

XENON ION Propulsion System (XIPS®)

Thrusters and Power Processing Units

Stellant has been a world leader in the development and production of Thrusters, Xenon Ion Propulsion Systems (XIPS®) for more than fifty years. Stellant currently has more than 152 25 cm ion thrusters in orbit.

KEY FEATURES

- * Space-Qualified, Proven Reliability
- * Produces thrust 10X more efficiently than conventional chemical combustion
- * Reduces spacecraft on board propellant requirement by 90%
- * Unmatched efficiency and precision in station keeping
- * Two Operating Modes: (25 cm)
 - High Power - (4.5 kW) for Orbit Raising
 - Low Power - (2.2 kW) for Station Keeping



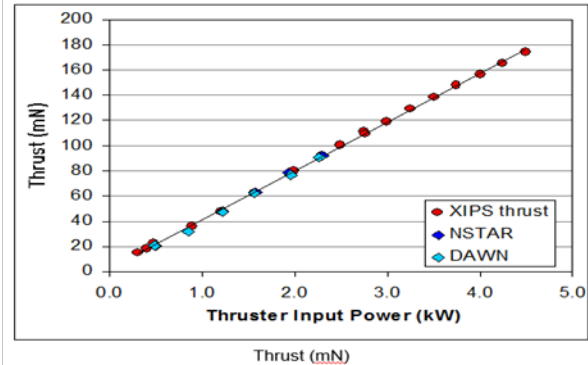
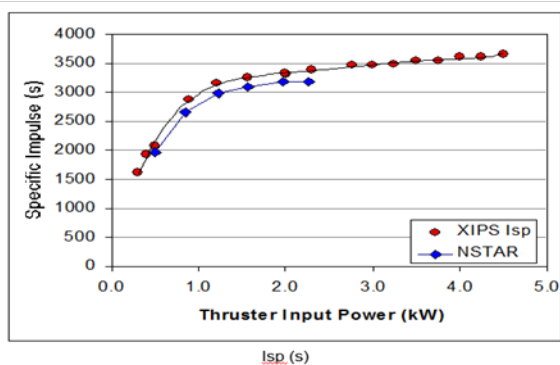
25cm XIPS® Thruster



30cm XIPS® Thruster

Thruster	8 cm	13 cm	25 cm	25 cm	30 cm	30 cm
Input Power to Thruster (W)	250 - 550	450	2000	4250	2274	480
Thrust Efficiency (%)	50% @ 500W	48	69	71	61	40
Specific Impulse (s)	1500 - 3000	2390	3400	3550	3280	1950
Thrust (mN)	6-14	18	79	165	92	19
Xenon Mass Flow (mg/s)	0.3 – 0.45	0.71	2.36	4.71	2.86	1.02
Acceptance Test Temperature (°C)	-40 to +160	-100 – +162	-40 – +183	-40 – +183	-98 – +143	-98 – +143
Weight (Kg)	3 – 3.5	6.2	13.7	13.7	8.2	8.2

25 cm Thruster Extended NSTAR Performances





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The Power Processing Unit (PPU) controls the thruster and interfaces with the satellite system by taking raw satellite bus power and conditions this power to the power levels needed by the thruster.

The PPU also provides timing and sequencing for thruster on and off commands, performs fault-protection to avoid damage to the thruster and any of the spacecraft components, and provides telemetry for measuring thruster performance and subsystem state of health.



25cm XIPS® PPU



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Power Supply	8 cm	13 cm	25 cm	25 cm	30 cm	30 cm
Input Power to Power Supply (W)	250-550	530	2200	4500	2500	540
Efficiency (%)	89	86	92	94	92	89
Input Bus Voltage (V)	28-100	49-53	97-103	97-103	80-145	80-145
Size (cm)	21x16x21	28x20x44	21x54x35	21x54x35	37x49.6x8.3	37x49.6x8.3
Acceptance Test Temperature (°C)	-11 – +79	-24 – +71	-11 – +79	-11 – +79	-20 – +55	-20 – +55
Weight (Kg)	7	14.6	21.3	21.3	14	14

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