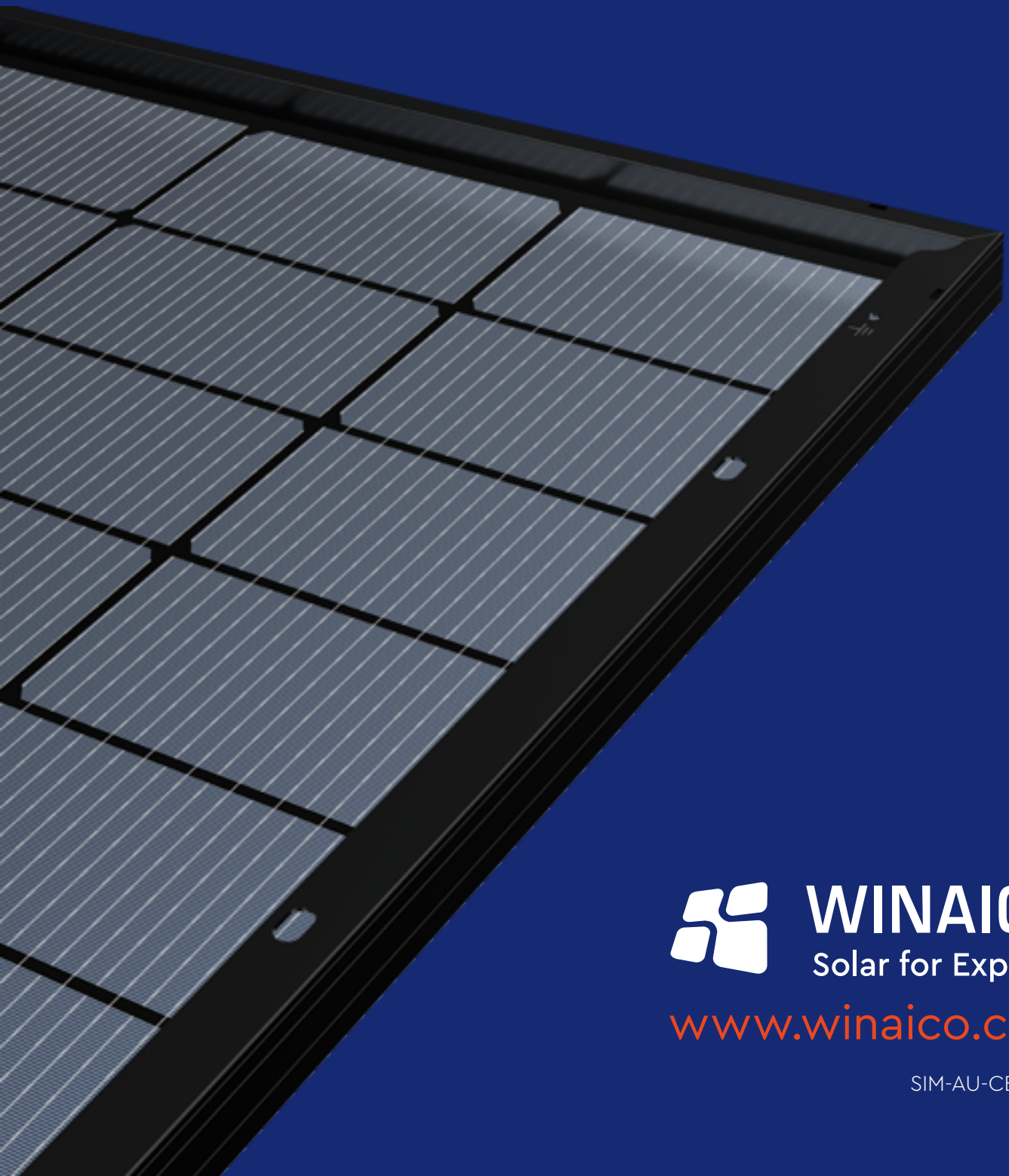
Installation Manual

WINAICO Photovoltaic Modules



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***Specifications included in this dataset are subject to change without notice.**

1. Introduction Thank you for choosing WINAICO for your solar system.

This manual is intended for qualified solar designers and installers to assist in the correct installation, operation and maintenance of WINAICO's WSP and WST series solar panels. WINAICO solar panels should only be installed by qualified professionals authorised to carry out such work by their relevant local jurisdiction. Unqualified people should be kept a safe distance away.

All relevant standards and local regulations must be followed. Failure to adhere to the instructions in the manual and to local requirements may void product warranties. Improper installation of solar panels can be a safety hazard and will result in low systems yields.

WINAICO solar modules are covered by product warranties accessible from our website and through our local offices. We recommend that you insure your WINAICO photovoltaic system from natural and other hazards (e.g. lightning strikes,vandalism).

If there are any points of ambiguity WINAICO recommends confirming proposed designs in writing before the time ofinstallation. Contact details are at the end of this document if you require further information or clarification. Feedback on how we may improve this document is welcome.

Exclusion clause

These instructions only apply to WINAICO products. WINAICO does not accept liability for any damage resulting from failure to observe the requirements listed. Please note that the person mounting the system is responsible for connecting and sizing the system as well as compliance with all the safety specifications applicable to configuration and installation. WINAICO assumes no responsibility beyond the proper function and safety of the modules. Also note the installation instructions for other system components which may form part of the overall system. A structural analysis may have to be produced for the entire project.

Please consult our website https://www.winaico.com/ for more details..

Applicable Module Type

Glass-Glass, monocrystalline N-Type modules | TOPCon

- **WST-XXXNCX48-AW**
- **WST-XXXNCX48-BW**
- **WST-XXXNCX54-AW**

Glass-Glass, monocrystalline N-Type modules | WBC

- **WST-XXXBKX54-A2**
- **WST-XXXBKX54-B2**
- **WST-XXXBKX72-A2**
- **WST-XXXBKX54-A3**
- **WST-XXXBKX54-B3**
- **WST-XXXBKX54-D3**
- **WST-XXXBKX54-E3**
- **WST-XXXBKX72-A3**

* "XXX" in the module type refers to the nominal power of the module.

2. Warning notices and handling instructions

ATTENTION:

Danger of death from electric shock

Solar modules start to generate electricity as soon as they are exposed to light. Solar panels can produce life threatening **High voltage!** especially when connected in series. The fully insulated plug-in contacts do provide insulation protection. However, you should nevertheless observe the following when handling photovoltaic modules:

- Do not insert electrically conductive parts into the plugs and sockets.
- Do not install solar modules and wiring with wet plugs and sockets. Working conditions and tools must be dry.
- All work performed on the wiring must be carried out by authorized specialist personnel with the utmost caution and only with the aid of safety equipment.
- High voltages may be present in wiring, modules and inverters even when they are switched off. Undertake all work with the appropriate level of caution – risk of death due to electric current!
- After switching off the inverter, before beginning any further work it is essential to wait for the time interval specified by the manufacturer so that the high-voltage components can discharge.
- Be sure to carefully follow the inverter manufacturer's installation instructions!
- Reference the electrical information on the label on the back of the module.

WINAICO modules are designed to meet the requirements for the IEC 61215, IEC 61730 and UL 1703 standards for operation in a temperate climate (the module operating temperatures are between -40 °C and +85 °C). Modules qualified for safety tests certified through IEC 61730-1 and 61730-2 comply with application level class A and meet the requirements for safety level class II.

ATTENTION:

Danger of death from electric arcs

Modules generate direct current (DC) when exposed to light irradiation and a deadly electric arc can result when opening a closed section (e.g. when separating the DC cable from the inverter under load).

Product protection

Protect the modules from incorrect handling.

- Do not lay any object on the modules, never walk on the modules and do not drop them.
- Only undertake modifications on the module if these have been confirmed in writing by WINAICO.
- Do not work on the modules with pointed objects.
- Keep all electrical contacts clean and dry.

- It is recommended that the serial numbers are recorded for system documentation.
- The solar module is not saltwater-resistant, and shall not be in direct contact with saltwater.
- The module must not be subjected to unusual chemical loads (e.g. emissions from manufacturing plants).
- Do not use lenses or mirrors to concentrate light (danger of overheating).
- If solar modules are to be connected to storage batteries, the safety precautions of the battery manufacturer must be observed.
- Do not stand or step on the PV module, this is prohibited. There can be risk of microcrack which may cause a sharp decline of module's power performance; what's more, it may threaten your safety.
- Do not hit or put excessive load on the glass or back sheet. There can be risk of microcrack which may cause a sharp decline of module's power performance; what's more, it may threaten your safety.

Under the anticipated conditions, a PV module can supply a higher current and/or voltage than specified in the standardised test conditions. The voltage rating of components, current rating values of conductors, fuse sizes, and rating of controllers connected to the outputs of PV modules should be referenced on the electrical label for the maximum fuse blowing rating.

3. Module Handling

Safety

- A pallet of solar panels weighs over 600 kg.
- Solar panels weigh up to and over 20 kg, and at over 1.5 m long can be cumbersome to handle. Care should be taken to avoid injury.
- It is hazardous to install solar panels in high wind conditions.
- It is hazardous to install solar panels in wet weather.

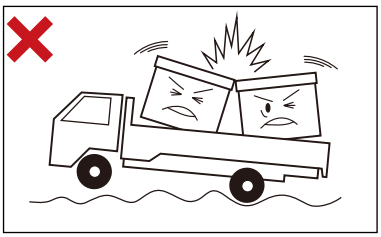
General

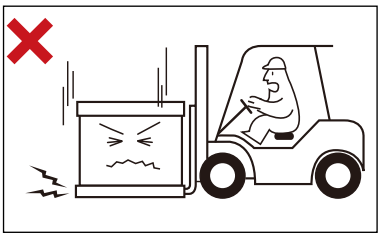
Take care when transporting and handling solar panels. Many issues caused by rough handling will arise years after the installation. Taking additional care can save considerable time and money from avoided service calls and replacements.

- It is recommended that you inspect all deliveries immediately to ensure there have not been any issues during transit. If there are any problems contact WINAICO immediately.
- Never walk on a solar module or place or drop a heavy object onto one.
- Modifications or repairs must be confirmed by WINAICO in writing.
- Keep all electrical contacts clean and dry.
- Do not work on the modules with sharp objects.
- Record module serial numbers for system documentation.

Transport

- Transport vehicles and equipment should be fit for purpose and well maintained.
- Secure boxes in transit to avoid collisions or impacts during transportation.
- Treat boxes and pallets with care, do not drop or allow the boxes to receive impacts.
- Any other freight being transported with Solar Modules should be properly secured to prevent impacts.
- Any panels transported outside of their boxes should be properly secured and not allowed to move independently.



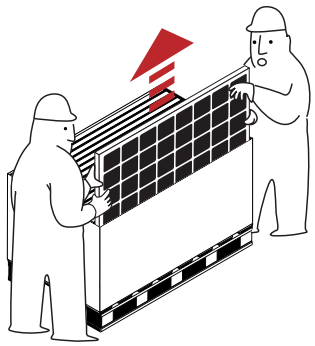


Storage

- Store in a cool dry place. The cardboard box while strong is not waterproof.
- WINAICO pallets may be stacked up to two pallets high for storage. Do not exceed a maximum stacking height of two pallets.
- Leave modules in packaging until they are ready for installation.

Unpacking

- Unpacking is a two-person job.
- Lift the first module vertically with both hands to avoid frame scraping.
- Avoid horizontal movement when lifting module.
- Carry the modules with both hands and wear safety gloves or use glass suction cups for removal and transport.
- Under no circumstances use the junction box or connection lines as handles.



4. Application area and mounting site

Application area

- The maximum installation altitude for WINAICO modules is 2,000 m above sea level. Installation above 2,000 m is not permitted.
- The module is intended for use in temperate climatic conditions. The extreme weather temperature might affect the power output and efficiency of the solar module.
- The module must not be exposed to concentrated light. It must not be immersed in water or constantly exposed to water spray (e.g. from fountains).
- There is risk of corrosion with exposure to salt and sulfur (sulfur sources, volcanoes). Therefore, the module must not be installed in the vicinity of salt, salt water and sulfur.
- The permissible module temperature range is -40 °C to +85 °C, and the module operating temperature $[T98]_{MAX}$ shall remain < 70 °C.
- Adequate rear ventilation shall be maintained to prevent excessive module temperatures. Avoid any shading or other conditions that may cause localized overheating, and conduct periodic infrared (IR) thermographic inspections where necessary.
- Do not subject modules to strong chemicals.
- Make sure that the modules and module components are never standing or lying in water.
- The module may not be installed adjacent to naked flames or flammable materials. Solar modules are non- explosionprotected equipment.

Mounting site

Orientation

The performance of WINAICO Panels is dependent on the available solar resource, as well as their positioning in relation to the movement of the sun. Optimal panel tilting will be determined by the installation location, local siting restriction, and the load profile or desired generation profile. Your local WINAICO office can assist with optimum system design.

A minimum tilt of 15 degrees is recommended to allow for water and dirt run off. Tilt angles less than this are permitted if additional maintenance is planned to keep the panels clean, and a proper design analysis has been completed.

* Your local WINAICO office can assist with optimum system design. In general terms, if you are in the Northern Hemisphere, panels should face South, and if you are in the Southern Hemisphere, panels should face North.

Location

The mounting site should be as free as possible from shade of any kind (houses, trees, branches, leaves, cables, antennas, etc.), because shade can significantly reduce the output of the solar modules. Partial shade can also reduce the energy yield. A module is regarded as free of shade if the entire surface is free of shade throughout the year, and with unhindered exposure to sunlight over a period of several hours per day, even on the most unfavorable days of the year.

Ventilation from behind

Solar modules decrease in power output as their temperature increases. Ventilation from behind allows air convection to cool the module, with greater spacing increasing the cooling rate. This is particularly import for modules with black backsheets and for flush mounting.

* WINAICO recommends that modules be mounted with a minimum of 100 mm clearance from a flat surface.

Winter

When mounting a module it is essential to ensure that the water drainage openings on the rear side of the frame are not covered, in order to avoid damage from frost. The solar installation should be mounted such that as little snow as possible can remain on the modules. Solar modules from WINAICO are certified for snow loads up to 5400 Pa.

* The modules have to be installed at a minimum inclination of 35 degrees in regions with increased snow loading zones

5. Mounting and installation

ATTENTION:

Risk of fire if module components are damaged!

- Only install undamaged solar modules.
- Before the installation ensure that the junction box, cables and connectors are undamaged.
- Never open the junction box chassis.
- Bifacial modules: the side with the junction box is the rear side. Install with the front side (without junction box) facing the sun.

Safety precautions

- Store the modules safely in cool and dry rooms. The packaging is not weather-proof!
- Incorporate the installation in the existing lightning protection system in line with local requirements.
- WINAICO recommends only mounting and installing the system in dry weather.
- Observe the relevant accident prevention regulations.
- Do not carry out installation work in high winds.
- Secure yourself and other persons against falling.
- Prevent the possibility of falling objects.
- Secure the work area so that no other persons can be injured. Keep children away from the installation site.
- All parts of the module should be protected from mechanical stress (e.g. caused by pressure, tension, torsional stress) during transport and installation. Ensure that the radius doesn't fall below the minimum permissible bend radius of 60 mm for cables at the junction box output either during installation or system operation.
- Do not damage, pull, bend, or place heavy material on cables.

Fire protection

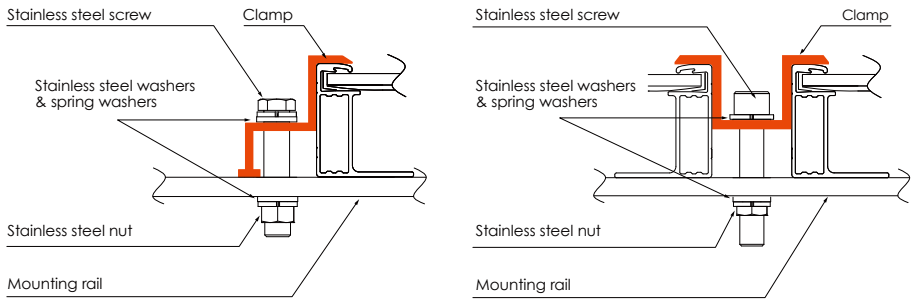
The installation of on-roof systems can affect the fire safety of a building; improper installations can be a fire hazard. In the case of on-roof applications, the WINAICO modules must be mounted above a fire-resistant surface.

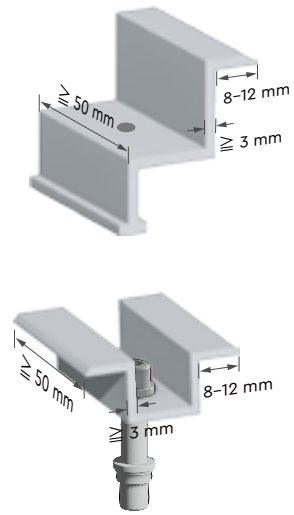
The module is "non-explosion-protected equipment". The use of improper installation methods and/or defective parts may result in the unexpected occurrence of an electrical arc during operation. Therefore, it may not be installed near highly flammable gases and vapors (e.g. filling stations, gas tanks or paint spraying systems). The module may not be installed adjacent to naked flames or flammable materials.

5.1 Mechanical module mounting

WINAICO modules are suitable for both vertical and horizontal installation methods due to their high degree of stability. The modules must be clamped in place at a minimum of 4 points and locked at positions in accordance with the installation manual clamping zone description. The modules can be mounted on the substructure by clamps from the front or by screws from behind.

Clamp Installation of Modules





Dimension of clamps

Clamp System Recommendations

When selecting clamps, ensure they meet the following specifications:

- **Clamp dimension**: Clamp length should be ≥50mm, clamp thickness should be ≥3mm, overlap area between the clamp and aluminum frame must be 8~12mm.
- Clamps do not touch the front glass and do not deform the frame.
- Clamps must be certified and meet the structural requirements of the respective environmental conditions at the installation site, in accordance with applicable regulations and technical standards.

Additional Considerations

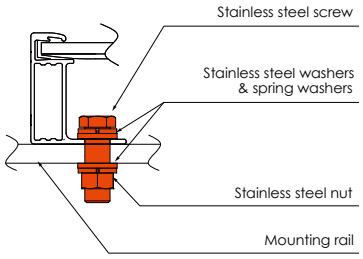
* Ensure clamps are made from materials that can withstand environmental conditions at the installation site.
* Regularly inspect clamps for wear and tear to maintain secure module attachment over time.

ATTENTION:

The clamp serves as the connection between the frame and the mounting structure. A welldesigned clamp can effectively prevent potential issues in the future. Please note that the selection of the clamp is unrelated to the structural strength of the frame. Be sure to use certified clamps.

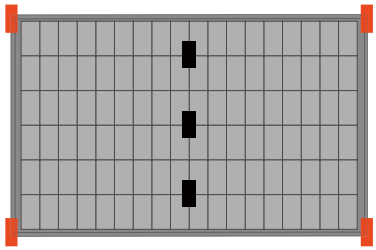
Screw System Recommendations

- There are multiple installation holes on the back frame of the module. The outer four installation holes need to be symmetrically secured for bolt-on module.
- Secure the module at each fixing location with one M8 screw, two flatwashers, one spring washer, and one nut, passing the screw through the mounting holes at the back of the module and fastening it to the rails across the long frame (see example below).
- A torque wrench must be used for assembly. In the examples shown, the tightening torque (using M8 screws produced from V2A) is 20 Nm.
- Use the existing drilled holes for securing the module. Do not drill any additional holes (doing so will void the product warranty).
- Use appropriate corrosion-resistant fastening materials and use washers to fasten the PV module.
- When the aluminum frame is mounted on a bracket of different metal material, the two metal parts should be isolated to avoid galvanic corrosion, especially for humid or coastal areas.
- Please ensure that the substructure does not touch the junction box even under load.



Screw Installation of Modules

5.2 Installation and Mechanical Load



Railless clamping

Clamp length should ≥50mm, overlap area between the clamp and aluminum frame must be 8~12mm.

Applicable Module Type

NCX / BKX Series

Module Type	Power range	Module Dimensions (mm)	Max. design load push / pull (Pa)	Max. test load push / pull (Pa)
WST-NCX48-AW	425~470	1,762 x 1,134 x 35	1067 / 1067	1600 / 1600
WST-NCX48-BW	425~470	1,762 x 1,134 x 35	1067 / 1067	1600 / 1600
WST-NCX54-AW	480~530	1,960 x 1,134 x 30	800 / 800	1200 / 1200
WST-BKX54-A2	475~505	1,800 x 1,134 x 35	1067 / 1067	1600 / 1600
WST-BKX54-B2	475~505	1,800 x 1,134 x 35	1067 / 1067	1600 / 1600
WST-BKX54-A3	500~505	1,800 x 1,134 x 35	1067 / 1067	1600 / 1600
WST-BKX54-B3	490~505	1,800 x 1,134 x 35	1067 / 1067	1600 / 1600
WST-BKX54-D3	500~505	1,800 x 1,134 x 35	1067 / 1067	1600 / 1600
WST-BKX54-E3	490~505	1,800 x 1,134 x 35	1067 / 1067	1600 / 1600

***Flat roof installation only**

Rails installation

By clamps (Number of clamps required depends on number of fastening points)

Applicable Module Type

NCX / BKX Series

Module Type	Power range	Quantity of cells	Max. design load push / pull (Pa)	Max. test load push / pull (Pa)
WST-BKX54-A2	475~505	108 cells	3600 / 1600	5400 / 2400
WST-BKX54-B2	475~505	108 cells	3600 / 1600	5400 / 2400
WST-BKX72-A2	645-675	144 cells	3600 / 1600	5400 / 2400
WST-BKX54-A3	500~505	108 cells	3600 / 1600	5400 / 2400
WST-BKX54-B3	490~505	108 cells	3600 / 1600	5400 / 2400
WST-BKX54-D3	500~505	108 cells	3600 / 1600	5400 / 2400
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WST-BKX72-A3	650~675	144 cells	3600 / 1600	5400 / 2400
WST-NCX48-AW	425~470	96 cells	3600 / 1600	5400 / 2400
WST-NCX48-BW	425~470	96 cells	3600 / 1600	5400 / 2400
WST-NCX54-AW	480~530	108 cells	3600 / 1600	5400 / 2400

* "XXX" in the module type refers to the nominal power of the module.
Push Load: Simulates downward pressure on the module, such as snow accumulation.
Pull Load: Simulates upward force caused by uplift during storms or high winds.

By outer four hole screws mounting

Applicable Module Type

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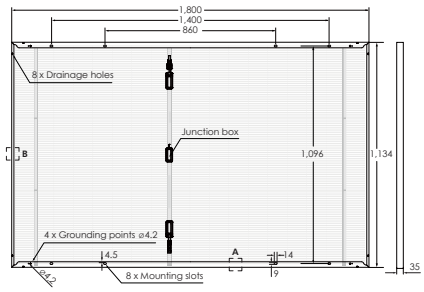
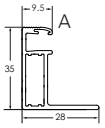
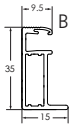
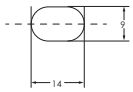




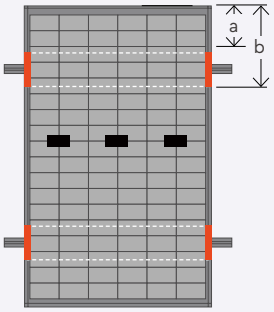
Frame cross section





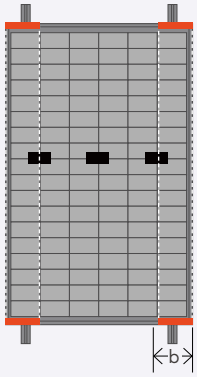
Mounting slot

Module series	WST-BKX54-A2 | B2
Quantity of cells	6 x 18
Dimensions (mm)	1,800 x 1,134 x 35
Area (m2)	2.04
Weight (kg)	25
Max system voltage (VDC)	1500
Connector type	PV-KST4-EVO2A/xy, PV-KBT4-EVO2A/xy
Junction box	IP68
Fire class	A
Protection class	–



A1
a=240 mm
b=440 mm
4 fastening points

A2
a=100 mm
b=500 mm
4 fastening points



B
a=0 mm
b=250 mm
4 fastening points

A. Installation on long module side

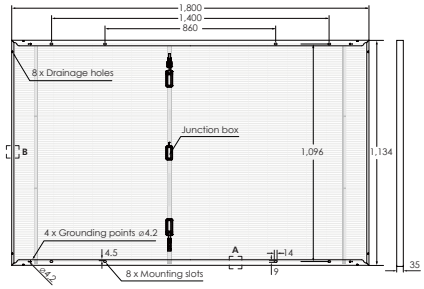
		A1	A2
Test load	Front (push)	5400 Pa	2400 Pa
	Rear (pull)	2400 Pa	1500 Pa
Design load (=Test load / 1.5)	Front (push)	3600 Pa	1600 Pa
	Rear (pull)	1600 Pa	1000 Pa

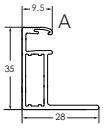
B. Installation on short module side

Test load	Front (push)	2400 Pa
	Rear (pull)	1600 Pa
Design load (=Test load / 1.5)	Front (push)	1600 Pa
	Rear (pull)	1067 Pa

Module type list

* Test and design load in accordance with IEC 61215:2016 or IEC 61215:2021, depending on mounting options (please refer to section 5.1).
Examples of correct mounting methods: clamps can be used only at the specified clamping area ( ).





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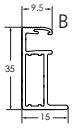
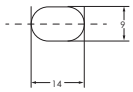
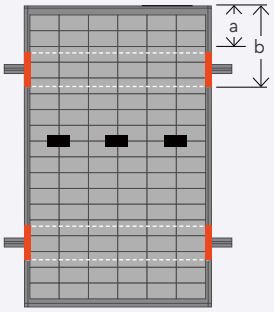




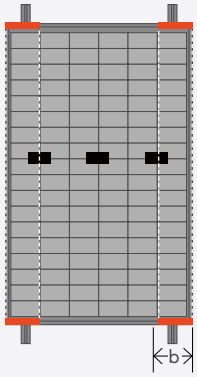
Mounting slot

Module series	WST-BKX54-A3|B3|D3|E3
Quantity of cells	6 x 18
Dimensions (mm)	1,800 x 1,134 x 35
Area (m2)	2.04
Weight (kg)	25
Max system voltage (VDC)	1500
Connector type	PV-KST4-EVO2A/xy, PV-KBT4-EVO2A/xy
Junction box	IP68
Fire class	C
Protection class	–



A1
a=240 mm
b=440 mm
4 fastening points

A2
a=100 mm
b=500 mm
4 fastening points



B
a=0 mm
b=250 mm
4 fastening points

A. Installation on long module side

		A1	A2
Test load	Front (push)	5400 Pa	2400 Pa
	Rear (pull)	2400 Pa	1500 Pa
Design load (=Test load / 1.5)	Front (push)	3600 Pa	1600 Pa
	Rear (pull)	1600 Pa	1000 Pa

B. Installation on short module side

Test load	Front (push)	2400 Pa
	Rear (pull)	1600 Pa
Design load (=Test load / 1.5)	Front (push)	1600 Pa
	Rear (pull)	1067 Pa

Module type list

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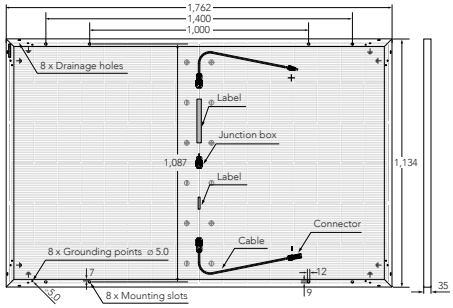
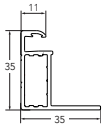
Examples of correct mounting methods: clamps can be used only at the specified clamping area ( ).





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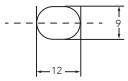
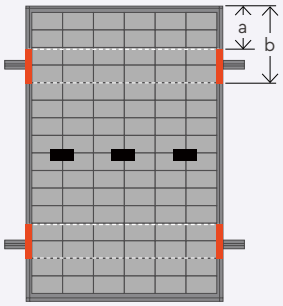


Mounting slot

Module series	WST-NCX48-AW | BW
Quantity of cells	6 x 16
Dimensions (mm)	1,762 x 1,134 x 35
Area (m2)	1.998
Weight (kg)	25
Max system voltage (VDC)	1500
Connector type	PV-KST4-EVO2A/xy, PV-KBT4-EVO2A/xy
Junction box	IP68
Fire class	C
Protection class	–



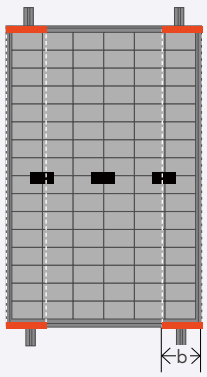
A1
a=240 mm
b=440 mm
4 fastening points

A2
a=100 mm
b=500 mm
4 fastening points

A. Installation on long module side

		A1	A2
Test load	Front (push)	5400 Pa	2400 Pa
	Rear (pull)	2400 Pa	1500 Pa
Design load (=Test load / 1.5)	Front (push)	3600 Pa	1600 Pa
	Rear (pull)	1600 Pa	1000 Pa

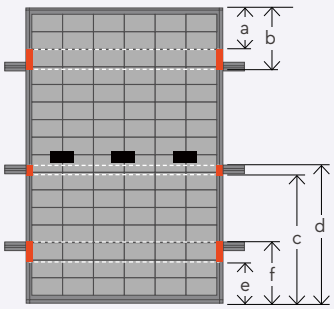
Module type list



B
a=0 mm
b=250 mm
4 fastening points

B. Installation on short module side

Test load	Front (push)	2400 Pa
	Rear (pull)	1600 Pa
Design load (=Test load / 1.5)	Front (push)	1600 Pa
	Rear (pull)	1067 Pa



C
a=240 mm
b=340 mm
c=801 mm
d=851 mm
e=240 mm
f=340 mm
6 fastening points

C. 3 rails on long module side

Test load	Front (push)	5400 Pa
	Rear (pull)	2400 Pa
Design load (=Test load / 1.5)	Front (push)	3600 Pa
	Rear (pull)	1600 Pa

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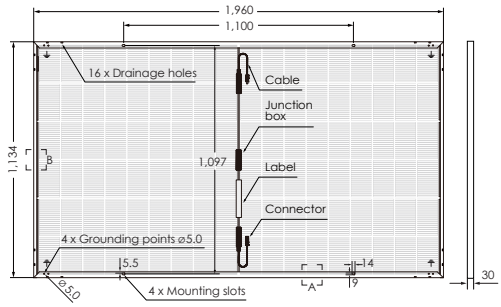
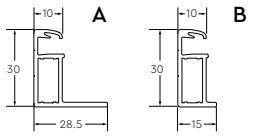
Examples of correct mounting methods: clamps can be used only at the specified clamping area ( ).





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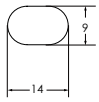
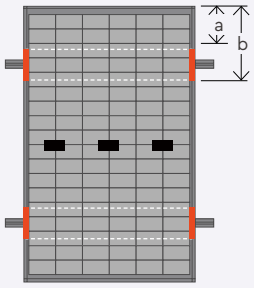
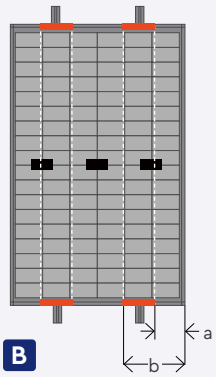


Mounting slot

Module series	WST-NCX54-AW
Quantity of cells	6 x 18
Dimensions (mm)	1,960 x 1,134 x 30
Area (m2)	2.22
Weight (kg)	27.4
Max system voltage (VDC)	1500
Connector type	PV-KST4-EVO2A/xy, PV-KBT4-EVO2A/xy
Junction box	IP68
Fire class	C
Protection class	–



A
a=290 mm
b=490 mm
4 fastening points



B
a=150 mm
b=250 mm
4 fastening points

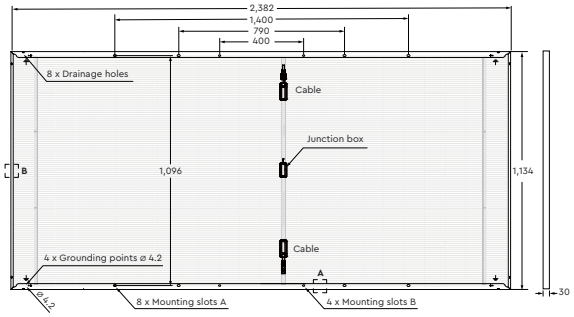
A. Installation on long module side

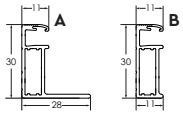
Test load	Front (push)	5400 Pa
	Rear (pull)	2400 Pa
Design load (=Test load / 1.5)	Front (push)	3600 Pa
	Rear (pull)	1600 Pa

B. Installation on short module side

Test load	Front (push)	2400 Pa
	Rear (pull)	2400 Pa
Design load (=Test load / 1.5)	Front (push)	1600 Pa
	Rear (pull)	1600 Pa

Module type list





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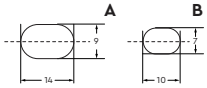
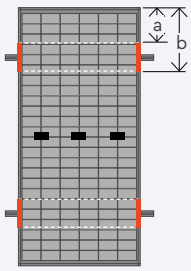
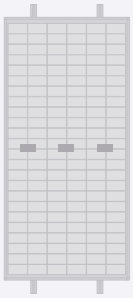


Mounting slot

Module series	WST-BKX72-A2
Quantity of cells	6 x 24
Dimensions (mm)	2,382 x 1,134 x 30
Area (m2)	2.70
Weight (kg)	32.1
Max system voltage (VDC)	1500
Connector type	PV-KST4-EVO2A/xy, PV-KBT4-EVO2A/xy
Junction box	IP68
Fire class	A
Protection class	–



A
a=460 mm
b=560 mm
4 fastening points



B
a=/ mm
b=/ mm
/ fastening points

A. Installation on long module side

Test load	Front (push)	5400 Pa
	Rear (pull)	2400 Pa
Design load (=Test load / 1.5)	Front (push)	3600 Pa
	Rear (pull)	1600 Pa

B. Installation on short module side

Test load	Front (push)	N/A
	Rear (pull)	N/A
Design load (=Test load / 1.5)	Front (push)	N/A
	Rear (pull)	N/A

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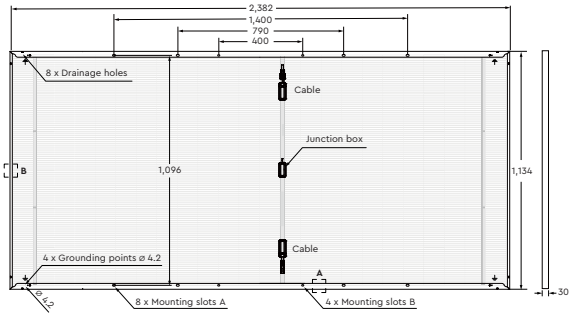
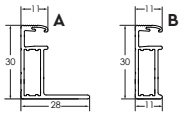
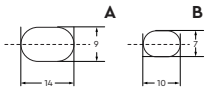
Examples of correct mounting methods: clamps can be used only at the specified clamping area ( ).



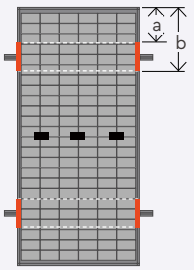


Frame cross section



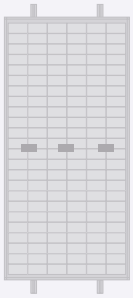
Mounting slot

Module series	WST-BKX72-A3
Quantity of cells	6 x 24
Dimensions (mm)	2,382 x 1,134 x 30
Area (m2)	2.70
Weight (kg)	31.9
Max system voltage (VDC)	1500
Connector type	PV-KST4-EVO2A/xy, PV-KBT4-EVO2A/xy
Junction box	IP68
Fire class	C
Protection class	–



A

a=460 mm
b=560 mm
4 fastening points



B

a=/ mm
b=/ mm
/ fastening points

A. Installation on long module side

Test load	Front (push)	5400 Pa
	Rear (pull)	2400 Pa
Design load (=Test load / 1.5)	Front (push)	3600 Pa
	Rear (pull)	1600 Pa

B. Installation on short module side

Test load	Front (push)	N/A
	Rear (pull)	N/A
Design load (=Test load / 1.5)	Front (push)	N/A
	Rear (pull)	N/A

Module type list

* Test and design load in accordance with IEC 61215:2016 or IEC 61215:2021, depending on mounting options (please refer to section 5.1).
Examples of correct mounting methods: clamps can be used only at the specified clamping area ( ).

Maximum mechanical load

Ensure that the maximum mechanical load is not exceeded, and take into account of any site-dependent loads (See Chapter 5.2 INSTALLATION AND MECHANICAL LOAD). Please note that the module can bend under heavy loads. Do not use cable ties or other fastening elements on the rear side of the module, because uneven structures can damage the modules.

Note

The middle clamps can be used as spacers between the module rows when mounting the modules. To avoid any possible stresses and failure to comply with dimensions, a gap should be maintained between the module rows. We recommend a gap at least 10 mm. For aesthetic reasons we recommend using black clamps for mounting our module series with black anodized frame and black backsheet. Do not touch live terminals with bare hands, and always use insulated tools for electrical connections.

Laying the cables

To avoid conductor loops, the strings (+ and –) should be laid together. Cable trays can be used if required. Roof penetration should be minimized to one if possible. PVC cables are not recommended. Bare copper H07RN cables are not recommended because the contact resistance of crimping location will probably exceed the permitted value as the copper wires oxidise over time. WINAICO recommends installers should use certified solar cables (EN 50618: 2014) for direct current (DC) wiring in PV systems. The minimum wire size should be 12 AWG, and the cable should be rated for an operating temperature range of –40°C to +90°C.

ATTENTION:

Lightning protection is recommended for PV systems that are to be installed in locations with high probability of lightning strikes.

5.3 Electrical installation

Module selection

Ensure the module meets the technical requirements of the system as a whole. Ensure that other system components do not exert damaging mechanical or electrical stresses on the module. When connected in series, modules must all have the same current rating. When connected in parallel, the modules must all have the same voltage rating. The modules must not be connected together to create a voltage higher than the permitted system voltage. Ensure that the mounting system can also withstand the anticipated loads, e.g. wind and snow loads. There are openings at the base of the module frame to allow water from precipitation to drain away. Ensure that the functionality of these openings is not restricted by the module installation.

Diodes and fuses

The shading of individual solar cells or solar modules can lead to the shaded area heating up as it begins to consume electrical energy, as opposed to generating. The use of bypass diodes to bridge the shaded areas results in a reduction in the heating process, and mitigates the performance losses of the respective PV system. WINAICO solar modules are factory-fitted with integrated bypass diodes or other design elements, which offer efficient protection to the solar cells. Please be noted that the bypass diodes are not overcurrent protection devices.

As per IEC 62446-1, the installation of additional blocking diodes or fuses is necessary with the parallel connection of module strings because the integrated bypass diodes are only for module internal protection and do not regulate the current flow in a parallel circuit in the event of the shading or defect of individual module strings. A failure to comply may result in the corresponding solar modules (including the electronic components contained within them) being damaged.

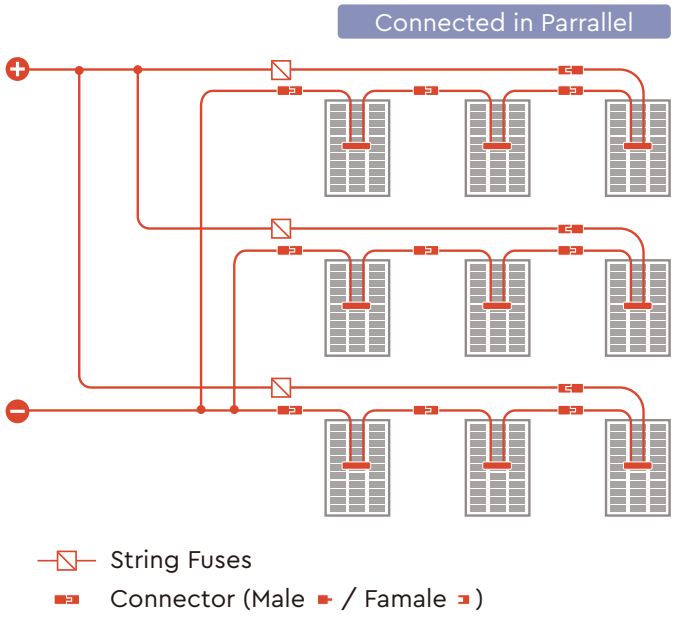
WINAICO recommends the DC fuse should be used in each module string, in order to protect the solar modules in the event of a malfunction (e.g. an inverter defect). The fuses must be configured according to the maximum series fuse rating, which is quoted in the datasheets pertaining to the respective modules.

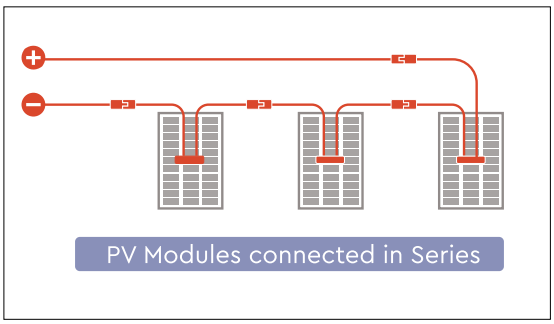
Electrical performance

- If modules are connected in series, the total voltage is equal to the sum of individual voltages. The recommended system voltage is as below, **System voltage ≥ N x Voc [1 + TCVoc x (T_{min}-25)]**
- If the modules are connected in parallel,

  the recommended number of string in parallel is: maximum series fuse rating/I_{sc}+1;

Cables and connectors





* N: module numbers in series
* V_{oc}: Open circuit voltage (refer to product label or data sheet)
* TCV_{oc}: Temperature coefficient of open circuit voltage (refer to product label or data sheet)
* T_{min}: Minimum ambient temperature

A PV module has a pair of male and female waterproof connectors.

- Connect the output cable to the other equipment in the system correctly.
- Connect the required number of PV modules to meet the voltage specification of other equipment used in the PV system.
- Wire the output cable connectors so they do not exert any force or pressure on the PV module's junction box. Attach the cable to the mounting frame using approved fasteners. The connectors should be placed behind the mounting frame so that the connectors can't be directly exposed to sunlight, wind and rain.
- To extend the cable, use certified solar cables and connectors that can withstand outdoor use for long periods. Select the appropriate cable size according to its length to avoid voltage drop.
- Connectors of different brands and models cannot be mated.

Safety Factor Information

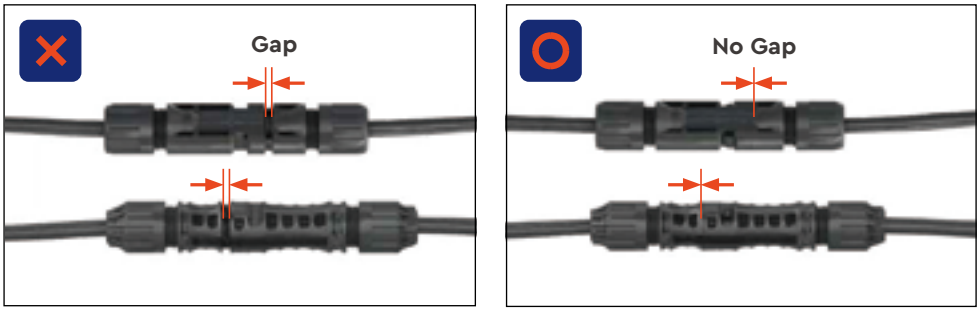
- Under actual operating conditions, the PV module may experience higher current or voltage than reported at STC. When determining voltage and current ratings for connected components, the marked values of V_oc and I_sc(or I_(sc-aBSI) for bifacial modules) must be multiplied by a factor of 1.25.
- This factor may be modified based on local minimum temperature, temperature coefficients, and maximum irradiance by location-specific simulation or based on IEC 62548.

ATTENTION:

After connection, WINAICO connectors' protection level should be IP68. They cannot be under water for a long time. Sunlight exposure and immersion in water of the connectors should be avoided. Do not allow installed PV connectors and cables to be in contact with the roof surface or the ground.

ATTENTION:

Faulty connections can result in arcs and electrical shock. Check that all electrical connections are securely fastened. Make sure that all locking connectors are fully engaged and locked.



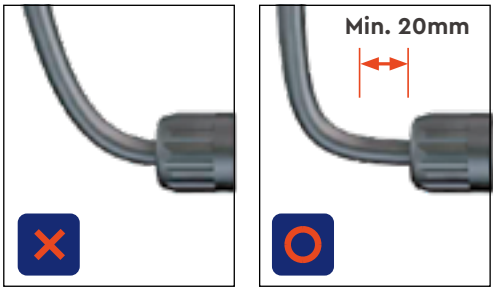
ATTENTION:

To prevent electric shocks, please turn off the power when installing PV connectors. Do not pull apart the PV connector under load. Turn off the DC/ AC inverter or turn on DC circuit breaker to disconnect PV connectors from load. Then insert and extract under voltage is permitted.

ATTENTION:

The cable must not be bent or crushed at the joints to connectors and junction box. The minimum linear distance is 20mm and the minimum bending diameter is 48mm.

The cable must be routed in a way that tensile stress on the conductor or connection is prevented.



*** Please refer to the manufacturer's recommended minimum bend radius.**

*** The manufacturer and model of the connector can be found on the label on the rear side of the module.**

Safety precautions

ATTENTION:

Please ensure the correct connection of the sockets and sleeves.

Do not cut the module cable connectors. The strings (+ and – cables) are fed into the inverter via the DC solar inputs. The polarities of the module connectors are specified. The cable on the + connector of the module should be connected to the inverter at the + input. The same procedure applies to the – connector and – inverter input. The cables can lie in cable trays. It is important to make sure that no water remains in the cable trays. Holes can be drilled into the trays to facilitate drainage. Only certified socket connectors can be used to connect the solar cables to the modules and inverters. The inverters should be connected in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

ATTENTION:

Depending on design requirements and inverter used, different string lengths are possible. It is essential to follow the assembly instructions for the inverter! Make sure each individual string is de-energised prior to connecting to the inverter. It is absolutely imperative that the inverter is connected to the public grid power by a certified specialist.

ATTENTION:

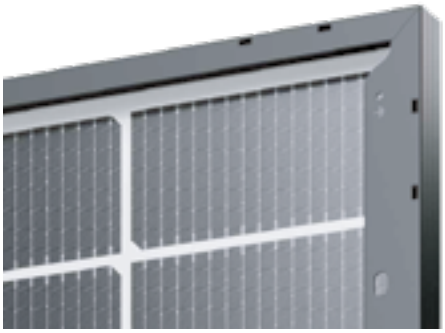
High voltage direct current can occur even at low levels of radiation. Never touch exposed live cables.

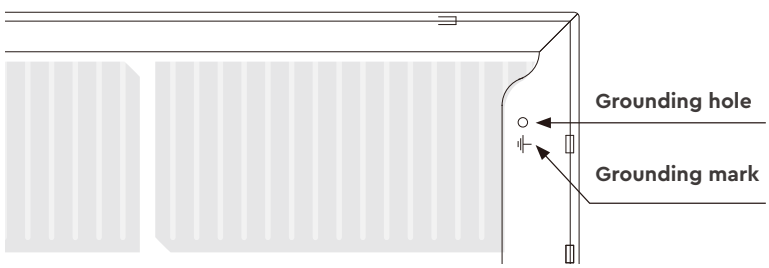
5.4 Grounding

Proper grounding on the module frames is the responsibility of the solar installer. Grounding must be performed by an authorised installer for the safety and maintenance of the system in accordance with all national, state and local electrical codes and regulations and standards.

Proper grounding is achieved by connecting the module frame(s) and structural members contiguously using a suitable "grounding conductor". Careful selection of the grounding components dictates that when using connecting different materials together, they shall not lead to galvanic corrosion of one another. As such, when using copper hardware, contact with the aluminium frame shall be avoided. For North American customers, the grounding conductor, or strap, may be copper, copper alloy, or other materials acceptable for use as an electrical conductor per NEC. The grounding conductor must then make a connection to earth using a suitable earth ground electrode.

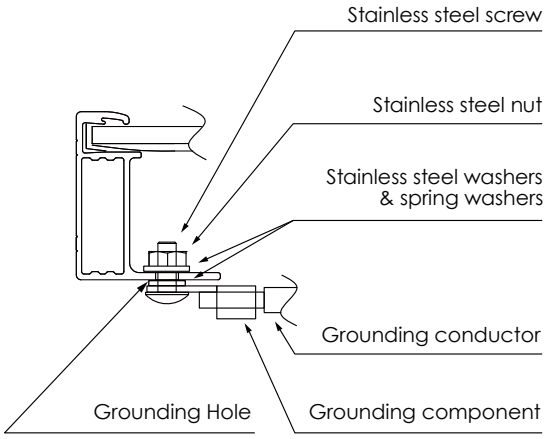
If an external lightning protection system is already provided or planned for the building, the photovoltaic system must be integrated into the system to protect against direct lightning strikes. The grounding hole is marked on the module frame.





For grounding purposes, an M4 stainless screw, nut and washer are used. The tightening torque is 3–7 Nm. PV modules have an anodized coating on aluminium frames for corrosion resistance. In order to properly ground the modules frames, the coating must be penetrated.

Please observe the national standards when grounding. If national standards do not require grounding, WINAICO still recommends all PV module frames to be grounded to ensure the voltage between the exposed metal parts (ex. frame) and earth ground is zero in all circumstances.



When installing in North America, a module with exposed conductive parts is considered to be in compliance with UL 1703, only when it is electrically grounded in accordance with the instructions presented above and the requirements of the National Electric Code. Where common grounding hardware (nuts, bolts, star washers, spilt-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 of 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 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 requirements in UL 1703, may be used for grounding connections in accordance with the instructions provided with the module.

6. Cleaning and maintenance

As the operator, you should regularly remove dirt from the modules and check if all system components are functioning properly. The following points should be noted:

- Never stand on the module surface. Do not exert any mechanical load on the modules.
- Do not clean with water if there is a risk of frost or major differences in temperature between the module, water and air.
- We recommend decalcifying hard water. This will prevent lasting water stains. Remove standing water from the module.
- Do not use abrasive cleaning agents or detergents. Do not scrape off dirt as this may damage the surface of the module.
- Check if all cables and connector accessories are undamaged and properly secured.
- PV modules are not shaded by unwanted obstacles or any foreign material.
- Mounting and grounding components are tightly secured with no corrosion.

ATTENTION:

Please make sure that the earth connection is not interrupted or damaged!

ATTENTION:

WINAICO recommends PV systems to be periodically inspected by the installer, or other qualified person.

7. Liability disclaimer

These installation and assembly instructions apply in general to standard systems. No responsibility is accepted for the correctness of this information. WINAICO does not provide any guarantee of the usability and serviceability of the modules if the user fails to observe this user information. As compliance with this user information and the conditions and methods for the installation, operation, use and maintenance of the modules from WINAICO cannot be checked or monitored, WINAICO shall assume no liability for damages resulting from improper use, faulty installation, operation, use or maintenance. In addition, no liability shall be borne for infringements of patent laws or other rights of third parties which result from the use of the modules, unless mandated by law.

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