1.0 Introduction

The HP 58532A GPS L1 Reference Antenna is one component of a complete line of GPS accessories for your GPS antenna system available from Hewlett-Packard. These accessories are designed to deliver precise GPS signals over a wide temperature range and in harsh environmental conditions.

2.0 Description

The HP 58532A GPS L1 Reference Antenna delivers clean, accurate L1 carrier frequency signals to GPS synchronization modules and receivers. The antenna operates reliably in a wide range of environmental conditions, and it is characterized by durability, low noise, narrow bandwidth, and high gain.

Designed for outdoor locations, the HP 58532A Antenna features a threaded Type-N Jack connector that makes it easy to connect directly to the antenna cable. A mounting base (supplied) simplifies installation of the antenna to a mast.

The antenna requires a voltage of 5 Vdc, which is normally supplied from the GPS receiver via the connecting cable.

3.0 Installation

How an antenna is installed depends on a variety of local conditions. Hewlett-Packard offers several methods for mounting the antenna. These solutions include a mounting bracket or clamp to attach a mounting mast to a pipe, wall, or tripod. Contact HP as described below for ordering information and additional technical recommendations for installation.

Installation Information Available

SEND a FAX message requesting the “GPS Installation Note” to GPS Support at 408-553-2058. If you are outside the U.S.A., the Telephone Country Code is 1. Include your name and FAX number. The document describing the available GPS accessories and installation considerations will be sent back to you via FAX.

Installation Suggestions

1. Mount the antenna on a mast high enough above the surrounding surface to avoid standing water or snow.

2. A good location is one that is accessible, away from lightning rods, and one that provides a reasonably clear line of sight between the ground and satellites, from horizon to horizon.

3. Specific decisions on the optimum mounting location of the antenna and recommendations for proper lightning protection (such as lightning rods, arrestors, etc.) are unique to most installations and should be made by qualified personnel.
Parts Supplied

- Antenna
- Mounting Base

Mounting base contains:

1. Four captive cross-recessed pan head screws for attaching to antenna (use small "cross point" (Phillips) screwdriver.

2. Two hex set screws (4 mm) for tightening antenna assembly to a mast.

Optional Mounting Mast

A mounting mast is available as Option AUB to the antenna. If this option was not purchased with the antenna, it can be ordered from HP (part number 58532-20201). The mast is 355 mm in length with an outer diameter of 42 mm and made of either anodized aluminum or stainless steel. The inner diameter can also accommodate insertion of the HP 58529A Line Amplifier with L1 Bandpass Filter or the HP 58530A GPS L1 Bandpass Filter inside the mast for protection from the environment. The mounting mast is warranted against defects in material and workmanship for 90 days.

Tools Required for Assembly

- Small "cross point" (Phillips) screwdriver for four cross-recessed pan head screws
- Hex wrench for 3 mm hex socket set screws

NOTE: If replacing an HP 58504A antenna with an HP 58532A, a Type-N Plug to TNC Jack adapter will be needed. If this was not ordered as Option 001 with the antenna, this adapter can be ordered from HP (part number: 1200-1897). The adapter is warranted against defects in material and workmanship for 90 days.

4.0 Dimensions of Antenna and Mounting Base

Figure 1 shows the major dimensions of the antenna and mount assembly.

![Figure 1. HP 58532A GPS L1 Reference Antenna and Mounting Base Dimensions](image-url)
5.0 Assembly Procedure (Refer to Figure 2 while following this procedure.)

1. Route the cable through the mast and the antenna mounting base.

2. Attach the cable to the antenna connector and tighten.

   **NOTE:** It is recommended that all cable connections that are outdoors, or those connections exposed to wet or humid environments, be protected to prevent moisture condensation from entering the connectors. Consider wrapping the antenna-to-cable connection with a self-fusing insulating tape (for example, 3M Scotch™ 23 Rubber Splicing Tape).

3. Attach the antenna to the mounting base by tightening the four pan head screws into the antenna. Do not over-tighten.

   **NOTE:** The gasket creates a very tight seal between the antenna and the mounting base. Consequently, extra pressure may be required to disassemble the antenna from the mounting base. Carefully use a flat-blade screwdriver as a wedge when disassembly is required.

4. Attach the antenna assembly to the mast by sliding the antenna assembly over the mast until the mast rests against the gasket at the top of the mounting base. Tighten the two set screws in the mount against the mast so the antenna assembly is securely held in place on the mast.
6.0 Maintenance

The only periodic maintenance for the antenna is to keep it clean and free of debris. The best
cleaner is soap and water. Do not use abrasive compounds or chemical cleaners.

It is recommended that all components of the antenna system that are exposed to weather be
checked periodically and replaced, if necessary.

7.0 Warranty

This Hewlett-Packard antenna product is warranted against defects in material and
workmanship for a period of eighteen months from date of shipment. During the warranty
period, Hewlett-Packard Company will, at its option, either repair or replace products which
prove to be defective. In addition, the Option 001 adapter and the Option AUB mounting
mast are warranted against defects in material and workmanship for 90 days from date of
shipment.

NOTICE
Lightning strikes are a natural occurrence. Any antenna system is
susceptible to damage from a direct lightning strike or the radiated
energy from a nearby lightning strike. DAMAGE OF THIS NATURE
IS NOT COVERED BY HEWLETT-PACKARD'S WARRANTY.

8.0 Technical Data

Table 1. HP 58532A Technical Characteristics

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<td>Frequency Range (3 dB Bandwidth)</td>
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<td>Impedance</td>
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<td>Total Gain</td>
<td>&gt; 30 dBi (38 dBi typical at elevation angle 90 degrees)</td>
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Antenna Amplitude vs. Frequency Response

Figure 3 shows a relative amplitude vs. frequency response for the antenna as measured with a network analyzer. Note the steep roll-off characteristics of the filtering.

![Graph showing amplitude vs. frequency response](image)

**Figure 3. Amplitude vs. Frequency Response for HP 58532A GPS L1 Reference Antenna**
DECLARATION OF CONFORMITY  
according to ISO/IEC Guide 22 and EN 45014

| Manufacturer's Name: | Hewlett-Packard Company |
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declares, that the product
described below conforms to the following Product Specifications:

| System Name: | Accessories, GPS Time and Frequency Receiver |
| Component |  Model Number and  
| Product Name: | |
| 58504A Antenna | 58509A/F Line Amplifier |
| 58505A Lightning Arrester | 58512A 1:2 DA/Splitter |
| 58513A Antenna Assembly | 58514A Bandpass Filter |
| 58517A 1:8 DA/Splitter | 58539A Antenna |
| 58538A Lightning Arrester | 58539A Lightning Arrester |

Product Options: This declaration covers all options of the product.

IEC 601-2: 1991 / EN 50082-1: 1992 4 kV CD, 8 kV AD  
IEC 801-3: 1984 / EN 50082-1: 1992 3 Vrms, 1kHz 80% AM, 26-1000MHz  
IEC 801-4: 1988 / EN 50082-1: 1992 0.5 kV Signal Lines & DC Power Port  
IEC 1000-3-2: 1995 / EN 61000-3-2: 1995 Harmonics  
IEC 1000-3-3: 1994 / EN 61000-3-3: 1995 Flicker  

The product models listed above comply with the requirements of the Low Voltage Directive 73/23/EEC and the EMC Directive 89/336/EEC and carries the CE marking accordingly.

Santa Clara, California, March 24, 1998  
Bruce Euler, Quality Engineering Manager

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