

# **INSTALLATION GUIDE**





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## GROUNDING PATH DIAGRAM INSTALLATION GUIDE

Note: This is for visual reference only, these components will not necessarily all be used together in a system.



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#### **Our Company**

GRIPRACK specializes in Engineering, designing, development and manufacturing of photo-voltaic Mounting solutions. Since its foundation GripRac has released a wide range of quality and innovative mounting systems. We provide roof-mount; ground mount; Pole mount; single axis trackers; carports for Commercial, agriculture, industrial, government & educational as well as utility grade projects.

Each and every day we endeavor to make simple yet innovative solar racking solution, GripRac provides LIVE technical support for all of distributors, dealers and contractors.

Here at OSR, you can trust our knowledge of installation, code compliance and necessary technical documentation to always be above the rest.

Online tools like our Web-estimator Video installation videos and our IN-House Research & design teams that are eager to help you solve your toughest construction challenges. We now play a leading role in the solar industry and have a rapidly gained recognition amongst system integrators, installers and distributors across the world.

#### **Mission Statement**

Our mission has always been to provide quality products and promote green renewable energy Solutions, that reduce our dependency on earth depleting methods that may contaminate our environment.



#### Handling & Installing GRIPRACK

It is critically important to observe standard safety practices when installing GRIPRAC

- Stop work during stormy weather. Solar modules can be caught in the wind.
- Never step or sit on the glass surface of a solar module. The glass may break, resulting in shock or bodily injury.
- Do not throw or roughly handle any GripRac components.
- Do not bring the GRIPRAC into contact with sharp or heavy objects.
- Do not modify GRIPRAC components in any way. The exchange of bolts, drilling of holes, bending and any other physical changes not intended in standard installation procedure will void the warranty.

• Product should be installed and maintained by qualified personnel. Keep unauthorized personnel away from solar modules.

 $\bullet$  It is the installer's responsibility to verify the integrity of the structure to which GripRac is fixed.

• Roofs or structures with rotten/ rusted bearers, undersized bearers, excessively spaced bearers or any other unsuitable substructure cannot be used with GripRac, and installation on such structures could result in death or serious injury and will void the warranty.

#### **Rail Calculation & Design**

Rail calculations are based on code approved conventional mechanical section properties, material properties, stress equations, and allowable margins of safety. Beam calculations have been conservatively performed in non-snow areas with simply supported assumptions. Components have had full envelope forces from the tables applied to each component. This is prescriptive in nature and not a site specific engineering document

for building permit application. Please visit our website (www.GRIPRAC.com) or contact GripRac or more detailed information and site specific engineering data on specific projects. ASCE7-10 guidance for wind is used in the tables.

#### Material Contact Warning!!

Grounding lugs, ground wire, and other material should be installed such that copper does not come into contact with aluminum or galvanized steel.



## TOOL REQUIREMENT INSTALLATION GUIDE





Caulking Gun w/ approved sealant

Chalk Line Reel



6mm & 8mm Metric Allen Key/ 6mm & 8mm Hexagonal Drive Bit



Construction Hart Hat





Adjustable Wrench



Drill with 7/32 Bit



Measuring Tape



7/16" & 1/2" Socket Head



Roofing Bar



Torque Wrench

### **Before Installing**

Caution: Refer to the section "Planning a Layout" before attempting installation. Failure to correctly establish the requirements of the proposed installation site is dangerous and will void the framing warranty.







Clamp

New Frameless Solution!



Framelss End Clamp



Frameless Mid CLamp

Note:

A GRIPRACK can be identified by the GripRac logo located on the Grounding Mid Clamp Cap as shown 7 above.



## PLANNING A LAYOUT INSTALLATION GUIDE



For Residential Roof Systems, rafters are typically located 16" O.C. or 24" O.C.

Once rafter spacing is determined, choose your attachment spacing.

Attachment spacing is recommended for STD Rail between 4' and 6' O.C.

Please check with your local jurisdiction codes.



The layout can be set with rails parallel to the rafters or horizontal to the rafters.

Center the installation area over the structural members as much as possible and take Fire Dept. set-backs into consideration. (refer to local AHJ or NFPA).

Leave enough room to safely move around the array during installation. Some building codes require minimum clearances around HVAC and other roof top penetrations.

Remember! The rail length of installation equals: the total width of the modules. -Plus 3/4" for each mid clamp -Plus 2" for each pair of end clamps.



## FOOTINGS & RAIL INSTALLATION GUIDE



 $\ensuremath{\mathsf{Snap}}$  horizontal and vertical chalk lines to mark rafter position and attachment points.

At marked locations, drill pilot holes with 7/32 Drill Bit.

While drilling into rafter, keep drill bit at a  $90^{\circ}$  angle in relationship to the rafter.

For maximum strength, pilot hole should not be more than 3 inches in depth to avoid splitting the roof rafter or truss member.



Make sure the washer on the threaded shank is positioned correctly.

Use a roofer bar to lift the roof shingle.

Slide the flashing under shingles until the hole lines up with the GripRac Shoe (roughly 1.5 shingles deep).

To prevent roof leaks, insert the flashing on the threaded shank of the  $Griprac\ Shoe\ as\ shown.$ 

Repeat steps for all attachments.

Apply roof sealant under flashing.



 $\mbox{De-Burr}$  and Clean dust off and fill pilot hole with approved roofing sealant (please refer to local AHJ).



Using a 1/2" socket head, drill the 5/16" lag bolt through the "GripRac Shoe" and into the center of the rafter.

#### Do not over tighten.

When drilling the rafter, keep the drill bit at a  $90^{\circ}$  angle in relationship to the rafter.



Insert the L-Foot to the "GripRac Shoe" on top of the flashing. Place hex cap on shoe, and tighten cap. Use 180 in-lbs nominal torque when tightening hex cap.



Attach GripRac rail to L-Foot by inserting/tilting channel nut into the side opening of the rail. Push rail into channel nut. Align rail, channel nut and 1/4-20 bolt. Tighten to 75 in-lbs.

## Note:

The maximum cantilever of rail from nearest attachment point is 12 in.



## SPLICING RAILS INSTALLATION GUIDE



Use splice bars when expanding rail lengths, within 18" of L-Feet or Stand-Offs splice rails by inserting splice bar into side channel or opening.

Tighten 1/4-20 bolts to a minimum of 75 in-lbs nominal torque (same for rail splice).

### Grounding Splice Bar



Align rails end to end



Slide over Splice Bar so 2 bolts cover each rail



75 in-lb torque

## Note:

Grounding Splice Bars and Rail-to-Rail Splice are Single Use Only at a specific point on the Rail. If re-installation is necessary, the Rail must be shifted such that the pointed bolts of the Grounding Splice Bar touch a new area of the Rail.

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## MOUNTING MODULE-INSTALLING END CLAMPS INSTALLATION GUIDE



Use End clamps at end of PV modules.

Set GripRac End Clamp by mounting into the top channel opening of GripRac Rail.

Tighten 1/4-20 bolts to 75 in-lbs nominal torque.

*GripRac* carries universal end clamps for module frame sizes 30mm to 50mm or module size specific *grounding* end clamps.

## Grounding End Clamp Method



**Universal End** 





the PV Module must be shifted such that the Grounding End Clamp touches a new area of the frame.

Single Use Only at a specific point on the PV Module. If re-installation is necessary,

75 in-lb

75 in-lb



Slide top section into base at correct height for your panel.

**Clamp Method** 

### Frameless End Clamp Method





### Note: Grounding End Clamps are

75 in-lb





## **MOUNTING MODULE-INSTALLING MID CLAMPS INSTALLATION GUIDE**



Place mid clamps in between modules at suggested span per module manufacturer's specifications.

Attach mid clamps by mounting onto the top and bottom opening of GripRac Rail to Channel nut, or slide in nut in to the channel from the side to desired install position.

Tighten 1/4-20 bolts to 75 in-lbs nominal torque.

### **Installation Mid Clamps**







## Note:

Grounding Mid Clamps are Single Use Only at a specific point on the PV Module. If re-installation is necessary, the PV Module must be shifted such that the Grounding Mid Clamp touches a new area of the frame.

75 in-lb











## INSTALLING GROUNDING INSTALLATION GUIDE



Use a ground lug to create a continuous ground from rail to rail terminating at the grounding rod or main service panel.

Run grounding wire from furthest ground lug through each ground lug to electrical Note:equipment or grounding rod.

Lay in equipment ground conductor and torque bolt to suggested nominal torque.

Select ground wire based on plan layout.

## Installing SGB-5 Ground Lug









10-20 in-lb torque

10-20 in-lb torque

## **Installing Rail Ground Lug**



75 in-lb torque



Grounding Lugs are Single Use Only at a specific point on the Rail. If reinstallation is necessary, the Grounding Lug must be shifted such that the Grounding Lug touches a new area of the Rail.

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