



I purchased my DB42, brand new, back in 2013; it has been on a 65 feet, self-supporting tower, for 10 years now and working flawlessly, with one exception. About 5 years ago, during a contest in mid-January, an operator decided to switch from 40M to 20M and back to 40M without waiting for the motors to complete their cycle. A -25C temperature, combined with a sudden change of direction caused the center EHU to fail. I had to wait until the following May to bring down the antenna and change the EHU. Since the beam was on the ground, I repainted the elements and did a thorough check. It's been working very well since.

The 2 element SteppIR Yagi was purchased used, 4 years ago, from a ham that used it a few years under very harsh condition around the 55th parallel; very cold temperatures and high winds. I am amazed at the performance of only 2 elements at 40 feet, particularly during contests.

I previously built a major station with 7 towers and monobanders from 40M to 6M. The SteppIR technology is an excellent compromise in price and performance; taking the time and following the instructions carefully when assembling the beam is key. Took me about 80 hours over a month to complete the job on the DB42 and, so far so good. At first, service from the factory was spotty but recent upgrades with controllers were met with rapid and expeditious replies.

