

# **COMBILOG ANTENNA**

30 - 2000 MHz

**MODEL AC-220**

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## **Warranty Limitations**

The above warranty shall not apply to defects resulting from improper or inadequate maintenance by the buyer, unauthorized modification or misuse, operation exceeding specifications, or improper site preparation.

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## SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

The Model AC-220 Combilog antenna were designed for use in an EMI laboratory to measure or generate electric field.

### **Test Operator and Test Location:**

The Model AC-220 antenna should be operated by trained personnel in the field of EMC for the purpose of generating electromagnetic fields. Test location should be selected to avoid interference to other equipment and exposure of personnel to high electromagnetic fields

### **Maintenance and Service:**

There are no user serviceable parts inside the balun. Do not remove the instrument cover. **Com-Power** provides calibration service for all equipment sold. Call the factory if calibration or other service is required.

## *About this Manual*

This manual provides instructions for testing and using the Combilog antenna model AC-220.

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### **If You Need Assistance**

If you encounter problems while using the model AC-220 antenna contact Com-Power Corporation at (949) 587-9800.

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# *General Information*

# *1*

This section includes the following:

- a) Introduction
  - b) General Description
  - c) Specifications
  - d) Equipment Supplied
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## **1.1 Introduction**

This section contains general description of the Combilog antenna Models AC-220. This section also contains general performance and background information and technical information about the antenna.

## **1.2 General Description**

The Model AC-220 Antenna was specifically designed for radiated EMI measurement over a wide frequency range. The Model AC-220 was designed to receive radiated EMI signals or transmit during susceptibility testing for various agency specifications.

This antenna is a broadband transducer which converts Electric field strength in dBuV/m to Volts that can be displayed on a spectrum analyzer or EMI meter.

Further information on the Combilog antenna is given in Section 3.

## **1.3 Equipment Specifications**

The functional and operational characteristics of the Model AC-220 Combilog antenna are listed in Table 1-1.



**Figure 1-1. Combilog mounted on AT-100 tripod.**

## 1.4 Equipment, Accessories, and Documents Supplied

Equipment, accessories, and documents supplied with the model AC-220 Combilog antenna are as follows:

- a) Combilog antenna
- b) Two (2) rear triangle elements w/screws
- c) Tripod mounting adaptor
- d) User's guide
- e) Individual calibration information

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**Table 1-1. Equipment Specifications****Model: AC-220**

Frequency Range:	30 - 2000 MHz
Impedance:	50 ohms nominal
Power Handling:	500 watts CW
Connector:	N type (f)
Operating conditions:	0° - 40° C
Weight:	7 lbs.(3.2 kg) max.
Dimensions:	
Length	38 in.
Width	51 in.
Height	28 in.

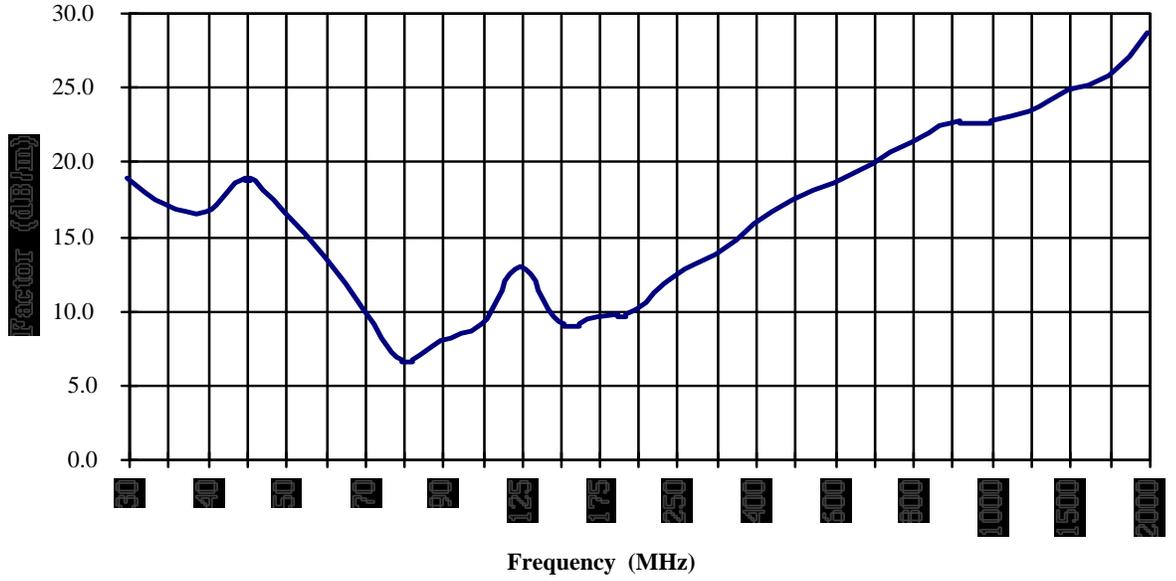


Figure 1-2. AC-220 Typical antenna factor

# Setup Procedure

# 2

This section explains the following:

- a) Introduction
- b) Setup

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## 2.0 Introduction

This section describes antenna setup and mounting for EMI measurement.

## 2.1 Antenna Setup

### 2.1.1 Connecting

The model AC-220 Combilog antenna has an 'N' type female I/O connector for connection to measuring or source instrumentation.

### 2.1.2 Antenna setup for receiving signals

The model AC-220 antenna can be used to measure EMI from an equipment under test (EUT). The antenna is mounted on either an antenna mast (model AM-400) or an antenna tripod. The antenna has a universal mount (included) for mounting on a tripod (AT-100) or other standard tripod. A cable is used to connect the antenna to the measuring instrument. If a long cable is used, cable loss must be measured and used in calculating the field strength.

### 2.1.3 Antenna setup for transmitting signals

The model AC-220 antenna can be used to transmit signals. The antenna is mounted on either on an antenna mast (such Model AM-400 antenna mast ) or antenna tripod. To transmit signals, the antenna is connected to a signal generator and power amplifier. The Model AC-220 Combilog antenna can transmit up to 500 Watts continuous power. The field generated by the antenna can be measured by using field strength meter.

### 2.1.4 Test location

The Combilog antenna must be mounted and placed in area away from other conductive objects or materials when in use. Large conductive building, structures and electrical cables, can reflect and reradiate the emissions of EUT, causing errors in the test data. In addition, care should be taken to keep measuring instruments and test personnel away from the test area to avoid interference to the test, as well exposure of test personnel to high electromagnetic fields.

# *Theory of Operation*

# 3

This chapter explains the following:

- a) Overview
- b) Theory of Operation

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## 3.0 Overview

This section describes the theory of operation of the AC-220 Combilog antenna.

## 3.1 Theory of Operation

Broadband antennas allow measurement of signals over a wide frequency range. These antennas do not require any tuning or balun switching during measurement. It is very useful for sweep measurement over the frequency range of operation. Models AC-220 Combilog Antennas is a broadband antenna that operate in the frequency range of 30 MHz to 2000 MHz.

Before the Combilog antennas are used for measurement they have to be calibrated. Typically antenna calibration is performed in an open field test site( OATS). During calibration a known field strength (dBuV/m) is generated around the antenna at each frequency (30 MHz -2000 MHz). The difference between field strength (dBuV) received by the antenna and known field strength generated ( dBuV) is the antenna factor (dB) for that frequency. During EMC testing the antenna factor for the frequency of interest is added back to reading on the EMI meter or spectrum analyzer to measure field strength.

$$\text{dBuV/m (field strength)} = \text{dBuV (output measured)} + \text{Antenna Factor}$$