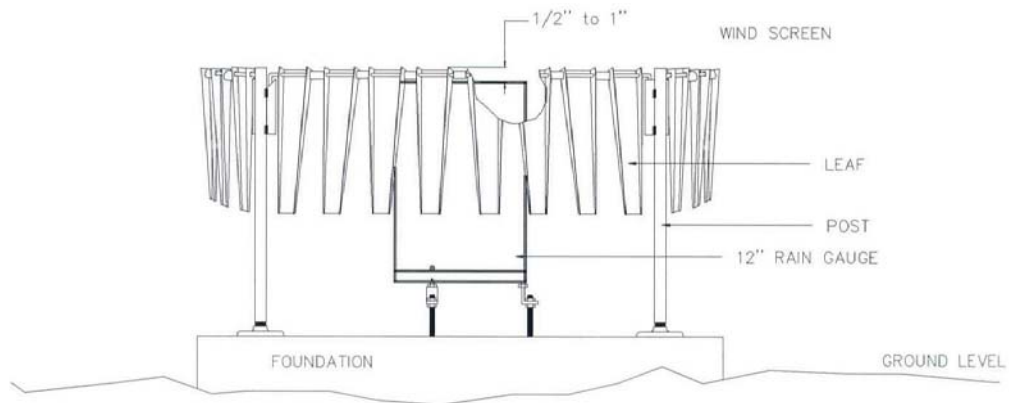




260-953 Alter-Type Wind Screen
for Tipping Bucket Rain Gages

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Area:	1 in ² (square inch) = 645 mm ²
Length:	1 in. (inch) = 25.4 mm 1 ft (foot) = 304.8 mm 1 yard = 0.914 m 1 mile = 1.609 km
Mass:	1 oz. (ounce) = 28.35 g 1 lb (pound weight) = 0.454 kg
Pressure:	1 psi (lb/in ²) = 68.95 mb
Volume:	1 US gallon = 3.785 litres

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260-953 Alter-Type Wind Screen for Tipping Bucket Rain Gages

1. Introduction

The 260-953 is a wind screen for our tipping bucket rain gages that can minimize the effect of strong winds on the rain measurements. It includes 32 leaves that swing as the wind moves past them. The leaves are evenly spaced on a 48-in.-diameter ring. The ring is comprised of four quadrants. Each quadrant mounts onto 36-in.-long posts made of galvanized-steel pipe.

The 260-953 should be installed so that the top edge of the rain gauge funnel is ½ in. to 1 in. below the top edge of the wind screen leaves. Typically, the wind screen is mounted onto the concrete pad that also supports the rain gage. However, concrete piers or wooden supports can also be used. To function properly, both the rain gage and wind screen need to be installed correctly.

2. Specifications

Type: Alter

Manufacturer: Novalynx

Leaves:

Number: 32

Material: zinc-plated 20-gauge steel

Width: 3 in. (7.6 cm)

Length: 16 in. (40.6 cm)

Posts:

Number: four

Length: 3 ft (0.9 m)

Material: galvanized steel

Ring Installed Diameter: 4 ft (1.2 m)

Spacers: 3/4-in. EMT

Installed Height: 3 ft (0.9 m)

Shipping Weight: 45 lbs (20.4 kg)

3. Installation

The tipping bucket rain gage is typically installed before the wind screen (refer to the rain gage's manual for installation procedures).

3.1 Site Considerations

The foundation size must be at least 4 ft x 4 ft if the same concrete or wooden foundation is used for both the wind screen and tipping bucket rain gage (see Figure 3-1). A larger area may be desirable to more easily access the wind screen and tipping bucket rain gage.

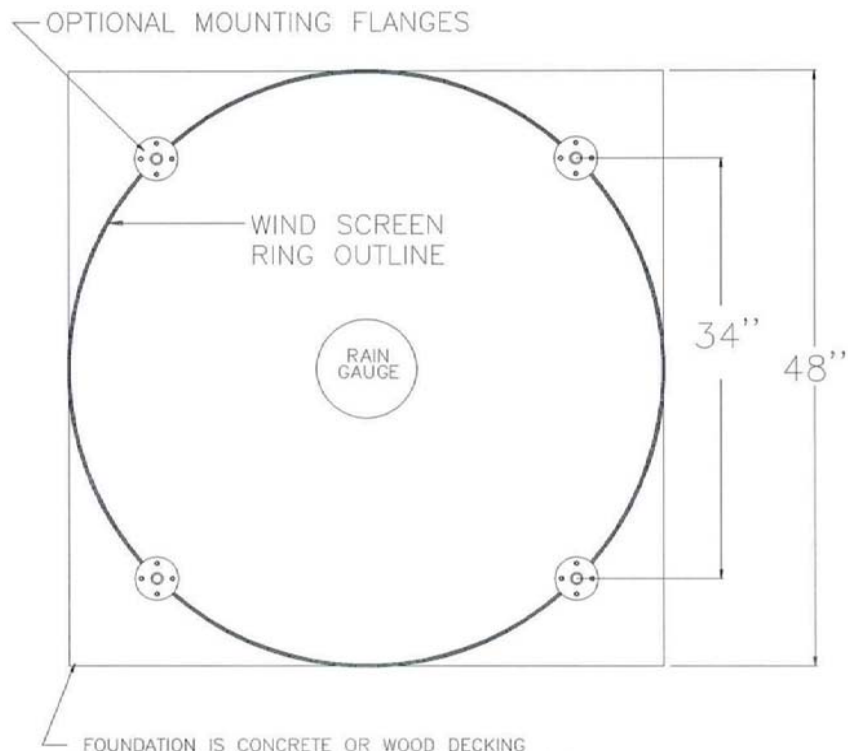


FIGURE 3-1. Foundation Size and Post Placement

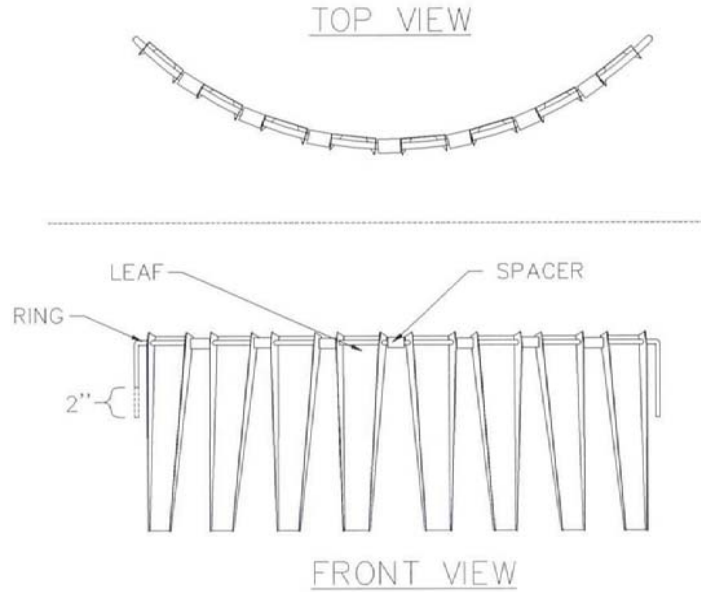
Sites where there is open ground between the wind screen and the rain gage should be cleared of weeds or grass. A gravel path is recommended to permit access to the rain gage during wet conditions.

3.2 Ring Assembly

On each ring quadrant, alternate the wind screen leaves and spacers as shown in Figure 3.2. The leaves should be installed so that the flat sides of the leaves will face the rain gage.

CAUTION

The wind screen leaves have very sharp edges. Use leather gloves while handling the leaves, and avoid brushing against them.



NOTES:

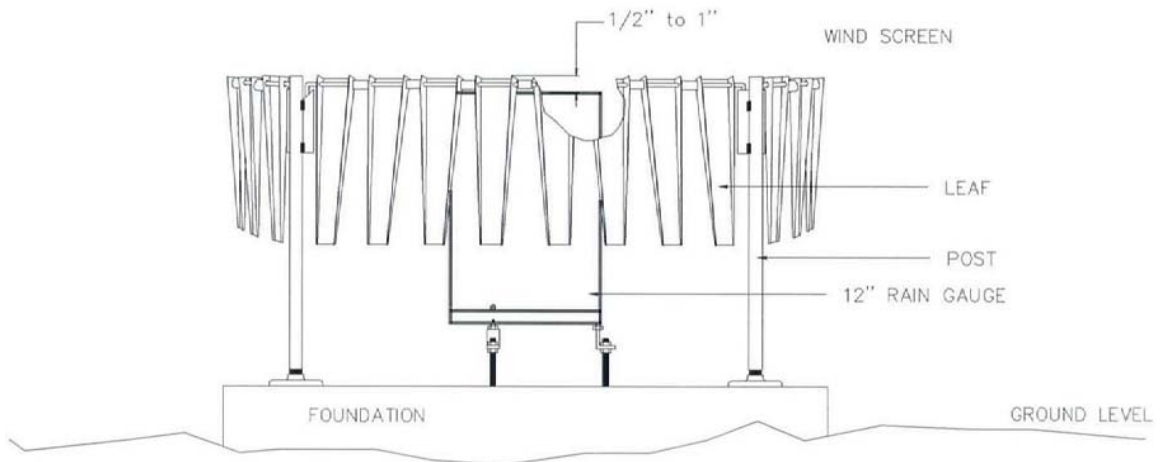
1. Typical of three quadrants.
2. Gate quadrant has left vertical rod that is 2" shorter.

FIGURE 3-2. Leaf and Spacer Assembly

3.3 Posts

Spacing between the wind screen posts is 34 in. (see Figure 3-1). If a concrete foundation is used, the posts can be directly embedded into the concrete.

To ensure the proper height, assemble the wind screen (see Section 3.2) and temporarily install it at its desired location. If the posts are too short to obtain the correct height (1/2 in. to 1 in. above rain gage), use pipe couplings and extension pipes to increase the height (see Figure 3.3).



NOTES:

1. Rain gauge shown in bold lines.
2. Cutaway shows spacing between top of wind screen and top of rain gauge.

FIGURE 3-3. Properly Installed 260-953

Each post has a 3/4-in. NPT thread at one end (see Figure 3.4). If the posts are to be directly embedded into the concrete, use a floor flange on the end of each post as an anchor to help prevent it from pulling out of the concrete. Short pieces of pipe with threaded couplers may also be embedded into the concrete, allowing the posts to be threaded directly into the concrete. The posts should be leveled vertically during installation.

3.4 Gate

One of the posts has a 45° notch cut out of it. This post is for the wind screen gate (see Figure 3.4), which is used to access the tipping bucket rain gage. Plan the installation so that the gate is at the desired location for accessing the rain gage.

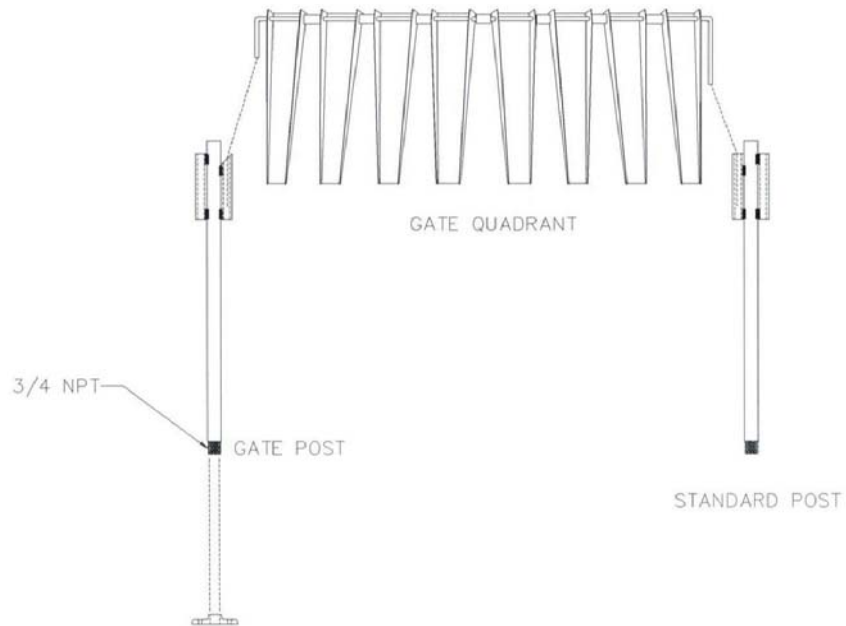


FIGURE 3-4. Gate Quadrant Mounted onto Posts

3.5 Mounting the Ring Quadrants onto the Posts

Two people typically are required to lift the ring quadrants and place them onto the posts. Each end of the ring quadrant has a rod. These rods fit into the short pieces of pipe that are welded onto the posts (see Figure 3.4). The gate quadrant has a shorter rod that fits into the post with a 45° notch (see Figure 3.4).

The posts may need to be flexed slightly to fit the ring quadrants. After the ring quadrants have been installed, inspect each leaf to ensure that it can swing freely.

4. Maintenance

Refer to your tipping bucket rain gage manual for tipping bucket rain gage maintenance.

CAUTION

Avoid brushing against the wind screen leaves while servicing the rain gage. Removal of the wind screen while servicing the rain gage can help avoid injuries caused by the leaves' sharp edges. Use leather gloves while handling the wind screen.

Keep weeds, grass, and other plants from growing into and interfering with the rain gage and wind screen leaves. Remove any debris and dirt that may have accumulated onto the surfaces of the leaves.

Inspect the wind screen parts for rust, and wire brush rusted areas.

NOTE

The wind screen components can be spray painted or cold galvanized to help prevent rust.

Check the posts and flanges for loose mounting hardware.

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