

# A Guide to TracVision SF owner's manual

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**KVH TracVision® SF**

# TracVision SF Owner's Manual Addendum



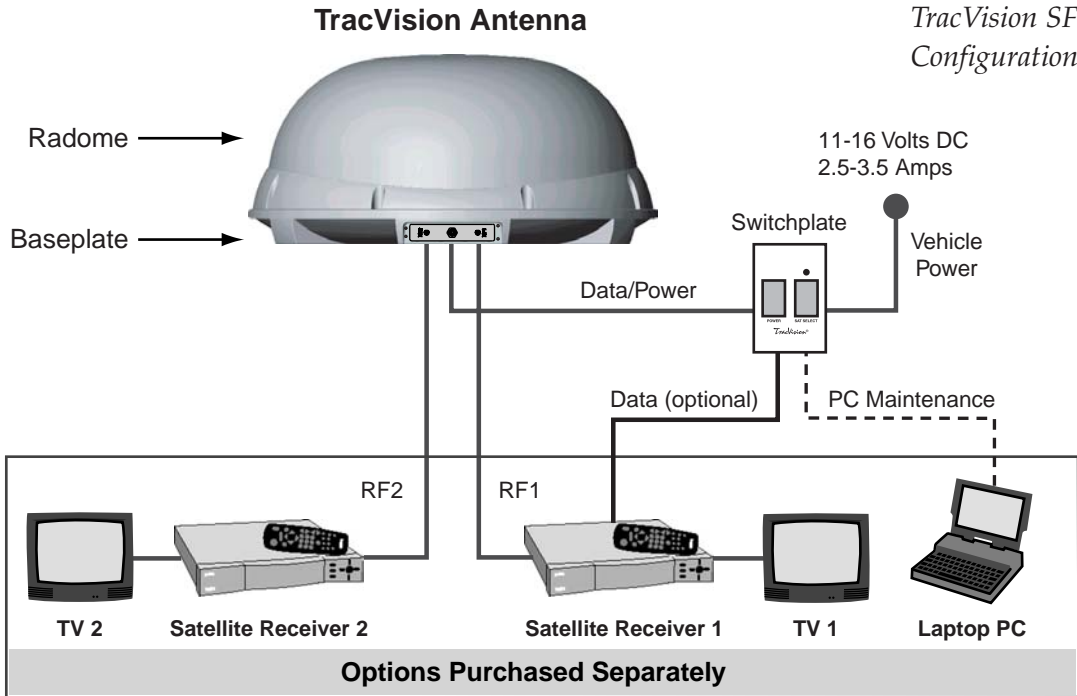
## (ECO #s 6119 and 6008)

The following information applies to Revision B of the TracVision SF Owner's Manual (KVH Part Number 54-0193).

Several improvements have been made to the TracVision SF system. The maintenance port connector has been moved from the antenna's baseplate to the switchplate, allowing a technician to hook up a laptop while inside the vehicle when conducting maintenance. In addition, the data/power connector on the baseplate has been simplified and a protective cover has been added to the switchplate to guard against damaging electrostatic discharges (ESD), which may occur during installation.

## 1.2 TracVision SF System Overview

Figure 1-1 has been changed to show the new baseplate connectors and the new PC maintenance connection to the switchplate.



**Figure 1-1**  
TracVision SF System Configuration

# 1.3 Materials Provided with TracVision SF

Table 1-1 shows the new part number for the data/power cable, which now has the same type of connector at each end.

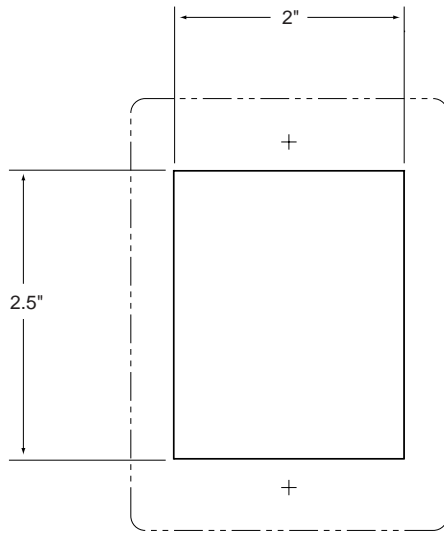
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Antenna Unit	01-0225-14
RF Cable (28 ft)*	32-0417-28
<b>Data/Power Cable (28 ft)*</b>	<b>32-0730-28</b>
Kitpack**	72-0120
Installation and Operation Manual	54-0193

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 \*\* A complete listing of kitpack contents is provided in Table 2-2.

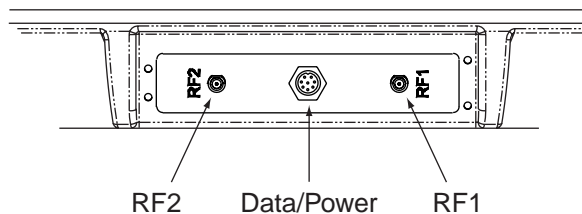
**Table 1-1**  
 TracVision SF Packing List

# 2.3 Connecting System Components

Figure 2-5 has been changed to show the new switchplate cutout dimensions, which have been widened to accommodate the protective cover. A revised, full-size template has also been provided on page 7 of this addendum. Figure 2-6 shows the new antenna baseplate connectors.

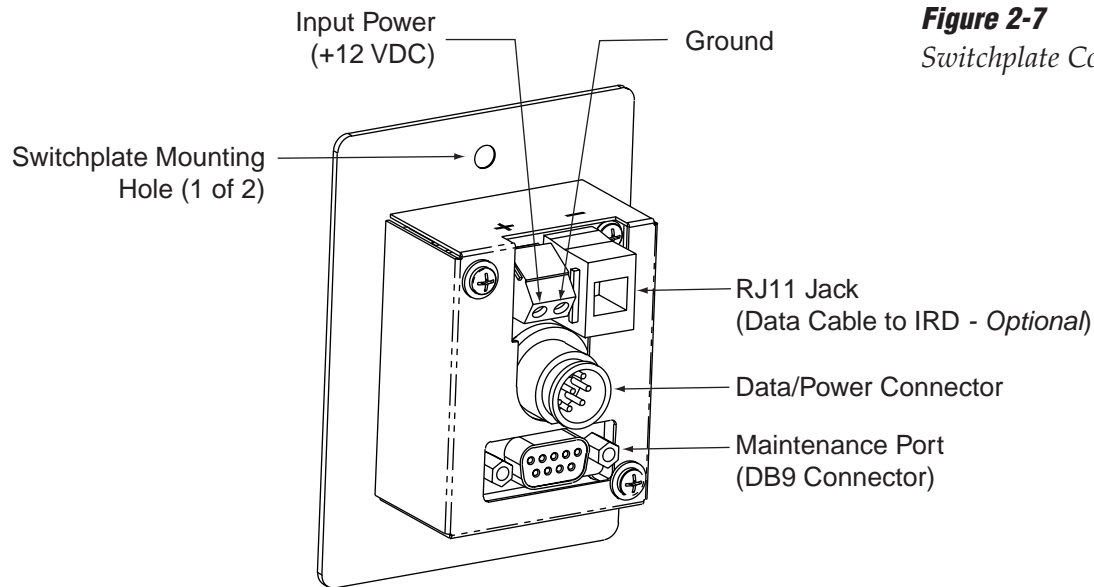


**Figure 2-5**  
 Switchplate Cutout Dimensions



**Figure 2-6**  
 Antenna Baseplate Connectors

Figure 2-7 shows the switchplate connectors as they appear within the new cover. Note that the DB9 connector now serves as the system's maintenance port.



**Figure 2-7**  
Switchplate Connectors

### 2.3.1 Connecting the Antenna to the Switchplate

The data/power cable no longer has a threaded connector end. Both ends of the cable have identical connectors.

1. Connect **one end** of the antenna data/power cable to the antenna's data/power connector and lock in place (see Figure 2-6).
2. Route the other end of the data/power cable down through the cable access hole in the vehicle's roof and out through the switchplate panel cutout.
3. Connect the data/power cable to the switchplate's data/power connector and lock in place (see Figure 2-7).

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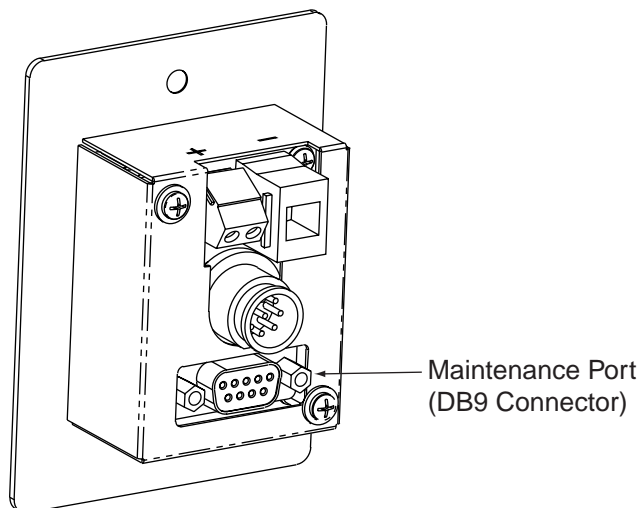
## 2.5.2 Checking Out the System Without an IRD Data Connection

*and*

## 4.4 Computer Diagnostics

*Both of these sections explain how to connect a PC to the system's maintenance port. This step has been changed to reflect the new maintenance port location.*

1. Connect one end of a PC data cable to the maintenance port connector on the switchplate (see Figure 2-10 or 4-1). *To access this connector, you may need to remove the switchplate from the mounting surface.* Connect the other end to the serial port on the PC (a 9-pin/25-pin connector adapter may be needed for some PCs).



**Figure 2-10 or 4-1**  
*Switchplate Maintenance Port*

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## 5.3 Replaceable Parts

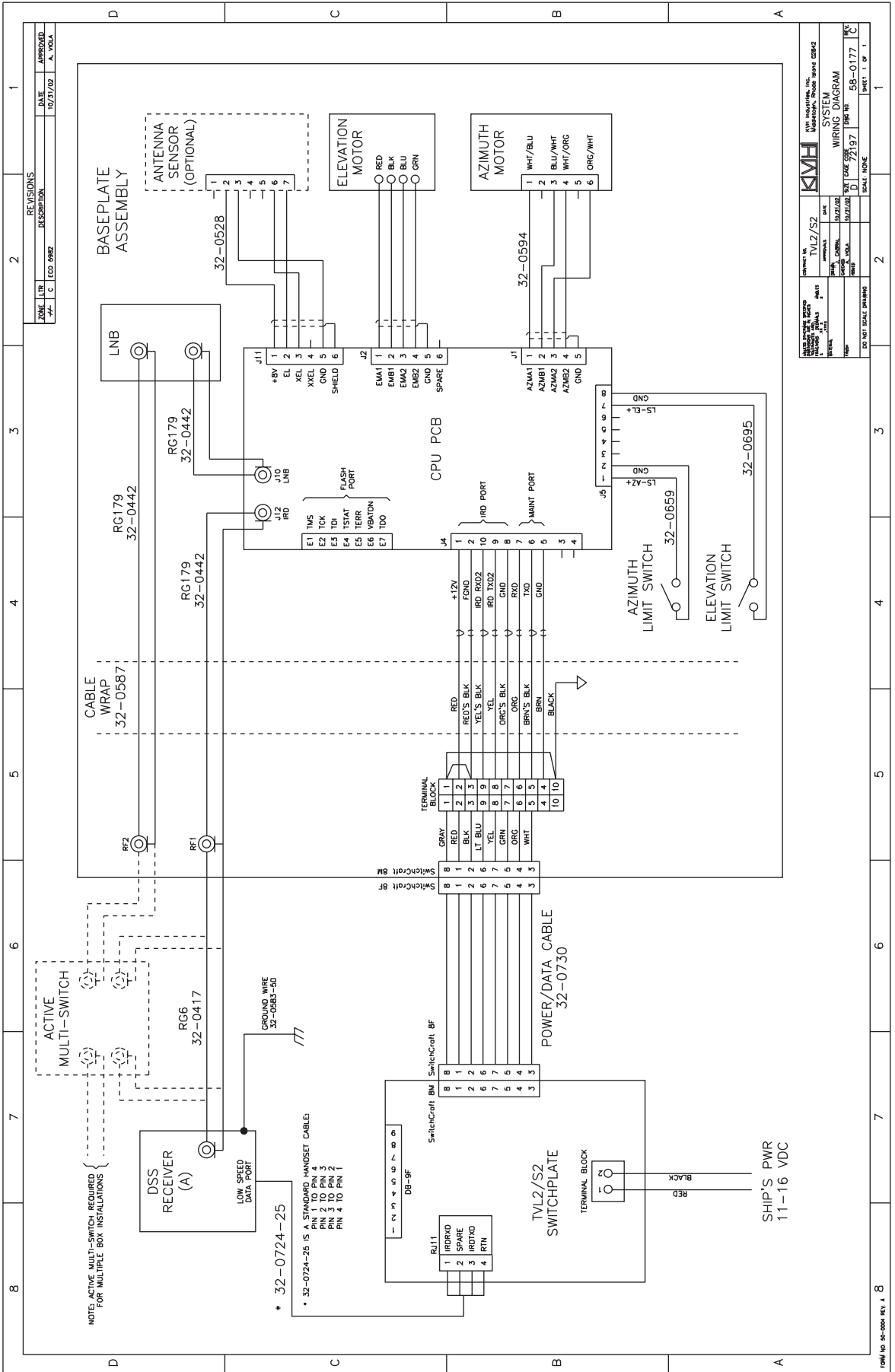
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Radome Assembly	02-0953-07
<b>Baseplate Assembly</b>	<b>02-1244-02</b>
<b>Data/Power Cable</b>	<b>32-0730-28</b>
RF Cable	32-0417-28
CPU PCB	02-1144-01
System Fuse	16-0017-3150
LNB	19-0056

**Table 5-1**  
*Field Replaceable Units*

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The wiring diagram on the following page has been changed to show the new location of the maintenance port.



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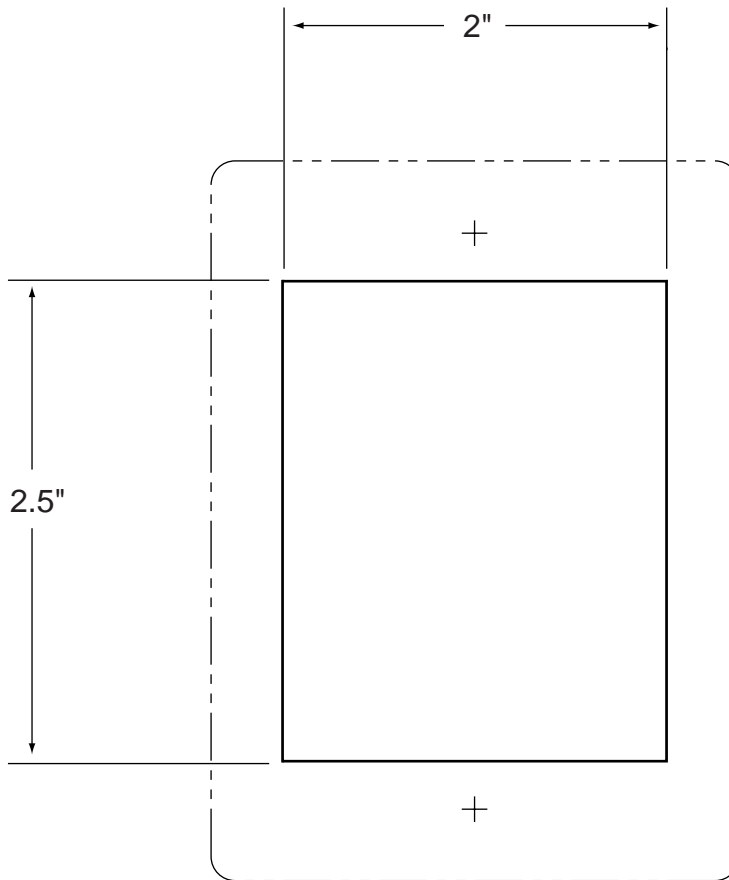
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## Switchplate Template

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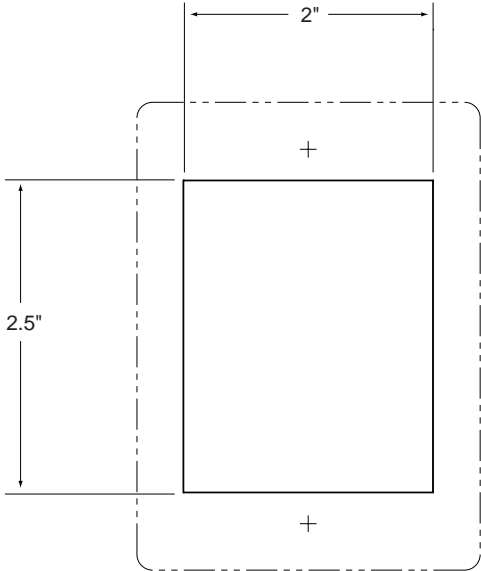
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## 2.3 Connecting System Components

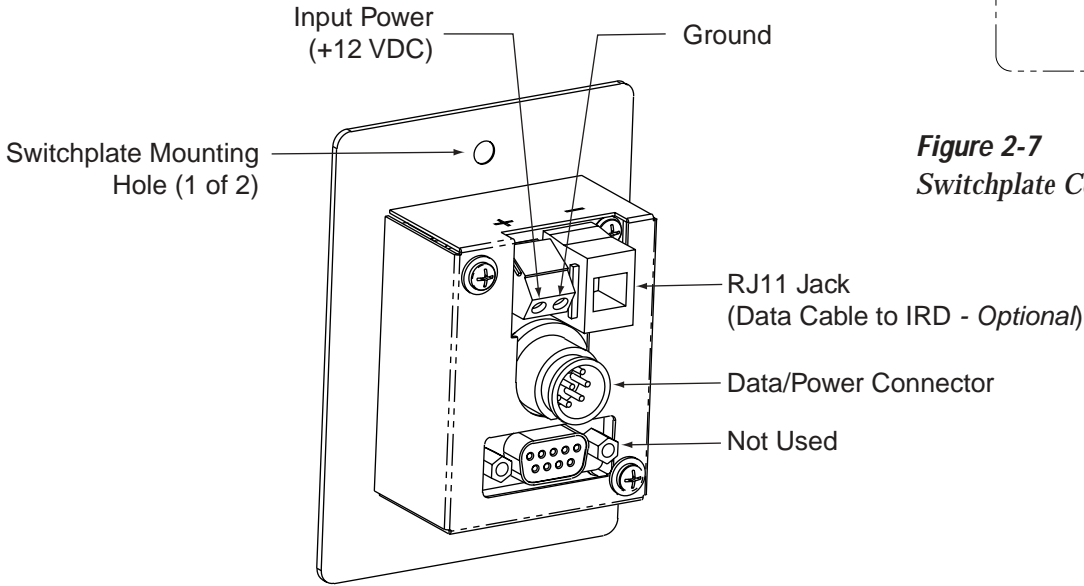
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**Figure 2-5**  
*Switchplate Cutout Dimensions*



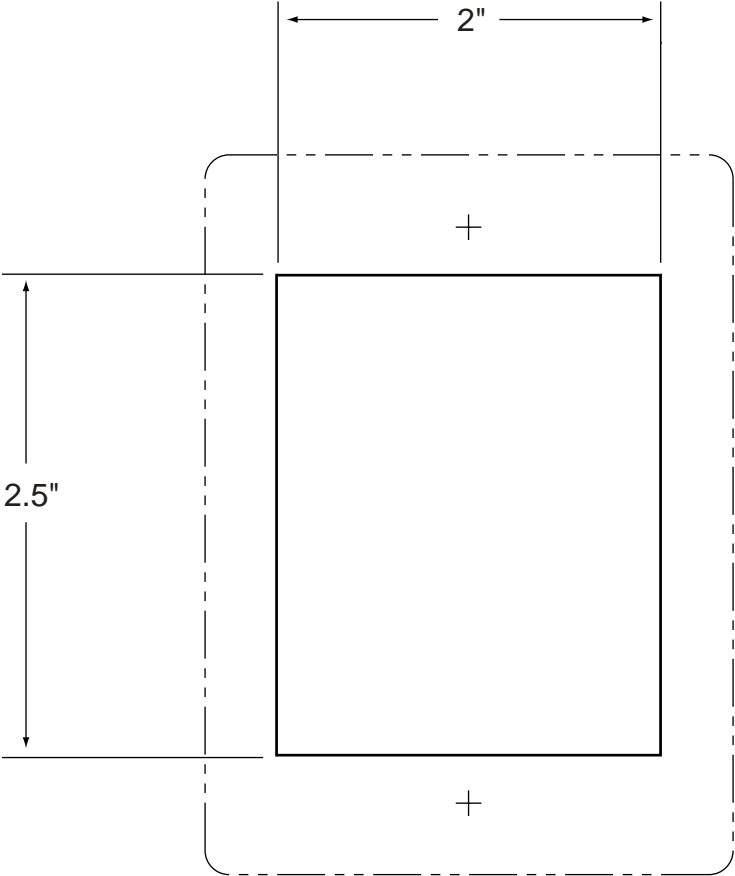
**Figure 2-7**  
*Switchplate Connectors*



# Appendix C



# Switchplate Template



# Congratulations!

You have selected one of the most advanced land-mobile satellite tracking systems available today. KVH® Industries' TracVision® SF is designed for use with DIRECTV®, DISH Network™, and ExpressVu. This manual provides detailed instructions on the proper installation, use, and maintenance of your TracVision SF system.

Throughout this manual, important information is marked for your attention by these icons:



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An alert to important information regarding procedures, product specifications, or product use.



Information about installation, maintenance, troubleshooting, or other mechanical issues.



An electrical safety warning to help identify electrical issues that can be a hazard to either this KVH product or a user.



**TracVision SF Serial Number**



*This serial number will be required for all troubleshooting or service calls made regarding this product.*

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# 1 Introduction

## 1.1 Digital Satellite Television

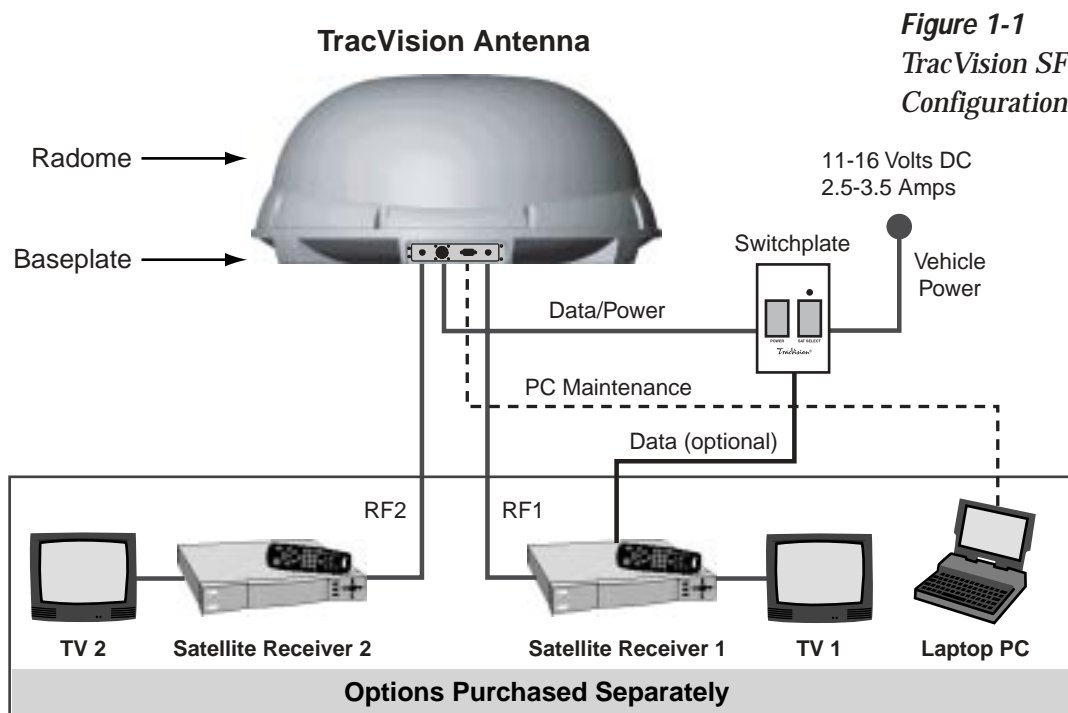
DIRECTV<sup>®</sup>, DISH Network<sup>™</sup>, and ExpressVu systems transmit digital audio and video data from land-based transmitters to a satellite “parked” above the equator. Each satellite relays the signals in spot beams covering the continental United States and contiguous waters. TracVision SF automatically identifies, locks onto, and receives signals from the appropriate satellite when your vehicle is stationary.



*TracVision SF is a self-acquiring satellite TV antenna for use when your vehicle is stationary. The system is not designed to track the TV satellite when the vehicle is moving.*

## 1.2 TracVision SF System Overview

A complete satellite TV system includes the TracVision SF connected to an IRD (satellite TV receiver) and a television set. A desktop or laptop computer is used to conduct diagnostics. The complete system is illustrated in Figure 1-1. System specifications and a wiring diagram are provided in *Appendices A* and *B*, respectively.



## 1.2.1 TracVision SF Components

The antenna unit includes the antenna positioning mechanism, signal front end, power supply and control elements. These elements include antenna drive controls and mechanisms, the cable wrap subassembly, power conditioning and regulating circuits, and the RF detector. The antenna is a parabolic dish mounting a dual-output low noise block (LNB) converter with built-in preamplifier. A molded ABS radome encloses the baseplate and is secured in place with standard fasteners. Connectors on the back of the baseplate join the power, signal, and control cabling from units inside the vehicle.



On-screen messages are not available with a DISH Network IRD.



Before you can start watching satellite TV using your TracVision antenna, you will need to activate your IRD. Refer to [Section 2.4, “Activating the IRD,”](#) for more details.

## 1.2.2 Integrated Receiver Decoder (IRD)

The IRD (purchased separately) receives satellite signals from the antenna unit for signal decoding, processing, and channel selection, and sends the signals to the TV set for viewing. In addition, messages can be sent from the IRD to the antenna unit and messages can be received from the antenna unit for display on the television screen. The IRD also provides the interface for the user to activate authorization for reception. Please refer to the User’s Manual provided with your selected IRD for complete operating instructions.

## 1.3 Materials Provided with TracVision SF

Table 1-1 lists the units, cables, and materials packed in the TracVision SF package by name and KVH part number.

**Table 1-1**  
*TracVision SF Packing List*



Cables for the TracVision SF are stored beneath the antenna unit during shipping.

Component	KVH Part No.
Antenna Unit	01-0225-14
RF Cable (28 ft)*	32-0417-28
Data/Power Cable (28 ft)*	32-0731-28
Kitpack**	72-0120
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\* RF and data/power cables may be supplied separately.

\*\* A complete listing of kitpack contents is provided in [Table 2-2](#).

### 1.3.1 Additional Materials Required for TracVision SF Use

To make full use of your new TracVision SF and receive satellite TV, you will need to provide/purchase the following:

- Television
- Appropriate IRD for your selected satellite TV service



*You can purchase and activate an IRD directly from KVH! Call KVH at 1-888-584-4163 for details.*

## 2 Installation

TracVision SF is designed for simple installation and setup. Just follow these easy steps:

Step	Refer to Section...
1. Choose the antenna location	2.1
2. Mount the antenna unit	2.2
3. Connect the system components	2.3
4. Activate the IRD	2.4
5. Check out the system	2.5

### Tools and Materials Required

- Electric drill
- $\frac{3}{16}$ "-drill bit and  $\frac{3}{4}$ " hole saw and auger bit
- #2 Phillips and #0 flat tip screwdrivers
- Silicone sealant or RTV
- $\frac{7}{16}$ "-open end wrench
- Adhesive suitable for specific roof construction and materials (e.g., Liquid Nails)
- Rivet gun and  $\frac{3}{16}$ "-rivets (or other fastener suitable for specific roof construction)
- *(Recommended)* PC with terminal emulation software such as PROCOMM or Windows Terminal or Hyperterminal and a DB9 (male-to-female) PC data cable

### Kitpack Contents

Table 2-2 lists the materials provided in the TracVision SF kitpack.

Part	Qty.	KVH Part No.
Switchplate Assembly	1	02-1236-01
Tie-wraps	5	22-0013
RJ11 Handset Cable	1	32-0724-25
Clam Shell Ventilator	1	19-0230
#6 x $\frac{3}{4}$ " Thread-forming Screws	5	14-0298-12
IRD Ground Wire (50 ft)	1	32-0583-50
$\frac{3}{8}$ " Hole Plugs	2	19-0282-06

**Table 2-1**  
Installation Process



*Plan the entire installation before proceeding! Take into account component placement, cable running distances between units, and accessibility to the equipment after installation.*



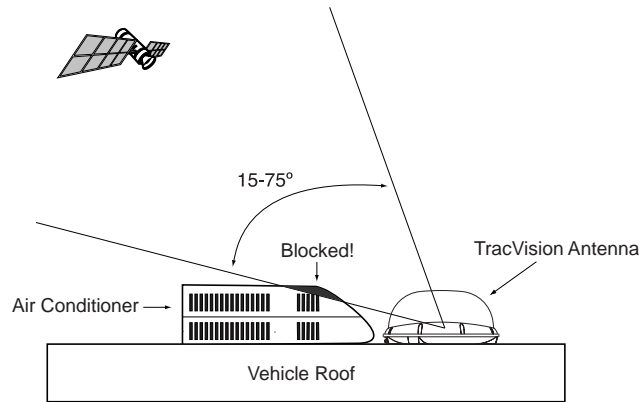
*While some DIRECTV IRDs offer on-screen messages, it is recommended that a PC be available for all installations of DIRECTV, EchoStar, and ExpressVu.*

**Table 2-2**  
Kitpack Contents

## 2.1 Choosing the Best Location

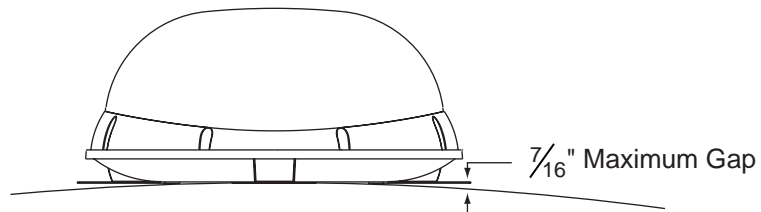
- Since the TracVision antenna requires a clear view of the southern sky to receive satellite signals, the ideal antenna site has an unobstructed view of the horizon/satellite all around.
- Keep the antenna clear of any obstructions on the roof (e.g., air conditioners). The antenna requires a 15° to 75° look angle to receive satellite signals.

**Figure 2-1**  
Antenna Blockage



- Consider the location of the antenna relative to the location of any equipment or necessary wiring within the vehicle.
- Be sure to mount the antenna on a horizontal surface with a minimum roof (or other mounting surface) radius of 250". In other words, when placed flat on the mounting surface, the mounting plates should be less than  $\frac{7}{16}$ " above the mounting surface (see Figure 2-2). **Any larger gap will warp the baseplate and seriously damage the antenna.**

**Figure 2-2**  
Maximum Mounting Surface Slope

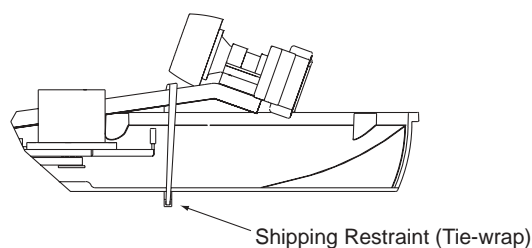


## 2.2 Mounting the Antenna Unit

1. Make sure that you have chosen a suitable mounting location based upon the guidelines in *Section 2.1, "Choosing the Best Location."*
2. Remove the antenna unit from its shipping carton.
3. At the bottom of the antenna baseplate, cut the tie-wrap and pull it out of the baseplate. Then seal the two holes with the plugs provided in the kitpack. The tie-wrap secures the antenna's LNB for shipping (as shown in Figure 2-3). **Once you remove this shipping restraint, be sure to handle the antenna unit with care to avoid damage.**



Always lift the antenna unit by the gray baseplate, never by the radome!

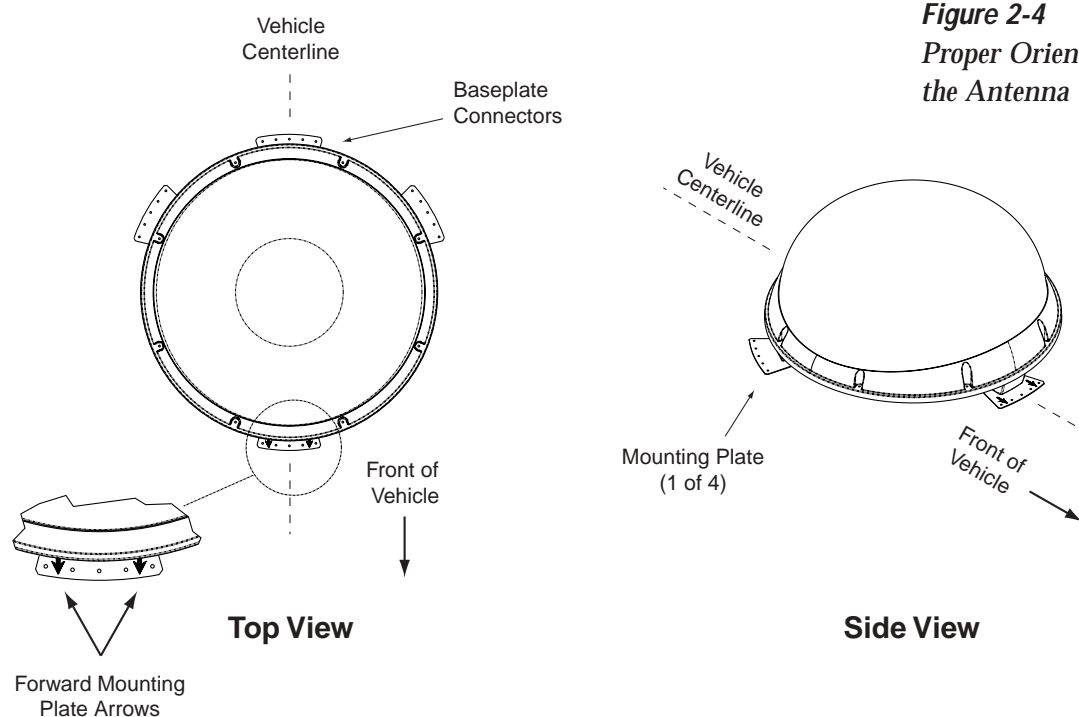


**Figure 2-3**  
Removing the Shipping Restraint



Once you remove the shipping restraint, handle the antenna unit carefully. Improper handling may damage the unit.

4. Position the antenna unit in the desired location on the centerline of the vehicle with the antenna's forward mounting plate arrows facing the front of the vehicle. The proper orientation is illustrated in Figure 2-4.



**Figure 2-4**  
Proper Orientation of the Antenna Unit



*If the roof's mounting surface is not perfectly flat as KVH recommends, make sure the baseplate does not warp when you attach the antenna's mounting plates. Refer to [Section 2.1, "Choosing the Best Location,"](#) for further details.*

5. Using the four mounting plates as templates, drill 20  $\frac{3}{16}$ " holes through the roof of the vehicle.
6. Apply construction adhesive to the bottom of the antenna's four mounting plates. If using a liquid construction adhesive, apply beads to the mounting plates in a zig-zag pattern.
7. Attach the mounting plates to the roof using  $\frac{3}{16}$ "-diameter rivets (or appropriate fasteners). Seal all rivet heads and edges with silicone.
8. Mark a location on the roof for the cable access hole to permit convenient cable access to the antenna's baseplate connectors. Drill the  $\frac{3}{4}$ " cable access hole in the vehicle's roof.

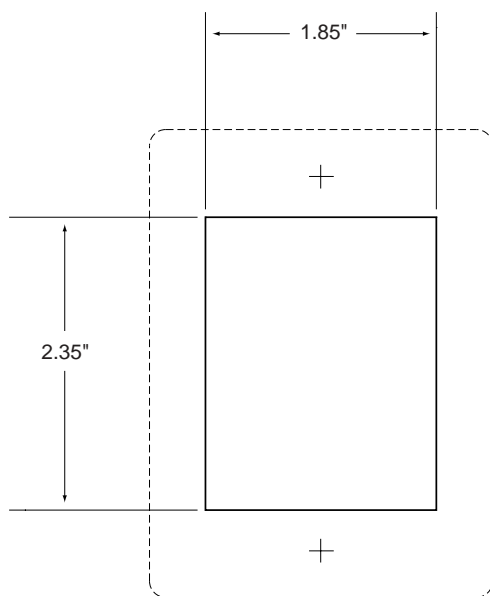
## 2.3 Connecting System Components

The following sections provide instructions for properly wiring the antenna unit to the components inside the vehicle.

### Locating the Switchplate

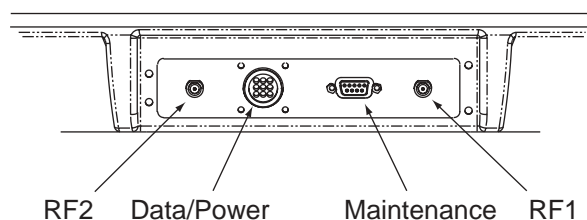
Before running cables, you need to determine the location for the TracVision SF switchplate.

1. The switchplate should be installed in a dry, flat location within reach of the cables that will connect to the antenna unit.
2. Once you've decided on a suitable location, create a panel cutout in the mounting surface. Figure 2-5 illustrates the mounting dimensions and a full-size template has been provided in [Appendix C](#). All connecting cables will be routed through this cutout.



**Figure 2-5**  
*Switchplate Cutout Dimensions*

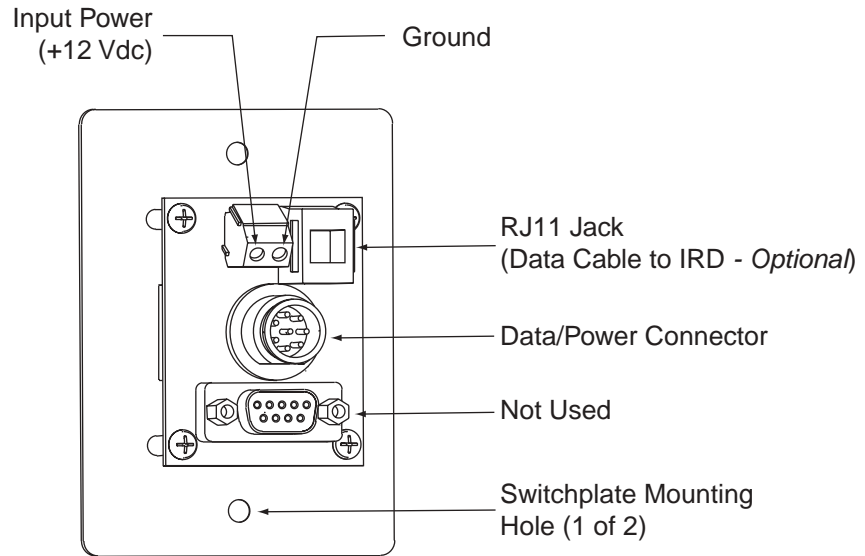
Figure 2-6 shows the antenna unit's baseplate connectors. [Figure 2-7](#) on the following page shows the switchplate's connectors. Refer to these figures when connecting cables to the antenna unit and the switchplate.



**Figure 2-6**  
*Antenna Baseplate Connectors*



**Figure 2-7**  
**Switchplate Connectors**



### 2.3.1 Connecting the Antenna to the Switchplate

1. Connect the threaded connector end of the antenna data/power cable to the antenna's data/power connector and tighten until locked in place (see [Figure 2-6](#)).
2. Route the other end of the data/power cable down through the cable access hole in the vehicle's roof and out through the switchplate panel cutout.
3. Connect the data/power cable to the switchplate's data/power connector and lock in place (see [Figure 2-7](#)).



*KVH recommends the use of RG-6 or RG-11 (75 ohms) cable for RF wiring. Use of non-RG-6 or RG-11 (75 ohms) cables will result in degraded performance. The KVH warranty does not cover degraded performance due to improper wiring.*



*When shipped from the factory, the antenna's RF connectors are protected with caps. Leave the cap installed on the RF2 connector unless you are going to connect a second RF cable to the TracVision SF.*

### 2.3.2 Connecting the Antenna to the IRD

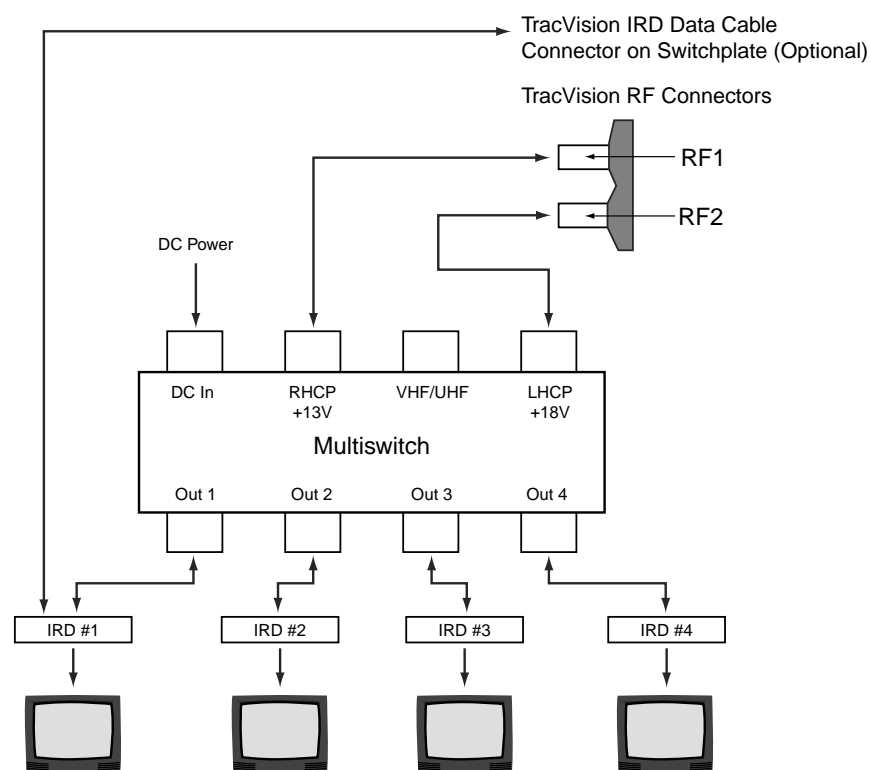
1. Route an RF cable up through the roof's cable access hole.
2. Connect the RF cable to the antenna's RF1 connector (see [Figure 2-6](#)). Once the cable is securely connected, loosen the sealing nut at the base of the RF1 connector and tighten it onto the end of the RF cable.
3. Connect the other end of the RF cable to the IRD's SATELLITE IN connector.

## Installing Two IRDs and TVs

To connect a second TV and IRD to the TracVision SF system, you must connect a second RF cable to the antenna's RF2 connector (see Figure 2-6). Route the other end of the RF cable down into the vehicle and connect it directly to the second IRD.

## Connecting Three or More IRDs and TVs

To install three or more IRD/TV pairs, an active multiswitch (Channel Master model 6214IFD or equivalent) must be placed between the antenna unit and the IRDs. Figure 2-8 illustrates typical wiring arrangements for multiple IRDs. If more than four IRDs are required, contact KVH for additional wiring instructions. Mount the multiswitch unit in accordance with the manufacturer's instruction sheet.



**Figure 2-8**  
Installing Three or Four IRDs  
Using an Active Multiswitch



If you are connecting multiple IRDs, attach the data cable to the master IRD. The master IRD must remain on for the secondary IRDs to function properly.

1. Connect the RF cable tagged "RF1" to the multiswitch input labeled "LNB RHCP +13V."
2. Connect a second RF cable to the multiswitch input labeled "LNB LHCP +18V."
3. Connect the multiswitch outputs to individual IRD inputs. Use RG-6 cable terminated with F-type connectors for all RF connections.

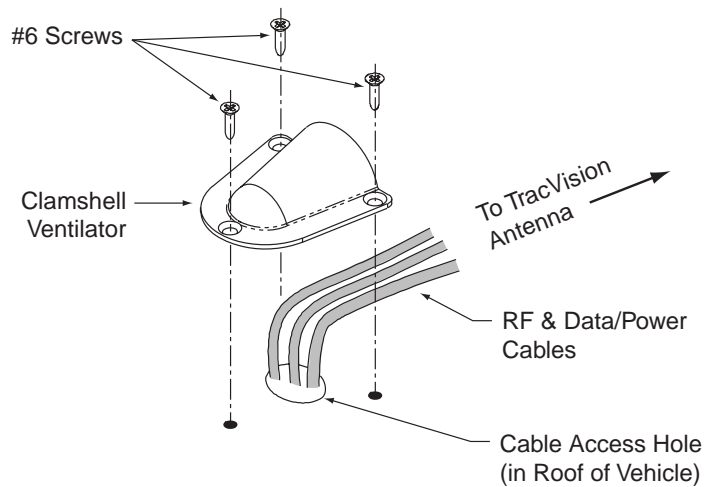
4. Terminate all unused output connectors with 75 ohm DC blocks (Channel Master #7184, Radio Shack #15-1259 or equivalent).

### 2.3.3 Sealing the Cable Access Hole

Once the RF and data/power cables are connected to the antenna, you need to seal and cover the cable access hole to protect against leakage.

1. Completely seal the cable access hole with silicone sealant or RTV.
2. Install the clamshell ventilator, supplied in the kitpack, over the cable access hole using three of the supplied #6 screws (see Figure 2-9).

**Figure 2-9**  
*Installing the Clamshell Ventilator*



**EchoStar IRDs cannot be connected to the switchplate due to incompatibility. Satellite selection must be done manually through the switchplate's SAT SELECT button.**

### 2.3.4 Connecting the Switchplate to the IRD (Optional)

The switchplate includes an RJ11 jack for connecting the system to an IRD's low-speed data port. This allows a compatible DIRECTV IRD to communicate with the antenna for automatic satellite selection. Without this data connection, you will need to manually select the satellite using the switchplate's SAT SELECT button (see [Section 3.2, "Tracking the Correct Satellite"](#) for details).

1. Connect one end of the supplied data cable (a standard RJ11 telephone handset cord) to the switchplate's RJ11 jack (see [Figure 2-7](#)).
2. Route the other end of the data cable to the IRD and connect it to the IRD's low-speed data port.

### 2.3.5 Connecting the Switchplate to Vehicle Power

The switchplate must be connected to a +12 Vdc, 2.5-3.5 amp power supply to operate.

1. Disconnect vehicle power by removing the appropriate vehicle fuse.
2. Run a cable from vehicle's power (11-16 Vdc) out through the panel cutout.
3. Connect the power cable to the switchplate's power terminals as shown in [Figure 2-7](#).



*Before connecting the antenna unit to vehicle power, remove the appropriate vehicle fuse to prevent a short circuit. Replace the fuse after the connection to vehicle power is complete.*

### 2.3.6 Connecting the IRD Ground Wire

A grounding wire has been provided to connect your IRD to a suitable ground and protect the system. Attach the grounding wire to any suitable screw on the rear panel of the IRD with a good contact with the IRD chassis. The other end should be connected to a suitable ground, ideally the ground connector on the switchplate (see [Figure 2-7](#)).

### 2.3.7 Installing the Switchplate

After completing the switchplate wiring, you need to install the switchplate itself.

1. Carefully fit the switchplate assembly into the panel cutout (made in Step 2 of [Section 2.3, "Connecting System Components"](#)) until the switchplate is flush to the mounting surface.
2. Secure the switchplate to the mounting surface using the two supplied #6 thread-forming screws.
3. Reinstall the vehicle fuse removed in Step 1 of [Section 2.3.5, "Connecting the Switchplate to Vehicle Power."](#)

## 2.4 Activating the IRD

KVH makes it easy to activate your IRD. Just call KVH at 1-888-584-4163 and ask for **IRD Activation** (Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. EST). For other options, please refer to the user manual that accompanied your IRD.

*Note that EchoStar IRDs that have not been activated within several months of manufacture require additional steps to complete the process. Refer to [Appendix D](#) for complete details.*



*If a need arises to paint the radome, **ONLY use non-metallic automotive paint** to avoid degrading the RF signal strength and the reception quality.*

## 2.5 Checking Out the System

If the system is connected to an IRD's low-speed data port (via an RJ11 cable from the switchplate), follow the procedure in [Section 2.5.1, "Checking Out the System Using an IRD Data Connection."](#) If the system is not connected to an IRD's low-speed data port, follow the procedure in [Section 2.5.2, "Checking Out the System Without an IRD Data Connection."](#)

### 2.5.1 Checking Out the System Using an IRD Data Connection

Turn on the IRD and press the switchplate's POWER button to power up the TracVision SF system. Observe messages on your TV screen to verify proper operation. Some messages originate in the IRD, others are generated in the TracVision SF circuits.

Depending on your choice of satellite TV service and IRD, the system may display several text messages on the television screen to aid in monitoring TracVision SF performance. These messages are not displayed when the IRD is displaying the Signal Strength Meter on the TV screen. The messages and their meanings are described in Table 2-3 on the following page.



*All IRDs are susceptible to AC power fluctuations that can result in the IRD locking up and requiring a reset. Refer to [Section 4.2, "IRD Troubleshooting,"](#) for a solution to this issue.*

Message	Definition
KVH TracVision SF	Displays for 5 seconds at startup
Software Version	Current software version Alternates with "KVH TracVision SF"
Initializing	System initializing
Search Mode 1	Antenna Unit in Search Mode 1
Search Mode 2	Antenna Unit in Search Mode 2
Search Mode 3	Antenna Unit in Search Mode 3
Reacquisition	System is reacquiring the satellite
RF Signal Error	RF signal detector has no signal at input
AZ Motor Error	Fault detected in azimuth drive subassembly
EL Motor Error	Fault detected in elevation drive subassembly

Differences among IRD low-speed data ports may result in different message formats, and some messages may not be displayed on the television screen. DIRECTV messages you may see are listed in Table 2-4.

Message	Definition
Searching for satellite – please stand by	The IRD is powered up and doesn't detect the satellite signal.
Searching for program guide – please stand by	The system has found the satellite, but has been turned off for more than approximately four hours. This message appears for about 10 seconds.

Refer to your DIRECTV User's Manual for specific messages displayed by your system.

**Table 2-3**  
*TracVision SF Operational Messages*



*The DISH Network and some newer IRDs (e.g., the Sony A50) give priority to internal IRD messages rather than on-screen messages. KVH recommends that the maintenance port be used to read installation-related messages on a PC (see Section 2.5.2, "Checking Out the System Without an IRD Data Connection").*

**Table 2-4**  
*DIRECTV On-screen Messages*

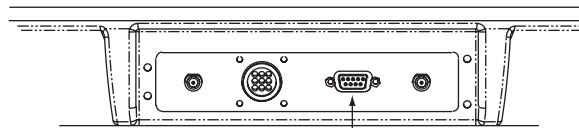
## 2.5.2 Checking Out the System Without an IRD Data Connection

To ensure that the system is configured and operating properly, you will need to check the data provided in the system's startup routine.

To do so, you need to connect a PC to the antenna baseplate's maintenance port. The diagnostics procedure requires terminal emulation software such as PROCOMM or Windows Terminal or Hyperterminal. Use the settings appropriate to your application.

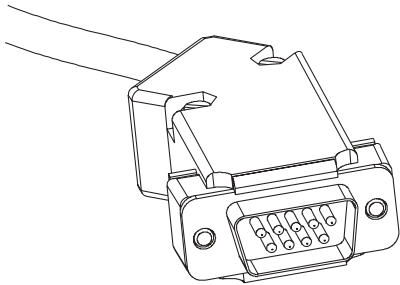
1. Connect one end of a PC data cable to the maintenance connector on the antenna baseplate (see Figure 2-10). Connect the other end to the serial port on the PC (a 9-pin/25-pin connector adapter may be needed for some PCs).

**Figure 2-10**  
*Maintenance Connector*



Maintenance Connector

**Figure 2-11**  
*PC Data Cable DB9 Connector*

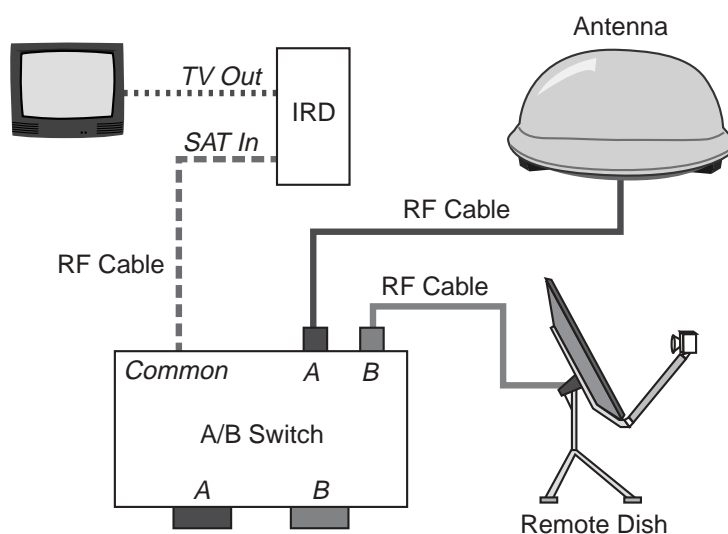


2. Open the terminal emulation software and establish the following settings:
  - 9600 baud
  - no parity
  - 8 data bits
  - 1 start bit
  - 1 stop bit
  - no flow control
3. Press the switchplate's POWER button to apply power to the TracVision SF system and wait for the system to fully initialize. Data should be scrolling on the PC display to identify any system problems detected. If no data is seen, recheck your connections and the terminal software setup.
4. After completing the review of the startup and operational routines, shut down the system.

## 2.6 Configuring TracVision SF for Remote Satellite Dish Operation

In some campground locations, dense foliage will block the satellite signal. In these situations, a remote portable antenna may be the only solution to satellite signal reception.

The wiring option for the remote dish is very simple and should be installed when the TracVision SF is installed. A high-quality “A/B switch” should be used to change from TracVision to remote antenna operation. The recommended wiring arrangement for remote dish operation is illustrated in Figure 2-12.



**Figure 2-12**  
*Remote Dish Wiring Configuration*



## 3 Using Your TracVision SF

For TracVision SF to receive the satellite signals, the antenna must have a clear line of sight to the satellite. If you only receive intermittent signals or the antenna cannot find the satellite, check around your vehicle for any objects that could be blocking the signal, such as trees, buildings, etc.



**Figure 3-1**  
*Be Aware of Objects that Might Block the Satellite Signals*

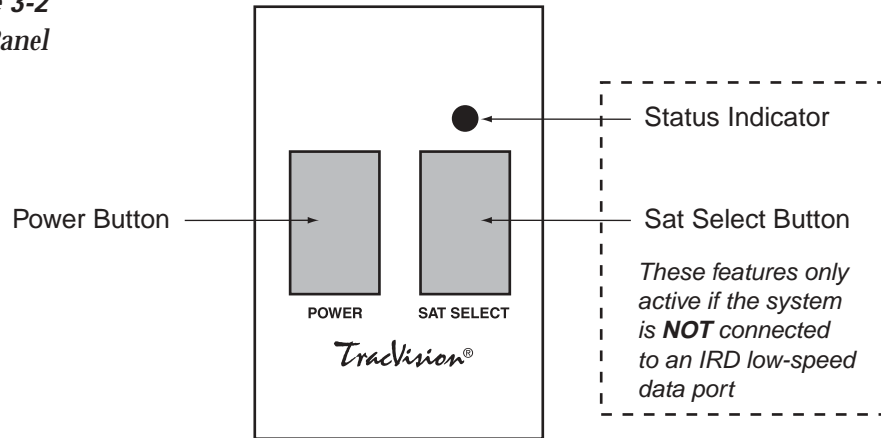
You must also be located within the selected satellite's coverage area in order to receive its signal. Refer to your satellite television service manual to check the viable coverage area. *For your convenience, KVH provides links to several web sites that offer satellite coverage information. Simply go to our web site at: [www.kvh.com/footprint/index.html](http://www.kvh.com/footprint/index.html).*

### 3.1 Turning On the System

The TracVision SF system is easy to use. To turn on the TracVision SF system, follow the steps below.

1. Park your vehicle.
2. Turn on the IRD and the television. (Refer to your IRD user manual for complete operating instructions for the IRD.)
3. Press the switchplate's POWER button, as pictured in [Figure 3-2](#) on the following page.

**Figure 3-2**  
*Switchplate Front Panel*



**If connected to an IRD Low-speed Data Port:**

As part of the startup process, the TracVision SF system will default to Channel 200, a program directory. This is the system's means of verifying that it has identified and is tracking the correct satellite.

Once Channel 200 appears, wait at least another 30 seconds before changing the channel to ensure that the system has completed its startup routine.

**System Startup (Connected to an IRD Low-speed Data Port)**

1. Upon power-up, the system performs a set of startup routines.
2. The antenna then searches for a TV satellite.
3. Once the antenna finds a satellite, it uses the IRD data connection to determine if the satellite signal can be decoded. If the signal can be decoded by the IRD, the antenna locks onto and tracks the satellite.

**System Startup (Not Connected to an IRD Low-speed Data Port)**

1. Upon power-up, the system performs a set of startup routines. If any errors are detected, the Status indicator flashes quickly (3-4 times per second).
2. The antenna then searches for a TV satellite. During this search, the Status indicator flashes slowly (1-2 times per second).
3. Once the antenna finds and starts tracking a satellite, the Status indicator comes on solid.
4. If your TV does not show a clear picture, the antenna is tracking the wrong satellite. Refer to [Section 3.2.2, "Using the Switchplate for Satellite Selection"](#) for instructions on selecting a different satellite.

## 3.2 Tracking the Correct Satellite

If your system is connected to an IRD's low-speed data port, follow the steps in [Section 3.2.1, "Using the IRD for Satellite Selection."](#) If your system is not connected to an IRD's low-speed data port, follow the steps in [Section 3.2.2, "Using the Switchplate for Satellite Selection."](#)

### 3.2.1 Using the IRD for Satellite Selection

If your TracVision SF is connected to an IRD's low-speed data port, the antenna will automatically find and track the correct satellite based on the information it receives from the IRD. No user interaction is required.

### 3.2.2 Using the Switchplate for Satellite Selection

If your system is not connected to an IRD's low-speed data port, you will need to use the switchplate to manually select the satellite.

1. Press the switchplate's SAT SELECT button.
2. The Status indicator flashes while the antenna searches for a satellite signal. Once the antenna finds and starts tracking a satellite, the Status indicator stops flashing.
3. If your TV shows a clear picture, you are tracking the correct satellite. If no picture appears, repeat this procedure starting with Step 1.



If your antenna is unable to find the desired satellite, refer to [Section 4, "Troubleshooting"](#) for possible causes and their corrective actions.

#### 3.2.2.1 The Status Indicator

If your system is **not** connected to an IRD's low-speed data port, the switchplate's Status LED indicates the antenna's current condition. Table 3-1 describes this LED's four conditions.

LED Condition	Meaning
OFF	Initializing, please wait
ON	Tracking a satellite
Slow Flashing	Searching for a satellite, please wait
Fast Flashing	System error, see <a href="#">Section 4, "Troubleshooting"</a>

**Table 3-1**  
*Status Indicator Conditions*



*It is highly recommended that you turn off the TracVision SF prior to moving the vehicle. TracVision SF will not track a satellite while the vehicle is in motion.*

## 3.3 Turning Off the System

To turn off the TracVision SF system, simply press the switchplate's POWER button (see [Figure 3-2](#)).

## 3.4 Watching Television

Turn on the TracVision SF after your vehicle is parked. Once the startup procedure is complete and the antenna is locked onto the correct satellite, the TracVision SF does not need to be turned on. You may turn off the TracVision SF unit to avoid unnecessary use of power. The antenna will continue to receive the satellite TV signals and relay them to the IRD.

### **DISH 500 Subscribers**

The DISH 500 service offers programming on two different satellites. As a result, if you change to a channel that is located on the other satellite, you will need to use the switchplate's SAT SELECT switch to select the second satellite. Further, if you then need to switch back to the first satellite, you will need to use the SAT SELECT switch again until the first satellite is reacquired. Please be patient during this process; due to the satellites' spacing, it may take some time to return to the original satellite.

### **"Instant On" Operation**

As part of its operation, TracVision SF routinely saves the satellite position to memory and retains it when the system is turned off. When TracVision SF is powered up, the system looks at the satellite's last saved position. If the vehicle has not changed its location, the antenna will immediately acquire the satellite and receive the signal without initializing the antenna.

If the vehicle moves after the TracVision SF is turned off, the antenna unit will quickly carry out its normal initialization routine to reacquire the satellite.

# 4 Troubleshooting

The troubleshooting matrix shown in Table 4-1 identifies some trouble symptoms, their possible causes, and references to troubleshooting solutions.

**Table 4-1**  
**Troubleshooting Matrix**

SYMPTOM	POSSIBLE CAUSE (AND SOLUTION)												
	Blown fuse or improper wiring (Section 4.1.1)	Dew or rain pooling on dome (Section 4.1.1)	Satellite signal blocked (Section 4.1.2)	Satellite coverage issue (Section 4.1.3)	Incorrect or loose RF connectors (Section 4.1.4)	Type of multiswitch used (Section 4.1.5)	Stationary use only (Section 4.1.6)	AC wiring (Section 4.1.7)	AC power fluctuating (Section 4.2.1)	No IRD data connection (Section 4.2.2)	EchoStar IRD commissioning (Section 4.2.3)	Failed IRD status check (Section 4.2.4)	LNB assembly faulty (Section 4.2.5)
Antenna non-functional	X												
No IRD status message							X	X	X		X	X	
No picture on TV set			X	X	X			X			X	X	X
Intermittent picture for short intervals		X	X	X	X		X	X				X	X
System will not find satellite		X	X	X	X			X		X	X	X	X
Snowy television picture												X	
IRD locks up								X			X		
Picture jumbled, parts missing, freezing	X		X										
Switchplate status indicator flashing fast				X				X					X
System works at rest but not on the move						X							

## 4.1 Causes and Remedies for Common Operational Issues

There are a number of common issues that can affect the signal reception quality or the operation of the TracVision SF. The following sections address these issues and potential solutions.

### 4.1.1 Blown Fuse or Improper Wiring

If the antenna unit is installed but entirely non-responsive, there are two key factors to check as part of the troubleshooting process:

1. Blown Fuse – The antenna unit is equipped with a fuse mounted on its CPU Board. If this fuse has blown or been broken, the antenna unit will not operate. Refer to *Section 5.4.1, “PCB Removal and Replacement,”* for details on the fuse location and how to access the CPU Board.
2. Wiring – If the system has been improperly wired, the antenna unit will not operate correctly. Refer to *Section 2.3, “Connecting System Components”* for complete system wiring information.

### 4.1.2 Dew or Rain Pooling on Dome

Dew or rain can occasionally pool on the top of the radome. While this moisture will usually be dispersed when the vehicle is in motion, it can disrupt the signal while the vehicle is at rest. This issue can be minimized with two approaches:

1. Using a hose, spray the dome with water to remove the dew from the dome surface.
2. Periodically apply liquid dish detergent to the dome surface. Wipe the full-strength detergent on the dome and allow it to dry. This treatment will provide a film that will help moisture bead up and roll off the dome.

### 4.1.3 Satellite Signal Blocked

Satellite signals can be blocked or degraded by trees and branches, buildings, mountains, or equipment on the vehicle itself. Refer to *Section 2.1, “Choosing the Best Location,”* to make certain that the TracVision SF unit is in the optimal location. Simply moving the vehicle to clear an external obstruction will also restore signal quality.

### 4.1.4 Satellite Coverage Issue

TracVision SF will provide outstanding reception throughout the entire coverage area for your satellite television service of choice. However, signal quality can be degraded as you approach the fringe coverage areas. Refer to your satellite television service manual to check the viable coverage area.



For your convenience, KVH provides links to several web sites that offer satellite coverage information. Simply go to our web site at [www.kvh.com/footprint/index.html](http://www.kvh.com/footprint/index.html).

### 4.1.5 Incorrect or Loose RF Connectors

As part of preventive maintenance (described in [Section 5, "Maintenance,"](#)) KVH recommends checking the antenna unit cable connections. A loose RF connector can reduce the signal quality. Refer to [Section 2.3.2, "Connecting the Antenna to the IRD"](#) for directions on proper antenna unit to RF cabling.



Baseline RF levels are included as part of the startup sequence provided in [Appendix E](#).

### 4.1.6 Type of Multiswitch Used

An active (not passive) multiswitch must always be used to connect the TracVision SF system to multiple IRDs. Refer to [Section 2.3.2, "Connecting the Antenna to the IRD"](#) for directions on proper multiswitch/multiple IRD cabling.

### 4.1.7 Stationary Use Only

Your TracVision SF antenna was designed for stationary use only. As such, the antenna will track the desired satellite while your vehicle is parked, but not while the vehicle is in motion.



KVH offers an upgrade kit (KVH Part #02-1026) that adds in-motion tracking capability to the TracVision SF, allowing you to receive satellite signals while on the move.

## 4.2 IRD Troubleshooting

The IRD that was provided with your satellite television service may also be the cause of less-than-ideal operation.

### 4.2.1 IRD Wiring

Refer to [Section 2.3, "Connecting System Components"](#) and your IRD user manual to confirm that the IRD is properly connected to the antenna unit and the television.



*The long-term fix, typically done at original system installation, is to install an Uninterruptible Power Supply (like those available for use with computer systems) on the IRD. Be sure to specify a UPS with adequate available current for all devices attached to it. (An IRD draws approximately 200 watts.)*

## 4.2.2 AC Power Fluctuating

If the system periodically displays a picture for less than one minute, then enters Search Mode 1, the IRD data port may be locked up as the result of power fluctuations and will require a reset. This can be verified by hooking up a PC to the maintenance port and checking for error messages. Reset must be done by:

1. Completely shutting down DC power to the antenna.
2. Remove the AC source, either at the breaker or by unplugging the IRD.
3. Wait at least 10 seconds before restoring power, first to the IRD and then to the antenna.

## 4.2.3 No IRD Data Connection

To view status messages, your TracVision antenna must be connected to the IRD's low-speed data port. Refer to [Section 2.3.4, "Connecting the Switchplate to the IRD"](#) for details.

## 4.2.4 EchoStar IRD Activation Check

If you have purchased a DISH Network system, there is a chance that your EchoStar IRD will fail to acquire the satellite when you first activate it. This has been known to happen in IRDs that have not been activated within several months of their manufacture. [Appendix D](#) provides the manual satellite acquisition and activation procedure.



## 4.2.5 Failed IRD Status Check

As detailed in [Appendix E](#), TracVision SF completes a detailed startup routine whenever it is turned on. One of the first checks is the IRD status test. As noted in the typical startup cycles, the expectation is that the IRD and its communications link to TracVision SF will pass this test. There are, however, two alternate results, each indicating a slightly different problem.

### Test Result: NONE

If the system tests achieves a result of **NONE**, there is no communication at all between the antenna unit and the IRD.

#### *Solution*

Check to be certain that the IRD and TracVision SF are connected properly at the low-speed data port and that both are powered on. Refer to [Section 2.3, “Connecting System Components”](#) for correct antenna unit to IRD wiring procedures and diagrams. After verifying the connection, cycle the power off and on and review the startup test results.

### Test Result: UNKNOWN

In the instance of a result of **UNKNOWN**, a communications link exists, but the data received by the antenna unit is garbled and unrecognizable.

#### *Solution*

As with a result of **NONE**, first check to be certain the IRD and TracVision SF are connected properly at the low-speed data port. Refer to [Section 2.3, “Connecting System Components”](#) for correct antenna unit to IRD wiring procedures and diagrams. After verifying the connection, cycle the power off and on and review the startup test results. If this does not initially succeed, refer to [Section 4.2.2, “AC Power Fluctuating,”](#) and follow the IRD reset procedure.

## 4.2.6 IRD Faulty

In the case of a faulty IRD, refer to your IRD user manual for service, replacement, and warranty information.

## 4.3 Antenna LNB Faults

Section 5, “Maintenance,” provides detailed instructions for authorized service personnel who may be required to replace the TracVision SF LNB.



Most terminal emulation programs have a parameter for local character echo. Select this parameter to see what is being typed without any system delay.

## 4.4 Computer Diagnostics

TracVision SF has been designed to provide diagnostic readouts viewed on the TV screen (DIRECTV only) or on a personal computer having an RS-232 serial communication port. If you are unable to isolate a system problem with the foregoing troubleshooting tools, set up for computer diagnostics as described below. System problems will most likely be found somewhere through the diagnostic readouts.

The diagnostics procedure requires terminal emulation software such as PROCOMM or Windows Terminal or Hyperterminal. Use the settings appropriate to your application.

1. Connect one end of a PC data cable to the maintenance connector on the antenna baseplate (see Figure 4-1). Connect the other end to the serial port on the PC (a 9-pin/25-pin connector adapter may be needed for some PCs).

Figure 4-1

Maintenance Connector

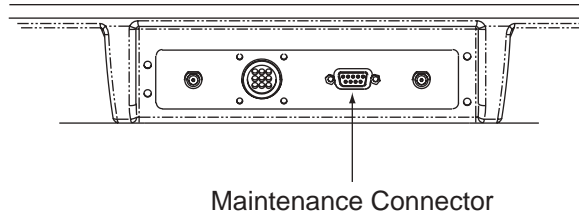
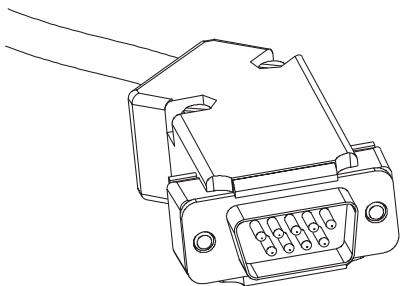


Figure 4-2

PC Data Cable DB9 Connector



2. Open the terminal emulation software and establish the following settings:
  - 9600 baud
  - no parity
  - 8 data bits
  - 1 start bit
  - 1 stop bit
  - no flow control

3. Apply power to the TracVision SF system and allow the system to complete full initialization. Data should be scrolling on the PC display to identify any system problems detected. If no data is seen, recheck your connections and the terminal software setup.

## 4.5 Maintenance Port Parser Commands

TracVision SF system parser commands are detailed in [Appendix F](#).

## 5 Maintenance

The following sections provide details on preventive maintenance and field replaceable units and parts for the TracVision SF antenna unit.

### 5.1 Warranty/Service Information

For information on KVH warranty, repair, and liability policies, please refer to the [complete warranty statement](#) provided at the conclusion of this manual. If you have any questions, please call your local authorized dealer or installer, or contact KVH directly.

### 5.2 Preventive Maintenance

TracVision SF requires minimal preventive maintenance. The following tasks are sufficient to maintain peak performance.

#### Monthly

- Wash the exterior of the radome and baseplate assembly with fresh water; a mild detergent may be added to remove grime. Do not spray the radome directly with high-pressure water.
- Do not apply abrasive cleaners or volatile solvents such as acetone to the ABS radome.

#### Annually

- Remove the radome. Visually inspect the elevation drive shaft to be certain that it moves easily and is clear of grit and debris. Clean and lubricate with silicone or white lithium grease as required.



The serial number of your TracVision SF will be required during any troubleshooting or service calls. You will find the serial number on the *inside front cover* of this manual.

## 5.3 Replaceable Parts

TracVision SF has been designed with durability and low maintenance in mind. If you experience an operating problem or otherwise require technical assistance, contact your local authorized TracVision SF dealer/installer first. Have the antenna unit serial number ready with a list of the trouble symptoms. If an authorized dealer/installer is not located nearby, contact the factory directly at the telephone, facsimile, or e-mail listings inside the front cover.

Replacement part numbers for units that can be serviced in the field are listed in Table 5-1. These parts may be obtained from any KVH authorized dealer/installer.

**Table 5-1**  
*Field Replaceable Units*



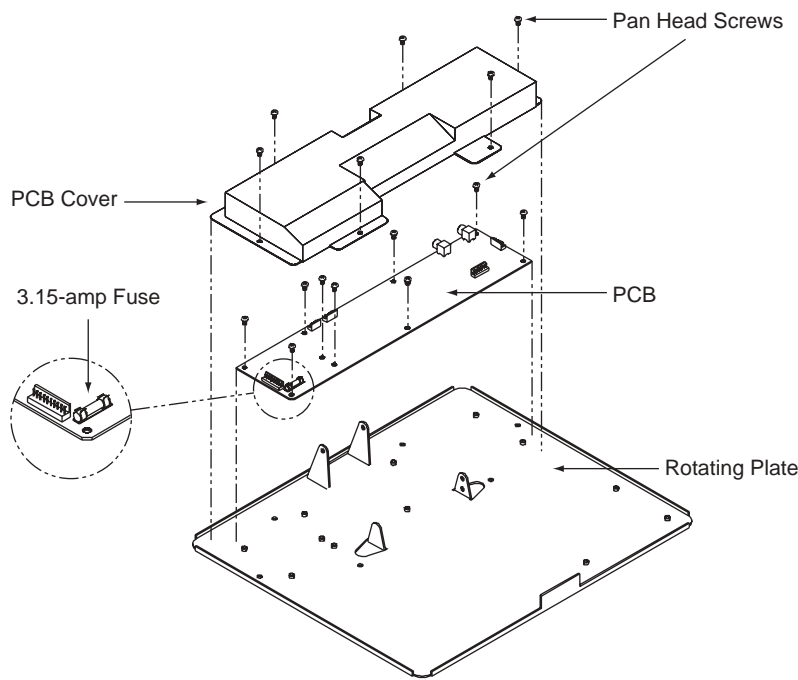
Should the fuse ever need to be replaced, TracVision SF uses a 5x20mm, 3.15-amp, 250-volt fast-blow fuse.

Part Name	Part Number
Radome Assembly	02-0953-07
Baseplate Assembly	02-1198
Data/Power Cable	32-0731-28
RF Cable	32-0417-28
CPU PCB	02-1144-01
System Fuse	16-0017-3150
LNB	19-0056

It is recommended that all other technical difficulties be resolved by returning the TracVision SF unit to an authorized service provider.

## 5.4 Field Replaceable Unit Procedures

The following subsections provide detailed procedures for repairing or swapping out field replaceable units. The procedures refer to labeled items presented on the following diagrams.



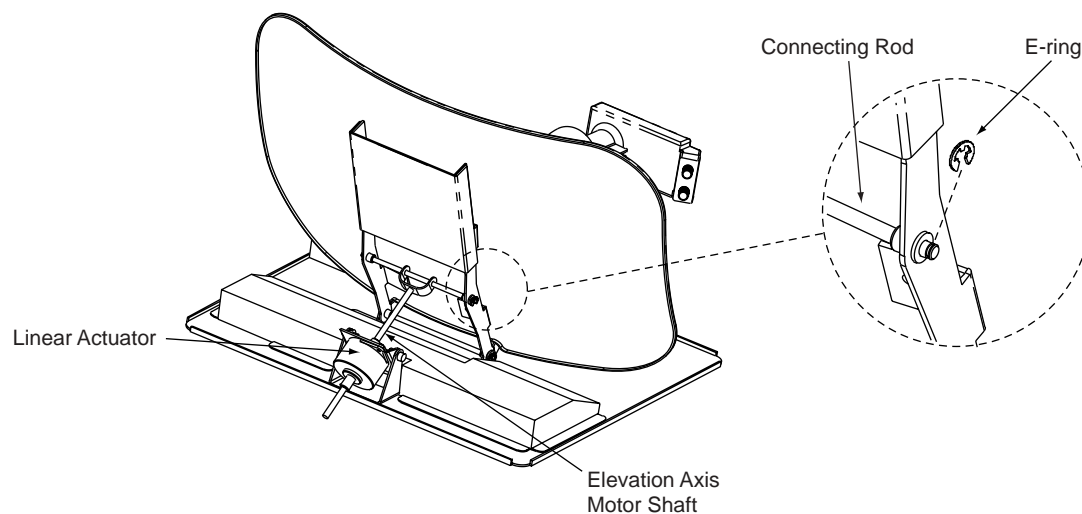
**Always lift the antenna unit by the gray baseplate, never by the radome or any portion of the antenna assembly!**

**Figure 5-1**  
Antenna, PCB, and Rotating Plate

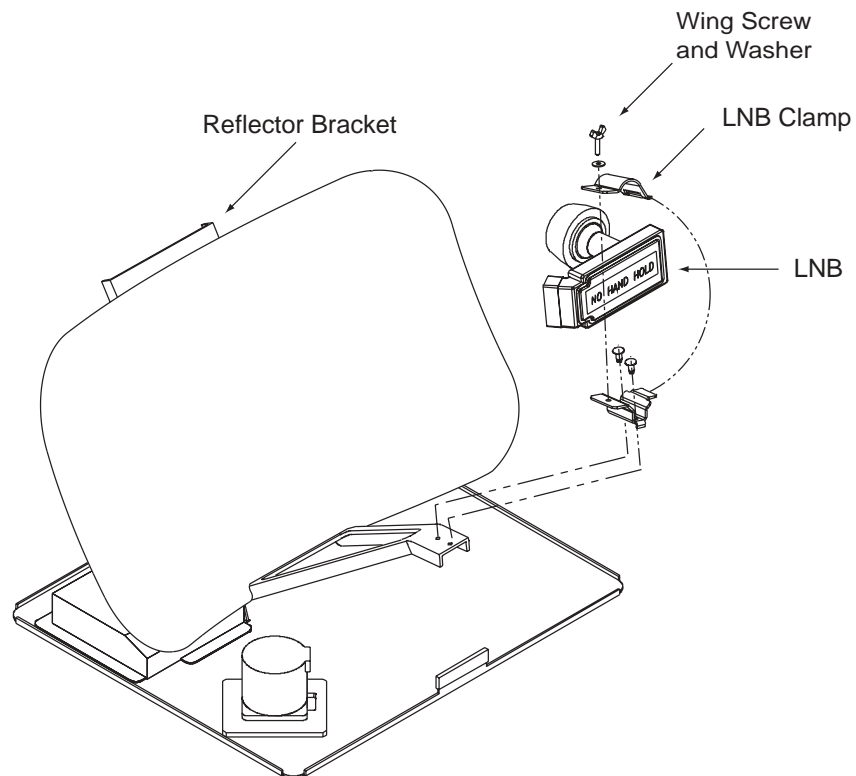


**Before servicing the antenna unit, be sure to remove the appropriate vehicle fuse to disconnect power. Replace the fuse after completing the service.**

**Figure 5-2**  
Close-up of Connecting Rod and E-ring



**Figure 5-3**  
**Antenna Assembly**



### 5.4.1 PCB Removal and Replacement

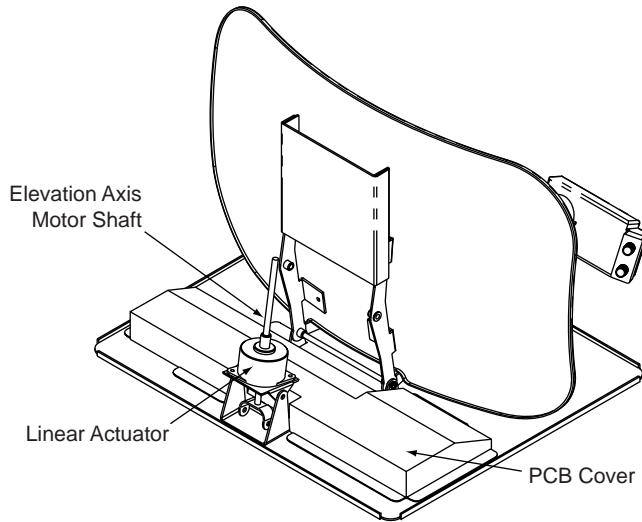
Estimated Time to Repair: ½ hour

The microprocessor PCB assembly is protected by a cover fastened to the rotating plate – *Fig. 5-1*. The cover must be removed to gain access to the main power fuse and the PCB assembly.



When carrying out maintenance on the PCB, be sure to not drop any of the small screws inside the mechanism. If a screw is lost within the baseplate, it **must** be retrieved to avoid causing any damage when the unit rotates.

1. Using needle-nose pliers, remove the E-ring from one end of the connecting rod – *Fig. 5-2*.
2. Remove the connecting rod by sliding it off the bracket.
3. Fully retract the elevation axis motor shaft – *Fig. 5-4*.

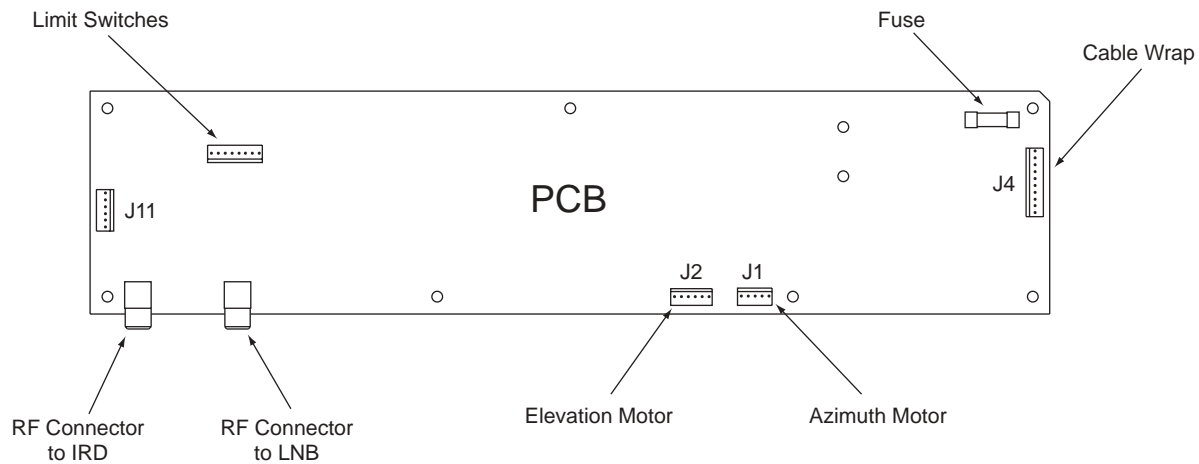


4. Remove 6 pan head screws from the PCB cover flanges.
5. Remove the PCB cover. To get the necessary clearance, rotate the linear actuator up 90° while lifting the PCB cover – Fig. 5-4.
6. Remove cable connectors from PCB. Figure 5-5 illustrates the PCB arrangement and connector locations.



*TracVision SF is equipped with a 5x20 mm, 3.15-amp, 250 volt fast-blow fuse, which is mounted on the PCB. To access and replace the fuse, remove the PCB cover.*

**Figure 5-5**  
*PCB Connector Locations – Rear View*



7. Remove the 9 pan head screws securing the PCB to the rotating plate.
8. Reverse this process to install the replacement PCB. Reinstall all cable connectors removed in Step 6.



*When replacing the PCB cover, be careful not to pinch any cables.*



9. Carry out the LNB calibration procedure ([Section 5.4.2](#)).

## 5.4.2 Antenna LNB Replacement

**Estimated Time to Repair: ½ hour**

The LNB receives preamplifier operating power from the IRD via the PCB – [Fig. 5-1 and 5-3](#). Be certain that the IRD is disconnected from its power source before removing or reconnecting the LNB.

1. Disconnect both RF coaxial connectors at the LNB.
2. Remove the wing screw and washer from the LNB clamp – [Fig. 5-3](#).
3. Remove the top of the LNB clamp – [Fig. 5-3](#).
4. Remove the LNB.
5. Replacement is the reverse of this procedure. Check the rotation to ensure that the LNB is not striking any wires or the baseplate.



When replacing the LNB, make certain to restore it to its original orientation, as shown in [Figure 5-3](#).

### Antenna LNB Normalization and Stability Test

1. Connect a PC to the communications port as described in [Section 4.4, “Computer Diagnostics.”](#)
2. Ensure that the antenna is tracking the satellite.
3. Type **HALT<cr>** (<cr> indicates a carriage return/ENTER key) to put the system into Idle Mode.
4. Type **DEBUGON<cr>** to put the system into Debug Mode.
5. Type **FINDSAT<cr>** to begin the automatic signal peaking process. Wait until the antenna peaks the satellite signal and is motionless. The screen will display **FINDSAT: PASS**.
6. Type **=CALLNB<cr>** to start the LNB Normalization Function.

Note: The CALLNB Function requires the antenna to be pointed directly at the satellite peak before performing this routine.



The CALLNB Function requires the antenna to be pointed directly at the satellite peak before performing this routine. Using the FINDSAT command will ensure that the antenna is receiving the strongest possible signal.

7. The system must respond with the following message: **CALLNB: PASS**. If the system displays **CALLNB: FAIL**, return to Step 3 and retry the procedure, making sure to achieve the highest possible RF signal peak.
8. Record the Cold Sky Average and the RFGAIN value reported in Step 7.
9. Type **ZAP<cr>**. The system will re-initialize using the new RFGAIN and RFOFFSET scale factors displayed following Step 7.
10. Wait for the system to perform the background noise calculation. Read the Average Noise Level value from the messages transmitted out the maintenance port. This value must be greater than 300 and less than 1300. An example of the message sequence and format is as follows:  
  
\*\*\* Averaging Background Noise \*\*\*  
  
Average Noise Level = 750  
  
Noise Threshold = 1450
11. Wait for the system to search for, find the satellite, enter Tracking Mode and track the satellite for a minimum of 30 seconds. Record the average RF signal value reported from the +POS: AZ, EL, RF messages. An example of the message sequence and format is as follows:  
  
+POS: 154.5 33.2 2521
12. The RF signal values while tracking shall be greater than 2000 and less than 3000.

## 5.5 Preparation for Shipment



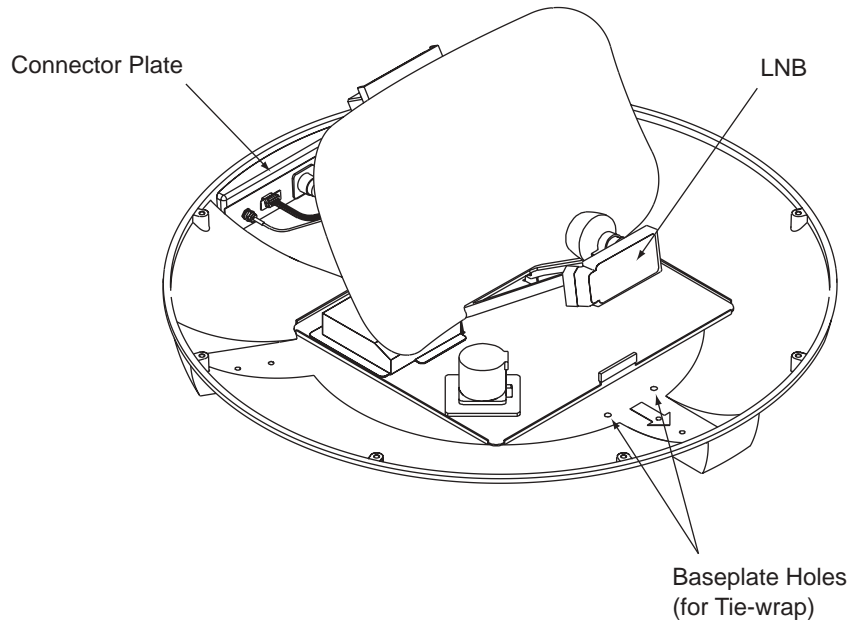
When rotating the azimuth mechanism by hand, go slowly! Hitting the mechanical stops with excessive force will damage the azimuth limit switch.

If you need to repack the antenna unit for shipment, you must first secure the LNB. Follow the steps below to repack the antenna unit.

1. Remove the radome.
2. Rotate the antenna unit so that the LNB is facing forward (away from the connector plate) (see Figure 5-6).

**Figure 5-6**

*Baseplate Shipping Restraint Holes*

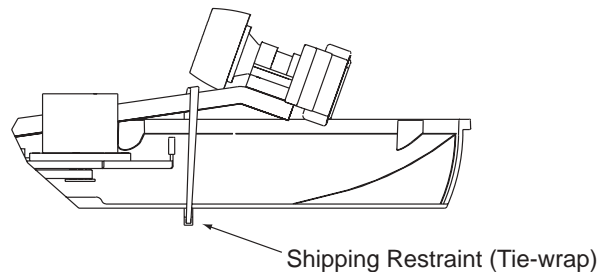


Do **NOT** overtighten the tie-wrap. Securing the tie-wrap too tightly may bend the LNB bracket and damage the unit.

3. Using a tie-wrap, secure the LNB bracket to the baseplate, as shown in Figures 5-6 and 5-7.

**Figure 5-7**

*Attaching the Shipping Restraint*



KVH is not liable for damage caused by improper shipping.

4. Replace the radome.
5. Place the entire antenna unit into its shipping box using the original packing material.
6. Secure the box to a pallet to ensure upright transport to KVH.

# Appendix A

## System Specifications

### Physical Characteristics

Power	11-16 volts DC @ 2.5 amps nominal, 3.5 amps peak
Dimensions/Weight	32" wide x 14.8" high, 33 lbs
LNB	Dual Output
Maintenance Port	9600 bps, 8,N,1,EIA, RS232

**Table A-1**

*TracVision SF System Specifications*

### Pointing System

Elevation Range	15° to 75°
Azimuth Range	720°
Position Repeatability	0.1°

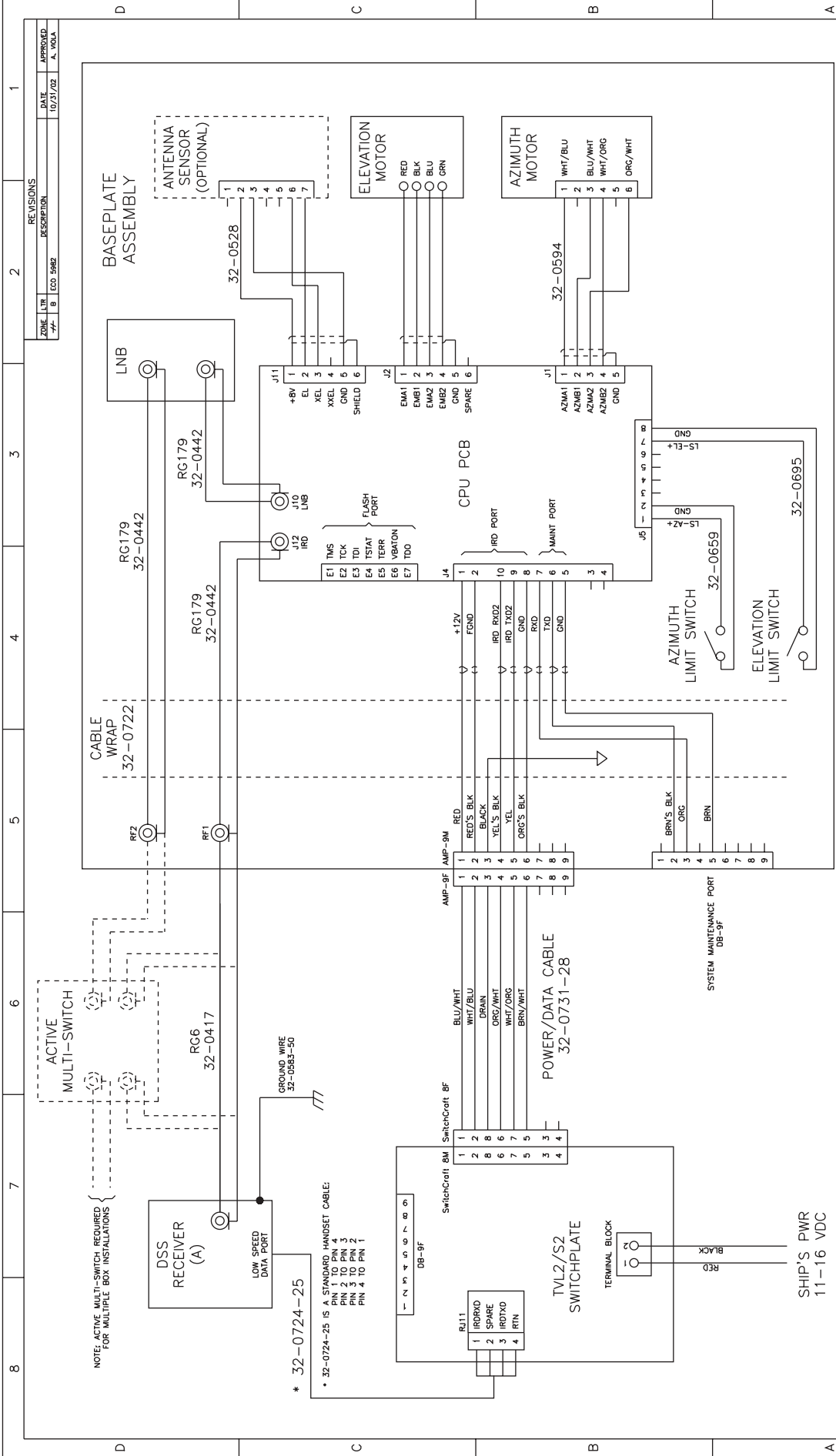
### Environmental

Operating Temperature	-13°F to 131°F
Storage Temperature	-40°F to 185°F
Humidity	to 100 percent

# Appendix B

## Comprehensive TracVision SF System Wiring Diagram

The wiring diagram is presented on the following page.



REVISIONS

ZONE	LTR	REV	DESCRIPTION	DATE	APPROVED
1	B	1	ISSUED	10/27/02	A. WOLA

FORM NO. 30-0000 REV. A 8

PROJECT NO.	TVLF/SF	DATE	10/27/02
DESIGNED BY	AMERS	DRAWN	AMERS
CHECKED BY	AMERS	DATE	10/27/02
SCALE	NONE	SHEET	1 OF 1

SHIP'S PWR  
11-16 VDC

SYSTEM WIRING DIAGRAM

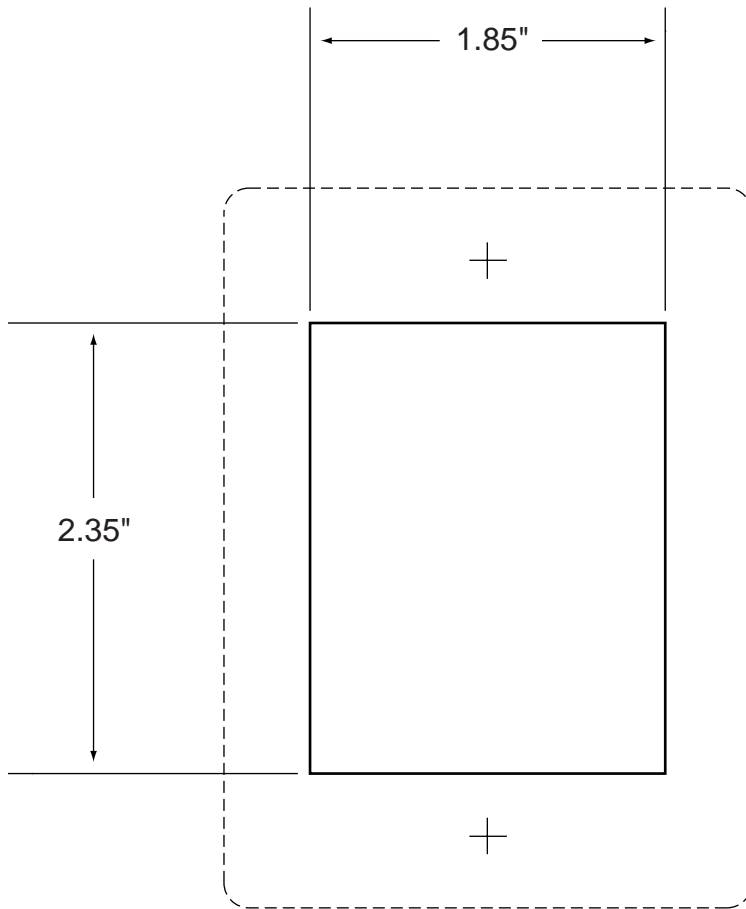
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CHECKED BY	AMERS	DATE	10/27/02
SCALE	NONE	SHEET	1 OF 1

SHIP'S PWR  
11-16 VDC



# Appendix C

## Switchplate Template



# Appendix D

## EchoStar IRD Activation Procedure

If you have purchased a DISH Network system, there is a chance that your EchoStar IRD will fail to acquire the satellite when you first activate it. This has been known to happen in IRDs that have not been activated within several months of their manufacture. The following process is a manual method of acquiring the satellite for the first time so that the IRD can download the most up-to-date satellite and programming data, allowing it to automatically acquire the satellite from then on.

Please refer to your EchoStar IRD user manual for complete instructions on the IRD, the remote control, and the command screens.



*It will be necessary to have a PC available to complete the manual acquisition and activation procedure.*

### Manual Satellite Acquisition and IRD Activation

1. Turn on the TV and EchoStar IRD.
2. Using the EchoStar remote, press MENU.
  - The Main Menu will come up on the screen.
3. Select #6, System Setup.
4. Select #1, Installation.
5. Select #1, Point Dish/Signal.
  - The Signal Strength Screen will appear.
6. Using the remote, select the zip code box on the screen, and input the local zip code.
  - The screen will show you the Azimuth and Elevation to the satellite. Write this down.
7. Connect a PC to the antenna's maintenance port.
8. Turn on the TracVision SF.
9. Type **HALT<CR>** after receiving the message **\*\*\* Entering Search Mode 1 \*\*\***.
10. Type in the elevation that you obtained in Step 6.
  - Type **EL,xxx<CR>**  
(e.g., Elevation of 30.2° = **EL,302<CR>**)





The Signal Strength Meter is located on the bottom of the "Point Dish and Signal Strength" Screen. This Signal Strength Meter is Red in color, and turns Green when the proper satellite is located.



Turning the IRD off with the remote puts the IRD in standby mode. Turning the IRD off from the front panel shuts the IRD off.

11. Using a compass, take a bearing on an object that is approximately on the azimuth obtained in Step 6.
12. Type in an azimuth that points the antenna in the direction of the object selected in Step 11.
  - Type **AZ,xxxx<CR>**  
(e.g., azimuth of 233° = **AZ,2330<CR>**)
  - Valid azimuth range is 0-360° (0000-3600)
13. Check to see if there is signal strength on the Signal Meter Screen.
14. Move antenna counter-clockwise in 5° increments until signal strength is acquired. If you do not find the satellite, point the antenna at the object selected in Step 11 and move the antenna clockwise in 5° increments until signal strength is acquired.
15. Once the satellite is found, fine tune azimuth in 1° increments for maximum signal strength.
16. Fine tune elevation in 1° increments for maximum signal strength.
17. Once the satellite is found, turn the EchoStar IRD off, using the power button on the infrared remote. *Do not turn off the IRD using the front panel.* Leave IRD in standby mode for approximately 5 minutes. The IRD will now download new software from the satellite.
  - To verify that the IRD has been updated, put the IRD into the Signal Strength Screen mode, and three satellite options will appear on the left side of the screen: 61.5° West, 119° West, 148° West. Your EchoStar IRD is now updated.

# Appendix E

## Startup Data Sequences

The data on the following pages presents the startup data sequences registered by the TracVision SF. The first section shows the sequences registered by a system that is connected to an IRD low-speed data port. The second section shows the sequences registered by a system that is **NOT** connected to an IRD low-speed data port. Both sections show two routines. One is the standard, full initialization routine; the second is that registered by TracVision SF if it is turned on and acquires the satellite via the “Instant On” operation (described in [Section 3, “Using Your TracVision SF”](#)). These sequences can be recorded using the data port and a PC.

### E.1 System Connected to IRD Data

#### Standard Startup Sequence

```
?PGM

KVH TracVision SF Rev X - Version X.XX - Serial Number XXXXXXXXX

Limit Switch Test
Limit Switch Status: PASS-----PASS is expected
*** Initializing IRD ***
..
IRD STATUS: PASS  DSS -----PASS is expected with successful IRD identification
Saved Sat Pos: EL = 33.4
*** Averaging Background Noise ***
+POS:  45.0  26.6  735
+POS:  57.9  20.0 1004
+POS: 232.0  20.0  812
+POS:  25.6  20.0  898
Average Noise Level = 957
Noise Threshold = 1781
Saved Sat Pos: EL = 33.4
*** Entering Search Mode 1 ***
+POS:  80.9  32.1 1217
+POS:  44.6  33.4  853
Satellite Found: AZ = 327.7, EL = 33.4, RF = 2476
+POS: 306.4  33.4 1020
*** Initializing Finetune ***-----Peaking the satellite signal
+POS: 327.7  33.4 2827
```

```
+POS: 327.7 33.9 2717
Signal Peaked: AZ = 327.69, EL = 33.40, RF = 2822
+POS: 327.7 33.3 2751
+POS: 327.7 33.3 2741
*** Entering Satellite Check ***
+POS: 327.7 33.3 2756
Signal Detected = 82
+POS: 327.7 33.3 2727
+POS: 327.7 33.3 2748
Signal Detected = 81
+POS: 327.7 33.3 2731
+POS: 327.7 33.3 2713
Tracking DSS satellite at 101.5W
+POS: 327.7 33.3 2665
IRD Signal Quality = 79
+POS: 327.7 33.3 2681
+POS: 327.7 33.3 2708
Saved Sat Pos: AZ = 327.70, EL = 33.34
```

## “Instant On” Startup Sequence

?PGM

KVH TracVision SF Rev X - Version X.XX - Serial Number XXXXXXXX

Instant On-----System skips limit switch test

Limit Switch Status: PASS-----PASS is expected

\*\*\* Initializing IRD \*\*\*

...
IRD STATUS: PASS DSS -----PASS is expected with successful IRD identification

Saved Sat Pos: EL = 33.3

\*\*\* Initializing Finetune \*\*\*-----Peaking the satellite signal

+POS: 360.0 33.9 2622

Signal Peaked: AZ = 0.00, EL = 33.30, RF = 2674

+POS: 0.0 33.3 2646

+POS: 0.0 33.3 2638

IRD Signal Quality = 79

+POS: 0.0 33.3 2640

+POS: 0.0 33.3 2614

IRD Signal Quality = 77

CH = 200 XP = 7 HI = 0 LO = 10

+POS: 0.0 33.3 2652

Saved Sat Pos: AZ = 0.00, EL = 33.30

+POS: 0.0 33.3 2617

+POS: 0.0 33.3 2616

IRD Signal Quality = 78

+POS: 0.0 33.3 2610

## E.2 System Not Connected to IRD Data

### Standard Startup Sequence

```
?PGM

KVH TracVision SF Rev X - Version X.XX - Serial Number XXXXXXXXX

Limit Switch Test
Limit Switch Status: PASS-----PASS is expected
*** Initializing IRD ***
Send APG OSD On
Try MPG IRD Type
Send MPG OSD On
Switch Back to Echostar IRD Type
Send APG OSD On
Try MPG IRD Type
Send MPG OSD On
Switch Back to Echostar IRD Type
IRD STATUS: FAIL None -----FAIL is expected with no IRD data connection
Saved Sat Pos: EL = 33.5
*** Averaging Background Noise ***
+POS: 45.0 26.3 762
+POS: 62.1 20.0 1111
+POS: 223.5 20.0 1082
Average Noise Level = 985
Nor = 1826
Saved Sat Pos: EL = 33.5
*** Entering Search Mode 1 ***
+POS: 193.4 30.1 1098
+POS: 205.8 33.5 878
Satellite Found: AZ = 330.0, EL = 33.5, RF = 2150
+POS: 0.9 33.5 586
+POS: 331.2 33.5 2173
*** Initializing Finetune ***-----Peaking the satellite signal
+POS: 331.2 33.5 2197
+POS: 331.8 34.1 2177
Signal Peaked: AZ = 331.79, EL = 33.50, RF = 2226
*** Tracking Satellite ***
+POS: 331.7 33.4 2154
+POS: 331.7 33.4 2148
+POS: 331.7 33.4 2167
Saved Sat Pos: AZ = 331.75, EL = 33.43
+POS: 331.7 33.4 2155
+POS: 331.7 33.4 2132
+POS: 331.7 33.4 2153
Switch held: wrong satellite-----SAT SELECT switch pressed
Exclude: No longer search AZ = 331.7, EL = 33.4
```

```
*** Entering Search Mode 1 *** -----Searching for a different satellite
Search1 decided to go to: AZ = 335.9, EL = 33.5
+POS: 23.5 33.5 518
+POS: 135.5 33.5 890
+POS: 162.5 33.5 1105
*** Entering Search Mode 2 ***
+POS: 150.5 33.4 1108
+POS: 80.1 33.4 889
+POS: 180.0 34.0 1092
*** Entering Search Mode 3 ***
+POS: 180.0 34.3 873
+POS: 66.6 22.0 885
Satellite Found: AZ = 348.8, EL = 22.0, RF = 2149
+POS: 327.4 22.0 567
*** Initializing Finetune ***
+POS: 348.8 22.0 1987
+POS: 348.7 22.6 2020
+POS: 348.8 23.8 1965
Signal Peaked: AZ = 348.77, EL = 23.23, RF = 2004
*** Tracking Satellite ***
+POS: 348.8 23.3 2100
+POS: 348.8 23.3 1840
Saved Sat Pos: AZ = 348.76, EL = 23.29
+POS: 348.8 23.3 2190
+POS: 348.8 23.3 2010
```

## “Instant On” Startup Sequence

?PGM

KVH TracVision SF Rev X - Version X.XX - Serial Number XXXXXXXX

```
Instant On-----System skips limit switch test
Limit Switch Status: PASS-----PASS is expected
*** Initializing IRD ***
Send APG OSD On
Try MPG IRD Type
Send MPG OSD On
Switch Back to Echostar IRD Type
Send APG OSD On
Try MPG IRD Type
Send MPG OSD On
Switch Back to Echostar IRD Type
IRD STATUS: FAIL None -----FAIL is expected with no IRD data connection
Saved Sat Pos: EL = 22.5
*** Initializing Finetune ***
+POS: 360.0 23.1 1575
Signal Peaked: AZ = 0.00, EL = 22.50, RF = 1919
```

```
*** Tracking Satellite ***
+POS: 360.0  22.5 1917
+POS: 360.0  22.5 1635
+POS: 360.0  22.5 1976
Switch held: wrong satellite-----SAT SELECT switch pressed
Exclude: No longer search AZ =  0.0, EL =  22.5

KVH TracVision SF Rev X - Version X.XX - Serial Number XXXXXXXXX

Limit Switch Test
Limit Switch Status: PASS
*** Initializing IRD ***
Send APG OSD On
Try MPG IRD Type
Send MPG OSD On
Switch Back to Echostar IRD Type
Send APG OSD On
Try MPG IRD Type
Send MPG OSD On
Switch Back to Echostar IRD Type
IRD STATUS: FAIL  None
Saved Sat Pos: EL = 22.5
*** Averaging Background Noise ***
+POS:  45.0  26.3  956
+POS:  62.1  20.0 1094
+POS: 223.5  20.0  850
Average Noise Level = 965
Noise Threshold = 1794
Saved Sat Pos: EL = 22.5
*** Entering Search Mode 1 *** -----Searching for a different satellite
+POS: 193.4  22.5  869
+POS: 205.8  22.5 1083
Satellite Found: AZ = 350.6, EL =  22.5, RF = 2015
+POS:  15.0  22.5  471
+POS: 354.0  22.5  620
*** Initializing Finetune ***
+POS: 350.0  22.5 1773
+POS: 350.5  21.9 1959
Signal Peaked: AZ = 350.55, EL =  22.50, RF = 1978
*** Tracking Satellite ***
+POS: 350.5  22.4 1674
```

# Appendix F

## Maintenance Port Parser Commands

TracVision SF system parser commands are parsed when the system receives an ASCII carriage return (Hex 0D). An ASCII line feed (Hex 0A) is permitted but is ignored in any transmitted command. All system responses are terminated with an ASCII carriage return followed by a line feed and ending with either an acknowledge character (ASCII > (Hex 3E)) or a not-acknowledge character (ASCII ? (Hex 3F)). The parser commands are shown below in boldface capital letters but they are not case-sensitive. In most cases the command is responded to with an echo; that is, if you type **ZAP**, for example, and press “ENTER,” the response will be the command you have entered (i.e., **ZAP**). For other commands the response is specific for each command, such as **VERSION**, **STATUS**, or **HELP**.

### F.1 System Commands

#### Software Version

Function	reports software version
Command	<b>VERSION</b>
Argument	none
Response	KVH TVSF Version XX.XX

*Table F-1  
System Commands*

#### System Status Report

Function:	reports general system status
Command:	<b>STATUS</b>
Argument:	none
Response:	system status string, (TBD)

#### Initialize the System

Function:	initializes the system (perform a soft reset)
Command:	<b>ZAP</b>
Argument:	none
Response:	echoes the command, then reinitializes the system

## F.2 Manual Positioning Commands

To execute the following commands, first put the antenna unit in idle mode by typing **HALT** and pressing “ENTER.” Positioning commands may be entered after the antenna comes to rest.

**Table F-2**  
*Manual Positioning Commands*

<b>Help on Parser Commands</b>	
Function:	lists parser commands
Command:	<b>HELP</b>
Argument:	none
Response:	print a list of all parser commands
<b>Azimuth Angle</b>	
Function:	commands a manual azimuth angle that the mechanism moves to
Command:	<b>AZ,xxxx</b> (range is 0000-3599)
Argument:	desired azimuth angle of the mechanism relative to vehicle reference, or baseplate fwd, 000°-359.9° (vehicle-referenced)
Response:	echoes the command; mechanism moves at a fixed velocity
<b>Elevation Angle</b>	
Function:	commands a manual elevation angle that the mechanism moves to
Command:	<b>EL,xxx</b> (range is 100-700)
Argument:	desired elevation angle of the mechanism relative to up, or external sensor attitude reference, 10.0°-70.0°
Response:	echoes the command; mechanism moves at a fixed velocity
<b>Azimuth CW Step</b>	
Function:	commands a 0.1 deg CW manual step in azimuth angle
Command:	<b>6</b>
Argument:	none
Response:	echoes the command



**Azimuth CCW Step**

Function:	commands a 0.1 deg CCW manual step in azimuth angle
Command:	<b>4</b>
Argument:	none
Response:	echoes the command

**Elevation UP Step**

Function:	commands a 0.1 deg UP manual step in elevation angle
Command:	<b>8</b>
Argument:	none
Response:	echoes the command

**Elevation DOWN Step**

Function:	commands a 0.1 deg DOWN manual step in elevation angle
Command:	<b>2</b>
Argument:	none
Response:	echoes the command

## F.3 Operational Commands

**Idle Mode**

Function:	halts active tracking and conical scan, then enters idle mode
Command:	<b>HALT</b>
Argument:	none
Response:	echoes the command

**Table F-3**  
*Operational Commands*

## F.4 Target and Signal Commands

**Table F-4**  
*Target and Signal Commands*

### Report Target Location

Function:	reports the target (satellite) location in the baseplate frame and uses the saved satellite position
Command:	<b>TGTLOCATION</b>
Argument:	none
Response:	Target Location = E XXX, A XXXX

### Report RF Signal Strength

Function:	reports the modified signal strength from the RF power detector circuit, and applies the RF gain and offset computed during LNB calibration
Command:	<b>SIGLEVEL</b>
Argument:	none
Response:	Signal Strength = XXXX

### Report IRD Signal Quality

Function:	reports the signal strength from the IRD; it uses the last received signal quality and initiates a new signal quality request command from the IRD
Command:	<b>SIGQUALITY</b>
Argument:	none
Response:	Stale Signal Quality = XX

### Report IRD Type

Function:	reports the IRD connection type as DSS (DIRECTV), EchoStar, untested, or none
Command:	<b>IRDTYPE</b>
Argument:	none
Responses:	IRD type has not been tested yet. IRD type is Echostar. IRD type is DSS. IRD type cannot be determined.

# KVH Industries Limited Warranty

## TracVision SF

### Limited Warranty on Hardware

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