

# ASSEMBLY & INSTALLATION



20-15-10 Meter Seven Element Beam



Thank you for your purchase of the Cushcraft X7 Tribander. This antenna is designed and manufactured to give the best performance and trouble free service. The antenna will perform as specified if the instructions are followed during assembly and installation. Cushcraft operates a full service Technical Support staff to answer questions regarding assembly, tuning, parts and just about everything else. Please contact us by phone (603) 627-7877 (8 AM - 5PM Eastern Time), FAX (603) 627-1764, or email techsup@cushcraft.com for prompt service.

#### **WARNING**

THIS ANTENNA IS AN ELECTRICAL CONDUCTOR. CONTACT WITH POWER LINES CAN RESULT IN DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY. DO NOT INSTALL THIS ANTENNA WHERE THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF CONTACT WITH OR HIGH VOLTAGE ARC-OVER FROM POWER CABLES OR SERVICE DROPS TO BUILDINGS. THE ANTENNA, SUPPORTING MAST AND/OR TOWER MUST NOT BE CLOSE TO ANY POWER LINES DURING INSTALLATION, REMOVAL OR IN THE EVENT PART OF THE SYSTEM SHOULD ACCIDENTALLY FALL. FOLLOW THE GUIDELINES FOR ANTENNA INSTALLATION RECOMMENDED BY THE U.S. CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION AND LISTED IN THE ENCLOSED PAMPHLETS.

#### **Antenna System Planning**

Before assembly, take time to review your installation plans for the antenna. Location of the antenna is very important. Surrounding objects such as trees, power lines, buildings, and other antennas will interact with an HF Yagi. To minimize the effects of surrounding objects, mount the antenna as high and in the clear as possible. Metallic guy wire within 30 feet of this antenna, broken with strain insulators, will improve performance.

#### 40 Meter Add-On Kit

The X740 40 meter add-on kit is available for the X7. The kit consists of a loaded dipole element that is mounted on the boom section BA between Elements #2 and #3. The 40 meter element requires a separate coax feed. Contact Cushcraft or your dealer for more information.

YOU MUST INSURE THAT NEITHER PEOPLE OR PETS CAN COME IN CONTACT WITH YOUR ANTENNA WHILE IT IS IN OPERATION. DEADLY VOLTAGES AND CURRENTS MAY EXIST. ALSO, SINCE THE EFFECTS OF EXPOSURE TO RF ARE NOT FULLY UNDERSTOOD, LONG TERM EXPOSURE TO INTENSE RF FIELDS IS NOT RECOMMENDED. THERE IS A WARNING STICKER WHICH MUST BE ATTACHED TO THE BOOM AS SHOWN IN FIGURE 8.

Plan your installation carefully. If you use volunteer helpers be sure that they are qualified to assist you. Make certain that everyone involved understands that you are in charge and that they must follow your instructions. If you have any doubts at all, employ a professional antenna installation company to install your antenna.

#### System Grounding

Direct grounding of the antenna, mast and tower is very important. This serves as protection from lightning strikes and static buildup. A good electrical connection should be made to one or more ground rods directly at the base of the tower or mast using at least #10 AWG ground wire and non-corrosive hardware. For details and safety standards, consult the National Electrical Code. A coaxial lightning arrester should be used. Cushcraft offers several different models such as the LAC series.

### **Assembly**

The assembly procedure for the X7 consists of assembling the following subassemblies.

- 1) Verification of Parts. 2) Boom Assembly. 3) Element Assembly. 4) Element to Boom Assembly.
- 5) Feed System Assembly. 6) Boom to Mast Clamp Assembly.

Assembly of the X7 will be easiest if the preceding steps are performed in the given order. For easier tower mounting, some or all of the elements may be mounted to the boom when the antenna is on the tower. If this option is chosen, the feed system can be attached after the elements are mounted.

Please read through the entire assembly procedure before beginning.

# 1-Verification of Parts

Verify all parts are present by using the X7 Master Parts List. Check off each part when it is counted. There are extra parts intentionally shipped with this antenna. Place common hardware in temporary containers for ease of assembly. Note all hardware is Stainless Steel.

Part No.	Description Metric Equivalent	Quantity	
014597	#8-32 x 3" Stainless Steel Machine Screw	2	
X79FS	1/2" Tinned Copper Braid 6" Long with Lugs 1.2 cm x 15 cm	2	
010011	#8-32 Stainless Steel Nut	8	
010082	1/4-20 x 1" Grade V Hex Bolt 0.6 cm - 20 x 2.5 cm	48	
010085	1/4-20 Stainless Steel Nut	15	
010120	#8-32 x 2" Stainless Steel Machine Screw	4	
010123	#8-32 x 1 1/2" Stainless Steel Machine Screw	4	
010184	1/4" Stainless Steel Flat Washer	87	
010207	3/8" Stainless Steel Flat Washer	4	
010208	3/8" Stainless Steel Lock Washer	4	

# **Verification of Parts continued**

Part No.	Description Metric Equivalent	Quantity	
010209	3/8" Stainless Steel Lock Nut	4	
011941	#8 Stainless Steel Lock Washer	10	
013209	2-7/8" Center-to-center U-Bolt 4" Long 7.3 cm -10.2 cm Long	2	
014387	#8-32 Stainless Steel Lock Nut	12	
014399	1/4" Stainless Steel Lock Nut	85	
014495	7/8" Cush-a-Clamp®	4	
014496	1" Cush-a-Clamp®	4	
014497	1-1/4" Cush-a-Clamp®	6	
	1/4" x 4" Stainless Steel Hex Bolt		
014588	1/4" Stainless Steel Flat Washer 1/8" Thick	11	
014592		6	
030407	5/8" Worm Clamp	12	
030409	11/16" Worm Clamp	14	
030410	1" Worm Clamp	16	
030411	1-1/8" Worm Clamp	6	
030412	1-1/2" Worm Clamp	6	
050053	1/2" Black Plastic Cap	2	
050077	3/8" Black Plastic Cap	12	
054526	2-1/2" Black Plastic Cap	2	
124565	5/8" x 8" Drilled Fiberglass Insulator	2	
124566	7/8" x 8" Drilled Fiberglass Insulator	1	
124567	1" x 8" Drilled Fiberglass Insulator 2.5 x 20.3 cm	1	
154554	3" x 2-1/2" x 1" Tuning Tube Insulator	1	
170035	2-1/2" Formed Aluminum Vee Blocks	2	
194542	8" x 8" x 1/4" Aluminum Mounting Plate	1	
1		1	
194555	2-7/8" x 1" x 1/4" Tuning Tube Shorting Strap 7.3 x 2.5 x .6 cm		
244604	NOALOX® conductive lubricant	1	
290326	Danger Label	1	
323832	2" x 1-1/2" x 1/8" Feed Strap Plastic Insulator	3	
324504	3" x 5-1/4" x 1/8" Drilled Extruded Aluminum Bracket 7.6 x 13.3 x 0.3 cm	6	
324506	8" x 5-1/4" x 3/16" Drilled Extruded Aluminum Bracket 20.3 x 13.3 x 0.5 cm	2	
324509	4" x 5-1/4" x 3/16" Drilled Extruded Aluminum Bracket 10.2 x 13.3 x 0.5 cm	8	
324564	1" x 5-1/4" x 1/8" Drilled Extruded Aluminum Bracket 2.5 x 13.3 x 0.3 cm	2	
330885	Brush	1	
ТВ	20-3/4" 15 Meter Director Trap	2	
Т9	17" 10 Meter Director Trap	2	
MNX79	MNX7 Matching Network	1	
ВА	2-1/2" x 84" Drilled Aluminum Tube 6.4 x 213 cm	1	
BB	2-3/8" x 24" Drilled Aluminum Tube	1	
BC	2-1/2" x 60" Drilled Aluminum Tube	1	
BD	2-3/8" x 12" Drilled Aluminium Tube	1	
BE	2-1/2" x 72" Drilled Aluminum Tube	1	
		1	
EA	1-1/4" x 72" Aluminum Tube slotted 2 ends	•	
EB	1-1/8" x 52 " Aluminum Tube slotted 1 end, 1" tube insert 1 end 2.8 x 132 cm	4	
EC	1" x 36" Aluminum Tube slotted 7/8" swege 1 end	4	
ED	3/4" x 36" Aluminum Tube slotted 5/8" swege 1 end 1.9 x 91 cm	8	
EE	1/2" x 36" Aluminum Tube slotted 1 end 1.3 x 91 cm	6	
EF	3/8" x 48" Aluminum Tube	4	
EG	1" x 48" Aluminum Tube slotted 2 ends 2.5 x 122 cm	1	
EH	7/8" x 48" Aluminum Tube slotted 1 end 2.2 x 122 cm	2	
EJ	3/8" x 32" Aluminum Tube	4	
EK	1" x 24" Aluminum Tube slotted 1 end. drilled 1 end 2.5 x 61 cm	2	
EL	1-1/4" x 36" Aluminum Tube, slotted 1 end, drilled 1 end 3.2 x 91 cm	2	
EM	1/2" x 24" Aluminum Tube slotted 1 end	6	
EN EN	3/8" x 36" Aluminum Tube	4	
EP	1-1/4" x 48" Aluminum Tube slotted 2 ends	1	
ER	1-1/8" x 48" Aluminum Tube slotted 1 end	2	
ES	1/2" x 36" Aluminum Tube	2	
ET	7/8" x 36" Aluminum Tube slotted 1 end	2	
EU	3/4" x 36" Aluminum Tube slotted 5/8" OD swege 1 end, drilled 1 end 1.9 x 91 cm	4	
EV	1"x 36" Aluminum Tube slotted 1 end	2	
EY	1" x 5-1/4" Aluminum Tube slotted 2 ends 2.5 x 13.3 cm	2	
EZ	3/8" x 30" Intentionally Bent Aluminum Tube crimped and drilled 1 end1.0 x 76 cm	2	
FL1	3/8" x 16" Aluminum Flat Feedline Strap	2	
FL2	3/8" x 20-3/4" Aluminum Flat Feedline Strap 0.9 x 53 cm	2	
FL3	3/8" x 28-3/4" Aluminum Flat Feedline Strap	2	

#### Figure 1 72" (213.4 cm) (61.0 cm) **←**11-3/4"<del>→</del> (152.4 cm) (182.9 cm) (30.5 cm) (29.8 cm) ВА **∳**2BB ВС BD ΒE 1-1/4" -> (3.17 cm) 4"→ 16-3/4" 3-3/4" 4-3/4" 4-3/4" 4-3/4" <del>≪</del> 1-1/4" 3-3/4" (9.52 cm) (29.8 cm) (42.5 cm) (10.2 cm) (29.8 cm) (29.8 cm) (9.52 cm) Figure 2 ۰ Figure 3 216" (5.5 m) ۰ 0 ВС BA BE See Figure 4A See Figure 4A Element #3 Element #6 Mounting hole for optional 40M Figure 4 53" (134.6 cm) add-on kit. See See See See See See See

NOTE: The X7 is shipped with NOALOX® conductive lubricant and an applicator brush. Apply small amounts of the lubricant to telescoping tubing sections during element and boom assembly. Apply small amounts of lubricant to bolt/U-bolt threads to prevent galling (seizing) of the nuts during assembly. Also, apply small amounts to the feedstrap assembly and matching network connections.

Fig. 4C

Element

#4

Fig. 4C

Element

#5

Fig. 4A

Element

#6

Fig. 4A

Element

#3

# 2-Boom Assembly

Fig. 4C

Element

#2

Fig. 4B

Element

#1

Figures 1, 2, 3 and 4 show the steps for boom assembly. Identify the tubing sections, element brackets and hardware required for this step by using the Boom Subassembly Parts List. Note the element brackets for Elements #3 and #6 join the boom sections (Figure 3).

**Tuning Tube** 

Support

Insulator

Refer to Figures 4A, 4B, 4C and 4D to assemble element brackets. The 1/4" hex nuts (85) are used as spacers on all brackets. Tighten these nuts in place before assembling element bracket halves. The 1/4" flat washers (1/8" thick) (529) are only used on 1/8" thick brackets as spacers (Figure 4C). The Boom may be placed on a flat surface with all brackets laying flat on the surface. This will allow all brackets to be fastened in line with each other. When tightening the hardware, refer to Figure 4A and tighten all bracket hardware in this order. When tightening the last two nuts on (509) brackets, do not completely compress the element brackets together. Leave a 1/8" (.12 cm) gap between the brackets. Do not tighten the bolts on the Tuning Tube Support Insulator Bracket (Figure 4D). Allow the bracket to remain loose on the boom for Step 5 (Feed System

Nylon insert lock nuts are designed for one-time use. Do not tighten these nuts if you expect to disassemble antenna sections during antenna mounting.

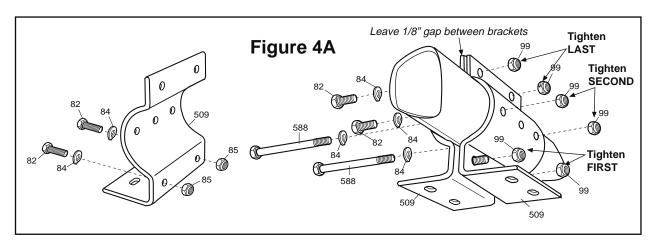
After mounting boom end caps (26), drill a small hole (1/4") in the bottom edge of the cap for water drainage. Determine which edge of the end cap will be on the ground facing side of the boom when antenna is mounted in its final position.

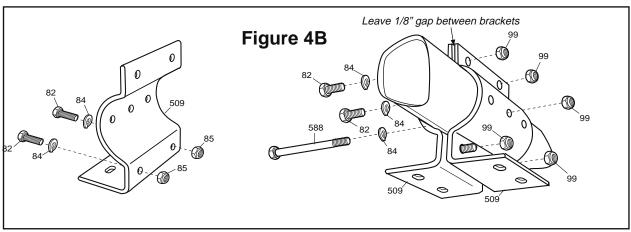
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84	010084	<b>©</b>	SS Lock Washer	1/4" (.6 cm)	39
85	010085	9	SS Nut	1/4-20 (.6 cm)	15
99	014399		SS Lock Nut	1/4" (.6 cm)	39
504	324504		Aluminum Bracket	3" x 5-1/4" x 1/8" (7.6 x 13.3 x .3 cm)	6
509	324509		Aluminum Bracket	4" x 5-1/4 x 3/16" (10.2 x 13.3 x .5 cm)	8
564	324564		Aluminum Bracket	1" x 5-1/4" x 1/8" (2.5 x 13.3 x .3 cm)	2
588	014588	0	SS Hex Bolt	1/4" x 3-1/2" (.6 x 10.2 cm)	9
592	014592	0	SS Flat Washer	1/4" (1/8" thick) (.6 x .3 cm)	6

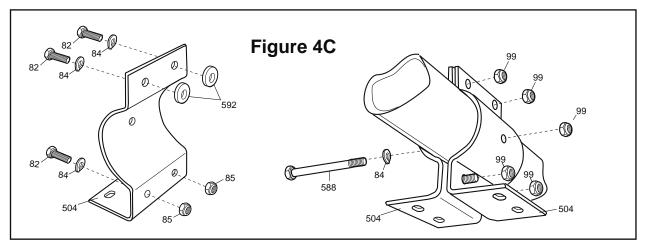
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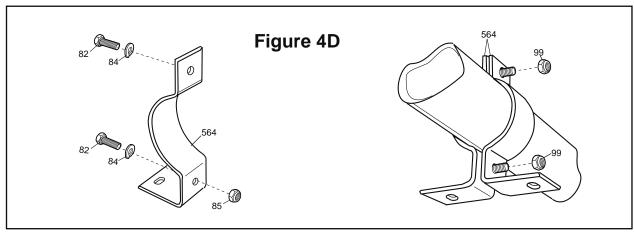
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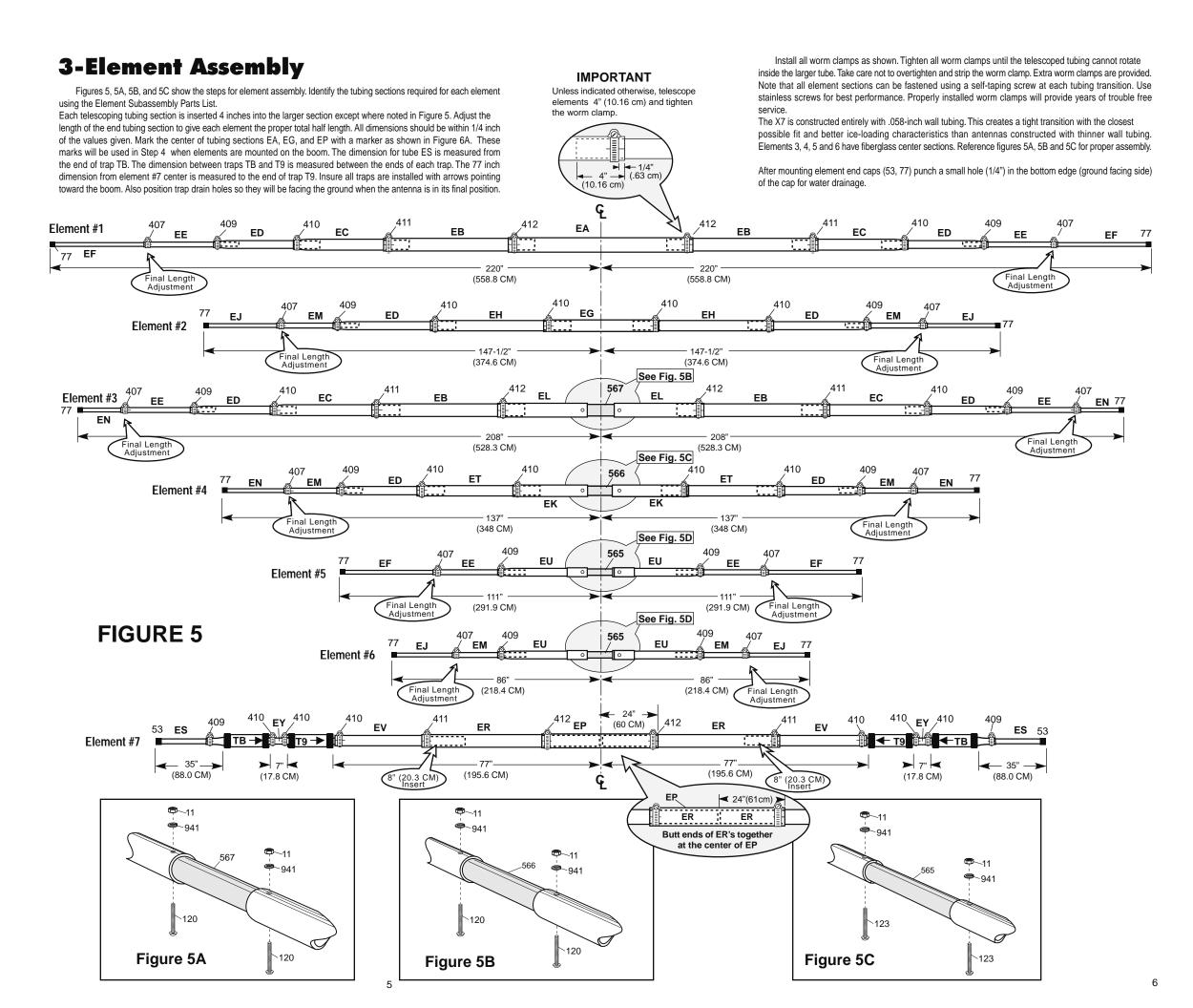
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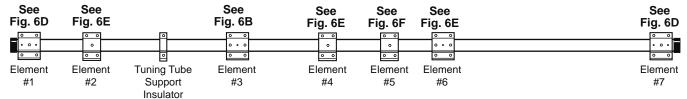


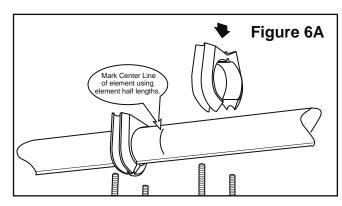


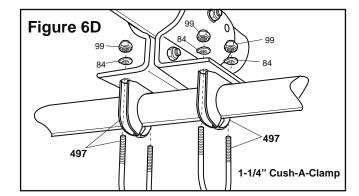


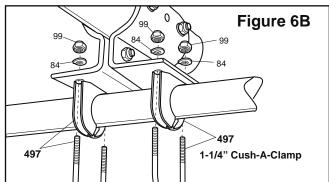
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11	010011		SS Nut	#8-32	8
53	050053		Black Plastic Cap	1/2" (1.3 cm)	2
77	050077		Black Plastic Cap	3/8' (0.9 cm)	12
120	010120	<u> </u>	SS Machine Screw	#8-32 x 2" #8 x 5.1 cm)	4
123	010123	<u>(</u> )	SS Machine Screw	#8-32 x 1-1/2" (#8 x 3.8 cm)	4
407	030407	6	Worm Clamp	5/8" (1.6 cm)	12
409	030409	Ô	Worm Clamp	11/16" (1.7 cm)	14
410	030410	0	Worm Clamp	1" (2.5 cm)	18
411	030411		Worm Clamp	1-1/8" (2.9 cm)	6
412	030412		Worm Clamp	1-1/2" (3.8 cm)	6
565	124565		Fiberglass Insulator	5/8" x8" (1.6 x 20.3 cm)	2
566	124566	0	Fiberglass Insulator	7/8" x 8" (2.2. x 20.3 cm)	1
567	124567	0	Fiberglass Insulator	1" x 8" (2.5 x 20.3)	1
941	011941	<b>©</b>	SS Lock Washer	#8	8
EA	X79EA		Aluminum Tube	1-1/4" x 72" (3.2 x 183 cm)	1
EB	X79EB		Aluminum Tube	1-5/8" x 52" (2.8 x 132 cm)	4
EC	E79EC		Aluminum Tube	1" x 36" 2.5 x 91 cm)	4
ED	X79ED		Aluminum Tube	3/4" x 36" (1.9 x 91 cm)	8
EE	X79EE		Aluminum Tube	1/2" x 36" (1.3 x 91 cm)	6
EF	E79EF		Aluminum Tube	3/8" x 48" (1.0 x 122 cm)	4
EG	E79EG		Aluminum Tube	1" x 48" (2.5 x 122 cm)	1
EH	E79EH		Aluminum Tube	7/8" x 48" (2.2 x 122 cm)	2
EJ	E79EJ		Aluminum Tube	3/8" x 32" (1.0 x 81 cm)	4
EK	X79EK		Aluminum Tube	1" x 24" (2.5 x 61 cm)	2
EL	X79EL		Aluminum Tube	1-1/4" x 36" (3.2 x 91 cm)	2
EM	X79EM		Aluminum Tube	1/2" x 24" (1.3 x 61 cm)	6
EN	X79EN		Aluminum Tube	3/8" x 36" (1.0 x 99 cm)	4
EP	X79EP		Aluminum Tube	1-1/4" x 48" (3.2 x 122 cm)	1
ER	X79ER		Aluminum Tube	1-1/8" x 48" (2.9 x 122 cm)	2
ES	X79ES		Aluminum Tube	1/2" x 36" (1.3 x 91 cm)	2
ET	X79ET		Aluminum Tube	7/8" x 36" (2.2 x 91 cm)	2
EU	X79EU		Aluminum Tube	3/4" x 36" (1.9 x 91 cm)	4
EV	X79EV		Aluminum Tube	1" x 36" (2.5 x 91 cm)	2
EY	A34SEF		Aluminim Tube	1" x 5-1/4" (2.5 x 13.3 cm)	2

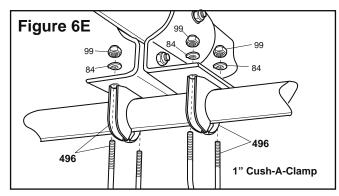
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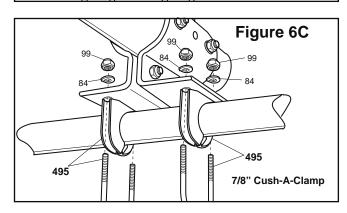


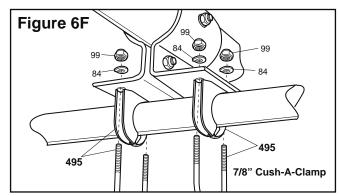








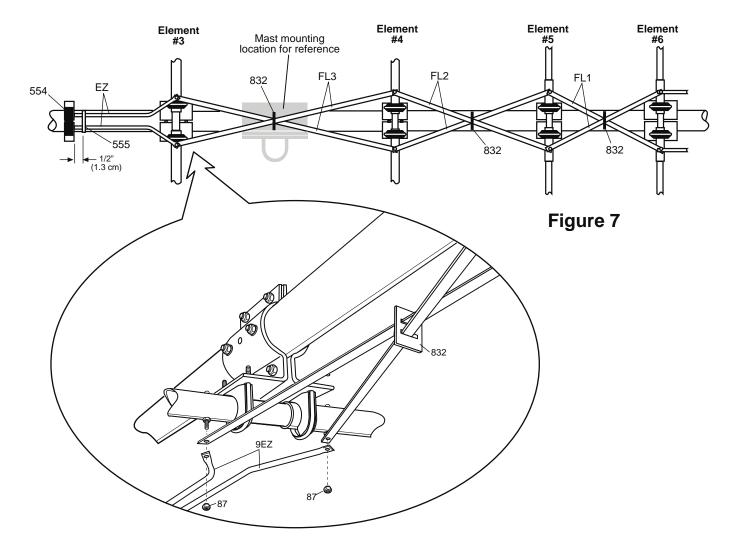




# **4-Element to Boom Assembly**

Elements can be attached to the boom when the antenna is on the ground or when the antenna is being installed on a tower. Identify the hardware required to secure the elements by using the Element-to-Boom Parts List. Figure 6 shows the position of each element on the boom. Figures 6A, 6B, 6C, 6D, 6E, 6F show the hardware required to attach each element to the element bracket Position each element center mark equidistant between each Cush-A-Clamp. Leave the Cush-A-Clamps loose on the Log Cell Elements (#3, #4, #5, #6) until the feed straps are attached in Step 5. There are three sizes of Cush-A-Clamps. Tighten each clamp until the element tubing can no longer rotate inside the Cush-A-Clamp. The lock washers under the nuts securing the Cush-A-Clamps should be tightened until they are flat against the mounting bracket.

ID	Part #		Description	Dimensions	Qty
84	010084	<b>©</b>	SS Lock Washer	1/4" (.6 cm)	28
99	014399	9	SS Lock Nut	1/4" (.6 cm)	28
495	014495		Cush-a-Clamp®	7/8" (2.2 cm)	6
496	014496		Cush-a-Clamp®	1" (2.5 cm)	4
497	014497		Cush-a-Clamp®	1-1/4" (3.2 cm)	4



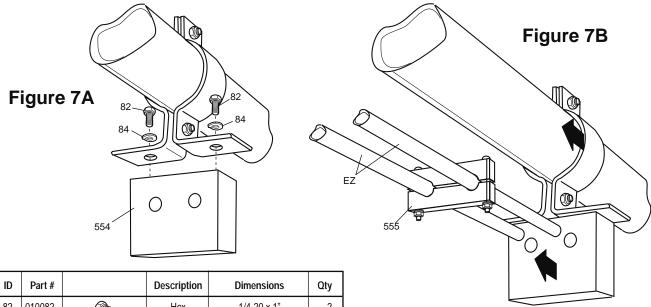
# **5-Feed System Assembly**

The feed system consists of 3 sub-assemblies. They are the feed-straps, the tuning-tube insulator and the matching network. Figure 7 illustrates the 3 pairs of feed-straps (FL1, FL2, FL3). Refer to the Feed System Subassembly Parts List for the hardware required to install the straps. Slide a feed-strap insulator (832) on to each pair of feed-straps to space and insulate the straps. Elements may be rotated slightly during feed strap attachment. Tighten Cush-A-Clamps on Elements #3, #4, #5 and #6.

Locate the 2 tuning-tubes (EZ). Attach the punched ends of each tube to the screws at the center of Element #3.

Locate the Tuning Tube Shorting Strap (555). Loosen the 2 screws and slide the strap onto the tuning tubes (EZ). Leave strap loose.

ID	Part #		Description	Dimensions	Qty
87	014387		SS Lock Nut	#8-32	8
554	154554	0 0	Tuning Tube Insulator	3" x 2-1/2" x 1" (7.6 x 6.3 x 2.5 cm)	1
555	194555		Tuning Tube Shorting Strap	2-7/8" x 1" x 1/4" (7.3 x 2.5 x .6 cm)	1
832	323832		Strap Insulator	2" x 1-1/2" x1/8" (5.1 x 3.8 x .3 cm)	3
FL1	X79FL1		Feedline Strap	3/8" x 16" (.9 x 41 c m)	2
FL2	X79FL2		Feedline Strap	3/8" x 20-3/4" (.9 x 53)	2
FL3	X79FL3		Feedline Strap	3/8" x 28-3/4" (.9 x 73 cm)	2
EZ	X79EZ		Bent Alum Tube	3/8" x 30" (.95 x 7.6 cm)	2

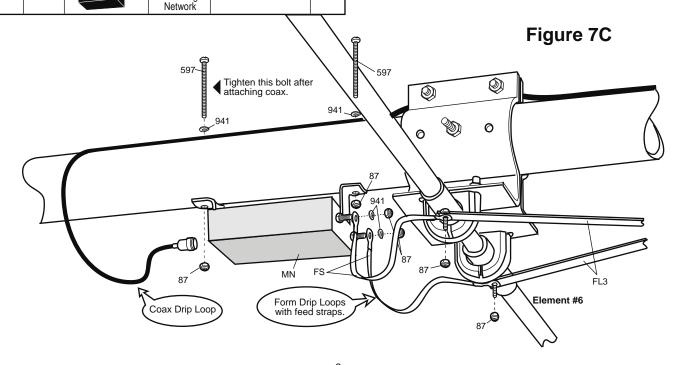


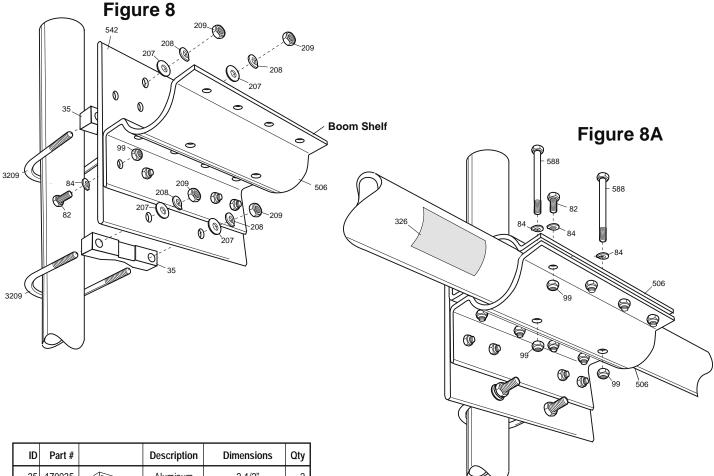
82 010082 1/4-20 x 1" 2 Hex Bolt (.6-20 x 2.5 cm) 010084 1/4" 2 84 SS Lock Washer (.6 cm) 014387 2 SS Lock #8-32 Nut 154554 0 0 **Tuning Tube** 3" x 2-1/2" x 1" (7.6 x 6.3 x 2.5 cm) 2" x 1-1/2" x 1/8" (5.1 x 3.8 x .3 cm) 555 194555 **Tuning Tube** Shorting Strap 014597 SS Machine #8-32 x 3" 2 597 Screw (7.6 cm) 941 011941 SS Lock #8 4 9 Washer Tuning Tube 2 ΕZ 3/8" x 30" (,95 x 76.2 cm) 6" (15.2 cm) FS X79FS Feed 2 MNMNX79 Matching

Refer to Figure 7A and attach the tuning tube insulator to the boom bracket. Use the hardware listed in the Tuning Tube Insulator Subassembly Parts List. Slide the insulator toward tuning tubes (EZ) until tube ends slide into the insulator holes, (Figure 7B). Tighten bolts on boom bracket securing tuning tube insulator in place.

Reference Figure 7 and position the Tuning Tube Shorting Strap (555) 1/2 inch from the tuning tube insulator. Adjusting this strap will not have a significant effect on the VSWR of the X7. Tighten strap screws.

Reference Figure 7C for matching network mounting. Required hardware is listed in the Matching Network Subassembly Parts List. Attach matching network (MN) to boom with two 8-32 bolts (597). Do not tighten "left" bolt until coax is securely attached to matching network. Connect feed straps (FS) from matching network terminals to each FL3 end at the center of Element #6. Form drip loops in the feed straps and position them as shown in Figure 7C. Form the feed-straps away from the Cush-A-Clamp U-bolts and Element #6 element bracket.





ID	Part #		Description	Dimensions	Qty
35	170035		Aluminum V-Block	2-1/2" (6.3 cm)	2
82	010082		Hex Bolt	1/4-20 x 1" (2.5 cm)	16
84	010084	0	SS Lock Washer	1/4" (0.6 cm)	18
99	014399		SS Lock Nut	1/4" (.6 cm)	18
207	010207	0	SS Flat Washer	3/8" (.95 cm)	4
208	010208		SS Lock Washer	3/8" (.95 cm)	4
209	010209		SS Lock Nut	3/8" (.95 cm)	4
326	290326		Danger Label		1
506	324506		Aluminum Bracket	8" x 5-1/4" x 3/16" (20.3 x 13.3 x .5 cm	2
542	194542		Alu Mounting Plate	8" x 8" x 1/4" 20.3 x 20.3 x .6 cm)	1
588	014588		SS Hex Bolt	1/4" x 3-1/2" (.6 x 8.9 cm)	2
3209	013209		U-Bolt	2-7/8" (7.3 cm)	2

## **6-Boom to Mast Clamp Assembly**

The X7 boom to mast clamp is designed to be mounted on the tower/mast so the built in boom shelf feature can be utilized. Following this suggestion, if possible, will simplify antenna installation.

Reference Figure 8 for assembly of boom to mast clamp. Required hardware is listed in the Boom to Mast Clamp Assembly Parts List. Form the boom shelf by attaching the lower boom bracket (506) to the mast plate (542). Attach mast plate (542) to mast using U-bolts (3209) and V-blocks (35).

Place the boom on the boom shelf during installation. Loosely attach the top boom bracket (506) to the mast-plate (542) and to the lower boom bracket (506) as shown in Figure 8A. This allows the boom to be moved back and forth for tower top element mounting.

When all elements are securely mounted to the boom and the feed system is in place, line up the 2 holes in the top of the upper boom bracket (506) holes with the corresponding 2 holes in boom section BC. Insert bolts (588) and tighten in place. Next, tighten the 8 bolts, securing the upper and lower boom brackets. Tighten the 4 bolts connecting the upper boom bracket to the mast plate.

Attach good quality coax with a PL-259 connector to the X7 matching network. Route the coax as shown in Figure 7C. Form a drip-loop with the coax and secure the coax to the boom. Insure PL-259 connector is waterproofed with a good quality sealant after it is attached to the matching network. Tighten the 8-32 bolt securing the matching network to the boom.

#### **Tuning Procedure**

The X7 does not require tuning. The broadband VSWR characteristics of the log cell can not be improved by adjusting element lengths. Varying the element dimensions from those suggested in this manual is not recommended. For help with tuning, please contact Cushcraft technical support.

### The X7 Design Story

Cushcraft marketed its first 10-15-20 meter tri-bander, the ATB-34, in 1976. The antenna was updated mechanically and re-introduced as the A4 in 1980. The A4 evolved into the A4S when all hardware was changed to stainless steel.

The ATB-34, A4, A4S models became the most popular 18-foot tri-bander worldwide. In 1997 the A4S was evaluated for performance using the latest antenna design software. Computer analysis showed potential improvements were possible through the use of a log periodic cell for a driven element. The X7 was born. The log periodic cell feed is the only commercially available feed system with inherent forward gain over a dipole. By properly spacing the reflectors and directors, and input impedance of 200 ohms was achieved on 10, 15, and 20 meters. A 4:1 quadrifilar Guanella type ferrite balun was designed to provide a 50 ohm match at the X7 feedpoint.

The mechanical construction of the X7 was designed using Yagi Strength® (YS) software. A safety factor of 1.25 was used to guarantee an added cushion of safety over the 100 MPH rating of the boom, elements and hardware. All tubing for the boom and elements is 0.058 inch wall. The element and boom brackets are constructed of 6061-T6 extruded aluminum. All hardware is stainless steel.

On-the-air performance of the X7 yields an excellent radiation pattern, broadband low VSWR, and minimal trap loss.

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#### **SPECIFICATIONS**

Frequency Coverage (Meters) 10, 15, 20 Total number of Elements 7	
Maximum Gain (dB) 20M 12.5 @ 14 deg	
@ One Wavelength 15M 13.0 @ 12 deg	
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Number of Elements per Band 3	
VSWR Minimum 1.1:1	
VSWR 1.5:1 Bandwidth (KHz) 20M 600	
15M 750	
10M 1700	
Longest Element, ft (m) 37.2 (11.33)	
Turning Radius, ft (m) 20.0 (6.09)	
Boom Length, ft (m) 18 (5.49)	
Boom Diameter, in (cm) 2-1/2 (6.35)	
Maximum Mast Diameter OD, in (cm) 2-1/2 (6.35)	
Maximum Wind Survival, mph (kph) >100 (>161)	
Maximum Wind Surface Area, ft <sup>2</sup> (m <sup>2</sup> ) 7.9 (.73)	
Windload @ 80 mph, lb (kg) 202 (92)	
Maximum Power Handling (KW) 2	
Weight, lb. (kg) 60 (27.2)	
Design Safety Factor 1.25	

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