



# 29W

### MARINE HF ANTENNA FOR LARGE VESSELS OVER 18 METRES (60 FEET)

Designed to provide extremely high radiating efficiency for the professional user on the marine communications channels from 2-30 MHz.

The 29W is a highly efficient, self supporting whip which maximises performance both in transmit and receive modes, thus requiring less operating power.

Construction is of heavy gauge marine grade aluminium alloy tubing to give a large low loss surface area for maximum radiating efficiency. The antenna is coated with a high durability epoxy based coating, for full protection from the marine environment, for maximum protection from ultra violet radiation. Fittings are of nylon and stainless steel.

For ease of transport it breaks down into three sections, the largest of which is 3.65 metres.

It is available unloaded, resonant at a single frequency (the highest to be used - normally 2.6, 4.6 or 6.3 MHz). For operation on frequencies lower than the resonant frequency the difference is made up in the ATU.

### SPECIFICATIONS ▼

	STANDARD	OPTIONAL
<b>Colour</b>	Black	White
<b>HF Marine Band</b>	2-30 MHz	
<b>Length</b>	8.8 metres (29 ft)	
<b>Pattern</b>	Omnidirectional	
<b>Polarisation</b>	Vertical	
<b>Base Diameter</b>	32mm	
<b>Frequency Range</b>	Retuned to frequency or frequencies required, or unloaded 2-30 MHz with suitable ATU	
<b>Wind Loading</b>	10.4 kg at 100 km/h 17.6 kg at 130 km/h	
<b>Power Capability</b>	1 kW PEP for normal loaded or unloaded top sections; higher power to order	
<b>Mountings</b>	Two 100mm nylon clamp type insulators, 50mm diameter, threaded to take ½ inch Whitworth bolt (not supplied); insulator spacing not less than 1.4 m	
<b>Connection</b>	Silicone insulated flexible cable tail 2.5 m long 56/0.3 tinned copper; length should not exceed that provided for correct operation on the higher frequencies	
<b>Packed Weight</b>	8 kg with mountings	



**Assembly:**

1. Slide the two mounting insulators on the base section before assembling, being careful not to damage the antenna coating. If necessary mounts may be opened by reversing the clamp screw, placing a coin or similar in the slot behind the screw and using the screw to force the slot apart.
2. Assemble the base, mid and top sections and fasten with the three stainless steel self tapping screws supplied. Use of a smear of grease on the bare aluminium before assembly will aid future disassembly.

**Mounting:**

1. Make sure the mounting bolts enter the insulator thread by not less than 25 mm but not so that they bottom in the hole.
2. Mounting insulators should be spaced not less than 1.4m apart.

**Important Factors:**

1. For best results, the antenna should be mounted vertically (not sloping) on the cabin side or stub mast.
2. For correct operation on frequencies 8 MHz and above, the length of the lead supplied (2.5m) should not be exceeded.
3. Keep the lead clear of ship's wiring and other metallic objects and avoid running parallel to metal decks, etc., with less than 2 cm clearance.
4. Lead should be run as short and direct as possible between the antenna and equipment.
5. If using deck feed through insulator, make sure the terminals are protected from salt spray, otherwise severe loss of power may result due to leakage across the wet insulator. Moonraker feed through insulators are recommended.
6. Earth leads should be connected directly to the ATU and kept as short as possible.
7. Copper strip is recommended for the earth lead between the ATU and Moonraker earth plate.

**Tuning:**

As the feed point impedance of this antenna is relatively high on all frequencies, antenna current will be relatively low and earth losses minimised. At the self resonant frequencies little or no inductance will be required in the ATU. At 8 and 12 MHz frequencies series capacitance may be required if the antenna and earth leads are long.

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