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Attn: Mr. Corey Geiger, VP New Markets, IronRidge Inc.

Subject: Ground Mounting System – Structural Analysis – 4 Module (XR1000)

Dear Sir:

We have analyzed the subject ground mounted structure and determined that it is in compliance with the applicable sections of the following Reference Documents:

Codes: ASCE/SEI 7-10 Min. Design Loads for Buildings & Other Structures
ASCE/SEI 7-16 Min. Design Loads for Buildings & Other Structures
International Building Code, 2015 Edition
International Building Code, 2018 Edition
Other: AC428, Acceptance Criteria for Modular Framing Systems Used to Support PV
Modules, dated Effective November 1, 2012 by ICC-ES
Aluminum Design Manual, 2015 Edition
IronRidge Exhibit EX-0001

The structure is a simple column (pier) and beam (cross pipe) system. The piers & cross pipes are ASTM A53 Grade B standard weight (schedule 40) steel pipes or Allied Mechanical Tubing. Please refer to Exhibit EX-0001 for approved pipe geometry and material properties. The tops of the piers are connected in the E-W direction by the cross pipes which cantilever over and extend past the end piers. The cross pipes are connected by proprietary IronRidge XR1000 Rails spanning up and down the slope which cantilever over and extend past the top and bottom cross pipes. There are typically two rails per column of modules. The modules are clamped to the rails by the IronRidge Module Mounting Clamps as shown in the attached Exhibit.

Gravity loads are transferred to the piers and foundations by the rails and cross pipes acting as simple beams. For lateral loads the system is either a cantilever structure or, when diagonal braces are provided, a braced frame. The effect of seismic loads (for all design categories A-F) have been determined to be less than the effect due to wind loads in all load conditions and combinations.

The pier spacing in the N-S direction is 7'-6". The pier spacing in the E-W direction is selected from load tables determined by the structural design for the specified slope, wind load, and snow load. The governing criteria for the pier spacing is either the spanning capacity of the cross pipes or the cantilever capacity of the pier. Simplified Load Tables 1A-F & 2A-F are included herein for reference.

More comprehensive information covering all load combinations is available at the IronRidge website, IronRidge.com.

Table 2B - MAXIMUM PIER SPACING (in)											
3" Unbraced Pipe Frame	Snow	Slope (deg)									
		Wind Speed & Exposure Category	psf	0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35
100 mph Exposure C	0	212	217	186	181	171	163	139	117	100	85
	10	191	194	176	174	170	163	139	117	100	85
	20	165	167	155	154	153	153	139	117	100	85
	30	155	156	147	146	146	147	139	117	100	85
	40	142	143	136	135	137	139	139	117	100	85
	50	131	131	127	127	129	131	134	117	100	85
105 mph Exposure C	0	204	178	162	148	137	134	126	107	91	77
	10	186	178	162	148	137	134	126	107	91	77
	20	162	164	152	148	137	134	126	107	91	77
	30	152	154	144	143	137	134	126	107	91	77
	40	140	141	134	133	134	134	126	107	91	77
	50	130	131	125	125	126	129	126	107	91	77
110 mph Exposure C	0	196	202	171	166	157	150	115	97	83	70
	10	182	185	167	164	157	150	115	97	83	70
	20	159	161	149	147	145	145	115	97	83	70
	30	150	152	141	140	139	140	115	97	83	70
	40	138	139	131	130	131	132	115	97	83	70
	50	128	130	123	123	124	126	115	97	83	70
120 mph Exposure C	0	183	188	159	154	145	132	97	82	69	59
	10	174	177	158	154	145	132	97	82	69	59
	20	153	155	142	140	138	132	97	82	69	59
	30	145	147	136	134	133	132	97	82	69	59
	40	134	136	127	126	126	126	97	82	69	59
	50	125	127	119	119	120	121	97	82	69	59
130 mph Exposure C	0	171	175	148	143	135	112	82	70	59	50
	10	166	169	148	143	135	112	82	70	59	50
	20	147	150	136	134	131	112	82	70	59	50
	30	140	142	130	129	127	112	82	70	59	50
	40	130	132	122	121	121	112	82	70	59	50
	50	122	124	116	115	115	112	82	70	59	50
140 mph Exposure C	0	160	165	138	134	126	97	71	60	51	43
	10	158	162	138	134	126	97	71	60	51	43
	20	142	145	130	128	125	97	71	60	51	43
	30	135	138	125	123	121	97	71	60	51	43
	40	127	128	118	117	116	97	71	60	51	43
	50	119	121	112	111	111	97	71	60	51	43
150 mph Exposure C	0	150	155	130	126	118	84	62	52	44	38
	10	150	154	130	126	118	84	62	52	44	38
	20	137	140	125	123	118	84	62	52	44	38
	30	131	133	120	118	116	84	62	52	44	38
	40	123	125	114	113	111	84	62	52	44	38
160 mph Exposure C	0	142	146	122	118	107	74	54	46	39	33
	10	142	146	122	118	107	74	54	46	39	33
	20	132	135	120	117	107	74	54	46	39	33
	30	127	129	116	114	107	74	54	46	39	33
	40	119	121	110	108	107	74	54	46	39	33

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Notes for Tables 1 & 2:

1. Span = Indicated region denotes the requirement for (3) three XR1000 rails.
Span = Indicated region denotes special requirements for XR1000 rails – contact IronRidge.
2. Cross pipe splices not permitted in outer 2/3 of end spans, or the middle 1/3 of interior spans based on the installed attachment spacing ($L_{install}$). See Figure A
3. End cantilever span of pipe rails (max) = $0.40 \times$ maximum span (L_{max}) from above tables. See Figure A
4. When installations occur on a N-S grade, the design slope of the array shall be determined as the slope relative to level ground. Code required topographic effects have not been considered. Topographic (Wind) Factor = 1.0 (no topographic effects)
5. Dead Load (Weight) = 3 psf
6. Maximum PV Module Dimension = 80”

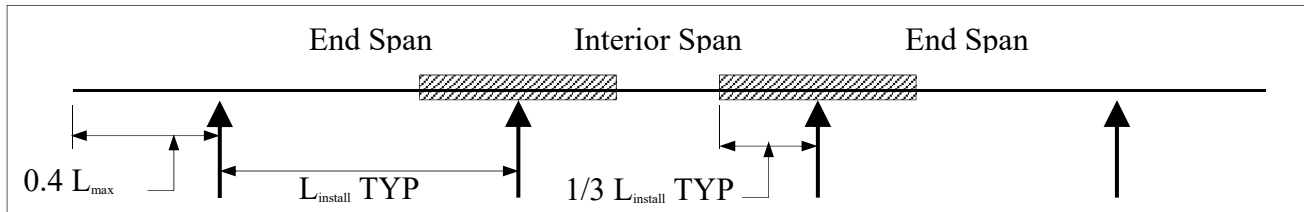


Figure A

L_{max} = Maximum pier spacing provided in the tables above for the project design criteria

$L_{install}$ = Actual installed pier spacing

= Indicates region of the pipe rail where splice may be installed

To avoid potential problems from the effects of thermal expansion, a maximum total continuous cross pipe length of 100 ft is recommended.

Notes for CAMO module clamp installation:

1. Single module installation (“orphan modules”) shall not be permitted with the ground mount system when CAMO clamp is used. Reference Figure 1 on following page for “Orphan Module” installation.
2. CAMO clamps will function within a module’s design load ratings. Be sure the specific module being used with the CAMO clamp meets the dimensional requirements shown in Figure 2 on the following page, is a module listed in IronRidge’s installation manual, and that the module selected is suitable for the environmental conditions of a particular project.

Soil Class 4											
Table 4B - MINIMUM FOUNDATION DEPTHS (in)											
3" Pipe Frame Unbraced	Pier Dia (in)	Slope (deg)									
		0	5	10	15	20	25	30	35	40	45
100 mph Exposure C	12	42	48	54	60	72	84	90	90	90	90
	16	36	36	42	54	66	72	78	78	78	78
	20	36	36	42	48	60	66	72	72	72	72
	24	36	36	36	48	54	60	66	66	66	66
105 mph Exposure C	12	42	48	48	60	66	78	90	90	90	90
	16	36	36	42	54	60	72	78	78	78	78
	20	36	36	42	48	54	66	72	72	72	72
	24	36	36	36	42	54	60	66	66	66	66
110 mph Exposure C	12	48	54	54	66	78	84	90	90	90	90
	16	36	42	48	54	66	78	78	78	78	78
	20	36	36	42	54	60	72	72	72	72	72
	24	36	36	36	48	54	66	66	66	66	66
120 mph Exposure C	12	54	60	60	72	78	90	90	90	90	90
	16	42	48	48	60	72	78	78	78	78	78
	20	36	36	42	54	66	72	72	72	72	72
	24	36	36	42	48	60	66	66	66	66	66
130 mph Exposure C	12	54	66	66	78	84	90	90	90	90	90
	16	42	48	54	60	72	78	78	78	78	78
	20	36	42	42	54	66	72	72	72	72	72
	24	36	36	42	54	60	66	66	66	66	66
140 mph Exposure C	12	60	72	72	84	84	90	90	90	90	90
	16	48	54	54	66	72	78	78	78	78	78
	20	36	42	48	60	66	72	72	72	72	72
	24	36	36	42	54	66	66	66	66	66	*
150 mph Exposure C	12	66	78	78	90	90	90	90	90	90	90
	16	48	60	60	66	78	78	78	78	78	78
	20	42	48	48	60	72	72	72	72	72	*
	24	36	42	42	54	66	66	66	66	*	*
160 mph Exposure C	12	72	84	84	96	96	90	90	90	90	90
	16	54	60	60	72	78	78	78	78	78	78
	20	42	48	48	60	72	72	72	72	*	*
	24	36	42	48	54	66	66	66	*	*	*

Notes: see page 52

Notes for Tables 3 & 4:

1. Concrete Weight = 145 pcf / $f'c = 2500$ psi
2. Provide Air Entraining Admixture for freeze and thaw cycles as required for colder climates.
3. Skin Friction per 2018 IBC & 2015 IBC 1810.3.3.1.4 & 5
4. Top 1'-0" of soil neglected for Skin Friction
5. Snow Load = 0 psf – tabulated values are conservative for Snow Loads > 0 psf
6. * indicates special foundation required. Contact IronRidge
7. Resistance to corrosion and/or sulfate attack, along with possible adverse effects due to expansive soils has not been considered in these foundation recommendations. SML Engineers assumes no liability with regard to these items.
8. Soil classification is to be determined and verified by the end user of this certification letter.

The analysis assumes that the array, including the connections and associated hardware, are installed in a workmanlike manner in accordance with the IronRidge Ground Mount Installation Manual and generally accepted standards of construction practice. Verification of PV Module capacity to support the loads associated with the given array shall be the responsibility of the Contractor or Owner and not IronRidge or Starling Madison Lofquist.

Please feel free to contact me at your convenience if you have any questions.

Respectfully yours,

Tres Warner, P.E.
Design Division Manager



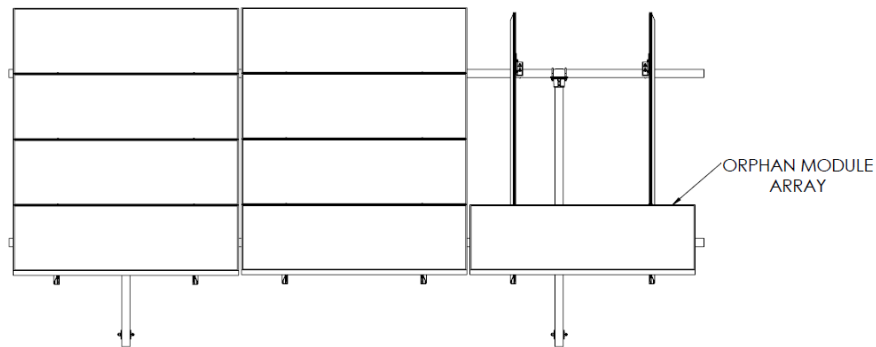


Figure 1: Orphan Module Installation

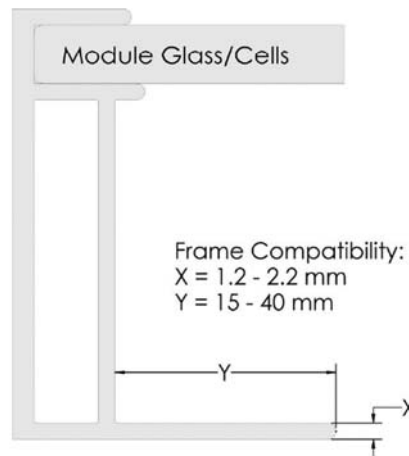


Figure 2: CAMO Clamp Module Frame Dimensional Requirements

Foundation Requirements

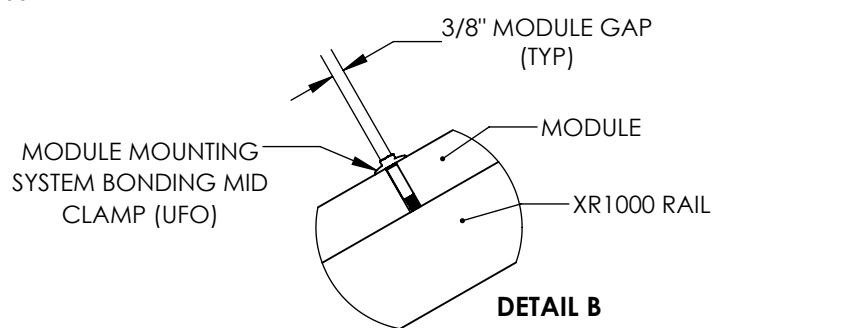
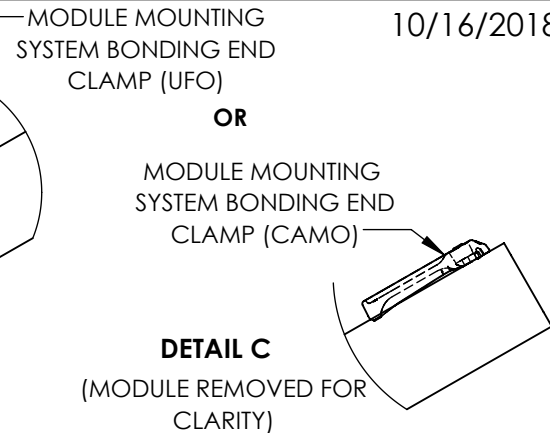
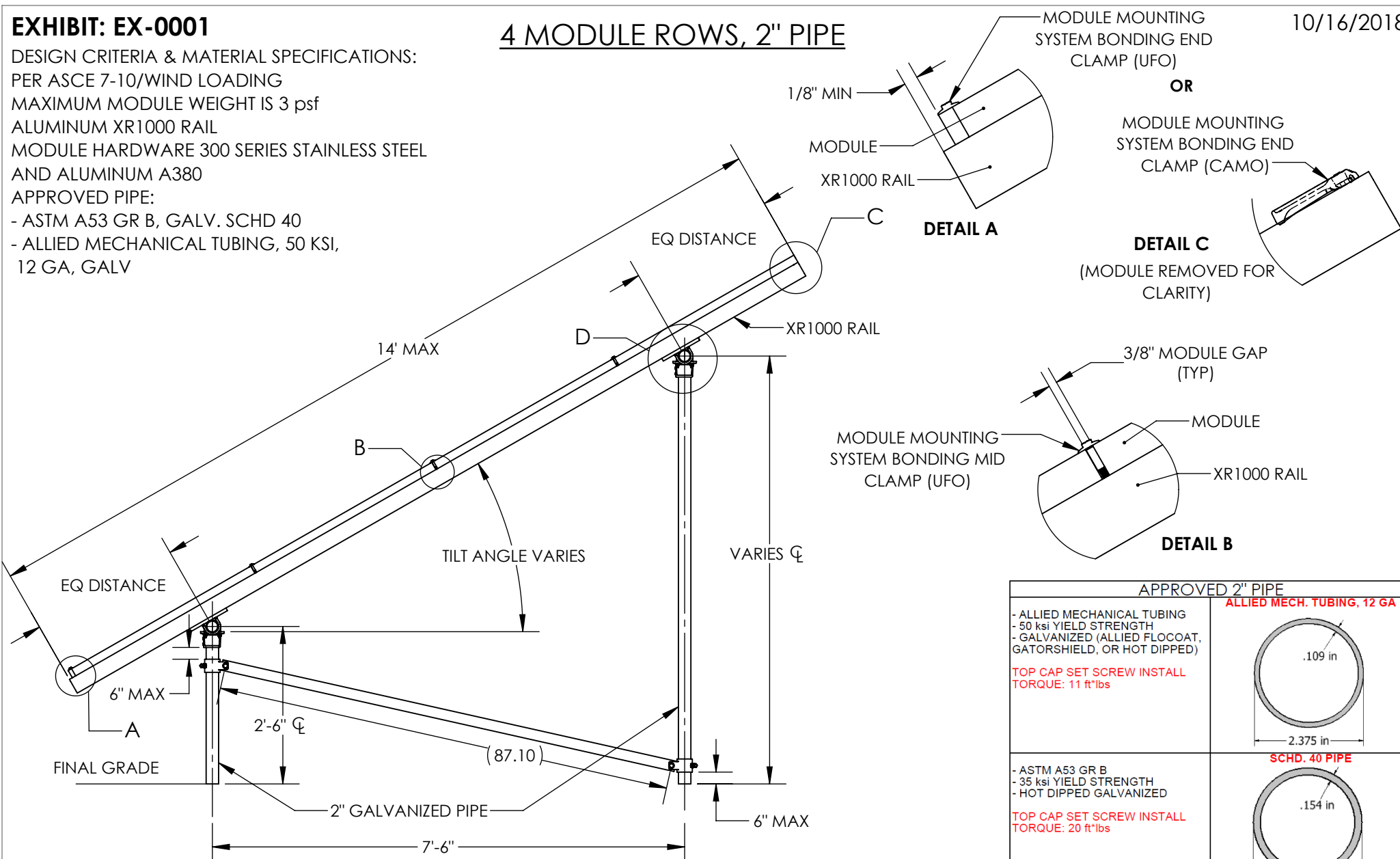
The foundation requirements for a cast-in-place drilled concrete pier system and for each soil class 2, 3, & 4 may be obtained from the tables below. The soil class is noted at the top of the tables. For each soil class Tables 3A-3F and 4A-4F are provided for the 2in and 3in systems respectively. These tables are based on the piers being installed at their maximum allowable spacing. For spacing values less than maximum and for loads cases with snow > 0 psf, the requirements can be determined by using the online Design Assistant at IronRidge.com.

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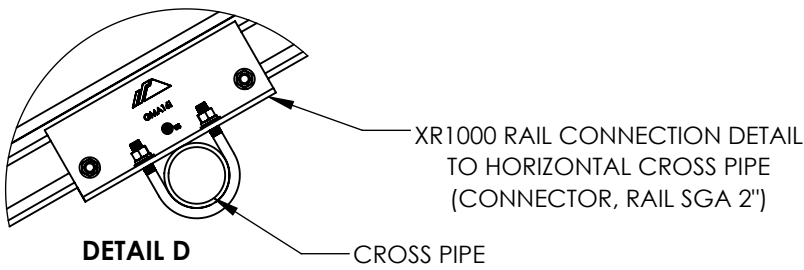
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 PER ASCE 7-10/WIND LOADING
 MAXIMUM MODULE WEIGHT IS 3 psf
 ALUMINUM XR1000 RAIL
 MODULE HARDWARE 300 SERIES STAINLESS STEEL
 AND ALUMINUM A380
 APPROVED PIPE:
 - ASTM A53 GR B, GALV. SCHD 40
 - ALLIED MECHANICAL TUBING, 50 KSI,
 12 GA, GALV

4 MODULE ROWS, 2" PIPE

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APPROVED 2" PIPE	
- ALLIED MECHANICAL TUBING - 50 ksi YIELD STRENGTH - GALVANIZED (ALLIED FLOCOAT, GATORSHIELD, OR HOT DIPPED) TOP CAP SET SCREW INSTALL TORQUE: 11 ft*lbs	ALLIED MECH. TUBING, 12 GA
- ASTM A53 GR B - 35 ksi YIELD STRENGTH - HOT DIPPED GALVANIZED TOP CAP SET SCREW INSTALL TORQUE: 20 ft*lbs	SCHD. 40 PIPE



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DIMENSIONS ARE IN INCHES.
 TOLERANCES:
 .XX: +/- .030
 XXX: +/- .010
 ANGLES: +/- 1°



GROUND MOUNT SYSTEM 2" PIER, 4 SOLAR MODULE ROWS

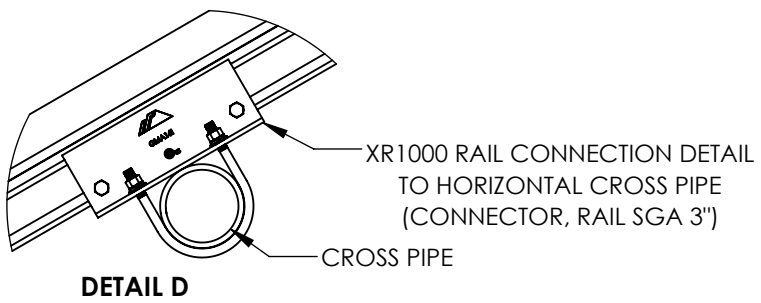
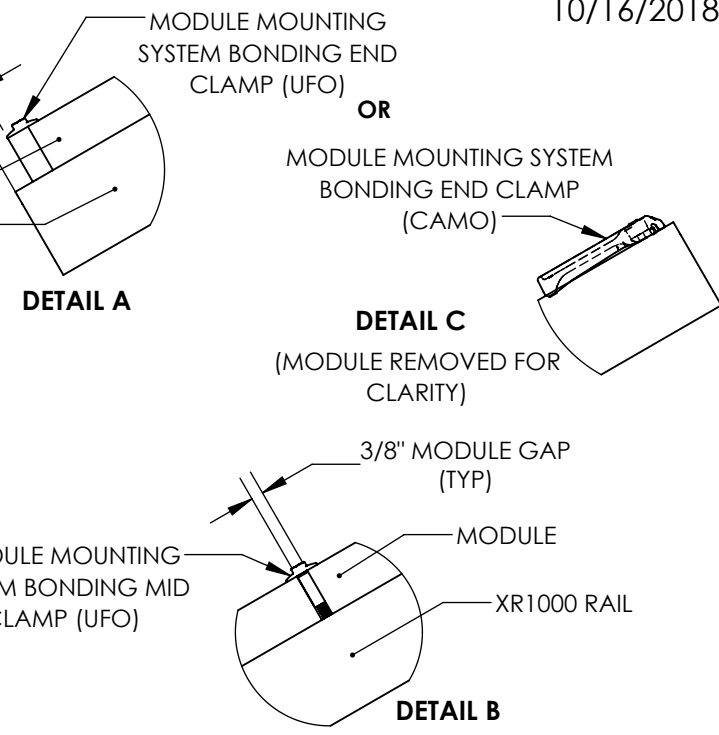
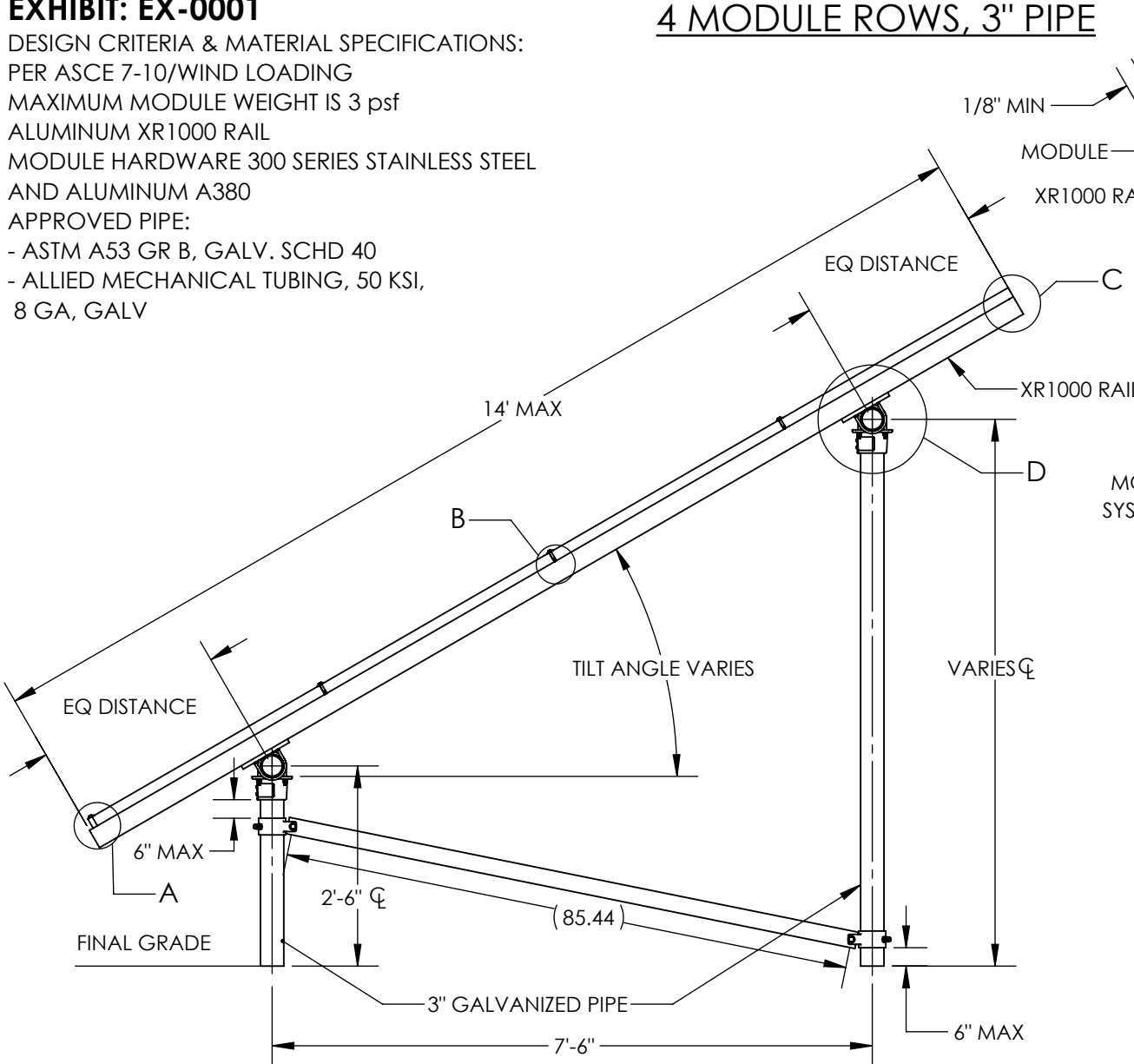
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DESIGN CRITERIA & MATERIAL SPECIFICATIONS:
 PER ASCE 7-10/WIND LOADING
 MAXIMUM MODULE WEIGHT IS 3 psf
 ALUMINUM XR1000 RAIL
 MODULE HARDWARE 300 SERIES STAINLESS STEEL
 AND ALUMINUM A380
 APPROVED PIPE:
 - ASTM A53 GR B, GALV. SCHD 40
 - ALLIED MECHANICAL TUBING, 50 KSI,
 8 GA, GALV

4 MODULE ROWS, 3" PIPE

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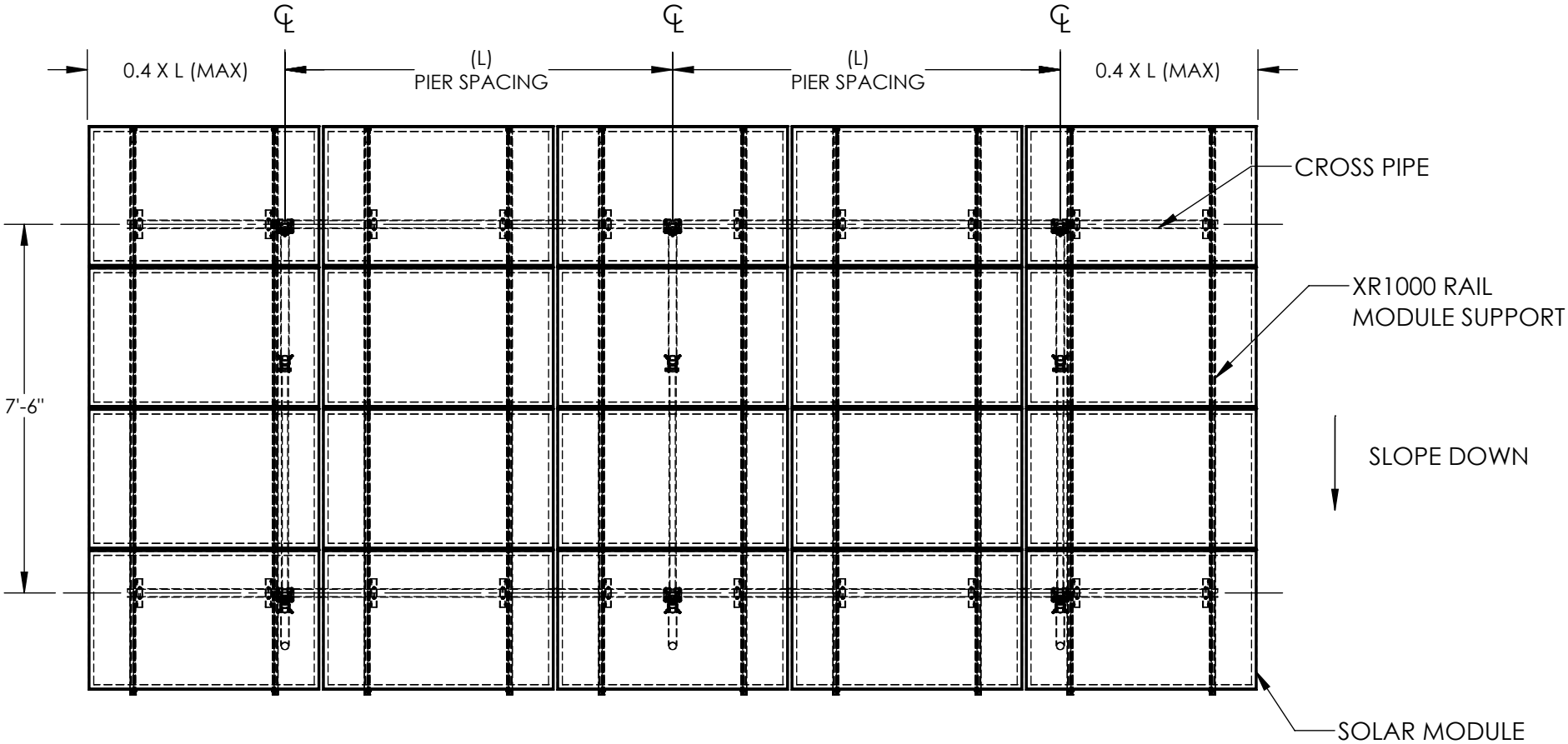
APPROVED 3" PIPE	
- ALLIED MECHANICAL TUBING - 45 ksi YIELD STRENGTH - GALVANIZED (ALLIED FLOCOAT, GATORSHIELD, OR HOT DIPPED) TOP CAP SET SCREW INSTALL TORQUE: 16 ft*lbs	ALLIED MECH. TUBING, 8 GA
- ASTM A53 GR B - 35 ksi YIELD STRENGTH - HOT DIPPED GALVANIZED TOP CAP SET SCREW INSTALL TORQUE: 20 ft*lbs	SCHD. 40 PIPE



GROUND MOUNT SYSTEM 3" PIER, 4 SOLAR MODULE ROWS

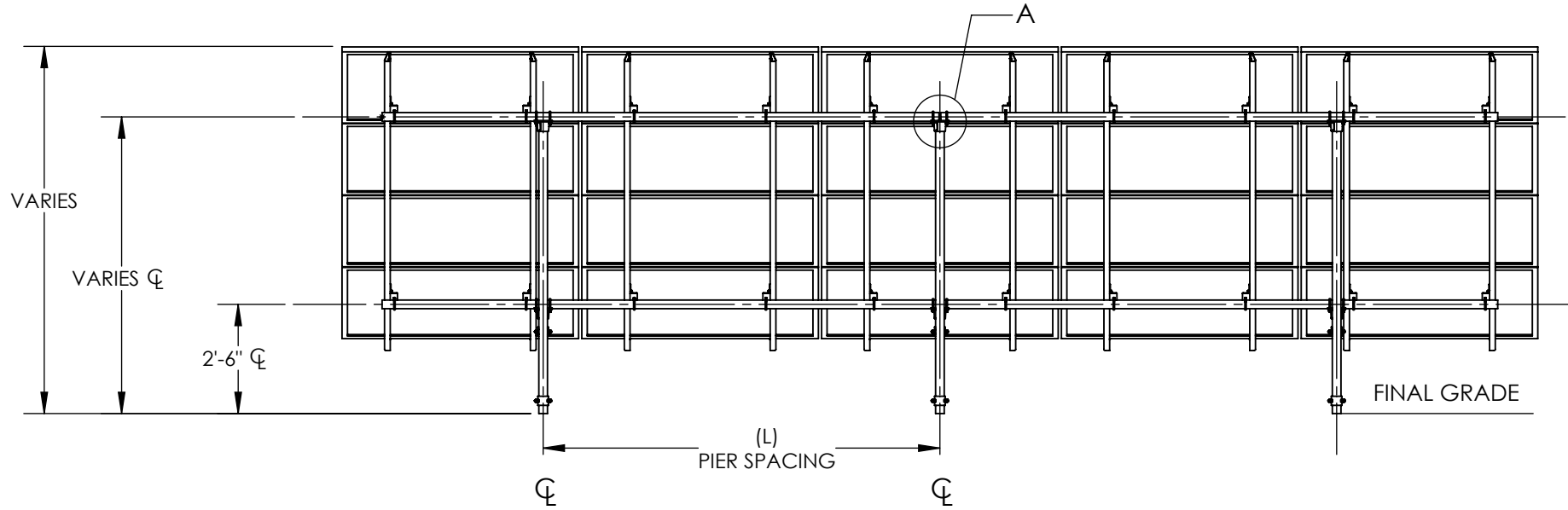
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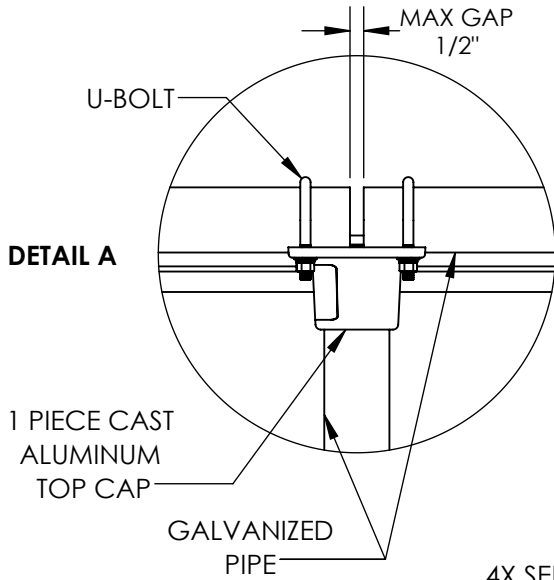
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SOLAR MODULE ROWS

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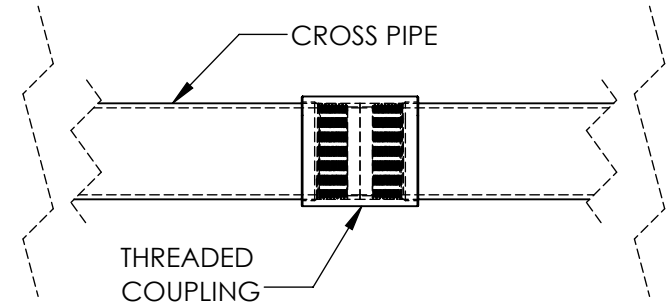
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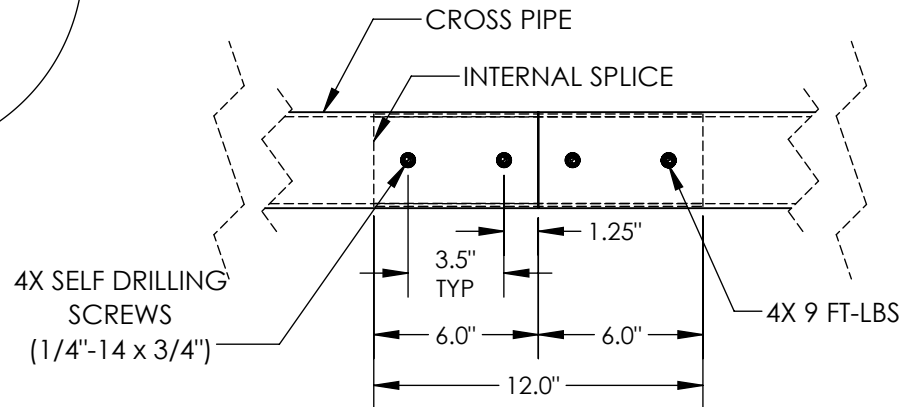


Mechanical Tube Size of the Structure	Splice Tube Size
2.375" OD, 12 Gauge	2.000" OD, 9 Gauge, Minimum 12" Long
3.500" OD, 8 Gauge	3.000" OD, 12 Gauge, Minimum 12" Long

SCH. 40 PIPE SPLICE



ALLIED MECHANICAL TUBE SPLICE

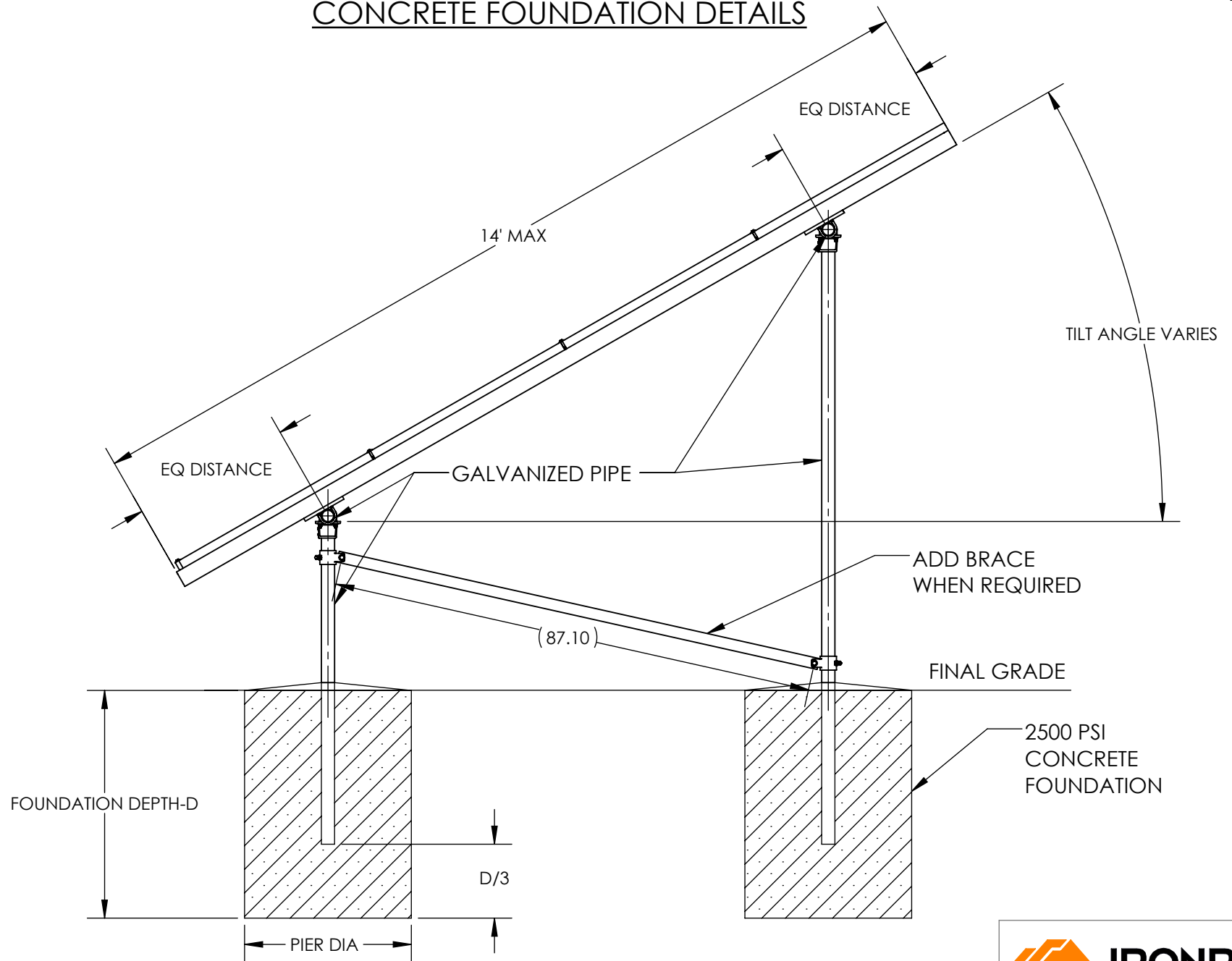


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GROUND MOUNT SYSTEM, 4 SOLAR MODULE ROWS

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CONCRETE FOUNDATION DETAILS



NOTE:
 THE ATTACHED SPAN TABLES ARE BASED ON USING DRILLED CAST-IN-PLACE CONCRETE PIER FOUNDATION SYSTEM. OTHER FOUNDATION SYSTEMS (EG. SCREW ANCHORS, DRIVEN PIERS) ARE PERMISSIBLE BUT MAY REQUIRE ADDITIONAL BRACING AND/OR REDUCED SPAN. PLEASE CONTACT IRONRIDGE FOR MORE INFORMATION.

		
GROUND MOUNT SYSTEM, 4 SOLAR MODULE ROWS		
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