Installation Instructions 10 ft Antennas

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These installation instructions have been written for qualified, skilled personnel. The antenna shall be inspected once per year by qualified personnel to verify proper installation, maintenance, and condition of equipment. It is important to adhere precisely to all parts of the installation instructions. RFS disclaim any responsibility resulting from improper or unsafe installation. RFS reserves the right to alter details at any time, especially with respect to technical improvements.



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These Installation Instructions are valid for antennas in the following version :

- Reflector Ø3.0 m (10 ft)
- Waveguide feed system Single or Dual polarized
- Pipe mount for installation on pipe Ø115 mm (or Ø219 mm on request at the order)
- Antenna offset to the left or the right
- Safety collar for easy installation
- 2 spindles for fine adjustment of Azimuth and Elevation of ± 5°
- 1 sway bar Ø60 mm x 3 m
- Reflector with shroud, the shroud aperture covered by a flexible planar radome, or without shroud (see sketch above)

Note : The assembly of the reflector and backring for antennas with "split" reflector is described in the dedicated Installation Instructions.

1 - Tools required for installation (Tools are not included)

- Shackle
- 2 ropes
- Square
- Mallet

(values in brackets = openings of spanners)

2 - Assembly of the mount (for an installation offset right)

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For easy operation of the bolted joints, and correct torque tightening, « Anti Seize » Installation Paste must be applied to all threads of bolts and fine adjustment spindles. After this, keep the lubricated threads free of dust and dirt ! (a torque table is attached for specifications)



3 - Antenna with "split" reflector (otherwise skip this step)

If you have ordered an antenna with a "split" reflector, refer carefully to specific installation instructions joined, for half-reflector parts & backring assembly.



4 - Brackets installation on backring (valid for an antenna installation offset left or right)



Before starting the installation of the brackets on the backring, install the antenna reflector on a thick cardboard or wooden planks to protect the antenna during the assembly (or the antenna top packing case for e.g.).



5 - Pre-assembly of the T-Mount & Antenna Offset



6 - Installation of the shroud panels (for antennas with shroud)

- Dismount the hoisting eye and the stiffener hoisting eye of the reflector (pre-installed in factory)
- Install the reflector equipped with its mount on wooden beams (take care of the to not damage with the ground) and keep bolt threads free of dust.
- The reflector's rim and the shroud panels must be clean and dry.



6.4 - RF Braid installation between shroud & reflector rim (for antennas with shroud)



7 - Hoisting eye and stiffener re-installation (for antennas with shroud)





8 - Radome protection installation on shroud rim (for antennas with shroud)



9 - Feed Installation (for customized antennas, see specific Feed Install. Instructions joined)



The feed is a precision component which should be handled with special care during installation. For instance, always carry the feed, supporting casting plate side. Any damage may degrade the antenna's performance. Repair of feeds is not possible in the field.

9.1 - Polarization choice

Single polarization



Dual polarization



9.2 - Guy wires assembly



9.3 - Polarization fine adjustment

The final adjustment will be made after the antenna installation on tower





Loosen the 8 screws M6 and adjust polarization by rotation of the feed system

10 - Installation of the planar radome (for antennas with shroud)

- Unpack the radome and carefully strech it over the shroud aperture
- For radomes with RFS logo, align it with the vertical axis of the antenna
- For radomes without RFS logo, the central air vent mosquito net aperture must be oriented towards the antenna top
- Attach J-bolt with springs and smooth radome down as the springs are attached, but do not displace the edge protector on the shroud rim.

- Align the length of the springs to approximately 135 mm at each J-bolt, this will provide proper radome tension.



11 - Sway bar assembly (principle for an offset right)

U-Bracket sway bar installation

For an easier sway bar orientation, keep the U-bracket sway bar free in rotation without gap until sway bar final attachment to the tower. At this time, all bolted joints will be torque tighten.

Sway bar pipe installation

Before antenna hoisting on the tower, attach the sway bar in vertical position at the elevation spindle with a small rope, to avoid possible shock.



12 - WindKit 250 km/h installation

If you have order a 250 km/h WindKit separately, refer to specific installation instructions joined with the kit, otherwise skip this step.

13 - Safety collar installation on tower pipe support



14 - Hoisting on Tower

Before antenna hoisting on the pylon, verify that all the bolted joint of the T-Mount structure on the antenna have been torque tighten, otherwise the installation on the pipe support could be problematic.





15 - Antenna installation on tower pipe (lifting accessories are not shown)









18 - Elevation adjustment



After Elevation fine adjustment, lock each M20 nuts on the pivots at the specific torque value specified on the torque table joined (the threads must have been greased before torque tightening). Then tighten the M16 brass nuts of the Elevation spindle.

19 - Azimuth adjustment



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After azimuth adjustment, lock each first nut on the 3 M14 or M16 U-bolts at the specific torque value specified on the torque table joined (the U-bolt threads must have been greased before torque tightening), then tighten the second nut against the first one using usual wrench (counter-nut function). Then torque tighten all bolted joints of the Azimuth spindle.

20 - Final Check



When the installation of the antenna has been completed, it is necessary to make sure that the installation instructions have been followed in all aspects. It is especially important to check that all bolted joints are torque tightly locked.