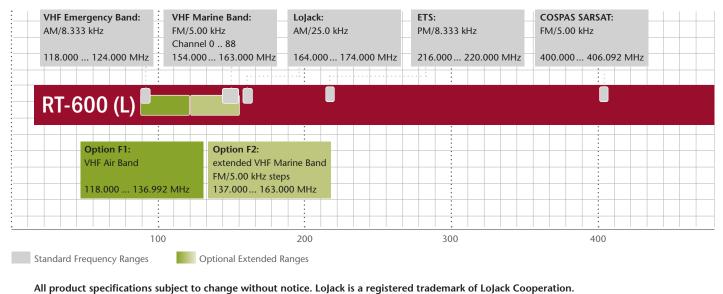


- Modern and advanced wideband direction finding system for airborne applications
- Easy installation, no RF cable connection required
- Extremely compact and robust antenna
- Short response time due to high antenna rotation frequency
- Compact 80 mm display unit fits into a standard aircraft instrument
- NVIS Green B compatible Display Control Unit for NVG cockpit available

- Auto-scan of all COSPAS-SARSAT channels within 400 ms
- Decoding/display of the COSPAS-SARSAT messages
- Fast scan function of complete marine ship
- LoJack reply code decoding
- Law Enforcement scan mode for autodetection of active Lolack and ETS transmitters
- Auxiliary automatic squelch mode for easy operation

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#### FM/5.00 kHz steps AM/8.333 kHz steps AM/25.0 kHz steps PM/8.333 kHz steps Channel 0 .. 88 154.000 ... 163.000 MHz 400.000... 406.092 MHz RT-600 (A) M/8.33 kHz steps FM/5.00 kHz steps AM/25.0 kHz steps FM/5.00 kHz steps 18.000 ... 136.992 MHz 137.000 ... 224.995 MHz 225.000 ... 399.975 MHz 406.100... 470.000 MHz Standard Frequency Ranges Optional Extended Ranges





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Wideband Radio Direction Finder

RT-600 (SAR-DF 517) **SAR & Law Enforcement** 

to locate and decode **COSPAS-SARSAT** 



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**Frequency options** 

## The product

The RT-600/SAR-DF 517 is an advanced wideband radio direction finder system for airborne applications, capable of capturing and indicating directions to any source of an emergency signal on VHF, UHF, all nineteen 406 MHz COSPAS-SARSAT frequencies and all 88 maritime channels. The system can be extended by additional frequency bands to cover a frequency range from 118

to 470 MHz at its full stage of extension. For the airborne law enforcement community, RHOTHETA developed a special law enforcement version of RT-600/SAR-DF 517 which supports LoJack Stolen Vehicle Recovery Technology by providing the direction to the target and displaying the LoJack reply code. It is also capable of tracking the Electronic Tracking System (ETS) beacons.

The sophisticated software provides significantly improved tracking capability over conventional tracking equipment. It reduces search time without external support.

RHOTHETA's reliable airborne direction finders have been proved in thousands of missions worldwide under practically all climatic conditions.



### **Technical data**

Method of bearing:	Doppler principle (3 kHz rotational frequency, right / left rotation)		
Bearing accuracy:	±5° RMS¹		
Internal resolution:	1°		
Bearing Sensitivity:	VHF Air/Emergency: VHF Marine: UHF Emergency and ETS: COSPAS-SARSAT LoJack Decoding (50 % Message Error Rate) and bearing:	$\leq 2.5 \ \mu V/m$ $\leq 2.5 \ \mu V/m$ $\leq 4 \ \mu V/m$	(typical) (typical) (typical)
Erequency stability:		<u>'</u>	,
Frequency stability: Reception frequencies, SAR version (standard):	±2.0 ppm (b,.f/f = ±2 X 10·6)  VHF Emergency Band:  VHF Marine Band:  UHF Emergency Band:  UHF FM-Band:  COSPAS-SARSAT:	118.000 to 124.000 MHz (control of the state	5.00 kHz steps, FM) 25.00 kHz steps, AM) 5.00 kHz steps, FM)
Additional Frequency Options:			
	F1 VHF Air Band: F2 extended VHF Marine Band: F3 extended UHF Air Band: F4 additional UHF FM Band:	118.000 to 136.992 MHz (	5.00 kHz steps, FM) 25.00 kHz steps, AM)
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	F2 extended VHF Marine Band	·	5.00 kmz steps, FMI)
COSPAS-SARSAT freq.: COSPAS-SARSAT Fast scan mode: COSPAS-SARSAT decoding:	Channels A to S (406.022 to 406.076 MHz)  Full automatic detection of any active COSPAS-SARSAT channel A to S within 400 ms  Reception and decoding of COSPAS-SARSAT data signal (112 or 144 bit, 400 baud, biphase L encoded, phase modulation, with Bose-Chaudhuri-Hocquenghem error-correcting code, specified according to COSPAS-SARSAT C/S T.001 October 1999)		
LoJack decoding:	Selectable LoJack ID display and	selective active filtering	
Special scanning modes:	Complete maritime ship band scanning within 3 s		
Bearable modulation:	A3E, F3E, A3X (ELT modulation), FI D, G2D, COSPAS-SARSAT Bearing largely independent of modulation		
Polarization: Polarization error: Garbling cone:	Vertical  ≤ 5° at 60° field vector rotation  Approx. 30° to the vertical		
Response time <sup>2</sup> :	≤ 50 ms (with sufficient reception	on rieia strength)	

With undisturbed wave field and sufficient field strength. Measured by changing the angle of incidence with the antenna rotating

LC-graphic display: 128 x 64 pixels, supertwist / transflective, extended range of temperature, dark-blue display on yellow-green background, background light. NVG cockpit design: Freely adjustable (exponential) dimming of brightness Operating voltage: Fully compatible NVIS Green B display Control Unit optional Current consumption: 27.5 V nominal / 12 to 35 V DC LCD-background light off: max. 500 mA (12 V DC) / 250 mA (24 V DC) LCD-background light 100 %: max. 750 mA (12 V DC) / 350 mA (24 V DC) LCD-background light 100 %, NVG option: max. 900 mA (12 V DC) / 400 mA (24 V DC) External speaker approx. 2 W (4  $\Omega$ ) Audio out: Maximum output voltage approx. 8 V pp at maximum volume Serial interface RS-232 (9600 baud, 8 data bits, 1 stop bit, no parity) Interface: Analog dimming input voltage for legends Night/NVG input dimming line for LCD-background light - NVIS Display Options:

# **Examples of different DCU pages**



COSPAS-SARSAT scanning



COSPAS-SARSAT decoding

- ARING 429 Adapter

- Ramp Tester



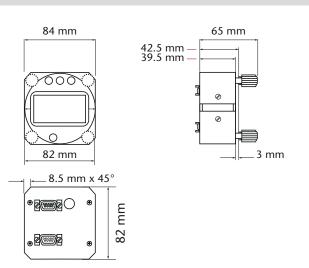
- Antenna light weight version for UAV (RT-600 Light)

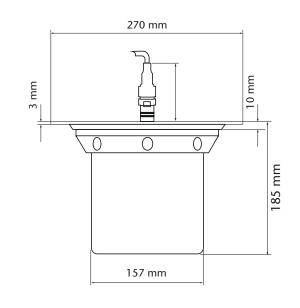


Frequency selection LoJack ID for selective filter F

### Mechanical characteristics

	Display Control Unit (DCU):	Antenna Unit (AU):
Weight:	Approx. 250 g	Approx. 2,000 g
Operating temperature:	-20°C to +60°C	-40°C to +60°C
Storage temperature:	-30°C to +80°C	-55°C to +80°C
Ingress protection:		IP 67
Dimensions:	82 mm x 82 mm x 43 mm	Ø 270 mm x 185 mm





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Very weak signals can increase response time considerably!

on a revolving table in order to eliminate environmental influences on the results. No modulation.