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1. GENERAL

1.01 The KS-20409 antenna is a 6-foot parabolic dish antenna for use on short-haul 6- and 11-GHz radio routes, such as TL, TM, and TJ microwave radio systems operating in crossband diversity.

1.02 The 4-port construction of the feed assembly provides the capability of operating with two polarizations in both the 6- and 11-GHz frequency bands.

2. TRANSMISSION CHARACTERISTICS

2.01 The gain-frequency characteristics are shown in Table A. Other transmission characteristics are shown in Table B.

2.02 The minimum return loss of 23 dB corresponds to a voltage standing wave ratio of 1.15 to 1.

2.03 Smoothed horizontal directivity patterns are shown in Fig. 1 for the 6-GHz band and in Fig. 2 for the 11-GHz band. The patterns plotted are representative for either vertical or horizontal polarization. These curves envelop minor lobes that are likely to occur within the frequency band and are used as a worse-case situation when making interference computations.

TABLE A

GAIN-FREQUENCY CHARACTERISTICS

FREQUENCY (GHZ)	GAIN-MIN (DB) WITH RADOME
5.925	36.9
6.175	37.5
6.425	38.1
10.7	41.5
11.2	42.0
11.7	42.5

TABLE B

TRANSMISSION CHARACTERISTICS

CHARACTERISTIC	FREQUENCY	
	6.175 GHZ	11.2 GHZ
Half-power Beam Width	2.1 degrees	1.1 degrees
Major Sidelobe Suppression	13.0 dB min	13.0 dB min
Radome Insertion Loss	0.5 dB	0.9 dB
Return Loss	23 dB minimum	
Polarization Discrimination	20 dB minimum	

2.04 Sufficient isolation is incorporated in the 6-GHz feed so that very little 11-GHz energy enters the 6-GHz rectangular waveguide and therefore the delay performance at 11 GHz is virtually independent of the lengths of waveguide attached to the 6-GHz ports. The delayed signal from this source will be at least 50 dB down with respect to the direct signal.

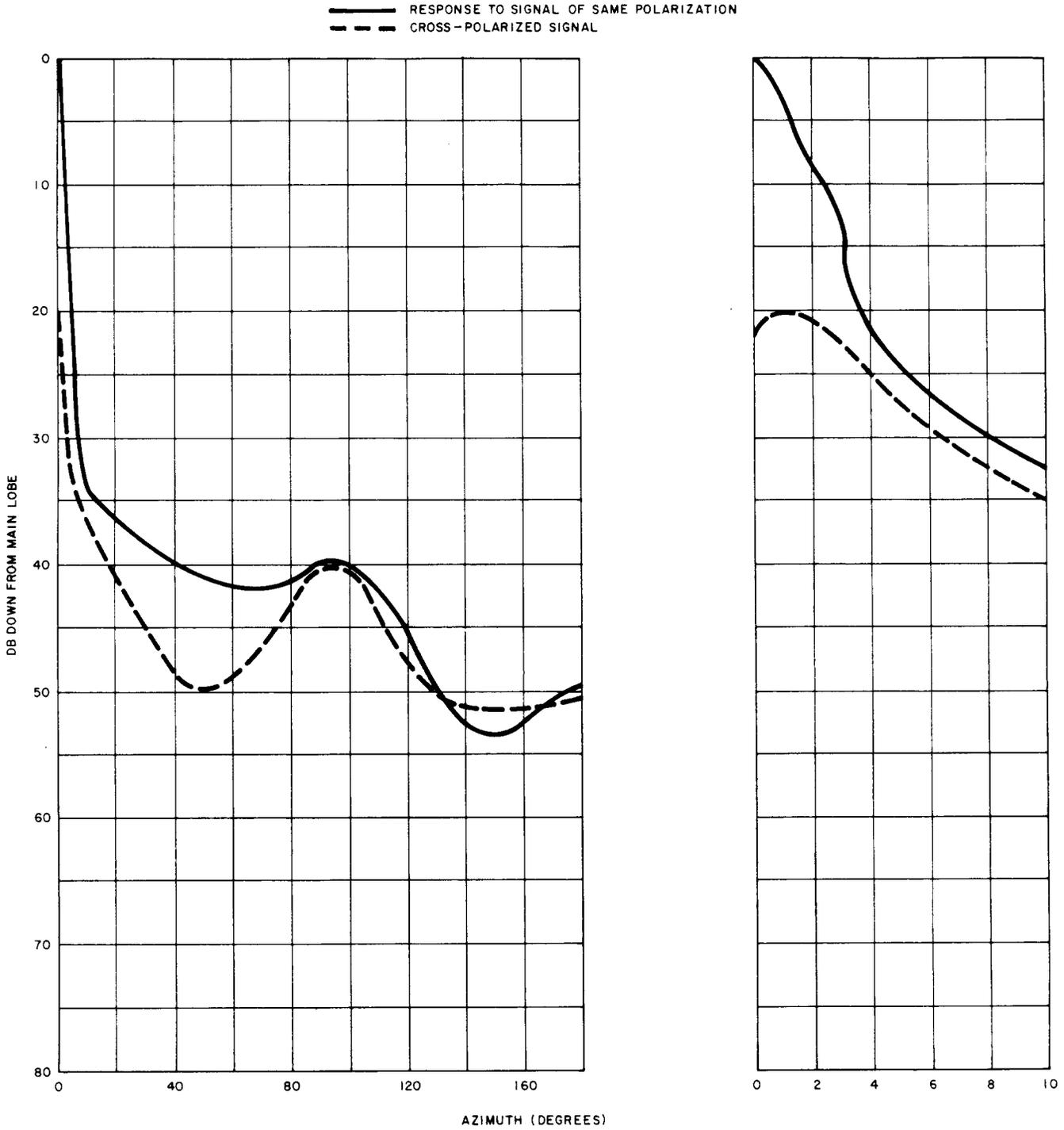


Fig. 1--Smoothed Horizontal-Plane Directivity—Vertical or Horizontal Polarization—6 GHz

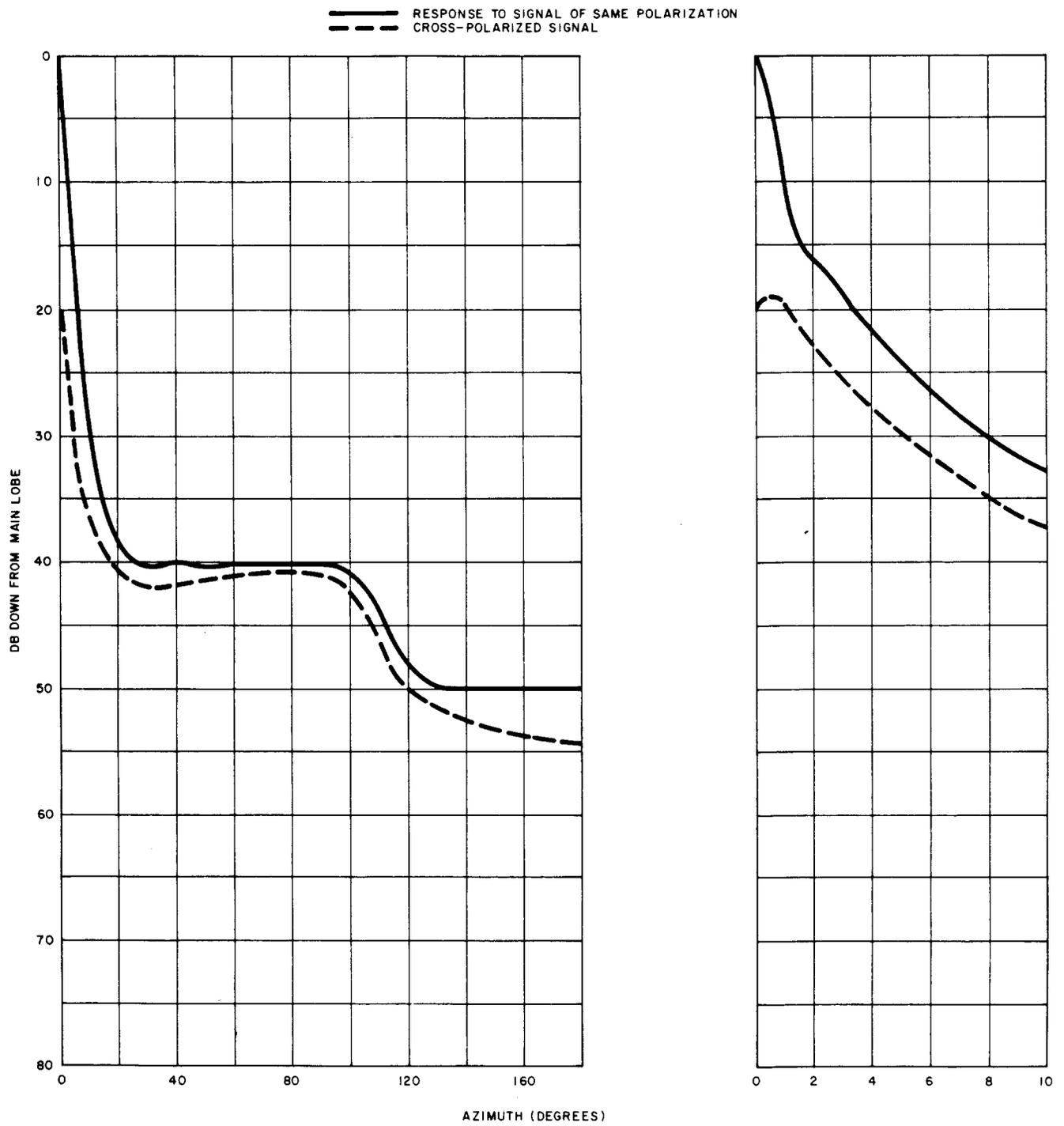


Fig. 2—Smoothed Horizontal-Plane Directivity—Vertical or Horizontal Polarization—11 GHz

3. EQUIPMENT DESCRIPTION

3.01 The KS-20409 antenna consists of a 6-foot solid-surface aluminum dish, a 2-element feed assembly, a radome, and a mounting frame for attaching the reflector on a tower or other structure.

3.02 A low-loss radome fits over the front face of the reflector and is required for the antenna to meet the design wind load requirements, and to protect the feed assembly. Dish and feed heaters are not available.

3.03 The feed assembly uses an axial configuration consisting basically of networks for coupling to WR-159 and WR-90 waveguides, a length of concentric cylindrical waveguide with apertures and a "splash plate" subreflector to illuminate the parabolic dish. The feed assembly can be inserted or removed from the rear without disturbing the reflector or radome. The focal length of the feed and the orthogonal alignment of polarizations with respect to one another are established at the factory and require no field adjustment. The complete feed assembly may be rotated through 360 degrees thus providing flexibility in assigning ports and making final adjustment of cross-polarization discrimination.

3.04 The mounting frame provides for independent azimuth and elevation adjustment. A fine adjustment of ± 6 degrees of azimuth and ± 4 degrees on elevation is possible with the mounting frame design. Two frames are available for mounting this antenna: one for vertical mounting on a tower when the antenna is used as a direct radiator, and one for horizontal mounting on a roof or other support when used for periscope operation.

3.05 The reflector and feed assembly weigh approximately 110 pounds. The mounting frame and radome weigh approximately 125 and 40 pounds, respectively.

The mounting frame and antenna with radome are rated at 40 pounds per square foot wind loading.

3.06 The equipment information is shown in Table C.

TABLE C

EQUIPMENT INFORMATION — KS-20409

List 1	6-foot parabolic reflector
List 2	Feed assembly
List 3	Mounting frame (for vertical mounting on a tower)
List 4	Radome
List 5	Mounting frame (for horizontal mounting on a roof)

4. REFERENCES

REFERENCE	TITLE
SD-3C041-01	Antennas, Passive Reflectors, and Outdoor Waveguide Systems—Short Haul Radio
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940-340-131*	Microwave Radio—Waveguide Systems—Design Considerations
AA266.091	Antennas, Passive Reflectors, and Radomes for Microwave Communications Systems—Toll Systems

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