



## 28M AEROSTAT SYSTEM

TCOM's 28M is one of the most widely-used aerostat systems available today. The 28M offers battle-proven reliability and can be customized with multiple payload configurations to meet the most demanding mission requirements

Versatile Operational Class aerostat systems may carry payloads that include radar, SIGINT and COMMS Relay to altitudes as high as 5,000 ft above ground control station. This makes the systems ideal for maritime surveillance applications, protecting ports and costal borders, as well as inland border surveillance applications.

### 28M-SPECIFICATIONS



#### Payload Weight

385 kg/ 850 lbs



#### Available Payload Power

5 kW



#### Wind Speeds

Operational- 55 kts/ survival-75 kts



#### Nominal Altitude

1525 m/ 5000 ft



#### Flight Duration

14 days

## 28M Aerostat

### Lowering Sustainment Costs Through Automation

#### **3 OPERATORS** – Existing Baseline

TCOM baseline sustainment model is **three operators** per shift for U.S. Army operations.



#### **2 OPERATORS** – Available Upgrade

Automation and control enhancements reduce operators from **3 to 2 per shift**; modifications can be installed in-situ on fielded systems; **cost: \$250k per kit** plus installation; lead-time: **under 4 months** plus installation; OJT will provide delta training.



#### **1 OPERATOR** – THE FUTURE

Initial testing scheduled for Q4 CY 2025, estimated availability **Q3 CY 2026**; includes **additional automation and control** modifications and assumes 2-operator modifications are installed.

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The 2-Operator Model aerostat modernization **reduces annual operating costs** by an average of **\$700K per year** as compared to a 3-operator model for each deployment, providing significant **efficiency and cost savings**. These **savings are even greater** when compared to deployments that use **4 operators**.

This combat-proven platform has a strong track record, with **over 60 systems produced and deployed** in demanding environments, collectively accumulating more than **1 million flight hours**.

*TCOM's Integrated Team delivers design engineering to manufacturing to operations allowing us to respond to meet all types of customers needs.*

