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Assembly, Installation, Operation & Maintenance Manual

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ABOUT THIS MANUAL

Purpose

The scope of this manual is intended to provide station personnel with the base installation, operation, and maintenance requirements necessary for a 4.5-Meter Earth Station Antenna (4.5m ESA). This manual provides a convenient reference for authorized operator/service personnel requiring technical information on general system or specific subsystem equipment.

NOTE: All Antenna option instructions are included in the individual kit shipped with that part.

Top Level Assembly Numbers are as follows:

ES45T-HW-1: 4.5m Tripod High Wind ESA

ES45MP-1: 4.5m C-, Ku-, or X-Band Prime Focus Transmit/Receive ESA. Motorizable Pedestal Mount with Az/El manually adjustable struts

ES45MPJ-1: 4.5m C-, Ku-, or X-Band Prime Focus Transmit/Receive ESA. Motorizable Pedestal Mount with Az/El Jackscrews

ES45P-1: 4.5m C-, Ku-, or X-Band Transmit/Receive ESA. Manual Pedestal Mount with Az/El manually adjustable struts

ES45T-R-1: 4.5m C-, Ku-, or X-Band Receive Only Prime Focus ESA. Manual Low Look Tripod

ES45T-T-1: 4.5m C-, Ku-, or X-Band Prime Focus Transmit/Receive ESA. Manual Low Look Tripod

Installation Notice

Installation, operation, maintenance, or removal of the hardware described in this manual requires qualified and experienced personnel. Kratos installation instructions are written for such personnel. Qualified personnel MUST perform proper installation and maintenance of the equipment, and MUST verify the condition of the equipment at initial installation and periodically thereafter.

NOTE: Kratos is NOT liable or responsible for results of improper or unsafe installation and maintenance practices. All designs, specifications, and availability of products are subject to change without notice.

What to Know When You See OPTION:

Any time you see OPTION: this means that the information following it is related to an optional element (in either hardware or software) that may or may not apply to the arrangement of your particular antenna. Please note that if you see an option that you do not have but would like to purchase, please contact Kratos.

Overview

The installation, operation, and maintenance of the 4.5m ESA require qualified and experienced personnel. Kratos installation, operation, and maintenance instructions are illustrated for such personnel. Additionally, the antenna should be inspected by qualified personnel to verify proper installation, maintenance, and condition of equipment as described in Section 4: Preventive Maintenance. The basic equipment and accessories are either manufactured or design controlled by Kratos.

The prerequisite information necessary for the 4.5m ESA can be found in this section. Furthermore, this section should be reviewed before performing the installation, operation, or maintenance. Warnings, recommended tools, and the antenna parts can be verified and/or determined with such a review.

General Product Description

The 4.5m ESA provides high gain and exceptional pattern characteristics. The electrical performance and exceptional versatility provides the ability to configure the antenna with your choice of transmit/receive as well as receive only, and for either linearly- or circularly-polarized C-Band, linearly-polarized Ku-Band, Hybrid C-/Ku-Band, or X-Band operation. Both pedestal and tripod mounts are available (motorization available for pedestal only). The versatility is provided at the time of initial purchase, as well as in the future, as your satellite communication requirements evolve.

NOTE: The scope of this manual covers the Manual Tripod Mount ONLY.

The segmented aluminum reflector panels are precision formed for accuracy and strength. The 6-piece reflector panel design ensures that the assembled reflector will maintain the extremely accurate surface contour and guaranteed performance without the need for reflector realignment.

The versatile Tripod Mount features 164° of coarse Azimuth coverage in four overlapping ranges, and 90° coarse Elevation adjustment. This large range of adjustment provides the ability to view geostationary satellites from horizon-to-horizon, from any location within the continental United States. The broad mount leg spacing enables efficient load transfer to the foundation, providing additional mount rigidity.

The Motorizable Pedestal Mount features self-aligning bearings for the Elevation pivots, resulting in "zero" backlash. This mount can be operated manually, but has the ability to be upgraded for motorized operation, including step-tracking or SmarTrack® applications. The motorizable mount type is indicated within the antenna type number as ES45MP or ES45MPJ. The addition of the letter “J” within the antenna type number indicates that the mount includes Azimuth/Elevation machine jackscrews, instead of corresponding Azimuth and Elevation strut assemblies. The Azimuth/Elevation jackscrews are equipped for integration with the optional motor drive systems.

A Manual Pedestal Mount is also available. It provides the same strong and versatile combination of mechanical features as the motorizable version; except the Elevation and Azimuth axes are locking types, instead of bearing mounted types. This mount type is always equipped with manual struts and a fixed mount for the separately ordered combining network. This mount has been designed for manual applications only and cannot be upgraded to a motorizable mount.

The aluminum back structure and hot-dipped galvanized steel mount maintain pointing accuracy and ensure durability and reliability. The antenna and mount will survive 125 mph (200 km/h) wind, in any position of operation, without damage or permanent deformation in moderate coastal/industrial areas.

Kratos provides a complete line of available options, including field-installable electrical anti-icing heaters, pressurization equipment, and interconnecting HELIAX® cables and waveguide. An optional hoisting kit, which precludes the use of a crane, is available from Kratos and can be utilized as an installation tool for multiple installation purposes.

Kratos provides complete system engineering, if required.

Parts Verification

Kratos thoroughly inspects and carefully packs all equipment before shipment. If you find that there are missing or damaged components, please refer to the step-by-step instructions (located in back of this manual) on how to properly report equipment loss or damage. When you have received your order, verify that all parts contained in the shipment correspond to the parts listed on your packing slip/inventory.

Warning Symbols

Various components of this System may display safety symbols. Be sure to use extreme caution when operating components with any of the following safety symbols:

Certains éléments du système montreront peut-être des symboles de sécurité. Faites très attention à faire marcher tous les éléments qui tiennent les symboles de sécurité suivants:

WARNING! HAZARDOUS MOVING PARTS! KEEP FINGERS AND OTHER BODY PARTS AWAY!

AVERTISSEMENT! PIÈCES MOBILES DANGEREUSES! GARDEZ LES DOIGTS ET LES AUTRES PARTIES DU CORPS HORS D'ATTEINTE!

WARNING! RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK!

AVERTISSEMENT! RISQUE D'ÉLECTROCUTION!

WARNING! REFER TO MANUAL

AVERTISSEMENT! SE REFERER AU MANUEL D'UTILISATION.

Safety Terms Summary

The following safety terms may appear on the product:
Les termes de sécurité suivants peuvent apparaître sur le produit:

DANGER—Indicates an immediately accessible injury hazard is present as you read the marking, and failure to take precautions could result in loss of life
DANGER*—Cette indication signale un risque de blessure immédiat et qui peut être mortel.*

WARNING—Indicates a nearby injury hazard that is not immediately accessible as you read the markings, and failure to take precautions could result in personal injury and/or loss of life
AVERTISSEMENT*—Cette indication signale un risque de blessure non immédiat mais qui peut être mortel.*

CAUTION—Indicates a potential hazard to property, including the product
PRUDENCE*—Indique un risque pour l'environ du produit, le produit inclus.*

The following safety symbols and terms may be used in this manual:
Les symbols et les termes suivants de sûreté peuvant être employés en ce manuel:

WARNING! Statements identify conditions & practices that could result in injury or loss of life.

AVERTISSEMENT! Les rapports d'avertissement identifient les conditions ou les pratiques qui pourraient avoir comme conséquence les dommages ou la perte de la vie.

RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK!

RISQUE DE DÉCHARGE ÉLECTRIQUE!

Summary of Safety Precautions

The following safety precautions are not related to any specific procedure, and so will not appear elsewhere in this manual. Ensure all personnel understand & apply these precautions in all phases of installation, operation, & maintenance. Failure to do so may result in loss of life.

KEEP AWAY FROM LIVE CIRCUITS: Personnel must observe all applicable safety regulations at all times. Ensure power is disconnected or removed from the unit BEFORE replacing any components. Potential hazards may exist even though the power control switch is in OFF position. Capacitors retain electrical charges. Always REMOVE POWER & use test equipment to confirm a circuit is at ground potential BEFORE touching it. NEVER reach into or enter an enclosure to service or adjust the equipment until the absence of power has been confirmed.

DO NOT SERVICE OR ADJUST ALONE: Under NO circumstances should ANY person reach into or enter the enclosure for the purpose of servicing or adjusting the equipment **except in the presence of someone who is capable of rendering aid** in case of an accident/emergency.

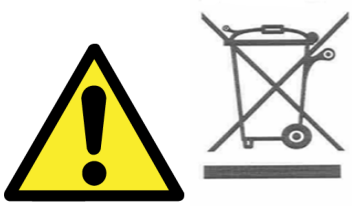
RESUSCITATION: Personnel working with or near high voltage should be familiar with resuscitation methods (CPR and/or AED). CPR info may be obtained from medical personnel. For AED (Automated External Defibrillator) information, contact supervisor or hosting administration for details on the availability and/or location of an AED unit at your worksite.

ELECTROSTATIC DISCHARGE PRECAUTION

This equipment contains electrostatic discharge (ESD) sensitive devices. ESD sensitive equipment handling methods must be used to prevent equipment damage during handling and servicing.

ESSENTIAL HEALTH AND SAFETY REQUIREMENT

Refer to document “P/N 240117—Essential Health and Safety Requirements”.



DO NOT DISCARD CONTENTS

The product in this packaging was placed in the market after August 13, 2005. Its components must not be discarded with normal municipal or household waste.

Contact your local waste disposal agency for recovery, recycling, or disposal instructions.

THINGS TO NEVER DO

- **NEVER** touch circuits or reach into an enclosure until the disconnection of power and absence of charge has been confirmed.
- **NEVER** service or adjust equipment alone. Electric shock can lead to cardiac arrest. Presence of **immediate aid gives you a 90% chance of survival**, but this **drops by 10% with every passing minute. After 5 minutes, resuscitation** without **permanent heart and/or brain damage is nearly impossible**.

- **NEVER** ignore warning symbols or fail to read safety signs.
- **NEVER** skip steps in a sequence, unless specifically instructed to do so by the manual, software, and/or authorized Kratos Tech Support Personnel. Aside from risking harm to yourself, you risk doing permanent damage to the equipment
- **NEVER** touch or stand near any potentially moving parts (even if they are not in motion at the time) when the unit is in operation or powered on, as they may move without warning.
- **NEVER** stand underneath any object while it is being lifted.
- **NEVER** remove, disable, or exceed the unit's safety, software, security, or movement limits, unless specifically instructed to do so by the manual, software, and/or authorized *Kratos* Tech Support Personnel. The careless disabling of such safeguards is one of the most common causes of serious equipment damage during installation and operation.

POWER CYCLING: Power cycling should not be attempted without a 1 minute minimum "off" period prior to reapplication of power to allow electronics to discharge to a reasonable level. Failure to observe this rule may result in some or all electronics not re-starting correctly. Any critical use electronics subject to power loss, brown out, voltage spikes, or other undesirable input power conditions should be placed on Technical Power (refer to Kratos Document Number AE03U-A0608 for motorization and control systems and Kratos Document Number 7535794 for environmental systems and accessories). Consider placing Technical Power on an uninterruptible power system (UPS) in the event power cycling does not meet this requirement due to undesirable input power conditions.

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1 RECOMMENDED TOOLS & FOUNDATION PREPARATION

The following sections offer information related to preparing to assemble/install the 4.5m ESA, such as recommended tools, foundation preparation and the details of the A-325 tensioning procedure required for the tightening of all A-325 hardware.

1.1 RECOMMENDED TOOLS

Kratos supplies all appropriate hardware/parts required for installation of the 4.5m ESA. All tools needed for installation, however, should be provided by the installation crew. Kratos recommends the following tools (see Table 1-1) be used for installation of the 4.5m ESA:

NOTE: The tools listed in the table below are subject to change without notice. Consult assembly instruction documents, drawings, and/or Kratos Tech Support for confirmation.

Table 1-1: Recommended Tools

TOOL	SIZE	QUANTITY
Open End or Combination Wrench	1/4 Inch 3/8 Inch 1/2 Inch 9/16 Inch 5/8 Inch 3/4 Inch 7/8 Inch 1-1/4 Inch	2 2 2 2 2 2 2 1
Drive Sockets	7/16 Inch 9/16 Inch ¾ Inch 7/8 Inch 1-1/16 Inch 1-1/4 Inch	2 1 1 1 1 1
Spud Wrench	1-1/16 Inch	1
Breaker Bar	1/2 Inch	1
Screwdriver	Standard Philips	1 1
Allen Wrench	1/2 Inch	1
Tape Measure	Standard	1
Felt Tip Marker (or equivalent)	Standard	1
Hammer	Standard	1
Rubber Mallet	Standard	1
Pry Bar	Standard	1
Tin Snips	Standard	1
Crane	1 Ton Minimum Capacity	1
Rope/Cord (2000lb breaking strength)	50 ft (15.24m)	1
Shackles	5/8 Inch	2
Ladder	10 Foot Extension	1
Nylon Web Sling	3 Inch x 3 Feet	2
Construction Level/Transit with Tripod	20	1

1.2 A-325 TENSIONING PROCEDURE

Throughout the installation instructions set forth in this manual, there may be references to the A-325 hardware tensioning procedure. A-325 hardware must be properly tensioned to avoid slippage between bolted surfaces under high loads. Slippage can cause the corresponding assembly to move or slip, resulting in antenna misalignment. Use of A-325 hardware eliminates slippage between mating surfaces under high-loading conditions as well as the need for future retightening.

NOTE: A-325 tensioning is for final connections only. Never loosen or reuse A-325 hardware.

Points to Keep in Mind:

- “Snug tight” is defined as tightness when plies of joint are in firm contact.
- Do not proceed with felt-tip marker or tightening unless connection is final and will not be loosened again.
- If after tensioning procedure the bolts are loose, discard them and replace with new hardware.
- Do not use A-325 tensioning unless specifically called for by installation instructions.

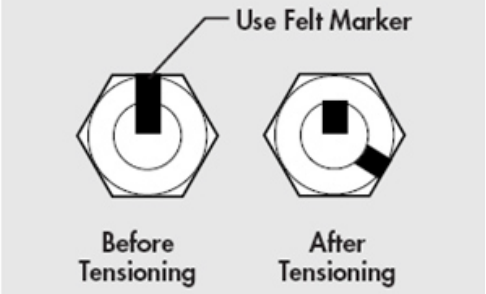


Figure 1-1: Bolts Shorter than 4 Diameters

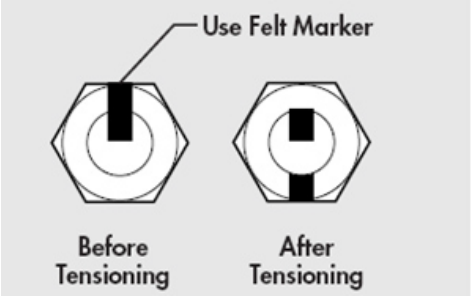


Figure 1-2: Bolts Longer than 4 Diameters

A-325 hardware should be tightened according to the following tensioning procedure:

1. Lubricate the bolts with provided wax stick to reduce friction.
2. Insert the bolt and add flat washer (if required). Do not allow wax to get under flat washer.
3. Add the nut, and tighten with your fingers.
4. After all connections are complete, tighten the bolts until surfaces are joined and nuts are snug (as achieved by the full effort of a single person using a standard spud wrench).
5. Using a felt-tip marker, mark the nuts and ends of the bolts with a straight line as shown above in Figure 1-1 and Figure 1-2.
6. Tighten nuts even further, using an extra-long-handled wrench, until the nuts are:

Moved 1/3 turn (120°) as shown in Figure 1-1 (“After Tensioning”)

Or

Moved 1/2 turn (180°) as shown in Figure 1-2 ("After Tensioning")

NOTE: If A-325 bolts are loosened after Steps 5 and/or 6, discard and replace with new hardware

1.3 FOUNDATION PREPARATION

Before beginning the installation process on the ground mount assembly, ensure that the foundation has been prepared. Foundation specifications are provided by Kratos and may be used as a reference by civil engineering personnel when preparing the foundation for local soil conditions. These specifications are available before the shipment arrives by contacting the Customer Service Center or your Account Manager.

- The foundation should be dimensioned as detailed in Table 1-2
- Sweep foundation clear of any dirt or debris
- To ensure smooth surface for mount, scrape foundation pads as shown in Figure 1-3
- Apply stick wax to stud threads to ease later connections

Figure 1-3: Scraping Foundation Pads

1.4 4.5M ASSEMBLY & INSTALLATION REFERENCE DRAWINGS

This section provides the Kratos document numbers of all the necessary instructions, drawings, and schematics for the assembly of the 4.5m Antenna Reflector. As assembly and installation procedures are performed, be sure to refer to the appropriate documents, instructions, and/or drawings.

NOTE: Refer to the About This Manual section for Top Level Assembly Numbers, if necessary.

Table 1-2: 4.5m Assembly & Installation Drawings/Instructions

Document/Drawing	ES45T-HW-1	ES45MP-1	ES45MPJ-1	ES45P-1	ES45T-R-1	ES45T-T-1
Med. Modular Mount Install.	237151C					
HW Foundation Install.	237746					
HW Reflector Install.	239485					
4.5m Tripod Feed Support	240385				240385	240385
Motorized Mount Install.		239106	239106			
Manual Jack Install.		239318	239318			
Manual Actuator Install.		239049		239049		

Document/Drawing	ES45T-HW-1	ES45MP-1	ES45MPJ-1	ES45P-1	ES45T-R-1	ES45T-T-1
El Jack Adaptor Kit Install.		239381	239381			
4.5m Pedestal Foundation Specs.		37846C	37846C	37846C		
Az Bearing Lube Instructions		239495	239495			
Handwheel Kit Install.		239365	239365			
Lightning Rod Kit Install.		239150	239150	239150		239150
4.5m Manual Pol Interface		240844	240844	240844		
4.5m Motorized Pol Interface		240845	240845	240845		
Motorizable Mount w/ Jackscrews			240868			
Ground Mount Assembly				37852A		37852A
4.5m Tripod Foundation Specs					37690B	37690B
4.5m Tripod Back Structure Assembly					237106A	237106A
4.5m Tripod Ground Mount Assembly					37675B	37675B

2 MOUNT & ANTENNA ASSEMBLY PROCEDURES

This chapter provides the basic sequence and tips for the assembly of various elements of the 4.5m ESA. Appropriate drawings and schematics references for assembly of the antenna are also provided, when applicable. Refer to the drawings, instructions, and schematics for the specific system being installed, per the information provided in Table 1.2.

2.1 ASSEMBLY SEQUENCE & HELPFUL TIPS

Kratos recommends following these helpful tips regarding the sequence of assembly:

- Always use the correct hardware provided and use the appropriate sequence for tightening/torque, as per the instructions provided with the part or kit being assembled and/or installed (as listed in Table 1.2).
- As a rule, never fully tighten A-325 type hardware (see Section 1.2) unless instructed to do so by instructions. Once tightened, A-325 cannot be loosened. If loosened, it must be replaced with new A-325 hardware.
- The Mount should be assembled at ground level before beginning any hoisting with crane.
- The Reflector & Back Structure should be assembled at ground level before beginning any hoisting with crane.

- During assembly of the Azimuth Jackscrew, ensure that the Azimuth Jackscrew assembly is in the **fully retracted** position.
- During hoisting (with crane) of the Motor/Jack Assembly, do NOT attach any ropes to the **Small Motor**.
- Always attach hoisting ropes in such a way that moving parts will not drop/rotate when lifted.
- Realignment of the Panning Frame/Pivot Assembly may be necessary to ensure proper alignment of the Azimuth Jackscrew pin. Make snug the Panning Frame/Pivot Assembly hardware and fully extend the Azimuth Jackscrew so that binding does not occur along the full range of the Azimuth Pivot.

The following steps represent the recommended (but not required) basic sequence of assembly for this antenna:

NOTE: More steps may be required, in addition to those listed below, depending on the antenna type and/or the presence of particular options. Refer to Table 1.2 to locate document numbers for the system being installed. Such documents will be provided in the shipment of each part, kit, and/or option.

- Foundation Installation
- Mount Assembly
- Reflector & Back Structure Assembly
- Feed Support Installation

3 OPERATION

After completing the assembly of the antenna, the 4.5m ESA is ready to become operational. To operate the 4.5m ESA, it is necessary to direct it to the desired satellite and adjust both Elevation and Azimuth angles appropriately. These procedures provide details on how to correctly position the antenna on a desired satellite.

NOTE: If intending to use a Kratos NGC Indoor Unit (NGC-IDU) or NGC Outdoor Unit (NGC-ODU) in order to control the antenna, it is best to refer to the appropriate manuals of the NGC Documentation Package received with that unit.

NOTE: Ensure that the proper feed system and all electronics have been properly installed before proceeding

3.1 ACQUIRING SATELLITES

Steps 1 through 7 below are for initial satellite signal spotting:

Step 1: Evaluate and determine the required Elevation and Azimuth angles for the satellite of interest.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Steps 2 through 6 below are intended for use with Pedestal Mounted Antenna systems ONLY.

Step 2: Loosely attach the Manual Actuator Assembly (207882) to the Elevation strut using appropriate hardware.

NOTE: The drain hole should be positioned downward for proper water drainage.

Step 3: Ensure that the locking strut support setscrew is firmly tightened on the Strut Assembly.

Step 4: Remove the two indicated strut support setscrews, and attach base angle to corresponding strut support using the supplied ½ Inch clamping nuts and previously removed strut support setscrews.

Step 5: Securely tighten the remaining mounting hardware to achieve sufficient clamping force.

Step 6: Repeat the entire process for the remaining Strut Assembly

IMPORTANT NOTE: DO NOT loosen the Azimuth drive bearings.

Step 7: If the antenna is on a Pedestal Mount, move the antenna to the desired Azimuth angle by adjusting the manual actuator until the satellite signal is spotted. **If the antenna is on a Tripod Mount**, adjust the Azimuth strut length through the Fine Adjustment Assembly until the satellite signal is spotted.

There are a number of possible procedures for acquiring a satellite. Kratos recommends that a Spectrum Analyzer of some type be used, regardless of your chosen procedure.

While viewing any Spectrum Analyzer screen, a pure noise signal will likely be observed, as shown below in Figure 3-1. Additionally, some transponder signals may be observed above the noise signal, as shown below in Figure 3-2.

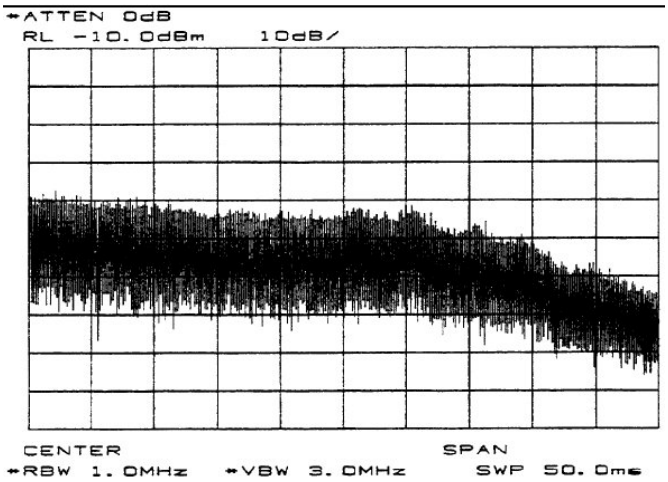


Figure 3-1: Pure Noise Signal on Spectrum Analyzer

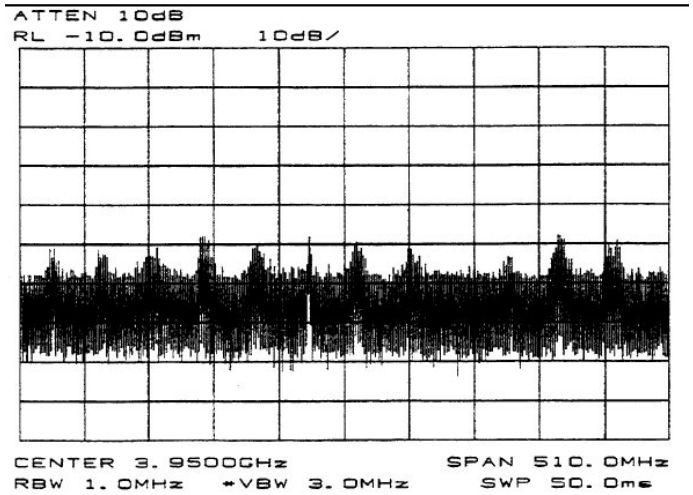


Figure 3-2: Minimum Transponder Signal on Spectrum Analyzer

Use the following steps in order to acquire a satellite:

Step 1 of 9: Manually move the antenna in the Azimuth direction (scanning back-and-forth) to achieve a maximum transponder signal with the greatest amplitude

1. Scan in one direction until amplitude continues to diminish, and then scan in opposite direction until the same occurs
2. Return to the position yielding the greatest amplitude
3. The maximum Azimuth excursion from the original setting should not exceed +/- 1.5 Degrees, or the antenna may begin to access a different satellite than the one desired.

Step 2 of 9: With the antenna positioned in Azimuth, with the transponder signal maximized, follow the same procedure as in Step 1, only this time using the Elevation direction (scanning up-and-down). Once again, do this until the transponder signal has been maximized.

Step 3 of 9: Repeat this procedure, alternating between the Azimuth and Elevation excursions of the antenna, until you have peaked the antenna transponder amplitude.

- Transponder signal amplitude of 30 dB or greater from peak to average noise signal indicates that the antenna is receiving the signal on the main beam.
- Transponder signal amplitude of less than 30 dB indicates the antenna is peaking on a side lobe of the main beam.

Step 4 of 9: If the antenna is peaked on a side lobe in Az or El, move the antenna Azimuth while observing the Spectrum Analyzer screen, as illustrated below in Figure 3-3.

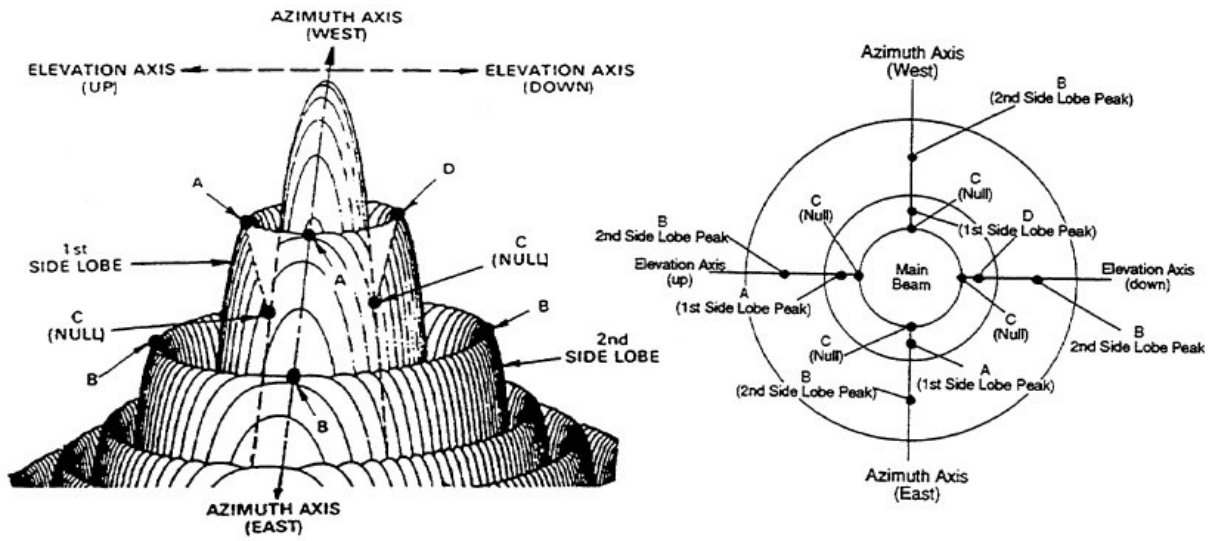


Figure 3-3: Antenna Radiation Pattern Topographical Diagram with Plan View

Step 5 of 9: If the signal amplitude diminishes and does not increase (position B) to the level that was noted when the antenna was peaked on a side lobe, then this means that the antenna is moving away from the main beam. Reverse the direction of the antenna movement.

- From the original side lobe position (Position A), the signal amplitude should now diminish to a null point at Position C (minimum amplitude showing only signal noise) and then symmetrically increase again to the same level at Position D as noted at Position A

- At the null point (Position C), the antenna is aligned with the alternate (El) axis. If the antenna was peaked on a side lobe in Azimuth, it was appropriately aligned with the El axis (go to Step 6).

- If the antenna was peaked on a side lobe in Elevation, it was appropriately aligned with the Az axis (go to Step 6, moving the antenna in Azimuth rather than Elevation).

Step 6 of 9: Move the antenna in Elevation while observing the Spectrum Analyzer screen. If the signal amplitude increases, then decreases, and then increases again (but to a lesser value than the first increase), this means the antenna is moving in the wrong direction. Reverse direction of the antenna movement.

- From the original null point, the signal level should increase and decrease alternately, but with increasing amplitude until the transponder signal increases to a level of at least 30 dB, at which time it will be on the main beam. Continue to manually peak the signal to a maximum level, using Azimuth and Elevation adjustments.

Step 7 of 9: If the antenna is aligned in Azimuth and Elevation (signal maximized) and a total of 24 transponder signals of relatively equal amplitude are NOT noted (12 horizontal + 12 vertical = 24), the Polarization adjustment is set incorrectly and must be modified. If 12 transponder signals are noted, they may or may not be the properly polarized signals. Therefore, 24 transponder signals must be visually noted in order to determine the proper Polarization setting.

Step 8 of 9: Rotate the feed assembly clockwise until 24 transponder signals are noted and of approximately equal amplitude.

NOTE: It is more accurate and visually simple to minimize alternate set of transponder signals rather than maximizing the transponder of interest.

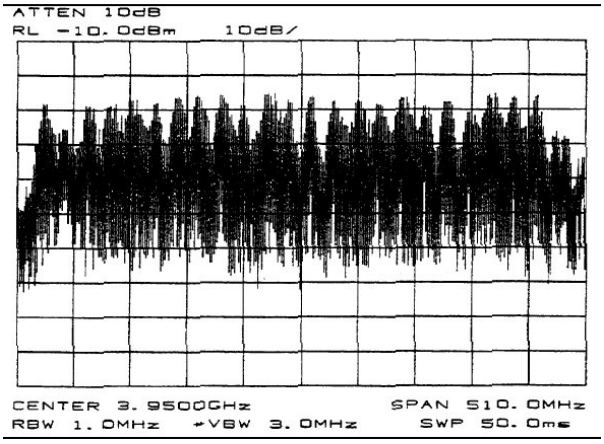


Figure 3-4: Polarization at 45 Degrees from Optimum Setting

Step 9 of 9: With all 24 transponder signals of approximately equal amplitude appearing on the Spectrum Analyzer screen, determine the specific antenna system and satellite parameters. Rotate the feed assembly as required until the appropriate (odd or even) transponder signals have been maximized.

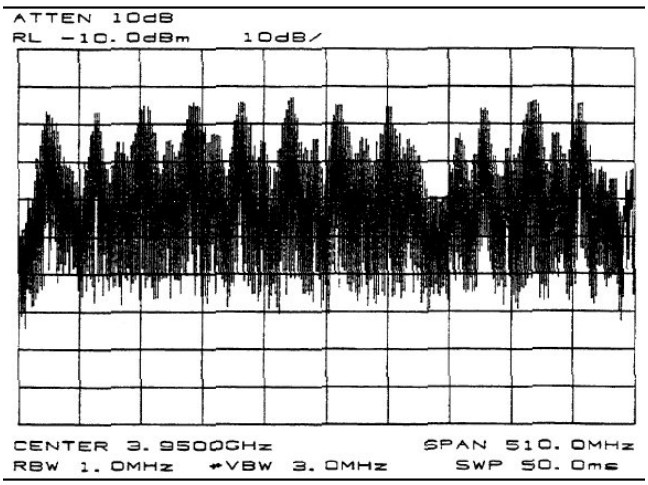


Figure 3-5: Maximizing Odd Transponders

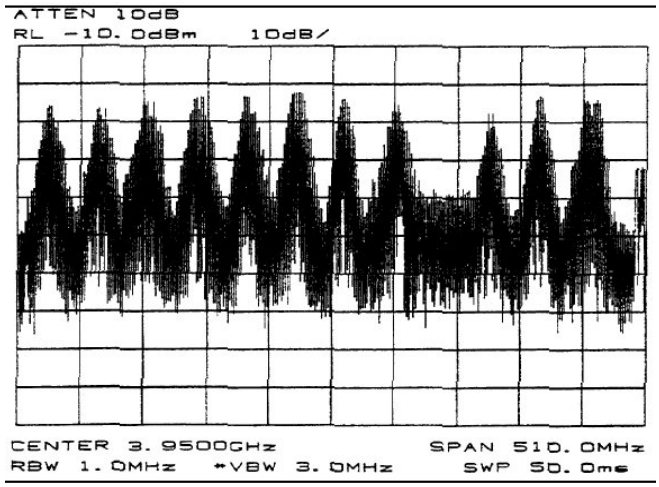


Figure 3-6: Optimum Polarization Settings

3.2 REMOVAL OF THE MANUAL ACTUATOR ASSEMBLY

After the satellite has been successfully acquired and all necessary adjustments are made, the manual actuator should be removed. The following steps provide the procedure for properly removing the Manual Actuator Assembly.

Step 1 of 3: Remove the Manual Actuator Assembly by first removing the hardware that secures the actuator to the base angle. Store the manual actuator assembly and corresponding hardware in a dry area for future use.

NOTE: The Adjustment Kit Assembly should be removed after the antenna has been adjusted.

Step 2 of 3: Remove the remaining clamp segments, along with the corresponding hardware.

Step 3 of 3: After the antenna is pointed at the satellite, tighten all Azimuth and Elevation setscrews to 35 foot pounds.

4 PREVENTIVE MAINTENANCE

This chapter contains periodic preventative maintenance instructions for the 4.5m Earth Station Antenna. Included are instructions for performing inspections, preventative maintenance procedures, and cleaning.

NOTE: Refer to applicable vendor manuals for any repair procedures that are not included in this manual.

Regularly replacing normally functioning assemblies or components as a preventative measure is not required. Malfunctions of this ESA can normally be traced to components and/or parts through the use of troubleshooting procedures.

4.1 GENERAL CLEANING

To prevent excessive accumulation of dust and dirt, as well as to ensure the removal of various contaminants, the equipment needs to be thoroughly cleaned. It is recommended that you clean the Antenna every time you conduct a visual inspection of the components. No special cleaning procedures are required. However, to ensure trouble-free operation, you will need to clean in accordance with procedures in Sections 4.1.1 & 4.1.2.

4.1.1 ELECTRICAL PARTS

CAUTION: CONFIRM ALL ELECTRICAL POWER IS REMOVED BEFORE PROCEEDING.

Minor cleaning, such as the removal of dust and loose foreign particles, can be accomplished by one or all of the following methods:

- Vacuuming
- Using a soft-bristle brush or lint-free cloth
- Using an air compressor, with dry air at a LOW PRESSURE (between 5 and 25 psi), to blow out dust and dirt

NOTE: When using air to clear contaminants, take extreme care when blowing air stream on or near ANY delicate parts.

To remove imbedded dirt, grease, and/or oil from electrical parts:

- Use a 50% solution of Isopropyl “rubbing” alcohol
- Apply to surface with a soft-bristle brush

NOTE: At times, it may be necessary to brush some parts vigorously with a stiff bristle brush in order to remove imbedded or hardened dirt particles.

NOTE: After cleaning, ALLOW CLEANED PARTS TO DRY FOR 10-15 MINUTES before restoring power and/or returning equipment to operation.

4.1.2 MECHANICAL PARTS

Cleaning of mechanical parts begins by removing dust, dirt, and other loose contaminants with a scraper, stiff-bristle brush (or wire brush in cases of rust or corrosion removal), lint-free cloth, or compressed air (pressure between 25 and 40 psi). Any accumulation of imbedded dirt, corrosion, grease, or oil deposits which require more cleaning may be removed with a stiff-bristle or wire brush, along with a cleaning solvent such as acetone (or equivalent).

NOTE: After cleaning, ALLOW CLEANED PARTS TO DRY FOR 10-15 MINUTES before restoring power and/or returning equipment to operation.

4.2 INSPECTIONS

The frequency of inspection is contingent upon the user’s individual standards and the operational environment in which the Earth Station Antenna is located. However, a visual inspection of the components should be performed at least semi-annually. Where there are no established wear limits, perform a visual

inspection to locate worn or damaged parts that could result in a malfunction of the Earth Station Antenna. It is recommended that the mechanical and electrical inspections be performed on the assembled or partially disassembled equipment to determine the extent of disassembly required prior to completely disassembling a component or module that is suspected of malfunctioning.

In the absence of any special inspection requirements, operational tests are the most effective means in isolating parts and assemblies requiring further inspection. During inspection, any noted damage and/or problematic condition which could preclude the continuation of proper operation (prior to the next scheduled inspection) should be recorded. These discrepancies should be immediately corrected (either by repair or replacement, as required), or dealt with immediately after the inspection procedure has been completed.

CAUTION: ALLOWING THE ANTENNA TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE AFTER DAMAGE OR DISCREPANCIES HAVE BEEN NOTED DURING INSPECTION MAY RESULT IN PROPERTY DAMAGE (ESPECIALLY TO YOUR EARTH STATION ANTENNA), AS WELL AS INCREASE THE RISK OF CREATING DANGEROUS SITUATIONS FOR PERSONNEL, CAUSING PERSONAL INJURY AND/OR LOSS OF LIFE.

4.2.1 LOCAL CONTROL/MOTOR DRIVE CONTROLLER INSPECTION

Inspection of the Local Control/Motor Drive Controller generally conforms to standard visual inspection procedures for electromechanical equipment. In addition to such standard procedures, you will need to perform the following checks and visual inspections for the specific conditions as noted:

- Check the front panel for illegible signage and/or indistinct panel markings
- Check the three (3) position selector switches (Azimuth-Slow/Fast, Elevation-Slow/fast, and Polarization-CCW/CW) for smooth operation. Note that there is an audible click during actuation (from Left to Center) for each switch. Note that there is a spring return (from Right to Center). For each of the two Position Selector Switches (Azimuth-East/West, Elevation-Up/Down, and Local/Remote), individually inspect both for smooth operation and audible clicks for each actuation
- Inspect all wiring and cables for discoloration, burned insulation, dirt, breaks, secure connections, and other signs of damage or deterioration. Examine connections for dirt, flux, corrosion, and mechanical defects. Check for loose or broken lacing, as well as cuts, cracking, dry rot, braiding, or frays
- Inspect all connectors for corrosion, broken inserts, and stripped threads. Inspect connector shells, checking for distortion and dents. Inspect contact pins for bends, misalignment, and/or other deformities. Check connector inserts for carbon tracking, burns, or charring, indicating arc-over
- Check all electrical components for dirt, cracks, chips, breaks, discoloration, and any other signs of damage or deterioration. Discoloration, blistering, or burns are evidence of overload(s). Measure the actual value(s) of any suspect electrical components (as with a digital multimeter) and compare against value(s) in the product's specifications
- Inspect transformer for excessive wax deposits on the surface. Visually inspect for discoloration. Smell the air around it to check for pungent odors (scents of ozone or burning), which is evidence of overheating. Overheating may be a precursor to a total breakdown
- Inspect all terminal boards for broken or missing terminals and/or stripped threads. Check the tightness of lead-attaching hardware
- Inspect each starter for a make-after-break provision, by releasing one pushbutton as the alternate pushbutton is being simultaneously pressed

- Inspect the relays and contactors for free operation of the armatures and contact condition. The contacts may still be usable even though pitted, burned, worn, or discolored. Contacts, contactors, or relay assembly should only be replaced when the contact material has been completely torn away or worn off

- Visually inspect all mechanical parts for freedom of operation, with no binding or interference. Check for security of all hardware, and for stripped or otherwise damaged threads. Check metallic parts for corrosion, dents, distortion, and/or other deformations

- Check for evidence of water within the enclosure. If there is evidence of any water, you will need to clean the area thoroughly and check to make sure all seals are intact. If seals are NOT intact, use a coating of RTV-108 (silicone rubber sealant) to seal any exposed electrical fittings, bolt holes, or other locations of possible water entry into the enclosed electrical components in order to maintain a waterproof condition

- Check the humidity absorber and change, if necessary

4.2.2 ANTENNA INSPECTION

Inspection of the Antenna generally conforms to standard visual inspection procedures performed on electromechanical equipment. In addition to these procedures, perform the following checks and visual inspections for the specific conditions, as noted:

- Inspect all wiring and cables, particularly the network-to-enclosure and enclosure-to-mount interfaces, for discolored and/or burned insulation, entry of water/moisture, corrosion, dirt, breaks, secure connections, and any other signs of damage or deterioration. Examine connections for dirt, corrosion, and mechanical defects. Check for loose or broken lacing, as well as cuts, braiding, dry rot, or cracks in insulation.

- Inspect all connectors for corrosion, broken inserts, and stripped threads. Inspect connector shells, checking for distortion and dents. Inspect contact pins for bends, misalignment, and/or other deformities. Check connector inserts for carbon tracking, burns, or charring, indicating arc-over.

- Check all electrical components for dirt, cracks, chips, breaks, discoloration, and any other signs of damage or deterioration. Discoloration, blistering, or burns are evidence of overload(s). Measure the actual value(s) of any suspect electrical components (as with a digital multimeter) and compare against value(s) in the product's specifications.

- Operate the Azimuth and Elevation drives, as well as the feed rotation (if applicable) in both the plus and minus direction from the local control/motor drive controller at least once every three (3) months during Antenna down time. Check to make sure the mechanical Hard Limit switches stop the Antenna and feed movement, and limit travel to prevent structural interference and damage. Check the mechanical Hard Limit switches for corrosion and water entry. Check the arm on the feed limit switch for free movement, with no binding or interference. Be certain both of the feed rotation limit switch arms are not distorted and ride centrally on the actuating cam to open their corresponding Hard Limit switch.

- Inspect the Azimuth and Elevation Jackscrew boots for security of attachment at both ends, checking for abrasions, tears, cuts, dry rot, and other damage that might expose the jackscrew to environmental conditions (rain/water/ice, dust, etc.). Minor repairs can be made by resealing compromised areas with RTV-108 silicone rubber sealant.

- Visually inspect the feed window for dirt. Check the feed, feed supports, feed window, and reflector for distortion, foreign object damage, and environmental deterioration (due to snow/ice, rain, hail, high winds, etc.). Environmental deterioration can result in damage and/or deformation of both the electrical components and the structure.

- Check the cable attachment to the resolvers, to the LNA/LNB, and the enclosure-to-mount interface for security. Check the cable routing for secure hanger attachment. Check cable insulation for cuts, cracks, abrasions, and other signs of damage or deterioration. Check LNA/LNB and resolvers for secure mechanical attachments. Ensure there is proper torque in setscrews of Polarization drive gear box, and proper tensioning of corresponding drive chain assembly (if applicable).

- IF APPLICABLE, check that drain holes in bottom of the enclosure and pedestal are not obstructed, and there is no evidence of water accumulation. Check enclosure doors for proper closure. Verify door seals are intact and free of tears, abrasions, and/or other damage. Check that all other seals are intact, and repair with coating of RTV-108 silicone rubber sealant as needed to seal exposed electrical fittings, bolt holes, and/or any other points of possible water entry to electrical components to maintain a waterproof condition.

- If enclosure has a vent fan, inspect fan blade for freedom of operation. Fan bearings are permanently lubricated. However, any binding, abnormal noises, and/or vibration means replacement of the fan assembly is needed. Check fan filter element and if dirty or obstructed with dust, replace it.

- Visually inspect all mechanical parts for freedom of operation with no misalignment, binding, or interference. Check all cabling for sufficient slack in order to prevent cable strain while still providing enough restraint to adequately prevent abrasions and/or chaffing during Antenna and feed movement.

- Check Antenna mounting and interconnecting assembly hardware for security. Verify that all electrical grounding connections (including cross-axis grounding straps) are intact and secure, free of corrosion or breaks. Use a wire brush to thoroughly clean any noticeably corroded portions of grounding cables, the un-plated portion of universal terminals, and corresponding mounting surfaces. Any loose A-325 Hardware MUST BE REPLACED rather than tightened. A-325 hardware distorts at initial installation and, once loosened, will not maintain the required high strength friction connection. All other (not A-325) assembly and installation hardware should be tightened to its original torqued condition. When installing new structural hardware, do not use a wrench with a lever arm longer than two (2) feet.

- Examine all painted aluminum or galvanized surfaces for chips, cracks, or deep gouges, and touch-up spots as needed.

4.2.3 DRIVE SYSTEM VOLTAGE & CURRENT CHECKS

At the conclusion of the installation procedure prior to turning the system over to the station facility, an installation acceptance check-off sheet was prepared and duly signed-off if installed by Kratos crew. Part of this check off included voltage readings retaken to determine if proper voltage was available. Current readings were also taken as a reference for future comparison to serve as a troubleshooting aid in determining possible equipment degradation and shortened life. Any current reading taken during the following procedure that varies by more than five percent from the pre-established reference values necessitates troubleshooting the particular system involved to determine the cause and required

corrective action.

Approximately every three months and during a period of down time, disconnect as applicable the RF transmitter and all power supplies. The main disconnect switch in the main load center box at the antenna site must be in the ON position and the LOCAL/REMOTE switch in the local control motor drive controller must be in the LOCAL position.

- Open the outer local control/motor drive controller door at the antenna site to gain access to the conductors supplying power to the azimuth, elevation, and polarization drive motors.

NOTE: During the following procedures, the antenna drives (Az, El, and Pol) will be powered to rotate antenna and feed in both directions of travel. Check that this condition can be tolerated from a safe and operational standpoint, and that the electrical limits are not reached before testing is concluded. Reaching an electrical limit before concluding a test necessitates rotating antenna or feed in opposite direction to a sufficient distance to permit retesting in desired direction.

- Turn the FEED CCW/OFF/CW switch to either the CW or CCW position and while the feed is rotating, carefully use a clamp on ammeter in accordance with the ammeter manufacturer's instructions to take current readings off each of the three conductors (phases) connected to the load side of the polarization motor circuit breaker. Record the current draw in the equipment log and compare the readings to the reference values entered in the installation/acceptance check off. If the readings differ by more than five percent, refer to appropriate troubleshooting information and perform applicable corrective action. Then take voltage readings off each of the three conductors; the readings should agree with each other within two percent. Turn the FEED CCW/OFF/CW switch to OFF.

- Repeat preceding step with the FEED CCW/OFF/CW switch in the alternate operating position.

- Turn the AZIMUTH EAST/WEST switch to either position and while the antenna is rotating, carefully use a clamp on ammeter in accordance with the ammeter manufacturer's instructions to take current readings off each of the three conductors (phases) connected to the load side of the azimuth drive motor circuit breaker. Record the current draw in the equipment log and compare the readings to the reference values entered in the installation/acceptance check off. If the readings differ by more than five percent, refer to appropriate troubleshooting information and perform applicable corrective action. Then take voltage readings off each of the three conductors; the readings should agree with each other—within two percent. Turn the AZIMUTH switch to OFF.

- Repeat preceding step with the AZIMUTH EAST/WEST switch in the alternate operating position.

- Turn the ELEVATION DOWN/UP switch to either position and while the antenna is rotating, carefully use a clamp on ammeter in accordance with the ammeter manufacturer's instructions to take current readings off each of the three conductors (phases) connected to the load side of the elevation drive motor circuit breaker. Record the current draw in the equipment log and compare the readings to the reference values entered in the installation/acceptance check off. If the readings differ by more than five percent, refer to appropriate troubleshooting information and perform applicable corrective action. Then take voltage readings off each of the three conductors; the readings should agree with each other within two percent. Turn the ELEVATION switch to OFF.

- Repeat preceding step with the ELEVATION DOWN/UP switch in the alternate operating position.

- If all voltage and current readings are within tolerance, close the local control/motor drive controller inner door and place the LOCAL/REMOTE switch in the REMOTE position to return antenna control to the studio. Then close and lock the outer local control/motor drive controller door.

4.3 PEDESTAL MOUNT BEARING PAD ADJUSTMENT

The bearing pad (within the pedestal mount) adjustment rods/bolts require yearly adjustment as well as verification of torque value. With the antenna at zenith (90 degrees), follow the procedure presented below:

Step 1 of 5: Loosen jam nuts on all rods/bolts.

Step 2 of 5: Torque the upper adjustment rod evenly to 40-45 foot pounds. Then torque the lower adjustment rod evenly to 40-45 foot pounds.

Step 3 of 5: Torque the upper adjustment bolt evenly to 40-45 foot pounds. Then torque the lower adjustment bolt evenly to 40-45 foot pounds.

Step 4 of 5: Repeat Steps 2 & 3, verifying that all adjustment rods/bolts have even torque within the specified limits.

Step 5 of 5: Tighten the jam nuts.

4.4 PRESERVATION & LUBRICATION OF COMPONENT PARTS

4.4.1 PRESERVATION OF ALUMINUM PARTS

Remove all loose paint and corrosion by scraping, wire brushing, or using steel wool. If using steel wool near the feed window, make sure that none remains on the feed horn window. Edges of existing paint can be blended with the metal surface using fine grit sandpaper. Wipe the surface to be painted with a soft rag dampened with a small amount of acetone or equal. Be certain to remove all loose paint, corrosion, imbedded dirt, grease, and oil deposits or the paint will not adhere to the surface. Acetone will dissolve paint if applied heavily and rubbed vigorously. The reflector may be washed with plain water, if necessary. Do not use bleach, soap solutions, or kerosene as it is difficult to remove the residue. Allow the cleaned surface to dry thoroughly before priming.

Prime the cleaned surface by applying zinc chromate primer. The primer can be applied with a brush, roller, or pressurized spray. If necessary, thin the primer with acetone to the proper consistency. Feather the primer onto the adjacent painted surfaces. Allow primer to thoroughly dry before applying the finish paint coat.

Paint all RF surfaces, such as the inside of the main reflector and subreflector with highly-reflective white paint. This type of paint disperses light rays, reducing the focusing effect of the sun's radiation, thereby reducing heat build-up caused by the focused sunrays on the feed system. Rear surfaces of the reflector and subreflector may be painted with flat-white enamel paint. The paint can be applied with a brush, roller, or pressurized spray. If necessary, thin the paint with the appropriate thinner to the proper consistency. Thoroughly paint over the primed surfaces and blend with the existing painted surface.

4.4.2 PRESERVATION OF GALVANIZED SURFACES

Remove all loose paint and corrosion by scraping, wire brushing, or using steel wool. Edges of existing paint can be blended with the metal surface using fine grit sandpaper. Wipe the surface to be painted with a soft rag dampened with a small amount of acetone, or equal. Be certain to remove all loose paint, corrosion, imbedded dirt, grease, and oil deposits or the paint will not adhere to the surface. Acetone will

dissolve paint if applied heavily and rubbed vigorously. Do not use bleach, soap solutions, or kerosene as it is difficult to remove the residue. Allow the clean surface to dry thoroughly before painting.

Paint the cleaned surface with a zinc-rich paint. The paint can be applied with a brush, roller, or pressurized spray. If necessary, thin the paint with the appropriate thinner to the proper consistency. Thoroughly paint over the cleaned surface and blend with the existing painted surface.

4.4.3 LUBRICATION

For long life and trouble-free operation, be certain not to extend the lubrication schedule beyond the frequency recommended in the Lubrication Chart. The frequency should be shortened if the Antenna is subjected to an adverse environment (e.g., high temperature, extended periods of rainfall, high humidity, dust storms, etc.). Any component or part should immediately be lubricated if during inspection or operation rough, jarring, or intermittent motion is noted, or if squeaky or other unusual noises are heard. Lubrication is required on all metal-to-metal rolling or sliding parts. Use the lubricants recommended. Do not over lubricate. Over lubrication can often be as damaging as under lubrication. Prior to the application of lubricant to any parts, use a clean cloth and/or bristle brush and remove any old lubricant to prevent an excessive build-up. Be certain to remove any protective caps and clean each lubricated fitting prior to injecting fresh grease. The Elevation and Azimuth Jackscrew Assemblies are equipped with a grease fitting and corresponding pipe plug on opposite sides of the jack housing. Remove the appropriate pipe plug and fill with grease until lubricant seeps from the pipe plug opening. Replace and securely tighten pipe plug.

The following is a list of the lubricant characteristics:

- Lubrication Engineers (LE) 4622: LE4622 is Lithium complex grease. Operating temperature range is -40 degrees to 400+ degrees Fahrenheit (-40 degrees to 204+ degrees Celsius).
- Mobil SHC624: low temperature synthetic oil for worm gear reducers. Operating temperature range is -40 degrees to 125+ degrees Fahrenheit (-40 degrees to 52+ degrees Celsius).
- Moly Grease: grease lubricant containing molybdenum disulfide. Operating temperature range is -85 degrees to 300+ degrees Fahrenheit (-29 degrees to 149+ degrees Celsius).

4.4.4 LUBRICATION OF JACKSCREWS/MOTORS

Periodically inspect lifting screws on jackscrew ballscrew assemblies to ensure adequate lubrication. Loosen Jackscrew ballscrew boot clamps to expose the lifting screw assembly. Fully extend jackscrew assembly being careful not to exceed preset mechanical limits. Brush thin coating of LE4622 grease on exposed lifting screw. Replace boot and attach corresponding boot clamps. If lifting screw is rusty, remove existing lubricant with solvent and wire brush rusted area. Rinse with solvent and apply fresh grease.

Periodically inspect and remove dust or dirt deposits from the motor housings to avoid hindering the heat exchange with the ambient air. Slight dirt accumulation on the air vent screw through splash oil cannot be avoided; however, keep vent screw clean to ensure proper pressure compensation.

4.4.5 LUBRICATION OF GEAR MOTOR/HOUSING FILL DRAIN REQUIREMENTS

Lube points 2 and 4 as shown in the Lubrication Chart (Table 4-1), may require removal of the indicated drain plugs and, by using a measuring cup, to collect and measure the amount of SHC624 oil that drains out. The specified amount of oil must be added to the gear motor/housing (after the drain plug has been reinstalled), using a supplied funnel to pour new oil into the fill/vent plug opening. The addition of oil requires

the use of an appropriate filling utensil. Use of a modified level stick will NOT correctly gauge the appropriate amount of oil that is present in the gear housings.

Table 4-1: Lubrication Chart)

LUBE PT. #	COMPONENTS TO BE LUBRICATED	FREQUENCY (MONTHS) 1	3	6	12	TYPE OF SERVICE	LUBE TYPE	#/QTY OF LUBE POINTS
1	El Jackscrew Housing		**x**			Pressure Fitting	LE4622	1
2* **	El Gear Motor Housing Fill & Drain	**I***	**C****			Pipe Plugs	SHC624	10 Oz
3	Az Jackscrew Housing		**x**			Pressure Fitting	LE4622	2
4* **	Az Gear Motor Housing Fill & Drain	**I***	**C****			Pipe Plugs	SHC624	10 Oz
5	Panning Frame Tube Assembly & Thrust Pads		**x**			Aerosol Spray	Moly Grease	Surface Coverage

x = Lubricate **I** = Inspect **C** = Change

***** Inspection requires checking for visible signs of leakage. Drain, replace, and add oil to ensure appropriate level requirements. Excessively dirty oil requires replacement with fresh oil. In case of excessive oil leakage, refer to appropriate troubleshooting info. Periodic inspections can be less frequent after the second scheduled inspection is completed without problems.

****** Initial oil change requirements include flushing gear boxes with a standard cleaning agent.

******* For motors that have no visible drain or fill plugs, no maintenance is required and just a general inspection for oil leakage is needed.

4.5 SITE ACCEPTANCE TEST PROCEDURE

Once the installation procedure has been completed, and prior to turning over the system to the station facility, some form of Site Acceptance Test procedure will need to be performed, checked off, and signed by the responsible personnel and/or representative.

5 CORRECTIVE MAINTENANCE & TROUBLESHOOTING

The following sections will offer information, instructions, and guidelines regarding issues of corrective maintenance such as painting, backlash adjustment, and maintenance kits.

5.1 TOP 5 ESA MAINTENANCE & TROUBLESHOOTING FAQ

1. What should be done about chips, cracks, scratches, etc., in the paint of the reflector and/or other ESA surfaces?

   Priming and/or painting certain surfaces of the ESA is permitted and advisable under specific conditions such as gouges, scratches, etc. in the surface of the reflector paint (refer to Section 5.2 for detailed instructions).

2. How can I remove Backlash?

   Backlash is removed by performing anti-backlash Jack Adjustment (for detailed instructions, see Section 5.3)

3. Are there any particular kits available for purposes of maintenance?

   A number of maintenance kits are available for this particular Antenna. A list of these kits may be found in Table 5-2 (refer to Section 5.4).

4. Are there any particular precautions that can be taken to avoid damaging the feed window?

   All Kratos ESA feed windows are rated at .5 psi. This means placing any pressure on the feed window of more than .5 psi is likely to cause permanent damage to the feed window, which will require replacement.

5. What is the proper stow procedure for the 4.5m antenna?

   For telescoping strut type mounts, verify all set screws are securely tightened (minimum of 50 ft-lbs) on the Azimuth and Elevation struts. For threaded rod strut type mounts, fully retract the threaded rod into the Az and El strut pipes. The Azimuth strut should be placed in the center of its travel. Please note that stow positioning must be performed before wind speeds reach 65mph, otherwise the motors may not function.

5.2 CORRECTIVE PAINTING INSTRUCTIONS

The following sections offer detailed instructions for corrective painting of particular surfaces on the Earth Station Antenna. Please keep in mind that only qualified personnel should be allowed to perform these procedures. Also, be certain to read all of the following sections thoroughly BEFORE proceeding.

5.2.1 PREPARATORY CLEANING OF ALUMINUM SURFACES

Remove all loose paint and/or rust from the surface to be painted using a scraper, wire brush, or steel wool. If steel wool is used, take care to ensure that none of it is left on the reflector or feed horn window after cleaning (steel wool tends to leave behind particles). Wipe the surface to be painted with acetone using a soft rag. However, keep in mind that the acetone will also dissolve the surrounding paint if used too heavily and/or rubbed too hard. Paint edges can be blended to the metal using very fine grit sandpaper. If necessary, the surface of the reflector may be washed clean using plain water.

NOTE: Do NOT use bleach, soap, cleaning solutions, or kerosene, as these substances leave behind residue that is difficult to remove.

5.2.2 PRIMING CLEANED ALUMINUM SURFACES

Apply a thin coat (approximately .5 to 1 mil) of primer and feather paint it onto the adjacent painted areas.

Allow the primer to dry thoroughly (4-5 hours, depending on environmental conditions) before applying a finish coat of primer.

Allow the finish coat of primer to dry thoroughly (8-12 hours) before proceeding.

5.2.3 PAINTING PRIMED ALUMINUM SURFACES

For Antenna surfaces, such as the front or back of the main reflector or subreflector, high-reflectivity white paint should be used. This type of paint disperses light rays. The paint may be applied to the prepared area using a brush, roller, or sprayer. If a sprayer is used, be sure to first thin the paint to a proper consistency with paint thinner (10-15% thinner).

Thoroughly cover all previously primed areas with paint and blend the paint with any preexisting painted surfaces.

5.2.4 PREPPING & PAINTING GALVANIZED SURFACES

- Remove all loose paint or rust using a scraper, wire brush, or sanding.
- Wipe clean the surface to be painted with a soft cloth rag and acetone.
- Allow the acetone to dry thoroughly before applying the finish coat of primer.
- Apply a zinc-rich paint as the final finish, thoroughly covering any previously primed surfaces.

5.2.5 PRIMING & PAINTING CLEANED JACK SURFACES

Be sure to read ALL of the following instructions/guidelines BEFORE proceeding:

Surface Preparation – Use acetone and a soft cloth rag to remove all grease from the surface to be coated.

Mixing – Use a power mixer to bring the paint to a uniform consistency before using.

Thinning – In the case of Jack Surfaces, thinning the paint is not normally required for most brush, roller, or sprayer applications.

Using a Brush or Roller – Using a foam brush, apply paint to surface with full, single strokes. Avoid any re-brushing. Using a medium nap roller, apply paint to surface in long, single rolls. Avoid rerolling. The recommended dry film thickness per coat is 2 mils (50 micron).

Allow Each Coat to Dry Thoroughly – Use the below chart (Table 5-1) to determine drying times. These times are based on a 2 mil (50 micron) dry film thickness. Conditions such as higher film thickness, insufficient ventilation, and/or cooler temperatures will likely require cure times to be extended. Allow the primer to dry thoroughly before applying the topcoat. Application of the topcoat should be done based on the above instructions.

Table 5-1: Cure Times

TEMPERATURE	TOUCH	HANDLE	TOPCOAT
75° F (24° C)	4 hours (Primer)	12 hours	8 hours
75° F (24° C)	5 Hours (Topcoat)	24 hours	

5.3 REMOVING BACKLASH VIA JACK ADJUSTMENT

The backlash removal feature is a factory setting and does not normally require any additional adjustment. However, as time and extended use can lead to the development of wear, it may eventually become necessary to perform a Jac/Jack Anti-Backlash Adjustment in order to reduce/remove backlash.

Use the following procedure for Jac/Jack Anti-Backlash Adjustment:

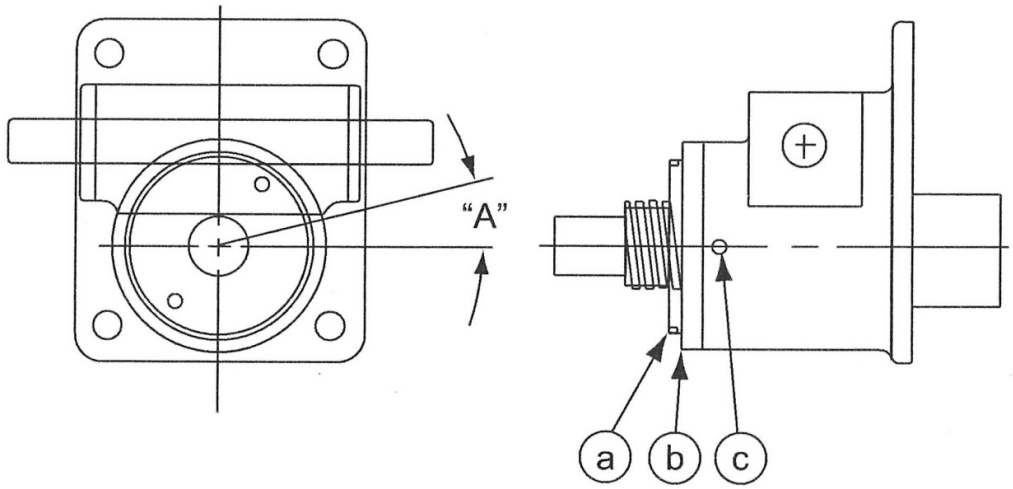
1. Loosen the Locknut (item b in Figure 5-1).
2. Loosen the Setscrews (item c in Figure 5-1).
3. In order to reduce backlash, rotate the Adjusting Cap (item a in Figure 5-1) in a clockwise direction until able to feel resistance.

NOTE: Do NOT over-tighten the Adjusting Cap.

4. Using a felt-tip marker (or equivalent), place a reference mark between the thread on the Adjusting Cap and the Housing.
5. Rotate the Adjusting Cap (item a) in a counterclockwise direction, in an amount equal to Dimension A (labeled “A” in Figure 5-1) on the o.d. of the threads (match Jac/Jack model type, using the chart provided in Figure 5-1).
6. Tighten the Setscrews.
7. While holding the Adjusting Cap (item a) stationary, tighten the Locknut (item b).
8. Operate the Jack through the entire stroke, checking for tight spots.

NOTE: If Jac/Jack has been used over only a portion of its stroke, the backlash should be adjusted in the least worn portion of the screw.

CAUTION: TAKE SPECIAL CARE NOT TO OVER-TIGHTEN THE ANTI-BACKLASH SYSTEM. DOING SO MAY RESULT IN BINDING AND/OR LOCKUP BETWEEN THE DRIVE NUT AND THE LIFTING SCREW. OVER-TIGHTENING CAN ALSO RESULT IN A DESTRUCTIVE HEAT BUILDUP AND/OR OPERATIONAL FAILURE.



Item	Description	Jac Model	"A" Dim.
a	Adjusting Cap	1 MSJ, 2 MSJ, 2.5 MSJ	7/32
b	Locknut	5 MSJ, 10 MSJ	5/16
c	Set Screw	15 MSJ, 20 MSJ	3/8
		20 MSJ, 30 MSJ	3/8
		35 MSJ	1/2
		50 MSJ	11/16
		75 MSJ	13/16
		100 MSJ	1

Figure 5-1: Jac/Jack Anti-Backlash Procedure

5.4 MAINTENANCE KITS

Table 5-2 provides descriptions of and Kratos part numbers for commonly used maintenance kits:

Table 5-2: Maintenance Kits

Part #	Description
AE03K-D0149-001	4.5m Feed Window Kit
39900	C-Band Feed Window Material
303950	Pol Drive Chain Replacement Kit

APPENDIX: EQUIPMENT ISSUES & TECHNICAL SUPPORT

REPORTING EQUIPMENT LOSS OR DAMAGE

If you find that equipment was damaged during the shipping process, file a claim with the carrier. Follow the “Reporting Visible Loss or Damage” or “Reporting Concealed Damage” procedures to file a claim with a carrier.

REPORTING VISIBLE LOSS OR DAMAGE

Make a note of any loss or evidence of external damage on the freight bill or receipt, and have it signed by the carrier’s agent. Failure to adequately describe such external evidence of loss or damage may result in the carrier refusing to honor a damage claim. The form required to file such a claim will be supplied by the carrier.

REPORTING CONCEALED DAMAGE

Concealed damage means damage which does not become apparent until the unit has been unpacked. The contents may be damaged in transit due to rough handling, even though the carton may not show external damage. If you discover damage after unpacking the unit, make a written request for an inspection by the carrier’s agent, then file a claim with the carrier since such damage is most likely the carrier’s responsibility.

INVENTORY EQUIPMENT RECEIVED

After opening your shipment, you should take inventory of the parts immediately. Check each item received in your shipment against the packing slip included with the shipment. If any items are missing, please notify Kratos immediately by contacting Customer Service.

RETURNING DAMAGED/DEFECTIVE EQUIPMENT

Kratos strives to ensure all items arrive safely and in working order. Despite these efforts, equipment is at times received with damage or faults. When this occurs, it may be necessary to return some items to Kratos for either repair or replacement. Returns can be expedited using the following procedure:

Step 1: Call the Kratos Technical Support and request a Return Material Authorization (RMA) number, as well as the address to which you should forward the material(s).

Step 2: Tag or identify the defective equipment, noting the defect or circumstances. Also, be sure to write the RMA number on the outside of the carton. It would be helpful to reference the Kratos sales order and purchase order number, as well as the date the equipment was received.

Step 3: Pack the equipment in the original container with protective packing material. If the original container and packing material are no longer available, pack the equipment in a sturdy corrugated box and cushion it with appropriate packing material.

Step 4: Be sure to include the following information when returning the equipment:

- Company Name, Address (City, State and Zip Code), and Telephone Number
- RMA Number*

- Problem/Damage Description**
- Contact Name

* Absence of the RMA number will cause a delay in processing your equipment for repair. Be sure to include the RMA number on all correspondence.

** All installation, adjustment and operational information must be strictly adhered to in order to achieve warranted performance specifications.

Step 5: Ship the equipment to Kratos using UPS, U.S. Postal Service, or other appropriate carrier, freight prepaid and insured. The material should be forwarded to the address given by the Kratos Customer Service contact.

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