

## **Ground Mount System** By: Professional Solar Products



**GROUND MOUNT INSTALLATION OVERVIEW:** 

The Professional Solar PV ground mounting system is a simple, easy to install, fully engineered ground mount solution for photovoltaic solar modules. This system is designed to engineer with a minimum amount of installed footings at greatly reduced labor. The system integrates with ordinary 1-1/2" schedule #40 galvanized pipe. This ground mount solution includes virtually everything needed to install modules with vertical posts up to 5" from grade. The installer will only need pipe, concrete and basic construction skills to complete the installation. This fully engineered system utilizes Professional Solar Products' patented Slide-n-Clamp™ module clamps and support channel - the industry standard for rooftop module installations.

Installation of the ground mount system consists of the following:

- Installation 1-1/2" schedule #40 galvanized pipe (max. span = 10' O.C. using the special alloy tees—non-snow load conditions).
- Installation of vertical pipe supports into concrete footings.
- Drilling and installation of the main support channels to the specially machined "U-Bolt" assemblies.
- Installation of the solar modules using the standard Roof Trac<sup>®</sup> "Slide-n-Clamp" module mounting system.

Gre	round Trac™ TOOL LIST:		
1. 2. 3. 4. 5.	Post hole digger Wheelbarrow / shovel String Line Line level or builders level Drill	<ul> <li>9. 7/16" deep socket &amp; ratchet</li> <li>10. Phillips head driver (for drywall screws)</li> <li>11. 1/2" wrench</li> <li>12. 3/16" hex wrench</li> <li>13. Framing square</li> </ul>	
6. 7.	1/2″ Uni-Bit Tape Measure	<ol> <li>Pipe cutter or reciprocating saw</li> <li>Pipe wrenches (two required)</li> </ol>	
7. 8.	Tape Measure Sharpie™ marking pen	15. Pipe wrenches (two required) 16. Mallet or large hammer	
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## Rear view of pipe support beam bracing and

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Drilling of the support channels: Align the support rails with the bottom side up on a flat surface. Using a framing square as illustrated, measure from the center of the channel 41" outward and mark a line on the channel. Mark another line exactly 2" outward from center from the first line. Now drill the "U-Bolt" holes in alignment with the marked line and the specially extruded "V" groove on the channel. We recommend the use of a 1/2" "Uni-Bit®" bit for this. You will now have perfectly aligned holes ready for installation on the support pipe beams.





Align the end of the channel using a string line. Tighten all the "U-Bolt" assemblies and re-check alignment the vertical pipe supports. You are now ready to pour concrete into the footings. Tap the concrete to ensure contact with the vertical pipe support. Remove the support bracing after the concrete has set. You are now ready to install your modules.

CAUTION: Extruded edges of the aluminum can be sharp. It is highly recommended the installer buff the edges after installation to prevent injury.

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## ESTIMATING AMOUNT OF PIPE AND CONCRETE:

- 1 To estimate the amount of galvanized pipe needed for the rack, count the total number of panelized modules in a bank. Determine the width of the module, for example ( $58'' \times number \text{ of grouped}$  panels (6) =  $348'' \times 2 = 696'' / 12 = 58'$ ) Since galvanized pipe comes in 21' lengths, you will need 6 lengths for the upper and lower beams to avoid cutting and threading the pipe.
- 2 To determine the number of posts (the maximum allowable span is 10') take the total length of one of the beams less 4' (2' allowable overhang on each end) and divide this by 10 (see figure 1). This will give you the amount of posts required to support one of the beams, doubling this will give you the number of posts and TEE's required.
- 3 Estimating the amount of pipe required for the posts can be estimated by adding 40" (footing) plus the distance from the top of the footing -grade to the beam (figure 2). Add the total length of pipe for the beams and the footings and divide by 21 (standard length of pipe). This will give you the amount of pipe lengths needed required for the installation.
- 4 Concrete for the footings = approximately 2.6 cubic feet per post.

