

MX-12D SKYBALL II™

SMALL, LIGHTWEIGHT DESIGNATING TURRET

SONOMA MX-12D SERIES STABILIZED IMAGING SYSTEMS

The Sonoma MX-12D Skyball II sets the performance and value standard in low-weight turrets with laser designation capability. At 55 lbs, the Sonoma MX-12D is half the weight of competitive mid-sized turrets. The Sonoma MX-12D delivers exceptional mission performance through advanced stabilization, magnification and laser integration. The Sonoma MX-12D has:

- Longest EO/IR recognition and identification stand off ranges in its weight class with:
 - Larger aperture optics that are specifically optimized for resolution
 - Highest line-of-sight stability, preserving resolution and pointing accuracy in the aircraft flight environment
 - Real time, Local Area Contrast Enhancement (LACE) imagery processing
- Versatile, efficient, dual channel, laser rangefinder/designator
 - Performs target acquisition for on-board or remotely fired laser guided weapons such as the HELLFIRE missile
 - Powerful, low divergence targeting capability with mission selectable symbology
 - Supports all tri-service and NATO qualified laser-guided munitions
- Onboard high-performance Inertial Measurement Unit (IMU) for more accurate target GEO-Location
 - Turret provides coordinates of the image being viewed
 - Superior to turrets that use an offboard IMU
- Designed for optimum balance of cost and mission performance
 - Engineered to military environmental and EMI/EMC requirements



KEY FEATURES

- Precision day/night/adverse weather target acquisition
- MX GEO technology with IMU-Inside technology that delivers maximum location accuracy facilitating GEO-Pointing, GEO-Location, GEO-Focus, and GEO targeting
- Reliable, small divergence diode pumped laser designation
- Designates stationary or moving targets at extended ranges
- Large-format IR FPA with step zoom magnification
- Continuous zoom color camera



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WHEN THE MISSION MATTERS

SENSOR #1 - HIGH MAGNIFICATION IR THERMAL IMAGER

Type 3rd generation, 3–5 µm InSb staring array

FIELDS OF VIEW

Format	Resolution	Wide	Medium	Narrow	Very Narrow
Large	640 x 512 FLIR	27.60°	6.0°	1.1°	0.55° (digital)

SENSOR #2 - COLOR DAYLIGHT WITH ZOOM LENS

Type 1 CCD color

Resolution 470 TVL

Fields of View 2.00° to 27.60° (optical)
0.65° to 2.00° (digital)

OR — LASER ILLUMINATOR

Laser Type Erbium glass

Wavelength 860 nm

Modes Continuous or pulsed

Output Power Up to 800 mW (continuous)

SENSOR #3 - LASER RANGEFINDER-DESIGNATOR

2-channel, allows ranging while designating

RANGEFINDER (EYE-SAFE)

Laser Type Erbium glass (ANSI Class 1)

Wavelength 1.535 µm

Pulse Rate 60 PPM

Range 15 km min.

Range Accuracy ±5 m

Range Resolution 2 m

DESIGNATOR

Laser Type Nd:YAG (ANSI Class 4)

Wavelength 1.064 µm

Pulse Rate 10 Hz & 20 Hz

Pulse Width 11 ns min. (FWHM)

Beam Divergence 210 µrad max.

Range 20 km based on environmental
and target conditions



ADVANTAGES

- Less than 55 lbs
- IMU-Inside
- Direct replacement of mid-sized turrets
- MX-GEO
- Modular payload
- Premium range performance

BENEFITS

- Best performance per pound
 - Mid-sized range performance in a small turret
- IMU-Inside
 - High accuracy GEO-Location and rock-solid stabilization using IMU-Inside technology
- MIL STD engineering
 - Designed to meet MIL-STD-810, MIL-STD-704 and MIL-STD-461 standards
- Flexible installation
 - Incorporates mounting and cable adapters to facilitate replacement of legacy mid-sized turrets

Local Area Contrast Enhancement (LACE)



Without LACE processing



With LACE processing

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