

# W8IO – 45LT and 45LT-050 Roof Mount Tower Assembly and Installation

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Please carefully follow these steps to properly assemble and install your 4.5 foot light roof mount tower.

1. Remove all items from the packages and make sure all parts are there. Refer to the parts list at the end of this manual. Model IO-45LT-050 includes the Yaesu GS-050 Thrust Bearing. Model IO-45LT does not.
2. Begin by assembling the 4 top angle brackets to the bottom of the Yaesu GS-050 thrust bearing or Yaesu GS-065, using the 4 bolts and 4 lock-washers supplied with the bearing or mast adapter. Save the other parts for future use if you wish to eventually re-purpose the thrust bearing. Tighten all bolts securely, leaving equally spaced gaps at each corner. If using the UMB-1 brackets, skip step 2.



3. Assemble 2 right legs and 2 left legs to the thrust bearing assembly as shown below, using 8 each of the 1/4-20 x 3/4" bolts, lock-washers and nuts. Hand-tighten the nuts with the lock-washers. The legs should have the feet attachment holes facing the floor and ceiling as shown in the next image.



4. Lift the tower assembly to an upright position and spread the 4 tower legs apart so that they are approximately 24 inches apart at the bottom. You may need to loosen the bolts that attach the legs to the thrust bearing assembly. See the image at left below.

5. Assemble 2 sets of X-braces and lower shelves on opposite sides of the tower, using 4 each  $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20 x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " bolts, 4 each  $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20 x 1" bolts, 8 lock-washers and 8 nuts. X-braces go on the outside of the legs and the shelves go on the inside. Use the short bolts at the top of the X-braces and the longer bolts at the bottom through the shelf, leg and X-brace. These 2 lower shelves should have the extra holes for the rotor shelves. Push the tower legs apart then assemble the 2 remaining sets of X-braces and lower shelves to the open sides. See the image at right below.



6. When all X-braces and shelves have been installed, tighten all hardware securely with a wrench.

7. Attach the 2 rotor shelves to the lower shelf brackets with 4 each  $\frac{1}{4}$ "-20 x  $\frac{3}{4}$ " bolts, lock-washers and nuts as shown above. Verify that all rotor mounting holes are 3.31" (Yaesu) or 3.0" (Hy-Gain) apart, and tighten these bolts securely. See the image at right above.

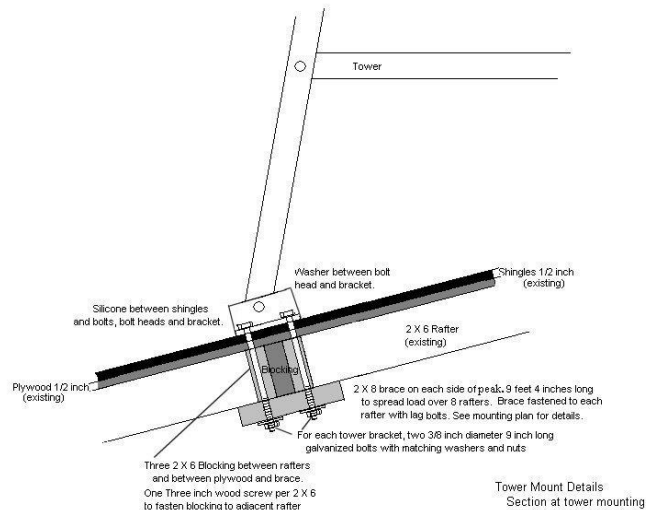
8. Attach a foot on each leg with  $\frac{5}{16}$ "-18 x 1" bolts, lock-washers and nuts as shown above. Hand-tighten the hardware at this time.

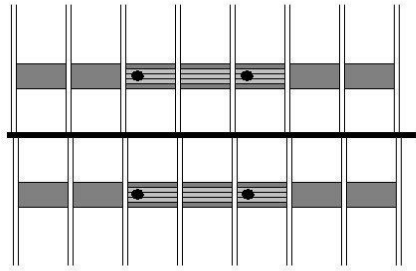
9. Make sure that the tower is on a level surface. Place a level across the top of the thrust bearing, and tighten the 8 bolts that hold the top angle brackets to the 4 legs. There will be a small gap between the legs and the top brackets even when tight. Make sure that the thrust bearing AND rotor shelves are both level in 2 orthogonal directions. Securely tighten the remainder of the hardware at this time except for the bolts that hold the feet.



## Installation






10. Install the rotor and mast to make sure everything fits and aligns with the thrust bearing. You can decide at this time if you wish to secure the rotor onto the rotor shelf before or after placing the tower on the roof.
11. You will need to determine how you wish to attach the tower to your roof. Bolts are recommended. The feet mounting holes are drilled to accept 3/8" bolts. These may need to be enlarged if larger bolts are used.
12. Below you can view recommended mounting procedures for a sloped roof with asphalt shingles. Other mounting methods may be used depending on your particular roof.





View from above showing added blocking and bracing and location of tower mounting. Shingles and plywood removed from roof to show structure.

Key of roof and bracing components

-  Rafter - 16 inch centers but not perfectly aligned across the ridge rafter
-  Ridge Rafter at peak of roof
-  Added Blocking between rafters under tower
-  Added brace to spread load between rafters 2 X 8 by 9 feet 4 inches long
-  Mounting points for tower (32 inches between legs - 8 foot tower) (27 inches between legs - 6 foot tower) (24 inches between legs - 4 foot tower)

One 1/4 inch lag bolt fastens the brace to every rafter. Lag bolt length is 5 inches and is in the center of the brace. Washer is under the head of the bolt.

Tower mounting details  
Mounting plan

Parts List (per tower)

Right Leg (1.5" x 1.5" x 54")	2	Lower shelf bracket drilled (1.5" x 1.5" x 17.5")	2
Left Leg (1.5" x 1.5" x 54")	2	Lower shelf bracket (1.5" x 1.5" x 17.5")	2
Top angle bracket (1.5" x 1.4" x 4.875")	4	Rotor shelf – square edges (1.5" x 1.5" x 17.5")	2
Tower foot – square edges (2" x 2" x 6")	4	Cross braces (1" x 20.5")	8
1/4"-20 x 1" SS bolt	8	Yaesu GS-065 or GS-050 with hardware*	1
1/4" split lock-washer SS	28	1/4"-20 x 3/4" SS bolt	20
1/4"-20 nut SS	28	5/16" split lock-washer SS	4
5/16"-18 x 1" SS bolt	4	5/16"-18 nut SS	4

\*GS-050 comes with IO-45LT-050 and GS-065 comes with IO-45LT-065