

# JK-401

## 40M Hi-Q Coil Loaded Rotatable Dipole

2021 Version



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- **Installation of this antenna near power lines is dangerous. Contact with any high voltage power lines could result in electric shock or loss of life. Do not install this antenna where there is any possibility that the antenna or any part of the supporting structure could come in contact with power lines.**
- **Also ensure that no persons or pets can come in any contact with the antenna after it is installed. Dangerous voltages can exist on the antenna when it is in operation and no part of the system is insulated to prevent shock.**
- **Consult with FCC OET Bulletin 65 to properly evaluate whether the chosen installation site for this antenna will comply with the FCC guidelines for human exposure limits to radio frequency electromagnetic fields.**
- **This antenna structure is not designed to be used as a support structure. No persons or objects should be supported by or suspended from the antenna structure at any time.**
- **Because most antenna systems are installed at high heights, the installed location must take into account that falling debris may pose a hazard to humans, animals and property on the ground below.**
- **Be aware of and follow all local codes and ordinances when installing this antenna.**

## TOOLS REQUIRED

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This antenna uses all **SAE standard tool sizes**. Metric fasteners are *not* used on this antenna. Ensure hex keys used are **SAE** sizes to avoid stripping the socket cap screw heads.

Size	Description
5/16"	Nut driver, socket or wrench (for #6-32 nylon lock nuts)
11/32"	Nut driver, socket or wrench (for #8-32 nylon lock nuts)
3/8"	Nut driver, socket or wrench (for #10-24 nylon lock nuts)
7/16"	Nut driver, socket or wrench (for 1/4-20 nylon lock nuts)
9/16"	Nut driver, socket or wrench (for 5/16-18 nylon lock nuts)
7/64"	Allen wrench / Hex Key (for 6-32 socket head screws)
9/64"	Allen wrench / Hex Key (for 8-32 socket head screws)
5/32"	Allen wrench / Hex Key (for 10-24 socket head screws)
3/16"	Allen wrench / Hex Key (for 1/4-20 socket head screws)
9/16"	Socket and ratchet (preferred), or combination wrench, or adjustable wrench (for 3/8-16 Bolts.)

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## ASSEMBLY GUIDELINES

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1. Open the boxes and lay out the elements, hardware kits and parts
2. Using the parts list at the end of this document, check to make sure all tubing, hardware kits and parts are included (extra numbers of bolts, screws, nuts and washers are included)
3. **The use of Penetrox or Noalox or any other Anti-seize/Anti-Oxidant compound is HIGHLY recommended during installation of this antenna. Use a drop or 2 of this anti-seize paste on all screws before fastening. This will prevent the stainless-steel hardware from accidentally locking up. Also a drop or two of the anti-oxidant paste on the element transitions will prevent corrosion in the joints as well ensure long lasting electrical performance.**

The document has been separated into different assembly sections based on the packaged hardware kits. While it is recommended to assemble in the order presented, please adjust as needed based on your working conditions and assembly area.

### STEP 1: Mast Plate Assembly

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The 1<sup>st</sup> step is to assemble the small “L” shaped mast plate to the Element Channel. The small **Mast Plate** has 2 holes that will match up with the larger center holes on the topside of the 40M Element Channel. Attach the plate to the channel using the hardware included in the **Mast Plate to Channel Kit**.



### STEP 2a: Element Center Section Assembly

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The 40M Dipole Element center section is comprised of two (2) 3-ft long aluminum tubes with an outer diameter of 1-3/4", one (1) solid fiberglass rod (1.5"OD), and the hardware found in the **40M Dipole Element Hardware Kit**.



- 1) Slide one end of the fiberglass rod inside the end of one aluminum tube and align the holes.
- 2) Place the shorter screw on the hole away from the center and tighten using a nylon nut.
- 3) Place the longer screw through the hole closer to the center with a serrated lock washer on each side and tighten with a nylon nut.
- 4) Do the same on the other side so that the fiberglass rod has aluminum tubes attached on both sides.

Once assembled, the Element center section can be mounted onto the element channel. *(The above picture shows the Balun "L" straps attached to the dipole element center screws.)*

#### **STEP 2b: 40M Element to Element Channel Assembly**

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The element center section is attached to the **Element Channel** using two (2) **Black Polyamide Clamps** and the hardware from the **Element to Element Channel Kit**. When mounted on the mast, the open section of the channel will face down (toward the ground) so that the black clamps are visible.

Before applying final torque to the black clamps, there are several alignments that must be completed:

- 1) Align the element center section tube exactly in the center of the element channel.
- 2) Align the tube so that when screws are used to attach the next taper, the screw heads will face up (towards the sky).
- 3) When mounting the center section, make sure that the exposed screws in the center face away from the Element Channel (down, towards the ground).
- 4) **Optional & Recommended** : Twist the center section to point the screws at 45-degrees. This will enable the balun to be mounted as shown in the picture under the balun assembly detailed on Page 12 in STEP 3.

After the above alignments are completed, tighten the screws on the black clamps evenly, alternating between each bolt. Do not apply all the torque to one bolt at a time, as this raises the chances of galling occurring when the opposite bolt is tightened. The gap between the blocks should just close when the torque is correct, and there should be an even amount of thread sticking out above each nut. **Do NOT continue to add additional torque after the gap closes.**

**CAUTION:** Continuous over-tightening can cause the screw-head to jam through the black clamps holes.



*40M center sections mounted on element channels*

## STEP 2c: 40M Coil Assembly

Each 40M coil assembly is comprised of two 1.25"OD aluminum tubes, one fiberglass rod, one coil, and the appropriate screws, nuts, serrated lock washers and silicone tape (**Coil Hardware Kit**).



**1.25"CF = 36" long tube**

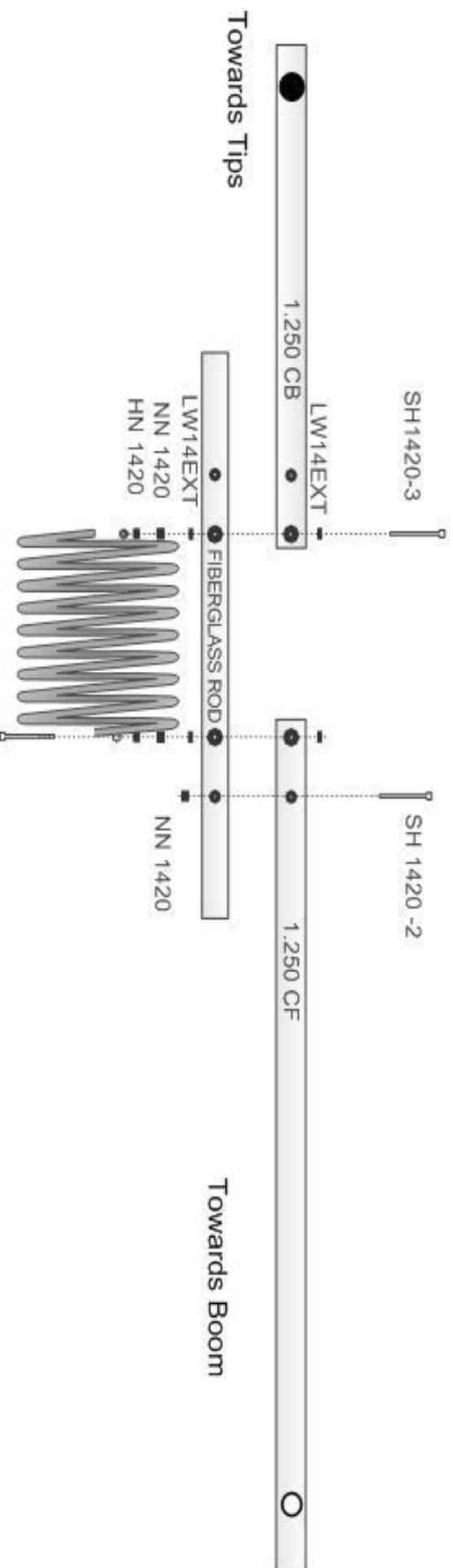
**1.25"CB = 18" long tube**

The fiberglass rod has 4 holes, which are 1/4" holes. The outside holes from the center and are used for the mechanical mounting of the tubing to the fiberglass. The 1/4" inside holes are used for mounting the coil.

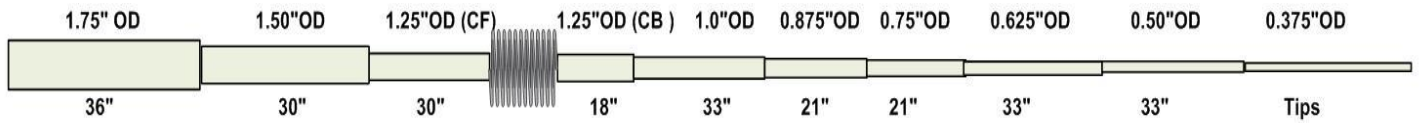
**NOTE:** Always use an anti-oxidant (Penetrox) while tightening the screws and nuts.

- 1) Starting with either the CF or the CB tube, insert the fiberglass rod and line-up the holes. Attach the tubes to the rod through the 1/4" (outside) holes using the provided 1/4-20 screws and 1/4-20 nylon nuts.
- 2) Repeat on the other side of the fiberglass rod with the remaining tube. Once completed, the section should look like the picture below, with the 1/4" holes still open.

## 40 Meters Coil Section Assembly – 2020 Version







10-24 holes (outside) to attach fiberglass rod to aluminum tubes



1/4" holes (inside) to mount the coil

Now, to attach the coils, follow these steps:

- 3) Place a serrated/tooth washer (LW14ExT) onto a 1/4"-20 screw, and insert into one of the 1/4" holes on the fiberglass rod/tube assembly.



- 4) Add another serrated/tooth washer onto the screw on the far side of the rod, and finish with a 1/4-20 nylon-nut. Tighten as far as you can, stopping just short enough to still allow the screw to rotate freely.
- 5) Attach a 1/4-20 plain hex nut and turn it until it reaches the nylon nut.





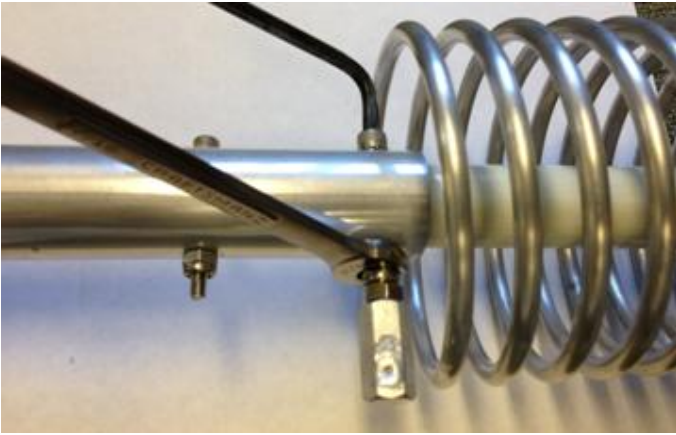
- 6) Follow these same steps with the remaining hole on the other side of the fiberglass rod, but this time insert the screw from the opposite side of the rod.
- 7) Wrap the provided silicone tape over the exposed section of the fiberglass rod (this tape has no adhesive, so it only bonds to itself – stretch and wind the tape over the exposed section, using approximately 24 inches or less of tape on each rod).



- 8) Slide the coil onto the assembly; thread the 10-24 screw four to five times directly into the coil standoff.



- 9) GENTLY tighten the hex-nut over the standoff to act as a jam nut.
- 10) Do the same on the other side.
- 11) Tighten the nylon-nut firm and tight along the tube.



**NOTE:** It is very important to have a solid mechanical connection, with the nut and screw making a tight contact over the tubing. Visually inspect the coil assembly for any twists or non-symmetry while tightening these nuts. Adjust them carefully by pulling them back into place. Repeat this same process for all the coil assemblies.

The total assembled length of the “coil assembly” is approximately **59-5/8”**.

**NOTE:** While tightening, take care to **NOT** put too much pressure over the coil standoffs. We recommend that you hold the standoff with pliers or a wrench to prevent any excess pressure being put on the coil joint to the standoff while tightening the jam-nut.



**STEP 2e: Element Taper Assembly**

Once the 40M center section has been mounted, and the coil sections have been assembled, the remaining tubes can be sleeved in to complete the tapered element sections.

**40M:** The 40M element has eight (8) tapered aluminum sections on each side of the 1.75” center section, ranging from 1.5” (largest) to .375” (smallest).

- 1) Slide 6 inches of the 1.5” OD tube into the center section tube and align the holes. Attach using the appropriate hardware (**40M Element Hardware Kit**) as shown in the table below. (Use a drop of anti-seize paste on all screws).

Transition	Screw Size	Nylon Nut Size
1.75” – 1.5”	SH51618-4	NN51618
1.5” – 1.25”	SH51618-3	NN51618
1.25” - 1”	SH1024-1	NN1024
1” - .875”	SH832-3	NN832
.875” - .75”	SH832-3	NN832
.75” - .625”	SH832-1	NN832
.625” - .5 Slit”	SH632	NN632
.5” Slit - .375”	HC-2	none

- 2) Slide the CF side of the 40M coil assembly (1.25” tube) into the 1.5” OD tube and attach.

**Important :** The 1.0”OD tubing has 2 different hole diameters at each end. The regular hole side goes into the 1-1/4” tubing and the counterbore single hole side towards the 0.875”OD tubing.

- 3) Continue to assemble and attach the progressively smaller tapers of aluminum tubing, using the appropriate hardware, as shown in the table above.

Exposed Length	36"	30"	30"+18"	33"	21"	21"	33"	33"	Tip Length	
Tubing OD	1.75"	1.5"	1.25"	1"	.875"	.75"	.625"	.5" Slit	.375" is the tip	19" – NO Shunt 17" – w/Shunt

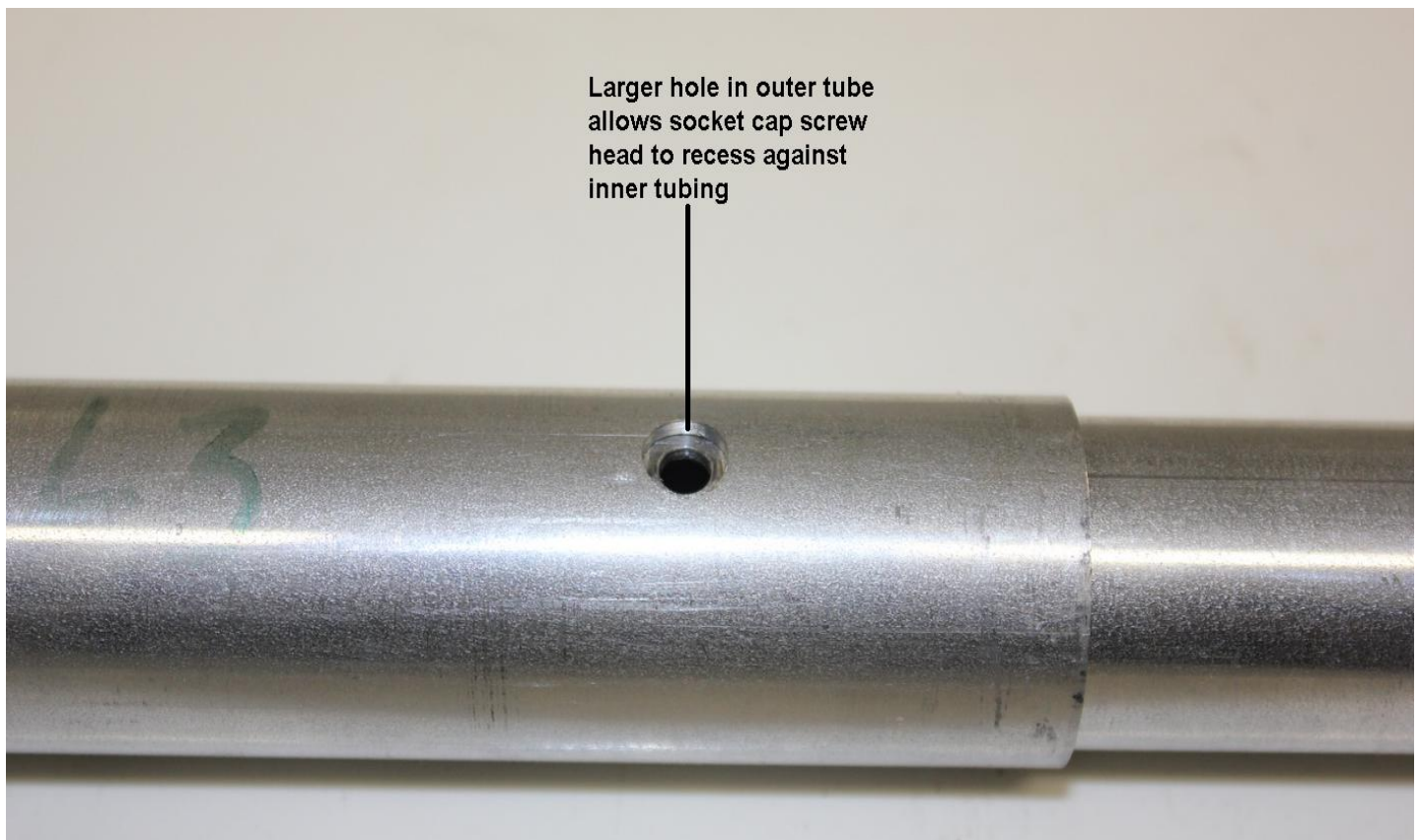
The tips lengths have been optimized for 7.100 +or- performance.

**Please follow tips lengths for WITH or WITHOUT the SHUNT COIL. (depending on your installation)**

- 4) The smallest taper on each element is inserted into the slit end of the previous size, and attached using a hose-clamp (and not the screws). The exposed tip length of the smallest taper on each element must follow the table above.

**SPECIAL NOTE:** The tapers from 1.0" and below use single hole counterbore to tightly nest the screw head onto the tube inserted into it.

Note the joint in the picture below illustrating the counterbored (larger) hole in the outer tube to tightly nest the screw head.





*Screw fits into recessed hole – face up*



*Nylon Nut placed on opposite end – face down*

- Each tube has one larger, counterbored hole drilled on one end, on one side. **The side of the tube with the counterbored hole is ALWAYS the outer tube of a joint, with the smaller outer-diameter tube sleeved inside.**
- The element sections are joined together with a single socket head cap screw. In all cases where element sections are telescoped together, the head of the socket head screw will be inserted into the larger diameter counterbored hole through the outer tubing and exit out the other side of the larger diameter tubing.
- **IMPORTANT: Always be aware of the orientation of the larger countersunk hole, and keep them all on the same side as you insert the next tubing section. This way all the socket cap heads remain on the same side of the element tubing.**

**NOTE: Always use an anti-oxidant (Penetrox) while tightening the screws and nuts.**

**We recommend assembled elements to have the screw head on the top side of the element (facing the sky) and the nut on the bottom side of the element (facing the ground).**

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### STEP 3: Balun Assembly

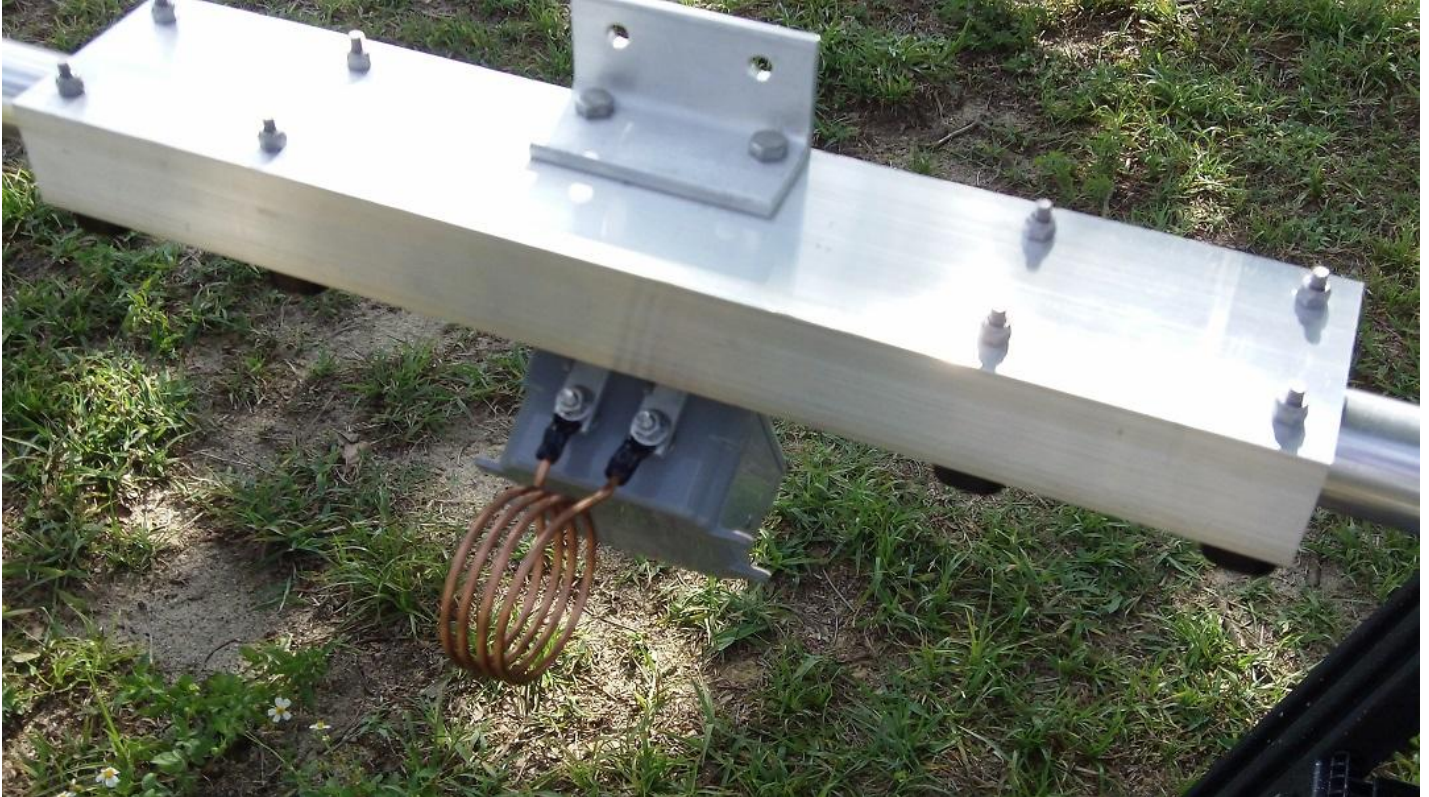
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- 1) Insert serrated lock washers (LW10ExT) from the **40M Dipole Element Hardware Kit** onto the longer center exposed screws of the Dipole Element.



- 2) Next, mount the balun “L” leads onto the exposed screws
- 3) Insert another serrated lock washer on each screw
- 4) Insert the Nyloc Nut (NN1024) and tighten, but be careful NOT to over-tighten
- 5) Insert and screw another plain hex nut or KEPS nut, which will act as a lock if necessary
- 6) Insert the balun on the other side of the “L” leads
- 7) OPTIONAL STEP - Insert the Shunt Coil as shown in the picture below. (If mounting this antenna closer to other antennas and/or higher than 70Ft above ground.)

**(WARNING !! PLEASE DO NOT ADJUST or SPREAD THE COIL SENT FROM THE FACTORY)**

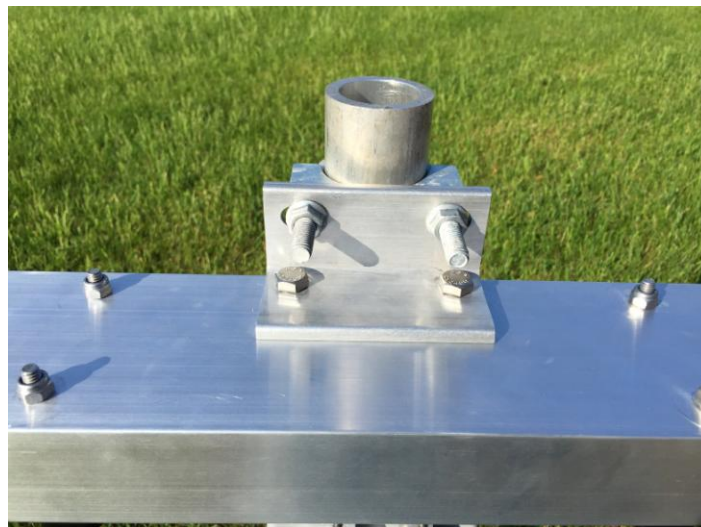


- 8) Use the supplied lock washer and nuts and tighten.
- 9) Attach the coax to the balun and tape the coax to the Mast.

#### **STEP 4: Mounting Dipole on Mast**

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When assembly is complete, mount the dipole onto the mast using the **Mast to Mast Plate Kit**.



## STEP 5: Antenna Final Check and Test - Prior to Installation

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**Dimensions:** Although the element lengths are set from the factory, it is highly recommended that you take the time to document and check *all* the dimensions of your assembled antenna with factory dimensions.

**Hardware Installation:** Verify that all the hardware has been tightened and there are no loose fasteners.

**SWR Test:** You may connect a SWR analyzer with the antenna only a few feet off the ground to make sure you do not have a short or open circuit anywhere. You can do this by verifying that you do not have an extremely high SWR on each band. Do not be concerned unless the SWR is high on both bands. The antenna will not have the specified SWR curves unless it is installed at a height of at least 35 feet above ground. With the antenna at least 6 feet from the ground, you will start to see the SWR “dip” below 2:1 somewhere in or near each of supported frequency ranges. As long as you start to see a dip somewhere around (above or below) each of the two bands, you may proceed with installation.

***For example in the case of 40M (7.100MHz), the dip will be usually below 7.0MHz and close 6.9 MHz depending on height above ground (5ft approx.)***

**Installation:** The antenna should be installed by a professional in a safe manner on a support structure that is rated to handle the weight and wind load of this antenna, in all expected weather conditions. Pretest the entire run of coax cable with a 50 Ohm “dummy load” to ensure there are no problems with either the coax or the coax connectors. Most SWR issues are due to coax or connector issues and not related to the antenna itself. Even if the coax was previously being used for another antenna, repositioning of the cable can cause new connector faults to occur. You should also test the cable at the full power you intend to run, if possible.

Surrounding metallic objects (other antennas, guy wires, etc.) can affect the performance of the antenna. If the antenna is not interacting with anything, you can expect the specified SWR curve, gain and front to rear performance. There are no user adjustments necessary for this antenna - any SWR issues indicate a coax and/or connector fault, or interaction of this antenna with another metallic object and those situations must be corrected.

The reference SWR curves are available on our website at: <http://jkantennas.com/jk401.html>



**JK401 Parts List**

<b>MAST TO ELEMENT ASSEMBLIES</b>				
	Mast Plate		Mast to Element Channel Plate	1
Mast Plate to Element Channel				
	HH3816	1"	Hex Head Screw 3/8-16	2+1
	NN3816		Plain Hex Nut 3/8-16	2+1
Mast to Mast Plate				
	U-Bolt	2" ID	3/8" U-Bolt for Mast Mounting	1
40M Channel Assembly				
	40M Channel-1		40M Element Center Plate	1
	BC1.75		Black Polyamide clamps 1.75" ID	4
	SH1420	3"	Socket Head Screw 1/4"-20 (3")	8+2
	NN1420		Nylon Nut 1/4-20	8+2

<b>40M ELEMENT ASSEMBLIES</b>				
	3AT1.75		3 ft Alum Tube 1.75" OD	2
	3AT1.5		3 ft Alum Tube 1.5" OD	2
	3AT1.25 CF		3 ft Alum Tube 1.25" Coil Front	2
	3AT1.25 CB		18" Alum Tube 1.25" Coil Back	2
	3AT1.0		3 ft Alum Tube 1" OD	2
	3AT.875		24" Alum Tube .875 OD	2
	3AT.75		24" Alum Tube .75" OD	2
	3AT.625		3 ft Alum Tube .625" OD	2
	3AT.5S		3 ft Alum Tube .5" OD (slit end)	2
	3AT.375		3 ft Alum Tube .375" OD	2

<b>Coil Assembly</b>				
	40M Coils		40M Coils	2
	FG1.0 Coil		Fiberglass rod 1" OD	2
	SH1420-2	1-3/4"	Socket Head Screw 1/4-20	4+1
	NN1024		Nylon Nut 1/4-20	4+1
	SH1420-3	3"	Socket Head Screw (FULL Thread) 1/4"-20	4+1
	NN1420		Nylon Nut 1/4"-20	4+1
	HN1420		Hex Nut 1/4"-20	4+1
	LW14ExT		Lock Washer 1/4" External Tooth	8+2
	Tape		Tape	1

Element Assembly Hardware					
	SH1024-1	1-1/2"		Socket Head Screw 10-24	2+1
	SH51618-3	2"		Socket Head Screw 5/16-18	2+1
	SH51618-4	2-1/4'		Socket Head Screw 5/16-18	2+1
	NN1024			Nylon Nut 10-24	2+1
	NN51618			Nylon Nut 5/16-18	4+1
	SH832-3	1-1/4"		Socket Head Screw 8-32	4+1
	SH832-1	1"		Socket Head Screw 8-32	2+1
	NN832			Nylon Nut 8-32	6+2
	SH632			Socket Head crew 6-32	2+1
	NN632			Nylon Nut 6-32	2+1
	HC-2			Hose Clamp	2+1

40M DRIVEN ELEMENT HARDWARE					
	FG1.5DE			Fiberglass Rod for Driven Element	1
	BH1024-4	2-1/4"		Socket Head Screw 10-24	2+1
	BH1024-6	3"		Socket Head Screw 10-24	2+1
	NN1024			Nylon Nut 10-24	4+2
	LW10			Flat Washer #10	4+2
	LW10ExT			Lock Washer #10 External Tooth	8+2
	KP10124			Keps Nut 10-24	2+2
	Shunt Coil			Optional Shunt Coil	1

SUPPLIES					
	Noalox			Anti-Oxidant (OPTIONAL) Not Supplied with Antenna	1
	L Straps			Balun Mounting Straps	2