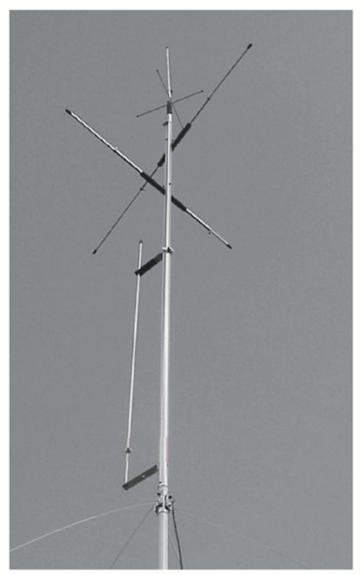
ASSEMBLY AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION



MA6V

6 Band High-Performance Mini-Vertical Antenna



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 SYSTEMSHOULD ACCIDENTALLY FALL. FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES FOR ANTENNA INSTALLATIONS RECOMMENDED BY THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION AND LISTED IN THE ENCLOSED PAMPHLET.

YourCushcraft antenna is designed and manufactured to give top performance and trouble free service. The antenna will perform asspecified if the instructions and suggestions are followed and care is used in assembly and installation. When checking the components received in your antenna package, use the parts lists in each section. It is easiest to identify the various dimensions of tubing by separating them into groups of the same diameter and length. If you are unable to locate any tube or component, checkthe inside of all tubing. IMPORTANT:save theweight label from the outside of the carton. Eachantenna is weighed at the factory to verify the parts count. If you claim a missing part, you will be asked for the weight verification label. There is a master parts list on page 3.

LOCATION

To prevent detuning, install the MA5V in an open area clear of metal buildings, guy wires, towers, and dipole feedlines. Important Warning: Never mount your antenna where humans and pets may contact it accidentally Protruding elements and hardware can cause injury and contact with energized conductors may inflict severe RF burns. Also, transmitting antennas may expose humans to intense RF fields. The medical effects of RF exposure are unknown, but may be harmful. U.S. amateurs are required to comply with FCC exposure-safety guidelines (for more information, see the FCC web site atwww.crr.gov./oet/rfsafetyandARRLweb site at www.arrl.org/news/safety). Amateurs in other countries may also be subject to governmental standards (check publications for your region). Never install antennas without assistance. Plan work carefully and use only qualified persons to monitor or assist. If in doubt about safety obtain the services of a professional installer

MOUNTING

The MA6V accepts mast diameters to 2.0" OD (5.1 cm). Toprevent injury and minimize ground losses, always mount at least 10-12 feet above the surface. For best DX performance, mount high and in-the-clear Because of its light weight, the MA6V may be roof-mounted with conventional TV hardware. However, avoid installing near conductive guy wires—these may couple to the lower element and detune the antenna. Also, do not mount next to parallel vertical conductors such as dipole feedline drops, other masts, metal chimneys, and utility poles.

SYSTEM GROUNDING

To ensure lightning-strike protection always disconnect the feedline from its building-entrance when the antenna is not in useFor backup protection from unexpected nearby strikes, install a quality lightning arrester such as the Cushcraft LAC4.

ASSEMBLY

Assemble carefullyfollowing all directions, photos, and illustrations. Before mounting, verify each part was installed correctly and check all hardware for tightness.

FEEDLINE SELECTION

Feedline losses are inevitable, and a small amount is even beneficial because it enhances the antenna's bandwidth without noticeably degrading performance. However, to ensure best results, avoid long runs of lossy cable or short runs of low-loss cable. We recommend the following:

- RG-58 for runs up to 75'
- 2. RG-8X (Mini-8) for 50-150 foot runs.
- 3. RG-8 or RG-213 for longer runs.

TUNING PROCEDURE

As needed, fine-tune resonator stubs to compensate for varied mounting locations or to provide best SWR in a favorite band segrent. When adjusting, use the same feedline you plan to install permanently. MA5Vresonatorsare labeled by band. Lengthen to lower frequency and shorten to raisefrequency (interaction between resonators is minimal). A handheld SWR analyzer speeds fine-tuning.

PRECIPITATION

Abuildup of precipitation will lower resonant frequency (a condition common to most antennas). If SWR exceeds 2:1 due to precipitation loading, you may use an antenna tuner (ATU) to temporarily correct the problem. Alternatively if you live in a wet region, consider tuning resonators slightly high to provide built-in compensation for when it rains or snows.

RF POWER RATING

The MA6V will safely handle up to 250 Watts pep on SSB, but power should not exceed 100 Watts for high duty-cycle modes such as AM, FM, RTTY, and PSK. Important Warning: Never use a high-power linear amplifier with this antenna. Permanent damage to the sealed resonator coils may result.

SPECIFICATIONS

MODEL	MA6V
Frequency Meters:	20,17,15,12,10, 6
Gain:	1-2 dBi
SWR Minimum:	<1.2:1All Bands
Power Rating, Watts PEP:	250 SSB
Dimensions:	14.7'(4.48m) High
Mast Size:	1.25 - 2.0" (3.18 - 5.1 cm)
Wind Survival, mph:	>80
Weight lb. (kg):	6.9 (3.13)
Hardware:	Stainless Steel



MASTER PARTS LIST

KEY	PART# D	ESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
01	125401	Coaxial balun form	1
02	035402	3/16" Nylon cable clamp	2
07	030407	7/32" - 5/8" wo m clamp	6
11	010011	#8-32 Nut	19
12	XHR12	12" Long X-hat rd	2
20	010120	8-32 x 2" RH slotted machine screw	6
26	290326	Danger label	5
29	010229	#8-32 x 1" SS RH machine screw	2
31	010231	#8-32 x 1-3/4" RH machine screw	2
32	902832	49" SS whip & tip assemblY	4
40	010040	#8-32 x 1-1/4" Screw	2
41	011941	#8 SS split lock washer	10
44	014544	#8 SS flat washer	14
45	321045	Aluminum spacer	2
53	193853	Aluminum Bracket	1
60	205560	MA5V6M Insulator Plate	1
61	195651	MA5V6M Bracket	1
68	053368	.156ID x 1/4" long black vinyl cap	4
77	050077	3/8" x 7/8" black plastic cap	6
84	010084	SS Split Lock Washer 1/4"	1
85	010085	SS Hex Nut, 1/4" x 20	2
984	082984	ThreadedAluminum Rod 1/4"-20 x 13-1/4"	1
96	010096	SSRH Machine Screw, #8-32 x 3/8"	1
MAS	5V6MEA	MA5V6M Element EA, 47"	1
93	195393	Radial rod clamp	8
411	030411	9/16"-1-1/4" worm clamp	2
ВА	MA5VBA	MA5V base tube	1
ВВ	MA5VBB	MA5V insulated base section	1
ВС	MA5VBC	MA5V tube BC	1
BD	MA5VBD	MA5V tube BD	1
EA	MA5VEA	MA5V element #A	1
EB	MA5VEB	MA5V element #B	1
EC	MA5VEC	MA5V element #C	1
ED	MA5VED	MA5V element #D	1
EE	MA5VEE	MA5V element #E	1
RA	MA5VRA	MA5V 10M/12M resonator assembly	1
RB	MA5VRB	MA5V 15M/17M resonator assembly	1
RC	MA5VRC	MA5V 20M resonator assembly	1
RS	MA5VRS	MA5V radial sleeve	1
FL	MA5VFL	MA5V feed-linE	1
HK	GOMNIHK	Omni mounting kit	TAC

Important Note: Unless otherwise noted, all hardware used in assembly will be #8-32 Stainless Steel

Step #1 Wind and Mount Coaxial Choke:

Find the 54" fiberglass insulated tube (MA5BB). Also, find two 2" screws (20) and two nuts(11). Locate choke mounting holes 9-1/2" apart on base end (Photo-1) Install a 2" screw in each hole and secure with a nut as shown.

Findthe 1-1/8"x 12" aluminum basetube (MA5BA). Also find one 1-1/4" screw (40) and one nut (11). Slide the slotted end of the aluminum base tube over the fiberglass tube and align mounting holes. Install a screw and nut at the top mounting hole and tighten so the slotted tube compresses onto the insulated mast (Photo-2) The second mounting screw will be installed later.

Find two 1/2"OD x 5/16" aluminum spacers (45). Install one over each mounting screw so it clears the nut (Photo-3).

Find the 2-3/8" OD x10-1/4" PVC balun form (01). Slide form over the end of the mast and seat into position so it rests on the spacers (Photo-4)

Find the 34'roll of RG-58AU coaxial cable (MA6VFL) also, find two 3/16" nylon cable clamps (02), two flat washers (44), and two nuts(11). Locate the tail end of the coax cable, which has the spade lugs, and measure 38" down from the end. Install a nylon cable clamp at this location. Install the cable and its clamp as shown in Photo-5, securing in place with a flat washer and a nut.

Uncoil and lay out the opposite end of the feedline, removing any bends or loops that could interfere with winding the balun. To wind, rotate the coil form and mast with one hand, while guiding turns into place with the other (Photo-6)

Wind until the last turn falls 1/2" from the opposite mounting stud. Turns should be tight with no open areas between windings. Install the remaining cable clamp and secure in place with a flat washer and nut (Photo-7).

Step- #2 Install Mounting Hadware:

Find two extruded aluminum "V" blocks and the mast-mount hardware kit (GOMNIHK). Open the plastic bag and separate the smaller 1/4" hardware from the larger 5/16" hardware.

Using 1/2" hardware, install the mast-mount blocks approximately 10" apart on the support tube, as shown in Photo-8 Align the lower block with the upper block by sighting down between the narrow splits in the mounting rings while tightening hardware.

You may install the 5/16"U-bolt hardware temporarily at this time, or set it aside until the antenna is ready to mount on a support.

Finda 1-1/4"screw (40) and nut (11). Install In the base tube's remaining mounting hole and tighten securely (Photo-9)

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KEY	P/N	DISPLAY	DESC	SIZE	QTY
BB	MA5VBB		Insulated Base	1" x 54"	1
20	010120	<u> </u>	RH Machine screw	8-32 x 2"	2
11	010011		Hex nut	#8-32	18
ВА	MA5VBA		Base tube	1-1/8" x 12"	1
40	010040	9	RH Machine screw	#8-32 x 1-1/4"	2
45	321045		Aluminium spacer	1/2" OD x 5/16"	2
01	125401	()	Balun form		1
FL	MA5VFL	>— —	Feedline cable	34'	1
02	035402		Nylon cable clamp	3/16"	2
44	014544	9	Flat washer	1/4"	2



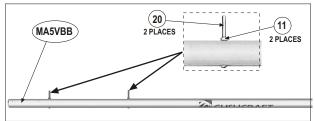
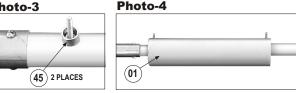


Photo-2



Photo-3





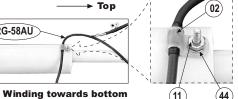


Photo-6



Photo-7

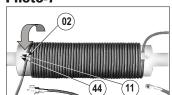
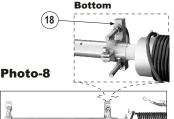
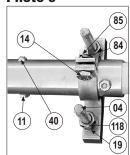


Photo-9





	KEY	P/N	DISPLAY	DESC	SIZE	QTY
/	14	010214		Hex screw	1/4"	2
	84	010084		Lock washer	1/4"	2
	85	010085		Nut	1/4"	2
it)	18	323718		Aluminium Vblock		2
	04	010404		U-bolt	5/16"	2
	118	010118		Nut	5/16"	2
\	19	010119		Lock washer	5/16"	2

GOMNIHK (Omni mounting kit

Step #3 Install Lower-Element Mounting Hardware:

Find the 1-1/8"ODx 3" radial sleeve (MA5VRS). With the mounting holes closest to the top(Photo-10), slip over the mast and align with the 4 pair of mounting holes, as shown.

Find eight X-pattern radial damps (93). Also, find four 2" screws (20) four lockwashers (41), nine flat washers (44), and five nuts (11).

Laytwo radial clamps face-to-faceto form a round mounting channel for the radial rods. Install two mounting screws and place a flat washer over each (Photo-11). Insert the screws through the radial sleeve and mast. Place a flat washer over each screw where it protrudes through the mast

Laytwo more radial clampsface-to-face and install overthe mounting screws. Install alock-washer on each and secure in placefinger-tight with nuts (Photo-12)

Repeat the above procedure, installing the remaining four radial clamps finger-tight temporarily secure the shield of the coax to one of the upper mounting screwsusing the left-overflat washerand nut (Photo-13)

Thefour 49" whips making up the lower element will be installed last, when other work on the main element is complete.

Step #4 Install Upper Element:

Find the 1-1/8" x 48" element tube (MA5VBC). Also find two 1-3/4" screws(31),two lockwashers (41),one flat washer(44),and three nuts (11).

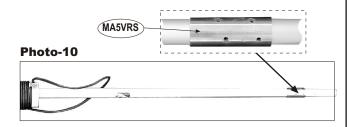
Slide the drilled and slotted end of the element over the mast and align the mounting holes. (Photo-14). Install the 1-3/4" screw it he upper mounting hole. Secure in place with a lockwasher and nut.

Install the remaining 1-3/4" screw in the lower mounting hole and secure in place with a lockwasher and nut, compressing the slotted tube against the insulated mast.

Temporarily install the coaxcenter-conductoon the lower mounting screw using the remaining flat washer and nut

Find the 1" x 48" aluminum tube (MA5VBD) and one large worrp clam (411). Slip the clamp onto the slotted end of the lower tube. Install the upper tube for an extended length of 40" and tighten (Photo-15).

KEY	P/N	DISPLAY	DESC	SIZE	QTY
RS	MA5VRS	()	Radial Sleeve		1
93	195393	· >>	Radial rod clamp		8
31	010231	<u> </u>	RH machine screw	#8-32 x 1-3/4"	2
20	010120	<u> </u>	RH machine screw	#8-32 x 2"	4
41	011941		Lock washer	#8	6
44	014544	0	Flat washer	#8	10
11	010011		Hex nut	#8-32	8
ВС	MA5VBC		Aluminium tube	1-1/8" x 48"	1
BD	MA5VBD	0	Aluminium tube	1" x 48"	1
411	020411	Ô	Large worm clamp		1



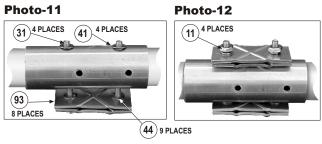


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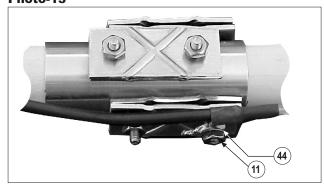


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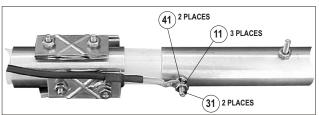
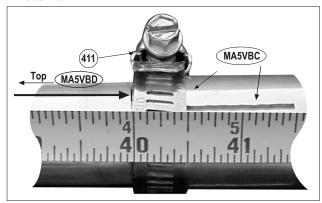


Photo-15



Step #5 Assemble and Install 20-Meter Resonator Coil and X-Hat:

Find the 20-Meterresonator assembly (MA5VRC) and two 3/16" ODx12"center-drilledX-hatrods(XHR12). Also,find two 1"screws (29), two lockwashers (41) and two nuts (11).

InstallX-Hatodsasshown in Photo-16 Note that each pair of mounting holes are "step drilled" (one hole is larger than the other). Place the hat rod over the larger hole to lock it into position and secure in place with a screw, lockwasher, and nut.

Findfour flexible vinyl caps (68) and a small worm clamp (07). Install a capon the tip of each X-Hatrod. Also install the small worm clamp on the top section of the resonator(Photo-17).

Find a large wormclamp (411). Slide clampon the slotted end of the 1" elementtube and install coil assembly for an extension length of 2-1/2" (Photo-18)

Photo-18



Step #6 Install 10/12-Meter and 15/17-Meter Resonator Assemblies:

Find the 10/12-Meter resonator assembly (MA5VRA) and the 15/17-Meter resonator assembly (MA5VRB). Also find four small worm clamps (07) and two nuts (11).

Locate the lower of the two resonator-mounting holes on upper element tube MA5VBD (21-1/2" below top lip of tube). Mount the 10/12-Meter coil assembly — as shown in Photo -19— using a nut (resonators are labeled by band). Install a worm clamp loosely on each end.

In similar fashion, locate the higher of the two resonator-mounting holes (6-1/2" below top lip of tube), and mount the 15/17-Meter resonator coil assembly. Install worm clamps.

KEY	P/N	DISPLX	DESC	SIZE	QTY
RC	MA5VRC		Resonatorassembly	20 Meter	1
12	HXR12		X-hat rod	12"	2
29	010229		RHmachine screw	#8-32 x 1"	2
41	011941		Split lock washer	#8-32	6
11	010011		Hex nut	#8-32	4
68	053368		Vinyl caps	.156" ID x 1/4"	4
07	030407	6	Small worm clamp		5
411	030411		Large worm clamp		1
RA	MA5VRA		Resonatoassembly	10/12 meter	1
RB	MA5VRB		Resonatoassembly	15/17 meter	1

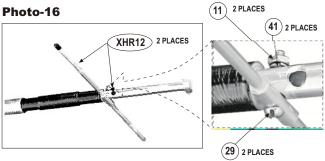
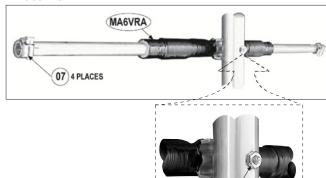


Photo-17



Photo-19





Step #7 Install and Pre-set Resonator Element Tubes:

Find the five 3/8" ODresonator tubes: 21" (MA5VEE), 18" (MA5VED), 14" (MA5VEC), 12" (MA5VEB), and 6" (MA5VEA). Also, find five 3/8" ID black-plastic end caps (7.7)

Install a 21" tube in the 20-Meter resonator adjust for 18-1/4" extension, and tighten. (Photo-20)

Locatethe 10-Meter resonator (marked) and install the 6" resonator tube for 3-3/8" extension (Photo-21) Tighten worm clamp.

Install a 12" tube in the 12-Meter resonator adjust for 9-1/4" extension, and tighten.

Install a 14" tube in the 15-Meter resonator adjust for 10-1/4" extension, and tighten.

Install a 18" tube in the 17-Meter resonator adjust for 14" extension, and tighten.

Install a black-plastic end cap on the end of each tube.

Photo-20

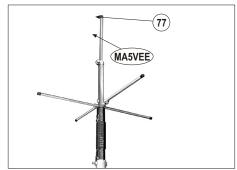
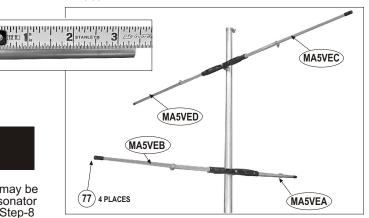


Photo-21



Step-8, Install 6 Meter Resonator

In some applications (backpacking, camping, etc.), the MA5V may be easier to transport and faster to set up without the six-meter resonator installed. If six-meter operation is not required, you may omit Step-8 and proceed to Step-9.

Find two 1/4" nuts (85), a 1/4" lock washer (84), the element base rod (984) and base bracket (61).

Install a 1/4" nut and lock washer on threaded end of rod. Install bracket using a second nut to secure firmly in place (see Photo 22).

Using existing hardware, install base bracket assembly on the existing #8 screw located approximately 6" above the feedpoint on tube MA5BC.

Find plastic insulator plate (60), two 8-32 x 3/8" screws (96), two #8 flat washers (44), two #8 lock washers (41), and two 8-32 nuts (8). Also, find the upper mounting bracket (53).

Place a flat washer on each screw, then install through the plastic insulator and bracket as shown (Photo 23). Fasten in place with lockwashers and nuts, then tighten securely.

Find the 47" six-meter resonator tube (MA5V6MEA). Install the upper bracket by sliding it over the tube to a position approximately 6" below the end of the tube .

Find the 3/8" end cap (77) and the small worm clamp (07). Install the small worm clamp loosely on the slotted end of the tube. Install the end cap on the unslotted (opposite) end, seating firmly in place (see Photo-24).

Slide the slotted end of the element tube onto the base rod and secure temporarily with the small worm clamp.

The large worm clamp that secures tube MA5BD to MA5BC on the main mast is also used to clamp the six-meter upper element bracket in place. Loosen the large worm clamp (without changing extension length). Align the upper bracket with the lower, slip it under the large worm clamp, and loosely secure in place.

Rotate upper tube MA5VBD so the 10/12-meter resonator arm is 90-degrees off-axis from the six-meter element bracket (see Photo-25). When in position, fully tighten the worm clamp to secure the top section and bracket in place permanently.

On a test MA6V, minimum SWR was obtained with the resonator settings shown below in the Tuning Chart. Minor adjustments may be required, depending on mounting location and surroundings.

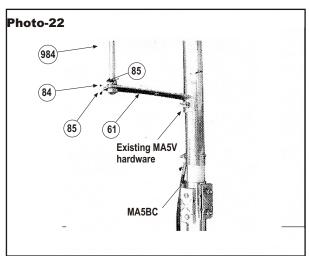
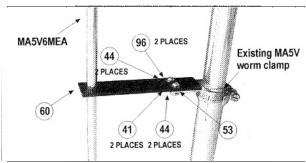


Photo-23





Step-8, Install 6 Meter Resonator:

Tuning Chart

50.150 MHz	(CW/SSB/AM portion of band)	52-3/4"
52.525 MHz	(FM simplex calling frequency)	49-3/4"
52Ð54 MHz	(Standard FM repeater pairs)	50-1/2" Đ 48"

KEY	P/N	DISPLAY	DESC	SIZE	QTY
07	030407	0	SS Worm Clamp	7/32" - 5/8"	1
11	010011		SS Hex Nut	#8-32	2
41	014941		SS Split Lock Washer	#8	2
44	014544		SS Flat Washer	#8	2
53	193853		Aluminum Bracket	_	1
61	195561		MA5V6M Bracket	_	1
60	205560	• :	MA5V6M Insulator Plate	_	1
77	050077		Black Plastic End Cap	3/8"	1
84	010084		SS Split Lock Washer	1/4"	1
85	010085		SS Hex Nut	1/4" - 20	2
984	082984	0	Threaded Aluminum Rod	1/4" -20 x 13-1/4'	1
96	010096	()mm)	SS RH Machine Screw	#8 - 32 x 3/8"	2
MA	A5V6MEA		MA5V6M Element EA	47"	1



Find four 49" stainless whip-and-tiprods (32). Note that whips should be mounted so they extend outward from the mast in a pinwheel pattern (Photo 26).

Insert two whips in upper opposing clip-pairs—as shown in Photo-25. Loosen hardware and remove coax pigtail for easier installation. Once inserted, tighten hardware securely and re-install coax pigtail.

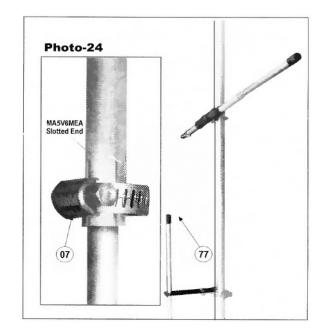
Insert two whips in the lower set of clips and secure.

Attach all safety warning labels included with your antenna.

This completes assembly of the MA6V 6-band vertical antenna

Handling Note: For convenient handling during installation, you masslide all four whip ends into the feedline choke coil form and use this as a temporary retainer (do not store in this manner for extended periods). Always confirm each whip returns to its original 45-degree angle when released.

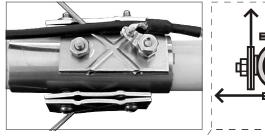
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ED	MA5VED		Element tube	3/8"OD x 18"	1
EC	MA5VEC		Element tube	3/8"OD x 14"	1
EB	MA5VEB		Element tube	3/8"OD x 12"	1
EA	MA5VEA		Element tube	3/8"OD x 6"	1
77	050077		Black end cap	.156" ID x 1/4"	5
32	902832	$\longrightarrow\!$	Whip and tip		4
26	290326		Danger label		5



Note: Measure from the tip of the resonator rod to the resonator base bracket (see Photo-26).

Photo-25

Photo-25 Top View



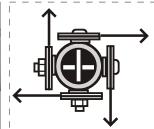
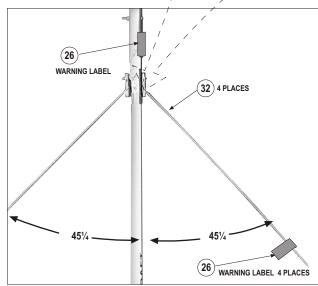


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