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## **Rooftop Sled Mount Testing**

Valmont / Site Pro 1 Facility – Carrollton, Texas

- 09-19-2022 – Mount Assembly and Preparation
- 09-20-2022 – Slide and Overturn Testing

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- Engineers and Managers from 4 Manufacturers
- 2 Engineering firms
- TIF Representatives



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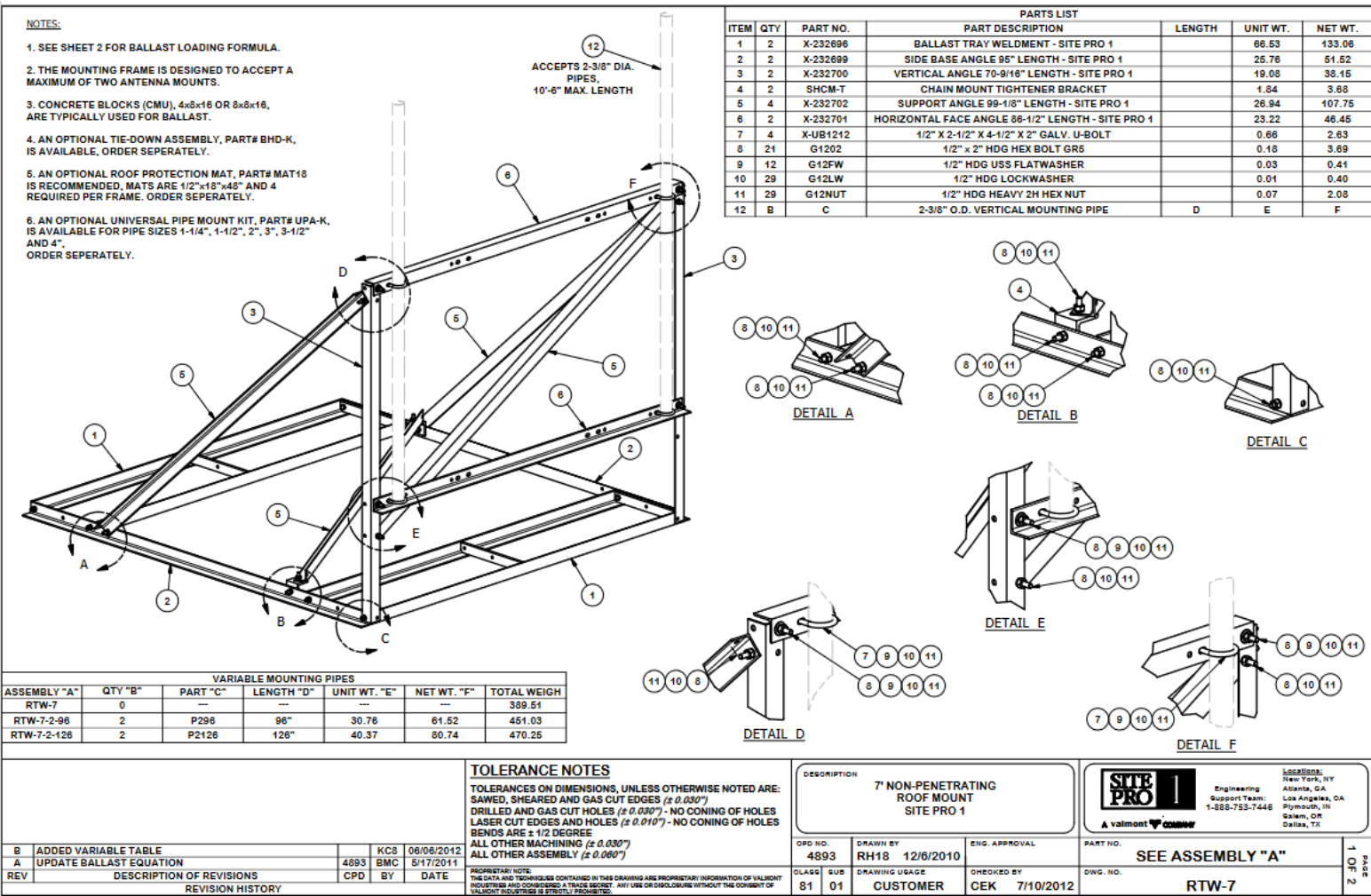


# Mounts Utilized in Testing

- Site Pro 1 – RTW-7-2-96
- Perfect Vision – Roofcraft (PV-RC1-F10X2-PC-AP1)
- Commscope – RT-NF10-3-96

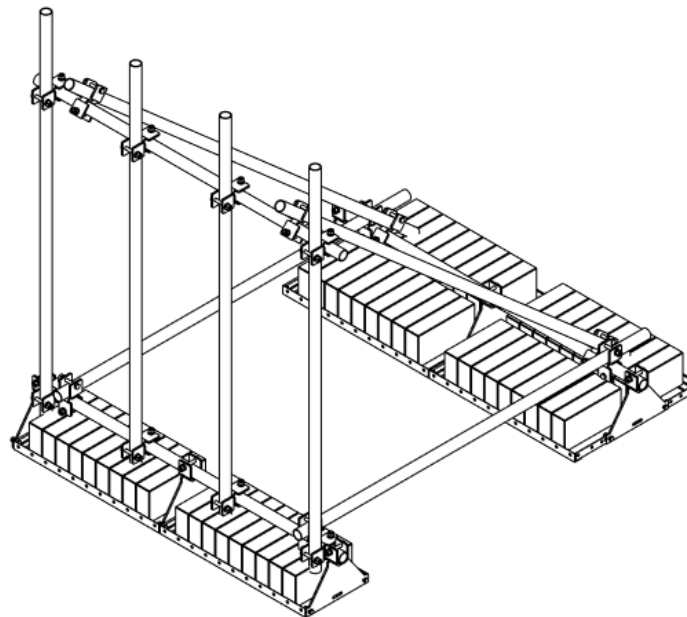


# Site Pro 1: RTW-7-2-96

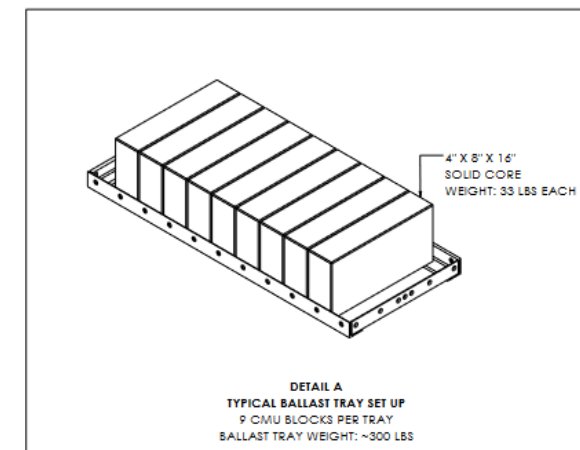


# Perfect Vision: Roofcraft (PV- RC1-F10X2- PC-AP1)

## ROOFCRAFT - FULLY LOADED BALLAST TRAYS



PV-RC1-F7X2-FC-AP1 SHOWN  
6 BALLAST TRAYS  
TOTAL BALLAST WEIGHT: 1800 LBS  
SEE DETAIL A



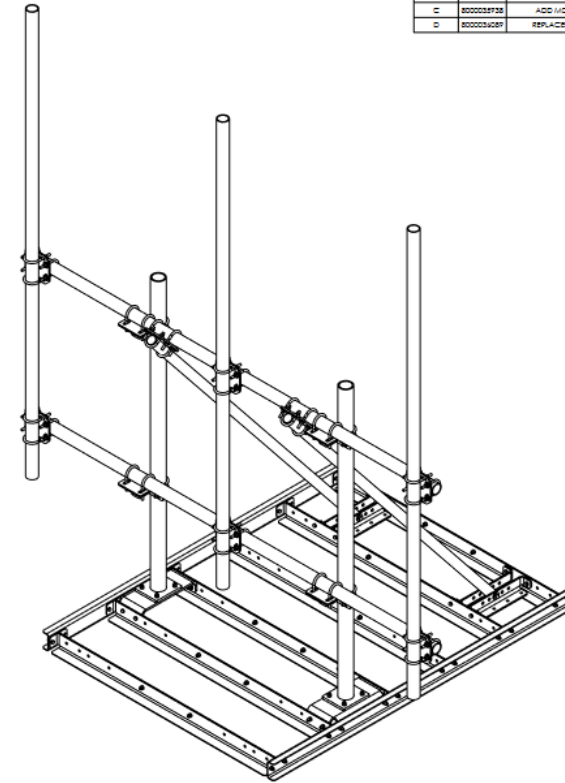
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		STATUS	01_Non-Penetrating	2	APR CORRIGE 2020 CLASSIFICATIONS	12/21/20	
5/7/2021	SCALE 1:48	TYPE	PV-RC_Rooftop	3	HARDWARE UPDATE	5/24/20	ROOFCRAFT - SINGLE SECTOR
DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES TOLERANCES U.N.C. HOLES: ±1/16" -1/32" ANGULAR: PROFILE ±1/4", BEND ±2" ALL OTHERS: ±1/16"		DESIGNED	DJN	1	HARDWARE UPDATE	5/24/20	
		CHECKED	SJS	0	INITIAL RELEASE	5/22/19	DOCUMENT NUMBER
		STATUS	APPROVED	REV	DESCRIPTION	DATE	RC-ENG-01-R4
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# CommScope: RT-NF10-3-96

NOTES:  
1.0 GENERAL  
1.1 ALL METRIC DIMENSIONS ARE IN BRACKETS  
1.2 FOR PATENT INFO: <https://www.cspat.com>  
2.0 DESIGN NOTES  
2.1 SEE STEP INSTRUCTIONS IN DRAWING PACKAGE FOR ASSEMBLY.  
3.0 MANUFACTURING/SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS  
4.0 TEST  
5.0 PACKAGING

REVISIONS				
REV.	ECN	DESCRIPTION	BY	DATE
B	8000034738	INITIAL RELEASE	RJC	04/27/19
C	8000034838	ADD MORE VIEWS FOR BETTER ASSEMBLY	RJC	04/19/19
D	8000034889	REPLACED PIVOTS WITH RTNF11.6 SEE SHIT 6	RJC	07/03/19



RT-NF10-3-126 SHOWN

TOP LEVEL COMPONENTS					
PART NO.	DESCRIPTION	BALLAST KIT	SECTOR KIT	CROSSOVER KIT	PIPE BUNDLE
RT-NF-BAL	BALLAST TRAY	RT-NF-BAL	N/A	N/A	N/A
RT-NF7-B	MOUNT, 7 BALLAST W/0 PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	N/A	PB0207K
RT-NF7-2-96	MOUNT, 7 BALLAST W/2 96" PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	XP-2525 (QTY 4)	PB0208K0207K
RT-NF7-2-126	MOUNT, 7 BALLAST W/2 126" PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	XP-2525 (QTY 4)	PB0210K0207K
RT-NF7-3-96	MOUNT, 7 BALLAST W/3 96" PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	XP-2525 (QTY 6)	PB0308K0207K
RT-NF7-3-126	MOUNT, 7 BALLAST W/3 126" PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	XP-2525 (QTY 6)	PB0310K0207K
RT-NF10-B	MOUNT, 10 BALLAST W/0 PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	N/A	PB0210K
RT-NF10-3-96	MOUNT, 10 BALLAST W/3 96" PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	XP-2525 (QTY 6)	PB0210K0308K
RT-NF10-3-126	MOUNT, 10 BALLAST W/3 126" PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	XP-2525 (QTY 6)	PB0510K
RT-NF10-4-96	MOUNT, 10 BALLAST W/4 96" PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	XP-2525 (QTY 8)	PB0210K0408K
RT-NF10-4-126	MOUNT, 10 BALLAST W/4 126" PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	XP-2525 (QTY 8)	PB0610K
RT-NF12-B	MOUNT, 12 BALLAST W/0 PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	N/A	PB0212K
RT-NF12-3-96	MOUNT, 12 BALLAST W/3 96" PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	XP-2525 (QTY 6)	PB0212K0308K
RT-NF12-3-126	MOUNT, 12 BALLAST W/4 126" PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	XP-2525 (QTY 6)	PB0212K0310K
RT-NF12-4-96	MOUNT, 12 BALLAST W/4 96" PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	XP-2525 (QTY 6)	PB0212K0408K
RT-NF12-4-126	MOUNT, 12 BALLAST W/4 126" PIPES	RT-NF-BAL	RT-NF-SCTR	XP-2525 (QTY 6)	PB0212K0410K

PIPE BUNDLE TABLE			
PART NO.	FACE PIPE	ANTENNA PIPE	
PB0207K	MTS4684	N/A	
PB0208K0207K	MTS4684	MTS4696	
PB0210K0207K	MTS4684	MT-546-126	
PB0308K0207K	MTS4684	MTS4696	
PB0310K0207K	MTS4684	MT-546-126	
PB0210K	MT-546-126	N/A	
PB0210K0308K	MT-546-126	MTS4696	
PB0510K	MT-546-126	MT-546-126	
PB0210K0408K	MT-546-126	MTS4696	
PB0610K	MT-546-126	MT-546-126	
PB0212K	MT-546-150	N/A	
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PB0212K0410K	MT-546-150	MT-546-126	

COMMSCOPE, INC. OF NORTH CAROLINA			
TOLERANCES		BAP MATERIAL MASTER	
0 PLACE X ± .25	2 PLACE XX ± 0.06	RT-NF	
1 PLACE X ± 0.12	ANYHOLE ± 2°		
FINISH GALV A123		MATERIAL A500, A1011	
CE RJC	NAME SCAPPELLI, JON	DATE 03/01/19	TITLE NON-PENETRATING ROOF FRAME
RV MC1107	DATE 01/02/2019	SCALE 1:20	DOCUMENT NO. RT-NF
AD PR105W	DATE 01/02/2019		
ECN 0080000034738			
SIZE WORK AREA 24	MODEL	DRAWING	SHEET
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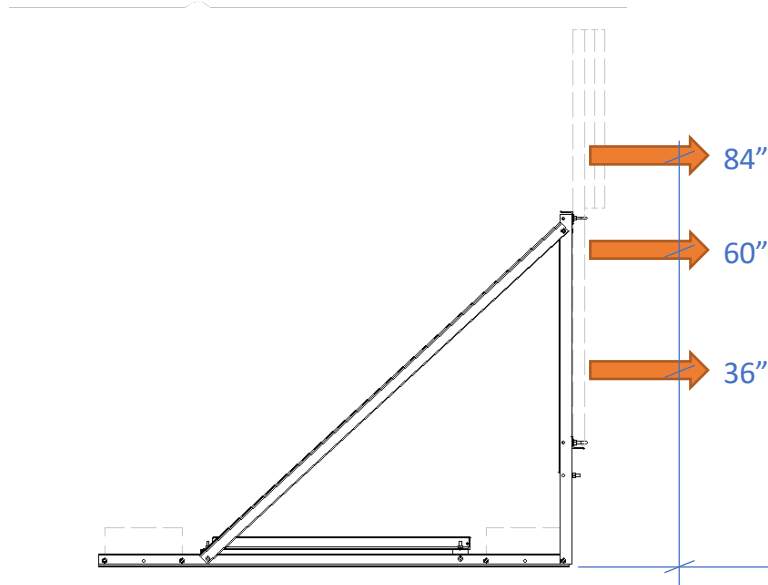
# Method of Testing

- Two (2) Different Friction Considerations and Three (3) Different Ballast Configurations:

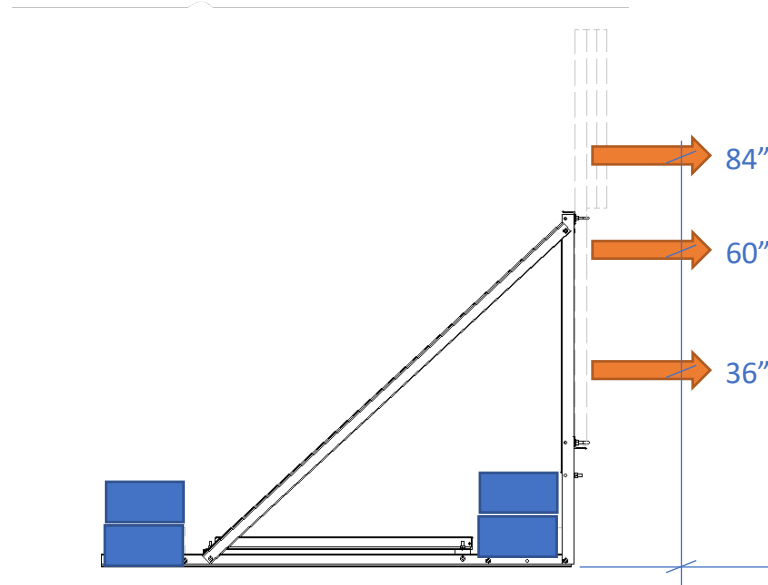
Steel on Concrete	Steel on Concrete	Steel on Concrete	W/ Rubber Mats	W/ Rubber Mats	W/ Rubber Mats
Empty Mount	Half Ballast	Full Ballast	Empty Mount	Half Ballast	Full Ballast

- Three (3) Different Load Application Elevations:
  - 36"
  - 60"
  - 84"

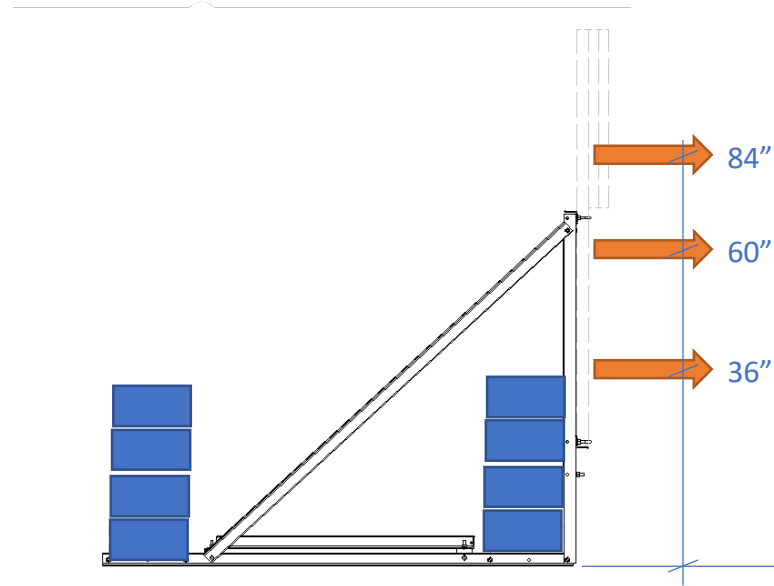
Testing of each mount began at an elevation of 36” with no ballast. The test was then repeated at two (2) additional elevations, 60” and 84”.



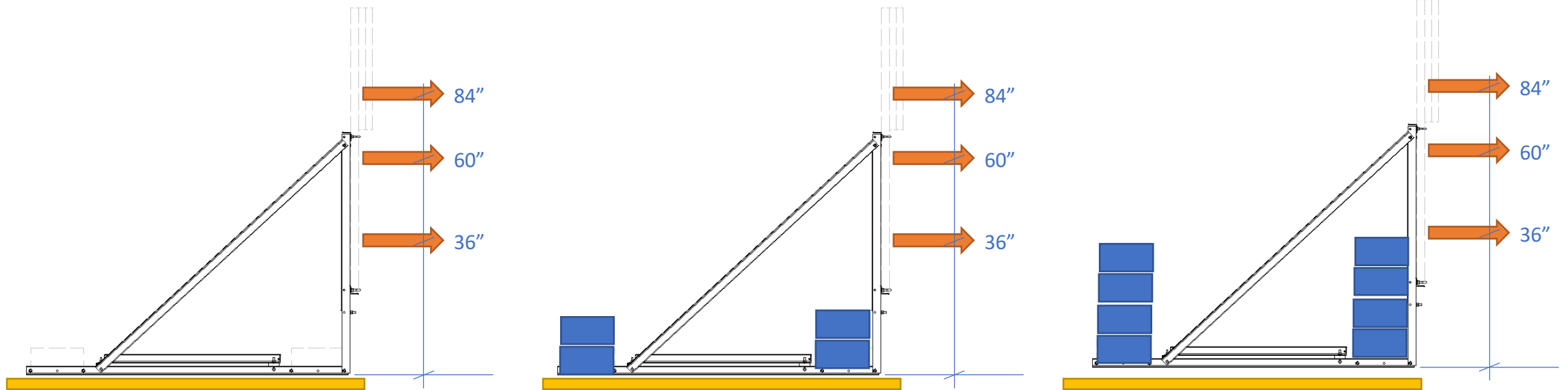
CMU blocks were added (50% design ballast) to the mount trays and testing was repeated at the same three (3) elevations; 36", 60", and 84".



Additional CMU blocks were added (100% design ballast) to the mount trays and testing was repeated. Testing was repeated at the same three (3) elevations; 36", 60", and 84".



The same three (3) tests were performed on the mounts with the rubber mats in place, with each test occurring at three (3) different elevations; 36", 60", and 84".





# Overturning vs Sliding

- OVERTURNING = Rear trays start to lose contact (lift) and:
  - Continue to lift and pivot about the front of the tray, or
  - Reduce the friction resistance, allowing the mount to slide after the back of the tray starts to lift
- SLIDING = Mount moves horizontally with no measureable upward movement at the back of the tray
  - Note: possible reduction in pressure on the rear tray may have occurred but was not recordable due to testing limitations.





Used fixed anchorage, slings, and load cells to apply loads to the mounts

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# Additional photos of the testing

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# Observations

- The rubber mats significantly increase the friction resistance to the concrete
- Sliding on rubber mat occurred as a gradual movement, whereas sliding on concrete occurred as an abrupt displacement
- Proper quantity and type of secured ballast installed in the correct design locations has a significant impact on performance of the mount
- Overturning controls at typical antenna installations elevations (84")
- Sliding controls at 36" and below
- Frame rigidity directly contributed to ballast engagement

## Controlling Mode

Ballast	Load Elevation (in)	Surface	Mount A	Mount B	Mount C
0%	84	Concrete only	Overturning	Overturning	*
0%	84	Concrete + Mats	*	*	Overturning
50%	84	Concrete only	Overturning	Overturning	Overturning
50%	84	Concrete + Mats	Overturning	Overturning	Overturning
100%	84	Concrete only	Overturning	Overturning	Overturning
100%	84	Concrete + Mats	Overturning	Overturning	Overturning
0%	60	Concrete only	Overturning	Sliding	*
0%	60	Concrete + Mats	*	*	Overturning
50%	60	Concrete only	Overturning	Overturning	Overturning
50%	60	Concrete + Mats	Overturning	Sliding	Overturning
100%	60	Concrete only	Sliding	Sliding	Sliding
100%	60	Concrete + Mats	Overturning	Sliding	Overturning
0%	36	Concrete only	Overturning	Sliding	*
0%	36	Concrete + Mats	*	*	Sliding
50%	36	Concrete only	Sliding	Sliding	Sliding
50%	36	Concrete + Mats	Sliding	Sliding	Sliding
100%	36	Concrete only	Sliding	Sliding	Sliding
100%	36	Concrete + Mats	Sliding	Sliding	Sliding
0%	12	Concrete only	Sliding	Sliding	*

Not all tests were completed for all mounts. \* means test was not performed



# Summary and next steps

- Overturning controlled at typical elevation for antenna placement. Further testing is recommended to better define behavior of ballast mounts

## Recommendations:

- Controlled test setup to simulate field conditions:
  - Constant displacement vs constant force
  - Dynamic peak force vs static
- Confirmation of end users antenna radiation centerlines
- Friction coefficient testing for different surface types
- Readings of pressure differences between ballast trays and surface under loading conditions



# Thank You

The Telecommunications Industry Foundation would once again like to thank the following participants who supported their respective employee's participation in this testing event. The participants took time out of their busy schedules to work in conjunction with competitors in order to move our industry forward. The observations and empirical data gathered from this event will serve to educate many.

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