

Mechanism Drive Electronics (MDE)

Jena-Optronik's **electronic motion control equipment**, which drives and controls instrument mechanisms for space applications.



The MDE serves a range of mechanism assemblies as part of Earth observation instruments, satellite antenna systems, scanning systems or other satellite applications where a rotating mechanism assembly shall be operated.

It features state-of-the-art closed loop trajectory tracking control algorithms for precise tracking of scan profiles and robust feedback control.

MDE Highlights

- High reliability, autonomous self-protection
 of electronics and mechanism
- Flexible and adjustable FPGA based controller design, no software implementation
- Operation during launch
- Fully space qualified MDE equipment based on proven flight heritage in space instrument projects
- Fully redundant (see photo), optional single half-box (non redundant) available





Mechanism Drive Electronics (MDE) Performance

Control System	Agile Mirror Control	Large Inertia Control	
Controller	Flexible cascaded control loop with feed forward control and rate limiter, FPGA based, adjustable		
Principle	Fast mirror scan operation with discontinuous scan profile variating from 50 to 700 deg/sec	Speed controlled operation from 22 to 50 rpm of large payload with exported torque restrictions	
Inertia	up to 0.03 kg.m2	wide range from 3 to 25 kg.m2	
Synchronisation	external	internal, zero crossing indication	
Performance	Agile Mirror Control	Large Inertia Control	
Position Error	< 0.01 deg	< 0.15 deg	
Speed Error	< 1.75 %	< 27.8 ppm	
Maximum exported torque		< 0.1 Nm	
Controlled Mechanism			
Motor	3-phase synchronous motor, drive current up to 3	3A peak main and redundant windings	
Encoder	21 bit, digital RS422 interface and 12V & 5V sup	oply fully redundant	
HALL sensors	Open collector interface	fully redundant	
Size & Mass			
Dimensions	280 mm x 2*40 mm x 180 mm (L x W x H) 280 mm x 116 mm x 180 mm (L x W x H)		envelope without mounting feet (redundant) overall envelope (redundant)
Mass	2*2.4 kg (redundant)		including Power Control Module (PCM)
Temperature			
Operational	-30 °C +60 °C		Qualification level
Non-operational	-40 °C +70 °C		
Interfaces			
On/Off Control	Low voltage command and status interface		optional
Data and Sync	UART and RS422 interface		
Analog Monitoring	Temperature, Secondary Voltage, Primary Current		
Digital Monitoring	All secondary currents, motor phase currents, DC-link current and voltage		
Primary Power	36V to 52V, unregulated power bus		down to 31V in survival mode
Input Power	Agile Mirror Control	Large Ir	nertia Control
Nominal average	< 28 W incl. 8 W for mechanism	< 25 W i	incl. 8 W for mechanism
Maximum average	< 54 W incl. 27 W for mechanism	< 71 W i	incl. 42 W for mechanism
Maximum peak	< 100 W incl. 65 W for mechanism		
Reliability			
	R=0.961, 575 FIT, T I/F = 20°C R=0.9992		non redundant half MDE unit, 7.5 years full cold redundancy MDE unit
Mission Life Time	21 years (operating and storage)		7.5 year operating in LEO orbit
Operations	Agile Mirror Control	Large Inertia Control	
Operational Modes	Park (hall-sensor open loop control) Standby Scan Profile	Safe Standby	
	Constant Speed Fixed Position	Constan Fixed Po	t Speed osition



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