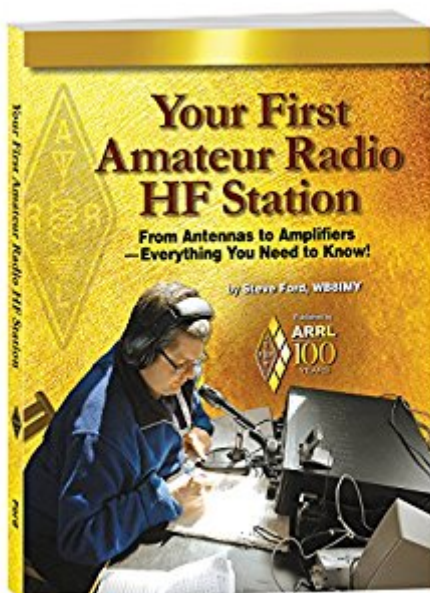


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# Your First Amateur Radio HF Station



## Synopsis

From antennas to amplifiers – everything you need to know to set up your first HF station! Setting up your first HF Amateur Radio station can be a complicated task. From selecting your first radio to putting up your first antenna, there are a number of important choices you – all need to make. Your First Amateur Radio HF Station is the most complete guide to setting up your station and getting started in HF communications. It – is filled with practical advice you can put to use right away. Whether you – are new to Amateur Radio or HF operating, live on acres of open property or in a tiny apartment, this book will show you how to get on the air and enjoy all that Amateur Radio has to offer. What kind of antenna should you use? Your antenna is by far the most important part of your new station. The type of antenna you choose will determine how well your station will function for years to come. Learn not only the technical advantages and disadvantages, but the economics of choosing one type of antenna over another. Includes antenna designs you can build yourself! What radio should you buy? Get the most radio for your money. Should you buy new or used? What features are most important? You – all find the answers here! Do You Need an Amplifier? Amplifiers are handy, but they can also be expensive. Find out if you really need an amplifier and, if so, how much you may need to invest. What About a Computer? Computers and software are important components of modern Amateur Radio stations. Save trouble and money when shopping for one. What Types of Accessories Do You Need? An HF station is more than just a radio and antenna. Find out which accessories will add the most operating pleasure and convenience. Electricity – Good and Bad. Learn how to supply proper power for your equipment, and how to keep Mother Nature – power – lightning! – away from your gear. About ARRL: Founded in 1914 by Hiram Percy Maxim, ARRL (American Radio Relay League) is the national association for Amateur Radio in the US. Today, with more than 161,000 members, ARRL is the largest organization of radio amateurs in the world. ARRL’s mission is based on five pillars: Public Service, Advocacy, Education, Technology, and Membership.

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HELPFUL start to the big world of HF communication! I have been asking so many questions of ham operators. I was wearing out my welcome. Then I found this book. It is such a great help to guide you through the many facets of HF radio (and HAM radio in general). No one else had even mentioned a book like this. I have many other books on a particular subject but this one walks you through the multiple initial areas of concern. It gives you the introduction and overview of so many subjects. It is easy to follow, profusely illustrated. I will read it and re-read several times as I accumulate the needed skills and knowledge to enter this exciting world. Thank you Steve Ford and ARRL.

A good book with a lot of practical basic information. It could be a bit more technical, but it hits the fundamentals so that you can study further in more technical manual such as the ARRL Handbook and the ARRL Antenna Book. These two resources are a must have for all amateurs.

Really good info I would strongly recommend it as soon as you get your Technician License so you can plan things out in advance and it also weeds out many of the questions you may have. Well written, easy to follow, and worth the money.

For the new ham. A very good guide for setting up your first HF station. The book covers everything from planning considerations, grounding and bonding, power needs, antenna selection and placement, power supplies, and so forth.

ARRL books are the best for the Amateur radio person just starting out. As in my case.

I bought this book for a friend who is just getting started in HF. Before presenting him with the book I read it through in an evening and added a couple of notes of my own on post-its where I felt I had something worthwhile to add. Overall, I think this is an excellent reference for anyone setting up their first HF station. Although I think it could use a few small tweaks, I know of no other book that does as good a job of quickly and concisely explaining things one needs to know without going into so much detail as to overwhelm someone just starting out.

Was exactly what I was looking for with chapters on all the key areas I had questions about re setting up my first HF station. I liked the additional information on amplifiers, accessories, and software as those were not areas I had even considered.

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