BAADER DODADES > 50 YEARS OF EXPERIENCE





baader.space











- 1. 3,2 m Slit Dome for Meteoswiss, Mt. Jungfraujoch / Switzerland
- 2. 8,5 m Slit Dome for LMU University, Mt. Wendelstein / Germany
- 3. 4,5 m AllSky + 5,3 m & 2x 6,15 m Slit Dome for University of Bern, Switzerland
- 4. 3,2 m Slit Dome for AWI, Svalbard
- 5. 8,5 m Slit Dome for FORTH, Mt. Skinakas / Greece



References4
Why Baader Planetarium Domes6
Dome & CNC Production
Baader Slit Domes (Automatic / Advanced)10
Introduction / Legend
Specifications
Optional Upgrades
Dome Sizes 2.1 m – 8.5 m 17 – 24
Overview all Dome Models
Baader AllSky Domes
Introduction / Legend
Specifications / Optional Upgrades
Dome Sizes 2.3 m – 6.5 m
Overview all Dome Models
Advanced Applications: SLR / SSA / LaserCom
Features and Information
Turn-Key Observatory Solutions42
Our Advantage / Services
Observatory Management System (OMS)46
Types of Observatories
Stages of Construction
Worldwide Baader Observatory Installations



Installation of 8,5 m Slit Dome on Mt. Wendelstein, Germany

REFERENCES

SLR / SSA / LASERCOM

SCIENCE & RESEARCH



NASA | ESA – European Space Agency | Airbus Defence and Space | DLR – Deutsches Zentrum für Luft- und Raumfahrt | SSC – Swedish Space Corporation | MPE – Max-Planck-Institut für extraterrestrische Physik | RIKEN Center for Advanced Photonics (RAP) | DIGOS – Laser Ranging for Satellites | BKG – Bundesamt für Kartographie und Geodäsie | ÖAW – Österreichische Akademie der Wissenschaften | GFZ – Helmholtz-Zentrum Potsdam | KIT-Campus Alpin: Atmospharische Umweltforschung | Dalhousie University | IUP – Institut für Umweltphysik Bremen NLS – Finnish Geospatial Research Institut FGI The Open University | DWD – Deutscher Wetterdienst | AWI – Alfred Wegener Institut | MPA – Max-Planck-Institut für Astronomie | MPP – Max-Planck-Institut für Physik | MPI – Max-Planck-Institut für Informatik | ZEISS | AIP – Leipnitz-Institut für Astrophysik Potsdam | FORTH – Foundation of research and technology Hellas | ESO – Europäische Südsternwarte | Sharjah Center for Astronomy and Space Sciences | KIS – Kiepenheuer-Institut für Sonnenphysik | Solaris – Nicolaus Copernicus Astronomical Center | Institut für Astrophysik Göttingen | MeteoSwiss



Universität Bern | LMU – Ludwig-Maximilians- Universität München | University of Kent | EGN – Einstein Gymnasium Neuenhagen | IAC – Instituto Astrofisica Canarias | Eberhard Karls Universität Tübingen | Arnoldischule Gotha – Staatliches Gymnasium | Kepler Gymnasium | vhsrt – Volkshochschule Reutlingen | Universität Hamburg | phaenovum – Staernwarte Gersbach | JSG – Rheinische Friedrich Wilhelms Universität Bonn | Leonardo DaVinci Campus | Universitat de Barcelona | LGL – Lessing Gymnasium Lampertheim | Gymnasium Penzberg | Kopernikusschule Freigericht | SGM – Staffelsee Gymnasium Murnau | Gymnasium Balingen | Hamar Cathedral School experimenta – Das Science Center | Haus der Natur – VEGA Sternwarte | ATHOS – Centro Astronomico Isla de la Palma Canarias | Sternwarte Welzheim | Sternwarte Zollern-Alb | Sternwarte Lübeck | Volkssternwarte München | SWRT – Sternwarte und Planetarium Reutlingen | TLS – Thüringer Landessternwarte | Sternwarte Drebach

WHY BAADER PLANETARIUM DOMES

Baader Planetarium is a middle sized enterprise having over 50 years experience producing and installing astronomical equipment and turn-key observatory solutions.

The key capability is the production of high-end domes.

More than 600 observatory domes of sizes from 2.1 m up to 8.5 m have been installed, together with a large number of projection domes for planetariums that are up to 10m in diameter. Observatory domes can be utilized for multiple applications around the world and we also specialize in solutions that work in harsh environments. Some of which can be found in Antarctica (Dome C -84°C), high Arctic regions such as Svalbard (NyÅlesund -45°C), Ellesmere Island (Eureka -60°C), in desert conditions with hermetic seals against dust, and a number of high mountain locations.

Our customers are institutions, universities, observatories and companies around the world, amongst them:

- NASA (National Aeronautics and Space Administration)
- AWI (Alfred Wegener Institute for polar research)
- MPI (Max Planck Institution)
- University of Hamburg (PIST-Project Mallorca)
- Open University UK (PIRATECOAST Project Tenerife)
- ESO (European Souther Observatory)
- NLS (Finnish Geospacial Reserarch Institute)

- FORTH Skinakas Observatory Crete
- LMU (Ludwig Maximilian University Munich): Mt. Wendelstein Observatory
- SCASS (Sharjah Center for Astronomy & Space Sciences)
- IAC (Canary Islands)
- RAP (RIKEN Center for Advanced Photonics)
- DLR (Deutsches Zentrum f
 ür Luft- und Raumfahrt e.V.)
- AIRBUS Group



ABOUT US

Baader Planetarium provides the tools to teach and enable people to explore the universe we live in.

OUR VALUE PROPOSITION

- We offer the most reliable Domes in the market which survive the harshest environmental conditions.
- We provide **Turn-Key Observatory Solutions** by integrating observatory equipment to function as a system utilizing in-house developed and customized products and software.
- Customers can rely on fast shipment of requested Astronomical Consumer Products along with support.

HISTORY

Our company started in 1966 with the first product being the Baader Planetarium which also became our name. Since then, we continued to expand by offering domes that would protect telescopes for astronomers in different environments around the world. We also realized the need of further educating and providing the right equipment for our customers needs, hence, we developed a variety of accessories to adapt all the components required to install complete observatories.

The observatory domes we produce and the high end telescopes and mounts from the brands we sell are also in demand from the space industry. We combine these devices to fully integrated turn-key ground stations for satellite tracking, laser communication and space debris tracking and install them everywhere in the world.









>>> 300 km/h



BAADER PLANETARIUM DOME PRODUCTION

At Baader Planetarium GmbH, all dome production operation is carried out at the company location in Mammendorf, Germany. Several buildings are housing all design and construction devisions required to manufacture all components of our highly sophisticated domes in various sizes and versions. Our range includes classic remote controllable automatic slit domes for science and education, alongside highly dynamic advanced domes featuring ultra-fast rotation and opening / closing times. These domes are designed with increased structural stiffness and extremely rigid mechanics, aimed at working 24/7 for decades without requiring regular maintenance. We also offer a full series of non-rotating AllSky domes, which again supply ultra-reliable mechanical and electronic build-quality, designed for decades of service with minimal to no maintenance.

All steel and GRP parts of all domes are entirely produced on-site, allowing all domes to work and be controlled remotely. A team of design engineers, software developers and electrical engineers works closely in unison with a multitude of skilled steel and GRP-workers, to tightly control production and to fabricate all sizes of Baader domes.

Each dome is fully assembled in our building and testing area, undergoing a series of performance tests before being disassembled and prepared for truck or container shipment into all remote corners of the world.





Baader Planetarium AllSky & Slit Dome Production 1.

- Mounting area for dome assembly and factory acceptance 2.
- 3. Fiberglass part production area with activated carbon air purification







CNC PRODUCTION

At Baader Planetarium GmbH, our CNC production line is a cornerstone in the manufacturing of high-precision components essential for state-of-the-art observatories.

PRECISION AND EFFICIENCY

Our production process integrates CAD/CAM software, ensuring high precision from the initial design to the final product. This allows us to efficiently transform raw materials into insulated, precise parts necessary for high-performance observatories. We select premium materials that withstand extreme conditions, from far sub-zero temperatures at high-altitude observatories to the heat and dust of desert environments. Our machining capabilities include:

- **Precision Milling:** For creating detailed components with high dimensional fidelity.
- **Turning Operations:** Essential for producing all moving gear and other components used in the mechanisms of our observatories.
- Quality Control: Rigorous testing and inspection at every stage ensures that each part meets our high standards of anti-obsolescence.

CUSTOM COMPONENT FABRICATION

We excel in creating bespoke components tailored to unique specifications in almost every observatory project. Whether it's crafting intricate mechanical parts for telescopes or robust housings for sensitive electronics, our CNC capabilities ensure that every piece meets strict quality standards. Our commitment to excellence supports astronomers worldwide in their quest to expand human knowledge of the cosmos.



MAZAK INTEGREX J-200S Specialized Robotic aided 7Axis mill-turn machine

for automated parts production with highest possible dimensional accuracy. Features dual spindles and extensive Y-axis capability for versatile machining.



HERMLE C 250

5-axis simultaneous milling machine, the Herme C250 specializes in the precision production of large milled parts. Its robustness allows to work with a variety of materials, necessary for our demanding requirements.



MAZAK INTEGREX I-100S High precision 7-axis lathe equipped with a barstock loader, the MAZAK I-100S excels in automated parts

loader, the MAZAK I-100S excels in automated parts production, offering exceptional precision and efficiency for most complex tasks.



ROMIC420

Cycle lathe with tool chuck, the Romi C 420 is tailored for standard rotating parts. It offers consistent performance and reliability, ideal for routine and repetitive tasks.



Ø 2,1 – 8,5 m BAADER SLIT DOMES

AUTOMATIC SLIT DOMES

ADVANCED SLIT DOMES (HIGHSPEED)

BAADER SLIT DOMES

Observatory domes with broad up- and over-shutter and that can be controlled remotely, sized from 2.1 to 8.5 meters in diameter. They can be in sync with your remote / robotic telescope setup, with endless rotation, horizontal flap movement, and are fully ASCOM and INDIGO compatible – or via dedicated API.

AUTOMATIC SLIT DOMES

ADVANCED SLIT DOMES (HIGHSPEED)

Baader's Automatic Domes are typically used by private individuals and they are operated with a motorized sub-system controlled via a hand controller or remotely. These are typically used for smaller telescope setups up to a 600mm aperture.

Applications:

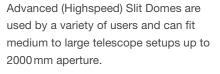
- Astronomy
- Astrophotography

Available sizes:

• 2.1m, 2.6m, 3.2m, 5.3m, 6.15m



YEBES-Observatory, Spain – 5.3 m Dome



Applications:

- Astronomy / Astrophotography
- Satellite Laser Ranging (SLR)
- Space Domain Awareness (SDA)
- Free-Space Optical Communication (FSOC)
- Defense

Available sizes:

• 3.2m, 4.2m, 5.3m, 6.15m, 8.5m



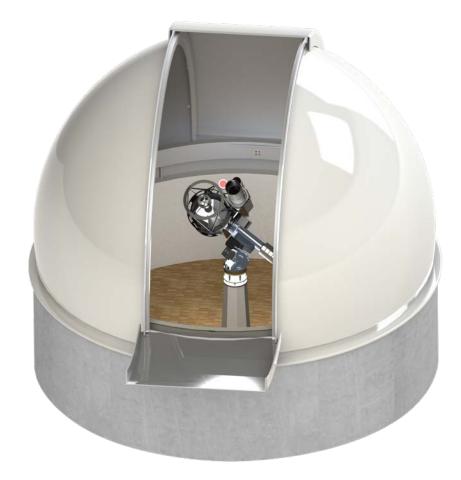
Gregory Telescope, Tenerife- 8.0 m Dome



University Neuenhagen, Germany – 3.2 m Dome



NASA, Greenbelt (USA) – 4.2m Highspeed Dome



ALL BAADER SLIT DOME MODELS INCLUDE:

Installation	Performed by Baader personnel at the customer site
	2 years warranty for all electronic and electric components
	10 years warranty for outer dome skin and dome mechanics
Warranty	We warrant for 200km/h wind speed (Advanced: 250km/h) to achieve undeteriorated performance and protection of the dome interior, with the dome being closed and in parking position
	Hand crank system to close dome in case of power failure
Fail-safe Features	Ready for Emergency Weather Station

LEGEND (all measurements in mm):

- A Dome outer diameter
- **B** Outer zenital dome height above foundation
- C* Lowest clear horizon (spring line)
- **D** Clear slit aperture

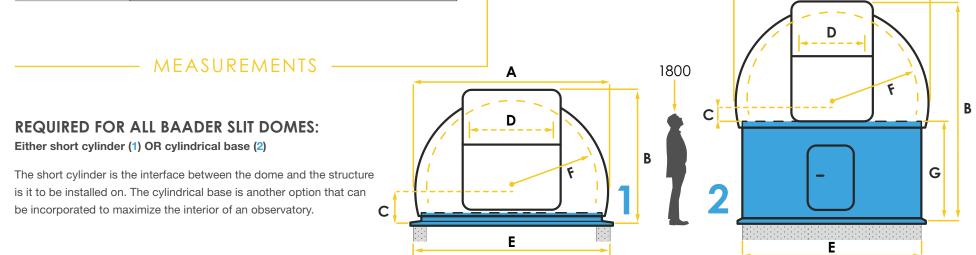
- Required concrete dome foundation
- Unobstructed telescope moving radius from geometrical dome center [-])
- G Cylindrical base height

Α

* Attention: Spring line height (C) varies according to selected advanced features.

Ε

F





Deutsches Museum, Munich – 3.2 m Dome



Zollern-Alp, Germany – 2x 4.2 m + 6.15 m Dome



Private Observatory, Germany – 3.2 m Dome



ChazDuraz Observatory, Italy – 2.6 m Dome

BAADER SLIT DOMES

FOR ALL VERSIONS

AUTOMATIC

ADVANCED



STRUCTURE / MATERIAL

Built as a self-contained structure made of Glass-fiber Reinforced Polyester (GRP) with dual slit arches that is mounted on a precision laser cut steel ring, an up and over shutter, and a horizontal flap.



ENDLESS DOME ROTATION Supplied with a Continuous Power Bar (CPB) enabling endless dome rotation and permanent remote control of the shutter and horizontal flap.



ENVIRONMENTAL & VARMINT PROTECTION Protecting your system is critical for the functionality and longevity of the housed equipment, hence, silicone seals are used to mitigate the entry of unwanted particles and varmint.



AUTOMATED DOME CONTROL An electronical controller with an interface that enables the end-user to control the dome locally with a hand control unit and remotely via direct drivers, API, ASCOM or INDIGO.



INNER SURFACE

The inner surface of the dome is coated with a non-reflective paint to mitigate stray light from affecting data collection and avoid hotspots to form during daytime operation.



EMERGENCY WEATHER STATION A component that is hardwired to the control sub-system which commands the dome to close in case of precipitation or high wind speeds – no readout.

SPECIFICATIONS FOR:

AUTOMATIC SLIT DOMES



ROTATION RATES(S) from 2° per second up to 8°/s

OPERATION-READY Flap and shutter open & closing time(s) of 30s - 90s depending on dome size (see table on page 25).



AZIMUTHAL DRIVE CONCEPT Two friction drive units for 2.1m, 2.6m

and 3.2m domes, three friction drive units for 4.2m, 5.3m and 6.15m domes.



ENCODERS

Azimuth encoder with homing sensor. To synchronize the dome position with the telescope.



WIND SPEEDS

Survival: up to 200 km/h, Operational: up to 60 km/h (7 bft max. gusts)





SPECIFICATIONS FOR:

ADVANCED SLIT DOMES (HIGHSPEED)



ROTATION RATES(S) from 2° per second up to 30°/s (for 3,2m

to 6,15m domes) and 2° /s up to 15° /s (for 8.5m dome).

OPERATION-READY



Flap and shutter open & closing time(s) of 20s - 30s (8.5m: 180s) depending on dome size (see table on page 25).



AZIMUTHAL DRIVE CONCEPT

Three geared drive units, for continuuos 24/7 maintenance-free operation.

ENCODERS

Absolute Encoders in Azimuth and Shutter. Immediately when powering up the exact shutter and dome positions are recognized



WIND SPEEDS

Survival: up to 200 km/h (High-Alpine Upgrades up to 300 km/h available), Operational: up to 60 km/h (7 bft max. gusts)

TEMPERATURE RANGE

Survival: -40°C to +60°C (Standard), Operational: -20°C to +40°C (Standard) (Climatic Performance Upgrades available)



EMERGENCY

CLOSURE UPS A fail-safe feature that is incorporated and only utilized for the dome to ensure selfclosure in case there is a power failure.

OPTIONAL UPGRADES

FOR ALL VERSIONS

AUTOMATIC

ADVANCED



PROFESSIONAL WEATHER STATION If additional environmental situational awareness is desired for the observatory, a weather station that includes multiple sensors for weather data monitoring and logging.



PROVISIONS FOR LIFTING EQUIPMENT Mechanical attachment points and/or integrated beams inside the dome for client supplied cranes or instrument lifting equipment.



DESERT UPGRADES

Enhanced dust-proof seals throughout, as well as sealed running gear, dual insolation, maximum IR-reflection of the outer shell and temperature hardened electronics are available for harsh environments demanding improved protection.



CUSTOM MODIFICATIONS

For customers that require mechanical modifications with flanges and holders for individual electromechanical equipment.



LED INTERIOR LIGHTING

Downward-radiating wall lights can be provided in alternating red and white light, separately controllable and dimmable.



INPUT / OUTPUT MODULE

Special module for the dome electronics, allows to communicate in a secure way with certain I/O ports of the Controller



LOCAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Indoor and outdoor camera, to provide awareness of the status inside and around of your observatory (requires OMS, see page 46).



AIR DRYING SYSTEM

Depending on your site's location, an air dehumidifier is recommended to control moisture and dust levels inside the dome.

OPTIONAL UPGRADES FOR:

AUTOMATIC SLIT DOMES



EMERGENCY CLOSURE UPS

This Uninterrupted Power Supply is a fail-safe feature that is incorporated and only utilized for the dome to ensure selfclosure in case there is a power failure.

OPTIONAL UPGRADES FOR:

ADVANCED SLIT DOMES (HIGHSPEED)



SOLAR SHIELD For daytime operation, the roll-up shutter lessens solar radiation and thermal hot spots to form inside the dome.



HIGH-ALPINE UPGRADES Triple layer with double intermediate insulation, enhanced mechanics for up to 300 km/h survival wind speed.



DOME SLIT SEAL WITH WIND-DEFLECTOR

Enhanced seals for dome shutter and azimuth, adapted to either desert sites and/or high wind loads.



ADDITIONAL FRICTION DRIVE UNIT IN AZIMUTH

For increased standard dome rotational max. speed up to 12°/s, enhanced power reserve to offset high snow loads.



CLIMATIC PERFORMANCE UPGRADES

Structural upgrades and/or additional equipment for the dome and equipment to survive environmental conditions with temperatures down to -60° C or up to +60° C. **Optional:** *Triple layer with double intermediate insulation.*



LIGHTNING MITIGATION HARDWARE

Includes lightning rods and/or service galleries as well as hydraulically engaged and remote-controlled grounding. Only recommended for sites that don't allow to install lightning rods separately from the dome.



Ø 2,1 m

AUTOMATIC

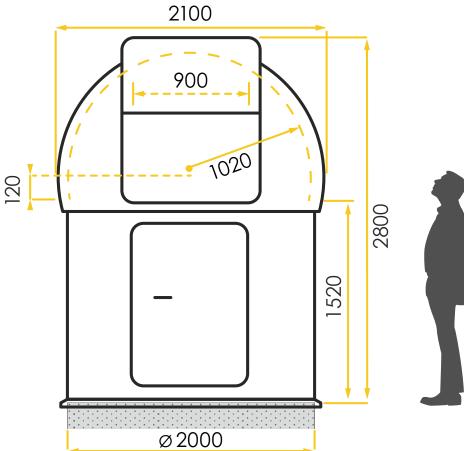
Rotation Rate(s)	2°/s up to 8°/s
Dome emergency closing time	30 s
Weight w. short (long) cylinder	~ 490 kg (570 kg)
Power Parameters (max. peak)	230 V (2,5 kW)
Rec. Telescope Aperture	up to 320 mm

PRIVATE OBSERVATORY, GERMANY



The Baader observatory dome seems indestructible and defies all wind and weather. It must be, because it is part of my house roof. I appreciate the convenience of having my instruments quickly ready for observation. The light and wind protection the dome provides is another plus.

Dr. Reinhard Krömmelbein





Ø 2,6 m

AUTOMATIC

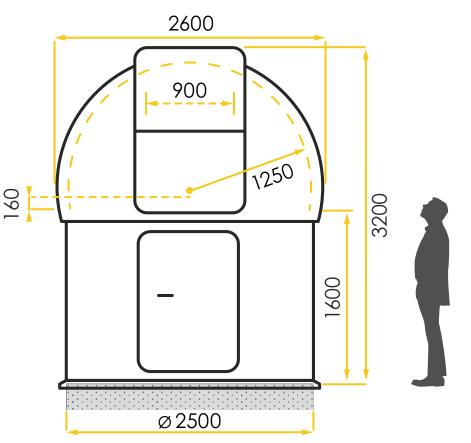
Rotation Rate(s)	2°/s up to 8°/s
Dome emergency closing time	30 s
Weight w. short (long) cylinder	~ 700 kg (800 kg)
Power Parameters (max. peak)	230 V (2,5 kW)
Rec. Telescope Aperture	up to 450mm

PRIVATE OBSERVATORY, SWITZERLAND



18 years from purchase I can say that the dome is mainly maintenance free. I never had any leak of rain or even snow. What I appreciate most is its thermal stability. Dome closed, the internal temperature follows the external temperature with no more than 1°C difference.

Nicolas Soldati SoldatiSpace Observatory





Ø 3,2m AUTOMATIC / ADVANCED SLIT DOME

AUTOMATIC

ADVANCED

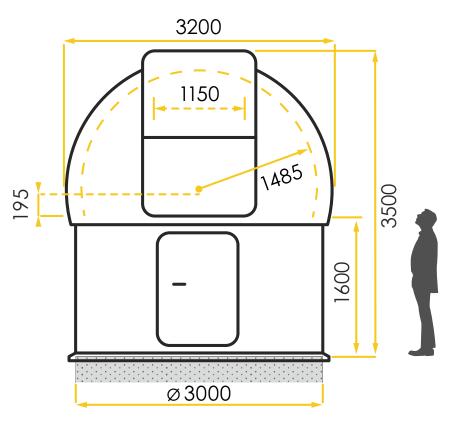
Rotation Rate(s)	2°/s up to 8°/s	2°/s up to 30°/s	
Dome emergency closing time	30 s	20 s	
Weight w. short (long) cylinder	~ 1.150 kg (1.320 kg)	~1.300 kg (1.500 kg)	
Power Parameters (max. peak)	230 V (2,5 kW)	230 V (3,5 kW)	
Rec. Telescope Aperture	up to 600 mm		

KOLDEWEY-STATION, SVALBARD



The dome has been functioning perfectly for 17 years now with minimal maintenance, which can be done by our own engineers. The extreme meteorological conditions, especially in the polar winter, which are comparable to those in the high mountains, have not restricted routine operation.

> Dr. Christoph Ritter AWI Foundation for Polar and Marine Research





Ø 4,2 m AUTOMATIC / ADVANCED SLIT DOME

AUTOMATIC

ATIC ADVANCED

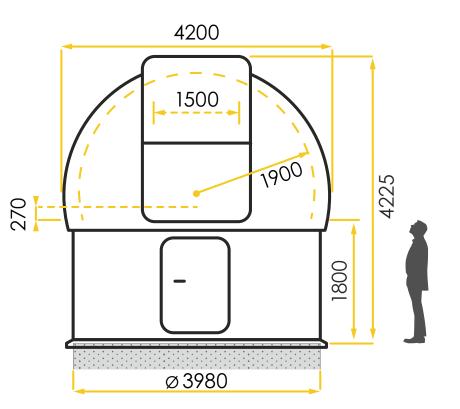
Rotation Rate(s)	2°/s up to 8°/s	2°/s up to 30°/s	
Dome emergency closing time	45s	25s	
Weight w. short (long) cylinder	~ 1.500 kg (1.850 kg)	~2.450 kg (2.800 kg)	
Power Parameters (max. peak)	230 V (3,5 kW)	400 V 3ph (7,5 kW)	
Rec. Telescope Aperture	up to 700mm		

MT. ZUGSPITZE, GERMANY



The Schneefernerhaus at 2650 m above sea level is the highest environmental research station in Germany. For our research we have acquired two domes from Baader Planetarium to protect the highly sensitive measuring instruments from the harsh environmental conditions on the Mt. Zugspitze.

Dr. Ralf Sussmann KIT Karlsruher Institute for Technology





ø 5,3 m AUTOMATIC / ADVANCED SLIT DOME

AUTOMATIC

ADVANCED

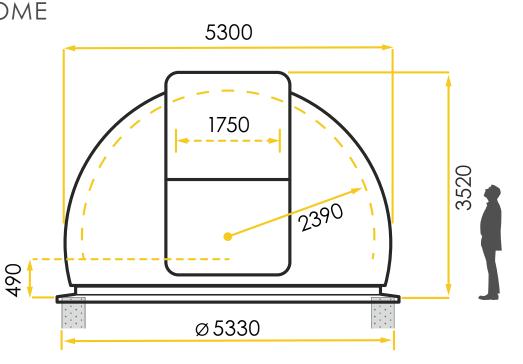
Rotation Rate(s)	2°/s up to 8°/s	2°/s up to 30°/s	
Dome emergency closing time	60 s	25 s	
Weight w. short (long) cylinder	~2.300kg (2.700kg)	~3.250 kg (3.750 kg)	
Power Parameters (max. peak)	230 V (3,5 kW)	400 V 3ph (7,5 kW)	
Rec. Telescope Aperture	up to 1.000 mm		

METSÄHOVI, FINNLAND



The construction of the dome is very sturdy. It can easily handle all conceivable snow and ice loads. We can even use the shutter to lift ~150kg objects inside the dome. The mechanical and electrical components are of the highest build quality.

Jyri Näränen, PhD NLS – Finnish Geospatial Research Institute





ø 6,15 m

AUTOMATIC / ADVANCED SLIT DOME ADVANCED

AUTOMATIC

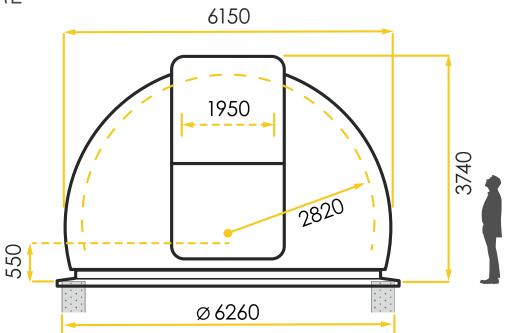
Rotation Rate(s)	2°/s up to 8°/s	2°/s up to 30°/s	
Dome emergency closing time	90s	30 s	
Weight w. short cylinder	~ 3.100 kg	~ 4.000 kg	
Power Parameters (max. peak)	230 V (3,5 kW)	400 V 3ph (11 kW)	
Rec. Telescope Aperture	up to 1.500 mm		

ZOLLERN-ALB, GERMANY



Our 6.15m and 2x 4.2m Baader domes have been serving us excellently for 15 years now through every weather and circumstances. Despite intensive sunlight in summer, all 3 domes always stay pleasantly cool a clear sign of the excellent (!!) insulation.

> Rolf Blitzer Zollern-Alb Observatory





Ø 8,5 m Advanced slit dome

ADVANCED

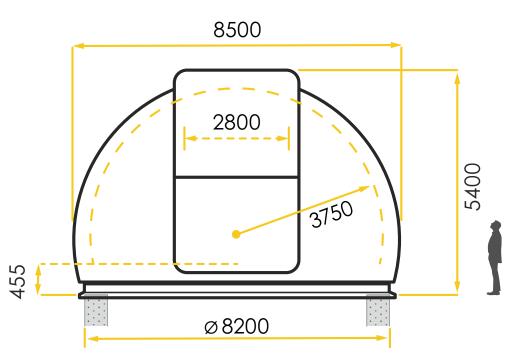
Rotation Rate(s)	2°/s up to 15°/s
Dome emergency closing time	180s
Weight w. short cylinder	up to 9.000kg
Power Parameters (max. peak)	400 V 3ph (18kW)
Rec. Telescope Aperture	up to 2.000 mm

MT. SKINAKAS, GREECE



Our 3m and 8m domes have successfully withstood the extreme winter weather conditions on top of Skinakas mountain (e.g. wind speeds up to 250 km/hr, frequent lightening, ice and low temperature, down to -15° C), and have protected our valuable scientific equipment.

Prof. Yannis Papamastorakis FORTH – Foundation for Research and Technology



OVERVIEW

AUTOMATIC SLIT DOMES Suggested Usecase: Remote Observatory

ADVANCED SLIT DOMES (HIGHSPEED) Suggested Usecase: 24/7, highspeed and robotic operation

Ø Dome Size		2,1 m	2,6 m	3,2 m	4,2 m	5,3 m	6,15 m	3,2m	4,2m	5,3 m	6,15m	8,5 m
Rotation Rate(s)				2°/s up	to 8°/s			2°/s up to 30°/s			2°/s up to 15°/s	
Flap and shutter open &	closing time(s)	30 s 45 s 60 s 90 s 20 s 25 s 30 s				30 s	180 s					
Recommended teleso	ope aperture	up to 320 mm	up to 450 mm	up to 600 mm	up to 700 mm	up to 1.000 mm	up to 1.500 mm	up to 600 mm	up to 700mm	up to 1.000 mm	up to 1.500 mm	up to 2.000 mm
Slit width		900 mm	900 mm	1.150 mm	1.500 mm	1.750 mm	1.950 mm	1.150 mm	1.500 mm	1.750 mm	1.950 mm	2.800 mm
Total Mass (including	Short Cylin.	~ 490 kg	~ 700 kg	~ 1.150 kg	~ 1.500 kg	~ 2.300 kg	~ 3.100 kg	~ 1.300 kg	~ 2.450 kg	~ 3.250 kg	~ 4.000 kg	up to 9.000 kg
either base options)	Long Cylin.	~ 570 kg	~ 800 kg	~ 1.320 kg	~ 1.850 kg	~ 2.700 kg		~ 1.500 kg	~ 2.800 kg	~ 3.750 kg		
	Voltage	230 V (50/60 Hz)	230 V (50/60 Hz)	230 V (50/60 Hz)	230 V (50/60 Hz)	230 V (50/60 Hz)	230 V (50/60 Hz)	230 V (50/60 Hz)	400 V 3ph (50/60 Hz)	400 V 3ph (50/60 Hz)	400 V 3ph (50/60 Hz)	400 V 3ph (50/60 Hz)
Power Parameters	Max. Peak (incl. Ads. dryer)	2,5 kW (3 kW)	2,5 kW (3 kW)	2,5 kW (3 kW)	3,5 kW (5 kW)	3,5 kW (5 kW)	3,5 kW (5 kW)	3,5 kW (5 kW)	7,5 kW (9 kW)	7,5 kW (9 kW)	11 kW (12,5 kW)	18 kW (custom solution)
Wind Constants	Survival			up to 2	00 km/h			Standard: up to	200 km/h / optic	nal High-Alpine U	pgrades up to 300) km/h available
Wind Speeds	Operational					up to 6	60 km/h (7 bft max	. gusts)				
	Survival	-40°C to +60°C Standard: -40°C to +60°C / optional Climatic Per				rformance Upgrades available						
Temperature Range	Operational		-20°C to +40°C					Standard: -2	0°C to +40°C / o	otional Climatic Pe	erformance Upgra	des available
Dome air volume	w.Short Cylin.	4 m ³	7 m ³	13 m ³	29 m ³	60 m ³	84 m ³	13 m ³	29 m ³	60 m ³	84 m ³	237 m ³
(excl. observation room)	w.Long Cylin.	8 m³	14 m ³	23 m ³	48 m ³	89 m ³		23 m ³	48 m ³	89 m ³		
Mandatory Base Options Short Cylinder (Wall Adapter) or Long Cylinder with Entrance Door Short Cylinder (Wall Adapter) or Long Cylinder with Entrance Door Short Cylinder (Wall Adapter) or Long Cylinder with Entrance Door		Short Cylinder (Wall Adapter)										
Azimuthal drive conc	ept	Tw	Two friction drive units Three friction drive units			nits	Three geared drive units					
Encoder			A	Azimuth encoder \	with homing sense	or		Absolute encoder in Azimuth and Shutter				
Material			Glass-fiber reinforced polyester (GRP), double				r (GRP), double la	ayer with intermediate insulation				
Required RCD			All current sensitve residual circuit brea				idual circuit break	uit breaker (Typ B, Ierr = 300mA)				
Command & Control	Command & Control			IR-Hand Controller, RS232 and TCP/IP (Webinterface and native API)				Cable-bound	Hand Controller,	RS232 and TCP/I	P (Webinterface a	nd native API)
	Power Fail		Manually / Optionally: UPS					-	. layer: UPS / 2. l	ayer: manually, hy	draulically assiste	d
Emergency closure	Weather	Weather Station included for emergency of					closure only, no re	adout				
Uninterrupted Power S	upply		Optionally available (see below)					E	mergency closure	e UPS single-phas	se	provided by client
Communication Proto	col	Proprietary API (TCP/IP, RS232), ASCOM-Alpaca (TCP/IP), ASCOM (RS232), INDIGO (RS232)										
	All versions	Professional Weather Station, Desert Upgrade (enhanced dust-proof seals), LED lighting red/white, Instrun Dome Adsorbtion air drying unit set, Custom modifications / mounting points / throughholes etc., Inpu						nt,				
Upgrades available upon request	Specific	Emergency closure UPS (Uninterrupted Power Supply) single-phase, Dome slit seal with wind-deflector, Additional friction drive unit in azimuth			enhanced mec	hanics for up to 3 tended operation	00 km/h survival v	h double intermed vind speed, Clima -60°C or up to +60 cally engaged)	tic Performance			

© Baader Planetarium GmbH. We reserve the right of error and technical modifications.



ø 2,3 – 6,5 m BAADER ALLSKY DOMES

BAADER ALLSKY DOMES

These domes provide a 180° full sky view with maximum interior space that can be controlled remotely, including automated operation capabilities. Each segment can move independently for optimized wind and light protection. AllSky domes come with a permanently accessible entrance door and an auto-close feature dependent on the feedback provided by the emergency weather station.

ALLSKY DOMES

Applications:

- Astronomy / Astrophotography
- Space Situational Awareness (SSA) / Space Domain Awareness (SDA)
- Free-Space Optical Communication (FSOC)
- Athmospheric and other detectors
- Defense

Sizes:

• 2.3 m, 3.5 m, 4.5 m, 6.5 m



KIT-Campus, Mt. Zugspitze – 2.3m AllSky Dome



Kent, UK – 3.5 m AllSky Dome



Argentinia – 3.5 m AllSky Dome



Dome C, Antarctica – 4.5 m AllSky Dome



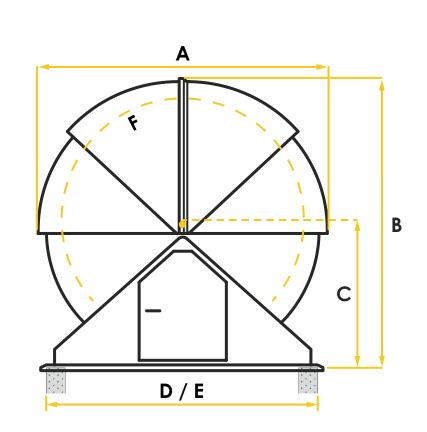
ALL BAADER ALLSKY DOME MODELS INCLUDE:

Installation	Performed by Baader personnel at the customer site				
	2 years warranty for all electronic and electric components				
	10 years warranty for outer dome skin and dome mechanics				
Warranty	We warrant for 200km/h wind speed to achieve undeteriorated performance and protection of the dome interior, with the dome being closed				
Fail-safe Features	Power drill with system interfaces to close dome in case of power failure				
	Emergency Weather Station (mandatory)				

MEASUREMENTS

LEGEND (all given measurements in mm):

- A Largest dome outer diameter
- **B** Outer zenital dome height above foundation
- **C** Lowest clear horizon (spring line)
- **D** Required (oblong) concrete dome foundation width
- **E** Required (oblong) concrete dome foundation length
- **F** Unobstructed inner sphere (max. telescope moving sphere from geometrical dome center [•])

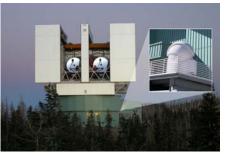




experimenta, Germany – 6.5 m AllSky Dome



SSC Space, Australia – 3.5m AllSky Dome



LBTO, Arizona (USA) – 2.3 m AllSky Dome



DLR, South Africa – 3.5 m AllSky Dome

BAADER ALLSKY DOMES



SEGMENTED DESIGN

Made of Fiberglass Reinforces Polyester (FRP) with four horizontal clamshell segments that are motorized independently to shield robotic telescopes.



MECHANICS & CORROSION PROTECTION Each segment is controlled independently by heavy duty electric motors which can be stopped and firmly held in any given up/down position. Stainless-steel components and toothed drive sections are used for all assemblies.



DOME SKIN AND THERMAL BEHAVIOUR The white double-skin GRP with a high gloss polished finish forms a weatherproof surface that is unaffected by temperature fluctuations.



ELECTRONIC CABINET

A protrusion opposite to the entrance door built to hold the dome electronics and control equipment with a standard rack mount cabinet.



ENTRANCE DOOR

Whether the dome is fully open or closed: users can always enter and leave the dome, especially in emergency situations.



DOME CONTROL

All dome electrical functions are controlled by the internal dome microprocessor via hand controller or webinterface. All functions may also be controlled remotely via API, ASCOM or INDIGO.



INNER SURFACE

The inner surface of the dome is coated with a non-reflective paint to mitigate stray light from affecting data collection and avoid hotspots to form during daytime operation.



Sealing / Caulking

All domes are hermetically sealed in order to prevent snow, dust, and/or storm winds from entering. This also enables the end-user to easily control the environmental conditions within.



EMERGENCY WEATHER STATION

A component that is hardwired to the control subsystem which commands the dome to close in case of precipitation or high wind speeds.

30

OPTIONAL UPGRADES



PROFESSIONAL WEATHER STATION

If additional environmental situational awareness is desired for the observatory, a weather station that includes multiple sensors multiple sensors for weather data monitoring and logging.



ADVANCED PERFORMANCE UPGRADES Structural upgrades and additional equipment can be added for the dome and equipment to survive environmental conditions with temperatures down to -80° C, wind loads of ≥250km/h, high sea state levels, and sites that are prone to lightning strikes.



CUSTOM MODIFICATIONS

For customers that require mechanical modifications with flanges and holders for individual electromechanical equipment.

EMERGENCY CLOSURE UPS



The uninterrupted power supply is a fail-safe feature that is incorporated and only utilized for the dome to ensure self-closure in case there is a power failure.



DOME INTERIOR LIGHTING

Downward-radiating wall lights can be provided in alternating red and white light, separately controllable and dimmable.



LOCAL SITUATIONAL AWARENESS

Indoor and outdoor camera, to provide awareness of the status of your observatory (requires OMS, see page 46).



AIR DRYING SYSTEM

Depending on your site's location, an air dehumidifier is recommended to control moisture and dust levels inside the dome.



Ø 2,3 m

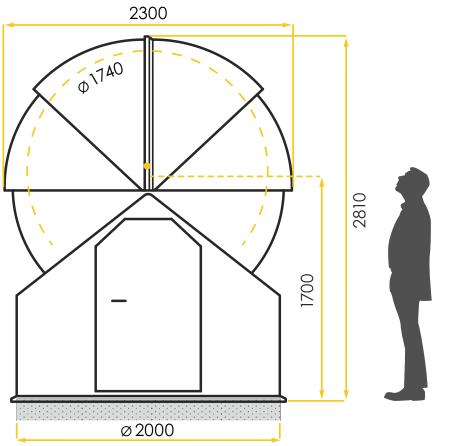
Dome emergency closing time	30 s
Total Weight	~ 500 kg
Power Parameters (max. peak)	230 V (3 kW)
Rec. Telescope Aperture	up to 400mm

PRIVATE OBSERVATORY, GERMANY



After almost 10 months of operation, I can now say about the Allsky Dome: workmanship, function, inside and out – perfect Baader precision. All the cables and motors that are used for the function – everything is neatly assembled and many small details have been taken into consideration.

Willy Herbstreit





Ø 3,5 m

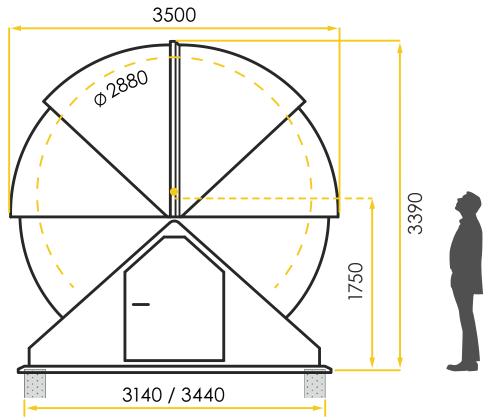
Dome emergency closing time	30 s
Total Weight	~ 1.300 kg
Power Parameters (max. peak)	230 V (4.5 kW)
Rec. Telescope Aperture	up to 800mm

SAAO, SOUTH AFRICA



The task of this 3.5M Baader AllSky dome at the South African Astronomical Observatory (SAAO) is to screen highflying objects for the geostationary regime. By permanently monitoring the geostationary orbit, a collision of the constantly growing number of satellites shall be prevented.

> Dr. Hauke Fiedler DLR (Deutsche Luft- und Raumfahrt)





ø 4,5 m

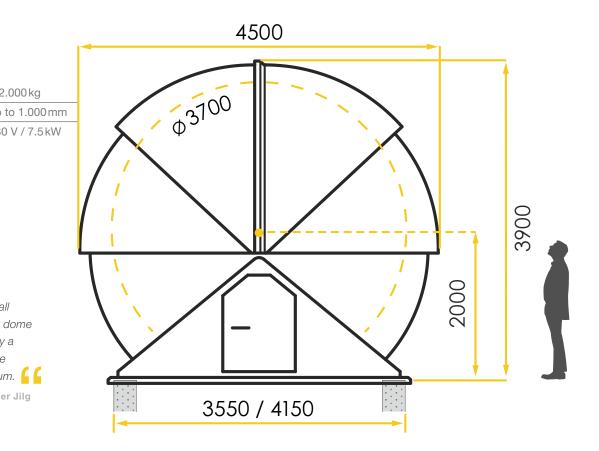
ALLSKY DOME	Total mass	~ 2.000 kg
	Rec. Telescope Aperture	up to 1.000
	Power Parameters	230 V / 7.5
Dome emergency closing time	30 s	
Total Weight	~ 2.000 kg	
Power Parameters (max. peak)	230 V (7.5 kW)	
Rec. Telescope Aperture	up to 400mm	

PRIVATE OBSERVATORY, GERMANY



My observatory has been delivered "turn-key" (including all equipment and accessories) by Baader Planetarium. The dome is the most important part of an observatory. For me, only a Baader dome can be considered as a protective structure against wind, raind and snow for my entire instrumentarium.

Günther Jilg





ø 6,5 m ALLSKY DOME

Total mass	~ 5.000 kg
Rec. Telescope Aperture	up to 1,750 mm
Power Parameters	400 V 3ph / 18kW

Dome emergency closing time	30 s
Total Weight	~ 1.300 kg
Power Parameters (max. peak)	230 V (4.5 k)
Rec. Telescope Aperture	up to 800mm

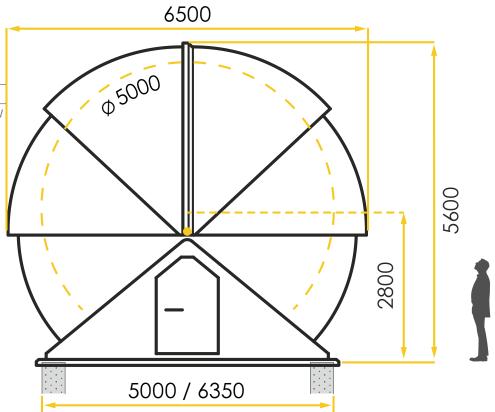
30 s
~ 1.300 kg
230 V (4.5 kW)
up to 800mm

SALZBURG, AUSTRIA



The 6,5m AllSky-Dome of VEGA-Observatory in Salzburg houses a 1m reflector, the largest telescope in Austria available for public observations. The reliable system is easy to operate by our volunteers which resulted in a great Google-rating by our thousands of visitors.

Helmut Windhager, Dr. Lothar Kurtze VEGA-Observatory













- 1. 6,5 m AllSky + 6,15 m Slit Dome for Haus der Natur, Austria
- 2. 2,3 m AllSky Dome for Max-Planck Institute, La Palma
- 3. 4,5 m AllSky for Hamburg University, Mallorca
- 4. 4,5 m & 3,5 m AllSky Dome for The Open University, Tenerife
- 5. 3,5 m AllSky Dome, Greece

BAADER ALLSKY DOMES OVERVIEW

ALLSKY DOMES

Ø Dome Size		2.3m	3.5m	4.5 m	6.5 m
Segments open & closing time(s)		30 s (Highspeed Option Available)			60 s
Recommended telescope aperture		up to 400 mm	up to 800 mm	up to 1.000 mm	up to 1.750 mm
Total Mass		up to 500 kg	up to 1.300 kg	up to 2.000 kg	up to 5.000 kg
Power Parameters	Voltage	230 V (50/60 Hz)	230 V (50/60 Hz)	230 V (50/60 Hz)	400 V 3ph (50/60 Hz)
	Max. Peak (incl. Ads. dryer)	3.25 kW (3.75 kW)	4.5 kW (6 kW)	4.5 kW (6 kW)	22 kW (23.5 kW)
Wind Speeds	Survival	Standard: up to 200 km/h / optional High-Alpine Upgrades up to 300 km/h available			
	Operational	up to 60 km/h (7 bft max. gusts)			
Temperature Range	Survival	Standard: -40°C to +60°C / optional Climatic Performance Upgrades available			
	Operational	Standard: -20°C to +40°C / optional Climatic Performance Upgrades available			
Dome Air Volume		8 m ³	23 m ³	41 m ³	129 m ³
Material		Glass-fiber reinforced polyester (GRP), double layer with intermediate insulation			
Required RCD		All current sensitve residual circuit breaker (Typ B, Ierr = 300mA)			
Command & Control		IR-Hand Controller, RS232 and TCP/IP (Webinterface and native API)			
Emergency Closure	Power Fail	Manually / Optionally: UPS			
	Weather	Weather Station included for emergency closure only, no readout			
Communication Protocol		Proprietary API (TCP/IP, RS232), ASCOM-Alpaca (TCP/IP), ASCOM (RS232), INDIGO (RS232)			
Mandatory Base		Round concrete wall base Oblong concrete wall base			
Upgrades available upon request		Absolute Encoders, Highspeed Segment Open/Closing times, Uninterrupted Power Supply, Professional Weather Station, Climatic / Environmental Perfomance Upgrades, Custom Modifications / Mounting Points, Lightning Mitigation			

SLR / SSA / LASERCOM ADVANCED APPLICATIONS



ADVANCED APPLICATIONS SLR / SSA / LASERCOM

Baader Planetarium specializes in manufacturing domes for advanced Ground Stations for SLR (Satellite Laser Ranging), SSA (Space Situational Awareness), and Lasercom applications. Leveraging years of industry experience, we deliver robust solutions that stand out for their secure protection of high-value equipment, even under the most extreme environmental conditions. Our engineering expertise has garnered the trust of esteemed clients like NASA, Swedish Space Corporation, DLR and ESA. Whether it's enabling precise satellite tracking, space debris monitoring, or cutting-edge laser communication, our Ground Stations are designed to meet the rigorous demands of today's space missions.

FEATURES

- **Robust Design:** Engineered to operate under extreme environmental conditions, safeguarding high-value equipment
- **High-Speed Dome Technology:** Specialized domes with up to 35°/s rotation for rapid satellite tracking and space debris observation
- **Trusted Partnerships:** Long-standing collaborations with prestigious organizations like NASA, ESA, SSC, DLR and many more
- **Precision Ranging:** Cutting-edge drive technology for accurate satellite tracking and distance measurement.
- Innovative Laser Communication: Supporting pioneering work in the field of Lasercom for fast and secure data transmission in space since 20 years.
- Turnkey Solutions: Complete observatories including telescopes, cameras, and control systems

INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED TO YOU

We would be pleased if you contact us regarding your SLR / SSA / Lasercom project at **www.baader-planetarium.com/dome-requests**



ADVANCED APPLICATIONS

ADVANCED SLIT DOMES (HIGHSPEED)



SLR GROUNDSTATIONS

Our high-quality domes have found applications beyond astronomy, including Laser Ranging projects for almost 30 years. Designed for durability and reliability, our constructions meet the strictest professional standards and high availability also at day time.



SSA GROUNDSTATIONS

Our robust observatories serve the Space Industry's growing need for SSA ground stations in remote locations. We offer special high-speed drive mechanics for fastest positioning and tracking of low-orbit satellites or to enable instant view for fast moving survey instruments.



LASERCOM GROUNDSTATIONS

Our highspeed domes can be outfitted with solar shields for satellite tracking and laser communication during daylight. Features like integrated UPS and emergency weather stations ensure the safety of your instruments under any circumstances.

NYALESUND, SVALBARD



I wanted to thank you and your team for the excellent conclusion of the installation of the dome in Ny-Alesund. (...) The testing went very well and we and NMA were happy with the results. (...) Thank you for making this project successful.

NASA – National Aeronautics and Space Administration



WESTERN AUSTRALIA SPACE CENTER

The establishment and commissioning of the SSA station was a success. Now begins the exciting times of configuring the remote control and operations environment of the station, calibrating, testing the processing chain and then start our campaigns.

> Jacob Ask, Program Director SSC – Swedish Space Corporation

IZAÑA-STATION, TENERIFE



While dozens of laser tracking stations are dotted around Europe, the Izaña station's dual functionality makes it a first. (...) It can also be used for optical communications and is intended to become a state-of-theart, fully autonomous robotic system.

> ESA – European Space Agency via our partner DiGOS





TURN-KEY OBSERVATORY SOLUTIONS

FROM ONE SOURCE TURN-KEY OBSERVATORY SOLUTIONS

With 50+ years of experience, Baader Planetarium provides turn-key observatory solutions that include services from conceptualization up to installation and training. Depending on your application and mission parameters, we can also guide you through the process, including selection of the optimal equipment and software that is controlled by our Observatory Management System (OMS).

SPECIFICATIONS



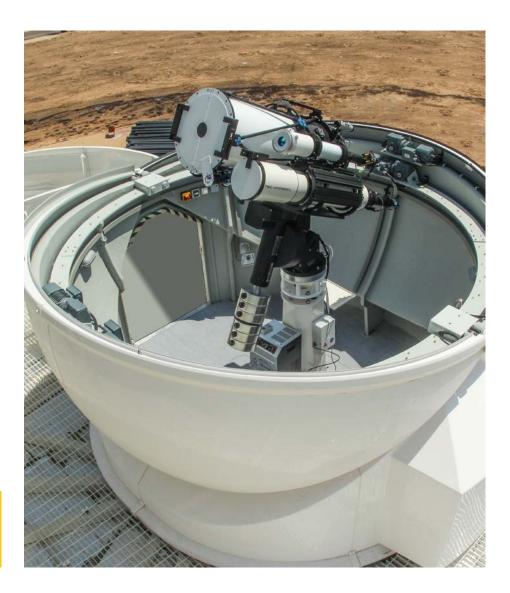
- **Turn-key observatories** utilizing Classic Slit or AllSky domes that range from 2.1 8.5m
- Various electronic equipment configurations, that allow you to setup a classic observatory or one with remote access that can be fully autonomous
- **Tailored to your requirements,** suitable for amateur astronomers as well as for schools, universities, research institutes and commercial customers.

The whole is greater than the sum of its parts

Aristotle

INDIVIDUALLY TAILORED TO YOU

We would be pleased if you contact us regarding your observatory project at **www.baader-planetarium.com/dome-requests**



TURN-KEY SERVICES



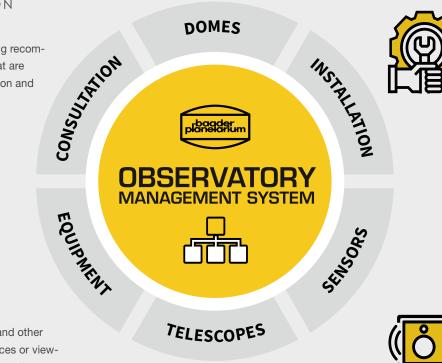
BAADER DOMES

Whether it be a Classic Slit or an AllSky dome, different configurations are possible to meet your needs.



CONSULTATION & PLANNING

We assist by providing recommended solutions that are tailored to your location and requirements.



INSTALLATION & TRAINING

Our team ensures that your observatory is installed in accordance to the highest standards and we also provide training to the end-users.



ACCESSORIES

The right adapters, plates, and other accessories such as eyepieces or viewfinders are meticulously selected.



ROBOTIC TELESCOPES

We can equip your observatory with the desired telescope, mount, and pillar setup.

SENSORS & PHOTONICS

Different sensor and photonic equipment configurations can also be integrated as part of our solution offerings.

OBSERVATORIES OBSERVATORIES

The OMS is your entry into remote operation: it is designed to function as your entire control center of all components in the observatory. It is therefore equipped only with high-grade and long-lived components. The OMS is delivered completely preconfigured and tested with your actual hardware by our astro-experienced IT-personnel, so you can start to do your remote observations from day one.

SPECIFICATIONS

- Stainless steel switch cabinet housing (A) with controlled ventilation:
 - Windows operated industrial computer with OMS Router for external connection to customer network and hosting the entire observatory intranet.
 - Preconfigured with all ordered and additionally necessary software packages to run your entire observatory.
 - Separate power supplies for mount and 12V equipment
 - Industrial network switch
 - Network-based power switch to enable remote controlled reset of core components
 - Secondary lightning protection of the network and power system
 - External Interfaces:
 - Ethernet
 - USB 2.0 Type-A ports
 - 230 V EU Type-F plug (or other types depending on country and intake)
 - On / Off switch
 - Internal Interface for integration:
 - Customer Ethernet
 - 110 240 V AC supply voltage
 - 4x USB 3.0, 2x native RS232, HDMI, Various I/O ports for signals and much more
- Baader OMS-Hub (B) that is mounted on the remote telescope for the equipment and sensors with the following interfaces:
 - 4x 12V/5A Outputs, 1x 12V CCD High Power Output
 - 4x USB 3.0 Type-A ports





TYPES OF OBSERVATORIES





CLASSIC OBSERVATORY

Suitable for on-site operation using manual control interfaces for the selected telescope configuration. The slit dome's azimuth movement is the only sub-system that is motor driven via the hand controller.

REMOTE / ROBOTIC OBSERVATORY

These types of observatories can be utilized for multiple applications. All dome functions can be performed remotely and shall always have the capability of being operated by the hand controller, a computer interface, or the OMS.

PRIVATE OBSERVATORY, GERMANY



The stability of the whole construction is remarkable. During the observation with a Baader Microguide eyepiece on the Celestron C11, I touched the sand filled column, knocked on it and leaned against it. The image in the eyepiece could not be shaken by anything!

> Andreas Bringmann Astrophotographer

OBSERVATORIO DEL TEIDE, TENERIFE



Our two (3,5m and 4,5m AllSky) autonomous robotic facilities PIRATE and COAST enable our distance learning students to experience authentic astronomical research, our astronomy research group to conduct competitive research projects, and the general public to engage with astronomy via the web portal.

> Dr. Ulrich Kolb The Open University

STAGES OF CONSTRUCTION

TESTING IN OUR FACILITIES



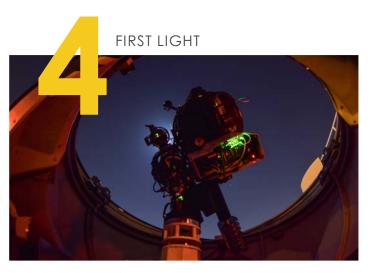
All observatory components and assemblies are tested inhouse for quality control.



We pack and coordinate shipping to the designated destination.



The team inspects all components and installs your observatory.



Once installed, the team takes the first astronomical image to ensure functionality and system performance.

AROUND THE WORLD

On our observatory world map you can see all the installations we are allowed to present with a multitude of pictures and information. Discover what the owners of our domes (even after decades) have to say about their observatory.





Language

BAADER OBSERVATORIES

WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE YOU BE ADDED TO OUR WORLD-WIDE DOME INSTALLATIONS.

Please let us know how we can help you within your desired application by contacting us at:



kontakt@baader-planetarium.de



+49 (0)8145 / 8089-0









SINCE 1966





© Baader Planetarium GmbH. We reserve the right of error and technical modifications. Layout: tb-Grafik

Baader Planetarium GmbH | Zur Sternwarte 4, D-82291 Mammendorf | Tel. +49 (0) 8145 / 8089-0 | kontakt@baader-planetarium.de

baader.space