Pion Power PVSolver GS-03

GROUND RACKING SYSTEM INSTALLATION MANUAL

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1 Racking Structure Brief

1.1 BRAND AND MODEL

Brand: Pion Power PVSolver

Model: GS-03

1.2 REVISION REVIEW

Product version: V1-0213
Manual version: 01-0213

1.3 DECLARATION

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2 Standards & References

2.1 STANDARDS

CAN/CSA-086-01(R2006), Engineering Design in Wood, Standards Council of Canada;

CSA S304.1-04 (R2010), Design of Masonry Structures, Standards Council of Canada;

CAN/CSA-A23.3-04 (R2010), Design of Concrete Structures, Standards Council of Canada;

CAN/CSA -A23.1-14/A23.2,14 (R2014), Concrete materials and methods of concrete construction / Test methods and standard practices for concrete, Standards Council of Canada;

CAN/CSA-S16-01 (R2007), Limit States Design of Steel Structures, Standards Council of Canada;

CAN/CSA-S413-14(R2012), Parking structures, Standards Council of Canada;

2.2 REFERENCES

Ontario Building Code 2012 4.1.6 Snow Load;

Ontario Building Code 2012 4.1.7 Wind load;

Ontario Building Code 2012 9.4.3 Deflections

3 Applicability & Certification

3.1 APPLICABILITY

3.1.1 FOUNDATION

- Helical pile
- Ballasted concrete block

3.1.2 SOLAR PANEL

- 6o-cells, 72-cells, and other customized solar panels
- Panel frame height: 30mm, 35mm, 40mm, 45mm

3.1.3 INVERTER

- Micro inverter
- Power Optimizer
- String inverter

3.2 CERTIFICATIONS

Certification: UL2703

Testing involved:

- Bonding Path Resistance Test
- Temperature Cycling test
- Humidity Test
- Mechanical Loading Test
- Bonding Conductor Test

4 Installation guide

4.1 SAFETY OPERATION GUIDE

- 1. The manual must be read and understood before installation. Workers must comply with all of these safety instructions to minimize the risk of danger, property damage and personal injury.
- 2. All installations must be performed by qualified personnel in compliance with all applicable codes including O.B.C 2012 and N.B.C 2010.
- 3. Always check with local building and safety departments for specific codes and permits.
- 4. Make sure that the building structure can support the racking system under all the applicable design loads including but not limited to snow, rain, wind and seismic loads per these codes.
- 5. All applicable OSHA (Occupational Safety and Health Act) guidelines must be followed to ensure proper safety.
- 6. Always use the appropriate tools for the correct applications. Never modify or change an existing tool to meet a specific need. The list of specific tools needed for installation has been included in the manual.
- 7. If the fall height is greater than 10' (3m), persons working on the roof must be provided with anti-fall protection. Debris netting or similar equipment is required to protect persons on the ground from falling objects.
- 8. The environment needs to be free of roofing obstructions, rain, snow, ice, high winds or any other elements that may cause potential harm or injury to an installer.
- 9. Please keep in mind that as long as the modules are exposed to light, for safety of installation personnel, open all disconnect switches, circuit breakers, and keep wire ends insulated during installation, also keep the wire ends insulated during assembly.
- 10. Photovoltaic modules produce electricity when sunlight or other sources illuminate the front face. The voltage from a single module is not considered a shock hazard. When modules are connected in series, voltages are additive. When modules are connected in parallel, current is additive. Consequently, a multi-module system can produce high voltages and current which constitute an increased hazard and could cause serious injury or death.
- 11. The installer should visit the site and become familiarized with all the characteristics affecting new and existing construction. The contractor shall check all dimensions on working drawings and report any discrepancies to the engineer prior to proceeding with the work. Additionally, any changes, alterations, or revisions must be reported to the engineer before proceeding with the work.

4.2 TOOLS LIST

- Torque wrench
- 2. Ratchet wrench and Hexagonal key(M8\M10\M12\M16\M30)
- 3. 6/19" Fractional socket
- 4. Flathead screwdriver
- 5. Cordless drill
- 6. Scissors
- 7. Tape measure
- 8. Approved extension ladder
- 9. Marking crayon or keel
- 10. Personal protective equipment (PPE)

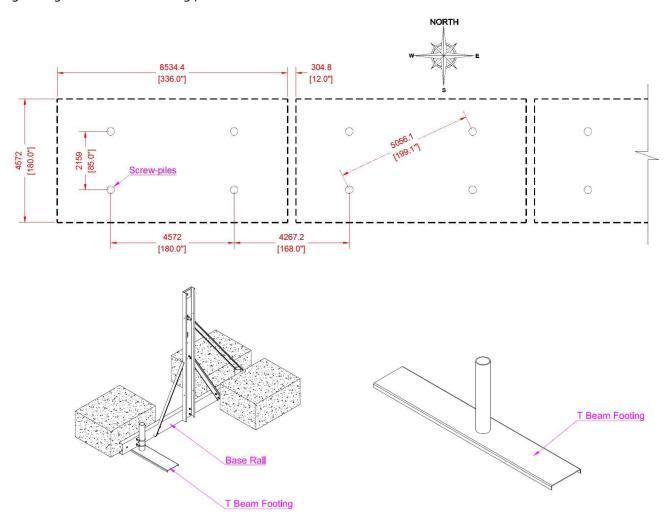
4.3 INSTALLATION (SEQUENCE BASED ON INSTALLATION ORDER)

4.3.1 STEP-1:

The Pion Power PVSolver Adjustable Ground Mount Solar Racking System can be installed on either helical pile foundations or cast/ballasted concrete foundations. This installation manual covers only the most basic preparation steps for helical pile and ballasted concrete foundations.

For helical pile foundations, ensure that the helical piles have been installed as per the layout diagram. Drive piles as accurately as is practical, then adjust to +/- 1/4" of given layout. Piles need to be perpendicular to the ground. Top of piles to be close to level approx. 20" above highest grade. The distance between solar units will vary depending on the type of solar modules used.

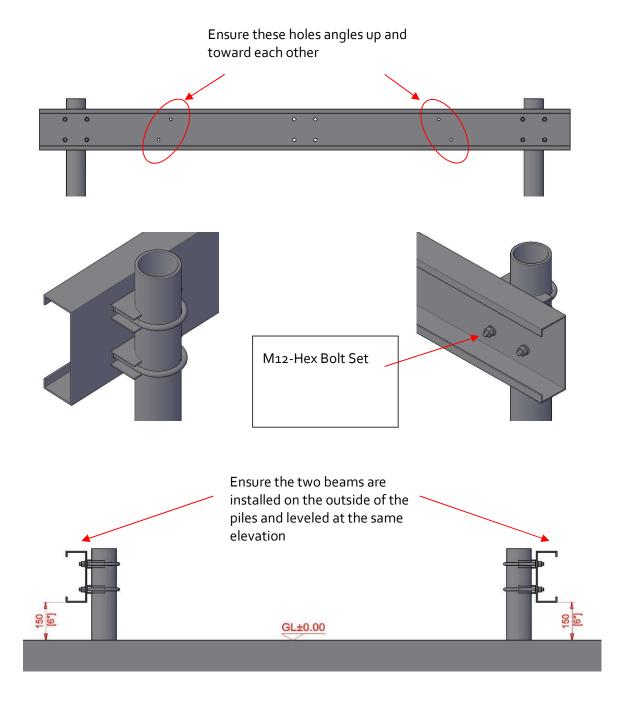
For ballasted concrete foundations, use concrete anchors to connect the T-Beam Footings to the bottom of the concrete ballasts. Mark the placement locations as per the helical pile layout diagram. Ensure the pile of the T-beam footing sits right above the marking points.



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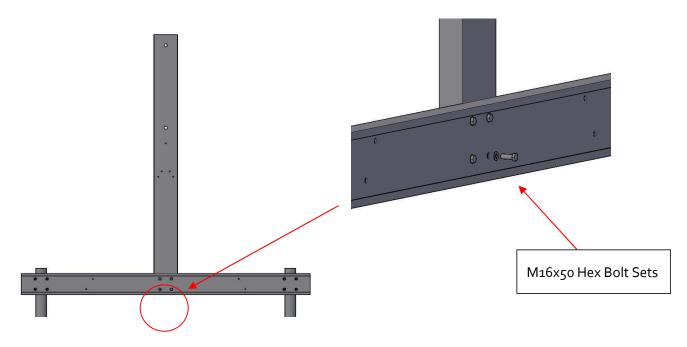
Start building the table which is at the highest ground, ensure all Bottom Beams of the other tables are at a similar elevation to avoid shading. Attach the Bottom Beams to the helical piles or piles of the T Beam Footing using U-bolts and Saddles. A spirit level tool may be helpful when installing the beams. You may use the Rail or a long and straight object to horizontally level multiple the Bottom Beams.

The two beams should be installed on the outside of the piles, with the flat sides facing toward each other. Ensure that the angled holes are oriented as in the picture below. Once the beams have been accurately positioned, tighten the U-bolts using M12 Hex Bolt Sets. Leave 8" of clear space under the Bottom Beam to prevent frost heave from pushing up on the beams.



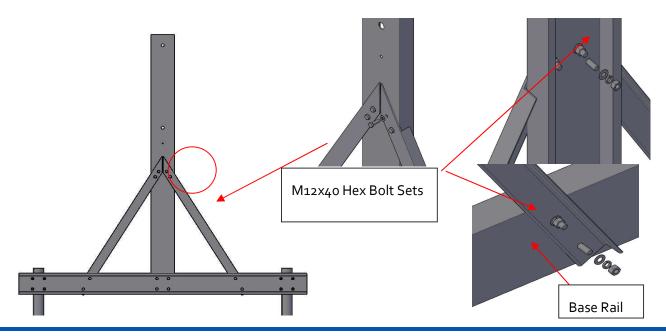
4.3.3 STEP-3:

Attach the Posts to the Bottom Beams using the M16 Helix Bolt Sets as shown. Ensuring the flat sides of the Posts go on the flat sides of the Bottom Beams. Do not tighten the bolts until the Post Supports (next step) have been installed with all their bolts loosely installed.



4.3.4 STEP-4:

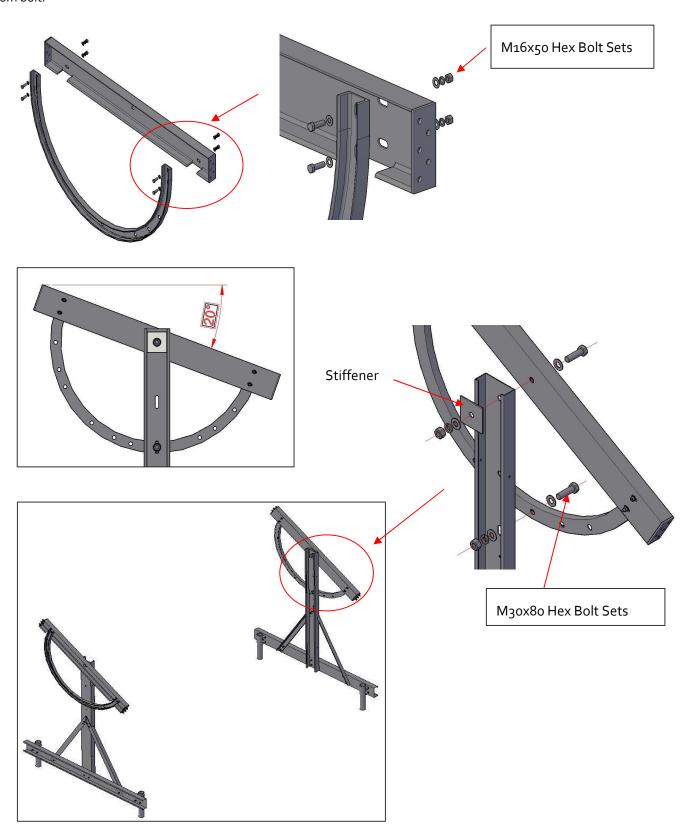
Install the left and right Supports as shown using the M12 Helix Bolts Sets. Use a spirit level tool to ensure the Posts are vertical then tighten all bolts on the Posts and Supports.



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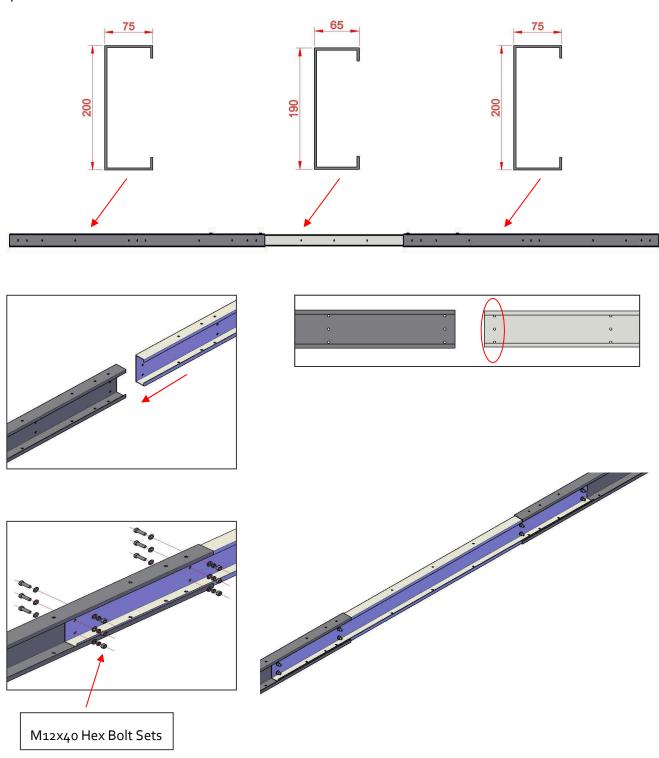
4.3.5 STEP-5:

Attach the Angle Pieces to the Main Beams forming two pivot plates using M16 Hex Bolt Sets. Fix the pivot plates to the Posts using the Stiffeners and M30 Hex Bolt Sets. The plates need to be able to pivot easily around the top bolt, so do not over-tighten the top bolts. Move the pivot plates to the "Summer Position" by rotating the plate until the top flange is at 20-degree angle then tighten the bottom bolt.



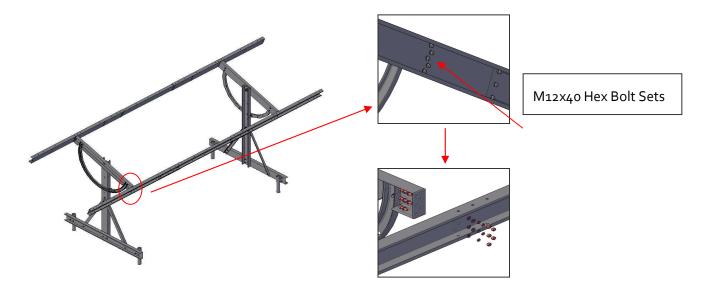
4.3.6 STEP-6:

Each rail consists of two outer pieces and one inner piece. Slide rails together to where holes match up, then tighten all bolts, washers, and nuts.



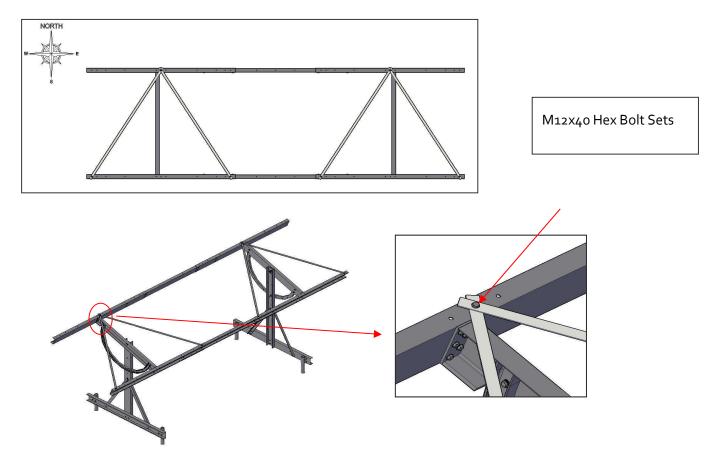
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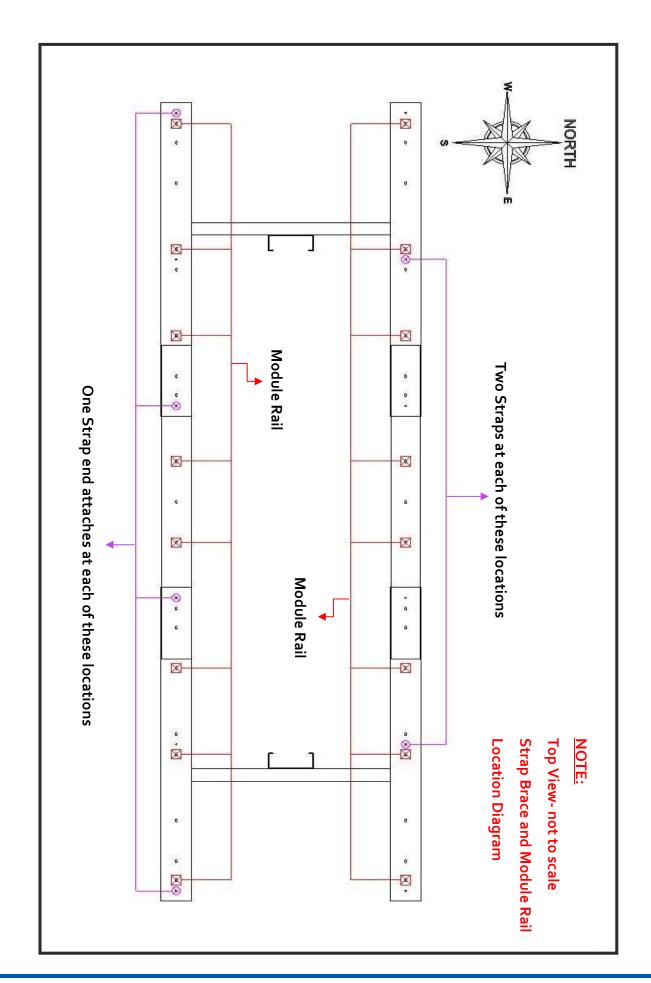
Install the Rails to the pivot plates. Ensure that the flat sides of the Rails go on the Main Beams. Loosely attach the M12 bolts on one end, then lift the other end and install all remaining bolts. Do not fasten the bolts until both Rails are in place. Once all bolts are in place, you may finish tightening them.



4.3.8 STEP-8:

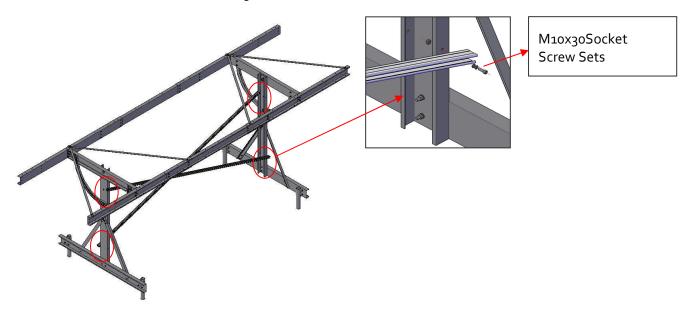
Refer to page 12, fix the Tie Bars on the Rails. Tighten the Brace on the north Rail first and then tighten the Brace on the south Rail.





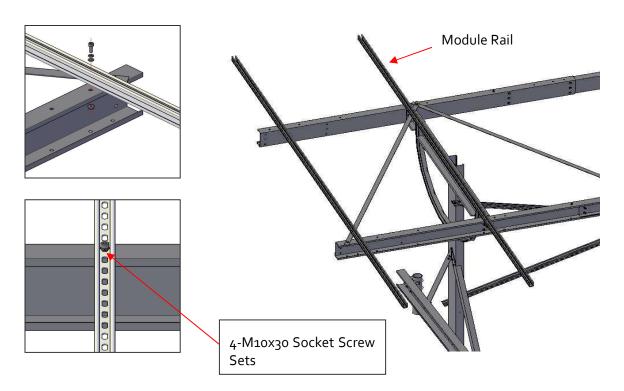
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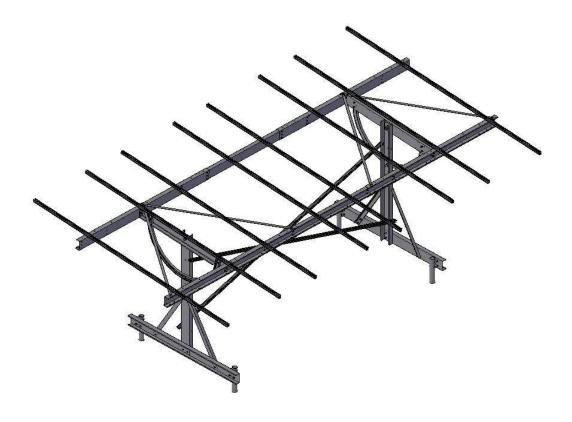
Install the Post Braces on the Posts as shown using M10 Socket Screw Sets.

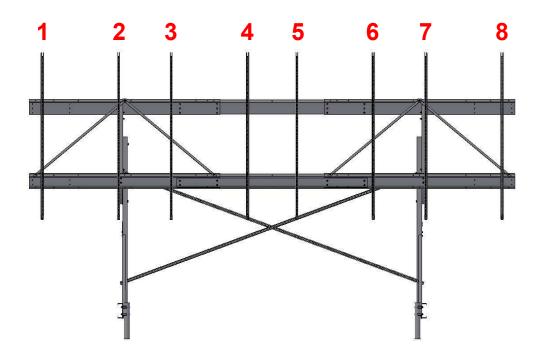


4.3.10 STEP-10:

Refer to Appendix A for installation of Module Rails. The mounting points varies depend on the type of solar module are using. A 16-module table needs 8 Modules Rails.



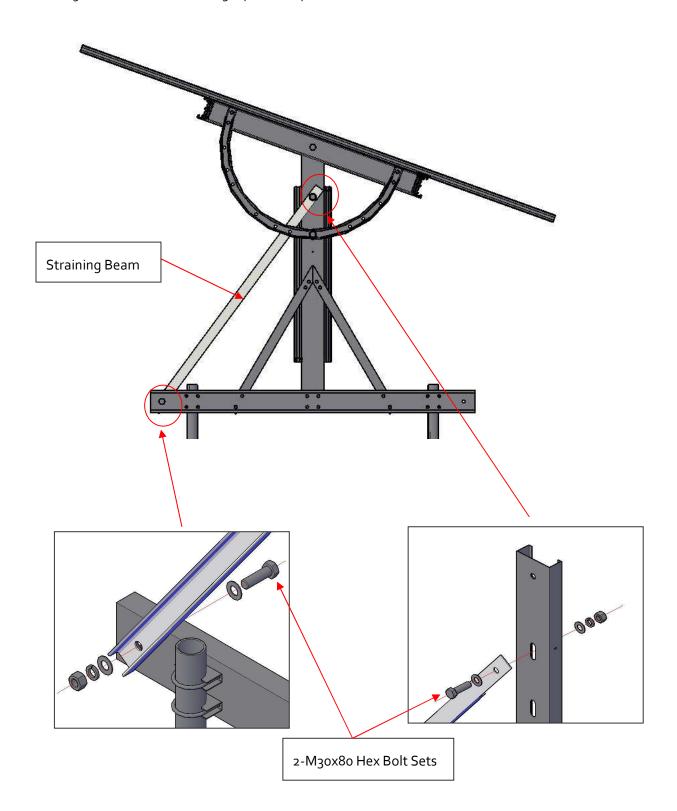




4.3.11 STEP-11(OPTIONAL):

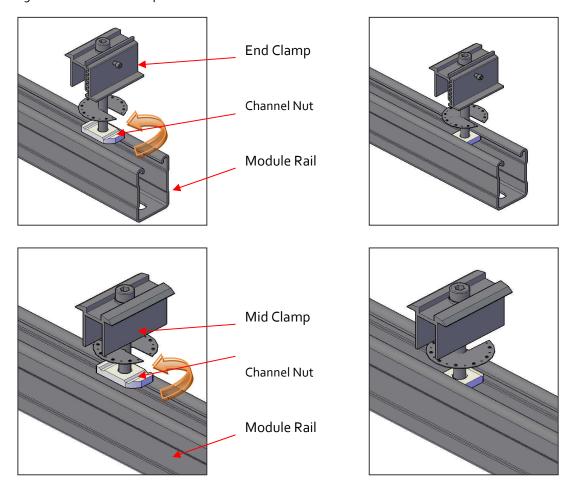
Install the optional Straining Beams if the system is being installed at a high wind location. The Straining Beams need to be installed on the North side of the table to provide proper high wind support.

Note: The Straining Beams have a left and a right piece. They must be at their own locations.



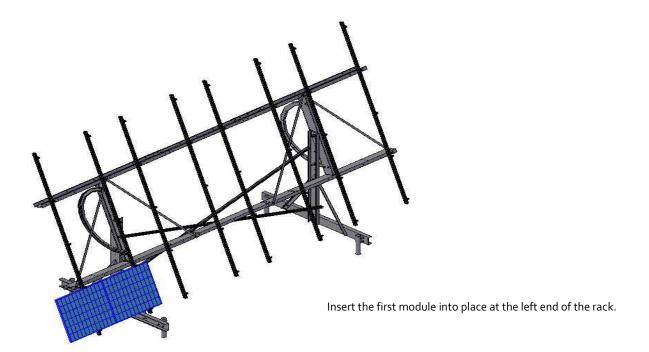
4.3.12 STEP-12:

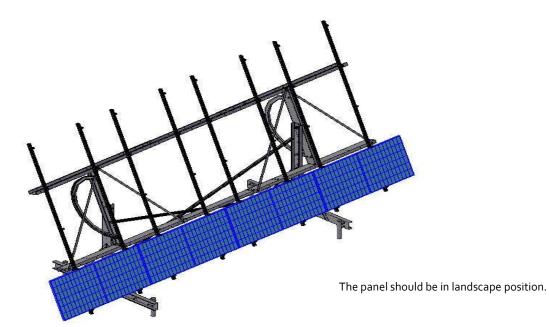
Install the Adjustable Module Clamps as shown. Insert the channel nut into the Module Rail and turn 90 degrees to secure the clamps, then tighten the Module Clamps.

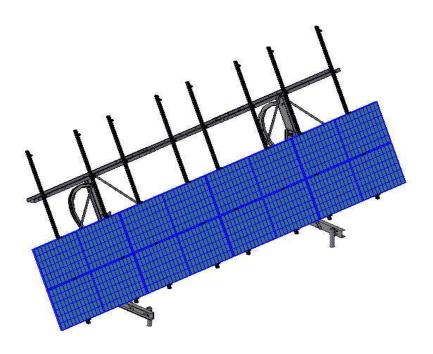


Please refer to Appendix A before installing the modules. Look for the module model that will be used or comparable modules with same dimensions. If you cannot find the module model you are installing, please contact your distributor for help.

Mark the mounting points for End Clamps at the bottom (south) row, use a spirit level tool and a thread to ensure all modules will be installed leveled. Start installing the first module from the far left or far right then moving towards the other end.

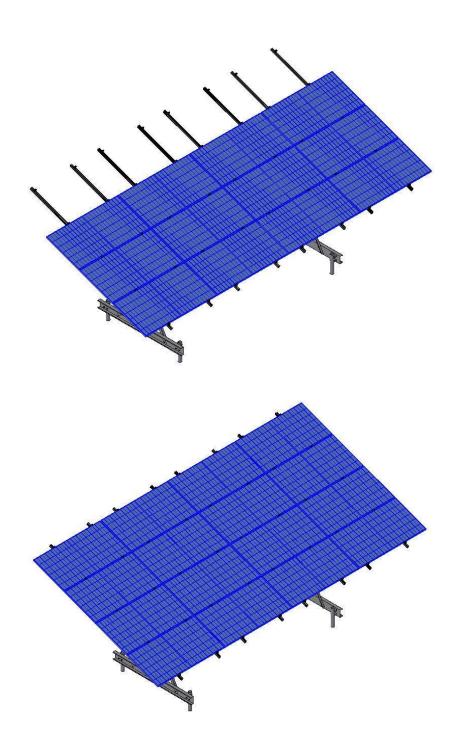






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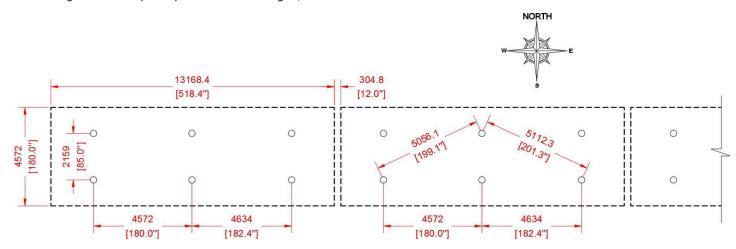
- 1. Turn the table to 70° (winter position) when installing the south two rows of panels;
- 2. Once the second row of panels is installed, use straps and pullies to pull the system into the "Summer Position" and secure it with a bolt in the summer position.
- 3. If you have access to a manlift, it's best to keep the rack in the winter position as you install the panels. Install the solar panels row by row.



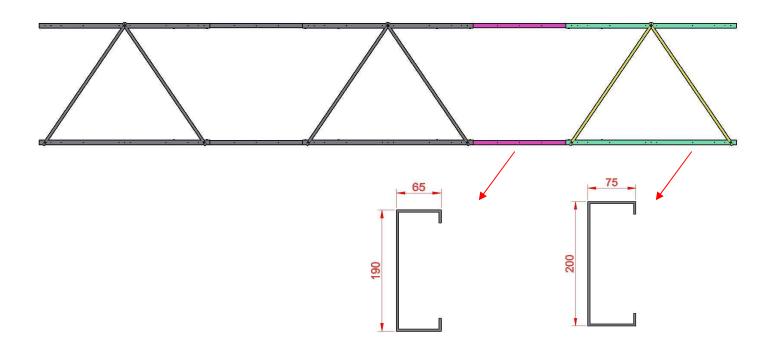
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The table could also be expanded to accommodate a 24-modules setup.

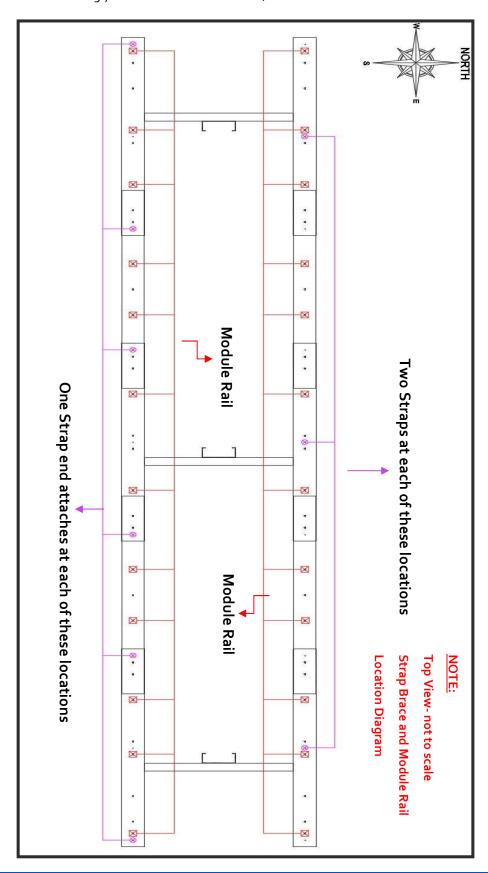
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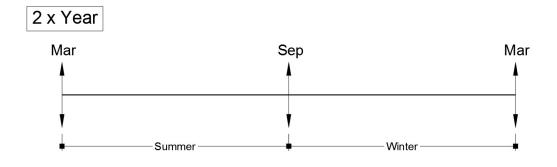
 Please refer to the below illustration for expanding the table to 24-module setup Please refer to step 6 for installing additional Rails Please refer to step 8 for installing additional Tie Bars

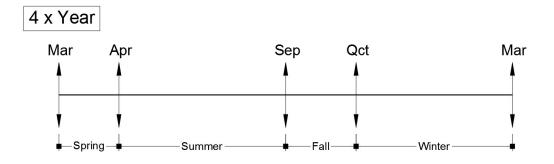


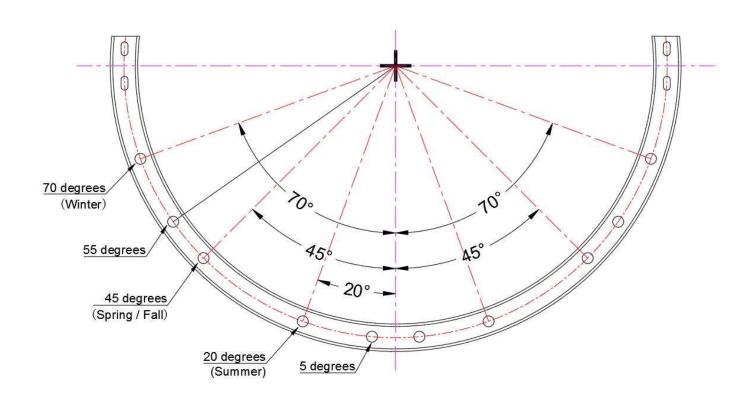
- 3. More Modules Rails are also required when expanding the table to a 24-module setup, please refer to the below illustration for module rail mounting locations.
 - (The below mounting location map is for reference only, and is based on 2132x1048x30mm module size. Please adjust the mounting locations accordingly based on the modules used)



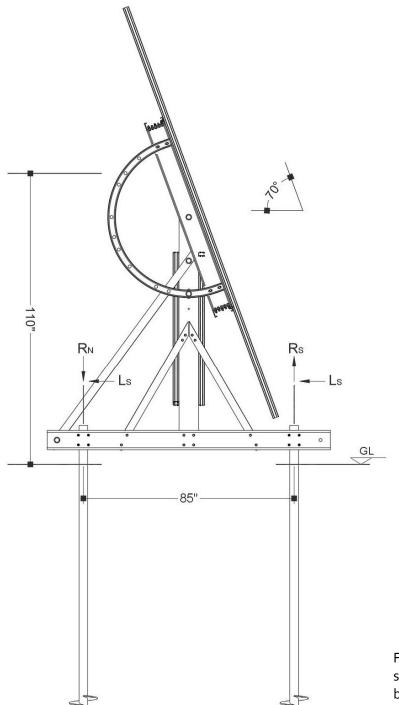
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6 Foundation Loads



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(кра)	(крп)	•	-
		(+/- lbf)	(+/- lbf)
0.3	79	1800	66o
0.35	85	2150	760
0.4	91	2510	88o
0.45	96	2900	970
0.5	102	3220	1080
0.55	106	3560	1190
0.6	111	3930	1320
0.65	116	4280	1420
0.7	120	4650	1550
0.75	125	5000	1650
0.8	129	5350	1740
0.85	132	5710	1840
0.9	137	6060	1950

Foundation requirements will vary bylocation and soil condition. Verify foundation type and capacity by a qualifiedfoundation professional or installer.

6.1.1 FINAL INSPECTION

1. Rack height alignment (after 4.4.2).

Requirement: Make sure all the rails in the same horizontal level. No obvious rail arrays embossment or sink

2. Solar panels position alignment(after 4.4.4)

Requirement: Make sure all the solar panels (in same row) edges are in line. No obvious curve appears.

3. Tightening bolts & torque check(after 4.4.4)

Requirement: Make sure all the bolts and screws are tightened with recommended force. No loosen is allowed.

- Socket screw for rapid 2+ module clamps is 14 NM
- M10 screw torque is 45 NM
- M12 screw torque is 90 NM
- M16 screw torque is 220 NM
- M30 screw "Turn of the Nut" method: One-third turn past snug (mating members tight together).

7 Warranties

7.1 10 YEARS LIMITED PRODUCT WARRANTY- GROUND MOUNT RACKING SYSTEM

Pion Power Inc. warrants to the original purchaser ("Purchaser") of product(s) that it manufactures ("Product") at the original installation site that the Product shall be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of ten (10) years, from the earlier of 1) the date the installation of the Product is completed, or 2) 30 days after the purchase of the Product by the original Purchaser. This Warranty does not cover i. damage to the Product that occurs during its shipment, storage, or installation. ii. Naturally occurring degradation of Materials due to normal wear and tear; iii. Force Majeure including but not limited to power surges caused by direct or indirect lightning strike, damage caused by flood, vandalism, theft, wind, and similar causes. iv. Failure or damage caused by wind loads or snow loads in excess of the loads indicated on the product specification sheet. v. Labor or other costs incurred for diagnosing, repairing, removing, installing, shipping, servicing or handling of either failed parts, or replacement parts.

This Warranty shall be VOID if installation of the Product is not performed in accordance with Pion Power Inc. written installation instructions, or if the Product has been modified, repaired, or reworked in a manner not previously authorized by Pion Power Inc. in writing, or if the Product is installed in an environment for which it was not designed. Pion Power Inc. shall not be liable for consequential, contingent or incidental damages arising out of the use of the Product by the Purchaser under any circumstances. If within the specified Warranty period the Product shall be reasonably proven to be defective, then Pion Power Inc. shall repair or replace the defective Product, or any part thereof, in Pion Power Inc. sole discretion. Such repair or replacement shall completely satisfy and discharge all of Pion Power Inc. liability with respect to this limited Warranty. Under no circumstances shall Pion Power Inc. be liable for special, indirect or consequential damages arising out of or related to use by Purchaser of the Product. Manufacturers of related items may provide written warranties of their own. Pion Power Inc. limited Warranty covers only its Product, and not any related items.

7.2 WARRANTY SERVICE CONTACT

Polaron Solartech Corp

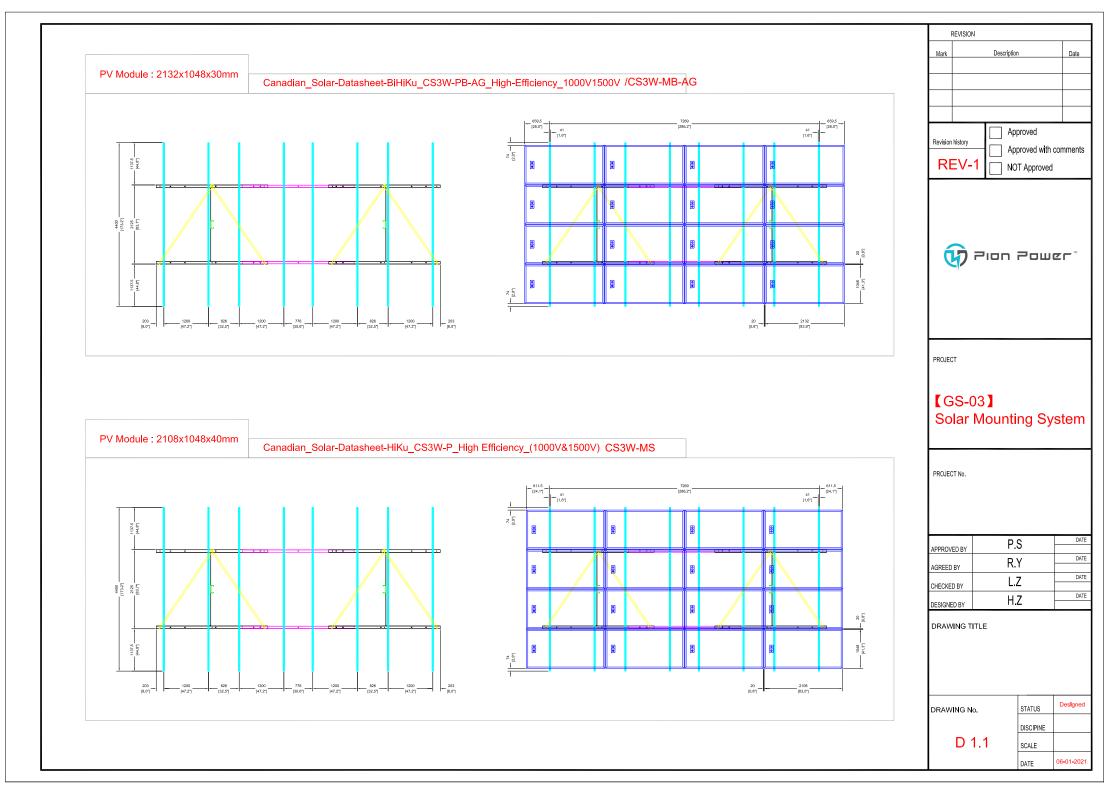
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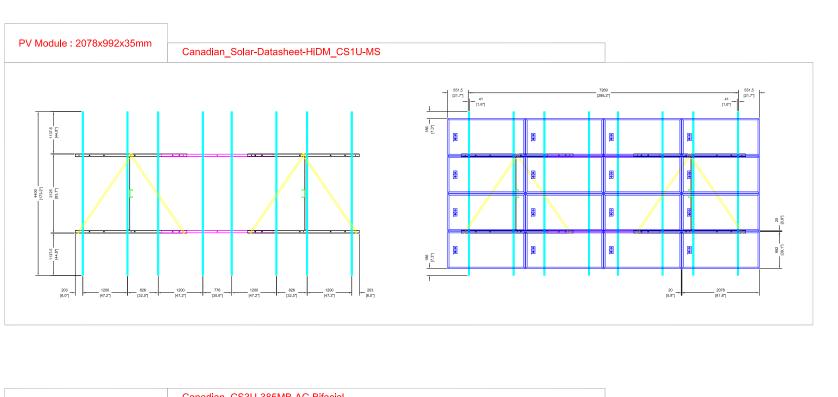
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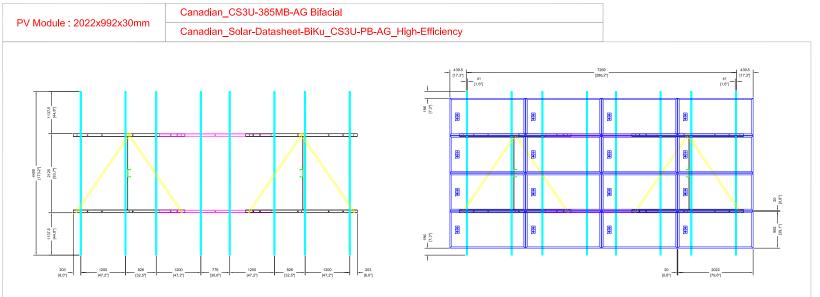
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7.3 WARNING

- 1. Failure to follow the instructions of the manual may void equipment warranties.
- 2. Failure to observe these instructions may cause product damage that cannot be attributed to the Manufacturer.
- 3. The manufacturer cannot be held liable for any product damage caused by improper use.









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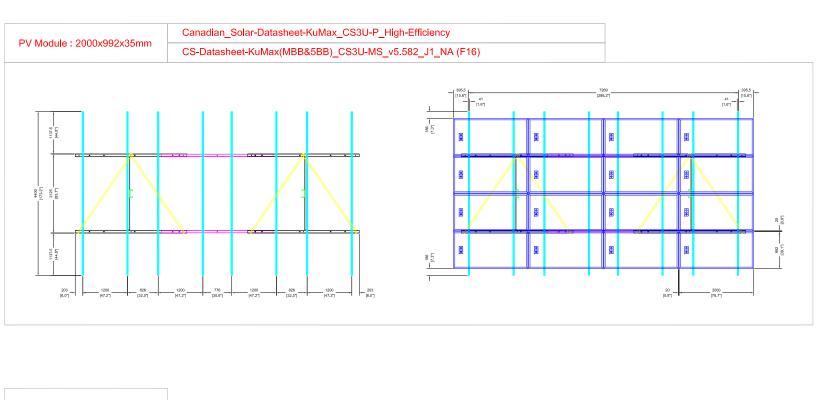
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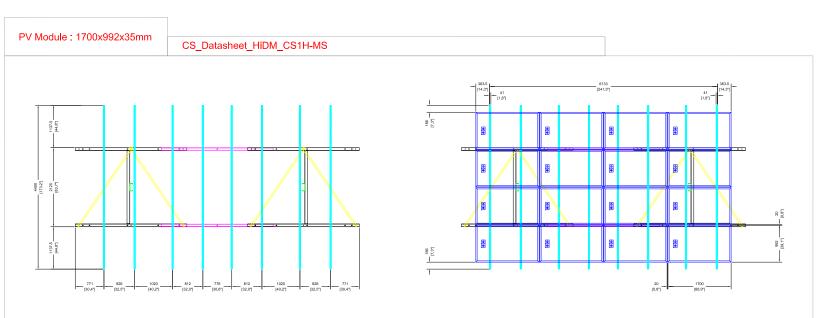
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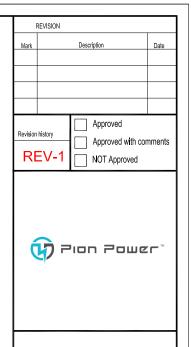
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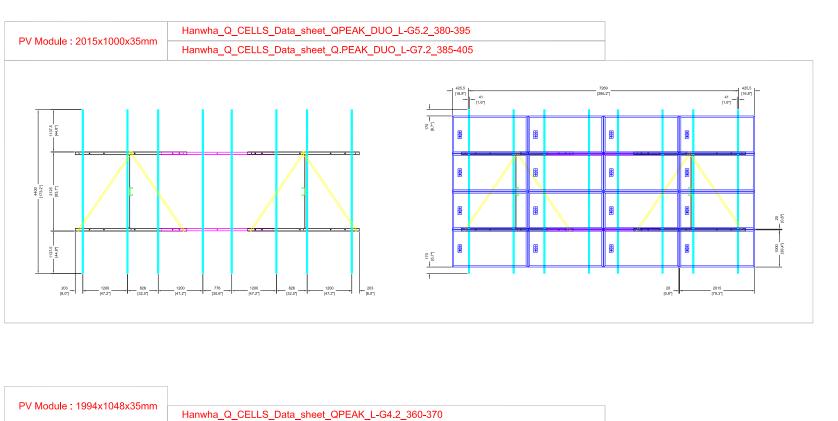
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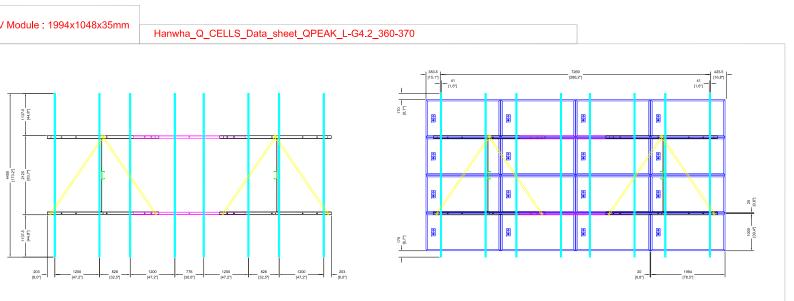
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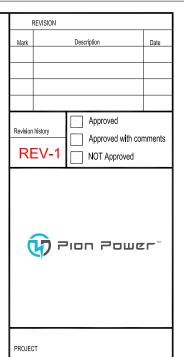
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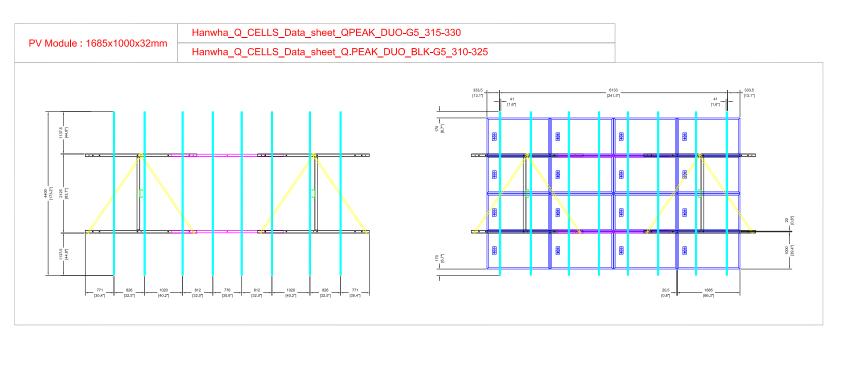
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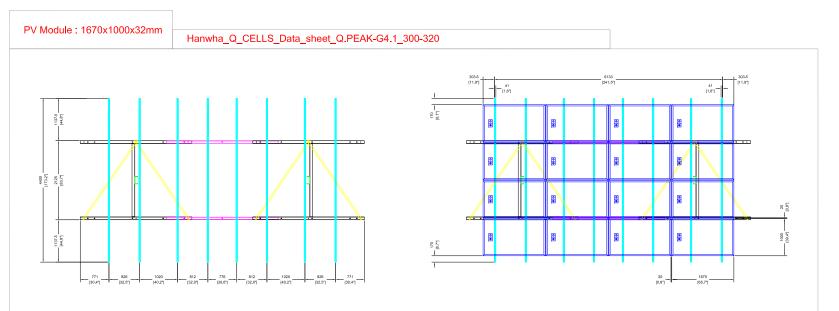
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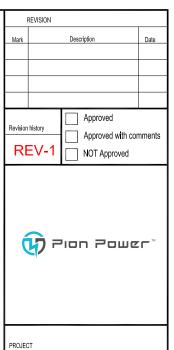
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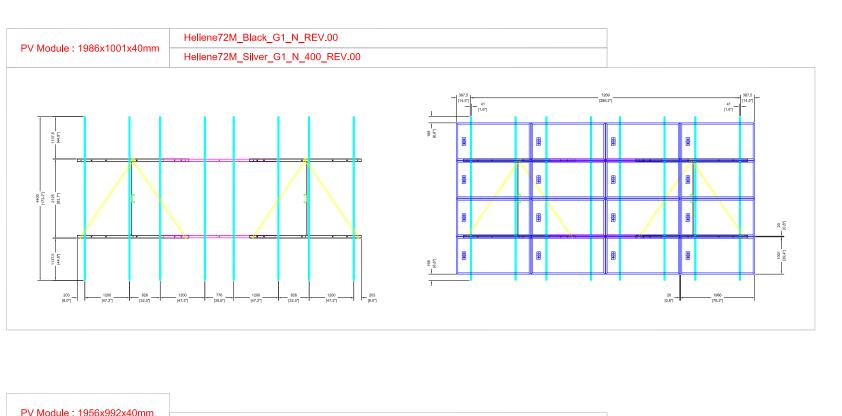
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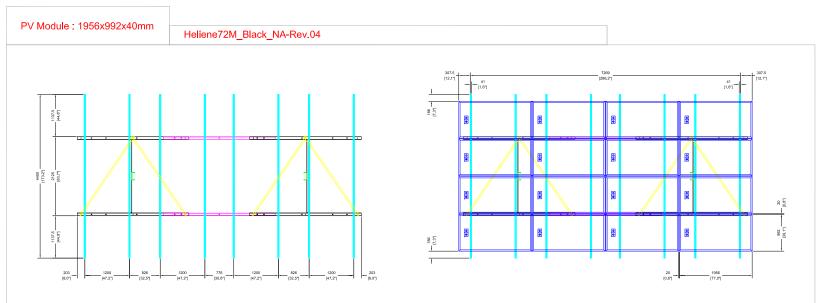
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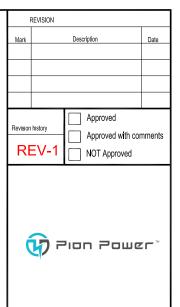
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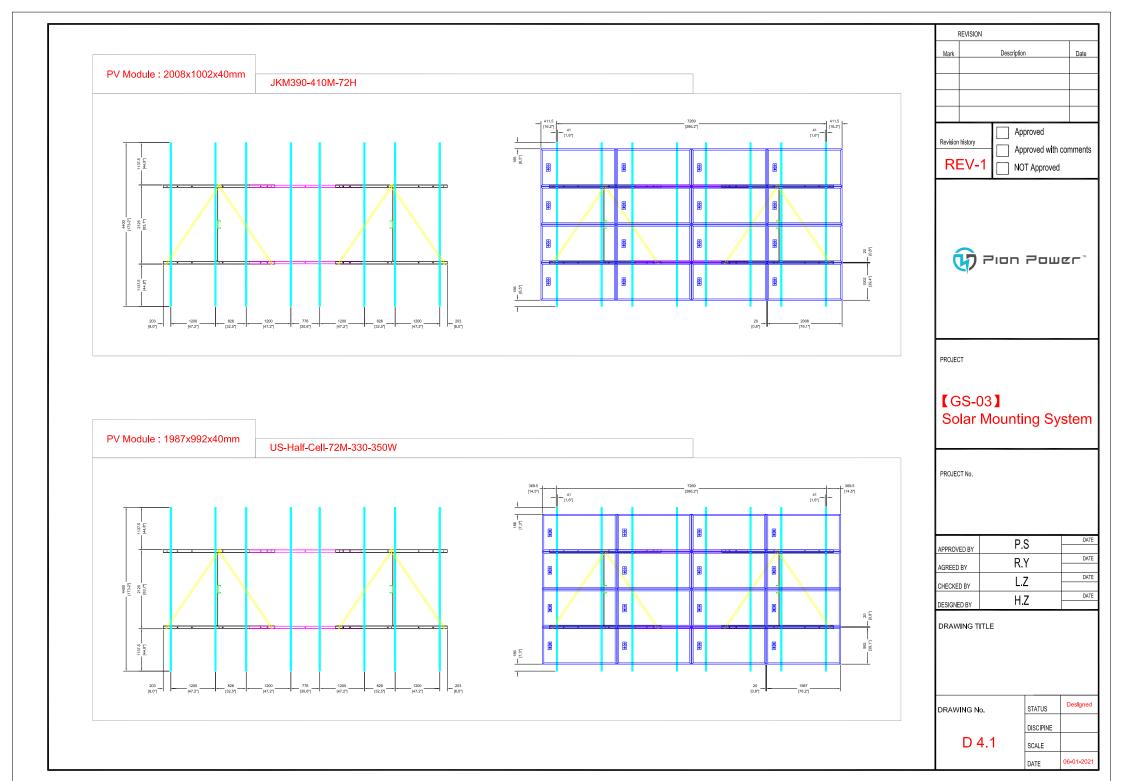
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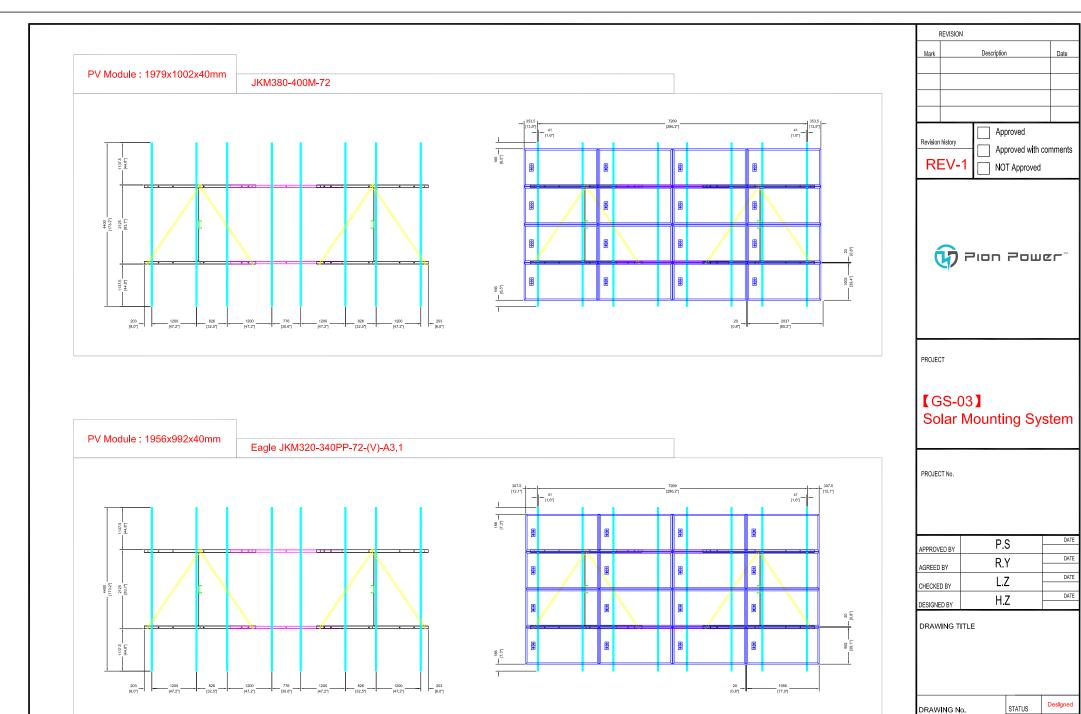
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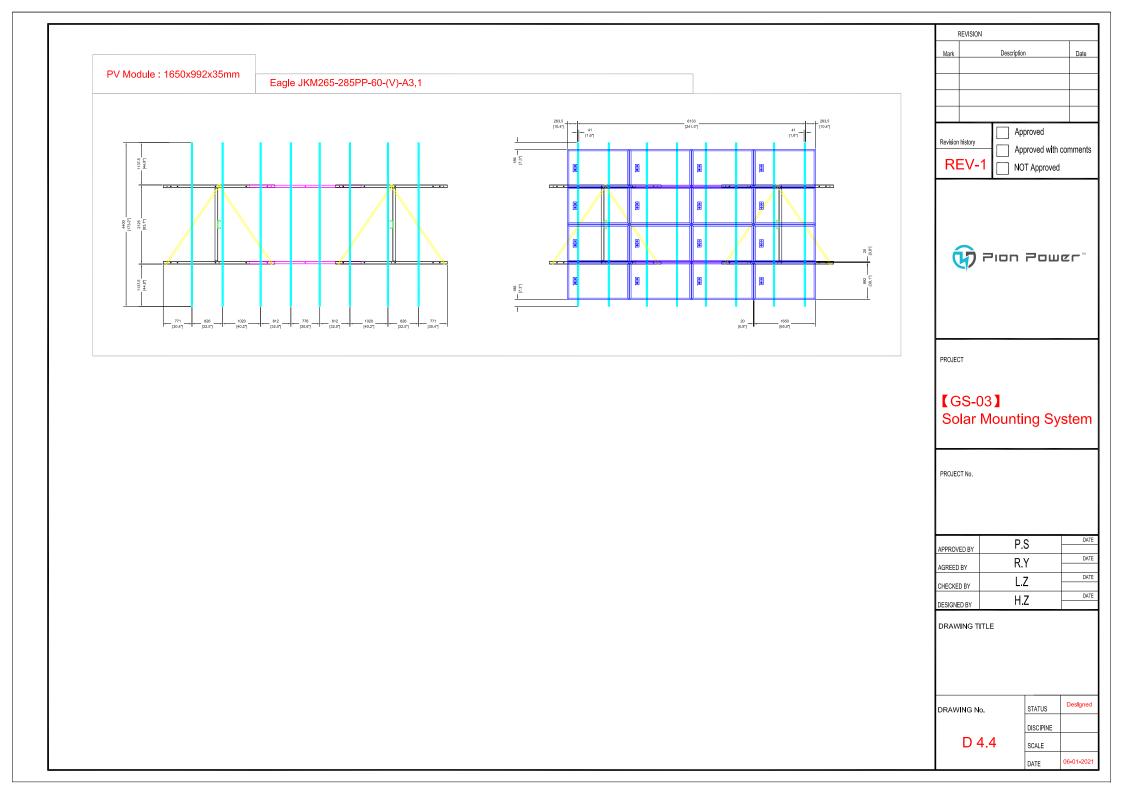
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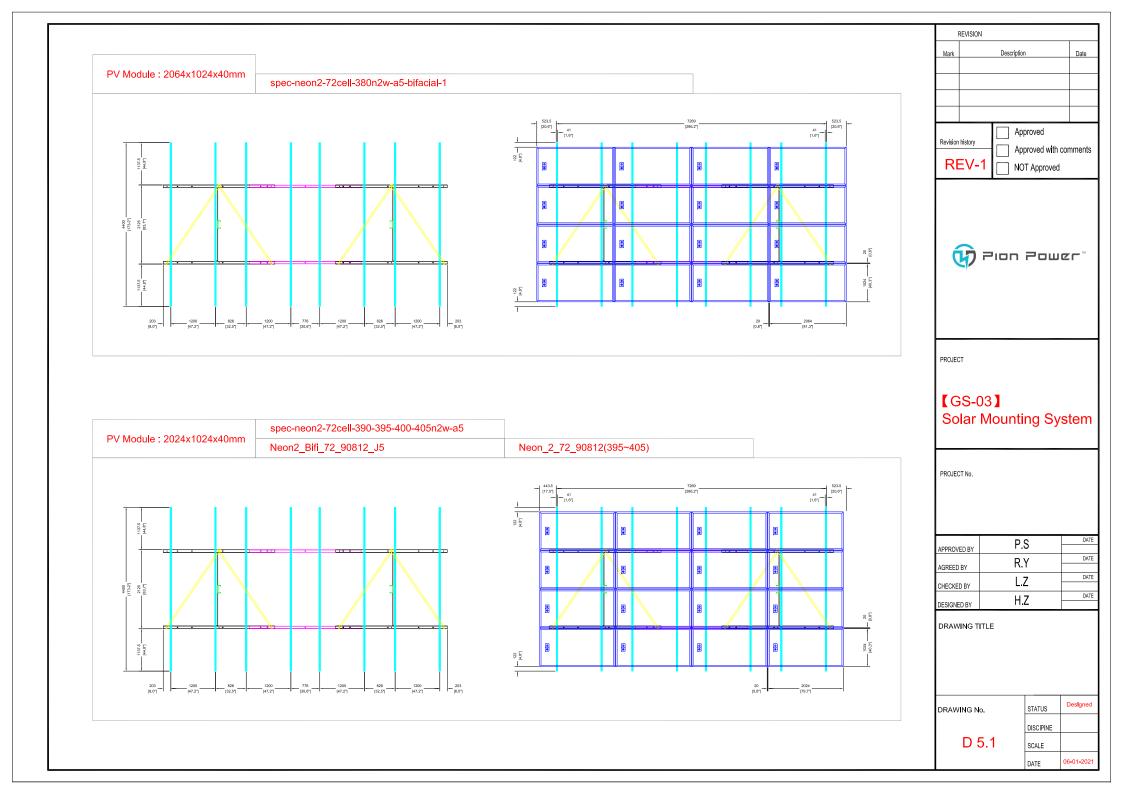
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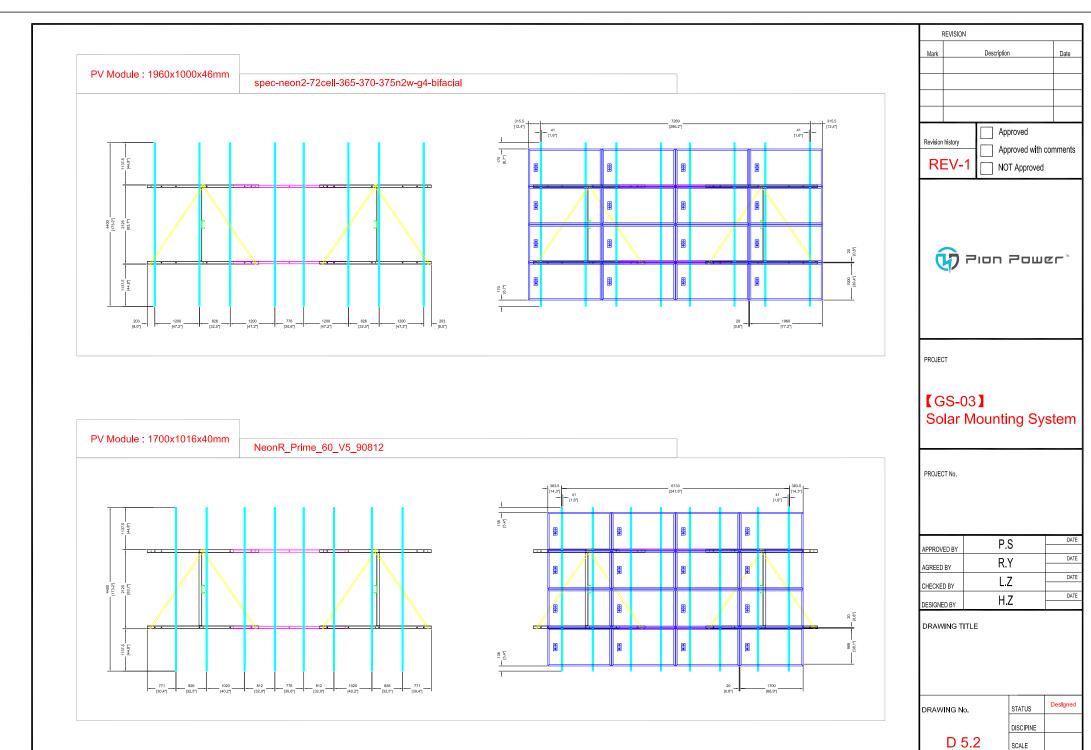
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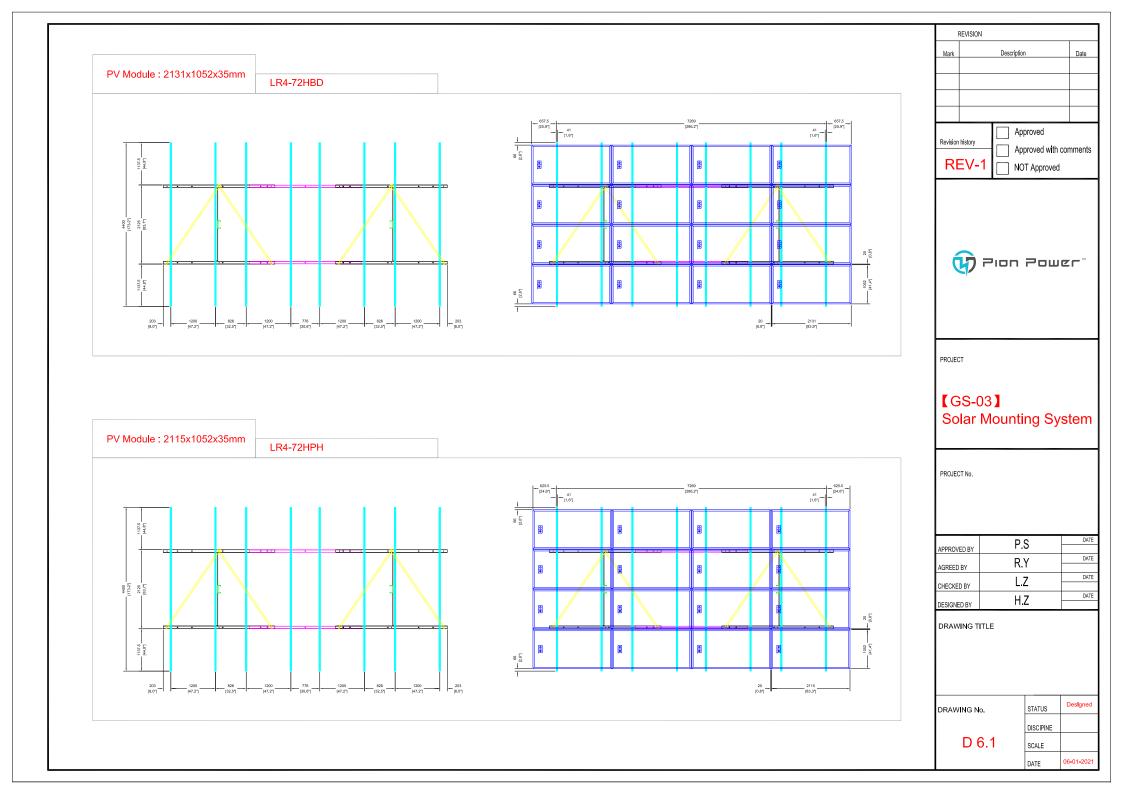


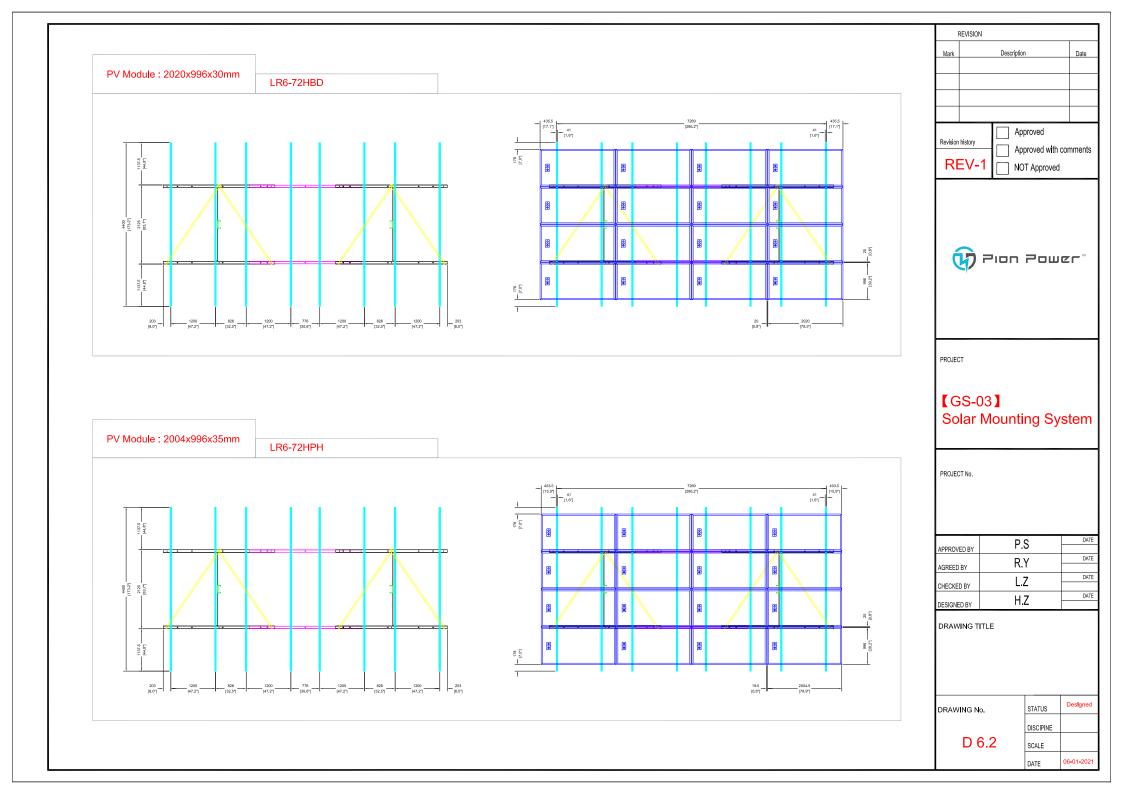


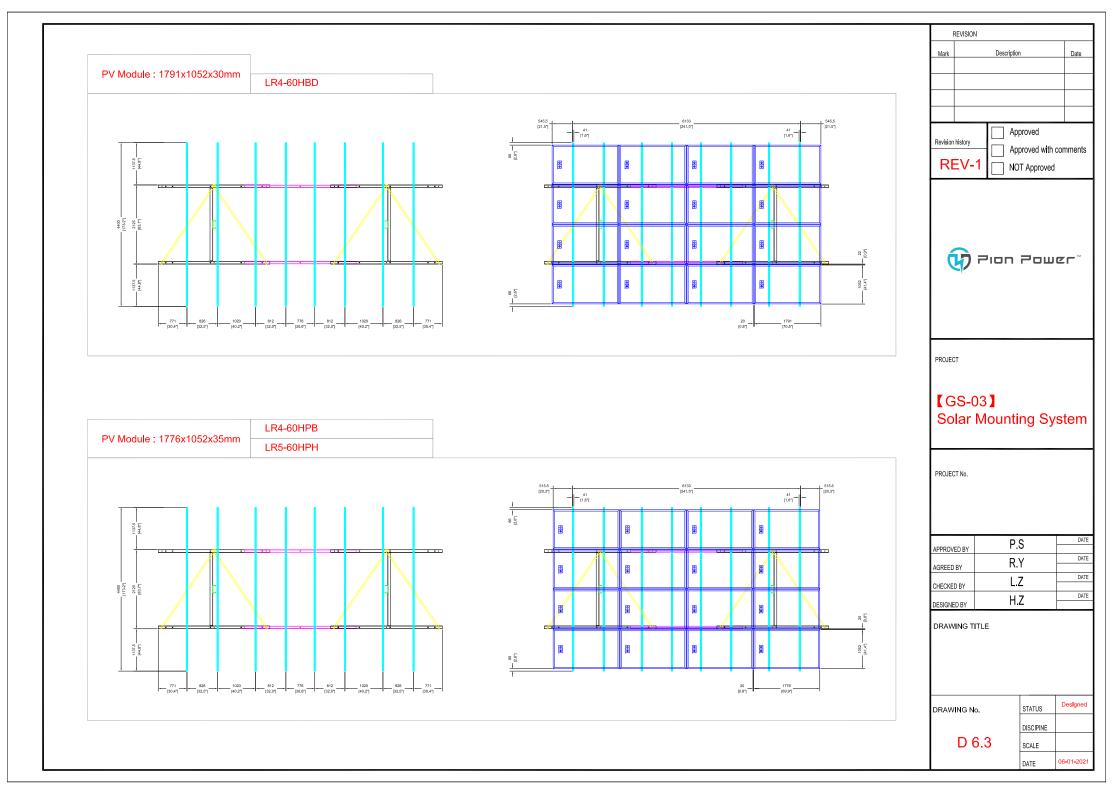


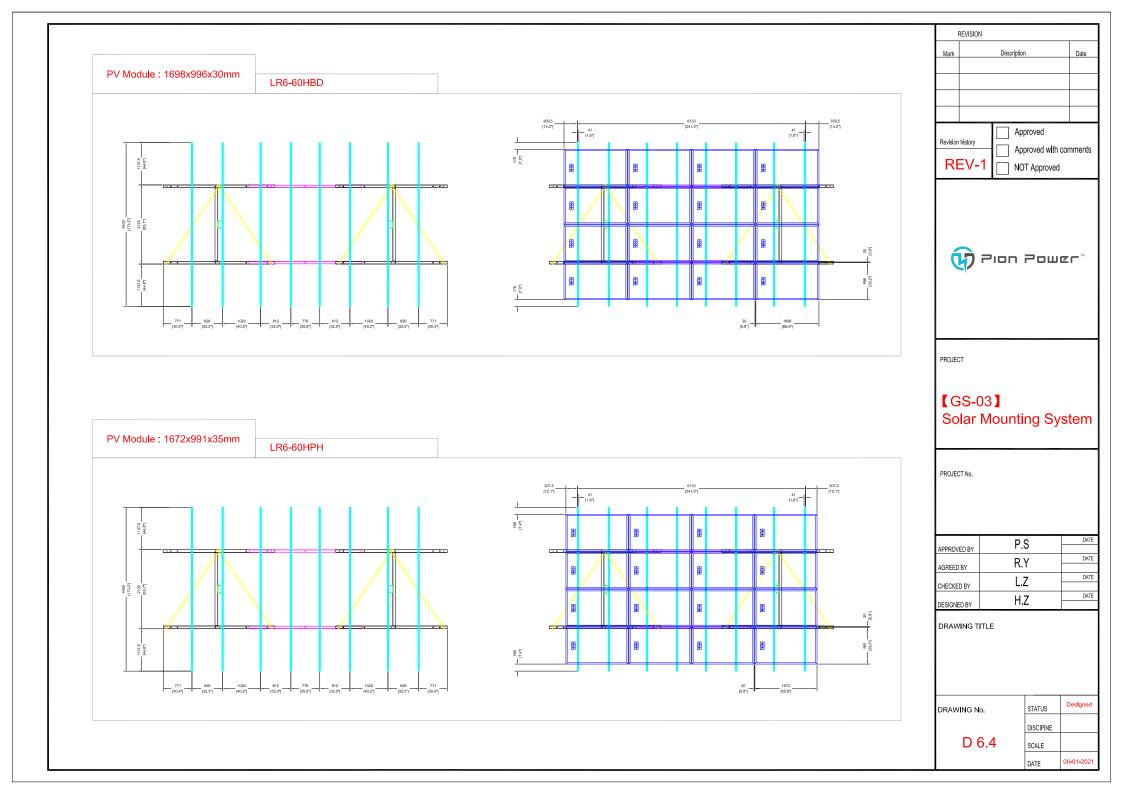
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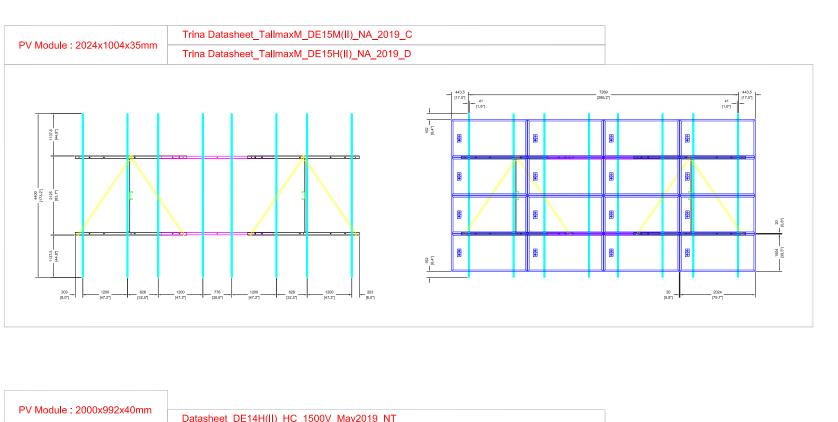
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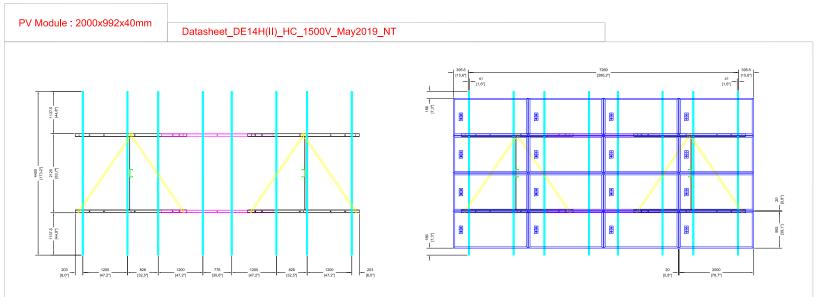














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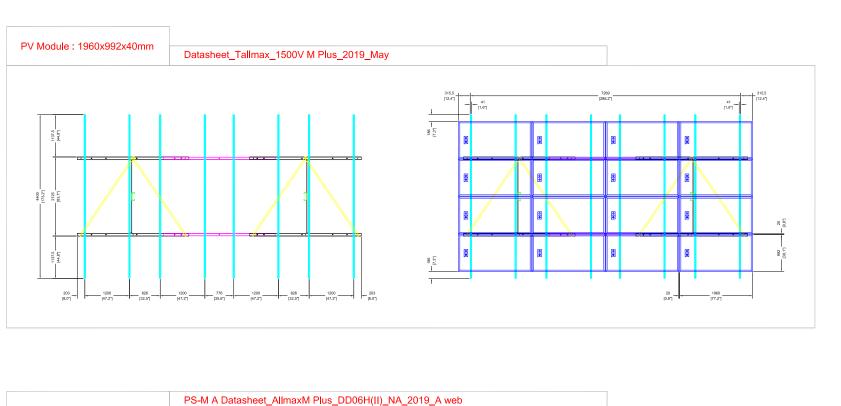
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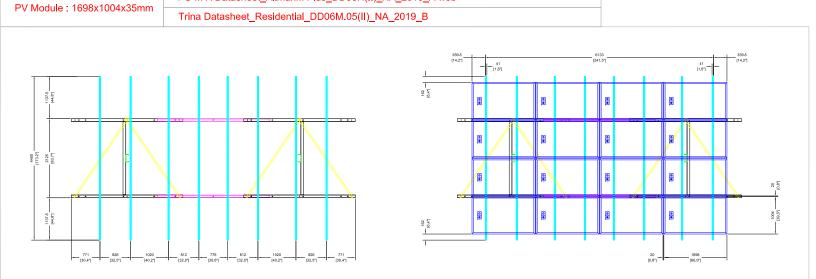
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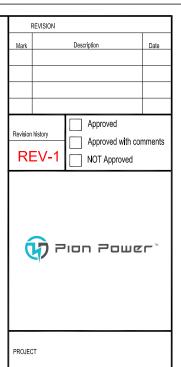
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