# CRITICAL FACTORS INSTALLING A DH ANTENNA

Read instructions before assembly.

- **1. RIBS:** are located on the back side of the antenna panel and are used to re-assemble the panel sections. Look for color coded dot on the rib and hand noted number. Dots indicate the correct order to assemble panels. Number is stamped in the lip of the antenna too. Match 1 to 1, 2 to 2, 3 to 3 etc.
- 2. Antenna to Ring PILOT HOLE: Locate pilot hole on the ring and antenna panel. THIS IS YOUR STARTING POINT! Pilot hole is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> block from left of the weld on the ring from the back view of the antenna. Pilot hole on the antenna section is very small and located next to one of the holes used to mount the panel to the ring. MATCH mount pilot hole to panel with pilot hole. TIP: To assist in placing & holding the rubber washers for the RING TO ANTENNA, spray rubber washer with adhesive or an adhesive wipe and stick rubber washer to the antenna on the front side and to the block when installing the panel to ring.
- 3. **FINGER TIGHT:** Installing the panels to the ring and installing the ribs on the panel sections. **DO NOT OVERTIGHTEN.**
- 4. TIGHTEN DOWN all ribs to become a solid antenna. (Once all panels installed)
- 5. **STRING THE ANTENNA.** Strings should just touch. Adjust the back braces so the front surface is exactly flat. <u>Use 4 strings</u>.
- 6. TIGHTEN DOWN ALL BOLTS: Ring to antenna.
- 7. **SET FEEDHORN TO EXACT FOCAL LENGTH & TO EXACT CENTER OF THE ANTENNA.** Use a laser tool or cut a piece of wood to the focal length of your antenna. Feedhorn must be flat to antenna surface. Please consider feedhorn manufacturer's recommendation. See "Preparing the Feed Assembly" in manual.

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# Installation Instructions GIBRALTER IV MOUNT

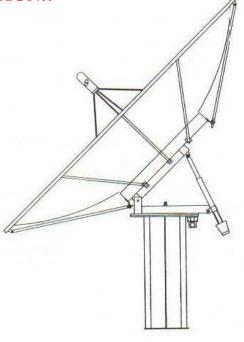
## **DUAL POWERED & FIXED Az-El Instructions**

Congratulations! You have purchased the BEST mount in the industry! Both the Fixed Gibralter Az-El and the Dual Powered Gibralter Az-el are approved with DH Antennas up to 5M's for wind survival up to 194 mph! This unit will not only track the geosynchronous arc but will work equally well for satellites that are in inclined orbit, or elliptical orbit. Please follow these instructions and if you have any questions, please call 1-608-326-8406 for assistance.

The Gibralter is designed to go with the 3.0m, 3.7m, 3.8m, 4.2m, 4.5m and the 5.0m DH Antennas. Installation for all sizes is identical in theory. We will cover the basic installation first and address each individually as the installation requires. **PLEASE READ COMPLETE** 

INSTRUCTIONS BEFORE BEGINNING INSTALLATION!!





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#### SEE SHIPPING WARRANTY FOR MISSING PARTS

\*Galvanized back braces please immediately read special note on bolt bag pages (page 1 for Dual Powered Gibralter Systems and page 12 for Fixed Az-El Gibralter Systems.

Sectional antennas must be handled with care not to twist or distort sections while handling during installation.

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## Parts List for: The "Dual Powered Gibralter"

#### C14F Feed Assembly

4- 3/4" Struts

1- Feed Collar

8- 1/4" x 1 1/2" Bolts

8- 1/4" Lock Washers & Nuts

#### \*New Style Collar C14F2018 transition Starts April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018

#### \*C14F2018 (BFS)

#### Feed Assembly

1- Set of 4 Struts

1- Collar (C, Ku) 8- 5/16" x 3/4" Bolts

8- 5/16" Lock Washers & Nuts

#### DH CH1339 Feed Dual C Band (WHEN ORDERED)

M6-1.0 x 25MM Bolts (BFH)

Lock Washers

M6-1.0 Hex Nut

#### Feedhorn to Collar & LNB (PART OF BFH)

3-1/4" x 1" Bolts

3-1/4" Lock Washers

3-1/4" Nuts

#### (LNB to Feed) (PART OF BFH)

20-1/4" x 1" Bolts

20- 1/4" Nuts

20- 1/4" Lock Washers

## Antenna To Ring (BAM) (16 Block)

16-1/2" x 3" Bolts

16- 1/2" Flat Washers

32- 1/2" Rubber Washers

16- 1/2" Lock Washers

16- 1/2" Nuts

#### Mount To Ring (BGB)

2-1" Brass Bushings

2- 3" Bearing Plates

2- 1" x 3 1/2" Bolts

## Heavy Duty Feed Struts (BFSHD) C14F or C24

1- Set of 4 Struts

1- Collar (C, Ku)

12 - 5/16" Lock Washers & Nuts

4- 2' x 2' Angle Brackets

4- 5/16" x 1 ½" Bolts

8- 5/16" x 2 1/4" Bolts

## Ku4FL: 3PC Attach to C14F or C14F2018 3- Section to 3pc collar 3 8-32 x 1" Bolts

#### 3PC Collar To Horseshoe

3 8-32 x 3/4" Bolts

3 #8 Fender Washers

3 8-32 Nuts

#### Elevation Assembly (BEADP/BEAFG)

**Back Brace Tube Length** 

3.0m-NONE

3.7m- 45" Long

3.8m- 47" Long

4.2m- 55 1/4" Long

4.5m- 62 1/2" Long

5.0m- 68 1/2" Long

1-36" Actuator w/Clamp

1-48" Stow Bar w/Clamp

1 - 3/4" x 10" Bolt

1 - 3/4" Lock Washer

1 - 3/4" Nut

2 -1/2" x 2 ½" Bolts

2 -1/2" Lock Washers

2 -1/2" Nuts

2 - 3/4" x 5/8" Spacers

#### Back Braces (BBG)

4- Bent Back Braces

4- Straight Back Braces

4- Bent Tabs

4- 1/2" x 1 1/2" Bolts

4- 1/2" Lock Washers

20- 1/2" Nuts

8- Brace Clips

16- 1/4" x 3/4" Bolts

16-1/4" Lock Washers & Nuts

8- 3/8" x 2" bolts

8-3/8" Lock Washers & Nuts

8- 1/2" SAE Washer for bent brace to ring

#### \*Highly Recommended On Systems With Galvanized Back Braces\*

Please use a rubberized spray or silicon sealant or a Cold Galvanizing spray to coat the threaded rods on the end of back braces to help prevent corrosion. When doing annual maintenance on your antenna system please make sure to check as it may need to be reapplied.

## NOTE: SECTIONAL ANTENNAS INCLUDE ADDITIONAL HARDWARE, SEE TABLES BELOW

Template Rib Hardware: Sectional (TRH)				
Antenna Size	3/8 x 1" Bolts	3/8" Lock Washers	3/8" Nuts	3/8" Washer
3.0M	24	24	24	48
3.7M	28	28	28	56
3.8M	28	28	28	56
4.2M	64	64	64	128
4.5M	72	72	72	144
5.0M	72.	72.	72.	144

Splice Straps: Sectional (BSP)				
Antenna Size	Splice Straps	1/4" x 3/4" Bolts	1/4" Lock Washers	1/4" Nuts
3.0M	4	8	8	8
3.7M	4	8	8	8
3.8M	4	8	8	8
4.2M	8	16	16	16
4.5M	8	16	16	16
5.0M	8	16	16	16

## If you have upgraded to an 8PC 3.7M sectional antenna please refer to the tables below for additional hardware needed.

	Template I	Rib Hardware: Section	al (TRH)	
Antenna Size	3/8" x 1" Bolts	3/8" Lock Washers	3/8" Nuts	3/8" WASHER
3.7M	56	56	56	112

Splice Straps: Sectional (BSP)				
Antenna Size	Splice Straps	1/4" x 3/4" Bolts	1/4" Lock Washers	1/4" Nuts
3.7M	8	16	16	16

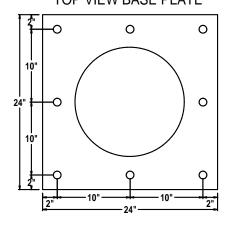
## **GIBRALTER BASE PADS**

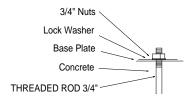
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90 MPH REQUIRED FOUNDATION SIZE BASED ON SOIL CONDITION  LATERAL SOIL BEARING= 400 PSF/FT ALLOWABLE FOUNDATION PRESSURE= 4,000 PSF			
Dish Size(in meters)	SONOTUBE DIMENSIONS	SQUARE PAD	
3.0	3.5' DIA. X 4'-4" deep	3'-5" x 3'-5" x 3'-7" deep	
3.7	3.5' DIA. X 4'-8" deep	4'-0" x 4'-0" x 4-0"' deep	
3.8	3.5' DIA. X 5'-0" deep	4'-2" x 4'-2" x 4'-0" deep	
4.2 3.5' DIA. X 5'-6" deep 4'-6" x 4'-6" x		4'-6" x 4'-6" x 4'-3" deep	
4.5	3.5' DIA. X 5'-8" deep	4'-6" x 4'-6" x 4'-5" deep	
5.0	3.5' DIA. X 6'-3" deep	5'-0" x 5'-0" x 4'-7" deep	

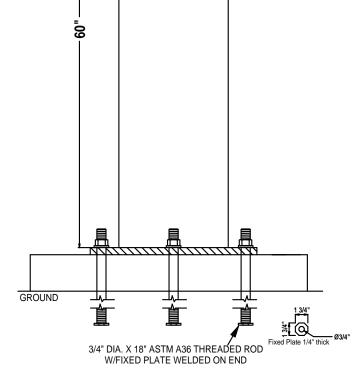
\*IF SOIL TYPE DOES NOT MATCH SOIL TYPE DESCRIBED, THE FOUNDATION SHALL BE DESIGNED BY A QUALIFIED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER OR BUILIDNG OFFICIAL\*

#### TOP VIEW BASE PLATE





5-7 #3 REBAR USED IN FOOTINGS REBAR DISTRIBUTED EVENLY IN TWO DIRECTIONS CENTER OF REBAR SHOULD BE 2" ABOVE BOTTOM OF PAD OUTSIDE OF BARS SHOULD BE 3" FROM EDGE OF PAD





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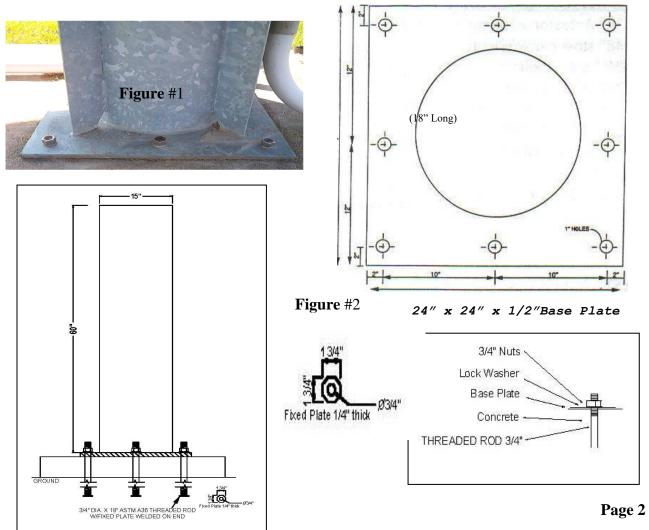
REVISED: 10-6-14 Gibralter Bases

### **Installation of Base**

Look at the drawings below. Figure #1 shows a base plate using 18" anchors. This mount option can be used either with a square foundation or sono tube. **Please see drawing on page 2A for recommended concrete base.** In areas of deep frost, we recommend that this base go below frost levels. Rebar can be used to reinforce the structure. Please contact your local concrete contractor or a local Engineer to determine these needs. **WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU CHECK WITH A LOCAL ENGINEER TO DETERMINE SOIL TYPE AND BEARING TO VERIFY THAT THIS BASE WILL WORK FOR YOUR LOCALE.** 

When pouring the concrete, be sure to have the base template ready and insert the anchors as per Figure #2. Leave approximately 2" of the bolt out of the concrete. These bolts can be installed after the mount is delivered by drilling the holes in the concrete and using lead heads, Garonite or a resin mortar to secure the bolts. If you decide to put the bolts in after the concrete has set, you must install regular hardened bolts. (We recommend the bolts be installed prior to the delivery of the mount.) Our people have installed both lead heads and Garonite. DH does recommend the Garonite option. (Besure once you install the stand to cold galvanized or coat the extended threads to help prevent rust)

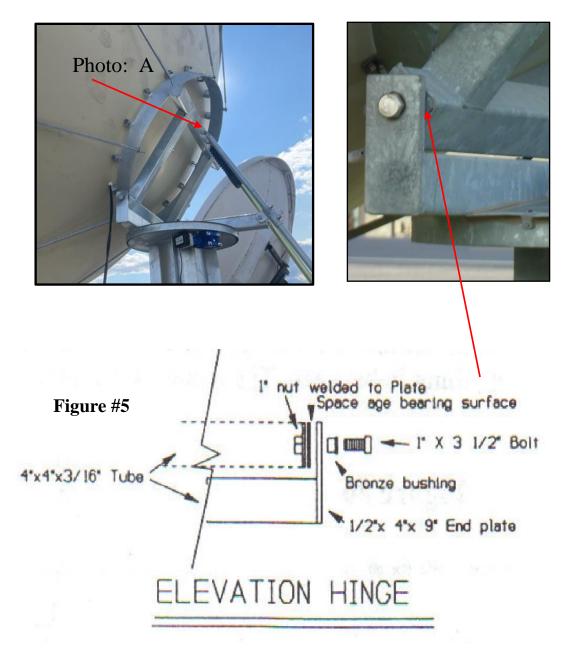
When **installing the Gibralter stand**; carefully lower it over the bolts and then tighten the nuts in place. Be sure to install a lock washer. It is always a good idea to get the base plumb although this is not critical with this Azimuth-Elevation mount as it would be with a Polar mount. The front of the mount should be facing South in the Northern Hemisphere. (The rear of the mount will have the gearbox.) The Gibralter mount, has over 200 +degrees of azimuth travel. It does not have a full 360 degrees of azimuth travel. This is mentioned for those of you who are installing the Gibralter to track things other than the Geosynchronous Satellite belt.



## **Assemble Ring to Base Stand**

In most instances, you will have to assemble the 60" ring to the 15" dia. base. Look at the photo (A) on the mount below and you will notice that the top of the mount has two brackets to attach the elevation arm and the elevation stow bar. The bottom has the 4" bar closest to the ring; it also has the hole in each end. Line up the bottom framework of the ring with the swivel brackets, set in the green bearing surface washer, place the two 1" x 3 1/2" bolts through the swivel brackets (there is a brass bushing in the hole) and tighten. The washers go between the ring and the tabs on the mount (see Figure #5).

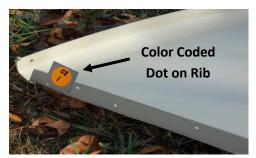
Notice azimuth motor is under the hub making it somewhat awkward to work on however it protects the motor and is done for this reason.



Once the mount is in place and the ring is attached you are ready to build the antenna to the ring

## Installation Photos: Additional Help for Installing by Sections to the Ring











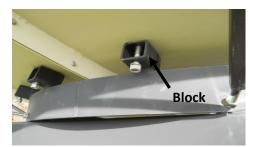














Make sure when you start, you start with the antenna section with the pilot hole and match that panel up to the block on the ring with the pilot hole or you will have problems with bolt holes being off. Match panel 1 to 1, 2 to 2, etc. Finger tight and once all installed go back over and retighten.

**TIP:** use self-adhesive spray on the rubber washers that go on the block between the ring and antenna. Use Tapered punches to help align the holes on the ribs when inserting the first few bolts.

Continue to page 4 for section-by-section installation on the ring.

## Installation Photos: Additional Help for Installing by Sections to the Ring

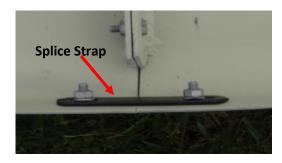




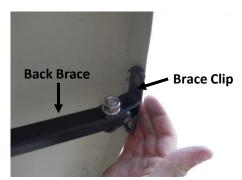




















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**TIP:** use self-adhesive spray on the rubber washers that go on the block between the ring and antenna.

Continue to page 4 for section-by-section installation on the ring.

#### "Build Antenna Section on the Ring" (DH suggested method)

(Install By Sections: Using 2-3 People)

Lay ring in birdbath position once assembled to the mount. Lock the ring to the base of the mount with ratchet straps. (See picture C, birdbath below)

Step 1: Install the 8 brace clips to the square ends of the back braces using 3/8" x 1 ½" bolt, 3/8" nut, and 3/8" lock washer. See brace clip and back brace photos below. (Picture B)

Step 2: Install the ½" nut on the threaded rod end of the back brace, threading it down approximately 4 to 4  $\frac{1}{2}$ " down the threaded rod (see FIG. #13 and #15).

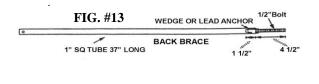
Step 3: Install the Bent Brace tabs to the 60" ring. These will support the threaded rod end of the Straight Back Braces. NOTE: The Back braces with the bent threaded rod will use the holes in the 60" ring and 2-3/8" washers are installed, one on each side of the ring! (new step: 09/18/2023)

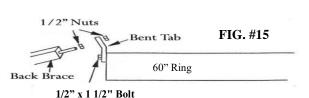
Step 4: Install the first panel. Be sure to find the pilot hole on the mount and on the antenna section, this is the start. Take the back brace that is ready and put the threaded rod through the tab on the ring (see photo A). Take the other end of the rod with the clip and attach the brace and clip to the lip of the antenna section (see picture B). Step 5: Insert ½" x 3" bolt (see FIG. #17 for washers and rubber placement) from the antenna to the mount. USE AN ADHESIVE WIPE OR SPRAY ON THE RUBBER WASHERS WHEN INSTALLING THE ANTENNA TO

THE RING. Have one person continue holding the panel in place while the second person attaches the back brace. (Remember the threaded end of the back brace should already have the ½" nut on the threaded end about 4-4 ½" on the threaded rod and the bent tab already installed on the ring, see FIG. #15). Insert the threaded rod of the straight back brace into the bent tab and bolt brace clip on the edge of the antenna with 1/4" x 3/4" bolt, 1/4" nut and 1/4" lock washer. Make sure everything is finger tight.

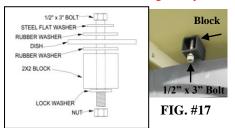
Step 6: Pick up the second antenna panel and be sure the numbers line up and bolt in place just like the first panel. (see FIG. #9) Once secure you can begin bolting the two units together by placing the 3/8" bolts through the ribs of the antenna sections. Again, only finger tight. Continue for the next 6 panels. Tapper punches work well for panel alignment!

Step 7: You will notice all 16 bolts in the face of the antenna have been installed from the antenna to the ring. Remove your bolt at the approximate 2 O'Clock position and place 1 strut, skip the next three and place the next strut making an X pattern when you have installed all 4 of the struts. (See preparing the feed assembly on page 9)





Back braces are measured by tube length only.





PICTURE A







FIG. #9 80 Match 2 with 2

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**Brace Tab Threaded** 

## Assembling 1PC Solid Antenna to the Ring (optional assembly method)

Mount should be assembled by this point. Time to install your 1pc Antenna. Start with locating the 1/8" pilot holes. One is located next to one of the  $16 - \frac{1}{2}$ " holes in the dish and the other is located on one of the 16 blocks next to the  $\frac{1}{2}$ " holes on the mount. (NOTE: These holes do not line up with one another, they are only to identify the alignment of the dish to the mount.)

Drop the mount/ring down to a birdbath position, **secure mount**, so when the antenna is put into the ring, it will resemble a large birdbath. When you have located these two holes, use 6-8 people and pick up the dish and gently turn it over so the antenna is now pointing to the sky. Lift the antenna by the edge, get it up above your heads. Walk it over and set it into the ring, making sure the pilot holes line up. (**TIP:** use some spray adhesive or pads with adhesive to wipe or spray the rubber washers so they stick to the antenna and so they stick to the block placing the rubber washer, so it is between the antenna and the block)

Slip in some 1/2" x 3" bolts to hold it and keep it lined up with the mount holes until a worker can get into the dish. Before you have a worker climb a ladder and get into the dish, please have one worker support the lip of the antenna and mount before anyone gets into it. Have the smallest worker (installer) get into the dish and install the bolts and feed assembly and hold them while they are tightened. Install the bolts as in Figure #6. **DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN**. Install the back braces finger tight. Refer to Figure #7. (Instructions on page 6)

Align the 36" heavy duty actuator with the right-side brackets on the back of the mount. See Figure #8 on page 7. Start by assembling the actuator clamp and slide it about halfway down the actuator tube; tighten all nuts. Take the 3/4" x 10" bolt and attach the clamp to the right side rear of the 4" tube on the top of the base. Then take the eye bolt on the end of the actuator and put it between the right side brackets on the framework of the ring. Use a 1/2" x 2" bolt and use a lock washer and nut to secure this in place. Now take the stow bracket (refer to Figure #9 on page 6) and install through the left brackets on the back of the base next to the elevation arm, tighten the 3/4" nut. (Insert spacer before tightening the 3/4" nut, spacers are placed on the 3/4" bolt that holds the storm bar clamp.)

Slide the storm stow rod through the bracket making sure the end with the hole is up, slide this up until it fits into the left hand brackets next to the elevation arm. Use the 1/2" x 2" bolt and tighten. DO NOT TIGHTEN THE BOLTS THAT SECURE THE STOW BRACKET TO THE STOW ROD. This is done only in case of high winds or severe weather. Once the storm stow rod is fastened down in anticipation of bad weather. YOU MUST REMEMBER TO LOOSEN BEFORE YOU RESUME OPERATION. The motor will burn out if you fail to loosen the stow kit.

The 36" actuator will give you approximately 60 degrees of elevation travel. By positioning the clamp on the actuator tube, you can determine where these 60 degrees is used, 0-60, 30-90 or anything in between. The mount is designed to travel 0-90 degrees.

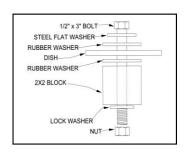
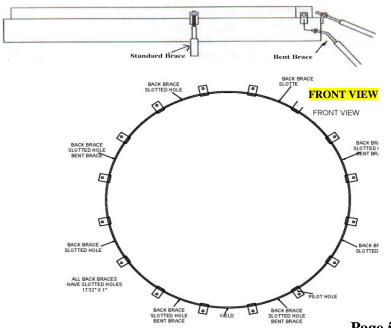


Figure #6



Figure #7 Back Brace To Clip

\*FROM THE BACK VIEW OF ANTENNA
Pilot hole is located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> block from the left of the weld on the ring.



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### ASSEMBLY OF THE ANTENNA

(On Ground: Lift As One Piece Antenna)

#### **IMPORTANT!!**

Similar build as if you are installing on the ring except you support the center with a structure cut to correct antenna depth and lift as one piece. The ring is installed in bird bath on the mount prior to building the antenna.

The antenna will come in 4 or 8 pieces each having a color-coded dot on the rib (see FIG. #9). **NOTE: After complete installation you will no longer see the colored dots.** You must take two sections of the antenna and place them on a flat surface face down (*place a support cut to the depth of the antenna for the center to be supported when assembling panels*) allowing for the installer to work on attaching the numbered ribs. The antenna must always stay in crate until assembled. (see FIG. #10). Take panel one labeled 08/1 and 08/2 and attach it to panel 2 which is labeled 08/2 on one rib and 08/3 on the other rib. Connect panel 1 with rib #2 (labeled 08/2) to panel 2 with rib #2 (labeled 08/2), matching the #2 on each rib of the two panels (See photos below). Install 3/8" x 1" bolts in all holes, using a washer on each side along with a lock washer with the nut, finger tight. Continue on to the next panel in the same manner until finished with all panels.

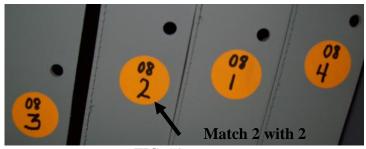


FIG. #9



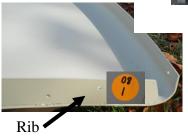
#### NOTE:

The aluminum antenna is also stamped in the lip. This number reflects the position of the panel.

Lip stamp = panel position 1 to 1, 2 to 2, etc.

The number stamped on the rib reflects the antenna as a whole for bulk shipping. Each section has one rib stamped. The number will be the same on all ribs making it one complete antenna.

Rib stamp = Antenna number to make 1 antenna/example: 08 should be stamped on one rib meaning 4 sections make antenna #8



Notice below how you assemble 2 to 2, 3 to 3. **KEEP IN MIND:** WHEN LIFTING ANTENNA TO THE RING YOU NEED TO MACTH PANEL SECTION WITH THE PILOT HOLE ON IT TO MATE TO THE BLOCK ON THE RING WITH THE PILOT HOLE. Not doing this will cause an issue with holes not lining up. You should not need to drill out the hole if properly installed. Handle sections with care so not to distort the panel.

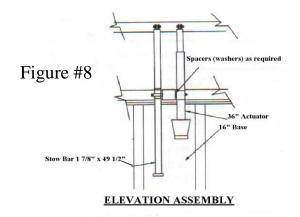






The top number represents the serial number of the antenna. \**Example:* In FIG. #9 you will see 4 sections with the top number 08. You will take all four pieces of 08 to make one complete antenna.

Rib number. \**Example:* On a 4 piece 3.0m antenna the dot will have a 08 on the upper part of the dot (serial number) and the lower number of 1, 2, 3, 4 are the rib numbers.





NOTE: Actuator on right when viewed from rear

#### 3/16" X 2" X 1 ½" Tabs

## 17/32" HOLE 4 ½" Set Screws 2 at 120 degrees apart 6" x 2" I.D. Tube 3/4" Hole Figure #9 ½" x 3" x 2 ¾" Tab

#### STOW SWIVEL

**Note A:** Please keep in mind the 3m antenna does not have back braces and the 3.3m antenna has only 4 back braces and you must use the spacers as previously mentioned. The 3.3m is no longer in production as 2013.

## **Assembling & Installing the Back Braces**

There are eight holes around the rear of the 60" ring to accept the braces. In four of these holes, you will install the bent braces, which are made and installed to avoid conflict of movement between the mount and the antenna. In the other four holes on the ring, you must first install the bent tabs to the ring. See Figure #7 on page 5. The bent tab is a piece of steel bent in the middle approximately 1 1/2" x 3" long with two 1/2" holes. You will find these in the bolt bag. First, fasten the bent tabs with 1/2" bolts to the 60" ring: now thread one 1/2" nut about 2/3 of the way down on the 1/2" rod end of the brace. Slip the rod end through the tab and install another 1/2" nut. Only tighten these finger tight. Now go to the edge of the dish and place the two 1/4" x 3/4" bolts through the dish and into the end of the brace clip and tighten with 1/4" nuts. Next, attach the brace tube end to the brace clip using the 3/8" x 1 1/2" bolts and 3/8" nuts. Repeat this for all eight braces on the 3.7m, 3.8m, 4.2m, 4.5m, and 5.0m antenna. Below is a list of the different back braces for the different size antennas. Check this chart to be sure you have the right length braces. This is listed as tube length only and does not include the bracket or the bolt in this measurement. Refer to Figure #10. There will be 8 ½" SAE washers that you will install on the bent back braces so that you have one ½" SAE washer on each side of the ring.

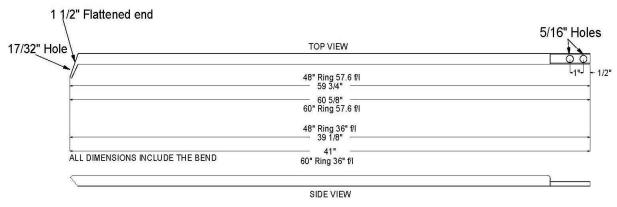
**Dish Size Focal Length Tube Length** None 10' (3.0m) 36" f/l 36" f/1 11' (3.3m) 40" Discontinued 57.6" f/l 45" 12' (3.7m) 12'4" (3.8m) 57.6" f/l 47" 50" Discontin 12'9" (3.9m) 57.6" f/l 55 1/4" 14' (4.2m) 57.6" f/l 14' 9" (4.5m) 62 1/2 57.6" f/l **6**8 1/2" 16' (5.0m) 57.6" f/l Figure #10 **Tube Length Back Braces** Page 7

## Preparing the C Band Feed Assembly C14F2018

#### In use starting 04/16/2018

If the feedhorn you have selected has an adjustable scalar ring, move it to the proper wave guide setting as per the manufacturer's instructions. Below we have listed the focal lengths and focal length diameter ratios for our commercial antennas. Just find your antenna and you will have the information to set the scalar properly. Special Note: More critical than setting the wave guide to the manufacturer's recommendations is to make sure you are setting the feedhorn at the correct focal length of the antenna.

Antenna Size	Focal Length	Focal Distance	
10' (3.0m)	36" f/l	.3 f/d	
11' (3.3m)	36" f/l	.28 f/d Discontinued	
12' (3.7m)	57.6" f/l	.4 f/d	
12'5" (3.8m)	57.6"f/l	.378 f/d	
12' 9" (3.9m)	57.6" f/l	.375 f/d Discontinued	
14' (4.2m)	57.6" f/l	.34 f/d	
14' 9" (4.5m)	57.6" f/l	.33 f/d	
16' (5.0m)	57.6" f/l	.3 f/d	



NOTE: C14F2018 Strut length includes bend in measurement.

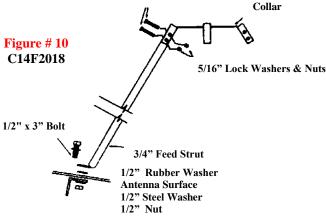
Your DH representative should have asked you what type feed you will be using. We need this information to be assured we are sending the proper collar to attach your feed to our struts. A DH C14F2018 is supplied as standard unless you have made a request for another style collar. Place the C14F2018 collar or collar supplied on the back of the feedhorn scaler ring. Turn the scaler plate off the feedhorn so that all three holes line up between the slotted holes on the feed collar. Insert the 1/4" x 3/4" bolts through the scalar ring and then thru the collar; fasten with the 1/4" nuts. (Most C-band and dual feeds have a 3-bolt pattern on the scalar ring as described above).

#### For heavy duty SEAVEY (C24HD) or heavy-duty CHAPARRAL (C14FHD) feed assembly please refer to page 8 and page 9.

For CHAPARRAL type feeds, refer to Figure #10. Slip the feed strut into a tab on the collar and line up the two holes. Insert the 2-5/16" x 3/4" bolts into the holes and tighten with the 5/16" nuts. Proceed with all four struts then check focal length and tighten down. Use every fourth hole. The actual focal length should be 1/4" inside the waveguide for C-band and 1/8" for Ku band. 5/16" x 3/4" Bolt



C14F2018



For use of Chaparral Feeds C14F2018

## Preparing the C Band Feed Assembly C14F

#### (this is an old style no longer in use in new systems)

If the feedhorn you have selected has an adjustable scalar ring, move it to the proper wave guide setting as per the manufacturer's instructions. Below we have listed the focal lengths and focal length diameter ratios for our commercial antennas. Just find your antenna and you will have the information to set the scalar properly. Special Note: More critical than setting the wave guide to the manufacturer's recommendations is to make sure you are setting the feedhorn at the correct focal length of the antenna.

Antenna Size	Focal Length	Focal Distance	
10' (3.0m)	36" f/l	.3 f/d	
11'(3.3m)	36" f/l	.28 f/d Discontinued	
12' (3.7m)	57.6" f/l	.4 f/d	
12'5" (3.8m)	57.6"f/l	.378 f/d	
<del>12' 9" (3.9m</del>	57.6" f/l	.375 f/d Discontinued	
14' (4.2m)	57.6" f/l	.34 f/d	
14' 9" (4.5m	57.6" f/l	.33 f/d	
16' (5.0m)	57.6" f/l	.3 f/d	
			Deq.
9/32 Holes 7/16,1	3/4° Galv. St. Conduit 3/4° dia. I.D.	Strut Latch End 1/2°	

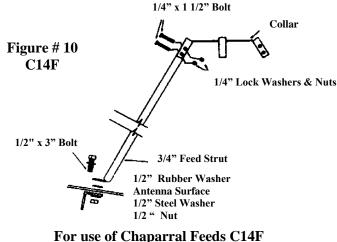
NOTE: C14F Strut length includes bent end.

Your DH representative should have asked you what type feed you will be using. We need this information to be assured we are sending the proper collar to attach your feed to our struts. A DH C14F is supplied as standard unless you have made a request for another style collar. Place the C14F collar or collar supplied on the back of the feedhorn scaler ring. Turn the scaler plate off the feedhorn so that all three holes line up between the slotted holes on the feed collar. Insert the 1/4" x 3/4" bolts through the scalar ring and then thru the collar; fasten with the 1/4" nuts. (Most C-band and dual feeds have a 3-bolt pattern on the scalar ring as described above).

#### For heavy duty SEAVEY (C24HD) or heavy duty CHAPARRAL (C14FHD) feed assembly please refer to page 8 and page 9.

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## **Heavy Duty Feed Strut-----**

The HD feed strut is designed for the heavier feeds or feeds that will support more weight. This utilizes the rectangular aluminum tube for the feed strut. Refer to the drawing on page 9 for the bolt placement of a C14FHD/C14F2018HD the C24HD or the C14F2018HDVK COLLARS. Each strut has  $2 - 5/16" \times 2 \%"$  bolts to attach to the feed collar. Attach one of the angle brackets (2" x 2") to the antenna with the ½" x 3" bolts. Notice that angle brackets have two holes. The bottom hole is for a Seavey type feed (C24HD). The top hole is for a Chaparral type feed (C14FHD). Next, attach the base of the strut to the angle brackets with the  $5/16 \times 1 \%"$  bolts supplied. Align the feed to point directly at the center of the antenna. Measure the focal length to the front of the scalar rings. (Seavey recommends f/l is measured to front of scalar ring.) (Chaparral STYLE measures ¼" inside the wave guide.) ATCI & ADL MOTO4 are the most used 4 port feeds on Dual Powered Az-EL systems. Notice strut location on the ATCI 4 port feed.

## Ku Band Feed Assembly-----

When using the Ku only feeds, you will be using the C14F or C14F2018 feed plate and tri-collar. See Figure 13 and Figure 15 below. First, **attach the flat tri-collar to the feedhorn** as follows: attach the first two pieces by using the 8-32 x 1" screws provided. Now slide the collar onto the feedhorn and add the third piece; tighten evenly. Attach the tri-collar to the larger horseshoe collar by the 8-32 x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " bolts and nuts; tighten down. You can adjust polarity by loosening these nuts and rotating the feed. Finish by assembling the struts to the feed collar as shown in Figure 14 for C14F feed plate and Figure 16 for C14F2018 feed plate. (Fig#14, Fig#16 shows a single Ku feed inserted in a collar)

Figure #13



C14F with Ku tri-collar

Figure #14



C14F with single Ku feed

Figure #15



C14F2018 with Ku tri-collar

Figure #16

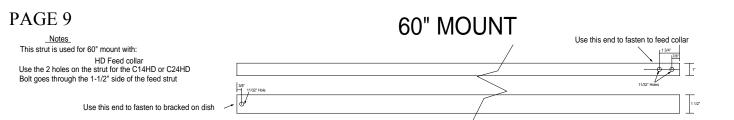


C14F2018 with single Ku feed

NOTE: New Style Collar C14F2018 Transition Starts April 16th, 2018

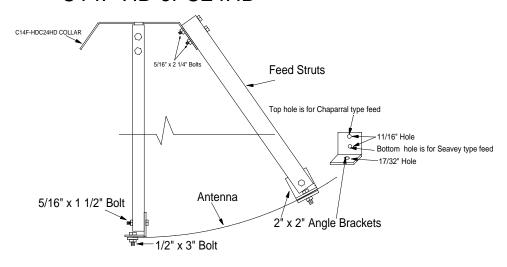
## Fine Tuning the Antenna-----

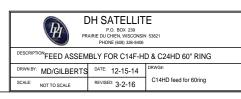
After the assembly is complete, we recommend you "string the antenna." Simply run a string from a back brace across the front of the antenna to the brace 180 degrees apart. Now do this with each brace. If the strings all meet in the middle and no pressure is on any of them, the antenna is perfect and no further work needs be done. If one of the strings is not close to the others, then step back and sight across the dish and see where you will have to push with the back braces. Only make small adjustments at a time and remember to start with all braces loose. After you are sure the antenna surface is flat, you should double check to see that the feedhorn *is* set at the proper distance, then check to see that it is pointed at the center of the antenna. In our years of setting up antennas, these three items seem to cover over 98% of all problems of picture quality (See also page 10).



FOR ANTENNAS: 3.7m, 3.8m, 4.2m, 4.5m, 5m use 59"x1"x1.5" struts FOR 3 METER Antenna use 39"x1"x1.5" struts

## C14F-HD or C24HD





## ADDITIONAL FINE TUNING TECHNIQUES

To receive the optimum from your antenna, you must take time to fine tune the antenna. What are the antenna adjustments? They are: make the front surface flat, be sure the feed looks at the center of the dish, and set the proper focal length. You must also be pointed at the satellite and have the feedhorn skew properly adjusted.

Many of the adjustments are done without any measurement of the signal, and in fact require no signal at all. The adjustment of making the front surface flat, adjusting the focal length, and aligning the feed will be done without signal. You will use the strings and the back braces to make the dish flat, a focal finder and measure tape to align the feedhorn to find center, and set the focal length using a measure tape to measure from dish to feedhorn. You will use a satellite tool to locate signal in further steps of fine tuning.

We feel that you must use strings to assure the front of the dish is flat. The strings must be taut and run from brace to the opposite brace at 180 degrees. A larger dish with 8 braces needs four strings. Do all adjustments with the braces loose. The strings must touch at the center, if they do not, sight the dish from the side to see which braces should be slightly adjusted to make the front surface of the antenna perfectly flat. CAUTION: do not over tighten the 12 bolts that hold the dish to the ring as they can distort the dish.

The easiest way to assure yourself that the feedhorn is looking directly at the center of the antenna is to use a Focal Finder (SEE PHOTO "A" BELOW) or to make a tool to assist in finding the center of the antenna. You can if no focal finder is available, cut a 1" X 4" board to the length of the antenna's focal length. Held vertically against the feed it should point at the center of the antenna, this will be true at the horizontal plane as well.

DH recommends using an A1 Turbo S2 made by Applied Instruments or another tool such as a spectrum analyzer to locate your satellite signal in order to complete the following steps:

Setting the Azimuth: To set the azimuth of the system you will use the base can and a tool to locate and measure signal. Find a satellite signal using the A1-Turbo or another satellite tool that will show signal spiking. Any signal strength will work. This is your reference point. Now you will go from bad signal to bad signal. From this reference point you will move the antenna left of the reference point to see if the signal gets better or worse and right of the reference point to see if this makes it better or worse. When you see the location of the base can for the best signal, you will tighten down the set screws on the base can. (Special Note: It is best to make a mark on the pole and base can to reference your starting point before making any moves with the base can. Remark your base can and pole so that you now know the location that is allowing the strongest satellite signal.)

**Setting the Elevation:** You will use the turnbuckle assembly to make this adjustment and again you will go from bad to bad signal and find the center point with the best signal strength. Again, to make this adjustment you will only use the turnbuckle. It is best to mark the starting point of the threaded rod or count the turns so you know exactly where you started before making slight adjustments with the turnbuckle assembly.

**Skewing the feedhorn:** You will rotate the feedhorn again going from left or right of the marked reference location for your feedhorn to find your strongest signal. Once you find your strongest signal tighten down into place.

Keep in mind when you are making these last "Additional Fine Tuning Techniques" very small moves will be needed to make the best improvements in signal strength.



PHOTO A Focal Finder to Locate Center of Antenna



A1 Turbo S2 Made By Applied Instruments







## **Assembly Instructions for the Fixed AZ-EL Gibralter Mount**

The Fixed Gibralter mount is designed to be moved manually and will not accept motorization.

When setting up for the first time or when changing satellites, you will have to adjust in both azimuth and elevation.

- 1. Lift and set the Base of the Fixed Gibralter on the already installed Anchors or to the roof location. Complete this by placing the nuts on the 8 bolts to secure Gibralter base to the concrete pad or roof I beam or Baird stand.
- 2. Set the Fixed Gibralter base can over the mount. (Most of the time this is shipped assembled from the factory, but if yours wasn't, just fit the base can with the welded "T" on top over the base post. Tighten the 6 set screws on the can. (you will need to loosen these set screws when peaking to your satellite for azimuth adjustment)
- 3. Assemble the ring to the can as in the dual powered unit. The antenna, back braces and feed assembly are installed as listed in the complete installation manual.
- 4. To move the unit in azimuth, just loosen the six set screws and rotate to desired location. To adjust or move in elevation, you will need help to raise or lower the dish manually.
- 5. Elevation is adjusted by loosening the stow bracket and the fine tune bracket. Be sure the ring is supported as this unit will drop quickly. Dropping the antenna will damage the reflector and you may end up in injury to the installation team. You can get close by manually lifting or lowering the antenna assembly, but to get right on the satellite, you must tighten the fine tune assembly u-bolt and then use the threaded rod to tweak the unit. Refer to the next page for a parts list.



### Parts List for the Fixed AZ-EL Gibralter

#### C14F Feed Assembly 4- 3/4" Struts 1- Feed Collar 8- 1/4" x 1 1/2" Bolts 8- 1/4" Lock Washers & Nuts \*New Style Collar C14F2018 transition Starts April 16th, 2018 \*C14F2018 Feed Assembly (BFS) 1- Set of 4 Struts 1- Collar (C, Ku) 8- 5/16" x 3/4" Bolts Feed Assembly 8-5/16" Lock Washers & Nuts Feedhorn to Collar & LNB (PART OF BFH) 3-1/4" x 3/4" Bolts 3-1/4" Lock Washers 3-1/4" Nuts (LNB to Feed) (PART OF BFH) 20-1/4" x 3/4" Bolts 20- 1/4" Nuts 20- 1/4" Lock Washers **Fine Tuning Kit** 1- 5/16" x 2 U-bolt 2-5/16" Lock Washers & Nuts 1- 3" x 2" x 2" Elev. Angle 1- 5/8" x 8" Eye Bolt

#### Antenna To Ring (BAM) ( 16 Block) 16- ½" x 3" Bolts

16- 1/2" Flat Washers

1- 1/2" x 1 1/2" Bolt 1-1/2" Nut

1- 1/2" Lock Washer

32- 1/2" Rubber Washers 16- 1/2" Lock Washers

16- 1/2" Nuts

2- 5/8" Nuts

#### Mount To Ring (BGB)

2- 1" Brass Bushings 2-3" Dia. Bearing Plates

2- 1" x 3 1/2" Bolts

#### Heavy Duty Feed Struts (BFSHD) C14F or C24

1- Set of 4 Struts 1- Collar (C, Ku)

12 - 5/16" Lock Washers & Nuts

4- 2' x 2' Angle Brackets 4- 5/16" x 1 1/2" Bolts 8- 5/16" x 2 1/4" Bolts

Ku4FL: 3PC Add To C14F

3- Section to 3pc collar

3 8-32 x 1" Bolts

#### 3PC Collar To Horseshoe

3 8-32 x 3/4" Bolts

3-#8 Fender Washers 3 8-32 Nuts

#### Elevation Assembly (BEAD/BEAFG)

2-48" Stow Bars w/Clamp Fine Tune Clamp Kit 1- 3/4" x 8 1/2" Bolt 1- 3/4" Lock Washer

1- 3/4" Nut

2-3/4" x 5/8" Spacers

2- 1/2" x 2 1/2" Bolts

2- 1/2" Lock Washers

2- 1/2" Nuts

#### Back Braces (BBF)

**Back Brace Tube Length** 4- Bent Back Braces 3.0m-NONE 4- Straight Back Braces 3.7m- 45" Long 3.8m- 47" Long 4- Bent Tabs 4- 1/2" x 1 1/2" Bolts 4.2m- 55 1/4" Long 4- 1/2" Lock Washers 4.5m- 62 1/2" Long 5.0m- 68 1/2" Long 20- 1/2" Nuts

8- Brace Clips

**Back Brace** 

Elevation

Assembly

16- 1/4" x 3/4" Bolts

16- 1/4" Lock Washers & Nuts

8-3/8" x 2" Bolts

8-3/8" Lock Washers & Nuts

\*Highly Recommended On Systems With Galvanized Back Braces\*

the end of back braces to help prevent corrosion. When doing annual

Please use a rubberized spray or silicon sealant to coat the threaded rods on

maintenance on your antenna system please make sure to check as it may

8-1/2" SAE Washers for bent brace to ring

#### NOTE: SECTIONAL ANTENNAS INCLUDE ADDITIONAL HARDWARE, SEE TABLES BELOW

Base Can

**Base Stand** 

	Template Rib Hardware: Sectional				
Antenna Size	3/8" x 1" Bolts	3/8" Lock Washers	3/8" Nuts	3/8" Washers	
3.0M	24	24	24	48	
3.7M	28	28	28	56	
3.8M	28	28	28	56	
4.2M	64	64	64	128	
4.5M	72	72	72	144	
5.0M	72	72	72	144	

Splice Straps: Sectional				
Antenna Size	Splice Straps	1/4" x 3/4" Bolts	1/4" Lock Washers	1/4" Nuts
3.0M	4	8	8	8
3.7M	4	8	8	8
3.8M	4	8	8	8
4.2M	8	16	16	16
4.5M	8	16	16	16
5.0M	8	16	16	16

#### If you have upgraded to an 8PC 3.7M sectional antenna please refer to the tables below for additional hardware needed.

Template Rib Hardware: Sectional					
Antenna Size	3/8" x 1" Bolts	3/8" Lock Washers	3/8" Nuts	3/8" Washers	
3.7M	56	56	56	112	
	Splice Straps: Sectional (BSP)				
Antenna Size	Splice Straps	1/4" x 3/4" Bolts	1/4" Lock Washers	1/4" Nuts	
3.7M	8	16	16	16	

## MISSING PARTS WARRANTY

You have obtained one of the best antennas on the market today! We hope that you will be happy with your new DH Antenna.

To better acquaint you with our system, we ask that you read the instruction manual and verify that all the equipment has been supplied in your shipment. Please check the hardware as well as the parts list and compare to what you have received. It is our policy to make every effort to assure you that you have received all parts necessary to make this a pleasant experience.

While checking over your parts it is possible to find that you are missing pieces that are necessary to complete the installation. You will find below our shipping policy and charges if any.

Notify Factory within 5 days ARO (Delivery): Red / no charge Notify Factory 5 to 30 days ARO: Regular / no charge

Notify Factory 31 days ARO: Your cost for parts and shipping.

Please note we are only able to ship out from our location if notified by 12:00 PM CST. Calls received after this time will ship the following business day.

Call us M-F 8:30 am to 3:00 pm CST 608-326-8406



PHONE: 1 (608) 326-8406 FAX: 1 (608) 326-4233 EMAIL: dhsat@mhtc.net

Please make notes below to help in future years with replacement needs.

Size of antenna:	Mount type:
Feedhorn make:	Model:
LNB Make:	Model: