

EMERGENCY MEASURES RADIO GROUP



OTTAWA ARES

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Revision Summary

V1.0 xxxx-xx-xx Create initial document

V1.1 2009-07-02 Quick review and update, but still draft in progress

Purpose Of This Document

Defines the Red Cross radio requirements and the solution implemented by EMRG, including detailed drawings for all wiring.

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INTRODUCTION

Through numerous steps over several years, the Ottawa branch of the Red Cross moved into a new location in 2003, with no Amateur radios and no antennas. In 2004, with money from the Red Cross and the RAC ARES fund, as well as some donated supplies, EMRG set about designing and implementing a radio communications solution.

This document describes the EMRG Red Cross Radio Communications System Project. It starts with the requirements, describes the design and provides detailed drawings for all aspects of the project.

The purpose of this document is to provide a detailed reference for ongoing operation and maintenance of the Red Cross radio communications solution. It also provides a reference document for anyone who has a requirement and wants to learn from the work EMRG has done. The information in this document is available for any Amateur radio group or individual to use. EMRG would appreciate if you identify the original source of the information.

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REQUIREMENTS

- 1. Must support Amateur radio on 144 MHz, 220 MHz and 440 MHz, and each radio must be able to support voice or data (1200 baud packet).
- 2. Must be easy to use, with any special functions such as battery backup being transparent to the user.
 - The system can not be dependent on the operator to remember to do something, such as switch back to AC power. This should be done automatically.
- 3. The space available for installing the radios is 14 inches wide, situated between a filing cabinet and a desk.
 - The radios will be installed in an office which is used for normal daily operations, but would be dedicated to radio communications in an emergency.
- 4. Heavy duty (100AH) battery backup capability is required.
 - There was no generator in the building at the time.
- 5. Must allow use of the radio from 2 operator desk positions in the same office as the radio equipment, or from more distant locations such as one of two conference rooms on the main floor or even from the second floor.
- 6. Implement the EMRG Standard Radio Interface (SRI) for all radio, TNC and operator wiring.
 - EMRG SRI (Standard Radio Interface) Specification: EMRG-210
 - EMRG SUI (Standard User Interface) Specification: EMRG-214
- 7. Must be able to provide radio communications capability between the National Red Cross office on Metcalf Street and the Ottawa Branch, if required in an emergency (in addition to local branch requirements).
- 8. The radio system must be easily removable, so it could be disconnected and moved to a different location if the Red Cross building had to be abandoned in an emergency.

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DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

- 1. The Red Cross branch office is located on Catherine Street in Ottawa, in an area, backed by the Queensway (Just West of the Voyageur bus station). This is not a premium radio operating location, in terms of HF or long range VHF/UHF communications.
 - There will not be any HF radio communications at the Ottawa branch office.
 - For HF communications, an HF relay station in an EMRG members home would be used, with VHF or UHF radio for the local link from the Red Cross offices.
- 2. The Red Cross branch office is centrally located allowing low power operation into voice and data repeaters, as well as for simplex communications with key sites such as the EOC.
- 3. The design selected, has all the radios in narrow vertical cabinet, supported by a single DC power supply and battery backup. This design is possible for the following reasons;
 - The decision was made not to operate HF from the Red Cross branch office
 - The proximity to repeaters and simplex access, allows the use low power for voice and data.
 - Not all radios will be transmitting all the time. The main nets will be VHF voice and data, while 220 MHz and 440 MHz will be used for command and control with much lower duty cycles.

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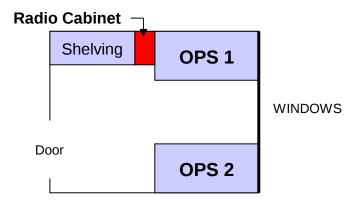
SYSTEM OVERVIEW

- To maximize flexibility, all equipment and operator positions wire to jacks on a patch panel inside the equipment cabinet. This allows any related equipment to be connected together.
- All cables that exit the back of the radio cabinet, have a connectorized interface point on the back of the cabinet. This allows the cabinet to be disconnected from all exterior wiring, without impacting wiring inside the cabinet. This is important in the event that the cabinet must be relocated to another room, or in an emergency, the whole cabinet can be removed as a functional unit.
- The system overview shows the cables for each type of equipment connectivity. Later drawings show the bundles of cables for each operator position and still other drawings show wiring details such as cable type and connector pinouts.

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OPERATOR POSITIONS

OPS1 & OPS2: The radio equipment is housed in a cabinet, which is located in an office that has 2 built in desks. The office is normally used for other activities, but in an emergency, it becomes the radio room.



OPS3: The main conference room on the front, West side of the building. This is where most activity would take place in a large event.

OPS4: The small meeting room near the back of the building. This might be used for special coordination, or to manage a smaller event.

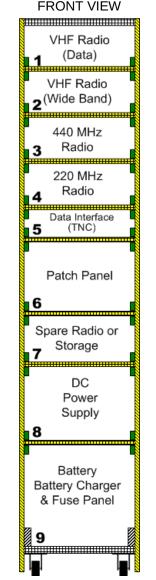
OPS5: Optional location that can be wired at a later date, if required.

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CONNECTIVTY OPTIONS

- The objective is to support Voice or Data, from any Operator Position, using any radio. There are different connectivity options, depending on the distance from the radio cabinet to the operator position.
- OPS1, OPS2 & OPS3 use the EMRG Standard Radio Interface (SRI), which extends the speaker and microphone connections of the radio, as well as providing the option for Auxiliary audio.
 - Auxiliary audio allows a second audio source such as an FM radio or scanner to be monitored at the operator position.
- ALL positions are wired with a computer network connection.
- OPS1 & OPS2 have 12 VDC power as well as a computer serial connection.
 The DC power can be used to run a laptop, or charge a cell phone, while the
 computer serial connection allows a laptop at the operator position to connect to
 a TNC to provide data communications.
- OPS3 & OPS4 are wired with the DC Remote interface connection. This provides radio connectivity over greater distance, but requires the use of a DC Remote interface at the radio end and a Desk Console at the operator position.
- The use of the EMRG Standard Radio Interface allows other options such as adding a repeater controller to create a cross band repeater.
 - This would allow a VHF and UHF radio to be linked, so a UHF portable radio can be used anywhere inside the Red Cross, to communicate with VHF repeaters.

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The Ottawa Red Cross radio cabinet is divided into 9 sections, starting with section 1 at the top and moving down to section 9 at the bottom. Each section from 1 to 8 has a 12" x 12" slide out shelf for installation of equipment. Section 9 is the base of the cabinet and does not slide.

There are 3 possible types of cable used for each section;

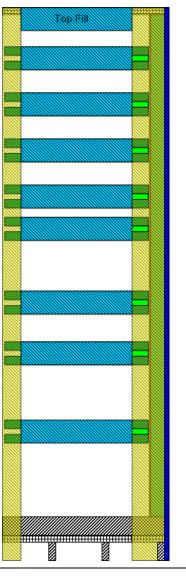
- Coax (RF) PL259
- Red/Black zip cord (DC Power) –Powerpole
- 15 pair cable (Standard Interface) -DA15

The cables are labelled based on section number, with a letter to designate cables that are used for a common purpose, such as connecting to a radio.

• Example, Section 1:

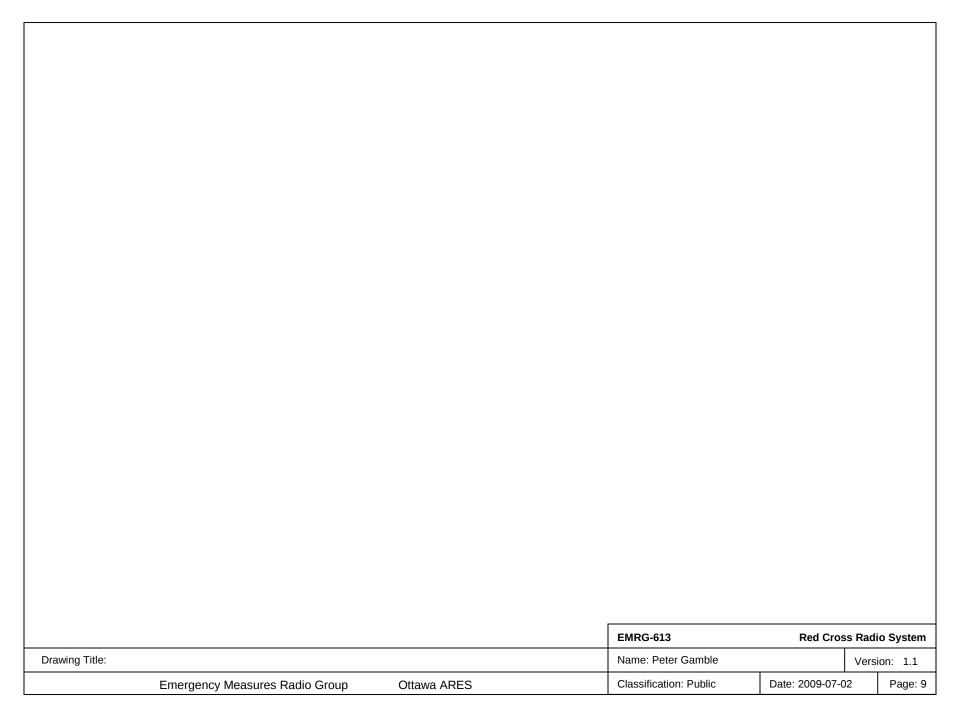
The radio in section 1 is connected to three cables/ connectors, Coax/PL259, zip cord/Powerpole, 15 pair/DA15. Each cable is labelled 1A and they are differentiated by the type of connector. There is a second DC power cable to section 1, to power an emergency light. This is a zip cord/powerpole, labelled 1B.

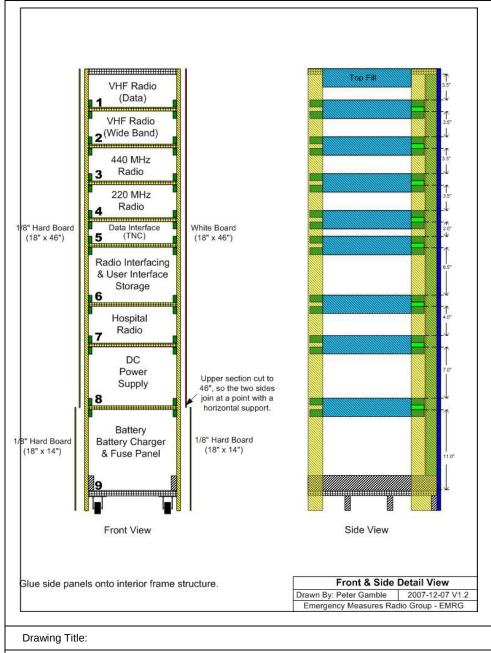
Not all sections have the same wiring requirements, so the cables required varies by section.



SIDE VIEW

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Upper part of cabinet, waiting for final cables and radio installation.



Lower part of cabinet showing completed DC installation of pull out fuse panel, batter, power supply and battery charger.

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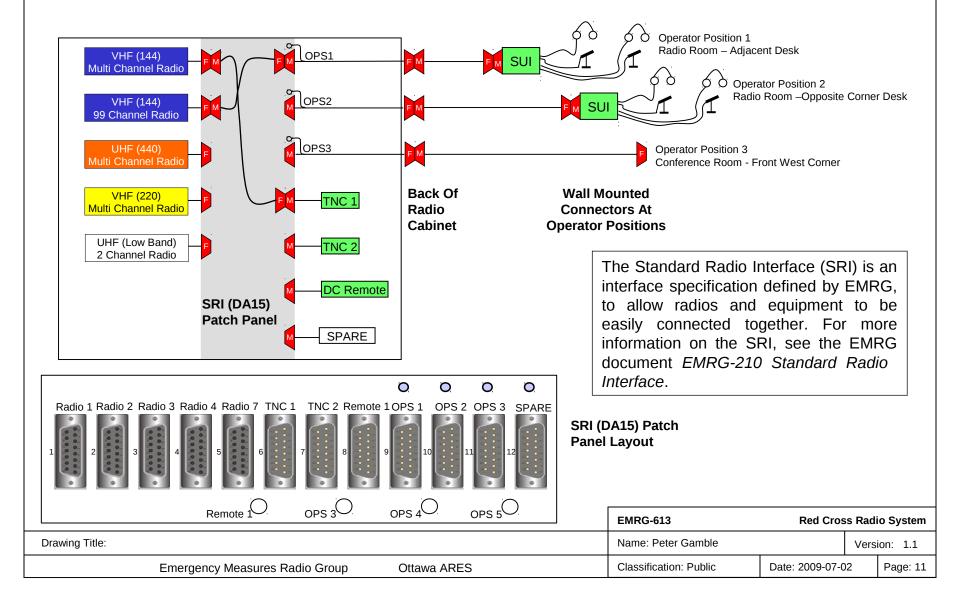
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Standard Radio Interface (SRI)



Standard Radio Interface (SRI)

Description

There are two types of Standard Interface extension cables, one for connecting equipment to other equipment or a patch panel and one for connecting the user interface (radio operator connection) to a radio or patch panel.

The Standard Interface cables all go to section 6, where there will be a DA15 patch panel.

CABLE #	CABLE LENGTH	WIRING DIAGRAM	DESCRIPTION
1A	50 in	EIE-15	Radio 1 – 2 m data
2A	46 in	EIE-15	Radio 2 - 2 m Wideband Voice
3A	40 in	EIE-15	Radio 3 – 70 cm
4A	36 in	EIE-15	Radio 4 – 1.35 m
5A	34 in	34 in EIE-15 TNC	
5B	34 in	EIE-15	Phone patch or Desk Remote
7A	30 in	EIE-15	Radio 6 – Hospital UHF
21A	36 in	UIE	Operator Position 1 Desk in Northeast corner
21B	36 in	UIE	Operator Position 2 Desk in Northeast corner
22A	30 ft	UIE	Operator Position 3 Desk in Southeast corner

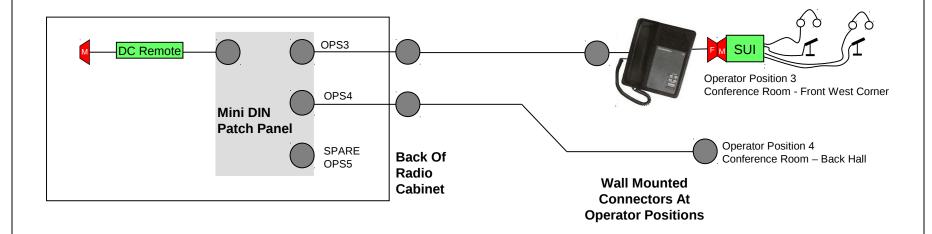
ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
1	DA15 M Connector & Hood	10
2	DA15 F Connector & Hood	10
3	8 wire shielded cable (Belden 9538)	30 ft
4	15 wire shielded cable (2464)	30 ft

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PIN	Signal	Description	Wire Colour
2	Microphone	Audio Input to TX -Before Pre-emphasis	
	Audio	(Standard microphone connection on radio)	
3	PTT-Microphone	Microphone PTT	
6	SG & Ext Spk-	Signal Ground & External Speaker -	Shield
7	COR/COS	Squelch Output	
8	+12 VDC	Auxiliary DC + (1.3 Amp for TNC or audio	
		amp)	
9	DC GND	Auxiliary DC Ground	
12	Aux Input +	Auxiliary Audio Input (Second Radio)	
13	Int Spk +	Internal speaker	
14	Ext Spk +	External speaker	

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DC REMOTE INTERFACE

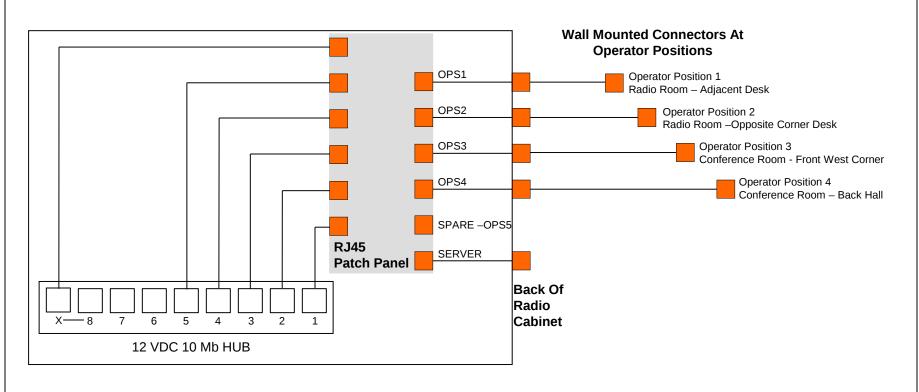


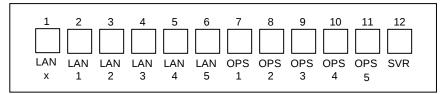
The DC Remote is a commercial radio solution that uses telephone cables to connect a remote desk console (Telephone Desk Unit) to a remote interface unit that is connected to the radio. The telephone cable can be up to several kilometers long, allowing EMRG to provide an operator position in locations that are too far for the Standard Radio Interface.

The desk console can be used with the built in handset, as well as having a SRI wired by EMRG, to allow the multi-operator with headset configuration.

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LOCAL AREA NETWORK





LAN RJ45 Patch Panel Layout

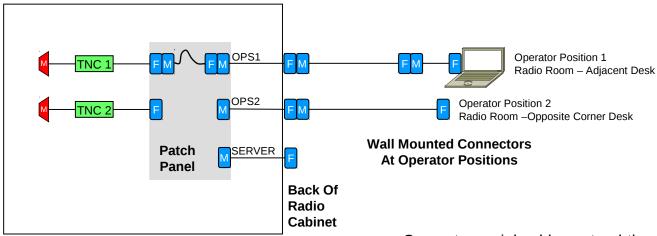
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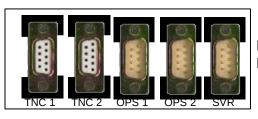
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COMPUTER SERIAL CABLES





DE9 Serial Patch Panel Layout Computer serial cables extend the serial interface from a laptop at the operator position, to the TNC for data communications. Serial cables support limited distance, so Operator position 2 may exceed the operating limits.

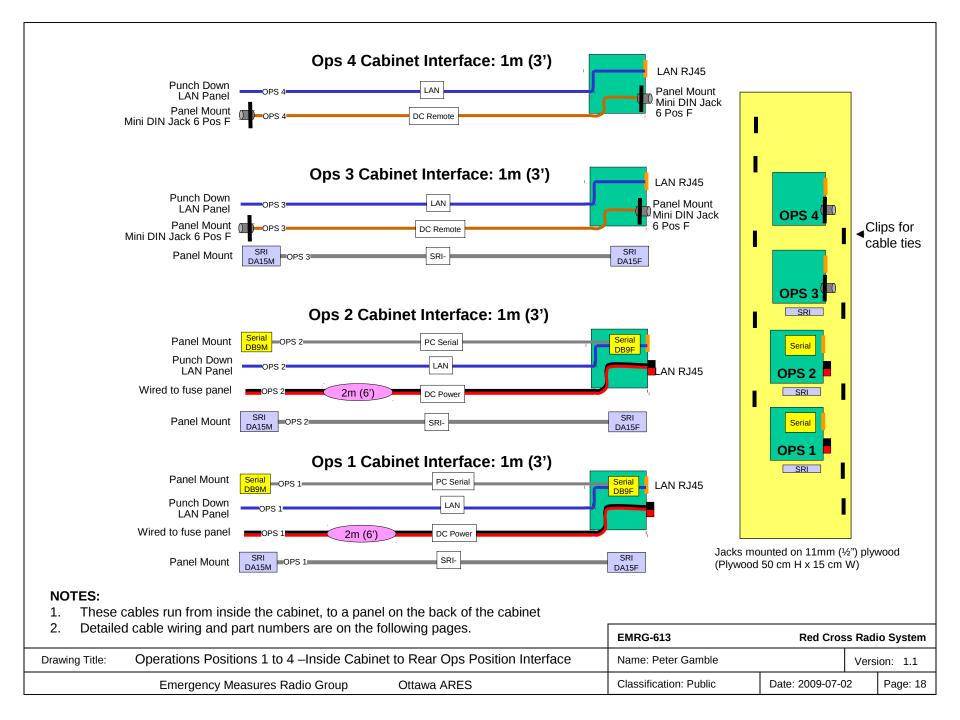
Server is an optional connection point for a future dedicated computer which would serve as a packet gateway and for information exchange between operator positions in the Red Cross building.

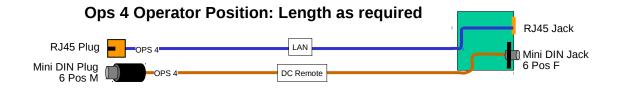
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Material List:

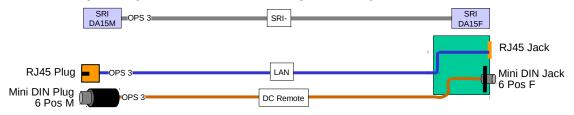
- 1) 8 2 position jack boxes
- 2) 6 Orange RJ 45 jacks (LAN)
- 3) 2 Blue RJ 45 jacks (Microphone)
- 4) 4 2.5 mm mono Jack
- 5) 2 3.5 mm mono jack
- 6) 4 Powerpole PP30
- 7) 2 Speakers
- 8) 2 PTT Foot switch with 3 meter cable and 2.5 mm mono plug
- 9) 2 PTT Hand switch with 1 meter cable and 2.5 mm mono plug
- 10) 2 Headsets (ex EOC units)
- 11) 2 Headset-Speaker Control units
- 12) 1 ½" Plywood for mounting ops 1 to 4 on back of cabinet
- 13) 1 3/4" Plywood for mounting the speaker and volume control
- 14) 7 DA15M connector & hood with mounting hardware
- 15) 5 DA15F connector & hood
- 16) 4 DB9M connector & hood
- 17) 4 DB9F connector & hood
- 18) 4 F 6 Position round "PC" type connector

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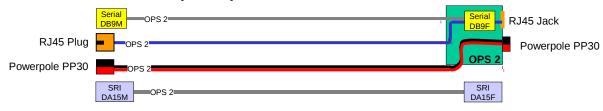




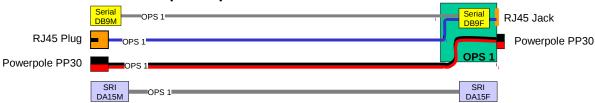
Ops 3 Operator Position: Length as required



Ops 2 Operator Position: xx cm







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EMRG Standard Interface Wiring Diagram

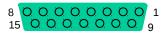
User Interface Extension Cable

The User Interface extension cable extends signals from a radio (SRI) to a user (radio operator) position. There are two types of SUI extensions; Regular and Long.

- Regular User Interface Extensions (R-UIE) support up to 30 m (100 ft) and are typically used to connect between fixed user positions and the radio equipment.
- Long User Interface Extensions (L-UIE) support up to 200 m (600 ft) [STILL TO BE VERIFIED] and would be used to extend the radio operators (users) over a long distance from the radio. The L-UIE supports only a minimum functionality.

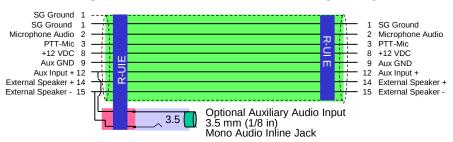
Regular User Interface Extension (R-UIE)

EMRG Standard Interface Connector



DA15 Male Plug
Back View
(Looking At Solder Cups)

Plugs into radio connector or patch panel



EMRG Standard Interface Connector



DA15 Female Plug
Back View
(Looking At Solder Cups)

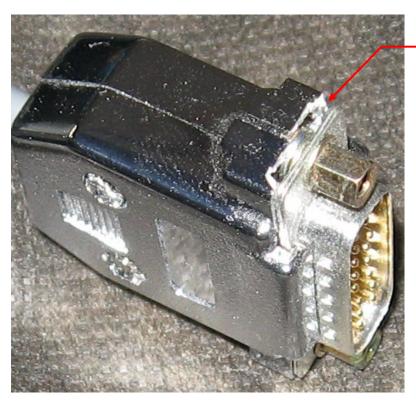
Plugs into User Interface

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DA15 Male



Equipment such as Repeater Controllers, TNCs, Remote Interfaces, are wired with a DA15 Male connector. The Male connector is installed with internally threaded locking hardware, sometimes called a Jack Screw.



The plastic housing for the DA15 shell may need to have a bit nibbled away, so the shell will fit over the nut portion.



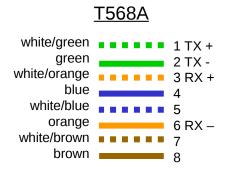
Install jack screws on the Male Plug, or use long nuts on the screw hardware, so the SRI plug from the radio can be secured to the TNC plug.



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Local Area Network (LAN) WIRING

There are 2 standards for wiring LAN connections, T568A and T568B. The difference is the Orange and Green wires are reversed. EMRG uses the T568A wiring scheme to match the donated patch panels. Most new wiring hardware supports both T568A and T568B.



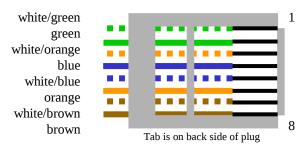
EMRG strategy is to create an independent overlay computer network to support data communications over radio. With this solution, EMRG retains control and is not impacted by failures of the partner network.

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RJ45 Plug

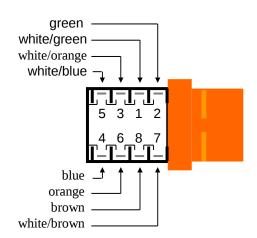


RJ45 Plug (T568A Wiring)



RJ45 Jack





Leviton 41089-2WP, "Quickport" 2 port surface mount jack box.

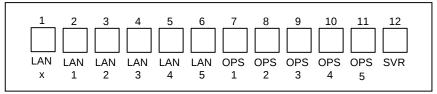
Leviton CAT 5e Jack 5G108-OR (Orange)

NOTES:

- 1. EMRG uses orange RJ45 jacks for LAN and blue for microphone connections.
- 2. The Leviton jack was selected simply because it is available from Home Depot, so it is easy to get.
- 3. There are 2 color charts on the sides of the Leviton Jack, one with an A (T568A) and one with a B (T568B), to indicate the 2 wiring standards.

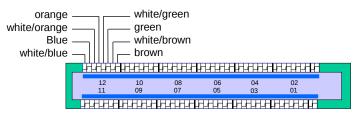
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LAN Patch Panel – Jack Assignment and Numbering



- - **LAN Patch Panel Front View**

- 1 LAN X -Used to connect additional HUB/Switch
- 2 LAN 1 HUB Port 1
- 3 LAN 2 HUB Port 2
- 4 LAN 3 HUB Port 3
- 5 LAN 4 HUB Port 4
- 6 LAN 5 HUB Port 5
- 7 OPS 1 Operator Position 1
- 8 OPS 2 Operator Position 2
- 9 OPS 3 Operator Position 3
- 10 OPS 4 Operator Position 4
- 11 OPS 5 Spare (Operator Position 5)
- 12 SVR Future dedicated computer server/gateway

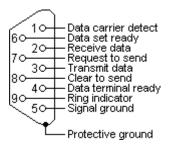


Jacks wired for T568A

LAN Patch Panel - Back View

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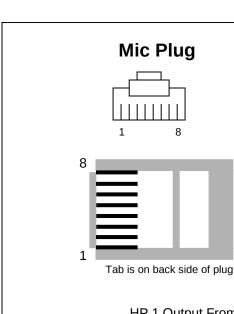
SERIAL COMPUTER INTERFACE WIRING



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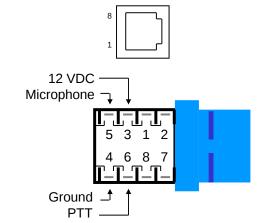


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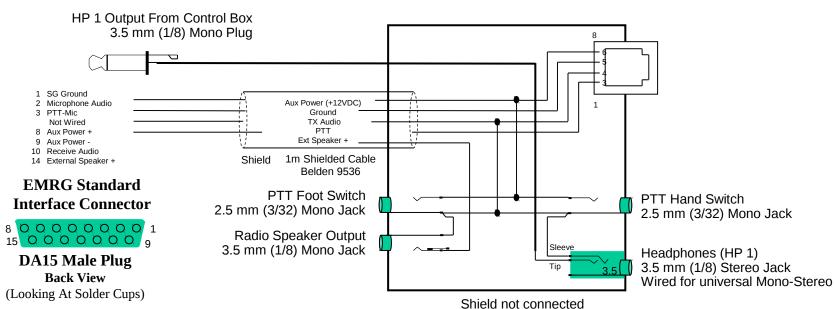


RJ45 Plug Connections

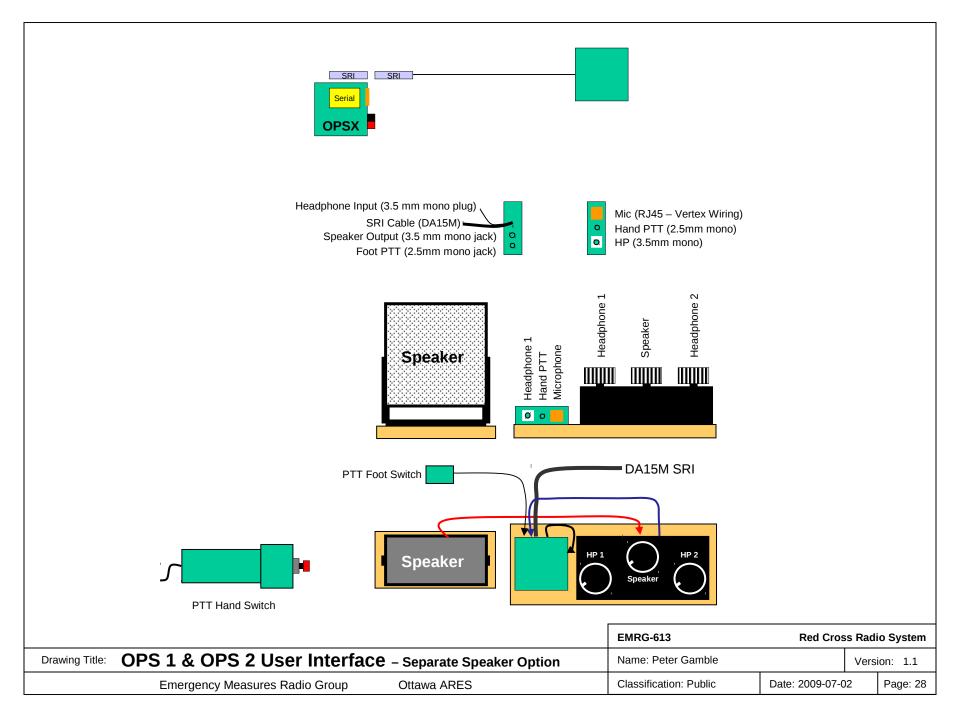
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3 - 12 VDC Output Red
4 - Ground Black
5 - Microphone Green
6 - PTT Blue
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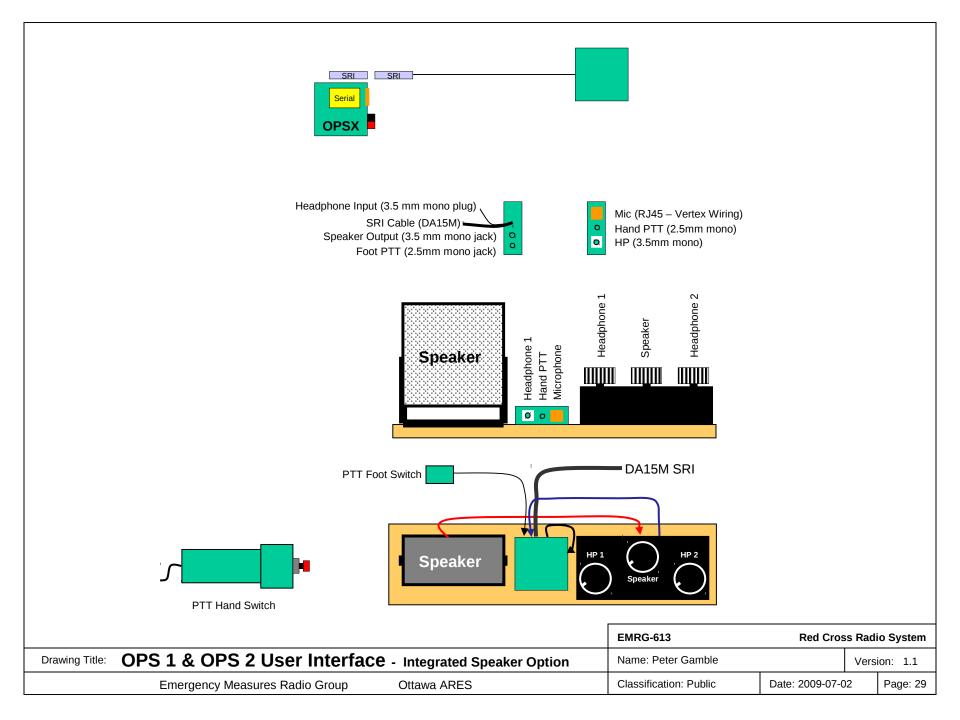


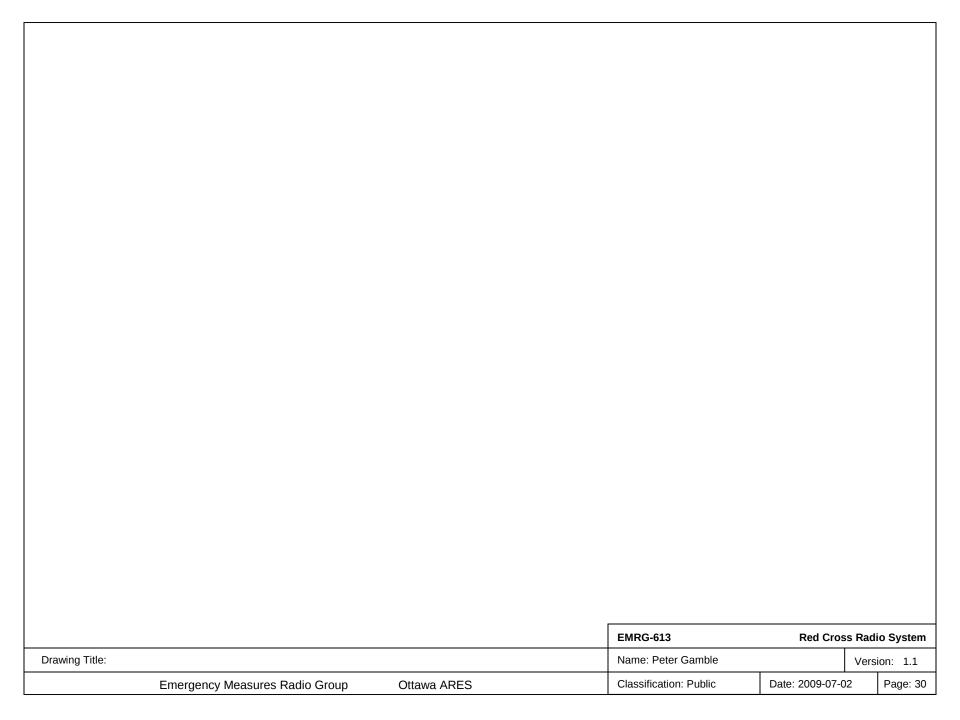
Mic Jack



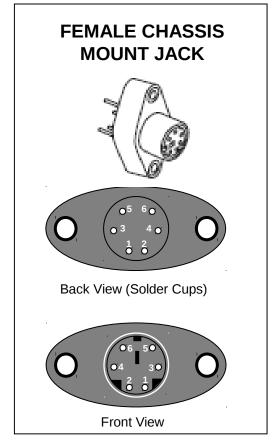
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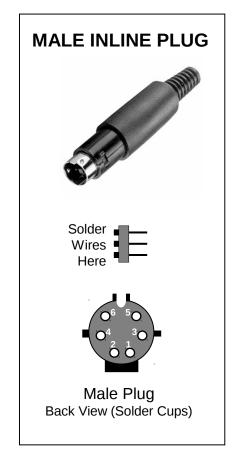






DC REMOTE WIRING





- 1 White/Blue
- 2 Blue
- 3 White/Orange
- 4 Orange
- 5 White/Green
- 6 Green

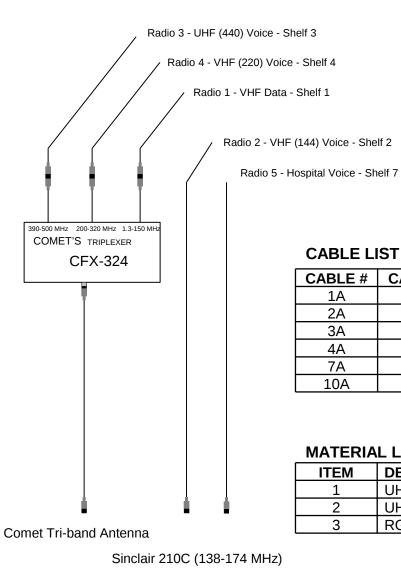


NOTE:

Pins 1 & 2 are closer together than 5 & 6

The holes in the centre of the pins, for soldering, are very small. Using 26 gage solid copper 'Telco' cable, requires the wire to be soldered to the side of the pin. Use small pieces of heatshrint tubing on each pin, with a larger piece that covers all the pins and the end of the cable.

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The coax cable runs from each radio position to the back of the cabinet, where they connect to the tri-plexer of directly to an antenna cable. Each Coax Cable has a PL-259 connector on both ends.

Label

CABLE LIST

CABLE #	CABLE LENGTH (IN)	DESCRIPTION
1A	48	Radio 1 – 2 m data
2A	47	Radio 2 - 2 m Wideband Voice
3A	54	Radio 3 – 70 cm
4A	58	Radio 4 – 1.35 m
7A	76	Radio 6 – Hospital UHF
10A	40	Tri-Plexer to antenna

MATERIAL LIST

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
1	UHF Connectors	12
2	UHF Connector Inserts For RG8X Coax	12
3	RG8X Coax	27 ft

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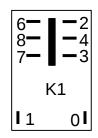
DC POWER WIRING

The DC Power uses Red/Black zip cord, either #12 or #10. The equipment end of the cable has a powerpole connector and the other end is bare, so it can be wired up to a fuse panel in the bottom of the cabinet.

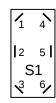


CABLE #	CABLE LENGTH (IN)	WIRE SIZE	DESCRIPTION
1A	80 (#12)	#12	Radio 1 – 2 m data
1B	80 (#12)	#12	12 V Emergency Light
2A	75 (#12)	#12	Radio 2 - 2 m Wideband Voice
3A	70 (#12)	#12	Radio 3 – 70 cm
4A	66 (#12)	#12	Radio 4 – 1.35 m
6A	54 (#12)	#12	Interface Termination Panel
7A	48 (#12)	#12	Radio 6 – Hospital UHF
8A	40 (#10)	#10	DC Power Supply
9A	24 (#10)	#10	DC Fuse Panel & Battery

ITEM	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
1	#12 Red/Black DC zip cord	40 ft
2	#10 Red/Black DC zip cord	64 in
3	Powerpole connector (Red/Black) with 45 A terminals	2
4	Powerpole connector (Red/Black) with 30 A terminals	7



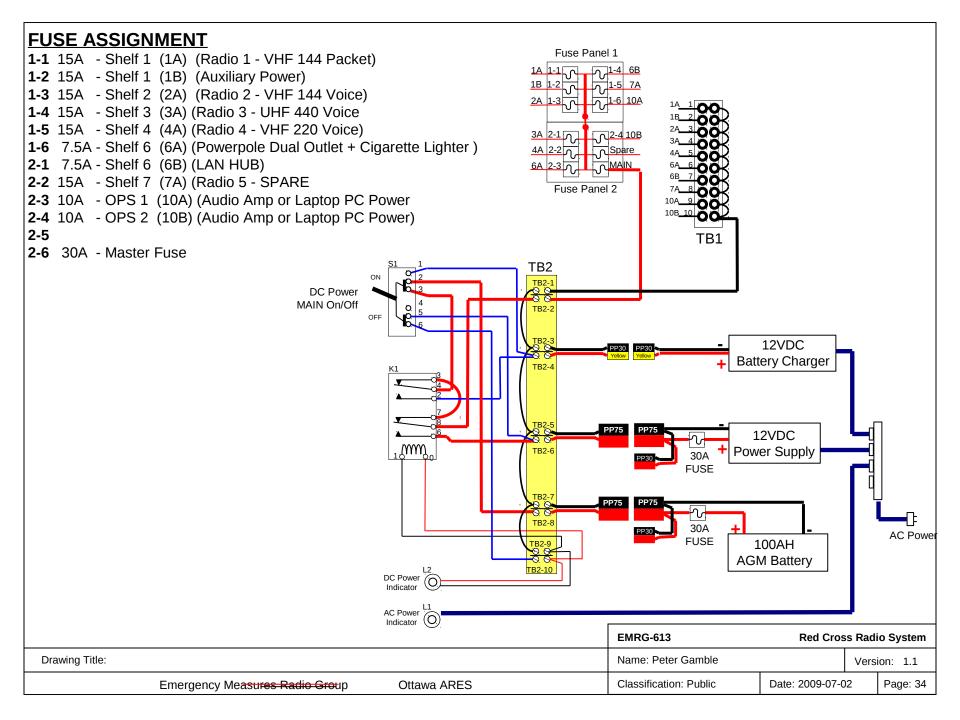
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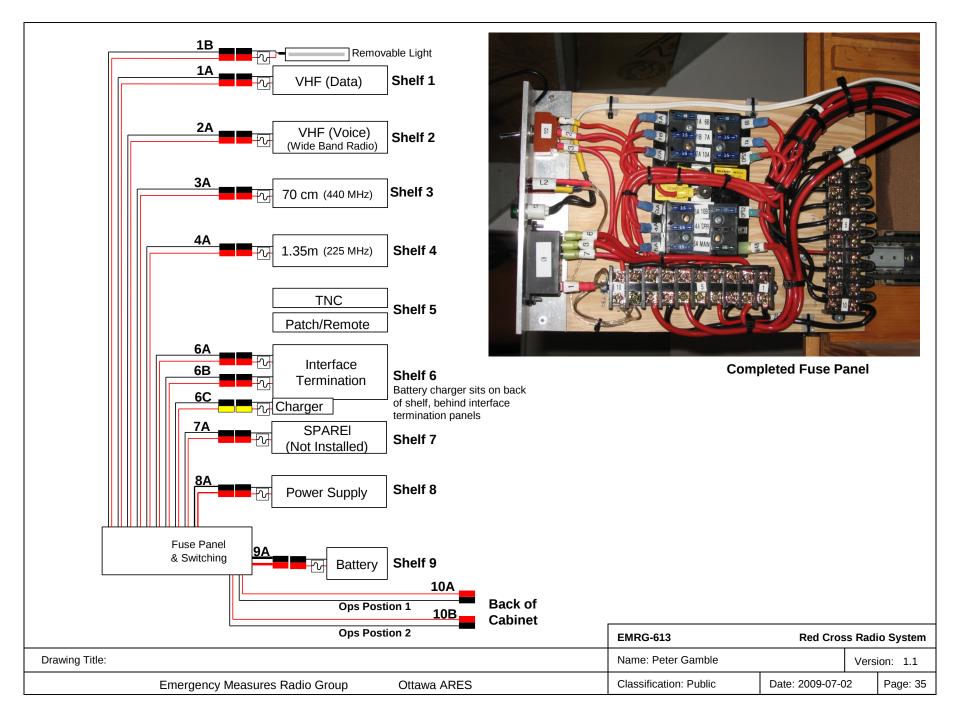


NKK Toggle Switch S-332 DPDT 25A Digikey: 360-1192-ND

DD75	30A ATO Fuse	
PP30 R	ed Cross Power Supply	y

	 Lugs are 1/4" hole, yellow insulator (12-10) 	EMRG-613	Red Cros	s Radio Syster	n
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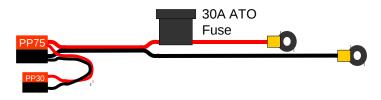


Battery Wiring: 100 AH Battery for backup power.

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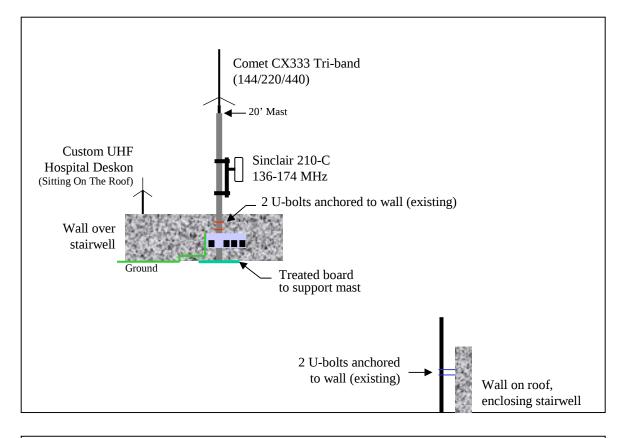
- Both PP30 and PP75 powerpole connectors installed. PP75 is preferred for use with #10 wire or above, plus it has a much stronger mating force. PP75 are used in all permanent installations, while PP30 are used for direct end user applications, such as a radio directly connected to the battery.
- PP30 and PP75 Powerpole connectors are wired in series, so they share the same fuse. This
 prevents two loads being connected to a battery, where the sum of the loads exceeds the battery limit.
- The wire from the battery to the PP75 connector is #10, while the wire from the PP75 connector to the PP30 connector is #12. Crimp and solder the wire at the PP75 terminal. Use the #8 wire terminal to install the two wires.
- The black (negative) wire is about 30 cm long. The red (positive) wire is whatever length comes attached to the fuse.
- Use ring lugs for connecting wire to the battery terminals. Yellow (12-10). Check bolt size for battery. Powersonic have 5/16 centre hole, while some others have 1/4" and still others have 3/8".
- Fuse should be 30A ATO type, preferably with the rubber cover on the fuse holder.

Battery 10.5" h x 12" d x 6.75" w (100AH)



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Tri-band 146-220-446 MHz base antenna, 6.5-7.8-9.0 db, 10'4"



Measured Distances

- 14 ft Main floor, front just inside the door, where cables go up to second floor (Above alarm control)
- $46\ ft\,$ Second floor, from front of building to where cable turns to go up to the roof
- 28 ft Roof, from access hole to end of conduit by antennas
- 88 ft Total [add appx 25 ft more to get to the room with the radios]

Total end to end length = 120 ft if buying cable to pull in

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CX-333 Tri-Band 2m/220/440MHz Base Station Antenna

Specifications

• Triband, simultaneous TX/RX possible

• Gain:

2M: 6.5dBi 220: 7.8dBi 440: 9.0dBi

• Length: 10'4"

• Weight:: 3lb 8ozs

• Max Power: 120 watts

• Max Wind Survival: 110MPH

• Wind Load: 66 sq inches (.46sq ft)

• Mast Required: 1.25-2.5 inches

• Connector: Integral SO-239

• Construction: Two piece white fiberglass radome, copper radiating element.

• Mounting hardware included.



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