



Ikonos

When GeoEye successfully launched the IKONOS satellite in 1999, it made history with the world's first one-meter commercial remote sensing satellite. Moving over the ground at approximately seven kilometers per second, IKONOS collects black and-white and multispectral data at a rate of over 2,000 square kilometers per minute. Through the nearly fifteen, 98-minute journeys it makes around the globe each day, IKONOS collects vital statistics about the Earth's ever-changing features—from fluctuations in land and water resources to the build-out of new urban areas.

Ikonos derives its name from the Greek term *eikōn* for image.



Below are the specifications of Ikonos sensor:

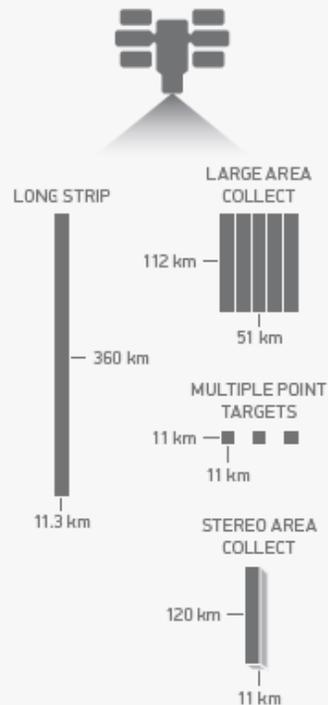
Launch Date:	24 September 1999 Vandenberg Air Force Base, California
Operational Life:	Over 8.5 Years
Orbit:	98.1 degree, sun synchronous
Speed on Orbit:	7.5 kilometers (4.7 miles) per second
Speed Over the Ground:	6.8 kilometers (4.2 miles) per second
Number of Revolutions:	14.7 every 24 hours
Orbit Time Around the Earth:	98 minutes
Altitude:	681 kilometers (423 miles)
Resolution:	0.82 meters (2.7 feet) panchromatic 3.2 meters (10.5 feet) multispectral 26° Off-Nadir : 1.0 meter (3.3 feet) panchromatic 4.0 meters (13.1 feet) multispectral
Spectral Range:	Blue: 445–516 nm Green : 506–595 nm Red : 632–698 nm NIR : 757–853 nm Pan : 450–900 nm
Image Swath:	11.3 kilometers (7.0 miles) at nadir 13.8 kilometers (8.6 miles) at 26° off-nadir
Equator Crossing Time:	Nominally 10:30 a.m. solar time
Revisit Time:	Approximately 3 days at 1-meter resolution, 40° latitude
Dynamic Range:	11-bits per pixel
Image Bands:	Panchromatic, blue, green, red, near infrared

Altitude and slew time



Collection scenarios

(30° off-nadir angle)



IKONOS is a three-axis stabilized spacecraft designed by Lockheed Martin. The design later became known as the LM900 satellite bus system. The satellite's altitude is measured by two star trackers and a sun sensor and controlled by four reaction wheels; location knowledge is provided by a GPS receiver. The design life is seven years; S/C body size=1.83 m × 1.57 m (hexagonal configuration); S/C mass = 817 kg; power = 1.5 kW provided by three solar panels.

Ikonos' applications include both urban and rural mapping of natural resources and of natural disasters, tax mapping, agriculture and forestry analysis, mining, engineering, construction, and change detection. It can yield relevant data for nearly all aspects of environmental study.