

mAT-600A Universal Automatic Antenna Tuner

Operation Manual

Please **READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS** carefully and completely before using this tuner.

■ **WARNING**

- ◆ **WARNING! NEVER** touch the antenna or antenna connector with your hand when the transmitter is transmitting, it will cause burns!
- ◆ **WARNING! NEVER** use the antenna tuner during a lightning storm. It may result in an electric shock, cause a fire or damage the tuner. Always disconnect the power source and antenna before a storm.
- ◆ **WARNING! NEVER** operate the tuner with its cover removed. Touching the components inside the tuner while transmitting will result in painful RF burns.
- ◇ Always turn your transmitter off before plugging or unplugging anything, otherwise it would be damaged.
- ◇ The tuner is designed for indoor operation only, it is not waterproof. If you use it outdoors, you must protect it from rain, dew and steam.

■ **INTRODUCTION**

The mAT-600A is a universal high-power automatic antenna tuner compatible with nearly all transceivers and linear amplifiers. It supports a maximum RF power of 600 watts (SSB) and operates across a frequency range of 1.8-54MHz. Featuring an extremely simple operation, the tuner's front panel contains just one button and three indicator lights.

The unit is constructed with a full aluminum enclosure and CNC-machined panel, combining an aesthetically pleasing rugged design with relatively lightweight portability.

■ **Front**

The tuner's front panel features three status indicators and a multi-function TUNE button (which also serves as the power indicator). Refer to the diagram.



Status Indicators

1. **TUNING** (Lit)
 - Indicates the tuner is actively tuning.
2. **ONLINE** (Lit/Unlit)
 - **Lit**: Tuner is online (normal operation).
 - **Unlit**: Tuner is bypass (RF input/output are directly connected, bypassing tuning).
3. **WARN** (Lit only during tuning),
 - Indicates excessive or insufficient RF input power during tuning.

Button [TUNE]

- **Function**: Press to initiate tuning.
- **Power Indicator**: Lights up when the tuner is powered on.

■ Rear:



1. **RF-IN (Max 600W)**: RF input socket. Connect to the antenna socket of your transceiver or linear amplifier. This socket receives the RF power signal for the antenna tuner.
2. **ANTENNA**: Antenna output socket.
3. **GND**: Ground terminal. For optimal transmission and reception efficiency, connect this terminal to a properly grounded earth connection.
4. **DC 12-15V 1A**: Power supply socket. Use the included DC power cable to connect to a 12-15V DC power source capable of providing at least 1.0A current. **Warning**: Operating outside this voltage range (below 12V or above 15V) may cause malfunctions or permanent damage to the tuner.

■ Power On/Off and Tuning Operation

The mAT-600A tuner has no physical power switch. It automatically powers on when connected to a DC power source (the **TUNE** button illuminates), and shuts down when disconnected.

Tuning Procedure

1. Configure Your Transceiver:
 - Set to desired frequency
 - Adjust power output to 10W
 - Select FM, FSK, or RTTY mode
2. Bypass Linear Amplifier (if used):
 - Switch amplifier to THRU (bypass) mode to disable amplification
3. Activate Transmitter:
 - Press and hold the microphone's PTT button to transmit a stable carrier signal
4. Initiate Tuning:
 - Press and hold the tuner's [TUNE] button for 1 second to start tuning
 - The TUNING indicator will illuminate
 - Loud operational noise during tuning is normal
 - If the WARN light activates:
 - Immediately release PTT to stop transmission
 - Verify transceiver/amplifier settings (excessive/low RF power detected)
5. Tuning Completion:
 - When TUNING light turns off and noise stops:
 - ONLINE lit: Tuning successful
 - ONLINE unlit: Tuning failed
6. Post-Tuning Setup:
 - Restore transceiver to desired power/output mode
 - Re-enable amplifier (if applicable)
7. Frequency Change Requirement:
 - Repeat Steps 1–6 before first transmission if frequency is altered

IMPORTANT NOTICE

Before initiating tuning:

1. **MANDATORY** Verify your transceiver's output power is set to **≤10W**.
2. **MANDATORY** Ensure linear amplifiers are switched to **BYPASS** (non-amplification) mode.

WARNING: Exposing the tuner to excessive RF power during tuning may cause **irreversible damage**.

■ ACCESSORY

5.5mm DC power line (intermediate contact diameter 2mm)

Standard

■ ELECTRICAL

- Frequency Range: 1.8 ~ 54 MHz
- Input Power Capability: 600W(SSB)
- Tuning Power: 5-15W
- Tuning time: Maximum: 8Sec. From memory: Less than 100 msec.
- Operating Temperature: -10°C ~ +60°C, 14°F ~ 140°F
- Channel: 16000

- Power Requirements: DC 12-14V, 1.0A
- Dimensions (H x W x L): 76 x 192 x 205mm
- Weight: 1.9Kg, Gross weight: 2.2Kg

■ TECHNICAL SUPPORT

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You can watch an operational video demo of this tuner on our website (<http://www.mat-tuner.com>), which will help you get more comfortable with using it.

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