

INSTALLATION

MANUAL

With M6 cells

APPLICABLE MODELS

SOMERA: Monofacial Glass to White Backsheet Module:

SOMERA VSMH.60.AAA.05 [AAA = 345 – 375]

SOMERA VSMH.72.AAA.05 [AAA = 435 – 465]

SOMERA VSMH.78.AAA.05 [AAA = 475 – 505]

SOMERA: Monofacial Glass-Black Backsheet Modules:

SOMERA VSMHBB. 60.AAA.05 [AAA= 340 -370]

SOMERA VSMHBB.72.AAA.05 [AAA = 435 – 465]

SOMERA VSMHBB.78.AAA.05 [AAA = 475 – 505]

PREXOS: Bifacial Glass to Transparent Backsheet Modules

PREXOS VSMDHT.60.AAA.05 [AAA= 340 - 375]

PREXOS VSMDHT.72.AAA.05 [AAA= 435 – 460]

PREXOS VSMDHT.78.AAA.05 [AAA= 475 – 505]



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01. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- ◆ The usage of this manual, installation, handling of Vikram Solar modules are beyond Vikram Solar's control. Vikram Solar does not assume any responsibility against failure to follow instructions resulting into any Loss, Damage, Injury or Expense due to Improper Installation, Handling, Usage or Maintenance.
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- ◆ All information given in this manual is based on Vikram Solar knowledge and experience. Vikram Solar reserve the rights to change this manual and module specification without prior notice

02. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- ◆ Vikram Solar PV modules are Application Class II PV modules, PV modules generate electricity upon direct exposure to light, which can produce electrical shock. Use of insulated tools and gloves is recommended while working with modules in sunlight. No metallic contacts should be on the human body.
- ◆ No one should stand on the front and backside of the PV module as non -uniform localized pressure might cause damage to the solar cells inside the module.
- ◆ The front surface of the module constructed with tempered glass and hence it should be handled with utmost care. If the glass breaks then human contact with the surface can lead to electric shock particularly when the ambient condition is wet. Broken modules cannot be repaired and it should be disposed of properly.
- ◆ All electrical connectors should be well protected against corrosion and soiling. Ensure that connectors are corrosion free, cleaned with absolutely no gaps between the contacts. Gap can result into an Electrical Arcing causing a Fire Hazard.
- ◆ For personal safety do not install/ handle PV modules under adverse environmental conditions viz. gusty winds, wet frosted roof surfaces.
- ◆ Ensure the polarity of the modules or strings are not reversed considering the other modules in the string.
- ◆ Concentrating artificial sunlight on solar module is not allowed as it will degrade its performance and life span.
- ◆ Vikram Solar modules are certified for operating in installations at voltages below 1500 Vdc. SOMERA VSMH.78/72/60.AAA.05, SOMERA VSMHBB.78/72/60.AAA.05 and PREXOS VSMDHT.78/72/60.AAA.05 have 1500VDC max system voltage. Consider this value while designing the power plant considering the temperature ranges in the location of power plant. Mixing of power classes in one string is not allowed and can be harmful. Damages of modules due to this mixing can lead to invalidity of product warranty.
- ◆ To allow for increased output of a module or panel resulting from certain conditions of use, the installation instructions for a module or panel shall include the following statement or the under normal conditions, a photovoltaic module is likely to experience conditions that produce more equivalent current and/or voltage than reported at standard test conditions.
- ◆ 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 values of ISC and VOC marked on this module should be multiplied by a factor of 1.25 when determining component voltage ratings, conductor current ratings, and size of controls connected to the PV output



02.1 FIRE SAFETY

VSL PV Modules have a Class C fire resistance rating for glass to back-sheet module in accordance with UL 61730/ IEC 61730 certification. "The fire rating of this module is valid only when mounted in the manner specified in the mechanical mounting instructions." Rooftop installations should be placed over fire resistant roof coverings only. Roof constructions and installations may affect the fire safety of a building; improper installation may create hazards in the event of a fire.

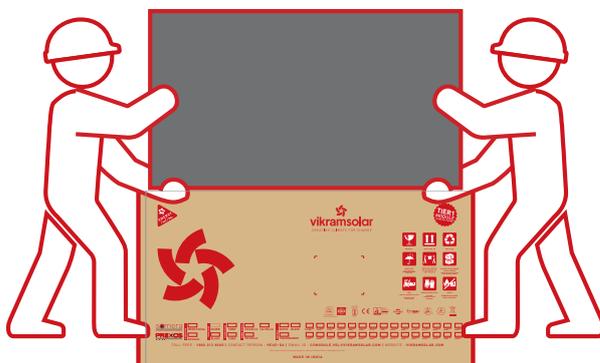
Unskilled installation procedure, using defective/worn out parts may result in an electrical hazard during operation. In order to prevent the risk of fire in this case, SPV modules should not be installed near highly inflammable liquids/gases, or locations with hazardous materials.

In the case of a fire, SPV modules may produce dangerous voltage/surge current, even if they have been disconnected from the inverter, or have been partly or entirely destroyed, or the naked wiring destroyed. In the event of fire, inform the fire/safety team about the particular hazards from the PV system, and stay away from all elements of the PV system during and after a fire until the necessary steps have been taken to mitigate the risk.

03. UNPACKING AND STORAGE

- ◆ At receipt of PV modules, verify the product details as it had been ordered. Packing list pasted outside the box contains all details including the serial no of modules
- ◆ Do NOT stack packing boxes (pallets) more than 2 boxes high. If pallets are stored temporarily outside, then the external protective cover to be placed and stack height should not be more than 1 pallet high
- ◆ Unpacking of PV modules should always be done in the vertical manner as shown in the diagram by two persons. Also care should be taken for falling over one module to the other inside the packaging box
- ◆ PV module surfaces may get damaged/scratched if not handled carefully. No paint or adhesive to be applied to any of the surfaces including frame
- ◆ Do NOT connect male & female connectors of the Junction box cable of the module
- ◆ Do NOT use a knife to cut the zip-ties, but use wire cutting pliers
- ◆ Do NOT place module directly on top of each other
- ◆ Do NOT uplift modules by their cables or junction boxes

Fig 1: Correct way to unpack modules



03.1 MODULE IDENTIFICATION

Each module has a unique serial number, which is laminated behind the glass. Please do not tamper with the serial number of the module and always record the serial numbers during an installation for your future records. A nameplate containing model name, electrical and safety characteristics of the module is also affixed to the back side.

04. INSTALLATION ENVIRONMENT



04.1 CLIMATE CONDITIONS

- ◆ Vikram Solar modules are certified for UL61730, IEC 61215, IEC 61730-I &II, IEC 62804-1. In addition to the required IEC certification to meet European standards, Vikram Solar products have also been tested and certified for resistance to ammonia fumes (IEC 62716) that may be present in barns sheltering cattle, pigs, as well as sustainability for Installation in Humid (coastal) areas of high sand storms. Although Vikram Solar PV modules have passed Salt mist (IEC 61701) corrosion test with a salt concentration of 5 % by weight, galvanic corrosion can occur between the aluminium frame and mounting or ground materials if such materials are made of dissimilar metals. Stainless steel and aluminium metal direct contact is recommended for seaside installations to avoid metal corrosion. Please consult the Vikram Solar Limited technical support department for more information on the use of modules in special climates, such as an altitude greater than 2000m, heavy snow, severe hail storm, hurricane etc

ENVIRONMENT

- ◆ Ambient temperature: -40 °C to +50 °C
- ◆ Operating temperature: -40 °C to +85 °C
- ◆ Storage temperature: -20 °C to +50 °C
- ◆ Humidity: < 85 RH%
- ◆ Mechanical load pressure*: Test Load of 3600 Pa on the front and 1600 Pa on the rear with a safety factor for mechanical load of 1.5.

* NOTE:

The mechanical load bearing capacity depends upon the Installer's mounting methods and failure to follow the instructions of this manual may result in different capabilities to withstand snow and wind loads. The system installer should ensure that installation methods used meet these requirements and any local codes and regulations.

05. SITE SELECTION

- ◆ PV modules should be installed in a place where there is no shading across the location throughout the year. Shading can be minimized by having the distance between the obstruction and solar array is more than thrice the height of obstruction.
- ◆ PV modules should typically face south in the northern hemisphere and north in southern hemisphere. Vikram Solar modules can be mounted either in landscape or portrait orientation however, the impact of dirt shading the solar cells can be minimized by orienting the product in portrait.
- ◆ For optimum energy production, solar modules should normally be mounted facing the equator at an angle to the horizontal plane equivalent to the latitude of the installation. If the PV module is placed at a different angle or orientation, then it could have a direct impact on the generation output.
- ◆ Any slope of less than 1:2.4 is required to maintain the fire class rating; Glass to back-sheet Modules are Class C fire resistance rated.
- ◆ Avoid using mounting methods where drainage holes are blocked.
- ◆ PV modules should not be installed in such a way it will be immersed under water under any circumstances and should not be also installed in a moving vehicle / vessel.
- ◆ The module is considered to be in compliance with UL 61730 only when the module is mounted in the manner specified in this manual. A module with exposed conductive parts is considered to be in compliance with UL 61730 only when it is electrically grounded in accordance with the VSL's instructions and the requirement of the National Electrical Code, ANSI/NFPA 70 (2014-2017).

A. MOUNTING WITH FRAME BOLT HOLES

The frames of each module has 8* (9 mm*14 mm) mounting holes. Vikram Solar strongly recommends the use of corrosion proof (stainless steel) fixings. The modules to be secured with a M8 - Grade 8.8 (1/4"-20 Grade B7) coarse thread bolt , two flat washers, spring washer and a nut as shown in figure 6. The assembly should be tightened to a torque of minimum 16-20 Nm.

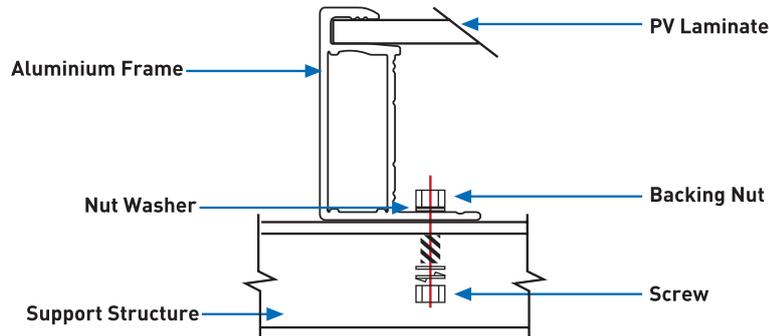


Fig 5: Modules Installed with Screw Fitting Method

B. MOUNTING WITH CLAMP FIXING

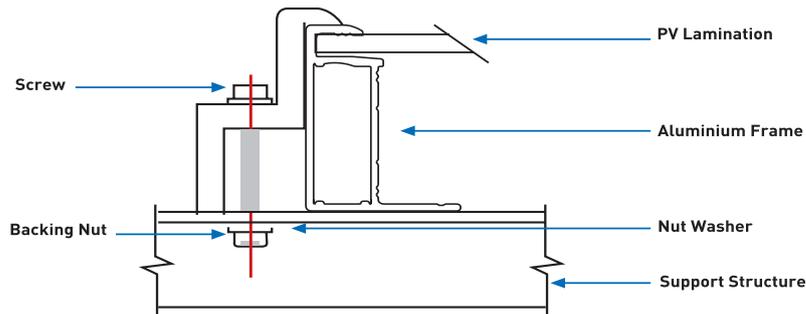
- ◆ Vikram Solar has tested modules with a number of clamps and suggests to use clamps which has a EPDM or any other insulating washer.
- ◆ To fix the modules on the mounting rail, a minimum of 4 (min clamp length 50mm) clamps.
- ◆ The clamps should never touch the glass and cause any breakage and also clamps should not cause any shadow effects on the module.
- ◆ The customer should not do any modification to the frame under any circumstances.

When modules are mounted using clamp mounting method at least 4 clamps need to be used. Two clamps on each of the long side of the module and 2 clamps on each of the short side of the module. Vikram Solar modules are certified for 2400 Pa (50.12 lb/ft²) (Wind Load) and 5400 Pa (112.8 b/ft²) (Snow Load) on the front side. Fringe Type Module Installation and Middle Module installation Diagrams are given below:

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FRINGE MODULE INSTALLATION

Fig 6: PV modules installed using fringe clamping method



MIDDLE MODULE INSTALLATION

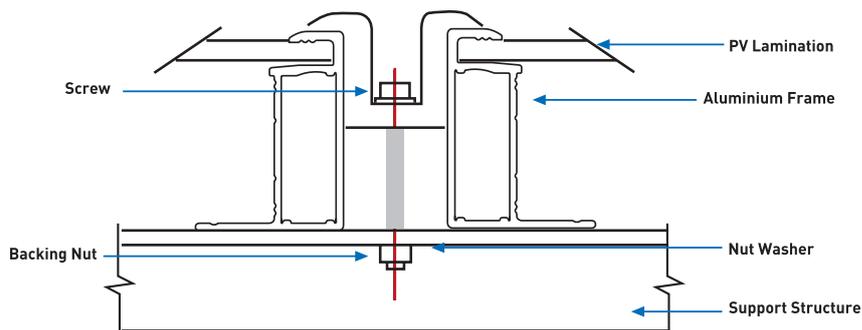
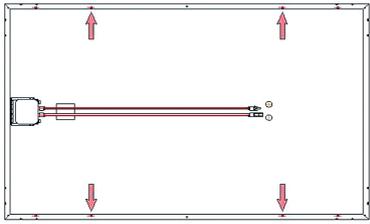
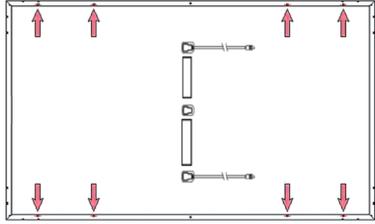
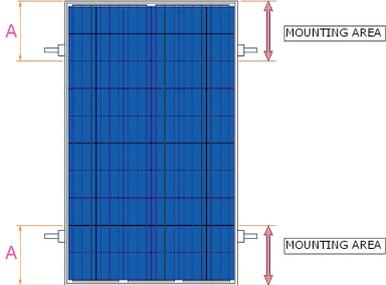
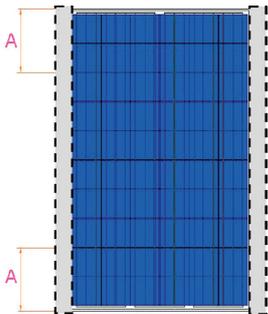
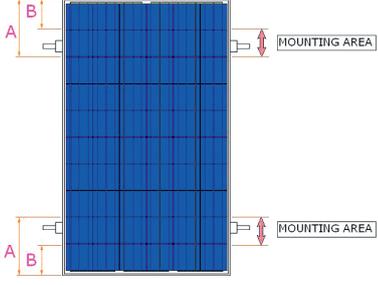
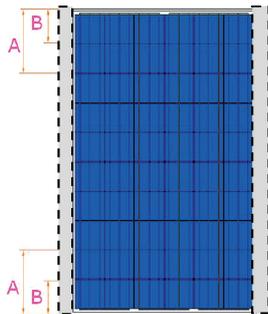
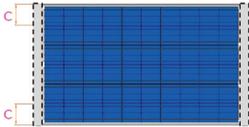
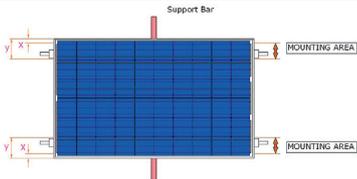
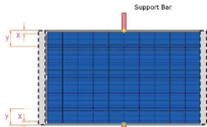


Fig 7: Middle modules installed using clamping method



Type of mounting method	2400 Pa Load Condition	5400 Pa Load Condition
<p>Bolt type mounting system</p>	 <p>USE FOUR MOUNTING HOLES</p>	 <p>USE EIGHT MOUNTING HOLES</p>
<p>Clamp system: attachment to the long side of the frame</p>	 <p>Below configuration is applicable for PREXOS.VSMDHT.78/72/60.AAA.05, SOMERA VSMHBB.78/72/60.AAA.05, SOMERA.VSMH.78/72/60.AAA.05 only</p> 	 <p>Below configuration is applicable for PREXOS.VSMDHT.78/72/60.AAA.05, SOMERA VSMHBB.78/72/60.AAA.05, SOMERA.VSMH.78/72/60.AAA.05 only</p> 
<p>Clamp system: attachment to the short side of the frame</p>	 <p>Mounting rails should run parallel to the short side of the frame. If the expected load is greater than 1600 Pa, a support bar should be inserted.</p> <p>Below configuration is applicable for PREXOS.VSMDHT.78/72/60.AAA.05, SOMERA VSMHBB.78/72/60.AAA.05, SOMERA.VSMH.78/72/60.AAA.05 only</p> 	 <p>Mounting rails should run parallel to the short side of the frame. An additional support bar should be used below the module.</p> <p>Below configuration is applicable for PREXOS.VSMDHT.78/72/60.AAA.05, SOMERA VSMHBB.78/72/60.AAA.05, SOMERA.VSMH.78/72/60.AAA.05 only. Make Sure the Support bar do not pass under the module and are clamped at * location.</p> 

Different mounting configurations can be tried as per Installer's calculations; however, failure to comply with the above suggestions may result in a lowering of load handling capabilities and may lead to failure of any overload situation, which may not be covered under product warranty.



Dimensions depending on module type (mm)	Cell & cell size	Model name	Length	Breadth wise mounting hole distance	x	y	A	B	C
	156 Cell, half Cut Cell Modules	SOMERA VSMHBB.78.AAA.05	2288	1011	53	210	572	286	263
		SOMERA VSMH.78.AAA.05							
		PREXOS VSM DHT.78.AAA.05							
144 Cell, Half Cut Cell Modules	SOMERA VSMHBB.72.AAA.05	2118	1011	53	210	530	265	263	
	SOMERA VSMH.72.AAA.05								
	PREXOS VSM DHT.72.AAA.05								
120 Cell, Half Cut Cell Modules	SOMERA VSMHBB.60.AAA.05	1766	1011	53	210	442	221	263	
	SOMERA VSMH.60.AAA.05								
	PREXOS VSM DHT.60.AAA.05								

06.2 GROUNDING

- ◆ All module mounting frames and mounting racks need to be grounded according to the respective regional electric codes (IEC, UL etc.). The module frame must be properly grounded. The grounding wire must be properly fastened to the module frame to ensure good electrical contact. Use the recommended connector type, or an equivalent, for this wire.
- ◆ Bonding the module frame and all metallic structural members together achieve proper grounding continuously using a suitable grounding conductor. Grounding conductor or strap may be copper, copper alloy, or other material acceptable for use as an electrical conductor. The grounding conductor must then make a connection to earth using a suitable earth ground electrode.
- ◆ Vikram Solar modules can be installed with the use of third party listed grounding devices for grounding the metallic frames of PV modules. The devices have to be installed in accordance with the grounding device manufacturer’s specified instructions.
- ◆ Please refer to the “Product Catalogue” link for detailed grounding hole location and size at www.vikramsolar.com
- ◆ We also recommend using the following methods to ground properly:

METHOD 1: GROUNDING BOLT # 2058729-1:

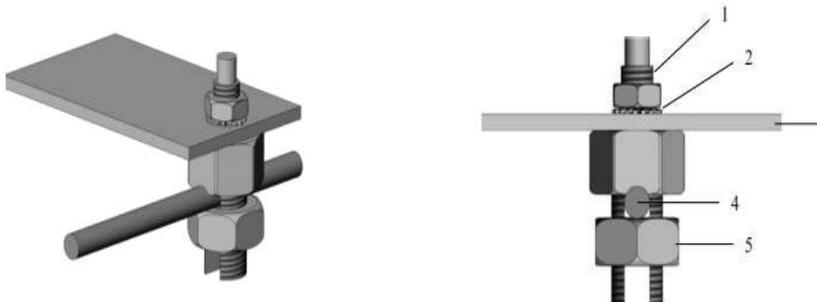


Fig 8: Grounding bolt # 2058729-1

- 01) Wire bolt and slot
- 02) Mounting wash hex nut
- 03) Aluminium frame
- 04) 4 to 16 mm² cable
- 05) HEX nut

- ◆ Tyco grounding hardware comes in a package that includes the grounding bolt, mounting and grounding hex nut
- ◆ Electrical contact is made by penetrating the anodized coating of the aluminium frame, and tightening the mounting
- ◆ Grounding wire size (6 to 12 AWG solid bare copper) should be selected and installed underneath the wire binding bolt
- ◆ The wire binding bolt should be tightened to the proper torque of 45 in lb

METHOD 2: GROUNDING BOLT #1954381-2:

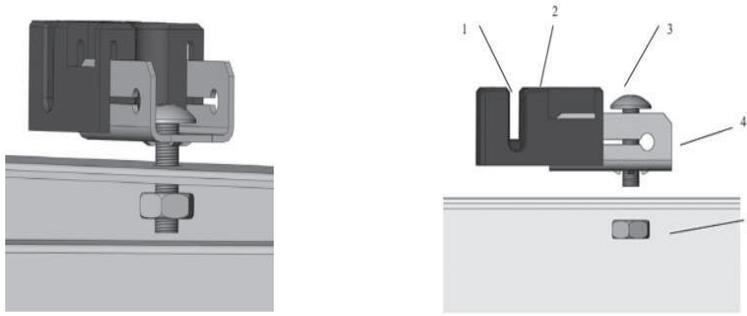


Fig 9: Grounding bolt # 1954381-2

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| 01) Wire slot (available for 4-6 mm ² cable) | 02) Slider |
| 03) Bolt | 04) Base |
| 05) Nut | |

- ◆ Tyco grounding hardware comes in a package that includes the grounding bolt, mounting and grounding hex nut
- ◆ Electrical contact is made by penetrating the anodized coating of the aluminium frame, and tightening the mounting hex nut (come with the star washer) to the proper torque of 25 in lb
- ◆ Grounding wire size (6 to 12 AWG solid bare copper) should be selected and installed underneath the wire binding bolt
- ◆ The wire binding bolt should be tightened to the proper torque of 45 in lb
- ◆ The Tyco grounding bolt is only listed for use with 6 to 12 AWG bare solid copper wire

METHOD 3: ERICO GROUNDING BOLT # EL6CS14-6

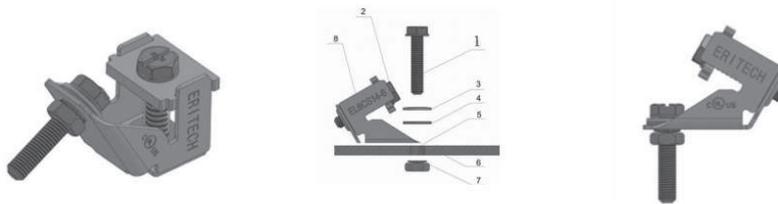


Fig 10: ERICO grounding bolt # EL6CS14-6

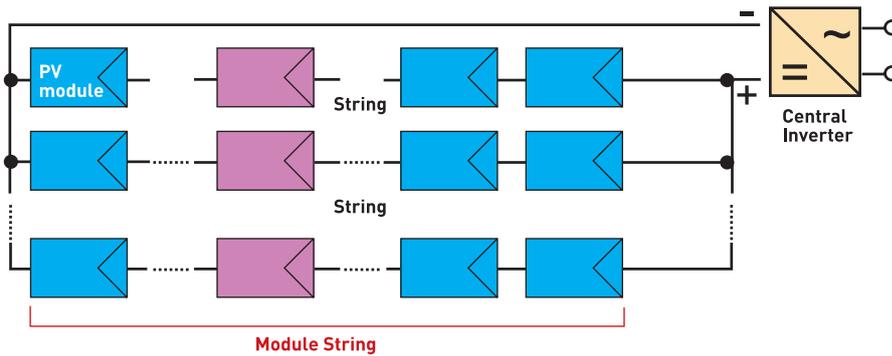
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| 01) Machine bolt A | 02) Machine bolt B |
| 03) Belleville washer | 04) Flat washer |
| 05) Clearance hole for #10[M5] machine bolt | 06) Aluminium frame |
| 07) Machine bolt hex nut with lock washer | 08) Grounding bolt |

- ◆ The lug should be installed on a surface that is larger than the bottom surface of the lug
- ◆ The lug should be installed in the grounding holes provided on the PV module
- ◆ Machine bolt A should be torqued to 35 in lb, to secure the grounding bolt to module frame
- ◆ The grounding bolt is only listed for use with 6-12 AWG bare solid copper wire
- ◆ For proper wire binding, machine bolt B should be torqued to 35 in lb

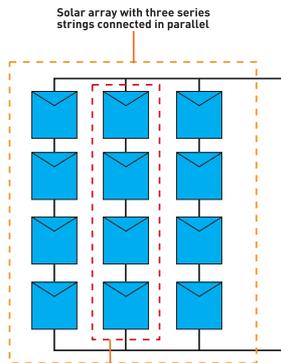
Where common grounding hardware [nuts, bolts, star washers, split-ring lock washers, flat washers and the like] is used to attach a listed grounding/bonding device, the attachment must be made in conformance with the grounding device manufacturer's instructions. Common hardware items such as nuts, bolts, star washers, lock washers and the like have not been evaluated for electrical conductivity or for use as a grounding devices and should be used only for maintaining mechanical connections and holding electrical grounding devices in the proper position for electrical conductivity. Such devices, where supplied with the module and evaluated through the requirement in UL61730/ IEC 61730 , may be used for grounding connections in accordance with the instructions provided with the module

06.3 MODULE WIRING

SERIES CONNECTION:



PARALLEL CONNECTION:



- ◆ All wiring should be performed, by qualified installers, in accordance with the local codes and regulations.
- ◆ Modules can be connected in series to increase the operating voltage by plugging the positive plug of one module into the negative socket of the next. Before connecting modules always ensure that the contacts are corrosion free, clean and dry.
- ◆ The connectors used for interconnecting the modules and connectors used for connecting the strings and/or to the String Combiner Box, i.e. field connectors shall be of same make and same part no. of connector which is fixed with module junction box for better compatibility.
- ◆ Product can be irreparably damaged if an array string is connected in reverse polarity to another. Always verify the voltage and polarity of each individual string before making a parallel connection. If you measure a reversed polarity or a difference of more than 10 V between strings then check the string configuration before making the connection. Module wiring should be performed by professional expert installers in accordance with local regulations and national codes.
- ◆ PV modules can be connected in Series to have an increase in the Operating Voltage. The positive connector plug of module is connected to the negative connector plug of another module until there is a click sound. Only if there is a click sound assume the modules are connected.
- ◆ There can be irreparable damage done if the array strings are connected in reverse polarity. i.e. if the positive end is connected to negative input of the string combiner box and vice versa. So proper connection in the right polarity is recommended and if any reverse polarity is seen or any difference of more than 10 V is observed, the string configuration connection needs to be checked and connected appropriately.
- ◆ Vikram Solar modules are provided with standard copper cables with a 4 mm² cross-sectional area and are rated for 1500V (IEC and UL) for maximum system voltage, 90°C and are UV resistant. Ensure the cables are not exposed to water logged area's.
- ◆ The maximum voltage of the system should be lesser than the certified system voltage (typically 1500V) or the maximum input voltage of the inverter. Since $V_{oc} \propto (1/T)$, the open circuit voltage of the array needs to be calculated at the lowest ambient temperature for the location of power plant.



- ◆ This can be done using the formula below,

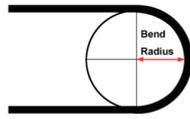
$$\text{Max System voltage} = X * \text{Voc} * [1 + ((T\alpha - \text{Voc} (\%)) \times (25 - T_{\text{min}}))]$$

Where X - No: modules which are connected in series.

Voc - Open circuit voltage of each module (Refer to the Data Sheet)

T α -Voc - Thermal coefficient of open circuit voltage for the module in Percentage (refer to Vikram Solar Spec sheet)

Tmin - Minimum ambient temperature of the location of the plant



Bending radius of junction box cable should be minimum 42 mm



Incorrect routing of cable



Correct routing of cable

07. ELECTRICAL CONFIGURATION

Solar array generates DC electricity once sunlight falls on the modules and the inverter is in active mode once the minimum voltage and current requirements are met and is converted into AC Power appropriately.

CAUTION:

- ◆ The modules are rated to operate at potentially lethal DC Voltages which have the potential to cause severe electric hazards in the form of shock, arcing and other fire hazards. Hence only trained professionals are requested to operate on the panels and the DC solar array and the DC combiner box. The PV modules are certified to operate at 1500V DC.
- ◆ Always a rated isolator (DC Switch) is to be used to interrupt the current flow while disconnecting the connectors. Even after disconnecting, the DC power may be active for some time, hence only expert operators are recommended to operate upon the panels, string combiner box, etc. Vikram Solar will not be responsible for any electrical accidents occurring in power plants using Vikram Solar modules

07.1 FUSING

Please rate the fuses for maximum Vdc and connected in each, non-grounded pole of the solar Array. (If the system is a floating system then fuses should be connected in both positive or negative poles). The maximum Fuse Rating connected in series with the array string is usually 20 A, but the actual module specific rating can be found on the module data sheet. The fuse rating also corresponds to maximum reverse current that a module will be able to withstand. 20 A fuse per series string is recommended.

Electrical Specifications [Nominal Values: for 144 Cell model]

- Maximum System Voltage: 1500V
- Maximum Series Fuse: 20 A
- Fire Rating Class: Fire Rating Class C Type 1 (For Glass to back-sheet module)
- Dimensions: 2118 x 1050 x 35 mm
- Weight: 23.5 kg
- Bypass Diodes: 3 Bypass Diodes

Typically, modules consists of bypass diodes like UKTH3045-16 (Peak Inverse voltage -45 V, Forward Current- 30 A) diodes in the junction box. Rated electrical characteristics are within $\pm 10\%$ of measured values at standard test conditions of 1000 W/m², 25°C cell temperature and air mass 1.5 solar spectral irradiance



07.2 ELECTRICAL PARAMETERS

Type name or model number	SOMERA VSMHBB.60.AAA.05	SOMERA VSMH.60.AAA.05	SOMERA VSMH.72.AAA.05	SOMERA VSMHBB.72.AAA.05
Rated maximum power range [W] _t	345-375	340-370	435-465	435-465
Module technology	Mono Crystalline	Mono Crystalline	Mono Crystalline	Mono Crystalline
Number of cells	120	120	144	144
Rated short circuit current range [A]	11.01-11.65	10.9-11.55	11.45-12.09	11.45-12.09
Rated open circuit voltage range [V]	40.7-41.1	40.6-41.1	48.7-49.3	48.7-49.3
Rated current at Pmax range [A]	10.01-10.75	9.88-10.65	10.51-11.13	10.51-11.13
Rated voltage at Pmax range [V]	34.6-34.9	34.5-34.9	41.4-41.8	41.4-41.8
Maximum system voltage [VDC]	1500	1500	1500	1500
Over-current protection rating [A]	20	20	20	20
Dimensions l × w × h [mm]	1766 × 1050 × 35	1766 × 1050 × 35	2118 × 1050 × 35	2118 × 1050 × 35
Module area [m ²]	1.8543	1.8543	2.2239	2.2239
Maximum Series Fuse, [A]	20	20	20	20

Type name or model number	PREXOS VSMDHT.72.AAA.05	SOMERA VSMH.78.AAA.05 & SOMERA VSMHBB.78.AAA.05	PREXOS VSMDHT.78.AAA.05	PREXOS VSMDHT.60.AAA.05
Rated maximum power range [W] _t	435-460	475-505	475-505	340-375
Module technology	Mono Crystalline	Mono Crystalline	Mono Crystalline	Mono Crystalline
Number of cells	144	156	156	120
Rated short circuit current range [A]	11.45-11.99	11.45-12.09	11.45-12.09	10.9-11.65
Rated open circuit voltage range [V]	48.7-49.2	52.8-53.4	52.8-53.4	40.6-41.1
Rated current at Pmax range [A]	10.51-11.03	10.61-11.16	10.61-11.16	9.88-10.75
Rated voltage at Pmax range [V]	41.4-41.7	44.9-45.3	44.9-45.3	34.5-34.9
Maximum system voltage [VDC]	1500	1500	1500	1500
Over-current protection rating [A]	20	20	20	20
Dimensions l × w × h [mm]	2118 × 1050 × 35	2288 × 1050 × 35	2288 × 1050 × 35	1766 × 1050 × 35
Module area [m ²]	2.2239	2.4024	2.4024	1.8543
Maximum Series Fuse, [A]	20	20	20	20



07.3 INVERTER SELECTION AND COMPATIBILITY

Only connect the quantity of modules that corresponds to the voltage specifications of the inverters used in the system. When installed as per IEC norms and regulations, Vikram Solar modules normally do not need to be electronically connected to earth and can operate with either galvanic ally isolated (with transformer) and transformer less inverters. If the system is located in hot and very humid locations then galvanically isolated Inverters with Transformers must be used and the negative pole of the array must be connected to earth. It is recommend to adopt inverter negatively earthed installation to avoid the PID effect. If a Transformer less Inverter is used in hot humid climatic locations, The Installer should ensure the right active negative earthing kit is to be installed by consulting and having assurance from the inverter supplier.

08. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

- ◆ Well-designed PV Plant requires minimum maintenance but however with further maintenance the performance and the reliability of the system can be improved
- ◆ Yearly maintenance by a trained professional is usually advised
- ◆ Check that the mounting structures are properly laid and the modules are held tightly and are in accordance with the mounting instructions given above
- ◆ Ensure no part of the light falling area of the module is shaded, any leaves / trees or any object which causes shading has to be removed accordingly
- ◆ Ensure all the cable assembly is tight and no part of cable assembly will be exposed to water logging
- ◆ Check that the string fuses in each non/earthed pole are in operation
- ◆ It is recommended to check TDS of the cleaning water on regular basis. TDS should be maintained below 500 mg/L & total hardness shall be less than 75 mg/L
- ◆ For cleaning of the solar PV modules, clean the modules using a soft module cleaning kit . A soft cloth with mild soft detergent can be used as an alternative. Use water only with the same temperature as of the module else thermal shocks can be created and can damage the module
- ◆ Do not open the junction box to change the diodes even if they are defective. Please contact with PV module manufacturer in case of known or suspected diode failure
- ◆ Ensure the module is cleaned without causing any damage like micro-crack, etc. to the module
- ◆ Cover the front surface of modules by an opaque material when repairing. Modules when exposed to sunlight generate high voltage and are dangerous
- ◆ Always recommended to have the module clean and tidy for maximum power generation from the solar PV module
- ◆ The back surface of the solar module doesn't require any specific cleaning unless any dirt or debris is stuck on the back sheet. While cleaning the dirt on the back sheet avoid any sharp object, which can damage the substrate material and cause a slit
- ◆ Do not open the junction box to change the diodes even if they are defective. Please contact with PV module installer in case of known or suspected diode failure
- ◆ Cover the front and back surface of modules by an opaque material when repairing. Modules when exposed to sunlight generate high voltage and are dangerous



09. WARNING

While performing any electrical maintenance, the system must be completely shut down and should be performed by experts. Failure to comply to norms may result in lethal shocks, burns and sometimes even death.

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