

Introduction to the CD-ROM Edition

The ARRL Antenna Book, 21st Edition

“In recent years it has been borne home on us most forcibly that there is greater room for increased performance through superior antenna systems than in any other part of the equipment.”

—*from the Foreword to the First Edition,*
The ARRL Antenna Book, *September 1939*

Much has changed since 1939, including the possible ways of delivering information—this CD-ROM is evidence of that! One thing that hasn't changed is that antennas and antenna systems are still the make-or-break component of any amateur station. We are pleased to bring you this 21st edition of *The ARRL Antenna Book* on CD-ROM. The CD-ROM book contains all of the text, drawings and photos contained in the printed 21st edition. And exclusive to the CD-ROM are over 70,000 pages of propagation tables that can help you determine what HF propagation to expect throughout the world, throughout the year and throughout the sunspot cycle.

Make sure you try out the software included for the PC. Follow the instructions for **installation of the software and data files**.

Using this CD-ROM

This CD-ROM is viewed using Adobe's *Reader* software. Version 7.0 of the software is included on the CD-ROM. The book and the companion files include hyperlinks. These links will appear in blue or green text. Clicking on the text of a hyperlink will cause *Reader* to display another, related part of the book. (See the *Reader* Help documentation for information on configuring this feature.)

The version of *Acrobat Reader* used with this CD-ROM includes Acrobat Search capability, which allows rapid full-text search of the entire book. This functions as an instant index for every chapter and word in the book. We strongly recommend that you take a few minutes to view the on-line documentation available from *Acrobat Reader's* Help menu.

Note: Adobe *Reader* version 6.0 or higher is required to use the search index included on this CD-ROM. Older versions of *Acrobat Reader* will not work with the search index, but are otherwise functional. Again, Adobe *Reader* 7.0 is included on the CD-ROM, if you need to install this version.

Installing Adobe *Acrobat Reader*

You may not have *Acrobat Reader* installed on your computer or you may have an older version installed. Installing Adobe *Acrobat Reader Ver.7* is optional during the main Setup installation, and you can do it later, after installing the *Antenna Book* software too.

To install *Acrobat Reader* for *Windows*:

Select **Run** from the *Windows Start* menu.

1. Type or Browse to **d:\AdbeRdr709_en_US.exe** (where d: is the drive letter of your CD-ROM drive; if the CD-ROM is a different drive on your system, use the appropriate letter) and press **Enter**.
2. Follow the instructions that appear on your screen.

To install *Acrobat Reader* for the *Macintosh*:

1. From the top-level folder of the CD, double click on the file "Adobe_Reader_MAC_708.dmg" to open up the disk image. Then double click the Adobe Reader Installer icon to launch the installer.