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Do not step, stand or sit on the Modules to install and clean.
1. INTRODUCTION

Thank you for choosing JA SOLAR Modules!

This Installation Manual contains essential information for electrical and mechanical installation that you must know before handling, installing JA Solar Modules. This Manual also contains safety information you need to be familiar with. All the information described in this Manual is the intellectual property of JA Solar and is based on the technologies and experience that have been acquired and accumulated by JA Solar.

This Manual does not constitute a warranty, expressed or implied. JA Solar does not assume responsibility and expressly disclaims liability for loss, damage, or expense arising out of or in any way connected with installation, operation, use or maintenance of Modules. No responsibility is assumed by JA Solar for any infringement of patents or other rights of third parties that may result from use of Modules. JA Solar reserves the right to make changes to the product, specifications or installation manual without prior notice.

Failure to comply with the requirements listed in this manual will invalidate the Limited Warranty for Modules as provided by JA Solar at the same time of sale to the direct customer. Additional recommendations are provided to enhance safety practices and performance results. Please provide a copy of this manual to the PV system owner for their reference, and inform them of all relevant aspects of safety, operation, and maintenance.

2. CODES AND REGULATIONS

The mechanical and electrical installation of PV systems should be performed in accordance with all applicable codes, including electrical codes, building codes and electric utility interconnect requirements. Such requirements may vary for mounting location, such as building rooftop or motor vehicle applications. Requirements may also vary with system voltage, and for DC or AC application. Contact local authorities for governing regulations.

3. GENERAL

Figure 1 Modules components and cross-section of the laminated assembly

Legend:

1. Aluminum Frame
2. Tempering glass
3. Encapsulating EVA
4. Cell
5. Backsheet
6. Silicone adhesive
7. Junction Box
8. Nameplate
9. Cable
10. Connector
11. Mounting hole
12. Grounding hole
13. Drainage holes
14. Cell
3.1 Product Identification

Each module has three labels providing the following information:

1. Nameplate: describes the product type; Peak power, Max. power current, Max. power voltage, open circuit voltage, short circuit current, all as measured under standard test conditions; Certification marks, the maximum system voltage etc.

2. Current Sorting: According to the Max. power current, Modules are sorted into three classes: H,M or L(H means the highest current). And the class is marked as a symbol "Current class X" on the backsheet of the Modules. To get optimal performance of Modules, it is recommended to connect the Modules with the same class in a string.

3. Barcode: each individual Module has a unique serial number. The serial number has 16 digits. The 1st and the 2nd digits are the year code, and the 3rd is the month code. For example, 121PXXXXXXXXXXXX means the Module was assembled and tested in the January of 2012. It is permanently attached to this interior of the Modules and is visible from the top front of the Module. This barcode is inserted prior to laminating. In addition, you can find a same barcode beside the nameplate.

JA Solar Modules are designed to meet the requirements of IEC 61215 and IEC 61730, application class A.

Modules rated for use in this application class may be used in system operating at greater than 50V DC or 240W, where general contact access is anticipated. Modules qualified for safety through IEC 61730-1 and IEC 61730-2 and within this application class are considered to meet the requirements for safety class II equipments.

When Modules are mounted on rooftops, the roof must have a fire resistant covering suitable for this application. Rooftop PV systems should only be installed on rooftop that is capable of handling the additional weighted load of PV system components, including Modules, by a certified building specialist or engineer and have a formal structure of the complete analysis result.

For your safety, do not attempt to work on a rooftop until safety precautions have been identified and taken including without limitation fall protection measures, ladders or stairways, and personal protective equipment.

For your safety, do not install or handle Modules under adverse conditions, including without limitation strong or gusty winds, and wet or frosted roof surfaces.

3.2 Conventional Safety

Photovoltaic Modules can produce DC electricity when exposed to light and therefore can produce an electrical shock or burn. DC voltage of 30 Volts or higher is potentially lethal. Modules produce voltage even when not connected to an electrical circuit or load. Please use insulated tools and rubber gloves when working with Modules in sunlight.

Modules have no on/off switch. Modules can be rendered inoperative only by removing them from sunlight, or by fully covering their front surface with cloth, cardboard, or other completely opaque material, or by working with Modules face down on a smooth, flat surface.

In order to avoid arcs and electrical shock, please do not disconnect electrical connections under load. Faulty connections can also result in arcs and electrical shock. So please keep connectors dry and clean, and ensure that they are in proper working condition. Never insert metal objects into the connector, or modify them in any way in order to secure an electrical connection.

Reflection from snow or water can increase sunlight and therefore boost current and power. In addition, colder temperatures can substantially increase voltage and power.

If the glass or other material is damaged, please wear personal protection equipment and separated the Modules from the circuit.

3.3 Electrical Performance Safety
3.4 Operating Safety

Do not open packages of JA Solar Modules during transportation and storing until they are ready to be installed.

At the same time please protect the package from damage. Do not make the pallets of Modules falling over directly.

Do not exceed the maximum height of pallets to be stacked, as indicated on the pallet packaging.

Store pallets in a ventilated, rain-proof and dry location until the Modules are ready to be unpacked.

Please follow <JA Solar Modules Un-Pack Instruction> to unpack the packages of Modules.

Do not lift the Modules by grasping the Module’s junction box or electrical cable under any condition.

Do not stand or step on the Modules.

Do not drop the Modules on another Module.

Do not place any heavy objects on the Modules to avoid damaging the glasses.

Be cautious when setting the Modules down on to a surface, especially on the corner of the Modules.

Inappropriate transportation and installation may break the Modules.

Do not attempt to disassemble the Modules, and do not remove any attached nameplates or components from the Modules.

Do not apply paint or adhesive to the Modules top surface.

3.5 Fire Safety

To avoid damage to the backsheet, do not scratch or hit the backsheet.

Do not drill holes in the frame. This may compromise the frame strength and cause corrosion of the frame.

Do not scratch the anodized coating of the frame (except for grounding connection). It may cause corrosion of the frame or compromise the frame strength.

Do not attempt to repair the Modules with damaged glass or backsheet.

Consult your local authority for guidelines and requirements for building or structural fire safety. JA Solar Modules have been listed as Class C according to IEC 61730-2 standard.

For roof installations, Modules should be mounted over a fire resistant covering suitable for this application, with adequate ventilation between the Modules backsheet and the mounting surface.

Roof constructions and installations may affect the fire safety of building. Improper installation may create hazards in the event of a fire.

In order to maintain the fire class rating, the distance between the Modules frame surface and the roof surface shall be at least 10 cm.

Use appropriate components such as fuses, circuit breakers and grounding connectors as required by local authority.

Do not use Modules where flammable gases may be generated.
4. INSTALLATION CONDITION

4.1 Installation Position and Working Environment

JA Solar Modules are intended for use in terrestrial applications only—no for outer space use.

Do not use mirrors or other magnifiers to concentrate sunlight onto the Modules.

Modules must be mounted on appropriate mounting structures positioned on suitable buildings, the ground, or other structures suitable for Modules (e.g. carports, building facades or PV trackers). Modules must not be mounted on moving vehicles of any kind.

Modules must not be installed in locations where they could be submerged in water.

Ensure Modules are not subject to wind or snow loads exceeding the maximum permissible loads.

The Modules should be installed in locations where there is no shading throughout the year. Ensure there’s no obstacle to block light near the installation site.

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

Do not use Modules near equipment or in locations where flammable gasses may be generated or collected.

Modules must not be installed nor operated in areas where hail, snow, sand, dust, air pollution, soot, etc., are excessive. Modules must not be sited in locations where aggressive substances such as salt, salt mist, salt-water, chemically active vapors, acid rain, any other type of corrosive agent, could affect the safety and/or performance of the Modules.

4.2 Tilt Angle Selection

The tilt angle of the Modules is measured between the surface of the Modules and a horizontal ground surface. The Modules generates maximum power output when it faces the sun directly.

In the northern hemisphere, Modules should typically face south, and in the southern hemisphere, Modules should typically face north.

For detailed information on the best installation angle, please refer to standard solar photovoltaic installation guides or consult a reputable solar installer or systems integrator.

JA Solar recommends installing the Modules with a tilt angle of at least 10 degrees, making it easier for dust to be washed off by rain and reduce the time of cleaning; In addition, the water will drain directly after rain on the surface, avoid water long stay to cause etch mark on the glass surface and affect the appearance and performance of Modules.

Please adopt appropriate measures to ensure the performance and safety of the Modules when they are installed or operated in the areas where produces heavy snow, extremely cold, strong wind, or near the island or desert where is prone to produce salt fog, or near water.

JA Solar Modules have passed salt mist corrosion resistance test according to IEC 61701, but galvanic corrosion can occur between the aluminum frame of the Modules and mounting or grounding hardware if such hardware is comprised of dissimilar metals. JA Solar Modules can be installed in seaside that distance is 50m to 500m between sea, that only stainless steel and aluminum metal directly contact Modules in seaside installation to limit corrosion. For the detailed requirements need follow JA solar seaside installation instructions.
5. MECHANICAL INSTALLATION

5.1 Conventional Requirement

Ensure that the installation method and supporting system of Modules is strong enough to make the Modules to be able to withstand all the load conditions. The installer must provide the guarantee. The installation supporting system must be tested by the third-party organization with the analysis ability of Static Mechanical, according to the local national or international standards such as DIN1055 or equivalent standards.

The Modules mounting structure must be made of durable, corrosion-resistant and UV-resistant material.

Modules must be securely attached to the mounting structure.

In regions with heavy snowfall in winter, select the height of the mounting system. So that the lowest edge of the Modules is not covered by snow for any length of time. In addition, ensure that the lowest portion of the Modules is placed high enough so that it is not shaded by plants or trees or damaged by flying sand.

When the Modules are supported parallel to the surface of the building wall or roof, a minimum clearance of 10 mm between the Modules frame and the surface of the wall or the roof is required to allow air to circulate behind the Modules and to prevent wiring damage.

Do not attempt to drill holes in the glass surface and the Modules frames of the Modules.

Before installing Modules on a roof, ensure that the roof construction is suitable. In addition, any roof penetration required to mount the Modules must be properly sealed to prevent leaks.

Observe the linear thermal expansion of the Modules frames, must ensure that the minimum distance between neighboring frames is 10 mm.

Always keep the backsheet of the panel free from foreign objects or structural elements, which could come into contact with the panel, especially when the panel is under mechanical load.

5.2 Installation Methods

Modules can be mounted in landscape or portrait orientation.

Modules can be installed on the frame using mounting holes, clamps or an insertion system.

Modules should be bolted to support structures through mounting holes located in the frame’s back flanges. Refer to what is shown in Figure 2 (Mounting Details).

5.2.1 Modules installed with mounting holes

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Modules have been certified for a maximum static load on the back side of 2400 Pa (i.e. wind load) and a maximum static load on the front side of either 2400 Pa or 5400 Pa (i.e. wind and snow load), depending on the Modules type (please refer to Figure 4 for detailed installation method).

The mounting method must not result in the direct contact of dissimilar metals with the aluminum frame of the Modules which will result in galvanic corrosion. An addendum to UL Standard 1703 “Flat Plate Photovoltaic Modules and Panels” recommends metal combinations not exceed an electrochemical potential difference of 0.8 Volts.

Modules can be mounted in landscape or portrait orientation.

Modules must be installed according to the following examples and recommendation. If not mounting the Modules according to these instructions, please in advance consult JA Solar and must be approved by JA Solar, otherwise may damage Modules and void the warranty.
For your reference, please use the components specified in below:

1. Bolt  
   - Material: Stainless Steel  
   - Size and Length: M8*16mm

2. Washer  
   - Material: Stainless Steel  
   - Size: M8

3. Spring Washer  
   - Material: Stainless Steel  
   - Size: M8

Bolt torque range: 14N.m to 20N.m.

5.2.2 Modules installed with clamp

Modules should be mounted using specialized clamps as shown in Figure 3.

A) Modules should be attached on a supporting structure rail by metal clamps. It is recommended to use the clamps under the following condition or approved by system installation:
   - Width: No less than 38mm;
   - Thickness: No less than 3mm;
   - Material: Aluminum Alloy;
   - Bolt: M8;
   - Bolt torque range: 18N.m to 24N.m.

B) The Modules clamps must not contact the front glass or deform the frame in any way, the contact area of clamp with the front of frame must be smooth, otherwise maybe damage the frame bring about the modules broken. Avoid shading effects from the Modules clamps. Drainage holes on the Modules frame must not be closed or obscured by the clamps.
The low/normal level of load condition is applicable to the installation in most of environmental conditions: the maximum static load on the back of the Modules is 2400 Pa (i.e. wind load), and the maximum static load on the front of the Modules is 2400 Pa (i.e. wind and snow load).

The high level of load condition is applicable to the installation in harsher environmental conditions such as storm, heavy snow, etc: the maximum static load on the back of the Modules is 2400 Pa (i.e. wind load) and the maximum static load on the front of the Modules is 5400 Pa (i.e. wind and snow load), depending on the pressure level that it would endure according to IEC standard.

For the dynamic loads, such as wind, the safety factor needs to be increased by 3 times. It means that the maximum dynamic load is 800 Pa when the wind speed is less than 130 km/h.
Figure 5: Electrical Property

Rated electrical characteristics such as Isc, Voc and Pmax are measured within +/- 3% of Measurement uncertainty at Standard Test Conditions. Standard Test Conditions: 1000 W/m² Irradiance, 25°C Cell Temperature and 1.5 Air Mass.

Under normal conditions, photovoltaic Modules may produce higher current and/or voltage than reported at Standard Test Conditions. Accordingly, the values of short circuit current, Isc, and open circuit voltage, Voc, marked on Modules should be multiplied by a factor of 1.25 when determining component voltage ratings, conductor capacities, fusing sizes, and size of controls connected to the Modules output.

Voltages are additive when Modules are connected directly in series, and Modules currents are additive when Modules are connected directly in parallel, as illustrated in Figure 5.

Modules with different electrical characteristics must not be connected directly in series.
Series wiring and Parallel wiring

Series wiring

Parallel wiring

Figure 5: Electrical diagrams of series and parallel wiring

Over-current protection devices

Connector Diodes

The maximum number of Modules that can be connected in a series string must be calculated in accordance with applicable regulations in such a way that the specified maximum system voltage (the maximum system voltage of JA Solar Modules is DC 1000V according to the safety appraisal of the IEC61730) of the Modules and all other electrical DC components will not be exceeded in open-circuit operation at the lowest temperature expected at the PV system location.

Correction factor for the open-circuit voltage can be calculated based on the following formula:

\[ CV_{oc}=1-\beta \times V_{oc} \times (25-T) \]

where \( CV_{oc} \) is the temperature coefficient of the selected module Voc, \( \beta \) is the temperature coefficient of the selected module Voc (Refer to corresponding datasheet), \( V_{oc} \) is the open-circuit voltage, and \( T \) is the lowest expected ambient temperature at the system location.

An appropriately rated over-current protection device must be used when the reverse current could exceed the value of the maximum fuse rating of the Modules. An over-current protection device is required for each series string if more than two series strings are connected in parallel, as illustrated in Figure 5.

These junction boxes have been designed to be easily interconnected in series for their well-connected cable and the connector with IP67 protection grade. Each Module has two single-conductor wires, one positive and one negative, which are pre-wired inside the junction box. The connectors at the opposite end of these wires allow easy series connection of adjacent Modules by firmly inserting the positive connector of a Module into the negative connector of an adjacent Module until the connector is fully seated.

Use field wiring with suitable cross-sectional areas that are approved for use at the maximum short-circuit current of the Modules. JA Solar recommends installers use only sunlight resistant cables qualified for direct current (DC) wiring in PV systems. The minimum wire size should be 4mm².

6.2 Cables and Wiring

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Rating Required Minimum Field Wiring
Cables should be fixed to the mounting structure in such a way that mechanical damage of the cable and/or the Modules is avoided. Do not apply stress to the cables. For fixing, use appropriate means, such as sunlight resistant cable ties and/or wire management clips specifically designed to attach to the Modules frame. While the cables are sunlight resistant and waterproof, where possible, avoid direct sunlight exposure and water immersion of the cables.

6.3 Connectors

Keep connectors dry and clean, and ensure that connector caps are hand tight before connecting the Modules. Do not attempt to make an electrical connection with wet, soiled, or otherwise faulty connectors. Avoid sunlight exposure and water immersion of the connectors. Avoid allowing connectors to rest on the ground.

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.

6.4 Bypass Diodes

The junction boxes used with JA Solar Modules contain bypass diodes wired in parallel with the PV cell strings. In the case of partial shading, the diodes bypass the current generated by the non-shaded cells, thereby limiting Modules heating and performance losses. Bypass diodes are not over-current protection devices.

Bypass diodes divert current from the cell strings in the event of partial shading. See Figure 7 for a diagram showing how the cell strings are electrically connected with the diodes.

In the event of a known or suspected diode failure, installers or maintenance providers should contact JA Solar. Never attempt to open the junction box by yourself.

7. GROUNDING

JA Solar Modules use an anodic oxidized aluminum frame to resist corrosion. So the frame of Modules must be connected to the equipment grounding conductor to prevent thunder and static injury.

The grounding device must fully contact with the inside of the aluminum alloy, and must penetrate the surface of the frame oxidation film. Please don’t drill any additional grounding hole on the frame of the Modules.

For optimal performance, JA Solar recommend the DC cathode of the Modules array is connected to ground. Failure to comply with this requirement may reduce the performance of the system.

The grounding method must not result in direct contact of dissimilar metals with the aluminum frame of the Modules that will result in galvanic corrosion. An addendum to UL Standard 1703 “Flat Plate Photovoltaic Modules and Panels” recommends metal combinations not exceed an electrochemical potential difference of 0.6 Volts.

The frame rails have pre-drilled holes marked with a grounding sign. These holes should be used for grounding purposes and must not be used for mounting the Modules.

The following grounding methods are available.

7.1 Grounding by Using Grounded Clamp

There is a grounding hole with 4.2 mm diameter on the edge side close to the middle of the back frame of the Modules. The middle line of the grounding mark is overlapped with the grounding hole, and the direction is same as the longer frame.

The grounding device must be approved by qualified electrician. And the grounding device must be produced by qualified electrical manufacturer. The recommended twist torque value is 2.3 N.m. A copper core in size of 12 AWG can be used as grounding clamp. The copper wire should not be compressed during the installation.
7.2 Grounding by Using Unused Mounting Hole

The existing Mounting holes which have not been used can be used for grounding.

A) Direct the grounding clamp to the mounting hole on the frame. Thread the grounding clamp and the frame with grounding bolt.

B) Put the toothed gasket into the other side, then tighten and lock the nut. The recommended torque of locking the nut is 2.0 N•M~2.2 N•M.

C) Thread the grounding clamp with grounding wire. The material and size of grounding wire should meet the relevant requirements of the national, regional and local rule, law and standard.

D) Finish the mounting with tightening the binding bolt of the grounding wire.

7.3 Additional Third-party Grounding Devices

JA Solar Modules can be grounded using third party grounding devices so long as they are certified for grounding Modules and the devices are installed according to the manufacturer’s specified instructions.
8. OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE

It is required to perform regular inspection and maintenance of the Modules, especially within warranty scope. It is the user’s responsibility to report to the supplier regarding the damages found within 2 weeks.

8.1 Cleaning

The dust accumulated on the front transparent substrate may reduce the power output, and may even cause regional hot-spot effect. The industrial effluents or bird drops may be serious, and the extent of the severity depends on the transparency of the foreign objects. It’s usually not dangerous for the accumulated dust to reduce the sunshine, because the light intensity is still homogeneous and the power reduction is not usually obvious.

When Modules are working, there should not be environmental influence factors to cast shadows and cover part or even all of the Modules, such as other Modules, system support, bird droppings and a lot of dust, clay or plant and so on; these may distinctly reduce the power output. JA Solar advises that there should be no obstructed object over the Modules surface at any time.

The cleaning frequency depends on the accumulated frequency of the fouling. In many instances the front surfaces of the Modules will be cleaned with the rain, and we can decrease the cleaning frequency. It is recommended to wipe the glass surface with a wet sponge or soft cloth. Please do not clean the glass with a cleaning agent which contains acid or alkali.

8.2 Visual Inspection of Modules

Inspect the Modules visually to find whether there are appearance defects, the following need particularly special attention:
A) Whether the glass is broken;
B) Corrosion along the cells’ bus-bar.
This corrosion is caused by the dampness infiltrated into the Modules because that the surface encapsulation materials are damaged during the installation or transportation.
C) Whether there is burning vestige on the backsheet.

8.3 Inspection of Connector and Cable

It’s recommended to implement the following preventive maintenance every 6 months:
A) Check the encapsulation of the connector with the cable.
B) Check the sealing gel of the junction box to ensure it have no crack or crevice.
PRODUCT SUPPLEMENT

The installation manual applicable Module types are as follows. The Module types are subject to changes without prior notice due to continuous product innovation, research and development.

**** shows the Peak power of the Module Label in increment of 5.

### Monocrystalline Silicon Module

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