Radio direction finder of HF frequency band
“Berkut”

Mobile radio direction finding station “Berkut” is designed for detection and direction finding of radio emitters in the frequency band from 1.5 MHz to 30 MHz. Station provides scanning over preset frequency band, spatial search and position localization of SRE by surface and sloping radio wave with vertical polarization.

External view of “Berkut” station

View of “Berkut” equipment section

Main peculiarities

1. Radio direction finder is based on three-channel receiving and measuring device providing stable direction finding of signals implementing Watson-Watt method in true open waves and bearing samples for short-term radio emitters with signal duration of 5-200 ms (including pulse sources of interference).

2. Implementing of spatial FFT signals processing allows direction finding of several sources with their signals operating at a time in the frequency band with overlapped spectra.

3. In the mode of bearing accumulation with polarization signal processing radio direction finder provides in many cases stable bearing taking of signals by spatial radio wave.

4. Presence in the composition of RDF of GSM-communication and GPS receiver allows increasing of SRE search efficiency especially when operating as a part of RDF network consisting of similar stations.

Main functions

1. Taking bearings for the sources on given frequency;
2. Scanning within preset frequency band or by the list of frequency channels in order to detect RE;
3. Indication of amplitude spectrum of the signal which bearing is being taken on the screen;
4. Recording of information and speech signals to computer HD;
5. Display of RE and RDF station position against the background of the map of the area;
6. Informational interchange by communication channel with external radio monitoring system or with similar RDF stations;
7. Automatic serviceability check, equipment diagnostics and charge level check of accumulators and their automatic charging in motion.

Station composition

1. Direction finding antenna-feeder system on the base of magnetic HF dipole antenna,
2. Receiving and measuring device on the base of three-channel DSP-receiver with NB tunable preselector and additional independent scanning receiving channel;
3. Operator's board on the basis of industrial computer,
4. Navigation equipment (receiver GPS-18),
5. GSM/GPRS modem,
6. Power supply unit with batteries autocharging system ,
7. Two battery pack (main and reserved),
8. Set of cables and accessories (including field heterodyne for RDC measurement after equipment installation in a vehicle),
9. Complete set of operational and maintenance documentation.

Main characteristics

Operating frequency band	1.5– 30.0 MHz
Polarization	vertical
Direction finding method	Watson-Watt
Modes of direction finding:	"instantaneous" DF, histogram accumulation, frequency RE selection, polarization selection
Instrumental error of bearing taking accounting for RDC (mean arithmetic error)	2°
Sensitivity by EM-field (RMS threshold = 3°)	5…25 μV/m
Minimal signal duration for its bearing to be taken	5 ms
Dynamic range of signals	>130 dB
Estimation of bearing taking quality and signal level	RMS/dBμV
Frequency bandwidth	0.03 …16 kHz
Frequency resolution of bearing samples	100 Hz
Relative error of frequency measurement	$< 2.0 \cdot 10^{-7}$
Remote control	GSM/GPRS
Power consumption from vehicle board system	not more than 120 W
Time of operation from autonomous power source	8 h
Operating temperature range: of equipment	0° **C**...+ 50°**C**
of antenna	- 40° **C**...+ 60° **C**

Desktop of “Berkut” system