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This document includes references to SunPower E-series (SPR-Eyy-zzz), X-series (SPR-Xyy-zzz), P-Series (SPR-Pyy-zzz, SPR-P3-zzz), SPR-MAX2-zzz, SPR-MAX3-zzz PV Modules.

Do not mix E, X, MAX2, MAX3, P Series and P3 in one System. All module series does not require functional grounding and are compatible with transformer-less inverters (ref. section 4.1)

1.0 Introduction

This manual provides safety and installation instructions for IEC certified SunPower photovoltaic modules carrying the TUV logo on the product label (Figure 1).



www.tuv.com ID 0000022009 Figure 1

Important! Please read this instruction sheet in its entirety before installing, wiring, or using this product in any way. Failure to comply with these instructions will invalidate the SunPower Limited Warranty for PV Modules.

1.1 Disclaimer of Liability

The installation techniques, handling and use of this product are beyond company control. Therefore, SunPower does not assume responsibility for loss, damage or expense resulting from improper installation, handling or use.

1.2 Conformity to International Electrotechnical Commission (IEC) standards

This product meets or exceeds the requirements set forth by IEC 61215 Edition 2-2005 and Edition 3-2016 for PV Modules, as well as IEC 61730 Edition 1 and 2 series for Class II applications. The IEC Standard covers flat-plate PV modules intended for installation on buildings and those intended to be freestanding. This product is not intended for use where artificially concentrated sunlight is applied to the module.

This manual shall be used in combination with industry recognized best practices. Modules should be installed by certified professionals only.

1.3 Limited Warranty

Module limited warranties are described in the SunPower warranty document obtainable at www.sunpower.com. Please read this document for more information.

Warranties do not apply to any of the following;

PV modules which in SunPower's absolute judgment have been subjected to: misuse, abuse, neglect or accident; alteration, improper installation, application or removal (including but not limited to installation, application or removal by any party other than a qualified personnel; non-observance of SunPower's installation, users and/or maintenance instructions; repair or modifications by someone other than an approved service technician; power failure surges, lightning, flood, fire, accidental breakage or other events outside SunPower's control.

2.0 Safety Precautions

Before installing this device, read all safety instructions in this manual.

<u>Danger!</u> Module interconnects pass direct current (DC) and are sources of voltage when the module is under load and when it is exposed to light. *Direct current can arc across gaps and may cause injury or death if improper connection or disconnection is made, or if contact is made with module components that are damaged.* Do not connect or disconnect modules when current from the modules or an external source is present.

- Cover all modules in the PV array with an opaque cloth or material before making or breaking electrical connections.
- Do not disconnect any modules when its inverter is feeding in to the grid. Switch off the inverter before disconnecting, reinstalling or making any action with the modules.
- For connectors, which are accessible to untrained people, it is imperative to use the locking connectors and safety clips, if applicable, in order to defend against untrained personnel disconnecting the modules once they have been installed.
- All installations must be performed in compliance with all applicable regional and local codes.
- There are no user serviceable parts within the module. Do not attempt to repair any part of the module.
- Installation should be performed only by qualified personnel.
- Remove all metallic jewelry prior to installing this product to reduce the chance of accidental exposure to live circuits.
- Use insulated tools to reduce your risk of electric shock.
- Do not stand on, walk, drop, and scratch or allow objects to fall on the glass surface of the modules.
- Damaged modules (broken glass, torn back sheet, broken j-boxes, broken connectors, etc) can be electrical hazards as well as laceration hazards. Contact with damaged module surfaces or module frame can cause electric shock. The dealer or installers should remove the module from array and contact the supplier for disposal instructions.
- Unconnected connectors must always be protected from pollution (e.g dust, humidity, foreign particles, etc), prior to installation. Do not leave unconnected (unprotected) connectors exposed to the environment. A clean assembly environment is therefore essential to avoid performance degradation.
- Do not install or handle the modules when they are wet or during periods of high wind.
- Do not block drain holes or allow water to pool in or near module frames
- SunPower recommend to not mix 160mm cells and 166mm cells modules in a cosmetically sensitive application.
- Contact your module supplier if maintenance is necessary.
- Save these instructions!

3.0 Electrical Characteristics

The module electrical ratings are measured under Standard Test Conditions (STC) of 1 kW/m² irradiance with AM 1.5 spectrum and a cell temperature of 25 °C. SunPower modules have specific electrical characteristics as shown on the datasheets.

A photovoltaic module may produce more current and/or voltage than reported at STC. Sunny, cool weather and reflection from snow or water can increase current and power output. Therefore, the values of l_{sc} and V_{oc} marked on the module should be multiplied by a factor of 1.25 when determining component voltage ratings, conductor ampacities, fuse sizes, and size of controls connected to PV output. An additional 1.25 multiplier may be required by certain local codes for sizing fuses and conductors. SunPower recommends the use of opencircuit voltage temperature coefficients listed on the datasheets when determining Maximum System Voltage.



4.0 Electrical Connections

Modules may be connected in series and/or parallel to achieve the desired electrical output as long as certain conditions are met. Please use only the same type of modules in a combined source circuit.

SunPower recommends that all wiring be double insulated with a minimum rating of 85° C (185° F). All wiring should use flexible copper (Cu) conductors. The minimum size should be determined by the applicable codes. We recommend a size not less than $4 mm^2$. The insulation type should be appropriate for the type of installation method used and must meet SCII (Safety Class II) and IEC 61730 requirements.

SunPower recommends a conservative minimum cable bend radius of equal to or greater than 40mm, to avoid exposure of electrical connections to direct sunlight and not to place connector in location where water could easily accumulate.

4.1 System & Equipment Grounding

Please refer to the applicable regional and local codes on grounding PV arrays and mounting frames for specific requirements (e.g. lightning protection).

Module Types

SPR **E**, **X**, **P** series modules and our Maxeon and Performance Product Line are compatible with Transformer Less (TL) inverters, when used as an ungrounded PV source.

No frame grounding requirements (including functional frame grounding), but may be subjected to local regulation.

Functional system grounding of a polarity (positive or negative) is optional and may be subject to local requirements

E Series:

SPR-Eyy-zz SPR-Eyy-zzz-BLK SPR-Eyy-zzz-COM

X Series:

SPR-Xyy-zzz SPR-Xyy-zzz-BLK SPR-Xyy-zzz-COM

P Series/ Performance Product Line:

SPR-Pyy-zzz-COM SPR-Pyy-zzz SPR-Pyy-zzz-BLK SPR-P3-zzz-COM SPR-P3-zzz-BLK

Maxeon Product Line:

SPR-MAX2-zzz SPR-MAX2-zzz-COM SPR-MAX3-zzz SPR-MAX3-zzz-BLK SPR-MAX3-zzz-COM

Note: If you are installing an older Module Type than above mentioned, please refer to different/previous applicable Safety and Installation Manual.

If you are doing a frame grounding connection, avoid the direct contact between Aluminum and Copper using an intermediate metal like steel or tin.

4.2 Series Connection

The modules may be wired in series to produce the desired voltage output. Do not exceed the maximum system voltage specified in module datasheet.

4.3 Parallel Connection

The modules may be combined in parallel to produce the desired current output. Series string must be fused prior to combining with other strings if the resulting maximum reverse current exceeds the fuse rating as shown in the datasheets. Bypass diodes are factory installed in the modules. Please refer to the applicable regional and local codes for additional fusing requirements and limitations on the maximum number of modules in parallel.

5.0 Module Mounting

The SunPower *Limited* Warranty for PV Modules is contingent upon modules being mounted in accordance with the requirements described in this section.

5.1 Site Considerations

SunPower modules should be mounted in locations that meet the following requirements:

<u>Operating Temperature:</u> All SunPower modules must be mounted in environments that ensure SunPower modules will operate within the following maximum and minimum operating temperatures:

| Maximum Operating | +85 °C (+185 °F) |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Temperature | |
| Minimum Operating | -40 °C (-40 °F) |
| Temperature | |

Care should be taken to provide adequate ventilation behind the modules, especially in hot environments.

<u>Design Strength:</u> SunPower modules are designed to meet a positive or negative (upward and downward, e.g. wind) withstanding test pressure load and a negative (or downward, e.g. static load or snow load) withstanding test pressure load, as per IEC 61215, when mounted in the configurations specified in Section 5.2 and Tables 1.2 or 1.3 below.

When mounting modules in snow prone or high wind environments, special care should be taken to mount the modules in a manner that provides sufficient design strength while meeting local code requirements.

Additional authorized Operating Environments:

Modules can be mounted in the following aggressive environment according to the test limits mentioned below

Salt mist corrosion testing: IEC 61701 Severity 6

Ammonia Corrosion Resistance: IEC 62716 Concentration: 6,667ppm

Excluded Operating Environments:

Certain operating environments are not recommended for specific SunPower modules and are excluded from the SunPower *Limited* Warranty for these modules.

No SunPower module should be mounted at a site where it may be subject to direct contact with salt water, or other aggressive environment.

Modules should not be installed near flammable liquids, gases, or locations with hazardous materials; or moving vehicules of any type.

Performance Series Mounting Orientation

Performance Series (P-Series) modules are designed to be installed in landscape orientation. In landscape orientation, P-series modules maintain higher power under row to row shading and edge soiling.

5.2 Mounting Configurations

Mounting system must provide a flat plane for the modules to be mounted on and must not cause any twist or stress to be placed on the Module, even in case of thermal expension.

Modules may be mounted at any angle from horizontal to vertical. Select the appropriate orientation to maximize sunlight exposure. SunPower recommends for a good performance of the system (reduction of soiling effect) a minimum of 5° tilt angle. The cleaning frequency must be increased for modules installed with a very low angle.



Commercial modules (96 & 128 cells) frames have permanently attached stacking pins. Mounting system hardware used with commercial modules must account for the presence of these stacking pins (see Table 2). There is a 20mm zone on the long side frame at 388-408 mm ("D" area in Figure 2).

Specific information on module dimensions and the location of mounting and grounding holes is provided in Figures 2 and Table 2.

In order to prevent water from entering the junction box, which could present a safety hazard, modules should not be mounted such that the front/top glass faces downward (e.g., on a tracking structure that positions the module with the junction box facing skyward during sleep mode).

We also want to remind that the watertightness is not ensured by the modules but by the mounting system and that drainage should be well designed for Modules.

Clearance between the module frames and structure or ground is required to prevent wiring damage and allows air to circulate behind the module. The recommended assembling clearance between modules installed on any mounting system is a minimum of 5 mm distance.

When installed on a roof, the module shall be mounted according to the local and regional building and fire safety regulations. In case the module is installed in a roof integrated PV-System (BIPV), it shall be mounted over a watertight and fire-resistant underlayment rated for such application

Modules mounting systems should only be installed on building that have been formally considered for structural integrity, and confirmed to be capable of handling the additional weighted load of the Modules and mounting systems, by a certified building specialist or engineer.

Mounting system supplier shall manage the galvanic corrosion which can occur between the aluminium frame of the Modules and mounting system or grounding hardware if such devices is comprised of dissimilar metals.

The module is only certified for use when its factory frame is fully intact. Do not remove or alter the module frame. Creating additional mounting holes or removing the stacking pins may damage the module and reduce the strength of the frame, therefore are not allowed. Using mounting Clamps or clips with additional grounding bolts or grounding metal sheets could be in compliance with this Safety and Installation Instructions manual subject to conditions of Section 4.1

Modules may be mounted using the following methods only:

- 1) Frame Holes: Secure the module to the structure using the factory mounting holes. Four M6 (¼") stainless steel bolts, with nuts, washers, and lock washers are recommended per module. Refer to Table 2 for the module dimensions and mounting hole locations. (Please refer to the arrows on the Table 2, E1&E2&E3&E4).
- clips on the longer and/or shorter side of the frame of the module. The clips allowed location should be according to Table 1.1. Installers should ensure the clamps are of sufficient strength to allow for the maximum design pressure of the module. Clips and clamps are not provided by SunPower. Clamps that secure to the top of the frame must not deform the top flange. Clamps must apply force collinear with the 'wall' of the module frame and not only to the top flange. Clamps or installation procedures that put excessive force on the top

flange will deform the frame, void the module warranty and risk

glass breakage. Figure 1a illustrates locations for top frame clamp force. Avoid clamping within 50mm of module corners to reduce risk of frame corner deflection and glass breakage. When clamping to the module frame,

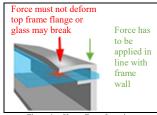


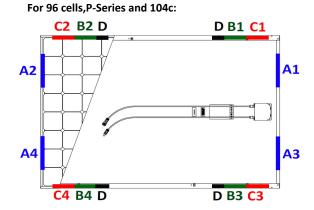
Figure 1a: Clamp Force Locations

torque should never exceed 15 N.m to reduce chances of frame deformation. Mounting systems should be evaluated for compatibility before installing specially when the system is not using Clamps or clips.

- B) **End Mount:** End mounting is the capture mounting of the length of the module's shorter frames with clamps on each shorter sides of the frame. Three different configurations are possible: 1) with two mounting rails under the complete length of each shorter side of the Modules, (See Table 1.2), 2) with two mounting rails parallel to the long side of the Modules (See Table 1.2) and 3) without any mounting rail (See Table 1.2). The end-mounting rails and clips or clamps (identified as A₍₁₈₂₈₃₈₄₎ in Table 1.1) must be of sufficient strength to allow for maximum designed test pressure of the module. Verify this capacity with the mounting system of vendor before installation.
- 4) Center Mount: (Only for Oasis Trackers): A continuous clamp may be used to clamp the bottom flange of the frame at the center of the long sides (identified as F₁₈₂). Minimum clamping length shall be 150 mm on top of flange and 100 mm on bottom.
- 5) Hybrid Mount: Combination with clamps or clips located on longer or shorter sides of Modules are also possible, see Table 1.2 for allowed configurations. In any case, four clampings points are needed.
- 6) SunPower specified or SunPower supplied mounting systems. Modules mounted with strict adherence to SunPower documentation, using hardware systems supplied by or specified by SunPower

Figure 2 and Table 1.1 below demonstrate the mounting locations and Tables 1.2 and 1.3 give allowed load ratings (designed test value) for SunPower modules.

Figure 2: Mounting Zone locations for SunPower modules





For 128 cells and P-Series Commercial:

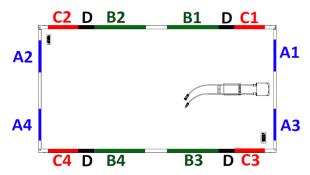


Table 1: Mounting allowed clamping Zone Locations

| | Module Mounting zone distance from Configuration corner in (mm) ¹ | | | Frame holes | Oasis center | |
|---|--|-----------|-----------|-------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------|
| | Frame | A | В | С | E | moun t F |
| Module size | type | (1&2&3&4) | (1&2&3&4) | (1&2&3&4) | (1&2&3&4) | (1&2) |
| 96 cells, P- Series Residential and 104 cells and P3 BLK | G3 (Black) Silver & G4.1 & G4.2 & G4.3 | 50-350 | 150-380 | 50-150 | As per Drawing in the Table | Not applicabl e |
| 128 cells and P19/P3- COM | G4 & G4.1 & G4.2 | 50-350 | 408-880 | 50-375 | 2 | Refer to 5.2,4 |

D - There is a 20mm zone at 388-408mm from the corner where mounting is not allowed due to the module stacking pin feature. Not applicable for residential/commercial P19 Series, all P3 Series, 96 cells residential modules and all 104 cells.

Table 1.2: Mounting Zone Load Ratings (test pressure) for Racking system without rail support.

| Modu Configur | | | Wind (up & down) / Snow (down) (units in Pa) (***) | | | |
|--|---|--------------------------------|---|----------------|--|--|
| Module size | Frame type | End Mount A (1&2&3&4) | Frame Holes E (1&2&3&4) | B (1&2&3&4) | C(1828384) or B + C (B183 + C284 or B284 + C183) Or A + B (A183 + B284 or A284 + B183) Or A + C (A183 + C284 or A284 + C183) | |
| 96 cells, P- Series Residential White and P3 BLK | G3 Black & Silver & G4.1 & G4.2 & G4.3 | 2400/ 2400 ^(*) | 2400/ 5400 | 2400/ 5400 | 2400/2400 | |
| 104 cells and P- Series Black | G4.2 | 2400/ 2400 | | | | |
| 128 cells, P19/P3- COM | G4 & G4.1 & G4.2 | Not applicabl e (**) | 2400/ 5400 | 3600/ 3600 | 2400/2400 | |

^{(*): 5400}Pa is allowed with clamps and mounting rails along the longer side of the frame (**): 2400/2400Pa are allowed with clamps and mounting rails along the longer side of the frame

Table 1.3: Mounting Zone Load Ratings for Racking system with an additional support rail underneath length of frame and parallel to the short side and suitably located

| Module Cor | Wind (up & down) / Snow (down) (units in Pa) | | |
|---|--|-------------|-------------|
| Module size | Frame type | B (1&2&3&4) | C (1&2&3&4) |
| 96 cells, P-Series Residential and 104 cells and P3 BLK | G3 (Black &Silver) & G4.1 & G4.2 & G4.3 | 2400 / 5400 | 2400 / 2400 |
| 128 cells and P-series 19/P3-COM | G4 & G4.1 & G4.2 | 3600 / 5400 | 2400/3600 |

5.3 Handling of Modules during Installation

Do not place modules face forward in direct contact with abrasive surfaces like roofs, driveways, wooden pallets, railings, stucco walls, etc...

The module front surface glass is sensitive to oils and abrasive surfaces, which may lead to scratches and irregular soiling.

During storage, modules need to be protected from rain or any kinds of liquids. Required storage temperature is between 10°C to 40°C in a dry environment (humidity between 30 to 80%). Do not store modules outdoor to avoid moisture and wet conditions.

Modules that feature <u>antireflective coated glass</u> are prone to visible finger print marks if touched on the front glass surface. SunPower recommends handing modules with anti-reflective glass with gloves (no leather gloves) or limiting touching of the front surface. Any finger print marks resulting from installation will naturally disappear over time or can be reduced by following the washing guidelines in Section 6.0 below. Any module coverage (colored plastic tarps or similar) during installation can lead to permanent front glass discoloration and is not recommended. The use of vacuum lifting pads can cause permanent marks on the front glass. Never lift or move the module using the cables or the junction box under any-circumstances.

Shading incidence need to be avoided during PV system operation. The system is not supposed to be energized until the mounting scaffolding, fences or railing have been removed from the roof. Systems should be disconnected in any cases of maintenance which can cause shading (e.g. chimney sweeping, any roof maintenance, antenna/dish installations, etc).

6.0 Maintenance

SunPower recommends visual inspection on a regular basis of all modules for safe electrical connections, sound mechanical connection, and freedom from corrosion. This visual inspection should be performed by trained personnel. The standard frequency is once a year according to environmental conditions

Periodic cleaning of modules is recommended but is not required. Periodic cleaning has resulted in improved performance levels, especially in regions with low levels of annual precipitation (less than 46,3cm (18,25 inches)). Consult your dealer or supplier about recommended cleaning schedules for your area.

To clean a module, wash with potable, non-heated, water. Normal water pressure is more than adequate, but pressurized water up to 100 bar (min.50 cm distance) may be used. SunPower recommends using a large hosepipe and not to perform cleaning at high outside temperatures. Fingerprints, stains, or accumulations of dirt on the front surface may be removed as follows: first rinse off area and let soak for a short period of time (5 mins). Re-wet and use a soft sponge or seamless cloth to wipe glass surface in a circular motion.

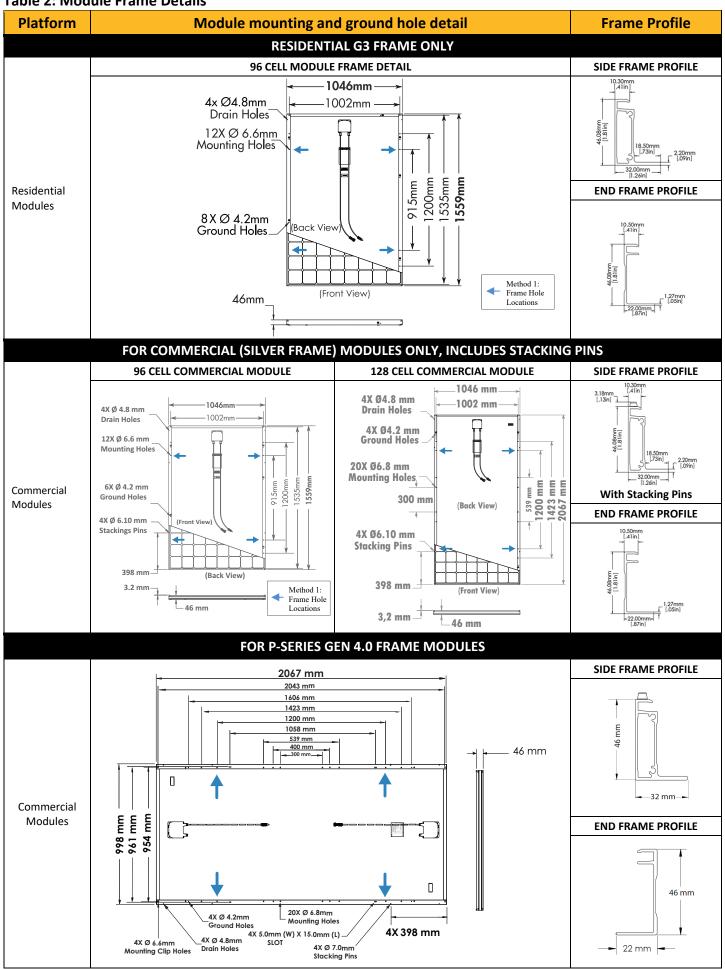
Fingerprints typically can be removed with a soft cloth or sponge and water after wetting. Do not use harsh cleaning materials such as scouring powder, steel wool, scrapers, blades, or other sharp instruments to clean the glass surface of the module. Use of such materials or cleaning without consultation will invalidate the product warranty.

¹⁾ No part of the module clamp may extend beyond this area.

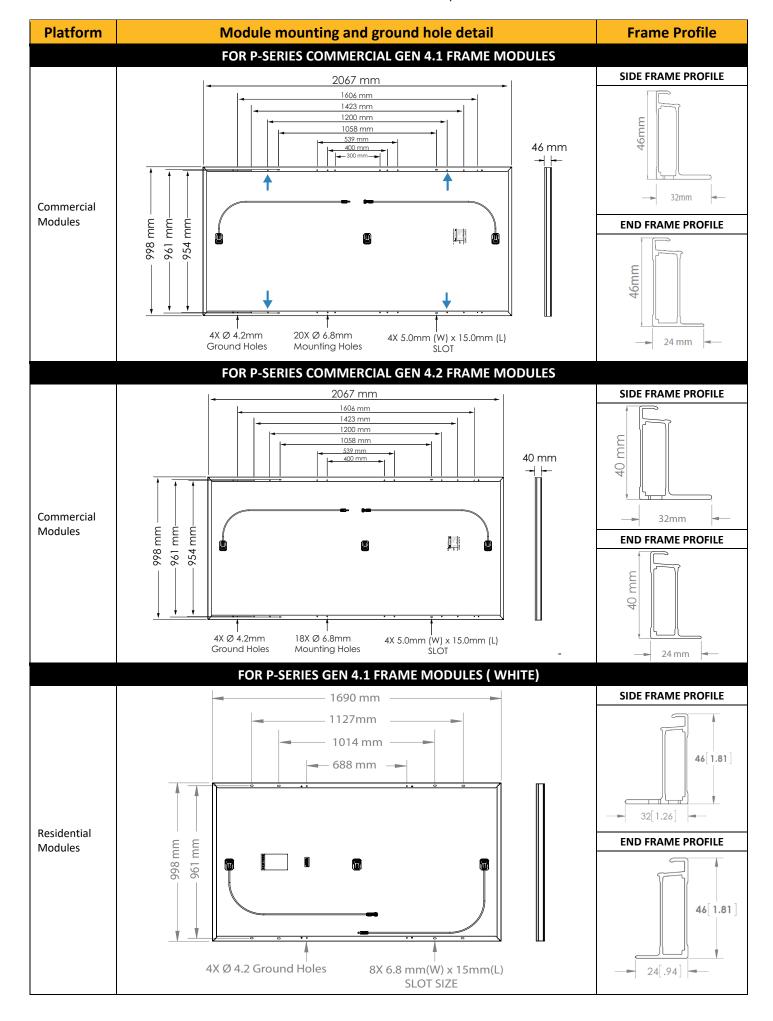
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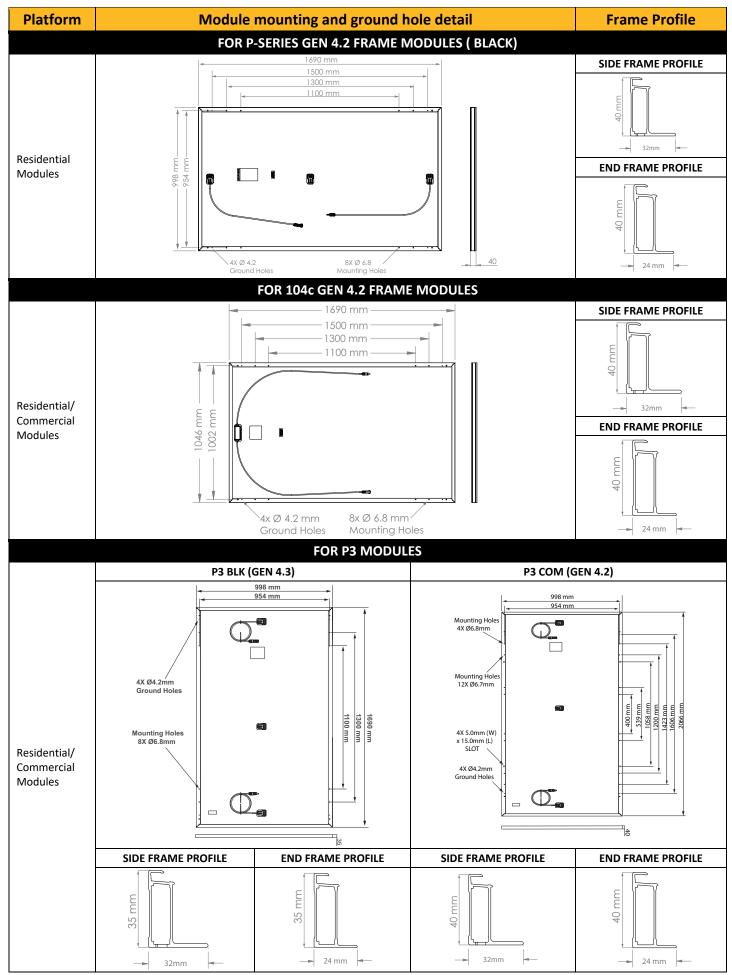
Table 2: Module Frame Details











Measurement Tolerances are +/-3 mm for the Length and Width of the Module.