










iPS1500

HERCULES SERIES

KEY FEATURES

-  One primary output (28 V) and two adjustable secondary outputs (12 V-14 V and 5 V-8 V)
-  LED indicators provide status for each output voltage and current
-  Overcurrent and short circuit protection
-  Real Time Data Monitoring (RTDM)
-  Configurable EES parameters for different internal combustion engines
-  High efficiencies of up to 93.5%, load dependent
-  Onboard battery charging

DATASHEET

Fly Higher. Fly Longer. Fly Smarter.

Uncrewed aerial vehicle (UAV) electronics have evolved to meet more demanding and varied mission requirements. More intelligent power management improves efficiency, expands mission options, reduces size/weight, and lowers total costs. The intelligent and integrated power electronics in the sophisticated Hercules iPS1500 meets the most stringent demands and UAV design requirements.

Intelligent Power Systems

ePropelled intelligent power systems (iPS) provide a comprehensive power management solution for aviation by converting 3-phase sinusoidal AC from a starter generator into tightly regulated DC for onboard avionics, servos, and various other payloads. Designed to handle varying input voltages, the Hercules iPS1500 uses active rectification and switching regulation to ensure a steady DC output. It continuously monitors input and output voltages, as well as current levels, and reports this data via a CAN interface. Custom applications and alert thresholds can be configured through an open API. The system also supplies onshore DC power for functions including EES, output power, and battery charging.

Additionally, the iPS1500 features an optional electronic engine starter (EES) that aids in driving the starter generator during engine start-up, switching to regulated voltage once the engine reaches operational speed. If the starter generator fails, an onboard battery (if installed) provides temporary power based on its size, ensuring reliable operation and system integrity.



Battery Features

- Onboard battery can provide power to outputs if 3-phase generator power is lost.
- Onboard battery is charged when the unit is connected to 3-phase power or onshore DC power.
- Onboard battery can be used to power EES function.
- Onshore DC power for all features including EES function, output power, and onboard battery charging.

Temperatures Monitored and Logged

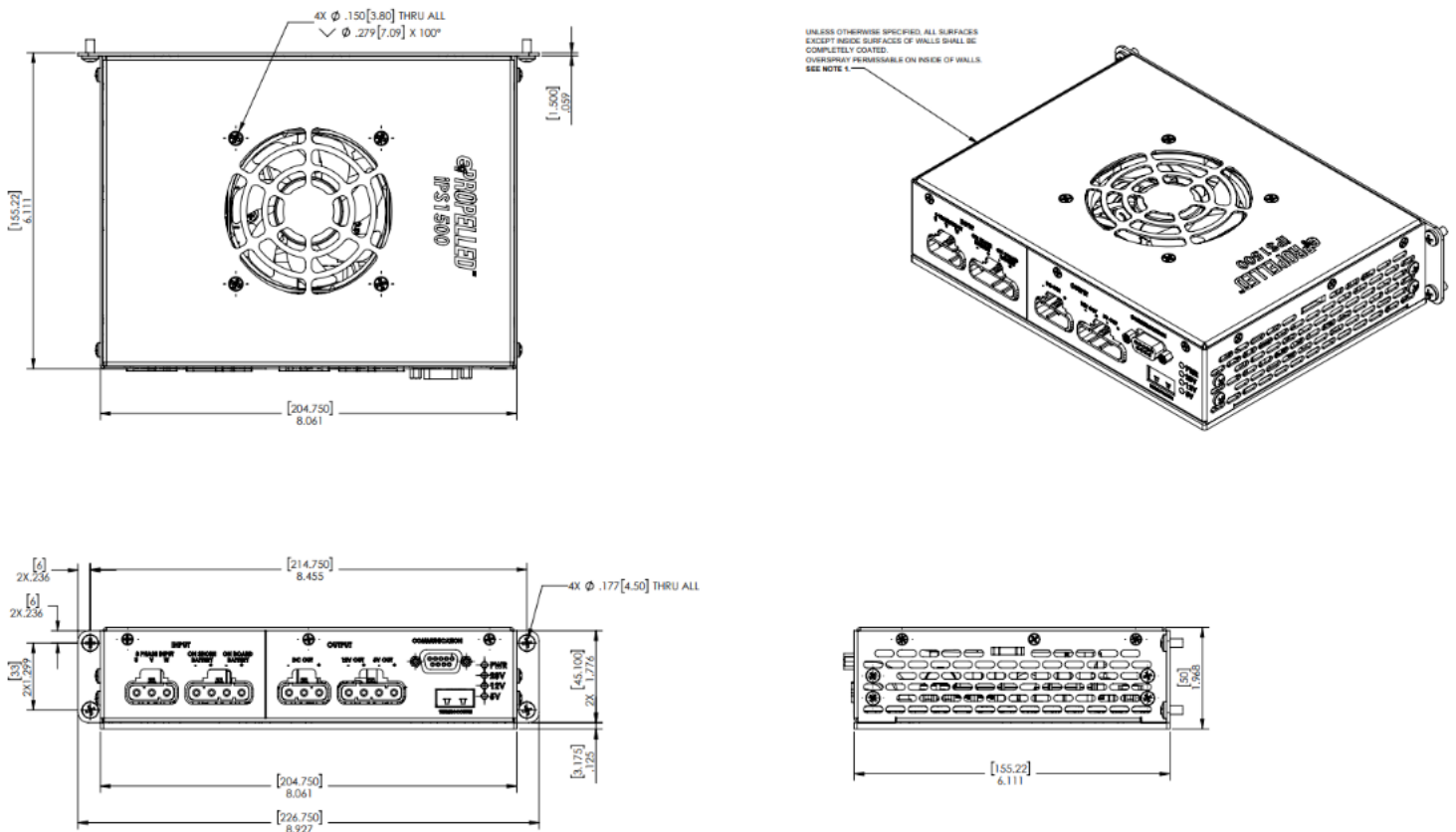
- Synchronous rectifier FETs
- DC Converter FETs
- Output or Input FETs

User-Configurable Parameters

- Conductor compensation voltage boost
- Alert and Threshold Settings
- RTDM Settings
- CAN bus Settings

Mounting Instructions

The figure below depicts the overall dimensions of the iPS chassis. Four holes are used for mounting the unit. Please note that weight and other details are provided in the technical specification table.



*All Dimensions are in mm

iPS1500 TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

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Parameter	INPUT		
	Min	Max	Notes
Input voltage range	25 V @ no load 50 V @ full load	95 V	RMS line-to-line
Maximum total input power	1,662 W		At 40°C ambient
Onboard battery voltage range	24 V	28 V	Battery type: 8S LiFePo4 or 7S LiPo
Onshore DC voltage range	24 V	58 V	Input voltage below 33 V will not regulate the primary output. Max Continuous Current: 20A
Engine starter voltage range*	24 V	58 V	Supplied from onshore DC or onboard battery
Engine starter current range	0 A	125 A	Peak /phase
Start trigger voltage	2.3 V	5 V	
Start duration	0.25 s	10 s	5 seconds between attempts
Parameter	OUTPUT		
	Value		Notes
Maximum total output power (continuous)	1,500 W		DC at 40°C ambient
Primary output voltage	28 V		DC, max power = 1500 W (53.6 A at 28 V)
Secondary output voltage 1	12 V	14 V	DC, max current = 20 A
Secondary output voltage 2	5 V	8 V	DC, max current = 20 A
Voltage regulation	±500 mV		
Voltage ripple P-P	500 mV		
Peak efficiency	93.5%		At 60% full load
Onboard battery charging voltage	29.4 V		Battery type: (8S LiFePo4 or 7S LiPo)
Onboard battery charge current	3.33 A		Max
Protection	Input undervoltage warning Output overvoltage warning *Output short circuit protection Output overcurrent protection Over temperature Warning Onboard battery switchover		
Dimensions	204.8 mm x 155.2 mm x 50.0 mm		
Weight	1,115g		
Cooling	Fan cooled		
Ambient operating temperature	-26°F(-32°C) to 104°F (40°C) at 1,500 W.		
Storage temperature	-40°F (-40°C) to 185°F (85°C)		
Ingress protection	IP20		

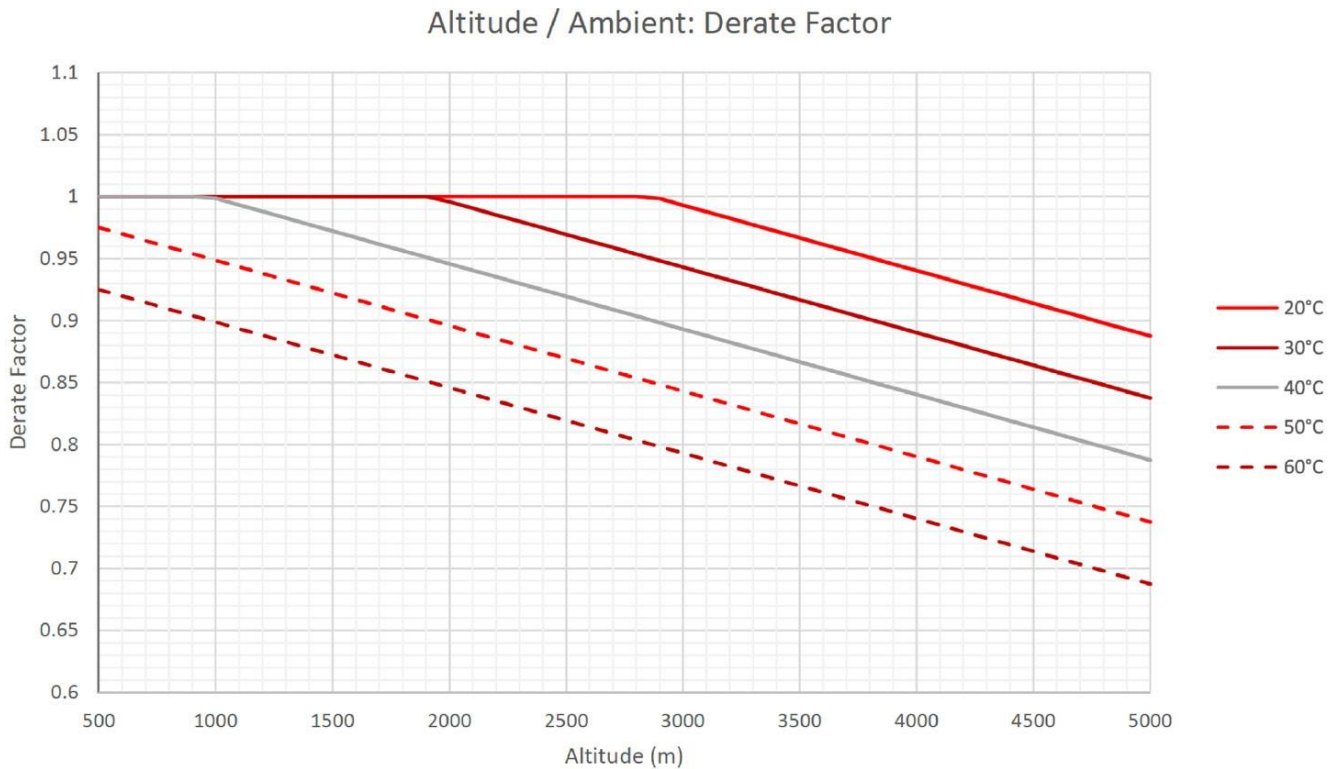
*Depending on the characteristics of the engine, the effective engine starter voltage range may be in a narrower range than specified. This value is only provided as an indication of the range possible and will be dependent on the specific internal combustion engine (ICE) the customer has specified.

⚠ ***WARNING:** When operating without an onboard battery, the unit has output short circuit protection. However, if a battery or a power supply is connected to the onboard battery terminals, the short circuit protection will force the unit into a switchover state when the output is shorted. **This will cause damage to the circuit that is responsible for handling the switchover and it will void the warranty.**

⚠ ***WARNING:** The onboard battery must be fused with a **30 A fast blow in-line fuse**. Failure to add the specified in-line fuse will result in damage to the unit and void the warranty.

Derating with Increased Altitude

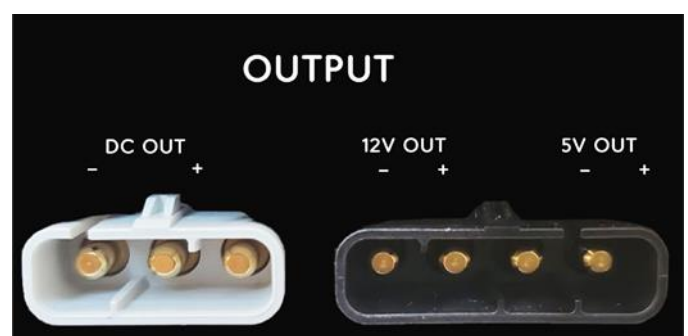
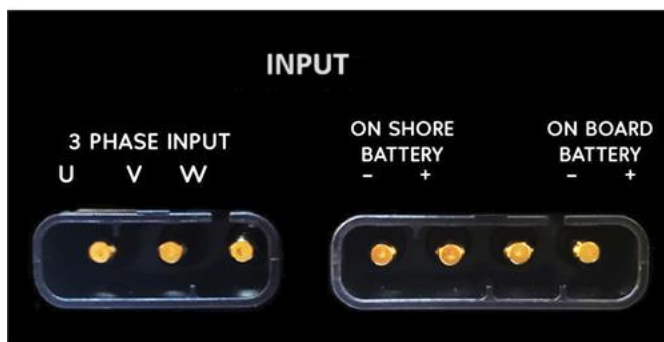
The derating factor for altitude is based on the loss of dielectric strength of the air as the density decreases with the altitude. The diagram below shows how the cooling efficiency changes with high altitude and ambient temperatures.



Recommended Applications

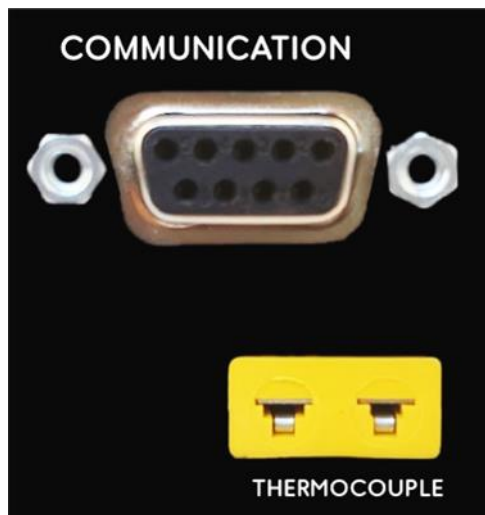
- Aircraft power systems
- Unmanned vehicle power systems
- Power conditioning
- Stand-alone power systems (SAPS) for remote area power supply
- Voltage regulation in the renewable power generation system

iPS1500 PINOUT		
3-Phase Input Connector (Molex - 2018431030) Mating Cable - 681-00011 (Molex - 2018410030)		
Pin	Label	Description
1	U-LEG	3-phase connection U-LEG
2	V-LEG	3-phase connection V-LEG
3	W-LEG	3-phase connection W-LEG
DC Input Connector (Molex - 2018431040) Mating Cable - 681-00012 (Molex - 2018410040)		
Pin	Label	Description
1	Onshore battery -	Ground. Return connection for the onshore battery.
2	Onshore battery +	Positive connection for the onshore battery.
3	Onboard battery -	Ground. Return connection for the onboard battery.
4	Onboard battery +	Positive connection for the onboard battery.
Primary Output Connector (Molex - 2018431031) Mating Cable - 681-00013 (Molex - 2018410031)		
Pin	Label	Description
1	DC out-	Ground. Return for 28 V primary output.
2	N/A	Pin not used.
3	DC out+	Positive 28 V primary output.
Secondary Output Connector (Molex -2018431041) Mating Cable - 681-00014 (Molex - 2018410041)		
Pin	Label	Description
1	12V out -	Ground. Return for 12 V secondary output.
2	12V out +	Positive 12 V secondary output.
3	5V out -	Ground. Return for 5 V secondary output.
4	5V out +	Positive 5 V secondary output.



Communications Connector (DB9-F)			
J7 Pin	DB9 Pin	Label	Description
10	1	CAN-	CAN low.
8	2	GND	Signal ground [for signals only].
6	3	START, INPUT	Input “trigger” pin used to initiate a start attempt.
4	4	GND	Signal ground [for signals only].
2	5	TMS	Used only when reprogramming device firmware.
9	6	CAN+	CAN high.
7	7	START, ENABLE	+3.3 V output used for triggering the starter.
5	8	BB SIGNAL, OUTPUT	Output signal indicating that the unit is operating on onboard battery power.
3	9	TCK	Used only when reprogramming device firmware.
1	N/A	Not used	
Thermocouple Input			
Pin	Label	Pin Description	
+	TC+	Positive K-type thermocouple input.	
-	TC-	Negative K-type thermocouple input.	

Note: All grounds are internally connected (this includes both power and signal ground).



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