

## communications solutions

## **Spiral Antenna Series**

ARA's Spiral series antennas are large bandwidth, circularly polarized antennas with peak radiation patterns perpendicular to the plane of the spiral. The larger half-power bandwidth of these antennas makes them a good choice for airborne Electronic Warfare (EW) applications such as Radar Warning Receivers, Direction Finding, and Interferometry Systems. In addition, these antennas are used for sensing applications, where very wideband antennas with smaller footprints are ideal. Other applications of spiral antennas include GPS applications, where it is advantageous to have Right Hand Circularly Polarized (RHCP) antennas.

The antennas are available in right-hand circular polarization (RHCP) or left-hand circular polarization (LHCP). ARA also offers these antennas in multi-channel configurations to support amplitude and phase matched requirements for Interferometry sub-systems and applications. For more details on configurations and applications, please contact us.

**Antenna Type** Spiral

**Application** Direction Finding, Spectrum

Management, Spectrum Operations

Frequency Band Broadband, UHF (0.3 - 6 GHz),

SHF (6 - 18 GHz), mmW (18 - 40 GHz)

**Polarization** Left Hand Circular, Right Hand

Circular



#### CSA-1840

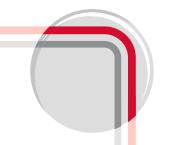
#### **FEATURES**

- Wideband Antenna
- Suitable for a variety of applications
- Consistent half-power beamwidth for broader quadrant coverage
- Low axial ratio
- Compact, Rugged, and Lightweight design for airborne applications
- Available in amplitude and phase matched sets
- RHCP or LHCP antennas are available
- White epoxy paint finish

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### **Specifications**

	CSA-0565	CSA-118	CSA-218	CSA-618	CSA-1840
Gain*	Boresight Gain 1 GHz: -7 dBic 2 GHz: 0 dBic 4 GHz: 1 dBic 6.5 GHz: 1 dBic	1 to 2 GHz: -6 to 0 dBic 2 to 18 GHz: 0 to 2 dBic	2 to 4 GHz: -3 to 0 dBic typical 4 to 18 GHz: 0 to 1 dBic typical	6 GHz: -2 dBic 9 to 18 GHz: +1 dBic	+2 to -2 dBic over the band
Frequency	1.0 to 6.5 GHz	1 to 18 GHz	2 to 18 GHz	6 to 18 GHz	18 to 40 GHz
VSWR* (Typical)	2.5:1	2.5:1	2.0:1	2.5:1	3.0:1
Axial Ratio*	Over ±60° Az FOV 1.25 to 6.5 GHz: < 7dB	1 to 2 GHz: < 4 dB 2 to 12 GHz: < 2 dB 12 to 18 GHz: < 3 dB	45° from Major Lobe 3 dB Maximum	< 6 dB over ±60° Az FOV	< 3 dB at boresight < 6 dB over ±60°
Polarization	LHCP or RHCP	LHCP or RHCP	LHCP or RHCP	LHCP or RHCP	LHCP or RHCP
Impedence	50 Ω	50 Ω	50 Ω	50 Ω	50 Ω
Patterns	Directional Beam	Directional Beam	Directional Beam	Directional Beam	Directional Beam
3 dB Beamwidth (Nominal)	60° to 90°	60° to 90°	60° to 90°	60° to 90°	60° to 90°
Power Handling	1 W CW	1 W CW	1 W CW	1 W CW	1 W CW
Antenna Connectors	SMA Female	SMA Female	SMA Female	SMA Female	2.92 mm Female Adapter
Dimensions (with Connectors)	4.5" x 4.5" x 2.4" (11.43 cm x 11.43 cm x 6.1 cm)	3.5" dia x 2.1" (8.9 cm dia x 5.3 cm)	2.6" dia x 2.0" (6.6 cm dia x 5.1 cm)	1" dia x 1.7" (2.5 cm dia x 4.32 cm)	0.64" dia x 1.55" (1.6 cm dia x 3.9 cm)
Weight	9.6 oz (273 g)	11 oz (300 g)	6 oz (170 g)	1.6 oz (45 g)	1.6 oz (45 g)
Operational Altitude	0 to 55,000 ft	NA	NA	0 to 55,000 ft	0 to 55,000 ft
Operational Temperature	-55° C to 85° C (-67° F to 185° F)	-55° C to 85° C (-67° F to 185° F)	-55° C to 85° C (-67° F to 185° F)	-55° C to 85° C (-67° F to 185° F)	-55° C to 85° C (-67° F to 185° F)
Storage Temperature	-55° C to 85° C (-67° F to 185° F)	-55° C to 85° C (-67° F to 185° F)	-55° C to 85° C (-67° F to 185° F)	-55° C to 85° C (-67° F to 185° F)	-55° C to 85° C (-67° F to 185° F)
Humidity Tolerance	MIL-STD-810-G	90% or less	90% or less	MIL-STD-810-G	MIL-STD-810-G
Durability Compliance	MIL-STD-810-G	N/A	N/A	MIL-STD-810-G	MIL-STD-810-G
Airborne Equipment Compliance	RTCA DO-160G	N/A	N/A	RTCA DO-160G	RTCA DO-160G

<sup>\*</sup>The values given here are typical values. These can be customized for customer requirements.

