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Overview

This whitepaper addresses the performance criteria of base station antennas, by making recommendations on standards for electrical and mechanical parameters, by providing guidance on measurement and calculation practices in performance validation and production, and by recommending methods for electronic data exchange. Do base station antennas increase wind load?

Base station antennas add load to the towers not only due to their mass, but also in the form of additional dynamic loading caused by the wind. Depending on the aerodynamic efficiency of the antenna, the increased wind load can be significant. Additionally, there are other location-specific factors to consider when calculating antenna wind load.

Which wind direction should be considered in a base station antenna?

In aerospace and automotive industries, only unidirectional wind in the frontal direction is of concern. In the world of base station antennas, wind direction is unpredictable. Therefore, we must consider 360 degrees of wind load. Wind force on an object is complex, with drag force being the key component.

Are Andrew's base station antennas aerodynamic?

Andrew's re-designed base station antennas are crafted to be exceptionally aerodynamic, minimizing the overall wind load imposed on a cellular tower or similar structures. Wind load is the force generated by wind on the exterior surfaces of an object.

Why do wireless operators use wind load data?

That's why wireless operators often use wind load data presented by base station antenna manufacturers when deciding on which antennas to deploy. Therefore, it is important for operators and tower owners to fully understand how wind load data is calculated so fair comparisons can be made between various antennas.

Are cellular tower antennas able to withstand wind loads?

As tower space becomes increasingly scarce and some infrastructure pushes its limits, the demand for antennas that can better withstand wind loads is more crucial than ever. Andrew's re-designed base station antennas are crafted to be exceptionally aerodynamic, minimizing the overall wind load imposed on a cellular tower or similar structures.

What is the P-Batta standard for antenna wind tunnel test?

applicationsP-BASTAStandardandAntennaWind Tunnel TestBefore 2018, the P-BASTA V9.6 standard allows antenna manufacturers to use the preceding three methods to calculate and claim antenna wind load. However, different antenna manufacturers may adopt different methods, and the obtained

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