

# My Go2 Antenna Review

Hi Bob and Laura

I wanted to let you know that I have finally written a short review of the Go2 antenna. It performed great at our Sun City Amateur Radio Field Day last week and it looks good in the yard too.

Review:

I have been playing with the Go2 antenna for a few months now and it has been great. First...it comes in a neat case that makes the whole package self-contained. Everything you need is in the bag. Second...it sets up in 5 minutes or less...no kidding. It is easy to set up and easy to get on the air. Third...it needs virtually no tuning. I admit that I use a small tuner just because I like to tweak the SWR to as perfect as I can get it...but I tried the antenna on several bands and it was doing just fine without the tuner.

The first time I set the Go2 up, I was in northern Alabama at a state park using my IC-705. I immediately heard a fellow in Germany...and then later that day a contact in Oregon. Those were the furthest away but we had many more contacts that day...at just 5w of power. Perhaps the propagation was just right but it sure performed great and the signal reports I was getting were very good. Other operators were surprised that I was on a QRP rig. Last weekend, for Amateur Radio Field Day, our club used the Go2 as our primary HF antenna for SSB. We had a 100w IC-7100 on 20 meters and we were making great contacts from all over the US. Of course with only 100w it was hard to break into some of the pile ups, but that is the nature of contests. We had solid contacts all day, and in a head-to-head comparison, the Go2 antenna performed better than the OCF dipole we had also rigged up for the day.

Finally, in the yard of my HOA-restricted community, I have one of the ground rods disguised as an insect pollinator house. No one has said one thing about it. And when I am ready to use the radio, I just run the coax, pop the antenna on the other ground rod that I leave in the yard, and then I am off and running. I have attached some pictures of our insect house ground rod.

All in all, the Go2 antenna has now become my go-to antenna for QRP ops, both at home and when my wife Melody, K4ADF, and I are on the road. We are very impressed with how easy it is to use and the great sound quality we are getting with it. Great work TN07!!!

73

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**Go2 in use at Field Day 2021**