



Vertical Receiving Antenna

VRA Series

Product Brief 110335B

■ Multiple Operating Ranges:

VLF/LF LF/MF/HF LF/MF HF HF (opt) 15 to 300kHz 100kHz to 30MHz 200 to 800kHz 2 to 30MHz 3 to 15MHz

- Broadband No Tuning
- Flat Response Curve
- Weatherproofed Case
- Multiple Antenna Mast Types

VRA vertical receiving antennas are used in practical communication systems worldwide, whether on board ships, fixed shore stations, or land-mobile facilities. This antenna adapts extremely well to many different conditions in both military and commercial applications. It is easily installed by one individual with minimal training and can be quickly disassembled for storage in a compact "fly-away" case. One of three types of masts can be supplied to suit operating conditions: a multisection telescoping mast made of aluminum or stainless steel tubing and a multi-section fiberglass mast. All masts are free-standing but can be equipped with anchors, guy wires and support collars for highwind conditions. The metal masts reduce to a compact 6'-4" length for easy transport. Fiberglass models are embedded with parallel copper wires to simulate a cyclinder. Extra epoxy is added to prevent corrosion and maximize strength since these masts are free-standing and must often withstand winds up to 100mph (166km/h).

An important feature of the VRA system is the use of unbalanced RF

VRA antenna assembly shown with a telescoping self-supporting mast that is secured to an insulator assembly on top of the weatherproof case. Fiberglass whips can also be provided. The optional rear plate, shown in bulkhead-mount position, can be re-set for base mount.



coaxial connectors at the input. This makes it easier to install, route and switch RF paths between antenna and a terminal device such as a preselector, receiver or analyzer. The RF cables are often terminated on TMC series SPP switching patch panels so that changes in the RF path may be made with minimal interruption of service.

Each VRA contains a highly efficient network that compensates for any variation in impedance detected over its operating range. The typical frequency response is flat within +/-1.5dB. Field tests show that these internal networks improve the over-all electrical characteristics of

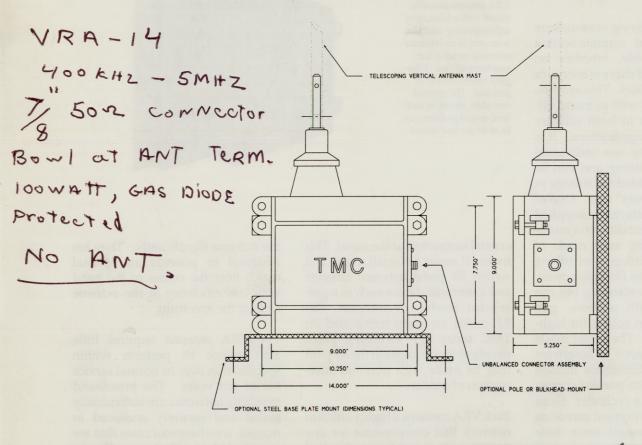
the antenna significantly. They are designed to provide an optimal match near the center of the band with less efficiency at the extreme ends of the spectrum.

The VRA antenna requires little maintenance to perform within specification over its normal service life of ten years. The broadband matching networks are individually sealed and securely anchored in rugged, weatherproof cases that are constructed of aluminum alloy to assure protection from any hostile environment. In the event of major damage, any component can easily be replaced in the field by removal of a few mounting screws.

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TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS						Model	Range	Antenna Type	
Frequency Range 10kHz to 32MHz, (See models)					VRA-5	200-800KHz	16-foot	A,S	
Nominal Gain +1dB except at 1/4-wave points.					VRA-6	2-32MHz	16-foot	A,S	
Impedance Matches into 50 or 70 ohms nominal					VRA-7	3-15MHz	32-foot*	A,S	
RF Fittings See Unbalanced Connector Assemblies					VRA-8	200-800KHz	16-foot	F	
Equipment Case All-weather cast aluminum alloy						VRA-9	2-32MHz	16-foot	F
Mounting Bulkhead or base mount using four heavy-duty cast					VRA-10		35-foot*	F	
mounting flanges and optional steel plate					VRA-11		32/35-foot*	A,S,F	
Safety Feature Spark gap for protection from lightning or static dis-					VRA-12		32/35-foot*	A,S,F	
	charge between antenna mast and ground					VRA-13		32/35-foot*	A,S,F
Case Dimensions 9H x 11.5W x 5.5D inches, 27 lbs.					*Separate steel base is provided; Fiberglass mast is 35-foot				
	1 x 29.2W x 14D cm,						р	organico maior io oo m	No. ou
	Antenna Mast/Base Weight					Unbalanced Connector Assembly Options:			
	Fiberglass	16'-0"	2.0 lbs.	35'-0"	65 lbs	/BN	BN type	AX283-1	
	Aluminum	16'-0"	2.5	32'-0"	55	/BNC	BNC type	AX284-1	
	Stainless Steel	16'-0"	4.0	32'-0"	85	/C	C type	AX286-1	
Note: Aluminum mast is standard unless otherwise specified.					/HN	HN type	AX285-1		
Operating Temperature -40°C to +75°C					/5LC	LC type/50-ohm	AX287-1		
operating temperature to a to 170 o					/7LC	LC type/70-ohm	AX287-5		
Replacement Transformers			TMC#			/N	N type	AX259-1	
For	VRA-[5][8]		TR042			/QDS	QDS type	AX289-1	
	VRA-[6][9]		TR044			/UHF	UHF type	AX281-1	
	VRA-[11][13]		TR080			/UHFL	UHF (L)_type	AX256-1	
	VRA-12		TR081			/RG85	RG-85U Coax Flange	AX274-1	
	VRA-[7][10] TR160					See Cor	nnector Products Catalog for	other assenblies	

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