



# Feedline Current Choke

**DXE-FCC050-H05-A**

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## Introduction

The **DXE-FCC050-H05-A** Feedline Current Choke, using Maxi-Core® technology, prevents unwanted RFI in 50 Ω, coaxially fed antenna systems. It provides excellent feedline decoupling and low loss performance from 1 to 60 MHz. It is power-rated for 2 kW continuous, 5 kW intermittent. The FCC has significantly higher common mode impedance and a larger effective core area than similar line isolators, including conventional enameled wire or bead baluns. This results in:

- Higher power handling with lower loss – more power to the antenna
- Improved antenna bandwidth – easier on the radio
- Reduced RFI – less interference to and from your radio
- Compensate for a less than optimal ground system – Stop feedline radiation

If you suffer from RF interference, such as a "hot" mike or other equipment, disturbing audio equipment in your house or your neighbors while transmitting, your feedline may be acting as part of your antenna system. While most common advice is to improve the station's RF ground, the root of the problem is in the poor isolation of the feedline from antenna currents. In other cases, as the coax feedline travels through the near-field of the antenna, the current can be re-introduced to the feedline after the balun. If your SWR is already low and you wish to reduce feedline radiation and improve reception, an FCC is recommended.

The FCC can be used with many varieties of antennas including verticals with elevated radials and center-fed vertical dipoles (half-wave verticals).

The FCC comes in a formed aluminum case with a grounding post, Teflon / Silver SO-239 connectors and stainless steel hardware.

## Installation

Install the DX Engineering Feedline Current Choke at the point where the feedline exits the area of the antenna. One end of the FCC has an isolated SO-239 connector; the opposite end has the SO-239 attached directly to the balun enclosure.



**Isolated Connector**



**Direct Mounted Connector and Ground Terminal**

Normally, the FCC should be installed with the isolated SO-239 on the antenna side of the feedline. This will substantially reduce unwanted feedline radiation or unwanted signals without the need for an improved antenna ground system. This is especially true for center-fed verticals or any antenna where the feedline parallels an active antenna element.

The ground terminal on the FCC is a convenient way to ground the shield of the coax cable, if necessary. If the balun is mounted in close proximity to ground level on an insulated support or post, a short wire to a dedicated ground system might be needed. A 5 foot long, 3/4 inch O.D. copper pipe can be used. The ground wire should be kept as short as possible to prevent any resonance. *Do not attach an antenna ground system, counterpoise, or radial array to this terminal.*

If the FCC is used near the operating position, a short connection to the station ground might be helpful.

***Note:** Some experimentation with the ground system may be needed. In some case, grounding the FCC may result in poor performance or a higher noise level. This is typically caused by ground loops with other equipment. There is no reduction in performance if the FCC case is not grounded*

The FCC is not affected by moisture and may be left outside in all types of weather, including heavy rain, as long as it is positioned so that water will drain from the case. However, they may not be *immersed* in water and care should be taken to avoid blocking the drainage of any water that could get inside. To enhance weather resistance, it may be useful to put a bead of high quality, non corrosive, marine grade silicone, like DX Engineering part number **DXE-RTV598335**, along the seam where the two halves of the case meet. Depending on the mounting orientation, leave a small opening in the seam at the lowest point to allow any condensation to drain. Silicone which contains acetic acid, which has a vinegar-like smell, is corrosive to aluminum and should be avoided.

## **Lightning Protection**

Proper lightning protection should be installed for any antenna system. Lightning suppressors should be installed on the feedline before they enter the house. The suppressor normally grounds the feedline at that point. See our web-site, [www.dxengineering.com](http://www.dxengineering.com), for more information on lightning protection and grounding.

## **Technical Support**

If you have questions about this product, or if you experience difficulties during the installation, contact DX Engineering at (330) 572-3200. You can also e-mail us at:  
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For best service, please take a few minutes to review this manual before you call.

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