Field Service Spares Replacement Procedure – EL & CL Motor Kit, XX10

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1. Brief Summary:

Troubleshooting document for diagnosing a fault with and replacing the elevation and cross level motor on the xx10 series antennas.

2. Checklist:

- Verify Initialization
- MDE Status LEDs
- Pedestal Error

3. Theory of Operation:

The elevation and cross level motors are used for antenna positioning and stabilization. During stabilization the motors drive in response to motion of the stabilized mass of the antenna in 3-dimensional free space (as sensed by the rate and MEM sensors, which are both located on the motion platform PCB inside the PCU). Elevation targeting and signal tracking decisions also require drive in elevation.

The BLDC motor is driven by a servo amp/motor controller. Hall sensors in the motor provide feedback to the controller so it can drive and control the torque output of the motor. When no drive is applied to the motor it offers very little rotational friction, allowing inertia to provide 98 percent of stabilization.

4. Verify Initialization:

- Power cycle the pedestal
 - 1. Elevation axis drives to 45 degrees based on the motion platform PCBs horizon reference
 - 2. Cross level axis drives to level based on the motion platform PCBs horizon reference
 - 3. Unlimited azimuth axis drives clockwise until the home flag and sensor make contact

*Note: If the PCU software is version 2.01a or higher the EL & CL axis will initialize at the same time saving 20 seconds on the initialization process.

If any of these steps fail, or the DAC reports model "xxo9", the PCU's No parameter needs setting, verifying that it saves correctly. A drive issue or pedestal error requires further troubleshooting.

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5. MDE Status LEDs:

5.1. MDE Motor Status (Top 3 LEDs are CL, EL and AZ).

Green	Motor is good.
Solid Red	Motor or harness short circuit (winding-winding, winding-ground, or winding to supply). Replace
	the appropriate motor. If that does not clear the LED status, replace the MDE.
Solid Orange	Hall sensor error (hall sensor or harness wire). Replace the motor. If that does not clear the LED
	status, replace the MDE.

5.2. MDE Status (4th LED).

Green	Motor Driver is good.
Solid Red	Motor Driver fault detection. Operational software will never leave the status LED solid red.
	Replace MDE.
Solid Orange	Software update to the MDE in process.
Blinking Red	Communication error with PCU. Check to assure that the harness connections are seated properly. Check harness (pin-pin, wire-wire and wire-ground) for good continuity. Replace MDE. Replace Main PCB.

6. Pedestal Error (Error 8):

6.1. Decoding a Pedestal Error.

When the DAC displays a pedestal error enter into the remote command window and input "Soooo" then press enter twice. The error code will now be displayed in the Remote Monitor screen. Decode the 4^{th} character of the error code from the below table...

@	None	K	Ref + LV + CL	٧	Stab Limit + AZ + LV
Α	CL	L	Ref + AZ	W	Stab Limit + AZ + LV + CL
В	LV	М	Ref + AZ + CL	X	Stab Limit + Ref
C	CL + LV	N	Ref + AZ + LV	Υ	Stab Limit + Ref + CL
D	AZ	0	Ref + AZ + LV + CL	Z	Stab Limit + Ref + LV
Ε	AZ + CL	Р	Stab Limit	[Stab Limit + Ref + LV + CL
F	AZ + LV	Q	Stab Limit + CL	١	Stab Limit + Ref + AZ
G	AZ + LV + CL	R	Stab Limit + LV]	Stab Limit + Ref + AZ + CL
Н	Ref	S	Stab Limit + CL + LV	٨	Stab Limit + Ref + AZ + LV
ı	Ref + CL	Т	Stab Limit + AZ	_	Stab Limit + Ref + AZ + LV + CL
J	Ref + LV	U	Stab Limit + AZ + CL		

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6.2. Error Types.

The 3 types of pedestal error are.....

- 1. **Servo Limit (CL, LV and AZ)** A servo limit error means the PCU motherboard is issuing the command to the motor driver PCB/servo amp to drive the relevant axis harder than it should under normal operation (the servo limit has been reached). This could be whilst the antenna is trying to maintain its pointing angle, or whilst the antenna is driving the axis to a target position.
- 2. **Stability Limit** A stability limit error means the antenna has mispointed from its desired target position by more than half a degree. When a stability limit error is flagged on a VSAT antenna the DAC will send the TX Mute command to inhibit the transmit function of the satellite modem (It's common to see the servo limit and stability limit errors together).
- 3. **AZ Reference Error** An azimuth reference error means there is a corrupt reading in the antennas relative scale. This could be caused by the system completing a 360 degree rotation without the sensor coming into contact with the home flag, the sensor coming into contact with the home flag too early, or a physical problem such as the belt slipping on the motor pulley or the pulley slipping on the motor shaft.

6.3. Troubleshooting Pedestal Errors – Servo and Stability Limit.

- 1. Reinitialize the pedestal; does it drive correctly or at all? If none of the axes drive verify the No and motor gain parameters ($N_1 = CL$, $N_2 = EL$ and $N_3 = AZ$) are correctly configured in the PCU through the Remote Command window of the DAC.
- 2. Verify the balance of the antenna and check for physical restrictions on the pedestal. If the axis isn't correctly balanced the PCU will be outputting additional drive commands to maintain the antennas level position.
- 3. If the motor isn't driving correctly, or no motor drive is present, test the motor for faults using the below procedure, If the motor is defective replace it and then retest the function of the antenna. If the axis still fails to drive correctly the defective motor may have damaged the motor driver PCB. Replace the PCU assembly.
- 4. Another potential problem could be a damaged or intermittent harness connection. Remove the harness back shells and verify all the pins are seated correctly, check continuity from pin to pin and also across the pins to verify there is no short in the connections.

6.4. Troubleshooting Pedestal Errors – Azimuth Reference Error.

- 1. Reinitialize the system and verify the sensor is activated by the home flag as the system drives clockwise in azimuth (the LED will illuminate). If not, verify if the home flag/sensor is present. If this is correct then it's a sensor/feedback failure.
- 2. Drive the azimuth axis in 90 degree increments and verify that the antenna points correctly and that the DAC displays the correct relative position. Also verify that there is no physical restriction on the azimuth axis such as the belt slipping on the motor pulley or the pulley slipping on the motor shaft.

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6.5. Test the Motor.

- 1. Check continuity between ground (the motor connector back shell) and the 3 driver outputs on pins 1, 2 and 3 of the harness.
- 2. Now check continuity between pins 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and the ground (the motor connector back shell).
- 3. Also check between the individual pins 1, 2 and 3 and the rest of the pins (i.e. test pin 1 to pin 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 and so on, not between pins 1 and 2, 1 and 3 or 2 and 3).
- 4. If there is any continuity measured on the steps mentioned above, the motor is defective (which would be highlighted by the diagnostic LEDs on the MDE). The antennas operation should be verified with a replacement motor. If normal operation doesn't return the MDE/PCU will require further troubleshooting.

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7. Replacing the Elevation Motor:

7.1. Tools.

- 2mm Flat Blade (Terminal) Screwdriver
- 5/32" Allen Wrench/Key
- 9/64" Allen Wrench/Key
- 1/16" Allen Wrench/Key
- Loctite 222, 242 and 638

7.2. Procedure.

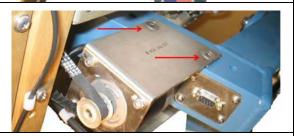
Procedure for replacing the XX10 Elevation Motor, Sea Tel part number: 134931 (motor part number: 116139-1)...

*CAUTION: Power down the pedestal before following this procedure.

1. Using a 2mm flat blade screwdriver, loosen the two retaining screws on the EL motor harness and remove it from the CL beam.



2. Using a 5/32" Allen wrench, remove the four Allen head screws attaching elevation motor bracket to CL beam and remove motor assembly.



- 3. Observe the cable orientation and remove the motor from the bracket. Using a 9/64" Allen wrench, remove the four Allen head screws attaching the motor to the bracket.
- 4. Apply Loctite 638 to the shaft of the replacement motor and fit the pulley in the same position as the one on the defective motor. Fit the set screws into the pulley with Loctite 222 using a 1/16" Allen wrench.
- *Note: For further information refer to the Loctite Procedure 121730 provided with this kit.
- 5. Install the replacement motor and cable onto the bracket (noting cable orientation). Install the hardware with Loctite 242, but do not tighten at this time.



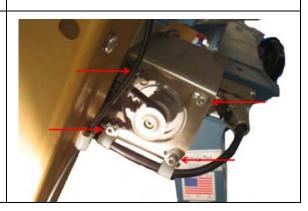
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- 6. Re-install the bracket onto the CL beam using two of the Allen head screws, do not fully tighten. Place the belt around the elevation drive sprocket and then elevation motor pulley then Install the other two Allen head screws and secure the motor bracket onto CL Beam using Loctite 242 on all four screws.
- 7. Increase the belt tension until the belt can only be easily twisted just ¼ turn with your fingers.



- 8. Reconnect the EL motor harness
- g. Rotate the reflector up and down and verify that the motor sprocket and the belt do not rub against the elevation pan and that the belt runs in-line with both sprockets.
- *Note: Failure of this step is normally due to incorrect sprocket placement on elevation motor assembly.



8. Replacing the XX10 Cross Level Motor:

8.1. Tools.

- 2mm Flat Blade (Terminal) Screwdriver
- 9/64" Allen Wrench/Key
- 1/16" Allen Wrench/Key
- Loctite 222, 242 and 638

8.2. Procedure.

Procedure for replacing the XX10 cross level motor, Sea Tel Kit part number: 134931 (motor part number: 116139-1).

*CAUTION: Power down the pedestal before following this procedure.

1. Using a 2mm flat blade screwdriver, loosen two retaining screws on the CL motor harness and remove it from the AZ post.



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2. Using a 9/64" Allen wrench, remove the four Allen head screws securing the CL motor to its bracket and remove it.



- 4. Apply Loctite 638 to the shaft of the replacement motor and fit the pulley in the same position as the one on the defective motor. Fit the set screws into the pulley with Loctite 222 using a 1/16" Allen wrench.
- *Note: For further information refer to the Loctite Procedure 121730 provided with this kit.
- 5. Install the replacement motor assembly onto the CL motor bracket with Loctite 242.
- 6. Loosen the four Allen head screws securing the CL motor bracket to the AZ post, complete removal of the hardware is not required.



- 7. Install the belt around the CL motor pulley and tension it by pulling the motor bracket down towards the antenna base and tighten the four screws with Loctite 242.
- 8. Increase the belt tension until the belt can only be easily twisted just ¼ turn with your fingers.



- 9. Rotate the CL beam from the CCW stop to the CW stop (Left to right) and verify the CL belt does not rub against the AZ post and runs in line with both sprockets.
- *Note: Failure of this step is normally due to incorrect sprocket placement on the CL motor shaft.



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