

TWIN COIL FERRITE™ AM ANTENNA BY C.CRANE

Operating Instructions



**PLEASE READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS COMPLETELY BEFORE USE
AND SAVE THIS MANUAL FOR FUTURE REFERENCE.**



Before Use



Please read IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS on pages 13 - 14 before use. It is important to read and understand all instructions.

For your future reference:

Serial No. _____
(found inside battery compartment)

Date of purchase _____

Name and address of dealer _____

Optional Accessories:

25 ft. Remote Installation Kit

50 ft. Remote Installation Kit

Kits include 25 ft. or 50 ft. of PS2 cable,
connector grease and coax seal.

Cable Coupler
For Use With Cables 75 ft. in Length

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Introduction

Thank you for purchasing the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna by C.Crane. The antenna can be used on a small portable or desktop radio with excellent results. It is also the first AM antenna that can provide exceptional improvement to a large home stereo system. It can actually reduce static and radio noise on AM.

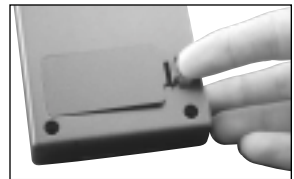
Parts List



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| 1) TUNER CONTROL | 6) 1" Piece of Hook and Loop Fastener for FERRITE STICK (not shown) |
| 2) ANTENNA ELEMENT | 7) AC Adapter (not shown) |
| 3) FERRITE STICK | 8) 5' Connection Cable (not shown) |
| 4) 1/8" Mono to RCA Connector Patchcord | |
| 5) RCA Female Patchcord to Two Bare Wire Ends | |

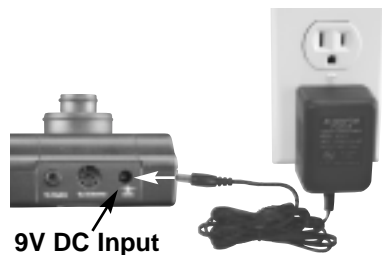
Battery Installation

Remove the battery compartment cover on the bottom of the TUNER CONTROL. Connect the battery. The antenna will run for approximately 45 hours on battery power. The 9-volt battery is automatically disconnected when the AC adapter is plugged in.



Connection to Power

The AC adapter is simply plugged into the wall, and then into jack labeled "9V DC" on the back of the TUNER CONTROL.

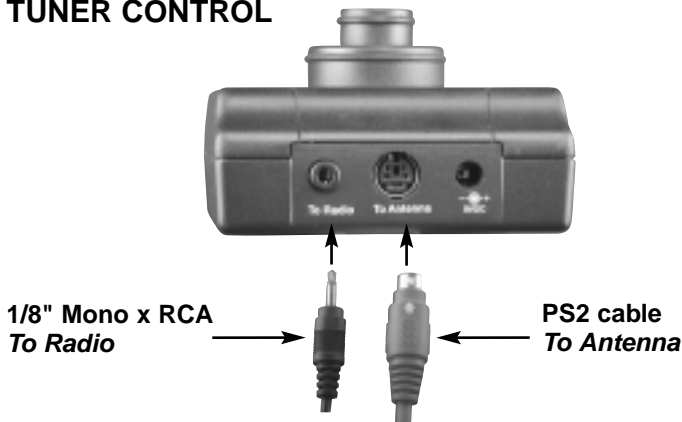


Initial Setup

These instructions cover the basic setup.

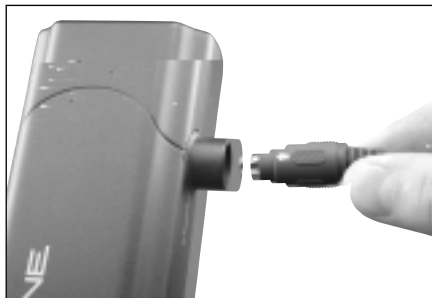
Attach one end of the 5' PS2 cable to the jack, labeled **To Antenna**, on the back of the TUNER CONTROL unit. The arrow on the plug should face up. Please, **DO NOT** force the plug into the TUNER CONTROL. It will plug in nicely when the pins are aligned.

TUNER CONTROL



The other end of the PS2 cable will plug into the jack on the ANTENNA ELEMENT labeled **To Control Box**. The arrow on this plug should also face up.

ANTENNA ELEMENT



Getting Started

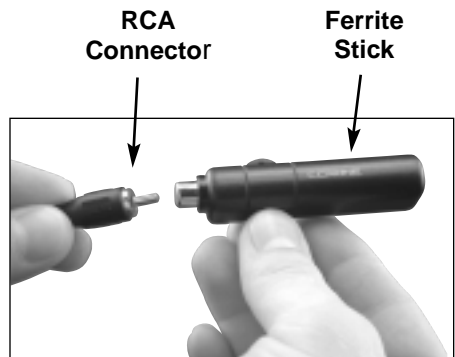
The first time you use the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna by C. Crane it takes time, planning, and a little bit of patience. You will need to re-check and re-tune the unit to find the best position. After you have found the best spot for the TUNER CONTROL, FERRITE STICK, and ANTENNA ELEMENT, you can take the time to secure and make permanent the installation to your liking. The FERRITE STICK can be fixed to the radio using the included hook and loop fastener. If you have a problem finding a location for the ANTENNA ELEMENT that produces good results, be sure to try different areas within 50' of your radio. If you find a good position, you have the option of locating the ANTENNA ELEMENT there. If you need to mount the ELEMENT away from the radio for best reception, you may order additional cable in 25' or 50' lengths. Please refer to the inside cover of this manual for optional accessories.

Using the Twin Coil Ferrite™ AM Antenna by C.Crane

With a Portable Radio

To use the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna with a radio that does not have antenna connectors:

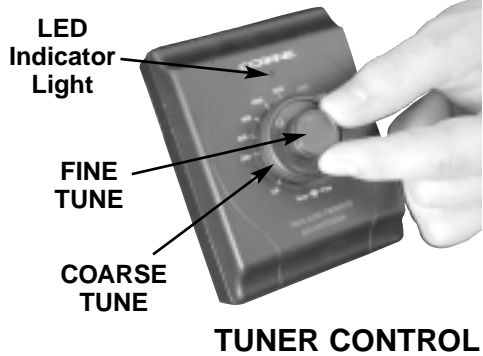
1. Find the patchcord with the 1/8" x RCA male connector.
2. Insert the RCA plug into the FERRITE STICK.
3. Insert the other end of the patchcord into the jack labeled **To Radio** on the TUNER CONTROL. (See photo on page 5.)



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With a Portable Radio

Place the TUNER CONTROL in a comfortable location relative to your radio. Place the ANTENNA ELEMENT a few feet away. If the ANTENNA ELEMENT is placed too close to the radio, it will cause noise on your radio.



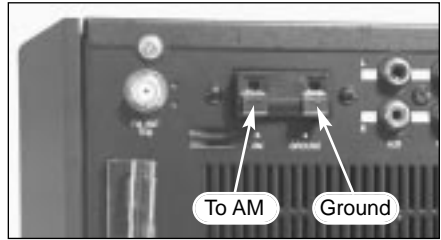
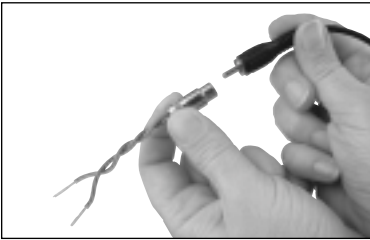
1. Put the FERRITE STICK on top of the radio near the center. The position shown in the photo (below) is a good position when the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna by C. Crane is used with the CCRadio.
2. For testing purposes, tune your radio to **any weak** AM station. It is important that the station be weak so you can clearly detect the improvement in reception.
3. Rotate the FINE TUNE control, it will click on and the red LED indicator light will come on. Turn the COARSE TUNE control knob slowly and you will likely notice a change in reception at some point on the dial. Adjust the control knob until you notice the most improvement on your signal. Now you can use the FINE TUNE control for further refinement.
4. Move the FERRITE STICK around the radio to find the position that affects the signal the most. This position is the “sweet spot”, or the best position.
5. Again, adjust the FINE TUNE on the TUNER CONTROL for the best reception possible.
6. Now you can orientate the ANTENNA ELEMENT for best reception. In most cases, the ELEMENT does not have to be adjusted again. When radio noise is a problem, try rotating the ELEMENT in the direction which reduces noise to a minimum.



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With a Home Stereo

You can directly connect the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna by C.Crane to a home stereo by connecting the 1/8" Mono x RCA control patchcord to the RCA x two wire patchcord, as shown below left. You can then attach one wire to the GROUND and one wire to the AM terminal on the back of the receiver, as shown below right. Most of the time you will find spring clips or screw terminals. It will not matter which wire you connect to which terminal.



Next, plug the other end into the jack labeled **To Radio** on the TUNER CONTROL. If you want to experiment or if your receiver does not have antenna terminals, you can also use the FERRITE STICK on whatever “loop” or “loopstick antenna” that was supplied with the receiver.

1. Tune your radio to **any weak** AM frequency. It is important that the station be weak so you can clearly detect the improvement in reception.
2. Rotate the FINE TUNE control, it will click on and the red LED light indicator will come on. Turn the COARSE TUNE control knob slowly and you will likely notice a change in reception at some point on the dial. Turn the COARSE TUNE control until you notice the most signal improvement.
3. Adjust the FINE TUNE control for the best reception possible.
4. Now orientate the ANTENNA ELEMENT for best reception. In most cases, the ELEMENT does not have to be adjusted again.

After you have found the best spot for the TUNER CONTROL and ANTENNA ELEMENT you can take the time to secure and make permanent the installation to your liking.

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With a Loop Antenna

Occasionally a home receiver will include a loop type antenna. You can use the FERRITE STICK in conjunction with a loop, as shown at right. Move the FERRITE STICK around until you find the “sweet spot” that works best.



Some older receivers have a ferrite stick similar to the one we provide. In this case, for best reception, put them parallel to each other and find the “sweet spot”.

In either case, you can use the hook and loop fastener to keep the FERRITE STICK in place.

Remote Installation of Antenna Element

If after thorough testing, you find the ANTENNA ELEMENT must be mounted outdoors for best reception, you may order additional cable in 25' or 50' lengths (refer to the inside cover for optional accessories). Generally, you will only need to mount the antenna outdoors if radio noise and static reduce reception indoors.



When planning your remote installation try not to make vertical runs with the long cables. If the cable is vertical, it will pick up more radio noise than if you run it horizontally because most radio noise is vertically polarized. You can run a cable up to 75' by using a special order cable coupler (refer to the inside cover for optional accessories). At 100' you will experience about a 25% loss in the performance.

Always mount the ANTENNA ELEMENT in a sheltered area to protect it from water. Two mounting holes are provided on the back to help install the unit. **Refer to page 10 for important information regarding Outdoor Installation Precautions.**

Remote Installation of Antenna Element (Cont.)

Included with the Optional Remote Installation Kit is Silicone Grease and Coax-Seal. Apply silicone grease to the cable connector before plugging into the ANTENNA ELEMENT. Also apply Coax-Seal to the perimeter seam of the plastic case, screw holes, cable connection and ground lug. This will provide water resistance.

Outdoor Installation Precautions

Lightning Protection

Lightning poses a serious hazard to you and to your radio equipment. Your antenna is a conductor. If it is struck by lightning (or touched by a live power line), it will conduct this electricity into your home.



Safety precautions require that you equip your antenna with lightning protection equipment. The equipment needed and installation methods can vary from area to area.

WE RECOMMEND THAT YOU HIRE A LICENSED, BONDED, AND EXPERIENCED PROFESSIONAL TO HELP WITH OUTSIDE INSTALLATIONS.

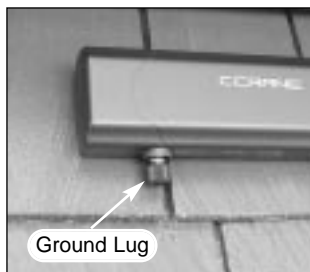
An injury, of any kind, is simply not worth it. Please be careful!

Radio Noise

If radio noise and static are a problem, start by finding a place as close as possible to the radio where the static is absent. This is done by tuning a portable radio to a point on the AM dial where there is no station and static is at a high level. Bring the portable near an outside wall or even outside up to 50' away from your host radio. When you find a place without static, this is where you may want to mount the Antenna Element. Please refer to Grounding the Antenna Element on page 11, and Radio Noise Troubleshooting on page 12 for additional information.

Grounding the Antenna Element

If radio noise is present, many times grounding the ANTENNA ELEMENT will reduce it significantly. It is not necessary to ground the antenna if there is no radio noise. The easiest way to ground the ANTENNA ELEMENT is to place a #10 solid copper wire three or four feet into the ground. The end of the wire is then connected to the ground lug on the



ANTENNA ELEMENT. The wire can either be wrapped around the lug or shaped with needle nose pliers first. You can mount the ELEMENT away from where you have placed the three or four feet of wire into the ground but it is best to keep the distance as short as possible. If there is radio noise, the lead from the grounding point to the ANTENNA ELEMENT may pick up additional radio noise. Moisture content of the soil may also affect performance. Damp soil is better than dry soil.

Frequently Asked Questions

- Q.** Does the Select-A-Tenna help with the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna?
- A.** The Select-A-Tenna when used in conjunction with the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna, produces curious results and in some cases marked improvement.

Special note to people who love AM radio: I use my Select-A-Tenna along with my Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna (TCF) for best reception. Heavy static normally destroys radio reception on my bedside CCRadio. I now use the Select-A-Tenna to eliminate noise at the radio by careful tuning. I then import a clean signal from the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna head only 15' away. I have never received a better signal in my life. — *Bob Crane*

- Q.** Where can I get more information on the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna by C. Crane Specifications?
- A.** Please check *ccrane.com* for complete technical specifications.

Radio Noise Troubleshooting

AM RADIO NOISE PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS

If you hear an annoying buzz when listening to AM radio, it's most likely radio noise. Here are some of the usual culprits:

- Dimmer switch (even in an adjacent room).
- Lights: fluorescent light, "touch lamp" type fixtures, automatic night lights, motion-activated outdoor lights, dying bulbs, blinking bulbs.
- Nearby television or computer.
- Electronic bug and pest controllers.
- Faulty electrical switch.
- Radios & scanners.
- Dirty insulators on a nearby power pole.
- Electric blanket.
- Smoke detectors that run from an AC current (battery operated units are OK).

Now what can you do about it?

- Turn off the circuit breakers to see if the noise stops, and if the source comes from inside your house. Turn off one circuit at a time to isolate the source of the noise.
- Using a battery-operated radio, check if the interference comes from the AC 120V line, through the air, or both. To locate the direction of the noise, turn the radio until you hear the loudest noise. The front and the back of the radio will point to the noise origin.
- If the noise comes from outside, carry the radio around the neighborhood to check for the origin of the noise. Ask your neighbors if they hear the same noise.
- If you suspect a power pole, call the utility company. Dirty power pole insulators are sometimes a cause of hard-to-find radio interference.
- Sometimes grounding can greatly reduce the hum from AC line noise. Unfortunately, most radios do not have a ground connection. Finding a good earth ground may also be difficult.

For more detailed information, please visit www.ccrane.com/radionoise

Safety Instructions

READ BEFORE OPERATING EQUIPMENT

SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Read and understand all safety and operating instructions before the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna by C. Crane is operated.
- 2) Retain Instructions: The safety and operating instructions should be retained for future reference.
- 3) Heed Warnings: All warnings on this appliance and all operating instructions should be followed.
- 4) Water and Moisture: The Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna by C. Crane should not be used near water. Do not use near a bathtub, washbowl, laundry tub, kitchen sink, wet basement, swimming pool, etc. Risk of electric shock may result.
- 5) Unplug the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna by C. Crane from the AC power adapter before cleaning. Only use a damp cloth for cleaning the exterior surfaces of the antenna.
- 6) Do not place the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna on an unstable cart, stand, bracket or table. The antenna may fall, causing serious personal injury and or damage to the antenna may result.
- 7) Heat: Never put the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna by C. Crane in direct sunlight or behind glass such as a car's interior. The antenna should be kept away from heat sources such as radiators, heat registers, stoves, or other appliances that produce heat.
- 8) AC Wall Adapter: The AC Wall Adapter should be positioned so it is not walked on, pinched, or items placed on top of it. All power and connector cables should be routed away from walkways or areas of foot traffic to avoid being tripped on. Always unplug the AC power adapter by gripping the adapter unit and pulling it out of the wall socket. Never pull on the cord. Always operate the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna by C. Crane using the correct supplied AC wall adapter. Adapters that are not correctly rated can damage the antenna. If you are not sure of the correct AC wall adapter, consult your dealer.
- 9) Never insert objects of any kind into the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna through openings. The objects may touch dangerous voltage points or short out parts causing damage to the antenna.

Safety Instructions

- 10) If the antenna is stored for long periods of time, unplug it from the wall outlet and remove the batteries. This will prevent damage caused by lightning or power line surges and battery acid from leaking inside of the antenna.
- 11) Never attempt to service the Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna by C.Crane yourself. Removing the cover may expose you to dangerous voltage levels and will void the warranty. Refer all servicing to authorized service personnel.
- 12) The Twin Coil Ferrite AM Antenna by C.Crane should be serviced by qualified service personnel when:
 - a) Objects have fallen or liquid has been spilled into the antenna;
 - b) The antenna has been exposed to rain;
 - c) The antenna does not appear to operate normally or exhibits a marked change in performance; or
 - d) The antenna has been dropped or the enclosure damaged.
- 13) The user should not attempt to service this antenna beyond that described in the operating instructions. All other servicing should be referred to qualified service personnel. The symbols below are to alert you to important operation or servicing instructions that may appear in the owner's manual.

WARNING:

TO PREVENT FIRE OR ELECTRIC SHOCK HAZARD, DO NOT EXPOSE THIS PRODUCT TO RAIN OR MOISTURE.



THE LIGHTNING FLASH AND ARROWHEAD WITHIN THE TRIANGLE IS A WARNING SIGN ALERTING YOU OF "DANGEROUS VOLTAGE" INSIDE THE ANTENNA.

CAUTION

RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK DO NOT OPEN

CAUTION: TO REDUCE THE RISK OF ELECTRIC SHOCK, DO NOT REMOVE THE BACK. NO USER SERVICEABLE PARTS INSIDE. REFER SERVICING TO QUALIFIED SERVICE PERSONNEL.



THE EXCLAMATION POINT WITHIN THE TRIANGLE IS A WARNING SIGN ALERTING YOU OF IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS ACCOMPANYING THIS ANTENNA.

Model: TWIN COIL FERRITE™ AM ANTENNA BY C. CRANE
THIS DEVICE COMPLIES WITH PART 15 OF THE FCC RULES.
OPERATION IS SUBJECT TO THE FOLLOWING TWO CONDITIONS.
1) THIS DEVICE MAY NOT CAUSE HARMFUL INTERFERENCE, AND
2) THIS DEVICE MUST ACCEPT ANY INTERFERENCE RECEIVED,
INCLUDING INTERFERENCE THAT MAY CAUSE UNDESIRE
OPERATION.

Notice: The changes or modifications not expressly approved by the party responsible for compliance could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.