

## **MINI 2 ELEMENT ANTENNA**

#### Data:

- The MINI 2 ELEMENT directional antenna is small, compact and easy to use.
- At half the size of a 3-element antenna, the MINI 2 gives a good direction.
- This is versatile antenna. When attached to a smaller receiver is allows the 2 elements to fold under the receiver for storage. The user can also easily remove the antenna from the receiver in a few seconds and switch to a bigger 3-element antenna if needed for longer range.
- A cover bracket at the back of the receiver protects the antenna and cables. This is attached and removed easily by 4 thumb screws.
- This antenna works with all receivers.
  - For small receivers it fits under the receiver. In this configuration it adds only ½ inch in thickness to the receiver.
  - O You can also operate this antenna in one hand for our larger receivers.

**Operation:** Please see the "Operation & Tips For Your Radio Recovery Equipment" sheet for general operating instructions.

# Instructions for mount antenna with TRX -3S, -10S, -16S and -48S receivers:

- 1. To mount the MINI 2 antenna onto a small receiver, <u>align</u> the antenna's dual lock material with the same material on receiver bottom. <u>Press together</u> at the 4 corners. You will hear a "snap" when the attachment occurs.
- 2. <u>Unfold</u> the handle by turning the receiver so that bottom faces up. <u>Lift</u> the two center bars that are velcroed and hinged. <u>Press</u> the two center bars together so that the Velcro connects. You have created a pistol handle grip. <u>Turn</u> unit so you hold the receiver above the antenna.
- 3. To open the antenna elements, <u>look</u> at the receiver face. <u>Note</u> the 2 layers of antenna elements folder beneath receiver. <u>Pull</u> the bottom element halves out to 90 degrees from <u>each</u> side of the receiver. Then <u>pull</u> the upper element halves out to 90 degrees from <u>each</u> side of the receiver. You antenna mounted under a small receiver is now ready to use.

# Locate a signal:

To locate a transmitter collar's signal, <u>hold</u> the receiver / antenna so you arm is fully extended in front of you. <u>Raise</u> the receiver / antenna so it is at or slightly above eye level. <u>Rotate</u> your body in a complete circle and watch the receiver's meter needle or LED bar.

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- 2. For best reception, <u>turn</u> your receiver ATTENUATOR ON, and keep your Gain / Volume <u>low</u>. <u>Adjust</u> the GAIN knob so that the meter needle or LED is only at 1-2 on the scale when you are pointing the antenna towards a strong signal.
- 3. <u>Rotate</u> your wrist so that the antenna elements move from a horizontal position to vertical and back.
- 4. <u>Take</u> several readings. <u>Move</u> about 10 feet to each side as well as 10 feet from front to back.
- 5. After use, fold antenna elements for storage.

#### Remove the antenna:

- 1. IMPORTANT- Before you separate the antenna from receiver bottom, <u>detach</u> the cable and BNC connector assembly from receiver back. This prevents the cable from getting pulled and harmed. To detach the cable, <u>press</u> the right angle BNC connector IN to the receiver and <u>TURN</u> RIGHT. Pull the cable assembly from the receiver antenna jack. The receiver may now be used with a standard 3 element directional antenna. Just attach the 3 element antenna's BNC connector.
- 2. <u>Ensure</u> the antenna is folder beneath the receiver. <u>Position</u> one side of receiver against you.
- 3. <u>Place</u> 4 fingers of each hand on the other side between receiver and antenna. <u>Interlock</u> you fingers, <u>grasp</u> and <u>pull</u> (hard) the receiver from the antenna. The dual lock material snaps when it is separated.

# Instructions to use antenna with big WMI or other brand receivers:

- 1. Attach antenna to receiver by <u>grasping</u> the end of the antenna cable. <u>Press</u> the cable's BNC connector into the receiver's antenna jack by pushing <u>IN</u> and <u>RIGHT</u>.
- 2. <u>Unfold</u> the antenna handle by lifting the two center bars that are velcroed and hinged. Press the two center bars together so that the Velcro connects for a handle.
- 3. Open antenna elements; <u>pull</u> wings out to 90 degrees on each side.
- 4. Follow the instructions for "Locate a signal" printed above.

## Instructions to attach antenna with WMI small receivers already in use:

- 1. <u>Loosen</u> the 4 screws that secure the battery compartment lid at back of the receiver. You will be loosening thumb screws from a disposable-battery receiver, or, you will be removing standard 4-40 machine screws from a rechargeable-battery receiver.
- 2. <u>Lift</u> the battery compartment lid off. **Batteries and their foam shield must remain** in the receiver.

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- 3. At the end of the antenna cable is a silver L-shaped BNC connector. <u>Hook</u> this connector to the receiver back by pushing <u>IN</u> and twist to the <u>RIGHT</u> until it locks into place.
- 4. If needed, <u>remove</u> new thumbscrews from the antenna's hardware pack. <u>Insert</u> them in the 2 screw holes on both sides of the receiver.
- 5. <u>Remove</u> the black cover form hardware pack. <u>Fit</u> this new larger cover over the receiver's battery compartment. <u>Snug</u> down the 4 thumb screws.
- 6. Now <u>align</u> your receiver with the antenna. <u>Set</u> receiver on top of antenna so back of reciever's larger covers fits snugly against the outside of the antenna's back L bracket. The two screw holes on both the receiver's cover and the antenna's L bracket should line up.
- 7. When you have aligned the receiver / antenna correctly, <u>lift</u> receiver back up. On the top of the antenna, <u>peel</u> white tape from the 5 Dual Lock pads at the center and 4 corners. **Do not touch adhesive surfaces of Dual Lock pieces**.
- 8. <u>Double check</u> you receiver / antenna alignment, as done in step #6. The two screw holes on both the receiver's cover and the antenna's L bracket must line up. Now <u>press</u> the receiver bottom to the antenna top so that **all adhesive pads touch at the same time.** Put <u>pressure</u> at the 4 corners and center of the unit, where the adhesive pads are located. You have hear a sound when they are correctly attached.
- 9. <u>Allow</u> the Dual Lock adhesive pads to set for at least 20 minutes before attempting to separate the MINI 2 Antenna from receiver.
- 10. Use 2 thumscrews from the antenna's hardware pack. <u>Tighten</u> the screws into the screw holes at the back of the receiver's battery cover. The receiver's larger cover now protects both the battery compartment and the connectors with cable at the back of the receiver / antenna.
- 11. You may now follow the instructions for "Locate a signal," printed above.

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