

VHF DIRECTION FINDING (VDF) SYSTEM



DF ACCURACY

Bearing accuracy of less than 2° to allow operators precise air traffic location with minimum effort.

REMOTE CONFIGURATION

All aspects of the equipment can be remotely configured and interrogated. Both the EDF and the Communications Receiver can be controlled via the same software.

FLEXIBLE INSTALLATION

Setup and Installation of all equipment is bespoke. All installations are planned around the specific site requirements.

MODULAR DESIGN

Compact and modular design allows configurable systems setup to suit the customer's requirements.

TEST OSCILLATOR

System checking and bearing accuracy can be checked and calibrated using the configurable Test Oscillator.

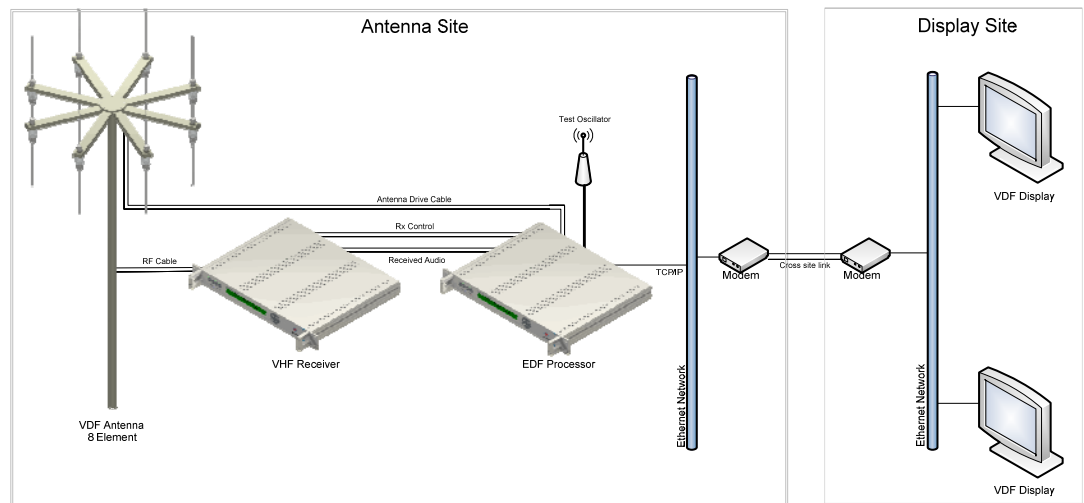


Figure 1 - Installation Diagram

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The VDF system solution incorporates a high degree of functionality in a system that has been designed and integrated into relatively simple system architecture. The core elements of the system use standard interfaces to communicate with each other and provide ease of integration with other systems.

Installation of a typical system is illustrated above in Figure 1 - Installation Diagram.

The EDF Processor is a 1U high standard 19" sub-rack unit with all connections being made at the rear panel. The EDF Processor is normally installed at the Antenna site with connectivity to the display units being via Ethernet connectivity.

The EDF Processor uses Digital Signal Processing (DSP) algorithms in an embedded processor. These algorithms provide superior signal detection and bearing angle measurement. The signal detection capabilities of the processor even provide the EDF Processor with the ability to accurately resolve bearings from receivers independent of their squelch control settings.

The Communication Receiver is controlled by the Display Software and provides the input to the EDF Processor. Communication between paired units is maintained over a DF Site local network. Multiple arrangements and configurations are possible with this modularised system solution.

- Tailored installation to suit customer requirements
- Full monitoring of all aspects of the equipment from the remote site and display terminals
- Continuous monitoring and alarm functions at the display units and equipment
- Full Multi-Channel DF System with channel changes from the Display Terminals
- System based on modularised equipment providing increased flexibility.

Communication from the Display Site to the DF Site is achieved via a cross site link. Depending on installation, this link is either a 2/4 wire link or a fibre connection. Other methods of communication are available.

Calibration and testing of the EDF is maintained by a dedicated Test Oscillator (TO).

The Antenna is an 8-Element, medium aperture dipole array operating in the VHF band.

The VDF system allows the surveillance of multiple frequencies simultaneously.



Specifications

ANTENNA SYSTEM

General	Medium-aperture, 8-element dipole arrays
Signal Polarisation	Vertical
Operating Band	118 MHz to 137 MHz
Operating Temperature Range	-50°C to +100°C
Elevation	Operates at up to 45° vertical angle of arrival
Wind speeds	Resists speeds of up to 200 km/hr
Array Diameter	446 mm
Weight	5Kg

RECEIVER

VHF Frequency Range	118 MHz to 137 MHz
Channel Spacing	8.33kHz or 25 kHz
Operating Temperature Range	-10°C to +60°C
VHF Frequency Error	≤± 1.5 ppm
VHF Sensitivity	≤ 1 μV
Antenna Impedance	50Ω
Audio Output	> 500mW at 10% distortion with an 8Ω load
Display	40 x 2 Character LCD
Display Indicators	Receiver Name, Frequency, Mode, RSS, Alarms and Activity Indicator
Indicators	Audio On and Alarm
Size	Standard 1U 19" Rack
Weight	2Kgs

EDF

Commutation Frequency	Selectable - 307 to 2458 Hz
RF Operating Frequency	88 MHz to 1000 MHz
Bearing Accuracy	<±2° (CAP 670 Class A) (Site Dependant)
Bearing Resolution	1°
DF Sensitivity	-126 dBm
DF Response time	<150ms
Display	40 x 2 Character LCD
Display Indicators	Channel Name, Bearing, RSS, Alarm, Menu
Indicators	Test Oscillator and Alarm
Operating Temperature Range	-20°C to +55°C
Size	Standard 1U 19" Rack
Weight	4Kgs

Test Oscillator

VHF Frequency Range	118 MHz to 137 MHz
Interface	RJ 45 standard, Cat-5 Ethernet
Power Supply	Power Over Ethernet (PoE)

SYSTEM POWER REQUIREMENTS

Power Supply	240V A.C.
Power	30 Watts

DISPLAY TERMINALS

Up to 12 display units can be networked to a single EDF Processor. This allows for flexible installation and distributed monitoring terminals.

SOFTWARE

Dedicated software allows full control over the whole system. Monitoring and configuration can be achieved from the connected display terminals.

CUSTOMIZE

Customer specific applications may require a frequency range, outside the VHF/UHF bands. The receiver can be customized to suit the customer's requirements..

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