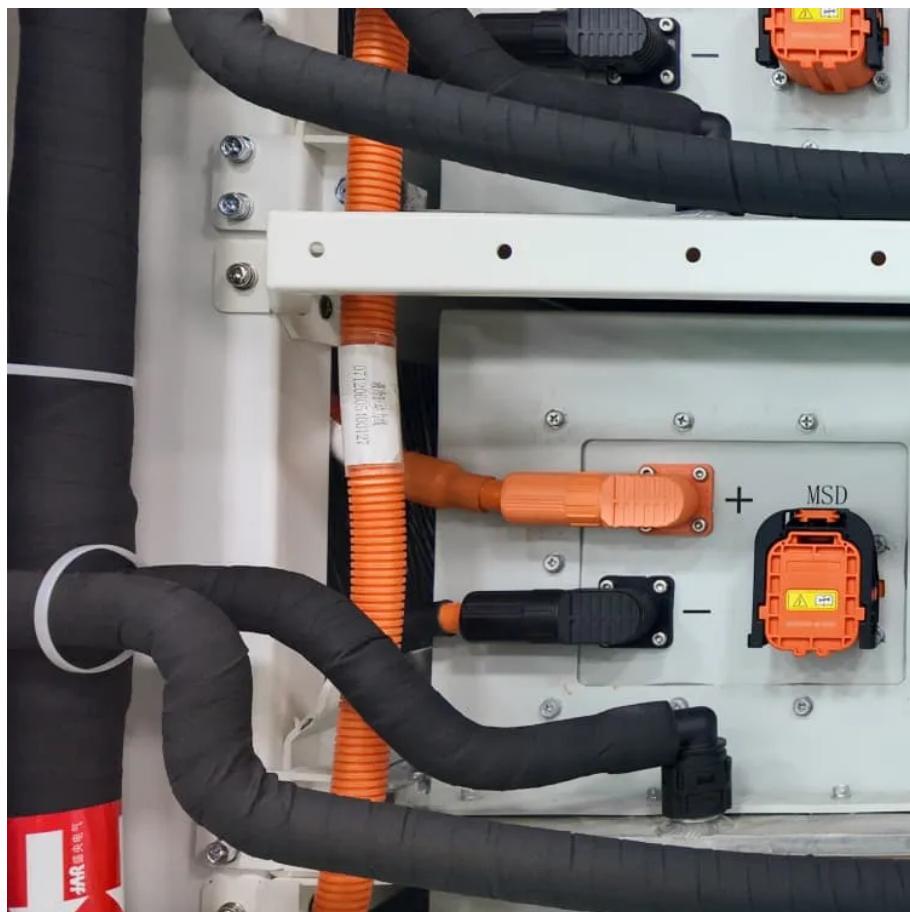




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# Base station wind power source load calculation





## Overview

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**Wind Load Calculation** Wind load is calculated using the following equation:  $F_w = 1/2 C_d \rho A (V^2) \lambda$  Where:

- $F_w$  = Force due to wind (lbf, N)
- $\rho$  = Air Density (.075lb/ft<sup>3</sup>, 1.22 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)
- $C_d$  = Profile Drag Coefficient (from text or experimental data)
- $\lambda$  = Length/Width Aspect Ratio Correction Factor
- $V$  = Wind Velocity (ft/s, m/s)
- $A$  = Cross Sectional Area Normal to wind direction (length\*width) (ft<sup>2</sup>, m<sup>2</sup>)

Table 1. Do base station antennas increase wind load?

Base station antennas not only add load to the towers due to their mass, but also in the form of additional dynamic loading caused by the wind. Depending on the aerodynamic efficiency of the antenna, the increased wind load can be significant. Its effects figure prominently in the design of every CommScope base station antenna.

What is a base station antenna wind load working group?

Established a base station antenna wind load working group. This working group has organized several workshops with multiple antenna manufacturers and carriers to normalize wind load standards and wind load calculation methods in the antenna industry. The standardized method of calculating the base station antenna.

How is the wind load calculated?

**THE PRINCIPLE OF THE WIND LOAD DETERMINATION** Due to the radiation-optimised shape of Kathrein's base station antennas, the wind load is calculated in compliance with the standard on the basis of a body with a rectangular cross section with rounded-off corners. All the variables which appear in the calculation are defined in detail below.

How do you calculate wind load on an antenna?

The drag coefficient is a key component in calculating wind load on an antenna. Its value varies for each antenna shape and must be determined experimentally or with the aid of Computational Fluid Dynamic (CFD) analysis.



If the drag force on an antenna is known, the antenna's drag coefficient can be calculated using the following equation.



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