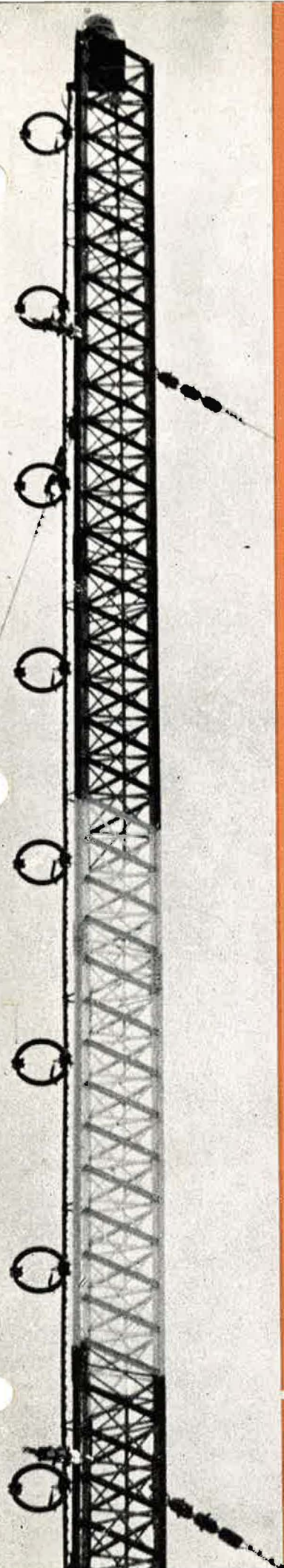
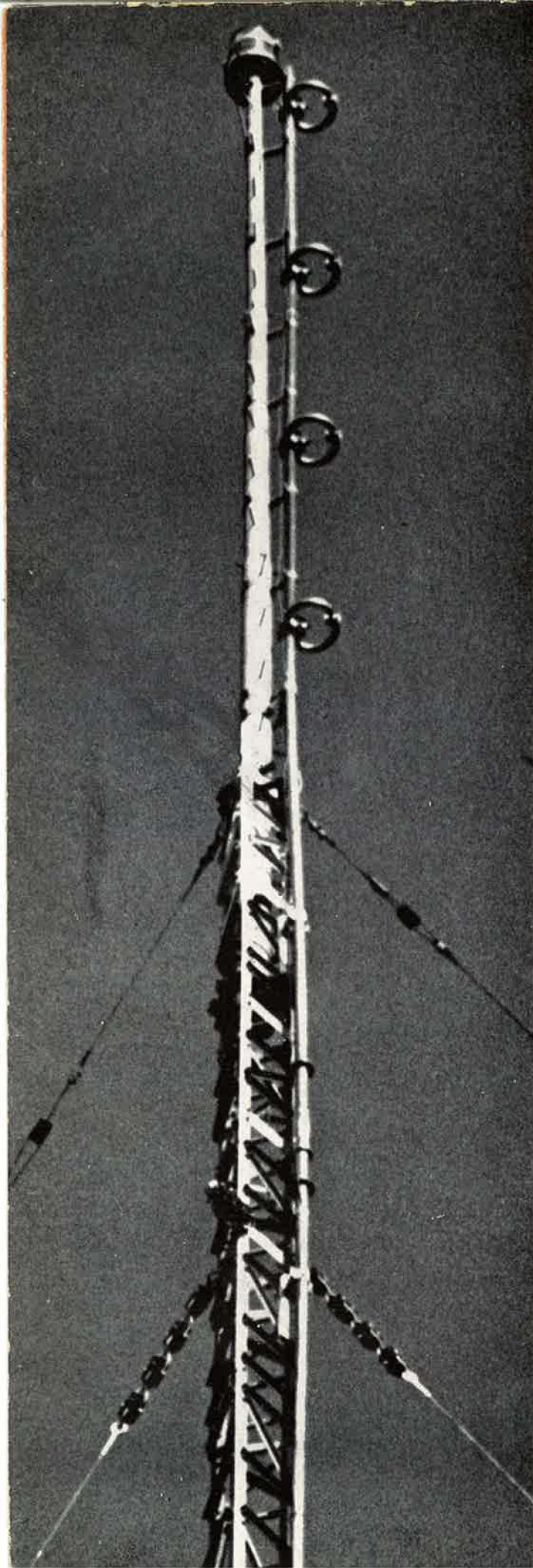


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Two advantageous methods of mounting the 37M Antenna are available to the FM broadcaster:

(1) Side mounting of the array on a corner leg of the tower offers definite advantages. Towers, either guyed or self-supporting, which previously have been considered incapable of supporting *any* FM antenna will in nearly all cases handle the Collins side mounting 37M. Towers which support top mounting television antenna arrays increase their usefulness with the addition of a Collins side mounting 37M array. Any number of rings may be side mounted, obviating the necessity of modifying the top of the tower or disturbing in any way the tower lighting equipment, top mounting TV radiator, or the tower proper.

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order for installation on towers where no TV antenna is present or planned. This style of mounting provides the maximum in height and coverage.

The light weight and windloading of the top mounting array allow erection on most guyed and self-supporting towers without extensive tower modification.

## INSTALLATION EASE:

The unique characteristics of light weight and electrical-mechanical simplicity make the 37M Antenna easy and quick to erect. There are no extraordinarily heavy hoisting problems, and many hours of erection time may be saved. Support brackets are specially fabricated for each installation to match the tower and mounting arrangement specified by the purchaser, thus minimizing erection problems at the site.

## MECHANICAL STABILITY:

Another important advantage of the 37M is the inherent mechanical stability of the tower, transmission line, and antenna assembly. Undue oscillating and weaving of the

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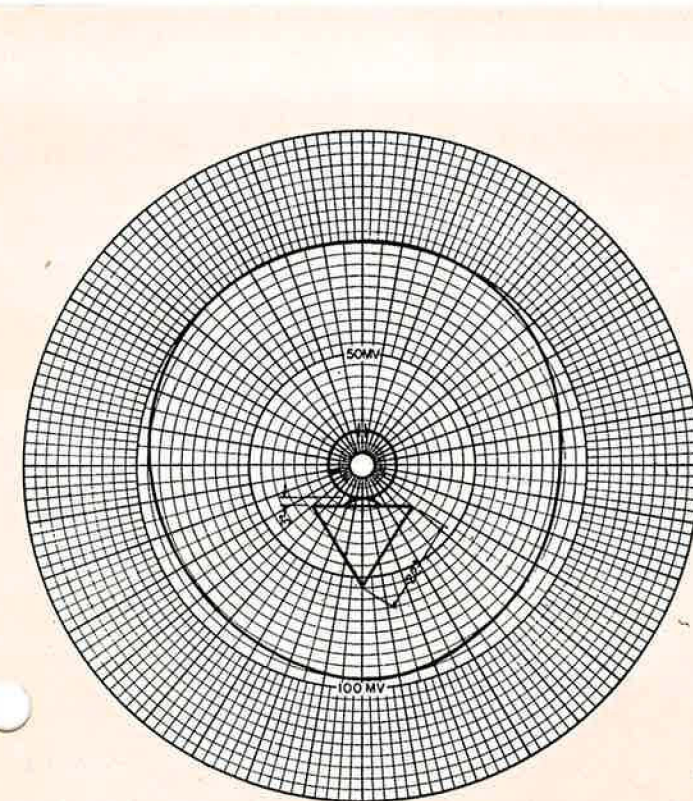
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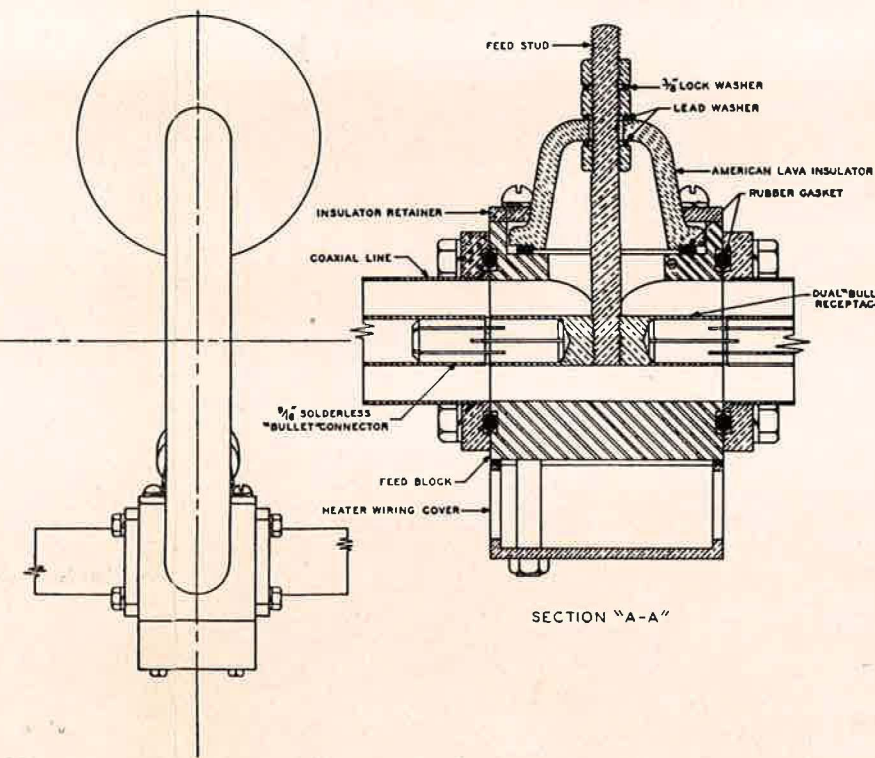
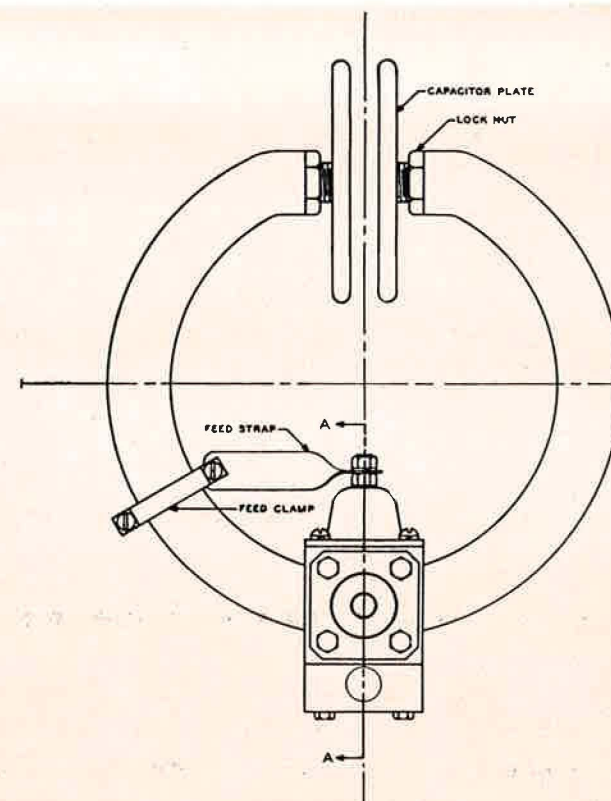
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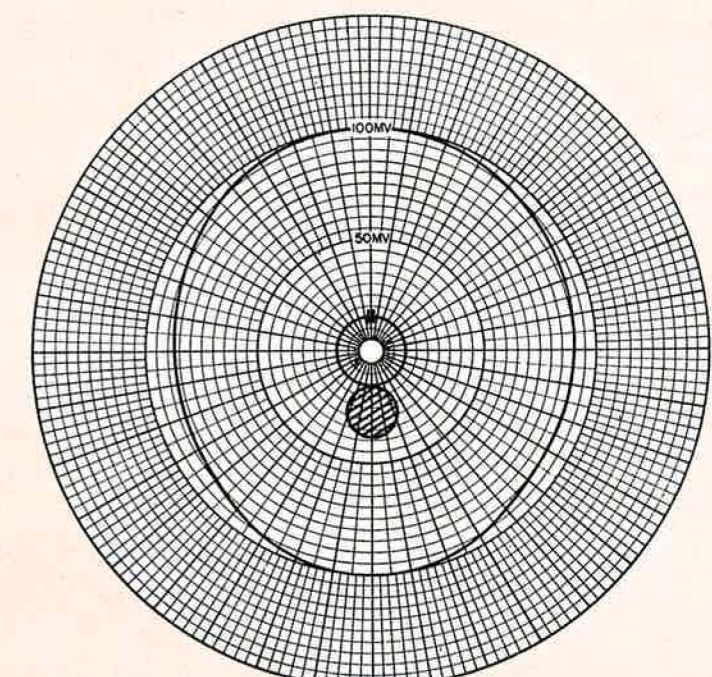
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- Can be side mounted on light weight existing towers
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Typical Side Mounting radiation pattern 100 mc, 12" diameter ring on side of Wincharger tower.



FREQUENCY RANGE VERSUS LOOP DIAMETERS  
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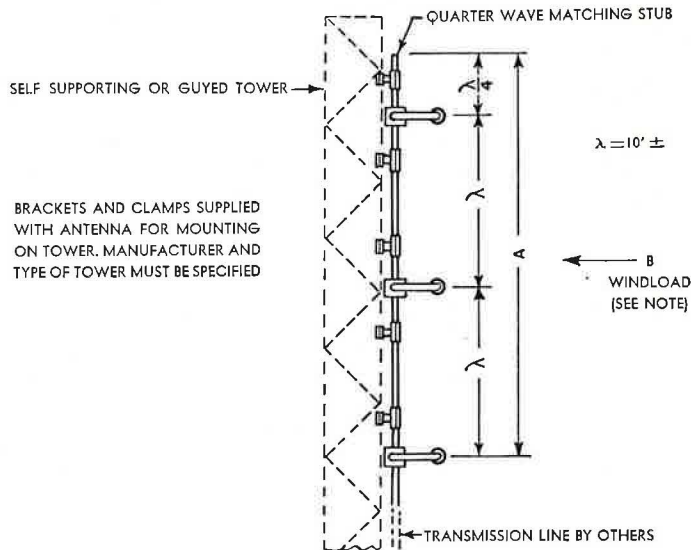
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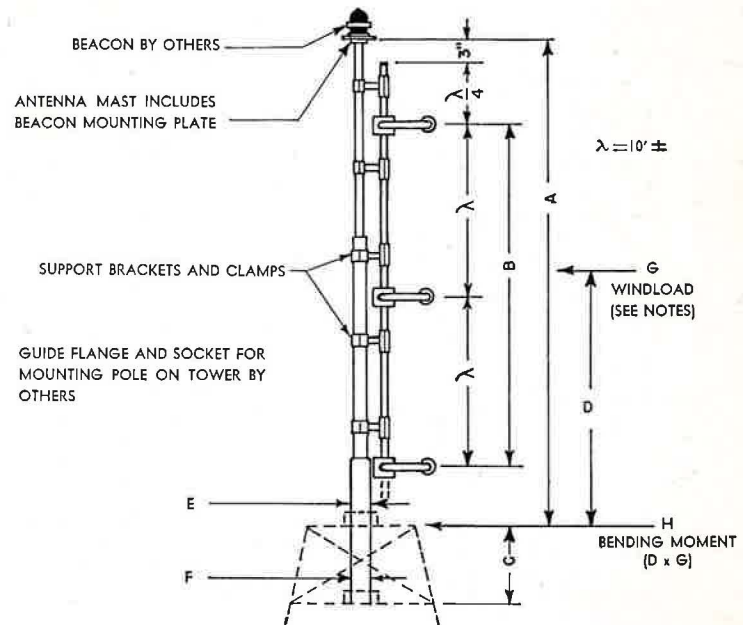
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## COLLINS 37M SERIES FM ANTENNAS

### SIDE MOUNTING



### TOP MOUNTING



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					B	Weight	B	Weight
37M-1	1	.9	.95	2-6±	24	23	32	46
37M-2	2	2.0	1.41	12-6±	68	55	100	100
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37M-4	4	4.1	2.02	32-6±	160	119	240	240
37M-5	5	5.2	2.28	42-6±	206	152	310	305
37M-6	6	6.3	2.51	52-6±	252	185	380	370
37M-7	7	7.3	2.70	62-6±	298	218	450	435
37M-8*	8	8.4	2.90	72-6±	344	251	520	500

### TOP MOUNTING

Collins Type	No. of Rings	Pwr. Gain	A Ft.	B Ft.	C Ft.	On 1 5/8" Line						On 3 1/8" Line					
						D Ft.	E Dia.	F Dia.	G Lbs.	H Ft.-Lbs.	Dead Wt.	D Ft.	E Dia.	F Dia.	G Lbs.	H Ft.-Lbs.	Dead Wt.
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5. Antennas for power inputs in excess of 20 kilowatts incorporate the use of a Tee feed at center of array.



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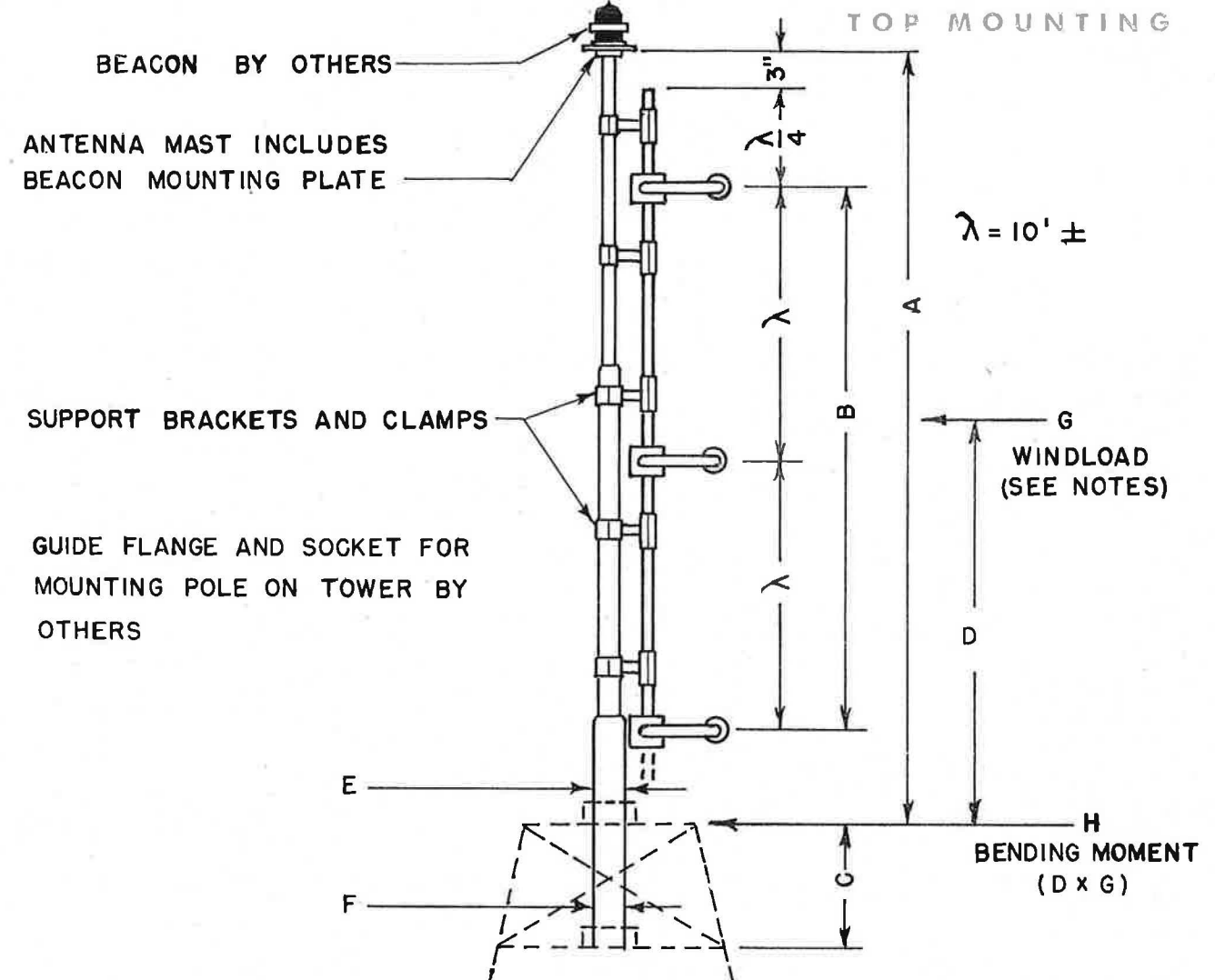
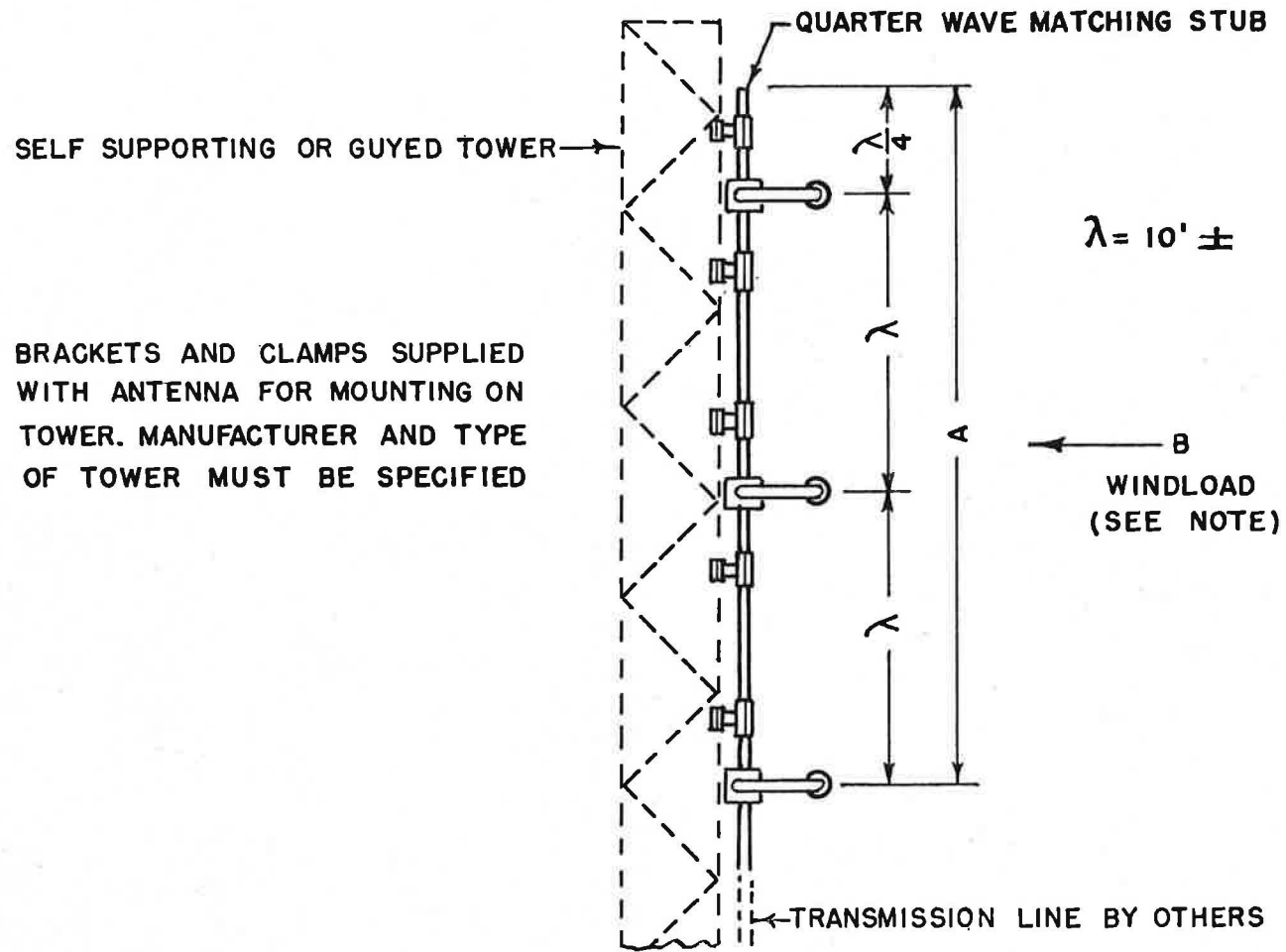
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- ★ Mechanically streamlined
- ★ Electrically simplified
- ★ Lowest weight
- ★ Minimum windload
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- ★ High gain
- ★ Wide tuning range
- ★ Horizontally polarized
- ★ Circular pattern
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## SIDE MOUNTING



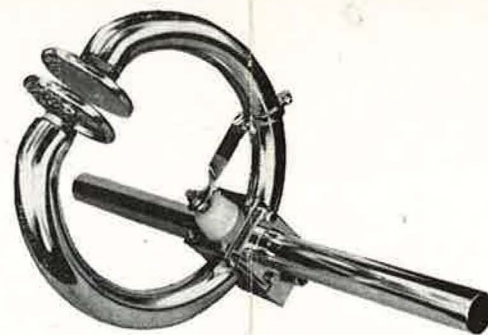
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## COLLINS FM RING ANTENNA Outstanding in All Features

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**Method of Mounting:** Two equally advantageous methods of mounting the new 37M antenna are available to the FM broadcaster:

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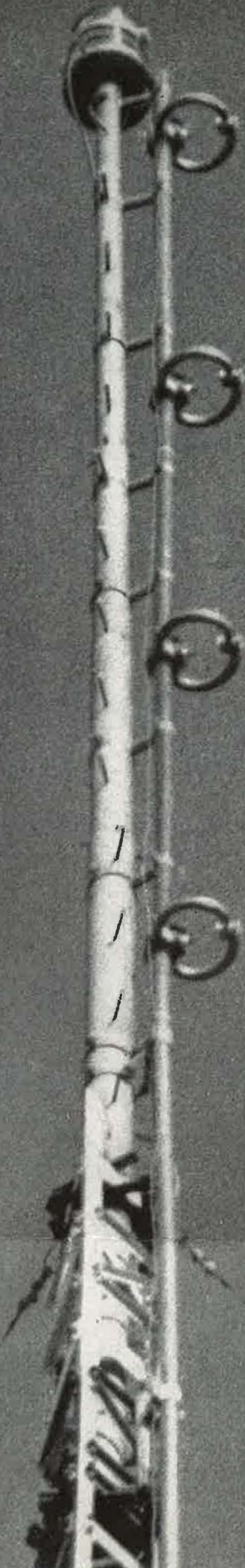
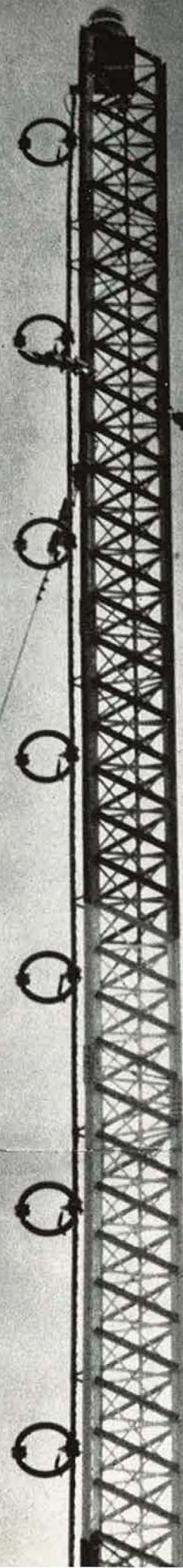
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**Mechanical Stability:** Another important advantage of the 37M is the inherent mechanical stability of the tower, transmission line and antenna assembly. Undue oscillating and weaving of the tower and antenna are eliminated by the low weight and windload which result in reduced strain on the supporting structure as well as reduction in tower maintenance costs.

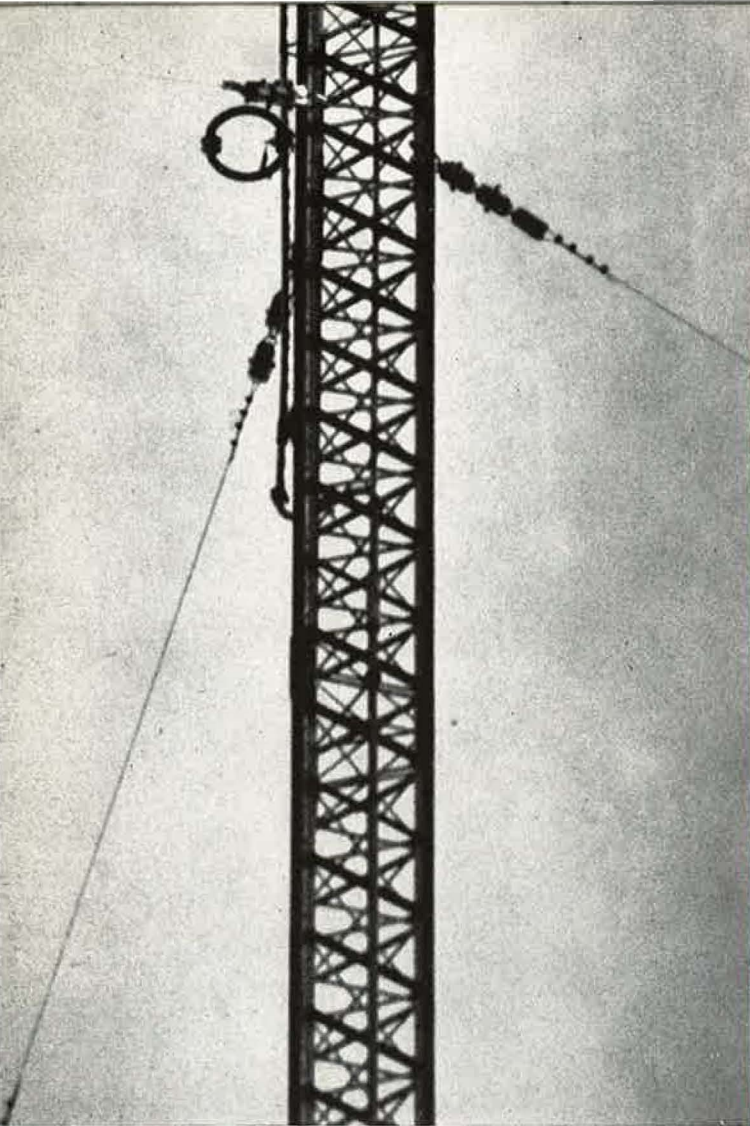
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**Wide Tuning Range:** Three ring sizes are provided in the 37M series to insure maximum efficiency, stability and wide tuning range on the desired frequency of operation. It is possible to tune a range of 10 to 15 megacycles with any one size of ring. The voltage standing wave ratio of the 37M can be maintained at approximately 1.1 to 1 due to







8-Bay Side Mounting ring antenna, WPAD, Paducah, Ky.

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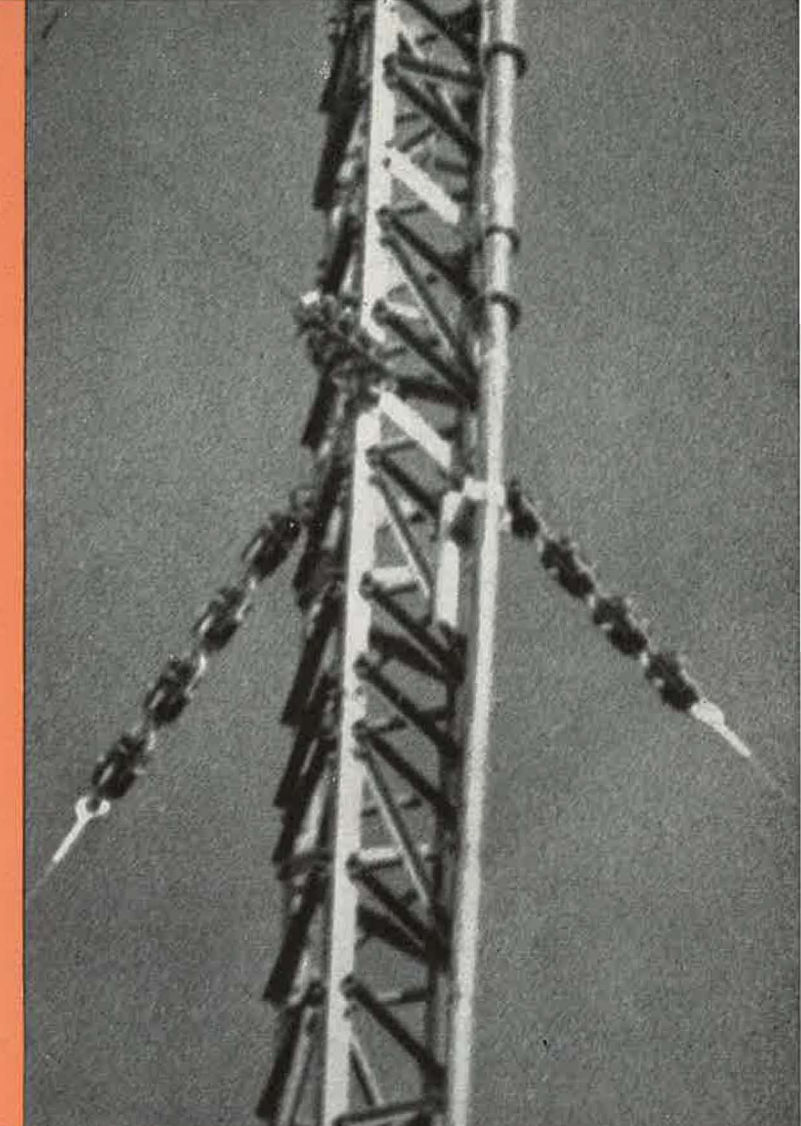
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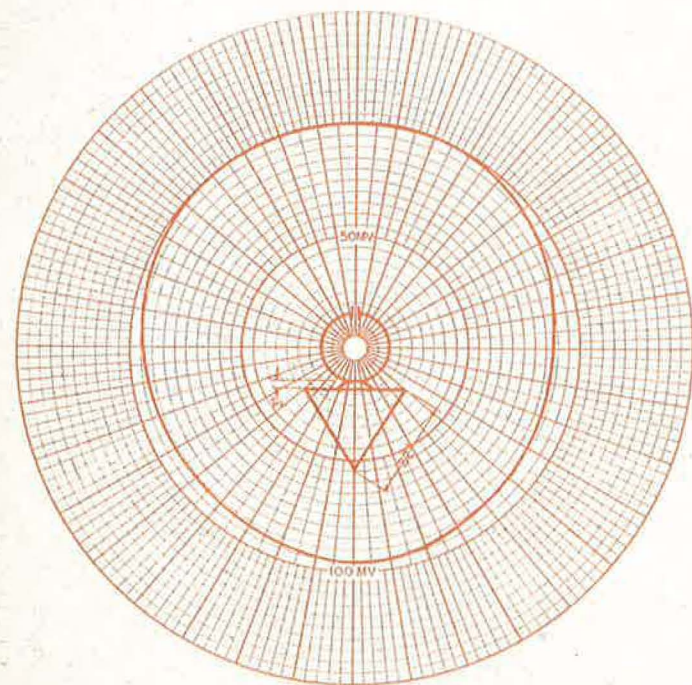
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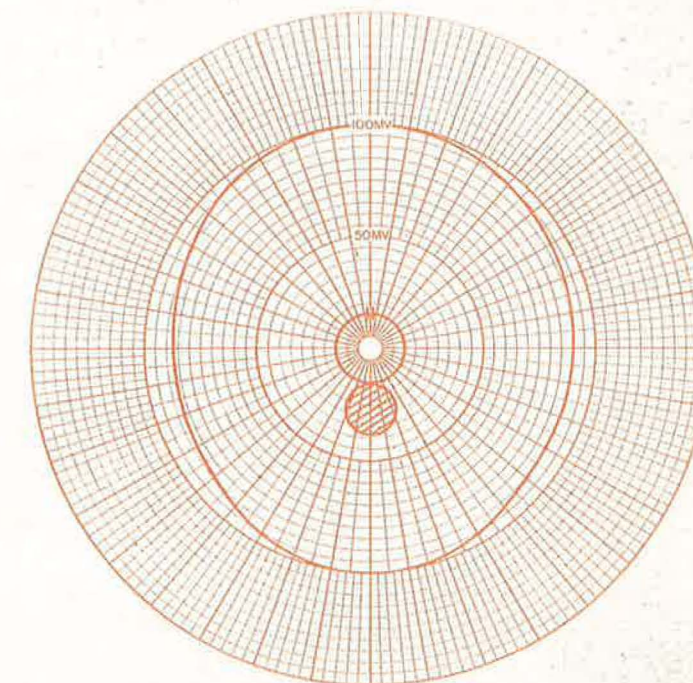
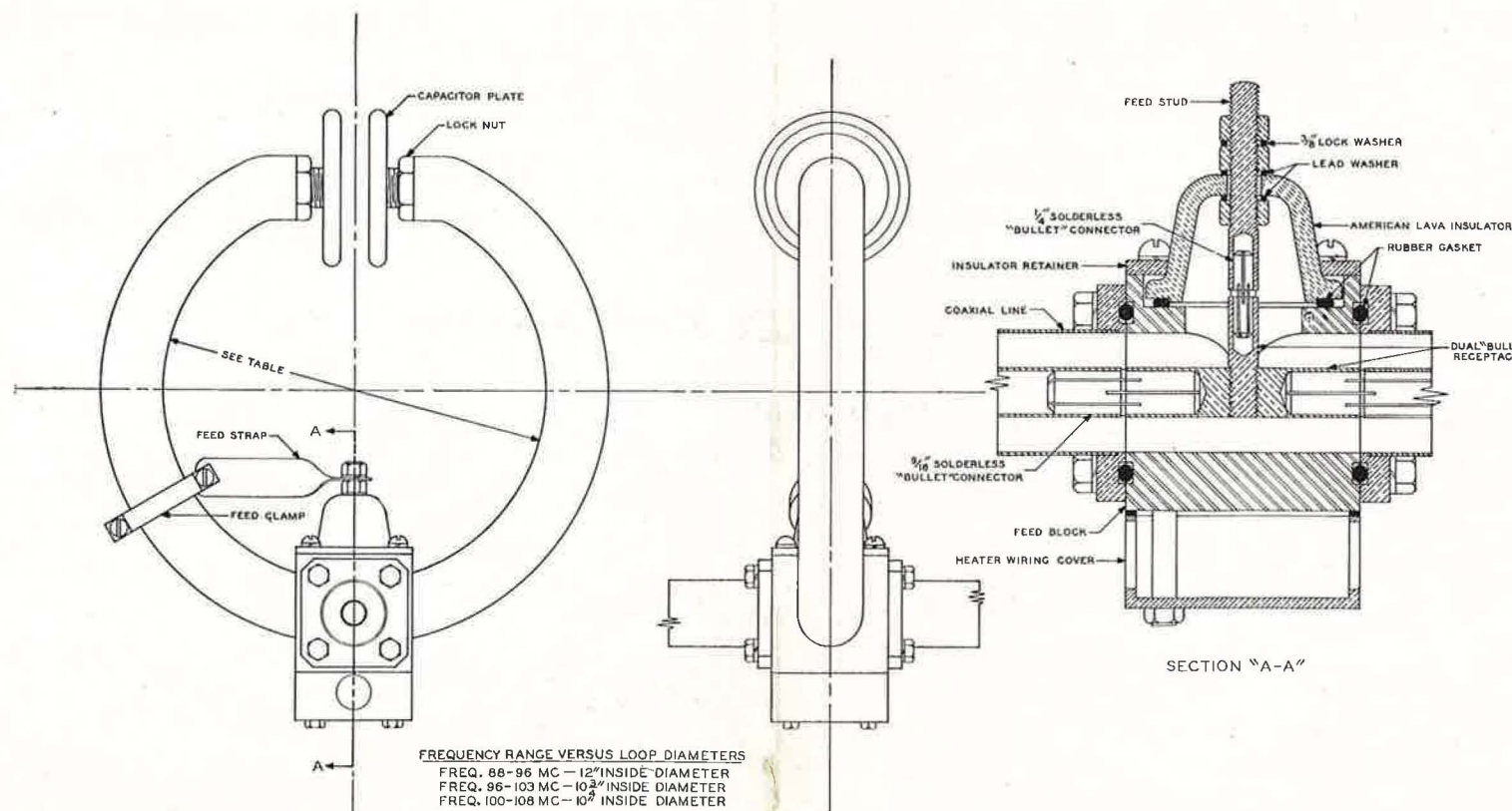
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4-Bay Top Mounting ring antenna, WORD, Spartanburg, S. C.



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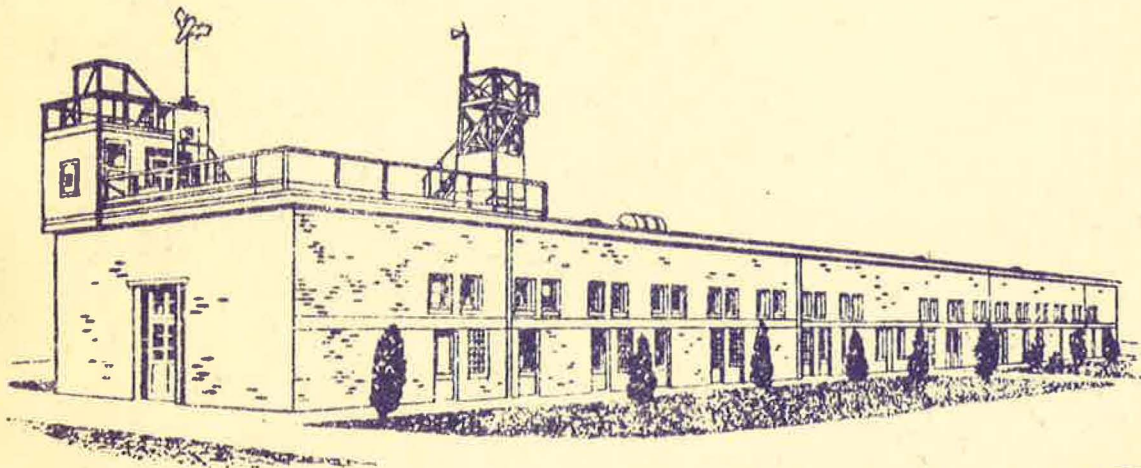
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Your Collins 37M FM Antenna has been carefully assembled and pretuned to your station frequency before leaving the factory. Adjustments have been made to obtain the optimum VSWR reading at your assigned frequency. Tests have been conducted under pressure to insure that the system is free from gas leaks.

Observance of the simple suggestions contained in this manual should enable you to obtain a satisfactory installation of your antenna.

You will find that the insulator hold-down plate on each loop of the antenna has two numbers stamped into the metal. The insulator hold-down plate referred to is the brass plate measuring 3" square by 3/16" thick, which is bolted to the inside of each loop block, and through which the ceramic feed-through insulator protrudes. One number is stamped into the face of the hold-down plate on the upper side, and another number is stamped on the lower side. In mounting the antenna on your tower, the smaller number should always be on top, so that when the antenna has been completely assembled the numbers on the hold-down plates will read consecutively from the smallest number to the greatest number, beginning at the top of the antenna. If this procedure is followed, the feed straps of all the loops will be on the same side of the antenna.



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Attention is called to the fact that numbers have also been stamped into the flanges on each section of the connecting coax line. As the antenna is assembled, the numbers on the coax flanges should be matched with the numbers stamped on the hold-down plates; (i.e., the No.0 line flange should be bolted to the loop Block adjacent to the No.0 on the hold-down plate, etc.).

The sections of connecting coax supplied with your antenna are designed to space the loops one wavelength apart, which provides an antenna system with a power gain approximately equal to the number of loops employed. Mounting brackets supplied with your antenna are designed to provide two brackets to each section of coax line, and one bracket for the shorter quarter-wave section of line. It is suggested that whenever possible the mounting brackets be placed approximately 30 inches above and below each loop of the antenna. The holding bracket, which is the largest one, should be placed at the point which will provide the best possible support for the entire antenna assembly. Experience has shown that on assemblies of eight loops or less this heavy support bracket should normally be placed at the bottom; (i.e., just above the bottom loop of the assembly). On antennas of more than eight loops, having a center-feed section, it may be found advisable to locate this large support bracket



adjacent to the center-feed section to provide the best support. This is especially true if any appreciable length of feed coax has to be suspended from the center-feed point before it can be clamped to the tower.

The following points are important:

- (1) The spacing between the circular condenser plates on the loops and the location of the feeding clamps should not be altered, prior to final tuning, since these are critical factory adjustments. These spacings should be the same on all loops of the antenna. If it should appear that one or more of the feed clamps or plate spacings have been altered during shipment, it would be advisable to contact the factory before attempting to correct it.
- (2) All loops should be mounted similarly on the supporting structure, with all feed straps on the same side and with the condenser plates as far as possible from the tower.
- (3) Where deicers have been factory-installed, junction boxes are provided on the rear of each loop to accommodate a-c heater wiring and standard conduit. The deicers consist of a 100-watt, 60-volt element in each half of each loop. These elements are connected together in series in each loop before leaving the factory. After the antenna has been mounted on your tower it will be necessary to run conductor wire between the loops to provide 110-120 volt service. Open lead wires for making these connections will be revealed by removing the junction boxes on the back of each loop. The loops should be connected in parallel with your 110-120 volt service. After the connections have been made, care should be exercised to seal the junction boxes around the edges and at the conduit outlet to prevent moisture from entering. A small quantity of black sealing compound sufficient for this purpose is placed in each junction box before the antenna leaves the factory.
- (4) To minimize the effects of moisture condensation, the feeding transmission line should be kept filled with



dry gas at pressure of about five pounds. The quarter-wave section at the top of the antenna may be loosened temporarily to facilitate the draining of residual air from the transmission line.

- (5) Occasionally, during shipment and handling, the nuts on the feeding studs may be shaken loose, causing an air leak at the center hole of the insulator bowls on the loops. After an installation is completed, these nuts should be checked and may be tightened gently, if necessary, care being taken to avoid damage to the sealing lead washers on the feed-through insulators.
- (6) Before the antenna and associated transmission line are put into service, tests should be made to insure that the over-all system is operating properly. This is extremely important to detect any errors which may have been made in installing the transmission line, or any detuning which may have been caused by the supporting structure or mechanical damage. A  $v_{swr}$  of better than 1.5/1 at the operating frequency is to be expected. A mechanical defect in the transmission line or antenna is usually indicated by a  $v_{swr}$  of worse than 3/1. If  $v_{swr}$ 's in the range of 3/1 to 1.5/1 ~~occur~~, it is probable that the loops are slightly off resonance. The spacings between the condenser plates on all loops should be checked, at the centers, to insure that they are all the same. Then all plates should be turned in or out simultaneously, in steps of approximately a quarter turn, until a  $v_{swr}$  of less than 1.5/1 is obtained at the operating frequency. This method of retuning the antenna is usually satisfactory only when the total change in plate spacing is less than about two turns. If it is necessary to make radical changes in antenna tuning, the manufacturer or an engineer thoroughly familiar with high-frequency techniques should be consulted.

It should be noted that where deicers are installed in the 37M



antenna they are designed to compensate for severe icing conditions. It is sometimes advantageous, therefore, to provide some means, such as a tapped transformer, for normally operating the heater elements at reduced voltages. Approximately 60 to 75 volts is usually adequate except in severe conditions.

All parts of the antenna, except the circular capacitor plates and the insulator bowls, may be painted periodically to prevent oxidation; however, the antenna loops should not be painted until after final tuning on your tower is complete.

NOTE: Features of the 37M Antenna are covered by United States Patents Nos. 2,467,961 and 2,467,962.



TABLE I - GAIN AND PATTERN DATA

<u>No. of Loops</u>	<u>Power Gain*</u>	<u>Field Gain*</u>	<u>Field, (Mv/M/KW @ One Mile) Va. Rotation</u>					<u>Average</u>
			<u>0°</u>	<u>45°/315°</u>	<u>90°/270°</u>	<u>135°/225°</u>	<u>180°</u>	
1	0.9	0.95	146	133	119	130	137	131
2	2.0	1.41	217	197	176	193	203	194
3	3.0	1.73	266	242	216	237	249	238
4	4.1	2.02	311	283	252	277	291	278
5	5.2	2.26	348	316	282	310	326	311
6	6.3	2.51	386	351	313	344	361	345
7	7.3	2.70	416	378	338	370	388	372
8	8.4	2.90	446	406	362	397	417	399
10	10.5	3.24	499	454	405	444	466	445
12	12.7	3.56	548	498	445	488	512	490
14	14.8	3.85	593	539	481	528	554	530
16	17.0	4.13	636	578	516	566	595	569

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\*Gain over a dipole antenna having a radiation of 137.6 Mv/M/KW @ One Mile.

