

## AERIEL ADVANTAGE

It's that same old scenario. Picture it. Pilot: 'Where is the retrieve?' You call again and again, but there's nothing. If only you were a little higher... maybe stand on the basket, or climb to the top of the hill, maybe you can get better reception, maybe.

Meanwhile. Crew: 'Where's my pilot? Why isn't he answering? I'm sure he's down, but where? Is he in the next valley? He's not responding.'

Well, Lindstrand is selling an aerial that improves the range of your airband radios considerably. Under test where it matters, on the ground in a retrieval situation, two Icom A2 radios with standard rubber aeriels were used. The retrieve drove off and continued driving until all communication was lost. The aeriels were then swapped over and crystal clear communication was restored. The retrieve carried on until communication was again unreadable and this time they were twice the distance.

Tested in the air, distances over 50 miles were achieved.

Because they are made from aluminium, the aeriels weigh the same as the standard aerial and also protect the airband connection on the set top from undue strains produced by whip forces in landing.

The aeriels can be directly fitted to the top of any airband radio with a BNC aerial connection, and they come with a patch lead and connector to enable them to be tucked somewhere discreet such as up a leg leather or cable-tied into the basket. Lindstrand also makes a neat basket tidy/sidewall pad that has a sleeve sewn in for the aerial.

It costs £19.95 plus VAT and postage from Lindstrands. Call Mike Webb on 01691 67171 or see <[www.lindstrand.co.uk/aerials.htm](http://www.lindstrand.co.uk/aerials.htm)>.





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