

# Solar Installer Training

**Rooftop Solar Installation Training Guide** 

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Installation and Configuration of Rooftop Solar Systems

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# **Drawing Packages for Installers**

These drawings (site layout, SLD) will be provided to you prior to installation. You will need to confirm that you have all of the equipment listed on the drawings prior to leaving the shop. Installing to the system **exactly** as shown on the drawings is required

to pass inspections.



### Single Line Diagram



#### POWERTEC SOLAR INC SITE PLAN



Site Layout





Site Layout with panel quantity

# **Racking System Components and Installation**

The following slides will provide you with the basic components of the roof-mounted racking system and a general overview of how they are assembled

Having a proper racking layout is integral to ensuring that the system fits properly on the roof.



#### Components

ID	PART	CODE
1	L Foot	FR-FOOT-ROS-KIT
2	Rail	FR-RAIL-UL-XX
3	Splice	FR-SPLICE
4	End Clamp	FR-END-XX
5	Mid Clamp	FR-MIGS-XX
6	Ground Lug	FR-GNDLUG-C
7	Bond Strap	FR-BJ-8.0-KIT
8	Accessory Bond Kit	FR-MGH-16/25
9	Hidden End Clamp	FR-HEC

#### Hardware

ID	SIZE	TYPE
A	M8 x 25	T-Bolt
В	M8	Flanged Hex Nut

\*all hardware included in component kits

#### Tools

- Drill/driver
- 13mm Open end wrench, socket and ratchet
- Torque wrench
- Wire snips/side cutters
- String line/chalk line
- Tape measure
- Level
- Stud finder
- Hand or chop saw



# L-Foot and Flashing





# Feet and Flashing

- Distance between L-Feet should be no greater than 4ft (48in). Stagger each row of L-brackets to distribute the load evenly between all trusses.
- 2. Distance from last L-Foot to rail end should be no more than 1 ft (12in).
- If panels are overhanging the roof (this should be avoided), spacing between
  L-brackets should be 2ft (24in) on the rail closest to the edge.



- 4. Normal installation will have the L-bracket sitting just 1 rib from flush to rail, depending on how level the roof sheeting is, you may need to adjust their height.
- 5. When adding a joiner to rails, you must leave a gap ¼" 3%" for thermal expansion. A bonding strap is also required between expansion joints.
- The talon flashings are required to sit under 1.5 2 shingles so that only the raised part that holds the L-bracket is exposed. This may mean moving your row up or down a couple inches so your talon plate does not cross over 2 shingles.

### **Talon and Fast Rack Installation Videos**



Fast Rack Talon Solar Installation Overview



Fast Rack and Low Profile Demo

# **Bonding**



All rails, conduits, flex, junction boxes and other metal parts on the rooftop must be bonded with the No.6 bare bond cable.



All Rails must be connected by a continuous bond. This includes when running through liquid tight or zip tied to the teck to join sections of the array when it is broken up.

When arrays are broken up, **Metallic** Flex (liquid-tight) must be used to shield the RPVU from mechanical damage.

One 1 end, a connector and ground bushing are required and just a bushing or insulated sleeve on the other end.



Once all cables have been run through, both ends of the liquid tight should be duct-sealed.









**Micro-Inverters** 

### 2 Panel Inverters

**4** Panel Inverters







Hoymiles Micro-Inverter Installation video.

# **Inverter Mapping**

Inverter mapping is important for monitoring the clients system after install completion. This is done as the inverters are installed, and the racking should be mounted at this point.

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# Array Wiring Methods

### MC4 Connectors

### **RPVU** Cable







# **Module Orientation and Mounting**

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### Lamacoid Labels



10. Utility disconnect - 84-024(1)(j)



11. Rapid Shutdown - 64-218(6) - supply authority meter location and at the consumer's service equipment location.





2. DC combiners, DC junction boxes, DC Disconnects, Inverters - 64-066(1)(c) (Ungrounded systems only)



QTY: RATED AC OUTPUT CURRENT: OMINAL OPERATING AC VOLTAGE: 120/240V

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# Lamacoid Labels & Locations

Panel



Multiple power supplies Electric shock hazard

AC numerical values (whole system)

Single line Diagram

Photovoltaic system equipped with rapid shutdown

Inverter output location (located as close to the solar breaker as possible.

\*The solar breaker must be positioned at the opposite (load) end from the input feeder location.

#### Meter & Utility Disconnect



Interconnected Photovoltaic Source Single Line Diagram

Photovoltaic system equipped with rapid shutdown

Note: In AC disconnects the feed from the grid is wired to the "line" side, inverter feed is wired to the "load" side.

# Lamacoid Labels & Locations

#### **AC Combiner Panel**



Multiple power supplies Electric shock hazard AC numerical values (whole system) AC numerical values (Individual strings/breakers)



# **Other Lamacoid Locations**



All junction boxes including on the roof, in the basement, beside the panel, that are part of the solar circuit must have a "Multiple Power Supplies" label put on.



# **Rooftop Junction Boxes**



Here's an example of a proper install of the junction box. One important thing to note is that, you always want to mount the junction box to the rail whenever possible.

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The junction box you see above was installed incorrectly. Junction boxes should never be installed directly into the roof without flashing. Flashing is important as it prevents water damage to the customers home.

# Commissioning the System



Hoymiles Inverters use DTU monitoring.

Once the system is installed you will need to install the monitoring system inside the home and connect it to the homeowners network. The monitoring systems differ depending on the inverter brand.



# Apsystems ECU Setup

There are about 10 steps to follow when setting up the ECU for the customer.

- 1. The first step is to download the EMA Manager App. 2.
- 2. Next step is to turn off your cell phone data as this interferes with the setup.
- 3. Following this you are going to press the white button on the side of the unit marked AP
- 4. At this point your phone should pick up a wifi signal thats named ECU-R followed by a bunch of numbers ex. ECU-R 216200004314.
- 5. The password for wifi should be 88888888.



Apsystem Inverters use ECU monitoring



6. Now you can sign in, go to your EMA monitoring app and click local access button highlighted in blue as shown in the figure.



7. On your next screen here you should see an option at the bottom that says workspace, click that and it should take you to a new screen



8. Click on ECU network settings highlighted below and it should bring you to the next screen.



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9. Click on the WLAN settings and click the switch to on.

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10. The last step is to connect yournetwork. Find your network below andput in your current wifi password and itshould be all set!





# Hoymiles DTU Setup

The Hoymiles DTU takes 6 steps to setup.

- 1. Download the S-miles Installer
- 2. Open the app and log in.
- Select the bottom middle tab and open
  Network Config, this will prompt you to locate the DTU through wifi.

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- 4. Connect DTU through wifi or LAN.
- 5. You may need to add the network name and password both manually.
- 6. And lastly, the DTU can either be connected directly to the router or connected through wifi.

# **Inspection Photos**





# **Inspection Photos**





# Hands on Skills Required



• Installing anchor points & roof patching



• Measuring a roof for panel and racking layout

• Crimping RPVU Cables



# **Common Mistakes**

- Installation differs from plans (different equipment, locations, wire or breaker sizes
- Missing Lamacoids
- Missing note
- Roof and junction box photos
- Wires not clipped up off roof properly
- Ground bushings or rail bonding not installed or documented
- Mixing up line and load in disconnects

