

# INSTALLATION MANUAL

UL 1703 Version



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## 1. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The installation, handling and use of Trina Solar modules are beyond company control. Trina Solar does not assume any responsibility for loss, damage, injury or expense resulting from the improper installation, handling, use or maintenance.

Failure to comply with requirements set forth within this document may result in voiding of warranty of Trina Solar Modules

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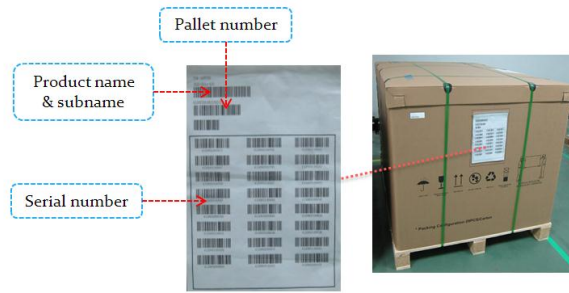
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## 2. SAFETY PRECAUTIONS

- Potentially lethal DC voltages can be generated whenever PV Modules are exposed to a light source therefore, avoid contact with electrically active parts and be sure to isolate live circuits before tempting to make or break any connections.
- Only authorized and trained personnel should perform work on the modules or solar system.
- When working on electrical connections, remove all metallic jewelry, use properly insulated tools and appropriate personal protective equipment to reduce the risk of electric shock.
- Do NOT stand or step on, damage or scratch the front or backside surfaces of the module.
- Broken modules cannot be repaired and contact with any module surface or frame can lead to electrical shock. Do NOT use a module with broken glass or torn substrate.
- Do NOT disassemble the modules or remove any part of the module.
- Protect the electrical plug contacts against corrosion and soiling; make sure that all connectors are corrosion free and clean before making the connection.
- Do NOT install or handle modules when they are wet or during periods of high wind.
- Ensure that all connections are securely made with no gap between the contacts. Any gap can result in electrical arcing that can cause a fire hazard and/or an electrical shock.
- Make sure that the polarity of each module or a string is not reversed considering the rest of the modules or strings.
- Do NOT artificially concentrate sunlight on these solar modules.
- Trina Solar modules are certified for operating in Class A installations at voltages below 1000Vdc. This maximum voltage should not be exceeded at any time and, as the voltage of the module increases, above data sheet values, at operating temperatures below 25°C, then these need to be taken into account when designing a PV system.
- Do NOT use water to extinguish fires of an electrical origin.
- Maximum system voltage must not exceed 600V DC when UL 600V products (TSM-\*\*\*\*A. \*\*) are used.
- Maximum system voltage must not exceed 1000V DC when UL 1000V products (TSM-\*\*\*\*D. \*\*) are used.
- Under normal conditions, a solar photovoltaic module is likely to produce more current and /or voltage than reported under standard test conditions. Accordingly, the value of  $I_{sc}$  marked on this module should be multiplied by a factor of 1.25 when determining the conductor current ratings, fuse sizes and size of controls connected to the SPV output. Refer to Section 690.8 of the National Electric Code to check when an additional multiplying factor of 1.25 may be applicable.
- Installation in Canada shall be in accordance with CSA C22.1, Safety Standard for Electrical Installations, Canadian Electrical Code Part 1.

## 3. UNPACKING AND STORAGE

- At time of receipt, verify that the product delivered is the product ordered. Check the product name, subname and serial number of each laminate, which are all clearly marked on the outside of each packing box.
- Leave the product in its original packing box until you are ready to install.
- Store packing boxes in a clean, dry area with relative humidity below 85% and ambient temperatures between -20°C and 40°C.
- Do NOT stack more than the maximum amount of allowable pallets on top of each other.
- At the installation site, take care to keep modules and particularly their electrical contacts clean and dry before installation. If connector cables are left in damp conditions, the contacts may corrode. Any module with corroded contacts should not be used.
- If pallets are stored outside, place a protective covering over the pallet to protect it from direct weather and do not stack more than 1 pallet high.
- Two people are required to unpack modules from the packing box. When handling modules always use both hands.
- Do NOT use a knife to cut the zip-ties, but use wire cutting pliers.
- Do NOT place modules directly on top of each other.



### 3.1 PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION

Each individual module has a unique serial number laminated behind the glass and another permanently attached to the back-sheet of the module on the product sticker. Note all serial numbers in an installation for your future records.

## 4. ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

### 4.1 CLIMATE CONDITIONS

Trina Solar Modules are designed and tested to withstand arduous environmental conditions for more than 25 years. In addition to the required IEC certification to meet European standards Trina Solar products have also been tested to verify resistance to ammonia fumes that may be present around barns sheltering cattle, as well as suitability for installation in humid (coastal) areas and areas of high sand storms.

#### Environmental

- Ambient temperature: -40°C to +40°C.
- Operating temperature: -40°C to +85°C.
- Storage temperature: -20°C to +40°C.
- Humidity: < 85RH%
- Mechanical Load Pressure: 5400Pa (550 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>) Max from the front side (snow) 2400Pa (wind) from the rear

#### \*Notes:

- The modules have been evaluated by UL according to UL1703 for a maximum positive or negative design loading of 50 lbs/ft<sup>2</sup>.
- The mechanical load bearing is dependent upon the mounting methods used and failure to follow the instructions of this manual may result in different capabilities to withstand snow and wind loads. The system installer must ensure that the installation methods used meet these requirements and any local codes and regulations.

## 5. SITE SELECTION

- Trina Solar Modules can be mounted in landscape and portrait orientation however the impact of dirt shading the solar cells can be minimized by orienting the product in portrait.
- For optimum energy production, solar modules should normally be mounted facing the equator at an angle to the horizontal plane equivalent to the latitude of the installation. In the event that you mount the solar modules at a different angle or orientation then the annual energy production may potentially be adversely impacted.
- When installing solar modules on a roof, Modules should be mounted over a fire resistant covering, with adequate ventilation between the module backsheet and the mounting surface.
- Position the modules to minimize the chances of shading at any time of the day. Shading can normally be minimized by ensuring that the distance between the obstruction and solar array is greater than three times the obstruction's height.
- Do not install SPV modules in a location where they will be immersed in water or continually exposed to water from a sprinkler or fountain, etc.
- A slope of less than 5 in/ft is required to maintain the fire class rating.
- Avoid using a mounting method that will block the drainage holes in the module frame.
- When all solar modules are mounted in the same plane and orientation then all can be expected to have similar performance throughout the day and can be connected together to the same inverter channel.
- If solar modules on the same installation are mounted at different angles or orientations then energy production can normally be optimized by connecting the different orientations to different inverters (or different MPPT if the inverter has more than one MPPT). Refer to inverter manufacturers for further guidelines.
- According to Intertek-conducted IEC 61701 testing, First edition, 1995.3, Salt Mist corrosion testing of photovoltaic (PV), Trina Solar modules can be safely installed in corrosive salt areas within proximity of the ocean or sulfurous areas.
- According to TUV Rheinland-conducted testing of 2 PfG 1917/05.11 "Ammonia corrosion testing of photovoltaic (PV) modules" and DLG Fokus testing for ammonia resistance, Trina Solar modules can be safely installed in ammonia-heavy environments, such as farm houses.

## 6. MOUNTING INSTRUCTIONS

### 6.1 MOUNTING METHODS

The module is considered to be in compliance with UL 1703 only when the module is mounted in the manner specified by the mounting instructions below.

Core Trinamount Products		material	L(mm)	W(mm)	H(mm)	Wt(kg)
TM-ILB	Interlock 850-1388	Aluminum, Stainless steel	203	34	42	0.249
TM-LFB	Leveling Foot 850-1397	Aluminum, Stainless steel	102	57	82	0.283
TM-GLA	Ground Zep 850-1172	Stainless steel	29	22	22	0.052

This mounting method is only applicable for TRINAMOUNT

module series. The TRINAMOUNT modules series employ specified frames which contains Trina Groove as shown in Fig. 2.

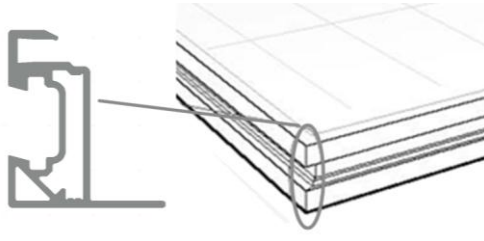


Figure 2. Trina Groove

Table 1. Core New Trinamount Method 2 Products

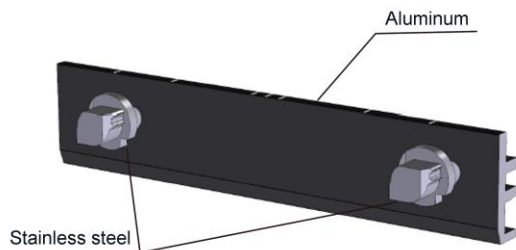


Figure3 Interlock

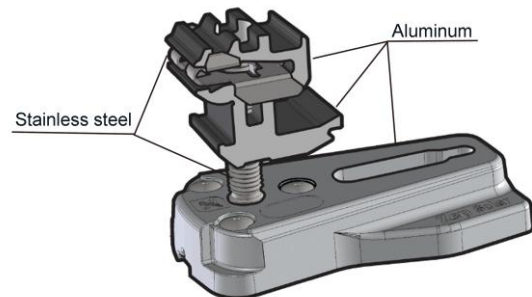
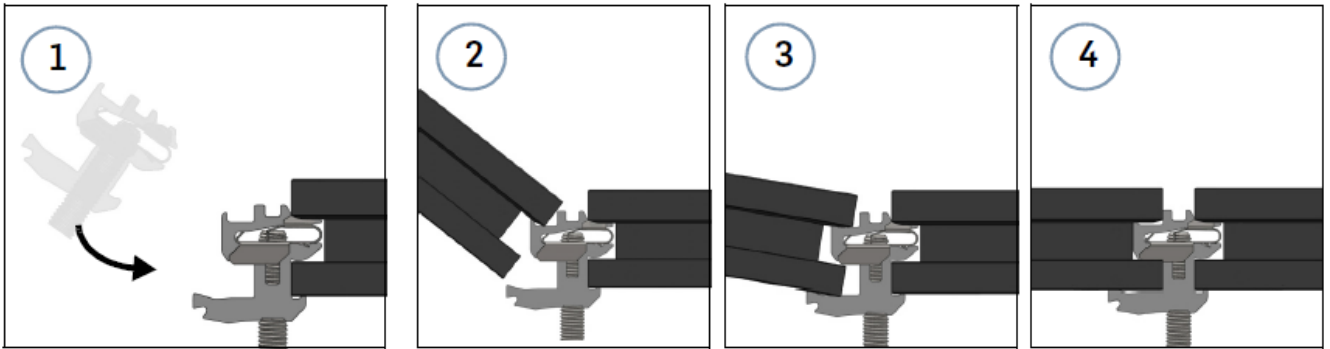


Figure4 Leveling Foot

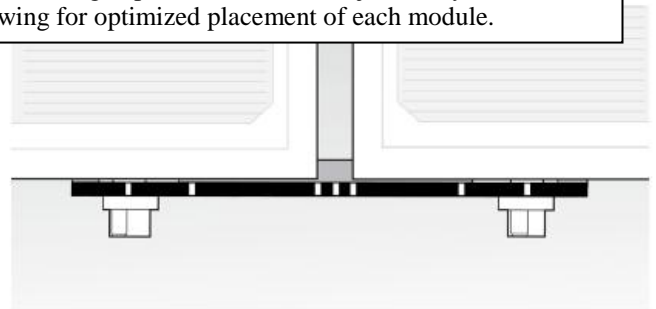
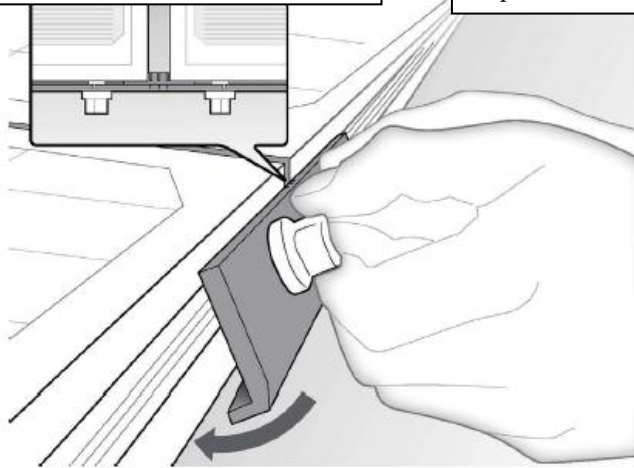
Item	Array Layout Rule	Description
1	Max Allowable Span	The maximum allowable Foot spacing must comply with the engineering requirements-follow the respective figures of configuration
2	1/3 Cantilever	The maximum allowable cantilever for a module is 1/3 of the maximum allowable Foot spacing.
3	Frame Corner Edge	The center line of a Rocket on a Foot must be positioned a minimum of 2" (50 mm) from module frame corner edge.
4	Interlock Gap	When an Interlock is used to create a structural connection between two modules, the minimum gap is 1/4" (6.3mm) and the maximum gap is 3/4" (19.1 mm).

Table2. General Rules for Trinamount module installation



First, the Key side of the Rokit is inserted into the Zep Groove

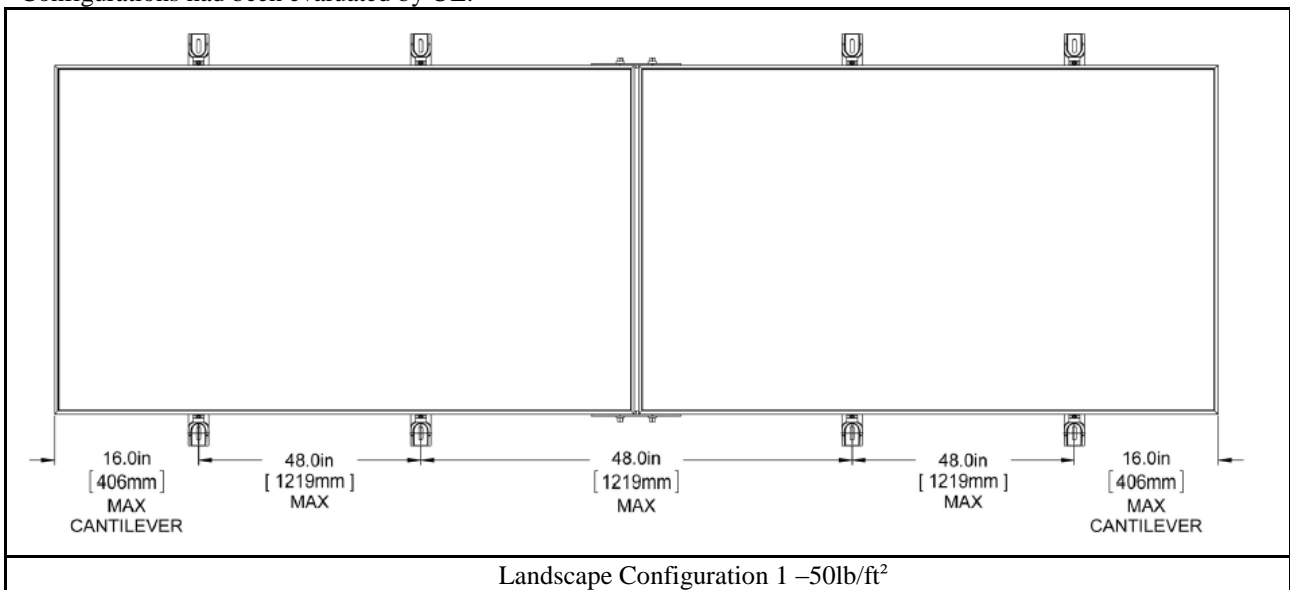
In the next row, modules are “dropped in” on the Tongue side (the receiving side). Each Tongue provides an in/out adjustability with the Zep Groove, allowing for optimized placement of each module.



When modules are connected together using the Interlock,

During installation of the Interlock, the Key side is inserted into the Zep Groove with a downward sweeping motion

Maximum positive and negative design load for mounting method is as below drawings descriptions. Following Configurations had been evaluated by UL.



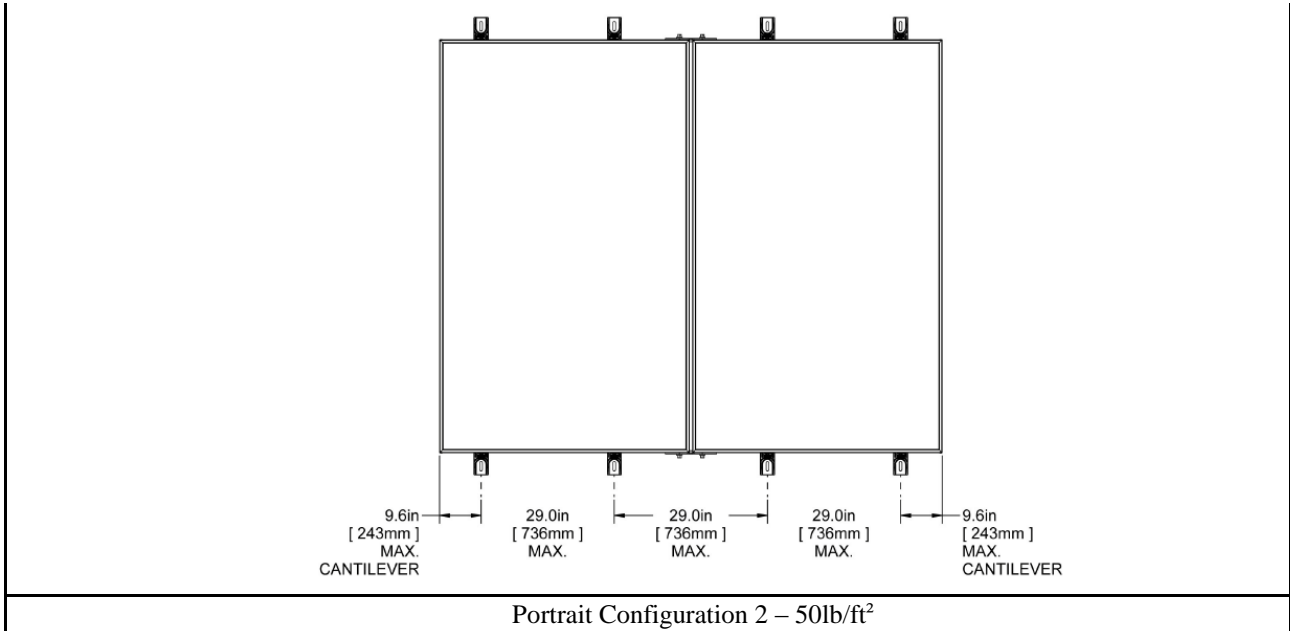


Figure5. Landscape Configurations for TRINAMOUNT mounting method for 60pcs, PD05.10 series

### 6.2 GROUNDING

The grounding method for TRINAMOUNT module series shall use the following components with Trinamount Tool shown in Figure 8:

Components Description	Illustrations	Installation instructions			
Ground Bolt – to provide a ground bond connection in PV module array.				<b>Ground Wire AWG</b>	<b>Torque in In-Lbs.</b>
				14 AWG	40 LBS
				12 AWG	40 LBS
				10 AWG	40 LBS
				8 AWG	45 LBS
				6 AWG	50 LBS
4 AWG	50 LBS				
Interlock – to provide grounding connections at the corner points of PV modules.					<p>Estimating a 1/2" (12.7mm) gap between modules, insert Interlock into groove at an angle. Press "lug" into groove with a sweeping forward/upward</p> <p><b>DO NOT</b> over-rotate Interlock. Stop rotating when position 3 is lined up with the alignment mark.</p> <p>Note that a gap between Interlock and Module is ok. Also, Interlocks can be installed at an angle to take up variation in Module dimensions.</p>

Table4. Grounding Components list and installation instructions

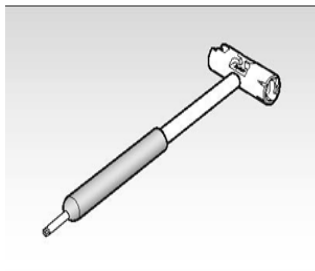


Figure9. Trinamount Tool – to install Ground Bolt and Interlock.



Figure10. Grounding interface part.

### 6.3 MODULE WIRING

- All wiring should be performed, by qualified installers, in accordance with the local codes and regulations.

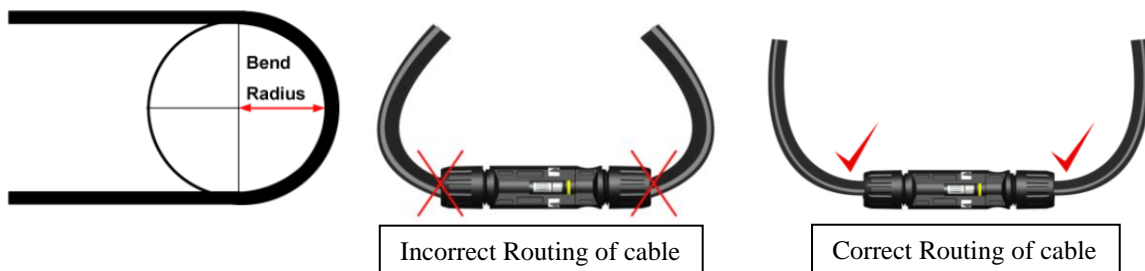
- Modules can be connected in series to increase the operating voltage by plugging the positive plug of one module into the negative socket of the next. Before connecting modules always ensure that the contacts are corrosion free, clean and dry.
- Product can be irreparably damaged if an array string is connected in reverse polarity to another. Always verify the voltage and polarity of each individual string before making a parallel connection. If you measure a reversed polarity or a difference of more than 10V between strings then check the string configuration before making the connection.
- Trina Solar modules are provided with stranded copper cables with a cross sectional area of 4mm<sup>2</sup> which are rated for 1000Vdc, 90°C and are UV resistant. All other cables used to connect the DC system should have a similar (or better) specification. Trina Solar recommend that all cables are run in appropriate conduits and sited away from areas prone to water collection.
- The maximum voltage of the system must be less than the maximum certified voltage and the maximum input voltage of the inverter and of the other electrical devices installed in the system. To ensure that this is the case, the open circuit voltage of the array string needs to be calculated at the lowest expected ambient temperature for the location. This can be done using the following formula.

$$\text{System voltage} = N * \text{Voc} * [1 + \text{TCvoc} * (25 - \text{Tmin})]$$

Where

N	No modules in series
Voc	Open circuit voltage of each module (refer to product label or data sheet)
TCvoc	Thermal coefficient of open circuit voltage for the module (refer to table (add))
Tmin	Minimum ambient temperature

- Each module have two standards 90°C sunlight resistant output cables each terminated with plug & play connectors. The wire type and gauge of the output cables are 600V (except TSM-\*\*\*\*D\*\* which are 1000V) rated PV Wire cable and are 12AWG in size. This cable is suitable for applications where wiring is exposed to the direct sunlight. We require that all wiring and electrical connections comply with the appropriate National Electrical Code.
- The minimum and maximum outer diameters of the cable are 0.038 to 0.076 in<sup>2</sup>.
- For field connections, use at least 12AWG copper wires insulated for a minimum of 90°C and sunlight resistance with insulation designated as PV Wire.
- The minimum bending radius cables should be 1.69 in.



## 7. ELECTRICAL CONFIGURATION

Photovoltaic (electric) systems operate automatically and require very little day-to-day supervision. The solar array generates DC electricity whenever light falls on it similarly the inverter automatically turns ON as soon as there is sufficient energy from the solar array to efficiently convert this into grid quality AC power.

### \*Caution:

- The module is rated to operate at potentially lethal DC voltages which have the potential can cause severe electrical shock, arcing and fire hazards. Whilst some solar modules, manufactured by Trina Solar, are certified to operate up to 1000V dc always check the module label to confirm the actual rating of your product before making connections.
- Always use a suitably rated isolator (DC switch) to interrupt the current flow before disconnecting the connectors.

### 7.1 FUSING

When fuses are fitted they should be rated for the maximum DC voltage and connected in each, non-grounded pole of the array (i.e. if the system is not grounded then fuses should be connected in both the positive and negative poles).

The maximum rating of a fuse connected in series with an array string is typically 15A but the actual module specific rating can be found on the product label and in the product datasheet.

This fuse rating value also corresponds to the maximum reverse current that a module can withstand (when one string is shaded then the other parallel strings of modules will be loaded by the shaded string and current will flow) and therefore impacts the number of strings in parallel.



## 7.2 INVERTER SELECTION AND COMPATIBILITY

When installed in systems governed by NEC regulations, Trina Solar modules normally do not need to be electronically connected to earth and therefore can be operated together with either galvanically isolated (with transformer) and transformerless inverters.

Potential Induced Degradation (PID) is sometimes observed in PV modules due to a combination of high humidity, high temperature and high voltage. PID is most likely to cause degradation under the following conditions:

- a) Installations in the warm and humid climates
- b) Installation close to a source of continual moisture, such as bodies of water

To reduce the risk of PID, we strongly suggest that modules feature Trina Solar's Anti-PID technology, which can be applied to any Trina product. Alternatively, we recommend the use of an inverter that includes a transformer as well as proper grounding of the negative DC leg of the PV array.

Choose inverters with isolation transformers in hot and wet areas (such as shores, wetlands), to ensure proper module function under positive voltage.

## 8. MAINTENANCE AND CARE

A well designed solar system requires minimal maintenance; however, system performance and reliability can be improved by taking some simple steps.

- Maintenance should be carried out at least once a year by trained personnel.
- Trim any vegetation which may shade the solar array thus impacting performance.
- Check that mounting hardware is properly tightened.
- Inspect all cables to verify that connections are tight; the cables are protected from direct sunlight and sited away from areas of water collection.
- Check that all string fuses in each non/earthed pole are operating.
- At least once a year, it is recommended to check the torque of terminal screws and the general condition of wiring. Also, check that mounting hardware is properly torqued. Loose connections will result in damage to the array.
- Replacement modules must be of same type. Do not touch live parts of cables and connectors. Use appropriate safety equipment (insulated tools, insulating gloves, etc.) when handling modules.
- The amount of electricity generated by a solar module is proportional to the amount of light falling on it. A module with shaded cells will produce less energy and therefore it is important to keep modules clean.
- Normally rain water is sufficient to keep the modules clean however it is particularly important to ensure that the solar modules are clean before onset of summer. Products installed at a tilt angle below 15° or which are located in particularly dusty areas, are installed in landscape orientation or in areas of high pollution or close to large bird populations will require more regular cleaning.
- When cleaning the module use a soft cloth together with a mild detergent and clean water. Take care to avoid severe thermal shocks which might damage the module by cleaning modules with water which has a similar temperature to the modules being cleaned.
- When cleaning the back surface of the module, take care to avoid penetrating the substrate material. Modules that are mounted flat (0° tilt angle) should be cleaned more often, as they will not "self clean" as effectively as modules mounted at a 15° tilt or greater.
- The benefit of cleaning dirt and debris from the array is a trade-off between the cost of the cleaning, increased energy production as a result of this cleaning, and the inevitable re-soiling of the laminates over time once they have been cleaned.
- If you are unsure whether the array or section thereof needs to be cleaned then first select an array string that is particularly soiled then
  - Measure & record the inverter feed in current from that string,
  - Clean all modules in the string
  - Measure the inverter feed in current again and calculate the % improvement from cleaning
  - If the improvement is less than 5% then it is normally not worth spending the expense on cleaning

The above verification should only be carried out when the insolation is effectively constant (clear sky, strong sunshine, no clouds)

- The back surface of the module normally does not need to be cleaned but, in the event this is deemed necessary, avoid the use of any sharp projects that might damage the penetrating the substrate material.
- Cover the front surface of modules by an opaque material when repairing. Modules when exposed to sunlight generate high voltage and are dangerous.
- Trina Solar SPV modules are equipped with bypass diodes in the junction box. This minimizes module heating and current losses.
  - Do not try to open the junction box to change the diodes even if they malfunction.
  - In a system using a battery, blocking diodes are typically placed between the battery and the SPV module output to prevent battery discharge at night.
- **Product Replacement:**

In the event that a module is damaged (broken glass or scratch on back sheet) and needs to be replaced then

- Observe the safety precautions listed earlier in the manual
- Wear cut resistant gloves and other personal protective equipment required for the particular installation.
- Isolate the impacted array string to prevent current flow before attempting to remove the module.

- Disconnect the MC4 connectors of the affected module using the MC4 disconnect tool
- Replace the damaged module with a new module of the same type.
- Check the open circuit voltage of the array string and verify that this is within 10V of the other strings to be connected in parallel
- Turn the isolator back on.
- **Troubleshooting:**  
If your installation does not work properly, please inform your installer immediately.
- **Reporting Technical Issues or Claims:**
  - Contact your installer
  - Contact Trina Solar after sales service team at [aftersales@trinasolar.com](mailto:aftersales@trinasolar.com)
  - Submit the Customer Feedback form at: [www.trinasolar.com](http://www.trinasolar.com) and one of our technical service representatives will contact you within 5 business days. A username and password is required to send feedback from the customer service link

## 9. SPECIFICATIONS

For module specifications, please visit Trina Solar website for individual product datasheets or the comprehensive product catalogue at [www.trinasolar.com](http://www.trinasolar.com).

**WARNING: For any electrical maintenance, the PV system must first be shut down. Improper maintenance can cause lethal electric shock and/or burns.**