ProFlex™ 500

Flexible Rugged
High-Performance GNSS Receiver
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Designed by our GNSS experts, the new ProFlex 500 is a powerful positioning solution that delivers state-of-the-art RTK features in a rugged, highly integrated receiver design. Embedded BLADE™ technology ensures powerful RTK performance and a patented way to use multiple GNSS constellations for high-accuracy positioning and surveying solutions. The ProFlex 500 works as either a base or a rover and is available in a variety of configurations from L1 DGPS up to L1/L2 GPS+GLONASS+SBAS, with different application packages to adapt to various customer needs.

Its innovative design makes it the ideal solution for onboard system integration - it can be mounted easily on a machine or vehicle for land or sea operations - and it is also a perfect back-pack rover or reference station solution for precise land surveying.

ProFlex 500 offers GPS+GLONASS+20 years of field-proven professional technologies. It is made to withstand harsh environments, and gives you maximum flexibility in the field.

- Fast initialization and centimeter accuracy at long-range
- Unique BLADE technology for full benefit of any available GLONASS corrections
- Unique built-in communication features
- Hot-Standby RTK feature for automatic best position availability
- Rugged design for demanding work environments
- Advanced multi-path mitigation and robust signal tracking for maximum data reliability
- Interoperability with any vendor’s reference station transmitting GPS+GLONASS L1/L2

High-End Performance

The ProFlex 500 with BLADE has the ability to provide the best possible measurements from three constellations GPS+GLONASS+SBAS – one of the key differentiators offered by our BLADE technology. The receiver itself makes all the checks and preparations needed to mitigate any negative effects of GLONASS signal instabilities. The result is more reliable measurement processing and usage than with competing receiver offerings. Additionally, the ProFlex 500 can work with any other manufacturer’s base or reference stations (VRS, FKP or MAC formats supported).

Ruggedness

The innovative design integrates all the communication components (GSM/GPRS and/or UHF radios) offering an all-in-one robust solution to the user. The weatherproof, high-impact resistant molded aluminum housing ensures your investment is safe in all conditions, which is especially important for onboard machine usage or base station applications.

Flexibility

The ProFlex 500 offers a unique design with various mounting capabilities. It includes a unique set of built-in communication options, internal and removable battery, internal memory, specific kits per application and full compatibility with various software solutions such as FAST Survey™, GNSS Solutions™ and Real Time Data Server (RTDS™).

Adaptable to most any specific positioning usage, the ProFlex 500 is also the ideal solution for people looking for a single GNSS receiver for multiple applications.
Application Packages

Survey Backpack
This kit is the ideal package for using your ProFlex 500 in the field for surveying. It includes a robust and comfortable water-resistant backpack specifically designed for ProFlex 500 and its accessories, a UHF pole and cable, a GPS cable with a smart quick-release system, a second Li-ion battery, a tape measure and our GNSS Solutions software for project and geoid management.

Marine
GPS and UHF Marine Aerial Kits are available for the ProFlex 500 for easy and powerful installation onboard ships. Specifically designed for coastal works, dredging, bathymetry or offshore user needs, it includes low-loss GPS or UHF cables (10 or 30 meters), UHF antenna and rugged mounting parts. Our BLADE long range RTK capability combined with our UHF expertise will allow you to increase your productivity.

Onboard Machine Integration
Ready for system integration, ProFlex 500 is a great GNSS solution alternative for OEM manufacturers and VARs who need precise positioning for the machine guidance/control markets, such as agriculture, construction or mining. Contact us to see how you can fully benefit from our unique BLADE technology for your application.

Base Station and Continuously Operating Reference Station
With its built-in Ethernet capability and embedded Web Server, you may access your ProFlex 500 from any computer connected to the Internet to control and monitor your equipment.

With its capability for instant real-time multi-data streaming over Ethernet, you may build your own RTK corrections server without any additional software or equipment. It enables surveyors to have an efficient alternative to RTK networks (public or private) and also solve radio propagation issues, provided a GPRS cellular network is available.

Connectivity
In addition to those already provided within the standard configuration, this kit includes all the cables (serial cables, USB cable, 10m GPS cable, 10m UHF cable, power cable to connect on an external battery), and will allow you to always find the right set-up, and optimize the operational use of your receiver, either as a rover, a base or onboard a vehicle.

These application packages are detailed on our web site, please visit ashtech.com to download specific PDF documentation.
GNSS Characteristics
- 75 channels:
  - GPS L1 C/A L1/L2 P-code, L2C, L1/L2 full wavelength carrier
  - GLONASS L1 C/A, L2 C/A code, L1/L2 full wavelength carrier
  - SBAS L1 code & carrier (WAAS / EGNOS / MSAS)
- Quick signal detection engines for fast acquisition and re-acquisition of GPS / GLONASS / SBAS signals
- Fully independent code and phase Measurements
- BLADE technology for optimal performance
- Advanced multi-path mitigation
- Up to 20 Hz raw data and position output
- RTK base and rover modes, post-processing
- L5, Galileo upgradeable

Data Logging Characteristics
- Recording Interval: 0.05 - 999 seconds
- Memory:
  - 128 MB internal memory, expandable through USB sticks or external hard drives
- Ring File Memory function offering unlimited use of the storage medium
- Sessions:
  - Up to 96 sessions per day
  - Embedded Rinex converter
- Automatic ftp push function

Ring File Buffer
- Concurrent and independent to sessions raw data recording to collect data with different user settings like update rate

Embedded Web Server
- Web 2.0 Technology
- Password-protected Web Server for Administrator and Users
- DHCP or manual configuration (static IP address)
- Full receiver monitoring and configuration
- FTP push function
- Embedded FTP server
- NTRIP Server and instant real-time multi-data streaming over Ethernet
- Email alerts for automatic notification of status

Full MET/TILT Sensor Integration
- Both sensor types can be connected simultaneously
- Met and Tilt data can be:
  - Logged and downloaded together with the GNSS data (legacy D-File supported)
  - Streamed in real time

RTK Base
- RTCM-2.3 & RTCM-3.1
- CMR™ & CMR+
- ATOM™ (proprietary format)

RTK Rover
- BLADE technology
- Up to 20 Hz Fast RTK
- RTCM-2.3 & RTCM-3.1
- CMR & CMR+
- ATOM, DBEN & LRP (proprietary formats)
- Networks: VRS, FKP, MAC
- NTRIP protocol
- NMEA0183 messages output

Real-Time Position Accuracy\(^1\)
- Autonomous
  - CEP: 3.0 m (9.84 ft)
  - 95%: 5.0 m (16.4 ft)
- SBAS Differential
  - 0.9 m (RMS) (2.95 ft)
- Differential (Local Base Station)
  - CEP: 40 cm (1.31 ft)
  - 95%: 90 cm (2.95 ft)

RTK (kinematic)
- Fixed RTK
  - Horizontal 1 sigma: 1 cm (0.033 ft) + 1 ppm\(^{2}\)
  - Vertical 1 sigma: 2 cm (0.066 ft) + 1 ppm\(^{2}\)
- Flying RTK
  - CEP: 5 cm (0.16 ft) + 1 ppm\(^{2}\)
  - CEP: 20 cm (0.66 ft) + 1 ppm\(^{2}\)

Real-Time Performance
- Instant-RTK Initialization
  - Typically 2-second initialization for baselines < 20 km
  - 99.9% reliability
- RTK Initialization range: -> 40 km

Post Processing Accuracy (rms)\(^1,2\)
- Static, Rapid Static
  - Horizontal 5 mm (0.016 ft) + 0.5 ppm
  - Vertical 10 mm (0.033 ft) + 1 ppm
- Long Static\(^3\)
  - Horizontal 3 mm (0.009 ft) + 0.5 ppm
  - Vertical 6 mm (0.019 ft) + 0.5 ppm
- Post-Processed Kinematic
  - Horizontal 10 mm (0.033 ft) + 1 ppm
  - Vertical 20 mm (0.065 ft) + 1 ppm

I/O Interface (Rugged, Waterproof Connectors)
- 1 RS232/RS422 up to 921.6 kbits/sec
- 2 RS232 up to 115.2 kbits/sec
- USB 2.0 host and device
- Bluetooth 2.0 + EDR Class 2, SPP profile
- Ethernet (Full-Duplex, auto-negotiate 10 Base-TX / 100 Base-TX)

- 1 PPS output
- Event marker input
- Earth terminal
- 12V/0.5A (1A peak) output available on serial port A
- All signals available are optically isolated from receiver’s internal circuitry (except USB)

Physical Characteristics
- Size: Unit: 21.5x20x7.6 cm (8.46x8.7x2.99 in)
- Weight: GNSS receiver: from 2.1 kg (4.6 lb)

Environmental Characteristics
- Operating temperature: -30° to +65°C (-22° to +149°F)
- Storage temperature: -40° to +70°C (-40° to +158°F)
- Humidity: 100% condensing
- IP67 (waterproof and dustproof)
- Salt mist as defined in EN60945
- Shock: MIL-STD 810F, Fig. 516.5-10 (40g, 11ms, saw-tooth)
- Vibration: MIL-STD 810F, Fig. 514.5C-17

Power Characteristics
- Li-ion battery, 32.5Wh (7.4Vx4.4Ah). Acts as a UPS in case of a power source outage
- Battery life time: > 6.5hrs @ 20 °C (68°F)
- 9-36 VDC input
- Typical power consumption with GNSS antenna: < 5W

Complementary System Components

Transmitter Kits
- U-Link TRx
- Pacific Crest UHF

Rover Communication Modules
- U-Link Rx
- Pacific Crest UHF
- GSM/GPRS/EDGE (class 10) Quad-band Antennas
- Geodetic: GNSS Survey antenna, 38dB gain
- Choke Ring: GNSS Choke Ring antenna, 39dB gain
- Onboard: GNSS Machine / Marine antenna, 38dB gain

Software Solutions
- GNSS Solutions, RTDS, FAST Survey

Field Terminal kit with FAST Survey

Connectivity kit

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