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# INSTRUCTION MANUAL

# G-600 / G-600RC









# YAESU G-600 & G-600RC MEDIUM-DUTY ANTENNA ROTATOR & CONTROLLERS

The Yaesu G-600 and G-600RC are designed to support and rotate medium-size amateur and large-size television antenna arrays under remote control from the station operating position. The factorylubricated rotator unit is housed in weatherproof melamine resin coated die-cast aluminum, to provide maintenance-free operation under all climatic conditions. A mast alignment gauge on the rotator housing simplifies accurate mechanical alignment during installation.

The G-600 controller unit is a handsomely-styled, metered desktop unit which indicates antenna bearing azimuth in both compass direction and degrees, while the deluxe G-600RC controller provides 360° indication of actual antenna bearing azimuth on a circular dial indicator.

Please read this manual carefully before installing the G-600.

# **SPECIFICATIONS**

Voltage requirement:

110-120 or 220-240 VAC

Maximum dead vertical weight:

200 kg (440 lbs)

Power consumption:

40 VA

Motor voltage:

24 V, split phase

360° rotation time (approx.):

50 seconds @ 60 Hz

Rotation torque:

700 kg-cm (51 ft-lbs)

Stationary braking torque:

4,000 kg-cm (289 ft-lbs)

Control cable:

6 conductors, #20 AWG or

larger

Mast diameter:

38 - 63mm  $(1-\frac{1}{2})$  to  $2-\frac{1}{2}$  inches)

Weight:

Rotator: 4.6 kg (10 lbs)

Controllers:

G-600 - 2.5 kg (5.5 lbs)

G-600RC - 3.2 kg (7 lbs)

#### UNPACKING & INSPECTION

When unpacking the rotator confirm the presence of the following items:

Rotator Unit	1
Controller Unit	1
Mast Clamp	1*
Hex Bolts -	
M8 x 16	4
M8 x 25	4
M8 x 70	4
Split washer	12
Flat washer	4
M8 Nuts	4
Spare Fuse	
(117V:1A, 220V:0.5A)	1

If any of these items are missing or appear to be damaged, save the carton and packing material and notify the shipping company (or dealer, if purchased directly at his shop).

Before proceeding with installation, confirm that the AC voltage label on the rear of the Controller matches your local line voltage: either "117V" for 110 to 120 VAC, or "220" for 220 to 240 VAC. If the labelled voltage range does not match, return the controller to the dealer from whom you purchased it (different power transformers are installed for the different voltage ranges).

Note that cable is not included with the rotator, as the length must be determined case-by-case. Contact your Yaesu dealer to obtain the length of cable your installation requires. For runs of over 100 feet, use #18 AWG instead of #20 AWG.

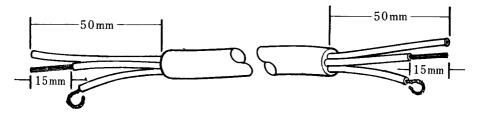
<sup>\*</sup> if your installation requires two mast clamps you can purchase the second clamp (Yaesu model GC-038 or GC-048) from your Yaesu dealer.

#### CONTROL CABLE PREPARATION & CONNECTION

Before installing the antenna and rotator, make all connections and test rotator operation thoroughly on the ground.

Your control cable should have six conductors of at least #20 AWG gauge (if less than 100 feet long).

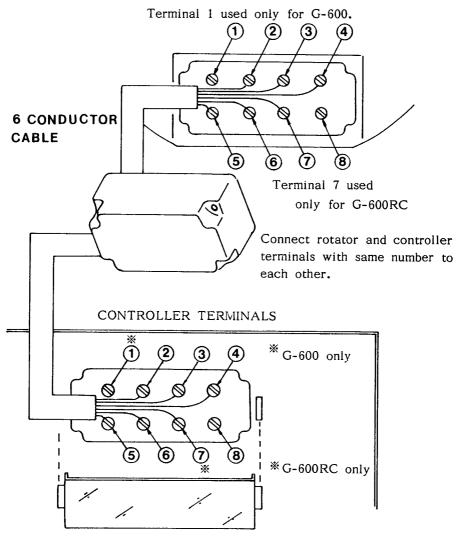
- (1) Remove the terminal box cover from the rotator, and slide the cover over one end of the cable.
- (2) Using special care to avoid nicking the insulation of the individual wires, strip back about 50mm of the outer jacket of the cable from each end, and then strip 15mm of insulation from each wire.



- (3) Twist the strands of each wire, and form each into a hook large enough to encircle the terminal screws on the rotator and controller. Then lightly tin each hook with solder (both ends of the cable should be prepared in the same way).
- (4) Connect each wire to a terminal, numbers 2 7, on the rotator (terminals 1 and 8 are not used). Note the color of the wire at each terminal.
- (5) Referring to your notes of the wire color at each terminal in the rotator terminal box, connect the wires to the terminals on the controller so that the wire from each terminal on the rotator plug connects to the terminal with the same number on the controller, ie., 2 to 2, 3 to 3, etc.

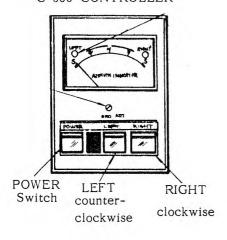
- 6) On the controller, make sure that the POWER switch is in the OFF position, and connect the line cord to the AC power outlet.
- 7) Turn on the POWER switch. The pilot lamp should light, and on the G-600RC, the indicator move to 360° and stop.

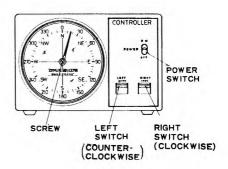
#### ROTATOR TERMINALS



#### G-600 CONTROLLER

#### G-600RC CONTROLLER





- (8) Press the LEFT switch, and confirm that the rotator and direction indicator (in the G-600RC) turn counterclockwise together. In the G-600, the meter needle should move to the left. Release the LEFT switch and confirm that the rotator slowly stops.
- (9) Repeat step 8, pressing the RIGHT switch instead of the LEFT switch. The rotator and direction indicator should turn clockwise (or the G-600 meter needle move to the right).
- (10) If operation does not occur as described above, check for a wiring error in the cable connections. When everything checks out in the above steps, slide the terminal cover over the rotator terminal box, and screw it tightly into place. Then remove the cable clamp from the rotator, clip it over the cable, and screw it back onto the rotator, leaving a little slack between the clamp and the terminal cover.

## Notes on Controller Operation:

If both LEFT and RIGHT switches are pressed at the same time the rotator turns to the right (clockwise).

Release the LEFT or RIGHT switch when the meter indicates in the STOP zones (on the G-600), or when the indicator stops near north (on the G-600RC), as the rotator will cease rotating automatically.

Remember to turn the controller off when the rotator is not in use.

# **OPTIONAL PARTS**



GS-050 50mm THRUST BEARING



GC-038 MAST CLAMP



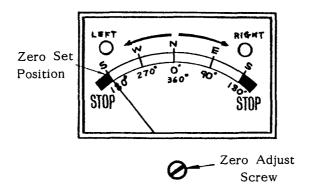
GS-065 65mm THRUST BEARING



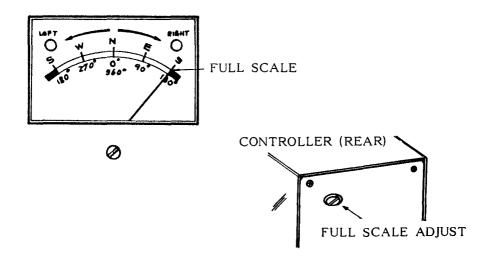
GC-048 MAST CLAMP

#### G-600 PRE-INSTALLATION ALIGNMENT

Press the LEFT switch and allow the rotator to turn fully counter-clockwise until rotation stops. The meter should now point precisely to 180° (South) at the left side of the meter scale. If not, adjust the zero adjust screw beneath the meter face so that it does.

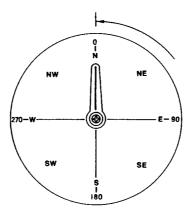


Press the RIGHT switch and allow the rotator to turn fully clockwise. The meter should now point to the 180° position at the right side of the meter scale. If not, adjust the calibration potentiometer on the rear panel so that it does.

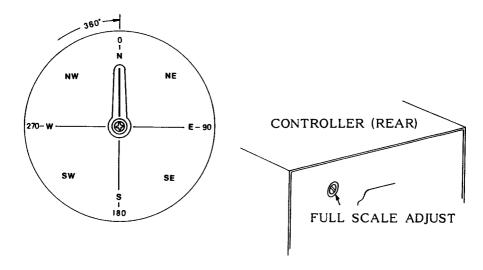


# G-600RC PRE-INSTALLATION ALIGNMENT

Press the LEFT switch and allow the rotator and indicator to turn fully counterclockwise until rotation stops. The indicator should now point to 0° (North). If not, loosen the screw in the center of the indicator needle and reset the needle.



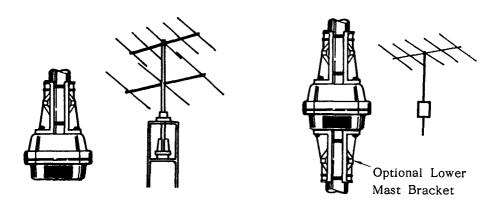
Press the RIGHT switch and allow the rotator and indicator to turn fully clockwise. The indicator should point to 0° (North). If not, adjust the calibration potentiometer on the rear panel.



#### ROTATOR INSTALLATION

The rotator unit of the G-600 and G-600RC is designed to accommodate medium-size antenna arrays. The maximum safe load depends on the physical size of the antenna, method and quality of mechanical installation, and maximum wind velocity at the installation site.

The following diagrams show several recommended installations. Notice that mounting the rotator inside of a tower provides the greatest support capacity, and is preferable for larger antennas or in highwind areas. Use our GS-050 or GS-065 Tower Mount Bearing at the top of the tower (and make sure that the Bearing is aligned precisely with the center of the rotator, so the mast is exactly vertical).



If the rotator is mounted alone on the mast above the tower it should be as close to the antenna as possible, to minimize the stress on the rotator caused by wind pressure against the antenna. This bending force on the rotator limits the supporting capacity of this type of installation to smaller antennas mounted close to the rotator. This method is not recommended in high-wind areas.

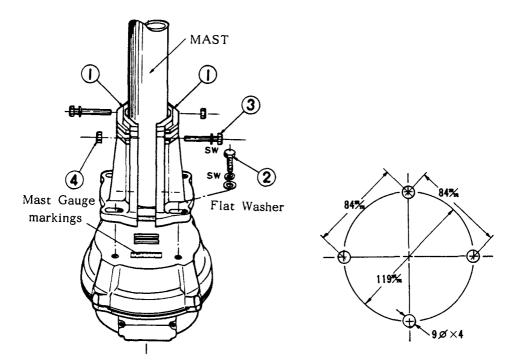
Make certain that the antenna attaches to the mast at the center of gravity of the antenna. That is, the antenna should be balanced, provid-

ing only downward force on the mast (when there is no wind). The G-600 can support up to 200 kg (440 lbs).

Be sure to leave enough slack in the coaxial cable feedline around the rotator so that it can rotate 360° without straining the feedline.

#### Mast Bracket Assembly & Antenna Positioning

- (1) Loosely fasten the mast bracket halves (1) to the rotator housing using four short bolts, split washers and flat washers (2).
- (2) Insert the mast into the bracket, and finger-tighten the four longer bolts (3) with split washers, flat washers and nuts (4).



# (3a) For G-600 only:

Set the controller so that it indicates precisely 180° (South) at the left edge of the indicator. Then, using an accurate map and known landmarks, position the antenna (without using the control-

ler) so that it points to true South. Alternatively, consult a Geodetic Survey map for your area to determine the Magnetic Deviation at your location, and then use a compass to position the antenna so that it points to true South (Magnetic North + Magnetic Deviation + 180°). Be careful not to disturb the antenna direction when tightening the mast bracket in step 4.

#### (3b) For G-600RC only:

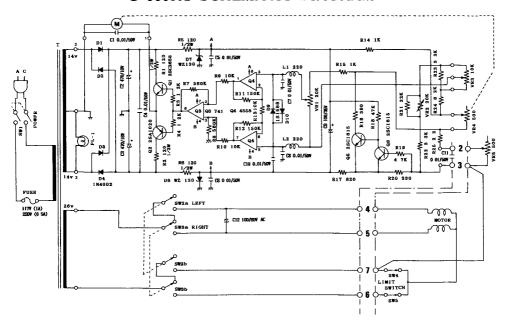
Set the controller so that it indicates precisely 0° (North). Then, using an accurate map and known landmarks, position the antenna (without using the controller) so that it points to true North. Alternatively, consult a Geodetic Survey map for your area to determine the Magnetic Deviation at your location, and then use a compass to position the antenna so that it points to true North (Magnetic North + Magnetic Deviation). Be careful not to disturb the antenna direction when tightening the mast bracket in the next step.

- (4) Referring to the mast gauge markings on the rotator housing, tap the mast bracket halves to center the mast while alternately tightening the short bolts (2) and nuts (4) on the long bolts alternately.
- (5) Confirm the calibration of the controller indicator by rotating the antenna precisely 360° so that the antenna itself is pointing in the same direction as before. If the indicator does not show exactly 180° (G-600) or 0° (G-600RC) again, adjust the FULL SCALE potentiometer on the rear of the controller slightly, and repeat this step.

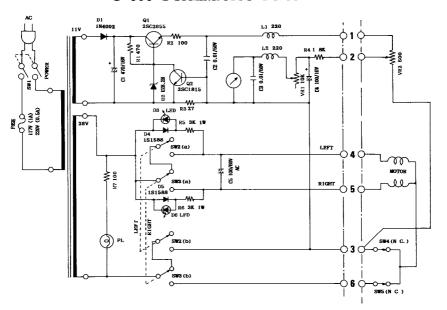
CAUTION: The rotator unit is designed for vertical mounting only. Water and contaminants will damage the motor unit if it is mounted horizontally or upside-down.

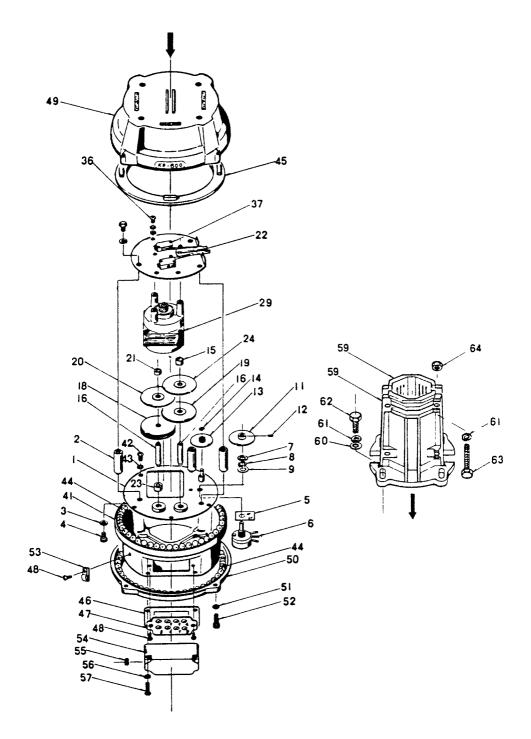
The rotator motor is rated for five-minutes intermittent duty. However, it can safely run continuously for as long as ten minutes providing that it be brought to rest for at least ten minutes afterwards.

# G-600RC SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM



# G-600 SCHEMATIC DIAGRAM





## PARTS LIST (Rotator)

- (1) Gear Mounting Plate Ass'y
- (2) Gear Mount Support (x3)
- (3) 6mm dia Washer (x3)
- (4) Gear Mount Screw (x3)
- (5) Insulating Sheet
- (6) Potentiometer
- (7) 9mm Pot. Shaft Nut
- (8) 9mm Pot. Shaft Lock Washer
- (9) 9mm Pot. Shaft Flat Washer
- (11) Pot. Divider Gear
- (12) Pot. Div. Gear Setscrew
- (13) Plastic Pot. Gear
- (14) 2.5mm dia. E-Ring
- (15),(21) Stud Support Sleeve
- (16) Gear Shaft (x2)
- (18) Main Gear
- (19),(20) Pinion Gears
- (22) Gear/Motor Mount
- (29) Motor Ass'y
- (34),(35),(56) 4mm Washers
- (36) 4mm Motor Mount Screw (x3)
- (37) Rotation Limit Switch
- (41) Lower Housing
- (42) 5mm Gear Plate Screw (x6)
- (43) 5mm Gear Plate Washer (x6)
- (44) Ball Bearings
- (45) Internal Ring Gear
- (46) Rubber Seal: Terminal Box
- (47) Terminal Ass'y
- (48) Terminal Ass'y/Cable Clamp Screw
- (49) Upper Housing
- (50) Housing Ring
- (51) 6mm Housing Washer
- (52) Housing Screw

- (53) Cable Clamp
- (54) Terminal Cover
- (55) Rubber Grommet
- (57) Terminal Cover Screw
- (58),(59) Mast Clamp
- (60) 8mm dia, Flat Washer (x4)
- (61) 8mm dia. Split Washer (x4)
- (62),(63) M8 Hex Screw
- (64) M8 Hex Nut

