

The Copper J-Pole

Recommendation: Use K=1 for the 1st antenna. Due to the impurities in the copper tubing/wire one buys, the velocity factor will vary such that you will often end up with an antenna TOO short.

If you buy bulk tubing from one source, you can estimate K empirically by cutting tubing down to resonance at Fo:

$K' = (\text{new } A \text{ cut}) / (A)$; $A @ K=1$
Then $K = K'$ for additional copies using the same tubing.

$$A = K(8857.5 / (f \text{ Mhz})) = \text{___} \text{ INCHES}$$

$$A' = \text{Lamda}/2 = 5905$$

$$B = \text{Lamda}/4 = 2952.5$$

$$A + B = 8857.5$$

$$B = K(2952.5 / (f \text{ Mhz})) = \text{___} \text{ INCHES}$$

$$C = K(265.2 / (f \text{ Mhz})) = \text{___} \text{ INCHES}$$

(gap distance)

$$D = K(277.2 / (f \text{ Mhz})) = \text{___} \text{ INCHES}$$

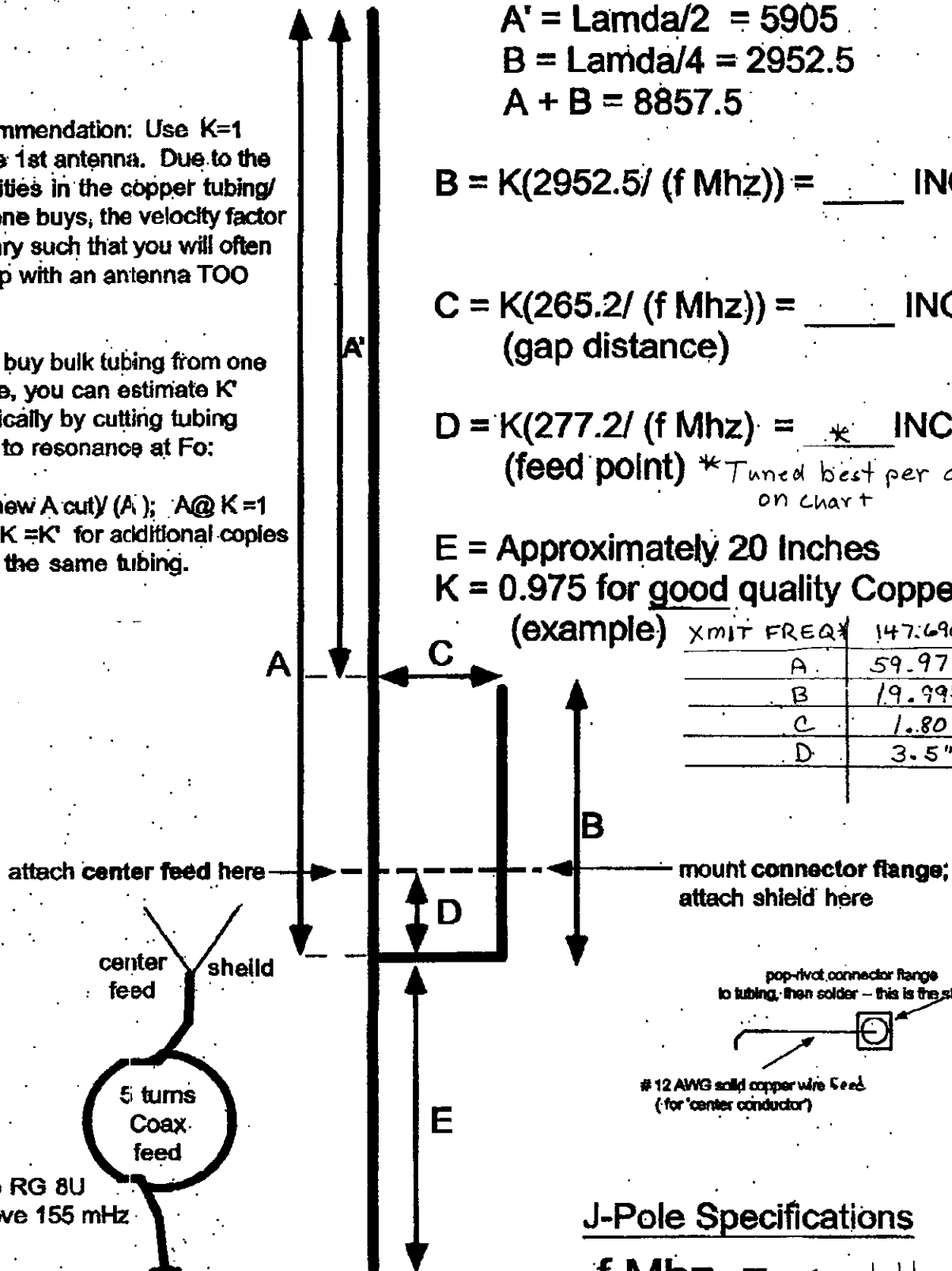
(feed point) *Tuned best per dimension on chart

$$E = \text{Approximately } 20 \text{ Inches}$$

$$K = 0.975 \text{ for good quality Copper (RED)}$$

(example)

| XMIT FREQ | 147.690 | 222.820 |
|-----------|---------|---------|
| A | 59.97" | 39.98" |
| B | 19.99" | 13.25" |
| C | 1.80" | 1.19" |
| D | 3.5" | 2 7/8" |



Use RG 8U
Above 155 MHz

Use RG 58
Below 155 MHz to Rig

J-Pole Specifications

$$f \text{ Mhz} = \text{see table}$$

$$\text{Velocity Factor (K)} = \text{___}$$

(optional; K=1.0 otherwise)