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POWER RAIL™ P4

ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

**step-by-step
assembly and installation**

Power Rail™ P4

A Few words about these Assembly Instructions

These instructions:

- Do not include any information on the selection or installation of attaching hardware to be mounted to the roof substrate. For information on compatible attaching hardware, see our publication titled “Power Rail Design Guidelines”.
- Begin after all roof mounted attaching hardware has been installed and secured to the roof substrate.
- Show the Power Rail Mounting System being installed on the “Power Rail PV Flash” roof attachment system.
- 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.
- Include various precautions in the forms of Notes, Cautions, and Warnings. These are to assist in the assembly process and/or to draw attention to the fact that 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 any personal injury or damage to components while making the installation an efficient process.

WARNING:

Follow the procedures and precautions in these instructions carefully.

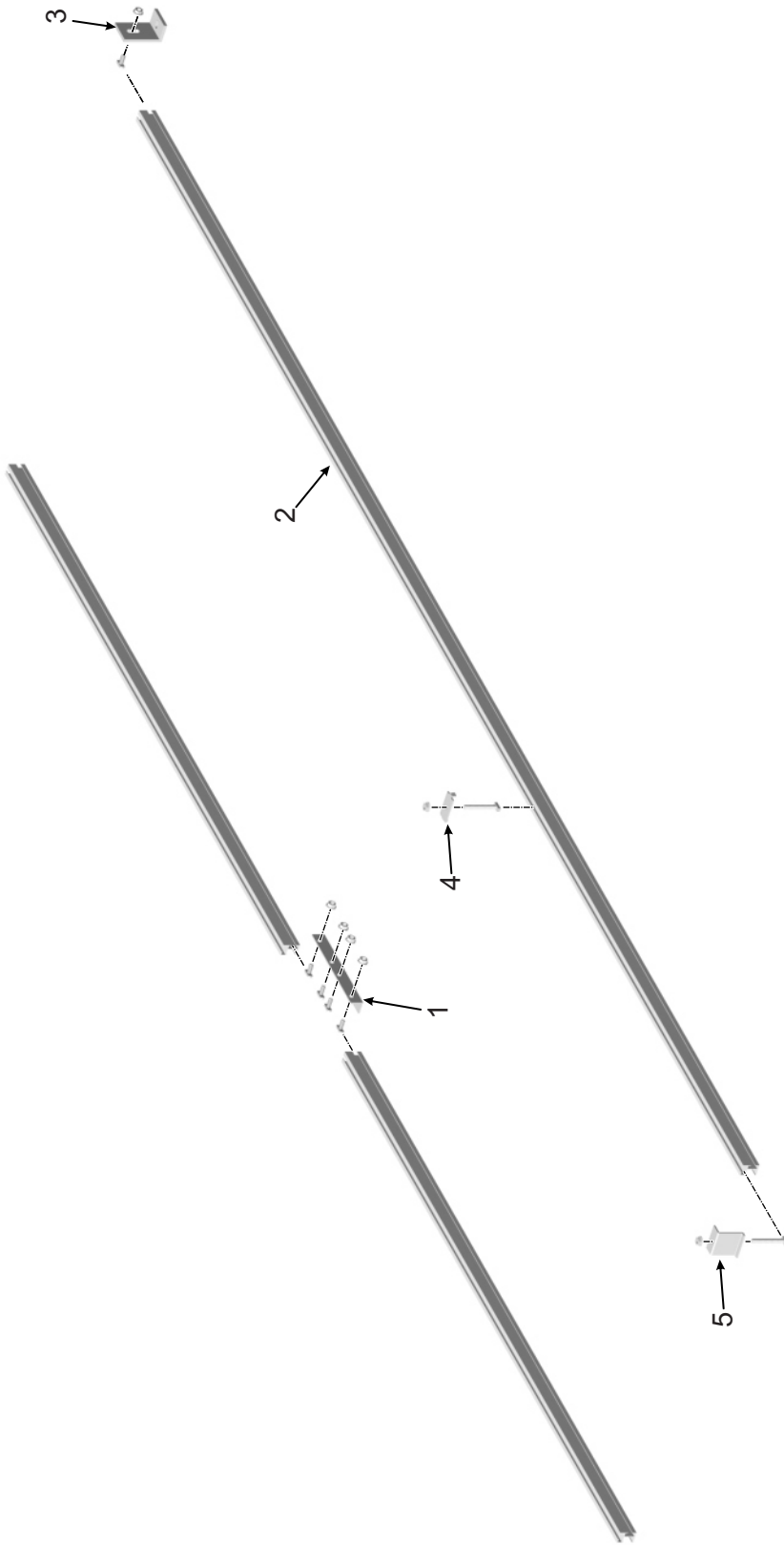
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Required Tools

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



Item	Description	Qty
1	Splice Plate, set of four (5/16" x 3/4") turn bolts, flange nuts	1 per rail joint
2	Power Rail P4	2 per Rail Set
3	"L" Foot, (5/16" x 3/4") turn bolt, flange nut	Refer to Power Rail Design Guidelines
4	RAD Mid-Clamp, (5/16" x *) RAD bolt, flange nut	2 per 3/8" gap between modules
5	RAD End-Clamp, (5/16" x *) RAD bolt, flange nut	4 per Rail Set
* 2", 2-1/4", 2-1/2", or 2-3/4" bolt. Length is dependent on depth of PV Module frame		

Power Rail P4 Parts Identification

Step 1: Securing Attaching Hardware

NOTE:

L-Feet can be attached directly to the roof substrate with the proper hardware. See Power Rail Design Guidelines for more information.

The selection of attaching hardware is dependent on the roof substrate and site design conditions. Please consult the design manual for specifics. Instructions for attaching anchoring hardware to the roof or structure are available on an individual product basis.

- A. Place the L-Foot onto the PV Flash hanger bolt, aligning it to the slot of the compression block.
- B. Secure L-Foot with 5/16" flat washer and hex nut. **Torque to 14-16 ft.-lbs.** (See Figure 1-1)

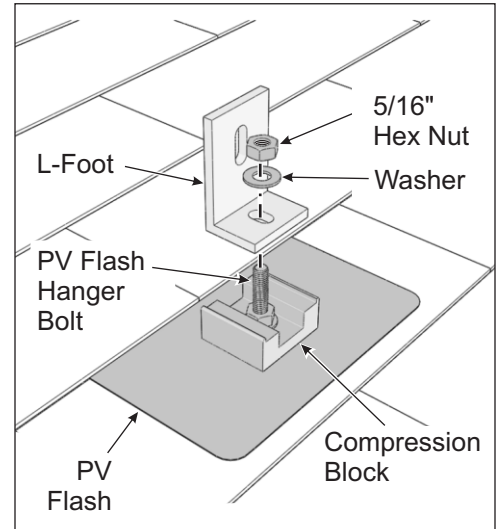


Figure 1-1: Attaching "L" Foot to the PV Flash

Step 2: Attach Power Rail to Roof Anchors

CAUTION:

Cantilever and span dimensions are a design specification. Consult the design manual to match these dimensions to site conditions. It's important to use the unique cantilever and span dimension specific to the install. Failure to do so could lead to excessive deflection and/or premature system failure.

The Power Rail is secured to the L-Feet using a 5/16" x 3/4" turn bolt. Hardware may vary depending on design-specific requirements. (See Figures 2-1 and 2-2)

The Power Rail overhangs beyond the outermost L-Foot. This overhang is referred to as "cantilever", or abbreviated as "C'ver." The distance between adjacent L-Foot is referred to as "span". The length of both the cantilever and the span are dependent on several factors unique to each installation, and are determined by the system design.

- A. Measure and mark the cantilever dimension supplied by the design manual onto the Power Rail.

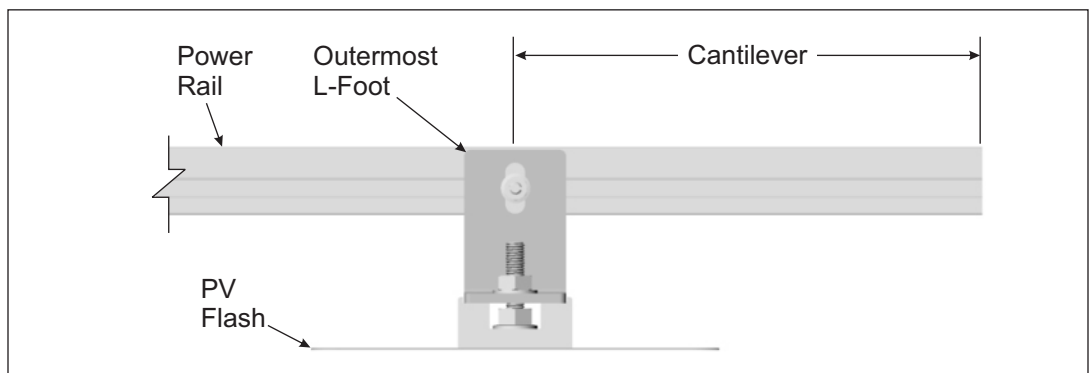


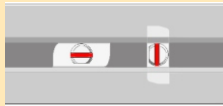
Figure 2-1: Cantilever Measurement and Marking

NOTE:

Turn bolts must be locked into the channel by rotating clockwise 90-degrees. Use the indicator slot on the threaded end to identify whether or not the bolt has been locked.

Turn bolt shown in channel of Power Rail

Locked



Indicator Slot shown in **Red**

- B. Line up the mark with the center of the outermost L-Foot.
- C. Starting at the outermost L-Foot mounting position, insert one 5/16" x 3/4" turn bolt into the channel of the Power Rail, rotate bolt to lock into channel.
- D. Line-up and insert the 5/16" x 3/4" turn bolt into the L-Foot and loosely secure with 5/16" flange nut. Do not tighten until all bolts have been positioned across the entire length of the Power Rail, the bolts have been aligned and passed through the L-Feet, and the flange nuts have been loosely started.
- E. Check that the cantilever mark is lined up with the center of the outermost L-Foot. If needed, adjust its position to bring into alignment.
- F. Double-check the cantilever alignment before tightening Power Rail to L-Feet. Tighten all flange nuts and **Torque to 14-16 ft.-lbs.**

Step 3: Splicing Power Rail with Splice Plates

Splice Plates are used to butt-joint Power Rail sections and extend their length as needed. They are attached to the Power Rail using 5/16" x 3/4" turn bolts and flange nuts. (See Figure 3-1)

- A. Insert 5/16" x 3/4" turn bolts into the channel of each Power Rail section to be spliced.
- B. Hold the two ends of the Power Rail together.
- C. Position the Splice Plate onto the Power Rail and the turn bolts.
- D. Align the Splice Plate so that it's equally divided along the Power Rail butt-joint.
- E. Secure the Splice Plate to Power Rails with 5/16" flange nuts. **Torque to 14-16 ft.-lbs.**

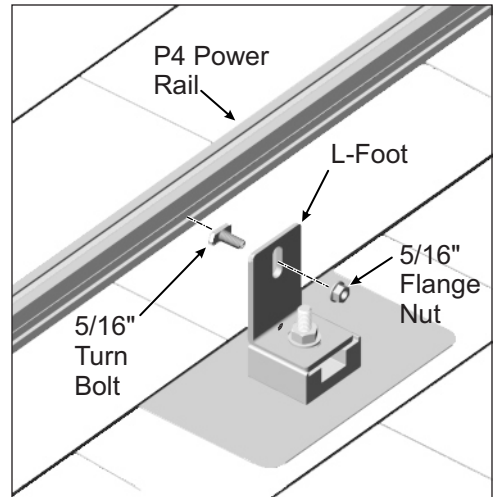


Figure 2-2: Attaching Power Rail to "L" foot

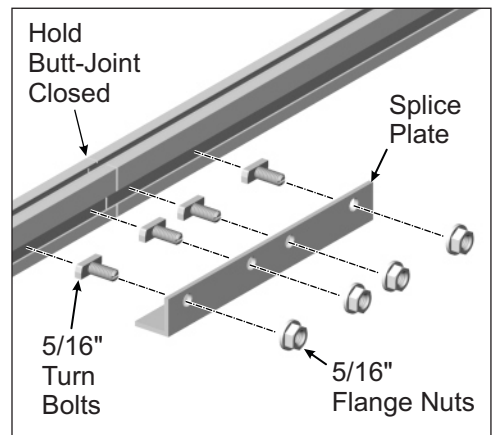


Figure 3-1: 4-Hole Splice Plate

Step 4: Installing PV Modules to Power Rails with Module Clamps

WARNING:

This is a two person activity. In addition to the difficulties associated with working on a sloped rooftop, PV Modules are heavy. One person should hold and align the modules while a second person secures modules with clamping hardware. Failure to do so could lead to serious personal injury and/or damaged components.

NOTE:

Hardware is dependent on particular features and system design. Therefore, it may appear different from these instructions.

PV Modules are secured to the Power Rail using RAD Mid Clamps and End Clamps, along with the attaching hardware.

Attaching hardware includes RAD Bolts and standard Flange Nuts.

The importance of correctly installing End and Mid Clamps:

There is only one correct method of installing End Clamps and Mid Clamps. Failure to follow the correct method could lead to personal injury, structural failure, and/or damaged components. See Figure 4-1 for proper method of installation for an End Clamp and Figure 4-2 for the Mid Clamp. Refer to these figures during the installation of the Modules to prevent any undue problems associated with an improper installation.

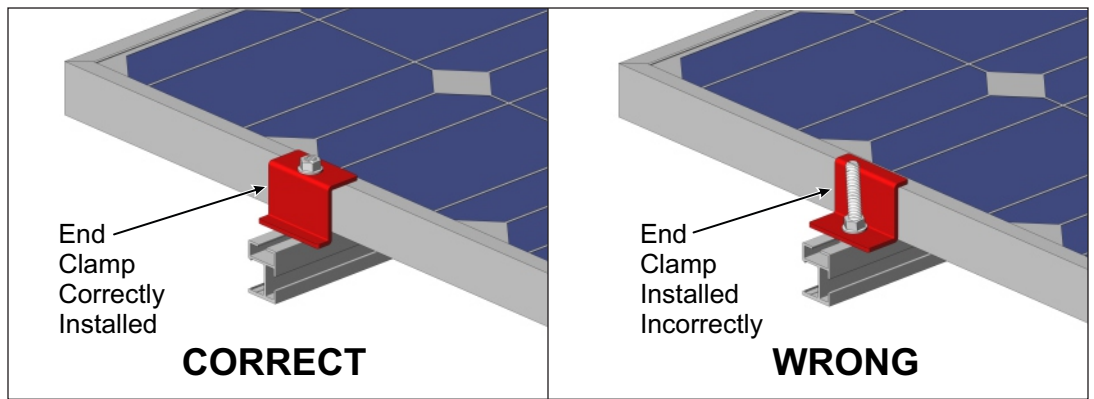


Figure 4-1: Correct and Wrong methods of installing Standard End-Clamp using RAD Bolts

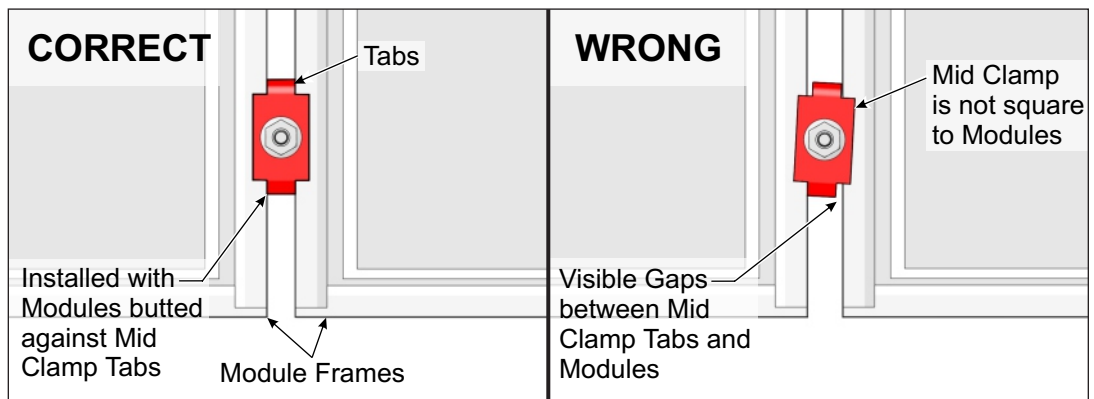


Figure 4-2: Correct and Wrong methods of installing a Mid Clamp using RAD Bolts

Installing Modules using RAD End and Mid Clamps:

Start with exterior Module and End Clamps.

- A. Place Module on two Power Rails, centering it lengthwise. Use a square to square-up the Module to the Power Rails.
- B. Insert one 5/16" x 2, 2-1/4, 2-1/2 or 2-3/4" RAD bolt into the top slot of the Power Rail. Push the bolt against the side of the module frame and twist to lock in place. Install End Clamp onto bolt and secure with 5/16" flange nut. **Torque to 17 ft.-lbs.** (See Figures 4-1 and 4-3)

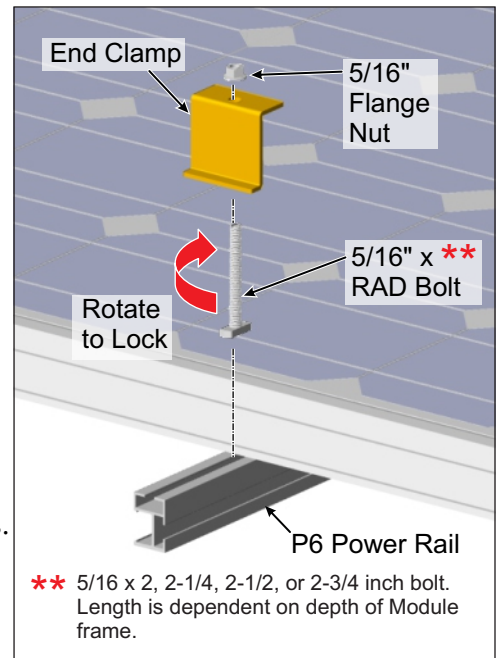


Figure 4-3: Installing Modules using RAD End Clamp

Install next in-line Module using Mid Clamps.

- C. Insert one 5/16" x 2, 2-1/4, 2-1/2, or 2-3/4" RAD bolt (bolt length is dependent on depth of Module frame) into each Rail, next to the previously installed exterior Module. Twist RAD bolt to lock in place.
- D. Place next Module onto Rails.
- E. Install a Mid Clamp onto each RAD bolt making certain that the Mid Clamp tabs rest between the two modules.
- F. Push Modules against Mid Clamp tabs and secure Mid Clamp with 5/16" flange nut. **Torque to 17 ft.-lbs.** (See Figures 4-2 and 4-4)

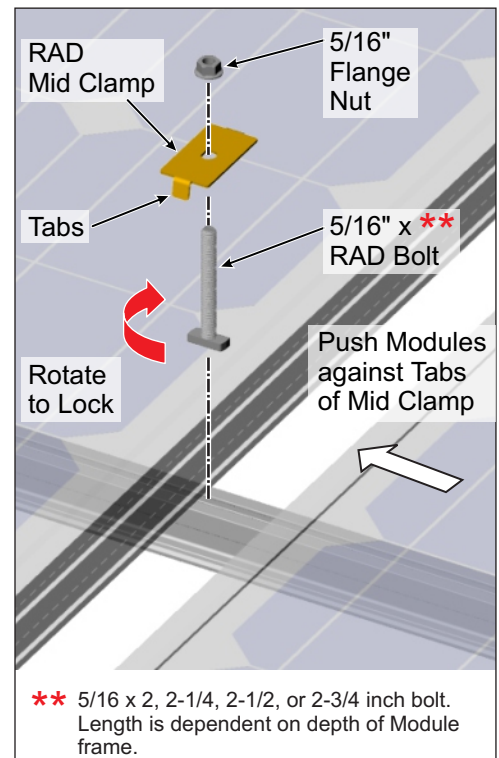
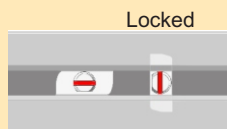


Figure 4-4: Installing Modules using RAD Mid Clamp

NOTE:

RAD bolts must be locked into the channel by rotating clockwise 90-degrees. Use the indicator slot on the threaded end to identify whether or not the bolt has been locked.

RAD bolt shown in channel of Power Rail



Indicator Slot shown in Red

WARNING:

Be certain that all Flange Nuts on the End and Mid Clamps are tightened and torqued to the stated values. Failure to do so could lead to serious personal injury and/or damaged components and property.



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