

**Rooftop Sled Mount Testing** 

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

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- 2 Engineering firms
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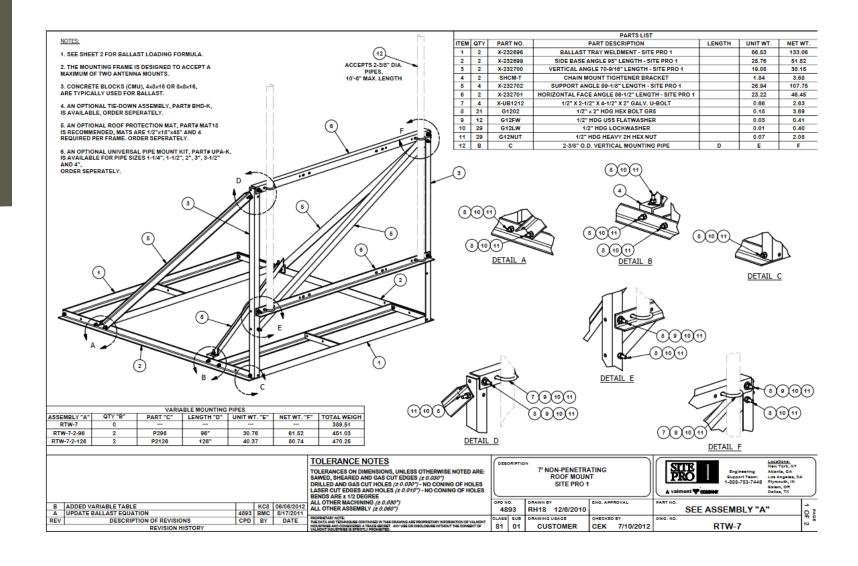




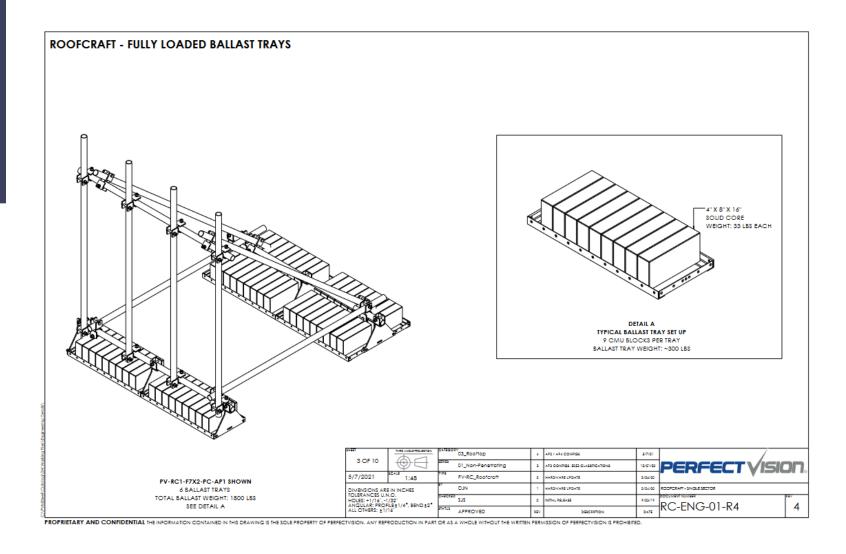
## Mounts Utilized in Testing

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

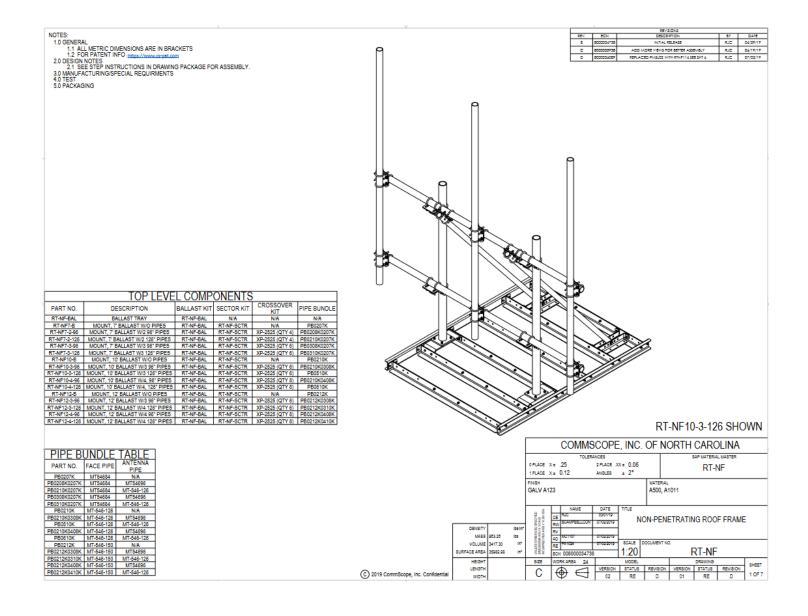
## Site Pro 1: RTW-7-2-96



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



## CommScope: RT-NF10-3-96



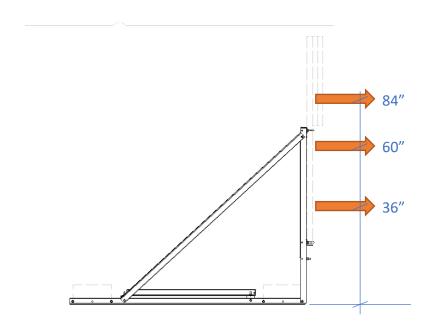
#### Method of Testing

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

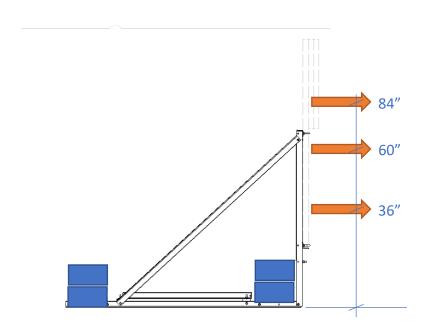
Steel on	Steel on	Steel on	W/ Rubber	W/ Rubber	W/ Rubber
Concrete	Concrete	Concrete	Mats	Mats	Mats
Empty Mount	Half Ballast	Full Ballast	Empty Mount	Half Ballast	Full Ballast

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

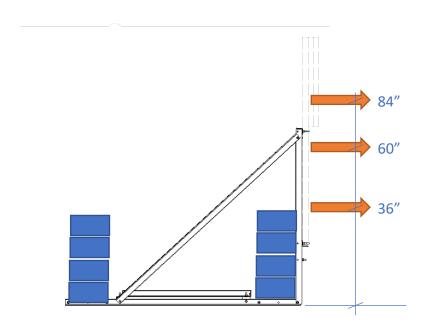
Testing of each mount began at an elevation of 36" with no ballast. The test was then repeated at two (2) additional elevations, 60" and 84".



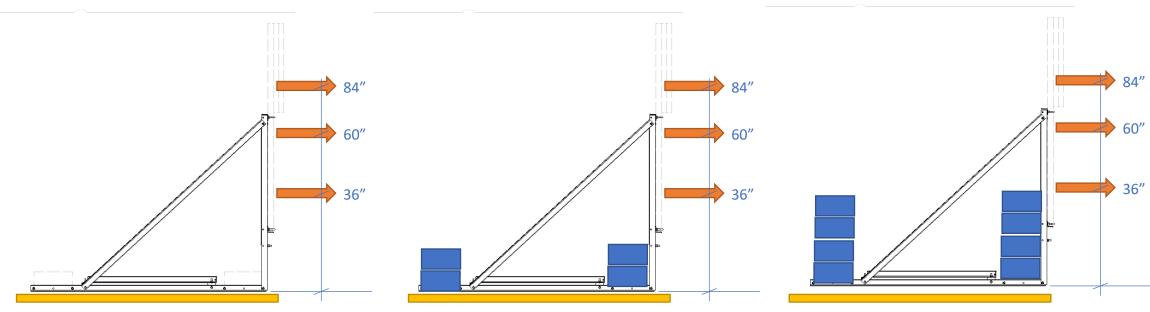
CMU blocks were added (50% design ballast) to the mount trays and testing was repeated at the same three (3) elevations; 36", 60", and 84".



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

- <u>OVERTURNING</u> = 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
- <u>SLIDING</u> = 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.



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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

	Lood Flouration				
	Load Elevation	0 (			
Ballast	(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

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