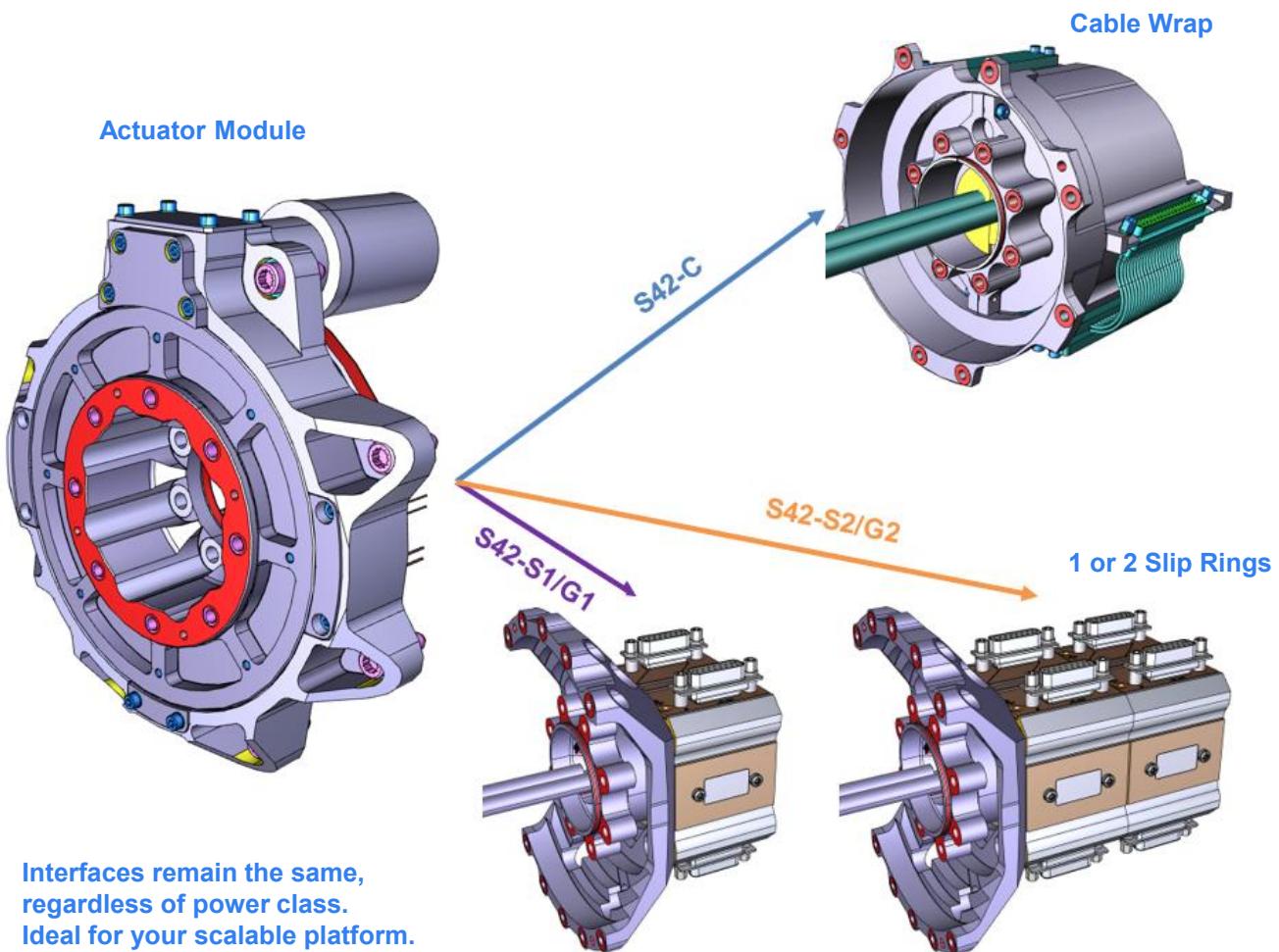


# SEPTA42

**Solar Array Drive Mechanism  
for Small Sats, Constellations and Everything**

Beyond Gravity offers a modular family of Solar Array Drive Mechanisms to serve a large range of spacecraft. The SEPTA42 is available at attractive prices and lead times and can be produced in large quantities. More than 100 FMs have been produced already.

# SEPTA42: Modular Constellation SADM



## Modularity for lowest cost

- Family of SADM for a large range of missions
- Standard mechanical interfaces
- Standard actuator module for all types

## Tailored for you

- Huge engineering expertise allowing adaptation for unusual and specific applications
- Adapted interfaces, test scope, modifications, are feasible on request.

## Robust and Proven

- Flight proven slip ring technology
- Standard actuator, enables industrial scale production
- Qualification Status:
  - TRL8 completed for all variants
  - TRL9 by projected launch end of 2025
- >100 FMs delivered to customers
- Proven combinations with drive electronics (SADE) available

## High Cadence at short lead times

- New cleanroom for state-of-the-art assembly and testing
- Up to **18 Units per month**
- Rolling Stock for **lead times of 12 months**

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	SEPTA42-C	SEPTA42-S	SEPTA42-G
<b>Operational Performance</b>			
Range of Motion	± 175°	Forward and reverse; multiturn (no “unwind” needed)	
Maximum output speed	1.0 °/s (depends on motorization requirements)		
Output Step Size (full step)		0.0074° <sup>1)</sup>	
Life Time		12 years	
Life Time Qualification Sequence	> 181'000 movements from -175° to +175°	> 133'000 full revolutions	> 58'000 full revolutions <sup>1) 2)</sup>
<b>Delivered Torque</b>			
Unpowered Holding Torque	> 1.4Nm <sup>3)</sup>	> 3Nm <sup>1)</sup>	
Powered Holding Torque		> 18Nm continuous (at 100mA constant current) <sup>1)</sup> > 25Nm continuous (“boost mode” - 130mA constant current) <sup>1)</sup>	
Powered Drive Torque		> 9.5Nm continuous (at 100mA constant current) <sup>1)</sup> > 12Nm continuous («boost mode» - 130mA constant current) <sup>1)</sup>	
Motor voltage		< 25.0V continuous, <70V peak	
Back-Drivability		Possible with unpowered motor	
<b>Power &amp; Signal Transfer</b>			
Number of power lines (1 line = 1 forward & 1 return track)	36	-S1: 15 -S2: 30	-G1: 15 -G2: 30
Rated Power Capacity per Track	2.2 A <sub>RMS</sub>	3.5 A <sub>RMS</sub> <sup>4)</sup>	5.0 A <sub>RMS</sub> <sup>4)</sup>
Voltage of power line		150V (as qualified)	
Connector-to-Connector Resistance, at 20°C	< 60 mΩ w/ 0.5m S/A harness	< 60 mΩ w/ 0.25m S/A harness	
Connector-to-Connector Resistance, at worst hot case	< 80 mΩ w/ 0.5m S/A harness	< 80 mΩ w/ 0.25m S/A harness	
Insulation		≥ 100 MΩ @ 500 V, 30s	
Noise (per line)	≤ 10 mV <sub>RMS</sub> /A	≤ 20 mV <sub>RMS</sub> /A	
Total Power Transfer	<11.9 kW	-S1: <7.8kW -S2: <15.6kW	-G1: <11.2kW -G2: <22.4kW
<b>Position Measurement</b>			
Position Output	Redundant reference position switch at two different locations (e.g. +90° and -90°)		

## Notes:

- 1) Data provided in this datasheet is for standard 1:36 gearbox, but 1:50 gearbox is fully qualified and results in proportionally smaller step size / speed and increased torque capability.
- 2) Performance as qualified for a customer on S42-G, but same or better capability as S42-S expected to be feasible given that actuator module is identical
- 3) Lower unpowered holding torque is due to cable wrap spring-effect, and varies with position between 1.4Nm... 2.4Nm.
- 4) S42-S slipring is qualified to 3.5A per track on S42-S, and to 4.0A on SR-level and in other programs. The S42-G slip ring is qualified to 5.0A (functional) and 4.54A (life test) on S42-G, and to 6.0A per track in other programs.

<b>Motor Characteristics</b>							
Coil Resistance @ 20°C	123 Ω ± 5%						
<b>Mechanical Dimensions &amp; Mass</b>		SEPTA42-C	SEPTA42-S	SEPTA42-G			
Max. Outer Diameter mounting flange		191 mm					
Length from front of flange		125 mm	-S1: 108.2 mm -S2: 158.0mm	-G1: 119.5mm -G2: 179.5mm			
Length Overall		159 mm	-S1: 141.4 mm -S2: 191.4mm	-G1: 152.9mm -G2: 212.9mm			
Mass (excl. margin & customer-specific harness)		4.9 kg	-S1: 4.5 kg -S2: 5.2kg	-G1: 4.7kg -G2: 5.4kg			
S/C Interface		8 through holes for M6 on a circle with D = 175mm					
S/A Interface		8 threaded holes M6 on a circle of D = 80mm					
<b>Static Loads</b>							
Axial Load	10'000 N						
Radial Load	10'000 N						
Bending Load	600 Nm						
Torsional Load	23.6 Nm (load bearing capability – backdriving may happen)						
<b>Stiffnesses</b>							
Axial stiffness (along y)	$\geq 1.2 \times 10^8$ N/m						
Shear stiffness (along x, z)	$\geq 8.0 \times 10^7$ N/m						
Torsion angular stiffness	$\geq 7 \times 10^3$ Nm/rad						
Bending angular stiffness	$\geq 8.6 \times 10^4$ Nm/rad						
First mode frequency with 2.5 kg @ 50mm from S/A interface	> 350 Hz		> 350 Hz	> 350 Hz			
<b>Mechanical Qualification Levels</b>							
Tested with 2.5kg dummy mass with CoG 50mm from the S/A IF plane. Other levels/masses possible on request.							
High level sine vibrations:		S42-C	S42-S	S42-G			
0 – 22.6		$\pm 9.73$ mm		$\pm 6.35$ mm <sup>2)</sup>			
22.6 – 50.0		20g		13g <sup>2)</sup>			
50.0 – 125		20g		10g <sup>2)</sup>			
Random vibrations:		// MOUNTING PLANE (x,y axes)		⊥ MOUNTING PLANE (z-axis)			
		Freq. (Hz)	Level	Freq. (Hz)			
20 – 60		+6 dB / oct	20 – 60	+6 dB / oct			
60 – 500		0.4 g <sup>2</sup> /Hz	60 – 500	0.5 g <sup>2</sup> /Hz			
500 – 2000		-6 dB / oct	500 – 1395	-6 dB / oct			
			1395 – 1450	-60dB / oct			
			1450 – 2000	0.03 g <sup>2</sup> /Hz			
Global:	18.3 g <sub>rms</sub>		20.3 g <sub>rms</sub>				

Shock levels for each axis (X, Y, Z):	<b>S42-C</b>	<b>S42-S</b>	<b>S42-G</b>
	100 Hz: 20g		100Hz: 55g
	1000 Hz: 500g		2500Hz: 2000g
	4000 Hz: 1865g		10000Hz: 2000g
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**Qualification Temperature Levels**

	<b>S/C conductive interface</b>	<b>S/A conductive interface</b>	<b>S/C radiative interface</b>
Ground Storage	10°C ... 30°C	10°C ... 30°C	10°C ... 30°C
Hot Non-Operational (Survival)	+ 90°C	+ 110°C	+ 90°C
Hot Operational	+ 70°C	+ 100°C	+ 70°C
Cold Operational	- 30°C	- 50°C	- 30°C
Cold start-up limit	- 40°C	- 70°C	- 40°C
Cold Non-Operational (Survival)	- 40°C	- 70°C	- 40°C

**Reliability**

Reliability w.r.t. MIL-HDBK-217 <sup>5)</sup>	>99.6% <sup>5)</sup>	>99.97%	>99.88% <sup>6)</sup>
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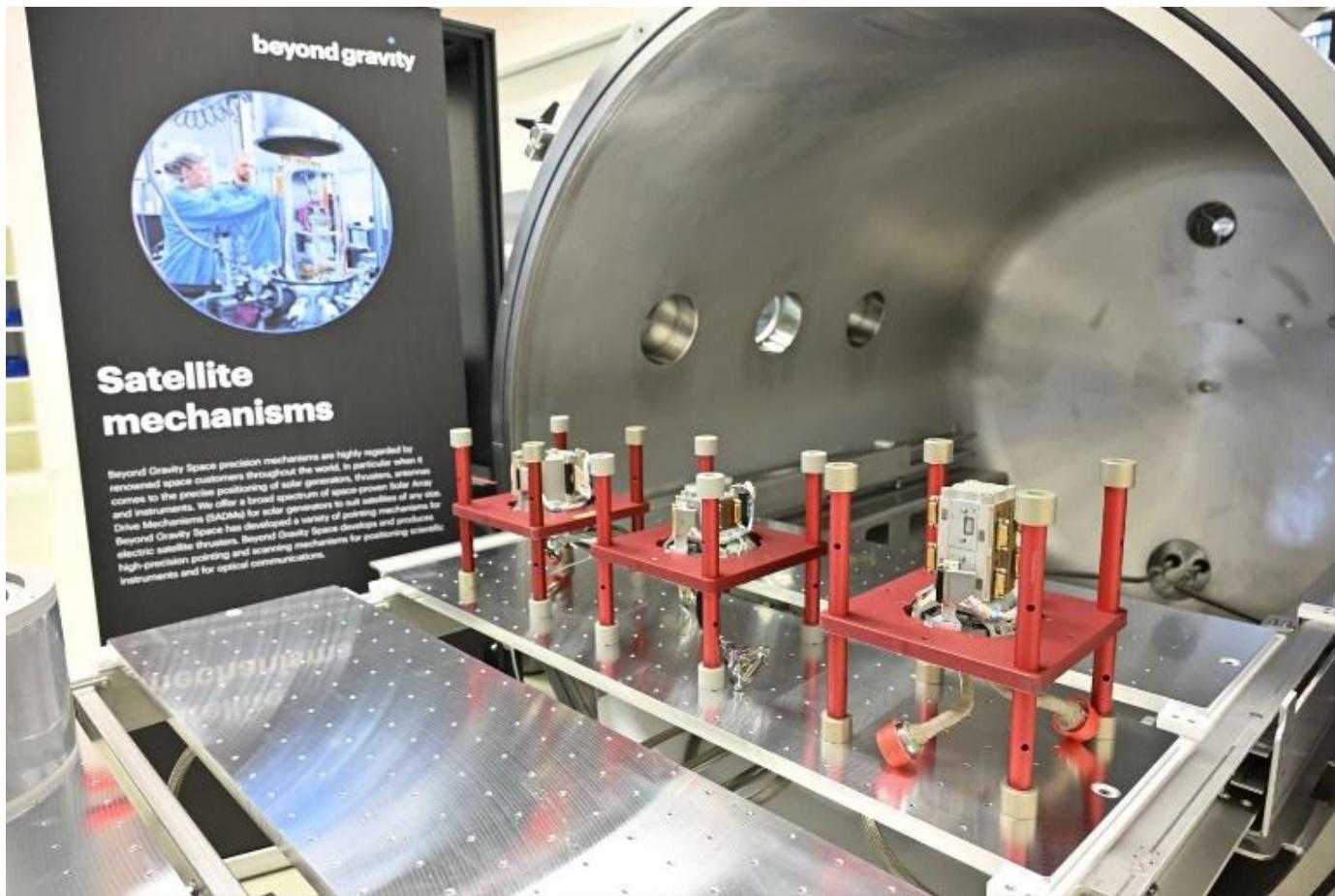
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**Notes:**

<sup>5)</sup> Using very conservative assumption that SADM is already fully “failed” when only a single power/signal transfer is lost. In particular for S42-C, which assumes a single non-redundant wire per transfer, reliability is much higher (>99.9%) if simple wire cross-strapping or redundancy is employed.

<sup>6)</sup> Assumes standard S42-G harness with two SR wires per connector pin. For one SR wire per pin, reliability is equivalent to S42-S.

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SEPTA42 family. Left: S42-C, Middle: S42-S1, Right: S42-G2).



Batch of 6x S42-C FMs ready for testing.