

# **INSTALLATION GUIDE**

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NOTE:

GFT construction drawings have precedence over these installation guidelines.

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# PRIMARY COMPONENTS TECHNICAL DATASHEET PAGE



ITEM	COMPONENT	MATERIAL
1	Roll- Formed Steel Pile	4.5 " x 6" C Shape (Length Varies)
2	Aluminum East-West Beam	Aluminum Beam with Continuous Slots for Adjustability
3	Roll-Formed Steel Top Chord	C Shape with Hole Pattern for Adjustability
4	Diagonal Brace Assembly	Roll-formed Front and Rear Diagonal Brace with Steel Plate
5	End Clamp	End Clamp Assembly with T-Bolt
6	Mid Clamp	Mid Clamp Assembly with T-Bolt
7	E-W Beam Splice	Internal Aluminum Splice Retained with Self-Tapping Screws
8	East-West Beam Clip	Aluminum Extruded Clamp with Stainless Steel Hardware



# **OVERALL VIEW OF COMPONENTS** TECHNICAL DATASHEET PAGE

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TORQUE REQUIREMENTS FOR THE GFT PRODUCT:

 1/4"Ø HARDWARE =
 9 - 11 FT-LBS

 5/8"Ø HARDWARE =
 54 - 66 FT-LBS

 3/4"Ø HARDWARE =
 99 - 121 FT-LBS

#### Note: Insure torque wrenches have been calibrated.

ITEM	COMPONENT
1	4.1" Top Chord Channel
2	6" x 4.5" 11 Gauge Pile
3	Diagonal Brace Assembly
4	3.25" x 2" East-West Aluminum Beam
7	Hex Flange Nut 1/4-20 Serrated
9	Flat Washer 5/8"
10	Flat Washer 3/4"
11	Hex Bolt 5/8-11" x 1-1/2"
12	Hex Bolt 3/4-10" x 1-1/2"
13	Hex Flange Nut 5/8-11 Serrated
14	Hex Flange Nut 3/4-10 Serrated
15	Hex Bolt 1/4-20 x 1"
16	East-West Beam Clip
17	End Clamp Assembly
18	Mid Clamp Assembly
19	PV Module (By Others)



# END & MID CLAMP ASSEMBLIES TECHNICAL DATASHEET

## Mid Clamp Assembly with T-Bolt



### End Clamp Assembly with T-Bolt



### Mid Clamp Assembly With T-Bolt

ITEM	COMPONENT	MATERIAL
4	3.25" x 2" East-West Aluminum Beam	Aluminum Alloy 6005A-T61, 6351-T5 or 6061-T6, Fy = 35 ksi, Ftu = 38 ksi
18	Mid Clamp	Stainless Steel, 301,302, or 304, 1/4 Hard, Mill Finish
19	PV Module (By Others)	As per Manufacturer
SEE DWG	1/4-20 T-Bolt (Serrated or Non-Serrated)	300 Stainless Steel (301 Preferred) with Min Ftu = 70 ksi
SEE DWG	1/4-20 Serrated Flange Nut	Stainless Steel ASTM F594 with Min Ftu = 70 ksi

## End Clamp Assembly With T-Bolt

ITEM	COMPONENT	MATERIAL
4	3.25" x 2" East-West Aluminum Beam	Aluminum Alloy 6005A-T61, 6351-T5 or 6061-T6, Fy = 35 ksi, Ftu = 38 ksi
17	End Clamp	Stainless Steel, 301,302, or 304, 1/4 Hard, Mill Finish
19	PV Module (By Others)	As per Manufacturer
SEE DWG	1/4-20 T-Bolt (Serrated or Non-Serrated)	300 Stainless Steel (301 Preferred) with Min Ftu = 70 ksi
SEE DWG	1/4-20 Serrated Flange Nut	Stainless Steel ASTM F594 with Min Ftu = 70 ksi



# **BEAM CLIP & BEAM SPLICE** TECHNICAL DATASHEET PAGE

### East-West Beam Clip



**East-West Beam Splice** 



### East-West Rail Clip

ITEM	COMPONENT	MATERIAL
4	3.25" x 2" East-West Aluminum Beam	Aluminum Alloy 6005A-T61, 6351-T5 or 6061-T6, Fy = 35 ksi, Ftu = 38 ksi
7	Hex Flange Nut 1/4-20 Serrated	302HQ 18/8 Stainless Steel Austenitic 300 Series, Min Ftu = 85 ksi
15	Hex Bolt 1/4-20 x 1"	302HQ 18/8 Stainless Steel Austenitic 300 Series, Min Ftu = 85 ksi
16	East-West Beam Clip	Aluminum Alloy 6005A-T61, 6351-T5 or 6061-T6, Fy = 35 ksi, Ftu = 38 ksi

## **East-West Beam Splice**

ITEM	COMPONENT	MATERIAL
4	3.25" x 2" East-West Aluminum Beam	Aluminum Alloy 6005A-T61, 6351-T5 or 6061-T6, Fy = 35 ksi, Ftu = 38 ksi
5	East-West Beam Splice Insert	Aluminum Alloy 6005A-T61, 6351-T5 or 6061-T6, Fy = 35 ksi, Ftu = 38 ksi
8	1/4" x 20 Self Drilling Screw (Buildex)	Grade 5, ASTM A449/ SAE J429 (Similar Properties Confirmed by testing)





## Top Chord to Pile Connection



### **Diagonal Brace Plate to Pile Connection**



## Top Chord to Pile Connection

ITEM	COMPONENT	MATERIAL
1	4.1" Top Chord Channel	Cold Rolled ASTM A653 HSLAS Grade 50 or 55
2	6" x 4.5" C-Shape Pile	Cold Rolled ASTM A653 HSLAS Grade 50 or 55
10	Flat Washer 3/4"	SAE Type A Narrow
12	Hex Bolt 3/4-10 x 1-1/2"	SAE J429-Grade Varies per Project
14	Hex Flange Nut 3/4-10 Serrated	SAE J429-Grade Varies per Project

### **Diagonal Brace Plate to Pile Connection**

ITEM	COMPONENT	MATERIAL
2	6" x 4.5" C Shape Pile	Cold Rolled ASTM A653 HSLAS Grade 50 or 55
3	Diagonal Brace Plate	ASTM A36 or ASTM A653 GR 50 Steel
9	Flat Washer 5/8"	SAE Type A Narrow
11	Hex Bolt 5/8-11 x1-1/2"	SAE J429-Grade Varies per Project
13	Hex Flange Nut 5/8-11 Serrated	SAE J429-Grade Varies per Project
20	Diagonal Brace	Cold Rolled ASTM A653 HSLAS Grade 50 or 55









# **E-W SLOPE TOLERANCE** INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE



• Pile position tolerances apply relative to nominal finish grade line.



## **PILE POSITION & TOLERANCES** INSTALLATION GUIDE **3** PAGE





# ALIGN ATTACHMENT HOLES ON PILES 4 INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE

1. Align target hole locations in all piles (within tables and table to table) using laser or string line.

2. Determine if adjustments are needed up or down (hole patterns allow for + 1-1/2" adjustments in 3/4" increments per instruction on following pages).

3. Mark holes to be used for top chord and diagonal brace plate attachments prior to installing.





The system is capable of being aligned to the target string or laser line using the adjustment holes when piles are placed within allowable tolerances. Each table will however accommodate a 2% deviation from the target line as shown without impact to structural integrity.





# **TOP CHORD TO PILE ADJUSTMENT** INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE

**Target Height** 



Adjustment Locations (Single 3/4" Bolt)





GROUND





## DIAGONAL BRACE PILE ADJUSTMENT ASSEMBLY TO PILE ADJUSTMENT B INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE

## **Target Height**

Move diagonal brace plate up or down (not horizontally) as needed to adjust height in 3/4" increments. Use pair of 5/8" bolts (nuts and washers) at location shown.  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$ Ο Ο  $\bigcirc$ Pile **Target Height** Ο  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$ Target Holes  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$ Ο О  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$  $\bigcirc$ 

Diagonal Brace Plate

Adjustment Locations (Pair of 5/8" Bolts)





# DIAGONAL ATTACHMENT TO TOP CHORD BRACE ATTACHMENT TO TOP CHORD INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE





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Torque all bolts after final adjustments. *Refer to Torque values stated on page B of the installation manual and in the general notes section of the construction drawings.* 

#### UL2703 CERTIFICATION MARKING LABEL

UNIRAC GFT is listed to UL2703 for **Bonding only**. Marking is stamped into each Top Chord and the Diagonal Brace Plates. See sample marking below.

TUV-R UL 2703 UNIRAC GFT 002A-201610-285 SEE MANUAL FOR DETAILS



# **TOP CHORD TILT ADJUSTMENT** INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE



If required, additional minor adjustment of top chord angle may be achieved by a combined repositioning of diagonal braces to adjacent holes in top chord and diagonal brace plate.







## **GFT** GROUND FIXED TILT

# HOLE E-W BEAM TO TOP CHORD INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE



1. Align target hole locations using laser or string line.

2. Determine if adjustments are needed up or down. (hole patterns allow for +1" adjustment in 1/2" increments per instruction on following pages).

3. Mark holes to be used for attaching E-W beams prior to installing.





# INSTALLATION E-W BEAM CLIPS TOP CHORDS OF E-W BEAM CLIPS TOP CHORDS INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE





# **INSTALL E-W BEAMS** INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE

Install first set of top row E-W beams starting at either end of table





## **INSTALL E-W BEAM SPLICES** INSTALLATION GUIDE **16** PAGE









# COMPLETE E-W BEAM INSTALLATION GUIDE 17 INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE





# **INSTALL MODULE W/END CLAMPS** INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE





# **INSTALL MID CLAMPS ON 1ST MODULE** INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE



## **GFT** GROUND FIXED TILT

## COMPLETE MODULES ON TOP ROW INSTALLATION OF MODULES UNSTALLATION GUIDE 20 PAGE





1. Place module on rails and engage with Mid Clamps

2. Align and square modules

3. Verify module gap (1/4")

- 4. Verify Mid Clamp bolt shafts are perpendicular to E-W Beam.
- 5. Verify position of indicator mark on bolt
- 6. Torque nuts to 10 ft-lbs
- 7. Repeat installation of clamps and modules to complete top row
- 8. Install End Clamps on last module

NOTE: The GFT system must be periodically re-inspected for loose components, loose fasteners and any corrosion, such that if found, the affected components are to be immediately replaced.



# INSTALLATION OF **E-W BEAM ON BOTTOM ROW** INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE



# INSTALLATION OF MODULES ON BOTTOM ROW INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE





## **GFT** GROUND FIXED TILT

# ELECTRICAL CONSIDERATIONS UNSTALLATION GUIDE 23



The following grounding & bonding components have been certified to be compatible with Unirac GFT:

- Wiley WEEBLug (P/N 0080025) Torque 1/4" mounting hardware to 10ft-lbs. See product data sheet for conductor size and conductor fastener torque.
- Ilsco Lay-in Lug (P/N GBL-4DBT) Torque 10-32 mounting hardware to 5ft-lbs. See product data sheet for conductor size and conductor fastener torque.

<u>Ground Lug</u>	<u>Bolt size</u>	<u>Drill size</u>
WEEBLug	1/4"-20	17/64"
Ilsco	#10-32	7/31"

The entire Unirac GFT table has been classified for grounding & bonding to UL2703. The bonding path has been evaluated from the PV module frame all the way through to the pile. The following are suggestions to aid in grounding of the table for the project electrical engineer of record, and by the local authority having jurisdiction. This racking system may be used to ground and/or mount a PV module complying with UL1703 only when the specific module has been evaluated for grounding and/or mounting in compliance with the included instructions.

#### **GROUND LUG MOUNTING DETAILS**

Details are provided for both the WEEB and Ilsco products. The WEEBLug has a grounding symbol located on the lug assembly. The Ilsco lug has a green colored set screw for grounding indication purposes. One lug is recommended per GFT table. Installation must be in accordance with NFPA NEC70, however the electrical designer of record should refer to the latest revision of National Electrical Code (NEC) for actual grounding conductor cable size. Unirac GFT is intended to be used with PV modules that have a system voltage less than or equal to 1,000VDC. A minimum 10AWG, 105°C copper grounding conductor should be used to ground the system according to the (NEC) and the authority having jurisdiction. It is the installers responsibility to check local codes, which may vary. <u>NOTE:</u> Any holes drilled to attach the ground lugs should be de-burred before use. **NOTE: Only the Ilsco GBL-4DBT ground lug is single use only, all other GFT components are multiple use.** 

### TEMPORARY BONDING CONNECTION DURING ARRAY MAINTENANCE

When removing modules for replacement or system maintenance, any module left in place that is secured with a bonding mid-clamp will be properly grounded. If a module adjacent to the end of a row is removed, or if any other maintenance condition leaves a module without a bonding mid clamp, a temporary bonding connection must be installed as follows:

- Attach Ilsco GBL-4DBT or WeebLug 6.7 to both modules on either side of the module that has been removed. Note: The lug should be attached to the manufacturers designated grounding point on the frame.
- Install a solid #6 AWG copper wire to both grounding lugs. **NOTE: ISOLATE COPPER FROM ALUMINUM CONTACT TO PREVENT CORROSION.**



## **BONDING CONNECTION GROUND PATHS** 25 INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE



BONDING MIDCLAMP ASSEMBLY

- Stainless steel Midclamp points, 2 per module, pierce module frame anodization to bond module to GFT rail through clamp.
- Serrated flange nut bonds stainless steel clamp to stainless steel T-bolt

#### TEMPORARY BONDING CONNECTION DURING ARRAY MAINTENANCE

When removing modules for replacement or system maintenance, any module left in place that is secured with a having jurisdiction. Please refer to these resources in bonding Midclamp will be properly grounded. If a module adjacent to the end module of a row is removed or if any your location for required grounding lug quantities other maintenance condition leaves a module without a bonding mid clamp, a temporary bonding connection must be specific to your project. installed as shown

- Attach Ilsco SGB4 to wall of GFT rail
  - (Rail shown in picture is not a GFT rail but a representative rail for demonstration only)
- Attach Ilsco SGB4 to module frame
- Install solid #6 AWG copper wire jumper to Ilsco lugs



#### ELECTRICAL CONSIDERATIONS

GFT is intended to be used with PV modules that have a system voltage less than or equal to 1000 VDC. For standard system grounding a minimum 10AWG, 105°C copper grounding conductor should be used to ground a 1000 VDC system, according to the National Electric Code (NEC). It is the installer's responsibility to check local codes, which may vary. See below for interconnection information.

#### INTERCONNECTION INFORMATION

There is no size limit on how many GFT & PV modules can be mechanically interconnected for any given configuration, provided that the installation meets the requirements of applicable building and fire codes.

#### GROUNDING NOTES

The installation must be conducted in accordance with the National Electric Code (NEC) and the authority

The grounding / bonding components may overhang parts of the array so care must be made when walking around the array to avoid damage.

Conductor fastener torque values depend on conductor size. See product data sheets for correct torque values.

Mid clamps do not need to be repositioned for re-use.



# BONDING & GROUNDING MODULE COMPATIBILITY APPROVED MODULE COMPATIBILITY INSTALLATION GUIDE PAGE

## The GFT system is to be used only in combination with modules that are included in the tables below.

Manufacturer	Module or Series
AU Optronics (BenQ Solar)	PM Series
Canadian Solar	CS5A-M, CS6P-M, CS6P-P, CS6X-P, ELPS CS6A-MM, ELPS CS6P- MM, CS6U-P, CS6U-M, CS6K-MS, CS6K-M, CS6K-P
CentroSolar America	C-Series, E Series
CertainTeed	CTXXXMxx-01, CTXXXPxx-01, CTXXXMxx-02
ET Solar	ET AC Module, ET Module
Flextronics	FXS
Hanwha SolarOne	HSL 60
Heliene Inc.	72M, 72P, 72M-BLK, 60M, 60P, 60M-BLK, 36M, 36P
Hyundai Heavy Industries	MG Series, RG Series, RW Series
Jinko	Jinko 60 JKMxxx-P-60, Jinko Eagle 60 JKMxxxPP-60, Jinko Eagle MX60 JKMSxxxPP-60, Jinko MX60 JKMSxxxP-60, Jinko Black 60 JKMxxxPP-60B-J4, Jinko 72 JKMxxPP-72, Jinko Eagle 72 JKMxxPP- 72, Jinko Eagle MX72 JKMxxxPP-72, Eagle PERC 60, Eagle PERC 72
Куосега	KD-F Series, KU-60
LG Electronics	MONO NEON, MONO X, NeON 2 LGxxxN1C-G4, NeON 2 LGxxxN2W-G4, NeON LGxxxN2W-B3, NeON LGxxxS1C-G4, Mono X LGxxxS2W-G4
Mission Solar	MSE Mono, MSE PERC
Neo Solar Power Corp.	D6MXXXE4A, D6MXXXB4A, D6MXXXE4AME
Panasonic	VBHNxxxSA06, VBHNxxxSA06B, VBHNxxxSA11, VBHNxxxSA11B, VBHNxxxSA15, VBHNxxxSA15B, VBHNxxxSA16, VBHNxxxSA16B, VBHNxxxKA
Phono Solar Technology	Standard Modules

Manufacturer	Module or Series
Q-Cells	Q.PEAK-G3.1 XXX, Q.PEAK BLK-G3.1 XXX, Q.PLUS BFR G3.1 XXX, Q.PLUS-G3 XXX, P.PRO G3 XXX, Q.PRO BFR-G3 XXX, Q.PEAK-G3 XXX, Q.PEAK BLK-G3 XXX, Q.PLUS BFR G4.1 XXX, Q.PRO BFR G4 XXX, Q.PRO BFR G4.1 XXX, Q.PRO BFR G4.3 XXX, Q.PEAK-G4.1 XXX, Q.PEAK-G4.1/MAX XXX, Q.PEAK BLK G4.1 XXX, Q.PRO G4 XXX, Q.PLUS G4 XXX, Q.PEAK-G4.1/TAA XXX, Q.PEAK BLK G4.1/TAA XXX, Q.PLUS BFR G4.1/TAA XXX, Q.PEAK BLK G4.1/MAX XXX, B.LINE PLUS BFR G4.1 XXX, B.LINE PRO BFR G4.1 XXX, Q.PRO EC-G4.4 XXX, Q.PRO L-G2 XXX, Q.PLUS L G4 XXX, Q.PRO L G4 XXX, Q.PRO L G4.1 XXX, Q.PLUS L G4 XXX, Q.PRO L G4 XXX, B.LINE PRO L G4.1 XXX, B.LINE PRO L G4.2 XXX, Q.PLUS L G4.2 XXX, B.LINE PRO L G4.2 XXX, Q.PLUS L G4.2 XXX, B.LINE PRO L G4.2 XXX, Q.PLUS L G4.2 XXX, B.LINE PRO L G4.2 XXX, Q.PLUS L-G4.2/TAA
Renesola	60-Cell Modules
Sharp	ND-240QCJ, ND-250QCS, ND-Q235F4
Silfab	SLA-M, SLA-P, SLG-P, SLG-M
SolarWorld	Sunmodule Plus, Sunmodule Pro, Sunmodule Protect
Sun Edison/MEMC	F-Series, R-Series
Suniva	MV Series, Optimus™ Series
SunPower	AC, E-Series, Sig Black, X-Series, P-Series
Suntech	STP"XXX"
Trina	PA05, PD05, DD05
TSMC Solar	TS-150C2 CIGS
Yingli	Panda 60, YGE 60, YGE-Z 60,YGE-U72