EMCO's Broadband Conical Log Spiral Antennas show minimal pattern change over their wide operating frequency range of 100 MHz to 10 GHz. All antennas in this series have moderate gain and low VSWR. Three models offer you a choice in size, frequency range, and polarization.

Once used exclusively for MIL-STD and SAE testing, conical log spiral antennas are effective for other types of measurements too. For example they can be used for close-in “quick-looks” to find the spectral characteristics of RF emissions. For immunity testing, conical log spirals generate reasonable field strengths with modest power input. By placing conical log spiral antennas in a vertical position with respect to the ground plane, they also can be used as omni-directional, horizontally polarized antennas for electromagnetic site surveys.

EMCO Conical Log Spiral Antenna Features

Circular or Linear Polarization
EMCO’s conical log spiral antennas will receive both circular polarized and linear polarized fields (with a 3 dB variance for linear fields) under normal operating conditions.

Low VSWR
Average VSWR for the Model 3101 is 2.4:1. The Model 3102 averages a 1.6:1 VSWR and the Model 3103 averages 1.9:1 VSWR.

Compact Size
The compact size of EMCO’s conical log spiral antennas makes them ideal for use in anechoic chambers and shielded enclosures where space is limited and proximity effects must be minimized.

Choosing Your Model: Three Models with Frequency Ranges of 100 MHz to 10 GHz

100 MHz to 1 GHz
The Model 3103 conical log spiral antenna is similar to Models 3101 and 3102 except that it has the lowest frequency range and it is largest in size. Length is 102.0 cm (40 in) diameter is 66.0 cm (26.0 in). The design is patterned on NASA drawings.

200 MHz to 1 GHz
The Model 3101 conical log spiral antenna was designed by the Department of Defense for MIL-STD-461E measurements. The original drawings provide the basis for our Model 3101. Length is 81.3 cm (32.0 in) and diameter is 33.0 cm (13.0 in).

1 to 10 GHz
The Model 3102 conical log spiral antenna is similar to the Model 3101 but has a higher frequency range and is smaller in size. Length is 38.1 cm (15 in) and diameter is 12.7 cm (5.0 in).
Conical Log Spiral

Applications

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RE = Radiated Emissions  
RI = Radiated Immunity (Susceptibility)

Electrical Specifications

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† Speciality Item. Call EMCO for lead time and pricing.

Standard Configuration

- Left-hand circular polarization
- Support rod
- Base drilled to accept EMCO or other tripod mount with standard 1/4 in x 20 threads
- Individually calibrated at 1 m per SAE ARP 958. Actual factors and a signed Certificate of Calibration Conformance included in Manual.

Options

Right-hand circular polarization
This option reverses the antenna windings for right-hand polarization.

Custom cases
Custom cases are available on request.

EMCO Tripod
EMCO offers several non-metallic, non-reflective tripods for use at EM test sites.

The Conical Log Spiral antenna first came to the attention of the EMC community when it was listed as the preferred antenna for radiated emissions measurement in MIL-STD-826A, 20 Jan. 1964. At the time, this antenna was right-hand circularly polarized, following to the definitions in standards of the day. Per modern definitions, the original Model 3101 is left-hand circularly polarized (e.g. when observed along the direction of propagation, the rotation of the wave is counterclockwise, while the wave is left-hand circularly polarized). By modern definitions, EMCO’s optional Model 3101L is right-hand circularly polarized. The current model numbers remain unchanged for reasons of continuity, but the description of their performance has changed to reflect modern definitions.
Model 3103 Technical Data

Model 3103 Antenna Factor

Model 3103 VSWR

Model 3103 Gain

Model 3103 Forward Power @ 1 m

Model 3103 Conical Log Spiral

Model 3102 Conical Log Spiral