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- 2 to 30 MHz Frequency Range, Dependent Upon Type
- Up to 20 KW Average, 40 KW Peak Power Rating
- Horizontal-Elliptical Polarization to Reduce Fading
- Omnidirectional Log-Periodic
- 2.0:1 VSWR
- Multi-Mode Capability for Short, Medium, and Long-Range Communications
- Single Tower for Simplicity of Installation
- Innovative Switching or Combining of Radiators to Provide Switchable or Simultanious Short or Long-Range Mode

#### **General Description**

Many operational applications require short and medium-to-long-range omnidirectional antennas; for example, short-to-ship and ground-to-air services. Conventionally, this requirement has been fulfilled by means of conical or bi-conical monopole arrays used in conjunction with an extensive ground screen. This type of antenna produces useful beams at low take-off angles, but with comparatively little gain and no short range capability.

An alternative is to use a number of horizontally polarized, log-periodic arrays arranged in a triangle or a square with the feed point at the center. This solution produces an improvement in performance, but such antennas are expensive and require extensive land.

The SPIRA-CONE uses a four-arm conical logarithmic spiral with interleaving wire elements and does not require a ground screen. The 3000 series antennas employ horizontal-ellipical polarization, with it's well known advantages of minimizing fades because of Faraday rotation effect. The antennas are log-periodic, spiral arrays, supported, with the exception of the low profile version, on a single, central, guyed tower for simplicity of installation. The apex of the hexagonal cone points towards the ground

# **3000 Series** Granger Broadband HF Multi-Mode SPIRA-CONE<sup>®</sup> Antennas





and it's height above ground determines the take-off angle of the main (lowest) lobe. Alternative configurations are offered to enable the best choice of take-off angle for a variety of applications. By pointing the apex of the cone towards the ground, problems associated with low efficiency at the low frequencies and pattern fragmentation, as a result of multi-lobing at the high frequencies are avoided.

Clockwise or counterclockwise rotation of the electric field as required by the geographical location or application of the antenna can be chosen at the time of installation, as no components of the array are special to any particular direction of rotation. In the northern hemesphere, a transmitting antenna must be clockwise whereas the receiving antenna must be counterclockwise. Conversely, in the southern hemesphere, the transmitting antenna must be counterclockwise, while the receiving antenna must be clockwise. Reflection efficiency is improved by the proper interaction of the radiated electromagnetic wave, the electrons in the ionisphere, and the earth's geomagnetic field acting on the "ordinary wave" component of the circularly polarized wave.

# Features

# **Choice of Operating Modes**

Two families of elevation patterns (mode 1 and mode 2) can be generated by selective excitation of the four arms:

**Mode 1** beam maximum is on-axis of the tower (high-angle mode) with overhead maximum.

**Mode 2** beam maximum is off-axis of tower (low-angle mode) with overhead null

**Single Mode Operation (SM).** The SPIRA-CONE will permanently be connected to either of the required modes at installation.

**Switched Selective Mode Operation (SW).** Single input switched mode is available. Switching is carried out at the balanced inputs of the SPIRA-CONE by means of relay contacts controlled by cable from a unit located at the control center. Full remote control systems are available.

**Dual-Mode Operation (DM).** Each of the two separate modes of the SPIRA-CONE is activated simultaneously through a Broad Band Isolating Coupler (BBIC). The two port version of the BBIC permits simultaneous operation of two transmitters (or one transmitter and. one receiver), limited in frequency only by the low frequency cut-off of each mode. The standard version activates one high angle and one low angle mode but an optional arrangement provide two simulataneous high angle modes.

**Switched 2 Port BBIC.** This provides one high angle mode with a simultaneous selectable high or low angle mode.

**Triple-Mode Operation (TM).** With a 3-port BBIC, two high angle modes are generated simultaneously with a low angle mode resulting in the ability to transmit three simultaneously independent signals. The result is a savings of land area for the DM and TM SPIRA-CONE antennas with respect to convensional antennas.

Outstanding performance is achieved when the antenna is used as a receiving antenna. The anti-fading benefits of elliptical polarization are immediately evident by the reduction in signal fading, which is equivalent to space or polarization diversity.

Use of a dual diversity receiver fed through a two port receiving BBIC adds an additional reliability enhancement angle of arrival diversity to the existing polarization diversity inherent in both high and low angle modes.







3005 Spira-Cone Image on first page-3002A Spira-Cone

# **3000 Series SPIRA-CONE**

### **Characteristics, Series 3001-Full Sized**

Type Frequency Range, MHz	HF log-periodic, spiral, omnidirectional 3 Models: 2/3.6 - 30 3/5.2 - 30 4/7.2 - 30
Power Rating, KW Polarization Imput Impedence, ohms	Up to 20 average, 40 peak Horizontal elliptical; can be installed for right or left rotation, as required 50, coaxial input
VSWR Directivity, dBi Azimuth Plane Radiation Pattern Elevation Plane Radiation Pattern	2.0:1 maximum** 7 Omnidirectional Variable with frequency and mode selection
Efficiency Wind survival Rating, mph (km/h) Without Ice With 0.5 in (12 mm) Radial Ice	Greater than 95% 140 (225) 60 (100)

# Characteristics, Series 3002, 3003 & 3004-Compact

HF log-periodic, spiral, omnidirectional 2.0-30 (high angle mode) 4.0-30 (low angle mode)				
Up to 5 average, 10 peak Horizontal elliptical; can be installed for right or left rotation, as required 50, coaxial input				
2.0:1 maximum** 7 nominal Omnidirectional Variable with frequency and mode selection				
3002A-36S         3002A-36HE         3003         3004           125 (200)         140 (225)         100 (160)         100 (160)           50 (80)         70 (110)         50 (80)*         50 (80)				
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\* With 0.25 in (6mm) Radial Ice

\* VSWR depends upon the influence of unknown adverse factors in built up areas, such as roof tops where the array must be installed. In the case of triple mode,

operation VSWR is 2.0:1 nominal, 2.5:1 maximum.

### Characteristics, Series 3005-2L

Type Frequency Range, MHz	HF log-periodic, spiral, omnidirectional Mode 1 (High Angle) 2-30 Mode 2 (Low Angle) 3.6-30
Power Rating, KW Polarization Imput Impedence, ohms	Up to 20 average, 40 peak per mode Horizontal elliptical; can be installed for right or left rotation, as required 50, coaxial input
VSWR Directivity, dBi Azimuth Plane Radiation Pattern Elevation Plane Radiation Pattern	2.0:1 nominal 7 Omnidirectional Mode 1 Beam Maximum 90° @ 2 MHz 50° @ 30 MHz Mode 2 Beam Maximum 45° @ 4 MHz 10° @ 30 MHz
Efficiency Wind survival Rating, mph (km/h) Without Ice With 0.5 in (12 mm) Radial Ice	Greater than 95% 150 (240) 90 (145)
Tower Height, ft (m) Tower Base Diameter, ft (m) Guy Diameter, ft (m)	87 (26.5) 110 (33.5) 208 (63.5)

# Sizes Available

**Full Sized (Series 3001).** Designed for main communication centers, the 3001 Series Antennas offer the highest efficiency and power gain requirements for worldwide omnidirectional use such as shore-to-ship services. Since the 3001 Series Antennas require no ground screen, their performance exceeds that of vertically polarized monopoles which suffer significant ground losses. Typically, over poor soil, a gain advantage of 6-7 dBi can be expected. Elliptical polarization can further add to system performance.

**Compact.** Compact models offer similar performance advantages in truncated array designs which are terminated to extend low frequency cut-off beyond the natural unloaded frequency. Input power is limited by radiator size, insulators and terminations. These models will accept up to 5KW average power per mode. The antennas differ in mounting arrangement and application. All are available with mode option kits.

**Roof Mounted (Series 3002A).** The 3002A Series Antennas were designed for applications in which only roof top space is available, such as diplomatic services, security services and operational headquarters. Elevation patterns are influenced by array height above the effective ground. The array is supported by six tubular poltruded fiberglass compression booms. It can also be ground mounted where space is at a premium.

**Transportable (Type 3003MT).** The Type 3003MT is particularly suited to applications such as emergency or transportable communications centers, in which it's omnidirectional high and medium low angle elevation patterns provide communication on short to medium paths by skywave reflection. The elliptical polarization is especially effective when the distance terminal is mobile. Supported by a 70 ft (21 m) light weight, nested aluminum mast, the antenna can be deployed by a team in under two hours. An installation site of 75 ft (23 m) radius is required.

**Fixed (Types 3004-70 and 3004-90).** Ellectrically similar to the 3003 transportable, this fixed station model offers two array heights supported by galvanized steel lattice masts of 70 or 90 ft (21 or 27 m). This model provides a chioce of of elevation angles to match communication requirements; the 90 ft (27 m) version offers lower angles necessary for longer distances.

**Low Profile (Type 3005-2L).** With the same electrical performance characteristics as it's single mast counterpart, the low profile, compact antenna is ideally suited for height restrictied areas such as airports or in areas where minimal ground is available. The antenna uses a full-sized apex down four arm conical logarithmic spiral with interleaved wire element radiators suspended from six peripheral, RF transparent, support structures. As the array is suspended from six dielectric halyards, raising and lowering of the antenna can be accomplished from ground level once the radiators have been disconnected from the BBIC, which sits on top of the center stub tower.

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#### Accessories

The following accessories are available for ease of installation and maintenance: tower lighting kit, erection kit, paint kit, lightning rod kit, anti-climbing kit, and spares kit.

# **Characteristics, Broad Band Isolating Coupler**

Type	Switched, dual and triple mode
Frequency, MHz	2-30
Power Rating, KW	See ordering information
Input Impedance, ohms	50, coaxial
Isolation, dB	30 nominal*
Insertion Loss, dB	0.15

\*Output ports terminated to match loads

# Series 3001 Full Sized



# Series 3002A Ground and Roof Mount



### Series 3003MT Transportable



# Series 3004 Fixed



### Series 3005 Low Profile



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#### Ordering Information, Series 3001

Type Number	( )	3001-2L-(*)	3001-2ML-(*)	3001-3L-(*)	3001-3ML-(*)	3001-4L-(*)
Mode		Low Angle	Medium Low Angle	Low Angle	Medium Low Angle	Low Angle
Tower Height, ft (m)	240 (73.2)	220 (67.1)	200 (60.9)	150 (45.7)	130 (39.6)	120 (36.6)
Guy Radius, ft (m)	267 (81.4)	265 (80.8)	238 (72.5)	166 (50.6)	157 (47.9)	135 (41.2)
Freq. Range High Angle Mode, MHz	2-30	2-30	2-30	3-30	3-30	4-30
Freq. Range Low Angle Mode, MHz	3.6-30	3.6-30	3.6-30	5.4-30	5.4-30	7.2-30
4 MHz Upper 1/2 Power Angle, deg. 4 MHz Beam Peak Angle, deg. 4 MHz Lower 1/2 Power Angle, deg.	57 33 16	66 38 17	70 42 19			
6 MHz Upper 1/2 Power Angle, deg. 6 MHz Beam Peak Angle, deg. 6 MHz Lower 1/2 Power Angle, deg.				57 33 16	68 40 18	
8 MHz Upper 1/2 Power Angle, deg. 8 MHz Beam Peak Angle, deg. 8 MHz Lower 1/2 Power Angle, deg.						52 30 14
30 MHz Upper 1/2 Power Angle, deg.	15	15	31	15	31	15
30 MHz Beam Peak Angle, deg.	10	10	20	10	20	10
30 MHz Lower 1/2 Power Angle, deg.	5	5	9	5	9	5

\* Append with Power Level Function Number from Series 3001 Option Table below.

### Series 3001 Option Number Table - Power Level Functions

Power Ra	ting, KW	Single	Switched Mode (SW)		Dual	Triple	Input
Average	Peak	Mode (SM)	Single	Dual	Mode (DM)	Mode (TM)	Connectors
1	2	-1	-21		-31	-41	Type N Jack
5	10	-2	-22	-43	-32		7/8" EIA
10	20	-3	-23	-53	-33		1-5/8" EIA
25	50	-4	-24				3-1/8" EIA

# Ordering Information, Series 3002A Compact Series - Tubular Boom Types

Type Number	Support Type	Mounting	Low Freq. C	Height, ft (m)	
	Support Type	wounting	High Angle	Low Angle	Height, it (iii)
3002A-36S-(*) 3002A-36HE-(*)	Standard 125 mph, no ice High Environment	Roof or Ground Ground	2.0 2.0	4.0 4.0	36 (11) 36 (11)

\* Append with Power Level Function Number from Series 3002, 3003 and 3004 Table below.

#### Ordering Information, Series 3003 & 3004 Compact Series - Catenary Supported Types

	Support Turno	Mounting	Low Freq. C	lleinht ft (m)	
Type Number	Support Type	Mounting	High Angle	Low Angle	Height, ft (m)
3003-70MT-(*) 3004-70F-(*) 3004-90F-(*)	Transportable† Fixed Fixed	 Ground Ground	2.0 2.0 2.0	4.0 4.0 4.0	70 (21) 70 (21) 90 (27)

\* Append with Power Level Function Number from Series 3002, 3003 and 3004 Table below.

and 3004 Table below. † Erection Kit Included; other optional accessories available.

### Series 3002A, 3003 & 3004 Option Number Table - Power Level Functions

Power F	Power Rating, KW		Switched	Dual	Triple	Input
Average	Peak	Mode (SM)	Mode (SW)	Mode (DM)	Mode (TM)	Connectors
Receive only 1 5	Receive Only 2 10	-1 -1 -2	-21 -21 -22	-30 -31 -32	 -41 	Type N,Jack Type N Jack 7/8" EIA

### Ordering Information, Series 3005-2L-(\*) - Power Level Functions

Power Ra	ting, KW	Single	Single Switched Mode		Dual	Triple	Input
Average	Peak	Mode (SM)	Single	Dual	Mode (DM)	Mode (TM)	Connectors
1	1	-1	-21		-31	-41	Type N Jack
5	10	-2	-22		-32		7/8" EIA
10	20	-3	-23	-53	-33		1-5/8" EIA
25	50	-4	-24				3-1/8" EIA

\* Append with Power Level Function Number from Series 3005 Option Table above.

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