

Ultra Stable Oscillator (USO)

for Deep Space Exploration

AccuBeat is proud to introduce its Ultra Stable Oscillator (USO) specially designed for Deep Space exploration programs. AccuBeat's USO has a frequency stability (ADEV) of 1E-13 in the range of 1-1000 seconds and will be deployed by the European space Agency (ESA) in their prestigious JUICE (Jupiter Icy Moons Explorer) mission.

The space qualified USO will serve as the central source of timing for communications in the mission and will be an integral part of a radio science occultation experiment that will probe Jupiter's atmosphere by following the phase variations of the radio waves passing through the atmosphere while the spacecraft transmits to earth using AccuBeat's ultra-high stability frequency source.





AccuBeat's USO is a high-stability quartz crystal oscillator utilizing a high Q crystal resonator and high temperature stability in the range of 100μ kelvin. The USO designed by AccuBeat, has an Allan Deviation almost 5 times better than the required spec of 5E-13 at integration constants of 1 to 1000 seconds, making it the most stable oscillator of its type designed for deep space exploration. (See detailed specs on next page).

JUICE is the flagship project of the European Space Agency and in May 2022, the spacecraft will set off on an almost 600 million Km journey to Jupiter, where it will arrive in 2030.

For three and a half years, JUICE will sweep around the giant planet, exploring its turbulent atmosphere, enormous magnetosphere, and tenuous set of dark rings, as well as studying its three largest icy moons -Europa, Ganymede and Callisto all with the help of AccuBeat's USO designed for Deep Space Exploration. "The goal is to investigate whether there are liquid oceans under these icy crusts which might harbour organic components or even life" says Vincent Poinsignon, the JUICE project manager. AccuBeat's USO is currently being integrated into the JUICE spacecraft by AIRBUS.



Main Specifications and Performance

	5E-13 @ 1 sec	
Frequency Stability (ADEV)	5E-13 @ 10 sec	
	5E-13 @ 100 sec	
	6E-13 @ 1000 sec	
	-80 dBc/Hz @ 1 Hz	
Phase Noise	-100 dBc/Hz @ 10 Hz	
	-117 dBc/Hz @ 100 Hz	
	-119 dBc/Hz @ ≥1000 Hz	
Frequency Aging	7E-11 in 24 Hours	
Temperature Range		
Operational:	-20°C to +50°C	
Non Operational:	-30°C to +60°C	
EMC		
Per ESA JUI-EST-SYS-EID-001		

Power Requirements			
Nominal (steady-state under	≤6.5W		
vacuum) power input			
Peak power allocation	≤8W		
(warm-up)			
Input Voltage			
Nominal Input Voltage	+28.0 Vdc ± 0.14V		
Input Voltage Range	+26.5 to +29.0 Vdc		
Inrush current (peak current)	≤1 A		
Functional Specifications			
Nominal frequency (f0) for 2 outputs	57.51852 MHz		
Signals Characteristics			
Source impedance	50 Ω		
RF level	+0 dBm ± 1.0 dB		
Harmonics of f0	≤ -30 dBc		
Harmonics of f0/12	≤ -30 dBc		
Spurious	≤ -80 dBc above 10 kHz from carrier		



Dimensions	5: 132.6 (W) x 120 (D) x 105 (H) mm	Weight:	≤ 2 Kg	
Total Ionizing dose within the USO enclosure:		50 krad (Si)		
TVAC:	The unit is specified to 10-5 torr for performance over the operational temperature -20°C to +50°C			

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