APPENDIX B - MOUNT SPECIFIC DATA For ANDREW Trifold

This appendix describes RC3000 operations unique for Andrew 3.7/4.5m. Trifold mounts equipped with the VS-1 Antenna Interface Unit (AIU). Differences between this version and the operation described in the "baseline" RC3000 manual are noted on a paragraph by paragraph basis.

Manual Organization

This appendix is provided as a supplement to the baseline RC3000 manual.

RC3000 Features - Configuration

A RC3000D version of hardware is required for this mount. The mount model will be designated as N1.

Software will be designated as RC3K-N1-xxx

1.3.1 Controller Description

The model RC3000D differs from a baseline RC3000 in the following ways:

RESOLVER BOARD. A resolver to digital conversion board has been added to the baseline RC3000 hardware. A schematic of this board is shown in section 4.2.

VS-1 COMMAND BOARD. In place of a DC Motor Control module, a VS-1 command board is used to generate drive signals to the VS-1 AIU. A schematic of this board is shown in section 4.2.

1.3.2 System Interface Requirements

The interface requirements for this mount are very similar to the "standard" RC3000 interface described in the baseline manual. The main difference are:

- instead of generating drive voltage from the controller, the RC3000D generates drive commands to the VS-1 AIU. The VS-1 will then generate the actual drive voltage to the mount.

- limit switch inputs from the mount are interpreted by the VS-1. The RC3000D allows for the setting of "software limits".

- azimuth, elevation and polarization resolver position feedback is passed through the VS-1 to the RC3000D

The RC3000D essentially looks like an Andrew APC-100 or APC-300 controller to the VS-1 AIU.

1.3.3 Operational Overview

The operation of the N1 version is almost identical to that described in the baseline manual. Differences will be noted in the appropriate paragraphs.

1.3.7 Drive System

Position Sensing and Limits. Azimuth, elevation and polarization software limits are implemented.

Jam and Runaway Sensing. Jammed and runaway sensing is based on resolver counts.

2.1.4 Inclinometer Orientation

For the Trifold mount (N1), the inclinometer should be 15 degrees clockwise beyond vertical when the reflector is at the 60.0 degree look (RF) angle position.

2.2 Electrical Connections

2.2.1 Power Entry

The RC3000D uses a 1 Amp fast-blow fuse. Note: this smaller value fuse may be used since the RC3000D does not generate the actual drive voltage.

2.2.2 Motor Drive

J7 generates drive signals to the VS-1 AIU per the following table.

J7 PIN	VS-1 Drive Signal
А	AZ – EAST
В	AZ – WEST
С	AZ – FAST
D	AZ – SLOW
Е	EL – DOWN
F	EL –UP
G	EL – FAST
Н	EL – SLOW
J	POL – CCW
К	POL – CW
L	AZ + EAST
М	POL + CW

2.2.4 Limit Switches

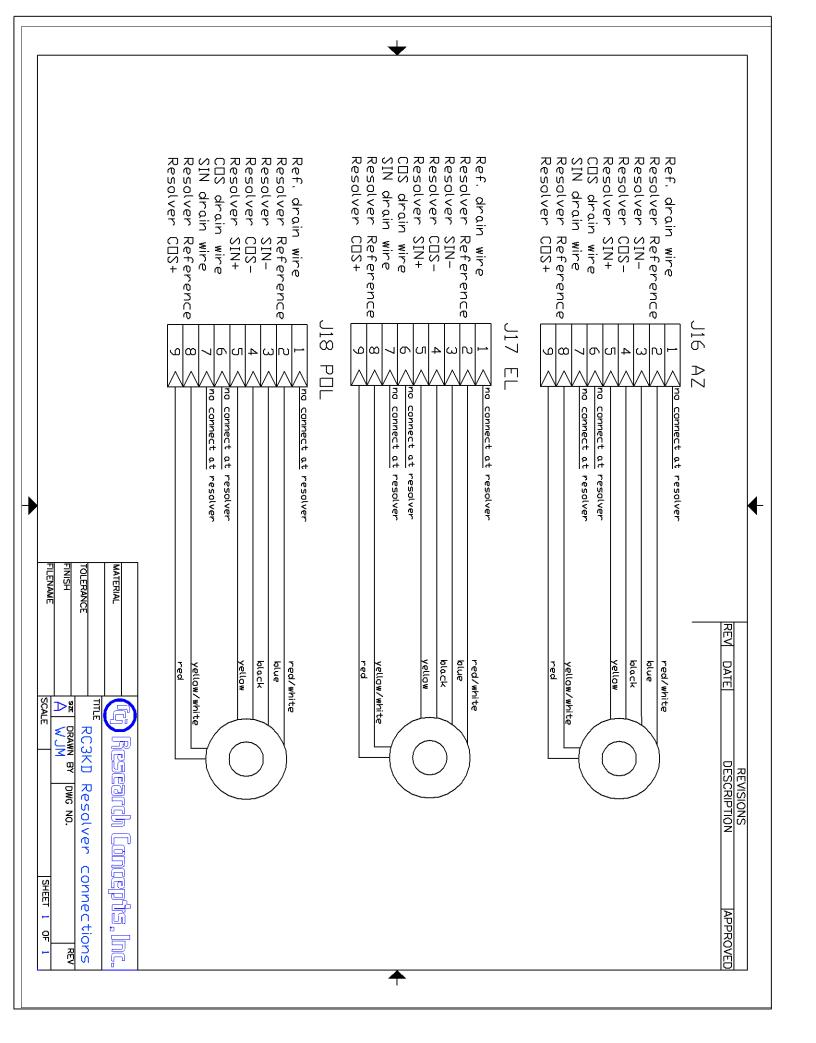
No limit switch indications come to the RC3000D from the mount. All limit switch inputs are hardwired inside the RC3000D.

2.2.10 Pulse Sensor

J4 is used for the polarization resolver input.

2.2.12 Waveguide Switch

J16 is used for the Azimuth Resolver interface. J17 is used for the Elevation Resolver interface. J18 is used for the Polarization Resolver interface.



2.3.2 Elevation Calibration

Sensor Polarity. The inclinometer should increase in voltage when going up, elevation resolver count should also increase.

Elevation Reference Position. Both the inclinometer and elevation resolver should be calibrated while the reflector is at the 60.0 degree RF look angle (i.e. the elevation reference position).

With the inclinometer oriented as described in 2.1.4 the elevation reference voltage should be approximately 2.70 volts.

Rotate the elevation resolver until a raw resolver angle of approximately 180.0 degrees in seen in the MAINTENANCE-VOLTS screen. Lock the elevation resolver in place and observe the raw resolver angle. Subtract 60.0 from this observed angle and enter it as the elevation resolver offset (see 3.3.1.2.2).

2.3.3 Azimuth Calibration.

The only position sensor on the azimuth axis is the resolver.

Sensor Polarity. Azimuth resolver "counts" should increase as the mount rotates clockwise. If it does not, the polarity may be changed by setting the azimuth resolver reverse flag.

Azimuth Reference Position. - Position the mount at the azimuth stow position as exactly as possible. Loosen and adjust the azimuth resolver to be as close to 180 degrees (seen at a/d volts screen 3.3.2.1) as possible. The azimuth resolver offset will be 0.0 - "raw resolver angle".

Azimuth Limits. This version of the RC3000 implements "software" limits. The azimuth CW and CCW pulse limits (3.3.1.3.3) should be set to values that reflect the azimuth resolver count values near the end of azimuth travel. When the RC3000 senses that the azimuth axis has reached these values, it will generate a "software" limit condition even though the actual hardware limit has not been reached. If the user does not want to use the "software limit" feature, set these configuration items to values outside the range of normal azimuth travel.

2.3.4 Polarization Calibration.

Since the polarization axis uses a resolver for feedback, its calibration will be performed the same way as the azimuth axis.

2.4.4 Pulse Scale Factors.

This step in not applicable to the RC3000D. The correct scale factor for resolver "counts" of 10,431 counts per radian is set as the default in software.

3.2.1 Manual Mode.

The scroll up key will switch the display between azimuth, elevation and polarization angles to resolver "counts". The azimuth and polarization angles are generated as a function of the resolver feedback. Elevation angle represents true mount elevation based on feedback from the inclinometer.

3.3.1.2.2 Elevation Calibration.

In addition to the normal inclinometer calibration items, two elevation resolver calibration items are included.

REF_V:1.69	OFF:	0.0	CONFIG-ELEV
DOWN: 0	UP:	90.0	SF:50.00
LOOK:1	RES:	0.0	REV:0
SET REFEREN	NCE VO	OLTAGE	<0.50 - 3.50>

RES: ELEV RESOLVER OFFSET<+/-300.00 DEGREES>

The elev_resolver_offset configuration item defines the offset to be applied to the angle read directly from the elevation resolver for the purpose of displaying elevation angle. Example: If when at the elevation reference (reflector vertical) position the raw elevation resolver angle reads 122.0, a elev_resolver_offset of -100.0 will result in a resolver based elevation angle of 22.0.

REV: ELEV RESOLVER<0-NORMAL 1-REVERSED>

The elev_resolver_reversed configuration item defines whether the polarity of the elevation resolver matches that of the RC3000 resolver circuitry. If the raw elevation resolver angle decreases as the mount moves up, the elev_resolver_reversed item must be described as reversed.

3.3.1.2.3 Azimuth Calibration

In addition to the normal azimuth calibration items, two azimuth resolver calibration items are included. No azimuth reference_voltage item is displayed since no azimuth potentiometer is present.

OFF: 0.0 CONFIG-AZIM CCW:180 CW:180 RES: 0.0 REV:0 AZIM RESOLVER OFFSET<+/-300.00 DEGREES>

RES: AZIM RESOLVER OFFSET<+/-300.00 DEGREES>

The azim_resolver_offset configuration item defines the offset to be applied to the angle read directly from the azimuth resolver for the purpose of displaying azimuth angle. Example: If when at the azimuth stow position the raw azimuth resolver angle reads 181.3, a azim_resolver_offset of -181.3 will result in a resolver based azimuth angle of 0.0.

REV: ELEV RESOLVER<0-NORMAL 1-REVERSED>

The elev_resolver_reversed configuration item defines whether the polarity of the elevation resolver matches that of the RC3000 resolver circuitry. If the raw elevation resolver angle decreases as the mount moves up, the elev_resolver_reversed item must be described as reversed.

3.3.1.3.2 Azimuth Pot Drive

Since no potentiometer exists on the azimuth axis, these items actually are used to tune azimuth movements based on angles derived from the resolver feedback.

3.3.1.3.3 Azimuth Pulse Drive 3.3.1.3.6 Elevation Pulse Drive

The items on the Pulse Drive screens are actually used to tune drive movements based on resolver "counts". The resolver counts are used in the same fashion as pulse counts are used for making precise movements (during tracking, recall) of the mount.

NOTE: the azimuth and elevation pulses_per_radian values are set to 10,431. This is the number of resolver counts per radian.

360 degrees / 65536 total counts = 0.005493164 degrees/count or 182.044 counts/degree.

182.044 counts/degree * 57.29 degrees/radian = 10431 counts/radian

3.3.1.3.4 Azimuth Drive Monitoring

3.3.1.3.7 Elevation Drive Monitoring

The items on the Drive Monitoring screens are actually used to tune drive movements based on resolver "counts". The resolver counts are used in the same fashion as pulse counts are used for making precise movements of the mount.

3.3.2.1 Analog to Digital Voltages

In addition to the normal voltages displayed this screen also shows "raw resolver" angles and counts.

AZ: 1.114 181.30 33004 AD VOLTAGES EL: 1.143 1 122.30 22264 POL:2.237 181.30 33044 SIG: 3.756(1) <1>RF <2>SS1 <3>SS2 <4>GND

The azimuth, elevation and polarization resolver angles and counts displayed are read directly from the resolvers without being biased by offset terms. The displayed values will reflect if the azimuth, elevation or polarization resolver polarity has been reversed.

3.3.1.2 Reset Defaults

The following table supplies the default configuration item values for each model of mount.

Space has also been provided to record installation specific changes to the configuration items. Note: recording of installation specific changes to defaults may prove valuable when trying to restore system configuration.

CONFIGURATION ITEM	N1			INSTALL VALUE
SYSTEM DEFINITION		I		17/202
GPS_present	1			
Compass_present	1			
Mode	2			
antenna_size_cm	450			
Waveguide_Switch_Present	0			
AZIMUTH CALIBRATION				
Azim_offset	0.0			
ccw_azim_limit	165			
Cw_azim_limit	165			
Resolver Offset	-180.0			
Resolver Direction	0			
ELEVATION CALIBRATION		I		
Zero Voltage	270			
Elev_offset	0.0			
Up_elev_limit	90			<u> </u>
Down_elev_limit	0			
Elevation_Scale_Factor	50.00			
Resolver Offset	-120.0			
Resolver Direction	0			
Elevation_look_configuration	1			
POLARIZATION CAL				
Resolver Offset	-180.0			
Resolver Direction	0			
Polarization_Offset	0.0			
CW Polarization Limit	90.0			
CCW Polarization Limit	90.0			
Polarization_type	90.0			
H/V_Reference				
Default Horizontal Position	-45.0			
Default Vertical Position	45.0			
Pol Automove Enable	45.0			
SIGNAL PARAMETERS	<u> </u>	l		
Channel 1 Polarity	1		1	
Channel 1 Threshold	100			
	0.1			
Channel 1 Delay Channel 1 Lock Type				
	0			
Channel 2 Polarity Channel 2 Threshold				
	100			
Channel 2 Delay	0.1			
Channel 2 Lock Type	0			
AUTOPEAK			1	
Autopeak Enabled	0		<u> </u>	
Signal Source	1			
RF Band	1			
Spiral Search AZ Limit	3			
Spiral Search EL Limit	3			
Spiral Signal Threshold	200			
Scan Range Limit	8			
Scan Signal Threshold	200			

CONFIGURATION ITEM	N1				INSTALL VALUE
AZIMUTH POT DRIVE					TALUL
Fast/Slow Threshold	0.3				
Maximum Position Error	0.1				
Coast Threshold	0.1				
Maximum Retry Count	3				
AZIMUTH PULSE DRIVE					
Pulse Scale Factor	10431				
CW Pulse Limit	63000				
CCW Pulse Limit	2000				
Fast/Slow Threshold	50				
Maximum Position Error	0				
Coast Threshold	3				
Maximum Retry Count	3				
AZIM DRIVE MONITORING		I		_	
Jam Slop	1				
Runaway Slop	200				
Fast Deadband	1000				
Slow Deadband	500				
ELEV POT DRIVE	- F F		·		•
Fast/Slow Threshold	0.8				
Maximum Position Error	0.2				
Coast Threshold	0.4				
Maximum Retry Count	3				
ELEV PULSE DRIVE					
Pulse Scale Factor	10431				
UP Pulse Limit	39000				
Down Pulse Limit	21000				
Fast/Slow Threshold	100				
Maximum Position Error	0				
Coast Threshold	3				
Maximum Retry Count	3				
ELEV DRIVE MONITORING					
Jam Slop	1				
Runaway Slop	200				
Fast Deadband	1000				
Slow Deadband	500				
POL POT DRIVE					
Fast/Slow Threshold	2.0				
Maximum Position Error	0.5				
Coast Threshold	0.3				
Maximum Retry Count	3				
POL DRIVE MONITORING					
Jam Slop	1				
Runaway Slop	200				
Fast Deadband	1000				
Slow Deadband	500				

CONFIGURATION ITEM	N1			INSTALL VALUE
TRACK				VALUE
Search Enable	0			
Max Track Error	3			
Search Width	4			
Peakup Holdoff Time	120			
Track Signal Source	2			
Signal Sample Time	2			
REMOTE CONTROL				
Remote Enabled	1			
Bus Address	50			
Baud Rate	6			
STOW / DEPLOY				
AZ STOW	0.0			
EL STOW	95.0			
PL STOW	0.0			
AZ DEPLOY	0.0			
EL DEPLOY	60.0			
PL DEPLOY	0.0			
PL ENABLED	0			

4.2 schematics

