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CARRIE (M7245) Highlights

- DARPASAT (U) conceived as experimental satellite providing direct support to warfighters.
 - > Planned mission lifetime = 1 year: Actual = 8 years until re-entry.
- Spinning platform geolocated selected targets in 100 850 MHz band.
- Provides on-board recognition, geolocation determination and report generation.
- Demonstrated that a spaceborne collector could be operated as an organic asset for fielded military users
 - > Rapid, direct & assured tasking
 - Immediate access to all data collected
- On orbit operational software was fully reloadable.
 - > 2 complete uploads of enhanced software increased throughput & recognition capability.
- ♦ Launched as rideshare on 1st TAURUS March 13, 1994; 1st day antenna deployment
- CARRIE has provided a unique collection capability at low frequencies.
 - Found evidence of heritage Soviet systems still operating in Cuba.
 - Geolocated previously uncopied, unidentified emitters in Russia, North Korea, Cuba, Chechnya, Bosnia, Serbia, Afganistan.
- EDO(AIL) designed & built complete payload: flat spiral antennas, receivers, processor hardware & software.
- Ball Aerospace provided inertially spinning bus
- ~24 month, ~\$35M build program

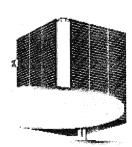
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CARRIE Payload Characteristics





Frequency Range:

Frequency Accuracy:

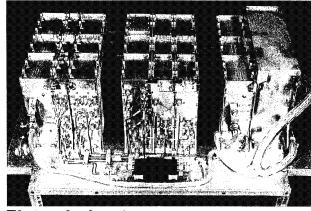
Frequency Bandwidth:

Geolocation Accuracy:

Detectable Ground ERP:

Modulations:

Payload Electronics:



Two Flat spiral antennas

Two superheterodyne receiver channels Processor using C30 CPUs @ ~3 MIPS

100 to 850 MHz

1 KHz

12.5, 50, or 100 KHz (Selectable)

(Typical with 0.4° attitude accuracy)

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As Low As

60 pounds; 60 watts

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