

# **Installation Guide**





#### Introduction

EcoX is an innovative, simple, and easy to install flush-mount solar racking system. By eliminating the mounting rail, EcoX offers a flexible system layout and streamlines the installation process. EcoX utilizes aluminum components with stainless steel hardware, ensuring the system will withstand harsh installation environments. With EcoX, the racking and modules work together as a system, creating an interconnected, continuously bonded structure.

This install guide outlines the overall installation process, and details the steps involved. Ecolibrium support staff are available to answer questions or offer support. Feel free to contact us, and thank you for installing EcoX!

#### **Installer Responsibility**

The installer is solely responsible to:

- Comply with all applicable building and electrical codes
- Meet municipal, utility and inspector requirements
- Ensure installation methods and procedures meet all applicable OSHA safety standards
- Confirm all building structural members and related connections can withstand all forces resulting from the EcoX installation
- Maintain waterproof integrity of all existing roofing materials
- Verify all design criteria are correct and appropriate for the application and specific site
- Follow all manufacturer's specifications, recommendations and manuals
- Check that only Ecolibrium Solar approved materials are utilized during EcoX installation
- Guarantee array installation is completed by qualified and competent personnel
- Verify all equipment and materials are appropriate for application and site conditions
- Establish that anchoring devices, including lag screws, have adequate pullout strength and shear capacities as installed
- Determine that PV module is approved for use with EcoX and is capable of withstanding the project specific conditions.

#### **Warnings & Safety**

Both electrical and roofing knowledge is required to correctly and safely install a solar photovoltaic system. Only qualified and certified installation professionals should install EcoX. Failure to follow the methods and procedures outlined in this guide may result in injury and/or damage to property. Carefully read this guide before starting any work. Store a copy of this guide on the job site at all times and contact Ecolibrium Solar with any installation questions related to EcoX.

Please note the following warnings when installing EcoX:

- EcoX components may be sharp and may cause skin lacerations
- EcoX components fit together tightly and could cause pinch injuries
- EcoX components may be hot to the touch if left in the sun.

Please follow the safety requirements below when installing EcoX:

- Always keep children and unauthorized people away from work areas
- Always wear required OSHA approved Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
- Always use insulated tools when working with or near electrical systems
- Always provide OSHA approved fall protection for all installation personnel
- Never wear jewelry during mechanical and electrical installation work
- Never work in rain, snow or extremely windy conditions
- Never leave a module unsupported or unsecured on the roof
- Never install broken photovoltaic modules
- Never use photovoltaic modules as a work surface



#### **EcoX General Application Notes**

**System Design and Span Requirements:** EcoX is designed to flush-mount photovoltaic modules on pitched roofs as described in this guide. The span between attachment locations depends on the module, the site conditions, and the system layout.

**Site Specific System Design:** The EcoX Estimator is a powerful system design tool. The user inputs all site conditions and can layout multiple roof surfaces. The EcoX Estimator outputs a site specific design package with engineering specs and bill of materials.

Visit the EcoX Estimator at <a href="http://ecox-estimator.ecolibriumsolar.com">http://ecox-estimator.ecolibriumsolar.com</a> to layout your array and instantly obtain attachment spacing, bill of materials, and engineering analysis.

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**Roof Type:** EcoX is designed to mount photovoltaic modules to a range of roof surfaces, including:

- Asphalt or composite shingles
- Concrete or clay tiles (see Addendum )

Please contact Ecolibrium Solar if your project's roof surface type is not listed.

**Wind Zone:** EcoX is designed to mount photovoltaic modules on pitched roof surfaces in areas with extreme wind conditions. Please contact Ecolibrium Solar if your project's wind speed exceeds the zone allowable in the EcoX Estimator.

**Roof Height:** EcoX is designed to mount photovoltaic modules on pitched roof surfaces with a mean roof height up to 60 feet. Please contact Ecolibrium Solar if your project's mean roof height exceeds 60 feet.

**Roof Pitch:** EcoX is designed to mount photovoltaic modules on pitched roof surfaces between 0 and 90 degrees from horizontal. The UL 2703/1703 fire certification is applicable only to "steep-sloped" systems with a roof slope greater than or equal to 2 in/ft (9.46 degrees).

**Roof Zones:** EcoX is designed to mount photovoltaic modules on pitched roof surfaces in all roof zones with attachment spacing as prescribed in the EcoX Estimator.

**Roof Orientation:** Throughout this manual, "downhill" is used to reference the direction of the lower or leading edge of the array, and "uphill" is used to reference the direction of the trailing or back edge of the array.

**Torque Requirements:** Unless otherwise noted, torque all fasteners to **14 ft-lbs.** 

#### **EcoX Certifications**

**Approved Modules:** This racking system may be used to ground and/or mount a PV module complying with UL 1703 only when the specific module has been evaluated for grounding and/or mounting in compliance with the included instructions. Specific modules included in EcoX certifications are documented in Appendix B at the end of this install guide.

**Module Types:** EcoX is certified to be installed with standard framed 60 cell modules according to the approved module list.

**Mechanical Loading:** EcoX is certified to UL2703 for mechanical loading. Tested modules are listed in Appendix B. Span requirements for a given jobsite can be determined using the EcoX Estimator design tool: http://ecox-estimator.ecolibriumsolar.com

**Fire Testing:** EcoX is certified to UL2703/UL1703 Fire Testing with a Class A Fire Rating for Type 1 and Type 2 modules with the following requirements:

- Instructions in this install guide must be followed.
- The EcoX system must be mounted over a fire resistant roof covering rated for the application.
- Modules may be installed in landscape or portrait
- Modules must be installed on roof pitches greater than 2:12
- There is no skirt requirement. The EcoX fire rating is valid with or without a skirt.
- All height settings of EcoX product are valid, up to highest setting (corresponds to 4 ¼" from roof surface to lower edge of module frame).
- Junction box must be mounted away from the roof downhill edge.

**Grounding and Bonding:** EcoX is certified to UL2703 for grounding and bonding. The grounding and bonding test evaluates EcoX as a system with approved modules. When installed per the requirements outlined in this installation guide, EcoX with approved modules are rated as a system to create a continuous bonded structure.

**Installation Requirements:** This install guide officially documents the components used and proper methods for an EcoX installation. Bonding elements are incorporated into EcoX components. As the system is built on the roof, components and modules are bonded together. Specific steps to ensure a bonded system are described through the installation guide. It is the installer's responsibility to ensure that the system is safely and properly installed, and that the system is bonded back to a final ground point.

**UL2703 System Documentation:** To document the UL2703 system rating, a label is applied to the back of the Skirt. Below is an example of the label:





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#### Revisions

Rev 1.0	Initial Release	July 2015
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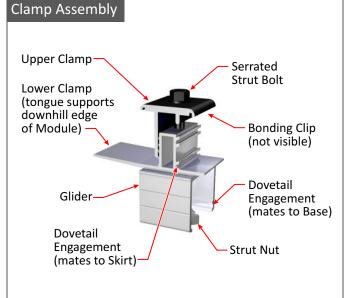
#### **EcoX Components**



The Attachment Kit is secured to the roof and supports the array via the Clamp Assembly.

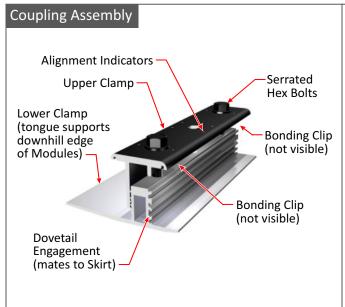
#### Its features include:

- Grooves along sides of Base are Dovetail Engagements which provide adjustability of the Clamp Assembly in height and uphill-downhill directions.
- Base is attached via a single Lag Screw or utilizing its alternate four attachment holes.
- Lag Screw includes a factory pre-installed Sealing Washer.



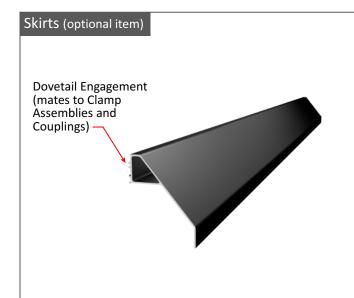
The Clamp Assembly is mounted to the Base of the Attachment Kit.

- Dovetail Engagement to Base for height and uphill/downhill adjustments.
- Upper and Lower Clamp secures edges of Modules
- Upper and Lower Clamp engage Skirt on Skirt row.
- Strut Bolt and Strut Nut secure Clamp Assembly to Base and Modules to Clamp Assembly.
- Factory installed Bond Clip bonds Skirt to Attachment Kit on south row, and Module to Attachment Kit on subsequent rows.



Couplings connect up to four Modules together.

- Couplings include indicator marks to set a 1/2" gap between Modules.
- On the first downhill row, Couplings secure adjacent Skirts at their joints.
- Factory installed Bond Clips (two per Coupling) bond Modules left and right.

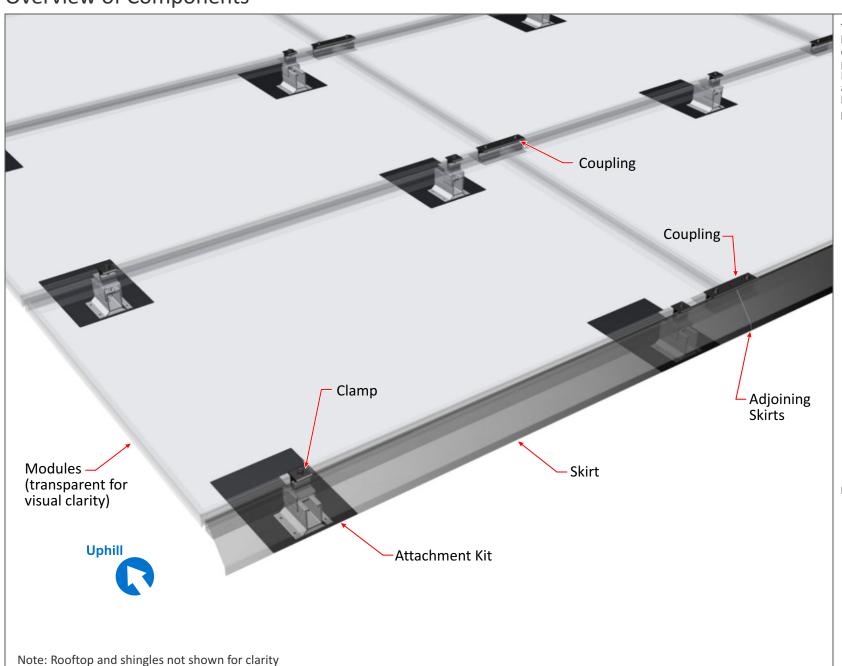


Skirts are used on the first downhill row to enhance the appearance along the edge of the array.

- Dovetail Engagement positions height of and locks Skirt to Clamp Assemblies and Couplings.
- Factory cut to length to match specific Modules.
- Available in three configurations (height variances) to fit the most common Module sizes.



### **Overview of Components**



The EcoX installation begins at the downhill edge of the roof and progresses uphill. Installation is sequential and requires minimal hand tools.

#### Installation steps:

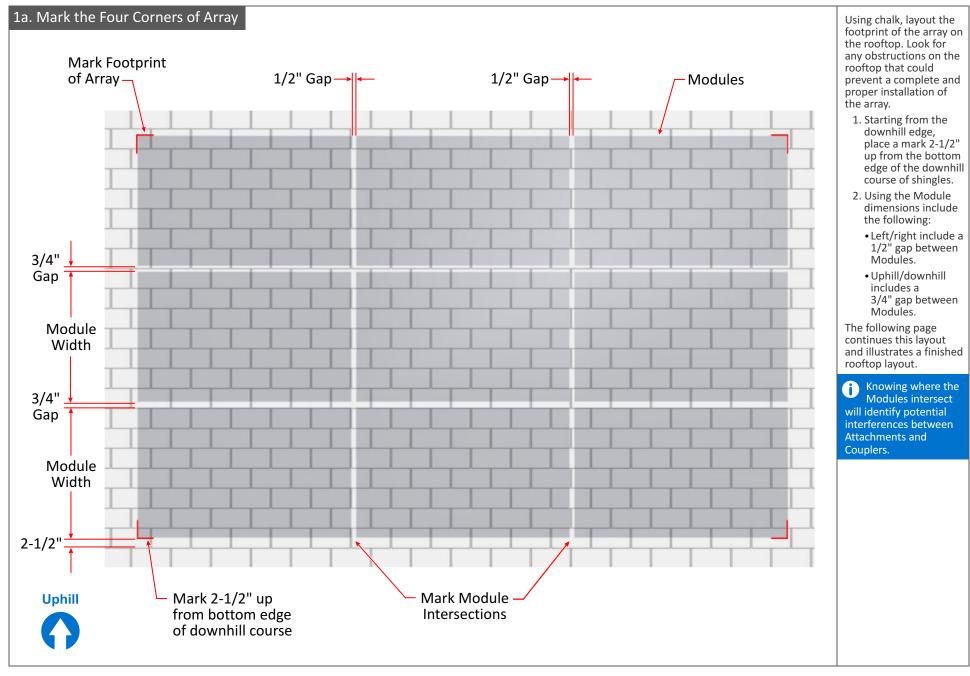
- 1. Layout Array on rooftop.
- 2. Install Attachment Kits to rooftop.
- 3. Install the Junction Box Bracket.
- 4. Install Clamp Assemblies on downhill row.
- 5. Install the Skirts.
- 6. Install Couplings to Skirts.
- 7. Install Modules
- 8. Install Clamps and Couplings on uphill side of Modules.
- 9. Level the row of Modules.
- 10. Repeat Module install on subsequent rows.
- 11. Install additional Bonding Clips at one end of each row to complete row to row bonding.

#### **Required Tools:**

- Tape Measure
- Chalk Line
- Hammer
- Drill with 3/16" Bit
- Flat Roofing Bar
- Impact Driver
- 1/2" Socket
- String Line
- Torque Wrench
- Chalk

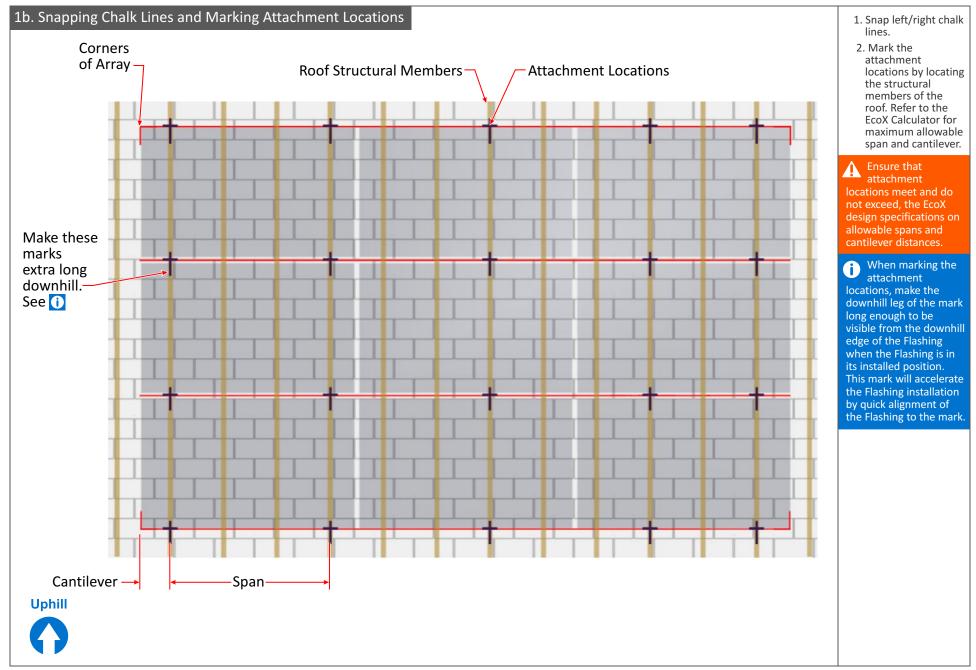


### 1. Layout Array on Rooftop



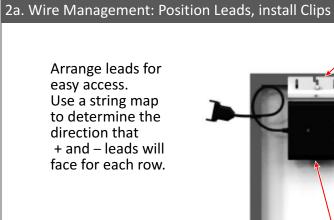


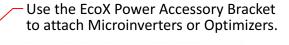
### 1. Layout Array on Rooftop (cont.)





### 2. Prepare the Modules - Before moving them to rooftop





Position and attach Microinverters or Optimizers. Remove their provided identification stickers and place them on the array map. Use a marker and label each unit for easy to identification.

Use wire management Clips to arrange wiring and keep away from roof top, and/or interfering with Clamps or Couplings. What follows is basic information on wiring an EcoX array.

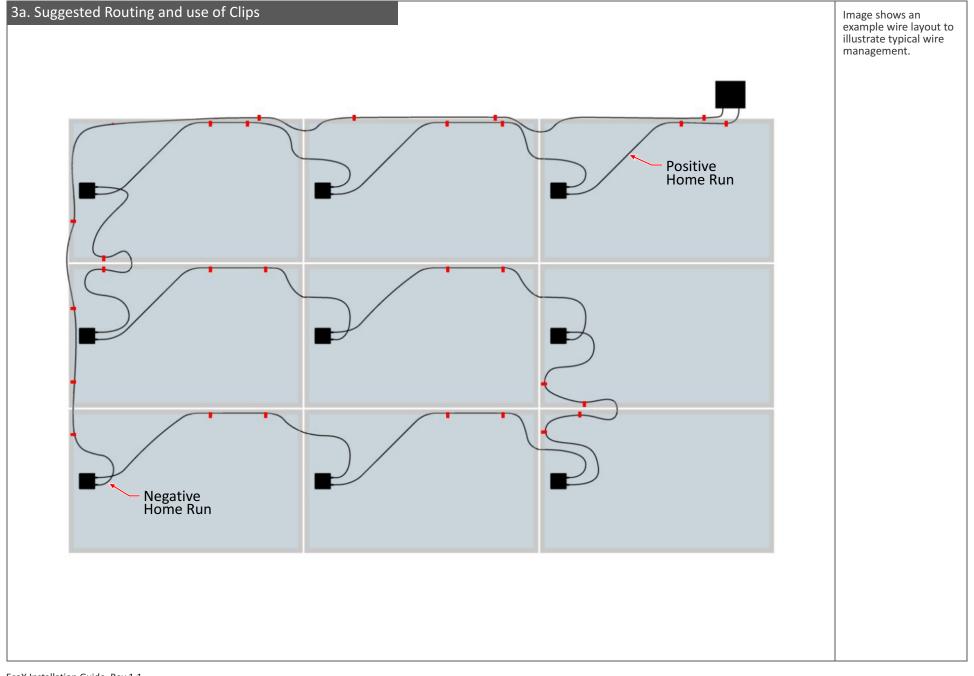
Warning: All wiring must be done in compliance with NEC and AHJ requirements.

It is advisable to prepare Modules on the ground before moving them to the rooftop. This can be done as penetrations are installed.

- Finalize the junction box location and string diagram as soon as the array design is marked on the roof and confirmed.
- 2. Once the EcoX bases are installed use the Junction Box Bracket to mount the junction box.
- 3. Use the EcoX Power Accessory Bracket to mount microinverters or power optimizers to the modules.
- 4. Prepare modules on the ground for easy wiring on the roof.

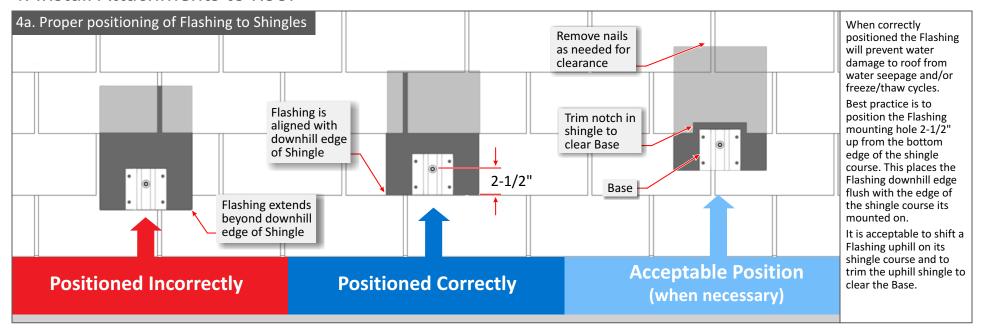


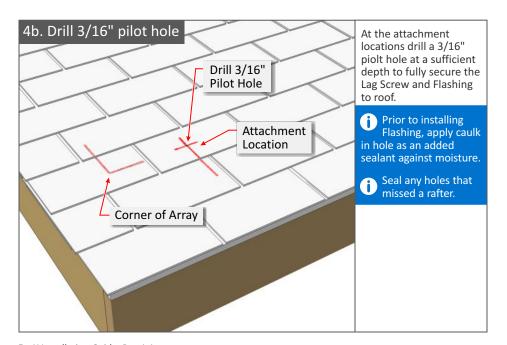
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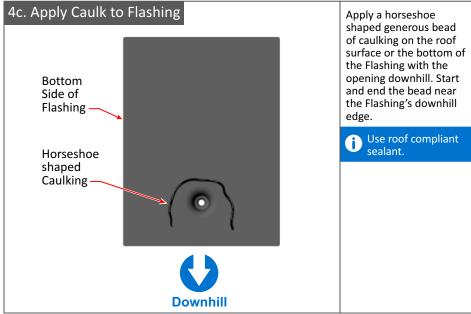




#### 4. Install Attachments to Roof

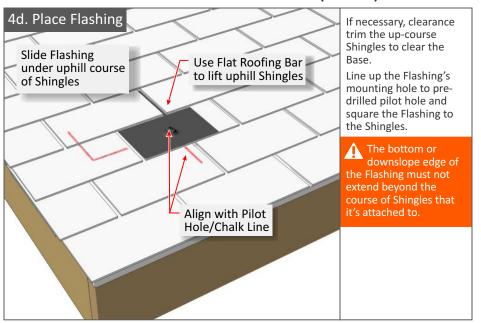


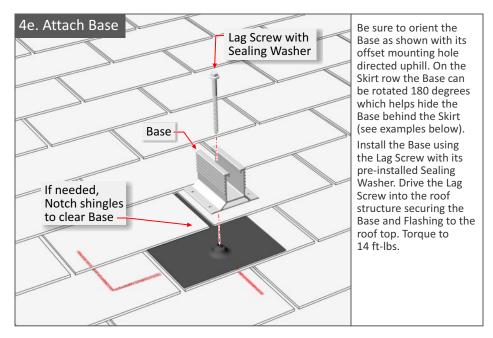


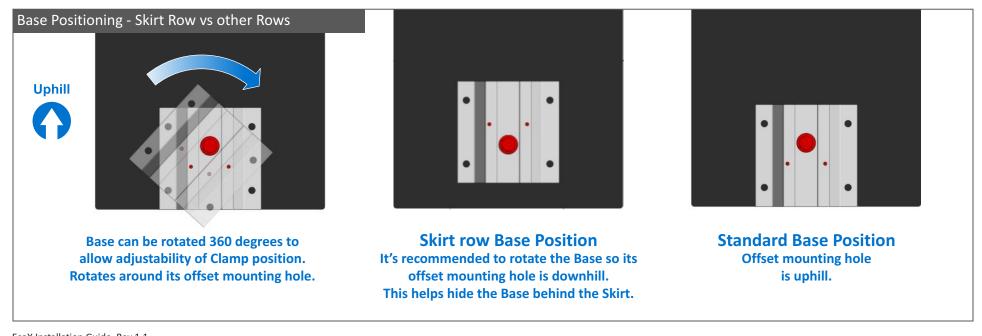




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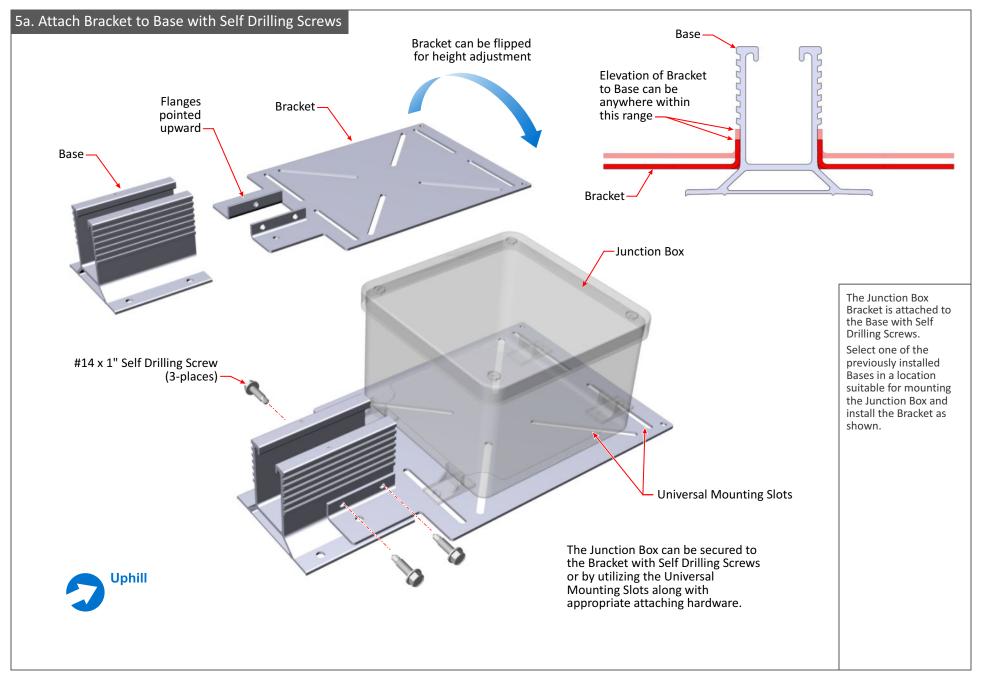






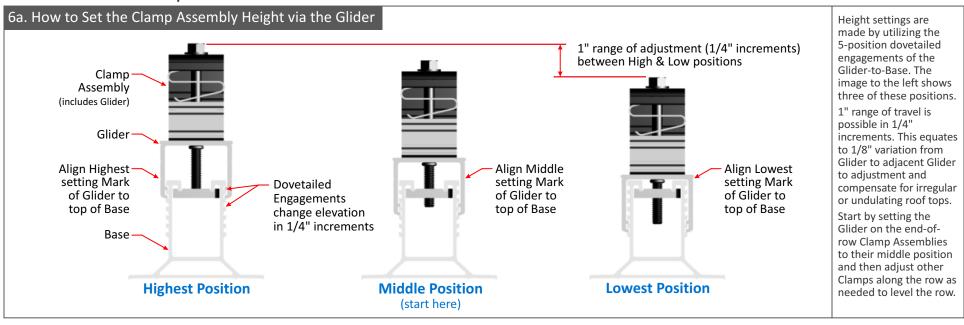


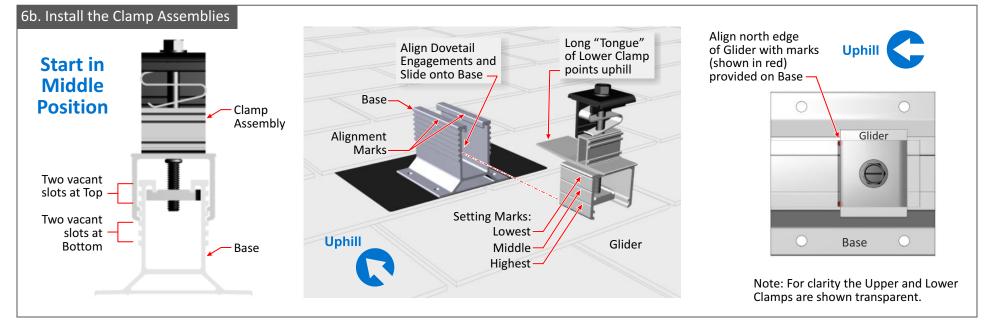
#### 5. Install the Junction Box Bracket





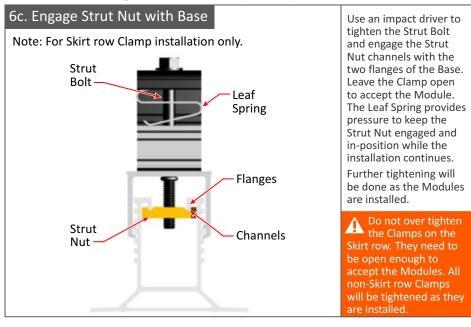
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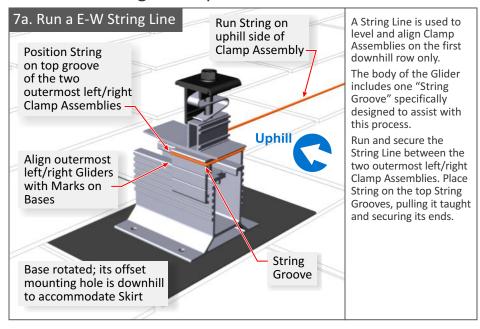




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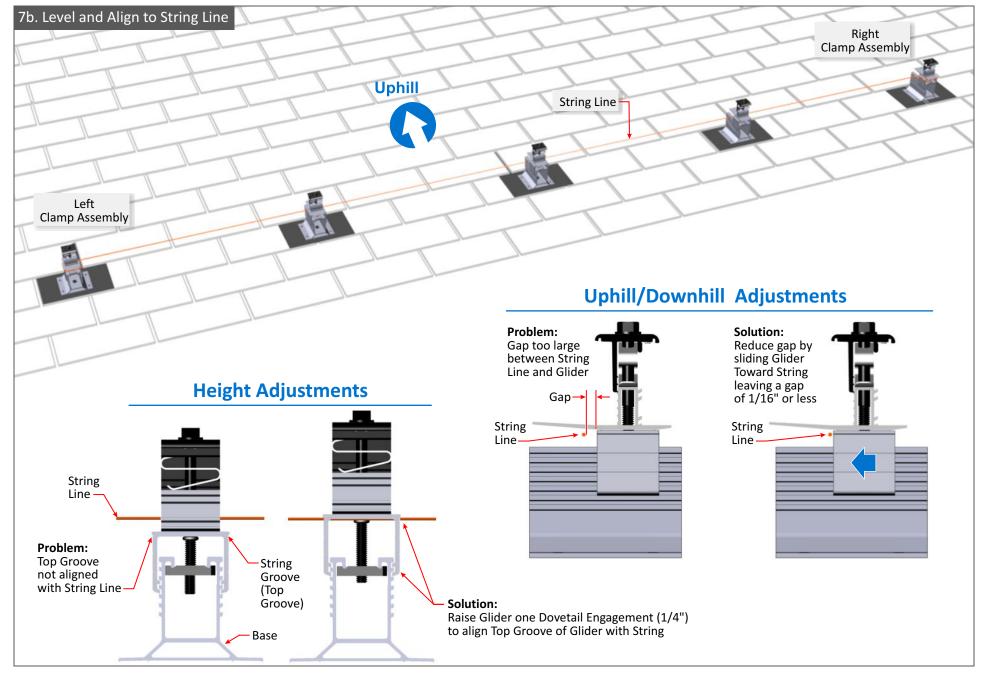


### 7. Level and Align Clamp Assemblies on Southern Row



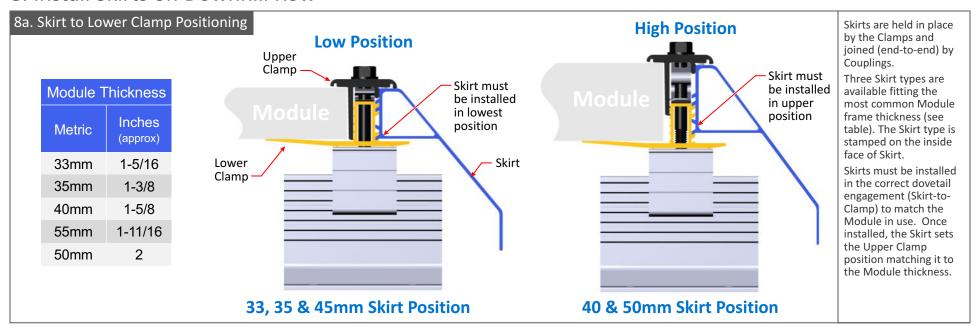


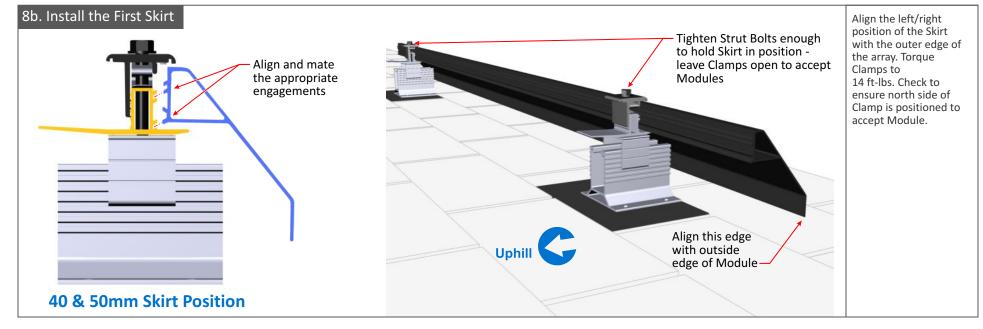
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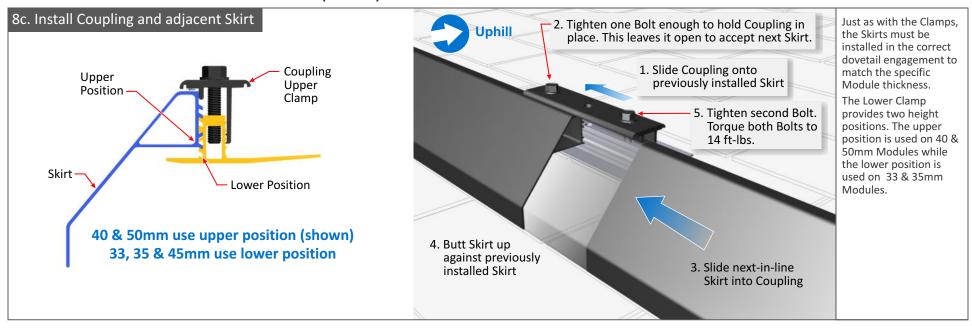
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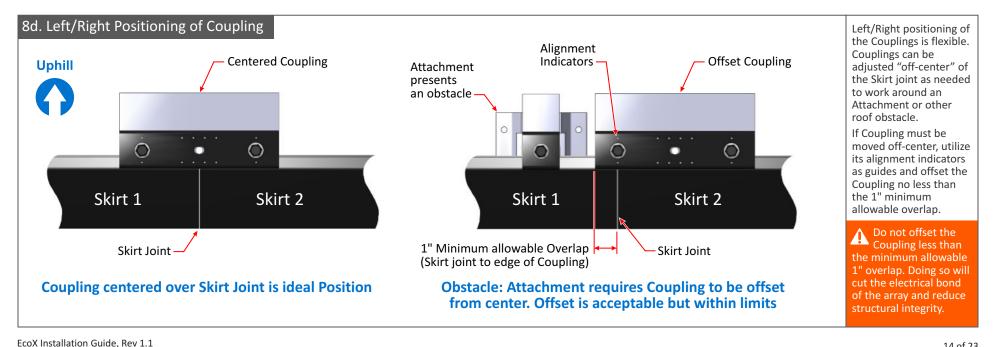






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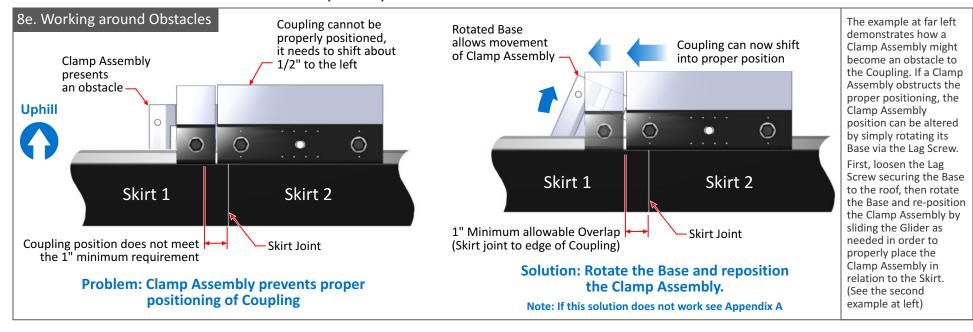




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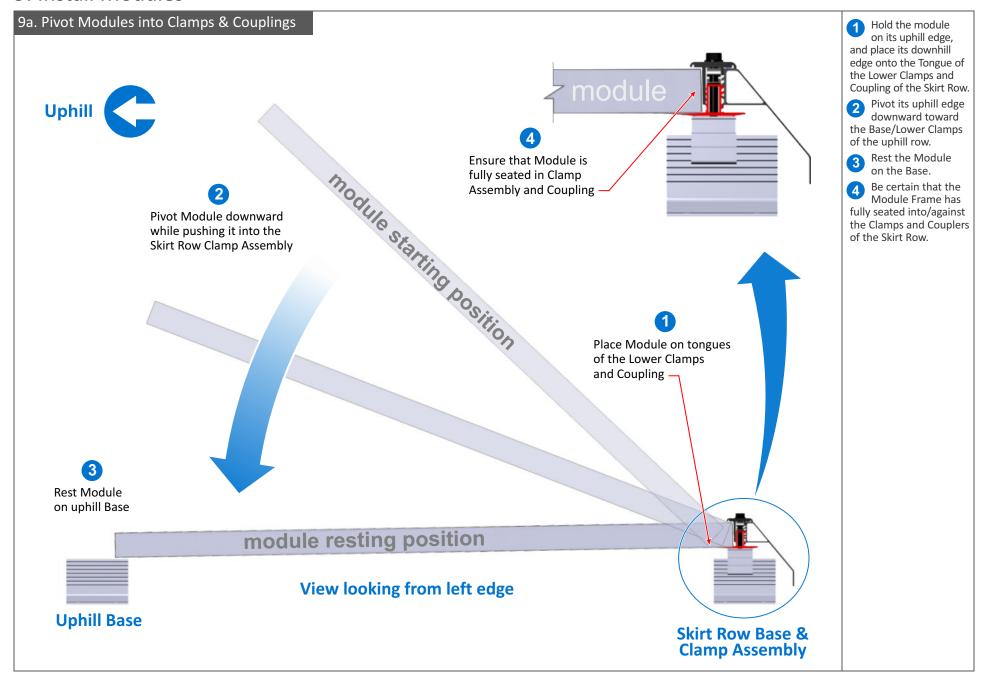


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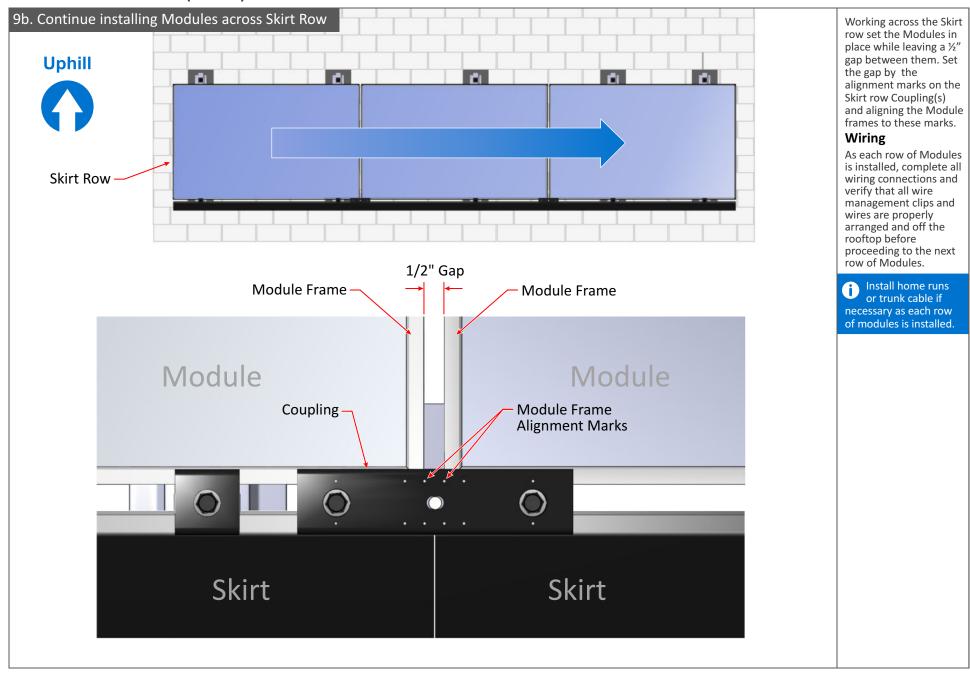


#### 9. Install Modules



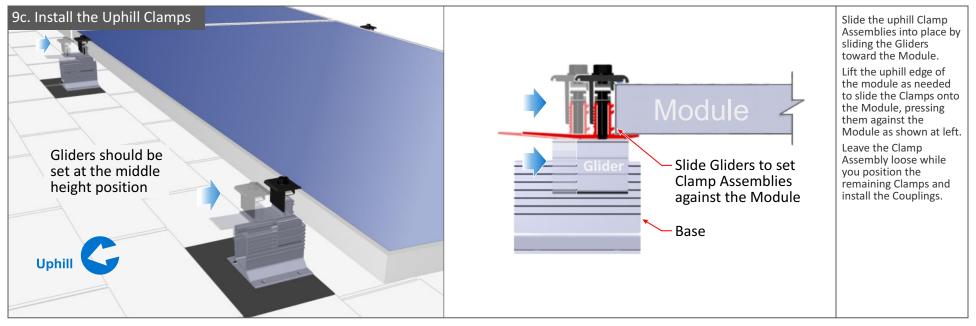


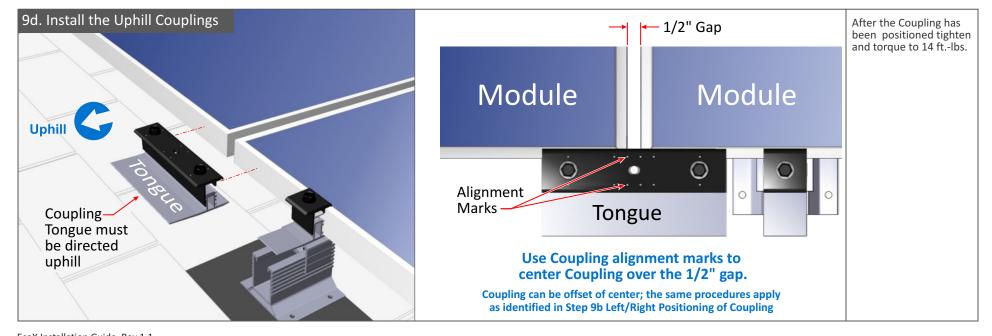
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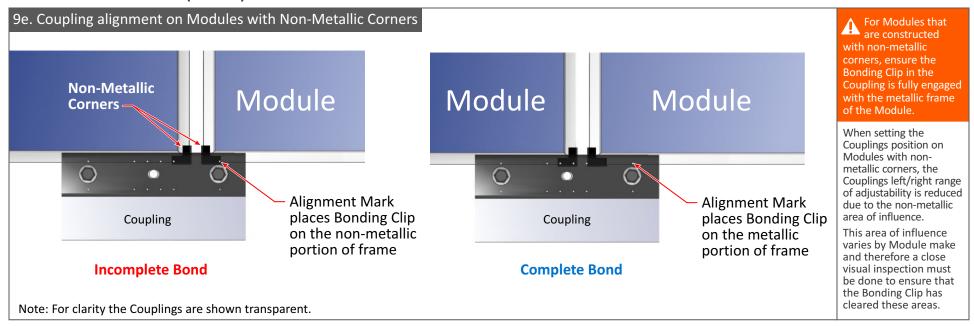
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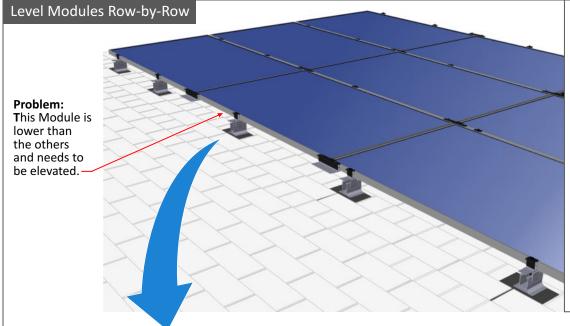


### 9. Install Modules (cont.)





#### 10. Level the Modules

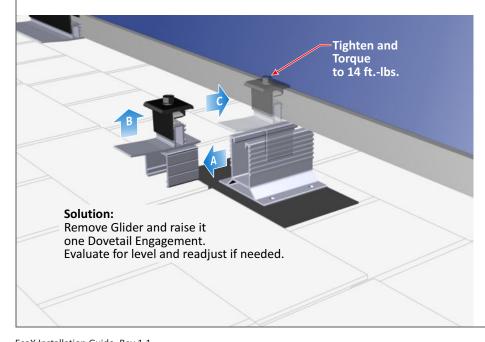


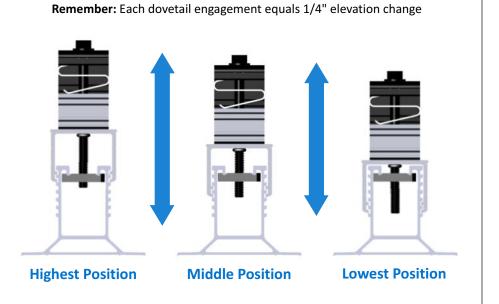
#### **Leveling the Modules**

As work progresses the Modules will need to be evaluated by eye and leveled row-by-row.

- 1. From the roof, visually evaluate the rows for a consistent level left to right, uphill, downhill and to the row below. Ideally, get an evaluation from someone on the ground as well.
- 2. If elevation adjustments are required, raise or lower the Glider positions (as needed) on their respective Bases to bring things into level.
- 3. After leveling, tighten the Clamps to 14 ft.-lbs.

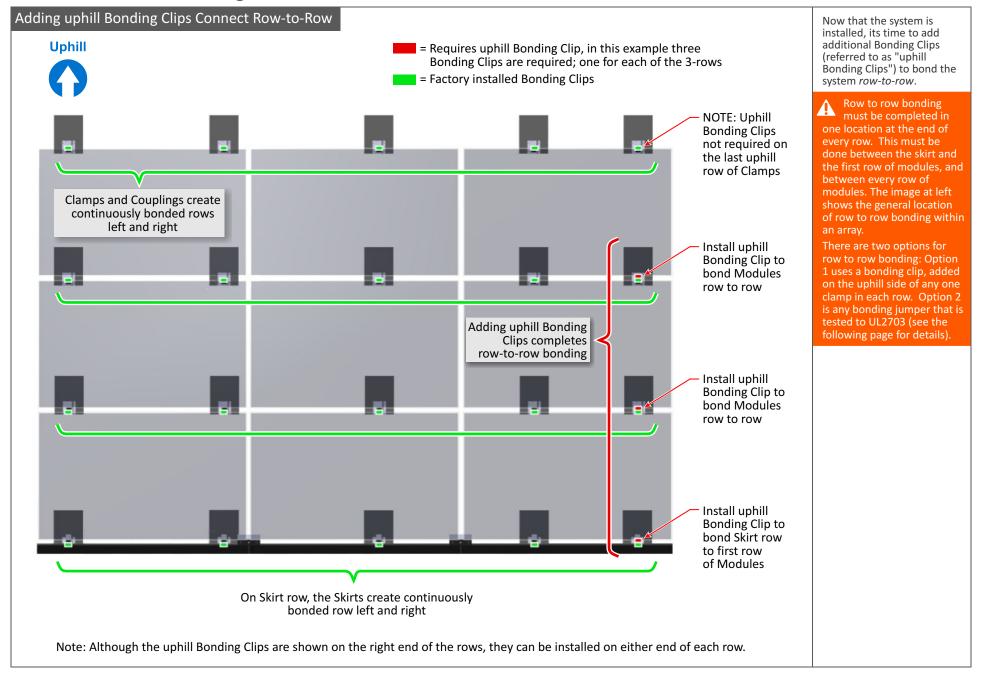
Repeat Steps 9a through 9e for the remaining rows of Modules.





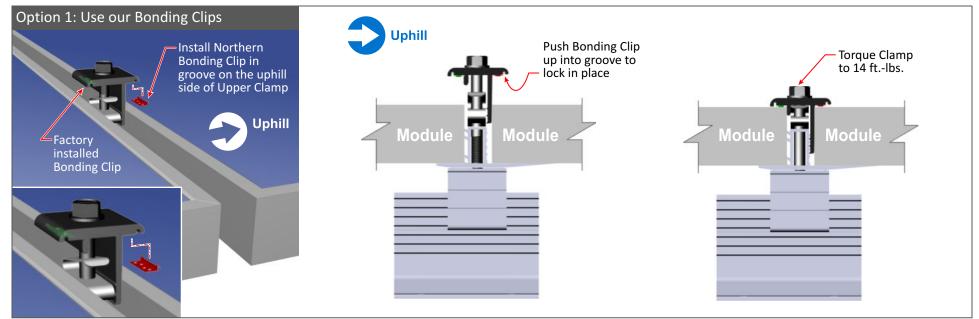


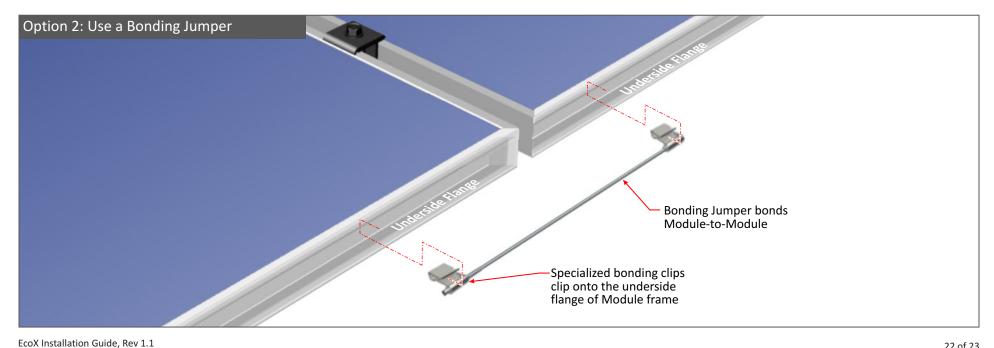
### 10. Row to Row Bonding





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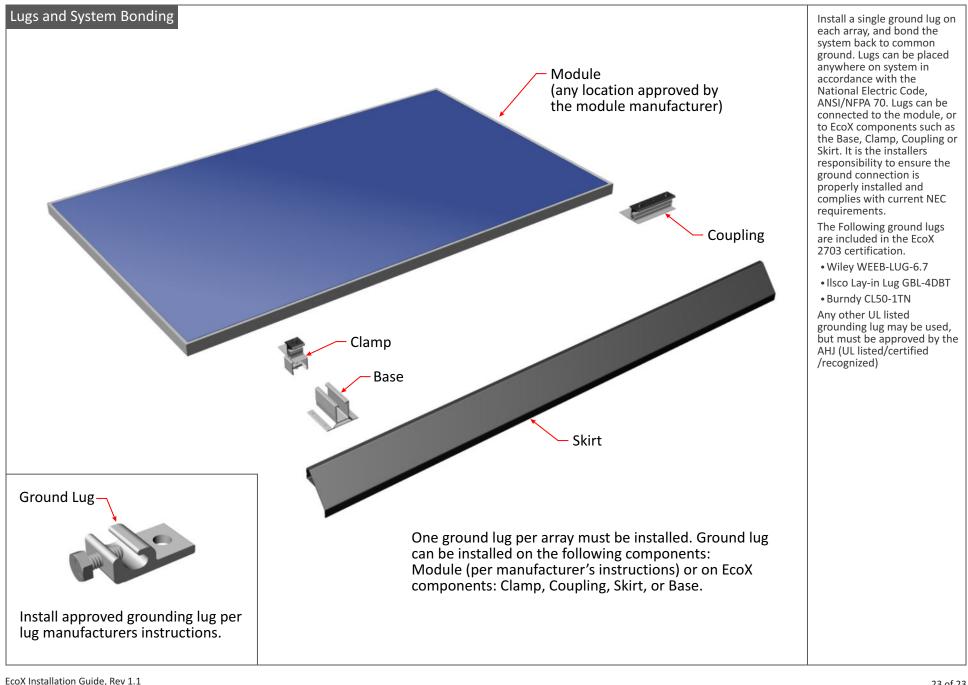




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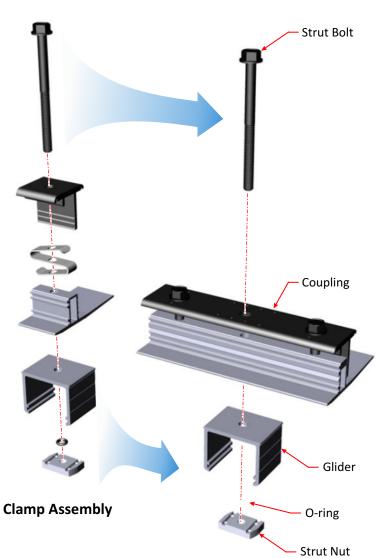


### Appendix A: How to replace the Clamp Assembly with a Coupling

# A1. Disassemble Clamp Assembly and Rebuild using a Coupling This situation requires a Coupling: When a Rafter falls where two Modules meet, the Clamp Assembly must be removed and replaced with a Coupling. Uphill Rafter happens Attachment to fall where two mounted to rafter. Modules meet-Clamp Assembly must be replaced with Coupling Module Module Skirt Skirt

#### **Swap Clamp Assembly for Coupling:**

Disassemble and reassemble with Coupling. Reuse Strut Bolt, Glider, O-ring and Strut Nut



This procedure is used only in those situations wherein adjusting Attachments (Step 8e), fails to resolve interference issues between an Attachment and a Coupling. A common example of this is shown at left when a rafter falls where two modules meet.

Remove the Glider and Clamp assembly from the Base. Next, remove the Upper and Lower Clamps from the Glider by removing the Strut Bolt and Strut Nut.

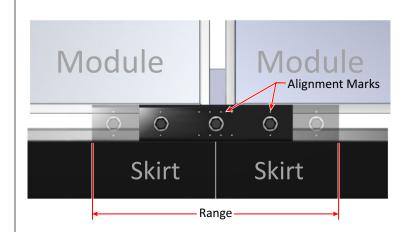
Position the Coupling onto the Glider and reinstall the Strut Bolt and Strut Nut. Return the Glider to its original position on the Base. Align the Glider and Coupling to the Modules as described in sections 8, 9, and A-2. Tighten and torque the Strut Bolt and Coupling Clamp to 14 ft.-lbs.

To ensure proper electrical bonding install the modified Coupling within the allowable left/right limits. The following page demonstrates the maximum allowable range of positions between the Coupling and Module Frame(s). Use the Alignment Marks and align to the Module Frame. Any less overlap inhibits proper bonding and may not properly support



### Appendix A: How to replace the Clamp Assembly with a Coupling (cont.)

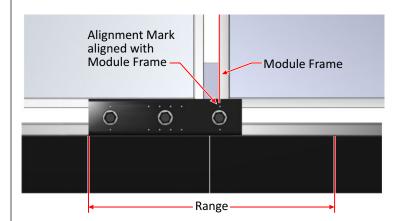
#### A2. Utilizing the Alignment Marks for Proper alignment of Coupling to Modules and Skirts



#### **Acceptable Range of Positioning**

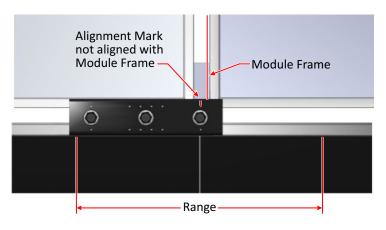
Coupling has a maximum allowable range of positioning and must not exceed this range.

Using Alignment Marks keeps the range in check.



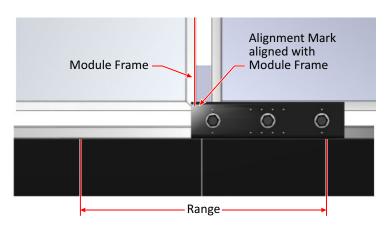
#### **Outermost Positioning - Scenario One**

Alignment Marks properly aligned with Module Frame



#### **Incorrect**

Coupling position exceeds the allowable range. Alignment Mark is not in-line with Module Frame. Inadequate Module and Skirt support. Bonding will be inhibited.



#### **Outermost Positioning - Scenario Two**

Alignment Marks properly aligned with Module Frame

Just as in earlier steps, the Coupling must be properly aligned in order for bonding to occur and also to properly support the Modules and/or skirts.

For Modules that are constructed with non-metallic corners, ensure the Bonding Clip in the Coupling is fully engaged with the metallic frame of the Module as shown in step 9-e.

If the Coupling is not within the acceptable range of positioning the Bonding Clips (within its Upper Clamp) will fail to make proper contact with the Modules and/or Skirts. Correct positioning to the Alignment Marks ensures the Bonding Clips are making contact with the Modules and/or Skirts concluding in a proper bond.

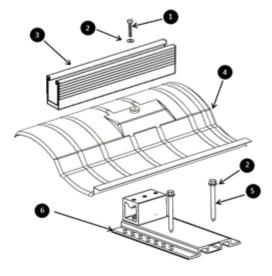
When replacing a Clamp Assembly with a Coupling verify that the left/right positioning of the Coupling will fall within the acceptable range of positioning as shown to the left. Remember, after the Coupling is installed it is in a fixed left/right position and cannot be adjusted because it is secured to the Glider and Base attachment to the rooftop.



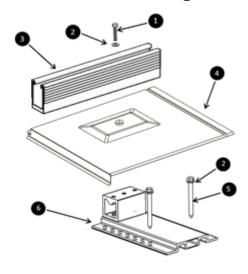
# Appendix B: Tile Roof Attachments - S Tile

### B1. Part Identification

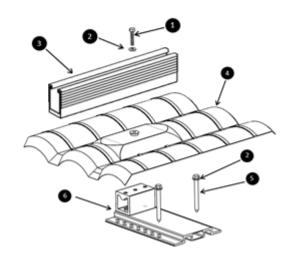
# S Tile Flashing



# **Flat Tile Flashing**



# W Tile Flashing

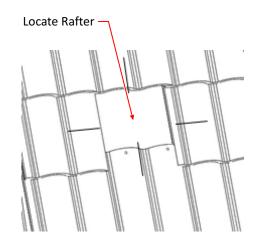


Item No.	Description	
1	5/16"-18 X 1.5" Fully Threaded Hex Head Cap Screw 18-8 SS	1
2	5/16" ID EPDM Bonded Washer 18-8 SS	3
3	Tile Base	1
4	EcoFasten Solar Tile Flashing (W, S, or Flat)	1
5	5/16" X 4" Hex Head Lag Screw 18-8 SS	2
6	EcoFasten Solar Tile Base	1



### Appendix B: Tile Roof Attachments - S Tile (cont.)

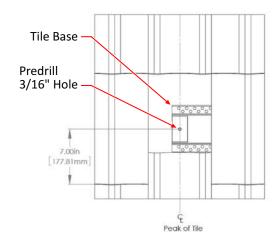
#### B2. Install Attachments



#### 2a. Remove Tile

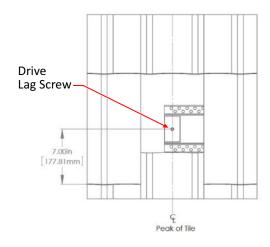
Remove the tile at rafter location nearest to desired mounting location. Locate the rafter and place the tile base on the roof deck.

Depending on rafter location relative to desired mounting point, east west orientation of tile base may need to be adjusted.



#### 2b. Predrill Lag Screw Holes

Find intersection of each selected rafter and marked row. Predrill 3/16" hole through the roof sheathing and into the roof structural member.



#### 2c. Install Tile Base

Find predrilled holes from previous step. Locate the Tile Base by sliding it underneath the adjacent tile. Using ½" Hex Driver, drive Lag Screws through the Washers and the tile base and into the predrilled hole in the roof structural member.

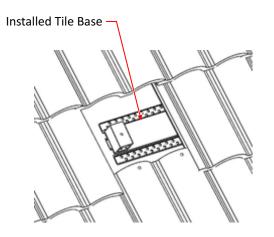


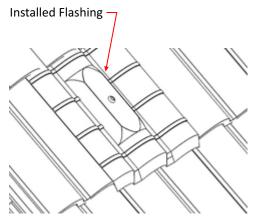
To provide an additional layer of waterproofing, fill the predrilled holes with caulk.



# Appendix B: Tile Roof Attachments - S Tile (cont.)

### B3. Install Tile Flashing and Attachment Kits



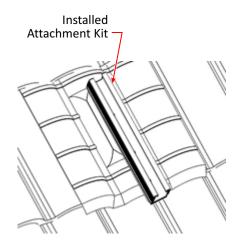


#### 3a. Install Tile Flashing

With the tile base installed, tilt the tile flashing into place. To do this, it may be helpful to push the tile in the next course up slightly to allow the tile flashing to easily align with the base. Re-align adjacent tiles as necessary to create a watertight roof connection.



Please reference manufactures install guide for complete waterproofing instructions.



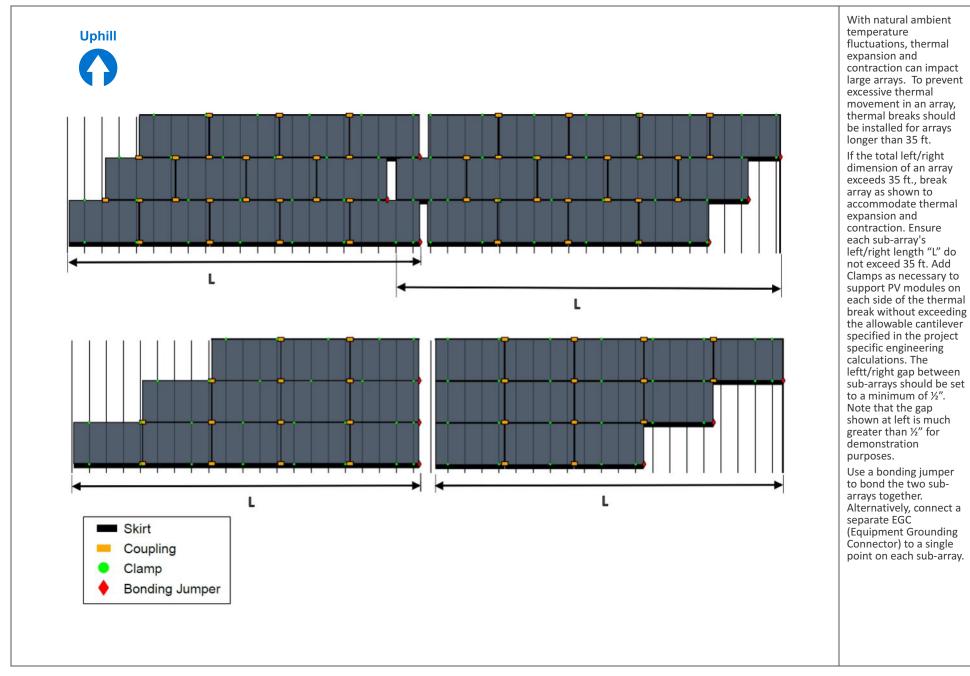
#### **3b. Install Attachment Kits**

Using the provided 5/16" – 18 hex head cap screw to attach the lower support to the tile base.

Continue with Step 2 in the general instructions.

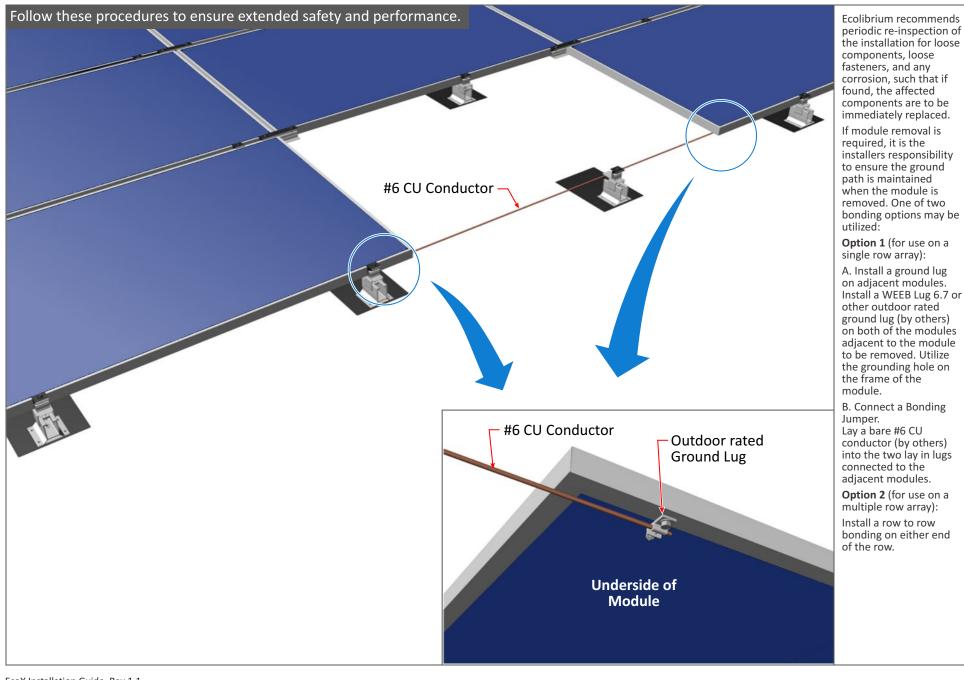


### Appendix C: Thermal Expansion





### Appendix D: Service and Maintenance





# Appendix E: UL 2703 System Approval

EcoX is rated to be installed with 60-cell Modules according to the approval list

Manufacturer	Module Series	Max. Downforce	Max. Uplift	Max. Downslope
Canadian Solar	CS6P-XXX	40 psf	40 psf	23.3 psf
Hyundai	HiS-XXXXMG HiS-XXXXRG HiS-XXXXRW	40 psf	40 psf	23.3 psf
Jinko	JKMXXXM-60 JKMXXXMM-60 JKMXXXP-60 JKMXXXPP-60 JKMSXXXP-60	40 psf	40 psf	23.3 psf
LG Electronics	LGXXXN1C-X3 LGXXXS1K-X3 LGXXXS1C-X3 LGXXXA1C-X3	30 psf	30 psf	23.3 psf
Q-Cells	Q.PLUS-G3 Q.PEAK-G3 Q.PRO-G4	40 psf	40 psf	23.3 psf
SolarWorld	SW XXX	40 psf	40 psf	23.3 psf
SunEdison	F2XXXXX-XX	40 psf	40 psf	23.3 psf
Trina	TSM-PX05.XX	40 psf	40 psf	23.3 psf
Yingli	YL2XXP-29b YL2XXC-30b	40 psf	40 psf	23.3 psf