Type 960 .96 Meter Class I and II Antenna System Type 123 1.2 Meter Class I and II Antenna System with Factory Assembled Az/El Cap Mount





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DANGER: WATCH FOR WIRES! Installation of this product near power lines is extremely dangerous and must never be attempted. Installation of this product near power lines can result in death or serious injury! For your own safety, you must follow these important safety rules. Failure to follow these rules could result in death or serious injury.

- 1. Perform as many functions as possible on the ground.
- 2. Watch out for overhead power lines. Check the distance to the power lines before starting installation. Stay at least 6 meters (20 feet) away from all power lines.
- 3. Do not install antenna or mast assembly on a windy day.
- 4. If you start to drop antenna or mast assembly, move away from it and let it fall.
- 5. If any part of the antenna or mast assembly comes in contact with a power line, call your local power company. DO NOT TRY TO REMOVE IT YOURSELF! They will remove it safely.
- 6. Make sure that the mast assembly is properly grounded.

WARNING: Assembling dish antennas on windy days is extremely dangerous and must never be attempted. Due to the surface area of the reflector, even slight winds create strong forces. For example, this antenna facing a wind of 32 km/h (20 mph) can undergo forces of 269 N (60 lb). BE PREPARED TO SAFELY HANDLE THESE FORCES AT UNEXPECTED MOMENTS. ATTEMPTING TO ASSEMBLE, MOVE OR MOUNT A DISH ON WINDY DAYS COULD RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY. Skyware Global is not responsible or liable for damage or injury resulting from antenna installations.

WARNING: Antennas improperly installed or installed to an inadequate structure are very susceptible to wind damage. This damage can be very serious or even life threatening. The owner and installer assumes full responsibility that the installation is structurally sound to support all loads (weight, wind and ice) and properly sealed against leaks. Skyware Global will not accept liability for any damage caused by a satellite system due to the many unknown variable applications.

PRE INSTALLATION CONSIDERATIONS

TOOLS REQUIRED:

Compass13 mm Deep Socket (3/8" Drive)Clinometer#1 or #2 Phillips Screwdriver3/8" Drive Ratchet Wrench13 mm Combination Wrench

10 mm Nut Driver 10 mm Socket (3/8" Drive) 10 mm Combination Wrench Torque Wrench 9" Magnetic Level (2) 17 mm Open End Wrenches

ADDITIONAL INSTALLATION MATERIALS (Not Included with Antenna)

Installation Mount (Ground Pole, King Post, Wall Mount or Roof Mount) Grounding Rod, Clamp & Grounding Block - As required by National Electric Code or local codes. Ground Wire - #10 solid copper or #8 aluminum as required by National Electric Code or local codes (length as required). RG-6 Coaxial Cables from antenna to indoor units. Concrete: See "Ground Pole" section for quantity M10 or #3 Rebar: See "Ground Pole" section for quantity. Deformed steel per ASTM A615, Grade 40 or 60.

SITE SELECTION

The first and most important consideration when choosing a prospective antenna site is whether or not the area can provide an acceptable "look angle" at the satellites. A site with a clear, unobstructed view is preferred. Also consider obstruction that may occur in the future such as the growth of trees. Your antenna site must be selected in advance so that you will be able to receive the strongest signal available. To avoid obstructions, etc., conduct an on-site survey with a portable antenna. The satellite antenna can be installed on a ground pole, wall/roof mount, or non-penetrating roof mount with 2-7/8" or 3" outside diameter mast. The chosen mount type should be assembled and in place before installing the antenna. Refer to instructions packed with mount for its proper installation. The mast pipe must be vertical and plumb to insure ease of alignment.

As with any other type of construction, a local building permit may be required before installing an antenna. It is the property owner's responsibility to obtain any and all permits.

Before any digging is done, information regarding the possibility of underground telephone lines, power lines, storm drains, etc., in the excavation area should be obtained from the appropriate agency.

Because soils vary widely in composition and load capacity, consult a local professional engineer to determine the appropriate foundation design and installation procedure. A suggested foundation design with conditions noted is included in this manual for reference purposes only.

GROUND POLE INSTALLATION

Deep Frost Line Foundations Pier Foundations Ground Pole Must Be 7.3 cm or 7.6 cm 7.3 cm or 7.6 cm Vertical in All Directions (2.88" or 3.00" O.D.) (2.88" or 3.00" O.D.) at Top 25 mm to 51 mm (1" to 2") t slope for water run-off Bubble 91.4 cm max. 25 mm Level (36") to 51 mm 182.9 cm (1" to 2") slope (72") Grade 91 .4 cm max. 1 for water run-off NOTE: 182.9 cm (36") 127 cm (50") may (72") Grade be increased to frost line. Concrete and 127 cm length of rebar will (50") (See Note) increase Approx. accordingly. 51 mm 102 cm (2") (40") T #3 rebar x .46 m (18") Insert through D hole in tube and center. 51 mm Minimum Below D (2") #3 rebar Diameter Frost Line Minimum Below x diameter #3 rebar x .6 m (24") Diameter Frost Line of pier. Insert through at 60° apart (See note) 0 hole in tube and center.

Bottom View

			Pier Fou	r Foundations			Deep Frost Line Foundations								
		EXPOSURE B EXPOSUR		EXPOSURE C		EXPOSURE C		OSURE C		EXPOSURE C		EXPO	SURE B	EXPO	
	WIND VEL km/h (mph)	DIM D cm (in)	CONC VOL m ³ (ft ³)	DIM D cm (in)	CONC VOL m ³ (ft ³)		DIM D cm (in)	CONC VOL m ³ (ft ³)	DIM D cm (in)	CONC VOL m ³ (ft ³)	GROUND POLE				
96 cm Antenna	161 (100)	25 (10)	0.05 (1.8)	38 (15)	0.12 (4.1)		18 (7)	0.03 (1.1)	25 (10)	0.06 (2.2)	A, B or C				
Antenna	201 (125)	36 (14)	0.10 (3.7)	51 (20)	0.21 (7.4)		23 (9)	0.05 (1.9)	36 (14)	0.13 (4.6)	A, B or C				
1.2 m Antenna	161 (100)	30 (12)	0.07 (2.5)	46 (18)	0.17 (6.0)		20 (8)	0.04 (1.4)	33 (13)	0.11 (3.8)	A ,B or C				
Antenna	201 (125)	43 (17)	0.15 (5.2)	61 (24)	0.30 (10.5)		30 (12)	0.09 (3.2)	48 (19)	0.23 (8.1)	A or C				

POLE SPECIFICATIONS:

 Ground Pole "A"
 2-1/2 Schedule 40 Steel ASTM A53 Pipe (73 mm x 5 mm Wall/2.88" OD x.203" Wall)

 Ground Pole "B"
 3.0" OD x 9 Gauge (.148" Wall) Steel ASTM A501 Pipe (76 mm OD x 3.8 mm Wall)

 Ground Pole "C"
 2-1/2 Schedule 80 Steel ASTM A53 Pipe (73 mm x 7 mm Wall/2.88" OD x.276" Wall)

NOTE:

1. Poles are not supplied (purchase locally to above specifications) and must be field drilled 5/8" diameter for M10 #3 rebar, 5.5 mm for self tapping grounding screw and (.218") for 1/4-20 self tapping grounding screw. Poles and screws must be galvanized or painted for protection.

- 2. Pole and foundation design based on the following criteria:
 - a. Uniform building code Exposure B or C wind loading.
 - b. Vertical soil pressure of 13790 kPa (2000 pounds per square foot).
 - c. Lateral soil pressure of 2758 kPa (400 pounds per square foot).
 - d. Concrete compressive strength of 17.2 MPa (2500 pounds per square inch) in 28 days.
- 3. See page 6 for grounding recommendations.

CAUTION: The foundation design shown does not represent an appropriate design for any specific locality. Soil conditions vary and may not meet design criteria given in Note 2. Consult a local professional engineer to determine your soil conditions and appropriate foundation.

The Az/El mount is factory configured to achieve elevation angles from 8° to 54°. For higher angles, the elevation adjustment screw setting must be modified. (See table for elevation ranges). Before proceeding with antenna installation, determine the elevation angle for the site (refer to main installation instructions). If the elevation setting for the site is greater than ~ 52°, follow these steps:

Antenna Model	Range As Shipped	Range At High Angle Setting
1.2 m Type 123	8° to 54°	42° to 85°
96 cm Type 960	8° to 54°	34° to 85°

Adjustment procedure:

- 1 Loosen two elevation clamp nuts (in curved slots), and loosen elevation pivot bolts
- 2 Swing the housing up against the underside of the elevation adjustment screw head
- 3 Set the az/el mount on the side closer to the elevation adjustment bolt
- 4 Loosen the bottom nut on the elevation adjustment screw. (Use two open-end wrenches to release the double nuts)
- 5 Run the top nut up tight against the az/el housing and elevation screw head, then back off nut half a turn
- 6 Run bottom nut along the elevation screw against top nut
- 7 While holding the top nut in place with a wrench firmly tighten the bottom nut against it to lock them both in that position.
- 8 The az/el is now configured for high elevation angles. Proceed with the installation as instructed in the installation manual.





Loosen (4) carriage bolts and nuts securing the "U" bracket to the top bracket. Loosen (4) carriage bolts and nuts securing "U" Bracket to (2) half clamps. Loosen swivel nut and hex nut. Install AZ/EL cap mount onto ground pole. Equally tighten (4) clamp bolts so that cap is held stationary on ground pole, but can be swiveled with slight pressure (approximately 2.7 N-m (2 ft-lb). Retighten and torque (4) carriage bolts and nuts securing "U" bracket to half clamps to 24.4 Nm (18 ft-lb). Leave loose (4) carriage bolts, swivel nut and hex nuts, for fine tune option.

ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION

Installing Az/El Cap Mount Onto Pole

Before installing az/el cap onto pole, installation mount should be in place. Loosen (4) hex nuts on pipe clamp. Install az/el cap onto pole. Equally tighten (4) clamp bolts so that cap is held stationary on pole, but can be swiveled with slight pressure. Tighten approximately 2.7 N-m (2 ft-lb).

Insert (2) M8 set screws into threaded inserts in pipe clamp. Do not tighten.



Assembling Reflector Onto Az/El Cap Mount

Install four M8 x 60 mm plow bolts into holes in reflector face. Lift reflector and insert exposed portion of bolt into holes in az/el mounting flange. Secure reflector to az/el mount with 4 lock washers and hex nuts onto plow bolts. Tighten and torque to 15 N-m (11 ft-lb). Press fit hole plugs in remaining four unused holes of the reflector.

IMPORTANT: Note orientation of feed leg mounting holes in reflector rim. Top of reflector does NOT have feed leg mounting hole.



ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION for Class I Antennas

Class I Junction Block and Feed Leg Installation

Insert bottom feed leg into junction block and twist until lance engages.

NOTE: Bottom feed leg is the one with a slight bend and a lance on one end. It is shorter than the side feed legs. The end with the lance inserts in junction block and end with bend attaches to reflector.





Class I Feed Legs Installation

Assemble side feed legs to side rim of reflector and bottom feed leg to bottom rim of reflector. From the inside of reflector rim, insert M6 x16 mm hex bolt through washer, hole in rim and feed leg hole. Secure with lock washer and hex nut.

Class I Feed Assembly Installation

Attach side feed legs to junction block with M6 x 16 mm Hex Head Bolt and M6 Lock Washer.

NOTE: Long formed end of side feed leg attaches to the reflector rim, short formed end to side of junction block.

Tighten and torque all hardware to junction block and reflector to 5.4 N-m (4 ft-lb). Tighten two M4 pan head screws in junction block socket equally.

Attach feed assembly to junction block with two M6 x 16 mm hex head bolts, two lock washers and mounting block clamp as shown on right. Refer to instructions packed with feed assembly.



ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION for Class II Antennas

Class II Side Feed Legs and Mount Braces Installation

Before attaching side feed legs, locate mount braces and identify left and right parts. Attach one end of each brace (flattened oval end with slotted hole) to the az/el mount housing with carriage bolt, star washer, washer, lock washer and hex nut as shown below. Note that star washer is located between az/el mount and rear braces as illustrated. Do not tighten. Swing opposite end of mount brace in position to align flange holes with holes in side rim of reflector as shown.

NOTE: Long formed end of side feed leg attaches to the reflector rim, short formed end to side of feed support junction block.

From the inside of reflector rim, insert M6 x 16 mm hex bolt through flat washer and aligned slot of mount brace, reflector rim side hole and hole in feed support leg. Secure side feed legs and mount braces to reflector side rim with lock washer and hex nut. Do not tighten.



ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION for Class II Antennas

Class II Side Feed Legs, Support Block and Feed Assembly Installation



ANTENNA ALIGNMENT PROCEDURE

Satellite Alignment

Alignment with the satellite is obtained by setting polarization, elevation, and azimuth. Charts are provided in this manual to determine the values for your earth station antenna site. " Δ L" is the difference between the earth station antenna site longitude and the satellite longitude. Use " Δ L" and your earth station latitude to obtain polarization, elevation or azimuth setting.

Polarization of Feed

Loosen feed Horn clamp bolts and turn feed clockwise or counterclockwise, depending on being east or west of the satellite as shown on Chart 1. For coarse setting, align marks on the horn scale. Polarization chart assumes antenna system polarization is transmit vertical and satellite vertical Pol is perpendicular to plane of geostationary arc. For horizontal transmit of antenna, feed must be rotated 90° from values shown. (Starting point for polarization adjustment is 0°, as shown. Use a signal strength measuring device for final polarization setting and tighten horn clamp bolts to 5.4 N-m (4 ft-lb).





Elevation - Initial Setting

Use Chart 2 and determine your elevation setting. Loosen elevation pivot bolts and bolts in curved slots (both sides) of az/el housing approximately 1 complete turn. Turn elevation adjustment bolt clockwise to decrease elevation and counterclockwise to increase elevation. Align the edge of the clamp with appropriate mark on housing at the desired elevation reading. This will be an approximate setting. Optimum setting achieved when fine tuning.

NOTE: Degree values shown on Elevation Scale are Beam; there is no need to compensate for any offset angle. (See Appendix A, Outline Drawing). If clinometer is used, you must compensate for offset angle.

Azimuth - Initial Setting

Use Chart 3 and determine your azimuth setting. Values in chart must be adjusted for magnetic deviation for your location for correct compass reading. Rotate reflector and mount pointing it to the correct compass reading. Slowly sweep the antenna in azimuth until signal is found. If the desired signal is not found, increase or decrease elevation setting and repeat the azimuth sweep. Tighten half clamp bolts and set screws.



Fine Tuning

Use Signal Tuning Device for final adjustments to obtain maximum antenna performance. Alternate between elevation and azimuth fine tuning to reach maximum signal strength, until no improvement can be detected. Azimuth is fine tuned by loosening the (4) carriage head bolts and swivel nut which allows adjusting the azimuth fine tune adjusting bolt for the peak signal. When fine tuning is complete, tighten and torque all az/el hardware to 16.3 N-m (12 ft-lb). Do not exceed 16.3 N-m (12 ft-lb). Torque Clamp Hardware to 24.4 N-m (18 ft-lb) in alternating sequence.

IMPORTANT: Recheck and repeat torque on four clamp bolts, in alternating sequence, until all bolts are equally torqued to 18 ft-lb.

GROUNDING PROCEDURE





96 cm Antenna Survival Wind Loads at 125 mph Velocity

Elevation Degrees		Force N (Pounds)					Moments N-m (Foot-Pounds)			
Mech.	Beam		FH	FV			M _T	i	Mo	
0	15	3,323	(747)	-89	(-20)	203	(150)	3,114	(2,301)	
10	25	3,145	(707)	-667	(-150)	199	(147)	2,947	(2,178)	
20	35	3,056	(687)	-1,286	(-289)	188	(139)	2,863	(2,116)	
30	45	2,767	(622)	-1,837	(-413)	171	(126)	2,592	(1,916)	
40	65	2,438	(548)	-2,215	(-498)	145	(107)	2,286	(1,689)	
50	75	2,126	(478)	-2,438	(-548)	122	(90)	1,992	(1,472)	
60	85	1,770	(398)	-2,549	(-573)	95	(70)	1,660	(1,226)	
70	95	1,330	(299)	-1,971	(-443)	73	(54)	1,246	(9,21)	

M_O based on 937 mm (36.9 in) from mounting surface of center line of antenna. Values shown represent maximum forces for any wind direction and include 1.5 F_S. Height and exposure factors from uniform building code are NOT included. Center line based on 36" max. height of mounting post.



1.2 m Antenna Survival Wind Loads at 125 mph Velocity

Elevatio	on Degrees	Force N (Pounds)				Moments N-m (Foot-Pounds)			
Mech.	Beam	F	H ^F V			M _T	м _о		
0	17	5,716	(1,285)	-156	(-35)	67	8 (500)	5401	(3,991)
10	27	5,413	(1,217)	-1,143	(-257)	66	2 (488)	5115	(3,780)
20	37	5,258	(1,182)	-2,211	(-497)	62	9 (464)	4969	(3,672)
30	47	4,764	(1,071)	-3,163	(-711)	57	1 (421)	4501	(3,326)
40	57	4,195	(943)	-3,812	(-857)	48	4 (357)	3964	(2,929)
50	67	3,656	(822)	-4,195	(-943)	40	5 (299)	3455	(2,553)
60	77	3,051	(686)	-4,381	(-985)	31	5 (232)	2883	(2,130)
70	87	2,291	(515)	-3,390	(-762)	24	1 (178)	2585	(1,910)

M_O based on 945 mm (37.2 in) from mounting surface of center line of antenna. Values shown represent maximum forces for any wind direction and include 1.5 F_S. Height and exposure factors from uniform building code are NOT included. Center line based on 36" max. height of mounting post.



EARTH STATION LATITUDE IN DEGREES NORTH OR SOUTH OF EQUATOR



AZIMUTH CHART



 $\Delta^{-\prime\prime}$ is the difference between the Earth Station antenna site longitude and the satellite longitude

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NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	96 cm Reflector or 1.2 m Reflector	1
2	Azimuth/Elevation Assembly	1
3	M8 x 60 mm Plow Bolt	4
4	M8 Lock Washer	4
5	M8 Hex Head Nut	4
6	Plug Cap	4
7	96 cm or 1.2 m Side Feed Leg	2
8	96 cm or 1.2 m Bottom Feed Leg	1
9	M6 x 22 Hex Head Bolt	3
10	M6 Lock Washer	5
11	M6 Hex Head Nut	3
12	Junction Block with Pan Head Screws	1
13	M6 x 16 Hex Head Bolt	2
14	Mounting Block Clamp	1
15	Feed Assembly	1
16	M6 x 16 Hex Head Bolt	2
17	M6 Flat Washer	5

PARTS LIST for CLASS II



NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
1	96 cm Reflector or 1.2 m Reflector	1
2	Azimuth/Elevation Assembly	1
3	M8 x 60 mm Plow Bolt	4
4	M8 Lock Washer	4
5	M8 Hex Head Nut	4
6	Plug Cap	4
7	96 cm or 1.2 m Side Feed Leg	2
8	96 cm or 1.2 m Bottom Support Tube	1

NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
9	M6 x 22 Hex Head Bolt	3
10	M6 Lock Washer	11
11	M6 Hex Head Nut	5
12	Feed Support Block	1
13	M6 x 20 Hex Head Bolt	2
14	Mounting Block Clamp	1
15	Feed Assembly	1
16	M6 x 30 Hex Head Bolt	2

NO.	DESCRIPTION	QTY.
17	M6 Flat Washer	7
18	M6 x 16 Hex Head Bolt	2
19	M6 x 22 Round Head Square Neck Bolt	2
20	Mount Brace	2
21	M8 x 20 Hex Head Bolt	2
22	Star Washer	2

PERIODIC INSPECTION & MAINTENANCE

To ensure peak performance of the antenna system and to maintain validity of the warranty, the user should perform a periodic inspection every 6 months or following any severe weather event, As a minimum the following items should be inspected.

1. Installation Mount

Check for loose hardware - tighten if necessary.

Check integrity of anchor bolts or hardware securing mount to the building or foundations Check ballast of Non-Penetrating Roof Mounts - cracked or broken blocks must be replaced. Check hardware and structural members for signs of corrosion - repair or replace as needed

2. Antenna Back Structure or Az/El Mount

Check for loose hardware - tighten if necessary. Check for signs of structural damage such as bending or cracking Check hardware and stuctural members for signs of corrosion - repair or replace as needed

3. Reflector

Check intergrity of bolts securing reflector to back structure or az/el mount. Tighten any loose hardware. Check for signs of damage such as cracking. Inspect reflector face for impact damage. Check hardware for signs of corrosion - repair or replace as needed.

4. Feed Support Structure

Check for loose hardware - tighten if necessary.

Check for signs of structural damage such as bending. Check hardware and stuctural members for signs of corrosion - repair or replace as needed

5. Feed & RF Components

Check for loose hardware - tighten if necessary. Check hardware for signs of corrosion - repair or replace as needed. Check feed lens or window for damage or signs of leaking. Check waveguide connections between feed and RF electronics

6. Electrical

Check for loose cables and connectors - tighten if necessary Check for tight grounding connections Check cables for weathering or cracks