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PRODUCT INFORMATION BULLETIN

OMNI DIRECTIONAL BASE ANTENNA 900MHz 3dB MODEL 49-3101

DESCRIPTION

This omni-directional base antenna is designed to receive RF signals from any direction. Used with our 900MHz Air-Eagle RF Systems, this antenna will ensure reliable communications from multiple locations.

WARNING

THIS ANTENNA IS AN ELECTRICAL CONDUCTOR. CONTACT WITH POWER LINES CAN RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY. DO NOT INSTALL THIS ANTENNA WHERE THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF CONTACT WITH OR HIGH VOLTAGE ARC-OVER FROM POWER CABLES OR SERVICE DROPS TO BUILDINGS. THE ANTENNA, SUPPORTING MAST AND/OR TOWER MUST NOT BE CLOSE TO ANY POWER LINES DURING INSTALLATION, REMOVAL OR IN THE EVENT PART OF THE SYSTEM SHOULD ACCIDENTALLY FALL. FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES FOR ANTENNA INSTALLATION RECOMMENDED BY THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION AND LISTED IN THE ENCLOSED PAMPHLETS.

INSTALLATION

- Mount the antenna in a convenient location, at least 3 feet from other antennas or physical obstructions. For maximum performance ensure that the antenna mast does not extend above the metal mounting area of the antenna.
IMPORTANT – The antenna mast used to mount the antenna **MUST** be *earth grounded* by a grounding rod kit or the antenna mast must be metal and set in the ground at least 18" inches – Failure to do so may result in static electricity build-up that will damage your receiver.
- Find the shortest, most direct route to run the coax cable from the antenna to the transmitter or receiver.
- Connect the N-male connector from the coax cable to the N-female connector on the base antenna.
- Connect the TNC-male connector on the coax cable to the TNC-female connector on the transmitter or receiver being installed.
- Wrap supplied vinyl mastic tape around all outdoor coax connections to prevent water entry. This step is extremely important to ensure reliable communications in all weather conditions.



SPECIFICATIONS

Frequency, MHz	902-928MHz
Gain dB	3
Connector (Female)	N
Mast Diameter	1.25" to 2"
Height	33"
Enclosure Material	Gray Fiberglass
Weight	1.2 lbs

ORDERING INFORMATION

Coaxial Cable	
IMPORTANT – When specifying coaxial cable lengths, predetermine the shortest possible distance from the antenna to the transmitter/receiver. This will provide maximum RF output from the TX/RX to the antenna, as well as keep antenna costs to a minimum.	
20' Flex 3/16" Coax w/connectors	49-4000-20
25' Flex 3/16" Coax w/connectors	49-4000-25
30' Flex 3/16" Coax w/connectors	49-4000-30
35' Flex 3/16" Coax w/connectors	49-4000-35
50' Flex 3/16" Coax w/connectors	49-4000-50
75' Flex 1/2" Coax w/connectors	49-4000-75
100' Flex 1/2" Coax w/connectors	49-4000-100
160' Flex 1/2" Coax w/connectors	49-4000-160
185' Flex 1/2" Coax w/connectors	49-4000-185
Miscellaneous	
Vinyl Mastic Sealing Tape, 4" Pcs.	99-HDW-0061
TNC "T" Adapter (For dual antenna applications)	49-5001
Lightning Arrestor	49-5002



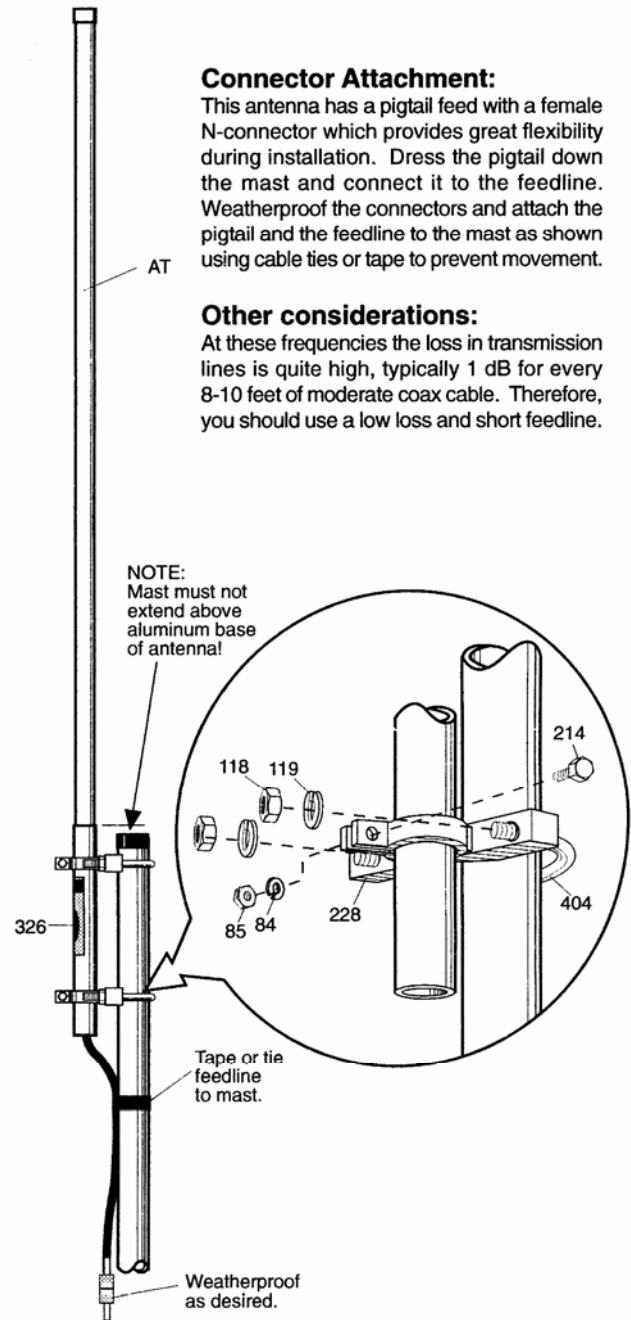
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Mounting:

The mounting brackets provided with the antenna will accommodate a 1.25 to 2 inch (3.2 to 5.1 cm) mast as shown in the figure. A 1.5" (3.8 cm) OD or larger tubing mast should be used. If multiple antennas are mounted on the same mast, it is important to place this antenna at least 39 inches (1 m) from the others to keep interaction to a minimum. Attach the aluminum mounting brackets to the base of the omni antenna. To do this, slide the two mounting clamps (228) on from the top of the antenna. Both clamps should slide over the aluminum base sleeve of the antenna. Place one clamp next to the rivets in the base and the other one near the top of the aluminum base tube. Hand tighten the mounting brackets in place using the screws (214), lock washers (84) and nuts (85). Attach the danger label (326) to the antenna base. Attach the antenna to the mast using the 2.5 inch (6.35 cm) U-bolts (404), lock washers (119), and nuts (118). **Make sure that the mast does not protrude above the metal base tube of the omni antenna.** After the antenna is properly aligned, tighten all the nuts.

KEY	P/N	DISPLAY	DESC	SIZE	QTY
326	290326		DANGER LABEL		1
84	010084		SS LOCK WASHER	1/4" (.6 cm)	2
85	010085		SS HEX NUT	1/4" (.6 cm)	2
118	010118		SS HEX NUT	5/16" (.8 cm)	4
119	010119		SS LOCK WASHER	5/16" (.8 cm)	4
214	010214		SS MACHINE SCREW	1/4-20 x 3/4" (1.9 cm)	2
228	323228		MOUNTING BRACKET		2
404	010404		SS U-BOLT	2-7/16" x 3-1/4" (6.2 x 8.2 cm)	2
AT	S8063B S8963B		OMNI ANTENNA	35" (89 cm)	1



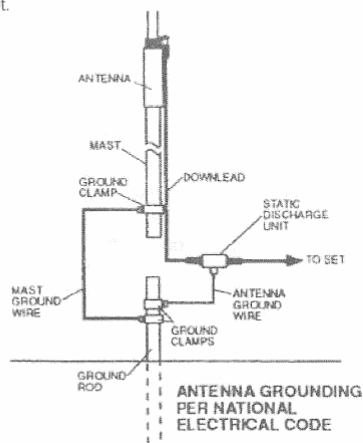
GENERAL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS FOR MAST MOUNTED ANTENNAS

1. Assemble your new antenna on the ground at the installation site. Keep separate assembly instructions that come with it. Large CB and Amateur beams may have to be finally assembled on the tower or mast.
2. On the ground, clamp the antenna to mast and connect the coaxial cable to the antenna.
3. To insure that the mast does not fall the "wrong way" it should get away during the installation or takedown, durable non-conductive rope should be secured at each two foot level as the mast is raised. The boss stands in a position where he can yank or pull the ropes if the need arise to deflect the falling mast away from hazards (such as power lines) into a "safe fall" (such as a yard or driveway). The ropes are tied taut at the base of the mast after installation and in place at the various levels.
4. Install selected mounting bracket.
5. If you are going to use guy wire installation instead of a mounting bracket:
 - install guy anchor bolts
 - estimate length of guy wire and cut
 - attach a mast using guy ring
6. Carefully take antenna and mast assembly to mounting bracket and insert. Tighten camp bolts. In case of guyed installation, it will be necessary to have at least a second person hold the mast upright while the guy wires are attached and tightened to the anchor bolts.
7. Install self-adhering "DANGER" label packaged in antenna hardware kit at eye level on your mast.
8. Install ground rod to drain off static electricity build-up and connect ground wire to mast and ground rod. Use special ground rods, not a spare piece of pipe.

EXAMPLE OF ANTENNA GROUNDING AS PER NATIONAL ELECTRICAL CODE INSTRUCTIONS

1. Use No.10 AWG copper or No. 8 AWG or larger copper-clad steel or bronze wire, as ground wires for both mast and lead-in. Securely clamp the wire to the bottom of the mast.
2. Secure lead-in wire from antenna to antenna discharge unit and mast ground wire to house with stand-off insulators spaced from 4 feet (1.2 meters) to 6 feet (1.8 meters) apart.
3. Mount antenna discharge unit as close as possible to where the lead-in wire enters the house.
4. Drill a hole in wall (CAREFUL! There are wires in that wall.) near your set just large enough to permit entry of cable.
5. Push cable through hole and form a rain drip loop close to where it enters the house.
6. Put small amount of caulking around cable where it enters house to keep out drafts.
7. Install static electricity discharge unit.
8. Connect antenna cable to the set.

You should not attempt to raise a mast in excess of 30 feet in height/length (not including the antenna proper) in a fully-extended condition. Thirty to fifty foot tubular masts must be elevated, a section at a time, with the base or outer section secured in place with guy wires. GET PROFESSIONAL HELP.



WARNING

INSTALLATION OF THIS PRODUCT NEAR POWER LINES IS DANGEROUS. FOR YOUR SAFETY, FOLLOW THE ENCLOSED INSTALLATION DIRECTIONS.

HOW TO INSTALL YOUR OUTDOOR ANTENNA SAFELY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE RECOMMENDATIONS OF THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

YOU, YOUR ANTENNA, AND SAFETY

Each year hundreds of people are killed, mutilated or receive severe permanent injuries when attempting to install an antenna. In many of these cases, the victim was aware of the danger of electrocution, but did not take adequate steps to avoid the hazard.

For your safety, and to help you achieve a good installation, please **READ** and **FOLLOW** the safety precautions below. **THEY MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE!**

1. If you are installing an antenna for the first time, please, for your own safety as well as others, seek **PROFESSIONAL ASSISTANCE**. Consult your dealer. He can explain which mounting method to use for the size and type antenna you are about to install.
2. Select your installation site with safety, as well as performance, in mind. (Detailed information on Site Selection appears in a separate section of this booklet.) **REMEMBER: ELECTRIC POWER LINES AND PHONE LINES LOOK ALIKE. FOR YOUR SAFETY, ASSUME THAT ANY OVERHEAD LINES CAN KILL YOU.**
3. Call your electric power company. Tell them your plans and ask them to come look at your proposed installation. This is a small inconvenience considering **YOUR LIFE IS AT STAKE**.
4. Plan your installation procedure carefully and completely **before** you begin. Successful raising of a mast or tower is largely a matter of coordination. Each person should be assigned to a specific task, and should know what to do and when to do it. One person should be designated as the "boss" of the operation to call out instructions and watch for signs of trouble.
5. When installing your antenna, **REMEMBER: DO NOT** use a metal ladder. **DO NOT** work on a wet or windy day. **DO** dress properly -shoes with rubber soles and heels, rubber gloves, long sleeve shirt or jacket.
6. If the assembly starts to drop, get away from it and let it fall. Remember, the antenna, mast, cable and metal guy wires are all excellent conductors of electrical current. Even the slightest touch of any of these parts to a power line complete an electrical path through the antenna and the **installer-THAT'S YOU!**
7. If any part of the antenna system should come in contact with a power line-**DON'T TOUCH IT OR TRY TO REMOVE IT YOUR SELF. CALL YOUR LOCAL POWER COMPANY.** They will remove it safely.

If an accident should occur with the power lines call for qualified emergency help immediately.

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SITE SELECTION

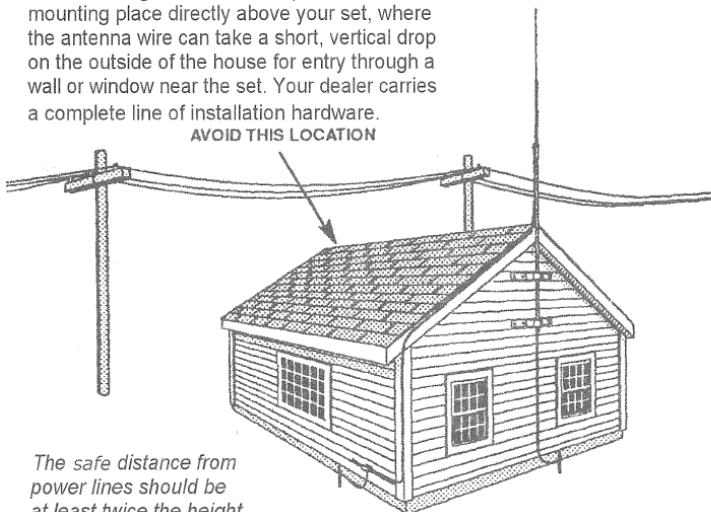
Before attempting to install your antenna, think where you can best place your antenna for **safety** and performance.

To determine a safe distance from wires, power lines and trees:

1. Measure the height of your antenna.
2. Add this length to the length of your tower or mast, and then
3. Double this total for the minimum recommended safe distance.

If you are unable to maintain this safe distance, **STOP! GET PROFESSIONAL HELP.** Many antennas are supported by pipe masts attached to the chimney, roof or side of the house. Generally, the higher the antenna is above the ground, the better it performs. Good practice is to install your antenna about 5 to 10 feet above the roof line and away from power lines and obstructions. Remember that FCC limits your antenna height to 60 feet. If possible, find a mounting place directly above your set, where the antenna wire can take a short, vertical drop on the outside of the house for entry through a wall or window near the set. Your dealer carries a complete line of installation hardware.

AVOID THIS LOCATION



The safe distance from power lines should be at least twice the height of the antenna and mast combined.

TELESCOPING MAST

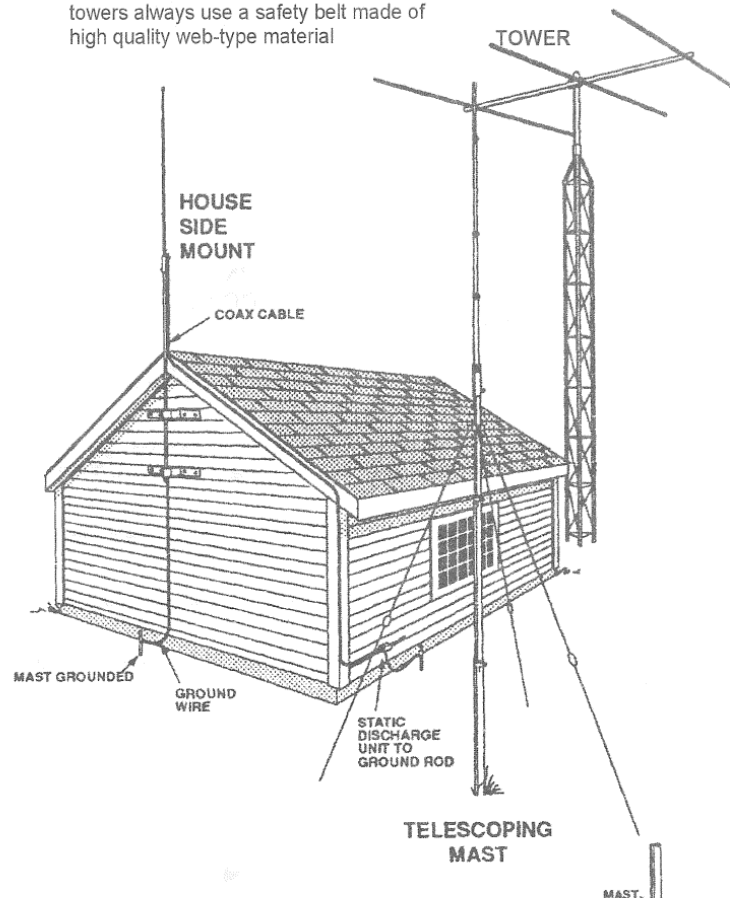
Guy wires should be equally spaced in at least three directions. Use at least three guy wires for each 10 foot section of mast.

SIDE OF HOUSE MOUNTING

The safe distance from power lines is at least twice the height of antenna and mast combined. Where roof overhang is not excessive, the side of the house provides a convenient mounting. Position the brackets over a stud if possible, one above the other, and space two or three feet apart. For metal siding, first mark mounting holes, then drill pilot holes through the siding to accept mounting screws.

TOWER

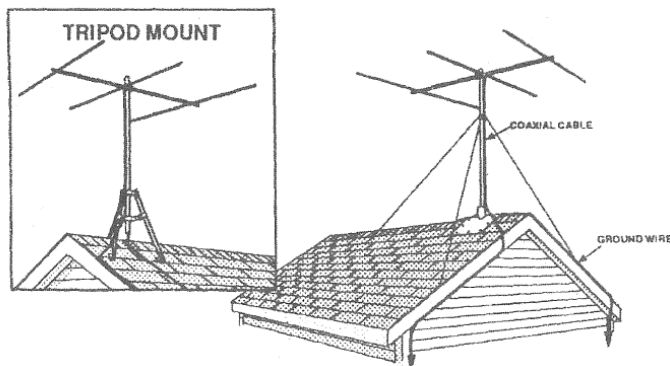
Tower safety is paramount to a good installation and requires that you take location, tree growth, soil depth and proximity to buildings into consideration. Tower foundations must be securely based on a solid concrete/tower mounting plate. An alternative is to sink a 4-6 foot section of tower into a concrete base for an extremely rugged mount. Proper guying is essential to a safe weather-resistant installation that must handle severe wind loading and is best accomplished with preformed guy grips, torque brackets and turnbuckles. When working on towers always use a safety belt made of high quality web-type material



CHOOSE A PROPER SUPPORT AND MOUNTING METHOD

However you decide to mount and support your antenna always make sure that safety is your first concern. Some of the more common installation methods are illustrated below.

ROOF MOUNTED



ROOF MOUNTING

The swivel feature of "universal" type mounting brackets makes a convenient antenna mount for flat or peaked roofs. One clamp type bracket is used with 3 or 4 guy wires equally spaced around the mast and anchored to the roof or eaves by eyebolts. Apply roofing compound around the base of the bracket, screws and eyebolts for moisture sealing.

CHIMNEY MOUNTING

The chimney is often an easy and convenient mounting place. But the chimney must be strong enough to support the antenna in high winds. Do not use a chimney that has loose bricks or mortar. A good chimney mount makes use of a 5 or 10 foot, 1-1 1/4" diameter steel mast, and a heavy duty two strap clamp-type bracket. Install the upper bracket just below the top course of bricks, and the lower bracket two or three feet below the upper bracket. For maximum strength, space the brackets as far apart as possible.

