MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

Address: 7312 Willow Ave., Takoma Park Meeting Date: 3/6/2024

Resource: Contributing Resource **Report Date:** 2/28/2024

Takoma Park Historic District

Applicant: Tina Crouse **Public Notice:** 2/21/2024

Solar Energy World, Agent

Review: HAWP Tax Credit: No

Case Number: 1055350 Staff: Dan Bruechert

Proposal: Solar Panel Installation

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Historic Preservation Commission <u>approve with one (1) condition</u> the HAWP application:

1. The solar panel in the northeast corner of the front roof slope shall be eliminated from the proposal. Revised plans showing this panel removed from the roof plan shall be submitted to Staff. Final approval authority to verify this condition has been satisfied is delegated to Staff.

PROPERTY DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource to the Takoma Park Historic District

STYLE: Craftsman DATE: 1923



Figure 1: The subject property is located in the middle of the block on the northern side of Willow Avenue.

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to install 20 (twenty) roof-mounted solar panels.

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

The Historic Preservation Office and Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) consult several documents when reviewing alterations and new construction within the Takoma Park Historic District. These documents include the historic preservation review guidelines in the approved and adopted amendment for the *Takoma Park Historic District (Guidelines)*, *Montgomery County Code Chapter 24A (Chapter 24A)*, and the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation (Standards)*, and the HPC's *Policy No. 20-01 ADDRESSING EMERGENCY CLIMATE MOBILIZATION THROUGH THE INSTALLATION OF ROOF-MOUNTED SOLAR PANELS*. The pertinent information in these four documents is outlined below.

Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines

There are two broad planning and design concepts which apply to all categories. These are:

- The design review emphasis will be restricted to changes that are all visible from the public rightof-way, irrespective of landscaping or vegetation (it is expected that the majority of new additions will be reviewed for their impact on the overall district), and
- The importance of assuring that additions and other changes to existing structures act to reinforce
 and continue existing streetscape, landscape, and building patterns rather than to impair the
 character of the historic district.

A majority of the buildings in the Takoma Park Historic District have been assessed as being "Contributing Resources." While these buildings may not have the same level of architectural or historical significance as Outstanding Resources or may have lost some degree of integrity, collectively, they are the basic building blocks of the Takoma Park district. They are important to the overall character of the district and the streetscape due to their size, scale, and architectural qualities, rather than for their particular architectural features.

Contributing Resources should receive a more lenient level of design review than those structures that have been classified as Outstanding. This design review should emphasize the importance of the resource to the overall streetscape and its compatibility with existing patterns rather than focusing on a close scrutiny of architectural detailing. In general, however, changes to Contributing Resources should respect the predominant architectural style of the resource.

The following guidance which pertains to this project are as follows:

- All exterior alterations, including those to architectural features and details, should be generally
 consistent with the predominant architectural style and period of the resource and should preserve
 the predominant architectural features of the resource; exact replication of existing details and
 features is, however, not required.
- Minor alterations to areas that do not directly front on a public right-of-way -such as vents, metal stovepipes, air conditioners, fences, skylights, etc. should be allowed as a matter of course; alterations to areas that do not directly front on a public right-of-way which involve the

- replacement of or damage to original ornamental or architectural features are discouraged but may be considered and approved on a case-by-case basis.
- Alterations to features that are not visible at all from the public right-of-way should be allowed as a matter of course.
- All changes and additions should respect existing environmental settings, landscaping, and patterns of open space.

Montgomery County Code, Chapter 24A-8

The following guidance which pertains to this project are as follows:

- (b) The commission shall instruct the director to issue a permit, or issue a permit subject to such conditions as are found to be necessary to ensure conformity with the purposes and requirements of this chapter, if it finds that:
 - (1) The proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of an historic site or historic resource within an historic district; or
 - (2) The proposal is compatible in character and nature with the historical, archeological, architectural or cultural features of the historic site or the historic district in which an historic resource is located and would not be detrimental thereto or to the achievement of the purposes of this chapter;
 - (6) In balancing the interests of the public in preserving the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit.
- (d) In the case of an application for work on an historic resource located within an historic district, the commission shall be lenient in its judgment of plans for structures of little historical or design significance or for plans involving new construction, unless such plans would seriously impair the historic or architectural value of surrounding historic resources or would impair the character of the historic district. (Ord. No. 9-4, § 1; Ord. No. 11-59.)

Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation

The Secretary of the Interior defines rehabilitation as "the act or process of making possible a compatible use for a property through repair, alterations, and additions while preserving those portions or features, which convey its historical, cultural, or architectural values." The applicable *Standards* are as follows:

- 2. The historic character of a property will be retained and preserved. The removal of distinctive materials or alteration of features, spaces and spatial relationships that characterize a property will be avoided.
- 9. New additions, exterior alterations, or related new construction shall not destroy historic materials that characterize the property. The new work shall be differentiated from the old and shall be compatible with the massing, size, scale, and architectural features to protect the historic integrity of the property and its environment.

10. New additions and adjacent or related new construction shall be undertaken in such a manner that if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the historic property and its environment would be unimpaired.

Historic Preservation Commission Policy No. 20-01: Addressing Emergency Climate Mobilization Through the Installation of Roof-Mounted Solar Panels

Now, THEREFORE:

WHEREAS, Historic Area Work Permit decisions are guided by the criteria in Section 24A, The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation, and pertinent guidance from applicable master plan amendments and/or site or district-specific studies;

WHEREAS, The Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation as interpreted by the National Park Service limit the placement of rooftop solar panels under Standards 2, 9, and 10 to less conspicuous locations;

WHEREAS, the County Council has established a Climate Emergency;

WHEREAS, the Historic Preservation is a body established by the County Executive and County Council;

WHEREAS, Section 24-8(b)(6) states, "In balancing the interest of the public in preserving the historic site or historic resource located within an historic district, with the interests of the public from the use and benefit of the alternative proposal, the general public welfare is better served by granting the permit;"

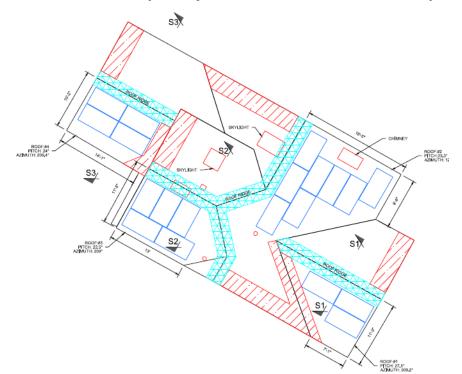
WHEREAS, the widespread use of solar panels, both for hot water and for electricity production, will reduce greenhouse gases in the county, in accordance with the aims of the Emergency Climate Mobilization resolution (Resolution No.: 18-974), it shall be the policy of the Historic Preservation Commission that:

- 1. The preferred locations for solar panel installation(s) on a designated historic site or an historic resource located within an historic district is a) on the rear of the property, b) on non-historic building additions, c) on accessory structures, or d) in ground-mounted arrays;
- 2. If it is not feasible to install solar panels in one of the identified preferred locations due to resource orientation or other site limitations; and,
- 3. The roof is determined to be neither architecturally significant, nor a character-defining feature of the resource, nor is it a slate or tile roof, that unless it can be demonstrated that the solar array will be installed without damaging the historic character of the resource or historic fabric; then
- 4. The public welfare is better served by approving a Historic Area Work Permit for solar panels on all visible side or front roof slopes under Section 24A-8(b)(6).

A Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) is required for all work referenced in this policy.

STAFF DISCUSSION

The subject property is a one-and-a-half-story craftsman bungalow with a side gable roof with a partial-width front gable front porch. The house has a small rear gable addition. The applicant proposes to



install a total of 20 (twenty) solar panels on the roof, in four different arrays (see layout, Figure 1 below).

Figure 2: Proposed solar panel layout.

Two of the proposed arrays will be behind the side gable and therefore will not be visible from the public right of way. The three-panel array on the south (left) porch roof slope and the eight panels on the front roof slope with both be visible from the right-of-way when viewed in the absence of vegetation. Staff finds the two arrays, comprised of nine total panels, proposed behind the roof gable will not be at all visible from the right-of-way and not have an impact on the character of the house or surrounding district and should be approved as a matter of course.

To further evaluate the proposed eleven panels, Staff is guided by the adopted solar panel policy. In this instance, the preferred panel locations are either not available or have already been utilized: there is not sufficient space to install a free-standing array, panels will fill the useful locations on the rear roof slope and the non-historic rear addition, and the small one-bay detached garage is blocked by the existing tree canopy. The provided roof heat map demonstrates the proposed locations on the front of the house and the porch's left roof slope are the locations that will generate the most electricity.

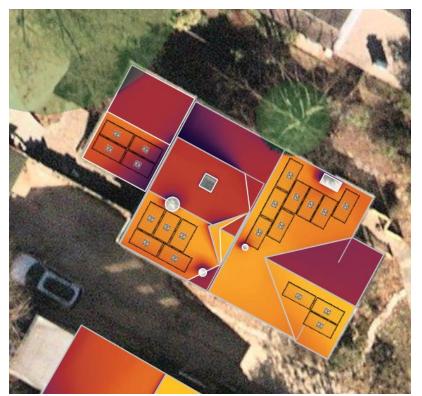


Figure 3: Roof heat map, showing the locations of the highest solar collection.

Staff finds the partial-width front gable porch is a character-defining feature of the house, but does not find the asphalt shingle roof is a historically significant material. Even though Staff finds the roof form is a significant feature of the house, Staff does not find the installation of the three solar panels, installed on 4" (four inch) tall brackets will substantially impair the porch's character.

The 8 (eight) panels proposed on the front-facing roof slope, to the right of the porch are arranged to avoid the front porch gable and the chimney on the left (north) side of the house. Staff finds this arrangement of these panels is incompatible with the objectives of the solar policy which aims to install the panels in an organized arrangement. Staff recommends the HPC require the removal of the panel in the northeast corner of the house (furthest to the right and shown in *Figure 4* below) as a condition for approval for the HAWP. This panel is placed out of alignment with the rest of the panels in this group and is the one closest to the front of the house.

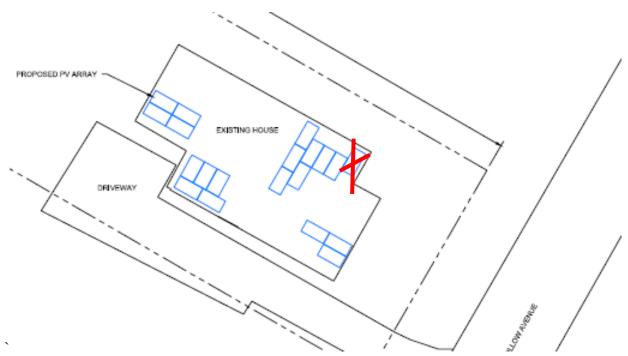


Figure 4: Staff recommends the identified panel be eliminated from the proposal as a condition for approval.

Staff acknowledges the adopted solar policy and its illustrated guidelines stress that the panels be "arranged in an organized configuration and avoid disjointed and multi-roof solutions." The subject property is a small bungalow with a low-pitched roof and, coupled with its orientation, the roof cannot accommodate all of the panels on a single roof slope. Future consideration of how to address this house type may be warranted, however, Staff does not find there have been enough approved solar projects on small complex roofed bungalows to create a useful sample size.

The applicant's accompanying letter shows that the proposed system will produce approximately 241 kWh (two hundred forty-one kilowatt hours) more than the current annual usage (9105 kWh of annual usage compared to 9346 kWh estimated production). With the elimination of the panel recommended by Staff, the proposed solar production will be 239 kWh (two hundred thirty-nine kilowatt hours) less than the annual usage. While the HPC is not concerned about meeting 100% of the electrical usage, they have demonstrated a desire to not have solar panels cover more roof than is necessary. Staff finds the proposed array is not unnecessarily large and recommends the HPC approve the HAWP with the proposed condition under 24A-8(6) and (d), and the HPC's adopted solar policy (20-01).

There are several 'Outstanding' resources in the area surrounding the subject property (see *Figure 5*, below), including one (7307 Wilson Ave.) that already has roof-mounted solar panels. These resources were all constructed in the 1920s and 1930s and received this designation category for their architectural integrity and/or design. Staff does not find the proposal under consideration for this HAWP will detract from the character of the streetscape nor will it detract from the character defining features of these 'Outstanding' resources.



Figure 5: Outstanding resources in the vicinity of the subject property (identified with a star) are shown with a +. Note: the house at 7307 Willow Ave (shown in the lower right corner) is an Outstanding resource with solar panels.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission <u>approve with one (1) condition</u> the HAWP application with final approval of all details delegated to staff:

1. The solar panel in the northeast corner of the front roof slope shall be eliminated from the proposal. Revised plans showing this panel removed from the roof plan shall be submitted to Staff. Final approval authority to verify this condition has been satisfied is delegated to Staff; under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(6), and (d), having found that the proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of the historic resource and is compatible in character with the district and the purposes of Chapter 24A;

and with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #2, #9, and #10;

and with the *Historic Preservation Commission Policy No. 20-01*;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present an electronic set of drawings, if applicable, to Historic Preservation Commission (HPC) staff for review and stamping prior to submission for the Montgomery County Department of Permitting Services (DPS) building permits;

and with the general condition that final project design details, not specifically delineated by the Commission, shall be approved by HPC staff or brought back to the Commission as a revised HAWP

application at staff's discretion;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the Historic Preservation Staff if they propose to make **any alterations** to the approved plans. Once the work is completed the applicant will contact the staff person assigned to this application at 301-563-3400 or dan.bruechert@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.

FOR STAFF ONLY: HAWP#__ DATE ASSIGNED____



APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION

301.563.3400

APPLICANT:	
Name: Tina Crouse	E-mail: + Crouse @ Solar energy world. com
Address: 1312 Willow Avenue	City: Takoma Park zip: 20912
Daytime Phone: 410-579-2009	Tax Account No.: 0/076/4/
AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):	
Name:Tira Crouse	E-mail: +crouse@Solarerwgyworld.com
Address: 14880 Sweitzer Lane	City: Laura Zip:21707
Daytime Phone: 40-579-2009	Contractor Registration No.: MHC
LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHP # of Histor	ic Property1055350
Is the Property Located within an Historic District?	Yes/District Name No/Individual Site Name
Is there an Historic Preservation/Land Trust/Environmentation from the Ea	ental Easement on the Property? If YES, include a
Are other Planning and/or Hearing Examiner Approvals (Conditional Use, Variance, Record Plat, etc.?) If YES, is supplemental information.	s /Reviews Required as part of this Application? nolude information on these reviews as
Building Number: 1312 Street:	Villaw Avenue
Town/City: Taluma Nearest Cros	ss Street: Valley VIEW avenue
Town/City: Takema Nearest Cross Lot: Block: Subdivision:	0025 Parcel:000
TYPE OF WORK PROPOSED: See the checklist on F for proposed work are submitted with this applica	Page 4 to verify that all supporting items ation. Incomplete Applications will not
be accepted for review. Check all that apply:	Shed/Garage/Accessory Structure Solar
New Construction Deck/Porch Addition Fence	Tree removal/planting
Addition	
Grading/Excavation Roof	Other:
I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the f	oregoing application, that the application is correct

and accurate and that the construction will comply with plans reviewed and approved by all necessary

agencies and hereby acknowledge and accept this to be a condition for the issuance of this permit.

Signature of owner or authorized agent

Description of Property: Please describe the building and surrounding environment. Include information on significant structures, landscape features, or other significant features of the property:

- Single family dwelling built in 1923.

Description of Work Proposed: Please give an overview of the work to be undertaken:

Install (20) roof mounted solar panels, 8.20 KW Install (20) micro inverters

- Galvanized steel conduit to run from exsistingmeter up to voot and into affic.

HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFING

[Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners]

Owner's mailing address

Nancy Hughes 7312 Willow Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912 Owner's Agent's mailing address

Ma Crowe 14880 Sweitzer Lane Laurd, MD 20707

Adjacent and confronting Property Owners mailing addresses

Kathleen Milton & Skven Fabry 7314 Willow Ave Takomalary, MD 20412

(Adajacent)

Nary BOOCKer 7311 Willow Are Takoma Pank MD 20912

across the street

7309 Willow Avenue, Takoma Park MD 20912

Michael Hamaide & Wendy Berger 7310 Willow Ave Takoma Park, MD 20912

(Adajacent)

Lawrence Lempert & Patricia Ricci 1313 Willow Ave Takoma Park, MD 2090

(across the street)

7313 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park MD 20912

7311 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park MD 20912

7309 Maple Avenue, Takoma Park MD 20912



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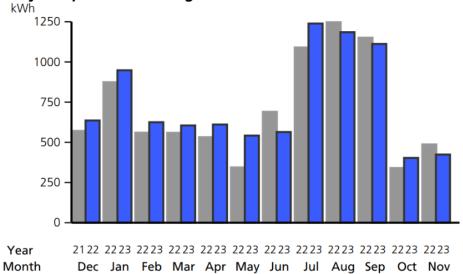
To whom it may concern,

• Justification of panels on the front of the house and heat map.

Monthly energy consumption for 7312 Willow AVE, Silver Spring, MD 20912 vs the proposed system monthly production

Your monthly Electricity use in kWh

Daily temperature averages: Nov 2022: 58° F Nov 2023: 56° F



Monthly Average Solar Access

Monthly Consumption and Production (kWh)





• The home had an annual usage of roughly 9,105 kWh in 2023. Our proposed system is estimated to have 9,346 kWh in annual production.

The panels will vary in production based on their location on the structure, but this estimated production for a 20-panel system breaks down to roughly 467 kWh per panel annually. The front two roof planes have an average of 480 kWh per panel annually. The back roof planes have an average of 451 kWh per panel annually. The panels on the front of the roof produce more than those on the back. The system production estimate of 11,361 kWh is 241 kWh larger than the consumption for the household. The 20 panel system helps provide a buffer for slightly higher energy consumption.

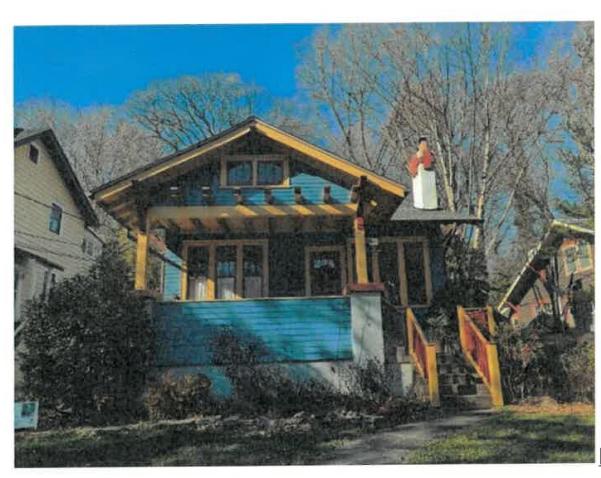
Heat Map.



Thank you,

Garrett Connors Design Engineer.

7312 WILLOW AVENUE

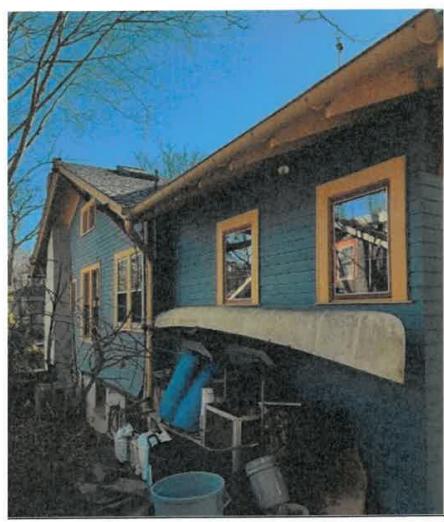


Front of House



Back of House

7312 WILLOW AVENUE



Right side of House



Left side of House

7312 WILLOW AVENUE

Utility Meter before Installation

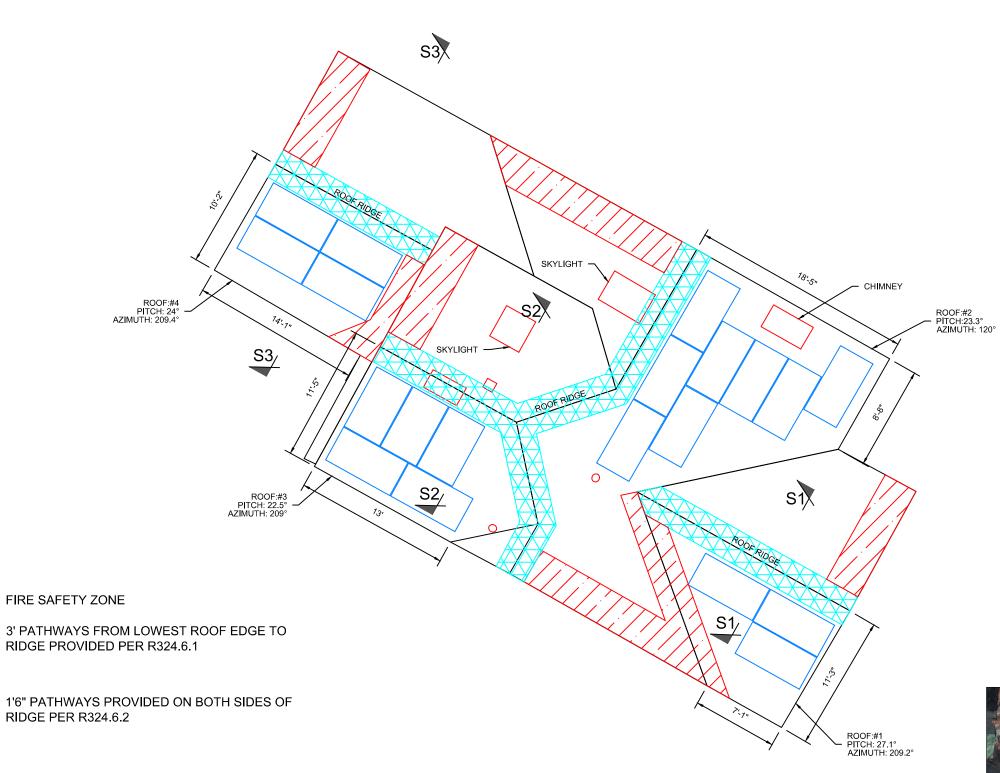


Utility Meter after Installation



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PLAN VIEW TOTAL ROOF AREA: 1792 SQFT

SOLAR ARRAY AREA: 414.00 SQFT

THE SOLAR ARRAY IS 23.1% OF THE PLAN VIEW TOTAL ROOF AREA

SOLAR PANEL LAYOUT Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"

1. THE SYSTEM SHALL INCLUDE (20) SILFAB SIL-410 BG.

2. SNAPNRACK TOPSPEED WILL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SNAPNRACK INSTALLATION MANUAL

3. REFER TO STRUCTURAL DRAWING FOR SECTIONS MARKED AND ADDITIONAL NOTES.



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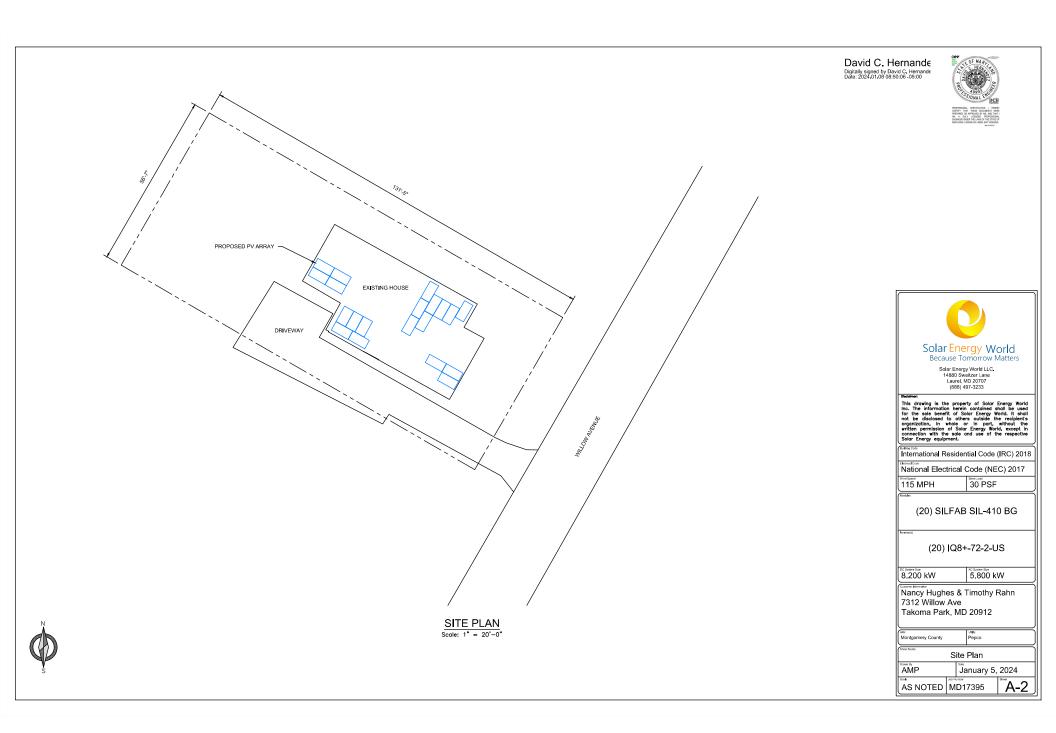
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Solar Panel Layout

AMP January 5, 2024

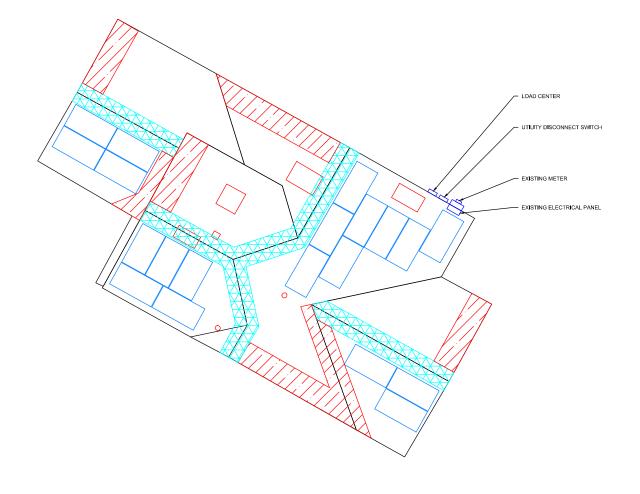






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EQUIPMENT LOCATION PLAN

NOTE:

EQUIPMENT LOCATION PLAN IS APPROXIMATE, EXACT LOCATION TO BE VERIFIED WITH INSTALLATION CREW AND HOME OWNER AT THE TIME OF INSTALLATION.



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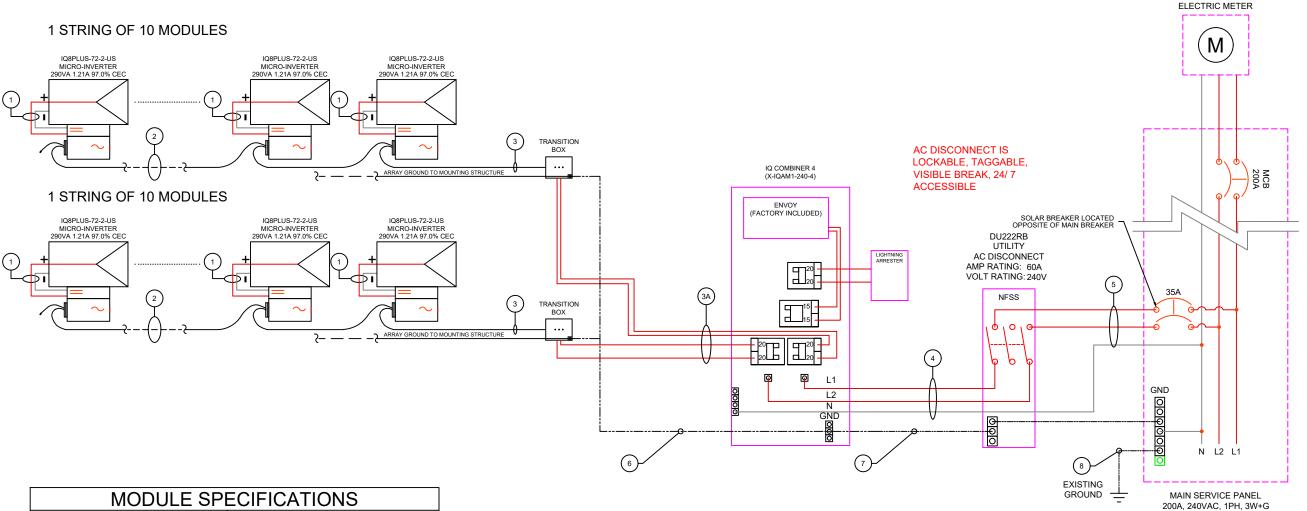
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Equipment Location Plan

January 5, 2024

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MODEL NUMBER		SIL-410 BG		
PEAK POWER		410 W		
RATED VOLTAGE (Vmpp)		38.07 V		
RATED CURRENT (Imp)		10.77 A		
OPEN CIRCUIT VOLTAGE (Voc)		45.92 V		
SHORT CIRCUIT CURRENT (Isc)		11.30 A		
MAXIMUM SYSTEM VOLTAGE		1000VDC		
INVERTER SPECIFICATIONS				
MODEL NUMBER	I	Q8PLUS-72-2-US		
MAXIMUM DC VOLTAGE	60 V			
MAXIMUM POWER OUTPUT		290 W		
NOMINAL AC VOLTAGE		240 VAC		
MAXIMUM AC CURRENT		1.21 A		
ARRAY DETAILS				
NO. OF MODULES PER STRING	10	10		
NO. OF STRINGS	1	1		
ARRAY WATTS AT STC	4100	4100		
MAX. VOLTAGE	480 V	480 V		
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WIRE/CONDUIT SCHEDULE ARRAY DESCRIPTION NOTES WIRE SIZE/TYPE 1 Panel to Micro Inverte PV Wire (Factory Made) NTEGRATED Pre-Manufactured Cable 3 Micro Inverter to Transition Box Pre-Manufactured Cable #10 THHN/THWN-2 INTEGRATED 3A Transition Box to Load Center 4 Load Center to AC Disconnect #8 Cu THHN/THWN-2 5 AC Disconnect to Interconnection Poin #8 Cu THHN/THWN-2 #8 Cu Bare Copper Wire 6 Equipment Grounding Conductor #8 Cu THHN/THWN-2 7 | Equipment Grounding Conductor #8 Cu 8 Grounding Electrode Conductor

3-LINE DIAGRAM

GENERAL ELECTRIC NOTES: NEC2017

- EQUIPMENT USED SHALL BE NEW, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
 EQUIPMENT USED SHALL BE UL LISTED, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.
 EQUIPMENT SHALL BE INSTALLED PROVIDING ADEQUATE PHYSICAL WORKING SPACE AROUND THE EQUIPMENT AND SHALL COMPLY WITH NEC.
- COPPER CONDUCTORS SHALL BE USED AND SHALL HAVE AN INSULATION RATING OF 600V, 90°C, UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED
- CONDUCTORS SHALL BE SIZED IN ACCORDANCE TO THE NEC. CONDUCTORS AMPACITY SHALL BE DE-RATED FOR TEMPERATURE INCREASE, CONDUIT FILL AND VOLTAGE DROP.
- ALL CONDUCTORS, EXCEPT PV WIRE SHALL BE INSTALLED IN APPROVED CONDUITS OR RACEWAY. CONDUITS SHALL BE ADEQUATELY SUPPORTED AS PER NEC.
- AC DISCONNECT SHOWN IS REQUIRED IF THE UTILITY REQUIRES VISIBLE-BLADE SWITCH.
- EXPOSED NON-CURRENT CARRYING METAL PARTS SHALL BE GROUNDED AS PER NEC.
- LINE SIDE INTER-CONNECTION SHALL COMPLY WITH NEC.
- 10. SMS MONITORING SYSTEM AND IT'S CONNECTION SHOWN IS OPTIONAL. IF USED, REFER TO SMS INSTALLATION MANUAL FOR WIRING METHODS AND OPERATION PROCEDURE.
- ASHRAE FUNDAMENTAL OUTDOOR DESIGN TEMPERATURES DO NOT EXCEED 47°C IN THE U.S. (PHOENIX, AZ OR PALM SPRINGS, CA)
- FOR LESS THAN 9 CURRENT-CARRYING CONDUCTORS IN ROOF MOUNTED SUNLIGHT CONDUIT USING THE OUTDOOR TEMPERATURE OF 47°C
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Electrical 3-Line Diagram

January 5, 2024

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Housing and Community Development Department

Main Office 301-891-7119 Fax 301-270-4568 www.takomaparkmd.gov



7500 Maple Avenue Takoma Park, MD 20912

MUNICIPALITY LETTER

January 10, 2024

To: Nancy Huges

7312 Willow Avenue

nancyhughes@verizon.net

(301) 891-0396

To: Department of Permitting Services

2425 Reedie Drive, 7th floor Wheaton, Maryland 20902

From: Planning and Development Services Division

THIS IS NOT A PERMIT – For Informational Purposes Only

VALID FOR ONE YEAR FROM DATE OF ISSUE

The property owner is responsible for obtaining all required permits from Montgomery County and the City of Takoma Park. If this property is in the **Takoma Park Historic District**, it is subject to Montgomery County Historic Preservation requirements.

Representative Name: Tina Crouse permitting@solarenergyworl 410-579-2009

Location of Project: 7312 Willow Avenue

Proposed Scope of Work: Install (20) roof mounted solar panels, 8.20 kW

The purpose of this municipality letter is to inform you that the City of Takoma Park has regulations and city permit requirements that may apply to your project. This municipality letter serves as notification that, in addition to all Montgomery County requirements, you are required to comply with all City permitting requirements, including:

- Tree Impact Assessment/Tree Protection Plan
- Stormwater management
- City Right of Way

Failure to comply with these requirements could result in the issuance of a Stop Work Order and other administrative actions within the provisions of the law. Details of Takoma Park's permit requirements are attached on page 2.

The issuance of this letter does not indicate approval of the project nor does it authorize the property owner to proceed with the project. The City retains the right to review and comment on project plans during the Montgomery County review process.

City Of Takoma Park

The City of Takoma Park permits for the following issues:

Tree Impact Assessment/Tree Protection Plan/Tree Removal Application:

Construction activities that occur within 50 feet of any urban forest tree (7 and 5/8" in trunk diameter or greater), located on the project property or on an adjacent property, may require a Tree Impact Assessment and possibly a Tree Protection Plan Permit. Make sure to submit a request for a Tree Impact Assessment and schedule a site visit with the City's Urban Forest Manager if any urban forest tree is in the vicinity of proposed construction activities. See the Tree Permits section of the City website for the specific conditions in which a Tree Impact Assessment is required. Depending on the Urban Forest Manager's conclusion following the Tree Impact Assessment, you may need to prepare a full Tree Protection Plan and apply for a Tree Protection Plan Permit as well. Separately, the removal of any urban forest tree will require a Tree Removal Permit application. The tree ordinance is detailed in the City Code, section 12.12. For permit information check: https://takomaparkmd.gov/services/permits/treepermits. The City's Urban Forest Manager can be reached 301-891-7612 urbanforestmanager@takomaparkmd.gov.

Stormwater Management:

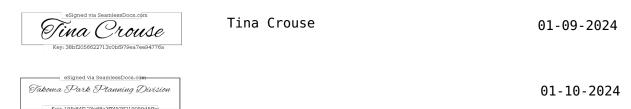
If you plan to develop or redevelop property, you may be required to provide appropriate stormwater management measures to control or manage runoff, as detailed in City Code section 16.04. All commercial or institutional development in the city must apply for a Stormwater Management Permit regardless of the size of the land disturbance. Additions or modifications to existing detached single-family residential properties do not require a Stormwater Management permit if the project does not disturb more than 5,000 square feet of land area. For more information visit: https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/public-works/stormwater-management-program/. The City Engineer should be contacted to determine if a City permit is required. The City Engineer can be reached at 301-891-7620.

City Right of Way:

- To place a construction dumpster or storage container temporarily on a City right of way (usually an
 adjacent road), you will need to obtain a permit. A permit is not required if the dumpster is placed in a
 privately-owned driveway or parking lot.
- If you plan to install a new **driveway apron**, or enlarge or replace an existing driveway apron, you need a Driveway Apron Permit.
- If you plan to construct a **fence** in the City right of way, you need to request a Fence Agreement. If approved, the Agreement will be recorded in the Land Records of Montgomery County.

For more information and applications for City permits, see: https://takomaparkmd.gov/services/permits/ or contact the Department of Public Works at 301-891-7633.

Failure to comply with the City's permitting requirements could result in the issuance of a Stop Work Order and other administrative actions within the provisions of the law.





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DATE: January 08, 2024

RE: 7312 Willow Ave, Takoma Park, MD 20912, USA

To Whom It May Concern,

As per your request, Exactus Energy has conducted a site assessment of the building at the above address.

PV solar panels are proposed to be installed on roof areas as shown in the submitted plans. The panels are clamped and attached to the roof decking with a rail-less mounting system. The PV system (PV modules, racking, mounting hardware, etc.) shall be installed according to the manufacturer's approved installation specifications. The Engineer of Record and Exactus Energy claim no responsibility for misuse or improper installation.

It was found that the roof systems satisfactorily meet the applicable code standards included in the IBC 2018,IRC 2018,IEBC 2018 and ASCE 7-16 as well as the design criteria shown below:

Design Criteria:

Risk Category = || **Exposure Category** = B

Wind speed = 115 mph Ground snow load =30 psfRoof dead load = 12 psfSolar system dead load = 3 psf

Overall, the roof systems integrity is adequate to support the PV alteration with no modifications or reinforcements as required per 2018 IEBC Sections 502.4 and 502.5.

This letter was completed in accordance to recognized design standards, professional engineering experience, and judgement. Prior to installation, the on-site contractor must notify Exactus Energy if there are any discrepancies, or damages to the members, that was not addressed in the plan set.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Acknowledged by:

David C. Hernandez Digitally signed by David C. Hernandez Date: 2024.01.08 17:47:26 -05:00





Solar Mounting Solutions

TopSpeed™ Mounting System

Installation Manual

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SnapNrack's primary goal is to provide our customers with the lowest possible installed cost for mounting residential solar modules, without compromising the values the industry has come to expect: ease of use, quality, aesthetics, and safety. Designing with this goal in mind, we are proud to present the SnapNrack TopSpeed™ mounting system with SpeedSeal™ Technology.

SnapNrack has created a ground breaking system combining great features and benefits we are known for, with our TopSpeed™ System and the most up to date technical innovation in the industry, thus reducing parts while driving down labor, material, and total installation costs. Designed to work with standard module frames, achieving UL 2703 Listing for Grounding/Bonding and Fire Classification, providing integrated wire management, aesthetics and our industry leading "Snap-In" features, SnapNrack is providing the simplest and most cost effective solar mounting solution on the market with TopSpeed™ including integrated fasteners and SpeedSeal™ Technology.

Advantages of Installing the SnapNrack TopSpeed™ System

Modules are installed with a minimum number of parts

This elimination of parts leads to a lower estimated system cost for both the installer and home owner.

Built in Wire Management and Aesthetics

Extensive wire management solutions have been designed specifically for the system that adapts to multiple possible mounting positions.

The system is designed to be aesthetically pleasing and sturdy with a skirt that provides considerable strength at the leading edge and an elegant look for those seeking high end looking systems.

SnapNrack TopSpeed™ includes SpeedSeal™ Technology

SpeedSeal™ Technology features integrated flashing. This eliminates loosening layers of composition and removing nails with a pry bar, leading to less damage to the roof, minimized potential roof leaks, and much faster installs.

TopSpeed™ Mounts attach Directly to the Decking

As well as all of the benefits associated with the standard SpeedSeal™ Technology, TopSpeed™ attaches to the roof sheathing and does not require rafter attachment. Simply attaching to the roof sheathing removes the requirement for finding rafters and drilling pilot holes, creating potential rafter misses that can cause leaks.

Project Plans

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TopSpeed™ Skirt Layout
TopSpeed™ Mount to Module Installation
TopSpeed™ Mount Skirt Installation
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MLPE Attachment
Module Installation
Grounding Specifications
Maintaining the Grounding Bonding When Removing a Module
Annendix A: List of approved Modules and MLPEs

Certification Details

SnapNrack TopSpeed™ mounting system has been evaluated by Underwriters Laboratories (UL) and Listed to UL Standard 2703 for Grounding/Bonding, and Fire Classification.

Grounding/Bonding

Only specific components have been evaluated for bonding, and are identified as being in the ground path. The TopSpeed™ components that have been evaluated for bonding are the Mount Assembly (Mount Clamp Top, Module Clamp Tower, Angle Bracket), Clamp Assembly, Universal Skirt, Universal Skirt Clamp, Ground Lugs, and Smart Clips.

Universal Skirt Spacers, Mount Channel Nut, and Mount Base are not required to be bonded to the system based on the exceptions in clause 9.1 of UL 2703 1st Ed. Wire management clips are utilized to route conductors away from these components and must be assembled according to the instructions.

This mounting system may be used to ground and/or mount a PV module complying with UL 1703 or UL 61703 only when the specific module has been evaluated for grounding and/or mounting in compliance with the included instructions. See Appendix A for the list of modules tested for use with the TopSpeed™ System for integrated grounding.

Ground Lugs have been evaluated to both UL 467 and UL 2703 Listing requirements. The following ground lugs have been approved for use: SnapNrack model 242-92202, and Ilsco models GBL-4DBT and SGB-4.

The following components have been evaluated for bonding as the fault current ground path: TopSpeed™ Mount Assembly, (Mount Clamp Top, Module Clamp Tower, Angle Bracket), Clamp Assembly, Wire Management Clips, and Ground Lugs. In order to maintain the Listing for bonding, wire management clips must be assembled to route conductors away from parts that have not been evaluated for bonding.

A Listed (QIMS) and Unlisted Component (KDER3) grounding lug, SnapNrack part no. 242-92202, is attached to the module frame flange for the normal attachment of a Grounding Electrode Conductor, which provides bonding within the system and eventual connection to a Grounding Electrode, as required by the U.S. NEC. Details of part no. 242-92202 can be found in Volume 1, Section 4, and Volume 2, Section 2. When this method is used, the grounding symbol is stamped onto the body of the ground lug to identify the grounding terminal.

An alternate method of grounding, a UL Listed (KDER and QIMS) grounding lug, Ilsco (E34440 and E354420) model SGB-4 is attached to the module frame flange. When this method is used, the grounding terminal is identified by the green colored screws of the lug.

An alternate method of grounding, a UL Listed (KDER and QIMS) grounding lug, Ilsco (E34440 and E354420) model GBL-4BDT is attached to the module frame flange through the specified hardware and torque values. When this method is used, the grounding terminal is identified by the green colored set screw of the lug.

An alternate method of grounding, Enphase R/C (QIKH2)(QIMS2) model M250, M215 & C250 is bonded to the Listed PV module frame by the Enphase R/C (QIMS2) Model EFM-XXMM anodization piercing mounting/clamping kit. The total roof-mounted PV system is bonded (modules and microinverters) together and the assembly is bonded to ground through the Enphase R/C (QIMS2) Engage Cables; Model ETXX-240, ETXX-208 or ETXX-277, when properly grounded at the service entrance. R/C (QIMS2), Dynoraxx (E357716) photovoltaic bonding device cat. no. Dynobond is an optional component that may be used with this system. The Dynobond device has been evaluated to provide module to module bonding. The Dynobond device attaches to the frame flange of adjacent modules Listed (QIMS), SnapNrack MLPE Frame Attachment Kit model 242-02151 has been investigated to bond approved MLPE device back plates to frames of modules.

Fire

SnapNrack TopSpeed™ has been investigated for a Class A System Fire Classification for Steep-Sloped and low sloped roofs with Type 1 and Type 2 modules. Because the system was tested at 5 inches above the test roof fixture, TopSpeed™ can be installed without any height restrictions due to System Fire Classification. See Appendix A for potential module-specific height restrictions due to module temperature. The Skirt is considered an optional component with respect to Fire Classification, as SnapNrack TopSpeed™ maintains the same Fire Classification Rating both with and without the skirt.

NOTE: Modules with an asterisk* have a fire rating that is different from Type 1, Type 2 or Type 29. SNR systems have only been evaluated for use with Type 1, Type 2, or Type 29 modules. Modules with a different fire type rating should be considered to not have been evaluated for use with SNR systems with respect to a system fire rating.

Inspection Practices

SnapNrack recommends a periodic re-inspection of the completed installation for loose components, loose fasteners, and any corrosion, such that if found, the affected components are to be immediately replaced.

TopSpeed™ Structural Components



TopSpeed™ Mount

SnapNrack TopSpeed™ Mount assembly including SpeedSeal™ base, clamp top, and (4) SnapNrack #14 SS Wood Screws with 1/2" Hex Head.



TopSpeed™ Clamp

SnapNrack TopSpeed™ Clamp assembly including including Link bottom, Link top, and springs.



Universal Skirt

SnapNrack Universal Skirt in double portrait or single landscape lengths.

Wire Managements Components



Skirt Spacers

SnapNrack Universal Skirt Spacer for 40mm, 38mm, 35mm, 32mm, and 30mm modules.



Smart Clip

Module frame cable clip, holds two PV wires or Enphase IQ-Cables.



Smart Clip XL

Module frame cable clip, holds six PV wires or four Enphase IQ-Cable.



Wire Saver

Designed to secure conductors that become loose and hang below the array, holds one conductor.

Grounding/MLPE Components



Ground Lug

SnapNrack Ground Lug assembly used for attaching the Equipment Grounding Conductor on to one module or any TopSpeed™ Mount per array. 5



MLPE Frame Attachment Kit

Attaches MLPEs (Module Level Performance Enhancers) and other related equipment to the module frame.

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Component Details

Hardware Torque Specifications

The recommended torque to be applied to components for proper assembly and bonding are as follows:

Hardware Description	Torque Specification
All TopSpeed™ ½" bolts; System Leveling Bolt, TopSpeed™ Mount Clamping Bolt, Clamp Bolt	16 ft-lb
Ground Lug model 242-92202 to Module Frame or anywhere on the TopSpeed™ Mount, and Ground Lug model 242-92202 to Grounding Electrode Conductor (6-12 SOL)	8 ft-lb
MLPE Frame Attachment Kit, MLPE Rail Attachment Kit	10 ft-lb
SolarEdge Frame Mounted Microinverter Bracket to Module Frame	11 ft-lb
Enphase Frame Mounted Microinverter Bracket to Module Frame	13 ft-lb
Ground Lug model SGB-4 to module	75 in-lb
Ground Lug model SGB-4 to Grounding Electrode Conductor (4-14 SOL or STR)	35 in-lb
Ground Lug model GBL-4DBT to module	35 in-lb
Ground Lug model GBL-4DBT to Grounding Electrode Conductor (10-14 SOL or STR)	20 in-lb
Ground Lug model GBL-4DBT to Grounding Electrode Conductor (8 SOL or STR)	25 in-lb
Ground Lug model GBL-4DBT to Grounding Electrode Conductor (4-6 SOL or STR)	35 in-lb

Site Survey

- Measure the roof surfaces and develop an accurate drawing, including any obstacles such as chimneys and roof vents.
- If plans for the roof structure are available, verify that the plans match the final structure.
- Identify any roof access or setback areas as required by the local AHJ.
- Identify any construction issues that may complicate the process of locating rafters from the roof surface.
- If you find structural problems such as termite damage or cracked rafters that may compromise the structure's integrity consult a structural engineer.

Design Guidance

- PV Designers should account for the 0.75 inch spacing between rows and columns of modules when creating the layout.
- Determine site conditions for calculating the engineering values, confirm site conditions and code versions comply with local AHJ requirements.
- Reference site conditions and system specifications in TopSpeed™ Structural Engineering Report to determine the number of attachments per module side.
- Insert SnapNrack installation details into design plan set specific to the project requirements.
- Draw roof attachment locations on plan set layout based on TopSpeed™ Structural Engineering.

Best Practice:

If environmental load conditions require three TopSpeed $^{\rm m}$ attachments per module side this is only required when modules share attachments.

- Identify homerun and Junction Box locations based on rooftop wiring requirements.
- Mark distance from array edge to identifiable roof feature in x and y axes.

- Always wear appropriate OSHA approved safety equipment when at active construction site.
- Appropriate fall protection or prevention gear should be used. Always use extreme caution when near the edge of a roof.
- Use appropriate ladder safety equipment when accessing the roof from ground level.

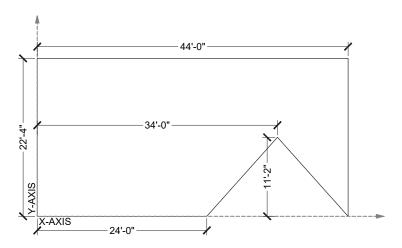
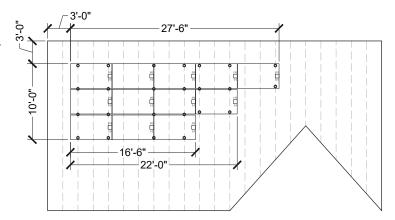


Image note: X-Axis described in this manual is cross-slope on the roof, Y-Axis is in line with the roof slope.



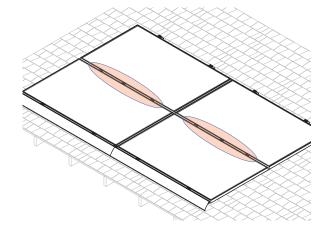


Image note: This four module array is installed in a high load configuration with three attachments per side where two modules share attachments. See highlighted area. As shown, three attachments are never required at the skirt or the top of the array.

⚠ Safety Guidance Continued

- Safety equipment should be checked periodically for wear and quality issues.
- Always wear proper eye protection when required.

Required Tools

- Socket Wrench/Impact Driver
- Torque Wrench

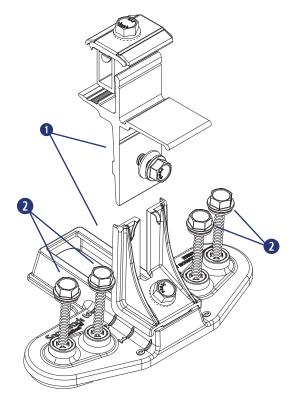
■ 1/2" Socket

Materials Included - TopSpeed™ System with SpeedSeal™ Technology

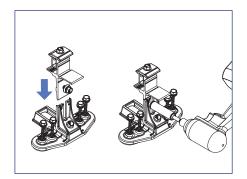
- (1) SnapNrack TopSpeed™ Mount
- (4) SnapNrack #14 Wood Screw with 1/2" Hex Head & sealing washer

Properties:

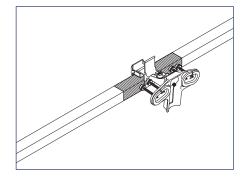
Attach all TopSpeed™ mounts as the modules are being prepped with MLPEs on the ground. Attach Mounts before attaching MLPEs to simplify wire management.



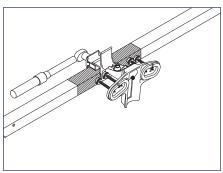
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



1) Assemble all TopSpeed™ Mounts required for the installation. Slide the clamp tower assembly into the angle bracket riser and tighten the leveling bolt to 16 ft-lbs.



2) Position TopSpeed™ Mount clamp on the module frame within the module manufacturers required clamping zone.



3) Tighten 1/2" clamping bolt to 16 ft-lb. Only two Mounts are required per module on one side.



Install Note:

For high load conditions add a third attachment in the middle of the module frame.

Required Tools

Roof Marking Crayon or Chalk
Tape Measure

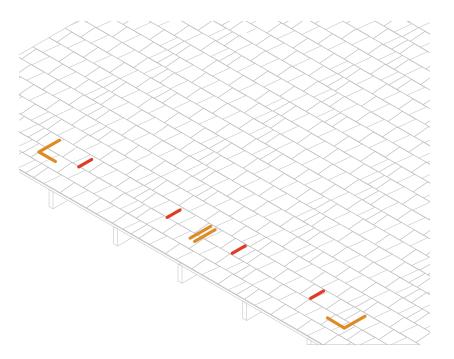
LAYOUT INSTRUCTIONS

1) Use a tape measure to verify that all modules will fit properly on the roof surface.

2) On the roof draw the layout for the skirt installation including module gaps (recommended 0.75 inch gap), bottom corners, and locations of the two TopSpeed™ attachments per module that clamp to the skirt. Three attachments per module is never required at the skirt.

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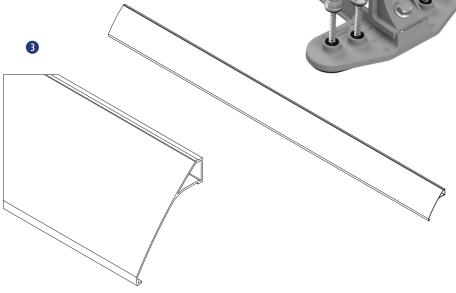
Required Tools

- Socket Wrench/Impact Driver
- Torque Wrench
- 1/2" Socket
- Roofing sealant

Materials Included - TopSpeed™ Mount with SpeedSeal™ Technology







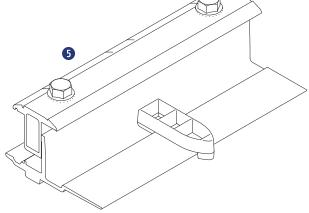






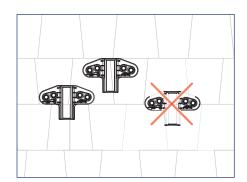




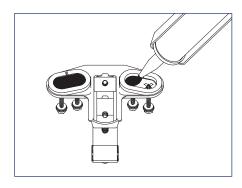


TopSpeed™ Mount Skirt Installation

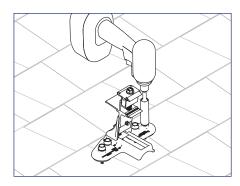
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



1) Install TopSpeed™ Mounts at locations drawn during the skirt layout. Mounts must be installed entirely on one course of composition.



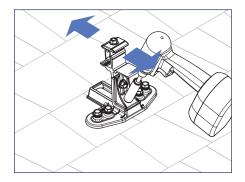
2) Fill both cavities on bottom of TopSpeed™ Mount created by SpeedSeal™ gasket with roof sealant to ensure a watertight seal.



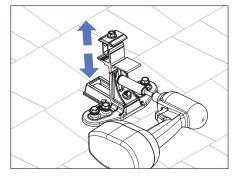
3) Attach TopSpeed™ Mount to roof using the (4) SnapNrack #14 Wood Screws with 1/2" hex head that are captured in the Mount.

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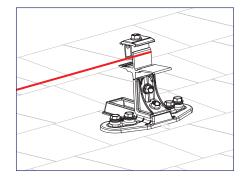
Roof sealant should be expelled from both vents of the TopSpeed™ Mount as it is installed to assure the proper amount of roof sealant has been applied. If sealant is not expelled from all four vents, remove TopSpeed™ Mount, add more sealant to the cavity, then reinstall.



4) Loosen Course Adjustment bolt and adjust end Mounts up or down until aligned with bottom edge of array as marked on the roof, then tighten the Course Adjustment bolt.



5) To set the TopSpeed™ Mount level loosen the Leveling bolt and move the clamp up or down, then tighten the Leveling bolt and torque to 16 ft-lb.



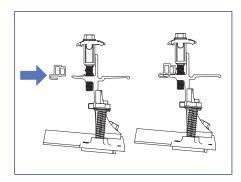
6) Pull string line tight from one corner mount to opposite corner mount to align and level all TopSpeed™ Mounts between the end mounts.

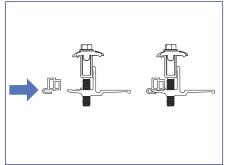


Use the string line alignment feature on Mounts to level and align the Mounts.

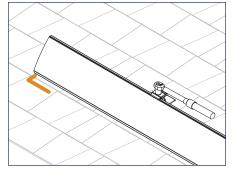
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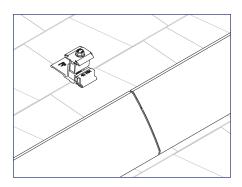


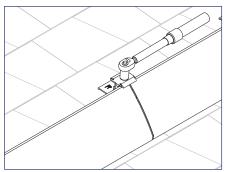


7) Universal Spacers will need to be added to Mounts and Clamps where Skirt will be installed.



8) Install Universal Skirt by holding the skirt in Mount, sliding Skirt to align with array layout marks, and clamping skirt into mount.





9) Use TopSpeed™ Clamps to connect multiple lengths of Array Skirt.



Optionally use Universal Links to connect lengths of Array Skirt.

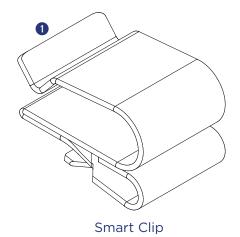
Required Tools

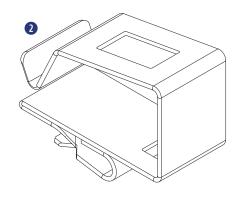
Socket Wrench ■ Torque Wrench ■ 1/2" Socket ■ Electrician Tools

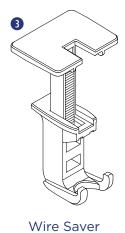
Materials Included

Smart Clips

- (1) Smart Clip [(2) PV Wire, (1) Enphase IQ Cable]
- (1) Smart Clip XL [(6) PV Wire, (4) Enphase IQ]
- (1) Wire Saver [(1) PV Wire]





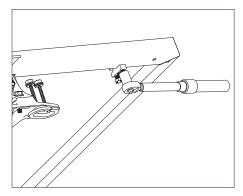


Smart Clip XL

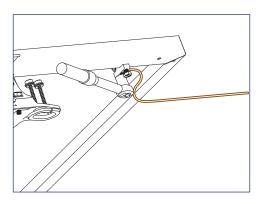
Wire Management

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS - GROUND LUG

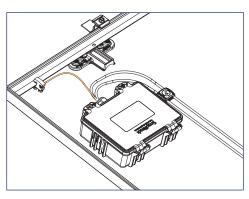
The SnapNrack Ground Lug to be used in accordance with the National Electric Code, ANSI/NFPA 70.



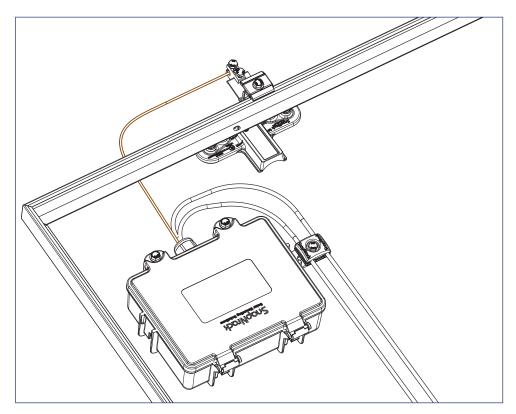
1) Ground Lug (242-92202) can be attached anywhere along the module frame or any TopSpeed™ Mount near the Junction Box. Torque module clamping bolt to 8 ft-lb.



2) Run 10 - 6 AWG, solid, bare copper GEC into Ground Lug channel, torque wire clamping bolt to 8 ft-lb.



3) Run bare, solid EGC from Ground Lug R to Junction Box, bond bare EGC to stranded EGC in Junction Box. For details on installing the Junction Box reference the **Junction Box Installation Manual.**

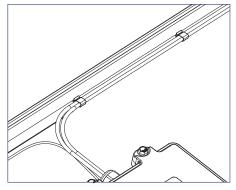


4) Optionally; Install Ground Lug on the Mount Landing Pad at the top of the array. Run bare copper between ground lug and Junction Box.

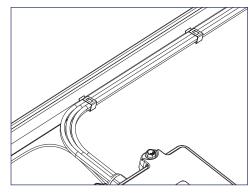
Wire Management

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS - SMART CLIPS

SmartClip and SmartClip XL should be used to route conductors in a neat and workmanlike manner away from all non-bonded components and support the conductors adequately to eliminate potential damage.



1) Use SnapNrack Smart Clip II to manage up two PV wires inside the module frame while prepping out the modules on the ground or installing modules on the roof.



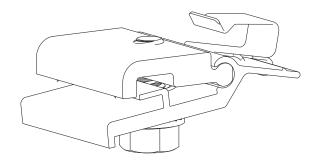
2) Use SnapNrack Smart Clip XL to manage larger bundles of PV wire; up to 6 PV wires per clip

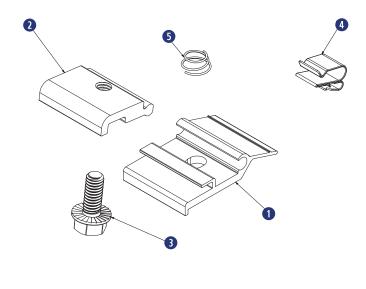
Required Tools

- Socket Wrench Torque Wrench 1/2" Socket

Materials Included - MLPE Rail Attachment Kit

- 1 (1) SnapNrack MLPE Frame Attachment Top
- (1) SnapNrack MLPE Frame Attachment Bottom
- (1) 5/16"-18 X 3/4" Serrated Flange Bolt SS
- 4 (1) SnapNrack Smart Clip
- 5 (1) SnapNrack MLPE Frame Attachment Coil Spring SS

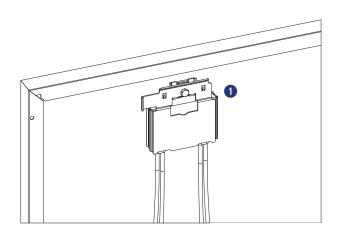




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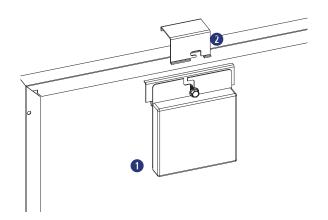
SolarEdge Frame Mount

1 (1) SolarEdge Optimizer w/ Frame-Mounted Module Add-On



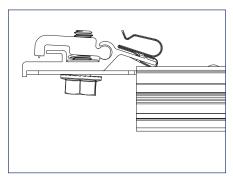
Enphase Frame Mount

- 1 (1) Enphase Microinverter
- (1) Enphase Frame Mount

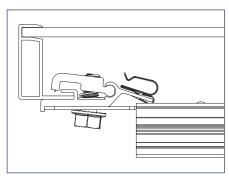


INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS - SNAPNRACK MLPE FRAME ATTACHMENT KIT

SnapNrack MLPE Frame Attachment kit are used to attach module level performance enhancing devices, and other devices such an SRD (rapid shutdown device), directly to module frames, and provide integrated grounding/bonding for Devices grounded through metal back plate. (Refer to the list of tested MLPE devices on page XX of this manual).

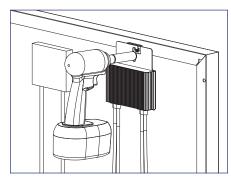


1) Slide the backplate channel of the MLPE device under the MLPE Frame Attachment Kit bolt. The MLPE mounting plate should rest against the MLPE mounting plate backstop on the MLPE Frame Attachment Kit.



2) Position the MLPE Frame
Attachment Kit on the module
frame flange in a location that
will not interfere with mounting
system components. The module
frame flange should rest against
the module flange backstop on the
MLPE Frame Attachment Kit.

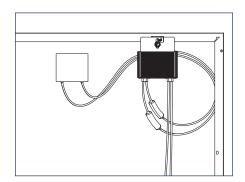




3) Tighten the mounting bolt on the MLPE Frame Attachment Kit to 12 lb-ft (144 lb-in).

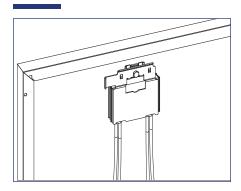


The MLPE Frame Attachment Kit bonds the following components: Module Frame, MLPE backplate and Smart Clip.

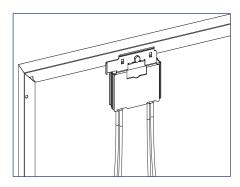


4) Connect the module leads to the input connectors on the MLPE device and manage conductors with the integrated Smart Clip.

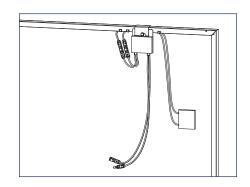
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS - SOLAREDGE FRAME MOUNT



1) Locate the SolarEdge optimizer with Frame-Mounted Module Add-On at a location on the module frame that will not interfere with the TopSpeed™ Mounts.



2) Install the optimizer mounting plate onto the module frame and tighten hardware to 11 ft-lbs.



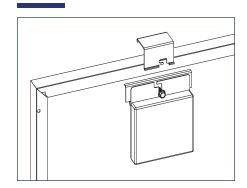
3) Connect the module leads to the input connectors on the optimizer and manage conductors with SnapNrack Smart Clips.



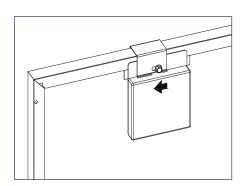
1 Install Note:

If module is mounted in portrait, install MLPE on long side, short side for landscape.

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS - ENPHASE FRAME MOUNT



1) Locate the Enphase Frame Mount bracket clamp at a location on the module frame that will not interfere with the TopSpeed™ Mounts.

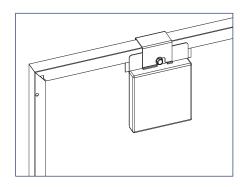


2) Slide the microinverter unit onto the bracket clamp, then move it slightly to the left.



Install Note:

The microinverter mounting flange should be on the outside of the module frame.



- 3) Tighten the hardware to 13 ft-lbs.
- 4) Connect module leads to microinverter DC connectors.



Install Note:

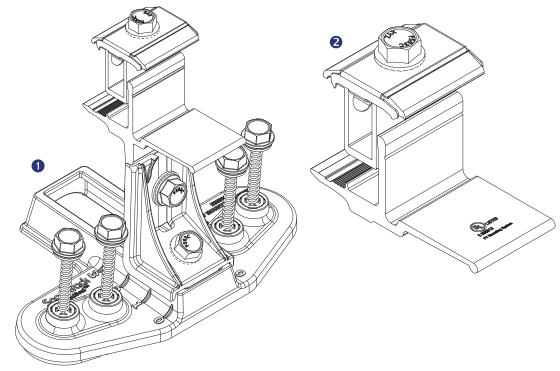
Refer to the Enphase Frame Mount installation guide for additional instructions.

Required Tools

- Socket Wrench
- Torque Wrench
- 1/2" Socket
- Roofing Sealant

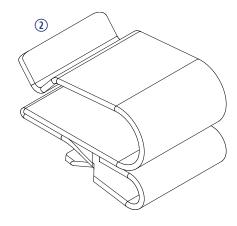
Materials Included

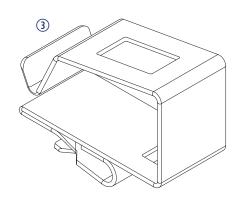
- SnapNrack TopSpeed™ Mount
- ② SnapNrack TopSpeed™ Clamp



Other Materials Required

- ② SnapNrack Smart Clip (2-5 per module) See Wire Management section for details
- 3 SnapNrack Smart Clip XL (10-20 per array) See Wire Management section for details





INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS - BOTTOM ROW

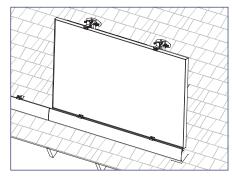
Recommended Best Practice:

Attach all TopSpeed™ mounts as the modules are being prepped with MLPEs on the ground. Attach Mounts before attaching MLPEs to simplify wire management.

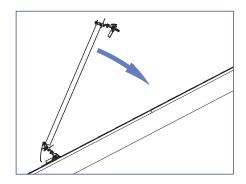
nstall Note:

It is recommended that module leads and connectors are prepared for installation using SnapNrack Smart Clips before being brought to the rooftop.

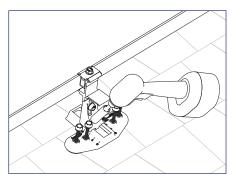
- With no MLPE, secure module leads to module frame to allow access to connectors while modules are installed
- Secure MLPE device to module frame with SnapNrack MLPE Frame Attachment Kit and connect module leads to MLPE, and manage leads by positioning connectors to allow access during installation

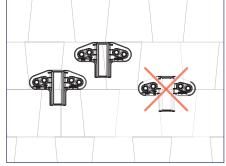


1) Rest downslope edge of module on the Mounts and/or Clamps position module so side edge is flush with marked edge of array layout or Skirt.

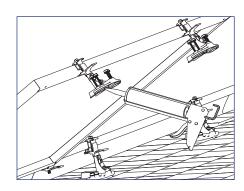


2) Lower upslope edge of module while simultaneously applying slight pressure to seat module into Mounts and/or Clamps.





3) When module is level with roof verify the Speedseal™ portion of the TopSpeed™ Mounts are positioned entirely on one course of composition. If required listen the 1/2" nut and adjust the base as needed then tighten the bolt.

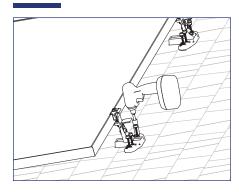


4) Lift the upslope edge of the module and fill the SpeedSeal™ reservoir with roofing sealant.

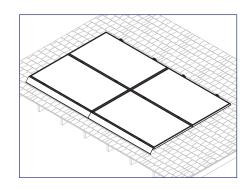
nstall Note:

Roof sealant should be expelled from both vents of the TopSpeed™ Mount as it is installed to assure the proper amount of roof sealant has been applied. If sealant is not expelled from all four vents, remove TopSpeed™ Mount, add more sealant to the cavity, then reinstall.

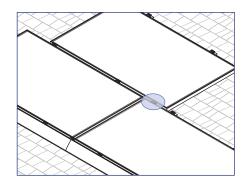
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS - BOTTOM ROW



5) Lower the module to the roof and drive the (4) pre installed Snapnrack #14 Wood Screws with 1/2" hex head into the roof sheathing.



6) Repeat steps 1 through 5 for additional modules in the array.



7) For staggered arrays and arrays with mixed orientation, use the TopSpeed™ Clamp as needed to support the modules.

When installing a TopSpeed™ Clamp for support of an over cantilevered module, the clamp shall be installed 2-6" from the edge of the upslope (cantilevered) module.

Install Note:

Roof sealant should be expelled from both vents of the TopSpeed™ Mount as it is installed to assure the proper amount of roof sealant has been applied. If sealant is not expelled from both vents, remove TopSpeed™ Mount, add more sealant to the cavity, then reinstall.

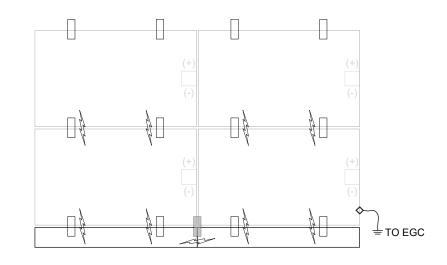
Grounding Specifications

GROUND PATH DETAILS

All TopSpeed™ components in the fault current ground path have been Certified to be used multiple times for grounding/bonding. The UL 2703 Listing does not specify a maximum number of uses for the Mount, Link, or Ground Lug. Review the requirements of the National Electrical Code (NEC) Article 250 to select the appropriate Equipment Grounding Conductor size based on the short-circuit current of the PV system.

When using Ground Lug R the following components are part of the fault current ground path:

- SnapNrack, TopSpeed[™] Mount
- SnapNrack, TopSpeed™ Clamp



GROUND PATH

EQUIPMENT GROUNDING CONDUCTOR

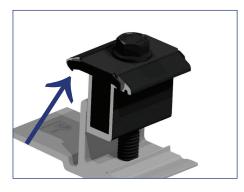
♦ GROUND LUG

TOPSPEED™ CLAMP

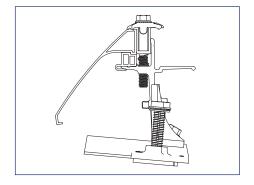
TOPSPEED™ MOUNT

ARRAY SKIRT

GROUNDING METHOD DETAILS

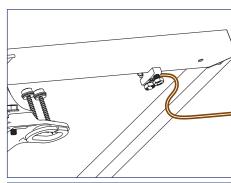


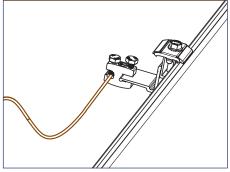
1) Row to row module bonding provided by bonding clips in Mount assembly and Clamp assembly.



2) Column to column bonding provided by Universal Skirt and bonding clips in the Clamp assembly and/or the RL Universal Link assembly.

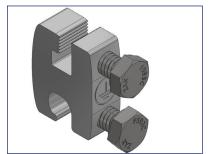
Module heights evaluated for bonding with Link Bonding Clamps: 40mm, 38mm, 35mm, 32mm, 30mm





3) Each continuous array is connected to Equipment Grounding Conductor through Ground Lug (242-92202) installed on one module per array.

Optionally; Install Ground Lug on the Mount Landing Pad at the top of the array.



GROUNDING MARKING DETAILS

The Ground Lug is marked with the ground symbol.

Maintaining the Grounding Bonding When Removing a Module

INSTRUCTION FOR MAINTAINING THE GROUNDING BONDING WHEN REMOVING A MODULE FOR SERVICING

CAUTION: Module removal may disrupt the bonding path and could introduce the risk of electric shock. Additional steps may be required to maintain the bonding path. Modules should only be removed by qualified persons in compliance with the instructions in this manual.

Module removal is not presented as a frequently expected occurrence and will not be required as part of routine maintenance.

Scenarios that could result in a disruption of the bonding path are described, for example irregularly-shaped arrays, arrays consisting of individual rows, and any other scenario where module removal could disrupt the bonding path. In most cases, the removal of a module for servicing will not disturb or break grounding continuity. If a module is to be removed that will break continuity, these are the steps that must be taken to maintain a continuously bonded SnapNrack TopSpeedTM System.

Required Tools

Socket Wrench

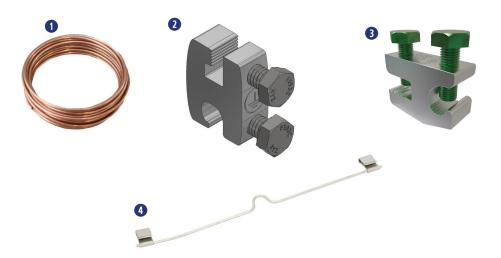
Torque Wrench

■ 1/2" Socket

7/16" Socket

Required Materials

- 1 #10 Or Larger Bare Copper Conductor
- 2 SnapNrack Ground Lug part no. 242-92202
- 3 Ilsco Part No. SGB-4
- 4 DnoRaxx Dynobond™

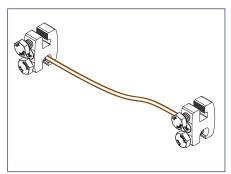


Maintaining the Grounding Bonding When Removing a Module

JUMPER ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTION & INSTALLATION

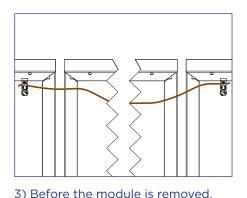
CAUTION: Do Not Remove the Module until the Jumper is installed

1) Identify the existing ground path at the location of module removal and choose an appropriate length of #10 bare copper to bridge the soon to be broken ground path.



Example of assembled bonding jumper using (2) SnapNrack Ground Lugs

- 2) Attach one ground lug to each end of #10 bare copper wire. See recommended options below:
- (2) SnapNrack Ground Lug part no. 242-922022
- 2. (2) Ilsco part no. SGB-4
- 3. (1) DroRaxx DynoBond™



4) Service the array. With the bonding jumper installed, it is now safe to remove the module for service or maintenance.

the module and original ground path. Only then Remove the bonding jumper.

5) After Servicing the array reinstall

Caution: Do not remove the bonding jumper until original ground path is established.

- attach the assembled bonding jumper. Depending on where the module will be removed and choice of ground lug, jumper attachment locations will vary.
 - SnapNrack Ground Lug part no. 242-92202 or Ilsco SGB-4 lugs can be attached to module frames or anywhere on the TopSpeed™ Mount.
 - DynoRaxx DynoBond[™] is approved and appropriate when a short bonding jumper is needed from module to module.

APPROVED MODULE & MLPE INFORMATION

SnapNrack TopSpeed $^{\text{Top}}$ System has been tested with the following UL Listed module series: The SnapNrack TopSpeed $^{\text{Top}}$ System employs top-down clamps and links which have been evaluated for frame-to-system bonding, at specific mounting torques and with the specific module series listed below. All wattage values are covered.

Module manufacturer approval letters can be found at www.snapnrack.com.

Manufacturer	Model	
	DNA-120-MF23-XXX	DNA-120-BF26-XXXW
	DNA-120-BF23-XXX	DNA-144-BF26-XXXW
	DNA-144-MF23-XXX	DNA-108-BF10-xxxW
Aptos Solar	DNA-144-BF23-XXX	DNA-120-BF10-xxxW
	DNA-120-MF26-XXXW	DNA-108-MF10-xxxW
	DNA-144-MF26-XXXW	
	CS6K-XXX-M	CS1H-XXX-MS
	CS6K-XXX-M-SD	CS1H-XXX-MS-AB
	CS6K-XXX-P	CS3W-XXX-P
	CS6K-XXX-P-SD	CS3N-XXX-MS
	CS6K-XXX-MS	CS1Y-XXX-MS
Canadian Solar	CS3K-XXX-P	CS3W-MB-AG
	CS3K-XXX-MS	CS3Y-MB-AG
	CS3U-XXX-MS	CS6W-XXXMB-AG
	CS3U-XXX-P	CS6R-XXXMS-HL
	CS1K-XXX-MS	CS3W-XXX-MS
CertainTeed	CTXXXHC11-06	
	CHSM6612M-XXX	CHSM72M-HC-XXX* (Astro 4)
Chint Solar	CHSM6612M(BL)-XXX	CHSM72M-HC-XXX* (Astro 5)
	CHSM6612M/HV-XXX	
	DH-M760B-XXXW	DH-M760F-XXXW
Dehui Solar	DH-M760W-XXXW	DH-M772F-XXXW
	DH-M772W-XXXW	
Freedom Forever	FF-MP-BBB-xxx	
	Q.PEAK DUO-G5-XXX	Q.PEAK DUO XL-G10.3/BFG-XXX
	Q.PEAK DUO-BLK-G5-XXX	Q.PEAK DUO G10-XXX
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	Q.PEAK DUO XL-G10.2-XXX	
HT-SAAE	HT60-166M-XXX	HT60-182M-XXX
-	60M-XXX	72M-XXX
Heliene	60P-XXX	72P-XXX
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(All may be followed by "BK")"	HiS-SXXXXY	HiS-SXXXYH(BK)
Hyperion/Runergy		P8-XXX(Y)
riyperion, runergy	JAM60S09-XXX/PR	JAM72S10-XXX/PR
	JAM60S10-XXX/MR	JAM72S12-XXX/PR
	JAM60S10-XXX/PR	JAM60S17-XXX/MR
JA Solar	JAM60S12-XXX/PR	JAM54S30-XXX/MR
	JAM72S09-XXX/PR	JAM54S31-XXX/MR
	JAM72S10-XXX/MR	JAM72D30-XXX/MB
	JKMXXXM-60	JKMXXXP-72-V
	JKMXXXM-60L	JKMXXXPP-72
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	JKMXXXM-60HBL	JKMSXXXP-72
	JKMXXXP-60	JKMXXXM-72HL-V
	JKMXXXP-60-J4	JKMXXXM-72HL-TV
Jinko Solar	JKMXXXP-60-V	JKMXXXM-72HBL
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	JKMXXXM-72	JKMXXXM-7RL3-TV
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	LGXXXN1K-A5	LGXXXM1C-L5
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	LGXXXS1C-A5	LGXXXN1K-L5
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	LGXXXN2W-G4	LGXXXA1C-A6
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	LGXXXS2W-G4	LGXXXQAK-A6
	LGXXXN1C-V5	LGXXXN1K-B6
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	LGXXXN2T-J5	LGXXXN1K-E6
	LGXXXN1T-V5	LGXXXN3K-V6
	LR6-60-XXXM	LR4-60HPB-XXXM
	LR6-60BK-XXXM	LR4-60HIB-XXXM
	LR6-60HV-XXXM	LR4-60HPH-XXXM
Lamai	LR6-60PB-XXXM	LR4-60HIH-XXXM
Longi	LR6-60PE-XXXM	LR6-60HIH-XXXM
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	LR6-60HPB-XXXM	LR4-72HPH-XXXM
	LR6-60HPH-XXXM	
Meyer Burger	Meyer Burger Black*	Meyer Burger White*
mSolar	TXI6-XXX120BB	
	MSEXXXSO5T	MSEXXXSQ4S
	MSEXXXSO5K	MSEXXXSR8K
	MSEXXXSQ5T	MSEXXXSR8T
	MSEXXXSQ5K	MSEXXXSR9S
Mission Solar	MSEXXXMM4J	MSE60AXXX
Phission Soldi	MSEXXXMM6J	MSEXXXSX5K
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	MSEXXXSQ6S	MSEXXXSX5R
Next Energy Alliance	USNEA-XXXM3-60	USNEA-XXXM3-72
Next Energy Amarice	USNEA-XXXM3B-60	USNEA-XXXM3B-72
	VBHNXXXKA03	VBHXXXRA18N
	VBHNXXXKA04	VBHXXXRA03K
Panasonic	VBHNXXXSA17	EVPVXXX(K)
	VBHNXXXSA18	EVPVXXXH
	VBHN325SA17E	EVPVXXXPK
	PSXXXM-20/U	PSxxxM8GF-18/VH
DI	PSXXXMH-20/U	PSxxxM8GFH-18/VH
Phono Solar	PSxxxM8GF-24/TH	PSxxxM6-24/TH
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Manufacturer	Model	
	RECXXXTP2	RECXXXTP2SM 72 BLK2
	RECXXXTP2-BLK	RECXXXAA
	RECXXXNP	RECXXXTP3M
REC	RECXXXTP2M	RECXXXTP4
(All may be followed by "BLK" or	RECXXXTP2M 72	RECXXXAA Pure
"BLACK")	RECXXXTP2M 72 BLK	RECXXXAA Pure-R
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	RECXXXTP2SM 72	RECXXXNP3
	RECXXXTP2SM 72 BLK	
	SEG-400-BMB-HV	SEG-xxx-BMD-HV
SEG Solar	SEG-400-BMB-TB	SEG-xxx-BMD-TB
	SLAXXX-M	SILXXXNT
	SLAXXX-P	SILXXXHL
	SSAXXX-M	SILXXXBK
	SSAXXX-P	SILXXXNX
	SILXXXBL	SILXXXNU
Silfab	SILXXXML	SILXXXHC
	SILXXXNL	SILXXXHN
	SLGXXX-M	SILXXXBG
	SLGXXX-P	SIL-xxxHC+
	SSGXXX-M	SIL-xxxHM
	SSGXXX-P	
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Solaria	Solaria PowerXT-XXXR-BX	Solaria PowerXT-XXXR-PM-AC
	Solaria PowerXT-XXXR-AC	
	SPR-AXXX-G-AC	SPR-MXXX-H-AC
Summanum	SPR-AXXX	SPR-MXXX
Sunpower	SPR-AXXX-BLK-G-AC	SPR-MXXX-BLK-H-AC
	SPR-AXXX-BLK	SPR-MXXX-BLK
Cum Cm auto	SST-XXXM3-60	SST-XXXM3-72
SunSpark	SST-XXXM3B-60	SST-XXXM3B-72
Talagum	TP660M-XXX	TP672M-XXX
Talesun	TP660P-XXX	TP672P-XXX
	TSM-XXXDD05(II)	TSMXXXDD05H.05(II)
	TSM-XXXDD05A.05(II)	TSM-XXXDD06M.05(II)
	TSM-XXXDD05A.08(II)	TSM-XXXDE15H(II)
	TSM-XXXDD05A.082(II)	TSM-XXXDE15M(II)
Trina	TSM-XXXPA05	TSMXXXDE06X.05(II)
IIIIIa	TSM-XXXPA05.05	TSMXXXDE09.05
	TSM-XXXPA05.08	TSM-XXXDE15V(II)
	TSM-XXXPD05	TSM-XXXDEG15VC.20(II)
	TSM-XXXPD05.002	TSM-XXXDEG18MC.20(II)
	TSM-XXXPD05.05	TSM-XXXDEG19C.20

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	TSM-XXXPD05.08	TSM-XXXDE09C.05
	TSM-XXXPD05.082	TSM-XXXDE09C.07
	TSM-XXXPD05.08D	TSM-xxxNE09RC.05
	TSM-XXXPD05.08S	
Vikram Solar	SOMERA VSMHBB.60.XXX.05	PREXOS VSMDHT.60.XXX.05
	SOMERA VSMH.72.XXX.05	PREXOS VSMDHT.72.XXX.05
VSUN	VSUNXXX-144BMH-DG	VSUNXXX-108BMH
	VSUNXXX-120BMH	
ZNShine	ZXM6-60-XXX/M	ZXM6-NH144-XXXM
	ZXM6-NH120-XXXM	ZXM7-SH108-XXXM

SnapNrack TopSpeed™ has been tested with the following Module Level Power Electronic (MLPE) devices:

SnapNrack TopSpeed $^{\text{TM}}$ mounting systems has been tested with the following UL/NRTL Listed Module Level Power Electronic (MLPE) Devices. The back plates of the MLPEs have been evaluated for bonding to TopSpeed $^{\text{TM}}$ through the SnapNrack MLPE Frame Attachment Kit, model 242-02151.

MLPE Manufacturer	Model	
AP Smart	RSD-S-PLC	
Celestica International	DG-006-F001201x	DG-006-F001401x
Delta Electronics	GPI00010105	
	C250	IQ7PLUS-72-2-US
	M215	IQ7PLUS-72-B-US
	M250	IQ8-60
Enphase	IQ6-60-2-US	IQ8PLUS-72
	IQ6PLUS-72-2-US	IQ8A-72
	IQ7-60-2-US	IQ8H-208-72
	IQ7-60-B-US	IQ8H-240-72
Generec	S2502	
Cial and Tarker Is also	Solis-RSD-1G	
Ginlong Technologies	Solis-MLRSD-R1-1G	Solis-MLRSD-R2-1G
	P300-5NC4ARS	P320-5NC4ARS
	P370-5NC4AFS	P400-5NC4AFS
	P320	P340
	P370	P400
	P401	P405
Solar Edge	P485	P505
	P730	P800p
	P850	P860
	P950	P1100
	P1101	S440
	S500	
SMA	RSB-2S-US-10	
	TS4-R-F	TS4-R-M
	TS4-R-O	TS4-R-S
Time	TS4-R-M-DUO	TS4-R-O-DUO
Tigo	TS4-R-S-DUO	TS4-A-F
	TS4-A-2F	TS4-A-O
	TS4-A-S	