

Installation Manual

IM_AXE_CP_ECO

Economical Tilted Car Port Mounting System

For framed PV modules in portrait orientation

V6



Declaration

- Only the highest quality components are used in the mounting system to ensure trouble-free operation of your solar power system. The following information explains the proper setup of the Axestruct carport system tilted in a parking area.
- Any unique structural features must be documented so that the surrounding unique features can be considered when planning the layout.
- Always fasten the bolted connection by turning the bolt head. Do not turn the nut; hold it in position. Use a calibrated torque wrench to fasten the connection to the specified torque.

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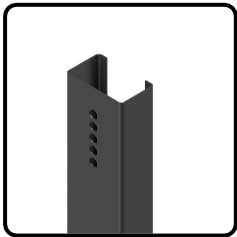
1. Components

Posts / Rafters

Post

AXE_L_LC

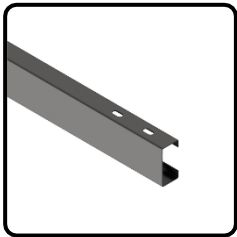
Vertical support member



Rafter

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Rail support

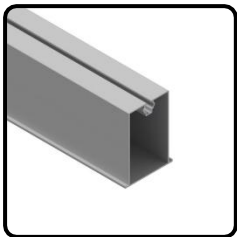


Rail Profiles

Rail

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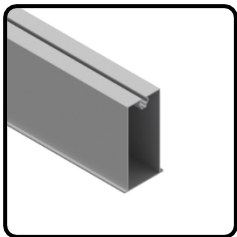
PV module support
2.5, 4.5 & 6 m lengths



Rail

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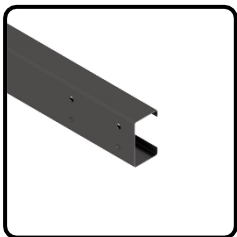
PV module support
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Steel Rail

AXE_L_LC

PV module support
Custom length

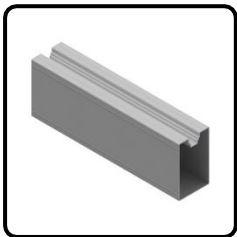


Rafter / Rail Extensions

Rail Extension

AXE_EX_120_80_AL

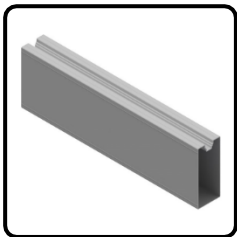
Rail connection



Rail Extension

AXE_EX_170_80_AL

Rail connection



Steel Extension

AXE_EX

Rail and Rafter connection

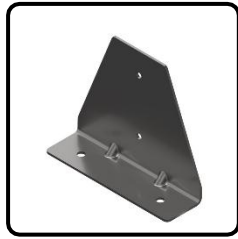


Base Slot / Base Fix Brackets

Base Fix Bracket

AXE_BR_BF_S_18_SH

Foundation connection



Base Fix Bracket

AXE_BR_BF_D_12_SH

Bracing connection



Post / Purlin Connectors

Purlin Connector

AXE_PC_R

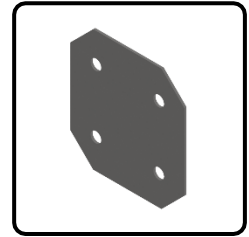
Structural connection



Post Connector

AXE_PC_B_SZ

X-Brace connection

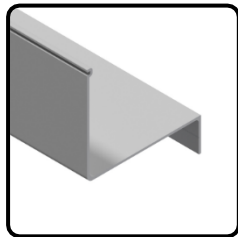


Cable Trays

Cable Tray Housing

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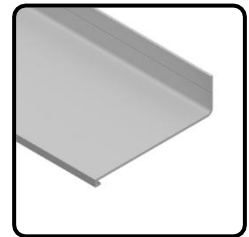
Cable management



Cable Tray Cover

AXE_L_CT_C_60_70_AL

Cable management

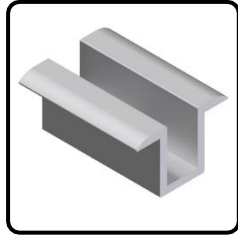


PV Module Clamps

Mid Clamp

AXE_CM_AP_AL

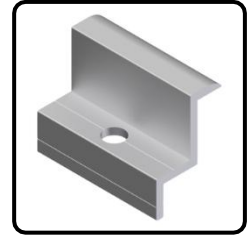
For PV modules with 30, 35 &
40mm frames



End Clamp

AXE_CE_AP_AL

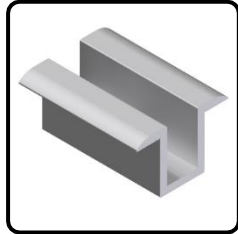
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Mid Clamp

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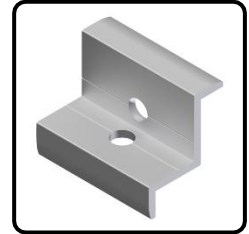
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End Clamp

AXE_CE_CP_30_35_AL

For PV modules with 30 & 35
frames



Mid Clamp

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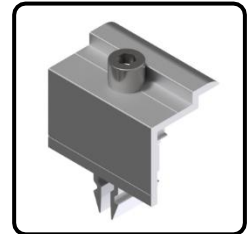
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End Clamp

AXE_CE_CF_AL

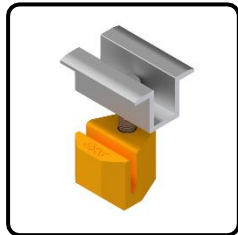
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Mid Clamp, Lip Fix

AXE_CM_LF_30_AL

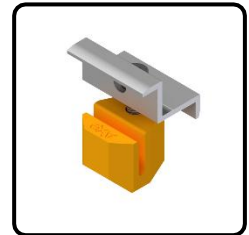
Preassembled for PV modules
with 30 & 35 mm frames



End Clamp, Lip Fix

AXE_CE_LF_30_AL

Preassembled for PV modules
with 30 or 35 mm frames

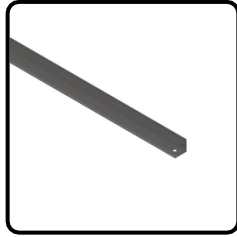


Bracing

Equal Angle

AXE_L_AE_50_50_3

Bracing member



Wire Rope Length

AXE_RW_L_8_SH

Bracing cable



Wire Rope Turnbuckle

AXE_RW_B_12_SE

Bracing tensioning



Wire Rope Eyelet

AXE_RW_E_16_SH

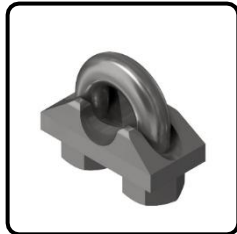
Bracing connection



Wire Rope Clamp

AXE_RW_C_8_SE

Wire rope fastening



L Bracket

AXE_BR_L_F_SH

Bracing connection

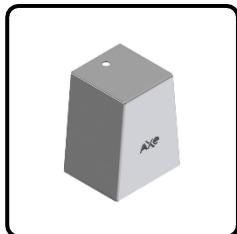


End Caps

End Cap

AXE_EC_120_80_AL

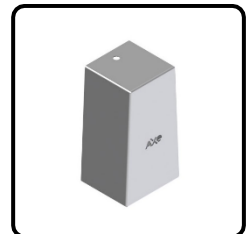
Protective finishing



End Cap

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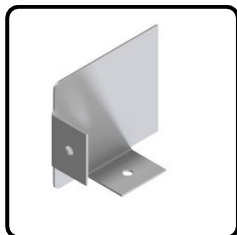
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End Cap

AXE_EC_60_70_AL

Protective finishing



Fasteners

Wedge Clip

AXE_CW_LC_SH

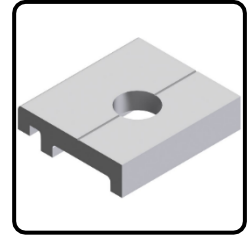
Rail connection



Rails Clip

AXE_CP_GM_AL

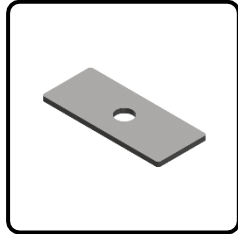
Rail connection



Clamp Washer

AXE_WC_12_SH

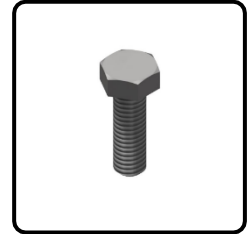
Rail connection



Bolt Hexagon

AXE_BH_10/12/16/20_SS/SH

Structural fastening



Cap Screw Hexagon

AXE_CS_8_SS

PV clamp connections



Self-Drilling Tek Screw

AXE_ST_6.3_22_SC

Rail Extension connection



Hex Flange Nut

AXE_NHF_10_SS

Rail and Rafter connection



Hex Nut

AXE_NH_12/16/20_SH

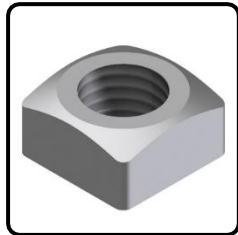
Structural fastening



Square Nut

AXE_NSQ_8_SS

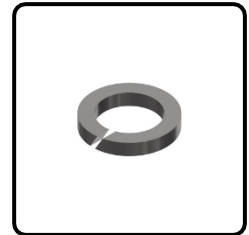
Rail and PV module connection



Spring Washer

AXE_WS_8/10/12/16/20_SS/SH

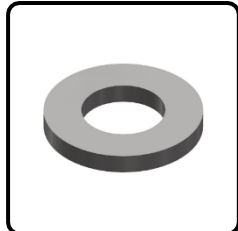
Structural fastening



Plain Washer

AXE_WP_12/16/20_SH

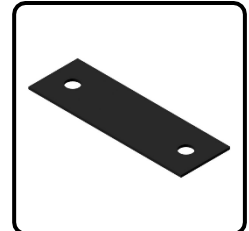
Structural fastening



Isolation Pad

AXE_ISE_112_PR

Dissimilar metal isolation



Nut Stopper

AXE_NST_8/10_PP

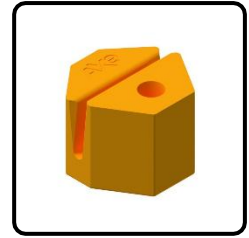
Fastener positioning



Nut Holder

AXE_NHD_8_PN

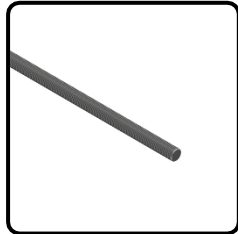
Clamp fastening



Threaded Rod

AXE_TR_12_SH

Structural connection



Accessories

Cable Clip

AXE_CC_SS

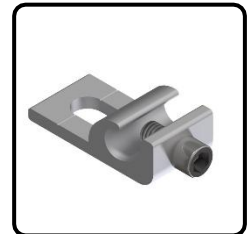
Cable management



Earthing Lug

AXE_EL_AL

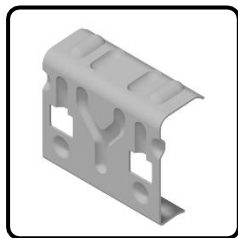
Earthing connection



Drainage Clip

AXE_CD_AL

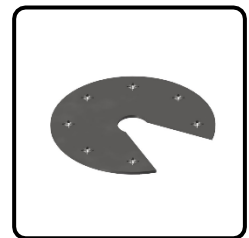
Water drainage



Earthing Plate

AXE_EP_SM

Module earthing



2. Torque Specifications

The specified settings below are assumed to have a dry application. Should a lubrication agent or anti-seizing be used, 80% of the below-listed values would apply. Do not exceed the specified tightening torque values, as excessive tightening may cause deformation of aluminium components.

Size	Stainless Steel (N.m)	Galvanised Grade 8.8
M8	18 N.m	N/A
M10	38 N.m	N/A
M12	60 N.m	93 N.m
M16	150 N.m	230 N.m
M20	300 N.m	464 N.m
M24	N/A	798 N.m

Seizing (Galling) Prevention

Anti-Seize compound should be applied to all threaded connections, specifically stainless-steel fasteners. This will prevent fasteners from seizing and promote good practice. A further step to prevent seizing is to tighten fasteners at low rpm, without interruptions and apply steady pressure.

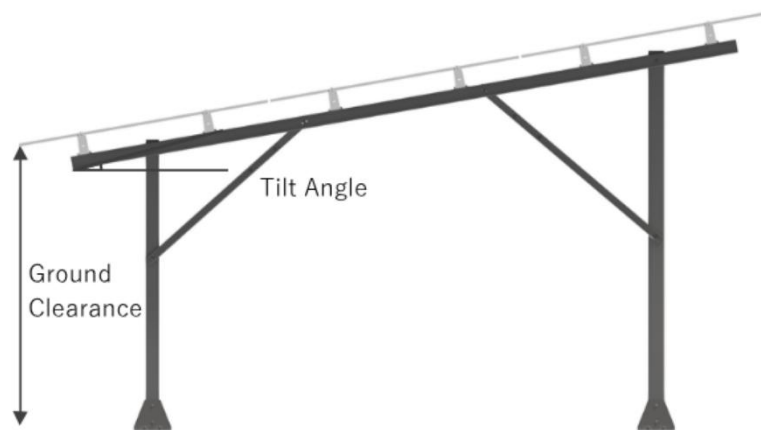
3. Configuration Options

Carports are available in two configurations: single park and double park.

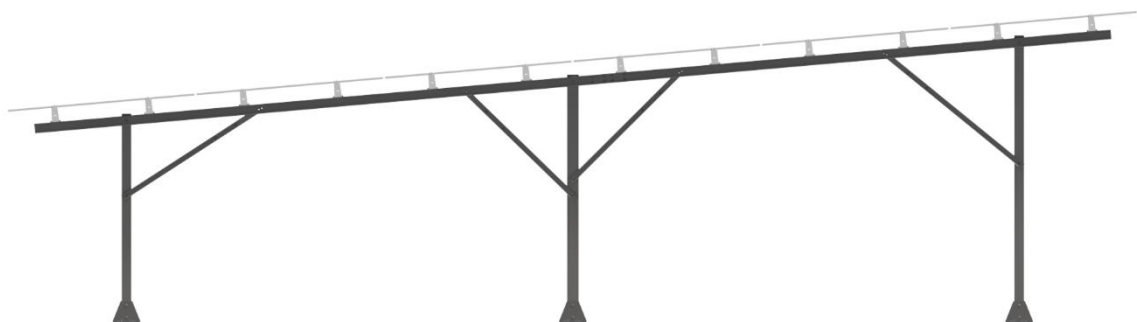
The single park configuration allows vehicle entry from one side only, while the double park configuration is designed for vehicle entry from both sides.

Side views of the Economical structure:

- *Single Park Mono Pitch:*



- *Double Park Mono Pitch:*



4. Layout Positioning

The profile cross-sections and the span between posts vary based on the selected PV module and site conditions. These should be determined through structural analysis. A geotechnical report may be required to determine the foundation dimensions required to support the structure.

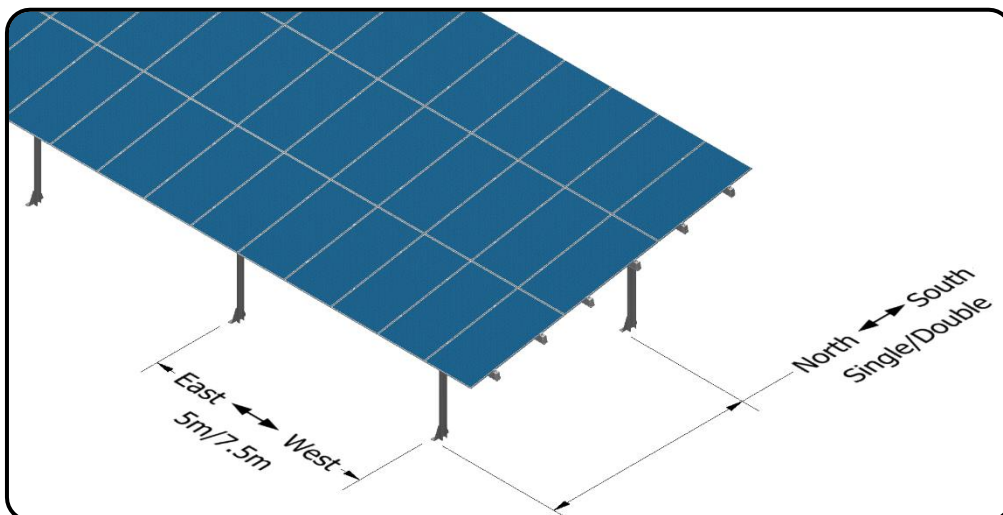
A minimum clearance of 20 mm must be maintained between PV modules. Mid Clamps may be utilised as spacers to ensure this distance is consistently achieved.

The carport system is designed based on the following:

- Table slope
- Double or Single Park configuration
- Total PV modules per table
- Height above ground level

The spacing between posts in the East–West direction is standardised at 7.5 m and 5 m for three-car and two-car parking configurations, respectively. The double park configuration in the North–South direction provides an additional symmetrical parking space.

The lateral cantilever of the rails at the table ends shall be equal unless otherwise specified. Refer to the project-specific layout drawings for detailed information.



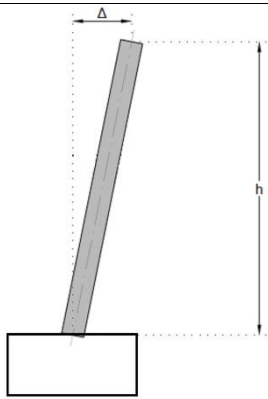
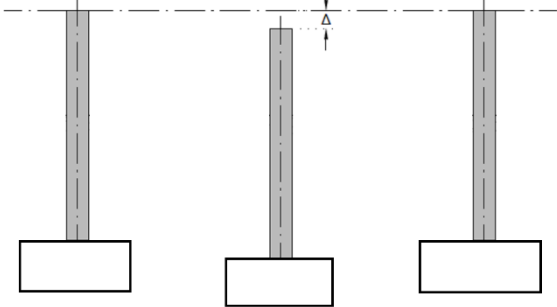
5. Foundation Fixings

Mark out the positions of all foundation locations accurately as per the layout drawings. Prepare the designated areas for the concrete bases, ensuring proper ground compaction before placing or casting the reinforced concrete bases.

To ensure accurate alignment of foundations, the foundation levels should follow the natural ground profile. However, if the natural gradient exceeds 2% along the length of the table, corrective measures must be implemented to achieve a maximum slope deviation of 2%.

The following tolerances apply when aligning post positions in concrete bases (measured at ground level):

Description	Depiction	Tolerance
Individual 4 rod grouping position relative to the reference point (RP)		$\Delta 1 = \pm 5 \text{ mm}$
Individual 4 rod grouping spacing relative to the adjacent 4 rod grouping		$\Delta = \pm 5 \text{ mm}$
General 4 rod grouping alignment relative to the reference line (RL)		$\Delta = \pm 5 \text{ mm}$
Overall table length and North–South spacing		$\Delta 1 = \pm 20 \text{ mm}$ $\Delta 2 = \pm 5 \text{ mm}$

Individual post inclination		$\Delta = h/300$
Individual base level relevant to the adjacent base		$\Delta = \pm 5 \text{ mm}$

The images in the table above illustrate the use of base plates on the posts; however, the same principles are equally applicable to posts that are cast directly into the concrete.

6. Foundation Specifications

The following sections outline essential guidelines for on-site earthworks and the construction of a suitable foundation. For precise foundation design and rebar scheduling, consult the relevant layout drawings.

The following requirements should be followed when constructing the foundation. Use concrete with a minimum compressive strength of 30 MPa. It is crucial to allow sufficient time for proper concrete curing, with a minimum duration of 7 days.

When performing compaction, the following parameters should be targeted:

- 450 mm over excavations
- Rip and re-compact 150 mm in-situ material
- 150 mm G5 compacted to 95% Mod AASHTO
- An additional 150 mm G5 compacted to 95% Mod AASHTO or higher, depending on soil conditions

The above parameters serve as a general reference and are subject to adjustment based on the results of the soil compaction assessment.

7. Foundation Anchorage

The foundation connections will vary depending on the site-specific design. Refer to the relevant layout drawings, which will indicate the applicable connection method.

Casting of Threaded Rods:

Utilise a guide plate to position the Threaded Rods accurately within each concrete foundation. Precast the threaded rods or dowel them into the concrete to provide secure anchorage for the posts. Ensure that all threaded rods are M20 and Hot-Dip Galvanised to achieve adequate corrosion protection.

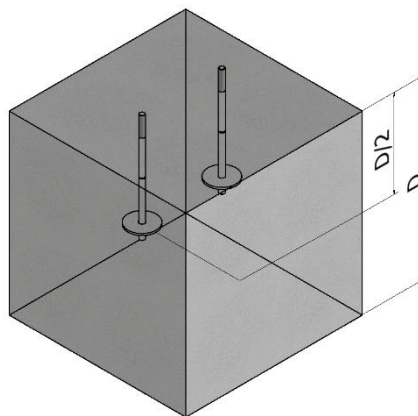
Threaded Rod Anchorage

It is strongly recommended to precast the M20 threaded rods into the concrete base, incorporating a bolted washer with an outer diameter of 80 mm and a thickness of 5 mm. The washer should be positioned below the midpoint of the base depth to ensure optimal anchorage.

Where chemical anchors are utilised, the installer shall ensure that the selected anchor system is suitable for the design loads and installed in accordance with the manufacturer's specifications.

The fasteners required per threaded rod are listed below. (*Anchoring fasteners included upon request.*)

No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Threaded Rod, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M20	1
②	Fender Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M20	1
③	Hex Nut, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M20	1

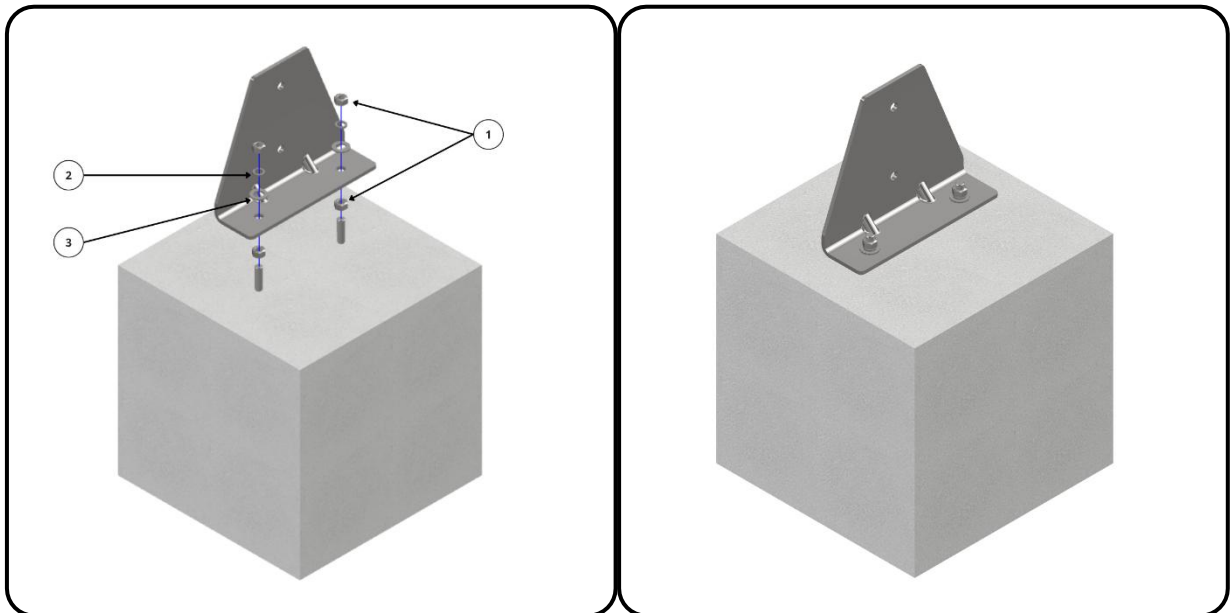


Base Fix Foundation Connection:

Anchor the Base Fix Brackets to the concrete foundations using the cast-in threaded rods. Level the brackets by adjusting the levelling nuts positioned beneath the base plates. Once the brackets are correctly aligned, secure the connection using the fasteners listed below. Once the Base Fix Brackets are aligned and secured, fill the void between the base plate and the foundation with non-shrink grout. Ensure that the grout thickness does not exceed 50 mm.

(Anchoring fasteners included upon request.)

No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Hex Nut, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M20	4
②	Spring Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M20	2
③	Plain Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M20	2

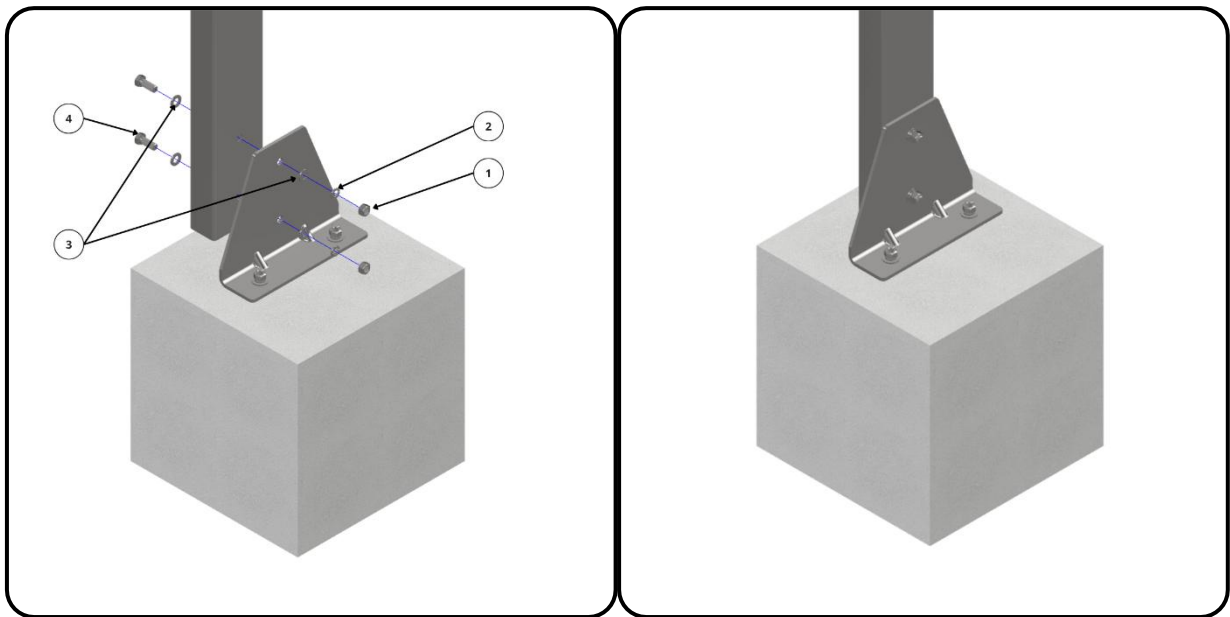


8. Post Connections

Single Base Fix Bracket Connection:

Position the Post against the Base Fix Bracket and align the holes. Secure the Posts to the Base Fix Brackets using the fasteners listed below. Refer to the project-specific layout drawings for the required post configuration.

No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Hex Nut, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	2
②	Spring Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	2
③	Plain Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	4
④	Bolt Hexagon, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16x40	2



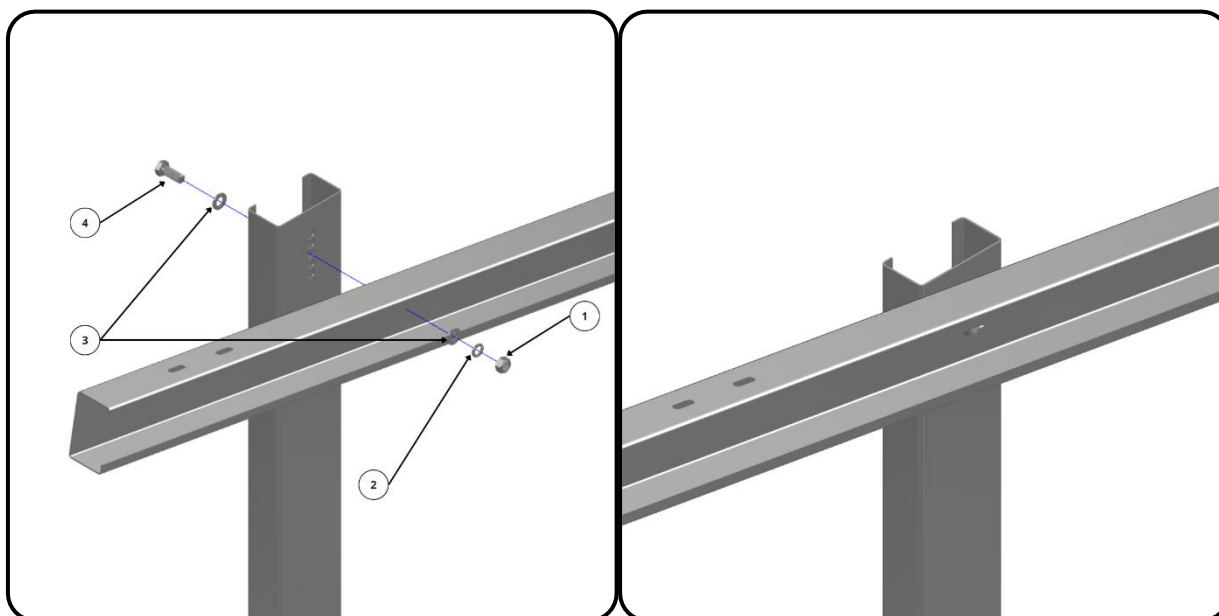
9. Mounting Rafters

Post Connection:

Align the bottom and top ends of the Rafters in both the vertical and horizontal planes, then secure the Rafters to the Posts. Ensure that the Rafters are aligned to prevent any stress on the PV modules during later installation.

(Refer to Bracing Installation if bracing is included.)

No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Hex Nut, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	1
②	Spring Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	1
③	Plain Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	2
④	Bolt Hexagon, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16x40	1



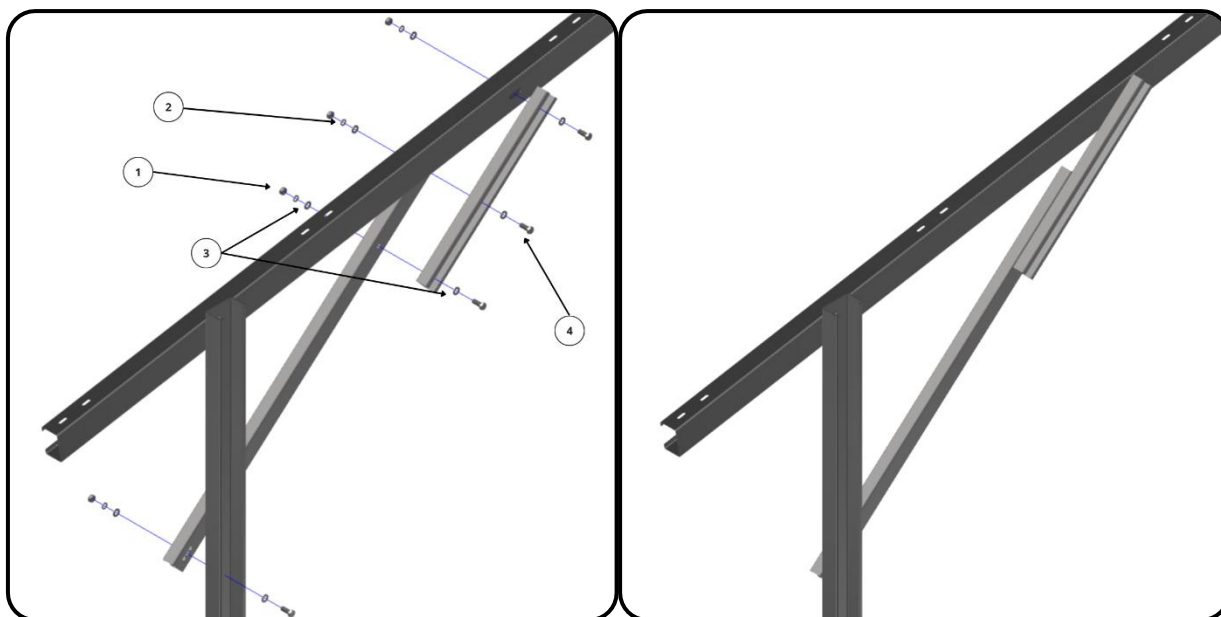
Recommendation

- Use the pre-drilled holes and slots on the Rafters to connect the first and last Rafters of each table. Once the outer Rafters are assembled, stretch a string line between them. Align the Base Fix Brackets in the middle of the table with the two outer Base Fix Brackets, using the string line as a reference.

Diagonal Support Connection:

Connect the two diagonal support pieces back-to-back. Secure one end of the assembly to the Rafter and the other end to the Post using the fasteners listed below.

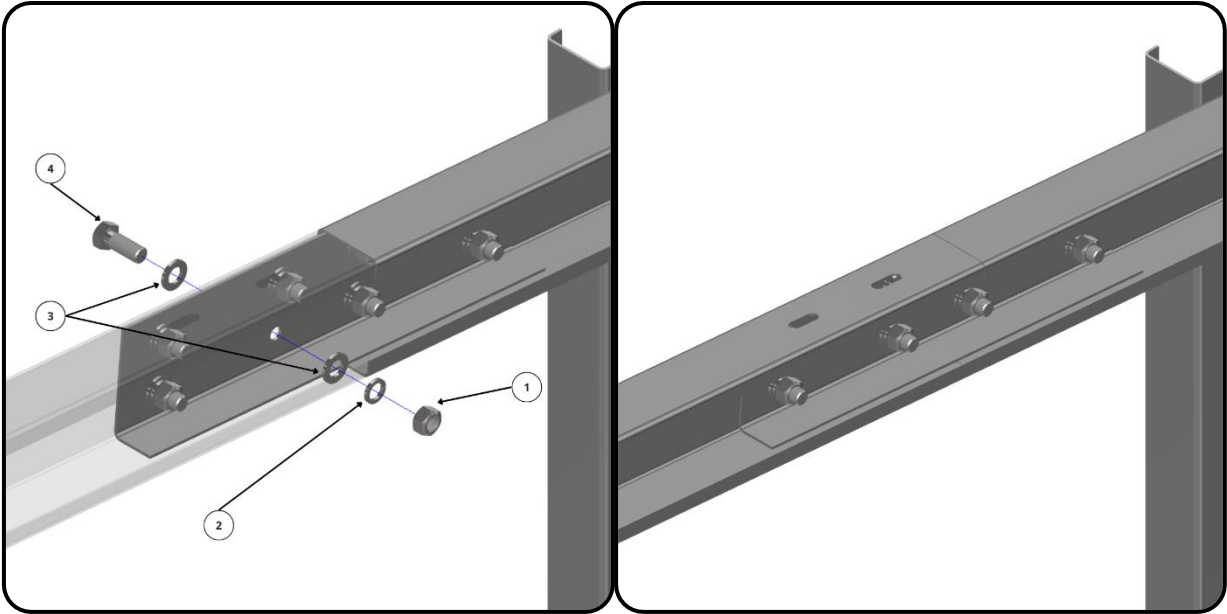
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①	Hex Nut, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	4
②	Spring Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	4
③	Plain Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	8
④	Bolt Hexagon, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16x40	4



10. Joining Rafters

Insert the Extensions into the Rafters, align the holes and secure one side of the connection with the fasteners listed below.

No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Hex Nut, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	16
②	Spring Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	16
③	Plain Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	32
④	Bolt Hexagon, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12x35	16



11. Bracing Installation

Three different bracing options are available.

- X-Bracing
- V-Bracing
- Bracing Cables

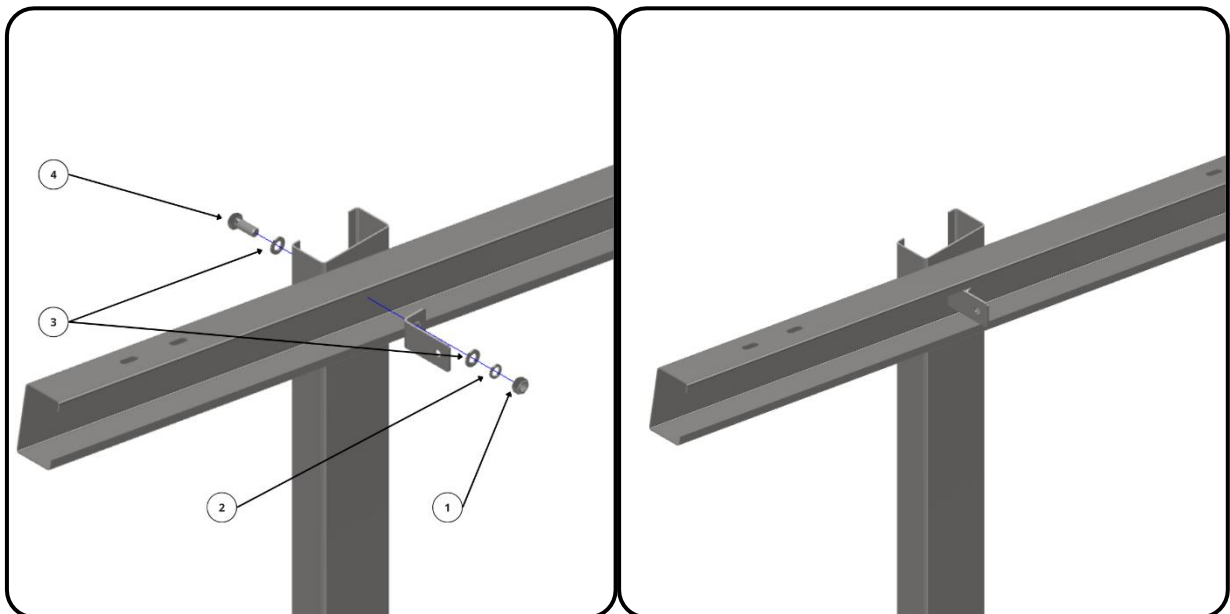
One of these options will be offered depending on the structure and site conditions.

X-Bracing:

This method utilises Equal Angles connected at the centre of the bay to form an X-brace configuration.

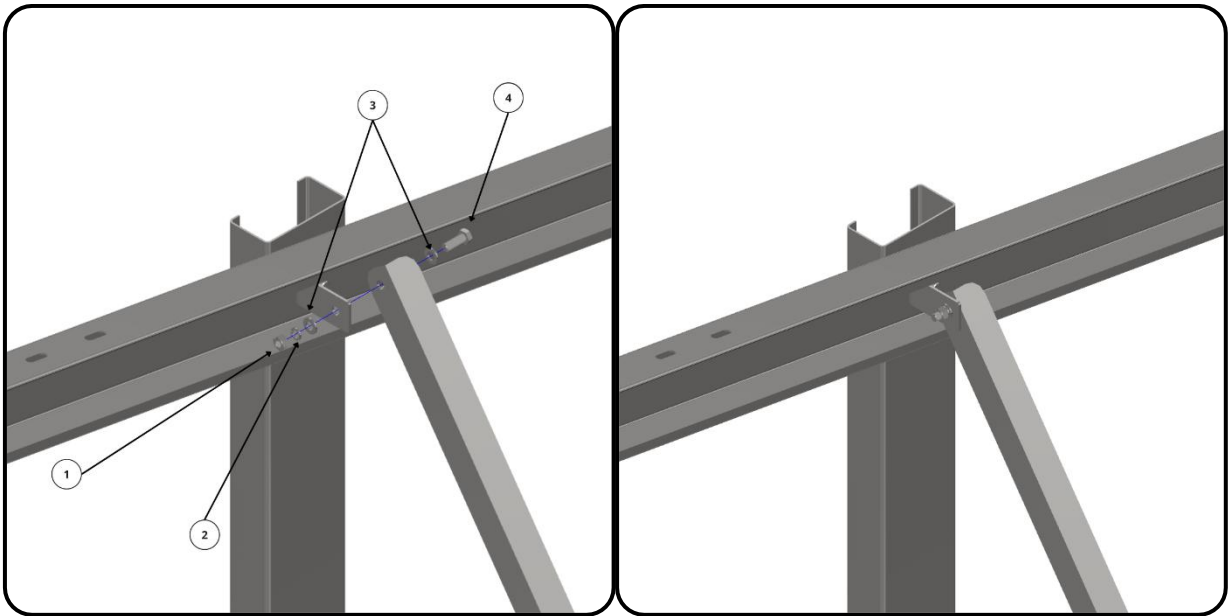
Connect the L Bracket to the Rafter using the same bolt that secures the Rafter to the Post. Secure the connection using the fasteners listed below.

No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Hex Nut, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	1
②	Spring Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	1
③	Plain Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	2
④	Bolt Hexagon, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16x40	1

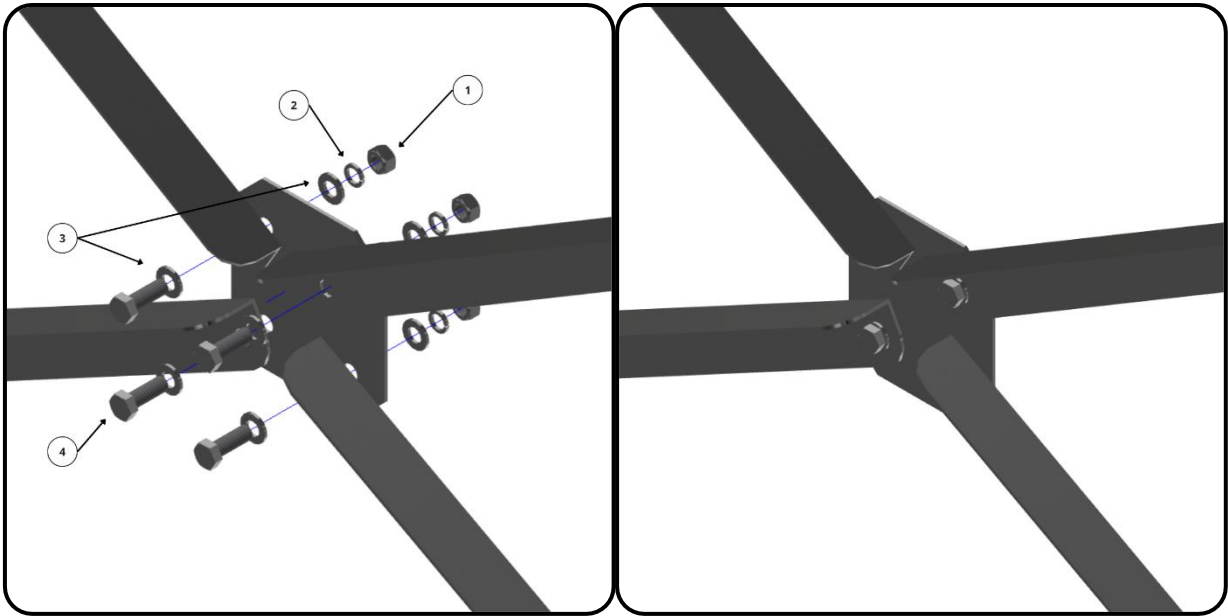


Connect the Equal Angle to the L Bracket using the fasteners listed below.

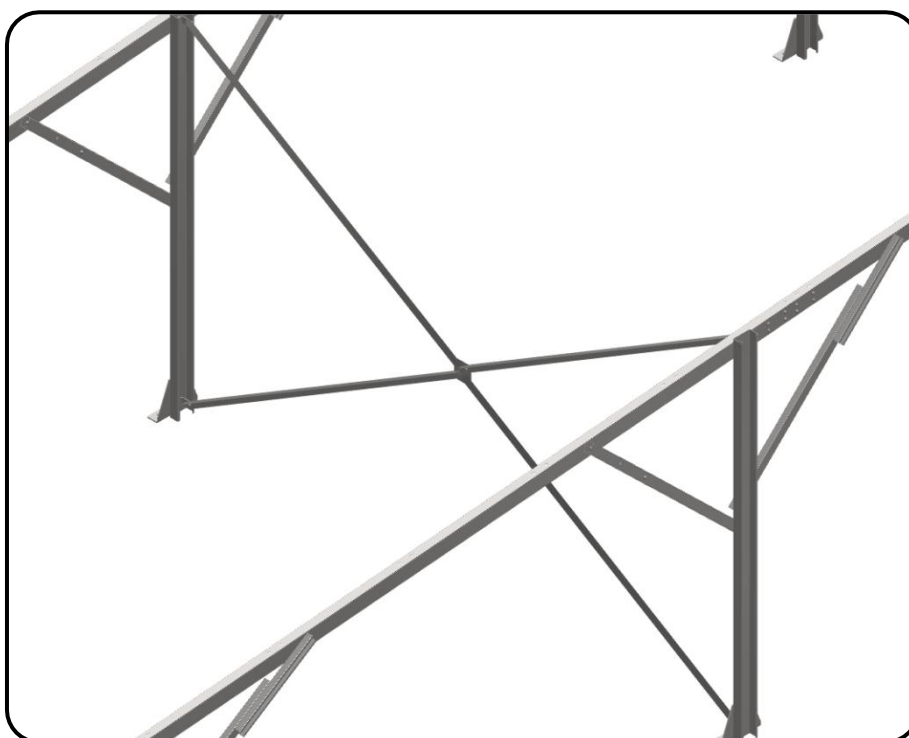
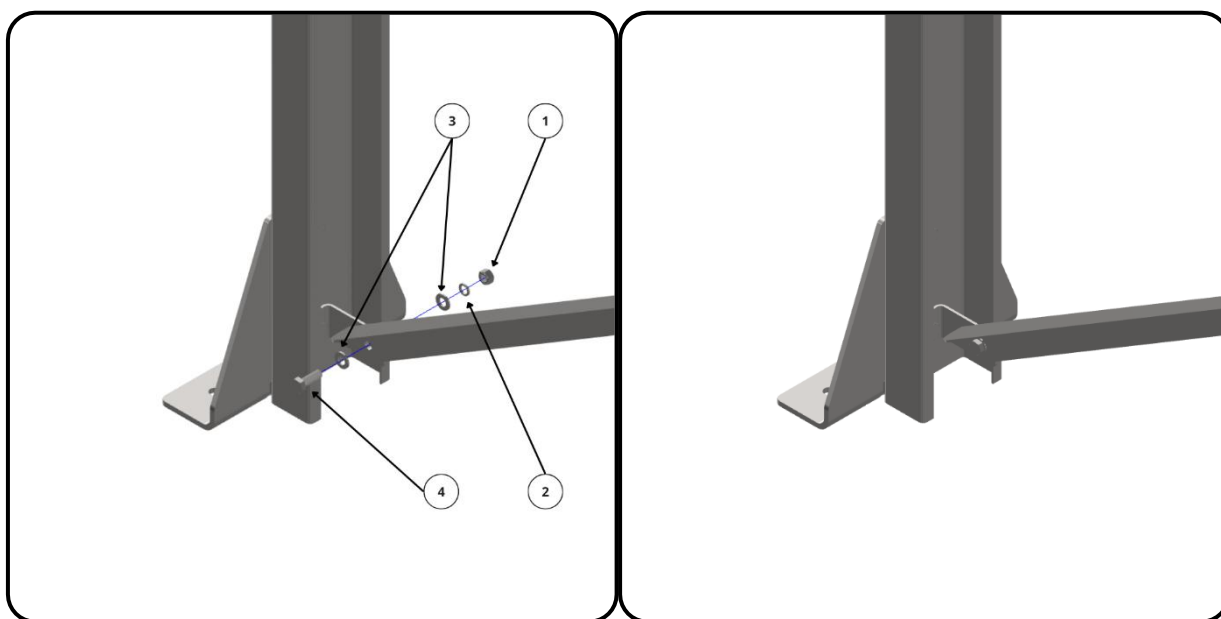
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②	Spring Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	1
③	Plain Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	2
④	Bolt Hexagon, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12x35	1



Secure the Equal Angles to the Post Connector using the fasteners listed in the table above.



Complete the X-bracing configuration by connecting the Equal Angles to the two bottom L Brackets using the fasteners in the table above.

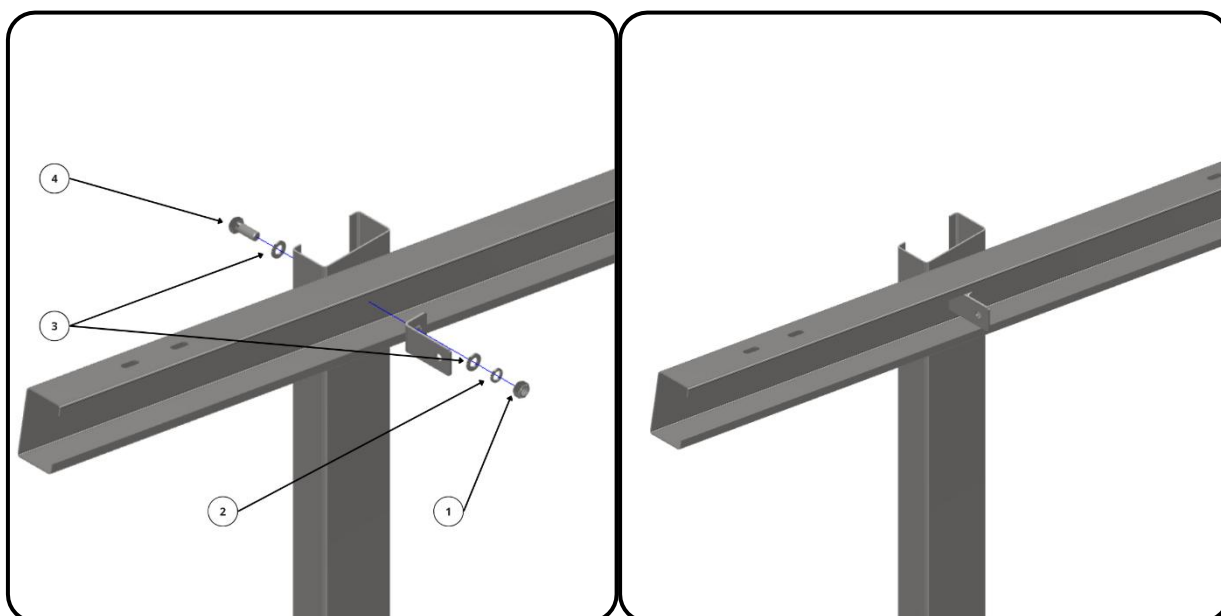


V-Bracing:

This method utilises Equal Angles connected at the centre of the bay to form a V-brace configuration.

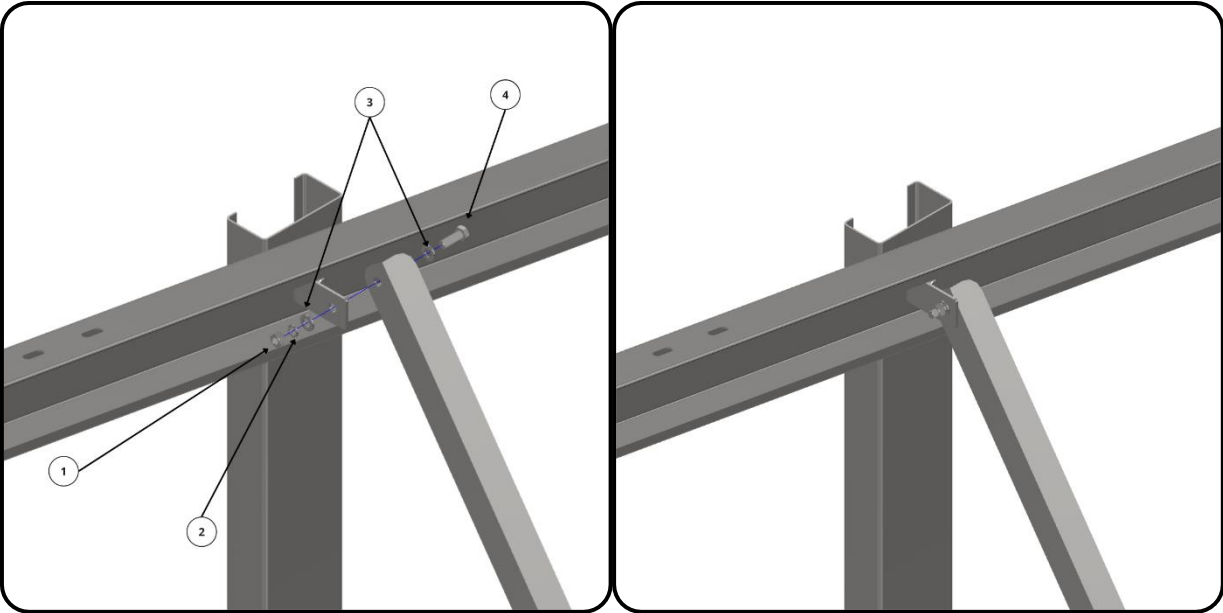
Connect the L Bracket to the Rafter using the same bolt that secures the Rafter to the Post. Secure the connection using the fasteners listed below.

No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Hex Nut, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	1
②	Spring Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	1
③	Plain Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	2
④	Bolt Hexagon, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16x40	1

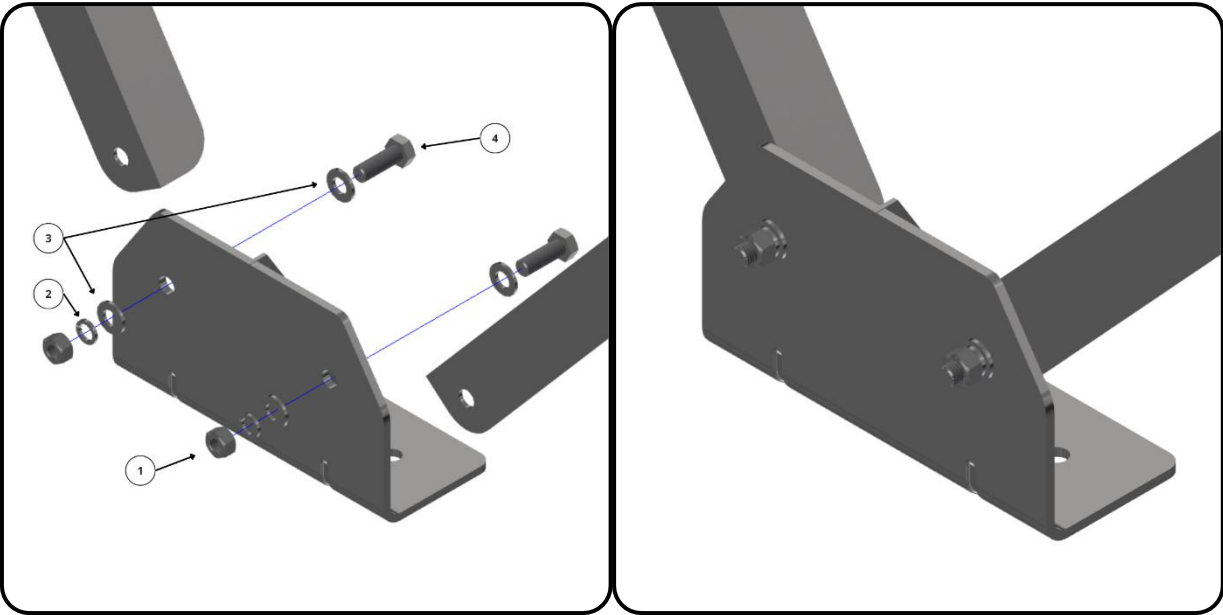


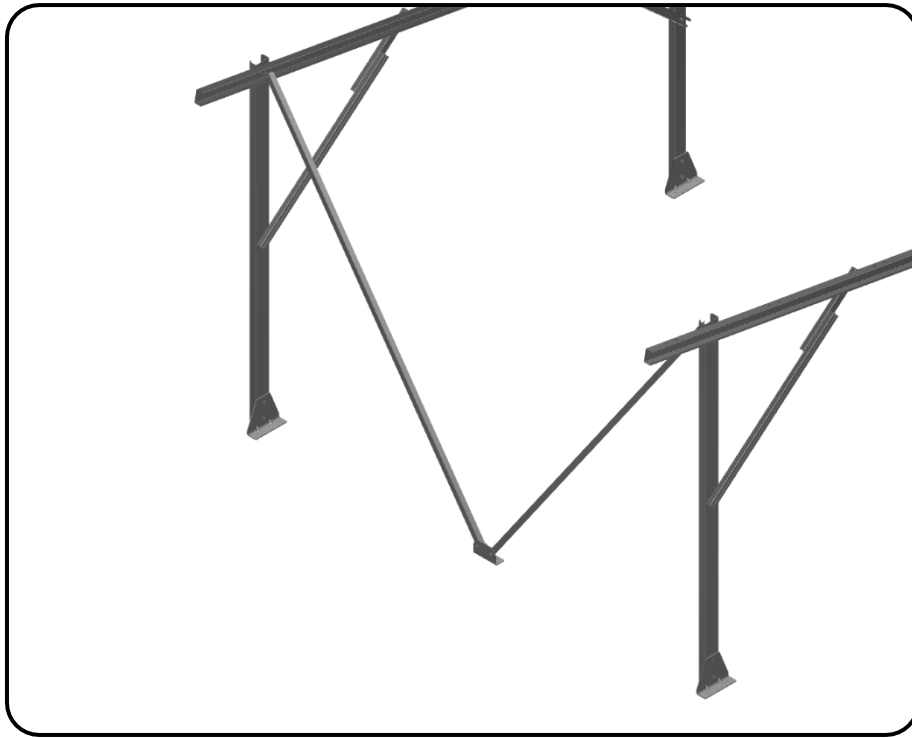
Connect the Equal Angle to the L Bracket using the fasteners listed below.

No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Hex Nut, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	1
②	Spring Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	1
③	Plain Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	2
④	Bolt Hexagon, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12x35	1



Complete the V-bracing configuration by connecting the Equal Angles to the Base Fix Bracket using the fasteners in the table above.





Equal Angle Delivery

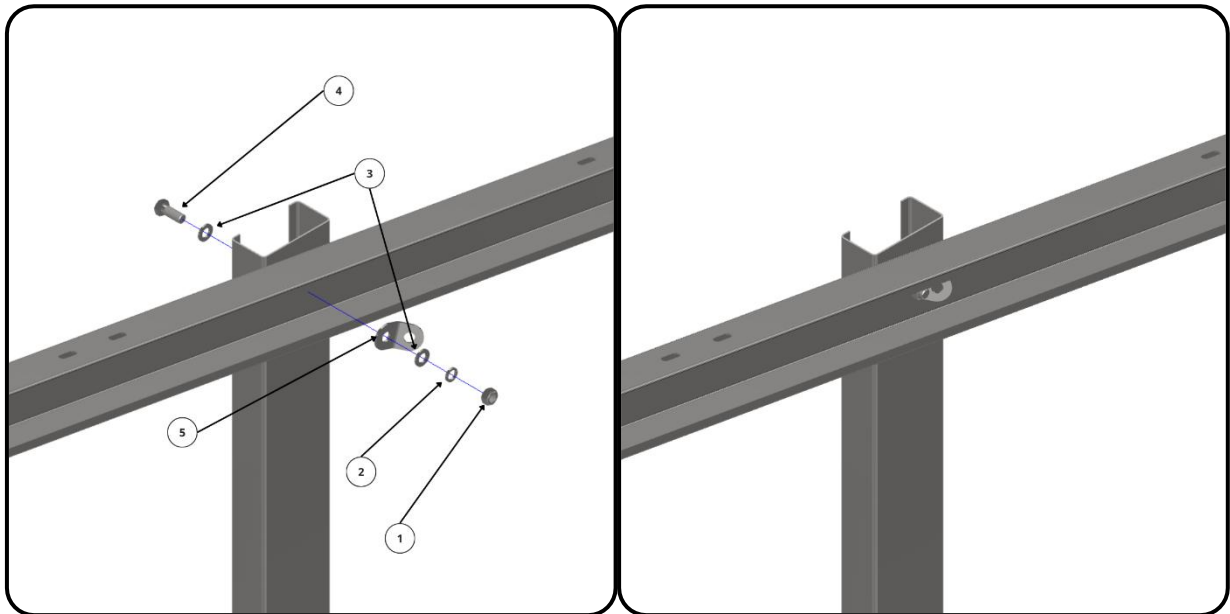
The Equal Angle sections will be delivered with one pre-drilled hole, while the second hole must be drilled on-site. Additionally, as the Equal Angle may not be the precise required length, it will need to be shortened on-site as needed.

Bracing Cables:

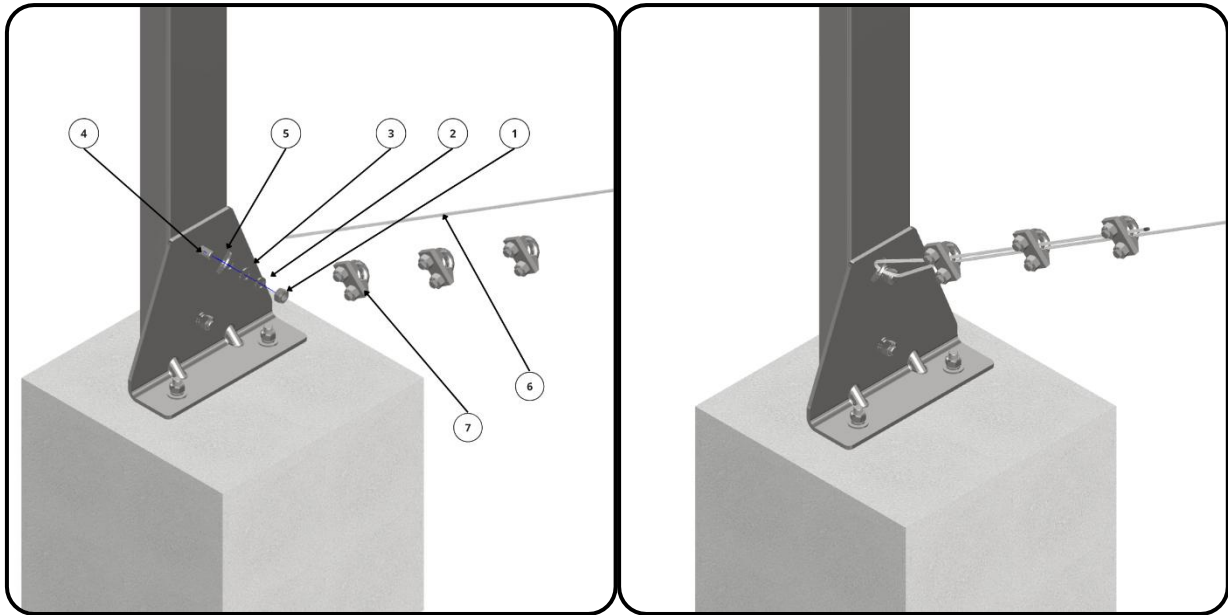
This method utilises a Wire Rope connected at the base of the bay to form a cross-brace configuration.

Connect the Eyelet to the Rafter using the same bolt that secures the Rafter to the Post. Secure the connection using the fasteners listed below.

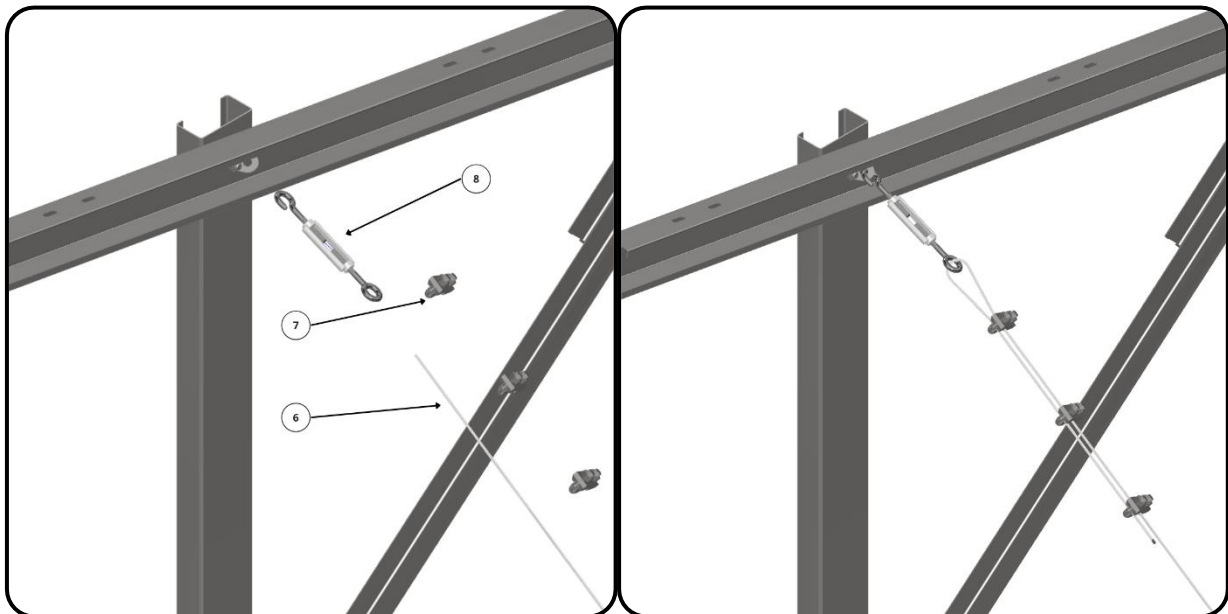
No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Hex Nut, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	1
②	Spring Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	1
③	Plain Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	2
④	Bolt Hexagon, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16x40	1
⑤	Wire Rope Eyelet, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M16	1
⑥	Wire Rope Length, Hot Dip Galv Steel	8mm	-
⑦	Wire Rope Clamp, Electro Galv Steel	8mm	3
⑧	Wire Rope Turn Buckle, Electro Galv Steel	M12	1

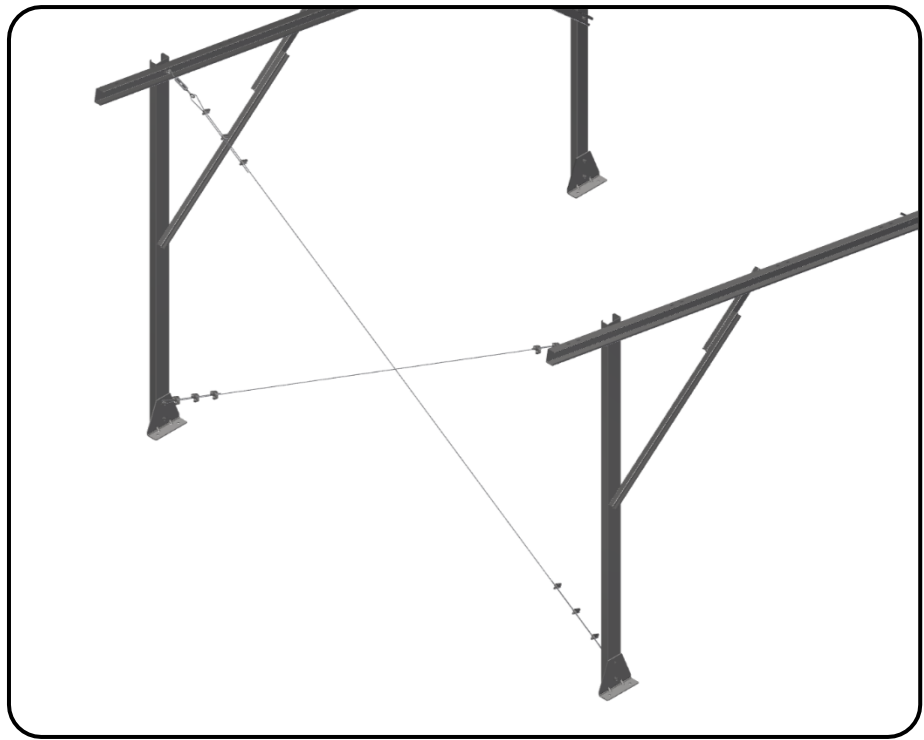


Connect the Eyelet to the Base Fix Bracket using the same bolt that secures the Post to the Base Fix Bracket. Secure the connection using the fasteners listed in the table above. Pull the Wire Rope through the Eyelet and clamp it together using the Wire Rope Clamps.



Ensure that the Wire Rope Turnbuckle is fully extended, then use the hook to connect the Wire Rope Turnbuckle to the Eyelet. Pull the Wire Rope through the eye of the Wire Rope Turnbuckle, tension the Wire Rope and clamp it with the Wire Rope Clamps. Complete the cable brace configuration by tensioning the Wire Rope using the Wire Rope Turnbuckle.

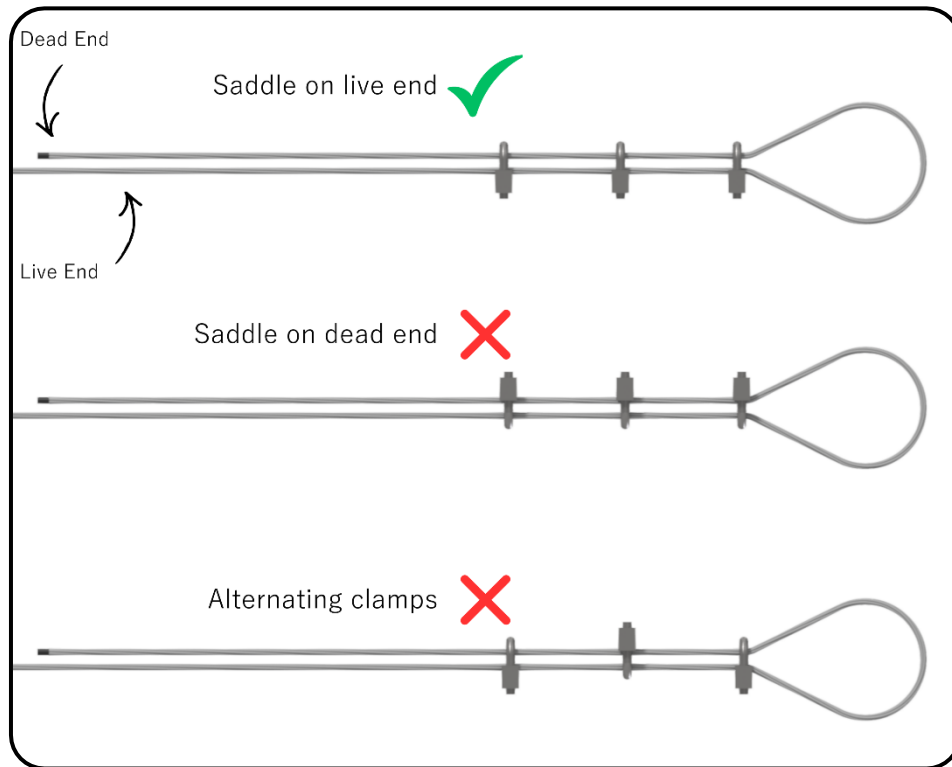




Bracing Cable Best Practice

The image below illustrates the best practice when installing the cable bracing. Take note of the following points.

- Position the Wire Rope Clamps with the saddle on the live end of the Wire Rope.
- Connect the Wire Rope Clamps by spacing them evenly at 50 mm intervals.



Wire Rope Delivery

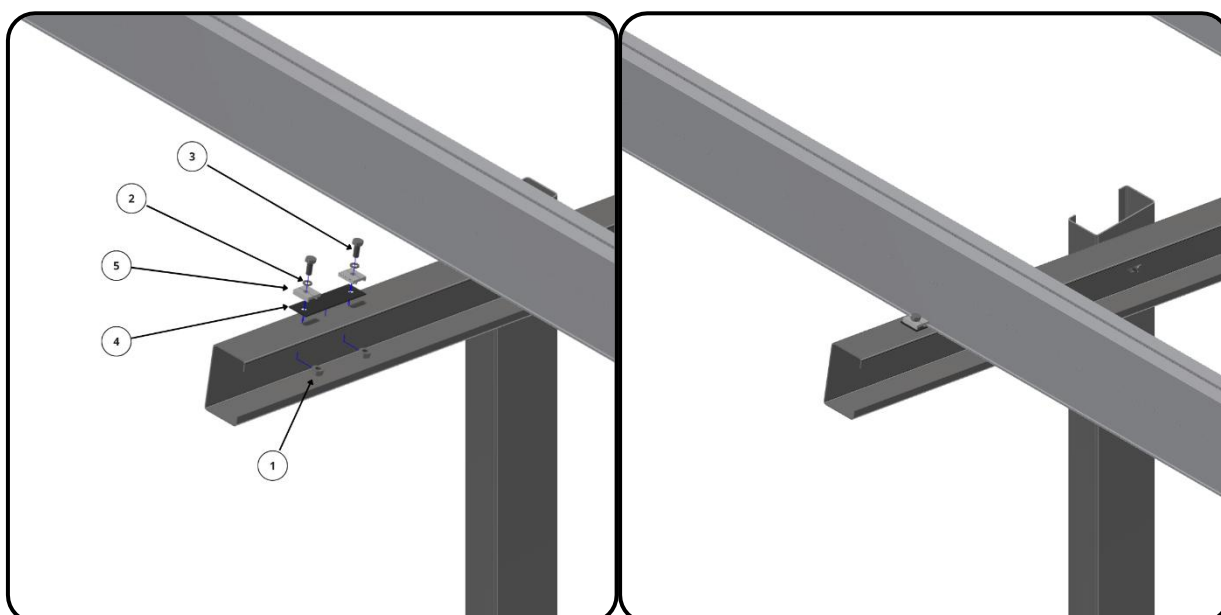
The supplied length of the Wire Rope will depend on the layout of the structure. The Wire Rope should be trimmed on-site after installation.

12. Mounting Rails

Rail Clips:

Align the Isolation Pad with the slotted holes in the Rafter and position the Rail on top of the Isolation Pad. Position the Rail Clips in the Rail and align them with the slots in the Rafter. Secure the connection using the fasteners listed below.

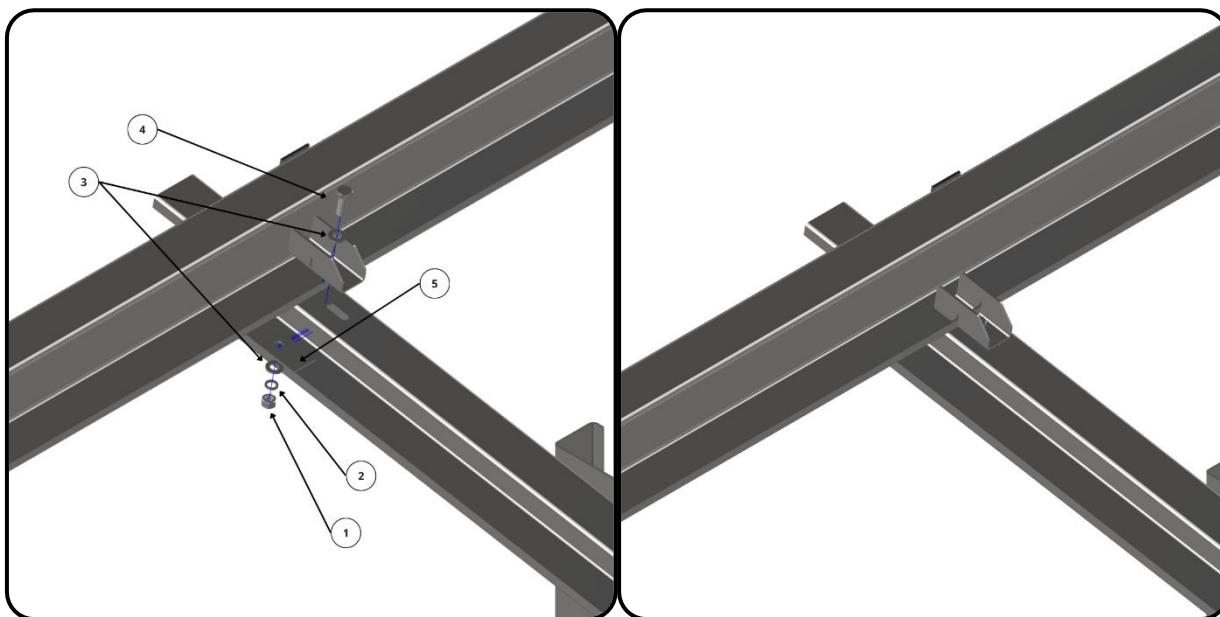
No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Hex Flange Nut, Stainless Steel	M10	2
②	Spring Washer, Stainless Steel	M10	2
③	Bolt Hexagon, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M10x30	2
④	Isolation Pad, Rubber Polymer	112mm	1
⑤	Rail Clip, Ground Mount, Aluminium	-	2



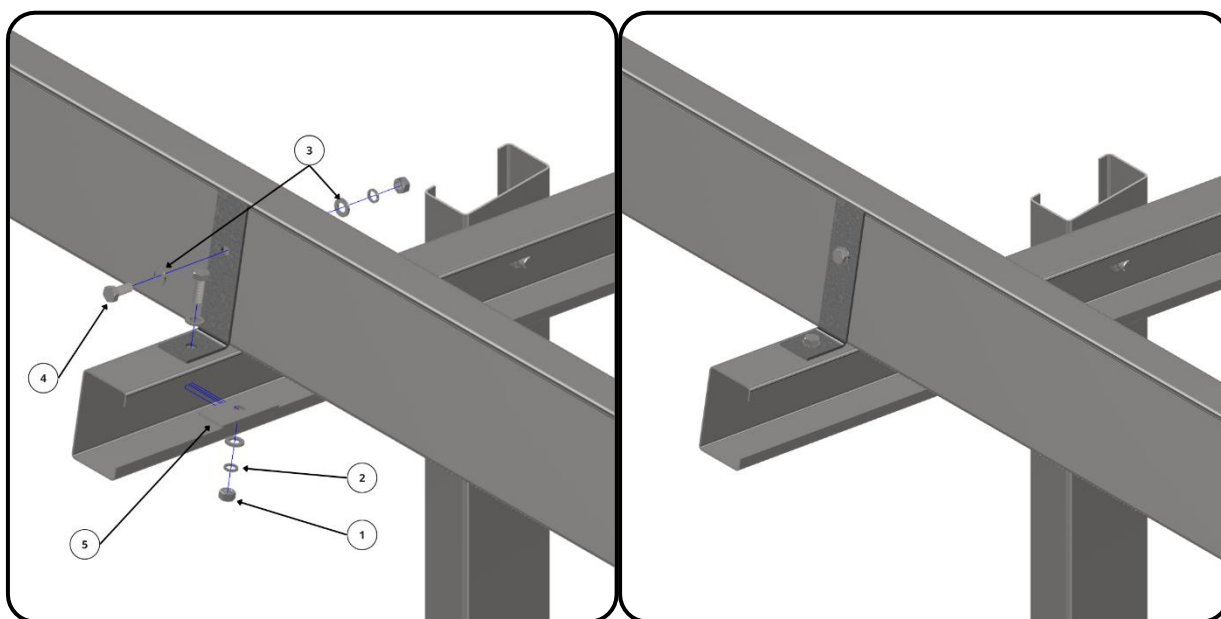
Wedge Clips:

Place the Rails on top of the Rafters. Connect the Wedge Clip to hold down the Rail, but do not tighten the fasteners.

No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Hex Nut, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	3
②	Spring Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	3
③	Plain Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	6
④	Bolt Hexagon, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12x35	3
⑤	Clamp Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	2



Position the Purlin Connector on the Rafters by aligning the holes. Secure the Purlin Connector to the Rafter using the fasteners listed in the table above.

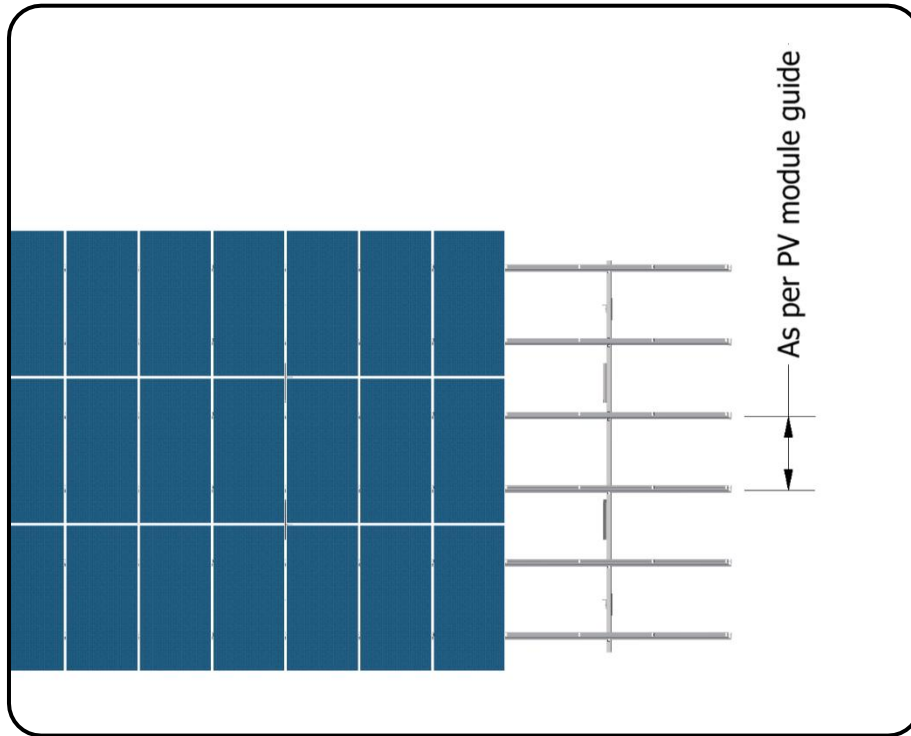


Complete the connection by drilling a hole in the Rail and securing the Rail to the Purlin Connector using the fasteners listed above.

(14mm hole to be drilled on site after Rail alignment)

Rail Spacing:

The Rail spacing is dependent on the dimensions of the PV module used. PV module installation manuals indicate supporting requirements.



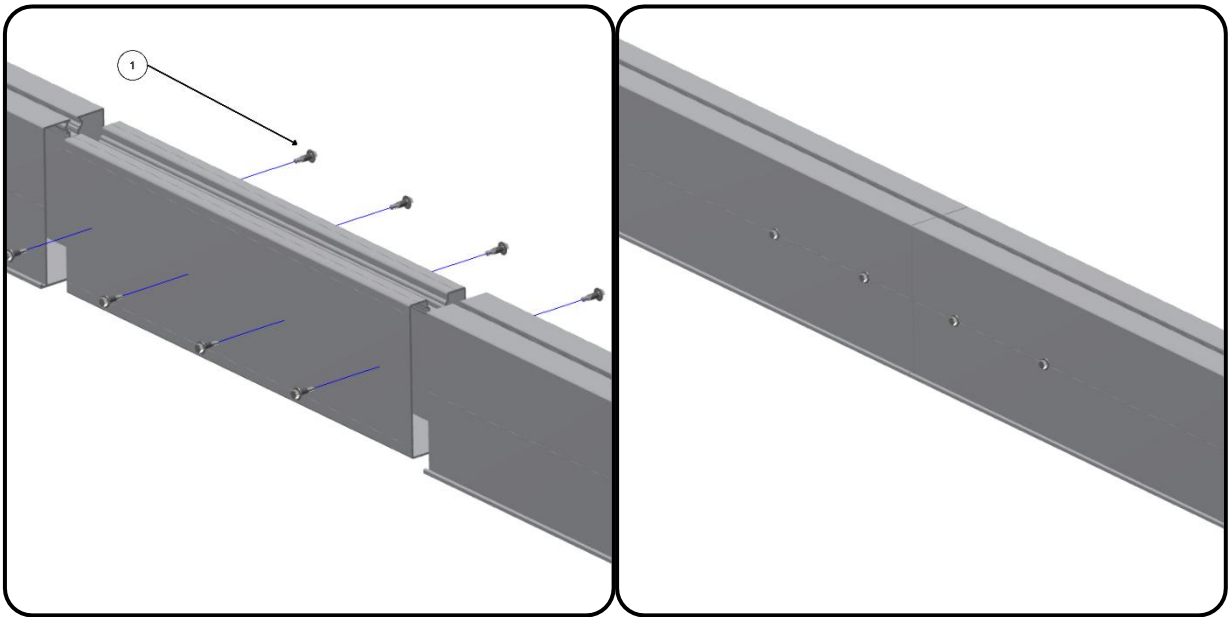
Please refer to the project-specific layout drawings for the Rail configuration. Standard Rail lengths of 2.5 m, 4.5 m, and 6.0 m will be used for the configuration of the top structure. The Rail length and position will be unique for every structure when Steel Rails are utilised. Refer to the project-specific layout drawings for Rail positions.

13. Joining Rails

Aluminium Rail:

Mark the midpoint of the Rail Extension, then slide the Rail Extension halfway into the adjoining Rails. Secure the connection by using the fasteners listed below.

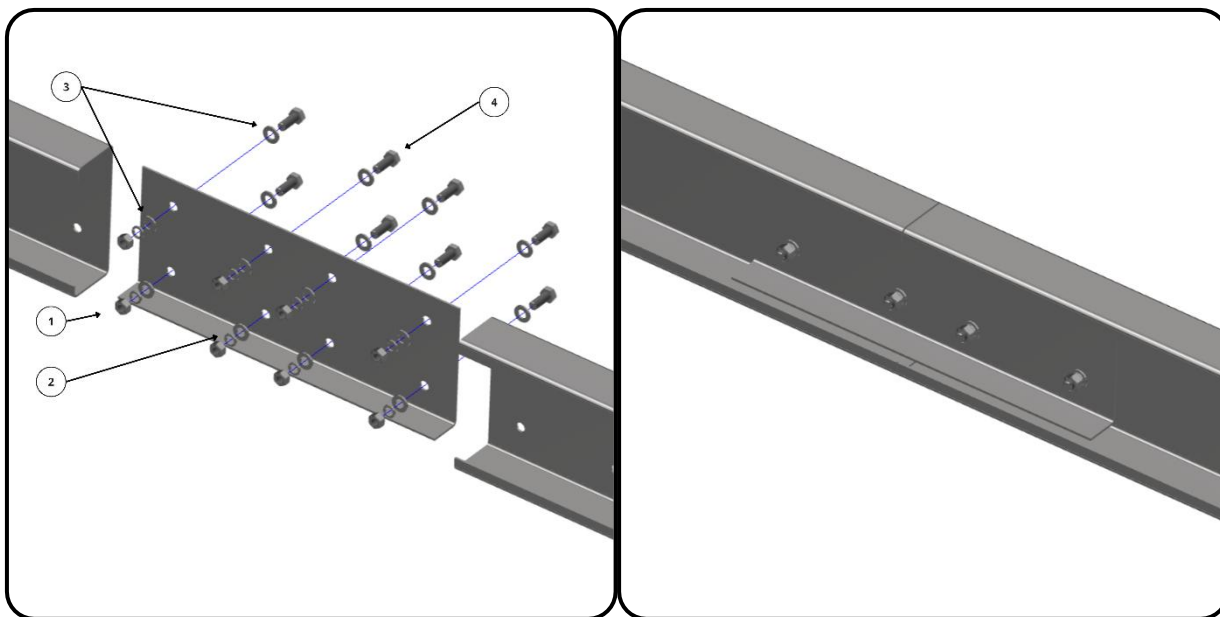
No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Self-Drilling Tek Screw, Class 4 Coated Steel	M6.3x22	8



Steel Rail:

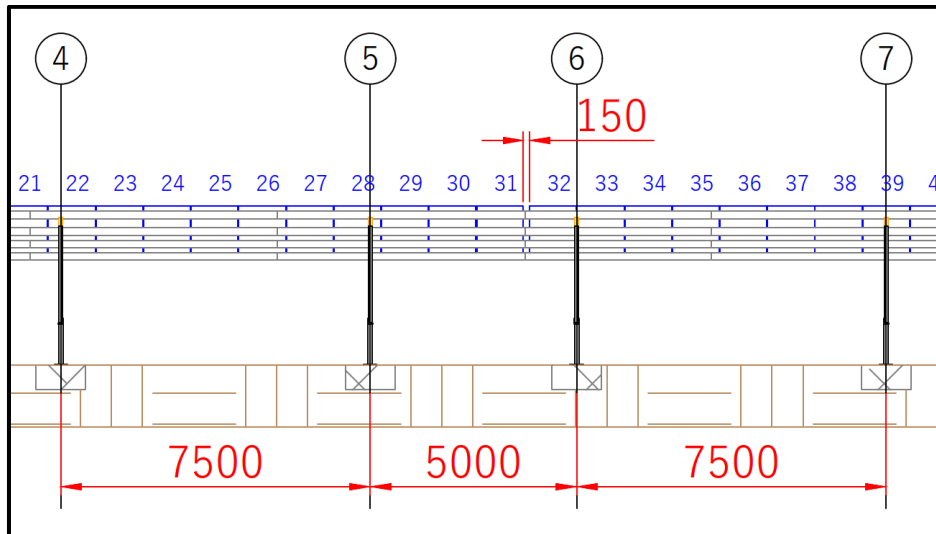
Insert the Extension into the Rail, align the holes and secure the connection with the fasteners listed below.

No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Hex Nut, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	8
②	Spring Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	8
③	Plain Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	16
④	Bolt Hexagon, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12x35	8

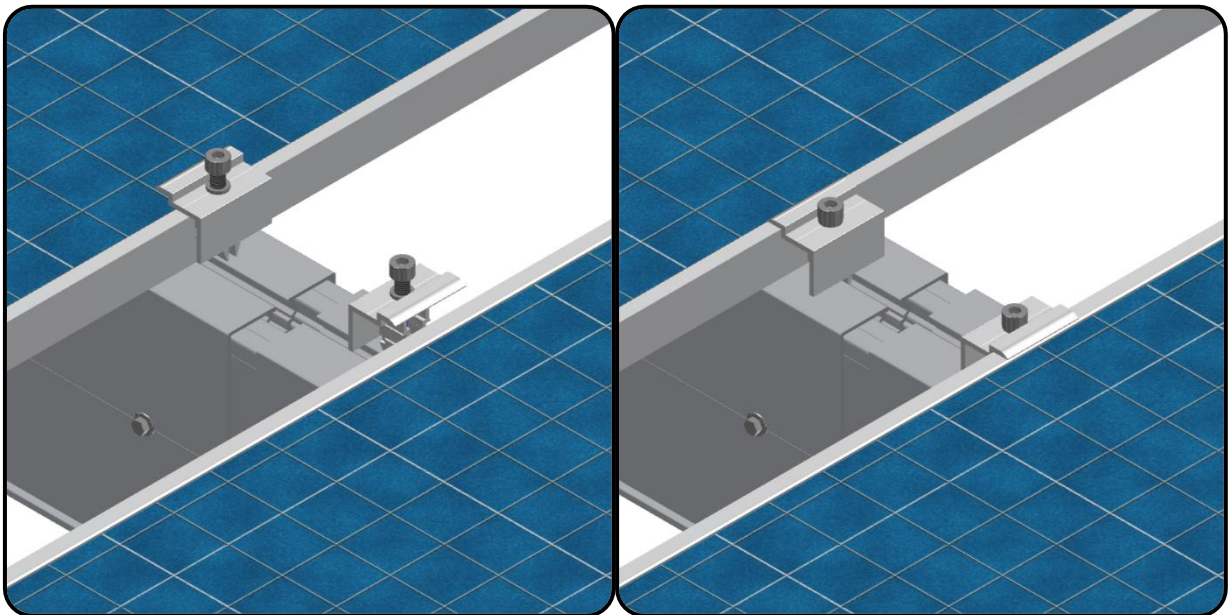


Thermal Expansion Gap:

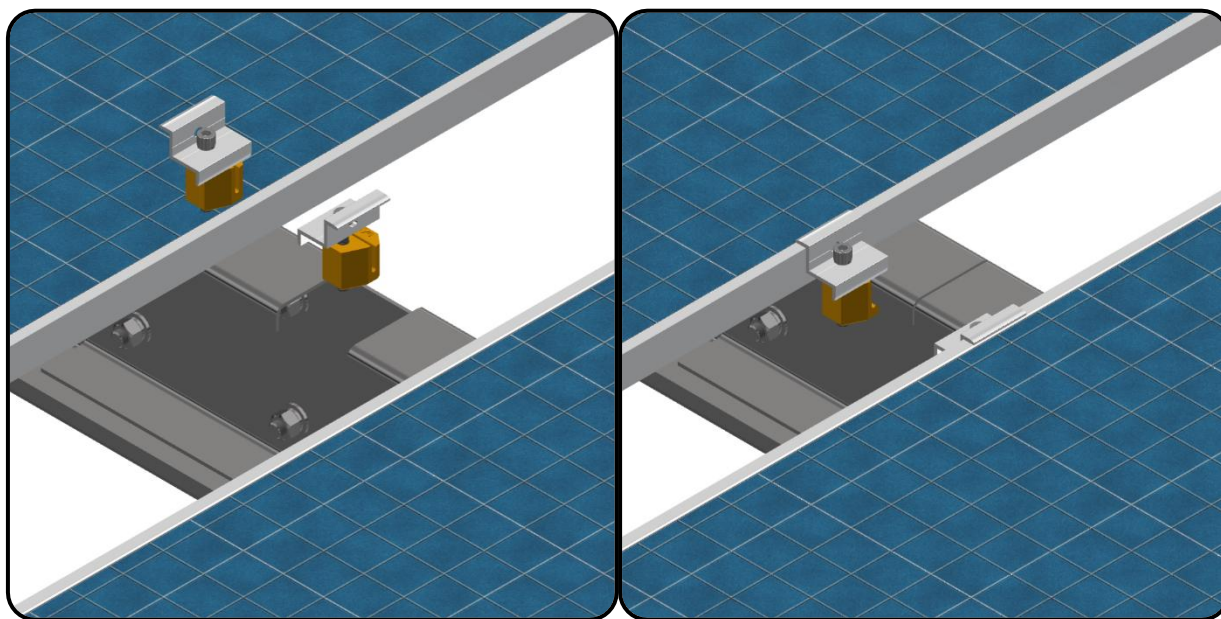
Table sections exceeding 35 m in length require a 150 mm thermal expansion gap. The expansion gap shall be positioned within a designated 5 m expansion bay as indicated on the project-specific layout drawings. Refer to the project-specific layout drawings for the required location of the expansion gap, where applicable.



When using Aluminium Rails, secure the Rail Extension to only one Rail, leaving a 10 mm rail expansion gap between the adjoining Rails. Install End Clamps on both sides of the expansion gap to secure the adjacent PV Modules.



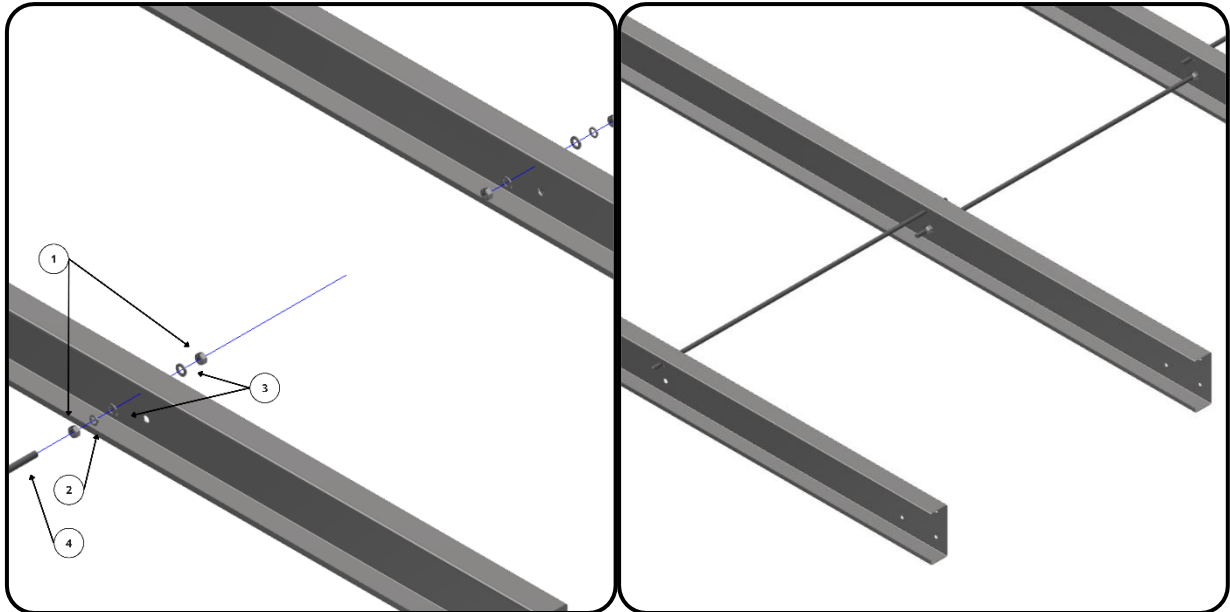
When using Steel Rails, install the Rail Extension in the standard manner. Install End Clamps on both sides of the expansion gap to secure the adjacent PV Modules.



Threaded Rod Installation

Prepare the Threaded Rods by threading the first set of fasteners onto the Threaded Rods. Position the rods in the predrilled holes in the Rails. Secure the connection with the second set of fasteners.

No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Hex Nut, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	4
②	Spring Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	2
③	Plain Washer, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	4
④	Threaded Rod, Hot Dip Galv Steel	M12	1

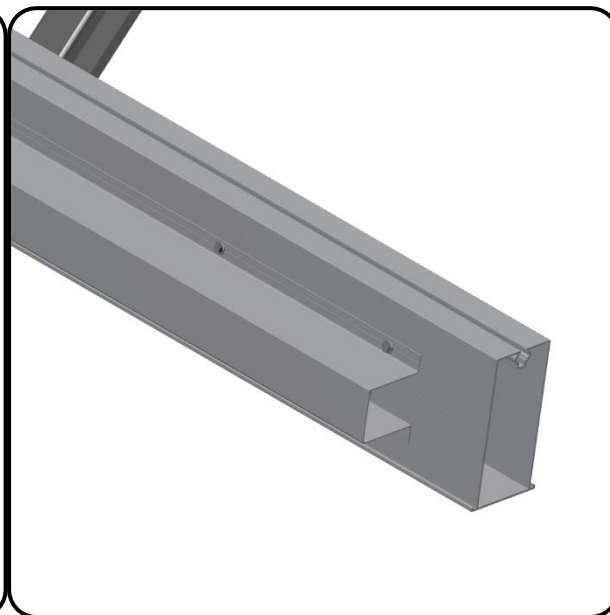
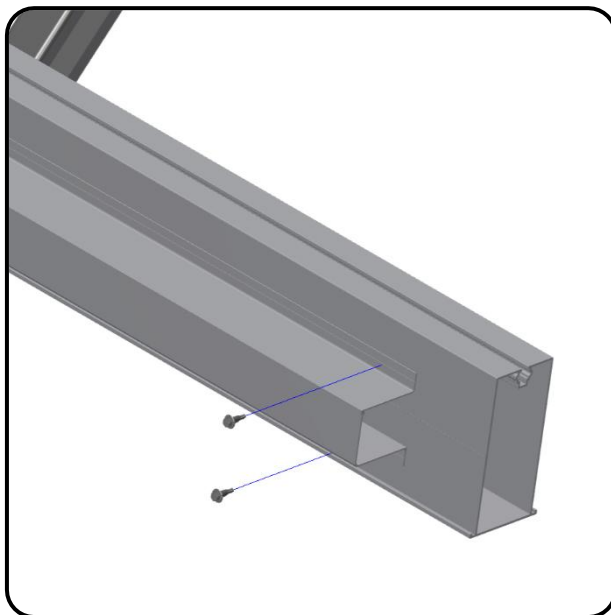


14. Purlin Cable Tray Installation

Position the Cable Tray Housing along the Rail. Use the fasteners listed below to secure the Cable Tray Housing to the Rail. Complete the installation by using the Cable Tray Cover to cover the cables. Interlock the Cover with the Housing and secure the Cover to the Rail.

(Aluminium purlin Cable Trays are supplied in 6m lengths only)

No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Self-Drilling Tek Screw, Class 4 Coated Steel	M6.3x22	14

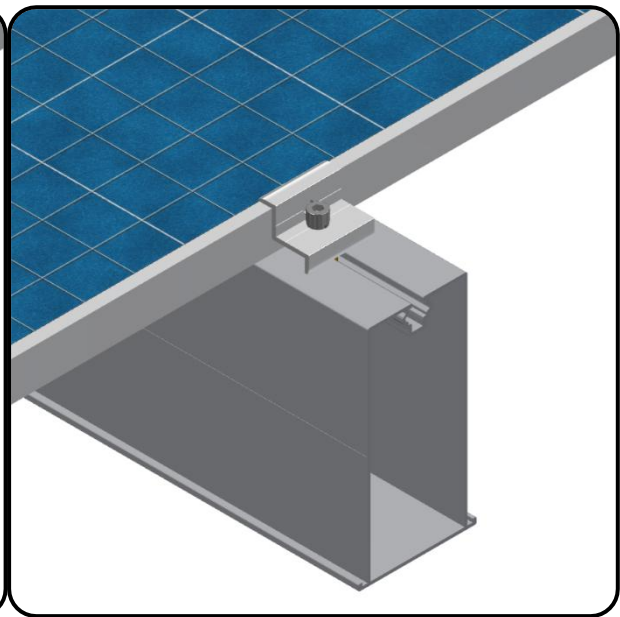
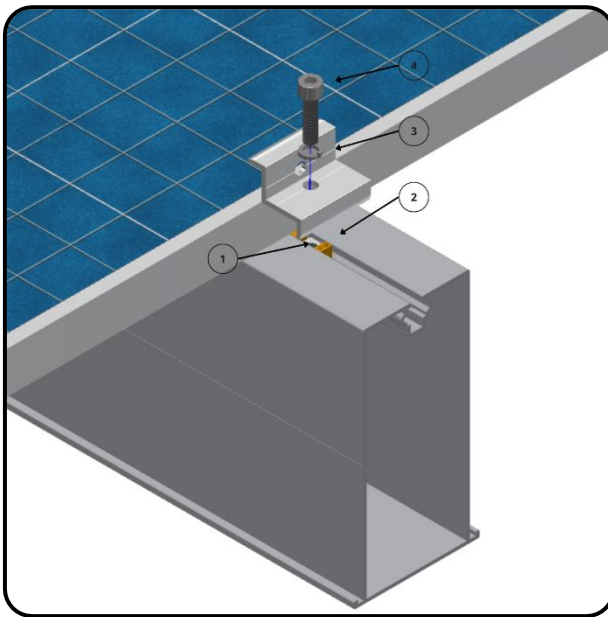
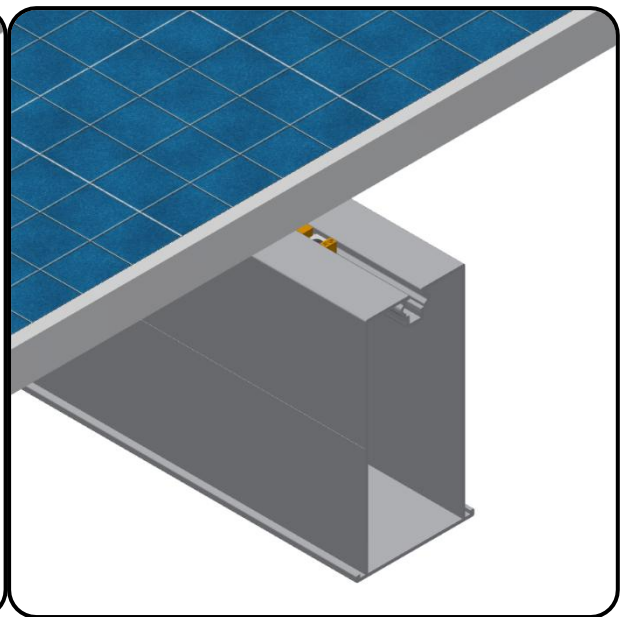
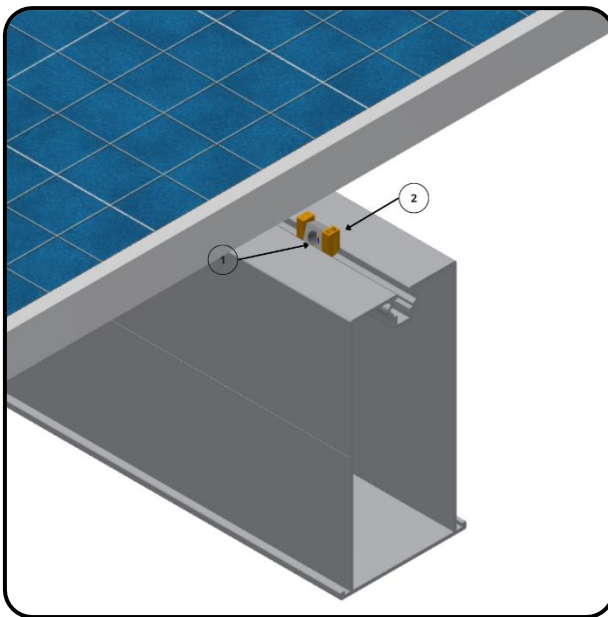


15. PV Module Installation

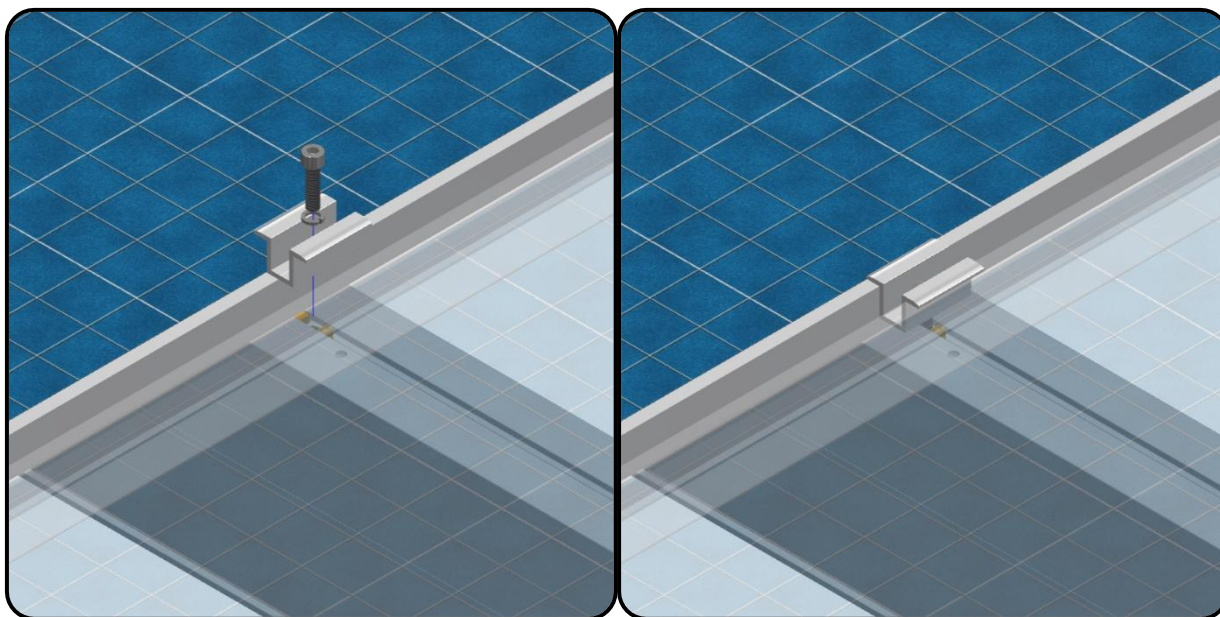
All Purpose and Classic:

Insert Nut Stoppers into the Rail where the installation of PV module Clamps will be. Insert the Square Nut into the Rail cavity and use the Nut Stopper to align the Square Nut. Secure the PV module using the Mid Clamp or End Clamp and the fasteners listed below

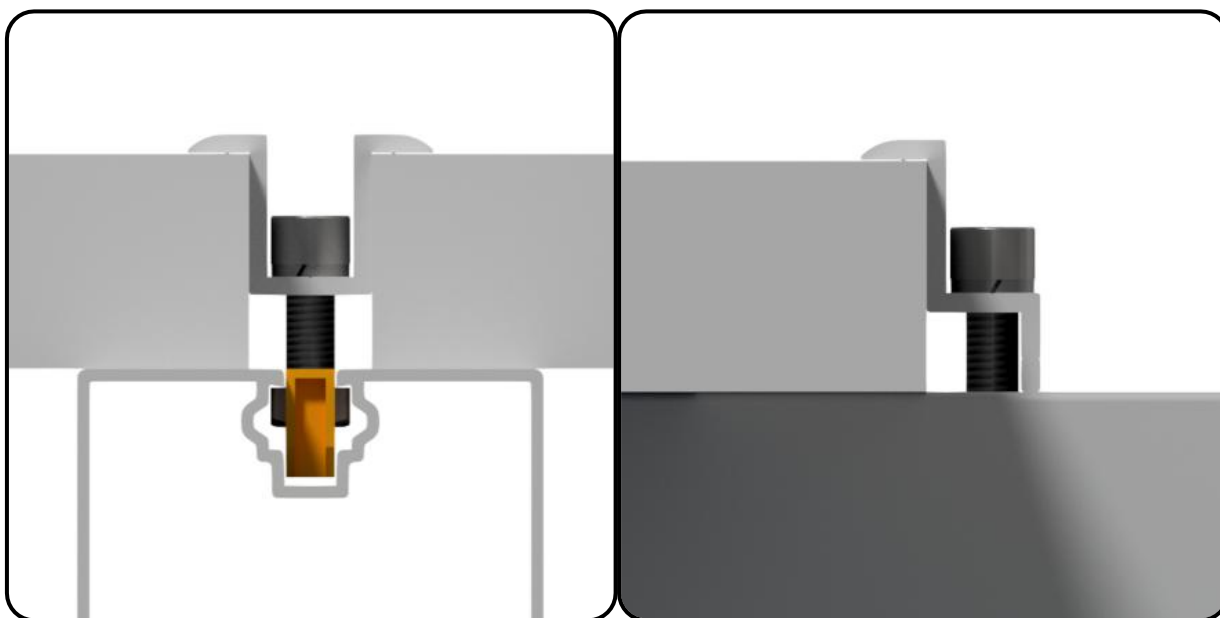
No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Square Nut, Stainless Steel	M8	1
②	Nut Stopper, Polypropylene Polymer	M8	1
③	Spring Washer, Stainless Steel	M8	1
④	Cap Screws Hexagon, Stainless Steel	M8	1



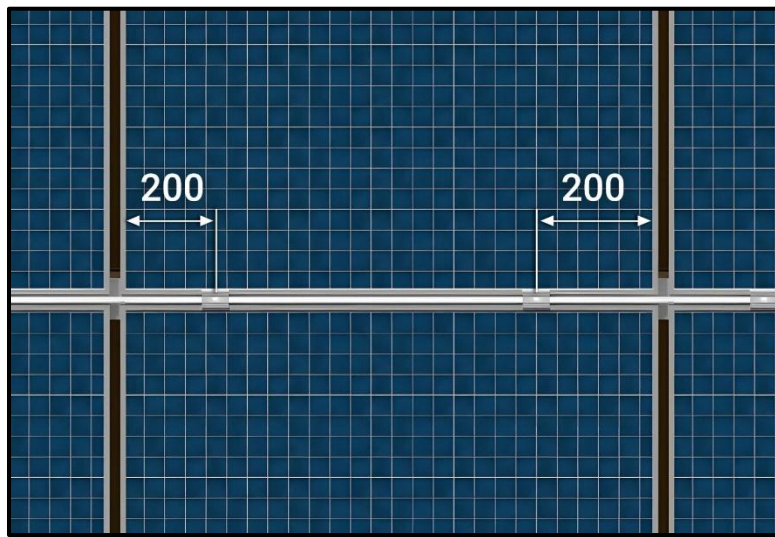
PV modules should be laid onto the Rails in a portrait orientation, ensuring each module is supported by two Rail lengths. Install PV module clamps at four points: two Clamps on each opposing long side of the module. These Clamps secure the PV modules firmly to the Rails.



Mid Clamps are installed between two adjacent PV modules to secure them, while End Clamps are used at the ends of each row of PV modules. Ensure all clamps are mounted flush against the sides of the PV modules for a secure and stable fit. Proper placement of clamps helps maintain alignment and structural integrity throughout the installation.



When installing Mid Clamps on the short sides of PV modules, ensure their centres are positioned approximately 200 mm from the module's side edges.



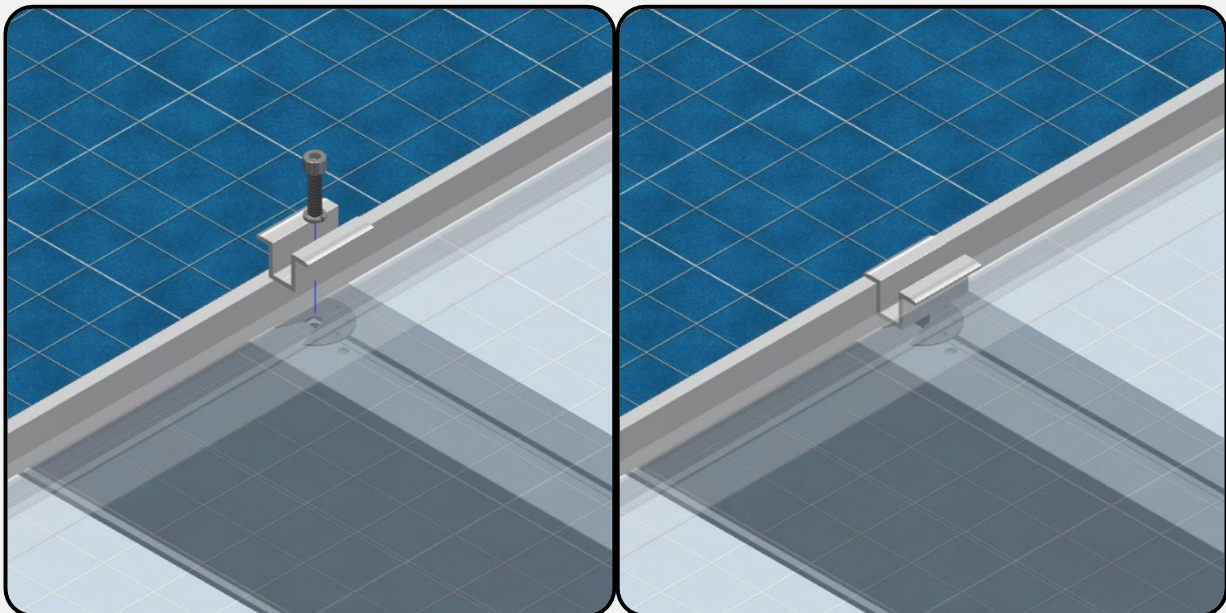
Earthing Continuity

Where Earthing Pins are not included, effective earthing of photovoltaic (PV) modules and electrical continuity must be achieved by breaching the anodised layer of the module frames using Earth Plates.

Begin by positioning the Nut Stopper and Square Nut within the Rail cavity in accordance with the PV module clamping configuration. Place the Earth Plate onto the Rail, ensuring that the long lip is securely seated inside the Rail cavity behind the Nut Stopper.

Carefully lift the PV module slightly and slide the Earth Plate along the Rail until the short lip contacts the side of the module frame. Lower the module onto the Earth Plate, allowing the spikes to pierce the anodised layer of the frame. Ensure the Square Nut is aligned with the central hole of the Earth Plate.

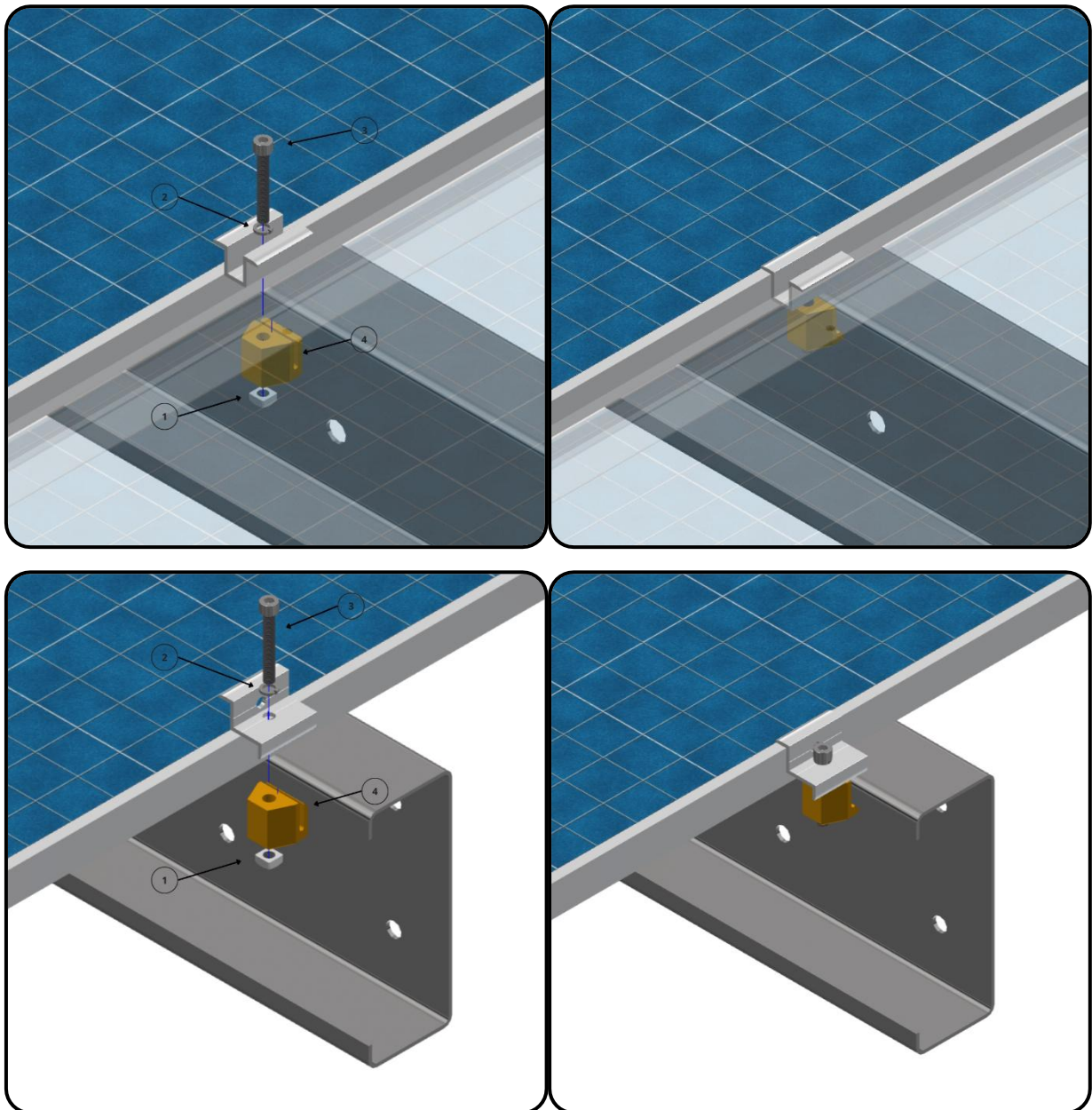
This procedure provides a secure mechanical connection and ensures reliable electrical continuity and earthing of the PV system.



Nut Holder:

With the PV module in position on the Steel Rail, position the Nut Holder over the Rail lip and in line with the module edge, connect the Mid/End Clamp to the Nut Holder using an M8 Hex Cap Screw, M8 Spring Washer and M8 Square Nut.

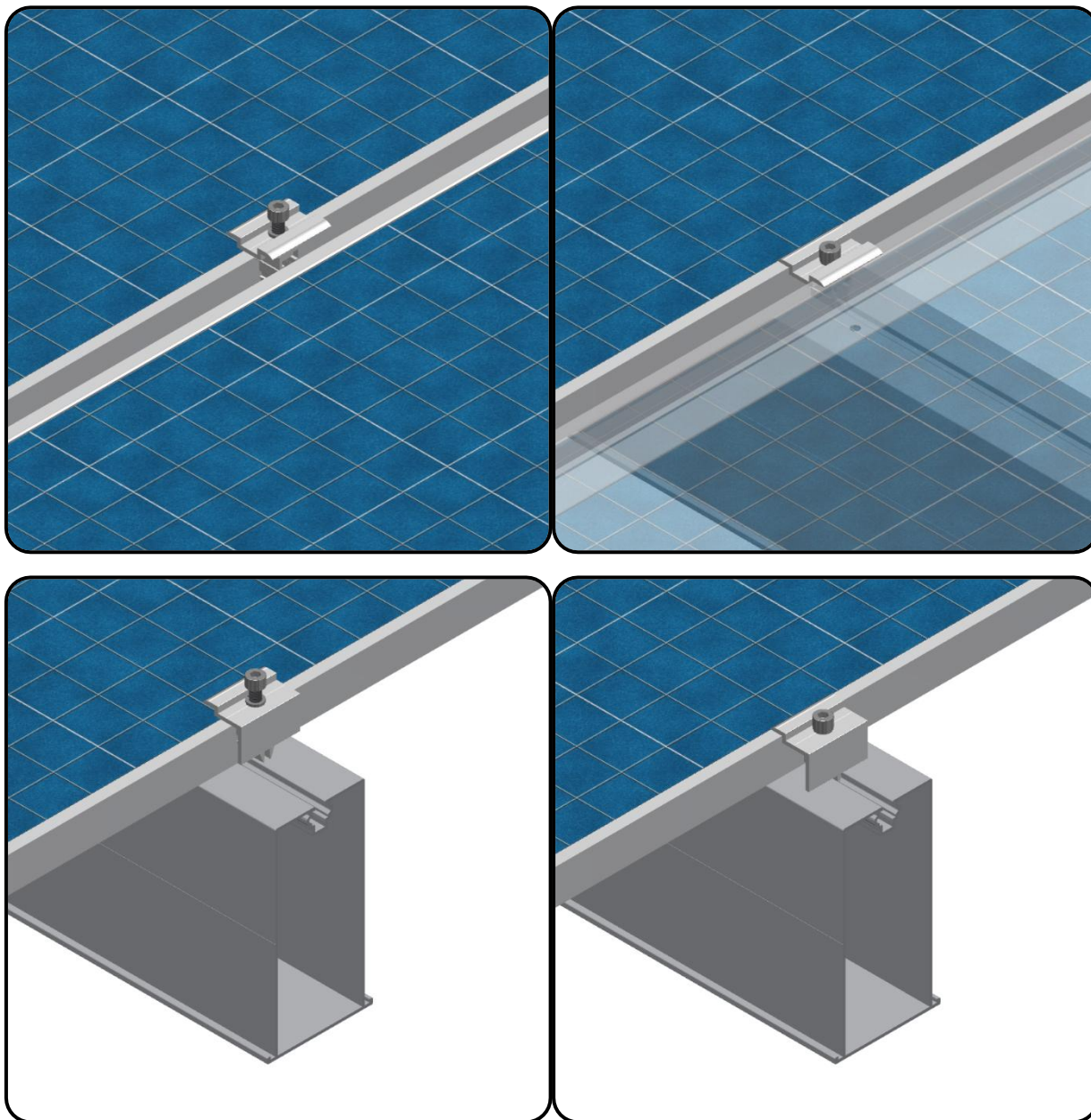
No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Square Nut, Stainless Steel	M8	1
②	Spring Washer, Stainless Steel	M8	1
③	Cap Screws Hexagon, Stainless Steel	M8	1
④	Nut Holder, Nylon Polymer	M8	1



Click Fix:

Loosen the Cap Screw to allow the pegs to click into the Rail. With the PV module in position on the aluminium Rail, push the clamp until it clicks into place, and ensure that the modules are aligned. Secure the modules in place by fastening the Cap Screws.

Do not repeatedly insert and remove the Click Fix clamps.



PV Module Clamps and Fasteners

It is essential to ensure that the appropriate clamps and fasteners are used according to the height of the PV module.

Aluminium Rails

Module height (mm)	End Clamps	Fasteners (Mid & End Clamp)
30	AXE_CM_CB_AL – Classic Base	M8x30 Hex Cap Screw
	AXE_CM_CP_AL – Classic Pin	M8x30 Hex Cap Screw
35	AXE_CM_CB_AL – Classic Base	M8x30 Hex Cap Screw
	AXE_CM_CP_AL – Classic Pin	M8x30 Hex Cap Screw
40	AXE_CE_AP_40_AL - All Purpose	M8x35 Hex Cap Screw

Steel Rails

Module height (mm)	End Clamps	Fasteners (Mid & End Clamp)
30	AXE_CM_CB_AL – Classic Base	M8x55 Hex Cap Screw
	AXE_CM_CP_AL – Classic Pin	M8x55 Hex Cap Screw
35	AXE_CM_CB_AL – Classic Base	M8x55 Hex Cap Screw
	AXE_CM_CP_AL – Classic Pin	M8x55 Hex Cap Screw
40	AXE_CE_AP_40_AL - All Purpose	M8x65 Hex Cap Screw

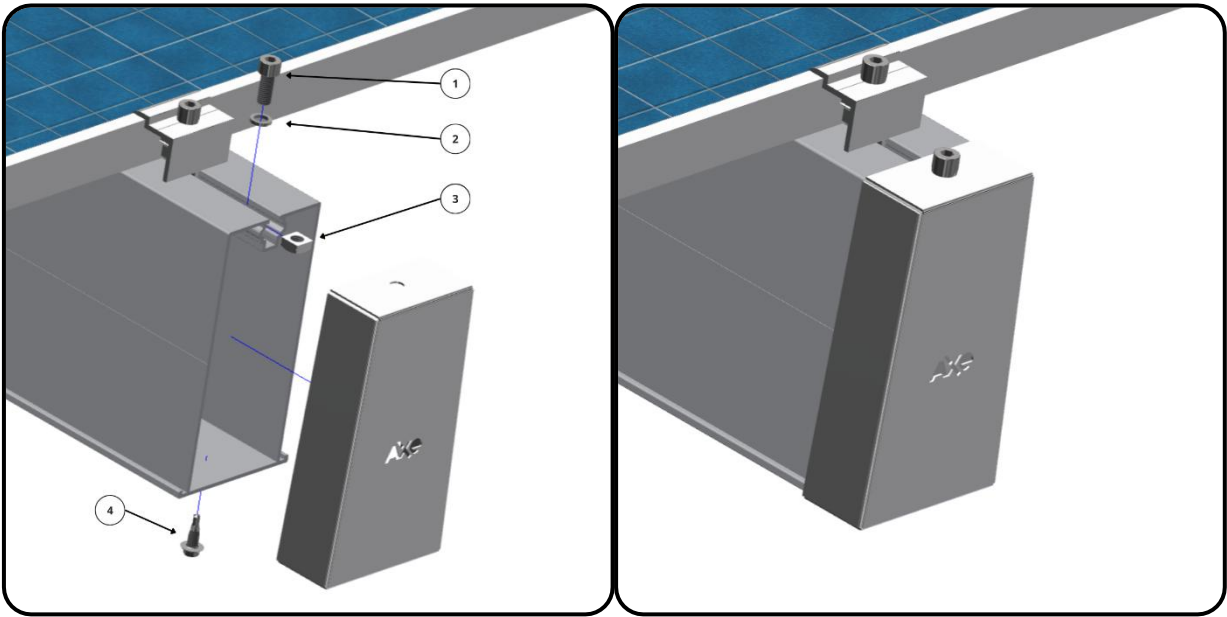
16. End Caps Installation

To achieve a neat finish, slide the End Caps over the ends of the Rails and secure with the fasteners listed below.

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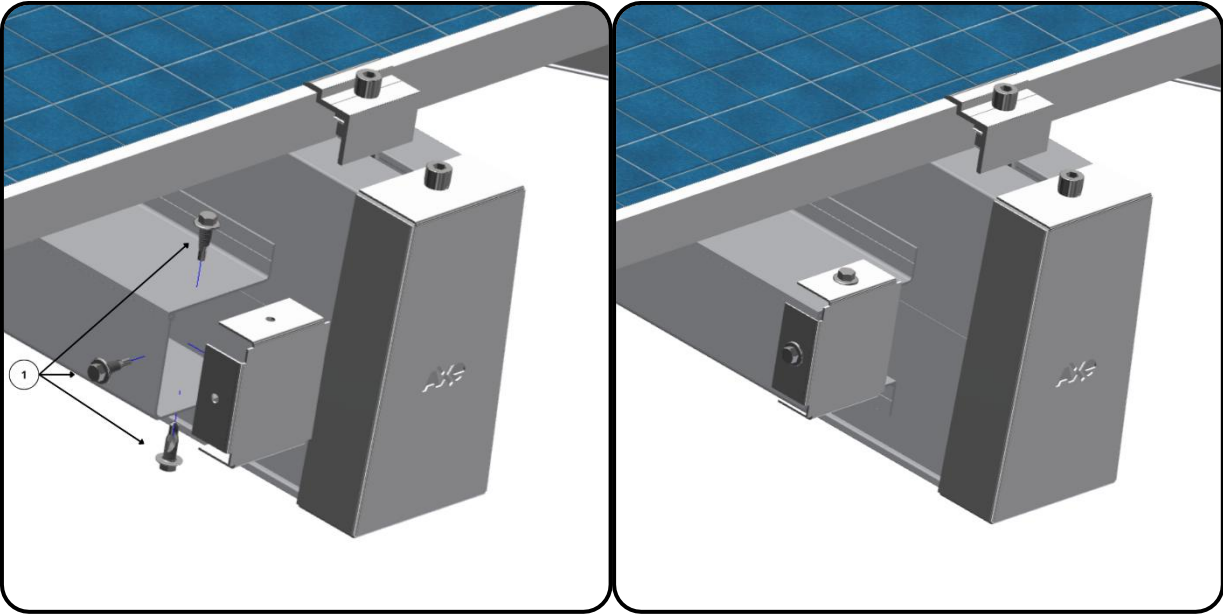
Rail End Caps:

No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Cap Screw Hexagon, Stainless Steel	M8x20	1
②	Spring Washer, Stainless Steel	M8	1
③	Square Nut, Stainless Steel	M8	1
④	Self-Drilling Tek Screw, Class 4 Coated Steel	M6.3x22	1



Purlin Cable Tray End Caps:

No.	Product description	Size	Quantity
①	Self-Drilling Tek Screw, Class 4 Coated Steel	M6.3x22	3



17. Maintenance

The products are to be inspected annually in the form of a visual inspection of the whole installation. Axe Struct must be notified at the first sign of corrosion or abnormal deformation.

Annual spot checks are to be done on fasteners to ensure that the minimum required tightening torque specified in this Manual is maintained.

Zinc paint touch-ups must be done where galvanising layers have been damaged.

The product must be cleaned using water with a pH between 6 and 10 and without chemical additives.

18. Liability

Axe Struct can accept no liability for damage arising due to improper use, installation, operation or maintenance. Liability is further excluded if Axe Struct is not at fault due to gross negligence or intent.

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