

TSTOWER FOR SELF-SUPPORTING LATTICED TOWERS

STRUCTURAL ANALYSIS SOFTWARE FOR COMMUNICATION TOWERS

USER'S MANUAL

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Chapter 1 INTRODUCTION

TSTower is a general computer program for the analysis and design of cantilevered latticed self-supporting towers. Towers can either have triangular or square cross sections. The program will solve using the American codes TIA/EIA 222-F, TIA/EIA-222-G (Draft) and the Canadian equivalent CSA S37-94 and CSA S37-01. Load generation, capacity assessments follow the applicable codes, and analysis is based on a three-dimensional beam model.

The program analyzes the tower for all specified wind and ice loads and determines the capacity of the members. The results are displayed graphically on the screen. This allows the designer to visually check the adequacy of the design and quickly make adjustments to achieve the optimum solution. The program allows for a full printout or a summary printout of the results. A graphical printout of the profile is also available.

HARDWARE REQUIREMENTS

The following minimum system requirements to run TSTower:

- An IBM compatible PC equipped with a Pentium processor running under Windows 98, 2000, NT or XP
- 50 MB free disk space
- 16 MB RAM
- 14 inch SVGA monitor with (800 x 600 min resolution)
- A pointing device, a mouse or graphical tablet configured to work under windows.
- An optional printer that is set from windows

INSTALLING TSTOWER

The TSTower installation is initiated from windows. From start menu choose run, insert the disk labeled disk 1 and choose file setup.exe

The setup program will create a TSTower directory on the hard drive at a location designated by the user. The user may change the name of the folder in which the program will copy all necessary files required to run TSTower.

Choose the folder name and click OK, the installation program will copy all necessary files into the different directories of your system. Follow the program instructions and place the subsequent disks into the disk drive.

At the end of the installation the program will notify you that the installation was completed successfully. Refer to the purchasers agreement regarding the number of authorized users allowed to run the program.

DISCLAIMER

Extensive care has been taken during the development and testing of TSTower program to ensure that both the source code and the underlying engineering principles comply with standard engineering practice. Should any discrepancies or possible program errors occur, please notify TowerSoft immediately.

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Chapter 2 INPUT

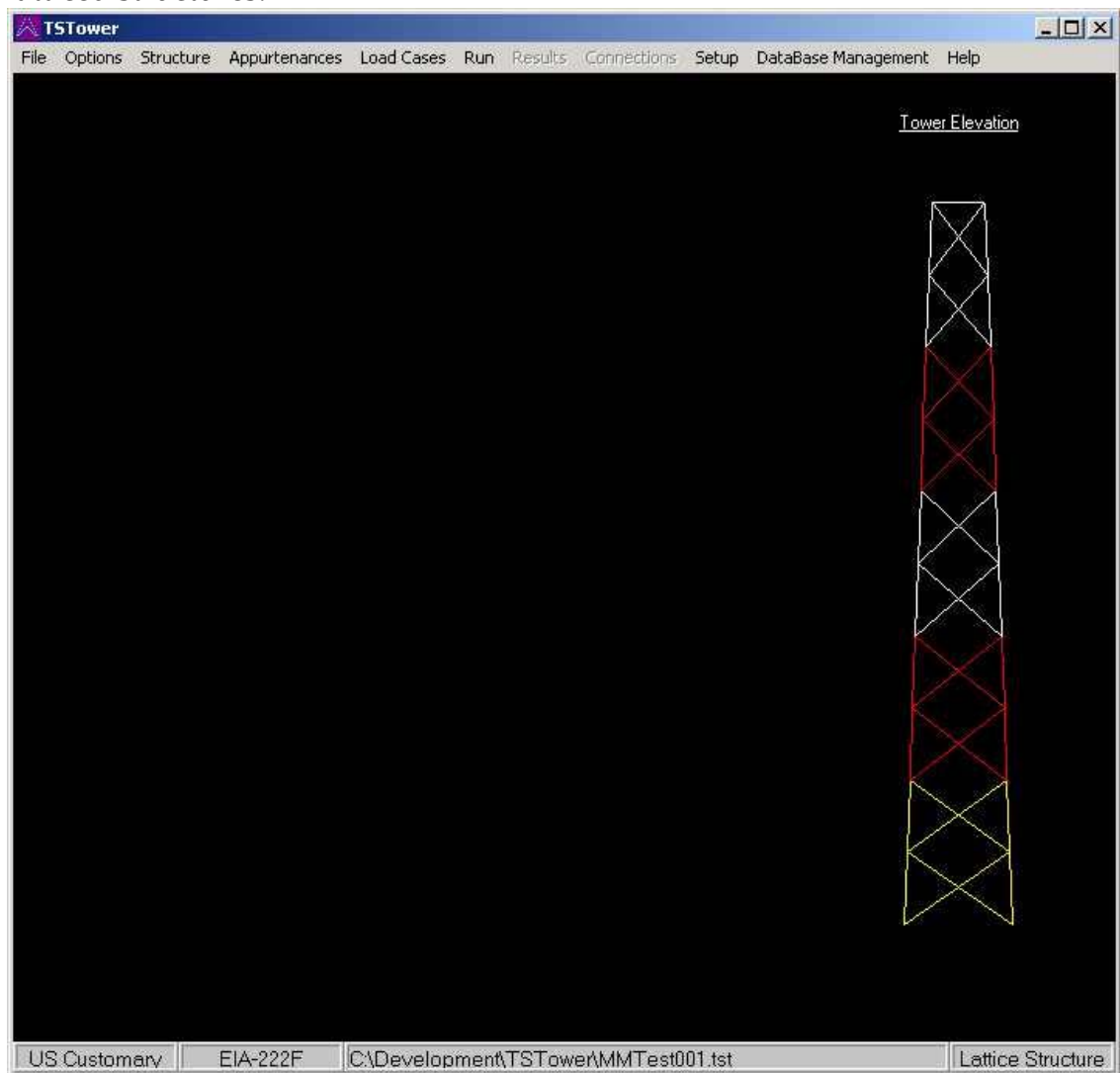
TSTower is an analysis software program. The user inputs all the necessary information required to perform the analysis, the finite element program is run, and the results are shown in a graphical format on the screen.

For design purpose, the user decides on a tentative geometry and performs an analysis. The user examines the results of the preliminary selection and modifies any of the design parameters before reanalyzing the structure. Using successive runs, the user can quickly arrive at an optimum solution. The designer makes the choices, interprets the output and has full control on the design process.

This Chapter illustrates how *TSTower* works by explaining the input screens. The input values and screens are shown on the figures in this chapter utilizing an example. This example may not use all the features of the software, however it gives the user a quick introduction to the main features and the use of the program. Features available in the program that are not used for this example are explained in the context.

START THE PROGRAM

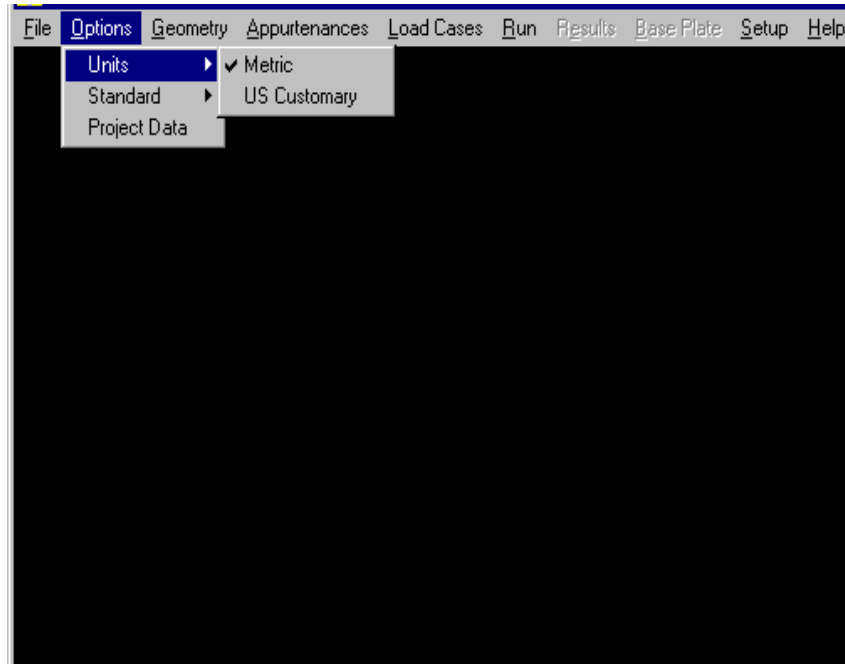
When TSTower starts, the main screen shows a blank page. The user selects a structure type from the Structure menu. The two options are either tubular or latticed structures.



Note the status bar at the bottom of the windows showing the following data in order:

- 1- The current mode of units (metric or US Customary)
- 2- The applicable code of design (CSA S37-01, CSA S37-94, EIA 222-F, EIA 222-G (Draft))
- 3- The problem file name, and path
- 4- Structure type (Tubular or Latticed)

Select **Options** from the main menu and from the list choose the required code and the system of units.



PROJECT DEFINITION

Select **Project Data** from the **Options** menu. Type in any identification data required as shown.

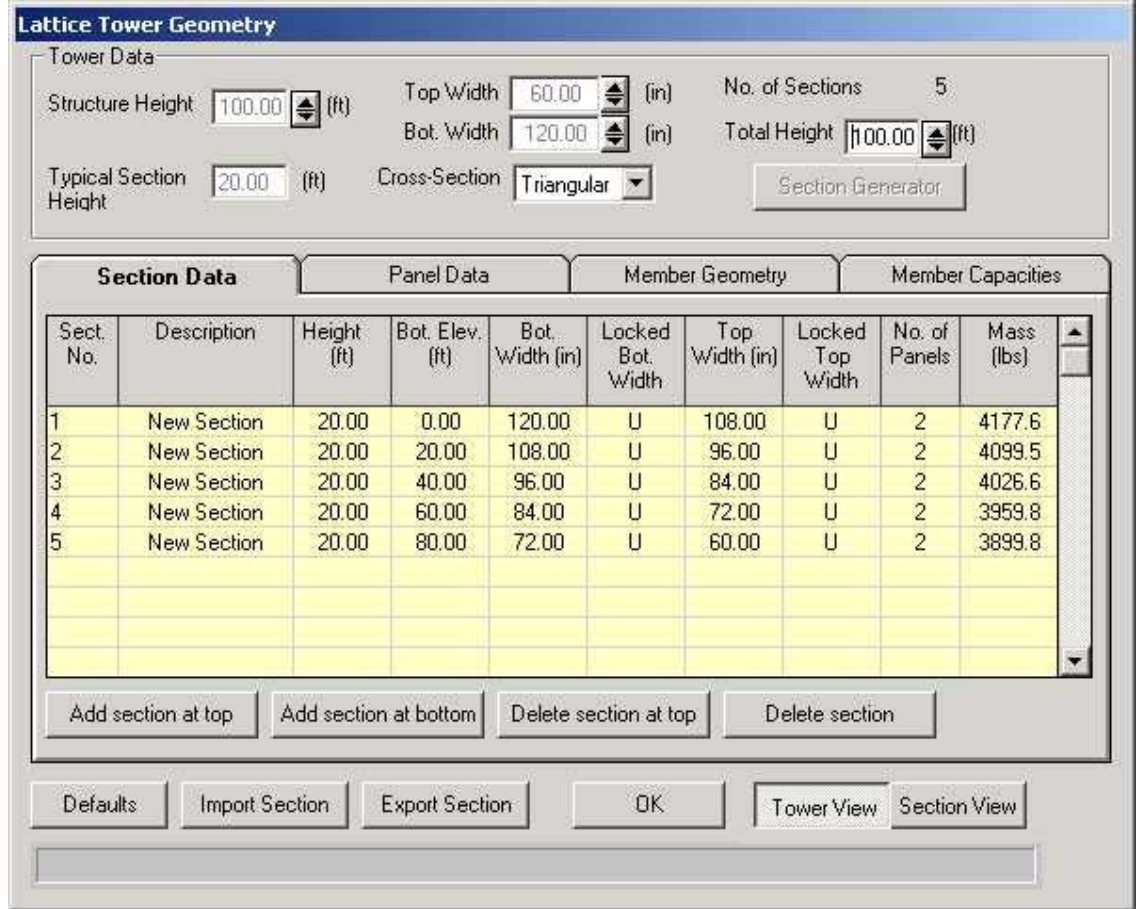
A screenshot of the 'Project Data' dialog box. It contains six text input fields and two buttons. The fields are: 'Customer' with 'TowerSoft', 'Site ID' with 'A0001', 'Location' with 'Mississauga-ON-CANADA', 'Project' with '03-00-001', 'Revision' with '0', and 'Engineer' with 'Any Engineer'. The 'OK' and 'Cancel' buttons are at the bottom.

To add data to any box, move the cursor into the box, click inside the box and type in the data using the keyboard. To change any existing data in an edit box, delete the entry using the key or the <Backspace> key. Alternatively, highlight the existing characters by pressing and dragging the

left mouse button, then type over the existing entry. This is a standard Windows feature.

GEOMETRY DEFINITION

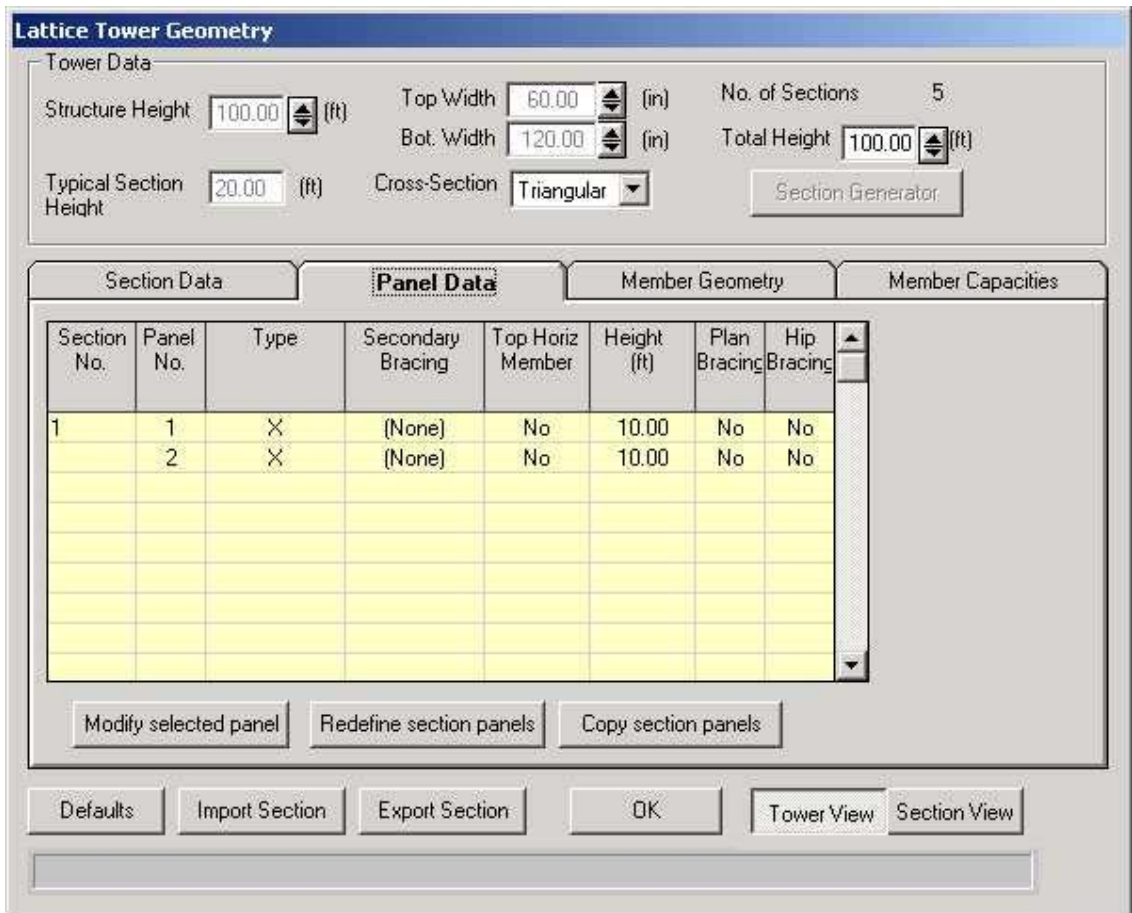
Select **Geometry** from the main menu, this will show the Geometry Definition Window. Initially the window will show default geometry data and the user changes that to the required parameters.



In this window the user inputs the total height, top and bottom widths of the tower, typical section height and clicks on the Section Generator button. This will create the general outline of the tower sections based on the selected typical section height. The user can model multiple slopes on the tower or straight sections for example on the top of the tower by locking top or bottom width of a selected section. From this screen, the user can add sections to the top or bottom of the tower, delete sections at the top of the tower or delete a selected number of sections.

Note that the defaults of the sections generation can be edited from the Defaults button. The user can also switch from Tower View or zoom to Section View to see an enlarged view of the selected section.

The user can also utilize the import and export section functionality to save or retrieve a section from the user-defined database of standard sections.



On the next Tab "Panel Data" the user can define the number, type, height of panels for the selected section. From the section column, other sections can be selected for Panel definition. Also on the same window the user can modify selected panels, change heights for different panels, redefine section panels and or copy section panels to other section(s).

From the Member Geometry Screen, the user defines the member sizes, steel grades, connection type, number of bolts, bolt size, bolt grade, end distance, edge distance and gusset thickness. The following is a definition of the different fields:

Member Description: By double clicking the user can select another member from the same type of members (Angles, Tubes, Solid Rounds, etc.). By left clicking the Member Data form will open and allow the user to change the member type or size.

Steel Grade or Bolt Grade: By double clicking the user selects from a drop down list of available grades. The user can add or edit different grades from the Database Management Menu. By left clicking the yield and ultimate values of the selected grade are displayed. Note that for bolt grades, the threads included or excluded from the shear plane are available.

Connection Type: By double clicking the user can select connection type. For legs the user selects from tension, single shear or double shear. For other members the selections are either welded to bolted.

Number of Bolts: the user selects or types in the number of bolts for the connection.

End distance: defined as distance along the axis of the member (force).

Edge Distance: defined as the distance from the center of bolt to the edge of the member (normal to the line of force).

Gusset Thickness: the gusset thickness for connection of legs to other members. For leg angles, the thickness of the leg is assumed to be the gusset thickness but can be over written by the user.

Note that the click button at the bottom allows the user to select either identical or different members for each of the panels of the section.

Sec. No.	Pan. No.	Member Type	Description	Length (ft)	KL / R	Comp. Capacity (Kips)	Tens. Capacity (Kips)	Bearing Capacity (Kips)	Block Shear Capacity (Kips)	Bolt Capacity (Kips)	Critical Comp. Capacity (Kips)
1	1	Leg	SR 4	10.00	120.05	172.17	361.59	n/a	n/a	18.01	172.17
		Diag	L4x4x3/8	13.97	155.74	23.48	75.30	13.59	17.21	12.27	12.27

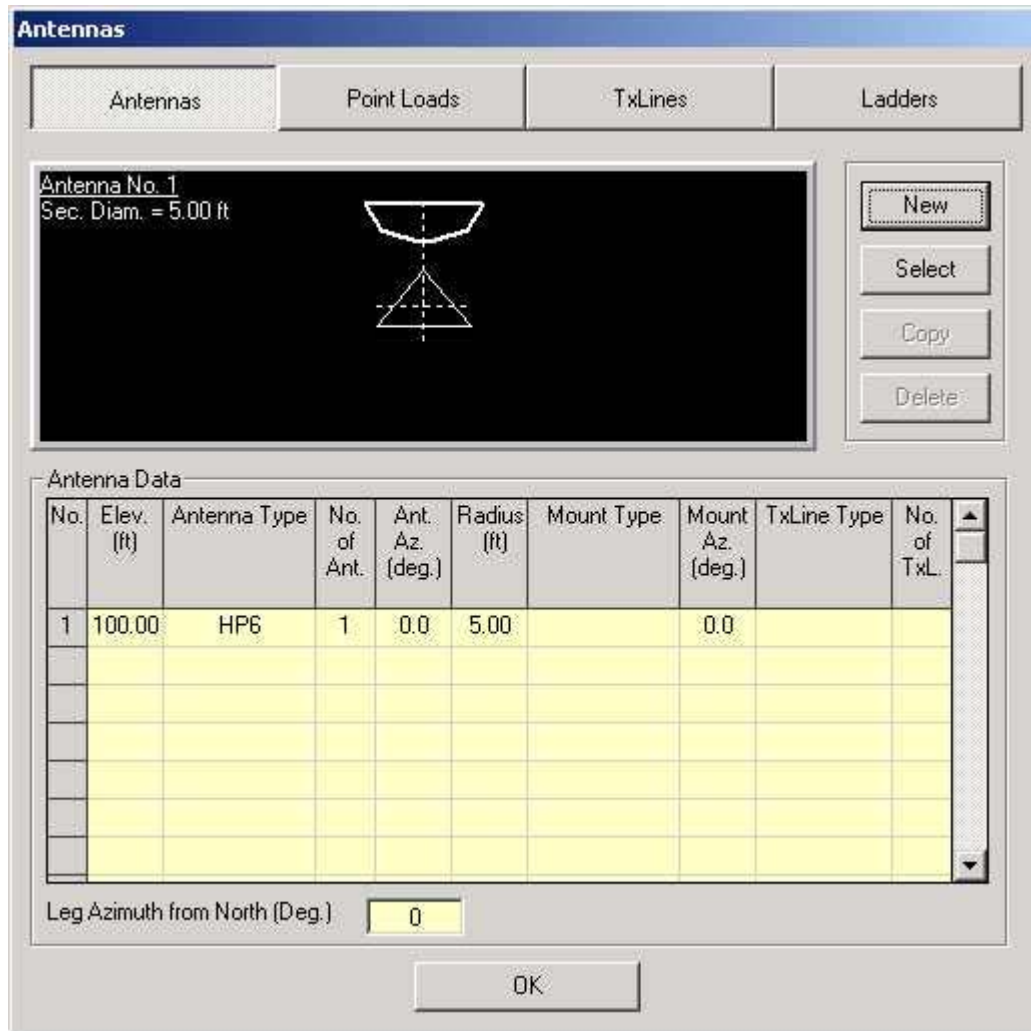
The Member Capacities tab displays the following data:

- Section number (from bottom to top)
- Panel number (From bottom to top)

- Member Description
- Length of member (m or ft)
- KL/R (calculated effective slenderness ratio)
- Compression Capacity (kN or Kips)
- Tension Capacity (kN or Kips)
- Bearing Capacity (kN or Kips)
- Block Shear Capacity (kN or Kips)
- Bolt Capacity (kN or Kips)
- Critical (Governing) Compression Capacity (kN or Kips)
- Critical (Governing) Tension Capacity (kN or Kips)

ANTENNAS DEFINITION

From the main menu choose **Appurtenance** and then select **Antennas**, the following window is displayed.



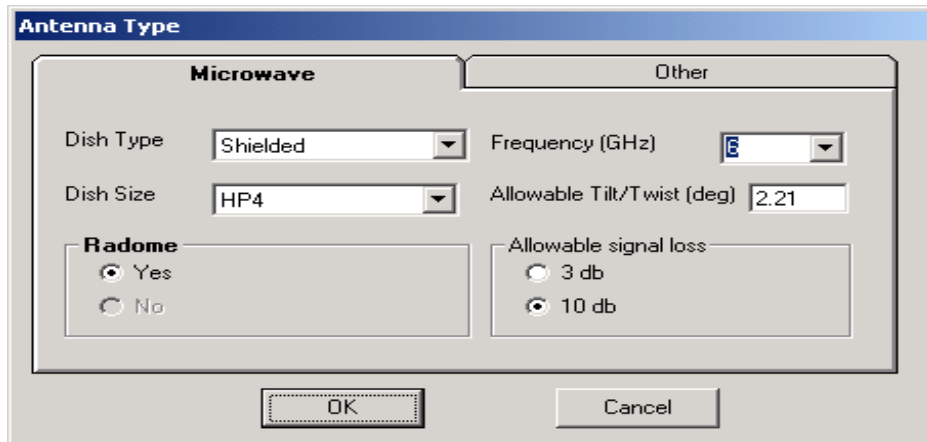
In this window the tower elevation is shown along with the plan cross-section at the marked antenna. To add a new antenna select **New** and a blank line with an antenna type (none) is shown. The user inputs the following data as defined below:

- **Elevation:** Elevation of the center of the antenna marked from the bottom of the tower and shown in meters or ft.
- **Antenna Type:** Type of antenna and can be chosen from the antennas database available. To choose an antenna click on this field and an antenna type window will be displayed and the required type and size is specified.

- **Antenna Azimuth:** Antenna beam azimuth measured from the North. The tower azimuth from north is specified at the bottom of the tower (specified in degrees).
- **Radius:** Radius is measured from the tower center to the mounting point of the antenna (m or ft.). Also, note that the tower radius at that elevation is shown for guidance on the section drawing.
- **Mount Type:** Type of antenna mount and can be chosen from the database available. To choose a mount click on this field to select from the database.
- **Mounting Azimuth:** angle between the tower's north and the antenna radius measured in the clockwise direction.
- **Tx-Line Type:** Type of transmission lines and quantity associated with that antenna and can be chosen from a database available.

Antenna Type:

Click on type in the antenna table and the following window is displayed and from which the antenna type and size is specified.



For microwave dishes available in the database the following dish types and sizes are available:

Shielded	(2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15 ft.)
Focal plane	(4, 6, 8, 10, 12 ft. - with or without radome)
Standard	(2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12 ft. - with or without radome)
Grid	(4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 15 ft.)
GRIDPAK	(4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 13 ft.)

Also, for microwave antennas the allowable Tilt/Twist is calculated by the program as a function of frequency, dish diameter and allowable signal degradation (3 db or 10 db) based on the following formula:

a) For a parabolic reflector with an allowable 10dB signal degradation:

$$\theta = \frac{C_{10}}{D \alpha}$$

b) For a parabolic reflector with an allowable 3dB signal degradation:

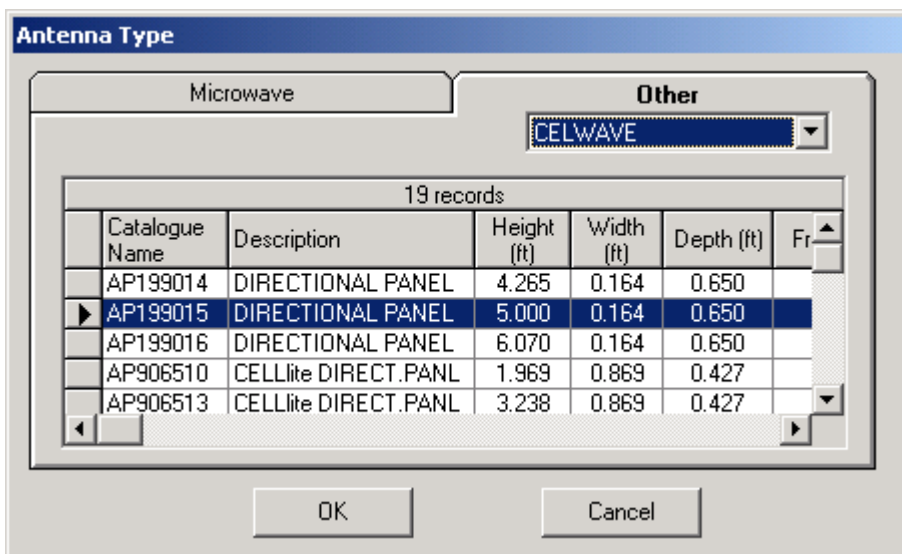
$$\theta = \frac{C_3}{D \alpha}$$

where:

- θ = twist or sway limit, degrees
- C₁₀ = 53.1 GHz.ft.deg [16.2 GHz.m.deg]
- C₃ = 31.0 GHz.ft.deg [9.45 GHz.m.deg]
- D = Diameter of dish, ft [m]
- α = Dish Frequency, GHz.

For "Other" (Non-Dish Antennas) a variety of Antennas, organized by manufacturers is available from the database.

Following screen is displayed when the Tab "Other" is clicked.



The data shown includes all parameters of these antennas necessary for the program to calculate wind loads and weight effects.

The User may add any type of Non-Dish Antenna to the database -using the "Database Management" option from the main menu. Refer to Database Management Chapter for details.

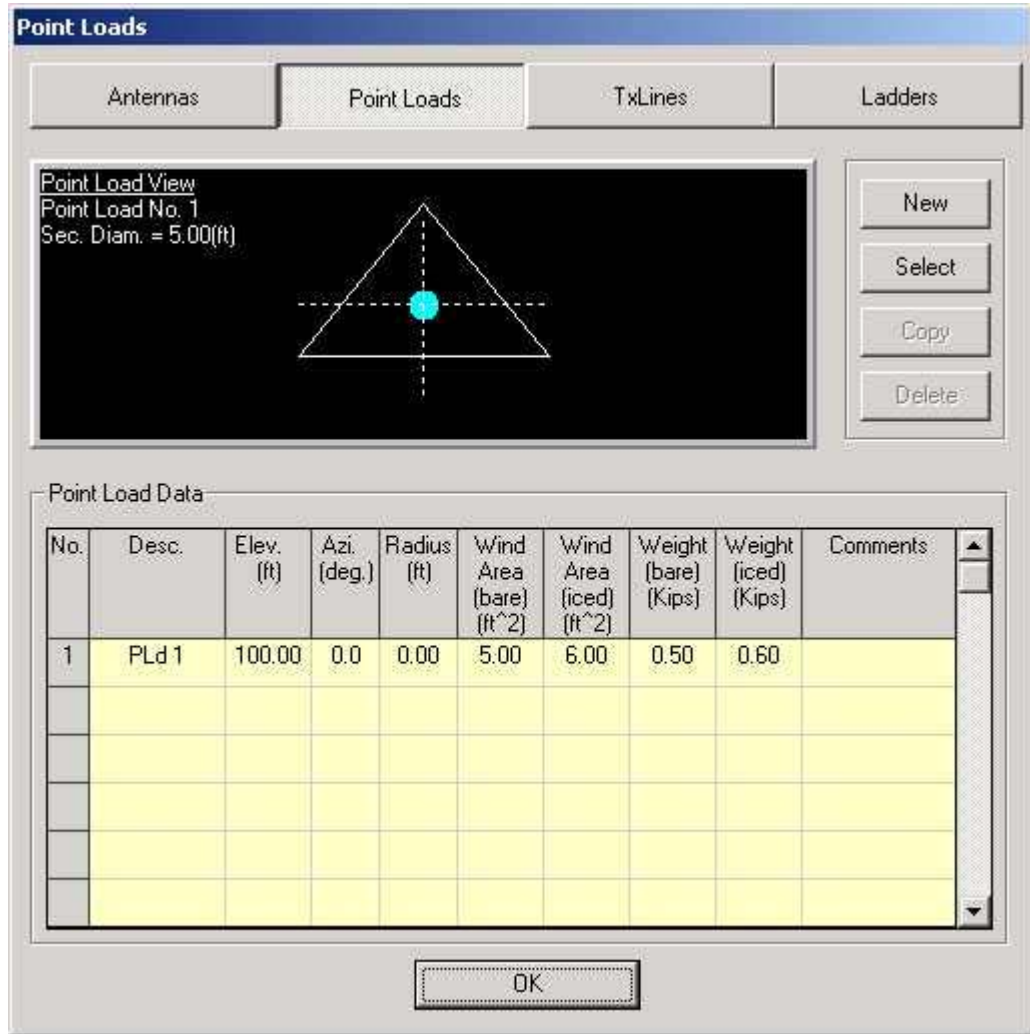
After specifying an antenna, the user may wish to copy it by highlighting the specific line and click on **select** and then on **Copy**. A new line of antenna will be displayed and the user may edit that line. A similar procedure is used to delete an antenna.

Loads are calculated for microwave dishes as per Andrew's catalogue number 36. Also load calculations for wind loads under different directions are based on EIA-222-F tables.

Also, from this window the user can define the TX-lines type and number that are used for this antenna.

POINT LOADS DEFINITION

From the main menu choose **Appurtenance** and then select **Point Loads**, the following window is displayed.



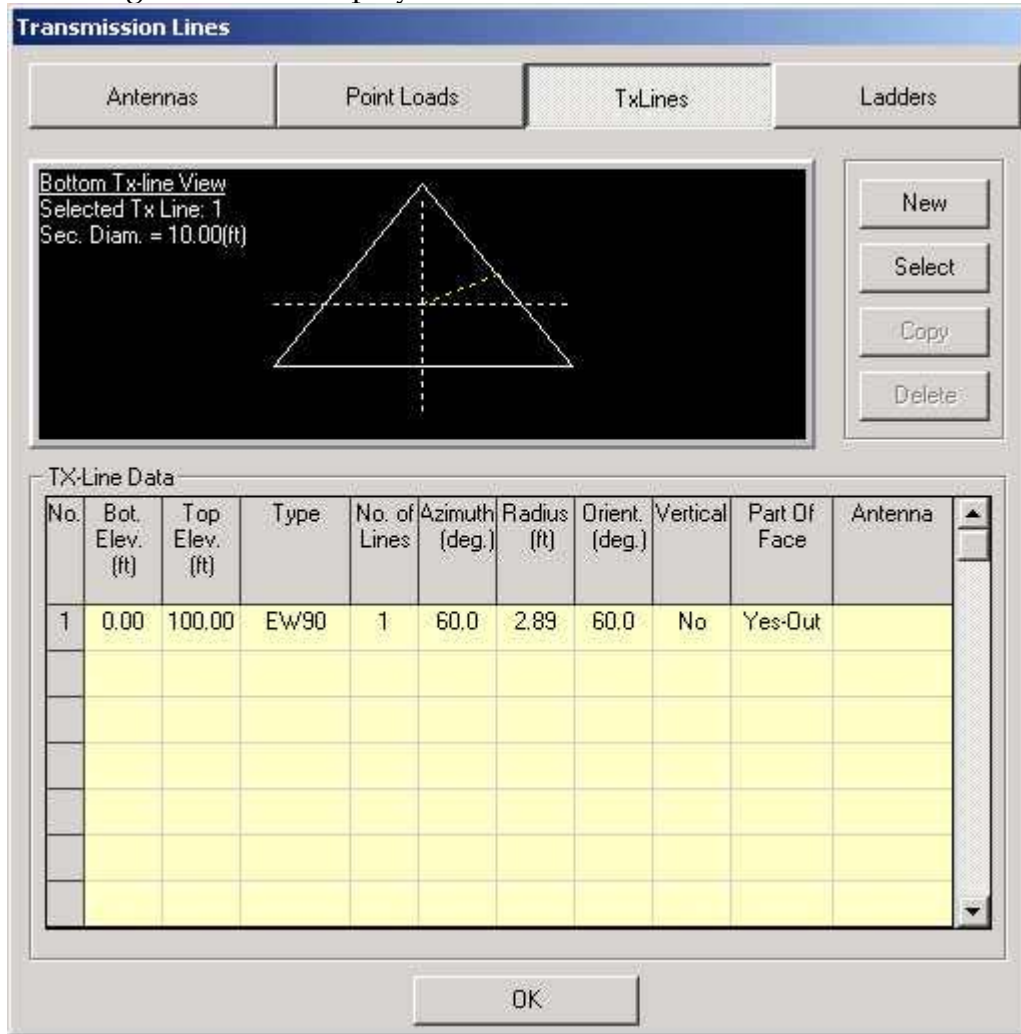
In this window the pole elevation is shown along with the plan cross-section at the point load elevation. To add a new point load select **New** and input line with zero values is shown. The user inputs the following data as defined below:

- **Description:** Text description of the point load. This description will be displayed on the design profile. If the default description is not over written no description is displayed on the profile.

- **Elevation:** Elevation from the bottom of the tower to the center of the applied load (m or ft.)
- **Azimuth:** angle between the north and the point load radius measured in the clockwise direction (specified in degrees).
- **Radius:** Radius is measured from the tower center to the point load (m or ft.). Also, note that the tower radius at that elevation is shown for guidance on the section drawing.
- **Wind Area (Bare):** Bare wind area of the load (antenna) multiplied by the appropriate force coefficient or drag factor depending on the shape of the appurtenance (m² or ft²).
- **Wind Area (Iced):** Iced wind area of the load (antenna) multiplied by the appropriate force coefficient or drag factor depending on the shape of the appurtenance and the ice accretion (m² or ft²).
- **Weight (Bare):** Bare weight of the load (kN or kips)
- **Weight (Iced):** weight of the load including ice (kN or kips)
- **Comments:** A comments field that does not get displayed on the profile.

TRANSMISSION LINES DEFINITION

From the main menu choose **Appurtenance** and then select **Tx-lines**, the following window is displayed.



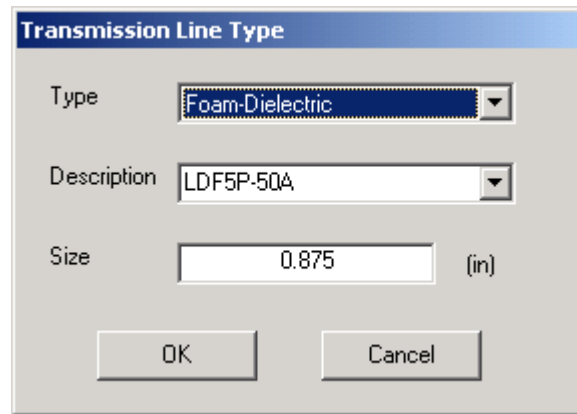
In this window the tower elevation is shown along with the tower cross-section at the bottom of the Tx-line. To add a new line or group of lines select **New** and a blank line with a line type (none) is shown. The user inputs the following data as defined below:

- **Bottom Elevation:** Elevation of the bottom of the lines (m or ft.)
- **Top Elevation:** Elevation of the top of the lines (m or ft.)
- **Type:** Type of lines and can be chosen from the tx-lines database available. To choose line type click on this field and the required type and size can be specified as explained in the sequel.

- **No of lines.:** Number of lines having the same properties shown on that line
- **Azimuth:** Group of lines azimuth (specified in degrees).
- **Radius:** Radius is measured from the pole center to the center of the lines group (m or ft.).
- **Orient.:** angle between the pole's north and the lines group radius measured in the clockwise direction.
- **No of Shielded Lines:** For shielded lines (e.g. inside the pole) only gravity loads are considered.

Transmission Line Type:

Click on type in the tx-lines table and the following window is displayed and from which the tx-lines type and size is specified.



The screenshot shows a dialog box titled "Transmission Line Type". It has three input fields: "Type" (a dropdown menu with "Foam-Dielectric" selected), "Description" (a dropdown menu with "LDF5P-50A" selected), and "Size" (a text input field with "0.875" and "(in)" next to it). At the bottom of the dialog are "OK" and "Cancel" buttons.

The following Transmission Line types are available:

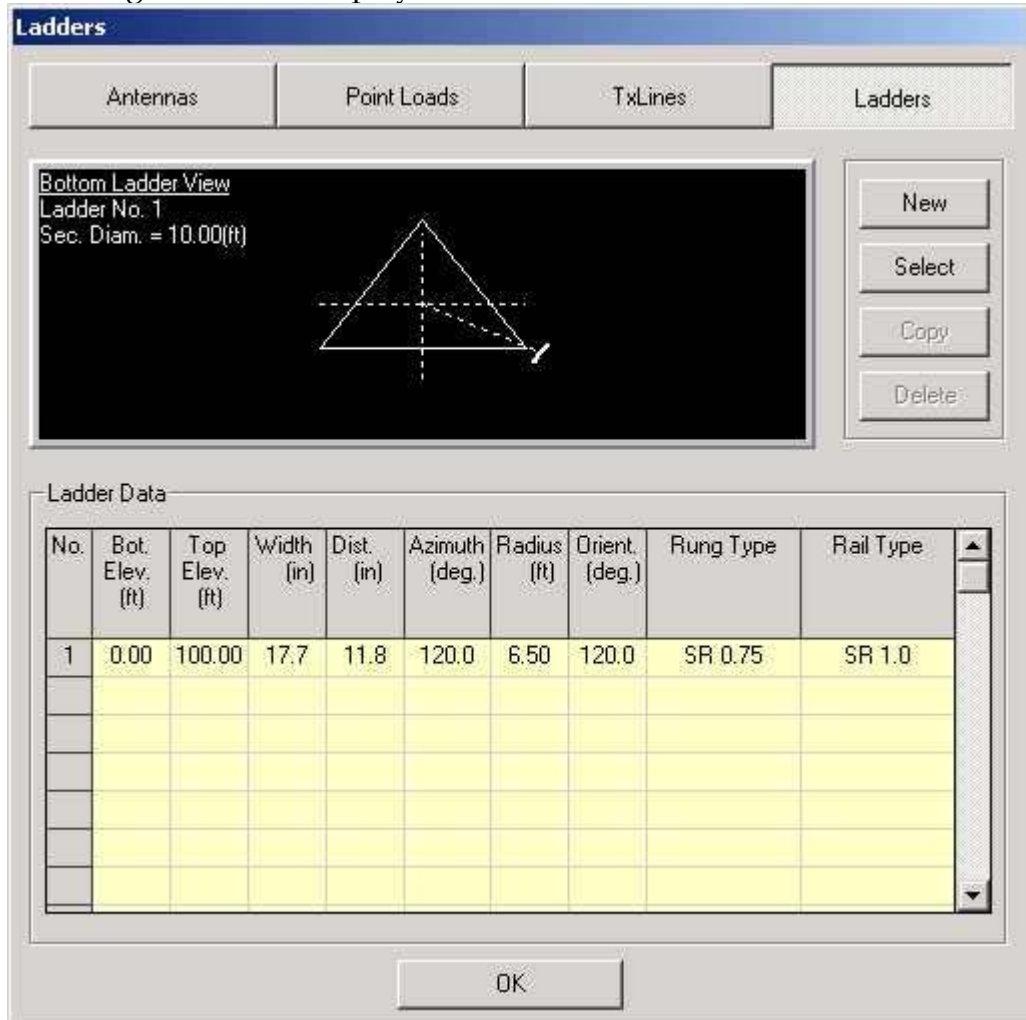
Air-Dielectric
Foam-Dielectric
Elliptical Waveguide
Circular Waveguide
Rectangular Waveguide

Different sizes can be chosen from the description field and the actual size for the chosen lines is displayed in the size field (mm or in.).

Data for transmission lines mechanical properties are based on Andrew's catalogue number 36.

LADDER DEFINITION

From the main menu choose **Appurtenance** and then select **Ladders**, the following window is displayed.



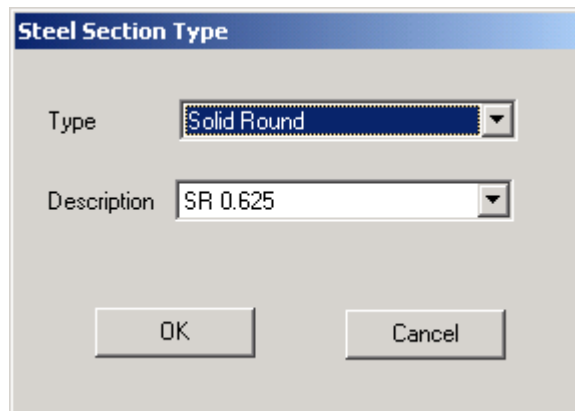
In this window the pole elevation is shown along with the plan cross-section at the bottom of the ladder. To add a new ladder select **New** and a blank line with a rail type, and rung type (none) is shown. The user inputs the following data as defined below:

- **Bottom Elevation:** Elevation of the bottom of the ladder (m or ft.)
- **Top Elevation:** Elevation of the top of the ladder (m or ft.)
- **Width:** Width of ladder rungs (mm or in.)
- **Dist.:** Distance (spacing) between rungs (mm or in.)
- **Azimuth:** ladder azimuth (specified in degrees).
- **Radius:** Radius is measured from the pole center to the center of the ladder (m or ft.).

- **Orient.:** angle between north and the ladder's center measured in the clockwise direction.
- **Rung Type:** Rung size chosen from available steel sections database for angles and solid rounds.
- **Rail Type:** Rail size chosen from available steel sections database for angles and solid rounds.

Steel Section Type:

Click on rail type or rung type in the ladder data table and the following window is displayed, from which the steel section type and size is specified.



The following steel sections for ladders are available:

Solid Round (SR13, SR16, SR19, SR25, SR50)
(SR.5, SR.625, SR.75, SR1.0, SR2.0)

Angle (L51x51x6, L51x51x13)
(2x2x1/4, 12x2x1/2)

Chapter 3 ANALYSIS

This Chapter explains the input of the code-related data and material data. Also, the assumptions and the underlying theory of the analysis are explained in the sequel.

CODE DATA

Wind Loads

From the main menu choose **Load Cases**, and then the following window will appear depending on the design standard specified:

a) TIA/EIA 222-F

Having the EIA 222-F as the design code, the wind Loads window will be as shown:

EIA-222-F Code Data

Wind Speed	80.00	(mph)
Service Wind Speed	50.00	(mph)
Ice Thickness	0.50	(inch)
Start wind direction	0.00	(degrees)
End wind direction	330.00	(degrees)
Increment wind direction	30.00	(degrees)
Elev. above ground	0.00	(ft)
Wind pressure reduction for iced conditions	0.75	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Increase allowable stresses		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength - Wind only <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Service - Wind only		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Strength - Wind and Ice <input type="checkbox"/> Service - Wind and Ice		

US Counties

OK

The input data is explained as follows:

- Wind Speed: Design wind speed for the structure (m/sec or mph).
- Service Wind Speed: for the calculation of deflections (tilt/twist) under service load conditions (m/sec or mph).
- Ice Thickness: specified ice thickness for the design of the structure depending on the location (mm or inches).
- Start Wind Direction: Starting wind directions from which the wind loads are considered.
- End wind directions: Last wind direction for which the wind loads are considered
- Increment Wind direction: Wind increment in degrees at which wind loads are calculated. For example, in the above shown example wind will be considered at the following directions (0, 30, 60, 330)
- Elevation above ground: The elevation of the structure base above ground this is used for wind loads calculations. The height factor is increased accordingly.
- Allowable stress factor: For the structural assessment of the tower, the allowable stress is increased to 1.33 as per EIA 222-F when applicable. However, the user has the option to limit the allowable stress to 1.0
- Wind pressure reduction for the case of iced conditions (default is 0.75 as per code).
- Options to mark the analysis loading cases for wind only or for combined case of wind and ice under strength conditions and service conditions.

b) ANSI/TIA-222-G-2005

Having the TIA-222-G as the design code, the Wind Loads window will be displayed as shown:

EIA-222-G (Draft) Code Data

Wind Speed (V)	90.00	(mph)
Wind Speed with Ice (Vi)	40.00	(mph)
Serviceability Wind Speed	60.00	(mph)
Ice Thickness (ti)	0.50	(inch)
Start wind direction	0.00	(degrees)
End wind direction	180.00	(degrees)
Increment wind direction	90.00	(degrees)
Elev. above ground	0.00	(ft)
Structure Class	2	
Exposure Category	C	
Topographic Category	1	

Strength - Wind only Service - Wind only
 Strength - Wind and Ice Service - Wind and Ice

OK US Counties

The input data is explained as follows:

- Basic Wind Speed (V): 3-second gust speed for the structure (m/sec or mph).
- Wind Speed with Ice (Vi): 3-second gust speed concurrent with the design ice at 33 ft above the ground (m/sec or mph).
- Serviceability Wind Speed: for the calculation of deflections (tilt/twist) under service load conditions (m/sec or mph).
- Ice Thickness (ti): specified ice thickness for the design of the structure depending on the location (mm or inches).
- Start Wind Direction: Starting wind directions from which the wind loads are considered.
- End wind directions: Last wind direction for which the wind loads are considered

- Increment Wind direction: Wind increment in degrees at which wind loads are calculated. For example, in the above shown example wind will be considered at the following directions (0, 90, 180)
- Elevation above ground: The elevation of the structure base above ground this is used for wind loads calculations. The height factor is increased accordingly.
- Structure Class as defined in Table 2-1 of TIA-222-G. Values are 1 through 3 with class 2 as default.
- Exposure Category as defined in clause 2.6.5.1 of TIA-222-G. Options are Exposure B, C or D with Exposure B as default.
- Topographic Category as defined in clause 2.6.6.2 of TIA 222-G ranging from Category 1 through 5 with Category 1 as default.

c) CSA S37-94

Having the CSA S37-94 as the design code, the wind Loads window will be displayed as shown:

CSA-537 Code Data

Wind Pressure: 600.00 (Pa)

Ice Thickness: 10.00 (mm)

Importance Factor: 1.00

Serviceability Factor: 1.00

Start wind direction: 0.00 (degrees)

End wind direction: 330.00 (degrees)

Increment wind direction: 30.00 (degrees)

Elev. above ground: 0.00 (m)

Strength - Wind only Serviceability - Wind only

Strength - Wind and Ice Serviceability - Wind and Ice

Site Specific Wind

Site Specific Wind Coefficients

Coefficient a1: 0.0000

Coefficient a2: 0.00000

Coefficient a3: 0.000

Coefficient Zh: 0.000

Coefficient Z01: 0.000

Coefficient V01: 0.000

OK

The data for which is explained as follows:

- Wind Pressure: Reference wind pressure (q) as per CSA S37-94
- Ice thickness: Radial ice thickness for the design
- Importance factor: Importance factor as per S37-94
- Serviceability factor: Serviceability factor for service load conditions as per S37-94
- Start Wind Direction: Starting wind directions from which the wind loads are considered.
- End wind directions: Last wind direction for which the wind loads are considered
- Increment Wind direction: Wind increment in degrees at which wind loads are calculated. For example, in the above shown window, wind will be considered only from 0 degrees.
- Elevation above ground: The elevation of the structure base above ground. This is used for wind loads calculations.
- Options to mark the analysis loading cases for wind only or for combined case of wind and ice under strength conditions and service conditions.
- Option to use site specific wind data

d) CSA S37-01

Having the CSA S37-01 as the design code, the wind Loads window will be displayed as shown:

CSA-S37 Code Data

Wind Pressure	450.00	(Pa)
Ice Thickness	25.00	(mm)
Importance Factor	1.00	
Serviceability Factor	1.00	
Start wind direction	0.00	(degrees)
End wind direction	330.00	(degrees)
Increment wind direction	30.00	(degrees)
Elev. above ground	0.00	(m)

Strength - Wind only Serviceability - Wind only
 Strength - Wind and Ice Serviceability - Wind and Ice

Gust Effect Factor for Tubular Structures (CSA S37-01)
 C_g = 2.5 C_g = 2.0

OK

The design parameters are as explained under S37-94.

ANALYSIS THEORY

The analysis is based on three-dimensional truss model with geometrical non-linear capabilities (i.e., Increased forces due to P-delta effects are accounted for in the analysis). Wind load calculations and analysis are based on the following assumptions:

Wind Loads Calculations

1. Wind is assumed horizontal and is blowing from a certain direction throughout the whole pole height.
2. Force coefficients (drag factors) are calculated as per applicable code.
3. No shielding is considered on the tower from antennas, Tx-lines, or ladders.
4. Tx-lines declared as part of the face are considered in the force coefficient calculations of the structure. Tx-Lines as part of the face and outside shield the structural members and vice versa for lines inside the tower.
5. Ice built up is considered uniform on the structure and appurtenances.
6. Wind loads considered on iced structures are reduced as per applicable code.
7. For wind load calculations, wind load is calculated for each section.
8. Loads that are offset from the tower center are applied at the tower center with the corresponding moments (torsional and bending).
9. Loads that extend beyond the height of the structure are applied at the top of the structure with the corresponding additional moments (torsional and bending).

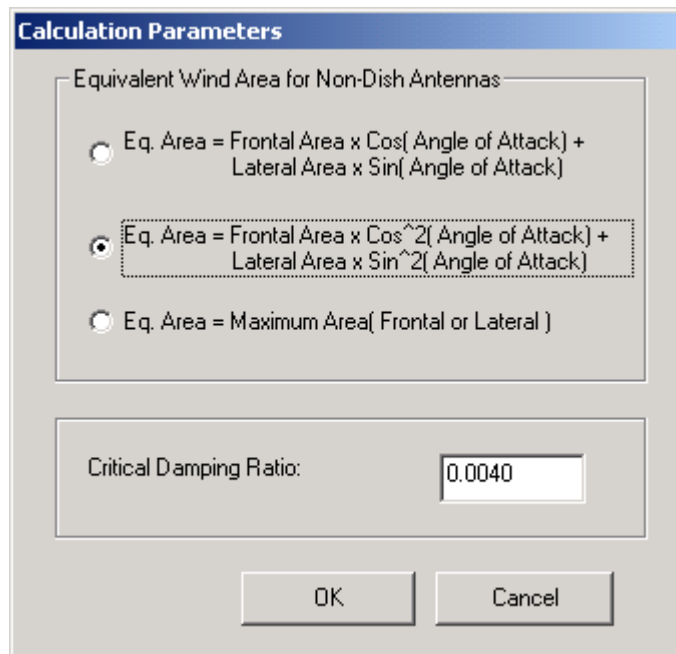
Analysis and Capacities

1. Each member is modeled as two-nodded three-dimensional truss elements with three degrees of freedom at each node.
2. Element properties are assumed constant for the full length of the member.

3. Tower is considered fixed in all directions at the base.
4. Uniform loads applied to the tower are distributed to each level of the section at the three or four leg points.
5. Capacities are calculated based on applicable codes and the structure is assessed for each member.

Calculation Parameters

From the main menu, choose "setup" and select "Calculation Parameters". In this menu, the user may change the equivalent wind area calculations for non-dish antennas and setup the critical damping ratio " β " for vortex shedding analysis as required by CSA S37-01.



For non-dish antennas, the user can select the calculation method for the equivalent wind area of non-symmetric antennas.

Material Data

Clicking on **Setup** from the main menu the material data can be defined. The user inputs the material density (lbs/ft³ or kg/m³), Young's modulus (ksi or MPa) and Poisson's ratio.

Material Data

Density (lbs/ft³)

Young's Modulus (ksi)

Poisson Ratio

Chapter 4 RESULTS

In this Chapter the printed and viewable output options for the program are explained. After the input data phase is completed, the user chooses **Run** from the main menu. The program performs the wind load calculations and executes the structural analysis. From the main menu the user may choose **Results** and the user chooses one from the following menu options:

- Preliminary Results
- Final Results
- Print
- .DXF Profile

Preliminary Results

Choosing Preliminary results the following screen is displayed which allows the user to see the different calculated wind pressure and effective projected areas for each of the different load combinations and wind directions.

Wind Pressure

The screenshot shows a window titled "View Preliminary Results" with a table of wind pressure data. The table has columns for Section, Panel, Bot. Elev. (ft), Top Elev. (ft), Kz, QzGh (psf), and Ice Thick. (tiz) (in). The data is organized by Section (1 to 5) and Panel (1 or 2). The Load Combination is set to "Wind Only" and the Wind Direction (Deg) is set to 0.

Section	Panel	Bot. Elev. (ft)	Top Elev. (ft)	Kz	QzGh (psf)	Ice Thick. (tiz) (in)
5	2	90.00	100.00	1.25	29.98	0.000
	1	80.00	90.00	1.22	29.29	0.000
4	2	70.00	80.00	1.19	28.53	0.000
	1	60.00	70.00	1.16	27.68	0.000
3	2	50.00	60.00	1.12	26.72	0.000
	1	40.00	50.00	1.07	25.62	0.000
2	2	30.00	40.00	1.01	24.30	0.000
	1	20.00	30.00	0.95	22.64	0.000
1	2	10.00	20.00	0.85	20.36	0.000
	1	0.00	10.00	0.85	20.36	0.000

This screen shows bottom and top elevation of each section the applied wind pressure and the relevant height factors and ice thickness for each of the load combination and wind directions.

Wind Area

Wind Pressure		Wind Area				App. UDL			App. Conc. Loads			
Sec.	Panel	Flat Area (ft ²)	App. Flat Area (ft ²)	Round Area (ft ²)	App. Round Area (ft ²)	Area Ice (ft ²)	Solid. Ratio	Flat Drag	Round Drag	Flat Dir	Round Dir	Eff. Area (ft ²)
5	2	7.98	0.00	6.67	0.00	8.65	0.42	2.03	1.31	0.80	1.00	32.99
	1	6.49	0.00	6.67	0.00	7.75	0.34	2.19	1.34	0.80	1.00	30.70
4	2	7.61	0.00	6.67	0.00	7.75	0.33	2.21	1.35	0.80	1.00	32.88
	1	7.80	0.00	6.67	0.00	7.75	0.31	2.26	1.36	0.80	1.00	33.77
3	2	8.00	0.00	6.67	0.00	7.73	0.30	2.31	1.38	0.80	1.00	34.63
	1	8.21	0.00	6.67	0.00	7.68	0.28	2.35	1.39	0.80	1.00	35.47
2	2	8.43	0.00	6.67	0.00	7.60	0.26	2.39	1.41	0.80	1.00	36.27
	1	8.65	0.00	6.67	0.00	7.46	0.25	2.44	1.43	0.80	1.00	36.99
1	2	8.88	0.00	6.67	0.00	7.19	0.24	2.48	1.44	0.80	1.00	37.57
	1	9.12	0.00	6.67	0.00	6.54	0.22	2.53	1.46	0.80	1.00	37.74

Load Combination: Wind and Ice Wind Direction (Deg): 0

This screen shows flat and round areas of the structure and that of the appurtenances included as part of the structure in the calculations. Solidity ratios are also show for each panel and the calculated force coefficients (drag coefficients) for both flat and round members. Also the directionality factors and the total effective wind areas are shown for each of the load combinations and wind directions.

Appurtenances Uniformly Distributed Loads (UDL)

The screenshot shows a software window titled "View Preliminary Results" with a table of data. The table is organized into four main columns: Wind Pressure, Wind Area, App. UDL, and App. Conc. Loads. Each of these columns is further divided into sub-columns. The data is presented for sections 1 through 5, with each section having one or two panels. The values include Flat Area, Round Area, Flat Drag, Round Drag, Ka, and Eff. Area (EPA).

Wind Pressure		Wind Area		App. UDL		App. Conc. Loads	
Sec.	Panel	Flat Area (ft ²)	Round Area (ft ²)	Flat Drag	Round Drag	Ka	Eff. Area (EPA) (ft ²)
5	2	0.00	9.15	2.00	1.20	0.58	8.42
	1	0.00	9.08	2.00	1.20	0.66	9.41
4	2	0.00	9.00	2.00	1.20	0.67	9.46
	1	0.00	8.91	2.00	1.20	0.69	9.66
3	2	0.00	8.81	2.00	1.20	0.70	9.81
	1	0.00	8.70	2.00	1.20	0.72	9.90
2	2	0.00	8.55	2.00	1.20	0.74	9.93
	1	0.00	8.37	2.00	1.20	0.75	9.89
1	2	0.00	8.09	2.00	1.20	0.76	9.74
	1	0.00	7.55	2.00	1.20	0.78	9.27

At the bottom of the window, there are two dropdown menus: "Load Combination" set to "Wind and Ice" and "Wind Direction (Deg)" set to "0".

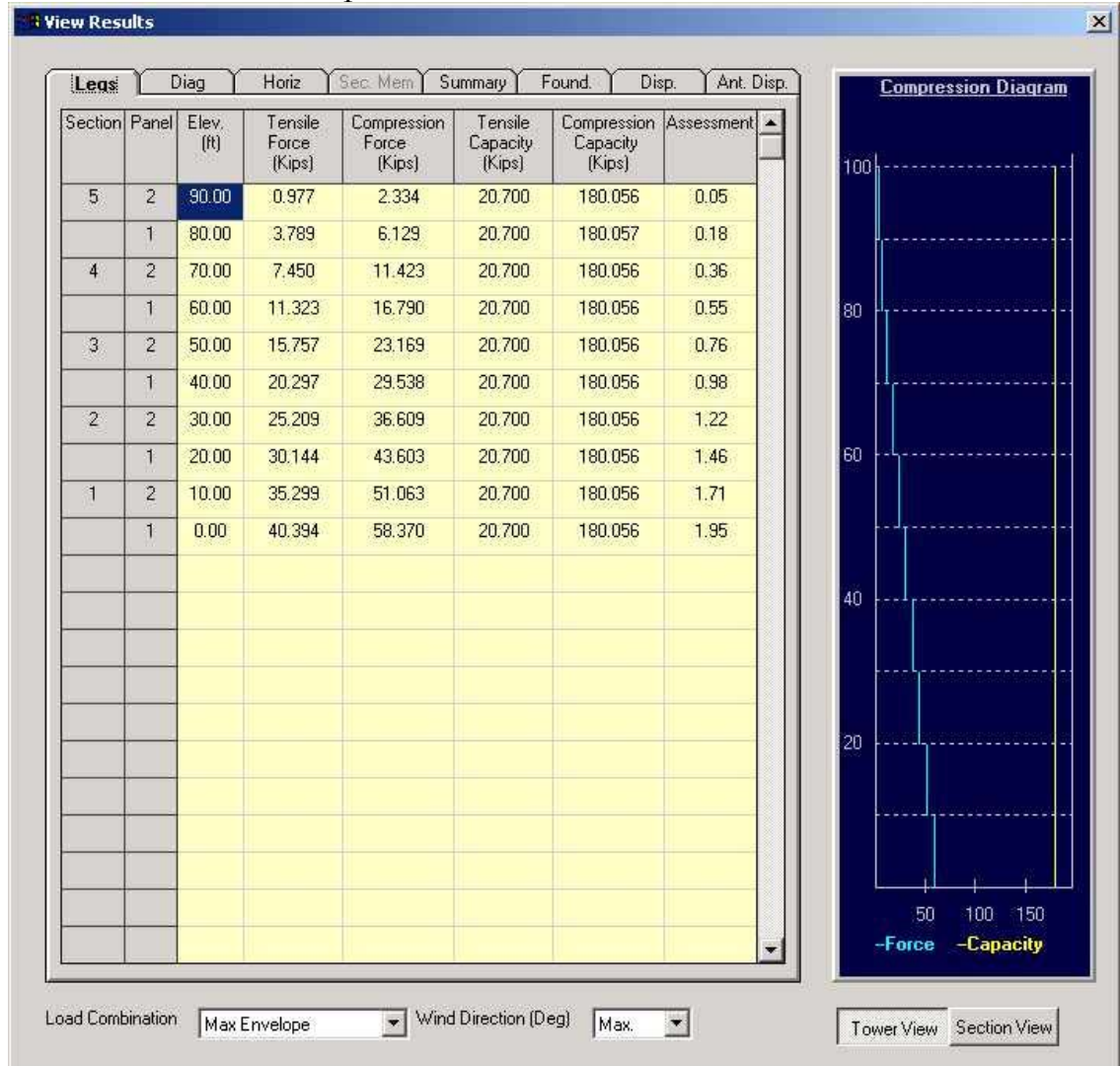
The appurtenances uniformly distributed loads not included as part of the face are shown on this screen. The window shows the calculated flat and round areas as well as the corresponding force coefficients (drag factors) for each of the load combinations and wind directions.

Final Results

Choosing final results the following screen is displayed which allows the user to view the results of the analysis for either the maximum envelope or any of the different load combinations and wind directions.

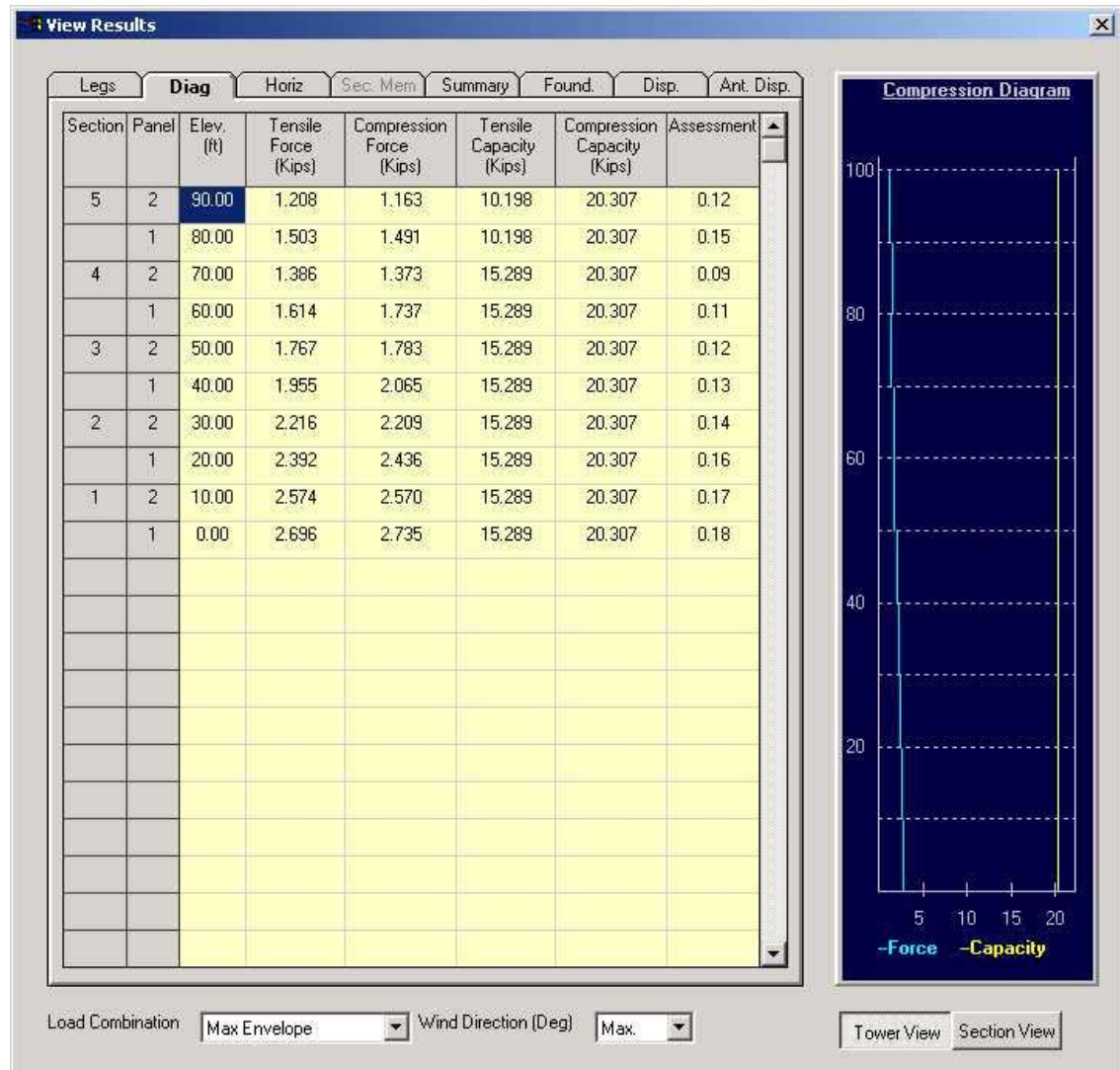
Legs

The assessment of the tower legs is shown in tabular form and graphical format by plotting the tensile or compression forces versus the corresponding capacities of the member. The diagram is refreshed based on the selection of either the tensile or compression columns.



Diagonals

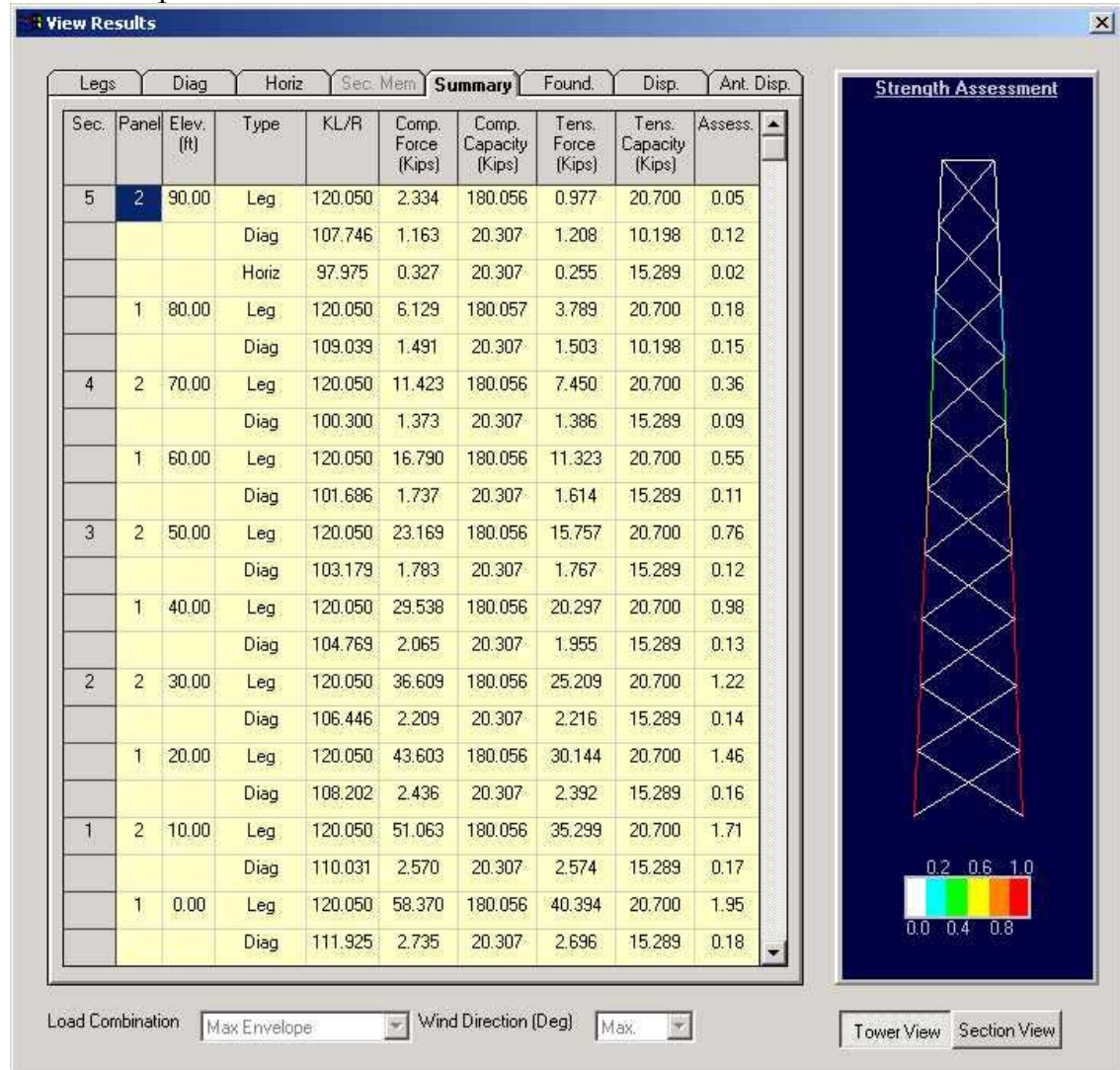
The assessment of the tower diagonals is shown in tabular form and graphical format by plotting the tensile or compression forces versus the corresponding capacities of the member. The diagram is refreshed based on the selection of either the tensile or compression columns. Similar results can be viewed for tower horizontals from the next tab.



Also, on the bottom of the screen, the user may select the load combination for which results are to be displayed. Load combinations selected from the analysis menu are shown in the load combination list. Specific wind direction may be chosen or simply the envelope of the maximum values.

Results Summary

The user may view the summary of the assessment based on colored contours of the tower. The contours summarize the results depending on the governing either compressive or tensile forces.



Also, on the bottom of the screen, the user may select the load combination for which results are to be displayed. Load combinations selected from the analysis menu are shown in the load combination list. Specific wind direction may be chosen or simply the envelope of the maximum values.

Foundations

The program calculates the foundations reactions for either the maximum envelope. In this case only one line is shown at the top window showing maximum download, uplift and shears for individual legs. The bottom window displays the tower total reactions (axial, shear in the two directions and moments).

The screenshot shows a software window titled "View Results" with a tabbed interface. The "Found." tab is active, displaying two tables. The top table lists data for three legs, and the bottom table shows total tower reactions. At the bottom of the window, there are controls for "Load Combination" (set to "Wind Only") and "Wind Direction (Deg)" (set to "0"). There are also buttons for "Tower View" and "Section View".

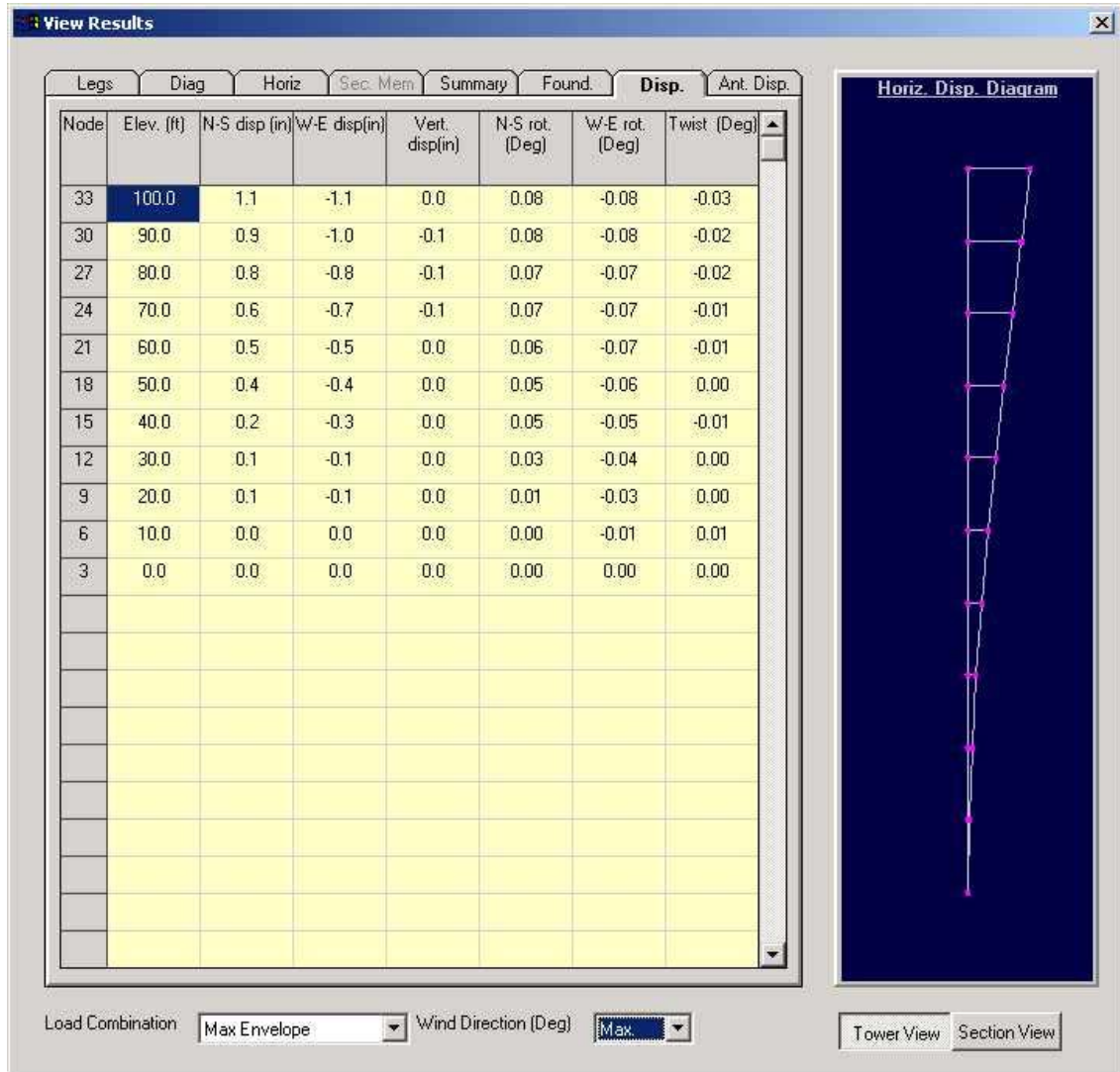
Legs	Diag	Horiz	Sec. Mem	Summary	Found.	Disp.	Ant. Disp.
Leg #	Download (Kips)	Uplift (Kips)	Shear-X (Kips)	Shear-Z (Kips)	Max. Shear (Kips)		
1	32.99		1.59	1.63	2.28		
2	33.07		1.70	-1.57	2.31		
3		41.27	3.64	-0.06	3.64		

	Axial (Kips)	Shear-X (Kips)	Shear-Z (Kips)	Total Shear (Kips)	Mom-X (Kipsft)	Mom-Y (Kipsft)	Mom-Z (Kipsft)	Tot. Moment (Kipsft)
	24.79	6.93	0.00	6.93	-0.42	1.04	-429.00	429.00

When the user selects a specific wind direction, the reactions at each of the tower legs are displayed on the top window and the total tower reactions are shown at the bottom leg.

Tower Displacements

The user may view the tower displacement and rotations in the three directions from the **Disp.** Tab.



The displacements can also be viewed for the maximum envelope or any of the load combinations or wind directions.

Printout

From the main menu, click on **Results**, and the following screen will be displayed. From this screen the user may choose the required printout sections by clicking on the corresponding check box.

Print
Options

Printing Schedule

Profile

Project Data

Structure Data

Antenna Data

Tx Line Data

Ladder Data

Point Load Data

Output Data

Wind Load Data

Structure Displ. Data

Antenna Displ. Data

Structure Load Data

Assessment Data

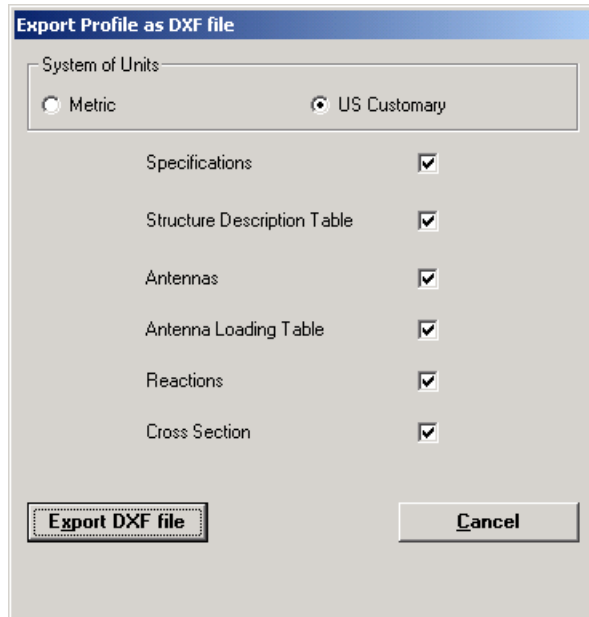
Section Capacities

Print Cancel

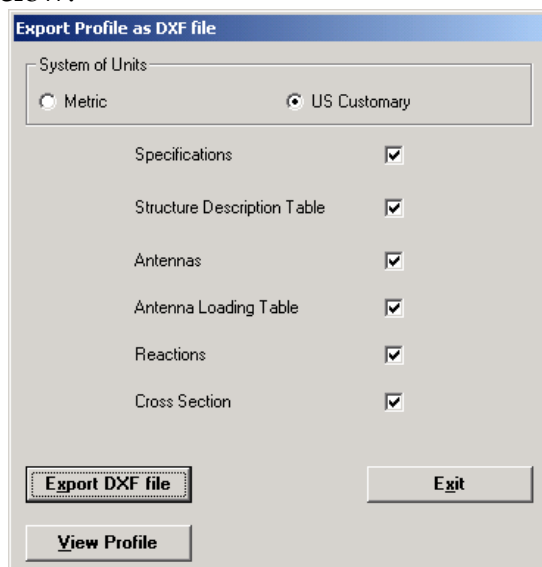
Note that for analysis including several load combinations and different wind directions as well the user has the option to select the required sections for printing and also the desired wind directions. . This may result in a relatively large number of pages in the printout. By choosing the profile, the program prints a simple profile on which the project data, design specification, base reactions and tower geometry are printed in a graphical format.

Export Profile

Select sub-menu “**Export Profile (*.dxf)**” from main menu “**Results**”.
 Following screen will be displayed.



Click on “**Export DXF file**” button.
 If you have selected DXF viewer you will find additional button “**View Profile**” as shown below.



DESIGN SPECIFICATION EIA-288-F
 BASIC WIND SPEED 80 mph
 RADIAL ICE 0.50 inch

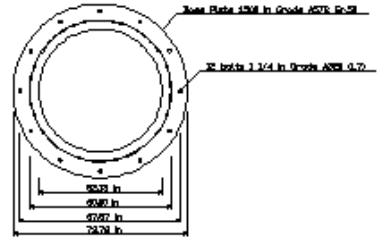
SECTION NO.	SECTION ELEV.	SECTION LENGTH	SECTION WEIGHT	SECTION VOLUME
1	60.00 in	10.00 in	100.00 lbs	10.00 cu ft
2	70.00 in	10.00 in	100.00 lbs	10.00 cu ft
3	80.00 in	10.00 in	100.00 lbs	10.00 cu ft
4	90.00 in	10.00 in	100.00 lbs	10.00 cu ft
5	100.00 in	10.00 in	100.00 lbs	10.00 cu ft
6	110.00 in	10.00 in	100.00 lbs	10.00 cu ft
7	120.00 in	10.00 in	100.00 lbs	10.00 cu ft
8	130.00 in	10.00 in	100.00 lbs	10.00 cu ft
9	140.00 in	10.00 in	100.00 lbs	10.00 cu ft
10	150.00 in	10.00 in	100.00 lbs	10.00 cu ft



PID.	DESCRIPTION	QTY	ELEVATION	Tx LINE	QTY	AZIMUTH	COMMENT	STATUS
1	HP4	1	58.60 ±±			195		
2	HP4	1	63.60 ±±			195		

STATUS: E-EXISTING, F-FUTURE, P-PROPOSED

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MAXIMUM BASE REACTIONS

REACTANT	TYPE	Y23
REACTANT 01	LINE	23.0
REACTANT 02	LINE	34.0
REACTANT 03	LINE	34.0

Attached is sample printout of the .dxf profile that can be further edited using AutoCad.

Chapter 5 DATABASE MANAGEMENT

The program uses "USER" Antenna database for selection of the antennas, mounts and TX Lines.

Apart from the "USER" database there is "MASTER" database (not to be modified) and "REMOTE" database or databases, which can be placed in commonly accessed server and thus shared by different users typically within the same organization.

The "USER" and "REMOTE" databases can be modified by the users.

Antennas Database

From the main menu, click on **Database Management** and **Antennas** submenu. Following screen will be displayed.

Antenna Database Management

Dish Antennas Non-Dish Antenna Manufacturers Non-Dish Antennas TX Lines

39 records.

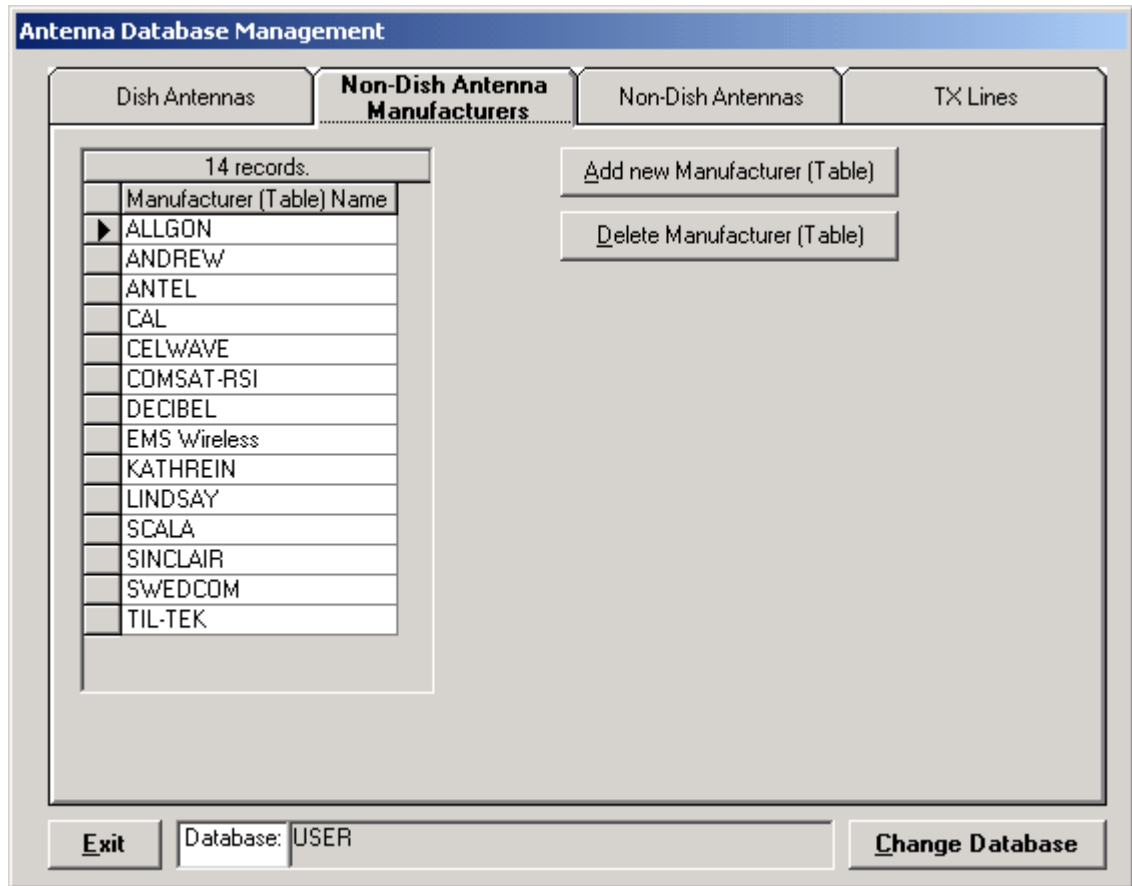
ID	Manufacturer	Microwave Code	Shielded Type	Catalogue Name	Description	Radome	Diameter(ft)
1	Andrews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shielded	HP2	M/W Shielded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	2.001
2	Andrews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shielded	HP4	M/W Shielded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.003
3	Andrews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shielded	HP6	M/W Shielded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6.004
4	Andrews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shielded	HP8	M/W Shielded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8.005
5	Andrews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shielded	HP10	M/W Shielded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10.007
6	Andrews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shielded	HP12	M/W Shielded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	12.008
7	Andrews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Shielded	HP15	M/W Shielded	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	14.993
8	Andrews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Focal Plane	FP4	M/W Focal Plane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	4.003
9	Andrews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Focal Plane	FP6	M/W Focal Plane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	6.004
10	Andrews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Focal Plane	FP8	M/W Focal Plane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	8.005
11	Andrews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Focal Plane	FP10	M/W Focal Plane	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	10.007
12	Andrews	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Focal Plane	FP4	M/W Focal Plane	<input type="checkbox"/>	4.003

Print Note: This table is non-editable (read only).

Exit Database: USER Change Database

The first group "Dish Antennas" is non-editable (read only), as it covers practically all types and sizes of Microwave Dish Antennas.

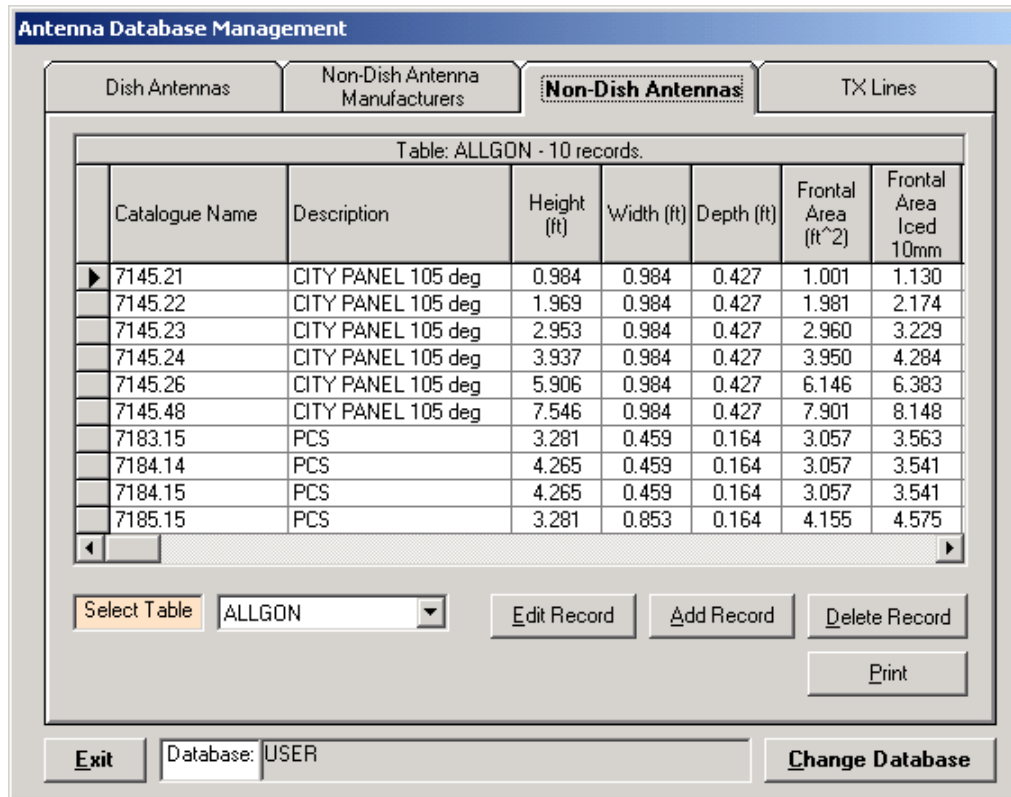
Non-Dish Antenna Manufacturers



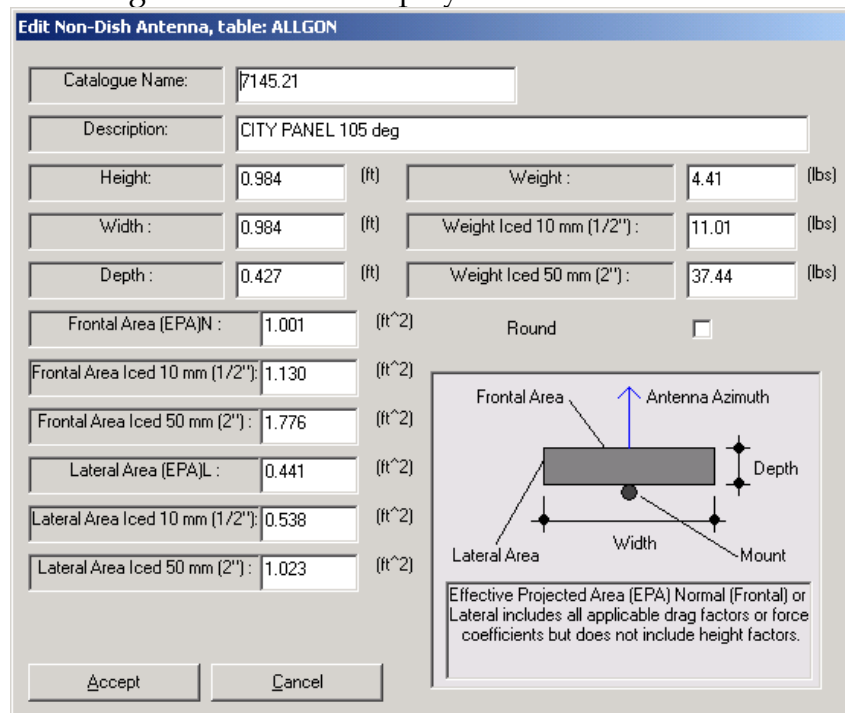
User can add new manufacturers. Such action will create an empty table and the user will then add records to such table. Deletion of manufacturer will cause removal of the manufacturer name from the list as well as deletion of a table of non-dish antennas associated with the manufacturer.

Default database is "USER" but any other "REMOTE" database can be selected (if present) and then the modifications are performed in the selected database. Once such "Remote" database is created and located remotely (on a server) other users can synchronize their local "USER" database with the "REMOTE".

Non-Dish Antennas

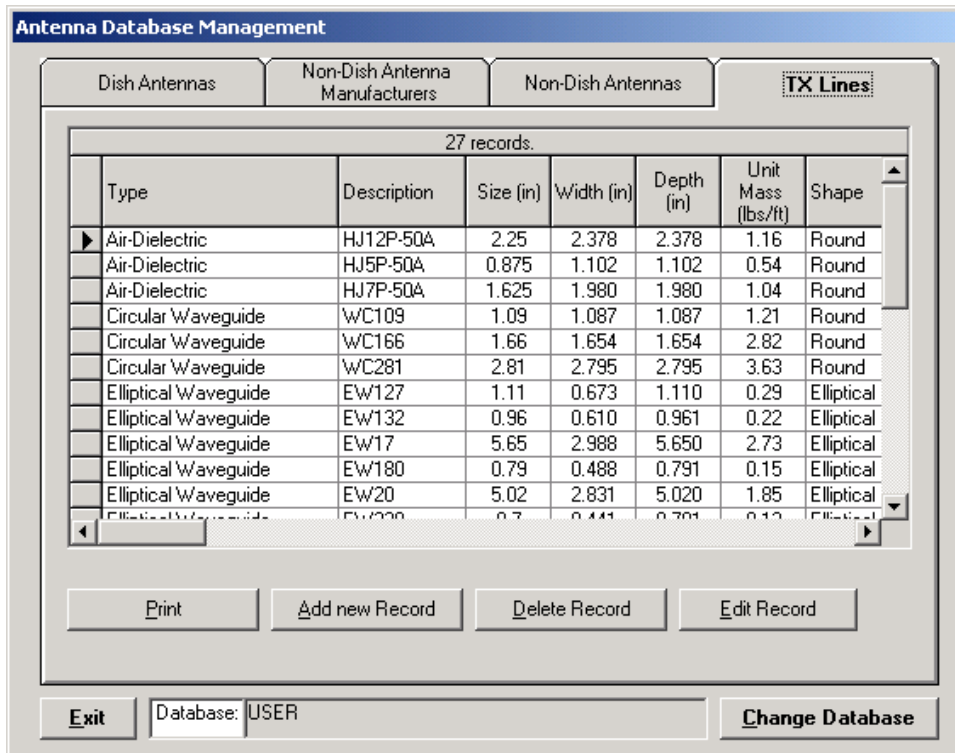


To edit or add record for selected table click on “Edit Record” or Add Record” buttons. Following screen will be displayed.

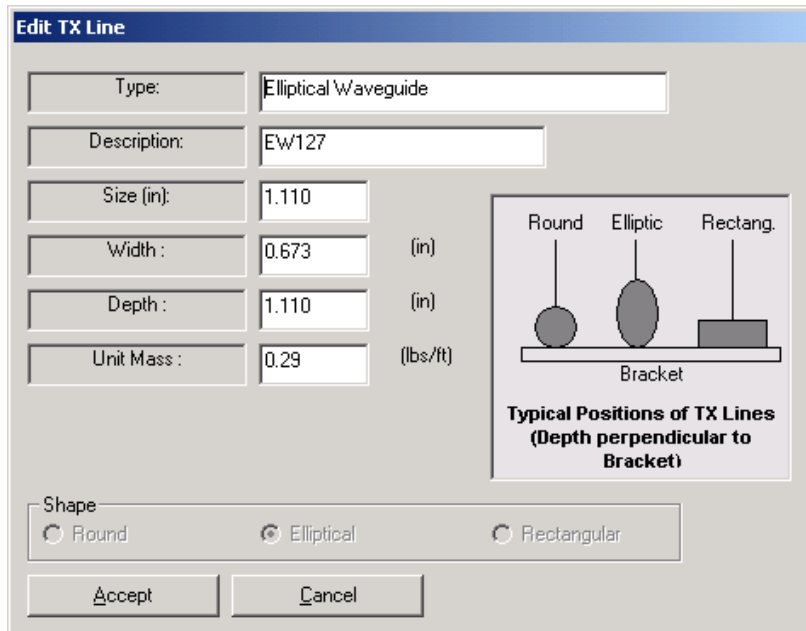


Changes of entries will become effective after “Accept” button is clicked.

TX Lines



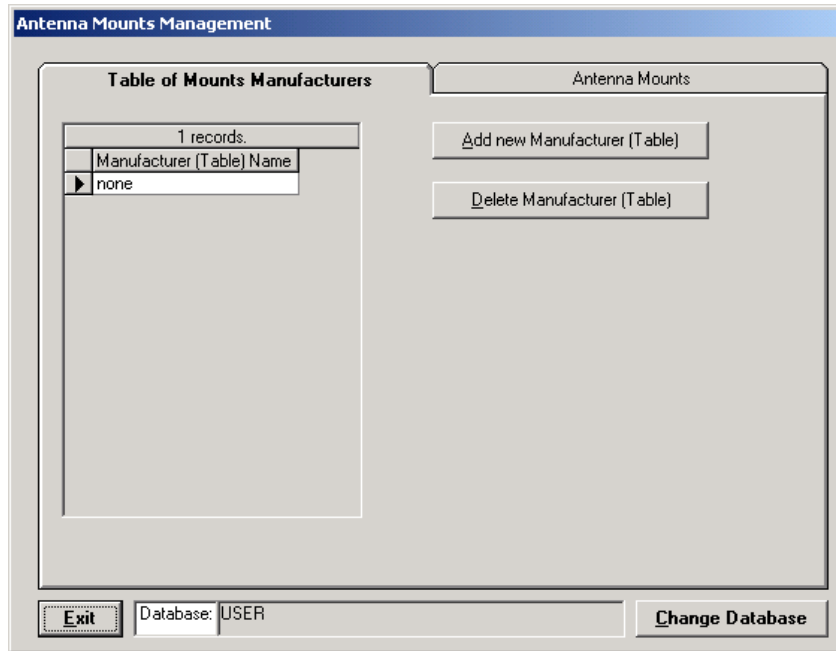
To add or edit a record click on “Add new Record” or “Edit Record” buttons respectively. Following screen will be displayed.



Changes of entries will become effective after “Accept” button is clicked.

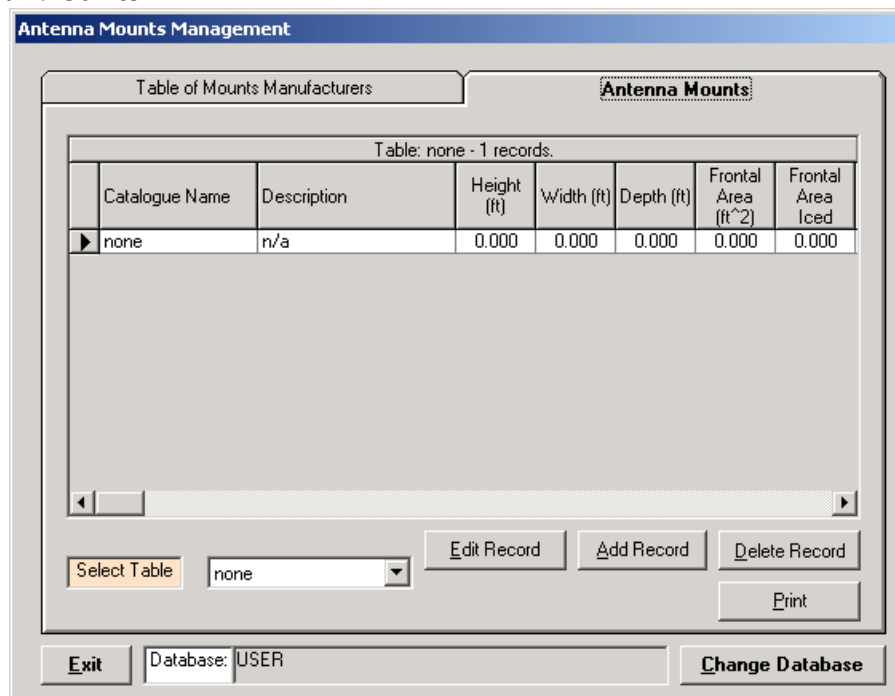
Mounts

From the main menu, click on **Database Management** and **Mounts** submenu. Following screen will be displayed.



User may add new manufacturers (as is the case with Non-Dish Antennas) or delete them.

Antenna Mounts



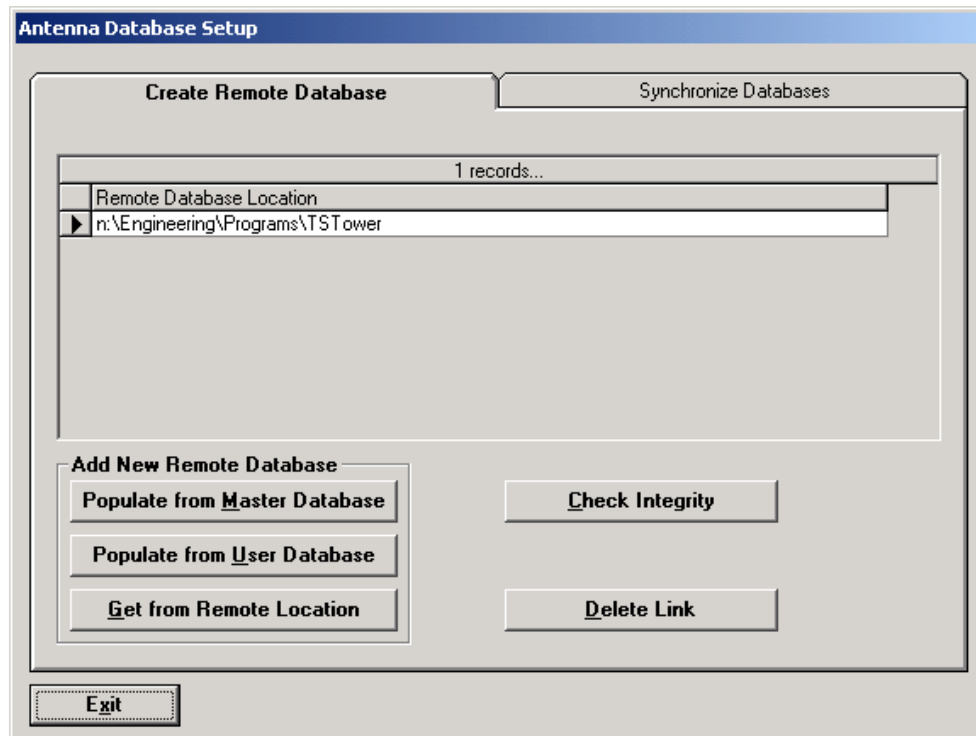
To add or edit a record click on "Add new Record" or "Edit Record" buttons respectively. Following screen will be displayed.

Perform the editing and press "Accept" button to update or "Cancel" otherwise.

Database Setup

From the main menu, click on **Database Management** and **Database Setup** submenu.

Following screen will be displayed.



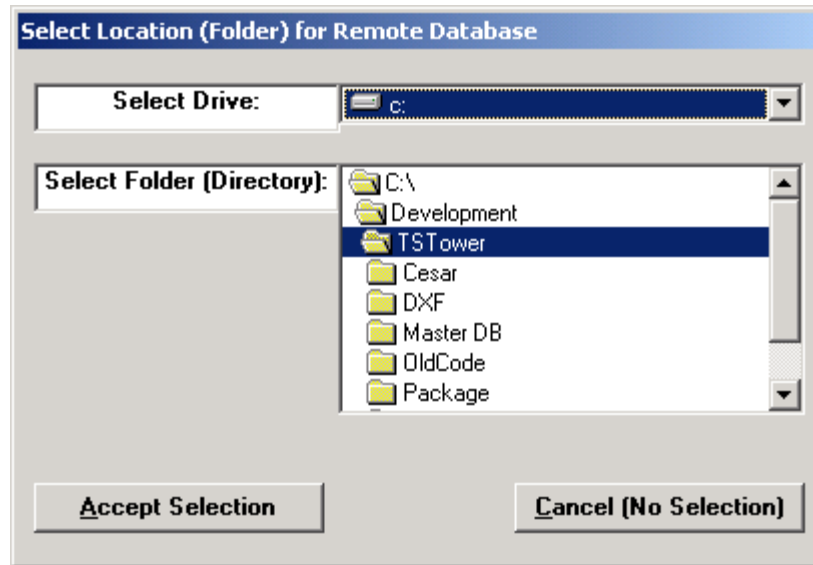
New remote database(s) can be created in three different ways:

“Populate from Master Database” - new “remote” database will be replicated from “Master Database” and then user will indicate the location of the new database - screen showing selection of “drives” and “folders” will be displayed.

Populate from Master Database

“Populate from User database” - new “remote” database will be replicated from “User Database” and then user will indicate the location of the new database - screen showing selection of “drives” and “folders” will be displayed.

“Get from Remote Location” this action will prompt you to select existing “remote” database not linked to you computer so far.



Once you selected the “remote” database it will be displayed in the “Remote Database Location” grid and you will have access to it via Database Management for Antennas or Mounts.

“Check Integrity” will perform the comparison of the records between selected remote database and “Master Database” and display differences.

“Delete Link” will remove a link between selected “remote” database and the program (such database will not be accessible to you).

Synchronize Databases – instructions as shown on attached screenshot.

