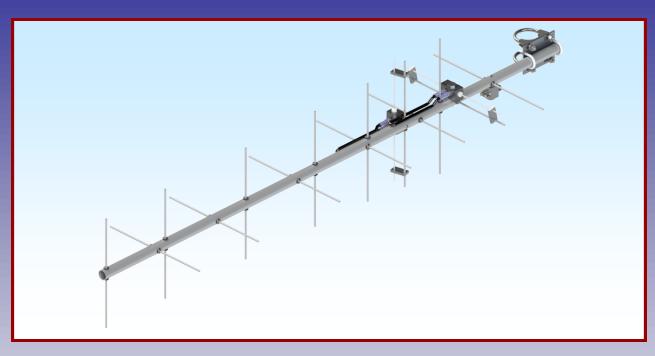


## M2 Antenna Systems, Inc. Model No: FG450CP14



#### **SPECIFICATIONS:**

ModelFG450CP14 Input Connector	
Frequency Range440 To 460 MHz Power Handling1.5 kW	
*Gain13.15 dBi Boom Length / Dia58.5" / 1"	
Front to back18 dB Typical Maximum Element Length13.125"	
Beamwidth44° Turning Radius:56"	
Elipticity>3dB Stacking Distance32"	
Feed typeFolded Dipole Mast Size1-1/2" to 2" Nom	١.
Feed Impedance	MPH
Maximum VSWR	

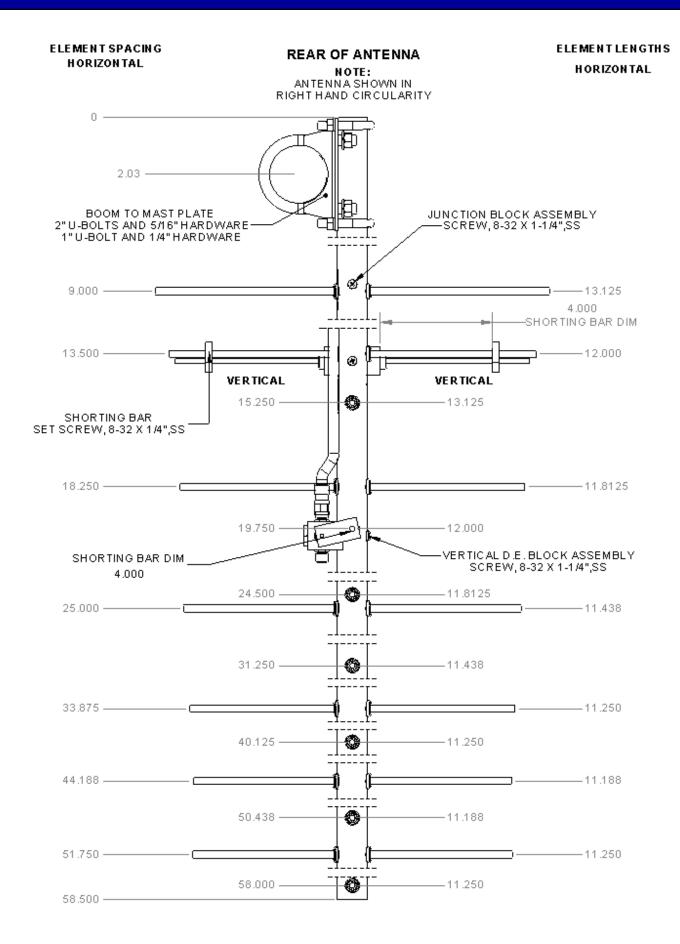
#### \*Subtract 2.14 from dBi for dBd

#### **FEATURES:**

The 450CP14 is high performance circular polarized antenna with a remarkably clean pattern. The pattern is important in order to match the antenna's noise temperature with modern low noise preamps. This antenna is ideal for satellite applications.

The CNC machined driven element module is O-ring sealed and weather tight for low maintenance and long-term peak performance. Internal connections are encapsulated in a space-age silicone gel that seals out moisture and improves power handling. The 3/16" 6061-T6 rod elements are centered to minimize interaction and maintain good ellipticity. Insulators are UV stabilized and locked in place with stainless keepers. Rugged construction, uncompromising performance for the boom length: that's the  $M^2$  450CP14!

## **450CP14 DIMENSION SHEET**



## 450CP14 WITH POLARITY SWITCH DIMENSION SHEET

#### REAR OF ANTENNA NOTE: **ELEMENT SPACING** ANTENNA SHOWN IN RIGHT HAND CIRCULARITY **ELEMENT LENGTHS HORIZONTAL** HORIZONTAL 2.03 -JUNCTION BLOCK ASSEMBLY —SCREW, 8-32 X 1-1/4",SS BOOM TO MAST PLATE 2"U-BOLTS AND 5/16"HARDWARE 1"U-BOLT AND 1/4"HARDWARE -13.125SHORTING BAR SHORTING BAR DIMENSIONS SET SCREW, 8-32 X 1/4" 4.375 13.500 --12.125 ⊛ VERTICAL VERTICAL 15.250 --13.125 18.250 ----12.000 19.750 -12.000 VERTICAL D.E. BLOCK ASSEMBLY SCREW, 8-32 X 1-1/4",SS SHORTING BAR DIM 4.000 24.500 11.8125 25.000 -**—11.500** 31.250 --11.5000 33.875 --11.250 40.125 -0 -11.250 44.188 -\_\_\_\_11.188 ٠ 50.438 -\_11.188 58.000 --11.25058.500 -

## **450CP14 ASSEMBLY MANUAL**

**TOOL REQUIRED FOR ASSEMBLY:** screwdriver, 11/32" nut driver or wrench, 7/16" and 1/2" end wrenches and sockets, measuring tape. Start by laying out the boom sections using the DIMENSION SHEET as a guide. Use 8-32 X 1-1/4" screws and locknuts to join sections.

**NOTE:** If mounting antenna to a standard H-frame with a T-brace kit, it is important to install the T-brace coupling bars to antenna before elements. Refer to H-Frame and T-brace drawings for placement and more information.

#### ASSEMBLING THE HORIZONTAL ELEMENTS

- 1. Separate elements by length into two identical sets, "H" and "V". Lay out the "H" elements by length and position as shown the DIMENSION sheet. Start with the reflector (longest) element. Balance it on your finger to find rough center and push on a black button insulator to about 1/2" off center. Push the element through the hole on the boom and install the second button, snugging it up into boom. DO NOT BOTHER ACCURATELY CENTERING the element at this time and DO NOT INSTALL the stainless steel shaft retainers yet. It is easier to do it after all the horizontal elements are installed in the boom.
- 2. Install the 3/16" rod DRIVEN ELEMENT as you did the reflector. Then continue with the installation of the DIRECTORS. Note that the Director Elements do not consistently diminish in length from rear to front, so pay close attention to length and position.
- Now begin centering the elements. Use a tape measure to EQUALIZE the amount the element sticking out on each side of the boom. Once you have all the elements centered, sight down the element tips from the rear comparing each side. Look for any obvious discrepancies and correct if found.

**NOTE:** The SHAFT RETAINERS, for securing the elements, should always be used for permanent and long term antenna installations. For portable or temporary use the retainers may be left off. The button insulators, normally a tight fit, hold the elements quite securely.

- 4. To install the stainless steel SHAFT RETAINERS, use thumb and forefinger to hold the retainer over the end of the PUSH TUBE ( 3/8" x 3" tube, supplied in the kit), internal fingers on retainer dished into tube. HOLD THE ELEMENT FIRMLY TO PREVENT IT FROM SLIDING OFF CENTER and press the retainer onto the element end and continue until retainer butts on insulator button. Locking pliers, *lightly* clamped up against opposite button insulator will help maintain center reference. If you push the first retainer too far, remove element from boom, push retainer completely off the element, and start over. Install another retainer to the opposite side of the element. Continue installing retainers until all elements are locked in place.
- 5. Mount the HORIZONTAL DRIVEN ELEMENT BLOCK / ROD ASSEMBLY to the TOP of the boom using a single 8-32 X 1-1/4" screw. Orient the block with the two balun connectors facing to rear. Install the 8-32 x 1/4" set screws (internal Allen head tool supplied) into the SHORTING BARS. Slide the bars onto the Driven Element Block Rods as shown on the Dimension Sheet and tighten the set screws.
- 6. Mount the JUNCTION BLOCK as shown on the Dimension Sheet. Secure with 8-32 x 1-1/4" screw. See FIG. 3 AND 4 for more information.

### **450CP14 ASSEMBLY MANUAL**

#### **ASSEMBLING THE VERTICAL ELEMENTS**

- 7. Repeat steps #2 through #5 for the Vertical elements, using the Dimension Sheet as your guide to lengths and spacing.
- 8. Attach Baluns and Phasing lines to the Driven Element Blocks and Junction Block as shown in the picture. Depending on model and polarity, the Vertical balun may loop around another element. This is normal. Coil rear balun if single loop overhangs rear of boom. Form balun and phasing line coax close to the boom and secure with nylon cable ties. Ties should be snug but not crushing or kinking the coax. Tighten the connectors *gently* using a 7/16" end wrench.
- 9. Use good quality coax and "N" connector for your feed line. Secure feed coax near connector on Junction Block, to provide stress relief, route to rear of boom, and secure again. Allow about 60" of coax to hang in a loop between the rear end of the boom and the reattachment point (at least 12" beyond element tips) on the mast or cross boom. **Do not route feed line to boom to mast plate** as exiting antenna here will adversely affect circular field.
- 10. The boom to mast plate is normally mounted to the boom at the balance point (with feed line attached). Use two 1" U-bolts and the stainless nuts and lock washers provided. DO NOT OVER TIGHTEN. 2" U-bolts are provided for mounting the antenna to your NON-CONDUCTIVE 2" mast or cross boom.

THIS COMPLETES THE ANTENNA ASSEMBLY.

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## **450CP14 CABLE ROUTING DIAGRAMS**

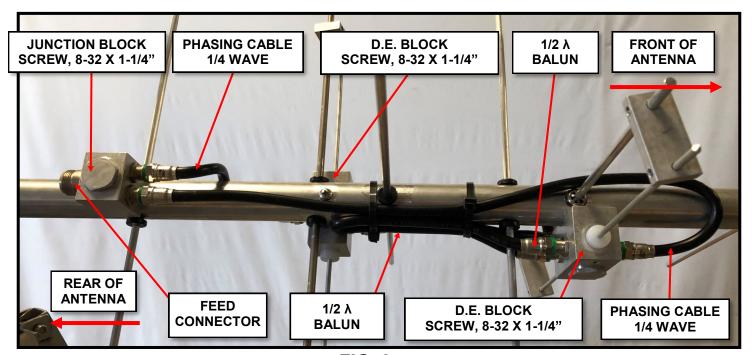


FIG. 3
CABLE ROUTING DIAGRAM WITHOUT POLARITY SWITCH

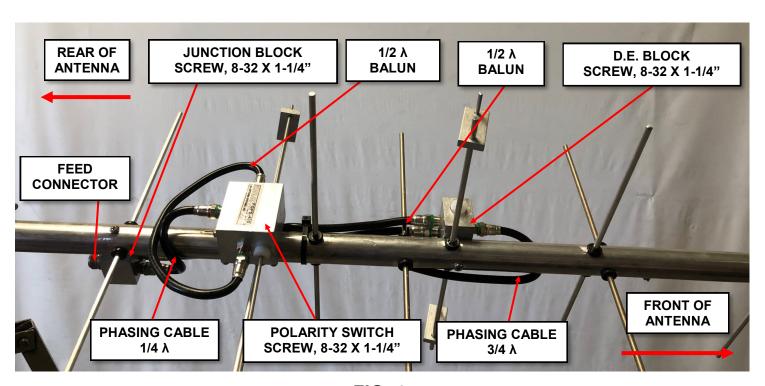


FIG. 4
CABLE ROUTING DIAGRAM WITH POLARITY SWITCH

## **450CP14 PARTS & HARDWARE**

DESCRIPTION	QTY
BOOM SECTION #1, 1" X .058" X 58.5" (M2ABS450CP14)	1
ELEMENTS, 3/16" ROD X SEE DIMENSION SHEET	14
DRIVEN ELEMENT BLOCK ASSEMBLY (SADEA450CP14)	2
JUNCTION BLOCK (SADE0065)	
BALUN, RG-6 1/2λ,	
MATCHING / PHASING CABLE, 1/4λ,	
MATCHING / PHASING CABLE, 3/4λ,	
BOOM-TO-MAST PLATE, 3" X 4" X .125" (M2APT0019)	
U-BOLT AND CRADLE, 2"	
U-BOLT, 1"	
ASSEMBLY MANUAL	
IN HARDWARE BAG:	
SHORTING BAR (M2ASB0080)	4
BUTTON INSULATOR	
KEEPER, SS	
NUT, 5/16-18, SS	
LOCK WASHER, 5/16, SS	
NUT, 1/4-20, SS	
LOCK WASHER, 1/4", SS	4
SCREW, 8-32 X 1-1/4", PHILLIPS PAN HEAD, SS	3
SET SCREW, 8-32 X 1/4", SS	8
CABLE TIE, NYLON	6
ALLEN HEAD WRENCH, 5/64"	1
PUSH TUBE, 3/8" X 3"	

## 450CP14 WITH POLARITY SWITCH PARTS & HARDWARE

DESCRIPTION	QTY
BOOM SECTION #1, 1" X .058" X 60" (M2ABS450CP14)	1
ELEMENTS, 3/16" ROD X SEE DIMENSION SHEET	14
POLARITY SWITCH ASSEMBLY, (SAPS450)	1
DRIVEN ELEMENT BLOCK ASSEMBLY (SADEA450CP14)	
JUNCTION BLOCK (SADE0065)	1
BALUN, RG-6 1/2λ,	
MATCHING / PHASING CABLE, 1/4λ,	1
MATCHING / PHASING CABLE, 3/4λ,	
BOOM-TO-MAST PLATE, 3" X 4" X .125" (M2APT0019)	1
U-BOLT AND CRADLE, 2"	
U-BOLT, 1"	
ASSEMBLY MANUAL	1
IN HARRIWARE DAG	
IN HARDWARE BAG:	
SHORTING BAR (M2ASB0080)	
BUTTON INSULATOR	
KEEPER, SS	
NUT, 5/16-18, SS	
LOCK WASHER, 5/16, SS	
NUT, 1/4-20, SS	4
LOCK WASHER, 1/4", SS	
SCREW, 8-32 X 1-1/4", PHILLIPS PAN HEAD, SS	
SET SCREW, 8-32 X 1/4", SS	
CABLE TIE, NYLON	
ALLEN HEAD WRENCH, 5/64"	
PUSH TUBE, 3/8" X 3"	1

# 450CP14 SPARE PARTS & HARDWARE KIT

DESCRIPTION	QTY
DRIVEN ELEMENT BLOCK ASSEMBLY (SADEA450CP14)	2
JUNCTION BLOCK (SADE0065)	1
BALUN, RG-6 1/2λ,	2
MATCHING / PHASING CABLE, 1/4λ,	1
MATCHING / PHASING CABLE, 3/4λ,	
SHORTING BAR (M2ASB0080)	
SET SCREW, 8-32 X 1/4", SS	8
CABLE TIE, NYLON	6
ALLEN HEAD WRENCH, 5/64"	1