

# Installation and Operating Instructions

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## **Installation and Operating Instructions**

These instructions are intended for the use of dealers and fitters engaged in the design, installation and operation of photovoltaic (PV) systems consisting of high-performance, polycrystalline or monocrystalline solar modules from the range supplied by Heckert Solar GmbH. They are designed to ensure that the PV system concerned delivers optimum performance throughout its working life. All Heckert Solar-brand modules are manufactured in Germany, and are among the highest-quality PV units of their type to be found anywhere in the world. They are characterised by extremely high standards of workmanship and long-term stability.

Heckert Solar-brand modules may only be installed by properly-qualified specialists. Please observe the relevant norms and standards applying to photovoltaic installations, including – for example – VDE regulations, DIN standard specifications, VDEW guidelines and TAB (Technical Advisory Authority) standards (or local equivalent) of the corresponding mains network operator, along with the relevant health and safety and accident-prevention measures. Failure to observe these stipulations may result in grave personal injury or serious damage to systems and equipment. The indications contained in these installation and operating instructions are based on current German legislation and industrial standards.

The recommendations that follow are designed to help ensure the smooth, trouble-free installation of your Heckert Solar-brand modules. Please seek expert advice in the event of individual queries, and in order to ensure that the roof specifications are observed.

Keep these instructions in a safe place, along with all the other documents supplied with the system.

These installation and operating instructions conform to the stipulations of TÜV Rheinland regarding safety certificate IEC 61730, part 1.



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## 1. Hazard warnings and safety instructions

Solar modules generate electricity as soon as they are exposed to light. Voltage of 30 volts and more constitutes a danger in the event of physical contact. The connection, in series or parallel, of various modules increases the voltage and current accordingly. Note that the arrangement in series of more than two solar modules can result in voltages that are potentially fatal.

### **CAUTION: Danger of fatal electric shock!**

The plug-in contacts are fully insulated to prevent them being touched. You should however take the following precautions when handling the solar modules:

- Do not insert electrically conductive items into the pin-type or sleeve connectors.
- Do not install solar modules or wire conduits if their pin-type/sleeve connectors are wet.
- All work on wires and cables must be carried out with the utmost care and attention.
- Beware of the high contact-voltages present in the power inverter, even when it is in an idle state.
- Exercise great care when carrying out work of any kind on the power inverter and/or its wiring system.

Heckert Solar-brand modules are designed for employment as Class A applications: Systems with dangerous output (> 240W), designed for generally unrestricted access, with the presence of hazardous voltages (IEC 61730: > 50V DC; EN61730: > 120V DC). Modules compatible with safety standards EN IEC 61730-1 and 61730-2, qualified within these classes of application correspond with the requirements of Protection Class II.

### **CAUTION: Danger of fatal injury due to arcing!**

The opening of a completed live circuit (e.g. disconnection of the DC lead from the power inverter while under load) can result in fatal injury due to arcing.

- NEVER disconnect the solar generator from the power inverter while it is still connected to the network!

## 2. General information regarding PV systems

### **Alignment**

The solar module should be positioned as near as possible due south, in order to ensure optimum energy yield. You can also align the solar module according to the position of the sun. The module should be inclined at an angle of at least 15°. The optimum angle of inclination can be calculated using the following formula:

Angle of inclination = degree of latitude of installation site -20°.

### **Place of installation**

The planned site of installation should be as free as possible of obstacles that are likely to create shade (e.g. other buildings, trees, chimneys, dormer windows, TV aerials, satellite dishes, overhead power lines, etc.), as these items can significantly reduce the performance of solar modules. Even partial shadows can result in considerable reductions in output. A module is considered shade-free if sunlight can fall on its entire surface all year round, with at least a minimal amount of light able to fall on it unhindered even at unfavourable, less-sunny times of year.

### **Rear ventilation**

The output of solar modules is considerably reduced as they heat up. This applies in particular to our Black Edition units, which – as the name implies – come with a black foil covering on the rear and a black frame. Rear-face ventilation helps prevent these performance-reducing build-ups of heat. You should therefore ensure, when installing the unit, that there is a sufficiently large gap at the back for the purposes of ventilation. Ensure also that there are no nearby items – such as skylights, glazed roofs, etc. – that are likely to spoil the “chimney-draught” effect that this system of ventilation relies on.

## Winter

The solar modules should be positioned in such a manner that as little snow as possible falls on them during winter. A short distance with respect to the eaves and a roof inclination of  $<20^\circ$  are both likely to lead to accumulations of snow on the bottom row of modules. Check the openings in the hollow profile sections of the module frame, and keep the corners free of dirt, so that condensation water can drain off freely.

## Cleaning/maintenance

With a sufficient inclination of the modules ( $>15^\circ$ ), cleaning is generally not required (self-cleaning by rain/snow). However, ambient conditions can have a strong influence on the soiling of modules, which should be checked at yearly intervals for accumulations of dirt. If the modules do become soiled, they should be cleaned when cool (e.g. during the early morning), using plenty of lukewarm water and a soft scouring pad. DO NOT use sharp, abrasive or pointed implements of any kind to clean the surface. Modules with AR glass should be cleaned by using plenty of lukewarm, demineralised water and clean, lint-free cotton, microfiber or paper towels. Please note that sudden, extreme changes in temperature can create tension strain in the glass, resulting in irreparable damage to the module. Greasy or oily residues can be removed with alcohol or a mixture of alcohol and water. The following should all be avoided: strong acids, caustic solutions, petrol-based cleaners, steam or heat-based cleaners, cleaning agents containing silicon oils, fluorides or waxes, polishes, alkaline cleaners, cleaners containing scouring agents and high pressure cleaners. All methods and means that replace Na ions in the glass surface are unsuitable for the cleaning of glass. All abrasive cleaning agents and utensils are equally unsuitable for this purpose.

**CAUTION: When carrying out cleaning and maintenance work, take care to ensure that the earth (ground) connection is not broken or damaged.**

## 3. Delivery and handling of modules

Check the delivery on arrival to ensure that all items are complete and undamaged. Heckert Solar will only recognise transit damage if it has been recorded on the driver's delivery note and reported immediately in writing. Our modules are normally delivered in an upright position on a non-returnable pallet, so that one person can remove the individual units without risk of back injury. The modules should be handled with great care. Laminated items supplied without a module frame are particularly sensitive to impact damage. Unpacking, transport and interim storage should therefore be carried out with utmost care. Leave the modules in their packaging until you intend to install them. DO NOT stack one pallet on top of another.

**CAUTION: Carefully follow the unpacking instructions printed on the packaging material. DO NOT remove the rear retaining tape at this stage.**

**CAUTION: Handle the modules with great care!**

- Always lift and carry the modules using both hands. Do not use the connection box or cable to lift the module; **do not pull** on the connection cable at any time. (See Fig. 5 on page 9).
- Do not expose the modules to extreme vibrations. Lower the modules gently when placing them on a hard surface. Do not stand the modules on their corners. When stacking one module on top of another, always place a layer of protective material in between. DO NOT place objects of any kind on top of the modules. **NEVER stand on the modules.** Do not drop the modules; Do not handle them with hard or pointed implements of any kind.
- The modules should be connected with great care, without using force. Keep all electrical contacts clean and dry.
- If you need to store the modules temporarily, ensure that they are kept in a dry, well-ventilated room.
- In order to keep a proper record of fitting, you should note down the serial number on the system layout plan kept at the place of installation.

**CAUTION: Carefully follow the special information on the handling of modules with AR glass**

The surface of the module has a resistance to mechanical or chemical influences comparable with non-coated modules. Therefore they should be treated with the same degree of carefulness. Due to the special reflective properties slight contamination is, however, better visible. In particular, greases and oils in small amounts are already visible and can influence transmission. In order to avoid these marks, the modules should be handled with care already with unpacking and assembly and the surface of the modules should be touched exclusively using clean gloves.

#### 4. Information regarding the module

##### Certification, Performance data

Heckert Solar GmbH is one of the few suppliers in the sector that still produces absolutely all of its own-brand modules in Germany, placing great value on the certification of its product quality. For details of the performance specifications of our modules please refer to the data sheets of the corresponding series.

##### Usage

Please take the following factors carefully into account when using our modules:

- Do not immerse the solar module in liquids or fluids of any kind.
- The solar module is not compatible with seawater (recommended separation 500 metres from the sea).
- The module should not be exposed to extreme chemical contamination (e.g. harmful emissions from industrial premises).
- Do not use lenses or mirrors to concentrate the prevailing light (danger of overheating).
- Avoid damaging the module through hard-metal and diamond-edged objects.
- Protect solar modules from voltage surges (such as those produced by battery chargers, generators, etc.). If in doubt, please contact your specialist dealer.
- When connecting solar modules to storage batteries, be sure to observe the safety precautions specified by the battery manufacturer.
- Keep children away from the solar modules.

The closer the site of installation is to the equator, the more likely it becomes that the currents and voltages present can exceed those generated by a PV module under standard test conditions. You should therefore multiply the module's indicated  $I_{sc}$  and  $U_{os}$  values by a factor of 1.25, when determining the voltage ratings of components, current ratings of conductors and sizes of fuse for connection at the PV-module outputs.

The maximum measured rating for overcurrent protection (reverse-current resistance) is 15A.

#### 5. Module installation

Heckert Solar-brand modules are available in standard configuration, with aluminium frame; as laminated units without a frame (for rooftop and embedded roof-installation), and with SOLRIF® frames for embedded roof-installation using the SOLRIF® system. The availability of our own fitting system, along with those supplied by our partners Schweizer Metallbau (SOLRIF® in-roof) and Schletter, ensures that we can handle virtually any rooftop installation, while also offering solutions for certain building-frontage configurations. If you nevertheless intend to use a different system of installation, please be sure to follow the instructions provided by the supplier concerned.

Instructions can be downloaded from the corresponding websites:

[www.heckert-solar.com](http://www.heckert-solar.com)  
[www.schweizer-metallbau.ch](http://www.schweizer-metallbau.ch)  
[www.schletter.de](http://www.schletter.de)

For Solrif®, the following requirements have been determined regarding water-tightness:

Roof pitch	Description
10°	Minimum roof pitch for using Solrif®
10° - 22°	Water-tight roof substructure required
>22°	Rain-proof roof substructure required
<32°	Underlay must be implemented to drain into the gutter
Roof renovation	
>32°	No need to upgrade the old roof substructure (for using Solrif®)
<32°	The old roof substructure may need to be upgraded to be rain-proof

Fig. 1 application roof solution

## General instructions for rooftop installation

Thanks to their high degree of stability, all of our standard-framed and laminated modules are suitable for both upright and lengthwise installation. The modules can be clamped both by their long sides as well as by their short sides.

Please be sure to use the recommended clamping-points, as this is where the module's maximum load-bearing capacity is guaranteed. Additionally, when clamping on the short side of the module, the support distance of the used mounting rail must not exceed 1m. Note also that the position of installation, snow load and type of roof (rafter or purlin-type) may require the fitting of a set of crossbars.

Please consult with Heckert Solar before considering any other type of installation. The modules must not be subject to strain of any kind during or after fitting. They are not designed to act as rigid connecting or reinforcing elements.

When installing laminated units, use special securing clamps designed for the purpose. We recommend the use of clamps with a supporting surface of at least 15 mm and a minimum length of 70 mm (such as the 3 mm to 8 mm-wide Profi end/centre clamps supplied by Schletter).

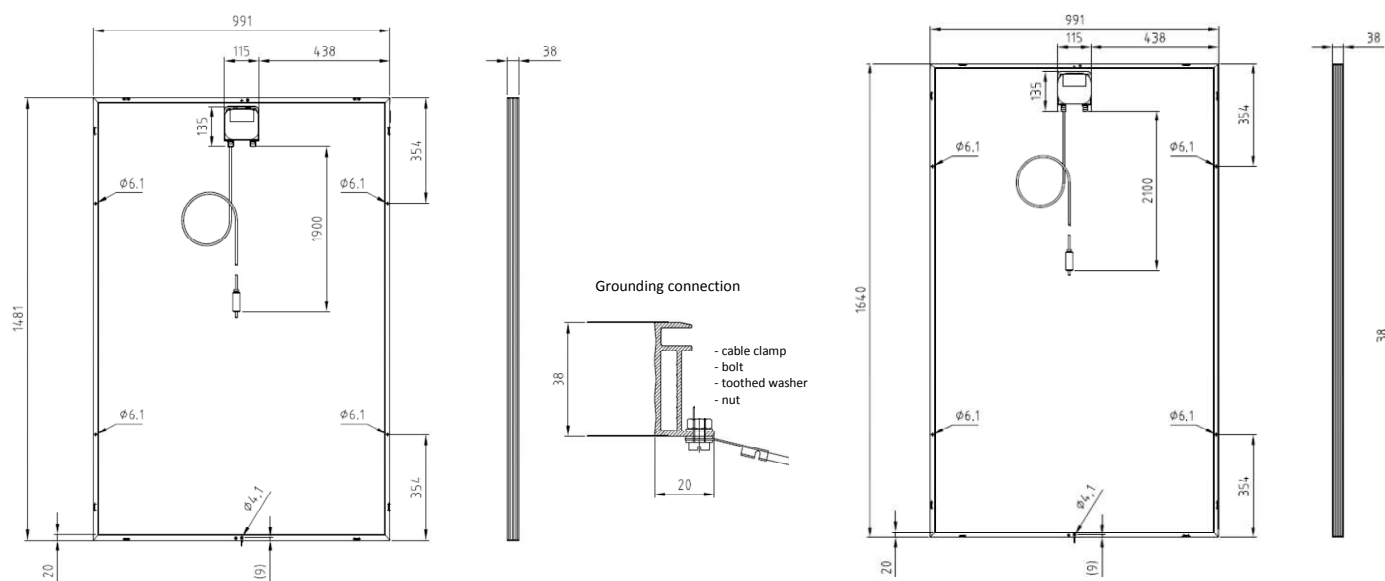


Fig. 2: Module dimensions 54-cells

Grounding

Module dimensions 60-cells

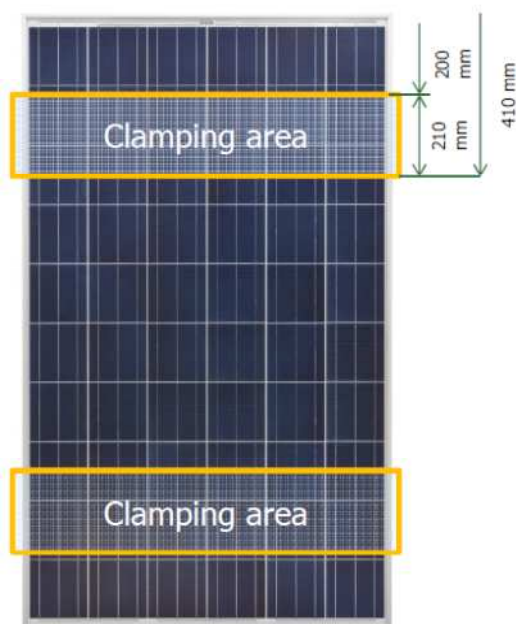
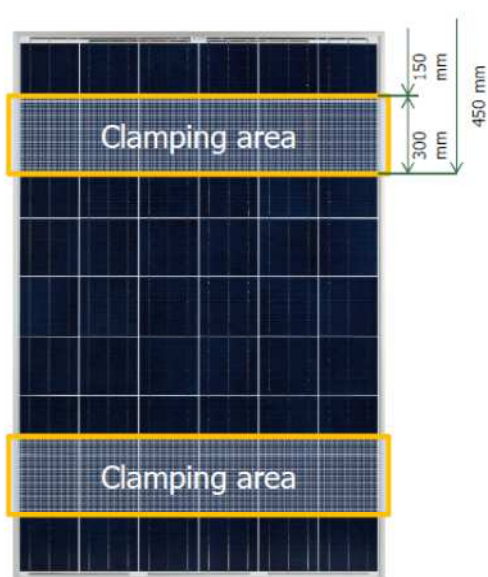


Fig. 3: Clamping area 54-cells

Clamping area 60-cells



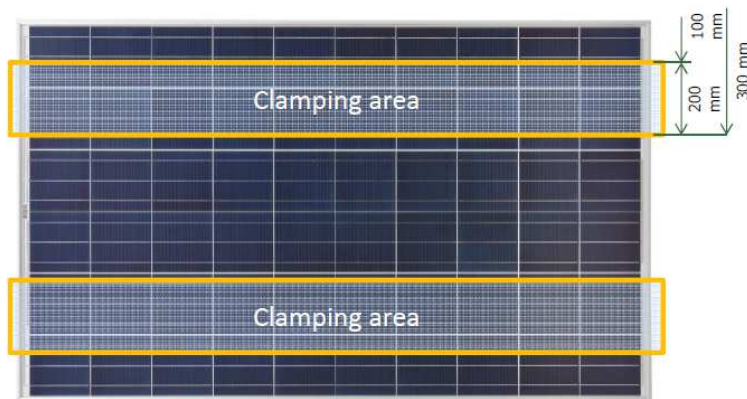


Fig. 4: Clamping on short side

### Slip-prevention

Our module frames are supplied with drill-holes for the purposes of slip-prevention when installed in an inclined position, and to make them easier to fit. Cylinder-head bolts with Allen-key sockets are inserted into these holes in the module frame. The bolts are secured in place with a plain washer and nut, or a self-locking nut. The use of M 5 x10 VA bolts with corresponding toothed lock-washer and nut is recommended for anti-slip purposes.

### Module load capacity

Heckert Solar's standard modules are certified by TÜV Rheinland to handle loads of up to 5400 Pa. SOLRIF®-type and frameless solar modules have been tested at loads of up to 2400 Pa. The load capacity of the SOLRIF® modules can be increased significantly by using additional mounting boards as support (please find more information on that in the calculation tool "Prosolrif" by the company Schweizer).

**CAUTION: Please note that the modules can only achieve their maximum load performance if they are clamped in the specified clamping area and in compliance with all requirements.**

Ensure that the maximum mechanical-load capacity is observed, paying particular attention to the load factors present at the site of installation (such as those resulting from wind and snow, etc. See also DIN 1055-4/5). Note that the module may buckle when subjected to excessive loads. Do not use any material that may result in the module being exposed to, and therefore damaged by, sharp or pointed edges, or uneven structures. The snow load at base sk (measured in kN/m<sup>2</sup>) is calculated using local levels of snowfall, the location of the building and its height above sea level. The likely wind load for the site of the project should be estimated using a wind-zone chart that along with wind zones also takes into account local conditions. A simplified procedure can be used to estimate prevailing wind-load when considering buildings of up to 25 metres in height. Depending on the height of the building, wind load is expressed as velocity pressure  $q$ , measured in kN/m<sup>3</sup>. Wind-load charts and snowfall maps are available for download from websites such as:

<http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schneelast>

<http://de.wikipedia.org/wiki/Windlast>

**CAUTION: Please note that the specialist firm engaged to fit the system is solely responsible for the planning and implementation of the project, and that a separate set of structural static calculations may have to be drawn up in certain cases.**

### 6. Connection and hook-up of modules

- The modules are wired directly via the plug socket fitted to the connection box (Fig. 5):  
Left-hand pin connector (+); right-hand pin connector (-)  
All sockets used for this purpose must be of the authorised type supplied by Tyco. The use of plug-in connectors of any other kind will void the warranty.
- The unit is supplied ready-fitted with a 1.9 metre length of cable on the positive (left-hand) side. This cable is fitted with the corresponding positive (+) and negative (-) sleeve connectors.

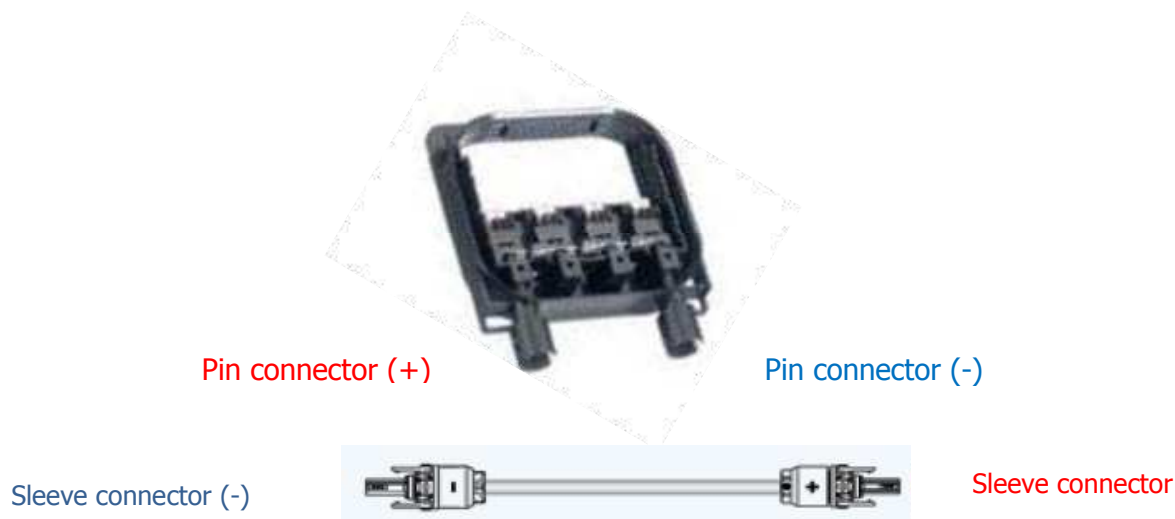


Fig. 5: Connection box and cable

- Modules can be connected to each other using this cable. The use of a single cable prevents a situation where plug-in connections are constantly exposed to water.
- **DO NOT** pull on the connection cable itself when unplugging it (see Fig. 6, page 8).
- Pay attention to the requirements set out in DIN VDE 0298-3 regarding cable installation. In particular, note the information on minimum bending radius, standards for the attachment of cables and on how to install them.
- On the next module in sequence, the sleeve connector ((-) marked blue) is plugged in on the right-hand side (on the box (-)).
- This means that box (-) is always connected to cable (-).
- The connections are internally configured to prevent their poles being reversed. A slight audible "click" indicates that the plug-in connector has been properly inserted.
- Plug-in connectors conform to protection class IP67, and sockets to IP65. Both components are therefore permanently protected from dust.
- Please pay careful attention to the instructions supplied by Tyco.

**CAUTION: Each manipulation of the connection box can lead to a loss of warranty and may only be undertaken by trained personnel!**

**CAUTION: Do not open the connection box or pull on the connection cable, and ensure that the connector is properly plugged in all times, otherwise the protection rating can no longer be guaranteed (see Fig. 6).**

**CAUTION: Ensure that the cables are free of tension and properly crimped and connected to the plug!**



Fig. 6: Do not pull on the cable.

If various strings are in use, we recommend sorting the modules by current-strength ( $I_{MPP}$ ). This will help ensure maximum system output, as the weakest module determines the performance of the string as a whole.

**CAUTION: DO NOT install modules that are damaged in any way!**



## Wiring layout

Each string requires two cables for connecting the solar generator to the power inverter. We recommend the use of special solar cable conforming to standard IEC 60228, Class 5 for this purpose. It should have a minimum cross-section of 4 mm<sup>2</sup>. Cable losses should be <1%. The cross-section of the cable should be adjusted accordingly to minimise loss over larger distances.

**IMPORTANT: Ensure that pin- and sleeve-type connectors are correctly inserted into each other!**

The strings (+ and - leads) are laid to the power inverter and connected to the DC inputs. The module plugs are marked accordingly. The cable on the positive (+) plug of the module should be connected to the positive (+) input of the power inverter. Proceed in a similar way with the negative (-) connection. The two strings (+ and -) should be laid together to prevent the forming of conductor loops. The cable should run through the roof at a single point, if possible.

The solar cables must be fitted to the power inverter using only suitably-certified, compatible plug-in connectors. These plug-in connectors are secured to the solar cable with special crimping pliers. It is vital to observe polarity of the strings when connecting them to the inverter. Please ensure not to interchange the + and - cables. Use a multimeter/voltmeter to check the individual strings for correct polarity, and to verify their voltage, before connecting them to the power inverter.

Installation and/or connection of the power inverter(s) should be carried out in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions (Fig. 7).

Max. Systemspannung Max. system voltage Tension système maxi 1000 VDC					
Typ Type Type	Anzahl Numbers Nombre	Typ Type Type	Anzahl Numbers Nombre	Typ Type Type	Anzahl Numbers Nombre
NeMo® 54 P 195	26	NeMo® 54 P 225	24	NeMo® 60 P 240	23
NeMo® 54 P 200	26	NeMo® 54 P 230	24	NeMo® 60 P 245	22
NeMo® 54 P 205	26	NeMo® 54 P 235	24	NeMo® 60 P 250	22
NeMo® 54 P 210	25			NeMo® 60 P 255	22
NeMo® 54 P 215	25			NeMo® 60 P 260	22
NeMo® 54 P 220	25			NeMo® 60 P 265	22

Fig. 7: Number of modules for connection in series

**IMPORTANT: Various string-lengths are possible, depending on module output and the type of power inverter used (see Fig. 7)!**

## Parallel connection of PV modules

Please note that 15A fuse protection is required when connecting more than two strings of our modules in parallel. The maximum reverse-current load is 15A. This may be exceeded in the event of a defect occurring, if more than two strings are connected in parallel.

## Electrical installation

Connection of the power inverter to the public grid MUST be carried out by a properly-authorized specialist firm. Pay attention to the requirements set out in DIN VDE 0298-3 regarding cable installation.

**CAUTION: High DC voltages are present even with small amounts of light-input. NEVER touch bare + or - terminals while the system is in operation.**

## Earth (ground) connection

Requirements regarding lightning conductors and excess-voltage protection depend on local conditions. The firm carrying out the installation work is responsible for ensuring that the module frames are correctly earthed (grounded) at the positions indicated (see Fig. 8). An M4 screw is specified for earthing (grounding) purposes. This must be secured with a split or toothed washer, in order to ensure that the Eloxal finish is properly penetrated.

If the building is already fitted with an external lightning conductor (or if one is to be installed), the PV system must be suitably integrated to prevent direct lightning strikes. If power inverters without a transformer are used, they must be suitably earthed (grounded) to provide personal protection and compensate for the lack of galvanic isolation. Applicable local and national regulations are to be observed in this respect.

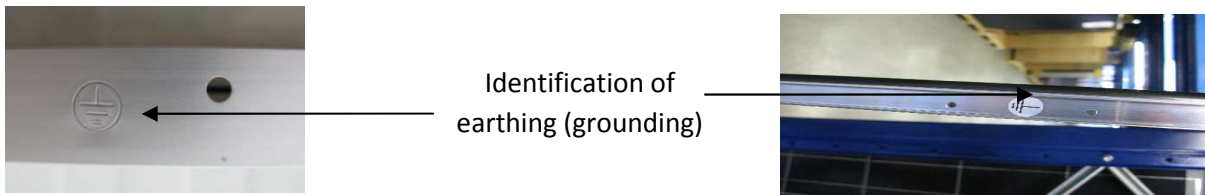


Fig. 8: Identification of earthing (grounding) point NeMo®; Solrif®

When using SOLRIF® modules, the Schweizer specifications regarding equipotential bonding and lightning protection, which are included in the fitting instructions, should be observed.

### Fire prevention

The fitting of equipment to the roof may affect the fire safety of the building concerned, as incorrect installation can suppose a fire hazard. Please observe local planning laws and building regulations. Heckert Solar-brand modules forming part of a rooftop installation must be fitted onto a fire-resistant base material. The module is classed as a “non-explosion-protected” item of equipment. It must therefore not be installed anywhere near the volatile gases and fumes found in places such as filling stations, gas-storage facilities or paint-spraying workshops. The module must not be installed near naked flames or inflammable materials.

Heckert Solar’s modules were tested for fire performance and conform to fire protection class B2.

Fire brigades have special fire-fighting guidelines at their disposal for buildings fitted with power-generating photovoltaic systems. We recommend the clear identification of the PV system, and the display of a layout plan at the building’s power connection box and main distribution point.

For integrated roof construction of the HS\_P(M)xxx\_4 Solrif(R) modules on e.g. slate, shingle, seam, concrete tile etc. an additional test for external fire spread according to the standards ENV 1187-4 or BS476-3 is required.

### Working on the roof

Please observe the applicable accident-prevention regulations. Do not carry out installation work in strong winds. Secure yourself and other persons to prevent accidents due to falls. Secure loose objects to prevent them falling. Cordon off the working area to prevent any third-party damage or injury.

### 7. Return and recycling

Heckert Solar GmbH undertakes to accept the return, free of charge, of modules produced by the company, when they reach the end of their service life. For details of returns for other reasons, please refer to the document entitled “Return\_Recycling.pdf”, which can be found on our website at [www.heckert-solar.com](http://www.heckert-solar.com).

### 8. Product/performance guarantee

For further information on terms and conditions of use and the guaranteed performance specifications of our products, please go to our website at [www.heckert-solar.com](http://www.heckert-solar.com).

### 9. Liability exclusion

These installation and operating instructions apply to general, standard-designed systems. These details are provided for information only, and are not contractual in any way. Heckert Solar GmbH can offer no guarantee as to the suitability or functioning performance of these modules if the user fails to abide by the instructions given in this user information. As Heckert Solar GmbH can in no way control or monitor conformity with this user information, local circumstances, the usage and conditions to which the installation is subject, the manner in which it is operated, or the maintenance of the modules concerned, Heckert Solar GmbH shall accept no liability whatsoever for any loss or damage that might result from incorrect use, installation, operation or maintenance.

In addition, all liability for infringement of patents or other third-party rights that might arise from the operation of these modules is likewise excluded, unless otherwise specifically established in law.

Our Applications Technology Department will be pleased to deal with any further queries that you might have, on +49(0)371/458568-0.

Appendix: Installation instructions Tyco

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## Installation Manual

### 1. Safety Note

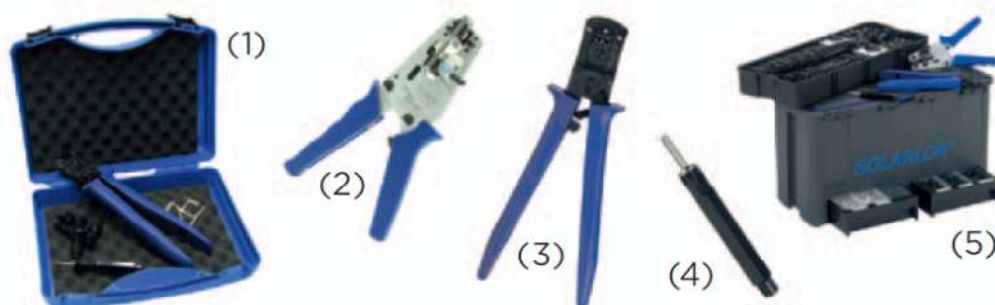


- The SOLARLOK connector is to be used only to interconnect firmly fixed cables.
- **Do not disconnect under electrical load!**
- Electrical current path should only be disconnected using approved devices.
- Only cables released from TE Connectivity (TE) are permitted to be used with SOLARLOK component cable assemblies.
- SOLARLOK component cable shall be labelled with label PN 1718077-1 "Do not disconnect under load".
- To protect against shock, ensure that conductors and their associated connectors are separated from opposite polarity components.
- 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. The usage of TE connector dust caps is strongly recommended.
- Connectors that are unmated in the field should also be protected from pollutants.
- Do **NOT** use any **oil or lubricants** during mounting.



### 2. Tools

Installer Starter Kit	(1)	Crimping Tool +++	PN	5-1579010-4
Stripping Tool	(2)	2.5 mm <sup>2</sup> - 6.0 mm <sup>2</sup>	PN	4-1579002-2
Crimping Tool	(3)	4.0 mm <sup>2</sup> and 6.0 mm <sup>2</sup>	PN	1-1579004-2
Extraction Tool	(4)	all terminals	PN	1102855-3
Field Service Kit	(5)	all in one	PN	1534858-1



### 3. Assembly Steps

Using appropriate wire stripping tool, strip the wire **9mm  $\pm$  1mm** without damaging the strands.



Insert stripped wire into the terminal wire crimp barrel until it stops. While holding the wire in place, squeeze the crimp tool handles together until the ratchet releases.



### 4. Pressed- Asembled

Push contact with cable into the connector housing until you hear the contact give audible click and you fell the contact reach the end position. To verify contact engagement, give a slight gentle pull back on the cable, to be sure that the contact is locked.



### 5. Wiring

Radius (r) min. 5 cable

