

General Installation Manual



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For Installation Personnel

Please review this manual carefully before installing your SmartRack® mounting system and carry out the installation procedures correctly.

This manual does not list all precautions needed for safe work. The installation of solar modules involves work in high places; take extreme precautions to avoid falling from the roof. To prevent accidents, safety regulations must be observed. When in doubt, follow OSHA guidelines.

This manual provides guidelines for installation, but it does not guarantee the quality of the installation work. Always refer to the PV module maker's installation manual with regards to live and dead loads, wind loads and installation location and conditions.

SmartRack[®], when installed in accordance with this manual, will be structurally adequate and will meet the structural requirements of the IBC 2006, ASCE 7-05 and California Building Code 2007 (collectively referred to as "the Code"). Takashima & Co., Ltd.(hereby known as "TAK") also provide a limited warranty on SmartRack[®] products (page 16).

Please note that the installer is solely responsible for:

- Complying with all applicable local or national building codes, including any that may supersede this manual
- Ensuring that SmartRack® is appropriate for the particular installation and the installation environment
- Ensuring that the roof, its rafters, connections, and other structural support members can support the array under all code level loading conditions (this total building assembly is referred to as the building structure)
- Using only SmartRack® parts and installer-supplied parts as specified by Takashima & Co., Ltd. (substitution of parts may void the warranty and invalidate the letters of certification in all SmartRack® publications)
- · Ensuring that lag screws have adequate pullout strength and shear capacities as installed
- · Verifying the strength of any alternate mounting used in lieu of the lag screws
- · Maintaining the waterproof integrity of the roof, including selection of appropriate flashing
- Ensuring safe installation of all electrical aspects of the PV array
- Ensuring correct and appropriate design parameters are used in determining the design loading used for design of the specific installation. Parameters, such as snow loading, wind speed, exposure and topographic factor should be confirmed with the local building official or a licensed professional engineer

Inspection of Roof Structure

- Before starting installation work, check the condition of the house where the solar power system is to be installed
- It is important to inspect the structural integrity of the roof and the durability of the roof materials
- The SmartRack® mounting system and solar modules require a strong base for durable and reliable operation in local environments
- Inspect the roof surface in the area of the installation for cracks, water leakage, and roofing material quality and uniformity. This is especially important if the roof is more than 10 years old
- Inspect the roof for sags and other abnormalities. A sag or deep depression in the roof may indicate structural weakness in the support system that may require correction.

Inspection of the Roof Support System

- · This may require access to the attic
- · Check that all rafters, trusses and other materials are in good condition
- · Check for indication of previous water leaks
- Measure the spacing of the rafters or trusses to confirm the dimensions and prepare for the system layout

The following are conditions for for the use of SmartRack® Mounting System

(1) Use on asphalt shingle roofing material

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- Planar Section (A): 6mm or less
- · Recessed Portion (B): 3mm or less



- (2) Determine the wind loads for the installation site. Check with your local building and safety department for the specific requirements
- (3) Determine the Basic Wind Speed by consulting your local building department or locating your installation on the map below
 - · Installation is not advisable in areas where the Basic Wind Speed is >105 mph (>47 m/s)



- (4) Determine the Exposure Category (obtain latest definitions from IBC or local building code)
 - · We recommend using in exposure category B only
 - For reference, the ASCE/SEI 7-05 defines wind exposure categories as follows: <u>Exposure B</u> is urban and suburban areas, wooded areas, or other

terrain with numerous closely spaced obstructions having the size of single family dwellings

<u>Exposure C</u> has open terrain with scattered obstructions having heights generally less than 30 feet. This category includes flat open country, grasslands, and all water surfaces in hurricane prone regions

<u>Exposure D</u> has flat, unobstructed areas and water surfaces outside hurricane prone regions. This category includes smooth mud flats, salt flats, and unbroken ice

- (5) Determine the Roof Zone Setback Length, *a* (ft), according to the width and height of the building which you are installing the PV system
 - · We recommend installing in roofs with a miximum height (h) of 45 feet
 - · We do NOT recommend installing on flat roofs

Roof	Least Horizontal Dimension (ft)																		
Height (ft)	10	15	20	25	30	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	125	150	175	200	300	400	500
10	3	3	3	3	3	4	4	4	4	4	4	4	5	6	7	8	12	16	20
15	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	6	6	6	6	6	6	7	8	12	16	20
20	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	12	16	20
25	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	10	10	10	10	12	16	20
30	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12	12	12	12	12	16	20
35	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12.5	14	14	14	14	16	20
40	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12.5	15	16	16	16	16	20
45	3	3	3	3	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	12.5	15	17.5	18	18	18	20

Source: ASCE/SEI 7-05, Minimum Design Loads for Buildings and Other Structures, Chapter 6, Figure 6-3, p. 41.



- (6) Determine the Net Design Wind Pressure by compiling Basic Wind Speed, Exposure Category and Roof Zone. Make sure to refer to the module maker's manual for the maximum net pressure allowable
- (7) Make certain that the roof structure can support the live and dead loads resulting from the installation of the PV array
 - · Consult with a professional engineer if additional assistance is required

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Module Array Layout Dimensions



(XXXXmm x # of modules) + 5mm x (# of modules - 1)



Parts List





SmartRack® Assembly



Before assembling the SmartRack® mounting clamp, confirm the module height and slide the T-clamp to the appropriate slit in the flanged L-clamp

Note: There are 3 "sizes" for slit 1. Make sure that you have the appropriate clamp for your installation needs.



Style No	35mm	40mm	46mm	50mm		
SR 035-S SR 035-B	35mm	40mm	46mm	50mm		

Style No	36mm	40mm	46mm	50mm		
SR 036-S SR 036-B	36mm	40mm	46mm	50mm		



SmartRack® Assembly





Prior to installation, it is reccommended to use marking chalk to mark the location of the rafters (R) and where the first row of modules will be installed (Y) starting from the eaves side of the roof SmartRack® Installation





(4) Repeat (1), (2) and (3) for all the necessary clamps you need to install on the (Y) line to complete the first row



Make sure that the bottom of the lag screw is not sticking out and should not be seen from the outside

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Different ways to affix the levelling sheet

I. Even Surfaces



On even surfaces, affix one levelling sheet where the SmartRack $\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}$ clamp will be fixed.

II. Uneven Surfaces



If the position of the SmartRack® clamp falls on the uneven concave part of the asphalt shingle material, affix one levelling sheet to level out the uneven surface, then place another levelling sheet on top.





If the position of the SmartRack[®] clamp falls in between the concave part and the top surface of the asphalt shingle material, affix one levelling sheet to make the surface level with the top surface and then place another levelling sheet where the SmartRack[®] clamp will be installed.



If the position of the SmartRack[®] clamp falls in between the top surface and overlaps onto the concave part of the next level of asphalt shingle, it is necessary to first affix a levelling sheet on the top surface of the bottom shingle, another on the area that overlaps the two levels and another one directly on top of the second levelling sheet. SmartRack® Installation (continued...)



(5) Slide the first row of modules into the first row of SmartRack® clamps from (4).



(6) After installing the first module on (5), attach (without fixing) the second row of SmartRack® clamps on the top part of the module to confirm the positioning. Once the spot where the second row of SmartRack® clamps are decided, affix the provided levelling sheet as shown on pages 11-12







Make sure to confirm that there is no space between the module and the SmartRack® clamp before affixing the second row of clamps



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The above warranty does not apply to the anodized finish, which finish shall be free from visible peeling, or cracking or chalking under normal atmospheric conditions for a period of five (5) years from (a) the date the installation of SmartRack® is completed, or (b) 30 days after the purchase of SmartRack® by the Purchaser.

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