

MFJ-1750/1752

Instruction Manual

Thank you for purchasing the MFJ-1750/1752. The 1750 is a 5/8 wave antenna designed for operation on 144-148 MHz. The 1752 is designed to operate on the 220 MHz band.

The MFJ-1750/1752 is shipped partially assembled; you should have received the following parts:

	Item	Quan.	Description
	A	4	Radials
	B	1	Chassis and radiator assembly
	C	1	Chassis cover
	D	4	#6-32 x 1/2 screw & nut
	E	4	#6 self tapping screw
	F	1	Clamp assembly

Assembly Instructions

1- Refer to Figures 1 and 2. Insert one of the 6-32 x 1/2 screws into hole 1 and place a 6-32 nut on the screw. The screw should be installed so that the nut is on the inside.

2- The four remaining screws and nuts can be installed in the same manner, with one screw through hole 2, one through hole 3, and one through hole 4.

3- You are now ready to install three of the radials. First position the chassis as shown in Figures 1 and 2. Next insert a radial, straight end first, into hole A. All radials must be inserted through the hole from the inside of the chassis. The hooked end can now be secured with the screw in hole 1.

4- Two more radials can be installed in the same way as the above process. One radial should be inserted through hole B and secured using the screw in hole 2. Another can be inserted through hole C and secured by the screw in hole 3.

5- The remaining radial will emerge from the chassis through the chassis through hole D located in the cover. To achieve this, loosely

fasten the screw in hole 4. The hook in the radial should be turned to match the others. The screw should be tight enough to hold the radial, but should allow vertical movement, so that the cover might be properly aligned.

6- Insert the radial through hole D, in the cover. Fasten the cover to the chassis using the four #6 self tapping screws. Now the screw in hole 4 should be tightened.

7- The clamp assembly should be assembled as shown in Figure 2.

SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

WARNING:

- This antenna is an electrical conductor contact with power lines can result in death, or serious injuries.
- Do not install this antenna where there is any possibility of contact with power cables or service drop to buildings.
- The antenna supporting mast and/or tower should not be close to any power lines during installation or removal in the event the system should accidentally fall.
- Follow the guidelines for antenna installation recommended by the U.S. consumer product safety commission.
- Keep this antenna out of reach of adults, children, and animals. Any contact with this antenna while transmitting will cause severe RF burns, and voltages that KILL. The ends of the elements can cause eye injuries, serious RF burns or both.
- Keep the antenna away from you to prevent exposure to high levels of electromagnetic field radiation. Especially if you are using more than 20 Watts of RF power.
- Never operate this antenna near RF sensitive medical devices such as pacemakers.

- Be careful while climbing and carrying the antenna. It is heavy enough to cause you to lose your balance if it is handled too casually.

Installation Instructions

The MFJ-1750/1752 can be mounted on any 1" to 1-1/2" tubular mast. The mast may be a conductive (metal) or a non-conductive (pvc) material.

WARNING: DO NOT MOUNT THIS ANTENNA NEAR POWER LINES!
Death or serious injury can result.

For optimum performance the antenna should be mounted as high as possible. However, if the mast itself is located on a high elevation, such as a hill or mountain, the need for a tall mast will not be as critical.

To mount the antenna on the mast, insert the mast into the clamp as shown in figure 2. Make sure that the mast is mounted on the front of the chassis, as shown in figure 2.

The coax from your radio may now be connected to the antenna. the connector is an SO-239, so the connection should be fast and easy using a standard PL-259 connector on you coax.

GROUNDING CONSIDERATIONS

Although this antenna is designed to operate efficiently without equiring an earth ground, SAFETY GROUNDING must still be provided to protect equipment, property, and people from the hazards of lighting strikes and other weather related electrical discharges. The coaxial cable feeding the antenna should have the shield grounded to eliminate the risk of any indoor equipment failure and not allow hazardous voltages to appear indoors and create a shock hazard.

Adequate protection can be accomplished by grounding the shield of the coax where it enters the building to a good earth ground or burying the cable in the earth for several feet before it enters the building. For maximum lightning protection, during threatening weather conditions, the coaxial cable should be totally disconnected from the station.

A less effective method of protecting station equipment is to install an in-line coaxial lightning arrestor with a heavy duty ground wire to a suitable earth ground, or a safety switching system as part of the basic ham station equipment.

MAINTENANCE

Your antenna is constructed of heavy duty non-corrosive materials and should withstand normal climates for many years. The use of some type of coaxial connector moisture protection is recommended at the bottom coax connection and also around the center-feed connections, especially in coastal areas where salty mist is commonplace.

GE makes a pure silicone grease called "**SILICONE DIELECTRIC COMPOUND**" that can be applied SPARINGLY to the threaded area of the female connector. This compound, or even a clear silicone heat sink compound, will prevent moisture from entering the connector through the threads and protect the connectors from corrosion. THIS IS THE SAME TYPE OF SEALER THAT COMMERCIAL ANTENNA INSTALLERS AND CATV COMPANIES USE WITH GREAT SUCCESS.

A less desirable, but still adequate sealer is the automobile seam sealer commonly sold as "coax seal". This is a semi-pliable black sealing compound.

When installing any "coax seal", NEVER completely cover the barrel of the coax connector. The sealer should ONLY be placed near the junction of the threaded part of the chassis connector and the knurled area of the male connector. This will leave the bottom of the male outer sleeve open and permit the connector to "breathe" so it does NOT collect moisture!

Tuning Instructions

The MFJ-1750 has been preset for low SWR through the 2 meter band, and the MFJ-1752 has been preset for low SWR through the 220 MHz band. However, SWR can change from place to place; so some adjustment might be necessary.

After installing the antenna, check the SWR. For the MFJ-1750, the SWR should be lowest at 146 MHz. For the MFJ-1752, the SWR should be lowest at 223.5 MHz.

If the antenna needs to be adjusted, first remove the cover of the antenna and loosen the radiator retaining nut (see Figure 2). If the SWR is lowest on a frequency above the desired operating frequency lengthen the radiator. If the SWR is lowest on a frequency below the desired operating frequency, shorten the radiator.

Be careful when tightening the retaining nut on the radiator. If the retaining nut is too tight, the ceramic insulator may be damaged.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE

If you have any problem with this unit first check the appropriate section of this manual. If the manual does not reference your problem or your problem is not solved by following the manual you may call MFJ toll-free at 1-800-647-TECH (8324) or FAX to 601-323-6551, or Internet: 76206.1763@Compuserve.com. Outside of the continental U.S.A. 601-323-5869. You will be best served if you have your unit, manual and all information on your station handy so you can answer any questions the technicians may ask.

You can also send questions to MFJ Enterprises, INC., P.O. Box 494, Mississippi State, MS 39762. Send a complete description of your problem, an explanation of exactly how you are using your unit and a complete description of your station

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