



# GPS-302-A

## USER GUIDE

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The GPS-302-A is an active antenna designed to operate at the GPS L1 and L2 frequencies, 1575.42 and 1227.60 MHz. This guide provides the information needed to install and use the antenna.

### ADDITIONAL EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

- A device with an antenna input port that both receives the RF signal and provides 3.8 to 6.0 VDC to the antenna is required to set up the GPS-302-A. (NovAtel GNSS receivers provide the necessary power through their antenna RF connectors.)
- Coaxial cable with a male TNC connector

### INSTALLING THE ANTENNA



The integrator of this antenna is responsible for ensuring antenna installation meets all the overall integrated system requirements.



Refer to Section 307 of [www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory\\_Circular/AC%2043.13-2B.pdf](http://www.faa.gov/documentLibrary/media/Advisory_Circular/AC%2043.13-2B.pdf) for information about antenna bonding in aircraft applications.

Both the input DC power and the output RF signal flow over a single coaxial cable connected to the antenna's TNC female connector.

The antenna is attached to a surface by means of an ARINC-743 Bolt Pattern. Four screws pass through the housing of the antenna.

Install the antenna as follows:

1. Place the o-ring into groove on the GPS-302-A base (o-ring supplied).



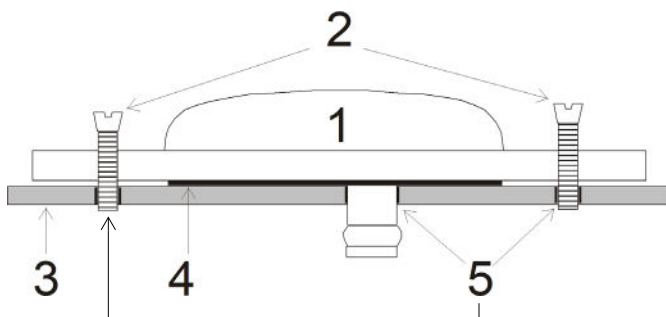
User-supplied o-ring grease can be used to hold the o-ring in the groove during installation.

2. Drill the mounting holes and the connector hole on the surface. Refer to the *Mechanical Drawings* section of this guide for details on the ARINC-743 mounting pattern.



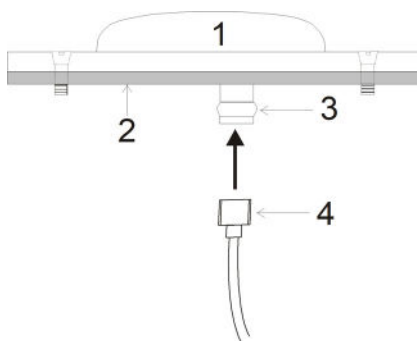
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3. Attach the antenna to the surface using the four mounting screws supplied. The o-ring will compress and create a seal between the surface and the antenna.



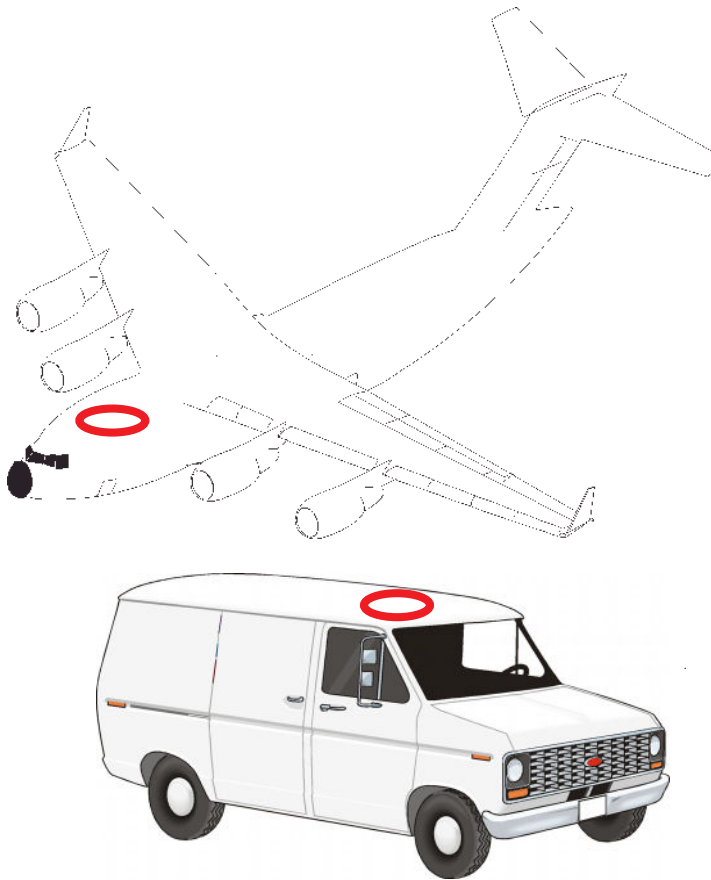
Ref. #	Description
1	Antenna
2	Countersink screws
3	Mounting surface
4	O-ring
5	Drilled mounting holes

4. Remove the dust cap from the antenna's TNC connector.
5. Attach the male TNC connector of the coaxial cable to the antenna's TNC connector.



Ref.#	Description
1	Antenna screwed into place
2	Surface
3	TNC connector (male)
4	Coaxial cable (female)

6. Attach the other end of the coaxial cable to the antenna input port of the receiving device. The receiving device must be able to provide power as detailed in the *SPECIFICATIONS* section of this guide. All NovAtel GNSS receivers provide the necessary power through their antenna RF connectors.



The graphic above shows examples of where the GPS-302-A antenna may be located on an aircraft or vehicle (not to scale).

## ANTENNA CARE

The GPS-302-A is designed to withstand the elements, including rain, snow and dust. However, to ensure your antenna performs optimally, keep the radome clean and brush off any ice and snow. In addition, ensure the TNC connector remains clean and dry and replace the dust cap when a cable is not connected.



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## SPECIFICATIONS

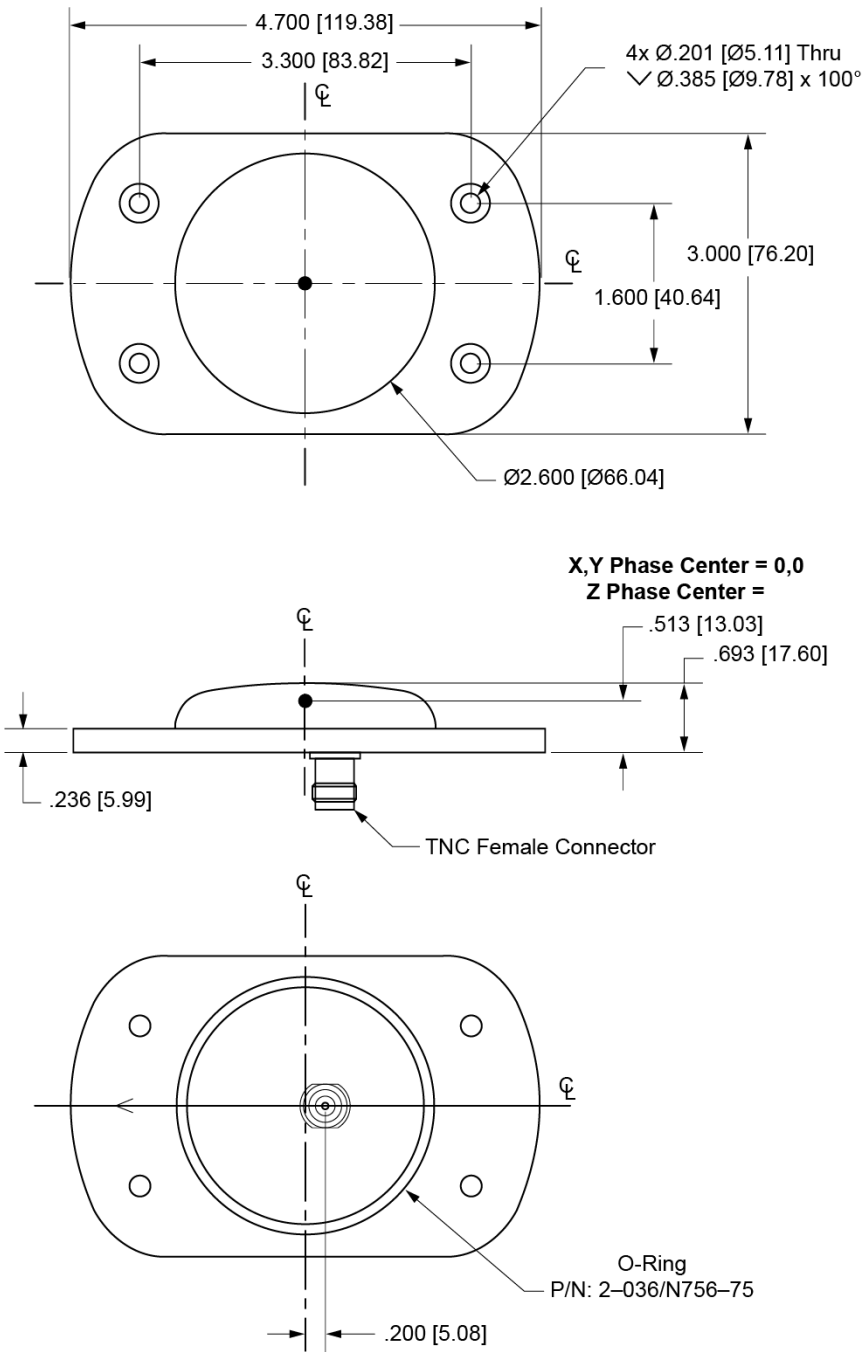
<b><i>RF</i></b>	
Operational Band (typical)	L1: 1575.42 ±10 MHz L2: 1227.60 ±10 MHz
LNA gain (typical)	L1: 26 dB L2: 29 dB
Polarization	Right-hand circular
Noise figure (typical)	3.5 dB
Nominal impedance	50 Ω
VSWR	≤ 2.0 : 1
<b><i>POWER</i></b>	
Input voltage	3.8 – 6.0 VDC
Current (typical)	<60 mA @ 5V
<b><i>PHYSICAL</i></b>	
Dimensions	W: 76.20 mm / 3.000" L: 119.38 mm / 4.700" H: 17.60 mm / 0.693"
Weight	191 g (6.8 oz.)
<b><i>ENVIRONMENTAL</i></b>	
Maximum altitude	21,336 m (70,000 ft.)
Operating temperature	-40°C to +85°C (-40°F to +185°F)
Storage temperature	-55°C to +85°C (-67°F to +185°F)
Designed to meet these standards	DO-160D, MIL-C-5541, MIL-E-5400, MIL-I-45208A and MIL-STD-810



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MECHANICAL DRAWINGS

Dimensions are in inches  
followed by [mm]



## PHASE CENTER

Please refer to the *Mechanical Drawings* before reading this section.


HEIGHT = Vertical phase center offset from antenna reference point or antenna reference plane (ARP), see the *MECHANICAL DRAWINGS* section of this guide.

For relative offset numbers and phase center variation (PCV) tables, please visit the U.S. National Geodetic Survey (NGS) website at [www.ngs.noaa.gov/ANTCAL/](http://www.ngs.noaa.gov/ANTCAL/). Look for ANTCOM ACC42G1215A\_XT1.

Please check our website for updates to this manual at [www.novatel.com/Downloads/docupdates.html](http://www.novatel.com/Downloads/docupdates.html) and the websites mentioned above.

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## WEEE

If you purchased a GPS-302-A antenna in Europe, return it to your dealer or supplier at the end of its life. The objectives of the European Community's environment policy are, in particular, to preserve, protect and improve the quality of the environment, protect human health and utilise natural resources prudently and rationally. Sustainable development advocates the reduction of wasteful consumption of natural resources and the prevention of pollution. Waste electrical and electronic equipment (WEEE) is a regulated area. Where the generation of waste cannot be avoided, it should be reused or recovered for its material or energy. WEEE products may be recognized by their wheeled bin label (.

See [www.novatel.com/products/compliance/environmental-compliance/](http://www.novatel.com/products/compliance/environmental-compliance/) for more information.

## ROHS

The GPS-302-A is compliant with the European Union (EU) Restriction of Hazardous Substances (RoHS) Directive 2011/65/EU.

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GNSS Antenna™ Modules:	One (1) Year
Cables and Accessories:	Ninety (90) Days

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