

Power Conditioning & Distribution Units

RELIABILITY, RESILIENCE & PERFORMANCE

AAC Clyde Space's small satellite PCDU (Power Conditioning and Distribution Unit) solutions have demonstrated impressive space-based capabilities stretching across a range of applications, gaining a market reputation for reliability, resiliency and performance. STARBUCK-MINI provides high power 28 V outputs and redundancy for power distribution, as well as redundant command and control interfaces via CAN or RS422. Its innovative design combines COTS and radiation hardened components to optimize the reliability and performance characteristics of the ITAR free system. The STARBUCK-MINI adopts a modular design approach which enables easy customization. The adaptable system utilizes flexible add-ons to meet the required number of power output interfaces for payloads on each specific mission and can be quickly adapted to customer product specifications.

Integration of interfaces for deployment mechanisms, magnetic torquers and other equipment can also be accommodated through the addition of custom modules.

POWER

With 1500 W system power, 28 V nominal bus and battery voltage with power converters for isolated auxiliary output. High-power 28V outputs & redundancy for power distribution, as well as FPGA based control & monitoring of all switches & interfaces through redundant CAN or RS485.



ERFORMANCE

High-performance power solution for small satellite platforms. Modular design approach delivers scalability and easy tailoring of interfaces to mission requirements. With MPPT or S3R battery charge regulation for advanced power management.

RELI

Reliability and qualification levels suitable for many different mission types. COTS components with verified space performance combined with radiation hardened components. All outputs protected by Latching Current Limiters (LCLs) or Retriggerable LCLs (RLCLs), with support for redundant power supply to consumers. Designed for optimized reliability with performance fail-safes, the state-of-the-art STARBUCK-MINI offers advanced power management with 1500W system power.

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

General	
Design Life	5-7 years in LEO
System Power	1500 W
Primary Bus Voltage	22-34 V
Secondary Bus Voltage	5, 8, 12 or 15V with
	isolated ground
Battery Regulation	MPPT or S3R
Idle Power Consumption	10W
Operating Temperature	-30°C to +60°C
Range	
Radiation (TiD)	20 kRAD
	(qualified >30 kRAD,Si)
Mass	3300 g

Electrical Interfaces (baseline configuration)		
Primary Bus High Power	4 individual	
(up to 10 A) Outputs	protection (LCL)	
Primary Bus Nominal	12 individual	
(up to 3A) Outputs	protection (LCL or RLCL)	
Secondary Bus Outputs	12 individual	
	protection (LCL or RLCL)	
Solar Array Interface	4 x 120 W triple	
	junction panel strings	
	(expandable to 12 strings)	
Battery	Current handling	
	up to 60 A	

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Telemetry and Control Interfaces		
TM/TC	CAN or RS422 serial interface (redundant) Cold redundant flash based FPGA controllers.	
Telemetry	Bus voltage Battery current Internal unit temperature Internal unit voltages LCL status Individual LCL currents	
Pulse Command Reset	RS422 levels – triggers system-wide power cycle.	
Actuators and Thermal Knives	Arm and fire actua- tion (bus voltage)	

Baseline configuration (4 modules) and module functionality

Module	Function	Handling
BCR/APR	Battery connection point and charge	60A battery connector
	regulator. Array power regulator.	Umbilical connection
		Up to 4 S/A groups at 120 W each
CTRL	Control unit with redundant FPGAs	Redundant CAN or RS422 interfaces
		Separation detection
		Pulse command input
PPD	Primary power distribution (std. option)	4 class 10 main bus LCL outputs
		10 class 3 main bus LCL outputs
		2 class 3 main bus RLCL outputs
		(Optional configuration 20 class 3 LCL outputs)
SPD	Secondary power distribution	2 x 30 W low voltage buses
		2 x 6 LCLs (up to class 2)

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Example expanded configuration (11 modules)

Module	Function	Handling
BCR/APR	Battery connection point and charge	60A battery connector up to 12 S/A
	regulator. Array power regulator.	groups at 120W max each.
APR	Array power regulator.	
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CTRL	Control unit with redundant FPGAs	Redundant CAN or RS422 interfaces
		Separation detection
		Pulse command input
PPD	Primary power distribution (std option)	8 class 10 LCL outputs
PPD	Primary power distribution (std option)	56 class 3 LCL outputs
PPD	Primary power distribution (20 channel option)	8 class 3 RLCL outputs
PPD	Primary power distribution (20 channel option)	
SPD	5V and 12V Secondary power distribution	2 x 30W low voltage outputs
		6 LCLs for 5V (up to class2)
		6 LCLs for 12V (up to class2)
SPD	5V and 12V Secondary power distribution	2 x 30W low voltage outputs
		6 LCLs for 5V (up to class2)
		6 LCLs for 12V (up to class2)
CUSTOM	Custom functionality add-on module	High power outputs with fuses
		Magnetorquer control with precision current controlled
		outputs.
		Propulsion control with H-bridges, instrumentation
		amplifiers and LCLs for valves, thrusters and heaters.
		Analog signal conditioning for thermistors.

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