XM Reception

XM has two satellites located at fixed orbital positions in the southern sky (at 115° W longitude and 85° W longitude). These satellites each carry all of the XM channels, so it is only required to have an un-obscured line-of-sight to one of these orbital locations. To initially set up the antenna, orient it approximately due south at an up elevation angle of approximately 45°. Use this as starting spot and peak the signal reception for maximum signal reception on one of the XM satellites using the antenna alignment menu in the radio.

Sirius Reception

Sirius has one satellite located at a fixed orbital position in the southern sky. This satellite will carry all of the Sirius channels, so it is only required to have an un-obscured line-of-sight to this orbital location. To initially set up the antenna, orient it approximately due south at an up elevation angle of approximately 45°. Use this as starting spot and peak the signal reception for maximum signal reception to the Sirius satellite using the antenna alignment menu in the radio.

Installation Notes

• Mount the antenna outdoors with the supplied wall mount or pole mount bracket. Operation indoors or behind windows is not recommended. Window panes can have tinted coatings which can attenuate the signal. The attenuation of these coatings can vary greatly as the temperature changes.

• (XM Installation) Use the menus in the radio to peak the satellite signal reception on one of the satellites. It is not necessary to position the antenna for simultaneous reception of multiple satellites.

• The antenna’s internal low noise amplifier is designed to compensate for the loss of up to 300 feet of RG-6 cable. For longer cable runs use an in-line amplifier (Pixel Model SBA-1) to boost the signal at its input to the Triplexer.

• Although this antenna can receive signals from terrestrial repeaters, it is recommended to always use the satellite signals for primary reception at fixed sites. The satellite signals are much more stable and are not affected by many uncontrolled variables that can greatly impact signal quality from repeaters over time.

• Seal all outdoor coax connector fittings with the weather boot (supplied), sealant or weatherized tape to eliminate moisture ingress.

Troubleshooting

Problem: No signal reception and the following messages may be displayed on the radio:

Antenna:

This error signal indicates that the antenna is not properly connected.

• Ensure there are no “shorts” or discontinuities in the cables and that all connections are tight. The easiest way to do this is as follows:

• With the radio turned on and all antenna cables connected at the radio, check the DC voltage at the antenna end of the cable. It should be between 4 VDC and 7 VDC.

No Signal:

This error signal indicates that the antenna is connected properly but that the signal is too weak for reception.

• Ensure the sum total of all cables between the antenna and radio does not exceed 300 Feet and it is RG-6 cable.

• Ensure the antenna is properly aimed.

Warning: Although in many locations it may be possible to receive signals from terrestrial repeaters, it is not recommended to use these signals at fixed locations. Repeater signal strength can vary greatly from day to day as function of many uncontrolled variables.
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  • A description of the problem
  • Include all original components that came with the unit. Missing components will not be replaced.
  • Include return name, physical address, & telephone number/email address and RMA number.

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