

POWER MAX™
Dual-Tilt Array
ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

step-by-step
assembly and installation

SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

This application procedure is not intended to supersede any company construction or safety standards. This procedure is offered only to illustrate safe application for the individual. **FAILURE TO FOLLOW THESE PROCEDURES MAY RESULT IN PERSONAL INJURY OR DEATH.**

Do not modify this product under any circumstances, except where noted in this application procedure.

This product is intended for use by trained technicians only. **This product should not be used by anyone who is not familiar with, and not trained to use it.**

When working in the area of energized lines, extra care should be taken to prevent accidental electrical contact. Be sure to wear proper safety equipment per your company protocol.

For proper performance and personal safety, be sure to select the proper size PREFORMED™ product before application.

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POWER MAX™ Dual-Tilt Array

WARNING

Be certain that the ballast is carefully followed in accordance to the project specific design specifications. Failure to do so could lead to catastrophic structural failure and severe personal injury or death.

About the product

The POWER MAX is a non-penetrating structure, i.e., the structure does not get screwed, bolted or otherwise fastened to the roof sub-strate. Instead, it is weighted in place to the roof substrate using concrete-cap blocks as ballast.

Important Installation Considerations

- Minimum Setback of 3 feet
- Roof slope cannot exceed 5°
- Consulting with a local building department and/or professional engineer is recommended.

Grounding Considerations

The POWER MAX™ requires no additional grounding devices and has been evaluated to meet UL 2703 standard for PV mounting systems.

For questions on a specific installation, please:

Contact PLP: 800-260-3792

Send an Email request: info@plpsolar.com

About these instructions:

- They are intended to be used by individuals with sufficient technical skills for the task. Knowledge and use of hand tools, measuring devices and torque values is also required.
- They include various precautions in the forms of Notes, Cautions, and Warnings

to assist in the assembly process and/or to draw attention to the fact that failure to follow certain assembly steps may be dangerous and could cause serious personal injury and/or damage to components. Following the step-by-step procedures and these precautions should minimize the risk of personal injury or damage to components while making the installation safe and efficient.

Periodic Inspection

Periodic re-inspection is a recommended system maintenance procedure to check for any loose components and any corrosion. If any loose components or any corrosion is found, the affected components are required to be replaced immediately, with the original mounting system manufacturer's component parts.

Required Tools

- 1/2 inch wrench or socket for 5/16 inch module clamp hardware
- Torque wrench
- Ratchet wrench
- Ratchet extension bar
- Tape Measure
- Square
- Chalk Line

WARNING

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2. PLP offers no liability/warranty on any racks not installed to approved layout by PLP. Furthermore, PLP has no obligation to evaluate adjacent building or equipment geometry that may affect the wind dynamics and pressures exerted on the solar array and disclaims any liability related thereto.
3. The POWER MAX™ system is to be installed over adhered or fixed roof surfaces only. If additional roof protection materials are added under the POWER MAX™ structure, including slip sheets, drain mats or sacrificial layers, those materials must either be adhered to the main roofing material or trimmed to fit only under the POWER MAX trays.
4. Stainless Steel hardware can gall when tightened too quickly. Installer should use a Silver Grade an-ti-seize compound prior to assembling any stain-less steel hardware. Do not use an impact driver. All other driver types should be set to low speed settings.
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POWER MAX™ Dual-Tilt Array Ratings

The POWER MAX conforms to ANSI/UL UL2703 (2015) Standard for Safety First Edition: Mounting Systems, Mounting Devices, Clamping/Retention Devices, and Ground Lugs for Use with Flat-Plate Photovoltaic Modules and Panels.

Electrical

Note: Electrical installations must be in accordance with the National Electric Code ANSI / NFPA 70. Contact your local Authorities Having Jurisdiction (AHJ) for additional details.

Max Overcurrent Protective Device (OCPD) Rating: 25A

Equipment Grounding Conductor Sizing

Module Fuse Rating	Copper Wire Size
<15 AMPS	#14 AWG 90°C
<20 AMPS	#12 AWG 90°C
20-60 AMPS	#10 AWG 90°C

Module Clamps

Module clamps have integrated grounding and have been tested to UL2703.

See Module Compatibility List for list of approved modules.

Module Orientation: Landscape

Fire Class Resistance Rating

The system fire class rating is only valid when the installation is conducted strictly in accordance with these instructions.

The assembly is to be mounted over a fire resistant roof covering rated for the application.

Meets the requirements of Class A Low Slope Symmetrical & Asymmetrical Applications when using Type 1, Listed Photovoltaic Modules.


Structural Certification

Mechanical Load Rating: Exceeds the minimum design load rating of UL2703 section 21.4 (10 psf downward, 5 psf upward, 5 psf downslope) load. Higher Loading capable with use of High Load Bracket. See Module Compatibility List for rated loads. Structural capacity also available upon PE review.

Marking

Product markings identified per UL2703 are to be located in a location that is readily accessible for inspection.

Preformed Line Products
 Model: Power Max
 Manufacture Date: xx/xx
 Load Rating: See Installation Instructions
 Fire Class Rating: See Installation Instructions for Installation Requirements to achieve a Specified Fire Class Rating.




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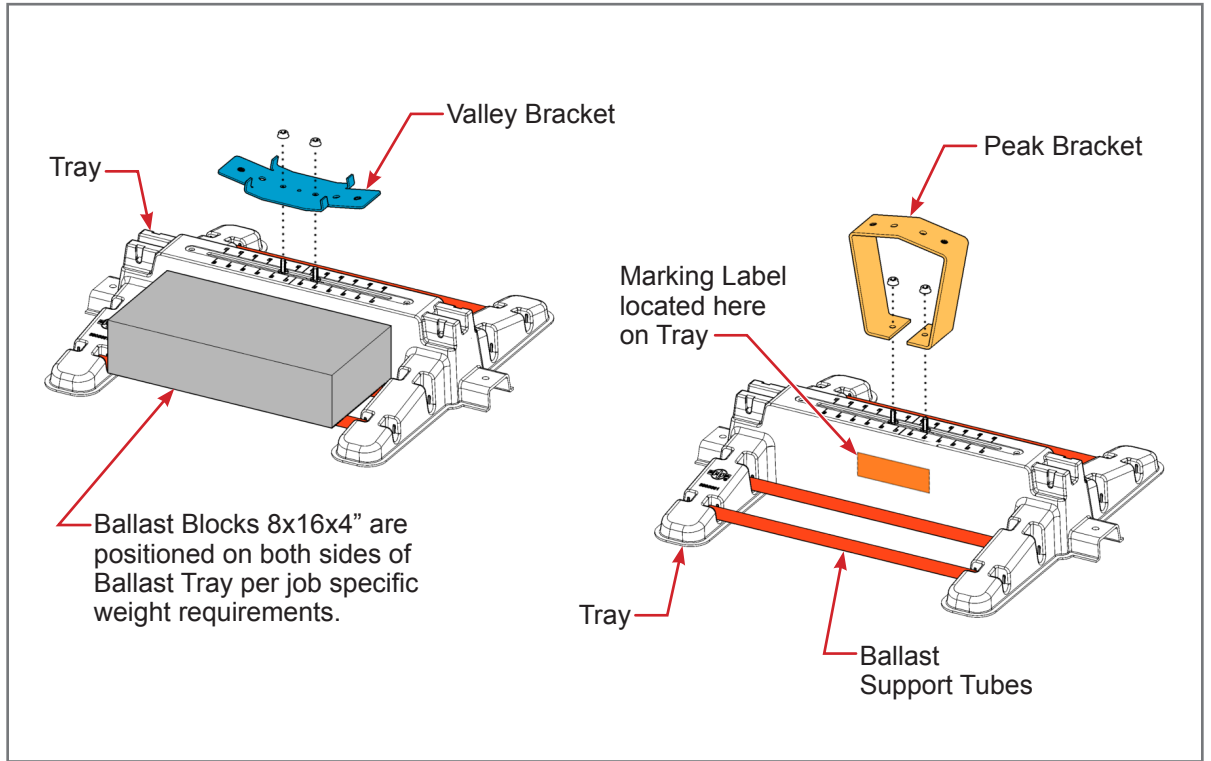
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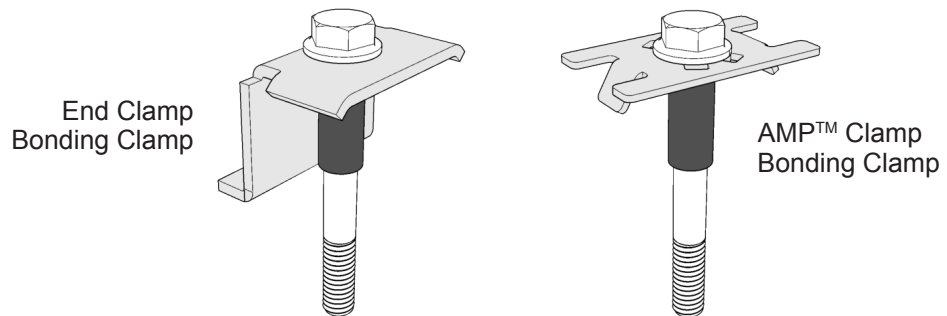
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Dual-Tilt Array Components



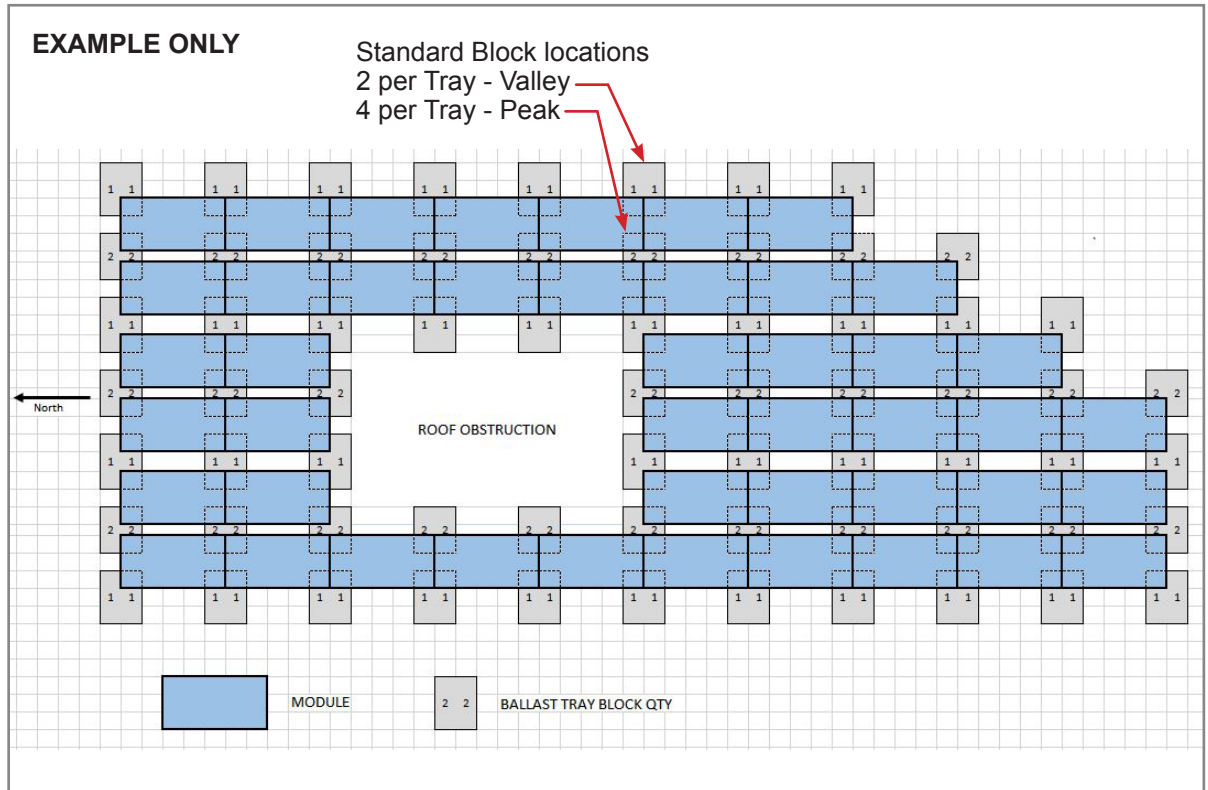
Factory Assembled Module Clamps



Understanding Ballast Requirements

CAUTION

Without exception, ballast must be installed/applied per the job specific project drawings and weight requirements. Be absolutely certain that the concrete blocks meet the specified weights. Failure to do so could lead to a catastrophic structural failure and severe personal injury or death. Furthermore, failure to meet specifications voids the system warranty.



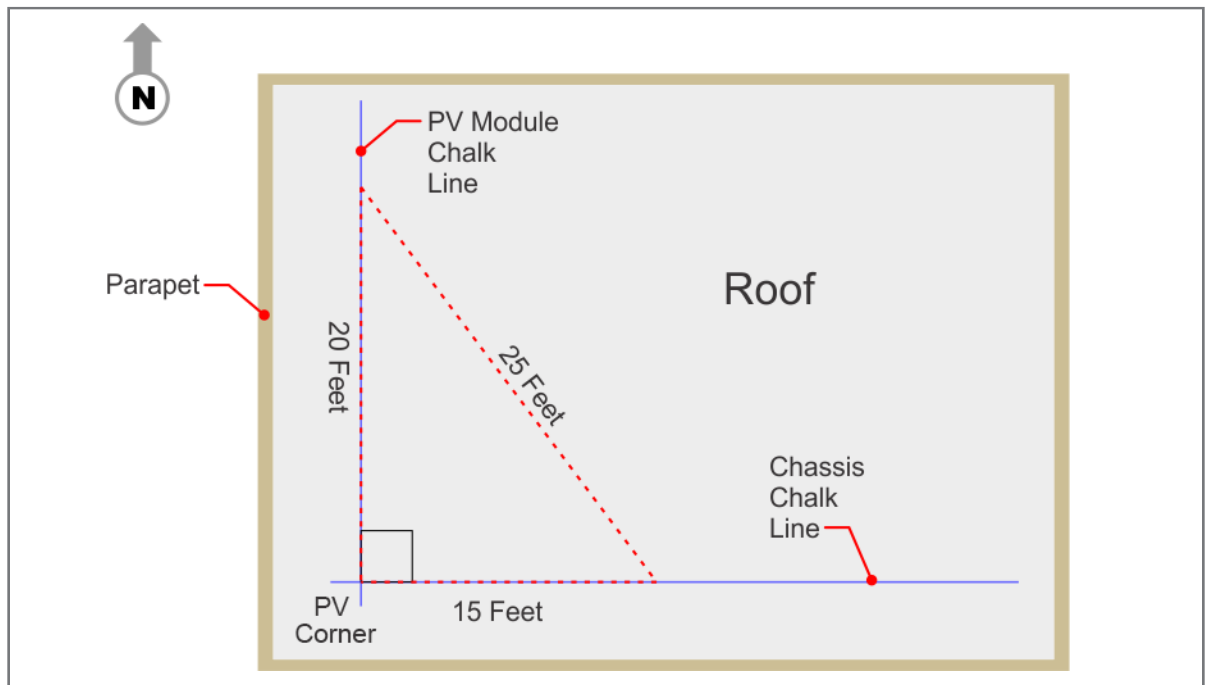
This sample layout shows the specific number of Ballast Block required per Tray by Tray location. These numbers will range from 1-4 blocks (2 per side).

For further details on minimum/maximum block quantities and arranging of ballast blocks, refer to project specific drawing.

1 Snap Chalk Lines on Roof

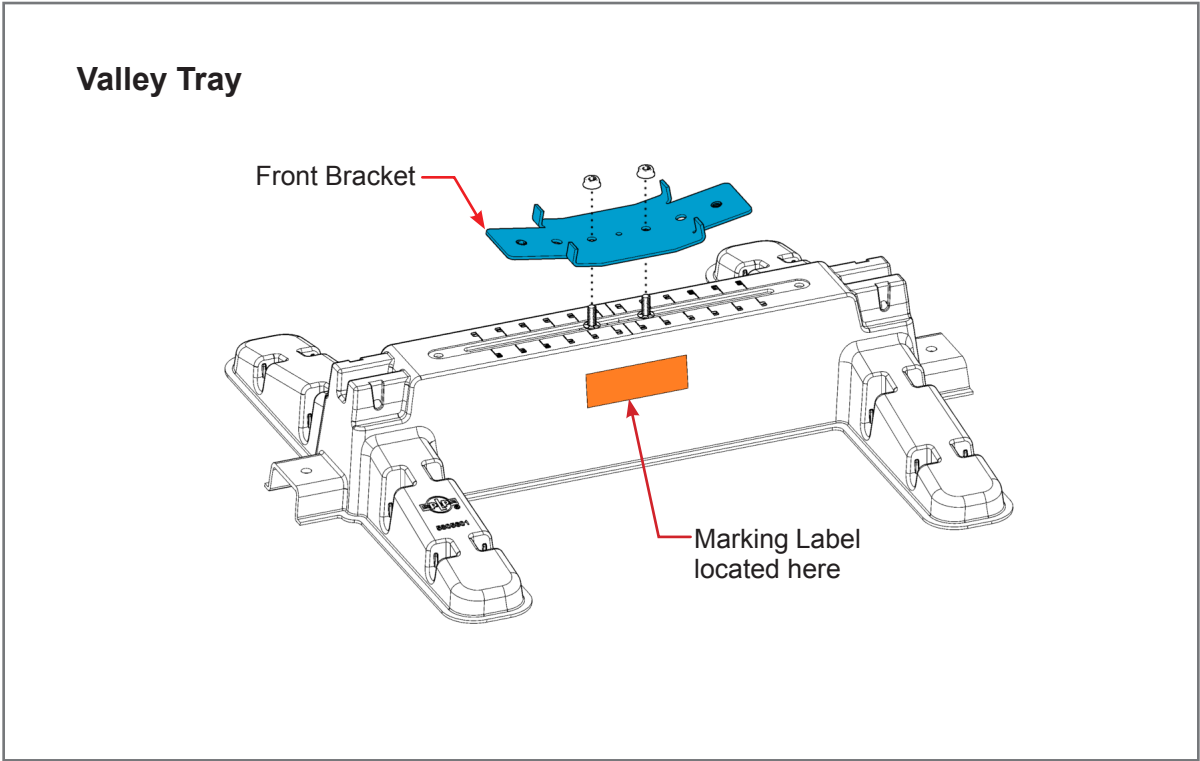
CAUTION

Do not rely on the roof edges or parapets when snapping chalk lines, as they are not always square.

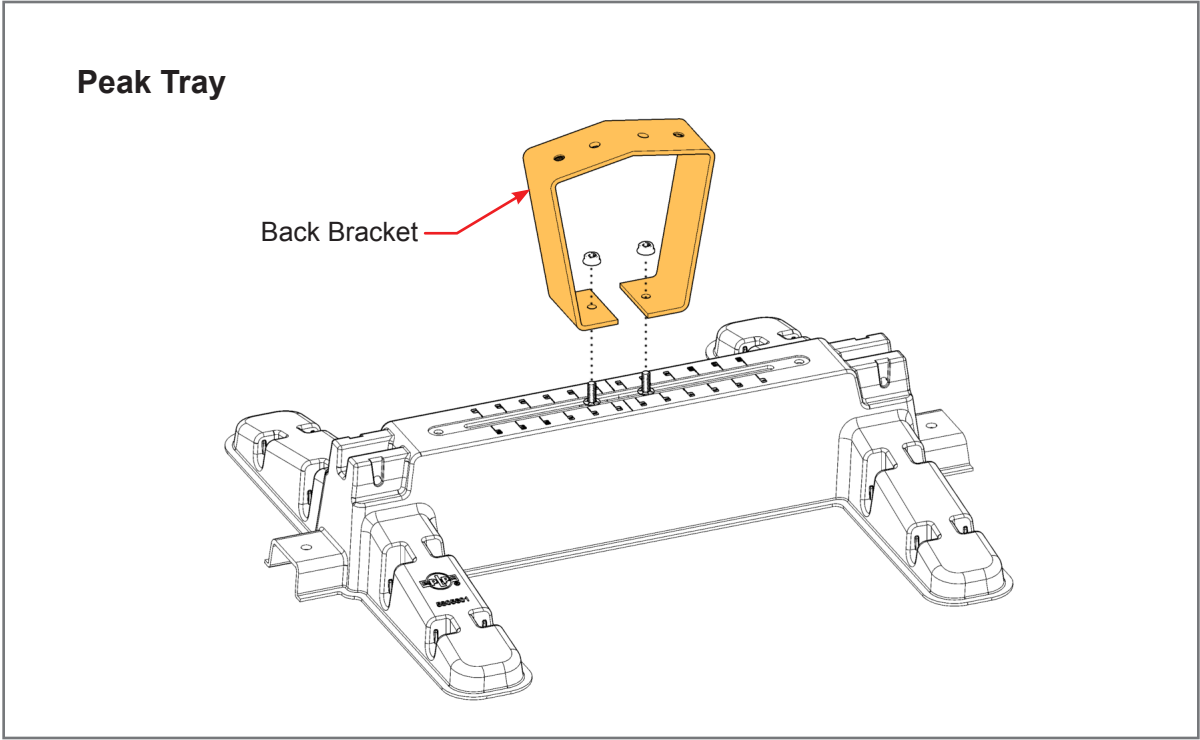


Snap perpendicular chalk lines using the 3-4-5 triangulation method. In this example, a factor of 5 feet has been used. On larger systems, use a factor of 10 feet. The chalk lines represent the E-W and N-S coordinates of the array.

2 Install the Brackets



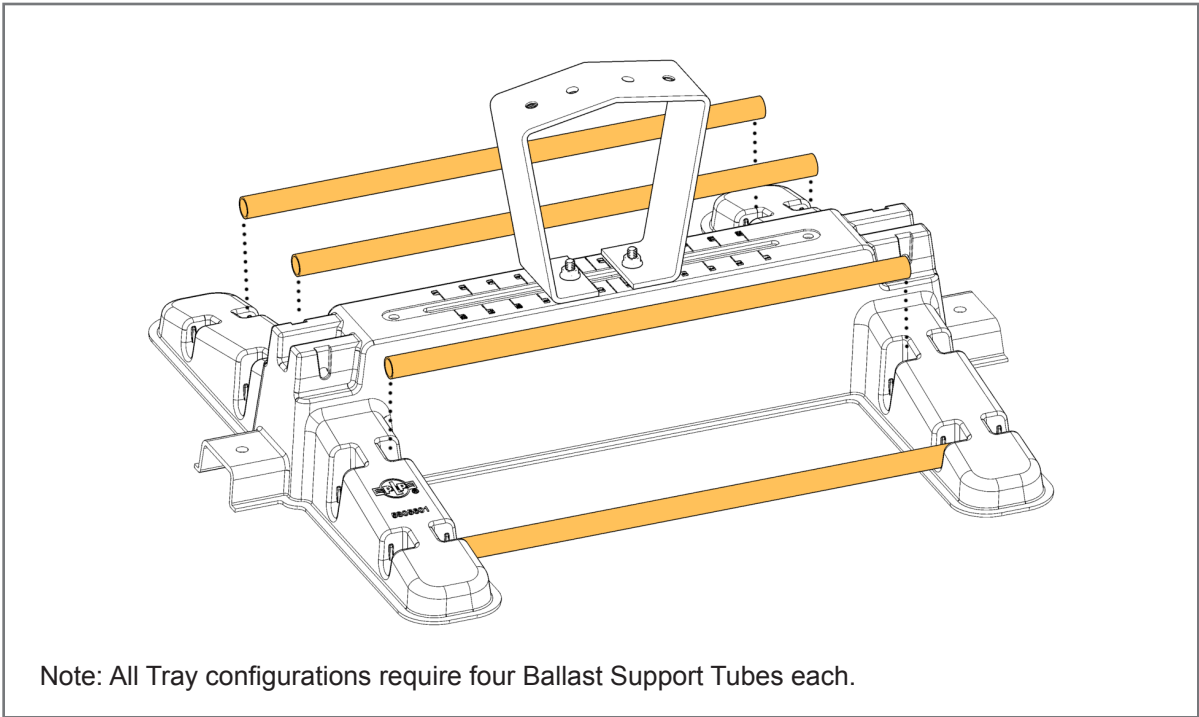
Valley Trays are used on the eastern and western columns and internal rows of the array. They include two threaded mounting studs as shown above. Install the Brackets as shown above and secure with a 5/16-18 Flange Nut. **Torque to 15 ft.-lbs.**



Peak Trays are used on all internal rows of the array. They include two threaded mounting studs as shown above. Install the Back Brackets as shown above and secure with 5/16-18 Flange Nut. **Torque to 15 ft.-lbs.**

3 Install the Ballast Support Tubes

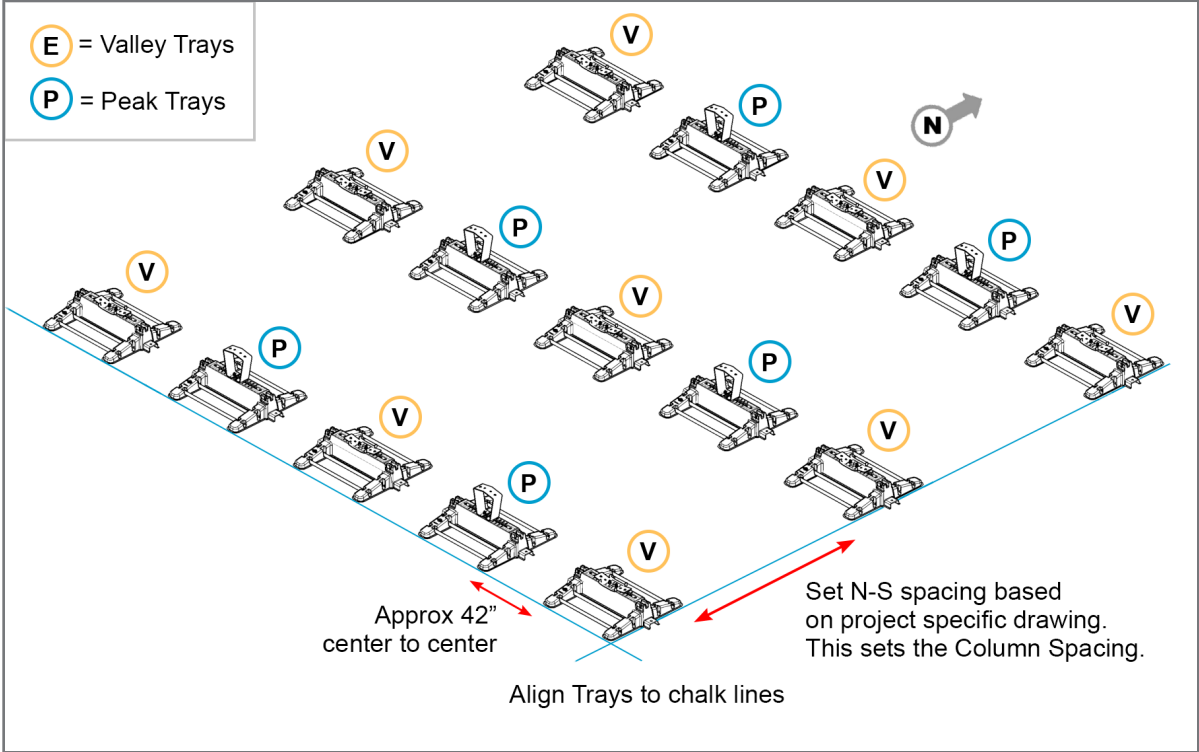
CAUTION
 If the Ballast Support Tubes come in contact with the roof surface, that surface must be protected with a manufacturer approved slip sheet. Be aware of peaks on the roof which may come in contact with Ballast Support Tubes.



Install each of the four Ballast Support Tubes into the notches of the Tray by pushing downward until they lock in place via the small protrusions of the Tray.

4 Positioning the Trays on Roof Top (rough positioning)

NOTE
 Final spacing and alignment of the Trays will be set as PV Modules are installed.



Position the southernmost and (in this example) the easternmost Trays along their respective chalk lines, roughly spacing the Trays as shown.

5 Install Ballast

CAUTION

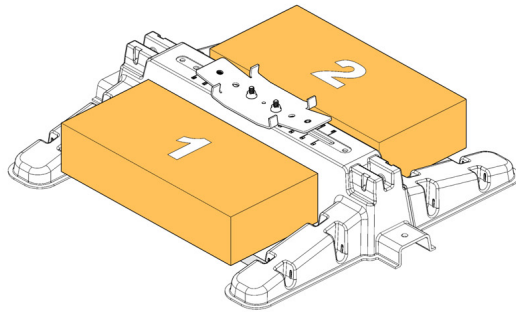
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PLP Tip!

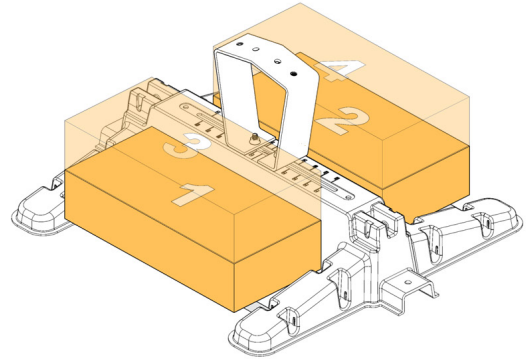
Place all Ballast Blocks in location prior to Module installation.

Placing and Stacking Ballast

Varies between Valley and Peak Trays



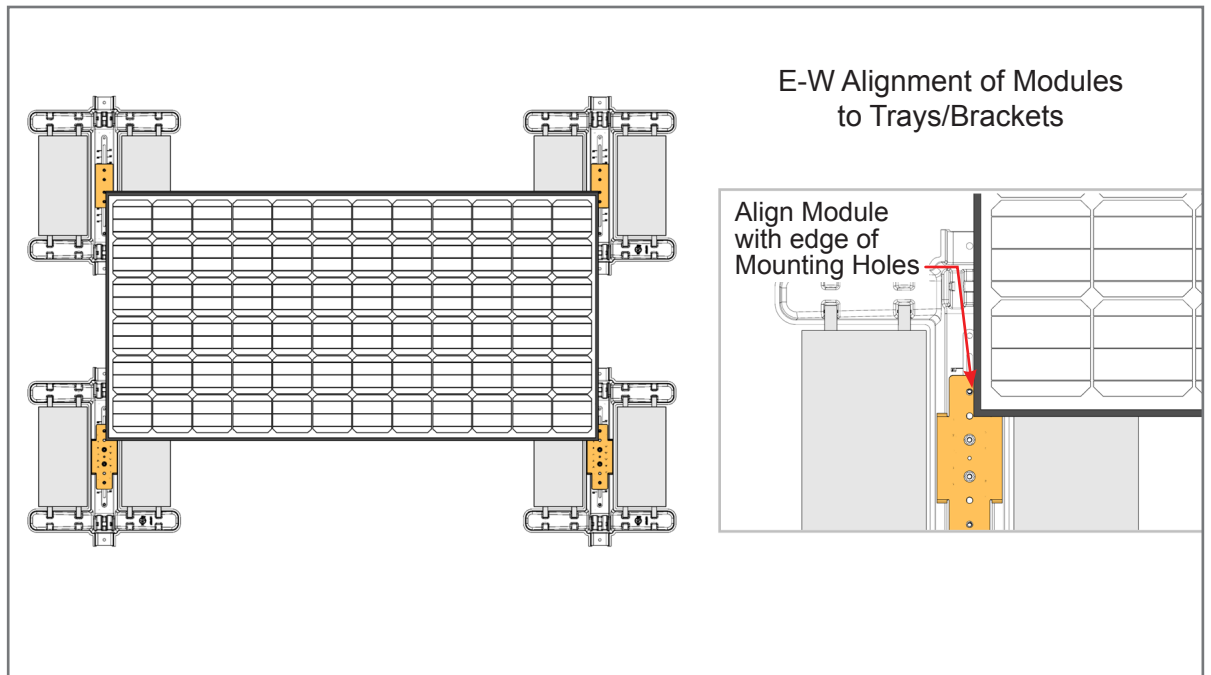
Valley Tray
(Assuming 4" tall Blocks)
Maximum of 2 Blocks



Peak Tray
(Assuming 4" tall Blocks)
Maximum of 4 Blocks. Stack blocks in sequence shown.

Install the required Ballast per the job specific ballast requirements.

6 Installing Modules

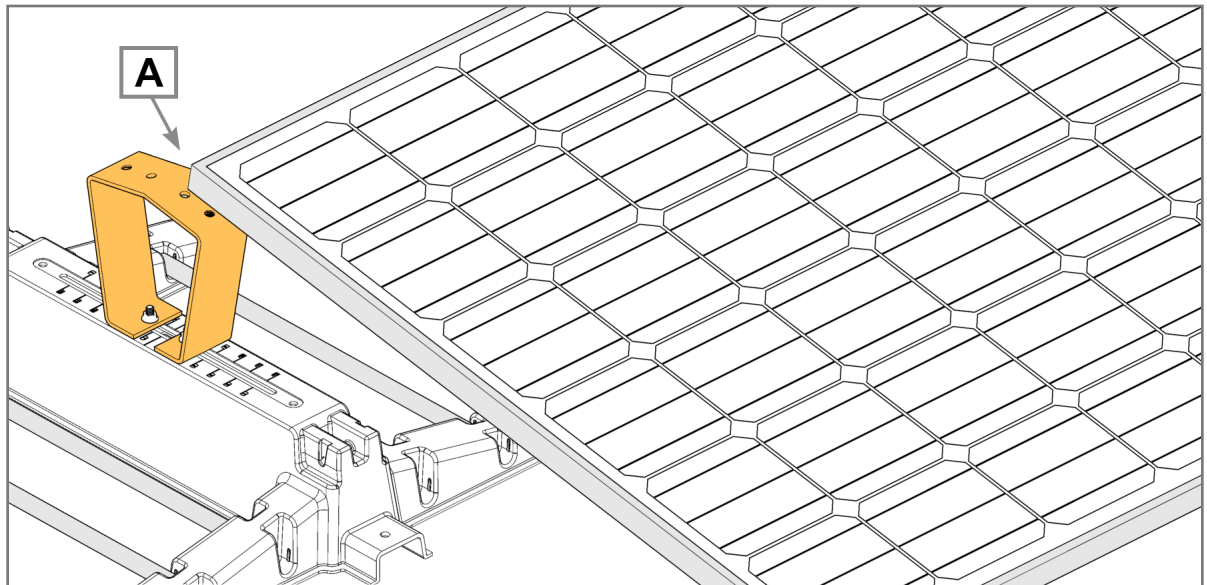


E-W Alignment of Modules to Trays/Brackets

Align Module with edge of Mounting Holes

As Trays and Modules are positioned east to west, align the Module Frame as close as possible to the edge of the threaded mounting holes of the Valley and Peak Brackets. Leave just enough clearance for the Bolt/Sleeve of the Module Clamp to thread into the Brackets.

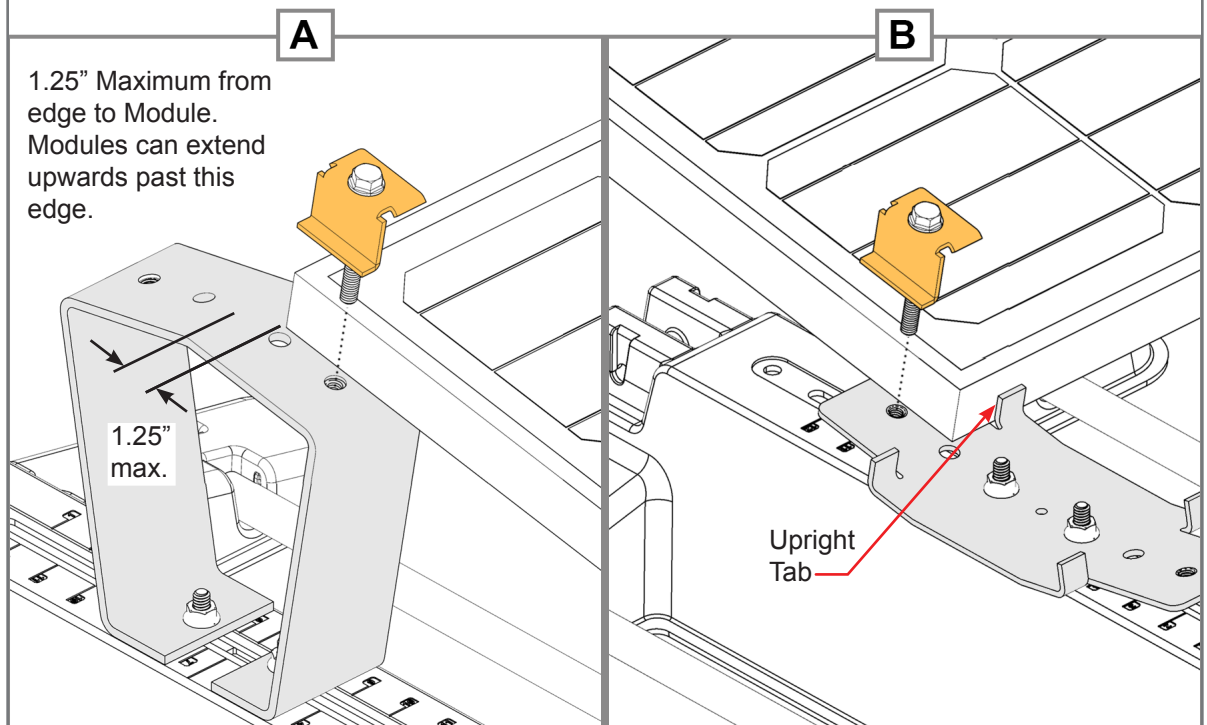
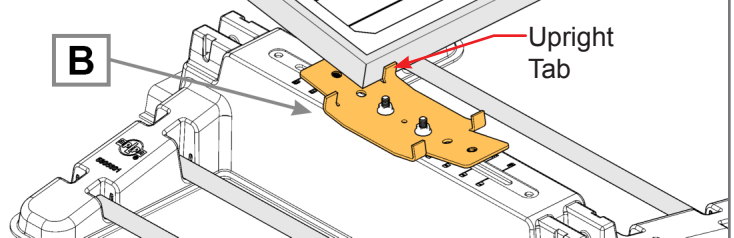
6 Installing Modules (cont.)



Rest the Module on the Brackets as shown while allowing the southern edge of the Module to rest against the upright Tab of the Front Bracket.

The E-W alignment is such that the Module Frame aligns with the edge of the threaded holes where the End Clamp(s) are mounted.

Note: Ballast blocks not shown for clarity.



1.25" Maximum from edge to Module. Modules can extend upwards past this edge.

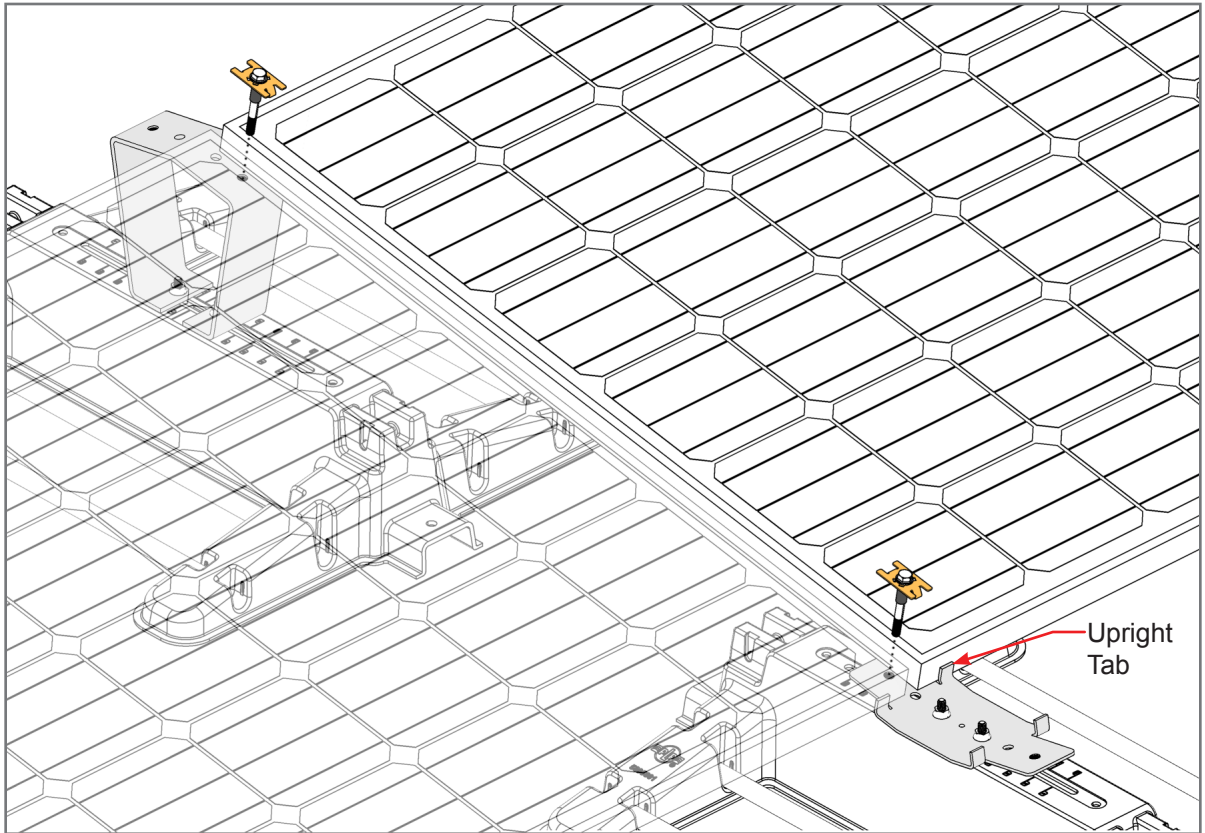
1.25" max.

Upright Tab

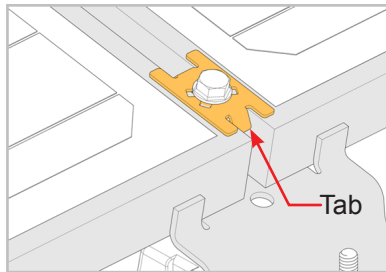
Install one End Clamp assembly into each Bracket. Ensure that the Module is square to the Trays and there are no visible gaps between the Sleeve of the End Clamp.

Assembly and Module Frame (butt the Frame up against the Sleeve/Bolt of the End Clamp). Tighten Bolt. Torque to 15 ft.-lbs.

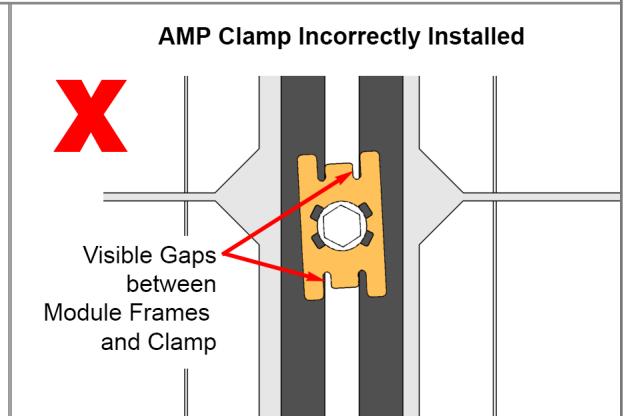
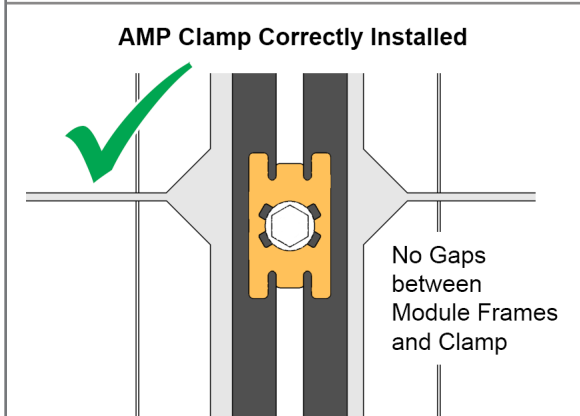
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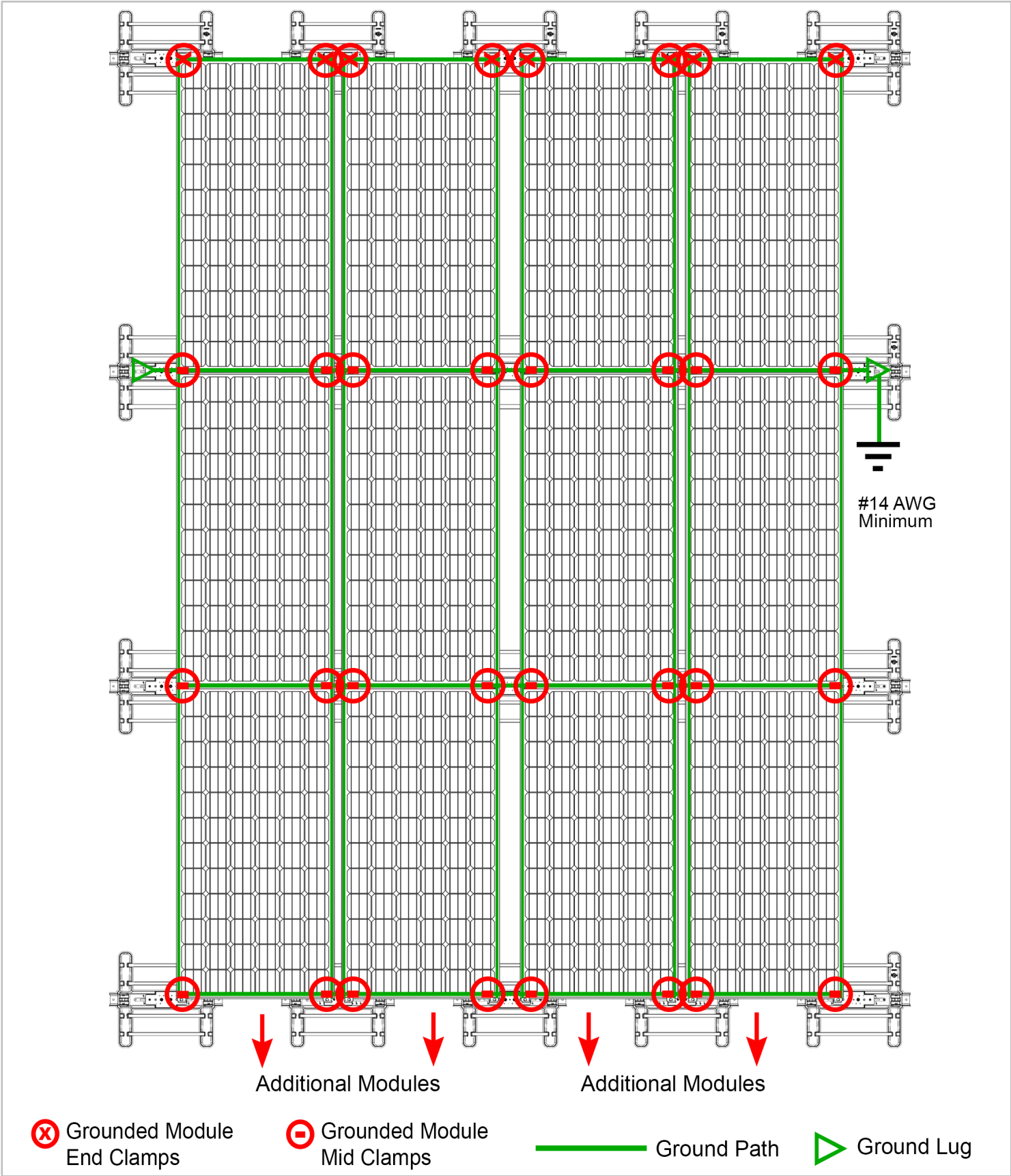


Install the AMP Clamp with its tabs between the two Modules, then push the Modules up against the tabs.



Install one AMP Clamp bonding Mid Clamp assembly into each Bracket. Ensure that the Clamp is square to the Module frames and there are no visible gaps. Tighten Bolt. **Torque to 15 ft.-lbs.** Continue in the manner installing the remaining Modules.

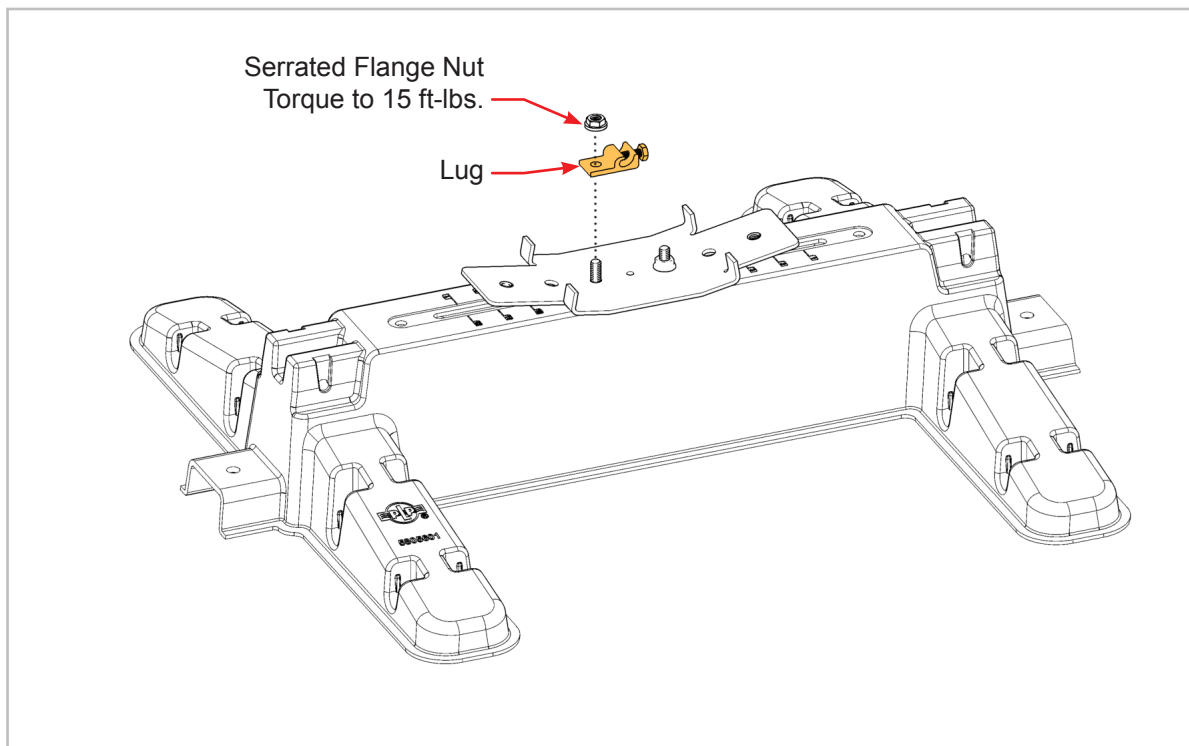
Appendix A-1 Grounding/Bonding Path



Appendix A-2 Installing Lugs - Only on Edge Trays

IMPORTANT

Before installing, verify with the lug manufacturer for any updates or revisions to their lug installation instructions.



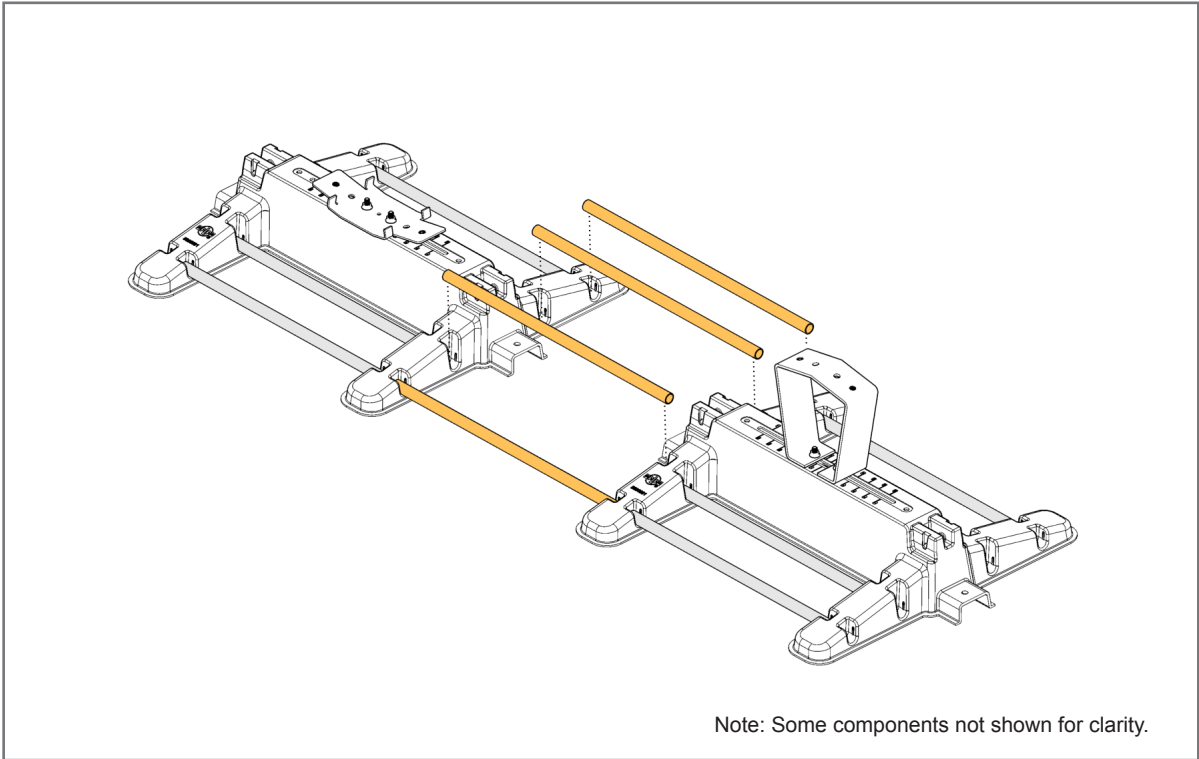
Lug to be suitable for use with 14-6AWG solid or stranded copper conductor when tight-ened to 5ft-lbs.

IMPORTANT NOTES

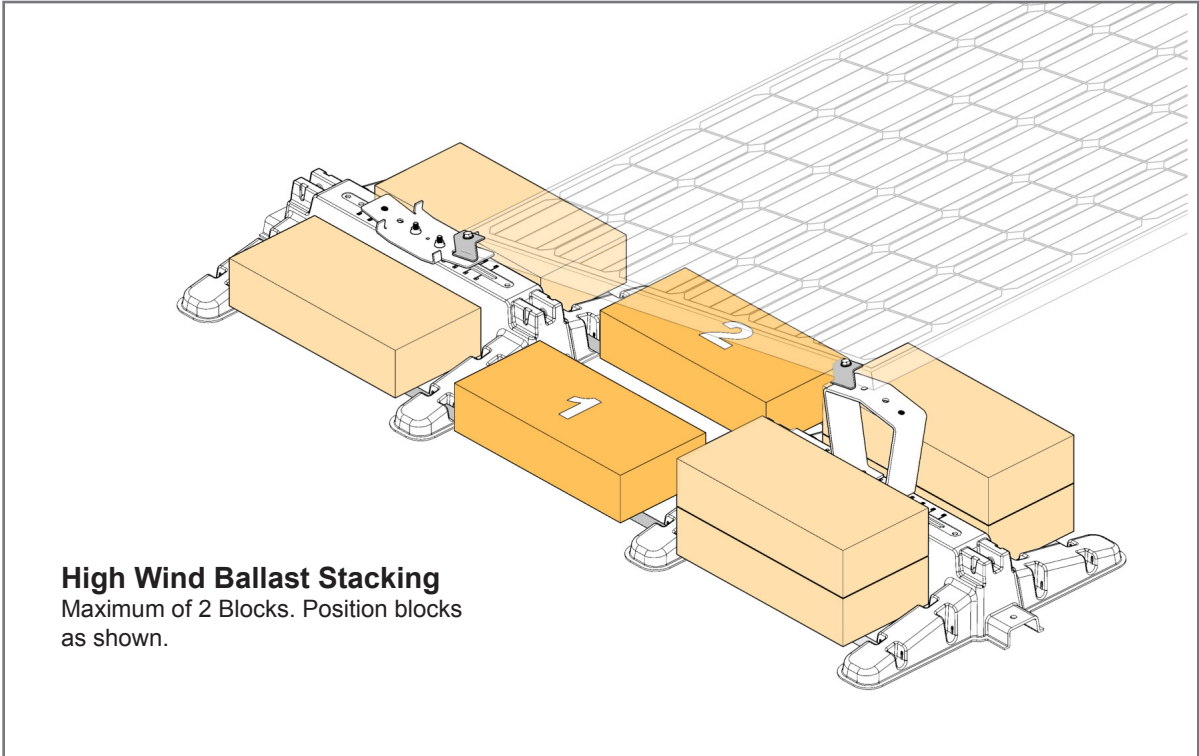
1. The instructions on this page only address the WEEB-LUG-8.0 as found within the manufacturers (Burndy) document number 50016572 Rev E.
2. For Proper Equipment Grounding Conductor (EGC) and Overcurrent Protection Device (OCPD) sizing, refer to NEC sections 250.66, 250.122 and 250.166.

Appendix A-3 Installing High Wind Ballast (does not apply to all systems)

NOTE
 The High Wind Ballast Support Tubes and ballast are not required on all systems. See job specific project drawings for High Wind Ballast placement. Ballast Support Tubes are custom length per drawing requirements.



Install each of the four High Wind Ballast Support Tubes into their respective notches of the Trays.



Stacking method for “High Wind” ballast shown above. This does not apply to all systems; only those installed in areas where higher winds require additional ballast.

Appendix A-4 POWER MAX™ Compatible Modules - these modules meet the UL2703 standard

Please reference application procedure SP3559 for POWER MAX Compatible Modules on preformed.com.

PV Modules Tested

Manufacturer	Model	Weight (lbs)	UL2703 Load Rating (psf)		
			Downward*	Upward	Slope
Canadian Solar	CS6P-xxxP	40.9	15	10	10
Suntech	STPxxx-24/Vd	59.4	15	10	10
Solar World	SWxxx XL 33mm FR	39.6	15	10	10

* Downward loading rated higher with use of High Load Brackets. See POWER MAX Accessories Installation Instructions

SP3470 for specific instructions:

Suntech 50 mm Frame: Rated 40 psf - Tested 60 psf

Solar World 33 mm Frame: Rated 30 psf - Tested 45 psf