

MONTGOMERY COUNTY HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
STAFF REPORT

Address:	28 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park	Meeting Date:	10/9/2024
Resource:	Contributing Resource Takoma Park Historic District	Report Date:	10/2/2024
Applicant:	Timothy Dowd Tina Crouse (Agent)	Public Notice:	9/25/2024
Review:	HAWP	Tax Credit:	No
Permit Number:	1084454	Staff:	Laura DiPasquale

PROPOSAL: Solar panel installation.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the HPC **approve** the Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) application.

ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

SIGNIFICANCE: Contributing Resource Within the Takoma Park Historic District
STYLE: Craftsman
DATE: 1910s



Figure 1: Aerial view of 28 Hickory Ave. within the Takoma Park Historic District.



Figure 2: The front (west) elevation of 28 Hickory Avenue, September 2024 (Historic Preservation Office).



Figure 3: The front (west) elevation of 28 Hickory Avenue, September 2024 (Historic Preservation Office).

PROPOSAL

The applicant proposes to install 11 roof-mounted solar panels in two arrays, with eight panels proposed on the street-facing slope of the cross-gable main roof and six panels on the south side slope of the front-gable main roof (Figure 4). The LONGHi Hi-Mo5 LR5-54HABB panels will each measure 5.65-by-3.72 feet. The panels will be mounted to the asphalt shingle roof with SnapNrack mounts (Figure 5). The load center and disconnect switch are proposed adjacent to the existing utility meter to the left of the front porch.

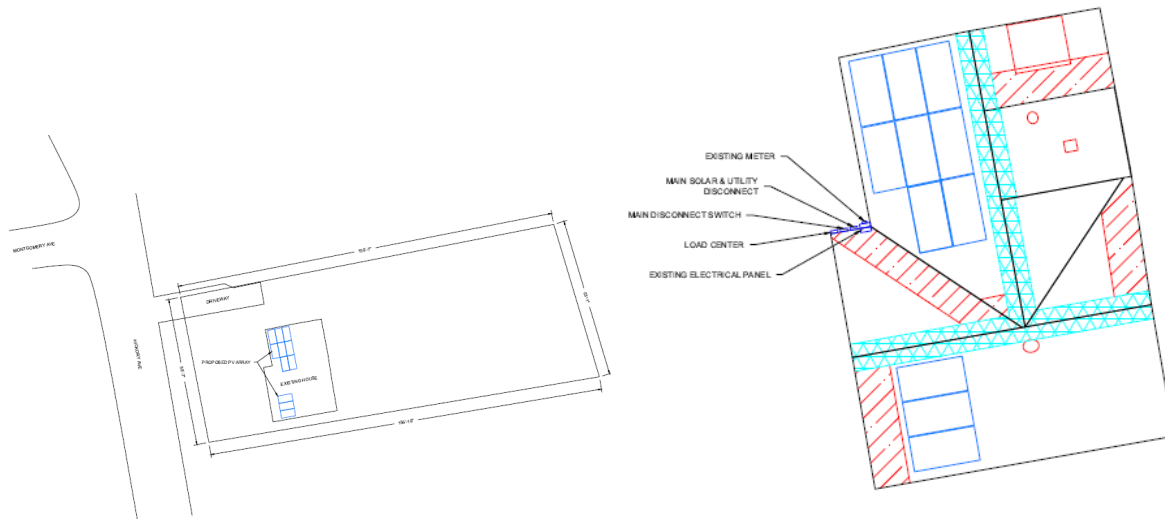


Figure 4: The site plan (left) shows the proposed solar panel locations and the building's orientation toward Hickory Avenue. The roof plan (right) shows the proposed location of the solar panels and the equipment location.

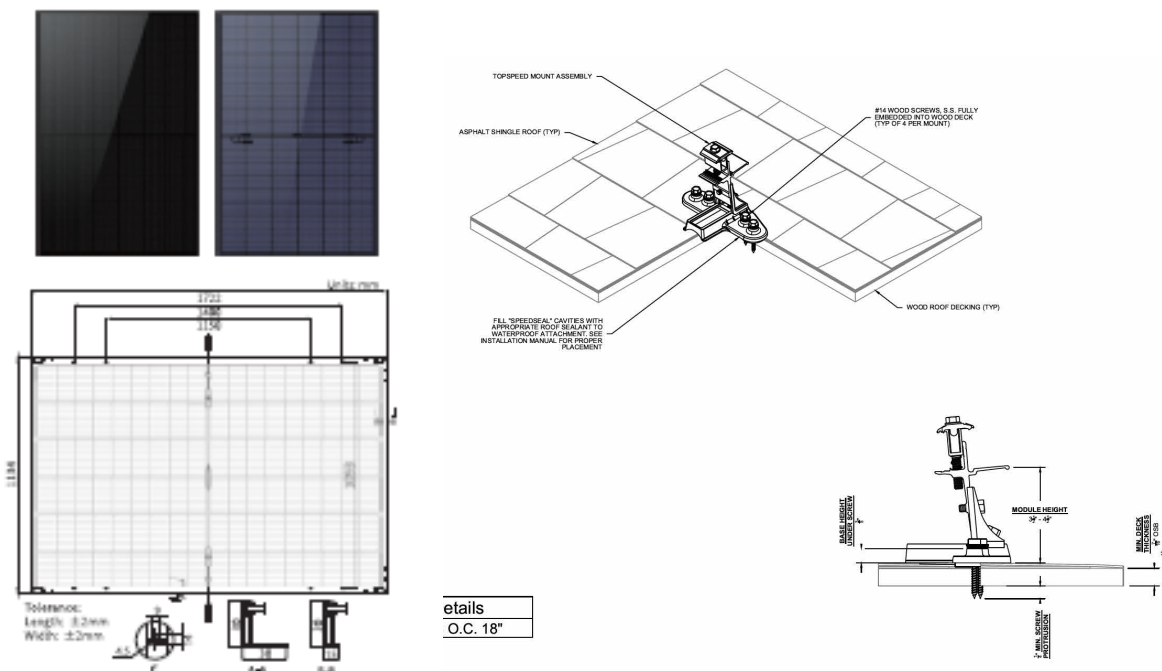


Figure 5: The specifications for the solar panels (left), and the attachment detail for the SnapNrack mounts (right).

APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

The Historic Preservation Office and 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 that apply to all categories. These are:

- The design review emphasis will be restricted to changes that are all visible from the public right-of-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/g 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 historic 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
- Major additions should, where feasible, be placed to the rear of existing structures so that they are less visible from the public right-of-way; additions and alterations to the first floor at the front of a structure are discouraged but not automatically prohibited.

- While additions should be compatible, they are not required to be replicative of earlier architectural styles.
- Some non-original building materials may be acceptable on a case-by-case basis. Artificial siding on areas visible to the public right-of-way is discouraged where such materials would replace or damage original building materials that are in good condition.
- 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;
- (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 shall be retained and preserved. The removal of historic materials or alteration of features and spaces that characterize a property shall 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).
5. A Historic Area Work Permit (HAWP) is required for all work referenced in this policy.

STAFF DISCUSSION

Staff supports the proposed installation of the 11 solar panels and associated equipment and recommends approval.

According to the *Guidelines*, the design review for Contributing Resources such as the subject property 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. Similarly, Chapter 24A-8(d) states that the HPC “shall be lenient in its judgment of plans for structures of little historical or

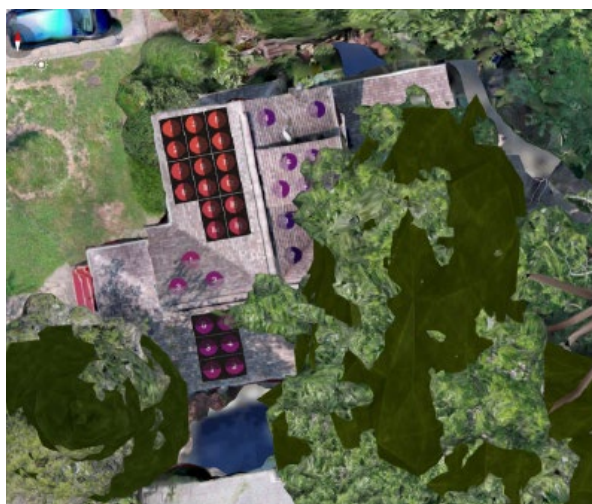
design significance or for plans involving new construction, unless such plans would seriously impair the historic or architectural value of surrounding historic resources or would impair the character of the historic district.”

Staff acknowledges that all of the panels will be visible from the public right-of-way, but does not find the installation of the panels and associated equipment will affect the surrounding streetscape or landscape and impair the character of the historic district. The applicant will install the panels in a symmetrical pattern that follows the shape of the roof and will minimize their visual impact.



Figure 6: Visibility of panel locations (red arrows) and associated equipment (yellow arrow).

According to the shade map and corresponding statement provided by the applicant, the panels on the west-facing front roof plane will produce the most kilowatt-hours (kWh) with an average of 246 kWh per panel (Figure 6). The panels south elevation will produce an average of 188 kWh annually. The applicant justifies the placement of the panels as the locations with the most unshaded roof space, and notes that the proposed system will have an annual production of 2,535 kWh. The home had an annual usage of roughly 12,500 kWh in 2023. The load center and disconnect will be installed on the left-side elevation toward the front wall plane. Staff finds this location to be the most appropriate based on the existing presence of the electrical panel and meter.



- The home had an annual usage of roughly 12,500 kWh in 2023. Our proposed system is estimated to have 2,535 kWh in annual production.

The panels will vary in production based on their location on the structure, but this estimated production for the 11-panel system breaks down to roughly 230 kWh per panel annually. The panels on the front roof plane of the home produce an average of 246 kWh per panel annually. The south facing roof plane produces an average of 188 kWh per panel annually. The system production estimate of 2,535 kWh is 9,965 kWh less than the consumption for the household.

Justification for the Placement of the panels.

- The front roof plane is used as it has the most unshaded roof space and accounts for most of the system’s production (~78%).
- The south-facing roof plane is used as it is the only remaining roof space without overhanging trees.

Figure 7: Shade map, left, and justification for panel location, right.

Staff finds that, in accordance with the *Standards*, the proposed work will not destroy the historic materials, features, or spatial relationships that characterize the property and will not be detrimental to the existing streetscape, satisfying *Standards 2 and 9*, if removed in the future, the essential form and integrity of the property would be unimpaired, satisfying *Standard 10*.

The HPC and staff also utilize HPC Policy 20-01 regarding solar panels *Policy Guidance #20-01: Solar Technology* as the baseline for their review and to articulate their findings in the review of solar technology. The policy outlines the most to least preferred locations for solar arrays. The most preferred location for solar systems is a freestanding array in the rear yard, but this location is not feasible at the subject property due to the size of the lot and existing tree canopy. The second preferred location is a roof-mounted array on an accessory or non-historic building addition. The property has a small free-standing accessory building towards the rear of the lot, and a rear addition, however both locations are substantially covered by the existing tree canopy. The roof is not architecturally significant, character-defining, or slate or tile, so therefore, according to the *Policy*, the public welfare is better served by approving a HAWP on all visible side or front slopes under Chapter 24A-8(b)(6).

Five Outstanding resources will be within the viewshed of the panels (*Figure 8*): 33 Hickory Avenue (110 ft. southwest); 20 Hickory Avenue (156 ft. northwest); 14 Hickory Avenue (335 ft. northwest); 19 Montgomery Avenue (225 ft. west); and 17 Montgomery Avenue (270 ft. west).

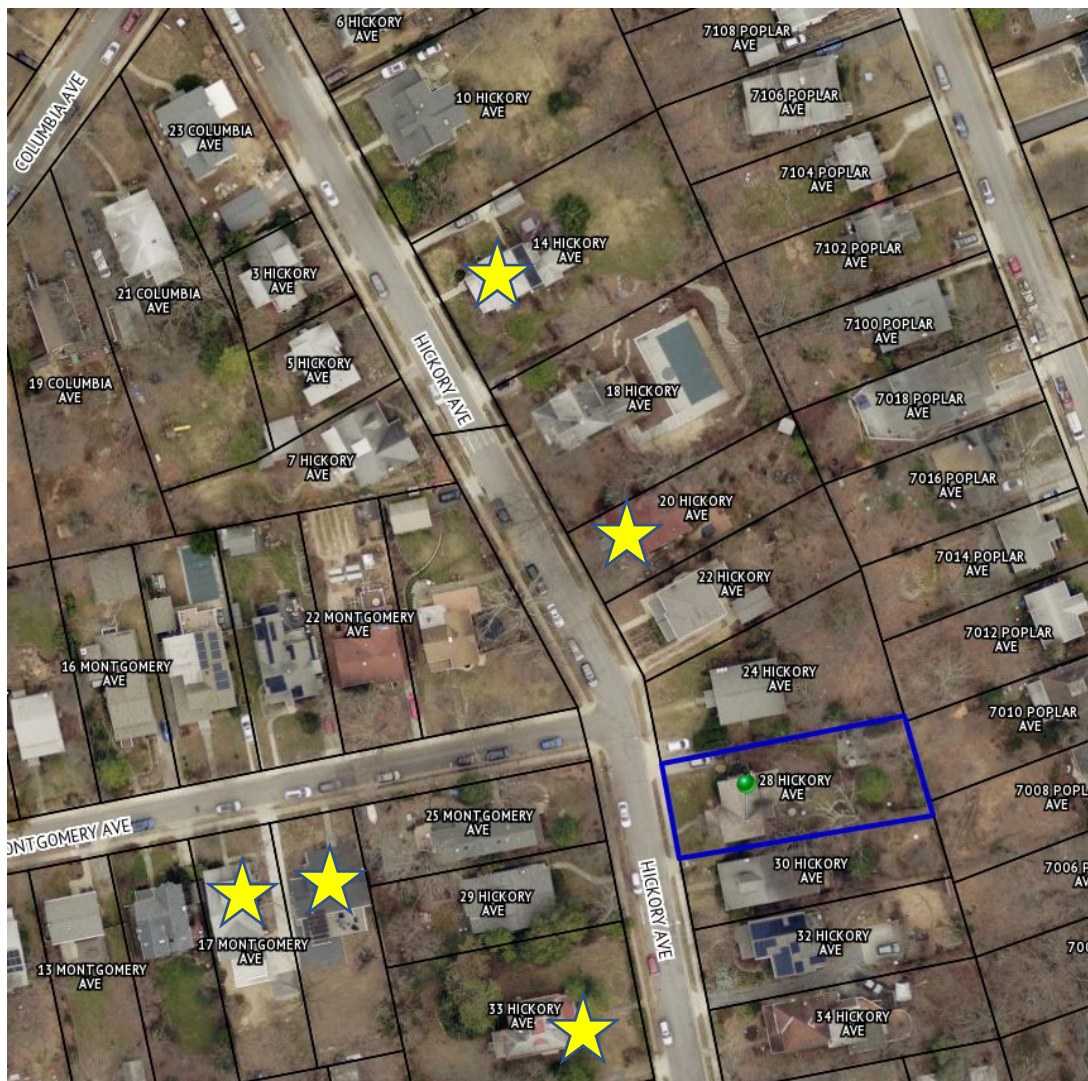


Figure 8: Locations of Outstanding resources (yellow stars) in the viewshed of 28 Hickory Ave (outlined in blue).

Staff notes that there is a long history of HPC approval of installation of photovoltaic systems on all resource types within the Takoma Park Historic District, making them an established feature in the neighborhood. Nearby examples include the approvals at the Contributing property at 32 Hickory Avenue (Figure 9),¹ Contributing property at 20 Montgomery Avenue (Figure 10)², and Contributing property at 6 Hickory Avenue (Figure 11).³



Figure 9: Approved panel location at 32 Hickory Ave (left), and birds-eye view of the installed system (right), approved in 2019.

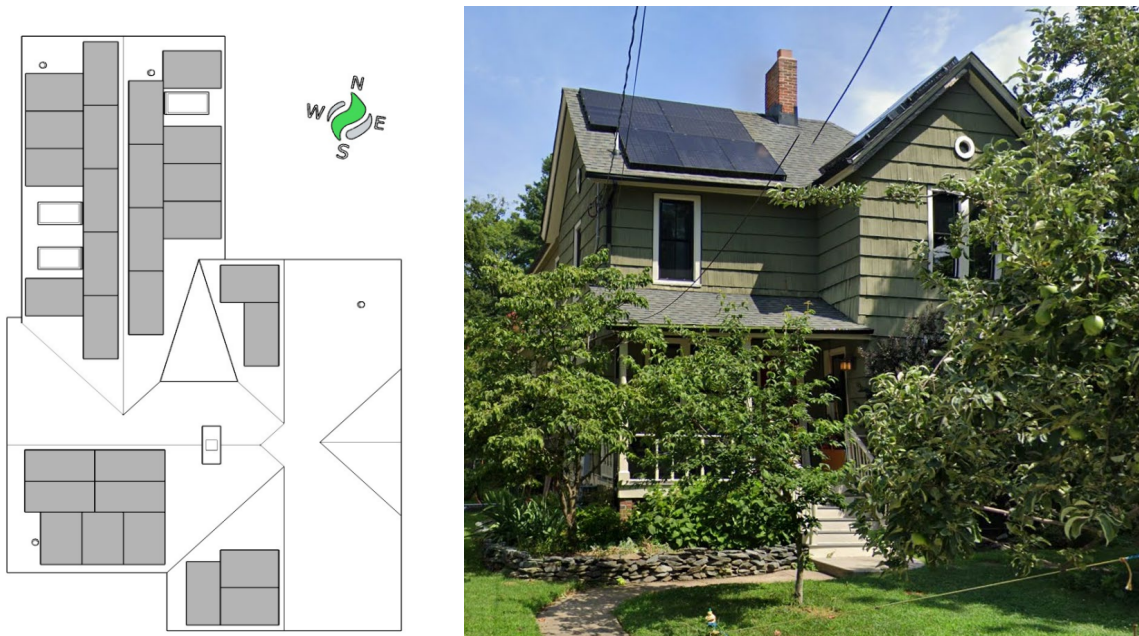


Figure 10: Approved panel location at 20 Montgomery Ave (left), and Google Streetview image of the installed system (right), approved in 2020.

¹ HAWP https://mcatlas.org/tiles6/06_HistoricPreservation_PhotoArchives/HAWP/HAWP%202019/11-13-2019/32%20Hickory%20Ave.,%20Takoma%20Park%20-%2020893866%20-%20Approval.pdf

² https://mcatlas.org/tiles/06_HistoricPreservation_PhotoArchives/HAWP/9-9-2020/20%20Montgomery%20Ave.,%20Takoma%20Park%20-%20Approval.pdf

³ HAWP #689642, not yet digitized.

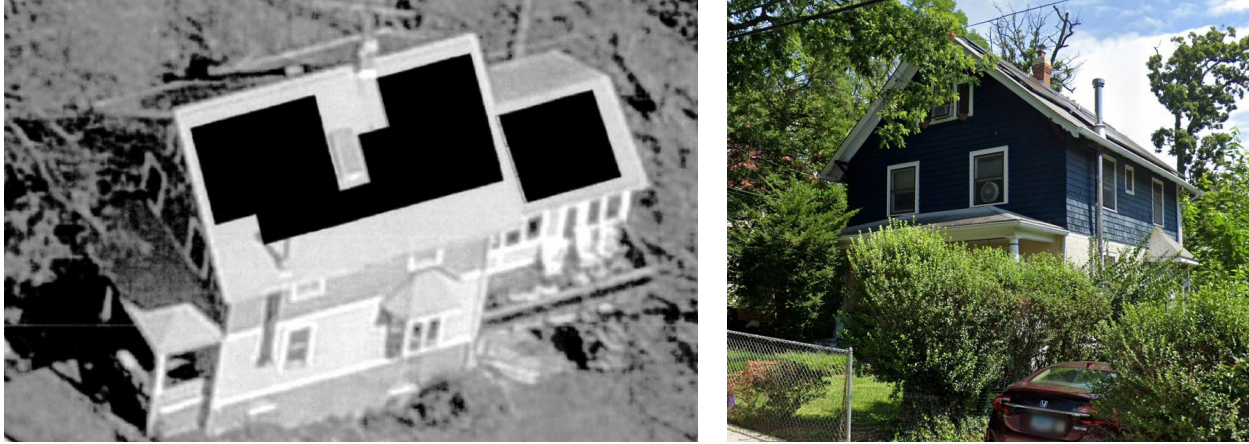


Figure 11: Approved panel location (left) and view of front of property (right) at 6 Hickory Avenue, approved under HAWP #689642 in 2012.

After full and fair consideration of the applicant's submission, staff finds the proposal, as modified by the conditions, consistent with the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(1), (2), and (d), having found the proposal is consistent with the *Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation #2, 9, and 10*, and *Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines*, and the HPC's Policy No. 20-01 as outlined above.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the Commission **approve** the HAWP application under the Criteria for Issuance in Chapter 24A-8(b)(1), (2), and (6) and Chapter 24A-8(d), having found that the proposal will not substantially alter the exterior features of the historic resource and is compatible in character with the purposes of Chapter 24A;

The Takoma Park Historic District Guidelines;

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: Addressing Emergency Climate Mobilization Through The Installation of Roof-Mounted Solar Panels;*

and with the general condition that the applicant shall present an electronic set of drawings, if applicable, to 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 HPC as a revised HAWP application at staff's discretion;

and with the general condition that the applicant shall notify the HPC 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 301-495-2167 or laura.dipasquale@montgomeryplanning.org to schedule a follow-up site visit.



APPLICATION FOR HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT
HISTORIC PRESERVATION COMMISSION
301.563.3400

FOR STAFF ONLY:
HAWP# 1084454
DATE ASSIGNED

APPLICANT:

Name: E-mail:
Address: City: Zip:
Daytime Phone: Tax Account No.:

AGENT/CONTACT (if applicable):

Name: E-mail:
Address: City: Zip:
Daytime Phone: Contractor Registration No.:

LOCATION OF BUILDING/PREMISE: MIHP # of Historic Property

Is the Property Located within an Historic District? Yes/District Name
No/Individual Site Name

Is there an Historic Preservation/Land Trust/Environmental Easement on the Property? If YES, include a map of the easement, and documentation from the Easement Holder supporting this application.

Are other Planning and/or Hearing Examiner Approvals /Reviews Required as part of this Application? (Conditional Use, Variance, Record Plat, etc.?) If YES, include information on these reviews as supplemental information.

Building Number: Street:

Town/City: Nearest Cross Street:

Lot: Block: Subdivision: Parcel:

TYPE OF WORK PROPOSED: See the checklist on Page 4 to verify that all supporting items for proposed work are submitted with this application. Incomplete Applications will not be accepted for review. Check all that apply:

- Checklist items: New Construction, Addition, Demolition, Grading/Excavation, Deck/Porch, Fence, Hardscape/Landscape, Roof, Shed/Garage/Accessory Structure, Solar, Tree removal/planting, Window/Door, Other:

I hereby certify that I have the authority to make the foregoing 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.

Tina Crouse

Signature of owner or authorized agent

Date

HAWP APPLICATION: MAILING ADDRESSES FOR NOTIFYING
[Owner, Owner's Agent, Adjacent and Confronting Property Owners]

Owner's mailing address	Owner's Agent's mailing address
Adjacent and confronting Property Owners mailing addresses	

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

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

Work Item 1: _____	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:

Work Item 2: _____	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:

Work Item 3: _____	
Description of Current Condition:	Proposed Work:

**HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT
CHECKLIST OF
APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS**

	Required Attachments						
Proposed Work	I. Written Description	2. Site Plan	3. Plans/ Elevations	4. Material Specifications	5. Photographs	6. Tree Survey	7. Property Owner Addresses
New Construction	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Additions/ Alterations	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Demolition	*	*	*		*		*
Deck/Porch	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Fence/Wall	*	*	*	*	*	*	*
Driveway/ Parking Area	*	*		*	*	*	*
Grading/Excavation/ Landscaping	*	*		*	*	*	*
Tree Removal	*	*		*	*	*	*
Siding/ Roof Changes	*	*	*	*	*		*
Window/ Door Changes	*	*	*	*	*		*
Masonry Repair/ Repoint	*	*	*	*	*		*
Signs	*	*	*	*	*		*



Back of Home



Front of Home



Left Side of Home



Right Side of Home












Utility Meter after Install



Utility Meter after Install



DAVID C. HERNANDEZ, PE

513-418-8812 

4912 Prospect Ave., Blue Ash OH 45242 

davehernandezpe@gmail.com 

DATE: August 26, 2024

RE: 28 Hickory Ave, Takoma Park, MD, 20912

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 attached to the roof with a flushed 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 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 = II
- Exposure Category = B
- Wind speed = 115 mph
- Ground snow load = 30 psf
- Roof dead load = 12 psf
- Solar system dead load = 3 psf

Overall, the roof system 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, PE


Digitally signed by David C. Hernandez,
Date: 2024.08.26 10:41:01 -04:00



PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION. I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THESE DOCUMENTS WERE PREPARED OR APPROVED BY ME, AND THAT I AM A DULY LICENSED PROFESSIONAL ENGINEER UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, LICENSE NO. 49993, EXP. 10/06/2024.



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IEBC IMPACT CHECK			
Inputs	Roof 1	Roof 2	Unit
Existing Gravity Loads			
Roof Dead Load (DL _r)	12	12	psf
Roof Live Load (LL _r)	20	20	psf
Roof Snow Load (SL _r)	23.1	23.1	psf
(DL _r +LL _r)/Cd =	25.6	25.6	psf
(DL _r +SL _r)/Cd=	30.52	30.52	psf
Max. Existing Gravity Load	30.52	30.52	psf
Proposed Gravity Loads			
Roof Dead Load with PV Panel Load (DL)	16.24	16.24	psf
Roof Live Load (LL)	0	0	psf
Roof Snow Load (SL)	16.31	16.31	psf
(DL+LL)/Cd =	18.04	18.04	psf
(DL+SL)/Cd=	28.31	28.31	psf
Max. Proposed Gravity Load	28.31	28.31	psf
% Change =	-7.24	-7.24	%

The change in gravity loads for Roofs 1 and 2 after the proposed solar installation is less than 5%, therefore passes the Impact Check.



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SEISMIC CHECK

Breakdown of Loads		
Asphalt Shingles:	4	psf
Insulation:	1.5	psf
Plywood Sheathing:	1.5	psf
Rafters:	1	psf
Misc:	1	psf
Live load:	20	psf

Existing Roof Seismic Weight			
Element	Unit Weight (psf)	Area (Sq.ft)	Weight (lbs)
Roof DL	9	1157.00	10413
Exterior Walls	8	1999.58	15996.66667
Interior Walls	6	1999.58	11997.5
Existing Seismic Weight @Roof Level, $W_e =$			38407.16667

New PV System Seismic Weight			
Element	Unit Weight (psf)	Area (Sq.ft)	Weight (lbs)
Pv System	3	231.22	693.66
Seismic Weight of New PV System, $W_{pv} =$			693.66

% Increase in Lateral (Seismic) Weight @Roof Level Due to PV System Addition, %-increase = W_{pv} / W_e	1.81%	< 10% - Pass
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Project Property Owner Tim Dowd

Address 28 Hickory Ave, Takoma Park, MD, 20912

I reviewed the design of the photovoltaic (PV) system, as designed by the manufacturer, and the design criteria utilized for the mounting equipment and panel mounting assembly (rack system) for the installation of (11) panels supported by the rack system, as shown on the drawings prepared for the above referenced address. I certify that the configurations and design criteria meet the standards and requirements of the International Residential Code (IRC) and International Existing Building Code (IEBC) adopted by Montgomery County in COMCOR08.00.02.

The attachment of the rack system to the building at the above address, including the location, number, and type of attachment points; the number of fasteners per attachment point; and the specific type of fasteners (size, diameter, length, minimum embedment into structural framing, etc.) meets the standards and requirements of the IRC and IEBC adopted by Montgomery County in COMCOR 08.00.02.

I evaluated the existing roof structure of the building at the above address and analyzed its capacity to support the additional loads imposed by the PV system. I certify that no structural modifications of the existing roof structure are required. The existing roof structure meets the standards and requirements of the IRC and IEBC, adopted by Montgomery County in COMCOR 08.00.02, necessary to support the PV system.

I evaluated the existing roof structure of the building at the above address and analyzed its capacity to support the additional loads imposed by the PV system. Structural modifications of the existing roof structure are required. I certify that the roof structure, as modified on the drawings for this project, will support the additional loads imposed by the PV system. I further certify that design of the modified roof structure meets the standards and requirements of the IRC and IEBC, adopted by Montgomery County in COMCOR 08.00.02.

I prepared or approved the construction documents for the mounting equipment, rack system, roof structure for this project.

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Maryland PE License Number David C. Hernandez, PE
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Date: 2024.08.26 10:41:01 -04:00

Date August 26, 2024

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Signature _____



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2024-08-26

Must be submitted with plans



City of Takoma Park

Housing and Community Development Department

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7500 Maple Avenue
Takoma Park, MD 20912

MUNICIPALITY LETTER

August 27, 2024

To: Timothy Dowd
28 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park Md 20912
timadowd@gmail.com (240) 462-2237

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: Solar Energy World-Tina Crouse tcrouse@solarenergyworld.com 410-579-2009

Location of Project: 28 Hickory Avenue

Proposed Scope of Work: Install (11) roof mounted solar panels, 4.40 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/tree-permits>. The City's Urban Forest Manager can be reached at 301-891-7612 or 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 on 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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SnapNrack™

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.

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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

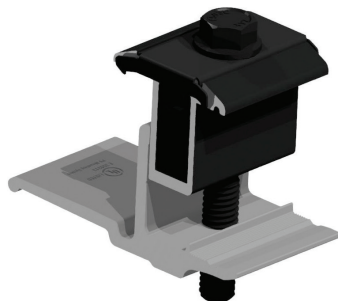
SnapNrack recommends a periodic re-inspection of the completed installation for loose components, loose fasteners, and any corrosion, such that if found, the affected components are to be immediately replaced.

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

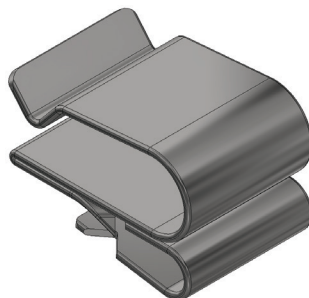
SnapNrack Universal Skirt in double portrait or single landscape lengths.

Wire Managements Components



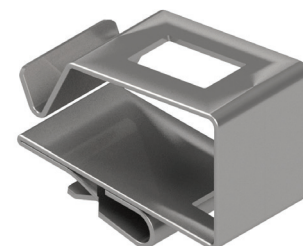
Skirt Spacers

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



Smart Clip

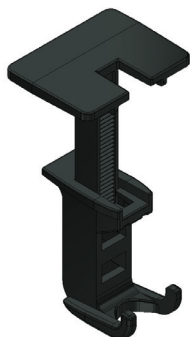
Module frame cable clip, holds two PV wires or Enphase IQ-Cables.



Smart Clip XL

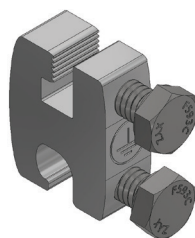
Module frame cable clip, holds six PV wires or four Enphase IQ-Cable.

Grounding/MLPE Components



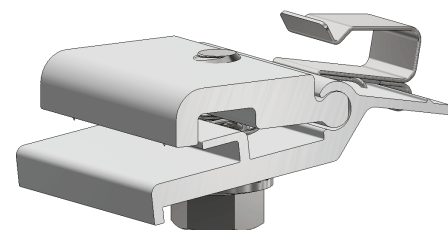
Wire Saver

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



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.

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™ 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.

Safety Guidance

- 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.

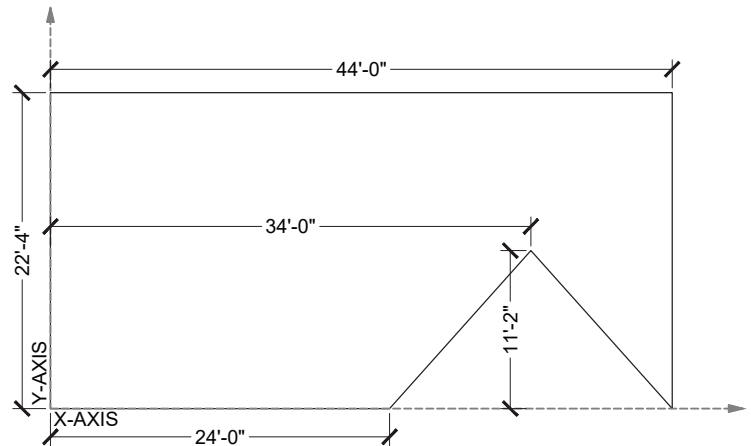


Image note: X-Axis described in this manual is cross-slope on the roof, Y-Axis is in line with the roof slope.

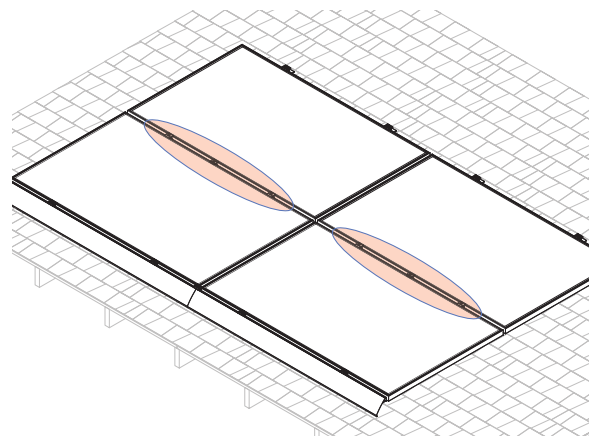
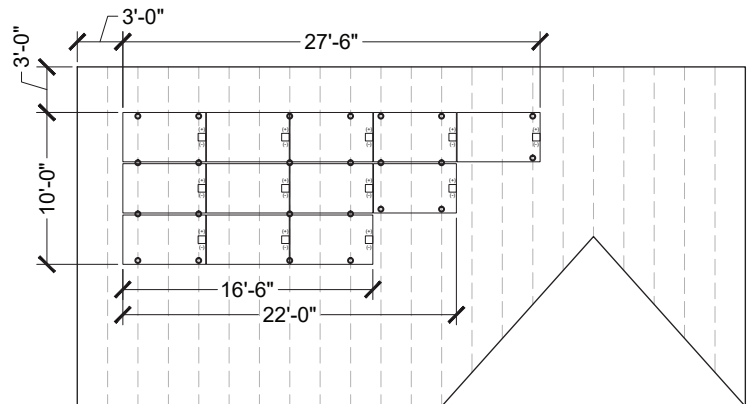


Image note: This four module array is installed in a high load configuration with three attachments per side where two modules share attachments. See highlighted area. As shown, three attachments are never required at the skirt or the top of the array.

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

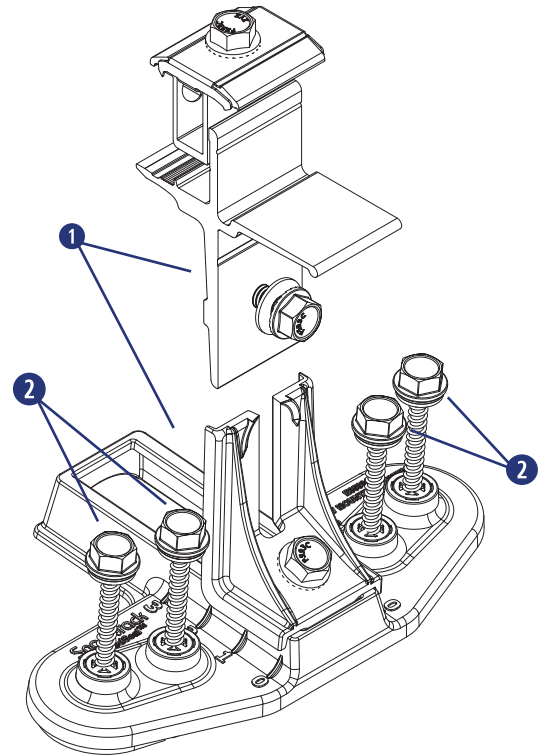
● 1/2" Socket

Materials Included - TopSpeed™ System with SpeedSeal™ Technology

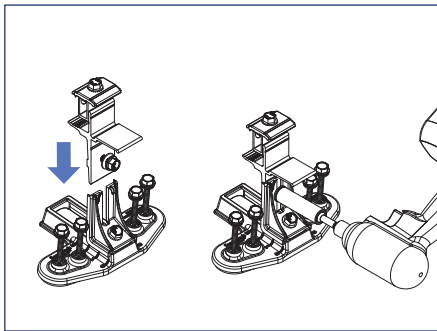
- 1 (1) SnapNrack TopSpeed™ Mount
- 2 (4) SnapNrack #14 Wood Screw with 1/2" Hex Head & sealing washer

Best Practice:

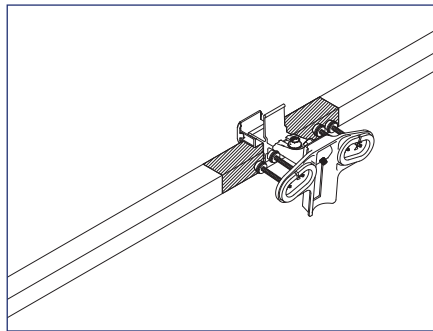
Attach all TopSpeed™ mounts as the modules are being prepped with MLPEs on the ground. Attach Mounts before attaching MLPEs to simplify wire management.



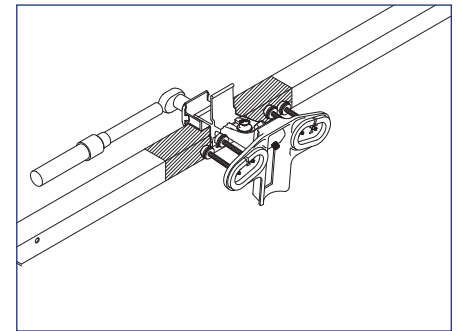
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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

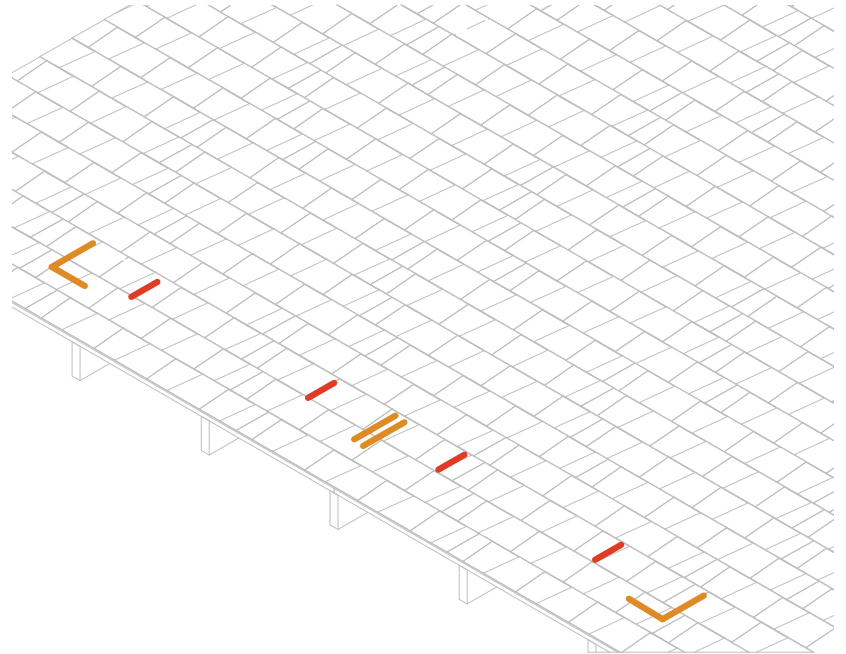
LAYOUT INSTRUCTIONS

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.

Install Note:

If environmental load conditions require three TopSpeed™ attachments per module side this is only required when modules share attachments.

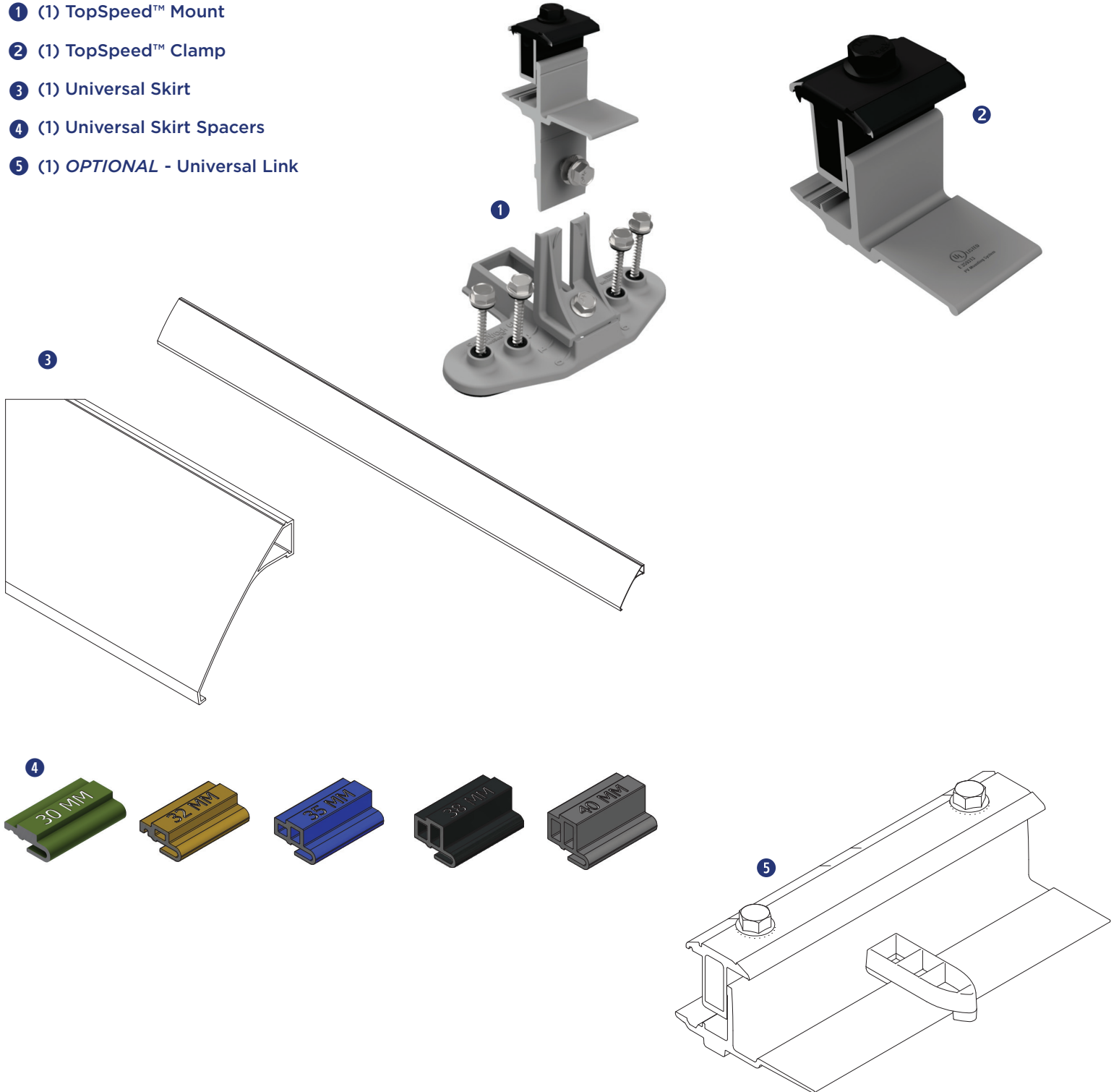


Required Tools

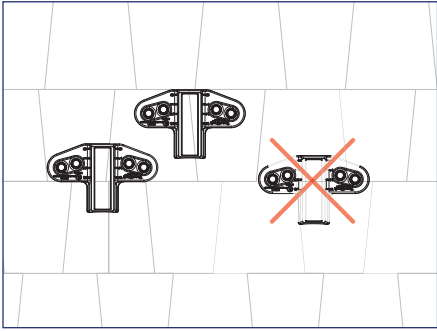
- Socket Wrench/Impact Driver
- Torque Wrench
- 1/2" Socket
- Roofing sealant

Materials Included - TopSpeed™ Mount with SpeedSeal™ Technology

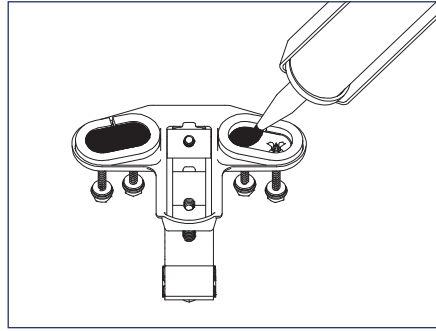
- ① (1) TopSpeed™ Mount
- ② (1) TopSpeed™ Clamp
- ③ (1) Universal Skirt
- ④ (1) Universal Skirt Spacers
- ⑤ (1) *OPTIONAL* - Universal Link



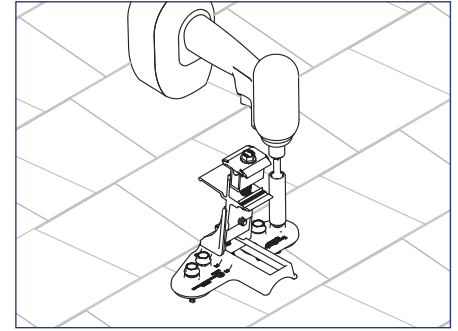
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



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.

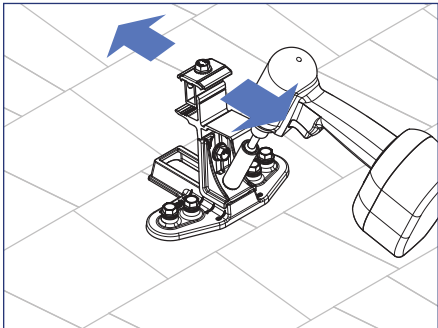


3) Attach TopSpeed™ Mount to roof using the (4) SnapNrack #14 Wood Screws with 1/2" hex head that are captured in the Mount.

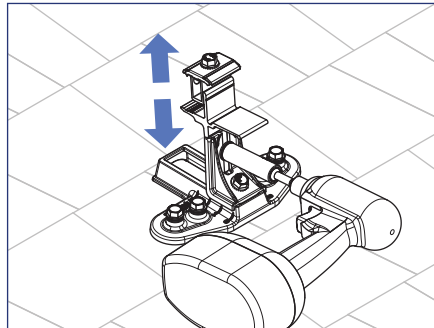


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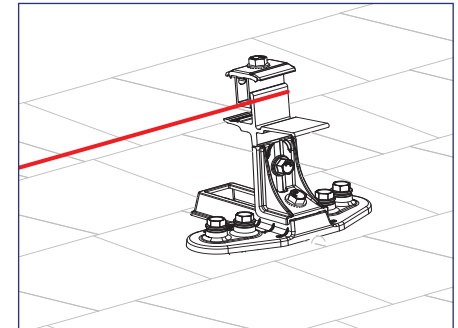
Roof sealant should be expelled from both vents of the TopSpeed™ Mount as it is installed to assure the proper amount of roof sealant has been applied. If sealant is not expelled from all four vents, remove TopSpeed™ Mount, add more sealant to the cavity, then reinstall.



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.



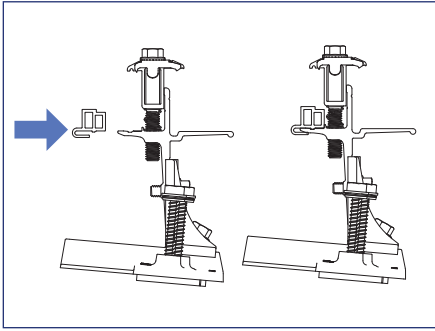
6) Pull string line tight from one corner mount to opposite corner mount to align and level all TopSpeed™ Mounts between the end mounts.



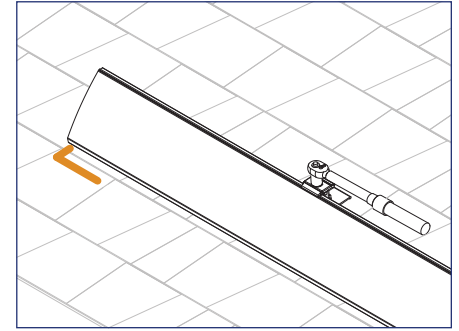
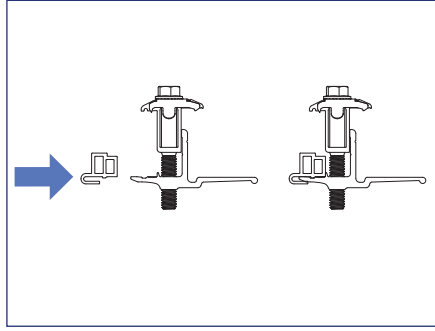
Install Note:

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

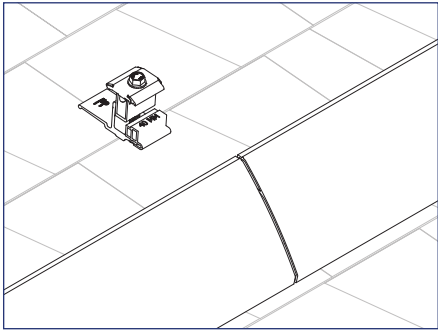
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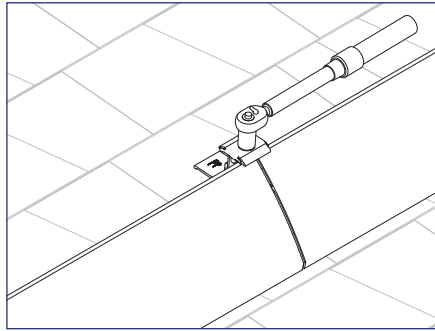
7) Universal Spacers will need to be added to Mounts and Clamps where Skirt will be installed.



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.



Install Note:

Optionally use Universal Links to connect lengths of Array Skirt.

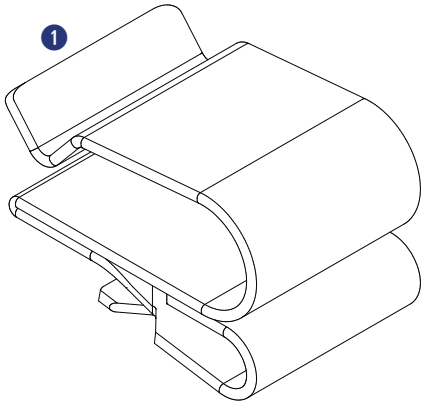
Required Tools

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

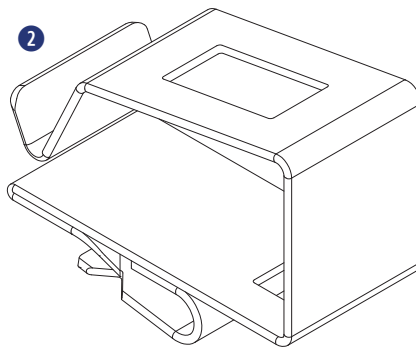
Materials Included

Smart Clips

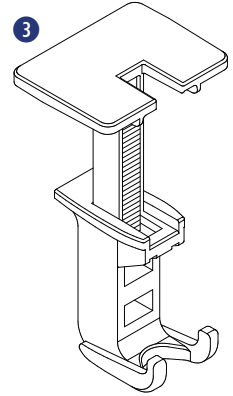
- 1 (1) Smart Clip [(2) PV Wire, (1) Enphase IQ Cable]
- 2 (1) Smart Clip XL [(6) PV Wire, (4) Enphase IQ]
- 3 (1) Wire Saver [(1) PV Wire]



Smart Clip



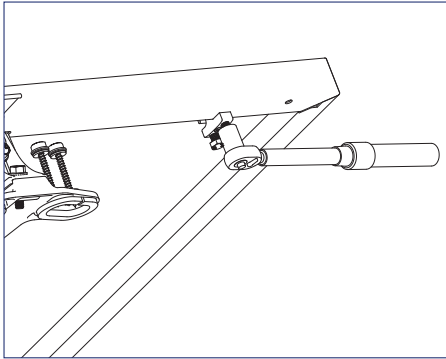
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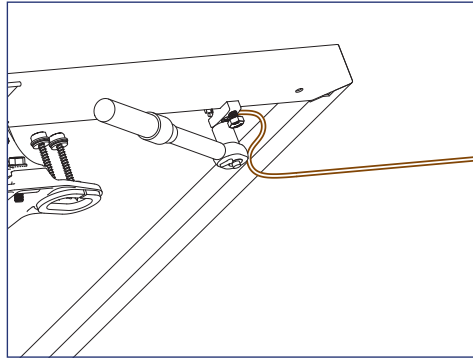
Wire Saver

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS - GROUND LUG

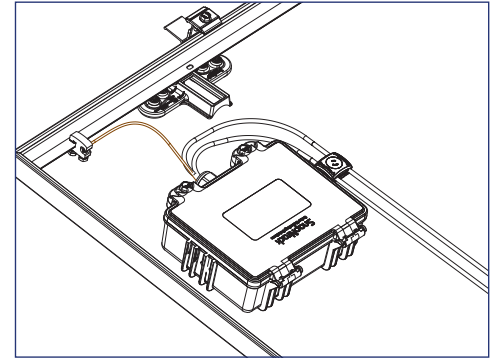
The SnapNrack Ground Lug to be used in accordance with the National Electric Code, ANSI/NFPA 70.



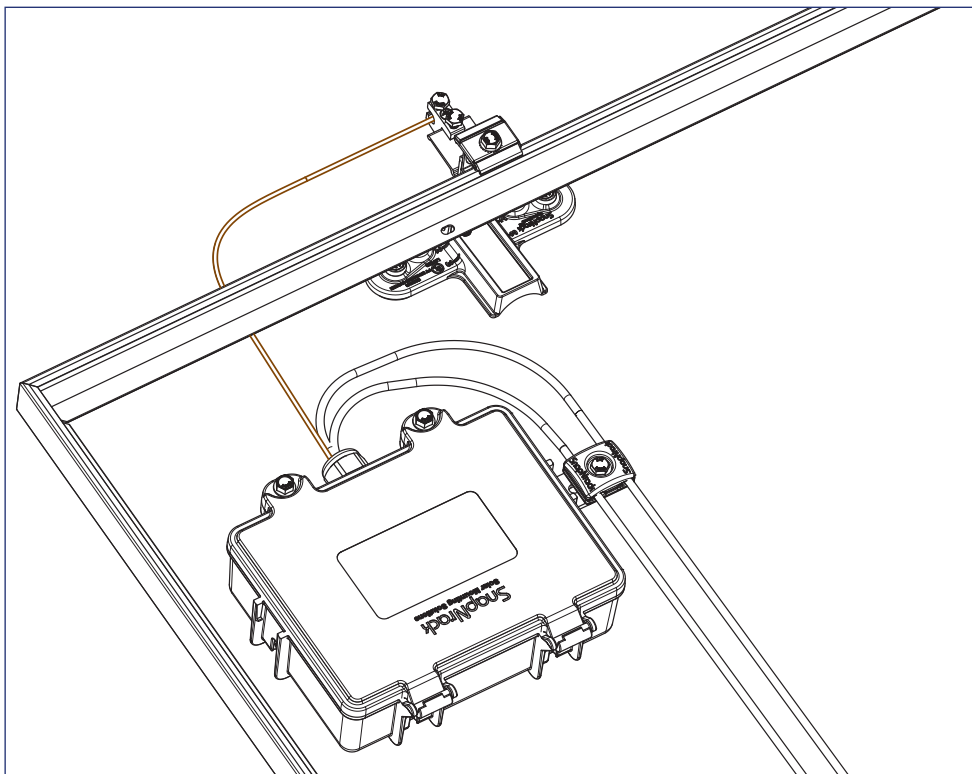
1) Ground Lug (242-92202) can be attached anywhere along the module frame or any TopSpeed™ Mount near the Junction Box. Torque module clamping bolt to 8 ft-lb.



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



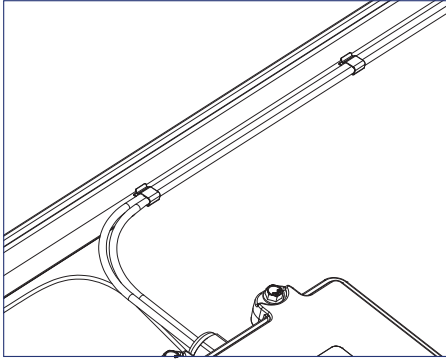
3) Run bare, solid EGC from Ground Lug R to Junction Box, bond bare EGC to stranded EGC in Junction Box. For details on installing the Junction Box reference the **Junction Box Installation Manual**.



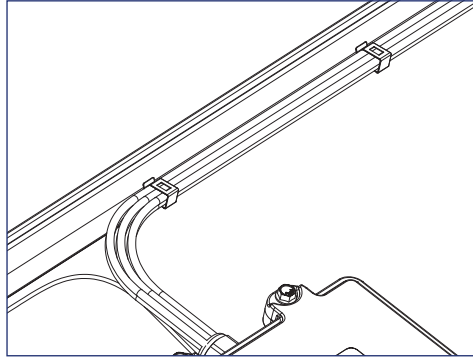
4) Optionally; Install Ground Lug on the Mount Landing Pad at the top of the array. Run bare copper between ground lug and Junction Box.

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.



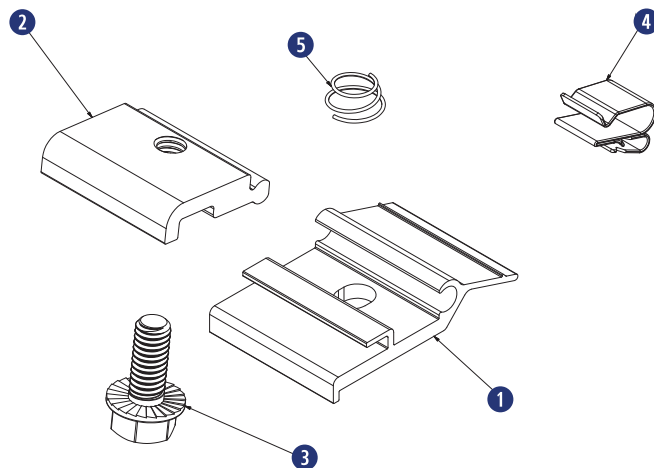
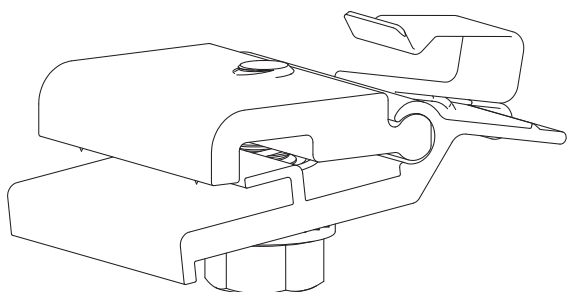
2) Use SnapNrack Smart Clip XL to manage larger bundles of PV wire; up to 6 PV wires per clip

Required Tools

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

Materials Included - MLPE Rail Attachment Kit

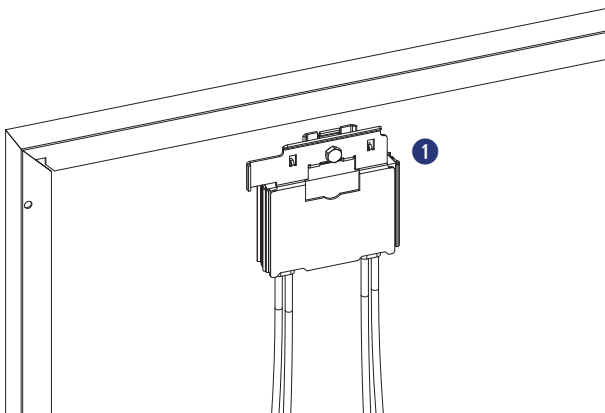
- ① (1) SnapNrack MLPE Frame Attachment Top
- ② (1) SnapNrack MLPE Frame Attachment Bottom
- ③ (1) 5/16"-18 X 3/4" Serrated Flange Bolt SS
- ④ (1) SnapNrack Smart Clip
- ⑤ (1) SnapNrack MLPE Frame Attachment Coil Spring SS



Materials Included

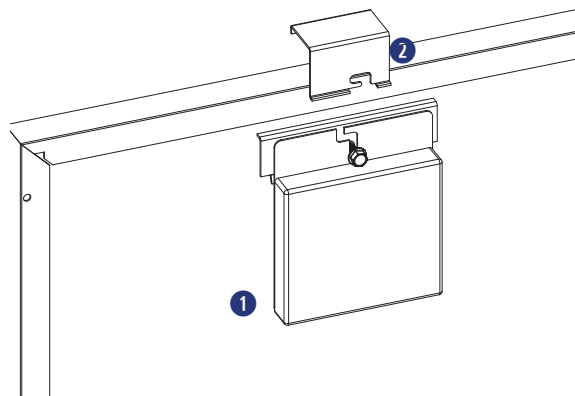
SolarEdge Frame Mount

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



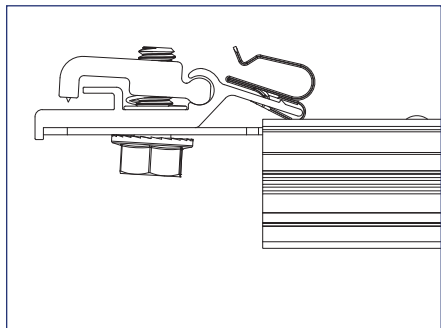
Enphase Frame Mount

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

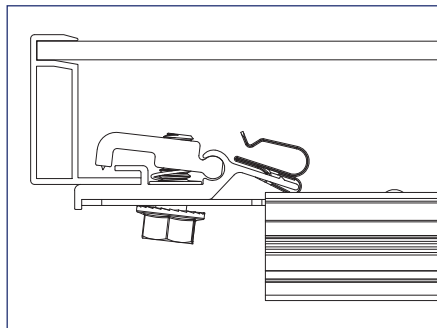


INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS - SNAPNRACK MLPE FRAME ATTACHMENT KIT

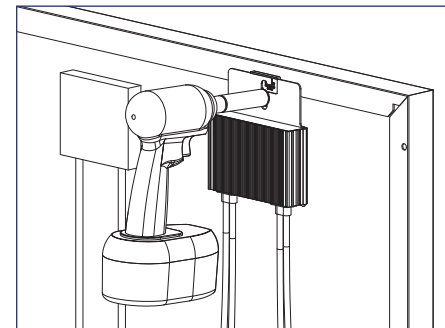
SnapNrack MLPE Frame Attachment kit are used to attach module level performance enhancing devices, and other devices such as an SRD (rapid shutdown device), directly to module frames, and provide integrated grounding/bonding for Devices grounded through metal back plate. (Refer to the list of tested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



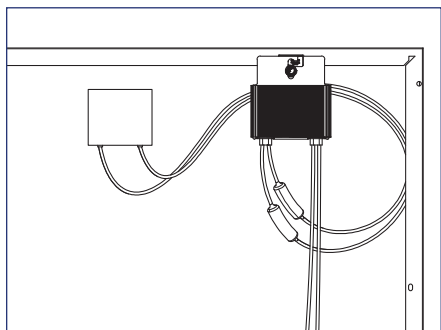
Install Note:

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



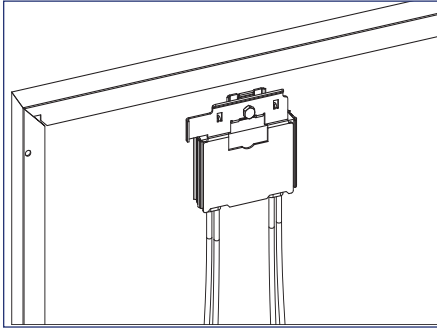
Install Note:

Avoid blocking module frame drainage holes when installing the MLPE Frame Attachment Kit.

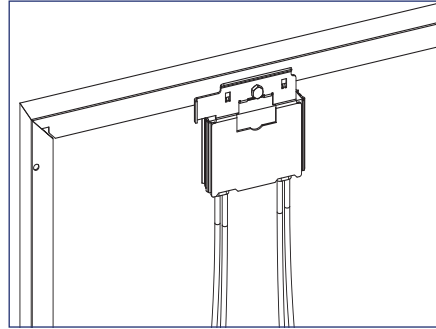


4) Connect the module leads to the input connectors on the MLPE device and manage conductors with the integrated Smart Clip.

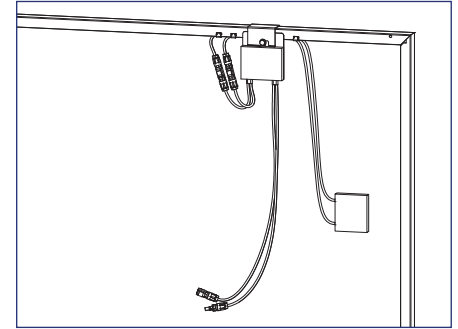
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS - SOLAREEDGE FRAME MOUNT



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.



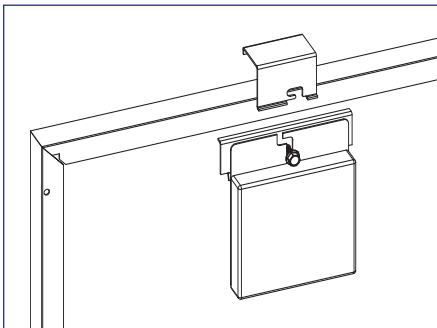
3) Connect the module leads to the input connectors on the optimizer and manage conductors with SnapNrack Smart Clips.



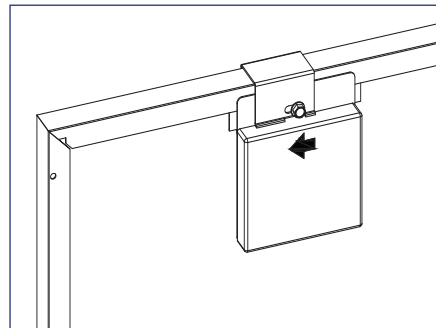
Install Note:

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.

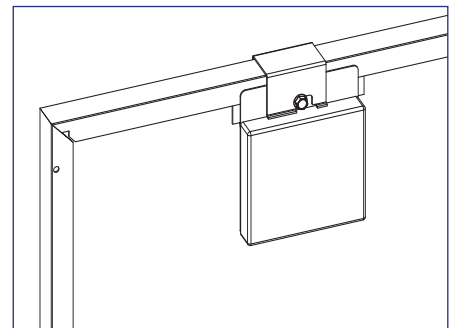


2) Slide the microinverter unit onto the bracket clamp, then move it slightly to the left.



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:

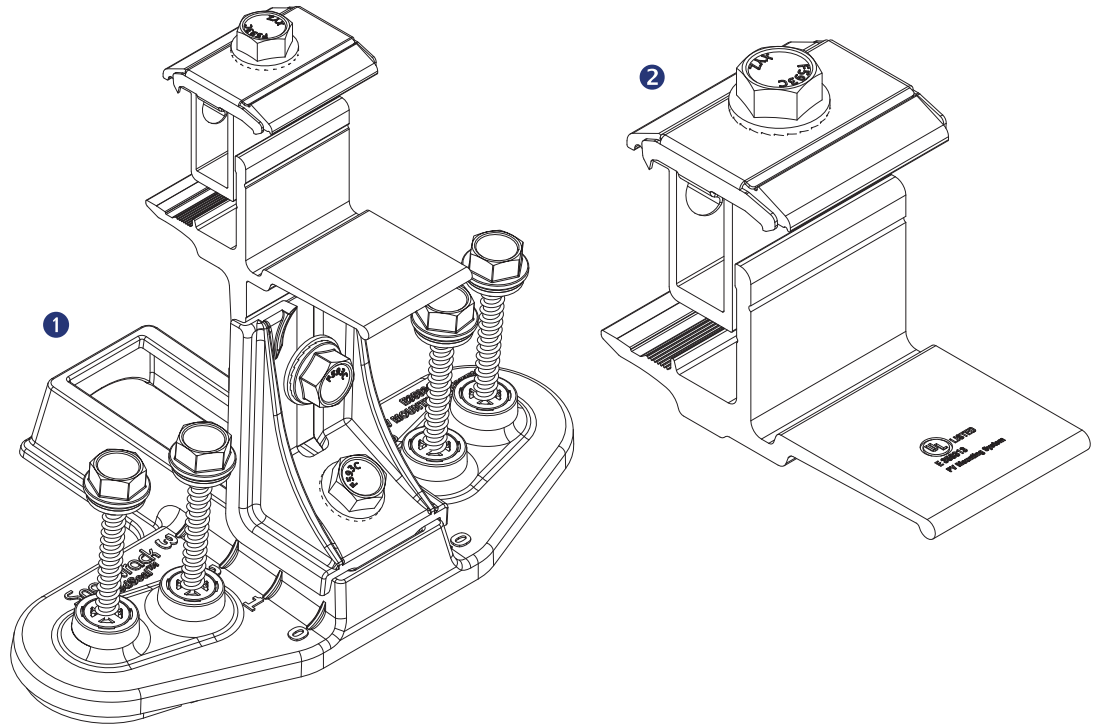
Refer to the Enphase Frame Mount installation guide for additional instructions.

Required Tools

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

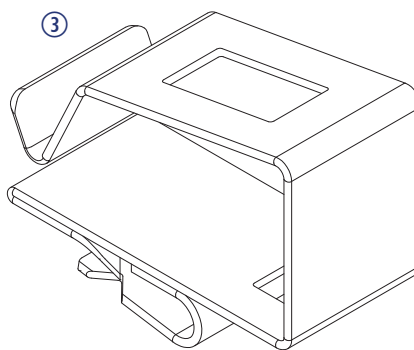
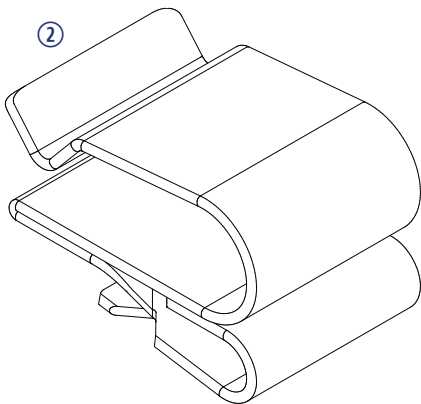
Materials Included

- ① 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

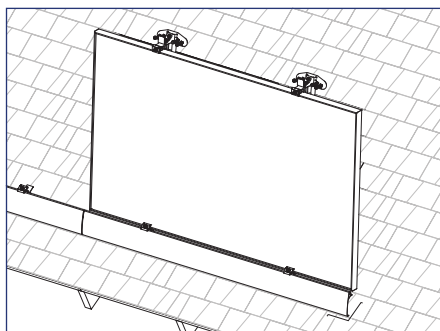
Recommended Best Practice:

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

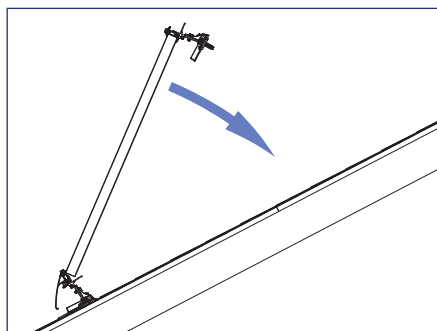
Install Note:

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

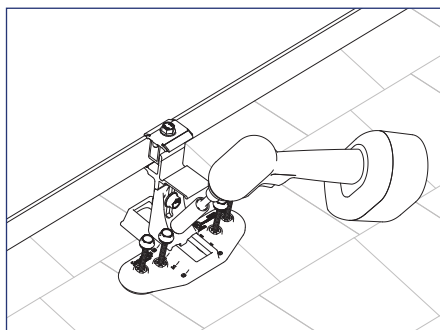
- With no MLPE, secure module leads to module frame to allow access to connectors while modules are installed
- Secure MLPE device to module frame with SnapNrack MLPE Frame Attachment Kit and connect module leads to MLPE, and manage leads by positioning connectors to allow access during installation



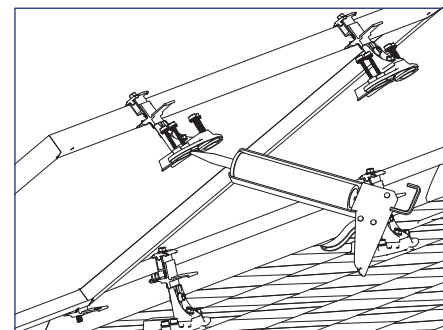
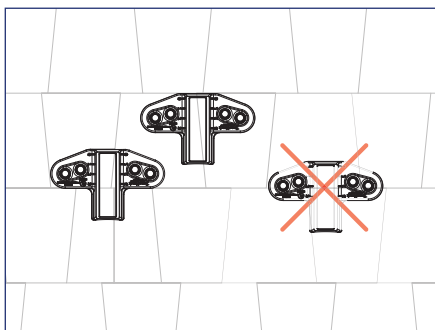
1) Rest downslope edge of module on the Mounts and/or Clamps position module so side edge is flush with marked edge of array layout or Skirt.



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.

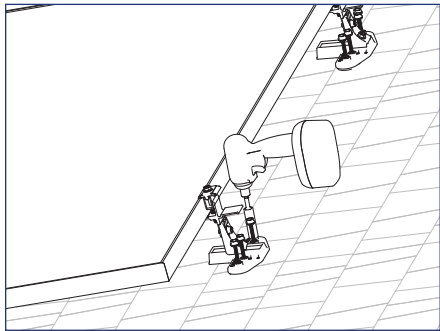


4) Lift the upslope edge of the module and fill the SpeedSeal™ reservoir with roofing sealant.

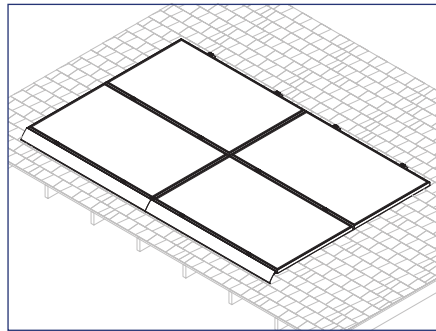
Install Note:

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 all four vents, remove TopSpeed™ Mount, add more sealant to the cavity, then reinstall.

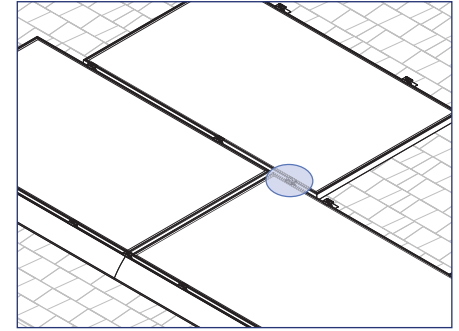
INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS - BOTTOM ROW



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.

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.

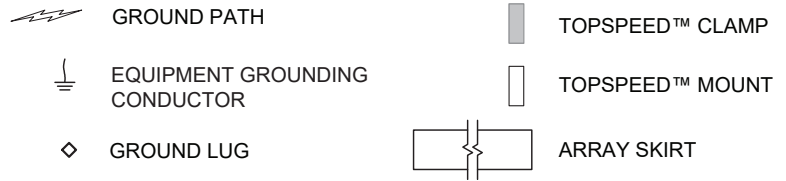
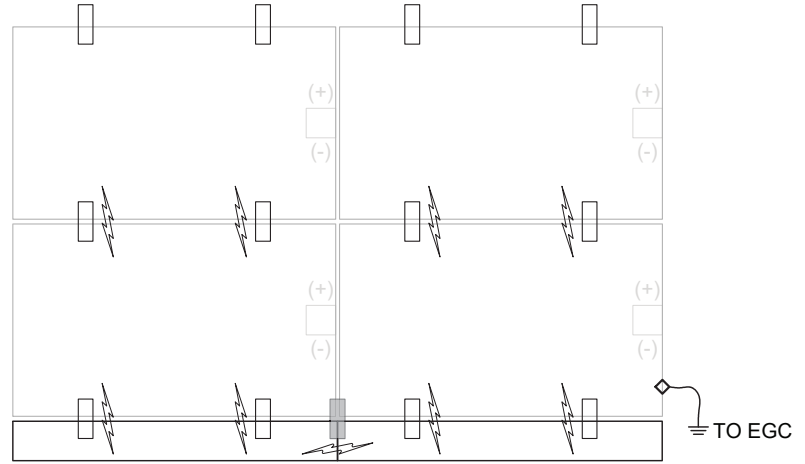
When installing a TopSpeed™ Clamp for support of an over cantilevered module, the clamp shall be installed 2-6" from the edge of the upslope (cantilevered) module.

GROUND PATH DETAILS

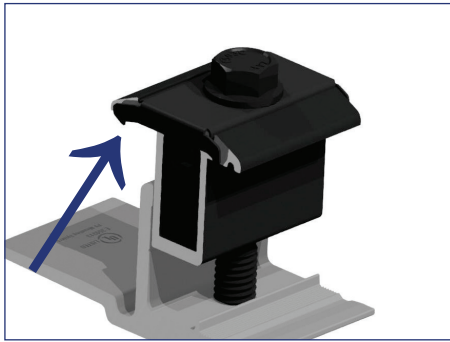
All TopSpeed™ components in the fault current ground path have been Certified to be used multiple times for grounding/bonding. The UL 2703 Listing does not specify a maximum number of uses for the Mount, Link, or Ground Lug. Review the requirements of the National Electrical Code (NEC) Article 250 to 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:

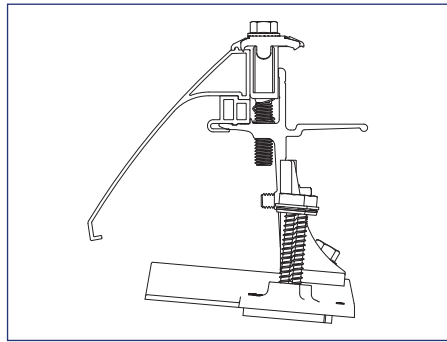
- SnapNrack, TopSpeed™ Mount
- SnapNrack, TopSpeed™ Clamp



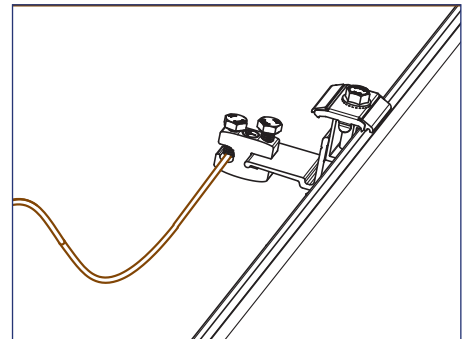
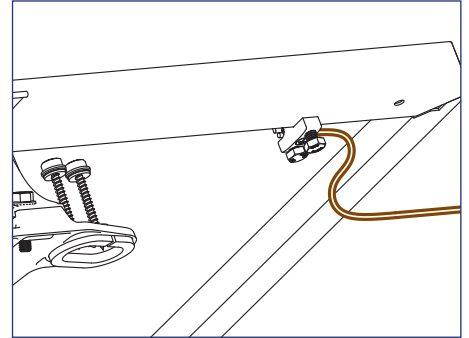
GROUNDING METHOD DETAILS



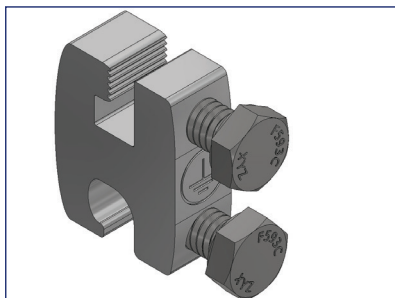
1) Row to row module bonding provided by bonding clips in Mount assembly and Clamp assembly.



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.



GROUNDING MARKING DETAILS

The Ground Lug is marked with the ground symbol.

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

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.

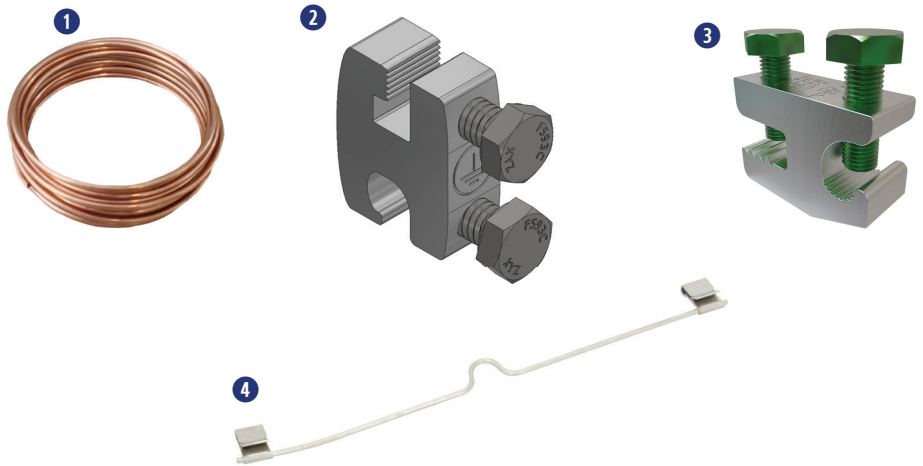
Scenarios that could result in a disruption of the bonding path are described, for example irregularly-shaped arrays, arrays consisting of individual rows, and any other scenario where module removal could disrupt the bonding path. In most cases, the removal of a module for servicing will not disturb 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 TopSpeed™ 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™

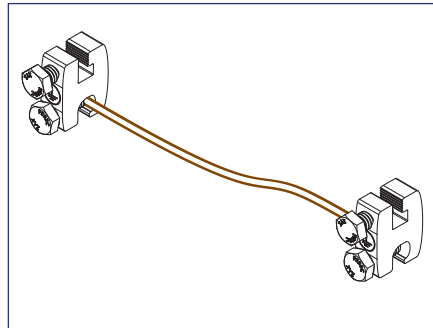


Maintaining the Grounding Bonding When Removing a Module

JUMPER ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTION & INSTALLATION

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

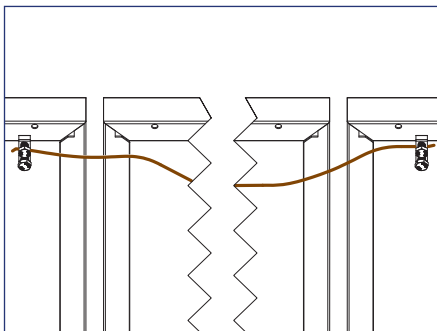
1) Identify the existing ground path at the location of module removal and choose an appropriate length of #10 bare copper to bridge the soon to be broken ground path.



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:

1. (2) SnapNrack Ground Lug part no. 242-922022
2. (2) IlSCO part no. SGB-4
3. (1) DroRaxx DynoBond™



3) Before the module is removed, 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.

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

5) After Servicing the array reinstall the module and original ground path. Only then Remove the bonding jumper.

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

APPROVED MODULE & MLPE INFORMATION

SnapNrack TopSpeed™ System has been tested with the following UL Listed module series: The SnapNrack TopSpeed™ 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.snaprack.com.

Manufacturer	Model	
Aptos Solar	DNA-120-MF23-XXX	DNA-120-BF26-XXXW
	DNA-120-BF23-XXX	DNA-144-BF26-XXXW
	DNA-144-MF23-XXX	DNA-108-BF10-xxxW
	DNA-144-BF23-XXX	DNA-120-BF10-xxxW
	DNA-120-MF26-XXXW	DNA-108-MF10-xxxW
	DNA-144-MF26-XXXW	
Canadian Solar	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
	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	
Chint Solar	CHSM6612M-XXX	CHSM72M-HC-XXX* (Astro 4)
	CHSM6612M(BL)-XXX	CHSM72M-HC-XXX* (Astro 5)
	CHSM6612M/HV-XXX	
Dehui Solar	DH-M760B-XXXW	DH-M760F-XXXW
	DH-M760W-XXXW	DH-M772F-XXXW
	DH-M772W-XXXW	
Freedom Forever	FF-MP-BBB-xxx	
Hanwha Q Cells	Q.PEAK DUO-G5-XXX	Q.PEAK DUO XL-G10.3/BFG-XXX
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	Q.PEAK DUO XL-G10.2-XXX	
HT-SAAE	HT60-166M-XXX	HT60-182M-XXX
Heliene	60M-XXX	72M-XXX
	60P-XXX	72P-XXX
"Hyundai (All may be followed by "BK")"	HiA-SXXXMS	HiS-SXXXYI
	HiS-SXXXXY	HiS-SXXXYH(BK)
Hyperion/Runergy	HY-DH108P8-XXX(Y)	
JA Solar	JAM60S09-XXX/PR	JAM72S10-XXX/PR
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	JAM60S12-XXX/PR	JAM54S30-XXX/MR
	JAM72S09-XXX/PR	JAM54S31-XXX/MR
	JAM72S10-XXX/MR	JAM72D30-XXX/MB
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	JKMXXXM-60L	JKMXXXPP-72
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	JKMXXXM-72L-V	JKMXXXM-72HL4-V
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	LR6-60HPH-XXXM	
Meyer Burger	Meyer Burger Black*	Meyer Burger White*
mSolar	TXI6-XXX120BB	
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Next Energy Alliance	USNEA-XXXM3-60	USNEA-XXXM3-72
	USNEA-XXXM3B-60	USNEA-XXXM3B-72
Panasonic	VBHNXXXKA03	VBHXXXRA18N
	VBHNXXXKA04	VBHXXXRA03K
	VBHNXXXSA17	EVPVXXX(K)
	VBHNXXXSA18	EVPVXXXH
	VBHN325SA17E	EVPVXXXPK
Phono Solar	PSXXXM-20/U	PSxxxM8GF-18/VH
	PSXXXMH-20/U	PSxxxM8GFH-18/VH
	PSxxxM8GF-24/TH	PSxxxM6-24/TH
	PSxxxM8GFH-24/TH	

Manufacturer	Model	
REC (All may be followed by "BLK" or "BLACK")	RECXXTP2	RECXXTP2SM 72 BLK2
	RECXXTP2-BLK	RECXXXAA
	RECXXNP	RECXXTP3M
	RECXXTP2M	RECXXTP4
	RECXXTP2M 72	RECXXXAA Pure
	RECXXTP2M 72 BLK	RECXXXAA Pure-R
	RECXXTP2M 72 BLK2	RECXXNP2
	RECXXTP2SM 72	RECXXNP3
	RECXXTP2SM 72 BLK	
SEG Solar	SEG-400-BMB-HV	SEG-xxx-BMD-HV
	SEG-400-BMB-TB	SEG-xxx-BMD-TB
Silfab	SLAXX-M	SILXXXNT
	SLAXX-P	SILXXXHL
	SSAXX-M	SILXXXBK
	SSAXX-P	SILXXXNX
	SILXXXBL	SILXXXNU
	SILXXXML	SILXXXHC
	SILXXXNL	SILXXXHN
	SLGXX-M	SILXXXBG
	SLGXX-P	SIL-xxxHC+
	SSGXX-M	SIL-xxxHM
	SSGXX-P	
Solaria	Solaria PowerXT-XXXR-PX	Solaria PowerXT-XXXR-PM
	Solaria PowerXT-XXXR-BX	Solaria PowerXT-XXXR-PM-AC
	Solaria PowerXT-XXXR-AC	
Sunpower	SPR-AXXX-G-AC	SPR-MXXX-H-AC
	SPR-AXXX	SPR-MXXX
	SPR-AXXX-BLK-G-AC	SPR-MXXX-BLK-H-AC
	SPR-AXXX-BLK	SPR-MXXX-BLK
SunSpark	SST-XXXM3-60	SST-XXXM3-72
	SST-XXXM3B-60	SST-XXXM3B-72
Talesun	TP660M-XXX	TP672M-XXX
	TP660P-XXX	TP672P-XXX
Trina	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)
	TSM-XXXPA05	TSMXXXDE06X.05(II)
	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	

Manufacturer	Model	
Trina	TSM-XXXPD05.05S	TSM-XXXDEG21C.20
	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™ 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™ 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	
Enphase	C250	IQ7PLUS-72-2-US
	M215	IQ7PLUS-72-B-US
	M250	IQ8-60
	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	
Ginlong Technologies	Solis-RSD-1G	
	Solis-MLRSD-R1-1G	Solis-MLRSD-R2-1G
SolarEdge	P300-5NC4ARS	P320-5NC4ARS
	P370-5NC4AFS	P400-5NC4AFS
	P320	P340
	P370	P400
	P401	P405
	P485	P505
	P730	P800p
	P850	P860
	P950	P1100
	P1101	S440
	S500	
	SMA	RSB-2S-US-10
Tigo	TS4-R-F	TS4-R-M
	TS4-R-O	TS4-R-S
	TS4-R-M-DUO	TS4-R-O-DUO
	TS4-R-S-DUO	TS4-A-F
	TS4-A-2F	TS4-A-O
	TS4-A-S	

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LR5-54HABB 390~415M

- Suitable for distributed projects
- Advanced module technology delivers superior module efficiency
 - M10 Gallium-doped Wafer • Integrated Segmented Ribbons • 9-busbar Half-cut Cell
- Globally validated bifacial energy yield
- High module quality ensures long-term reliability

 25-year Warranty for Materials and Processing

 30-year Warranty for Extra Linear Power Output

Complete System and Product Certifications

IEC 61215, IEC 61730, UL 61730

ISO9001:2015: ISO Quality Management System

ISO14001: 2015: ISO Environment Management System

ISO45001: 2018: Occupational Health and Safety

IEC62941: Guideline for module design qualification and type approval

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LR5-54HABB 390~415M

21.3%
MAX MODULE
EFFICIENCY

0~3%
POWER
TOLERANCE

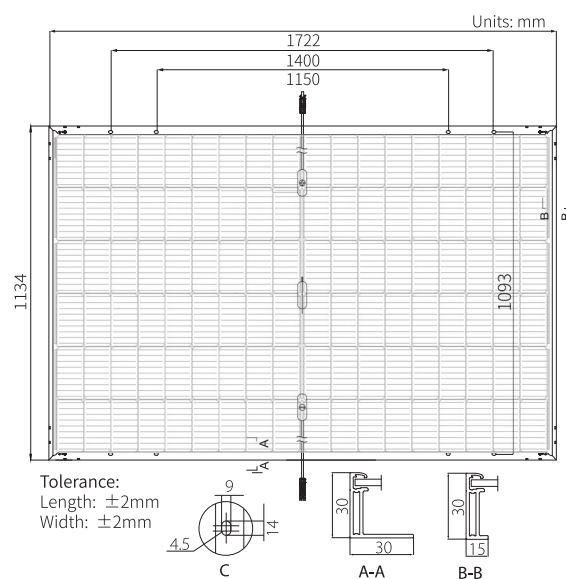
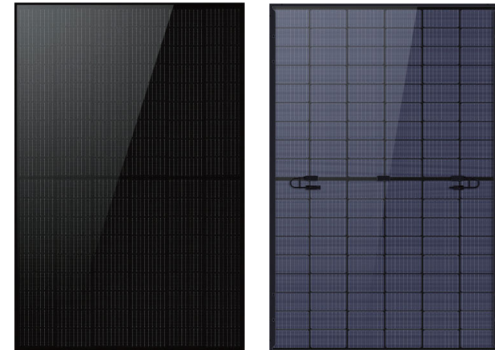
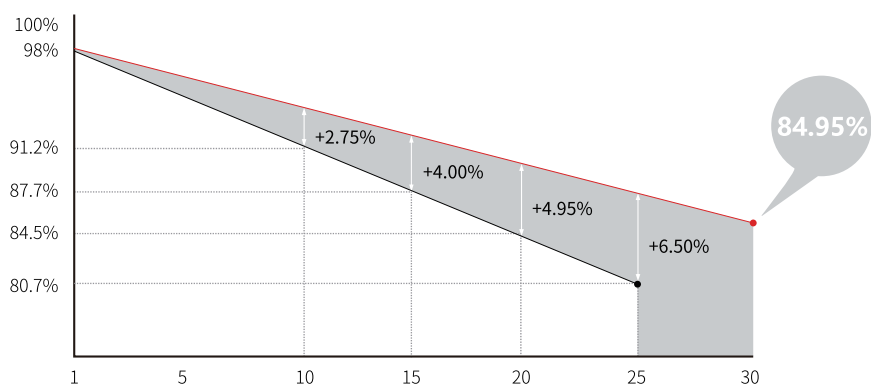
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POWER DEGRADATION

0.45%
YEAR 2-30
POWER DEGRADATION

HALF-CELL
Lower operating temperature

Additional Value

30-Year Power Warranty



Mechanical Parameters

Cell Orientation	108 (6×18)
Junction Box	IP68, three diodes
Output Cable	4mm ² , ±1200mm length can be customized
Glass	Dual glass, 2.0+1.6mm heat strengthened glass
Frame	Anodized aluminum alloy frame
Weight	22.5kg
Dimension	1722×1134×30mm
Packaging	36pcs per pallet / 216pcs per 20' GP / 936pcs or 792pcs(Only for USA) per 40' HC

Electrical Characteristics

STC: AM1.5 1000W/m² 25°C NOCT: AM1.5 800W/m² 20°C 1m/s Test uncertainty for Pmax: ±3%

Module Type	LR5-54HABB-390M		LR5-54HABB-395M		LR5-54HABB-400M		LR5-54HABB-405M		LR5-54HABB-410M		LR5-54HABB-415M	
	STC	NOCT	STC	NOCT	STC	NOCT	STC	NOCT	STC	NOCT	STC	NOCT
Maximum Power (Pmax/W)	390	291.5	395	295.2	400	299.0	405	302.7	410	306.5	415	310.2
Open Circuit Voltage (Voc/V)	36.58	34.39	36.81	34.61	37.05	34.84	37.29	35.06	37.53	35.29	37.77	35.51
Short Circuit Current (Isc/A)	13.57	10.95	13.65	11.01	13.72	11.07	13.79	11.13	13.87	11.19	13.94	11.25
Voltage at Maximum Power (Vmp/V)	30.47	28.43	30.70	28.64	30.94	28.86	31.18	29.09	31.42	29.31	31.66	29.54
Current at Maximum Power (Imp/A)	12.80	10.26	12.87	10.31	12.93	10.36	12.99	10.41	13.05	10.45	13.11	10.50
Module Efficiency(%)	20.0		20.2		20.5		20.7		21.0		21.3	

Electrical characteristics with different rear side power gain (reference to 400W front)

Pmax /W	Voc/V	Isc /A	Vmp/V	Imp /A	Pmax gain
420	37.05	14.41	30.94	13.58	5%
440	37.05	15.09	30.94	14.22	10%
460	37.15	15.78	31.04	14.87	15%
480	37.15	16.46	31.04	15.52	20%
500	37.15	17.15	31.04	16.16	25%

Operating Parameters

Operational Temperature	-40°C ~ +85°C
Power Output Tolerance	0 ~ 3%
Voc and Isc Tolerance	±3%
Maximum System Voltage	DC1500V (IEC/UL)
Maximum Series Fuse Rating	30A
Nominal Operating Cell Temperature	45±2°C
Protection Class	Class II
Bifaciality	70±5%
Fire Rating	UL Similar type 38 * IEC Class C

*Reference Standard: UL61730 Second Edition, Dated October 28, 2022

Mechanical Loading

Front Side Maximum Static Loading	5400Pa
Rear Side Maximum Static Loading	2400Pa
Hailstone Test	25mm Hailstone at the speed of 23m/s

Temperature Ratings (STC)

Temperature Coefficient of Isc	+0.050%/°C
Temperature Coefficient of Voc	-0.265%/°C
Temperature Coefficient of Pmax	-0.340%/°C



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IQ8 and IQ8+ Microinverters

Our newest IQ8 Microinverters are the industry’s first microgrid-forming, software-defined microinverters with split-phase power conversion capability to convert DC power to AC power efficiently. The brain of the semiconductor-based microinverter is our proprietary application-specific integrated circuit (ASIC), which enables the microinverter to operate in grid-tied or off-grid modes. This chip is built using advanced 55-nm technology with high-speed digital logic and has superfast response times to changing loads and grid events, alleviating constraints on battery sizing for home energy systems.



Part of the Enphase Energy System, IQ8 Series Microinverters integrate with the IQ Battery, IQ Gateway, and the Enphase App monitoring and analysis software.



IQ8 Series Microinverters redefine reliability standards with more than one million cumulative hours of power-on testing, enabling an industry-leading limited warranty of up to 25 years.



Connect PV modules quickly and easily to IQ8 Series Microinverters using the included Q-DCC-2 adapter cable with plug-and-play MC4 connectors.



IQ8 Series Microinverters are UL Listed as PV rapid shutdown equipment and conform with various regulations, when installed according to the manufacturer’s instructions.

Easy to install

- Lightweight and compact with plug-and-play connectors
- Power line communication (PLC) between components
- Faster installation with simple two-wire cabling

High productivity and reliability

- Produce power even when the grid is down*
- More than one million cumulative hours of testing
- Class II double-insulated enclosure
- Optimized for the latest high-powered PV modules

Microgrid-forming

- Compliant with the latest advanced grid support**
- Remote automatic updates for the latest grid requirements
- Configurable to support a wide range of grid profiles
- Meets CA Rule 21 (UL 1741-SA) and IEEE 1547:2018 (UL 1741-SB)

NOTE:

- IQ8 Microinverters cannot be mixed with previous generations of Enphase microinverters (IQ7 Series, IQ6 Series, and so on) in the same system.
- IQ Microinverters ship with default settings that meet North America’s IEEE 1547 interconnection standard requirements. Region-specific adjustments may be requested by an Authority Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) or utility representative according to the IEEE 1547 interconnection standard. An IQ Gateway is required to make these changes during installation.

*Meets UL 1741 only when installed with IQ System Controller 2 or 3.
 **IQ8 and IQ8+ support split-phase, 240 V installations only.

IQ8 and IQ8+ Microinverters

INPUT DATA (DC)		UNITS	IQ8-60-2-US	IQ8PLUS-72-2-US
Commonly used module pairings ¹	W		235–350	235–440
Module compatibility	—	To meet compatibility, PV modules must be within maximum input DC voltage and maximum module I_{sc} listed below. Module compatibility can be checked at https://enphase.com/installers/microinverters/calculator .		
MPPT voltage range	V		27–37	27–45
Operating range	V		16–48	16–58
Minimum/Maximum start voltage	V		22/48	22/58
Maximum input DC voltage	V		50	60
Maximum continuous input DC current	A		10	12
Maximum input DC short-circuit current	A			25
Maximum module (I_{sc})	A			20
Overtoltage class DC port	—			II
DC port backfeed current	mA			0
PV array configuration	—	Ungrounded array; no additional DC side protection required; AC side protection requires maximum 20 A per branch circuit.		
OUTPUT DATA (AC)		UNITS	IQ8-60-2-US	IQ8PLUS-72-2-US
Peak output power	VA		245	300
Maximum continuous output power	VA		240	290
Nominal grid voltage (L-L)	V		240, split-phase (L-L), 180°	
Minimum and Maximum grid voltage ²	V		211–264	
Maximum continuous output current	A		1.0	1.21
Nominal frequency	Hz			60
Extended frequency range	Hz			47–68
AC short-circuit fault current over three cycles	Arms			2
Maximum units per 20 A (L-L) branch circuit ³	—		16	13
Total harmonic distortion	%			<5
Overtoltage class AC port	—			III
AC port backfeed current	mA			30
Power factor setting	—			1.0
Grid-tied power factor (adjustable)	—		0.85 leading ... 0.85 lagging	
Peak efficiency	%			97.7
CEC weighted efficiency	%			97
Nighttime power consumption	mW		23	25
MECHANICAL DATA				
Ambient temperature range			-40°C to 60°C (-40°F to 140°F)	
Relative humidity range			4% to 100% (condensing)	
DC connector type			MC4	
Dimensions (H × W × D)			212 mm (8.3 in) × 175 mm (6.9 in) × 30.2 mm (1.2 in)	
Weight			1.08 kg (2.38 lbs)	
Cooling			Natural convection—no fans	
Approved for wet locations			Yes	
Pollution degree			PD3	
Enclosure			Class II double-insulated, corrosion-resistant polymeric enclosure	
Environmental category/UV exposure rating			NEMA Type 6/Outdoor	

(1) No enforced DC/AC ratio.

(2) Nominal voltage range can be extended beyond nominal if required by the utility.

(3) Limits may vary. Refer to local requirements to define the number of microinverters per branch in your area.

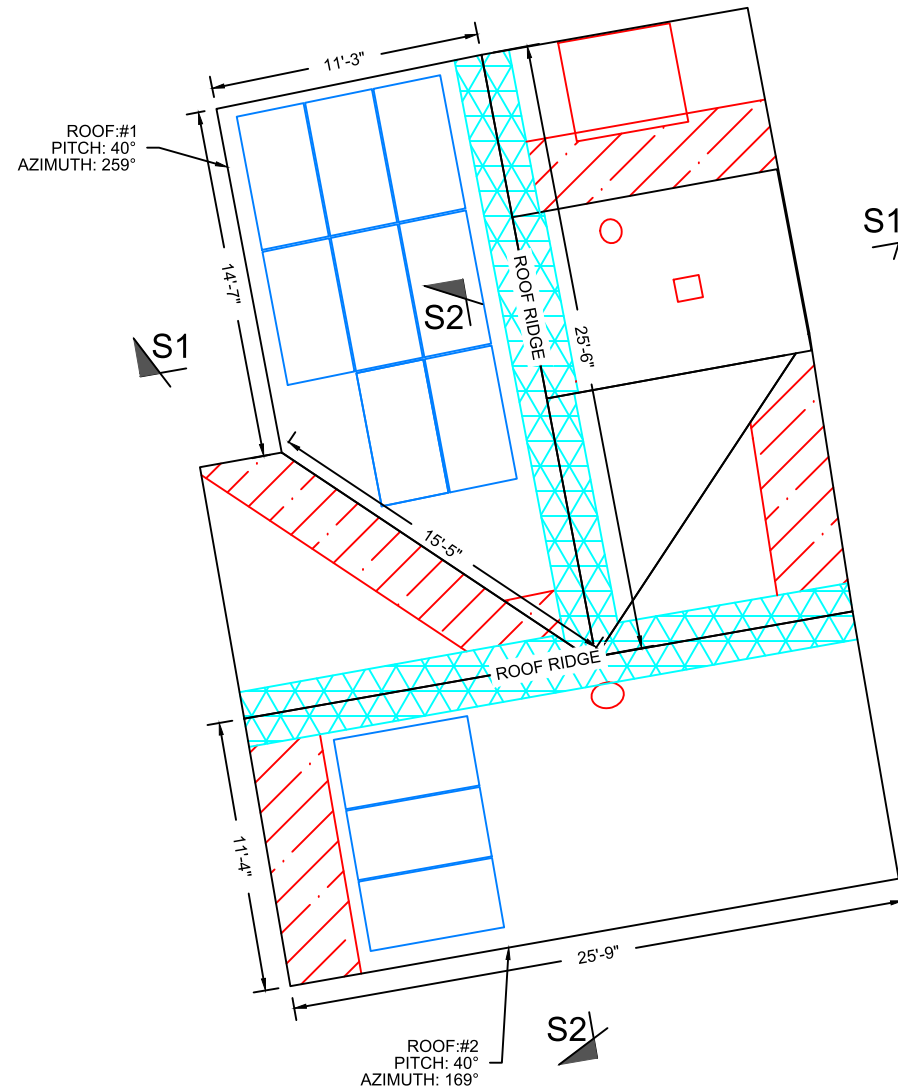
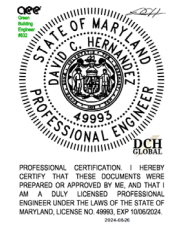
COMPLIANCE

Certifications

CA Rule 21 (UL 1741-SA), UL 62109-1, IEEE 1547:2018 (UL 1741-SB), FCC Part 15 Class B, ICES-0003 Class B, CAN/CSA-C22.2 NO. 107.1-01.
This product is UL Listed as PV rapid shutdown equipment and conforms with NEC 2014, NEC 2017, NEC 2020, and NEC 2023 section 690.12 and C22.1-2018 Rule 64-218 rapid shutdown of PV Systems, for AC and DC conductors, when installed according to the manufacturer's instructions.

Revision history

REVISION	DATE	DESCRIPTION
DSH-00207-3.0	February 2024	Updated the information about IEEE 1547 interconnection standard requirements.
DSH-00207-2.0	October 2023	Included NEC 2023 specification in the “Compliance” section.
DSH-00207-1.0	September 2023	Updated module compatibility specification.




- KEY**
- FIRE SAFETY ZONE
 - 3' PATHWAYS FROM LOWEST ROOF EDGE TO RIDGE PROVIDED PER R324.6.1
 - 1'6" PATHWAYS PROVIDED ON BOTH SIDES OF RIDGE PER R324.6.2

PLAN VIEW TOTAL ROOF AREA: 1157 SQFT
SOLAR ARRAY AREA: 231.22 SQFT
THE SOLAR ARRAY IS 20.0% OF THE PLAN VIEW TOTAL ROOF AREA

- NOTES:**
- THE SYSTEM SHALL INCLUDE (11) LONGI LR5-54HABB-400M.
 - SNAPNRACK TOPSPEED WILL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SNAPNRACK INSTALLATION MANUAL.
 - REFER TO STRUCTURAL DRAWING FOR SECTIONS MARKED AND ADDITIONAL NOTES.

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



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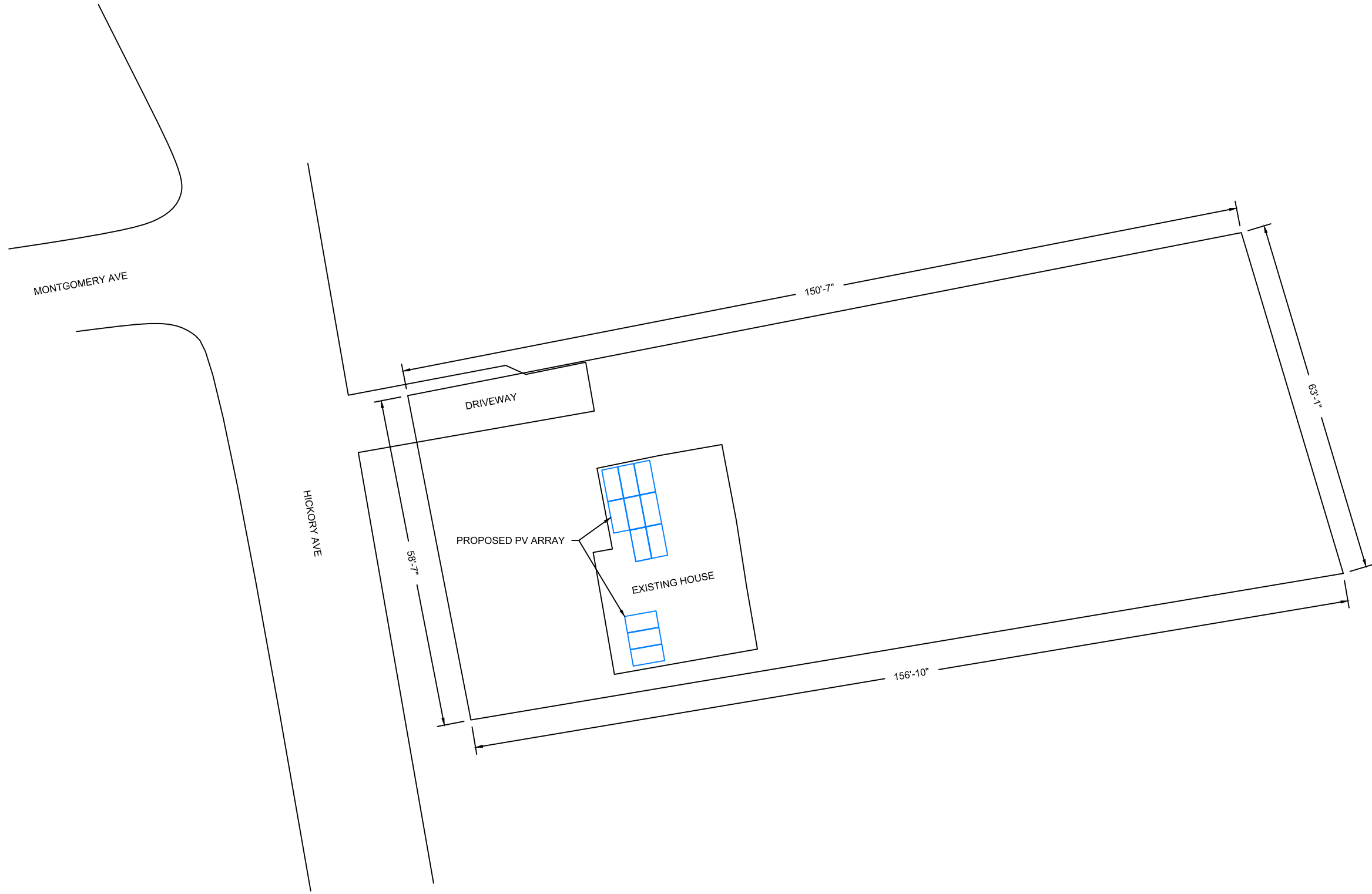
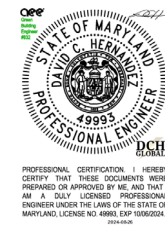
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Electrical Code	
National Electrical Code (NEC) 2017	
Wind Speed	Snow Load
115 MPH	30 PSF
Modules	
(11) LONGi LR5-54HABB-400M	
Inverter(s)	
(11) IQ8+-72-2-US	
DC System Size	AC System Size
4.400 kW	3.190 kW
Customer Information	
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SITE PLAN
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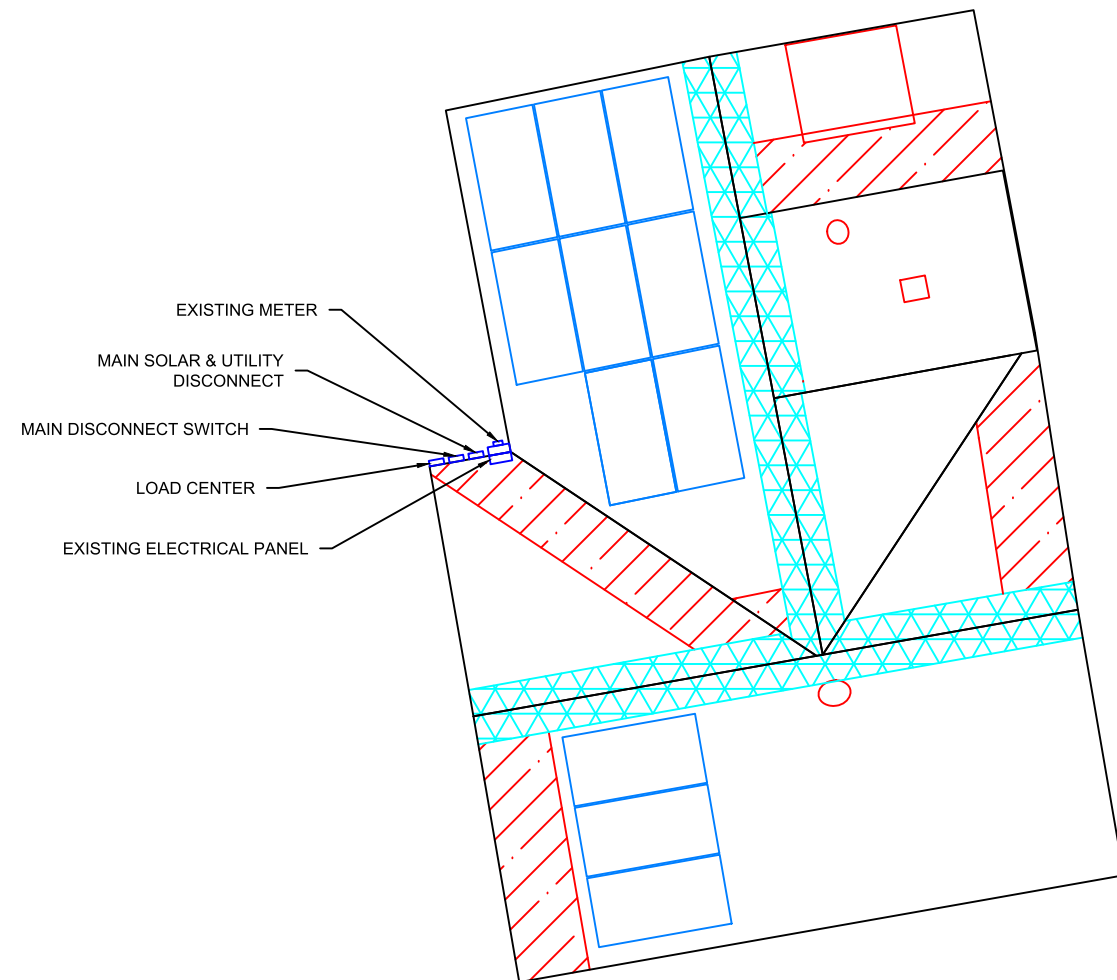
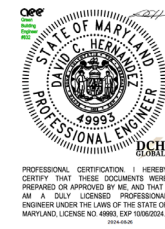
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<small>Permit/Lender</small> None	
<small>City</small> Takoma Park	<small>Utility</small> Pepco
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EQUIPMENT LOCATION PLAN
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NOTE:
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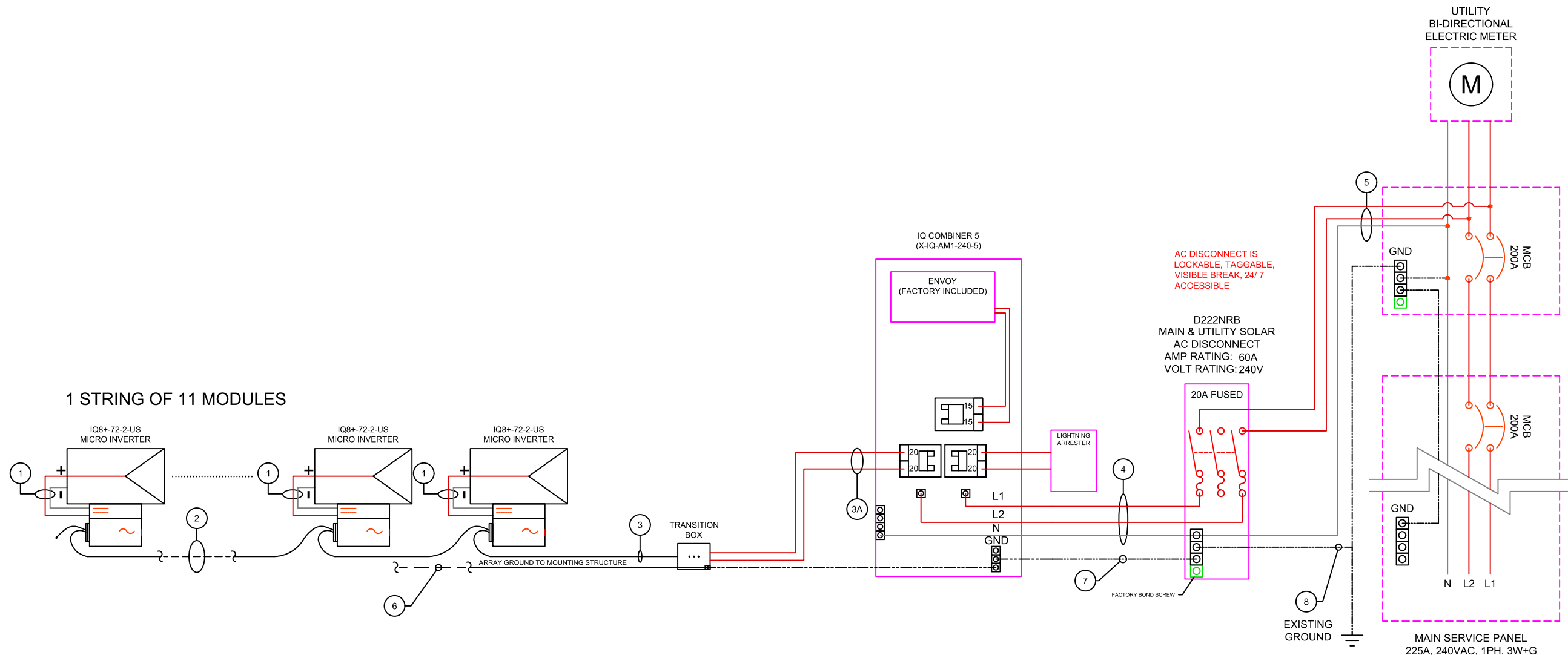


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1 STRING OF 11 MODULES


3-LINE DIAGRAM

MODULE SPECIFICATIONS	
MODEL NUMBER	LR5-54HABB-400M
PEAK POWER	400 W
RATED VOLTAGE (V _{mpp})	30.94 V
RATED CURRENT (I _{mp})	12.93 A
OPEN CIRCUIT VOLTAGE (V _{oc})	37.05 V
SHORT CIRCUIT CURRENT (I _{sc})	13.72 A
MAXIMUM SYSTEM VOLTAGE	1000VDC
INVERTER SPECIFICATIONS	
MODEL NUMBER	IQ8PLUS-72-M-US
MAXIMUM DC VOLTAGE	60 V
MAXIMUM POWER OUTPUT	290 W
NOMINAL AC VOLTAGE	240 VAC
MAXIMUM AC CURRENT	1.21 A
CEC EFFICIENCY	97.0%
ARRAY DETAILS	
NO. OF MODULES PER STRING	11
NO. OF STRINGS	1
ARRAY WATTS AT STC	4400
MAX. VOLTAGE	240 V

WIRE/CONDUIT SCHEDULE ARRAY			
TAG	DESCRIPTION	WIRE SIZE/TYPE	NOTES
1	Panel to Micro Inverter	PV Wire (Factory Made)	INTEGRATED
2	Micro Inverter to Micro Inverter	Pre-Manufactured Cable	
3	Micro Inverter to Transition Box	Pre-Manufactured Cable	
3A	Transition Box to Load Center	#10 THHN/THWN-2	INTEGRATED
4	Load Center to AC Disconnect	#10 Cu THHN/THWN-2	
5	AC Disconnect to Interconnection Point	#6 Cu THHN/THWN-2	
6	Equipment Grounding Conductor	#8 Cu Bare Copper Wire	
7	Equipment Grounding Conductor	#8 Cu THHN/THWN-2	
8	Grounding Electrode Conductor	#6 Cu	

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.
 - 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
 - 10AWG CONDUCTOR ARE GENERALLY ACCEPTABLE FOR MODULES WITH AN I_{sc} OF 9.6 AMPS WITH A 15 AMP FUSE.
- WIRE SIZING FOR OCPD
 EX (I_{sc} * (1.25)(1.25)) / (# OF STRINGS IN PARALLEL) = WIRE AMPACITY OR USING NEC TABLE 690.8



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 Takoma Park, MD, 20912

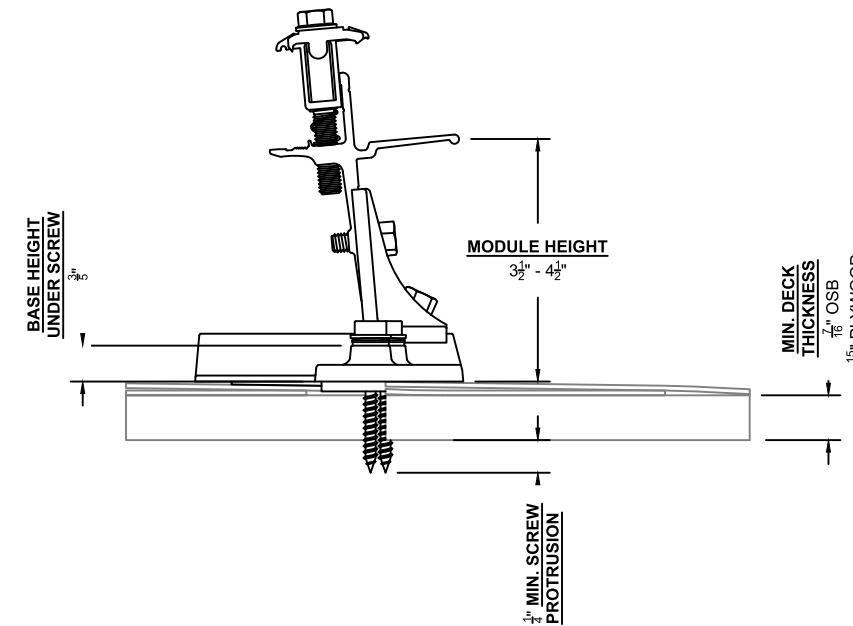
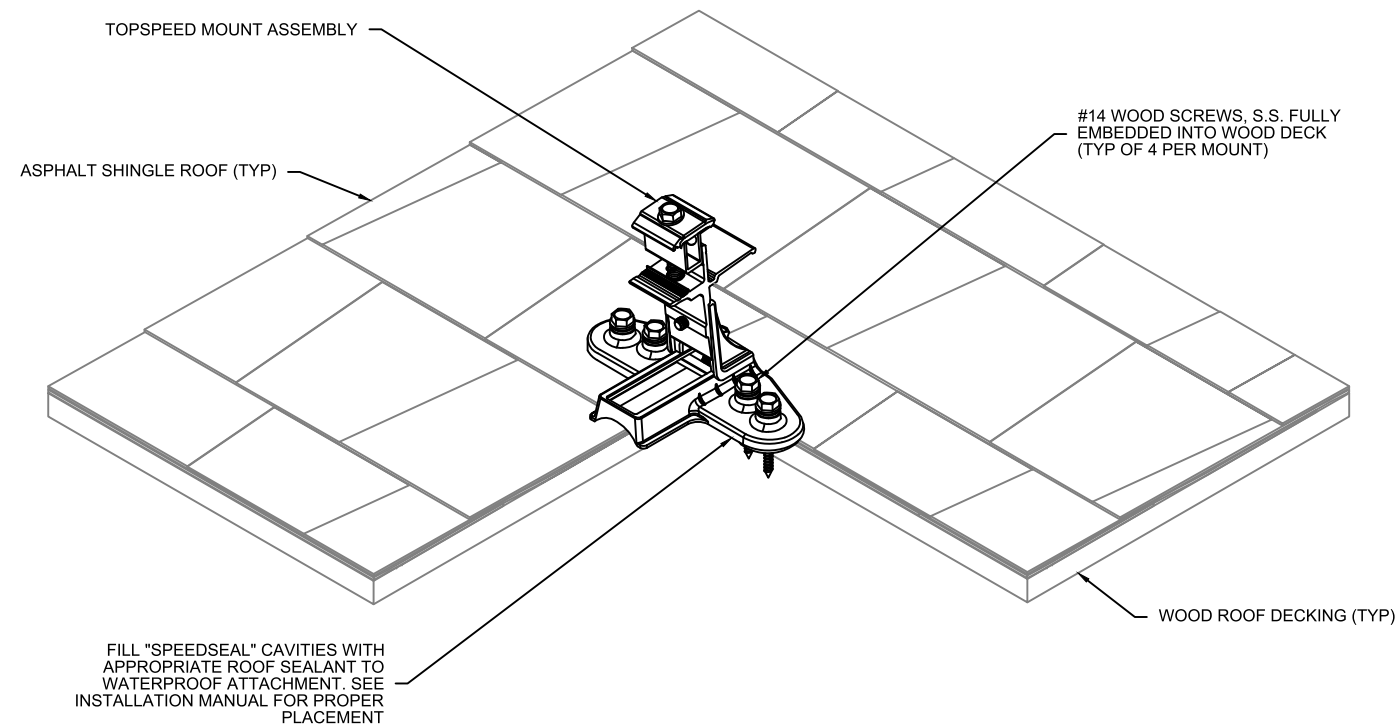
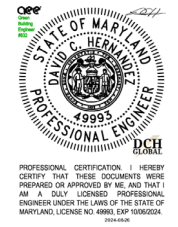
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Structural Details		
S1	Rafter	2x8 O.C. 24"
S2	Rafter	2x8 O.C. 24"

NOTES:

- ALL WORK SHALL COMPLY WITH REQUIREMENTS OF INTERNATIONAL RESIDENTIAL CODE (IRC 2018), LOADING CODE (ASCE 7-16), WOOD DESIGN CODE (NDS 2015), AND LOCAL REQUIREMENTS.
- LOAD CRITERIA PER :
 - EXPOSURE CATEGORY "B"
 - GROUND SNOW LOAD, $P_g = 30$ PSF
 - LATERAL LOAD RISK CATEGORY "II"
 - ULTIMATE DESIGN WIND SPEED = 115 MPH
- SOLAR PANELS AND RACKING SYSTEMS SHALL BE INSTALLED PER MANUFACTURER'S RECOMMENDATION.
- FOLLOW ALL LOCAL AND FEDERAL SAFETY REQUIREMENTS.

STRUCTURAL ATTACHMENT DETAIL



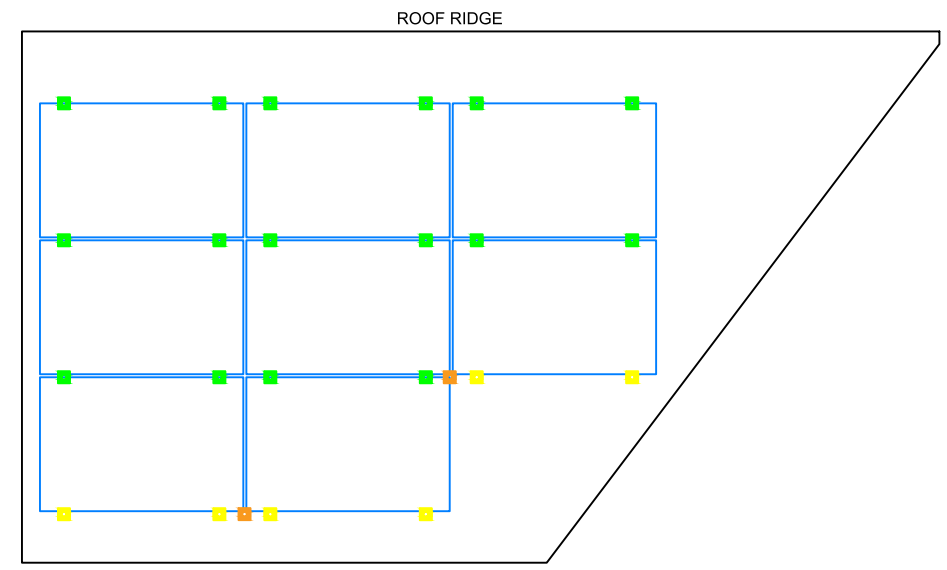
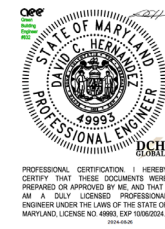
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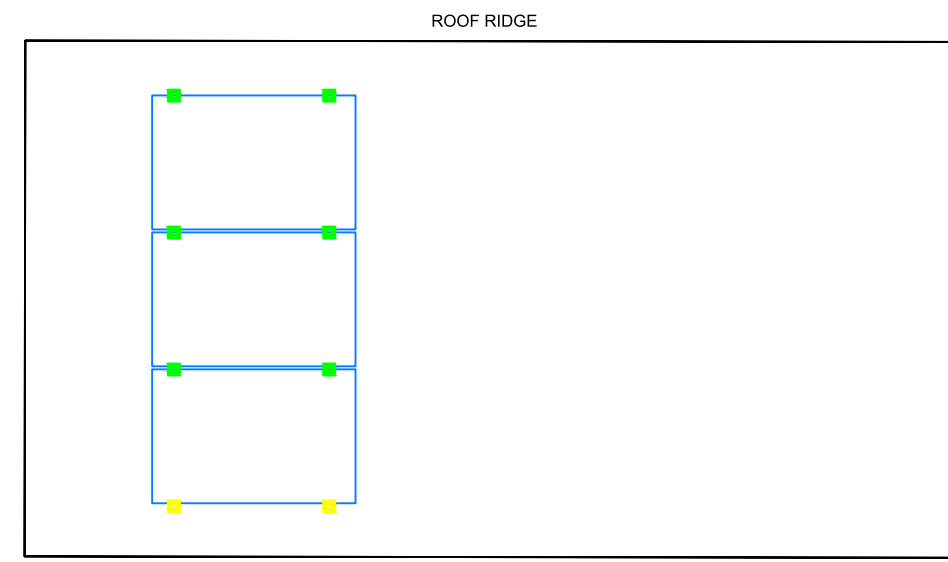
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SOLAR PANEL FOOTING PLAN R1
 Scale: 3/16" = 1'-0"



SOLAR PANEL FOOTING PLAN R2
 Scale: 3/16" = 1'-0"

- KEY**
- MOUNTS WITHOUT SPACERS
 - MOUNTS WITH SPACERS
 - CLAMPS WITHOUT SPACERS
 - CLAMPS WITH SPACERS

- NOTES:**
1. SNAPNRACK TOPSPEED SHALL BE INSTALLED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SNAPNRACK INSTALLATION MANUAL.
 2. ADD TOPSPEED CLAMP IF GREATER THAN (SOLAR PANEL LENGTH / 4) FOR LANDSCAPE OR (SOLAR PANEL WIDTH / 4) FOR PORTRAIT
 3. NO SOLAR PANEL SHALL CANTILEVER MORE THAN 1/4 SOLAR PANEL LENGTH OR WIDTH DEPENDING ON ORIENTATION. UNLESS FOR MANUFACTURER SPECIFIED CLAMPING ZONE



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HISTORIC AREA WORK PERMIT APPLICATION

Application Date: 8/28/2024

Application No: 1084454
AP Type: HISTORIC
Customer No: 1408761

Affidavit Acknowledgement

The Contractor is the Primary applicant authorized by the property owner
This application does not violate any covenants and deed restrictions

Primary Applicant Information

Address 28 HICKORY AVE
TAKOMA PARK, MD 20912

Othercontact Solar Energy World (Primary)

Historic Area Work Permit Details

Work Type ALTER

Scope of Work Install (11) roof mounted solar panels, 4.40 kW

8/30/24

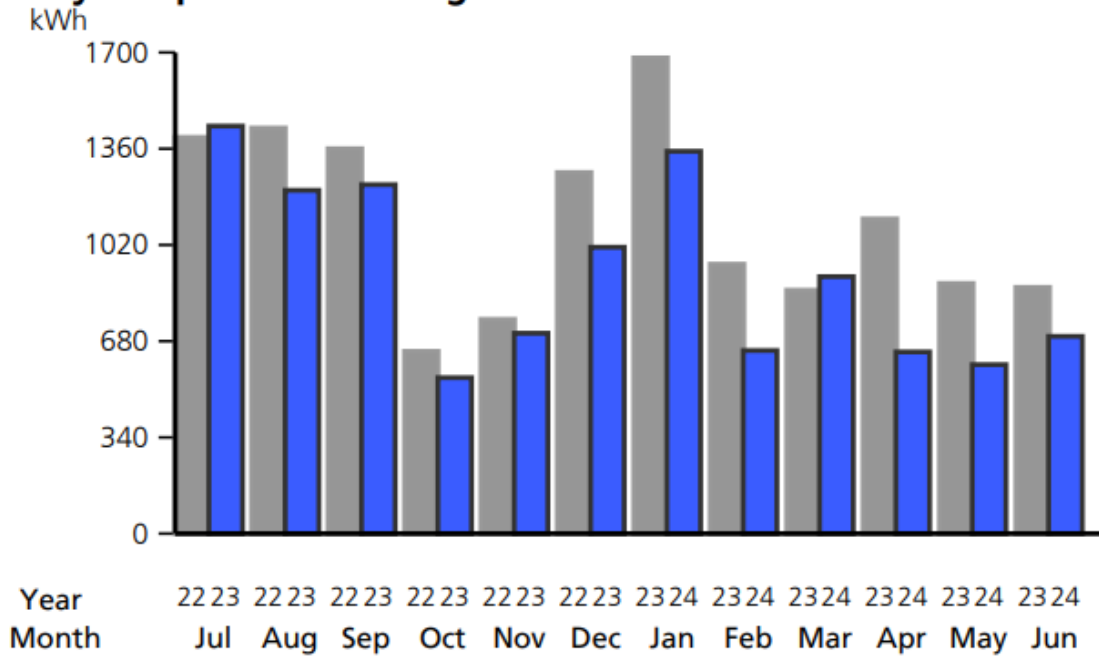
To whom it may concern,

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

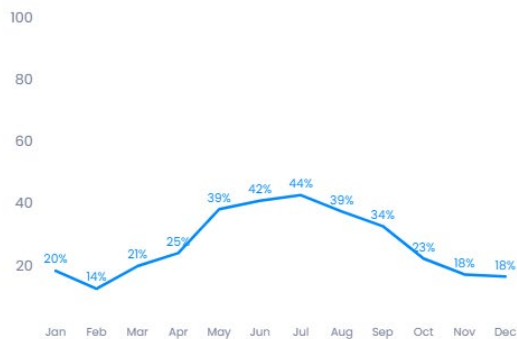
Monthly energy consumption for 28 Hickory Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912
vs the proposed system monthly production

Your monthly Electricity use in kWh

Daily temperature averages: Jun 2023: 70° F Jun 2024: 75° F



Monthly Average Solar Access



Monthly Consumption and Production (kWh)



- The home had an annual usage of roughly 12,500 kWh in 2023. Our proposed system is estimated to have 2,535 kWh in annual production.

The panels will vary in production based on their location on the structure, but this estimated production for the 11-panel system breaks down to roughly 230 kWh per panel annually. The panels on the front roof plane of the home produce an average of 246 kWh per panel annually. The south facing roof plane produces an average of 188 kWh per panel annually. The system production estimate of 2,535 kWh is 9,965 kWh less than the consumption for the household.

Justification for the Placement of the panels.

- The front roof plane is used as it has the most unshaded roof space and accounts for most of the system's production (~78%).
- The south-facing roof plane is used as it is the only remaining roof space without overhanging trees.

Shade Map.



Thank you,
Aley Oberdorf
Design Engineer.