



ASIO-B

MINI ELECTRICAL UNMANNED AERIAL SYSTEM (UAS)

ASIO-B is a small, electric, Unmanned Aerial System (UAS), designed specifically for 'perch and stare' and surveillance roles. A ducted fan provides vertical take-off and landing (VTOL) from virtually any site, and delivers an endurance of almost 30 minutes. ASIO-B combines a maximum take-off weight of 8kg with a line-of-sight link range of 10km.

Typical applications are:

- IED/EOD location and identification
- Target acquisition
- Short range/over-the-hill surveillance and monitoring
- Battlement assessments
- Border protection
- Crowd control
- Hostage and siege situations
- Strategic intersection/crossroads surveillance
- Infrastructure monitoring and surveillance

ASIO-B is homologated and certified according to Italian Law AER.P-2 by the Italian General Air Force Armament Authority:

- STANAG 4703 (Edition 1) as certification base, adapted for ducted fan vehicles
- Pilot Program for the application and implementation of STANAG 4703 standard in NATO countries

The Command & Control software was developed and certified according to standard rule RTCA DO-178B: certification released as DAL (Development Assurance Level) at B level.

ASIO-B can be operated in automatic or semi-automatic modes. An automatic obstacle avoidance feature (programmed via the MUAS common Ground Command & Control Station) enables the platform to track along narrow paths.

The ASIO-B UAS is supplied with a standard stabilised gimbal with EO and/or IR cameras optionally supplied with laser range finder. The camera can be controlled independently of the platform, at any time during the flight.

In its standard configuration, an ASIO-B system (comprising three airframes) is supplied with:

- x2 Day/Night pan & tilt gimbal modules
- x1 infra-red/thermal pan & tilt gimbal module
- 1 Man portable Ground Command & Control Station (GCCS)
- Ancillary maintenance devices
- Spare parts kit

Different configuration and system mixes can be supplied according to specific requirements.

FEATURES AND CAPABILITIES

- Unique hovering and remote recovery
- One-man operation
- Obstacle avoidance
- P/Y GPS (SAASM) module (optional)
- All electric propulsion for safe transport, quiet operation and simple maintenance
- Pan and tilt stabilised gimbals
- Built in video enhancement features (stabilisation, visual tracking, target locking, mosaic-ing)
- Low life-cycle cost
- NATO standards compliant

GROUND COMMAND & CONTROL STATION (GCCS)

ASIO-B also includes the portable Ground Command & Control Station (GCCS) and associated antennas - common command & control component of all Selex ES unmanned aerial systems. The GCCS is a custom-designed control unit which includes all the sub-systems needed to operate the UAS and its payload.

The GCCS has an overall weight of 7kg and an endurance of approximately 2hrs. Components include:

- The Ground Data Terminal (GDT) houses both the RF terminals and the central CPU, along with with the storage memory. It is also equipped with a GPS receiver for locating the UAVs position.
- The Human Machine Interface (HMI) combines live video feed and a map overlay onto a single monitor. It also includes a 7" touch screen and flight controls.
- The Mission Controller (MCO) is an optional Payload Operator Station consisting of a rugged PC equipped with proprietary software that connects to the SCCV to displays the same telemetry and video. A payload operator working on this station is able to perform payload video processing, leaving the GCCS Operator (pilot) to focus on flying the UAS. The MCO can also be used for mission planning, map preparation and general C4I.

GCCS main functions

- Mission planning
- Map database management
- Command & Control of UAS through telemetry link
- Receipt of payload video through video link
- Navigation data and video recording
- Video processing (stabilisation, tracking, OSD)
- Storage of telemetry data and video stream

During operation, the GDT can be backpacked for ease of transportation or placed on the ground with an antenna support tripod. An Ethernet connection is available for real time video and data dissemination to a C4i network.

Software

The GCCS contains both commercial and custom software. The custom software is developed according to RTCA-DO178 level B.

Compliance

- STANAG 4586 via LAN
- STANAG 4545
- STANAG 4609

TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION

Diameter	1.37m
Height	0.6m
Maximum take off weight (MTOW)	< 8.5kg
Speed	28.8km/h
Endurance	Approximately 30 minutes (with rechargeable battery pack)
Operational altitude (AGL)	0-100m
Max Ceiling (ASL)	2100m
Electro optic payload	Two axis stabilised gimbal (<250 urad) Standard CCD sensor PAL resolution Visual angle: 5.4° - 50° (10x optical zoom) Daylight and twilight operation Laser Rangefinder 1500m (optional)
Infra-red payload	Two axis stabilised gimbal (<250 urad) Uncooled focal plane array Resolution: 320 x 240 pixel Frame rate: 25Hz Visual angle: > 35° Wavelength: 7.5 µm - 13.5µm Laser Rangefinder 1500m (optional)
Propulsion	Electrical (brushless) LIPO rechargeable battery pack
Radio link range	10Km line of sight (LOS)
Data link	Uplink/downlink - 4 patterns of hopping
Video link	Downlink - 4 selectable channels
Rain proof (MIL-STD-810F, 506.4)	10mm/hr
Operating temperature (MIL-STD-810F, 501.4 & 502.4)	-32 °C to 49 °C
Storage temperature (MIL-STD-810F, 501.4 & 502.4)	-32 °C to 49 °C

