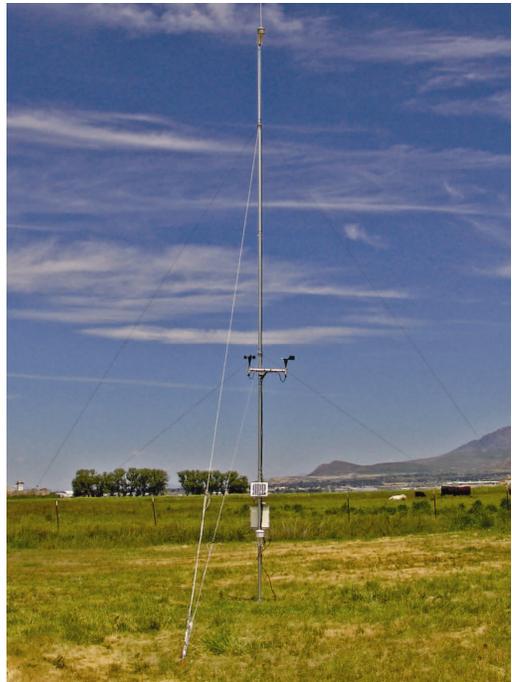


# INSTRUCTION MANUAL



## CM375 Portable 10-Meter Mast

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# CM375 Portable 10-Meter Mast

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## 1. Overview

The CM375 is a corrosion-resistant 30-ft (10 m) mast for applications requiring a tall yet portable instrument mount. It consists of five 6-ft (2 m) galvanized pipes, a stainless-steel base, guy cables, 1 m crossarm and mount, and grounding kit. Duckbill anchor kits (required) and a guy-wire tensioning kit (recommended) are ordered separately. All of the components fit inside an 80"-long bag allowing the CM375 to be carried from site to site (see Figure 1-1).



FIGURE 1-1. 21720 Tote

### 1.1 Specifications

**Weight:** 66 lbs (30 kg)

**Mast:** 30 ft (9.2 m) total length; consists of five 6-ft (1.82 m) sections

**Main Mast Diameter:** 1.9" (48.26 mm)

**Top Section Mast Diameter:** 1.74" (44.2 mm)

**Base Radius:** 20 ft (6 m) to each of three guy points, 120 degrees apart

**Guy Configuration:** three guy cables at two levels; guyed at 12 ft (3.6 m) and at 24 ft (7.2 m)

**Recommended Guy Wire Pretension:** 100 lbs each; check and adjust guy wire tension at least once a month, and after wind gusts exceeding 50 mph.

**Maximum Weight of Mounted Equipment:** 75 lbs (34 kg)

**Maximum Allowable Wind Gust<sup>1</sup>:** 85 mph (136 km h<sup>-1</sup>)

The wind gust value assumes:

- Proper installation
- Proper anchoring:
  - Adequate soil (guy anchors/base support)
  - Guy anchors at 20-ft from base with 120 degrees of separation
  - Proper guy tension (100 lbs each)
- No ice buildup
- Standard air quality or wind assessment configuration (see Table below)

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<sup>1</sup> The amount of wind gust that this mount can withstand is affected by quality of anchoring and installation, guy wire tension, soil type, guy angle, and the number, type, and location of instruments fastened to the CM375.

Standard Air Quality Configuration		Standard Wind Assessment Configuration	
Height	Component	Height	Component
9.1 m	CM204 crossarm with a Wind Monitor and a 43502/43347 Aspirated Shield & RTD attached	9.1 m	Two CM202 crossarms with a 03101 Wind Sentry Anemometer attached to each crossarm
		8.5 m	CM202 with 03301 Wind Sentry Wind Vane attached
3 m	41003-5 Radiation Shield housing an HMP45C Temperature/RH Probe; Antenna; CM202 crossarm with a 43502/43347 Aspirated Shield & RTD attached	3 m	41003-5 Radiation Shield housing an HMP45C Temperature RH Probe; Antenna; CM202 crossarm with a 03101 Wind Sentry Anemometer attached
1.5 m	SP20 20-W Solar Panel	1.5 m	SP20 20-W Solar Panel
1 m	ENC16/18 Enclosure housing a CR1000 datalogger and PS100 Power Supply	1 m	ENC12/14 Enclosure housing a CR1000 datalogger and PS100 Power Supply

## 1.2 Guy Duckbill Anchor Kits

A choice of duckbill anchor kits is offered for the CM375. The 19282 Guy Duckbill Standard Anchor Kit is for standard soils, and the 25699 Guy Duckbill Heavy Duty Anchor Kit is for aggressive soils. Aggressive soils have:

- Resistivity of less than 3000 ohm-cm
- pH of less than 5
- Chloride of greater than 1000 ppm
- Sulfate of greater than 500 ppm
- Poor aeration

Both the 19282 and 25699 have one drive rod. The 19282 also has four duckbill anchors with a cable attached to each of them. At the end of the cable is a loop for connecting the guy wires. The 25699 has a threaded rod attached to each of the four duckbill anchors instead of the cable. At the end of the threaded rod is a metal ring for connecting the guy wires.

## 2. CM375 Installation

### 2.1 Site Selection

Select a site free from overhead power lines, and 100 feet (30 m) in any direction from trees, buildings and other obstructions (see Figure 2.1-1).

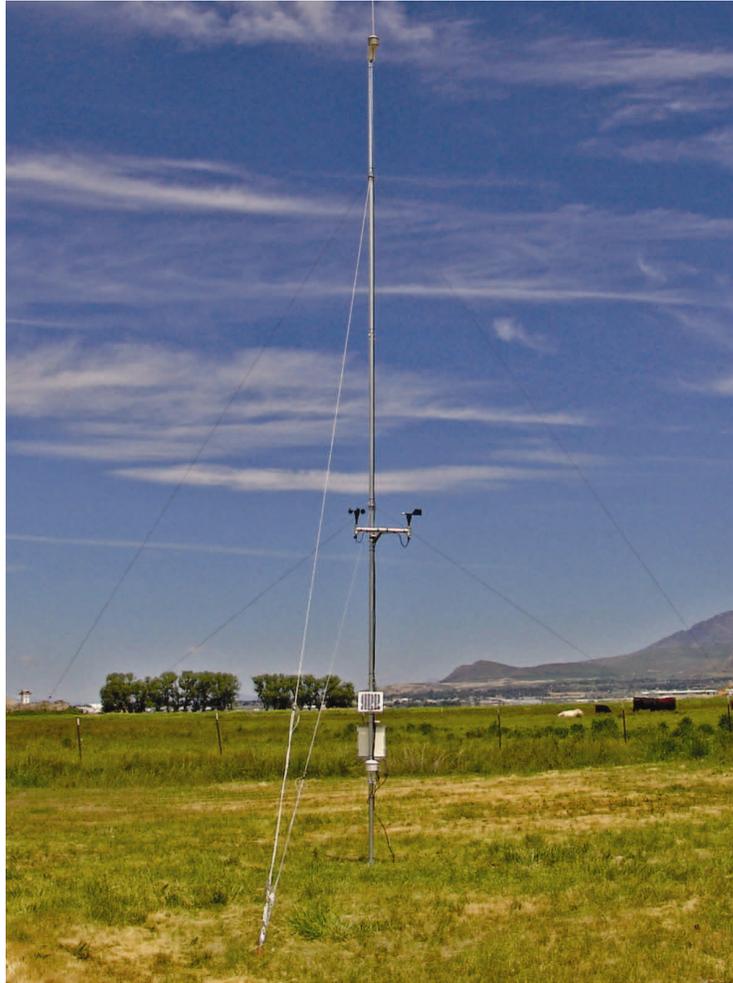


FIGURE 2.1-1. Assembled CM375

## 2.2 Assembling Mast Sections

**Step 1:** Remove mast sections and other bundled hardware from tote; unzip and loosen straps (see Figure 2.2-1).

**NOTE** Sections are numbered for sequential assembly (see Figure 2.2-2).



FIGURE 2.2-1. CM375 in Opened Tote

PN 21669 crossarm-to-pole mounting kit contains the lightning rod, copper grounding rod, and duckbill anchor drive rod.

Base



FIGURE 2.2-2. Mast Sections and Base

**Step 2:** Place Section 1 at deployment location with base oriented, as shown in Figure 2.2-3 and mast pointing NORTH.

**NOTE**

A compass is included in the optional "Tensioning Kit" for your use.



FIGURE 2.2-3. Mast Section 1 Oriented on Base

**Step 3:** Use spikes provided (3 each) to anchor base to site (see Figure 2.2-4).

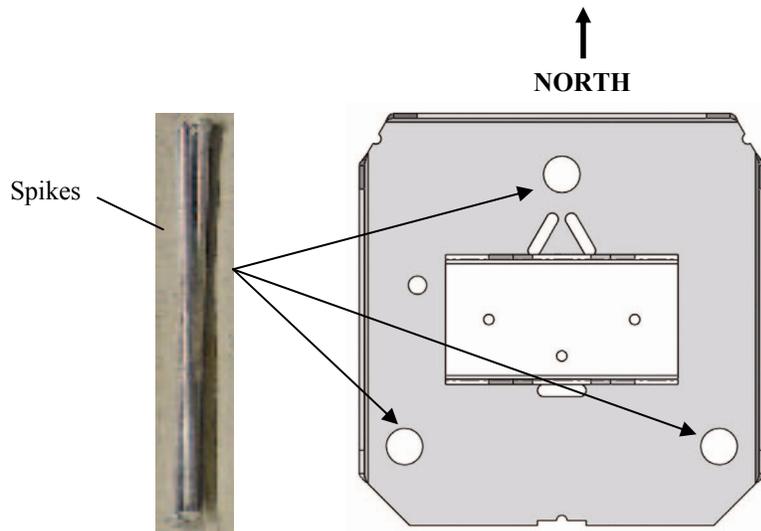
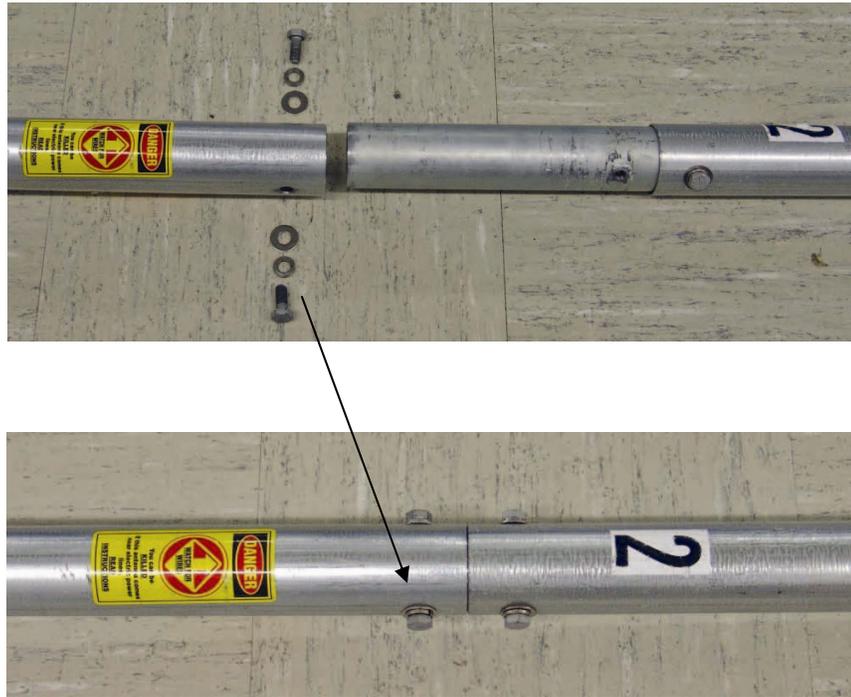


FIGURE 2.2-4. Spikes Installation

**Step 4:** Insert the Section 2 coupler into the top of Section 1 (see Figure 2.2-5).



*FIGURE 2.2-5. Coupler Installed in Top of Mast Section 1*

**Step 5:** Secure joint with 2 flat washers, 2 lock washers and 2 bolts from the hardware bag (see Figure 2.2-6).



*FIGURE 2.2-6. Bag Containing Hardware*

**Step 6:** Assemble Section 3 to the top of Section 2 (see Figure 2.2-7).

**NOTE** The BLACK tape around Section 2 is a reference (11 foot level) for optional sensor mounts.



FIGURE 2.2-7. Mast Section 2 and Mast Section 3

**Step 7:** Remove the collars from Section 3 and place next to the mounting holes in Section 2 (see Figures 2.2-7 and 2.2-8).

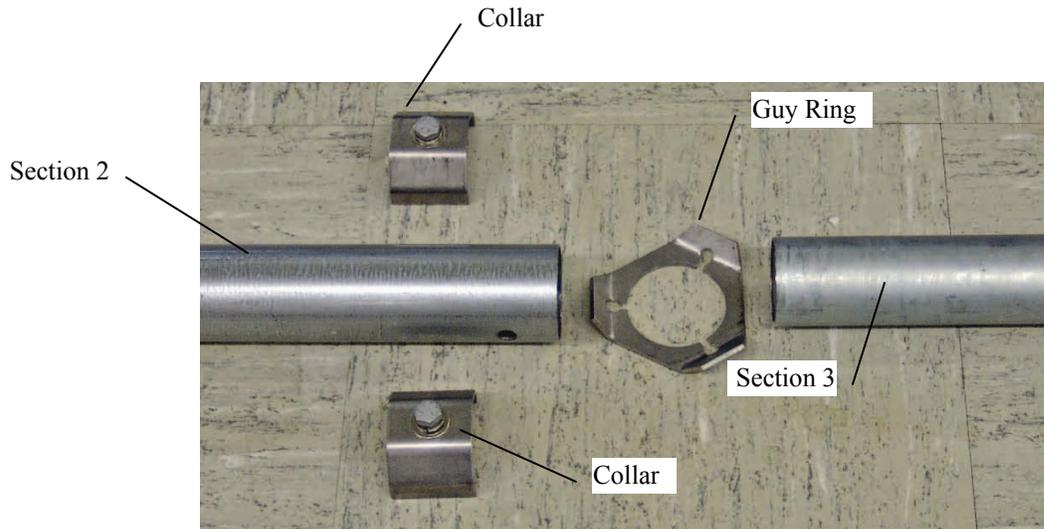


FIGURE 2.2-8. Guy Ring, Mast Section 2 and Mast Section 3

**Step 8:** Remove guy ring from bottom guy kit, PN 21663 (see Figures 2.2-8 and 2.2-9).



FIGURE 2.2-9. 21663 Bottom Guy Kit

**Step 9:** Place ball end of each guy cable into its slot in the guy ring and place guy ring into coupler of Section 3 (see Figure 2.2-10).

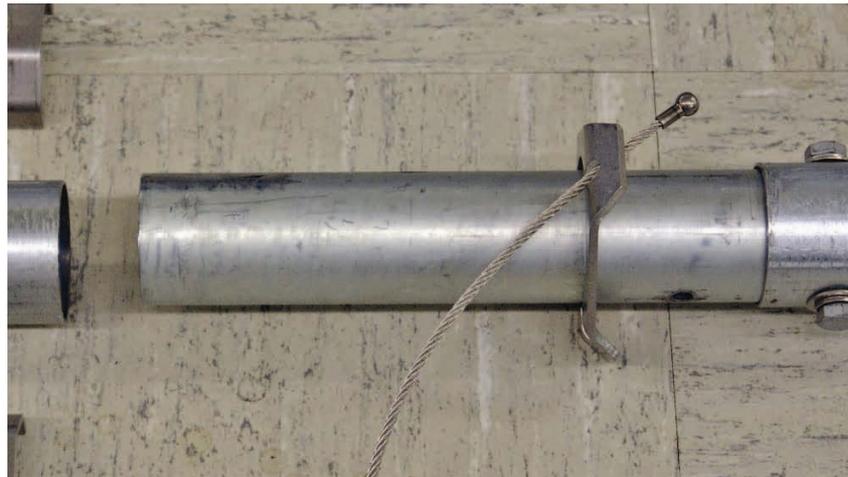


FIGURE 2.2-10. Guy Cable Inserted into Guy Ring

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**NOTE** Only one of the three cable ends is shown.

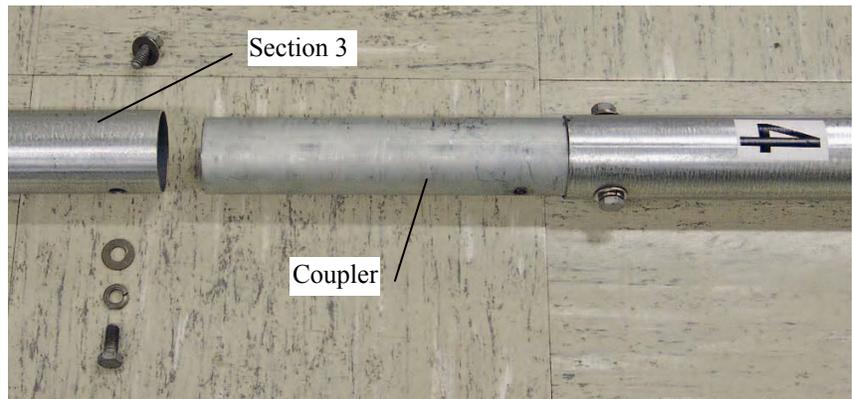
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**Step 10:** Slide coupler into Section 2 mast and assemble collars, as shown in Figure 2.2-11.



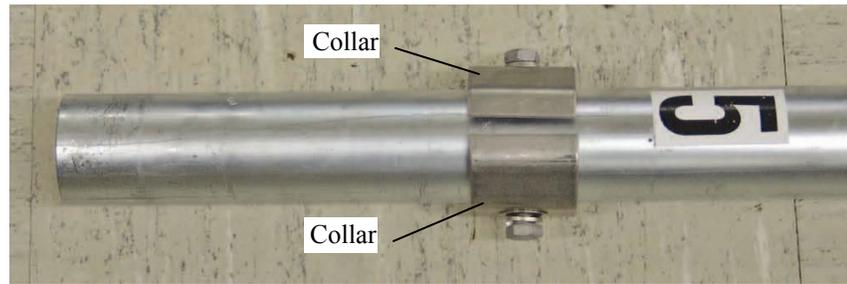
*FIGURE 2.2-11. Mast Section 3 and Guy Ring/Collar Assembly*

**Step 11:** Slide coupler end of Section 4 into the top of Section 3, and secure with remaining components from hardware bag (see Figure 2.2-12).



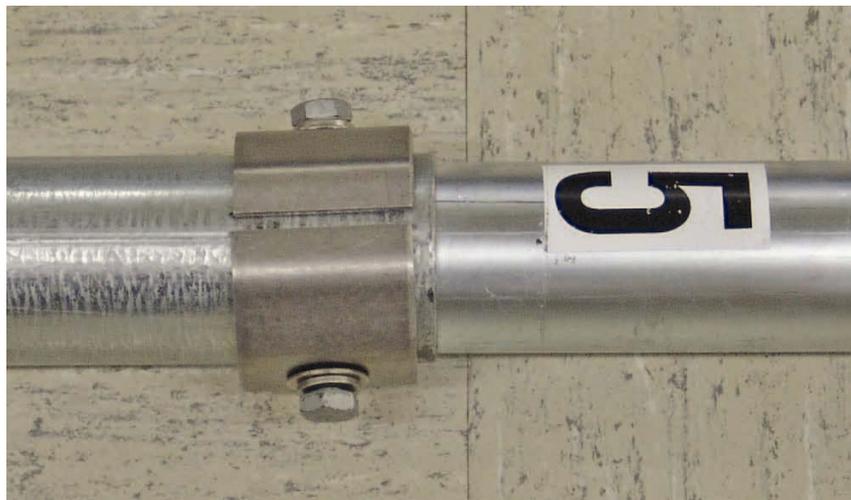
*FIGURE 2.2-12. Mast Section 4 Ready to be Installed in Mast Section 3*

**Step 12:** Remove collars from Section 5 (see Figure 2.2-13).



*FIGURE 2.2-13. Mast Section 5*

**Step 13:** Slide mast into Section 4 and assemble collars, as shown in Figure 2.2-14.



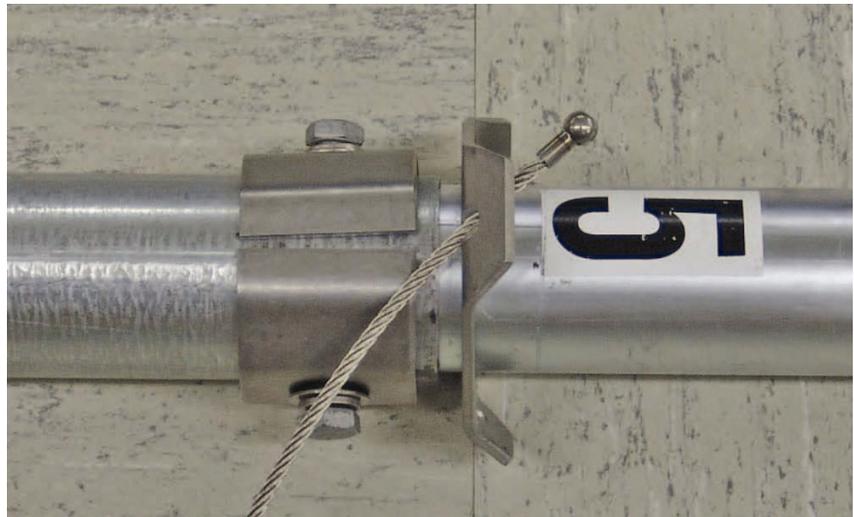
*FIGURE 2.2-14. Mast Section 5 Installed in Mast Section 4*

**Step 14:** Remove guy collar from 21661 guy kit (see Figure 2.2-15).



*FIGURE 2.2-15. 21661 Guy Kit*

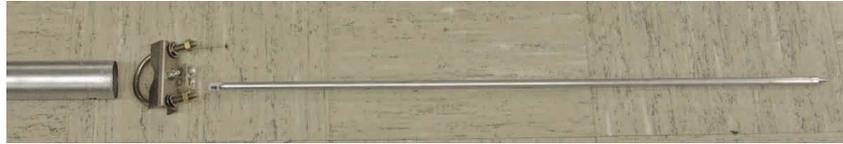
**Step 15:** Place guy cable ball ends into guy ring and then slide ring down mast to collar (see Figure 2.2-16).



*FIGURE 2.2-16. Mast Section 5 and Guy Ring/Collar Assembly*

## 2.3 Lightning Rod Assembly and Mounting Instrumentation

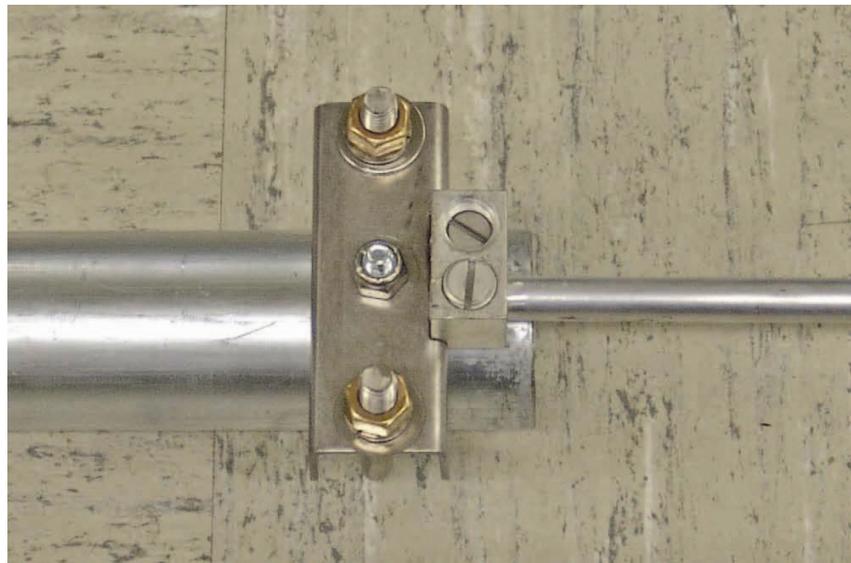
**Step 1:** Fit lightning rod assembly (from PN 21660) to top of Section 5 mast (see Figure 2.3-1).



*FIGURE 2.3-1. Lightning Rod Assembly*

**Step 2:** Place clamp onto top of mast Section 5 and tighten (see Figure 2.3-2).

**Step 3:** Insert rod into clamp and tighten (see Figure 2.3-2).



*FIGURE 2.3-2. Installed Lightning Rod*

**Step 4:** Assemble enclosures, sensors and tie cables to mast, as required.

## 2.4 Anchor Installation



FIGURE 2.4-1. Tape Measure in Slot for South Anchor

**Step 1:** For the South anchor, place tape measure into slot in base centering tape within notch on edge of base. Measure to 20 ft (see Figure 2.4-1).

**Step 2:** At 20 ft, install the duckbill anchor with drive rod (see Figure 2.4-2). The anchor needs to be driven into the ground at a 45° angle (see Figure 2.4-3). Drive anchor until the loop or metal ring is several inches above the ground.

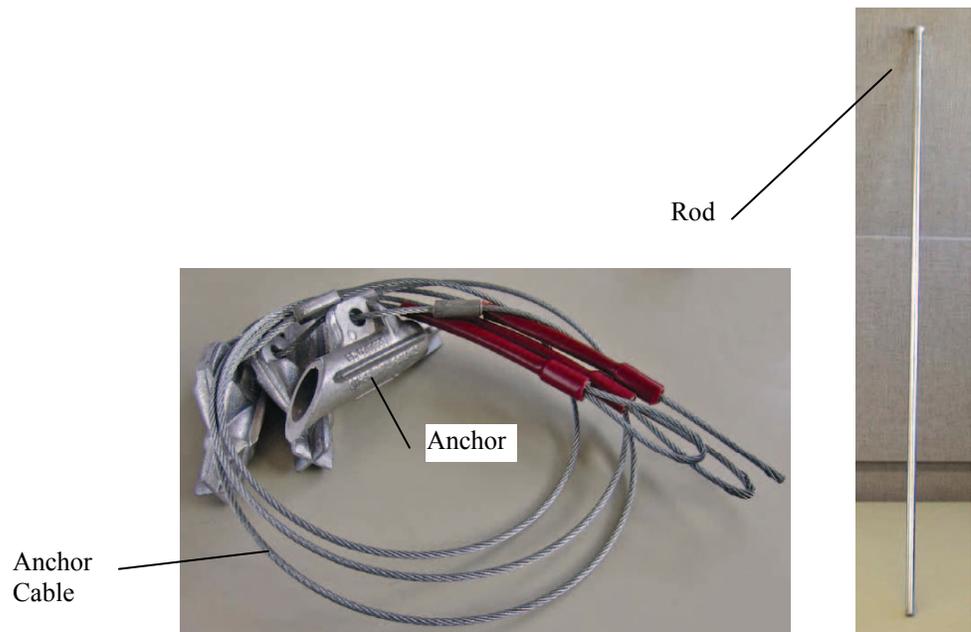


FIGURE 2.4-2. 19282 Duckbill Anchor and Cable Assembly (left).  
The 25699 has a threaded rod instead of the cable.  
The drive rod (right) is used for both the 19282 and 25699.

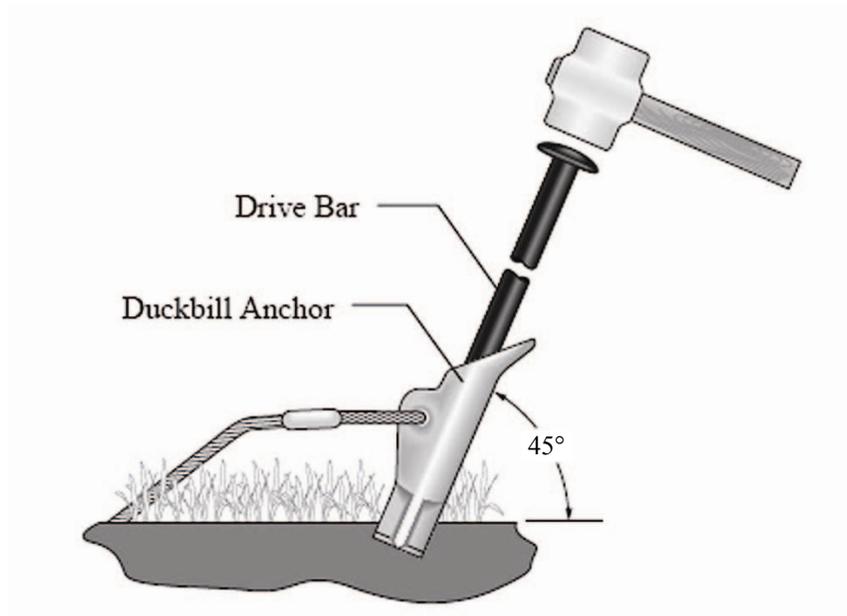


FIGURE 2.4-3. Anchor Driven into Ground at 45° Angle

**Step 3:** With a rod through the loop or metal ring, pull up on the cable or threaded rod until the anchor rotates and locks (see Figure 2.4-4).

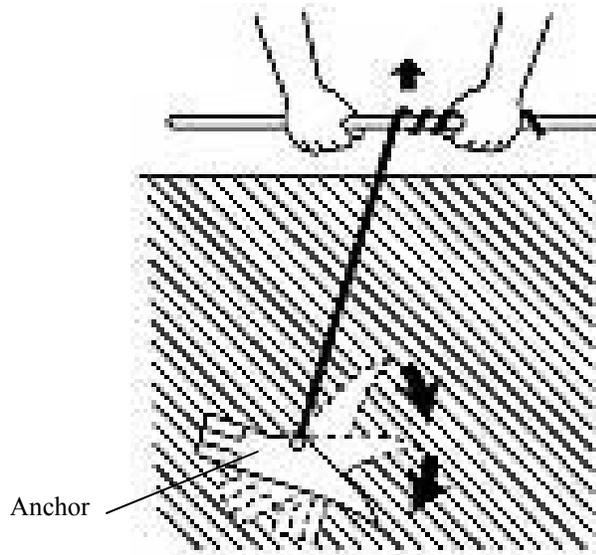
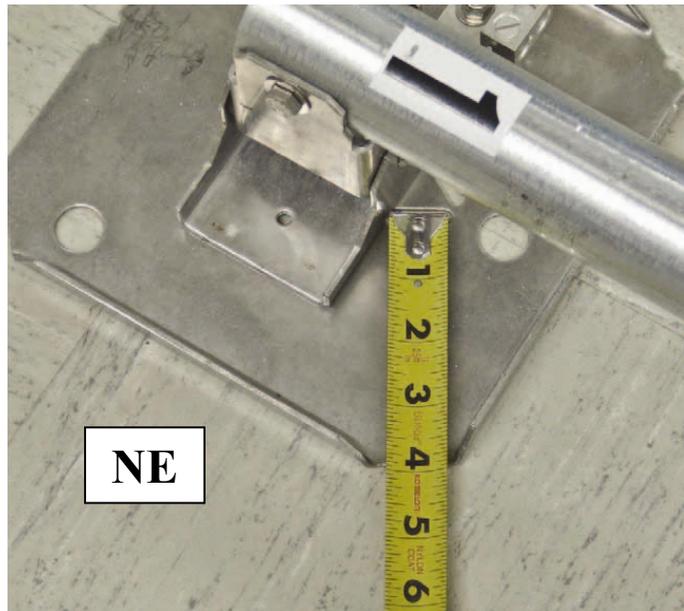


FIGURE 2.4-4. Locking Anchor

**Step 4:** Fill-in the hole around the cable or threaded rod with loose dirt and tamp firm.

**Step 5:** Repeat process for the NE (Figure 2.4-5) and NW anchors.



*FIGURE 2.4-5. Tape Measure in Slot for North East Anchor*

**Step 6:** Attach guy wires to anchors by first opening the turnbuckle to the widest setting. Attach turnbuckle to wedge end of the guy cable, and then attach the other end of the turnbuckle to an anchor (see Figure 2.4-6).



*FIGURE 2.4-6. Turnbuckle Fastened to Guy Cable and Anchor*

**Step 7:** If using rope ratchet to assist assembly, set to 7 feet and attach to tension clamp on cable and to anchor end. Do this for both NE and NW anchors and top and bottom guy cables (see Figures 2.4-7 and 2.4-8).

**NOTE**

Do not connect the SOUTH cables at this time.

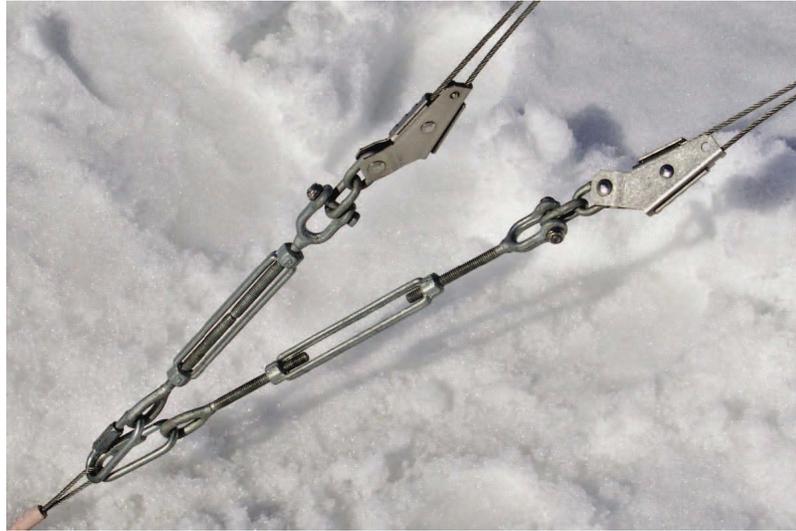


FIGURE 2.4-7. Top and Bottom Guy Cables Fastened to an Anchor



FIGURE 2.4-8. Rope Ratchet Assists Assembly

**Step 8:** Course adjustments to cable length are made by loosening screw clamp and then releasing wedge with a blade screwdriver (see Figure 2.4-9). This allows the cable to be adjusted through the wedge clamp.

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**NOTE** Retighten screw when adjustment is complete.

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FIGURE 2.4-9. Adjusting Cable through Wedge Clamp

## 2.5 Raise, Plumb Mast and Final Cable Tensioning

**Step 1:** With NW and NE cables attached to anchors have one person lift mast, while another person pulls on the SOUTH cables to bring mast to an upright position (see Figure 2.5-1). If using rope ratchets, adjust them to allow further steps.



FIGURE 2.5-1. Raising the Mast

**Step 2:** Attach SOUTH cables to anchor. While first person holds mast and uses a pole level, the second person adjusts each of the bottom guy cable wedge clamps, maintaining level in all directions (see Figure 2.5-2). The rope ratchet can be used to temporarily remove the load from the wedge assembly during wedge adjustments.



*FIGURE 2.5-2. Pole Level Ensures Vertical Mast*

**Step 3:** Repeat process with the top guy cables to establish a straight mast.

**Step 4:** Apply further tensioning using the turnbuckles (see Figure 2.5-3).



*FIGURE 2.5-3. Adjusting Turnbuckles*

**Step 5:** Adjust each cable turnbuckle to maintain plumb and increase cable tension. A deflection of 3 inches when using a 4.4 pound (2N) perpendicular force, 68 inches from the duckbill anchor loop equates to 100 pounds of tension in the cables (see Figure 2.5-4).

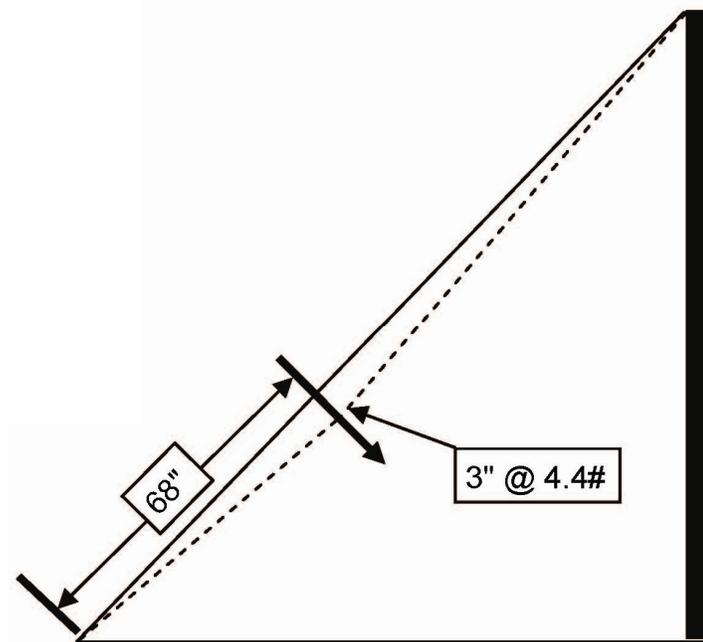


FIGURE 2.5-4. Guy Cables with 100 lbs of Tension

**Step 6:** After tensioning the top guy cables, recheck the bottom guy cables.

Adjust, as necessary.

### 3. Maintenance

Check and adjust guy cable tension at least once a month, and after wind gusts exceeding 50 mph.





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