

Design Calculations for Long Wire Antenna

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Define target band(s) and choose a practical wire length.

Start length $L_m = 150 / f(\text{MHz})$ meters for half-wave estimate.

Apply velocity factor: $L = L_m * VF$ (typical VF 0.95 for bare wire).

For long wire, pick $L = n * (\lambda / 2)$ where $n \geq 1$.

Estimate feed impedance with modeling or tables for L/λ .

Choose feed method: end-fed with transformer or balanced line.

Select matching: 9:1 unun for random wire, 49:1 for EFHW.

Check current maxima to avoid feeding at a current null.

Estimate required counterpoise length ~0.05 to 0.25 lambda.

Verify mechanical sag and tension for the chosen span.