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1. Scope

Thanks for choosing the crystalline silicon PV module of Schutten Solar.

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2. The introduction of installation manual

2.1 Overview

This manual contains important electrical and mechanical installation information. For correct installation and stable power output, please install and maintain the modules Carefully read and understand all installation instructions in the manual, and Keep this manual in a safe place for future reference (care and maintenance) and in case of sale or disposal of the modules.

This manual does not constitute a warranty, expressed or implied. Schutten Solar does not assume responsibility and expressly disclaims liability for loss, damage, or expense arising out of or in any way connected with installation, operation, use or maintenance of modules.

The PV modules should be installed in accordance with all safety precautions and local laws and regulations of this manual and should be installed and serviced by qualified personnel with knowledge of the mechanical and electrical requirements of the system.

The mechanical and electrical installation of the PV modules shall be made in accordance with applicable laws and regulations, including electrical, construction and electrical connection requirements. These regulations vary depending on the installation site, such as building roofs, surface mounts, in-vehicle applications, and so on. The requirements may vary depending on the installation system voltage, the use of DC or AC. Please refer to the relevant local laws and regulations.

Any questions, please contact with the salesman or customer service personnel of Schutten Solar for further explanations.

2.2 Applicable products

This manual is intended for use with the following solar modules:

With 6' poly and mono c-Si:

STP6-XXX/60; STM6-XXX/60; STP6-XXX/60P; STM6-XXX/60P*; STP6-XXX/60B**; STM6-XXX/60B**;
(XXX=250~300, in increment of 5)*

STP6-XXX/72; STM6-XXX/72; STP6-XXX/72P; STM6-XXX/72P*; STP6-XXX/72B**; STM6-XXX/72B**;
(XXX=300~360, in increment of 5)*

STP6-XXX/36; STM6-XXX/36; STP6-XXX/36P; STM6-XXX/36P*; STP6-XXX/36B**; STM6-XXX/36B**;*

(XXX=150~180, in increment of 5)

With 5' mono c-Si:

STM5-XXX/36; STM5-XXX/48; STM5-XXX/72;

(XXX=100-210, in increment of 5)

**P: the Perc Series module*

***B: module with black back sheet*

2.3 Warnings

2.3.1 The installation work of the PV array can only be done under the protection of sun-sheltering covers or sunshades and only qualified person can install or perform maintenance work on this module.

2.3.2 Front protective glass is utilized on module. Broken solar module glass is an electrical safety hazard (may cause electric shock and fire). These modules can not be repaired and should be replaced immediately.

2.3.3 Follow the battery manufacturers recommendations if batteries are used with module.

2.3.4 Do not use this module to replace or partly replace roofs and walls of living buildings.

2.3.5 Do not install modules where flammable gas may be present.

2.3.6 Do not touch live terminals with bare hands. Use insulated tools for electrical connections.

2.3.7 Do not remove any part installed by Schutten Solar or disassemble the module.

2.3.8 All instructions should be read and understood before attempting to install, wire, operate and maintain the module.

2.3.9 Please don't lift up PV modules using the attached cables or the junction box.

2.3.10 All PV systems must be earthed. If there is no special regulation, please follow the National Electrical Code or other national code.

2.3.11 Under normal conditions, a photovoltaic module is likely to experience conditions that produce more current and/or voltage than reported at standard test conditions. Accordingly, the value of I_{sc} and V_{oc} marked on this module should be multiplied by 1.25 when determining PV system component voltage ratings, conductor current ratings, fuse sizes, and size of controls connected to the PV output.

2.3.12 Once the PV module has been shipped to the installation site, all of the parts should be unpacked properly with care.

2.3.13 Do not stand, step or sit on the PV module like below pictures show, this is prohibited and there can be risks of micro-crack which may cause a sharp decline of module's power performance; what's more, it may threat your safety.

2.3.14 Only PV modules with the same cell size should be connected in series.

2.3.15 During all transportation situations, please make sure no huge shock for the vehicle or the modules, as this may damage the module or lead the cell to be crack.

2.3.16 During all transportation situation, never let the module fall down from the vehicle, house or hands. This will break the cells of the modules.

2.3.17 Do not clean the glass with chemicals.

2.3.18 Do not disconnect any of the modules when it is under load.

3. Product information

3.1 Structure and component description

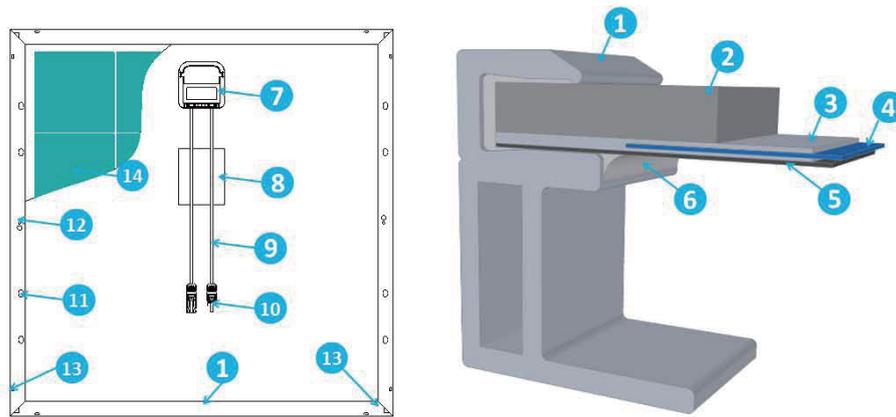
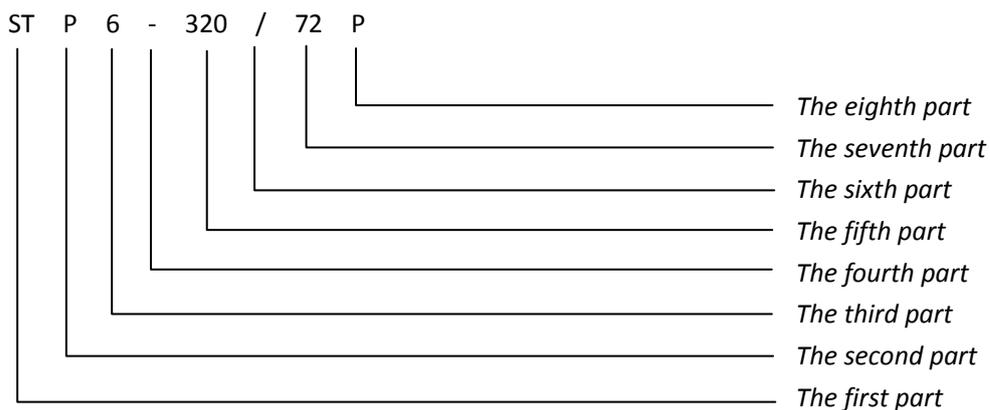


Figure 1 Section structure and component description

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|-----------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| 1. <u>Aluminum Frame</u> | 2. <u>Tempering Glass</u> | 3. <u>Encapsulating EVA</u> | 4. <u>Cell</u> | 5. <u>Backsheet</u> |
| 6. <u>Silicone Adhesive</u> | 7. <u>Junction Box</u> | 8. <u>Nameplate</u> | 9. <u>Cable</u> | 10. <u>Connector</u> |
| 11. <u>Mounting Hole</u> | 12. <u>Grounding Hole</u> | 13. <u>Drainage Hole</u> | 14. <u>Cell</u> | |

3.2 General module model numbering rules



The first part: 2 letters, on behalf of the company referred to as: ST (Schutten Solar).

The second part: a letter, on behalf of the PV module of the battery in the crystal type: M (Mono-crystalline), P (poly-crystalline).

The third part: a digit, represents the cells type, such as 6 represents 156mm*156mm cells, 5 represents 125mm*125mm cells.

The fourth part: a bit characters, using fixed characters: -.

The fifth part: 3 digits, represents the maximum power of the PV module under standard test conditions, such as: 320, said PV module power 320W;

The sixth part: a bit characters, using fixed characters: /.

The seventh part: 2 digits, represents the module version, such as 60 represents the 60 version module, and the 72 represents the 72 version module.

The eighth part: a letter, which represents the technology of the battery plate in the component, P represents the PERC battery sheet, B represents the black silicon battery, if no digits, means the normal modules.

3.3 Module tag information

Each PV module is affixed with two kinds of labels, providing the following information:

a) Nameplate: describes the product type; rated power, rated current, rated voltage, open circuit voltage, short circuit current, all as measured under standard test conditions; weight, dimensions etc.; the maximum system voltage of 1000 volts DC.

b) Series number: each individual module has a unique serial number. The serial number has 12 digits. The first and second digits are year code, and the ninth and tenth digits are month code. For example, SN16XXXXX09xx means the module was made in September 2016. The 11th to the 12th digits are the information of factory. Each module has only one barcode. It is permanently attached to the interior of the module and is visible from the front of the module. This bar code is inserted prior to laminating.



Do not remove any labels. Removing a label will make the Schutten Solar warranty void.

3.4 Module electrical performance parameters

The electrical performance parameters of the module were measured under standard test conditions (irradiance of 1000 W/m², AM 1.5 spectra, ambient temperature of 25°C) with a test uncertainty of ±3%. The maximum system module voltage is 1500V. Refer to the following table for electrical performance parameters.

module type	Voc/ V	Tolerance of Voc	Isc/ A	Tolerance of Isc	Pmax/Wp	Tolerance of Pmax	System Voltage	Fuse rating	Application Class
STP6-250/60	37.75V	±3%	8.92A	±3%	250W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STP6-255/60	37.92V	±3%	8.98A	±3%	255W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STP6-260/60	38.39V	±3%	9.09A	±3%	260W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STP6-265/60	38.64V	±3%	9.16A	±3%	265W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STP6-270/60	38.82V	±3%	9.25A	±3%	270W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STP6-300/72	45.25V	±3%	8.98A	±3%	300W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STP6-305/72	45.52V	±3%	9.04A	±3%	305W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STP6-310/72	45.69V	±3%	9.09A	±3%	310W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STP6-315/72	45.88V	±3%	9.15A	±3%	315W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STP6-320/72	46.06V	±3%	9.19A	±3%	320W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STP6-325/72	46.25V	±3%	9.24A	±3%	325W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-250/60	36.78V	±3%	8.97A	±3%	250W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-255/60	37.02V	±3%	9.07A	±3%	255W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-260/60	37.35V	±3%	9.14A	±3%	260W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A

STM6-265/60	37.70V	±3%	9.21A	±3%	265W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-270/60	38.01V	±3%	9.30A	±3%	270W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-275/60	38.33V	±3%	9.38A	±3%	275W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-280/60	38.65V	±3%	9.47A	±3%	280W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-285/60	38.98V	±3%	9.56A	±3%	285W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-290/60	39.34V	±3%	9.64A	±3%	290W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-295/60	39.65V	±3%	9.72A	±3%	295W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-300/60	39.98V	±3%	9.81A	±3%	300W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-300/72	44.12V	±3%	8.97A	±3%	300W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-305/72	44.31V	±3%	9.05A	±3%	305W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-310/72	44.50V	±3%	9.11A	±3%	310W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-315/72	44.82V	±3%	9.16A	±3%	315W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-320/72	45.25V	±3%	9.23A	±3%	320W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-325/72	45.52V	±3%	9.29A	±3%	325W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-330/72	45.80V	±3%	9.35A	±3%	330W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-335/72	46.15V	±3%	9.40A	±3%	335W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-340/72	46.45V	±3%	9.46A	±3%	340W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-345/72	46.67V	±3%	9.52A	±3%	345W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-350/72	46.98V	±3%	9.59A	±3%	350W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-355/72	47.29V	±3%	9.66A	±3%	355W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-360/72	47.52V	±3%	9.72A	±3%	360W	0 to +5W	1000V	15A	A
STM6-150/36	21.80V	±3%	8.97A	±3%	150W	0 to +5W	1000V	12A	A
STM6-155/36	22.12V	±3%	9.12A	±3%	155W	0 to +5W	1000V	12A	A
STM6-160/36	22.53V	±3%	9.23A	±3%	160W	0 to +5W	1000V	12A	A
STM6-165/36	22.84V	±3%	9.34A	±3%	165W	0 to +5W	1000V	12A	A
STM6-170/36	23.16V	±3%	9.45A	±3%	170W	0 to +5W	1000V	12A	A
STM6-175/36	23.45V	±3%	9.59A	±3%	175W	0 to +5W	1000V	12A	A
STM6-180/36	23.74V	±3%	9.74A	±3%	180W	0 to +5W	1000V	12A	A
STP6-150/36	21.60V	±3%	8.92A	±3%	150W	0 to +5W	1000V	12A	A
STP6-155/36	22.10V	±3%	9.07A	±3%	155W	0 to +5W	1000V	12A	A
STP6-160/36	22.60V	±3%	9.19A	±3%	160W	0 to +5W	1000V	12A	A
STP6-165/36	23.10V	±3%	9.24A	±3%	165W	0 to +5W	1000V	12A	A
STM5-200/72	45.10V	±3%	5.90A	±3%	200W	0 to +5W	1000V	12A	A
STM5-120/48	28.06V	±3%	5.64A	±3%	120W	0 to +5W	1000V	12A	A
STM5-100/36	21.24V	±3%	6.10A	±3%	100W	0 to +5W	1000V	12A	A

4. Installation

4.1 General safety

4.1.1 Schutten Solar's modules are qualified for application class A: Hazardous voltage (IEC 61730: higher than 50V DC; EN 61730: higher than 120V), hazardous power applications (higher than 240W) where general contact access is anticipated (Modules qualified for safety through EN IEC 61730-1 and -2 within this application class are

considered to meet the requirements for Safety Class II, the class of fire rating is Class C, and the maximum series fuse is 15A.

4.1.2 The installer should abide by the relevant local laws and regulations when installing module. It is need to obtain the required certificates in advance when necessary, such as the building permit.

4.1.3 Installing solar photovoltaic systems require specialized skills and knowledge. Installation should be performed only by qualified person. Installers should assume the risk of all injuries that might occur during installation, such as electric shock.

4.1.4 Photovoltaic modules are designed for outdoor use. Modules may be mounted on ground, rooftops, vehicles or boats. Proper design of support structures is the responsibility of the system designers or installers. When modules are mounted on rooftops, fire-protection rating of the final structure should be considered, and also the later maintenance. The rooftops and support structure for PV system should only be certified by architectural experts or engineer, which have a formal complete structure analysis results.

4.1.5 For your safety, do not install the modules without safety precautions.

4.1.6 For your safety, do not install or handle the modules under wet or adverse environment, including but not limited to strong wind, gusty wind, frosted roof surfaces, wet environment.

4.2 Electrical properties safety

4.2.1 When a module is exposed to sunlight or other light sources, a direct current is present inside the module, and electrical contact with the module may result in an electrical shock hazard.

4.2.2 In order to avoid arc and electric shock, please do not disconnect electrical connections under load, Keep all electrical connectors dry and clean, and ensure that they are in proper working condition. Do not insert other metal objects into the connector, or in any other way.

4.2.3 Do not apply paint or adhesive to module surface. Do not wipe modules with corrosive chemicals.

4.2.4 Do not use mirrors or other magnifiers to focus sunlight on the modules. Do not expose the backside of modules directly to sunlight for a long time.

4.2.5 Do not change the configuration of the bypass diodes, Do not disassemble the modules.

4.2.6 Do not contact with module surface when the module is wet unless to clean the modules, please following requirements mentioned in this manual when cleaning.

4.3 Handling safety

4.3.1 Do not open the box until it reaches the installation location. Keep the package in a dry and dry place.

4.3.2 PV modules Unpacking Please refer to Unpacking manual of standard package of Schutten Solar photovoltaic modules. During all handling procedures, make sure that the modules are not subject to large vibrations, that the modules fall to the floor or that objects fall on the module, as this will Damage to the modules or solar cell. Special care must be taken not to bump, scrape, or press against the back of the module. Keep children and unauthorized person away from the modules while transporting or installing them. Improper

transportation or placing may lead to glass breakage or power loss of the modules, resulting in the loss of the use value of modules.

4.3.3 Handle modules with care, lift and put down modules gently. It is forbidden to carry or lift the modules by grabbing the junction box or cables. Two or more people must hold the module with both hands.

4.3.4 Do not step on, stand or sit on the module, which can damage the module and create a risk to people.

4.3.5 Do not place any heavy objects on the front or back of the module, and do not place the module on a sharp object surface.

4.4 Installation safety

4.4.1 Abide by the safety regulations for all other modules used in the PV system, including wiring and cables, connectors, controllers, inverters, storage batteries, etc., and use suitable equipment, connectors, wiring and mounting system for a PV system. If the PV system is used in storage batteries, the configuration with the modules should follow the advice of the storage batteries manufacturer. The same size, the same specifications of the model can be connected in series.

4.4.2 Do not install or handle the modules when they are wet or during strong wind. Keep the junction box's cover closed.

4.4.3 Modules of the glass with the role of protection modules, unreasonable operation will cause glass broken. Damaged modules have the risk of electric shock and fire, such modules can not be repaired or repaired, should be replaced immediately.

4.4.4 When exposed to direct sunlight, one individual solar module may generate DC voltages greater than 30 volts. It is extremely dangerous to contact it.

4.4.5 To reduce the risk of electric shock or burning, you can install modules with opaque material on the surface of the module. The mounting of the array of modules must be carried out with an isolating solar installation. Do not wear metal rings, watches, earrings and other metal accessories when installing or servicing PV systems. Do not touch the electrical parts of the module directly by hand. Use an insulating tool to make electrical connections and keep the tool dry.

4.4.6 The triangle hole punched on the backside frame of the module is the drainage hole which cannot be blocked.

4.4.7 The maximum system voltage indicated in the rating label is 1000 V. During the system Installation, the maximum open circuit voltage in series cannot exceed the maximum system voltage.

4.4.8 During modules interconnection, ensure to fix the connecting cables to supporting bracket, so as to restrict the swing amplitude of the slack part of the cables.

4.4.9 Abide by the allowable minimum bending radius of the cables (suggest no less than 43mm).

4.4.10 Always protect the cable with conduit where animals or children can touch it.

4.4.11 Please use the connector which is specially designed for photovoltaic system, and assemble it with the tools recommended or specified by the manufacturer. In case that the connector applicable to the solar photovoltaic system is required, please contact the local supplier. Ban different connectors to plug each other.

4.4.12 Make sure that the polarity is correct when connecting the module with inverter, storage battery or combiner box to avoid the damage of bypass diodes in the modules due to incorrect polarity.

4.4.13 Do not drill holes in the frame, this may reduce the mechanical load ability and cause corrosion of the frame.

4.4.14 Do not scratch the anodized coating of the frame (except for grounding connection), this may cause corrosion of the frame or reduce the mechanical load ability.

4.4.15 Modules can't be used to replace the roof and wall materials, partial replacement is not allowed.

4.4.16 Any part (including nameplate) of modules supplied by Anhui Schutten Solar Energy Co., Ltd can't be dismantled without permission.

5. Installation condition

5.1 Working environment

Schutten Solar's PV module should operate in the following environmental conditions:

Ambient temperature: -20°C to $+45^{\circ}\text{C}$

Operating temperature of the module: -40°C to $+85^{\circ}\text{C}$

Humidity: 85%RH

Mechanical load pressure: Schutten Solar's modules are designed to meet a maximum positive (or downward) pressure of 5400Pa (Only refer to the mentioned module type in this manual) and negative (or upward) pressure of 2400Pa. (When mounting modules in snow-prone or high-wind environments, Special care should be taken to mount the modules in a manner that provides sufficient design strength while meeting local code requirements.)

Note: The module mechanical load is based on the installation method and installation site, in the calculation of mechanical load by the professional installer according to the system design requirements to calculate.

5.2 Installation position

5.2.1 In most applications, PV modules should be installed in a location where they will receive maximum sunlight throughout the year. In the northern hemisphere, modules should typically face south, and in the southern hemisphere, modules should typically face north. Modules facing 30 degrees away from true South (or North) will lose approximately 10 to 15 percent of their power output. If the module faces 60 degrees away from true South (or North), the power loss will be 20 to 30 percent.

5.2.2 The module shall be installed in the place where the sunshine is adequate. the module surface shall not be partly shaded by trees, building, clothes, tools, packaging materials, etc. because these objects will form shadow in the module surface leading to loss of system output power.

5.2.3 The module shall be installed in the well-ventilated place; meanwhile, enough space for airiness shall be sated at the back and sides of the module, so that the heat generated during operation can be radiated in time.

5.2.4 Modules can not be used in other excessive and harsh environments, such as hail, snow, sand, smoke, air pollution, soot, flammable gases, near open flames, and highly corrosive substances (salt, salt spray, salt water, acid rain) , As this will affect the module's safety and performance. If the installation environment is special, such as the seaside, farm, high humidity or wind and other large environment, please consult your local dealer for professional support and confirmation. If you need to be installed at a high altitude, the altitude should not exceed 2000m.

5.2.5 Modules should be installed in suitable buildings, or other suitable place to install modules (such as the ground, garage, building facades, roof).

5.2.6 If modules are installed in locations with frequent lightning activity, the modules must be protected against lightning strikes.

5.2.7 Do not install the modules in this location with water immersion or near the sprinkler or fountain etc.

5.2.8 The pressure of the wind or snow after installation of the modules must not exceed the maximum allowable load.

5.3 Tilt angle selection

5.3.1 The tilt angle of the Modules is measured between the surface of the modules and a horizontal ground surface, the modules generates maximum power output when it faces the sun directly, as shown in figure 2.

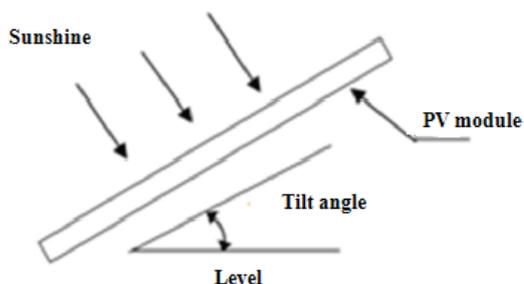


Figure 2 Module tilt angle

5.3.2 Modules each element in series with the same array must be oriented in the same direction and angle. Different installation directions and angles will cause the modules to absorb the total solar radiation difference, causing the loss of output power, thus reducing the operating efficiency of the system.

5.3.3 The maximum power is generated when the sun is directed to the module, select the best installation angle should be considered when the winter module power output. But external or otherwise artificially concentrated sunlight shall not be directed onto the front or back face of the PV module.

5.3.4 In order to facilitate the cleaning modules and modules in the rain when the surface dust is easily washed away by rain. For detailed installation angles, follow the advice given by the experienced PV module installer.

6. Mechanical installation

All of the installation methods described here are for reference only. Anhui Schutten Solar Energy Co., Ltd is not responsible for providing the relevant installation parts and module installation services.

6.1 Conventional requirement

6.1.1 Ensure that the installed modules and supporting rail of modules are strong enough, the entire PV system

consisting of modules must be able to withstand anticipated mechanical pressure. The installer must provide the guarantee. The installation supporting rail must be tested by the third-party organization with the analysis ability of Static Mechanical according to the local national or international standards.

6.1.2 The supporting rail must be made of environmental corrosion, anti-rust and UV-resistant materials.

6.1.3 Modules must be securely fastened to the supporting rail.

6.1.4 Drilling holes on the surface of module glass or drilling additional mounting holes on module frames may void the warranty.

6.1.5 Forces generated during thermal expansion and contraction of the supporting rail may influence the performance and use of the module, so make ensure that the minimum distance between two neighboring frames is 10mm, but in order to ensure good ventilation. Suggest this distance between two neighboring frames is 30mm.

6.1.6 In areas with large snow cover in winter, select a higher mounting bracket so that the lowest point of the module will not be covered by snow for long periods of time. In addition, the lowest point of the module is high enough to prevent the module from being obstructed by vegetation or trees.

6.1.7 The bearing surface of the supporting system must be smooth without any twist or deformation, and all of them shall be at the same height without dislocation.

6.1.8 The module mounting method does not result in electrochemical corrosion between the aluminum frame of the module and the different metals.

6.2 Three kinds of Mounting

6.2.1 Roof mounting

6.2.1.1 It is necessary to provide a special supporting rail for the roof mounting. When installing a module on a roof or building, ensure that it is securely fastened and cannot fall or be damaged as a result of strong winds or heavy snow. During roof mounting, check the building codes being used to ensure that the building and its structure where the module is installed have adequate bearing and sealing capacity. The roof when penetrated during module installation shall be properly sealed to avoid rainwater leakage.

6.2.1.2 To be suitable for operation, reduce steam condensation and facilitate the ventilation & heat dissipation of the module during tile installation, the module shall be parallel to the wall or roof surface of the building, and the distance between module and surface of the wall or roof shall be at least 115mm to prevent wiring damage and to allow air circulation, ventilation and heat dissipation behind the module. For stacking type installation, the module shall be installed on the fire-resistant roof. The Fire Resistance Rated Class of the modules is Class C, and the modules are suitable for mounting on an above Class A roof. Do not install modules on a roof or building during strong wind.

6.2.1.3 For the roof system installed in the area with relatively heavy snowfall or snow cover in the meteorological records, the installer shall reinforce the supporting system at the lower frame of the module, in order to prevent the lower frame from being pressed and damaged by the falling snow or freezing of the melted snow. Schutten Solar suggests selecting the support reinforcing mechanism shown in figure 3.

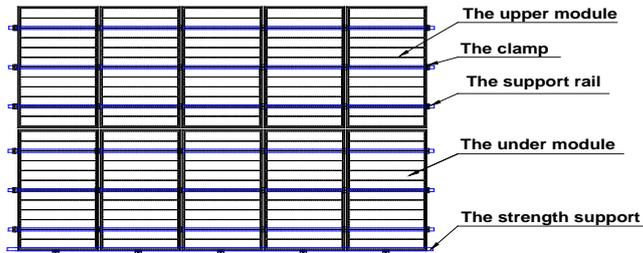


Figure 3 Schematic diagram of reinforcement mounting of module

6.2.2 Pole mounting

When installing a module on a pole, choose a pole and supporting rail that will withstand the anticipated wind power of the local area. The pole must be constructed on a solid foundation.

6.2.3 Ground mounting

Select the height of the mounting system to prevent the lowest edge of the module from being covered by snow for a long time in winter in areas with heavy snowfalls. The module shall be installed on the supporting rail with appropriate height instead of being directly laid on the ground. In addition, the lowest portion of the module shall be high enough (≥ 900 mm) from ground, so that it is not shaded by plants and trees, or damaged by sand and stone driven by wind, or not shaded by the mud splashed by rain water.

6.3 Installation methods

6.3.1 General rules

- a) Modules can be fastened on the supporting system using screw bolts or clamps. Modules must be installed according to the following methods or instructions. If not the warranty may be void.
- b) Schutten Solar modules have reached the IEC standard on the mechanical load requirements. When mounting, fasten the screws through the 4 or 6 symmetrical mounting holes on the inside of the aluminum bezel or use the pressure clamp to secure the module to the supporting rail, Schutten Solar module can withstand the wind pressure of 2400Pa and the snow pressure of 5400Pa (Only the module models covered in this manual are available) , it is recommended that the system designer or installer perform the load calculations.
- c) The supporting rail and other materials required (such as screw) shall be made of durable, resistance to environmental corrosion, anti-rust and UV-resistant materials.

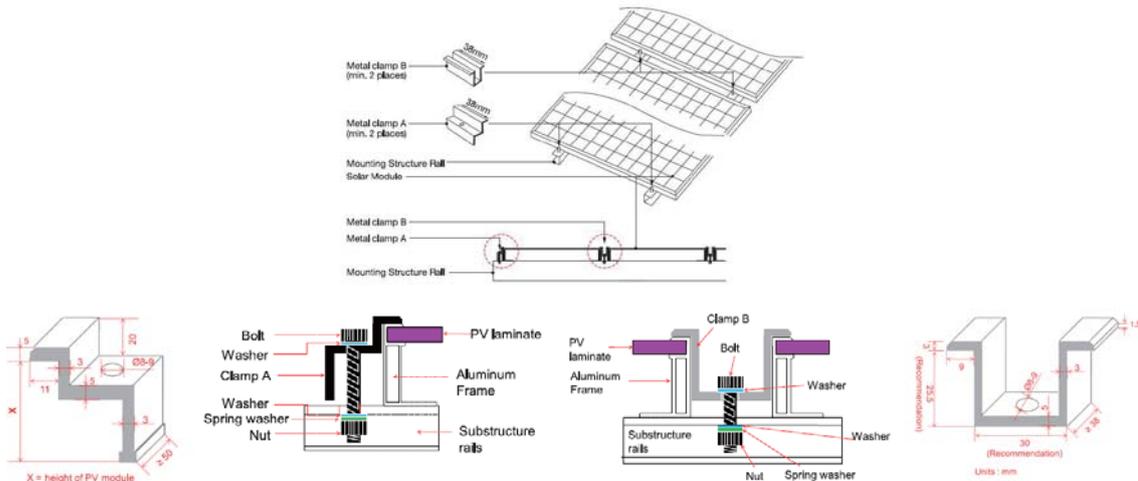
6.3.2 Fixture installation

6.3.2.1 Using suitable number of clamps to fasten the module to the supporting rail, Schutten Solar suggest installer clamp the module by the long side of the module frame, and the area of module frame fastened by each clamp shall be no less than 400 mm².(clamp length ≥ 50 mm, the clamped width of module frame shall be in this area: 8-10mm).

6.3.2.2 Do not contact the front glass, and do not scratch or deform the module frame in any way when fastening the module. Avoid shading effects from the clamps. Drainage holes on the modules frame must not be plugged.

6.3.2.3 Using at least four clamps to fasten each module, two clamps should be fastened on each long side of the module. According to local Environment (depending on wind power and snow loads), additional

clamps may be required to ensure modules and PV system to withstand anticipated mechanical pressure. We recommends using the following clamps (as shown in Figure 4), or approved by reputable solar installer or systems integrator.



Clamp A: Fasten the Fringe modules *Clamp B: Fasten the Middle modules*
 Figure 4 Schematic diagram of module fastened by clamp method

6.3.2.4 The modules should be fastened to the supporting rail using anti-corrosion clamps, screws, spring washers and flat washers. And the clamps should always be mounted in a symmetric position respect to the center. Schutten Solar suggested selecting M8 screw together with matched nut. Recommended torque should be 8 Newton-meters.

6.3.2.5 If heavy snowfall, snow cover or large wind pressure exist in the module installation area, Schutten Solar suggests the installers to selecting the clamping methods of 5400Pa mechanical loading to clamp the module to improve the bearing capacity for snow load at front side and wind pressure at back side, and enhance the system capacity.

6.3.2.6 For matters concerning clamp or installation not mentioned in this manual, contact the local dealer for professional support.

7. Electrical installation

7.1 Electrical property

7.1.1 Under normal conditions, a photovoltaic module is likely to experience conditions that produce more current and voltage than reported at standard test conditions. Accordingly, the values of ISC and VOC marked on this module should be multiplied by a factor of 1.25 when determining module voltage ratings, conductor current ratings, fuse sizes, and size of controls connected to the PV output.

7.1.2 Try to use the modules with the same configuration in the same PV system. If the modules are connected in series, the total voltage is the sum of voltages of all the modules. The maximum voltage of string does not exceed the maximum system voltage of the modules (the maximum system voltage of Schutten Solar modules is 1000V), the maximum number of modules that can be connected in a series string must be calculated in accordance with applicable regulations, make sure the open circuit voltage of string does not exceed the maximum system voltage of the modules and the other electrical DC modules required at the minimum temperature at the PV system location. Using the following formula:

$$\text{System voltage} = N * \text{Voc} * [1 + \lambda \text{voc} (T_{\text{min}} - 25 \text{ } ^\circ\text{C})]$$

N——number of modules in series

V_{oc}——open circuit voltage at STC (refer to product label or data sheet)

λ_{voc}——Thermal coefficient of *V_{oc}* of each module (refer to product data sheet)

T_{min}——minimum ambient temperature at the PV system location

7.1.3 If the PV system requires the installation of high current, several PV modules can be connected in parallel, and total current is the sum of current of all the modules. The maximum parallel number of the modules $N = I_{max} \text{ (fuse rating)} / I_{sc}$.

7.1.4 An over-current protection device with appropriately rated must be used when reverse current could exceed the value of the maximum fuse rating of the module, an over-current protection devices is required for each series string if more than two series strings are connected in parallel.

7.1.5 When installing the module, place the end with the junction box up and try to avoid the rain.

7.1.6 Do not carry out installation in rainy weather, because humidity will void the insulation protection, Thus cause safety accidents.

7.2 Cables and wiring

7.2.1 Use a junction box with a degree of protection IP67 or above. The junction box has a connected cable and connector. Each module has two single-conductor wires, one positive and one negative, which are pre-wired inside the junction box. Installers can connect two modules by firmly inserting the positive connector of a module into the negative connector of the other module.

7.2.2 Never perform pretreatment to modules including connector, junction box and cable with lubricating oil during installation.

7.2.3 The cross section area of the cable and connector capacity selected must satisfy the maximum short-circuit current of the system (It is recommended that the cross section area of the cable used for the single module is 4mm^2 , Please note that the temperature limit range of the cable is $-40^{\circ}\text{C} \sim +90^{\circ}\text{C}$).

7.2.4 When fastening the cables to the supporting rail, pay attention to avoid mechanical damage to the cables or modules, and also making a special design to protect the cables from environmental corrosion and direct sunshine, for example, put the cable into the supporting beam or special pipes with UV-resistant materials. The cables designed are sunlight resistant and waterproof, but also to avoid direct sunlight exposure and water immersion of the cables.

7.3 Connectors

7.3.1 When connecting modules, make sure that the connectors of the same series module shall come from the same manufacturer or totally be compatible with each others, and the same requirements shall go to the connection terminals of series string and PV system, because the connectors from different manufacturers may not be compatible with each others, which easily leads to mismatch risk.

7.3.2 Ensure that connector caps are tightened before connecting the modules, keep connectors dry and clean. Do not attempt to make an electrical connection when the connectors are wet, soiled, or otherwise faulty conditions. Avoid sunlight exposure and water immersion of the connectors.

7.4 Bypass diodes

The junction box of the Schutten Solar module contains bypass diode and forms a parallel structure with the solar cell circuit. When the solar cell sheet is blocked or damaged, a hot spot phenomenon occurs locally in the module, and the diode will operate so that the current is no longer discharged from the hot spot solar cell flow, thereby limiting module heat and performance loss. Please note that bypass diodes are not overcurrent protection devices.

7.5 Grounding

7.5.1 Modules use anodized aluminum alloy frame as a rigid support, in order to avoid modules by lightning and electrostatic damage, as well as the protection of personal safety, all module frames and mounting racks must be grounded. If there is no special provision, please follow the International Electrotechnical Commission standards or other international standards. Use the recommended connection terminals to connect the grounding cable to the module frame. Use 12 AWG copper wire for the grounding wire. As shown in Figure 5 on the module ground hole and its label, Figure 6 shows the module grounding method.

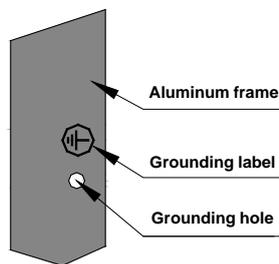


Figure 5 Grounding hole and ground label

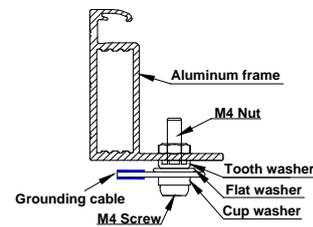


Figure 6 Grounding method

7.5.2 The frames have pre-drilled grounding holes and brand with signs, these holes should be only used for grounding purposes, but not for mounting the modules. And do not drill any additional grounding holes on the frames of the module, which may void the warranty.

7.5.3 For optimum power output, it is recommended to ground the DC negative pole of the module array.

7.5.4 The grounding cables must be fully contact with inside of the aluminum alloy, and the connection terminal must penetrate the oxidation coating of frame during grounding. Connecting the module frames and supporting beams using suitable grounding conductors can achieve good grounding. If the supporting system is made of metal, the surface must be electroplated and have excellent conductivity.

7.5.5 The grounding cables must be connected to the earth through a suitable grounding electrode. Recommend to use the grounding accessories (lugs) to connect the cables. Welding grounding cable to the jack of lugs, then inserting M4 screws into the ring of the lugs and the grounding holes of module frames, fastening with M4 nuts. Spring washers should be used to prevent the screws from loosening and lead to poor grounding.

7.5.6 If the module is used in high-temperature and high-humidity environment, Schutten Solar suggest the customer configure the inverter which allows negative grounding and contains isolation transformer (as shown in figure 7).

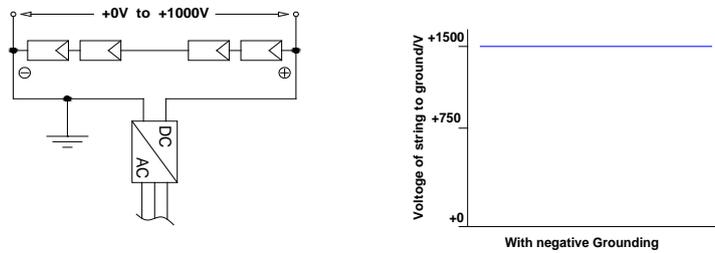


Figure 7 Schematic diagram for grounding potential of the inverter

7.5.7 Schutten Solar modules may be grounded using a third-party earthing device, provided that the earthing must be reliable. The earthing device is operated in accordance with the manufacturer's requirements.

8. Maintenance and care

Modules need to be inspected and maintained regularly, especially during the warranty period. To ensure optimum performance of the modules, the following maintenance measures are recommended.

8.1 Cleaning

When modules are working, there should not be environmental influence factors to cover shadows in the modules, such as other modules, supporting rail, plants, large number of dust etc., which may directly reduce the power output and may even cause regional hot – spot effect. Therefore clean the glass surface on a regular basis, clean modules take measures so as:

- a) The frequency of the cleaning module depends on the rate of dirt buildup. Under normal conditions, the rain will clean the surface of the module, but it is still need to regularly use a soft sponge or cloth (dry or wet) cleaning modules. Any situation cannot use of rough surface materials to clean modules, no use of acid and alkali cleaner to remove dirt.
- b) Avoid pressing part of the module hard during cleaning, which may cause glass deformation, cell damage and reduction of the module's life.
- c) Remove the snow covered on the module in time to avoid the module damage caused by long-term accumulation of snow cover and freezing of melted snow.
- d) when cleaning the back of the module needs to avoid piercing back-sheet.
- e) It is recommended that modules be cleaned in the early morning or late afternoon when light is low and the module temperature is low, especially for areas with high temperatures.
- f) Do not attempt to clean modules that are damaged by glass or have exposed electrical wiring, which may be subject to an electric shock hazard.

8.2 Visual inspection

Please carefully check the modules of the existence of visual defects, focusing on the following items:

- a) Check whether the module glass is broken.
- b) Check if the front of the module is obstructed by obstacles or foreign objects.
- c) Check the module back-sheet whether there is hot, back film raised, burn through the traces and so on.
- d) Check whether the cell bus – bar is corroded, whether encapsulation materials of the module has delamination, bubbles, etc.
- e) Check the tightness of the bolts and the electrical connections at the connection points between the modules and the supporting rail.

8.3 Inspection of connector and cable

It is advisable to carry out a preventive check every 6 months and check the following:

- a) Check Junction box adhesive for cracks or cracks.
- b) Check the connector interface sealing and whether there is loose, melt deformation, aging or corrode.
- c) Check that the cable connections are secure and that the modules are properly grounded.

When module is found to be defective, consult a qualified service technician. If servicing is required, it should be serviced by a qualified service technician. Module exposure generates high voltages in the sun, so cover the modules with opaque material when servicing modules to prevent electrical shock.

Note:

- 1.if found in the maintenance of any problems, feedback to the professional service personnel for confirmation;*
- 2.If using maintenance and repair measures not included in this manual, consult your local dealer for professional support.*

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