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## 9cm Loop Yagi Kit, Model DSE976LYK (w/sub-boom)

### SPECIFICATIONS

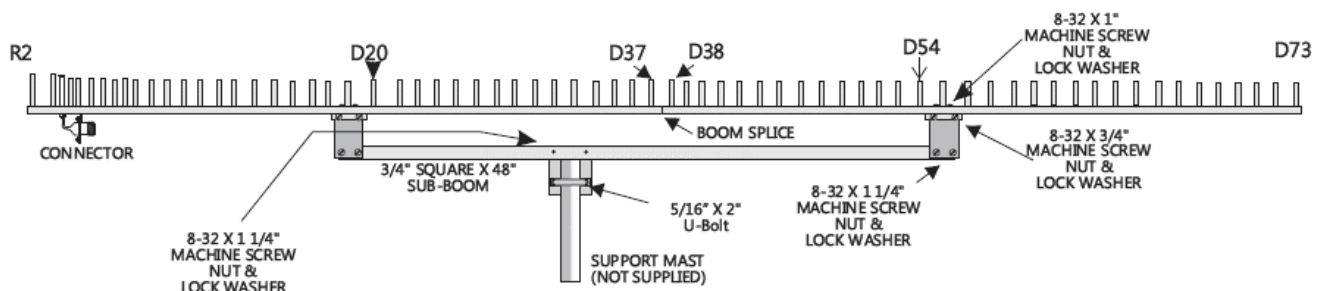
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|---------------------|----------------------|--------------------|---------------------|
| Frequency range:    | 3.4 to 3.5 GHz       | Gain:              | ≈23.0 dBi           |
| Number of elements: | 76                   | 3 dB Beamwidth     |                     |
| Boom length:        | 96 inches            | (E plane):         | ≈10.7°              |
| Boom diameter:      | 0.5 inch             | F/B ratio:         | ≥25 dB              |
| Mast diameter:      | 2 inches max         | Maximum Power:     | 200 W average       |
| Weight: (assembled) | 3.5 pounds assembled | Stacking distance: | 16.313 in. vertical |
| Connector:          | Type-N female        |                    | 17 in. horizontal   |

### PARTS LIST

*Note: All hardware is Stainless Steel unless otherwise noted.*

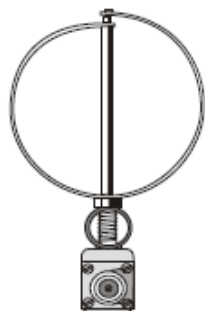
| Quantity | Description                | Quantity | Description                   |
|----------|----------------------------|----------|-------------------------------|
| 2        | 0.5" x 48" drilled boom    | 75       | 3-48 x 3/4" machine screw     |
| 1        | .75" x 48" square sub-boom | 75       | 3-48 x 3/4" split lock washer |
| 2        | 3 x 4" sub boom plate      | 75       | 3-48 x hex nut                |
| 2        | Small sub boom bracket     | 4        | 8-32 x 1/2" machine screw     |
| 2        | reflectors 1&2             | 4        | 8-32 x 1" machine screw       |
| 1        | driven element             | 6        | 8-32 x 1 1/4" machine screw   |
| 11       | directors 1-11             | 14       | 8-32 split lock washer        |
| 7        | directors 12-18            | 14       | 8-32 hex nut                  |
| 6        | directors 19-24            | 1        | 3 1/2 x 4" boom to mast plate |
| 12       | directors 25-36            | 1        | U-bolt with nuts & saddle     |
| 6        | directors 37-42            | 1        | Cable assembly w/connector    |
| 7        | directors 43-49            | 2        | 1/2" black end caps           |
| 12       | directors 50-61            | 1        | Anti-Seize Compound           |
| 12       | directors 62-73            | 1        | Assembly manual               |

**Anti-Seize Compound** - Apply a small amount of the supplied Anti-Seize Compound to the aluminum joints and to the threads of the U-Bolts to prevent galling.



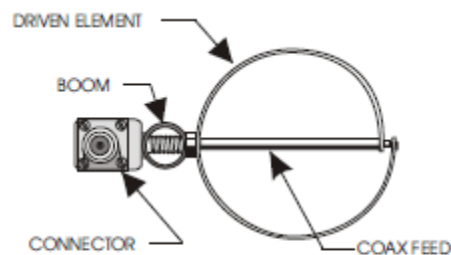
**BEFORE INSTALLING YOUR NEW ANTENNA, PLEASE BE SURE TO READ THE ENCLOSED WARNING PAMPHLET.**

**CAUTION:** *While we strive to remove all burrs from all machined parts, there is always the possibility of sharp edges. We strongly suggest checking the edges and use a fine file, or 400 grit sandpaper, to remove any burrs that may have been left.*



**HORIZONTAL  
POLARIZATION**

*(Can be up or down)*



**VERTICAL  
POLARIZATION**

*(Can be left or right)*

### ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1) Put the boom pieces together using the alignment marks on the booms. The splice is between elements D37 & D38 and is secured by the loop mounting screws of D38 thru 40. Attach loops to the boom with 3-48 x 3/4" screws, lock washers and nuts in proper sequence. Loops go on the side of the boom marked with an "X". When tightening the nuts on the parasitic elements, be careful not to torque them too tightly. Snug down the nuts, align the elements and use a screwdriver for the final tightening. A 3/16" nut driver is almost mandatory for this job! Attach the driven element with the 1/4-20 stainless steel nut. If only a single antenna is being built, it does not matter which way the loop is oriented. If antennas are to be stacked, see "Instructions for Stacking Loop Yagis."
- 2) Attach the two small angle brackets to the 1/2" boom with 8-32 hardware near Directors 20 and 54. Use 1" screws to attach to the 1/2" boom and 1/2" screws for attaching the two 3" x 4" flat plates to the sub-boom. Attach the 3/4" square sub-boom to the two plates using 8-32 x 1 1/4" hardware. Align the center mounting holes on the sub boom toward the rear of the antenna so that the holes are at the antenna balance point. Install the remaining 3 1/2" x 4" bracket with U bolt holes and U bolt at the balance point of the antenna. Use 8-32 x 1 1/4" hardware to secure it to the sub boom.
- 3) Install the cable assembly through the hole in the driven element mounting bolt. Make sure the connector bracket is correctly oriented, the bend should be forward for center mount antennas and rear facing for rear mount antennas. Solder the outer shield to the driven loop first making sure there is no shield sticking above the large hole in the driven loop. After the shield is soldered, pass the center conductor through the small hole in the driven loop and bend the center conductor over and solder (See Assembly Tips below).

We have created a You Tube video, the link of which can be found on our website, documenting the following steps:

<https://youtu.be/ojXbsDv5cvU>

At this point the connector assembly is facing down, connect a piece of coax and your SWR bridge or VNA. Pull down on the connector (which will flatten the loop) until you reach the lowest SWR. If it's less than 1.5:1 you can stop and make sure the loop doesn't try to pop back up, sometimes you have to squeeze the loop with your fingers to make sure it stays in the shape that gave the best SWR. If you want to further lower the SWR, from the rear of the antenna, place both your thumbs on the driven loop on either side and gently push it forward towards D1, you only need to tilt it maybe 3/16" to 1/4" and that should drop the SWR to 1.1:1 or less.

Now, GENTLY bend the UT-141 coax after it exits the boom towards the front or rear, depending on the mounting. You do not want to bend it so tightly that it crushes where it extends through the bolt. The connector bracket should line up with either D1 or D2 (or the hole with the circle around it on rear mount antennas), remove that nut and place the connector bracket on the screw and re-attach the nut. If the bracket doesn't line up, sometimes you have to flip the bracket. Loosen the 3/4" nut by holding the connector body with a 9/16" open end wrench. Remove the connector bracket and flip it.



Connector doesn't fit



Front Mount Connector

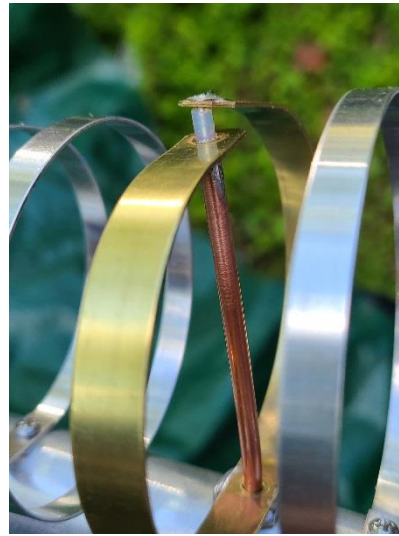
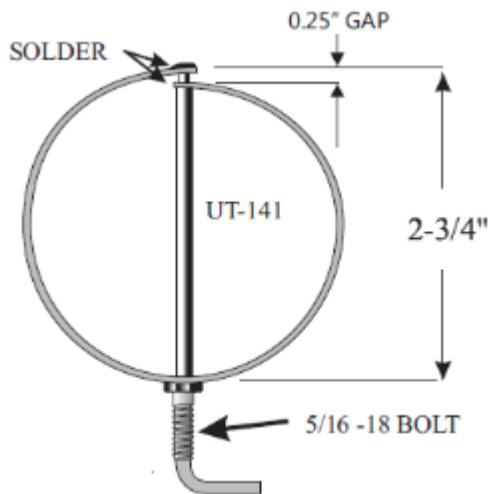


Rear Mount Connector

- 4) Attach the feedline and tape it to the sub-boom. You can route the coax along the sub-boom. Seal all connections with silicone RTV or equivalent.
- 5) Attach the two black end caps and this will complete the assembly of your DSE976LYK.
- 6) The SWR should be 1.5:1 or better. Additional tweaking can be accomplished by adjusting the distance between the driven element and R1 or by adjusting the shape of the driven element.

**ASSEMBLY TIPS:**

The boom diameter is 0.5 inch, and it is drilled for 3-48 hardware (no. 39 drill bit). The driven element hole is enlarged to 1/4 inch. All elements are 0.020-inch-thick and 0.200 inch wide. Note that the element spacing from D7 on is 1.335 inches. The driven element is soldered to the mounting bolt as shown. The feed coaxial cable (0.141-inch semi rigid) goes through the mounting bolt and is soldered to the open ends of the element. For best match, the driven element should be approximately 1 1/8 inch high. This shape can be adjusted for best match. Maintain a .250" gap between dipole ends where they solder to the copper coax. This improves performance in wet weather. When tune-up is complete, solder .141" coax to brass bolt. (75 w+ iron) This antenna has been designed by Directive Systems to provide superb performance that rivals 24" parabolic dishes without the wind load.



Soldered Driven Element

**DO NOT, UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES, APPLY ANY TYPE OF SEALANT OR COATING TO THE DRIVEN ELEMENT, T-ARMS OR CONNECTOR ASSEMBLY, OTHER THAN KRYLON® CLEAR COAT. ANY OTHER COATING WILL ADVERSELY AFFECT THE SWR AND VOID YOUR WARRANTY.**



## "THE BLOWTORCH"

## DIMENSIONS OF 3456 MHz LOOP YAGI, MODEL 976LY(K)

| Element | Spacing from end of boom | Circumference | Element | Spacing from end of boom | Circumference | Element | Spacing from end of boom | Circumference |
|---------|--------------------------|---------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------|---------|--------------------------|---------------|
| R2      | 1.000                    | 3.747         | D23     | 28.615                   | 2.945         | D48     | 61.990                   | 2.825         |
| R1      | 2.050                    | 3.747         | D24     | 29.950                   | 2.945         | D49     | 63.325                   | 2.825         |
| DE      | 2.518                    | 3.575         | D25     | 31.285                   | 2.907         | D50     | 64.660                   | 2.792         |
| D1      | 2.938                    | 3.133         | D26     | 32.620                   | 2.907         | D51     | 65.995                   | 2.792         |
| D2      | 3.250                    | 3.133         | D27     | 33.955                   | 2.907         | D52     | 67.330                   | 2.792         |
| D3      | 3.917                    | 3.133         | D28     | 35.290                   | 2.907         | D53     | 68.665                   | 2.792         |
| D4      | 4.584                    | 3.133         | D29     | 36.625                   | 2.907         | D54     | 70.000                   | 2.792         |
| D5      | 5.053                    | 3.133         | D30     | 37.960                   | 2.907         | D55     | 71.335                   | 2.792         |
| D6      | 5.920                    | 3.133         | D31     | 39.295                   | 2.907         | D56     | 72.670                   | 2.792         |
| D7      | 7.255                    | 3.133         | D32     | 40.630                   | 2.907         | D57     | 74.005                   | 2.792         |
| D8      | 8.590                    | 3.133         | D33     | 41.965                   | 2.907         | D58     | 75.340                   | 2.792         |
| D9      | 9.925                    | 3.133         | D34     | 43.300                   | 2.907         | D59     | 76.675                   | 2.792         |
| D10     | 11.260                   | 3.133         | D35     | 44.635                   | 2.907         | D60     | 78.010                   | 2.792         |
| D11     | 12.595                   | 3.133         | D36     | 45.970                   | 2.907         | D61     | 79.345                   | 2.792         |
| D12     | 13.930                   | 3.038         | D37     | 47.305                   | 2.865         | D62     | 80.680                   | 2.760         |
| D13     | 15.265                   | 3.038         | D38     | 48.640                   | 2.865         | D63     | 82.015                   | 2.760         |
| D14     | 16.600                   | 3.038         | D39     | 49.975                   | 2.865         | D64     | 83.350                   | 2.760         |
| D15     | 17.935                   | 3.038         | D40     | 51.310                   | 2.865         | D65     | 84.685                   | 2.760         |
| D16     | 19.270                   | 3.038         | D41     | 52.645                   | 2.865         | D66     | 86.020                   | 2.760         |
| D17     | 20.605                   | 3.038         | D42     | 53.980                   | 2.865         | D67     | 87.355                   | 2.760         |
| D18     | 21.940                   | 3.038         | D43     | 55.315                   | 2.825         | D68     | 88.690                   | 2.760         |
| D19     | 23.275                   | 2.945         | D44     | 56.650                   | 2.825         | D69     | 90.025                   | 2.760         |
| D20     | 24.610                   | 2.945         | D45     | 57.985                   | 2.825         | D70     | 91.360                   | 2.760         |
| D21     | 25.945                   | 2.945         | D46     | 59.320                   | 2.825         | D71     | 92.695                   | 2.760         |
| D22     | 27.280                   | 2.945         | D47     | 60.655                   | 2.825         | D72     | 94.030                   | 2.760         |
|         |                          |               |         |                          |               | D73     | 95.365                   | 2.760         |

Note: All dimensions are in inches

### Directive Systems Warranty Policy

All Directive Systems antennas are built with the finest materials available. We take great pride in building a quality product that will give years of good service and performance. If there is a defect in materials or workmanship within 90 days of purchase, Directive Systems will repair or replace the defective part, free of charge, to the original purchaser. **DO NOT RETURN ANYTHING WITHOUT PRIOR AUTHORIZATION FROM DIRECTIVE SYSTEMS.** Please contact us either by phone or email describing the problem and we will work to resolve it.

If, after examining a new antenna you received, you are not satisfied, contact us immediately for return authorization and refund. **ANY ANTENNA THAT HAS BEEN MODIFIED WILL BE SUBJECT TO A RESTOCKING CHARGE. IF AN ANTENNA IS SO MODIFIED AS TO MAKE IT UNUSABLE, DIRECTIVE SYSTEMS RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REFUSE TO ACCEPT THE ANTENNA FOR RETURN.**