1.64	9	360	10	Vertical	1225x57 Ø	N(F)	+
VOA10-1800/111	1.70 - 1.88	10	360	10	Vertical	1255x57 Ø	N(F)	+
OA4-1.8V/1641	1.71 - 1.88	4.4	360	38	Vertical	391x51Ø	QN(M)	+
VOA10-1900/232	1.85 - 1.95	10	360	10	Vertical	1250x57 Ø	N(F)	+
XV09-2150-D2/870	2.00 - 2.30	9	360	8	Vertical	1006x106 Ø	N(F)	







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Control and data links for robotics applications



Ground Control Centre Antennas

Cobham Antenna Systems, Microwave Antennas provides antennas for both control centre and remote platform.

The control centre antenna usually provides the higher gain part of the link and may be a medium to high gain omni antenna, medium gain sector or high gain directional antenna.

A directional antenna is likely to require a two-axis steering system. A less complex but compact multi-sector antenna array provides intermediate range coverage for communicating with a remote platform. This type of arrangement can be used for quick deployment, tactical applications.



Cobham Antenna Systems, Microwave Antennas has a range of multi-sector arrays.

A selection of suitable antennas is listed in this leaflet, with more available in our main catalogue. Contact us for assistance.

Unmanned Vehicle Antennas

Unmanned Systems (UMS) are providing an increasing number of operational functions including airborne and remote ground surveillance, video transmission, border patrol and tactical systems.

As the demand for Unmanned Systems increases, so does the need for antennas for payloads, data communications systems, command and control.

Cobham Antenna Systems, Microwave Antennas has a range of standard costeffective, high performance antenna designs that are already used on Unmanned Systems.

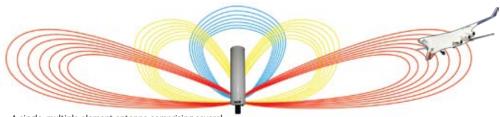
Link Margin (Fly-By) Analysis

Link margin (fly-by) analyses can be performed for many airborne systems. The method is applicable to helicopter, unmanned airborne systems (UAS) and missile applications. These calculations are based upon real measured 3D antenna patterns, and can be used to assist in system planning. The region over which coverage is required is considered, and the path losses to points within the region are calculated. The gain of the antenna at the angle of each location is added to the path loss which provides data for plotting graphs of Relative Signal Strength vs. Range at different altitudes.

As the Cobham Antenna Systems library of measured antenna performance is so extensive, the optimum antenna combination can be considered for a given requirement. Such planning can assist in deciding when to use switched sector instead of omni-directional antennas, how many separate antennas to have provide elevation coverage, and whether or not to use an additional overhead antenna to ensure links are maintained for communication at high elevation angles.

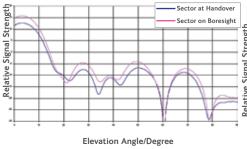
The ideal antenna combination will vary according to the specifics of the requirement. Generally, a number of altitudes within the

desired operational ceiling are considered, and link margins at all ranges within the required envelope are calculated at these altitudes. The worst case handover angle between sector antennas will be used, and any effects of polarisation mismatch loss through antenna misalignment can be factored in.

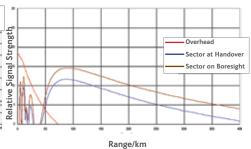


A single, multiple element antenna comprising several omni or omni and sectors can be designed to provide optimum coverage for a given operational requirement.

Typical Elevation Pattern of Sector Antenna used to Calculate Signal Strength



Calculated Output showing 40,000ft Altitude Signal Strength vs. Range



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