

# Radiant PV-RoofTopRac™ System Planning and Installation With Australia AS/NZS1170



The PV-RoofTopRac™ System has been developed as a universal system for roof-mounting on pitched roofs. The use of patented (pending) aluminium base rails, Click-In Clamp and Base Rail Pre-Clamp technology eliminates custom cutting and enables particularly fast installation.

Please review this manual thoroughly before installing your PV-RoofTopRac™ system. This manual provides:

- (1) Supporting documentation for building permit applications relating to PV-RoofTopRac™ Universal PV Module Mounting system,
- (2) Planning and installation instructions for RooftopRac<sup>™</sup>.

## The installer is solely responsible for:

- 1. Complying with all applicable local or national building codes, including any that may supersede this manual;
- 2. Ensuring that Rack and other products are appropriate for the particular installation and the installation environment;
- 3. Ensuring that the roof, its rafters, connections, and other structural support members can support the array under building live load conditions (this total assembly is hereafter referred to as the roof rafter assembly);
- 4. Using only rack parts and installer-supplied parts as specified by this installation guide (substitution of parts may void the warranty and invalidate the Radiant certification);
- 5. Ensuring that the leg screws have adequate pull out strength and shear capacities as installed;
- 6. Maintaining the waterproof integrity of the roof, including selection of appropriate flashing; and
- 7. Ensuring safe installation of all electrical aspects of the PV array.

## **Installation tools**

- 1. 6 mm Allen key;
- 2. Cordless drill;
- 3. Open-end spanner set 10, 13 mm (required only for mounting with hanger bolts);
- 4. Angle grinder with stone disk;
- Power Cord;

## **Code-Compliant Planning**

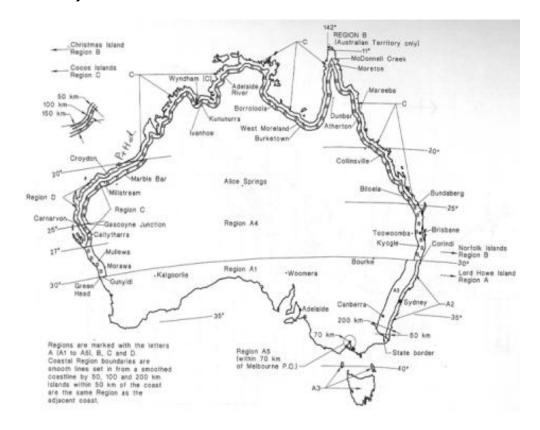
This document is designed to support installations using PV-RoofTopRac $^{\text{\tiny{M}}}$  Module Mounting System, manufactured by Radiant Co. Ltd. Follow the six steps below and the installation instructions section to install PV-RoofTopRac $^{\text{\tiny{M}}}$  in compliance with the AS/NZS1170.

Before proceeding, please note the following:

This document addresses only wind loads on the assumption that wind produces the maximum load factor affecting an installation. Verify that other local factors, such as snow loads and earth quake effects, do not exceed the wind loads (Give precedence to any factor that does). Wind loads are considered to act on the entire projected area, or may be perpendicular to any surface.

The roof on which the PV-RoofTopRac™ will be installed must have the capacity to resist the combined Design Dead Load and Live Load per Footing.

## 1. Determine the wind region of your installation site(in accordance with AS/NZS1170.2:2011)



#### Region Definition:

Wind regions are pre-defined for all of Australia by Australian Standard 1170.

The Wind Region has nothing to do with surrounding topography or buildings.

 $Most\ of\ Australia\ is\ designated\ Region\ A\ which\ indicates\ a\ Regional\ Ultimate\ Basic\ Wind\ Velocity\ of\ 45 meter\ /\ per\ sec.$ 

Some areas are designated Region B (57meter / per sec). Local authorities will advise if this applies in your area.

Region C areas (66meters / per sec) are generally referred to as Cyclonic and are generally limited to northern coastal areas. Most Region C zones end 100km inland. Region D (80meters / per sec) is Australia's worst Cyclonic Region between Carnarvon and Pardoo in Western Australia.

#### 2. Determine the height of the of your installation site

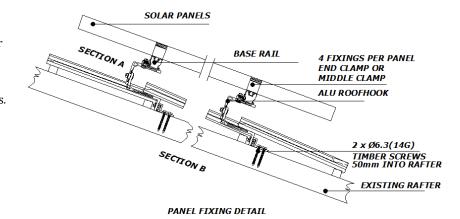
This document provides sufficient information for PV-RoofTopRac™ system installation height less than 20 meters. If your installation site is more than 20 meters in height, please contact Radiant to obtain engineering data to support your installation.

## 3. Determine the Maximum Rail Support Spacing

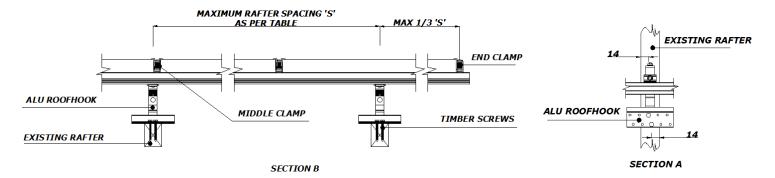
Please use the following table to determine the base rail support spacing for tile roof installations.

MAXIMUM RAFTER SPACING 'S' IN mm, FOR TILE ROOFS								
ROOF ZONE	Installation Height	Region A (mm)	Region B (mm)	Region C (mm)	Region D (mm)			
Internal zone	5 Meters	1600	1500	1100	1020			
	10 Meters	1510	1250	1000	910			
	15 Meters	1450	1180	920	850			
	20 Meters	1380	1100	860	790			
Edge	5 Meters	800	750	550	510			
	10 Meters	755	625	500	455			
zone	15 Meters	725	590	460	425			
	20 Meters	690	550	430	390			

- The above figures are based on modules lengths of up to 2000mm, maximum weight of 29Kg
- 2000mm modules requires 2 rails with fixing as per table above
- The above spacing applies for fixing through steel purlins (greater than 1.0mm thickness) and a minimum embedment of 50mm into Timber purlins.
- Tile brackets should be fixed to the rafter using at least two timber screws (6.3x80mm).

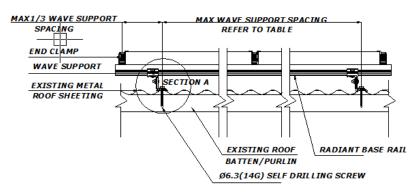


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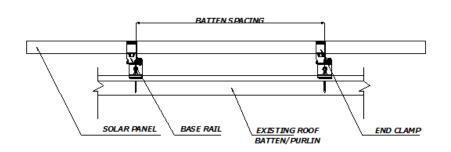
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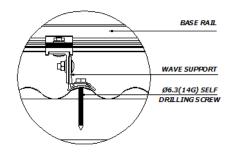
- The above figures are based on modules lengths of up to 2000mm, maximum weight of 29Kg
- 2000mm modules require 2 rails with fixing as per table below.
- The above spacing applies for fixing through steel purlins (greater than 1.0mm thickness) or a minimum embedment of 50mm into timber purlins.
- Based on an embedment depth of 35mm (fixing into the battens) the spacing remain unchanged for region A and B. For region C, the spacing should be reduced by 10% and for region D, the spacing should be reduced by 30%.
- The wave support should be fixed to the purlins using one timber Screw (6.3x80mm) through sheet metal roofs with desk rubber.



WAVE SUPPORT FIXING

MAXIMUM FIXING IN 'mm' SPACING FOR TIMBER BATTENS/PURLINS FOR TIN ROOFS					
ROOF ZONE	Installation Height	Region A & B (mm) Region C & D (mm)			
Internal zone	5 Meters	1400	1020		
	10 Meters	1250	980		
	15 Meters	1160	920		
	20 Meters	1100	880		
	5 Meters	700	510		
Edge	10 Meters	625	490		
zone	15 Meters	580	460		
	20 Meters	550	440		





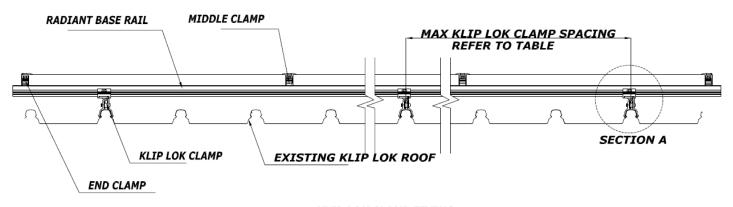
WAVE SUPPORT FIXING SIDE VIEW

SECTION A

Please use the following table to determine the base rail support spacing for Klip Lok roof installations.

MAXIMUM FIXING IN 'mm' SPACING FOR KLIP LOK CLAMP FOR KLIP LOK ROOFS						
ROOF ZONE	Installation Height	Region A & B (mm) Region C & D (mm)				
Internal zone	5 Meters	1500	1120			
	10 Meters	1350	1080			
	15 Meters	1250	1000			
	20 Meters	1150	950			
	5 Meters	750	560			
Edge	10 Meters	675	540			
zone	15 Meters	625	500			
	20 Meters	570	475			

- The above figures are based on modules lengths of up to 2000mm, maximum weight of 29Kg
- 2000mm modules requires 2 rails with fixing as per table above
- The above spacing applies for fixing through Klip Lok roof
- The recommend torque for all Klip Lok clamps is 25Nm



KLIP LOK CLAMP FIXING

## 4. Verify Acceptable Rail End Overhang

Rail End Overhang must equal 1/3 or less of foot spacing. Thus, if foot spacing is 1500mm, the Rail End Over hang can be up to 500mm. In this case, two feet can support a rail of as much as 2500mm (1500mm between the feet and 500mm of overhang at each end).

## 5. Determine Roof Slope

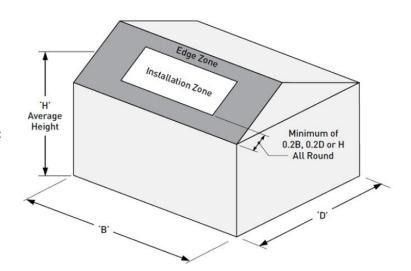
The PV-RoofTopRac™ system can be used for roof slopes up to 60 degrees.

#### 6. Determine Roof Zones

If you know the building height, terrain category, wind region and roof pitch, then you can determine the spacing of legs in each part of the roof (divided into 2 zones).

A roof can be divided into two zones, the installation zone and the edge zone. The width of the edge zone can be determined by the length, width and average height of the building.

If fixings are located in the edge the maximum spacing to the next fixing must be reduced as per the table in the above spacing matrixes.



## **PV-RoofTopRac™ Components for Roof Installation**

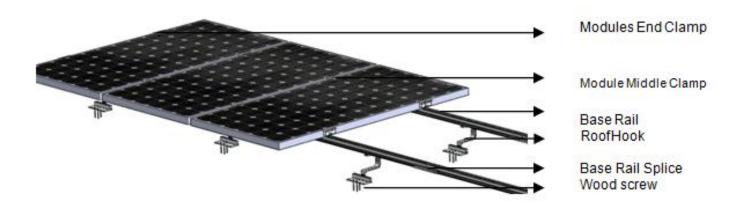
## Overview of system components



Other components to be considered in the installation of Radiant PV-RoofTopRac™ are: Trim Deck support, Hanger Bolt varieties, Flashing Attachments, and Klip Lok clamp varieties.

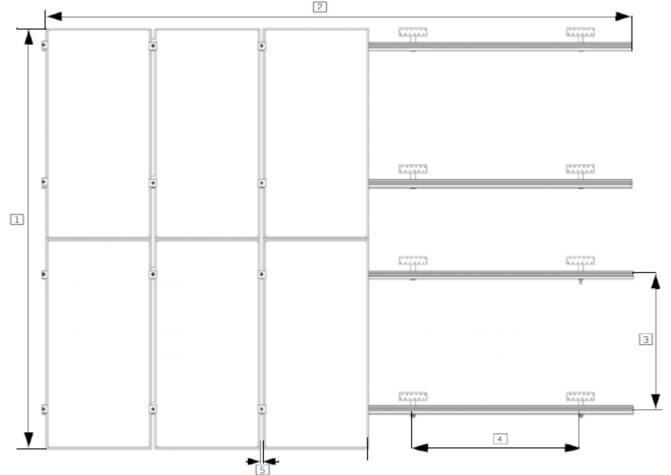
## **Installation preparation**

#### Overview of system components



## Planning the module area

- 1. Number of modules in the vertical direction x module height (please check also the installation manual of the manufacturer of the solar module)
- 2. Number of modules in horizontal direction x (module width + 23.5 mm) + 30 mm
- 3. Horizontal spacing of the roof hooks up to 2.0 m\*
- 4. Vertical spacing of the roof hooks = approx. 1/2 to 3/4 of module height
- 5. Distance between the modules: 23.5 mm
- \* Caution: Installations that are exposed to the wind or are located on the edge or corners of the roof may make it necessary to leave smaller spaces between modules.



## **Installation Instructions**

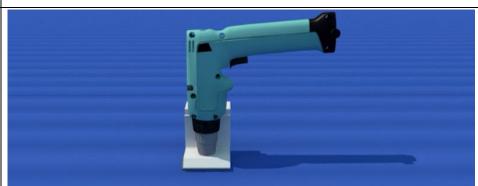
## **Roof Hook Installation** 1. Determine the positions of the roof hooks according to your plans. Remove the roof tiles at the marked positions or, if possible, simply lift them up slightly. 2. Fix the roof hooks to the rafter using at least 2 6.3 x 80 mm timber screws. RADIANT 3. The roof hook must not press against the roof tile. If necessary, shim the roof hook with the Radiant adjustment plate. 4. If necessary, use an angle grinder or hammer to cut a recess in the tile that covers the roof hook at the point where the roof hook comes through so that the tile lies flat on the surface. If grooved tiles are used, it will also be necessary to cut a recess in the lower tile. 5. Caution! Do not use fitted roof hooks as a ladder, as this extreme point load could damage the tile below and cause serious harm to the installer.

## **Wave support Installation**

6. In the case of sheet metal roofs – use the specific Radiant footing (wave support, trim deck support, or hanger bolt variations). Drill through the roof cladding at the planned location and screw the timber screw into the purlins. Then mount the brackets on to the roof.

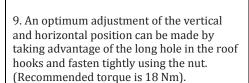


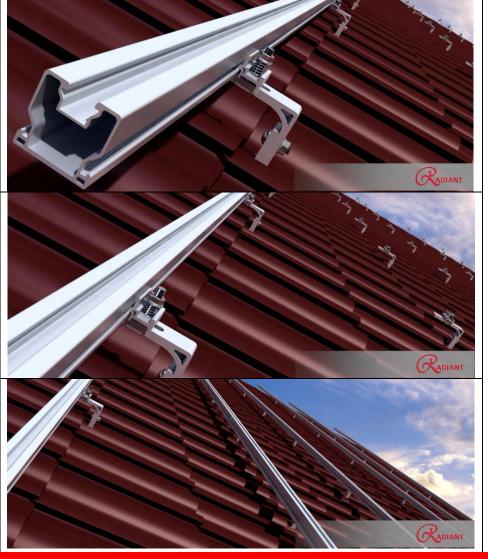
7. Ensure that the timber screw is fastened tight with the sealing washer. Pay attention not to damage the roof cladding. When performing the installation, take care that the thread of the wood screw does not cover the hole in the bracket.



#### **Base Rail Installation**

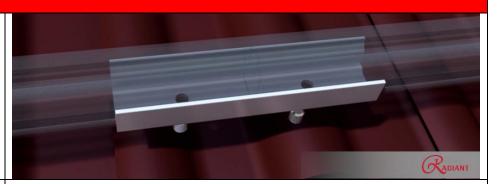
8. Installing the rail to the Roof Hook: If your set of rails consists of rails of different lengths, always begin with the shortest piece. Install the framing for each row of modules loosely on the roof hooks, insert the base rail into the rail clip of the Roof Hook, and fasten tightly using the nut. (Recommended torque is 18 Nm).





## **Splice Installation**

10. Install the splice to base rails to connect multiple rails together. Put the splice under the first rail halfway inserted, put second rail in to meet first rail halfway. Fasten both M10\*12 Allen bolt firmly using the Allen key.





## **PV Module Installation**

11. Place the module end clamp into the rail by entering on an angle (hooking one side of the rail) and applying pressure.



12. Layout first panel against the first end clamp. Put module middle clamp (including earthing plate) into the rails, place it firmly against the module and fasten loosely (approx. 2 - 3 turns). Now inset the next module against the previously installed module and tighten the inter-module clamp using the Allen key. (Recommended torque is 15 Nm).

13. Put rail cap into the base rail, Continue mounting the modules as described in steps 11 to 12 until all modules are installed.

The installation is finished!



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- 1). the date the installation of the Product is completed, or;
- 2). 30 days after the purchase of the Product by the original Purchaser.

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