

CK- | STEEL SOLAR CARPORT | GAZEBO



# 1-CAR PREMIER STEEL SOLAR CARPORT | GAZEBO INSTALLATION MANUAL

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Always use the most recent version of the installation manual before installing your Carport/Gazebo. The installation Manual is subject to change without notice. Please consult with CHIKOUSA to ensure you are utilizing the latest Install Manual.

#### **BRIEF DESCRIPTION**

The CK-Steel Carport/Gazebo is a robust solar carport that can accommodate a wide range of panel sizes, with a max (North/South or Up/Down) span of 270". This structure can be installed with a 2-3 person crew, without the need of any heavy duty tools. The Installation should always be completed by trained professional and/or qualified individuals, who have been adequately instructed and trained about the tasks involved with the installation, including the usage of protective devices, protective measures, relevant provisions, safety regulations and local operating site conditions and have proven competence in all areas of the installation.

Please read carefully this installation manual and all other applicable documents before starting your installation. Please contact CHIKO with any questions that you may have.

#### **MAINTENANCE**

- 1. When signs of rust appear, or when the paint is peeled or removed, you must take steps to remove the rust and paint the affected areas.
- 2. You must check the bolts once a year ensuring all connections are secure, and after any major storm or weather occurrence. Tighten all bolts according to torque specs.
- 3. If the columns of the structure are hit, you must replace the columns of the structure immediately.

### **WARNING**

If any structural component of the system to include the column, beam, base plate, or rail are damaged they must be replaced immediately.

#### **FOOTER WARNING**

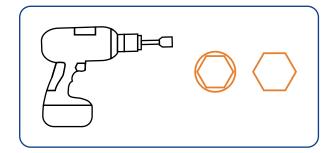
Anyone who plans to dig should call 811 or visit their state's 811 center's website a few business days before digging to request that the approximate location of buried utilities be marked with paint or flags so that you don't unintentionally dig into an underground utility line.

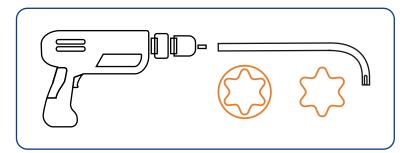
#### **MEASUREMENT NOTE**

All measurements have been converted from MM to Inches. The accuracy of measurement can vary slightly from mm to inches. All measurements are available in MM for detailed accuracy. The most critical measurement required is the Base Plate placement location. Please review the Construction Drawings for the Base Plate and Base Plate locations prior to installation.



# **REQUIRED INSTALLATION TOOLS**





















# MAIN COMPONENTS



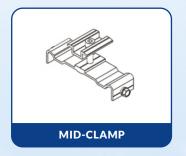


































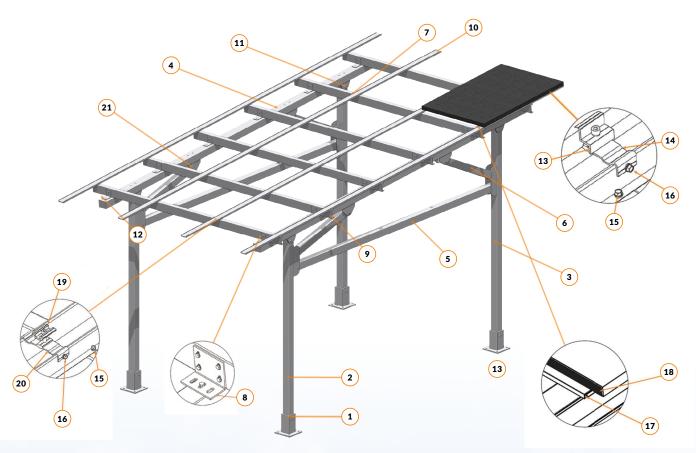
NOTE Customer needs to source materials for footings based on structural engineer specifications.



# MAIN COMPONENTS

#### **Overview**

The following is a diagram that lists the main components of the CK- Carport System.



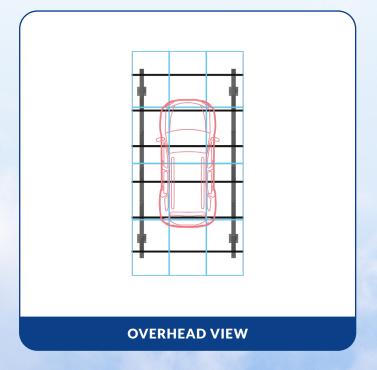
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1	Base Plate	4
2	Front Column 111"	2
3	Rear Column 126½"	2
4	Support Beam 228¾"	2
5	Lower Horizontal Beam 168½"	2
6	Diagonal Brace 47¼"	4
7	L-Angle Support 224½"	1
8	C Rail Fix Kit	12
9	C-Channel 149%"	6
10	M-Rail 1421/8"	8
11	Top Column Adapter 10¾16"	4

No	Description	QTY
12	Low Beam & Diagonal Brace Adapter 161/16"	4
13	End Clamp 30, 35, & 40MM	16
14	End Clamp Share Plate	16
15	M10*35 Bolt Kit	48
16	M16*180 Bolt Kit	104
17	Water Channel	9
18	Waterproof Rubber	
19	Mid Clamp	16
20	Mid Clamp Share Plate	16
21	Diagonal Brace Adapter 10¾,6"	4













# **COMPONENTS LIST**

CAT	Picture	Description Part	Details	QTY
		C 15 1	Front Columns	2
		Carport Support Structure	Rear Columns	2
		CK-ZEM-CP3-5	Base Plate	4
			Support Beam	2
		<u>COLUMNS</u> CK-001-016-014	Top Column Adapter	4
		<u>BEAMS</u>	Lower Horizontal Beam	2
		GT-001-016-014	Diagonal Brace	4
1		Base 'Plate'	Low Beam & Diagonal Brace Adapter	4
1		CK-GT-001-016-805	HDG Bolt M10*35	48
		GT-001-016-805	HDG Bolt M16*180	104
		Column/Beam	HDG Nut M10	48
		Adapters	HDG Nut M16	104
		Beam Old	HDG Washer M10	48
		CK-GT-001-016-014	HDG Washer M16	104
		Column CK-001-016-014	HDG Spring Washer M10	96
		CK-001-010-014	HDG Spring Washer M16	208
		M Rail	M Water-proof Rail	8
2		CK-ZEM-010-5760	Self Tapping Screw	30
3		Water Channel CK-009-1062	Water Channel	9
4		Water Prooof Strip CK-IP-160-1133	Water Proof Rubber	
5		Purlin 'C' Channel CK-PL-C140-001-016- 6000	C-Channel 149 ⅓"	6
6		L Angle Support	224¾"	1



CAT	Picture	Description Part	Details	QТҮ
			Purlin Fixed Kit	12
			HDG Bolt M10*35	48
	000		HDG Bolt M16*140	24
	9000	C RAIL	HDG Nut M10	48
7	300	Purlin Fix Kit	HDG Nut M16	24
		CK-PL-GT001-016-14	HDG Washer M10	96
			HDG Washer M16	48
			HDG Spring Washer M10	48
			HDG Spring Washer M16	24
			35mm Mid Clamp	16
		Mid Clamp	845 Share Plate	16
o	8	CK-782-4-60-Q BRACKET # #CK-A845-801	M Grounding Plate	16
0			Self Tapping Screw	64
			SS304 Bolt M8*45	16
			SS304 Spring Washer M8	16
			35mm End Clamp	16
		End Clamp	845 Share Plate	16
9		CK-737-3-60-Q	M Grounding Plate	16
7		BRACKET#	Self Tapping Screw	24
		#CK-1845-801	SS304 Bolt M8*45	12
			SS304 Spring Washer M8	12
			Grounding lug - weeb lug 8.0	6
10	10	Grounding Lug	SS304 outer hex bolt 1/4" *0.6"	6
10		CK-GTC-R2	SS304 inner hex bolt M8*20	6
			SS304 inner hex bolt M8*20	6



## **INSTALLATION STEPS**

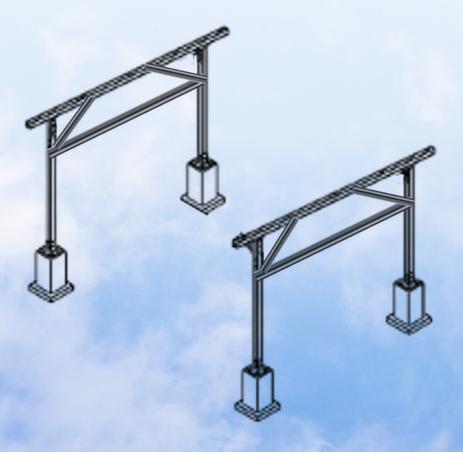
#### 1. Build Base

#### Solution A, Build base

- ✓ Mark footer location according to the diagram. Verify all angles are square (See Attached Planset).
- ✓ Dig footers and make base with anchor bolts according to site conditions and system specifications and based on your structural engineer instructions for foundations requirements.
- ✓ If the ground is unlevel, ensure that all footer placements are level and at the same height regardless of the terrain elevation. Never install the structure tilted, the columns must always be straight.
- ✓ The structure's foundations should be calculated taking into account site conditions, soil type, seismic conditions, maximum wind and snow loads for the site location and the product mechanical loading specifications. In some cases, a geotechnical study is required. Please consult with your local structural engineer.
- ✓ In areas subject to freezing, footer depths may have to increase to resist freeze heave. Always consult a structural engineer to confirm footer depth and dimension.

#### **Solution B, Concrete anchors**

Concrete anchors can be utilized if approved by a structural engineer.

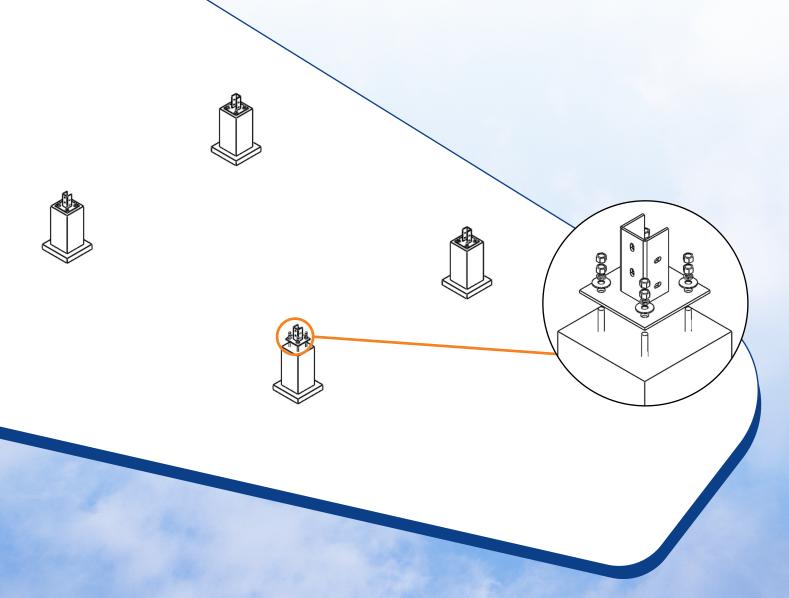




#### 2. Install Base Plates

- ✓ Slide the column base plate over the concrete anchors and secure them. If you are using leveling nuts to level the column base plate. Correct any shifting if needed and repeat for the other three column base plates. Fill the gap between the base plate and the footing with Dry-pack non-shrink grout.
- ✓ Verify the distance between the front and rear column conform with the attached planset.

Products Name	Quantity
Base	4
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#### 3. Fix Adapter

- ✓ A. Fix Low Beam/Diagonal Brace Adapter to Front & Rear Columns
- ✓ B1. Attach C-Rail Fix Kit to Support Beam
- ✓ B2. Attach Top Column Adapter to Support Beam

Front Column: 111"

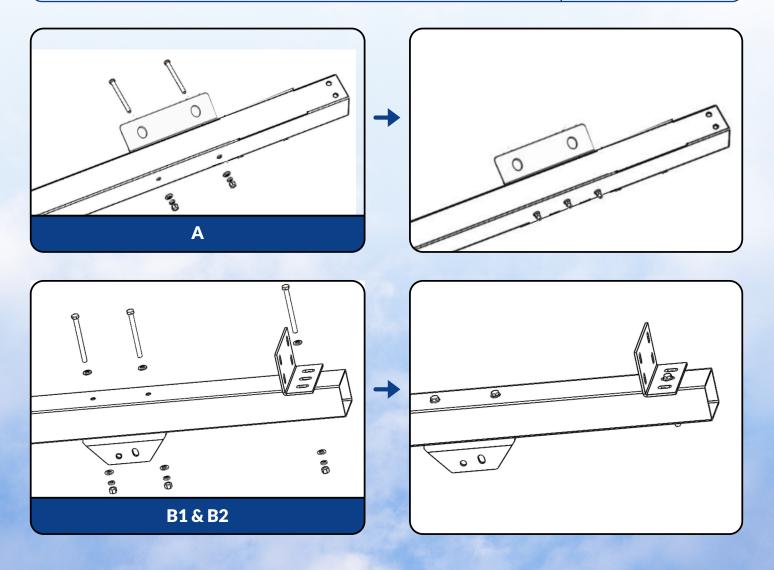
Rear Column: 126 7/16"

Low Beam/Diagonal Brace Adapter: 16 ½"

Top Column Adapter: 10 3/16

Support Beams: 228 5/16

Products Name	Quantity
Top Column Adapter	4
M16*140mm Bolt Kits (1 big flat washer + 1spring washer + 1 nut)	32
Low Beam/Diagonal Brace Adapter	4
C-Rail Fix Kit	12

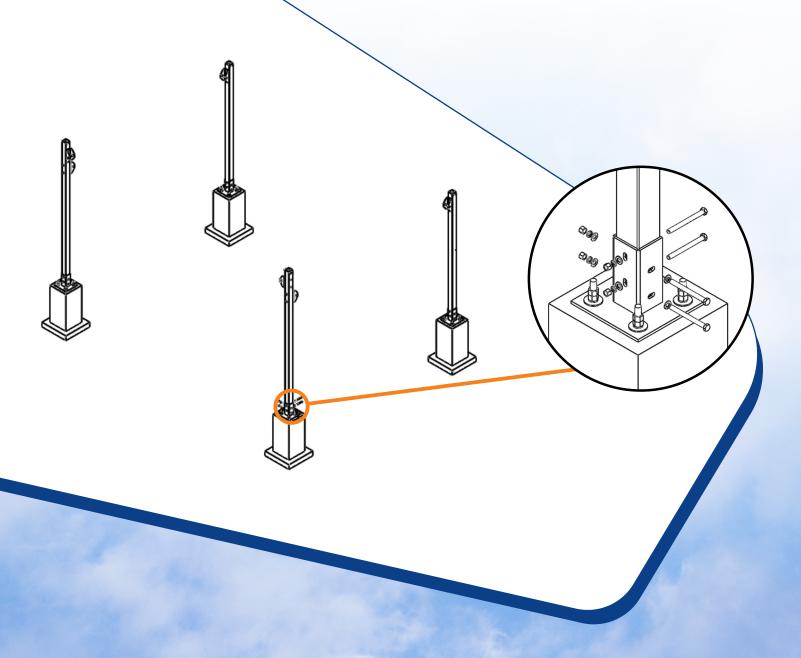




#### **4. Connect Columns**

#### ✓ Attach Columns to base plate

Products Name	Quantity
Front Columns 111"	2
Rear Columns 126½"	2
M16*180mm Bolt Kits (1 flat washer + 1 spring washer + 1 nut)	16

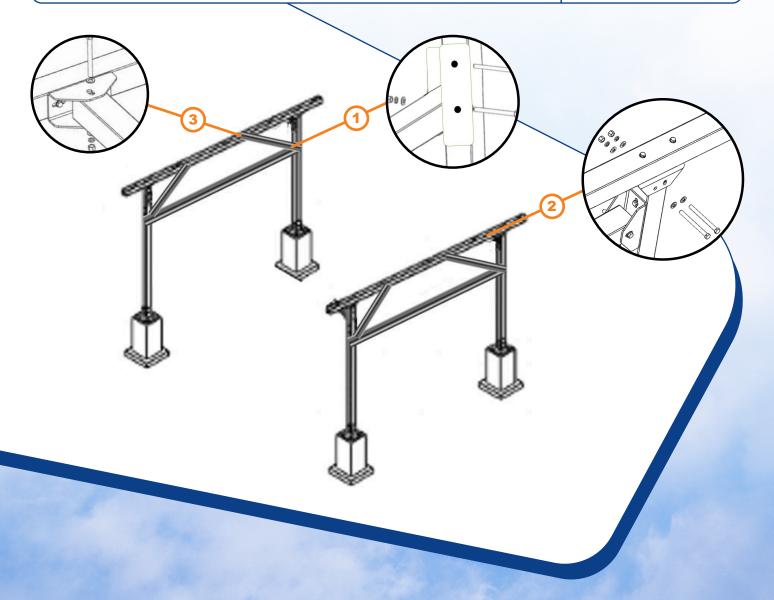




#### **5. Connect Beams**

- ✓ Connect Lower Horizontal Beam to front and rear Columns
- ✓ Connect Support Beam between front and rear columns on top
- ✓ Connect Diagonal Brace between Support Beam and Column

Products Name	Quantity
Lower Horizontal Beam 168 ½ "	2
Support Beam 228 5/16"	2
Diagonal Brace 47 ¾ "	4

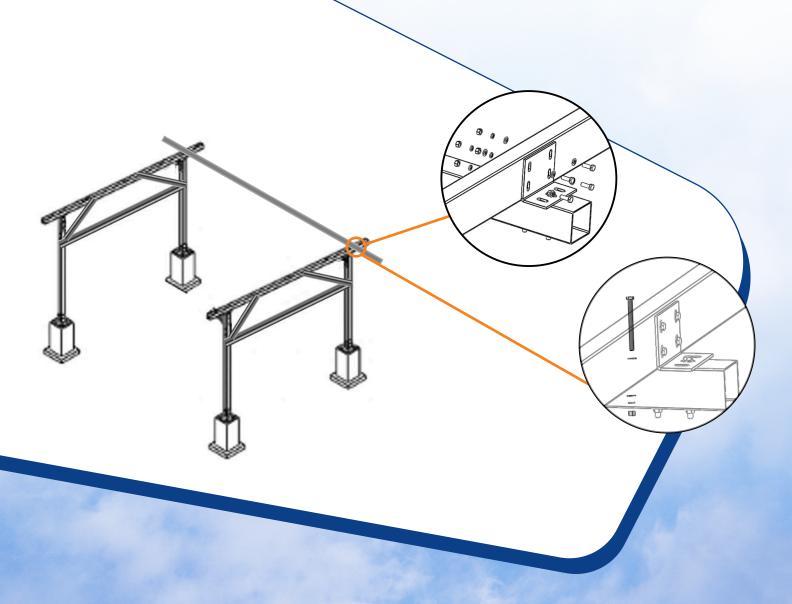




#### 6. Fix C Rail

- ✓ Use C-Rail Fix Kit to connect C-rails to Support Beam
- ✓ Use M6\*16mm Bolt Kits (1 flat washer + 1 Spring Washer + 1 Nut)
- ✓ Use M6\*25mm Bolt Kits (1 flat washer + 1 Spring Washer + 1 Nut)

Products Name	Quantity
C Rail 149 <sup>5</sup> ⁄ <sub>8</sub> "	6
C-Rail Fix Kit	12
M10*40mm Bolt Kits (1 flat washer + 1 spring washer + 1 nut)	48
M16*140mm Bolt Kits (1 flat washer + 1 spring washer + 1 nut)	24





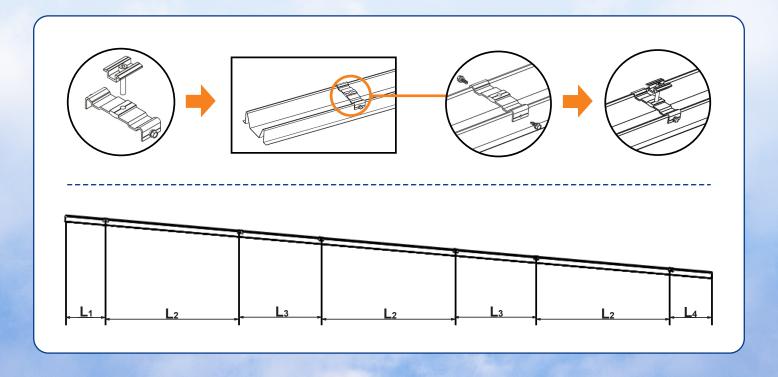
#### 7. Pre-assemble clamps on M Rail

Overlap 2qty M-Rails, attach the 2 M-Rails together with 2 M6\*16, ensure overlap is facing toward low slope side of installation, ensuring water flow over top of M-rails connection point. Apply waterproof adhesive at seam where 2qty M-rails overlap after they have been mechanically attached.

- ✓ Pre-fix share plate to M rail
- ✓ Connect mid clamps to share plate
- ✓ Please check L1/L2/L3/L4 before fixing

TIP: Place 2-Mrails in parallel on a flat level surface, then lay 3 or 4 modules on top of the M-Rails, ensuring proper spacing, then mark your share plate locations. Use these location measurements to install the remaining share plate locations on the remaining M-Rails. (3 or 4 module option correlates with your overall array configuration).

Products Name	Quantity
M Rails — 142 ⅓"	8
Share Plates	32
Mid Clamps	16
End Clamps	16
M6.3*16	64





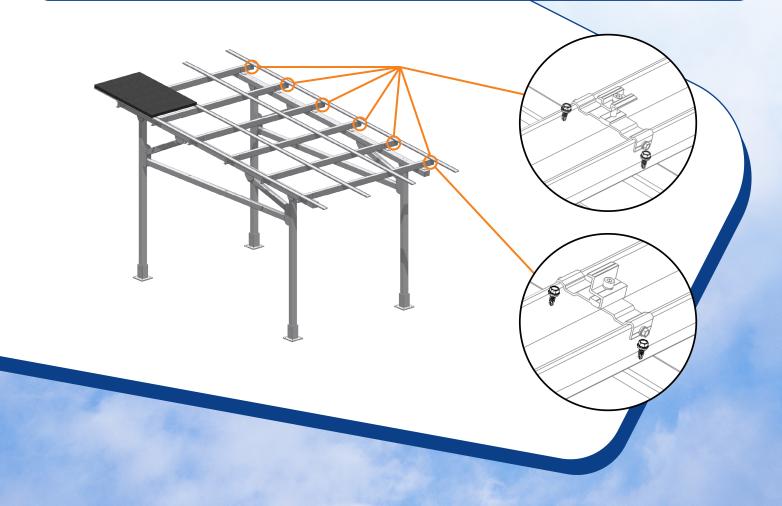
#### 8. Fix M Rail

- ✓ Use M6.3\*25 self tapping screw to fix M rail to C Rail
- ✓ With end clamps on the side M Rails
- ✓ With mid clamps on the inner M Rails
- ✓ Please check the L measurement before attaching

TIP: If possible lay 4qty M-Rails down on flat level surface; place 3 panels across these M-Rails in Portrait configuration, ensure rails and panels are square; take measurement to confirm your starting M-Rail attachment location.

#### **Please Review Math Calculation in Appendix**

Products Name	Quantity
M Rails 142 1/8"	8
M6.3*16	36

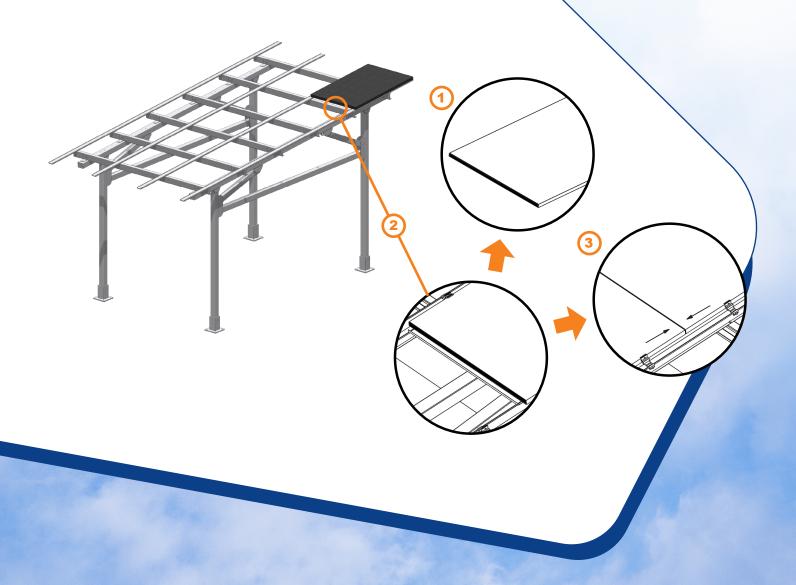




#### 9. Install Solar Panels

- ✓ For waterproofing stick rubber molding to exterior of module frame but only where the frames are adjacent to other module frames or on all interior seams
- ✓ Install water channel where 2 panels meet under the module frame

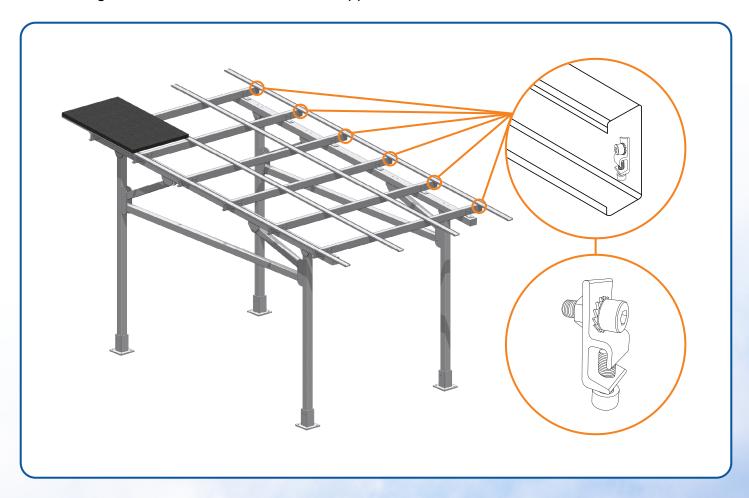
Products Name	Quantity
Modules	18 or 24
Rubber	1 Roll
Water channel	9





#### 10. Grounding- Lug and Wiring

Install grounding lug at end of C-Rail on side of array that is most optimal for wire management. Ensure that all paint and any debris is removed from bonding site to achieve proper bonding connection. Attach the ground lug with a stainless steel nut then cross 8.4mm2 or greater than or equal to 8AWG copper wire through all 6 grounding lugs (fixed by M8\*20 inner hex bolt), finally connect copper wire to the ground. The grounding lug completes a grounding function when fastened tight to connect all 6 C Rails and copper wire.

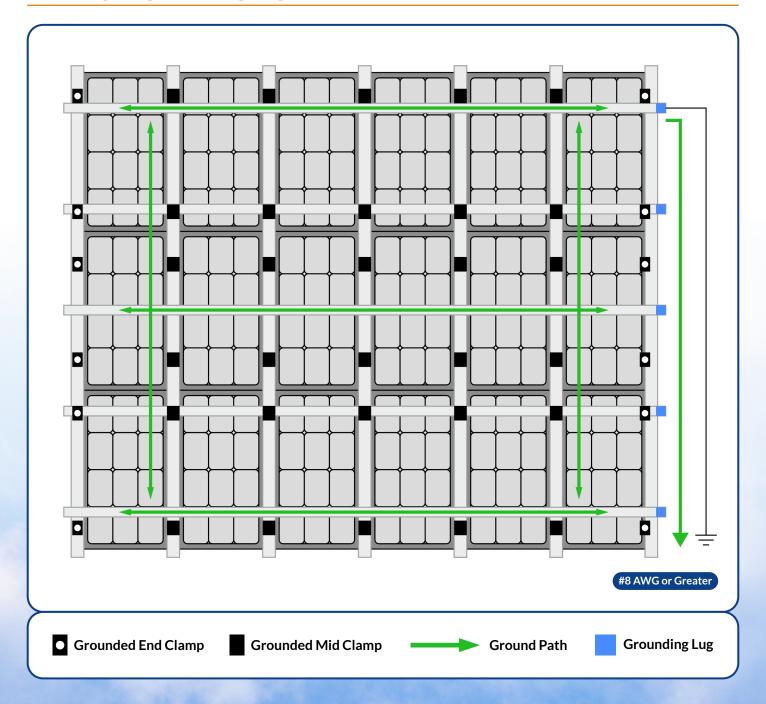


#### **Electrical Characteristics of AWG Copper Wire**

AWG	<b>Diameter</b> [inches]	<b>Diameter</b> [mm]	Resistance [Ohm / 1000ft.]	<b>Resistance</b> [Ohm/km]	Max Current [Amperes]	<b>Max Frequency</b> for 100% skin depth
6	0.162	4.1148	0.3951	1.295928	37	1100 Hz
7	0.1443	3.66522	0.4982	1.634096	30	1300 Hz
8	0.1285	3.2639	0.6282	2.060496	24	1650 Hz
9	0.1144	2.90576	0.7921	2.598088	19	2050 Hz
10	0.1019	2.58826	0.9989	3.276392	15	2600 Hz



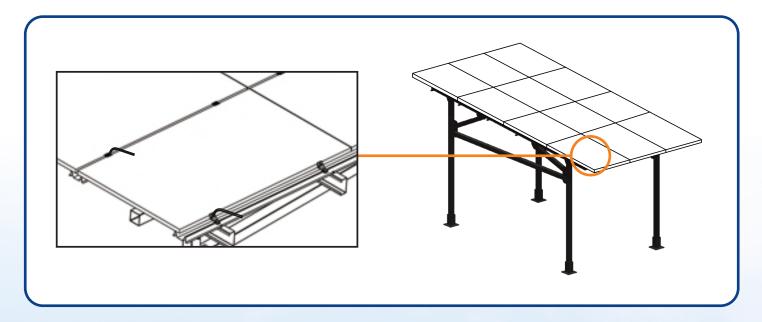
#### **Grounding - Lug and Wiring Diagram**





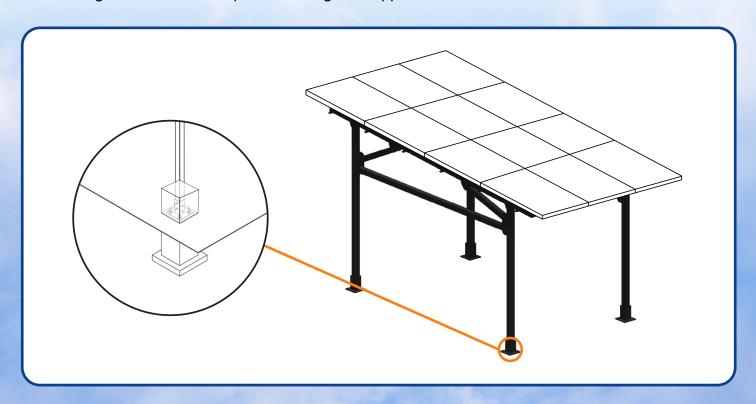
#### 11. Final Check

- ✓ Check and verify that all components are properly fastened and installed properly in their correct positions and locations.
- ✓ Verify and re-adjust all components as needed within the structure.



#### 12. Hide Footing (Optional)

✓ Cladding of 4 bases is an option with engineer approval.



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# MANUFACTURE





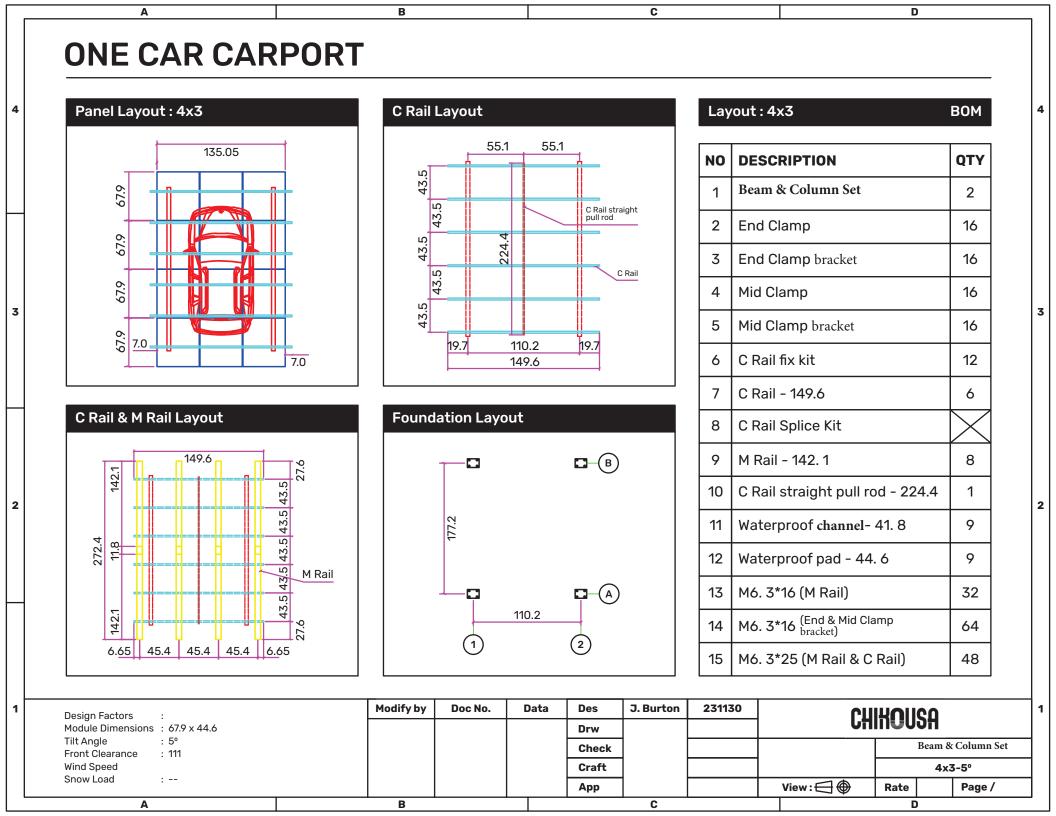
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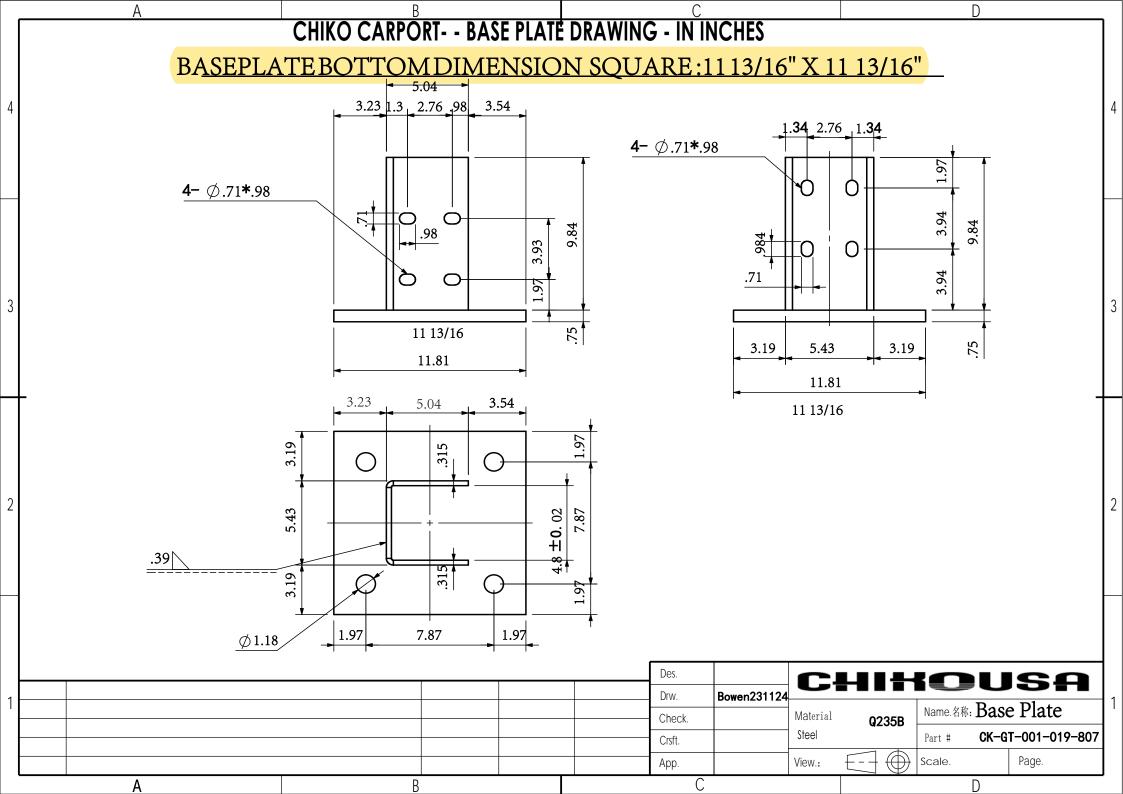
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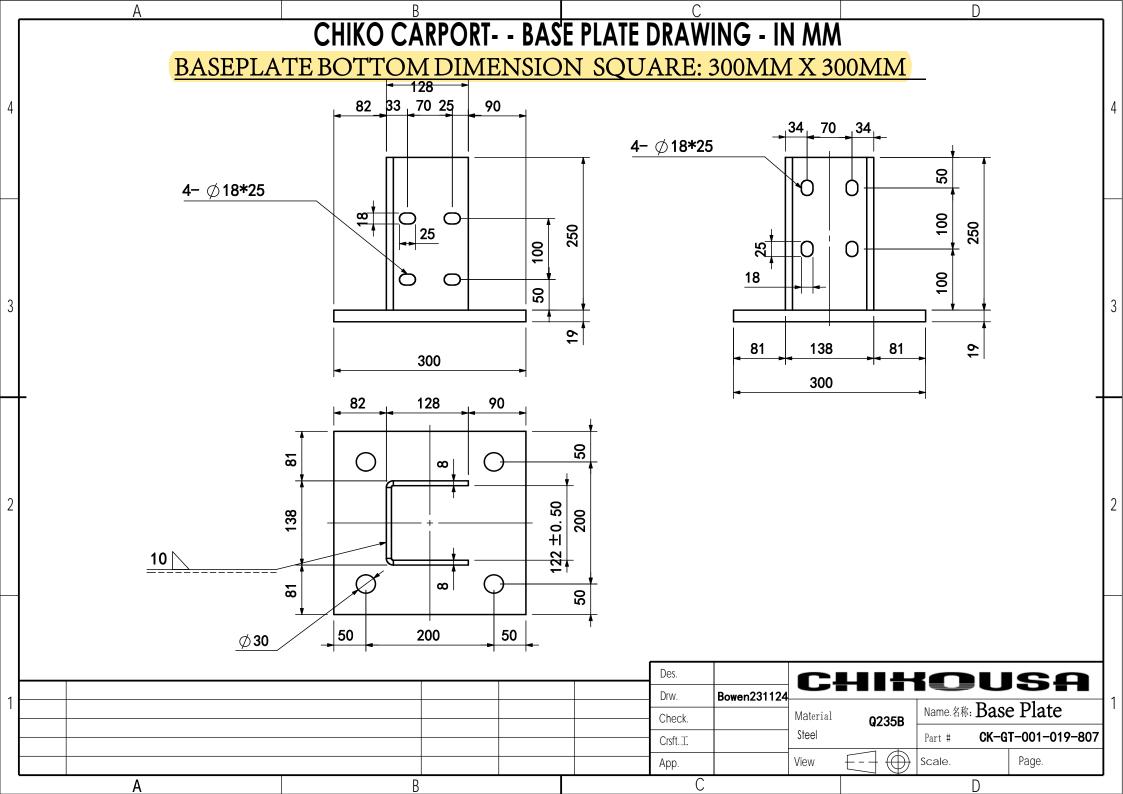
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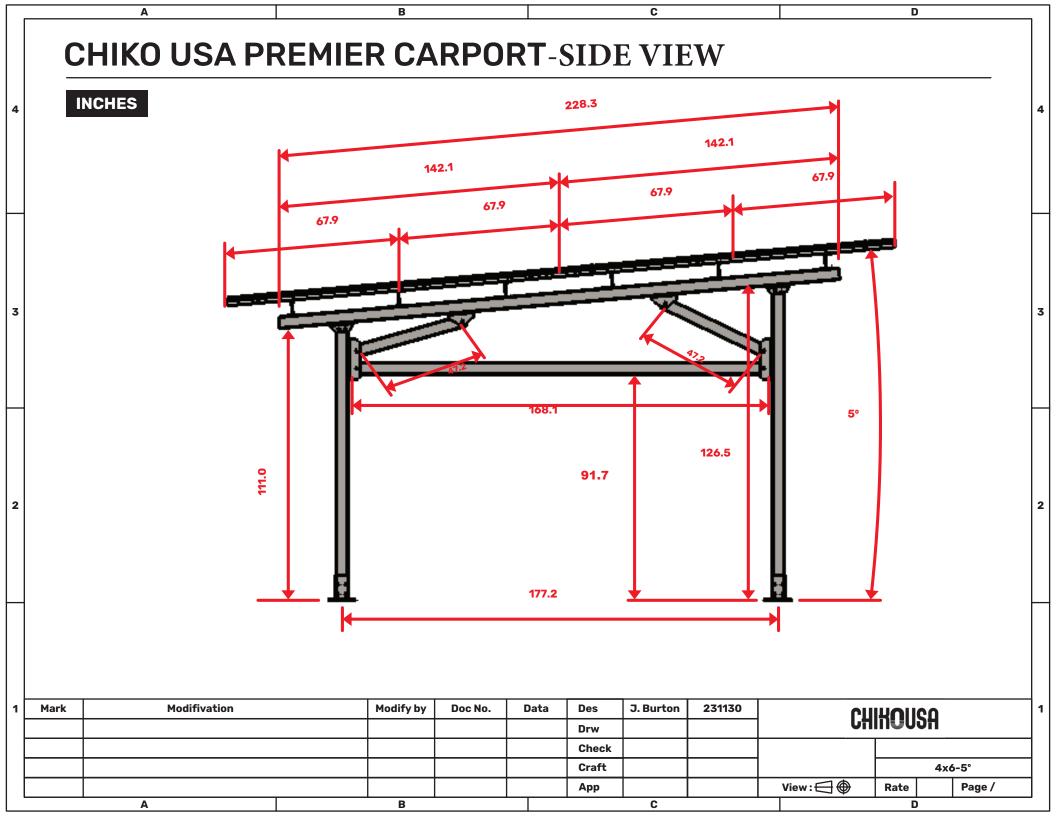


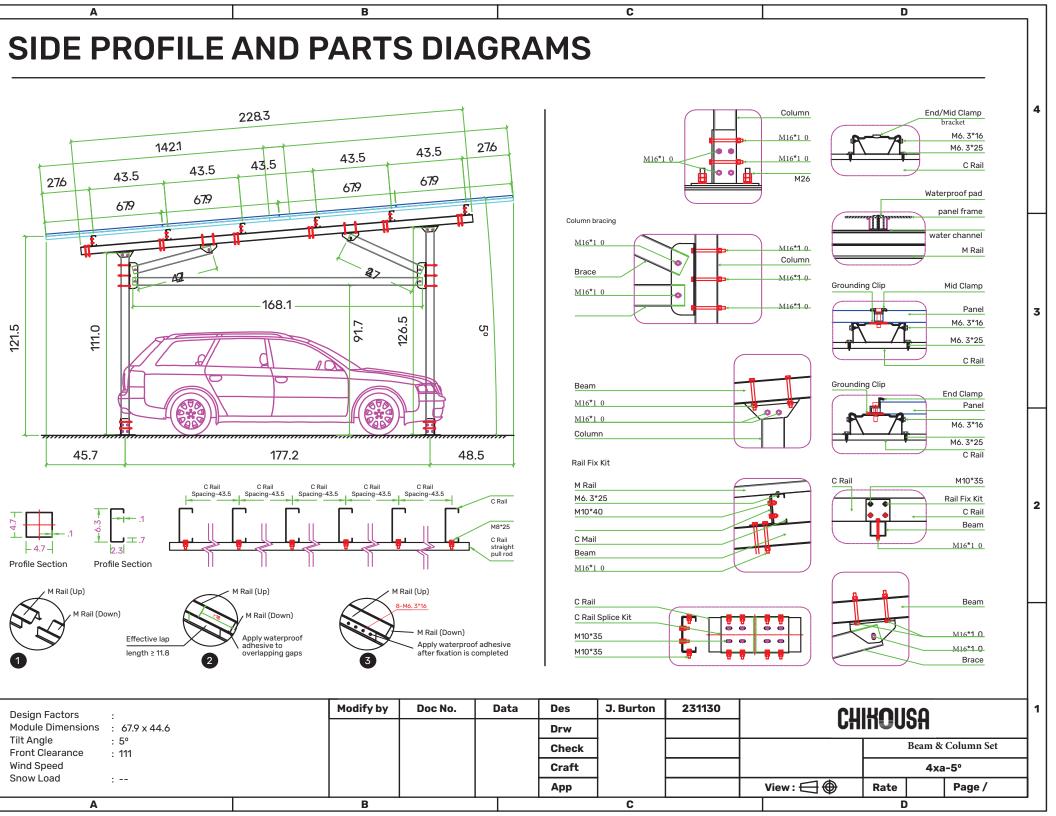
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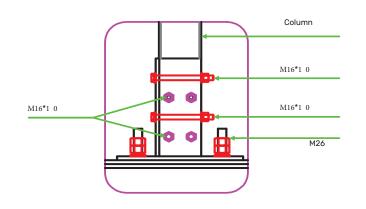


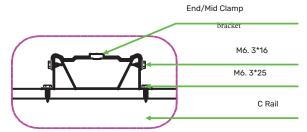




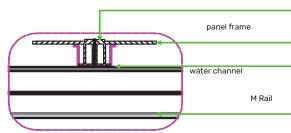




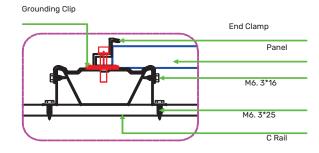


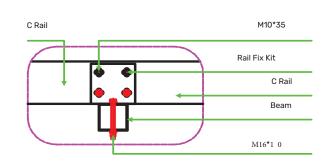


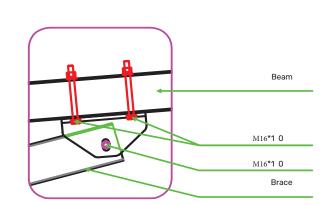
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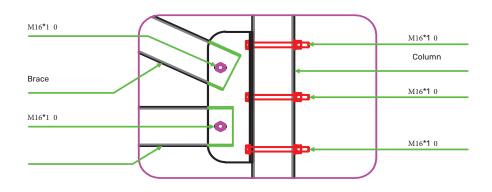
Grounding Clip	Mid Clamp	
	Panel	
	M6. 3*16	
	M6. 3*25	
	C Rail	

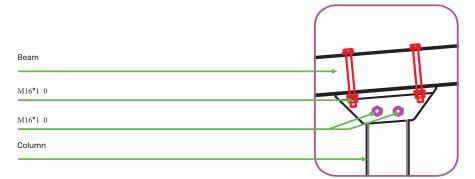






#### Column bracing





#### Rail Fix Kit

