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The Ashtech Super C/A Sensor GPS receiver is a powerful navigation system that offers Real-Time Differential capability and Super C/A Tracking™. There's a long list of features that outperform other receivers and some of them may surprise you.

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The Super C/A uses different antenna configurations for unique applications. It supports a telemetry link such as a data radio or a maritime beacon system. Three RS-232 serial ports provide interfacing with external devices using the NMEA 0183 format. Optionally photogrammetry/event input marker information and carrier phase are available and a 4Mb memory board can be added for post-processing applications.

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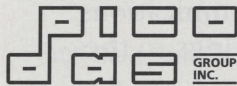
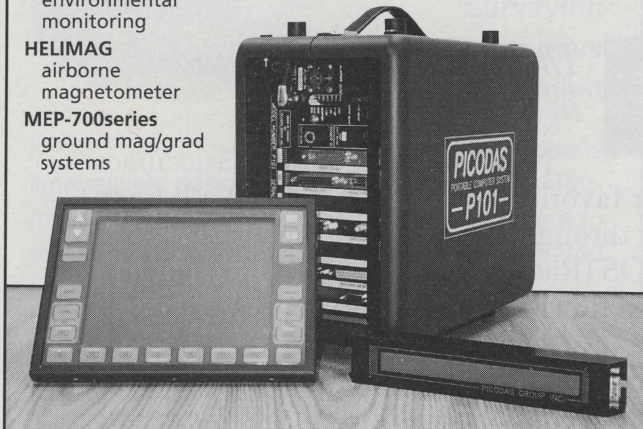
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FROM THE EDITOR

The Welcome Mat

Other nations considering implementation of GPS must sometimes feel like inadvertent bridesmaids at someone else's wedding. The banns have been published, the time and place set, the refreshments ordered. The only choice that remains is to pick up the train of the bridal gown and follow along.

Or not.

For Americans, the remarkable achievement of GPS is in the finest "can do" tradition — Step A: Build the better mousetrap. Step B: Wait for the world to beat a path to your door.

But for those considering whether to accept the "gift" of GPS and all the ramifications for their own programs that it entails, the situation appears less simple. They have to consider the question of dependence on a foreign military-controlled system, their unclear status in shaping international policies and procedures affecting and affected by GPS, and their long-standing investment in regional navigation systems with their own user communities. What sometimes seemed like a unilateral take-it-or-leave-it attitude may have actually slowed the process of acceptance of GPS, although it probably hastened the actual design and building of the system.

Even as they dragged their feet, however, other nations have provided a service by sharpening the many-sided analyses — technical, economic, and political — to which GPS has been subjected. They've also encouraged, directly or indirectly, the development of similar systems such as Russia's GLONASS, or of augmentation systems such as a European consortium proposes (through use of Inmarsat satellites) for civil aviation. The European Communities have committed, through their various multi-lateral agencies, considerable resources to exploring the technical and institutional dimensions of a Global Navigation Satellite System, and international groups such as IMO, IALA, and ICAO are looking after their maritime and aviation constituencies. Along the way, much important work has been accomplished by non-U.S. organizations in researching and testing the capabilities and limitations of GPS.

Now it's time for U.S. champions of GPS to really get the welcome mat out: to define the partnership opportunities, the clear dimensions of equity, if not parity; to formalize the commitment to signal access and agreements on operational procedures; to acknowledge through their actions and attitude that the full benefit of GPS for the United States, as well as the rest of the world, can only come by the willing investment of others in this heretofore distinctly American product.

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