

ESPASTAR™: FLEXIBLE, AFFORDABLE ACCESS TO SPACE

Northrop Grumman's ESPASTAR platform provides a modular, cost-effective, and highly capable infrastructure resource for hosting technology development and operational payloads. The ESPASTAR platform uses a customized EELV Secondary Payload Adapter (ESPA) ring as part of its structure and is capable of being launched aboard any launch vehicle that meets the Evolved Expendable Launch Vehicle (EELV) standard interface specification. The ESPASTAR platform's six payload ports are capable of accommodating combinations of hosted

or separable (fly-away) payloads. The payload interface at each port has been standardized, allowing for hosted and separable payload interchangeability, late payload integration, and manifest changes. The ESPASTAR platform leverages the available mass margin from any EELV launch to provide an affordable path to space for payloads. The platform is optimized for GEO missions, but is adaptable for LEO and MEO missions and can be modified to support missions beyond GEO.

SPECIFICATIONS

ORBIT	Optimized for GEO, adaptable for LEO and MEO missions
TARGETED MISSION DURATION	One to three years, single string
DRY MASS (NO P/LS)	430-470 kg, (orbit dependent)
DIMENSIONS (NO P/LS)	157.5 cm dia x 61 cm ht. (62" dia. x 24" ht.)
FUEL CAPACITY*	310 kg *optimal BOL pressure uses 301 kg
PAYLOAD MASS	> 1,920 kg (> 320 kg per port). Please see Page 3 for more information on payload mass
TOTAL POWER (BOL)	1,200 W via four-panel solar array
PAYLOAD PEAK POWER	Tailorable based on mission profile
BATTERY	96 A-hr Li-ion
DOWNLINK RATE	256 kbps/1.6 Mbps via SGLS; other downlink frequencies available upon request
UPLINK RATE	2.0 kbps via AFSC; other uplink frequencies available upon request
PAYLOAD DATA STORAGE	36 Gbytes non-TMR, non-volatile

LAUNCH VEHICLE (LV) COMPATIBILITY

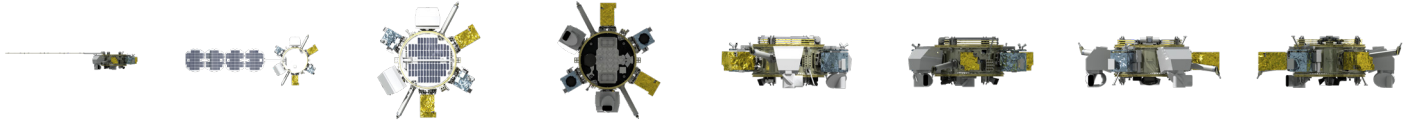
REFERENCE LV CONFIGURATION	EELV Secondary Payload Adapter (ESPA)
PAYLOAD ATTACH FITTING	15" diameter port (qty. six ports)
OTHER LV COMPATIBILITIES	All EELV ESPA Compatible Launch Vehicles

REFERENCE ORBIT COMPATIBILITY

APOGEE ALTITUDE	35,786 km ± 300 km
PERIGEE ALTITUDE	35,786 km ± 300 km
INCLINATION	0 deg ± 2 deg
OTHER ORBIT COMPATIBILITIES	All Low Earth Orbits; Low Inclination to Sun-Synchronous. Earth-Trailing Orbits, Geosynchronous Equatorial Orbits (GEO), Cis-Lunar Orbits, Earth-Sun and Earth Moon Libration Points



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DESIGN MISSION LIFETIME AND RELIABILITY RATING

1.5 years (3 years goal) Ps=0.8

STRUCTURE TYPE DESCRIPTION

Aluminum Forged Ring; Aluminum Honeycomb forward and aft decks and internal bulkhead

ELECTRICAL POWER SUBSYSTEM

Direct Energy Transfer System

Peak Payload Power (EOL): 850 W

Orbit Average Payload Power (EOL): 800 W

Allowable Payload Standby Power: 120 W safe mode

Bus Voltage, Nominal Range (V): 24 V to 33.6 V

Battery-Capacity: 24 Ahr (96 Ahr total, 4x quantity)

ATTITUDE CONTROL ARCHITECTURE TYPE

3-axis stabilized, zero momentum

Pointing Accuracy

Roll 149.4 arcsec Pitch 142.4 arcsec Yaw 144 arcsec

(3-sigma) @Star Tracker Interface, Normal RWA operations

Pointing Stability: 4.6 arcsec/sec

Maximum Maneuver Rates

Mission Specific, nominal range from 0.25-0.75 deg/sec

COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

Receive Frequency Band: L-Band

Receiver Bandwidth: ± 100 kHz for doppler

Transmit Frequency Band: S-Band

Telemetry Transmit Rate

Low rate: 8 kbps SCO via omni-directional antenna system

Medium rate: 256 kbps direct-carrier BPSK via omni-directional antenna system

High rate: 1.6 Mbps direct-carrier BPSK via high-gain antenna

Command Receive Rate

2 kbps FSK/AM ternary SGLS uplink via omni-directional antenna system

1 Mbps PRN ranging available for turnaround

Transmitter Power: 5 W

COMMAND & DATA HANDLING

Single Integrated Avionics Unit (IAU) hosting all spacecraft C&DH and power control functions, including spacecraft component interfaces and instrument payload state of health

Data Handling Capacity

115 kbps UART for Payload Command, Telemetry, Data

Data Storage Capacity: 24,000Mb

THERMAL CONTROL

Cold-biased passive thermal control design with surface treatments and MLI blanketing as required. Active thermal control provided by software-controlled heater circuits and thermostatically controlled heater circuits.

PROPULSION SYSTEM

Monopropellant blowdown system with twelve (12x) 0.2 lbf thrusters and four (4x) 5 lbf thrusters
Total Impulse Capability 360 m/s (1489 kg dry mass)

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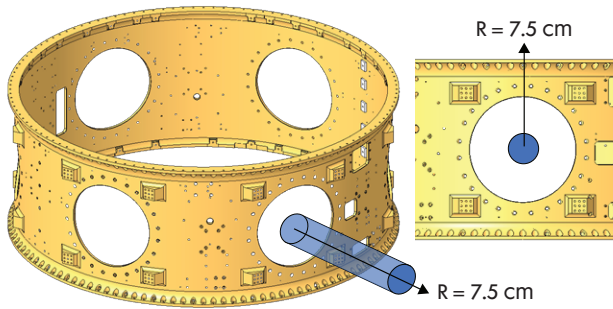
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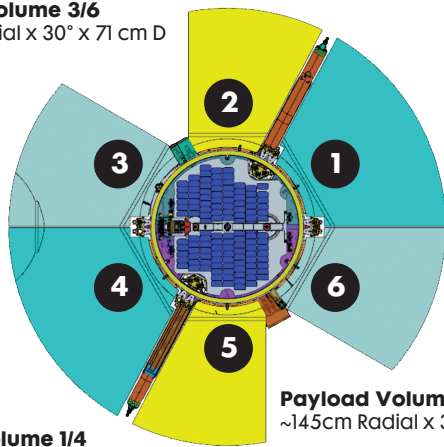
MOUNTING LOCATIONS AND VOLUMES (INTERIOR AND EXTERIOR)

Payload Port dependent. Ports 1 & 6 or 3 & 4 can be combined into a single volume



Payload Volume 3/6

~145cm Radial x 30° x 71 cm D



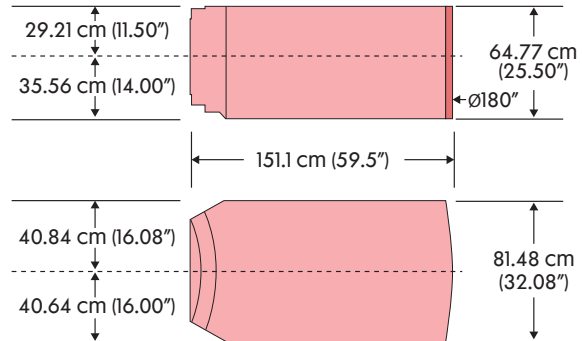
Payload Volume 2/5

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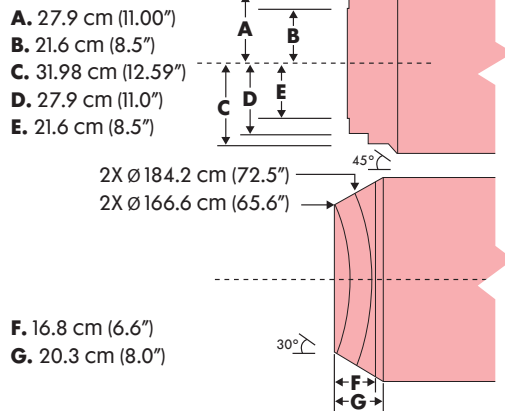
Payload Volume 1/4

~145cm Radial x 60° x 71 cm D

ESPASTAR Generic Compliant Payload Volume 1 (View 1)



ESPASTAR Generic Compliant Payload Volume 1 (View 2)



INTERFACE ⁽¹⁾	ESPASTAR-D QTY	NOTE
Differential RS-422		
Asynchronous	2	UART, 8-bits, no parity, on stop bit
Synchronous	1	
SpaceWire	1	
Discrete Bi-Level		
Bi-Level Input (TLM)	5	Input to bus; Payload TLM
Bi-Level Output (CMD)	5	Output from bus; Payload CMD
MIL-STD-1553 ⁽²⁾	1	Non-standard, dual redundant
High Speed Data 3:21 SERDES	1	Non-standard, 3:21 deserializer
Analog Telemetry	7	Analog voltage telemetry ±10V
Temperature Sense	10 ⁽³⁾	AD590, PRT, 10K Thermistor

(1) All input/output directionality is with respect to the Platform / (2) The MIL-STD-1553 connection must be planned for by no later than Program CDR / (3) The ESPASTAR-D Platform can support 10 AD590s per port, and up to 4 PRTs shared by entire manifest, but it does not accommodate 10k Thermistors

PAYLOAD MASS AND CENTER-OF-MASS ALLOWABLE DESIGN ENVELOPE

CENTER-OF-MASS LOCATION (CM (IN))	MASS FOR FOUR-POINT MOUNT (KG (LB))	MASS FOR -HP EIGHT-POINT MOUNT (KG (LB))
0 (0)	370 (815)	740 (1631)
51 (20)	370 (815)	740 (1631)
76 (30)	158 (348)	316 (696)
102 (40)	90 (198)	180 (396)
>102 (>40)	0 (0)	0 (0)

PAYLOAD ELECTRICAL POWER CAPABILITIES 24V-34V POWERED SWITCHES WITH FOLLOWING RATINGS:

- 1.2A Fire Only
- 5.0A Fire Only
- 5.0 Arm/Fire

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Nominal ESPASar-D Schedule	Year 1					Year 2					Year 3					Year 4				
	J	F	M	A	M	J	F	M	A	M	J	F	M	A	M	J	F	M	A	M
Long Lead Procurement	[Timeline bar]																			
PHASE 1: Milestones	[Timeline bar]																			
Subsystem Design	[Timeline bar]																			
Structure Build/Test	[Timeline bar]																			
PHASE 2: Milestones	[Timeline bar]																			
Test Payload Emulators on Flatsat	[Timeline bar]																			
Install & Test All Payloads	[Timeline bar]																			
Environmental Testing	[Timeline bar]																			
PHASE 3: Milestones	[Timeline bar]																			
Pack/Ship SV to Launch Site & Setup	[Timeline bar]																			
Launch Site I&T	[Timeline bar]																			
ILC	[Timeline bar]																			
Pack & Ship MGSE/EGSE Back to Factory	[Timeline bar]																			
PHASE 4: Milestones	[Timeline bar]																			
Conduct On-Orbit Checkout	[Timeline bar]																			
Support Mission Operations	[Timeline bar]																			

PAYLOAD THERMAL ACCOMMODATIONS

- Available P/L thermal capacity from Core SC (Orbit Avg.): 7.5W per payload port
- P/L Interface Temperature Range: -30 C to +50 C
- Available P/L Thermal Field of View: 1pi steradian from payload port

SCIENCE DATA STORAGE

- 2 GB via Spacewire or SERDES only

FACILITIES OVERVIEW AND USE PLAN

CONTRACT BASELINE DELIVERY SCHEDULE, ARO THROUGH LAUNCH AND ON-ORBIT CHECKOUT

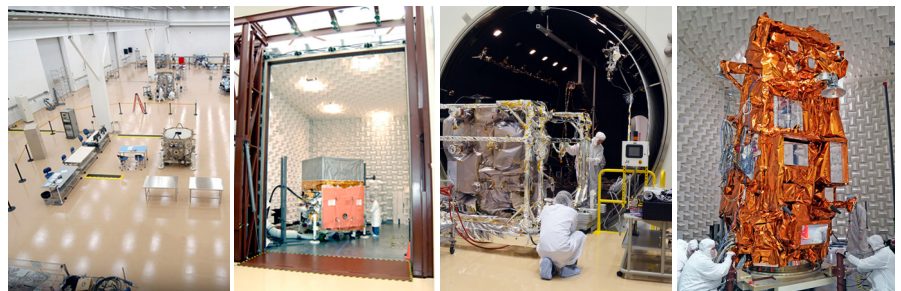
OTHER SPECIAL FEATURES AND CAPABILITIES

- ESPASar-D upgrades:
 - Dynatubes (fuel sharing with payloads)
 - Aux Prop Tank (replacing a Payload for 200 kg propellant)
 - Software Defined Radio for TT&C
 - Increased battery capacity
 - Evolved Avionics System, providing additional I/O for payloads and more onboard processing
 - Camera

ESPASTAR-D HISTORIC MISSIONS

VEHICLE	STATUS
ESPASar-D-1	Launched 2022
ESPASar-D-2	Launched 2022
ESPASar-D-3	Launched 2021
ESPASar-D-4	Launched 2022
ESPASar-D-5	In Production or Delivered
ESPASar-D-6	In Production or Delivered
ESPASar-D-7	In Production or Delivered
ESPASar-D-8	In Production or Delivered
ESPASar-D-9	In Production or Delivered
ESPASar-D-10	Launched 2023
ESPASar-D-11	In Production or Delivered
ESPASar-D-12	In Production or Delivered
ESPASar-D-13	In Production or Delivered
ESPASar-D-14	In Production or Delivered

GILBERT FACTORY AND TEST FACILITIES



AI&T Low-Bay

EMI/EMC Test Chamber

Thermal Vacuum Test Chamber

Acoustics Chamber

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