

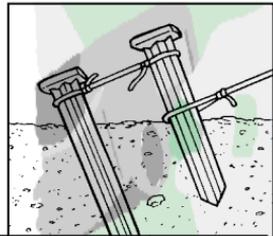


Explaining why your mast antenna is crumpled up on the ground is no way to start a mission. The explanation is even harder when you find out the falling antenna just missed your commander.

An antenna erected on soft ground, such as sand or shale, can collapse. Soft ground does not hold guy stakes tight. One stiff breeze and down comes the antenna and mast, then you're looking for a hole to hide in.

But, there's a way to strengthen the mast antenna—even in soft ground. Use two guy stakes to anchor each guy line. Drive the stakes deep into the ground and tie them in tandem. This double-staking method can handle more stress than a single stake. It increases the holding power of the stakes and lessens the risk of the antenna collapsing.

If you need extra guy stakes, you'll find the NSNs in the COMPONENTS OF END ITEM list in the antenna's -10 TM or parts manual.



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