

### GPG-2B

5/8 Wave Ground Plane for 142 -185 MHz

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# **INSTRUCTION MANUAL**

#### **GENERAL DESCRIPTION**

The Model GPG-2B is a 5/8 wave gain ground plane which covers the frequency range of 142-185 MHz. The design is optimized for maximum performance in the 2-meter Amateur band (144-148 MHz), and provides 3.4 dB gain over a 1/4 wave ground plane antenna.

The GPG-2B, when tuned for a specific frequency within 142-185 MHz will have a VSWR at resonance of less than 1.4:1. Typical VSWR at resonance within the 2-meter Amateur band is less than 1.2:1. The 2:1 VSWR bandwidth is greater than 4 MHz.

This antenna is designed to be fed with any standard 50 ohm coaxial cable, but for runs over 50 feet, RG-213/U is recommended because of its lower losses and higher power

The mechanical strength of the GPG-2B has been greatly improved over previous models. Also, stainless steel hardware is used in most places on this antenna. The GPG-2B will mount on mast sizes up to 1 5/8 inches in diameter.



Figure 1 Overall View - GPG-2B

#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

VSWR at Resonance	less than 1.4:1
	3.4 dB over quarter wave
Power Input	100 watts'
Lightning Protection	DC ground
Height(nominal)	
Wind Area	0.30 sq. ft. (.03 sq m.)
Maiximum Mast OD	
(41.3 mm) Hardware	18-8 stainless steel

#### ASSEMBLY

Unpack the antenna and check the parts against the Parts List and drawings.

Remove the two (2) screws that are placed through the base insulator assembly to hold it to the bracket and install the four radials as shown in Figure 2.

#### CAUTION"

Do not rotate the base insulator when orienting' radials. Breakage of wire can occur. It is best to always leave one screw in place while installing the radials.

**Insert the 3/8'' diameter upper radiator into the top** of the lower radiator.



Figure 2 Assembly Detail

Assemble the 1/2" compression clamp and slide it into position on the 7/16" tube. See Figures 2 and 3.

Adjust the total length of the radiator to the dimension shown in Figure 4 for the frequency you wish to use. Tighten the compression clamp securely.

Place the 3/8" caplug on the top of the 3/8" radiator.

Make sure the radials are positioned as shown in Figure 1 and tighten securely.

Attach the antenna to a 1 5/8" mast (not supplied) using the U-bolt supplied.



Figure 3 One-Half Inch Compression Clamp Detail

Parts List

Part No.	Description	Qty
871674	BaseAssembly,GPG-2B w/lower assembly	1
179690	Radials, GPG-2B	4
175030	Radiator, 3/8" diameter upper radiator	1
871675-1	Parts Pack, GPG-2B	1
455655	Caplug, 3/8	1
543792	U-bolt, 5/16" x 15/8" x 2 1/4"	1
555747	Nut, 5/16" - 18 hex	2
554071	Nut, #10-24, hex	
567080	Lockwasher, 5/16", split	2
565697	Lockwasher, #10, internal	5
165123	Compression Clamp, 1/2	1
555693	Nut, #10-24, square	
505692	Screw, # 10 x 3/8", round head	
505751	Screw, # 10x 3/4", round head	2

NOTE: If the input terminals are checked with an. ohmmeter, they will show a direct short. THIS IS NORMAL! The. matching device in the antenna base puts the entire structure at DC ground but presents 50 ohm impedance to rf energy.

For proper lightning protection and to insure noise-free operation, the antenna supporting structure must be grounded.



Figure 4 Frequency Adjustment Chart

Note: The radiator should be set for a length of 48 inches to cover the entire 2 meter Amateur band. If operating frequency above Amateur band is desired, it maybe necessary to trim the upper radiator shorter. This will allow the entire GPG-2 radiator to be set to the correct length for the desire operation frequency.

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