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Abstract: A novel design procedure is proposed to overcome the narrow bandwidth characteristic of the monopole antenna. Having sections with different lengths and radii as well as adding loads at two points along the antenna makes it permissible to optimize the radiation efficiency and bandwidth of the monopole antenna. Particle swarm optimization (PSO) technique is used to determine the load values, their respective locations and the elements of the matching network. A bandwidth ratio of 5:1 within the frequency range of 100-500 MHz is achieved. The total length of the antenna is 35 cm and the matching network is capable of handling RF power up to 100 W. The whole system is simulated with CST and ADS software. Measurement results of the fabricated antenna are in good agreement with simulations.

Key words: Monopole antenna, Matching circuits, Wideband antenna, Omni directional

1. Introduction: Mobile systems take advantage of antennas with an omnidirectional radiation pattern for full azimuth coverage. Throughout the frequency band of operation, the antenna gain should be maximized in the horizontal plane and the VSWR value should be minimized. For the ground-wave transmission at medium and low frequencies, the vertical polarization has considerably less attenuation compared to the horizonal polarization. Therefore, vertical polarization is preferred in many mobile systems, particularly for vehicular applications. We should mention that the monopole antennas are used as the feed for cavities [1] and come also in microstrip form [2-3]. Non-resonant antennas, such as helical and biconical antennas, have a length of two or more wavelengths and therefore they are not suitable for mobile applications at

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