

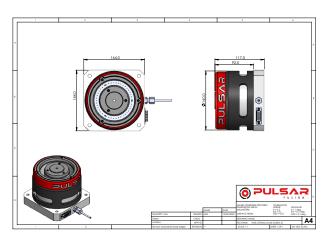
# **PLASMA** THRUSTERS

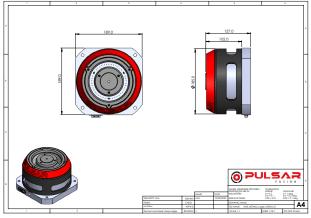


**ORBITAL PLASMA THRUSTERS** 

SkW and 20kW

## PULSAR ORBITAL PLASMA THRUSTERS





#### **PRODUCT DESCRIPTION**

Pulsar Fusion have been developing Hall-effect thrusters (HET) technology since 2016. This is a type of ion thruster in which the propellant is accelerated by an electric field for 'In space propulsion. Hall Effect thrusters use a magnetic field to limit the electrons' axial motion and then use them to ionize propellant, efficiently accelerate the ions to produce thrust, and neutralize the ions in the plume. Pulsars new range of centre mounted cathodes provide higher performances and in-space mission durability.

#### TESTING

Pulsar offer extensive bespoke testing programmes to match our clients in-space propulsion EP requirements, to provide performance and durability data from world-class testing facilities in the UK. Pulsar has tested its HET's for structural launch integrity on a vibration table at Harwell, UK in 2021. The thrusters successfully experienced 20 GMRS which simulates the conditions of a most extreme launch.

#### DEVELOPMENT

Pulsar has been awarded two supporting grants for its HET's, in 2021 the Sprint Grant which was delivered and completed and in 2022 a from the UK Space Agency to develop Integrated Fission-Based Power Systems for Electric Propulsion.

#### APPLICATION

Pulsar's EP products offer superior propulsion reliability and performance for a wide range of in-space flight missions such as multiple satellite deployment, space transportation, planetary missions, In Orbit Servicing & Manufacturing (IOSM), lunar & cislunar missions and In Situ Resource Utilisation (ISRU).

### PULSAR SkW



#### **Product Description**

| Propellants      | Ar, Kr, Xe        |       |
|------------------|-------------------|-------|
| Assembly Mass    | 12.4kg            |       |
| Dimensions       | 144 x 144 x 117mm |       |
| Voltage          | 300V              | 600V  |
| Current          | 6A                | 16A   |
| Power            | 5000W             | 6000W |
| Thrust           | 295mN             | 325mN |
| Specific Impulse | 2025s             | 2710s |

## PULSAR 20kW



#### **Product Description**

| Propellants              | Ar, Kr, Xe        |        |
|--------------------------|-------------------|--------|
| Assembly Mass            | 43kg              |        |
| Dimensions               | 189 x 189 x 127mm |        |
| Voltage                  | 450V              | 500V   |
| Current                  | 33A               | 40A    |
| Power*                   | 15000W            | 20000W |
| Nominal Thrust           | 1010mN            |        |
| Nominal Specific Impulse | 2000s             | 2600s  |

\* Clustering configurations available to 100kW