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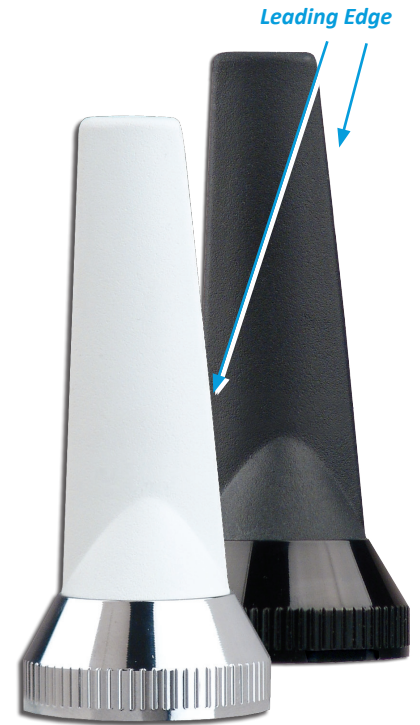
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1. Prepare an NMO style mount on a metallic surface of the vehicle. It is recommended to mount at or nearest the center of the surface away from other objects.
2. Check your Phantom Elite® to be certain the antenna resonant frequency range and your radio are compatible.
3. Install the Phantom Elite antenna by tightening it onto a threaded NMO style-mounting socket. A fair amount of torque is needed to fully tighten the antenna until a seal is obtained between the bottom o-ring and vehicle surface. To assist tightening the antenna to the mount, apply two small pieces of protective heat shrink tubing (Part no. "Sealtube3") to the jaws of a slip joint pliers (see illustration)
4. After the antenna is fully tightened and sealed to the mount surface, rotate the antenna body to position it with the leading edge (the more angled edge) facing the front of the vehicle. O-ring and gasket seals are employed in the unique colletting design to provide a water seal. Take care to rotate clockwise only once to achieve the proper position. Excessive rotation may compromise the colletting action and seal of the antenna. When finished, inspect for a proper bottom o-ring seal. This will prevent water leaking into the mount and perhaps into the vehicle. NOTE: The molded plastic radome and brass collet nut are designed to remain intact for proper water seal. Do not disassemble the collet nut from the antenna radome.



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