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PLEASE READ THIS MANUAL CAREFULLY BEFORE INSTALLING OR USING THE MODULES.  
PLEASE PASS ALONG THE ATTACHED USER MANUAL TO YOUR CUSTOMER.

## INSTALLATION MANUAL – Crystalline Photovoltaic Module –

MODEL  
NQ-R series

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### IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

This manual contains important safety instructions for the PV module that must be followed during the maintenance of PV modules.

To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not perform any servicing unless you are qualified to do so.

1. The installation must be performed by a certified installer /servicer to ensure system integrity and safety.
2. The installation is only allowed after referring and understanding of GENERAL INSTALLATION MANUAL and INSTALLATION MANUAL -PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULE-. If you don't have your personal copy, please contact your installer or local Sharp office listed in Sharp Solar web site : URL : <http://www.sharp-world.com/solar>
3. Do not pull the PV cables.
4. Do not touch any surface of module.
5. Do not place/drop objects onto the PV modules.
6. Do not disassemble or attempt to repair the PV module by yourself.
7. Do not drop the PV module.
8. Do not damage, pull, bend, or place heavy material on cables.
9. Upon completion of any service or repairs, ask the installer/servicer to perform routine checks to determine that the PV modules are in safe and proper operating condition.

10. When replacement parts are required, be sure the installer/servicer uses parts specified by the manufacturer with same characteristics as the original parts. Unauthorized substitutions may result in fire, electric shock, or other hazard.
11. Consult your local building and safety department for required permits and applicable regulations.
12. In regions with snow, the module can sustain a snow load of up to 50cm (when the module is mounted in the portrait orientation / short frame side facing down) or 100cm (when the module is mounted in the landscape orientation / long frame side facing down).
13. As a result of sliding snow, the mechanical load increases when the number of module rows in the matrix of a PV installation increases. When mounting the module in the portrait orientation for more than 3 rows, the accumulated snow load may cause the lower edge of the module frame to deform. Take necessary measures (e.g. snow stopper) to avoid possible damage.
14. Periodically remove any overhanging snow and/or ice from the module framework as it may cause deformation of the module frame.

#### CAUTION: HIGH VOLTAGE

To reduce the risk of electric shock, do not touch.

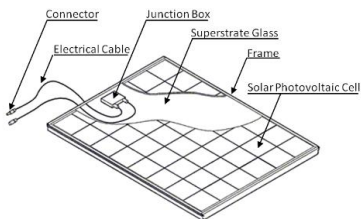


## GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. INTRODUCTION

This Installation Manual contains essential information for the electrical and mechanical installation that you must know before installing SHARP PV modules. This also contains safety information you need to be familiar with. All the information described in this manual are the intellectual property of SHARP and based on the technologies and experiences that have been acquired and accumulated in the long history of SHARP. This document does not constitute a guaranty, expressed or implied. SHARP 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 the PV modules. No responsibility is assumed by SHARP for any infringement of patents or other rights of third parties that may result from use of PV module. SHARP reserves the right to make changes to the product, specifications or installation manual without prior notice.

### 2. COMPONENTS



### 3. GENERAL INFORMATION

#### (INCLUDING WARNING AND SAFETY)

The installation of PV modules requires a great degree of skill and should only be performed by a qualified licensed professional, including licensed contractors and licensed electricians. Please be aware that there is a serious risk of various types of injury occurring during the installation including the risk of electric shock. All SHARP PV modules are equipped with a permanently attached junction box that will accept variety of wiring applications or with a special cable assembly for ease of installation, and they do not require special assembly.

## GENERAL WARNING

1. PV modules are heavy. Handle with care.
2. Before you attempt to install, wire, operate and maintain the PV module, please make sure that you completely understand the information described in this installation manual.
3. Contact with electrically active parts of a PV module such as terminals can result in burns, sparks and lethal shock whether the PV modules are connected or not.
4. PV modules produce electricity when the sufficient sunlight or other sources illuminate the module surface. When the modules are connected in series, voltage is cumulative. When the modules are connected in parallel, current is cumulative. As a result, a large-scale PV system can produce high voltage and current which could present an increased hazard and may cause serious injury or death.
5. Do not connect the PV modules directly to the loads such as motor since the variation of the output power depending on the solar irradiation causes damage for the connected motor.
  - 1: In the case of a brushless motor, the lock function becomes active and the hall IC is most likely to be damaged.
  - 2: In the case of a brush type motor, the coil is most likely to be damaged.
6. In case of snow build-up, snow would slide easier on the smooth surface of the module than other parts of the roof. Snow may suddenly slide, fall off the roof and hit nearby objects/areas. Take preventive measures (e.g. snow stopper) when there is possible risk such case would cause an injury or a damage.

## GENERAL SAFETY

1. Consult local codes and other applicable laws concerning required permits or regulations for installation and inspection requirements.
2. Before installing a PV module, contact appropriate authorities to determine permit, installation and inspection requirements that should be followed.
3. Install PV modules and ground frames in accordance with applicable rules and regulations.
4. PV modules should be installed and maintained by qualified personnel. Only installer/servicer personnel should have access to the PV module installation site.
5. No matter where the PV modules are installed, either roof mounted construction or any other type of structures above the ground, appropriate safety practices should be followed and required safety equipment should be used in order to avoid possible safety hazards. Note that the installation of some PV modules on roofs may require the addition of fireproofing, depending on local building/fire codes.
6. In the case that the PV modules are non-integral type, the module is to be mounted over a fire resistant roof.
7. Use PV modules with the same cell size within series.
8. Follow all safety precautions of other components that are used in the system.
9. In order to avoid a risk of injury or electrical shock, do not allow anyone to approach the PV module if the person has little knowledge on PV module or on the measures that should be taken when PV modules are damaged.
10. Do not shade portions of the PV module surface from the sunlight for a long time. The shaded cell may become hot (hot spot phenomenon) which results in solder joints peeling off. Shading causes drop in generated power and/or operation failure of the PV modules.
11. Do not clean the glass surface with chemicals. Do not let water collect on the glass surface for a long time. This creates a risk of white efflorescence (glass disease) which may result in the deterioration of energy generation.
12. Do not install the PV module horizontally. It may cause dirt or white efflorescence (glass disease) due to water.
13. Do not cover the water drain gap of the frame. There is a risk of frost damage when the frame is filled with water cumulation.
14. If there is a risk of sliding snow, an appropriate measure has to be taken so that PV module frames on lower edge of PV modules will not be damaged.
15. Do not expose PV module to sunlight concentrated with mirrors, lenses or similar means.
16. Turn off inverters and circuit breakers immediately, should a problem occur.
17. In case the glass surface of a PV module is broken, wear goggles and tape the glass to keep the broken pieces in place.
18. A defective PV module may generate power even if it is removed from the system. It may be dangerous to handle the PV module while exposed to sunlight. Place a

defective PV module in a carton so PV cells are completely shaded.

19. In case of series connection, the maximum open circuit voltage must not be greater than the specified maximum system voltage. The voltage is proportional to the number of series. In case of parallel connection, please be sure to take proper measure (e.g. fuse for protection of module and cable from over current, and/or blocking diode for prevention of unbalanced strings voltage) to block the reverse current flow. The current may easily flow in a reverse direction.
20. Keep modules away from children.

## HANDLING SAFETY

1. Do not cause an excessive load on the surface of PV module or twist the frame. The glass surface can easily break.
2. Do not stand or step on the PV module. The surface glass of PV module is slippery.
3. Do not hit or put excessive load on the glass or back sheet. The PV cell is very thin and can be easily broken.
4. Do not scratch or hit at the back sheet. The back sheet is vulnerable.
5. Do not damage the junction box or do not pull the cables. The junction box can crack and break.
6. Never touch junction box or the end of output cables with bare hands when the PV module is irradiated. Cover the surface of PV module with cloth or other suitable sufficiently opaque material to isolate the PV module from incident light and wear rubber gloves when handling the wires to avoid electric shock.
7. Do not scratch the output cable or bend it with force. The insulation of output cable can break and may result in electricity leakage or shock.
8. Do not pull the output cable excessively. The output cable may unplug and cause electricity leakage or shock.
9. Do not drill holes in the frame. It may compromise the frame strength and cause corrosion.
10. Do not scratch the insulation coating of the frame (except for grounding connection). It may cause corrosion of the frame or compromise the framework strength.
11. Do not touch the PV module with bare hands. The frame of PV module has sharp edges and may cause injury.
12. Do not drop PV module or allow objects to fall down on the PV module.
13. Do not concentrate sunlight artificially on the PV module.
14. Do not hold the PV module on one side. The frame may bend or twist. Hold the PV module at opposite sides.
15. Do not touch the anti-reflective coated glass since finger prints and/or stains can be easily left on the glass surface.

## INSTALLATION SAFETY

1. Always wear protective head gear, insulating gloves and safety shoes (with rubber soles). Do not wear metallic jewellery to prevent electric shock during installation.
2. Keep the PV module packed in the carton until installation.
3. Do not touch the PV module unnecessarily during installation. The glass surface and the frames get hot. There is a risk of burn, or electric shock.
4. Do not work under rain, snow or windy conditions.
5. Use dry insulated tools.
6. Do not drop tools or hard objects on PV modules
7. When working at heights, wear a safety belt and take care not to drop any items (e.g., PV module or tools).
8. Make sure flammable gases are not generated near the installation site.
9. Completely cover the PV module surface with an opaque material during PV module installation and wiring.
10. Plug in the connector tight and ensure the wiring work. Make sure that the connectors have been locked by a snap-in latch. Any treatments over the connectors which may allow to unlock the snap-in latch shall not be done.
11. Due to the risk of electrical shock, do not perform any work if the terminals of PV module are wet.
12. Do not touch the junction box and the end of output cables, the cable ends (connectors), with bare hands during installation or under sunlight, regardless of whether the PV module is connected to or disconnected from the system.
13. Do not unplug the connector if the system circuit is connected to a load.
14. Do not stomp on the glass at work. There is a risk of injury or electric shock if glass is broken.
15. Do not work alone (always work as a team of 2 or more people).
16. Do not damage the back sheet of PV modules when setting the equipotential bonding by bolts.

17. Do not damage the surrounding PV modules or mounting structure when replacing a PV module.
18. Bind cables by the insulation locks. Drooping down of cables from the junction box could possibly cause various problems such as animal biting, electricity leakage in puddle.
19. Take proper measures for preventing the laminate (consisted of resin, cells, glass, back sheet, etc.) from dropping out of the frame in case the glass is broken.
20. Cables shall be located so that they will not be exposed to direct sunlight after installation to prevent degradation of cables.
21. If batteries are used with modules, follow safety precautions of the battery manufacturer.
22. In case of extreme snow build-up, the weight of the snow may cause the module's frame to deform. Take appropriate preventive measures to minimize any possible resulting damage.

#### 4. SITE SELECTION

In most applications, the PV modules should be installed in a location where there is no shading throughout the year. In the Northern Hemisphere, the PV modules should typically face south, and in the Southern Hemisphere, the PV modules should typically face north.

Please make sure that there are no obstructions in the surroundings of the site of installation. TAKE PROPER STEPS in order to maintain reliability and safety, in case the PV modules are used in areas such as: Heavy snow areas / Extremely cold areas / Strong wind areas / Installations over, or near, water / Areas where installations are prone to salt water damage/corrosive gas environment/ Small islands or desert areas.

The results of the ammonia test and the salt-mist-corrosion test on the modules, carried out under such strict test conditions, should be disclosed for reference purposes only. The decision on whether the modules are suitable and compatible for each installation field will depend on the user's judgement and responsibility.

#### 5. TILT ANGLE

The tilt angle is the measurement between the PV module and a horizontal ground surface. The PV module generates the maximum output power when it faces the sun directly. 5 degrees or more is recommended for the tilt angle of the PV module for the maintenance. (See 9. Maintenance)

For the standalone systems with a battery where the PV modules are attached to a permanent structure, the tilt angle of the PV modules should be determined to optimize the performance when the sunlight is the scarcest. In general, if the electric power generation is adequate when the sunlight is the scarcest, then the angle chosen should be adequate during the rest of the year. For grid-connected installations where the PV modules are attached to a permanent structure, it is recommended to tilt the PV module at the angle equal to the latitude of the installation site so that the power generation from the PV module will be optimum throughout the year.

#### 6. WIRING

To ensure proper system operation and to maintain your warranty, observe the correct cable connection polarity (Figures 1 & 2) when connecting the modules to a battery or to other modules. If not connected correctly, the bypass diode could be destroyed.

PV modules can be wired in series to increase voltage. Connect wires from the positive terminal of one module to the negative terminal of the next module. Figure 1 shows modules connected in series.

Connect PV modules in parallel to increase current. Connect wires from the positive terminal of one module to the positive terminal on the next module. Figure 2 shows modules connected in parallel.

Figure 1. SERIES for more voltage

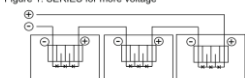
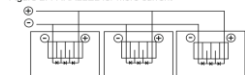


Figure 2. PARALLEL for more current



#### 7. GROUNDING

The frame grounding must consider the local requirement and regulation at the installation site. When grounding is required, please refer to below example connection (Figure 3). Please be careful in arranging the system ground so that the removal of one module from the circuit will not interrupt the grounding of any other modules.

The modules should be grounded to the same electrical point as described below.

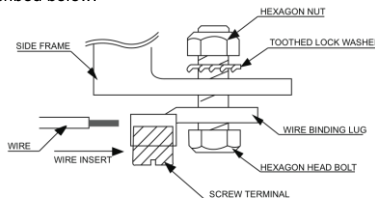


Figure 3. Example of acceptable ground connection

You can use a hole with the appropriate symbol for equipotential bonding on the side frame for either a bolt, nut and washer grounding the module to the frame, a ground lug fastened by bolt or screw, or appropriate screw (hardware not provided). An example of acceptable ground connection using a bolt, nut and washer retaining a ground lug is shown in figure 3. In a connection of this type, the hardware (such as a toothed locked washer / star washer) must score the frame surface to make positive electrical contact with the frame. The ground wire must be considered within the local requirement of local and regulation at the site of installation.

#### 8. MOUNTING

Please make sure that all the information described in the installation manual is still valid and proper for your installation. The mounting method has been verified by SHARP and NOT CERTIFIED by a third party organization.

The approved way to mount Sharp PV modules to a support structure is described in this INSTALLATION MANUAL. Although Sharp does not specify or warrant frame clips or clamps, using frame clips (not provided) or clamps (not provided) is possible when they are designed for PV modules and with minimum dimensions on the sides of the module in accordance with the instructions and drawings provided. If using frame clips or clamps, the modules should be fixed rigidly and there shall be no damage to the modules by deforming mounting structure against design load.

The Sharp module warranty may be void if customer-selected frame clips are improper or inadequate for module properties (including strength or material) or installation. Note that if metal clips are used, there must be a path to ground from the clips, (for instance, using star washers in the clip hardware set).

Please review the descriptions and drawings carefully; not mounting the modules according to one of these methods may void your warranty. These mounting methods are designed to allow module loading of 2400Pa. Support structures that PV modules are mounted on should be rigid. Sharp PV modules are designed to ensure optimal electrical performance under the condition that they are mounted on rigid support structures. Deformation of support structure may damage PV module with its electric performance.

When mounting the module on structure, ensure that no corner has a displacement of more than 2mm per every 1000mm of the diagonal.

#### 9. MAINTENANCE

The modules are designed for long life and require very little maintenance. If the angle of the PV module is 5 degrees or more, normal rainfall is sufficient to keep the module glass surface clean under most weather conditions. If dirt build-up becomes excessive, clean the glass surface preferably with water only, or with wet soft sponge or cloth in case to remove stubborn dirt. If cleaning the back of the module is required, take utmost care not to damage the back side materials. In order to ensure the operation of the system, check the connection of wiring and the state of the jacket of wires occasionally.

# INSTALLATION MANUAL -PHOTOVOLTAIC MODULES-

## NQ-R series

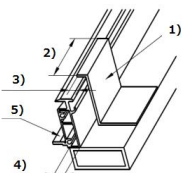
### 1. INSTALLATION

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#### Mounting Using Clips:

##### Clamping on Longer Frame (Figure1)/ Shorter Frame (Figure2)

The modules can be mounted using clips (clamps) designed for solar modules as defined in the following Figures. Note that the mounting clips should meet the required dimensions as defined in respective Figures. Note that the **CLIP CENTER POSITIONS (L,S)** are important as specified in respective Figures. The module must be supported on the array system and should overlap the array rail by at least 10mm. The array rails (see pointillist image, row or vertical row) must support the bottom of the frames and must be continuous piece (no breaks in the rail).



- 1) Clip: Aluminum alloy, 3mm Min. thickness
- 2) Catch length (38mm Min.)
- 3) Covering depth (8mm Min. on longer frame)  
Covering depth (5mm Min. on shorter frame)
- 4) Supporting depth (10mm Min.)
- 5) Frame

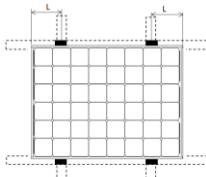
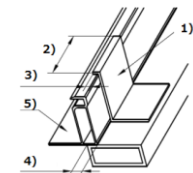


Figure 1. Clamping on longer Frame

$110\text{mm} \leq L \leq 370\text{mm}$  : wind  $\pm 2400\text{Pa}$   
/ snow +5400Pa (Test Pass)  
 $19\text{mm} \leq L \leq 110\text{mm}$  : wind  $\pm 2400\text{Pa}$   
/ snow +2400Pa

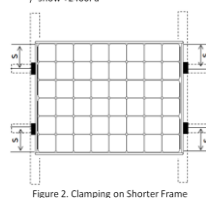


Figure 2. Clamping on Shorter Frame

$19\text{mm} \leq S \leq 250\text{mm}$  : wind  $\pm 2400\text{Pa}$   
/ snow +2400Pa

### ELECTRICAL OUTPUT AND THERMAL CHARACTERISTICS

Rated electrical characteristics of  $I_{sc}$ ,  $V_{oc}$ , are within  $\pm 10$  percent of the indicated values and  $+5/-0$  percent of  $P_{max}$  (power measurement tolerance:  $\pm 3\%$ ), under STC (standard test conditions) (irradiance of  $1000\text{ W/m}^2$ , AM 1.5 spectrum, and a cell temperature of  $25\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  ( $77^\circ\text{F}$ )).

Table-1. Electrical characteristics (at STC)

Model name	Maximum Power ( $P_{max}$ )	Tolerance	Open-Circuit Voltage ( $V_{oc}$ )	Short-Circuit Current ( $I_{sc}$ )	Voltage at point of max. Power ( $V_{mpp}$ )	Current at point of max. Power ( $I_{mpp}$ )	Maximum system voltage	Over-Current Protection	Application Class	Maximum series configuration(*)
NQ-R256A	256W	+5%/-0%	32.49	9.95	27.53	9.30	600V	15A	A	15

\* The maximum series number of modules depends on the local conditions. These values are calculated under the condition of  $V_{oc}$  at  $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .

Under normal conditions, a photovoltaic module is likely to experience conditions that produce more current and/or voltage than reported at Standard Test Conditions. Accordingly, the values of  $I_{sc}$  and  $V_{oc}$  marked on this module should be multiplied by a factor of 1.25 when determining component voltage ratings, conductor capacities, fuse sizes and size of controls connected to the module output.

#### Application Class

This module is rated as "Application class A" according to IEC61730.

"Application class A" means: General access, hazardous voltage, hazardous power applications; Modules rated for use in this application class may be used in systems operating at greater than 50V DC or 240W, where

### 2. ELECTRICAL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTION

#### CABLE requirement

Conductor size:  $4.0\text{mm}^2$ ,  
Cable type: XLPE cable (PV1-F cable)  
Maximum DC voltage: 1.8kV  
Ambient temperature:  $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$  to  $+90\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ ,  
Maximum conductor temperature:  $120\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$

#### Module configuration (Recommend)

# Maximum series configuration: please refer to Table-1 (This value is calculated under the condition of  $V_{oc}$  at  $-40\text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ .)  
# Maximum parallel configuration: (Parallel connection of each string shall be conducted with following two options. Any other parallel connections are prohibited.)  
a) Case of using the diodes: 1 diode per maximum 2 parallel strings (Connect a diode or more in series for every string or every 2 parallel strings for protection of module from reverse current over load.)  
b) Case of using the fuses: 1 fuse per every string (Connect a fuse for every single string for protection of module from reverse current over load.)

#### CONNECTOR requirement

The module is fitted with SMK Corporation connectors (CCT9901-2452F/CCT9901-2362F) which are mechanically and electrically compatible with Multi-Contact AG (PV-KST4/PV-KBT4) as of 23 October 2013. To extend the module connecting leads, only use Multi-Contact AG (PV-KST4/PV-KBT4), or SMK Corporation connectors under the same series.

### 3. WARNING

Keep all MODULES and electrical CONNECTORS clean & dry before installation.

### 4. Disposal

Dispose photovoltaic modules properly. For Information about the proper disposal, contact your local recycling site.



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