



## Maxima GxB-360 Series Bifacial Solar Module *Installation Manual*

Maxima GxB-360 Series includes  
SNPM-GxB-350, SNPM-GxB-360, SNPM-  
GxB-370

### 1. INTRODUCTION

#### General Installation Manual for Sunpreme Bifacial Maxima GxB-360 series module

Please read this manual completely before transporting, installing, wiring or operation of Maxima GxB modules in anyway. This manual contains critical safety information for the electrical and mechanical installation of the solar panel. The information in this manual is described on the basis of Sunpreme's knowledge and experience. However the information and suggestions do not constitute a warranty.

### 2. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Installation techniques, handling and use of this product are beyond Sunpreme's control; therefore, Sunpreme does not assume responsibility for loss, damage or expense resulting from improper installation, handling or use. Sunpreme reserves the right to make changes to the product, the specifications, or this manual without prior notice. Sunpreme does not assume responsibility and expressly disclaims liability for damage, loss, expense arising out of, or in any way connected with installation, operation, use, or maintenance by using this manual.

Sunpreme requires the customer to obtain prior written authorization before modules can be returned.

### 3. REGULATORY INFORMATION

This product meets the UL1703 certification standard for a maximum system voltage of 1000V, with maximum overcurrent protection rating of 15A. It is the responsibility of the installer and/or system integrator to ensure compliance with all local electrical codes which may be applicable.

### 4. WARNINGS & SAFETY

Solar modules generate electricity when exposed to light. Modules and arrays containing modules can cause lethal shock and burn hazards.

- Only authorized qualified and trained personnel shall have access to these modules.
- Open circuiting, short circuiting, or opaque covering shall be used to disable an array or portions of an array for installation and service.
- Do not touch live terminals with bare hands.
- Do not make connections while under load. Do not disconnect under load.
- Work only in dry conditions with dry modules and tools.
- Use insulated tools for electrical connections.
- Systems should be installed by authorized qualified and trained personnel only. The system involves electricity, and can be dangerous if the personnel are not familiar with the appropriate safety procedures.
- Do not step or stand on the module, or drop module, or break the glass. Do not disassemble module or junction box. Do not place heavy objects on the surfaces.
- Employ a two or more person carry. Do not carry by its wires or junction box. Wear non-slip, suitable gloves and protective clothing.
- Do not install the module where flammable vapors or gases are present.

Do not install in corrosive environments. Salt air environments should be avoided.

- Artificially concentrated sunlight shall not be directed on the module or panel.

### Fire Rating

If mounted over a roof, the module shall be mounted over a fire resistant roof covering rated for the application. Refer to your local authority for guidelines and regulations for building fire protection and required slope.

### 5. INSTALLING Maxima GxB-360 SERIES MODULES

Maxima GxB modules may be installed in various applications, and the particular mounting is to be defined by the system designer. Care must be taken during handling and mounting the modules to prevent any impact on front surface, back surface, edges, and corners as this could result in module damage.

- Module support structures used to support Maxima GxB module(s) should be wind rated and approved for use by the appropriate codes prior to installation. Additionally, they must be fabricated from materials that retain their structural integrity over the 25 years lifespan of the modules they support.
- Maxima GxB modules may be installed in portrait or landscape orientation. If the modules are mounted in portrait orientation, the use of a slide-prevention feature is required in the mounting structure to prevent the modules from sliding out of the retaining clamps. A slide-prevention feature is not needed when mounted in landscape orientation.
- A minimum 60mm clearance between the module and the mounting surface (roof, ground, or other solid surface) is required.
- A minimum of 10mm spacing must also be maintained between modules to allow for thermal expansion.
- Minimum recommended module tilt angle of 5 degrees is required to ensure

drainage and enable rain water to keep the glass cleaner. The junction box edge should be at the top when mounted in portrait orientation.

- For flush-mount residential applications, the modules can be mounted with rails running across the modules as shown in Figure 1. Clamp length should be equal to or greater than 120mm.
- For flat commercial rooftop and utility applications that have significant albedo, the modules may be mounted with rails along the long edge of the module as shown in Figure 2, to minimize module backside shading and maximize the backside bifacial gain. Clamp length should be equal to or greater than 120mm.
- Specific rails and clamps approved by Sunpreme are listed in Table 1. Alternative clamps and rails need to be approved by Sunpreme to ensure robustness, and compliance to UL 1703 safety standard.

### 6. MODULE WIRING

Maxima GxB modules are pre-wired and terminated with Tyco PV4 (MC4-style) connectors.

- Connections to the module other than inter-module connection shall be made by use of compatible connectors that comply with Code requirements.
- Sunpreme recommends that all wiring be double insulated with a minimum rating of 90°C, and wiring should use flexible copper conductors where minimum size should be determined by the applicable Codes. We recommend a size not less than 4mm<sup>2</sup> cross section (12ga). The insulation type should be appropriate for the type of installation method used and must meet UL1703 requirements. The cables and connectors are UV and weather resistant from -40°C to +90°C, and rated for 1000VDC (before de-rating for ambient temperature).

▪Sunpreme Maxima GxB modules are certified per UL1703 for a maximum system voltage of 1000V. Modules may be wired in series or parallel to obtain desired voltages and current, but must not exceed the system rating for voltage and current (the aggregate Voc of the maximum number of modules must not exceed 1000 VDC for a 1000V application, less any de-rating factors required by code). In general, the maximum number of modules in a series is determined by system design and module temperature, and should not exceed 14 per series, or as limited by applicable Code. Maxima GxB modules will produce up to 20% more power than the STC rating, depending on system design and project-specific module backside irradiance conditions. This additional power gain should be taken into consideration when determining optimum system sizing, string length, and selecting system components and wiring. Please refer to the product datasheet for details on module voltage and current values. Parallel connections shall not exceed 2 modules, unless additional overcurrent devices are utilized. Overcurrent protection devices should be employed (15A series rating for series or parallel). Please comply with all code and design requirements.

## 7. GROUNDING

Before installing your solar system, contact local authorities to determine the necessary system and/or equipment grounding. Maxima GxB modules do not have exposed conductive parts and do not require equipment grounding. Other components of the system may still require grounding, per code requirements.

## 9. MAINTENANCE

Maxima GxB modules are designed to require very little maintenance. Depending

on local conditions, modules may need periodic cleaning to remove dirt build-up and soiling. Modules should be rinsed with water to remove dirt and soiling. Frequency of cleaning will depend on local weather conditions and the module mounting angle (low degree mounted modules may require more frequent cleaning). Once a year, have qualified service personnel check the general condition of the wiring and check to be sure that mounting hardware is tight. Loose connections may result in a damaged module or array. **(Caution: panels are generating electricity anytime there is sunlight, and cleaning/maintenance personnel must take proper precautions!)**

## 10. SPECIFICATIONS

The electrical characteristics are within  $\pm 10$  percent of the indicated values of Isc, Ipm, Vpm, and Voc, and +3%/-3% of the indicated value Pmax under standard test conditions (irradiance of 1000W/m<sup>2</sup>, AM 1.5 spectrum, and a cell temperature of 25°C).

Under normal conditions, a photovoltaic module is likely to experience conditions that produce more current and/or voltage than reported at standard test conditions. Accordingly, the values of Isc and Voc, inclusive of the bifacial gain, should be multiplied by a factor of 1.25, or more, when determining component voltage ratings, conductor ampere rating, fuse sizes, and size of controls connected to the PV output (please refer to code and design requirements).

Maxima GxB modules have a maximum system voltage rating of 1000 volts DC. Some grid-tied systems operate at or near this voltage rating. The open circuit voltage of the Maxima GxB module increases as the ambient temperature decreases. Maximum System voltage is computed as the sum of the open-circuit voltage of the series-connected photovoltaic modules for the lowest expected ambient temperature. *Refer to the appropriate codes for*

*determining the maximum number of Maxima GxB modules that can be placed in series.* Temperature coefficients, specific to the module of use, can be used to provide the most accurate prediction of module voltage under temperature extremes.



## 11. Rail and Clamp Locations

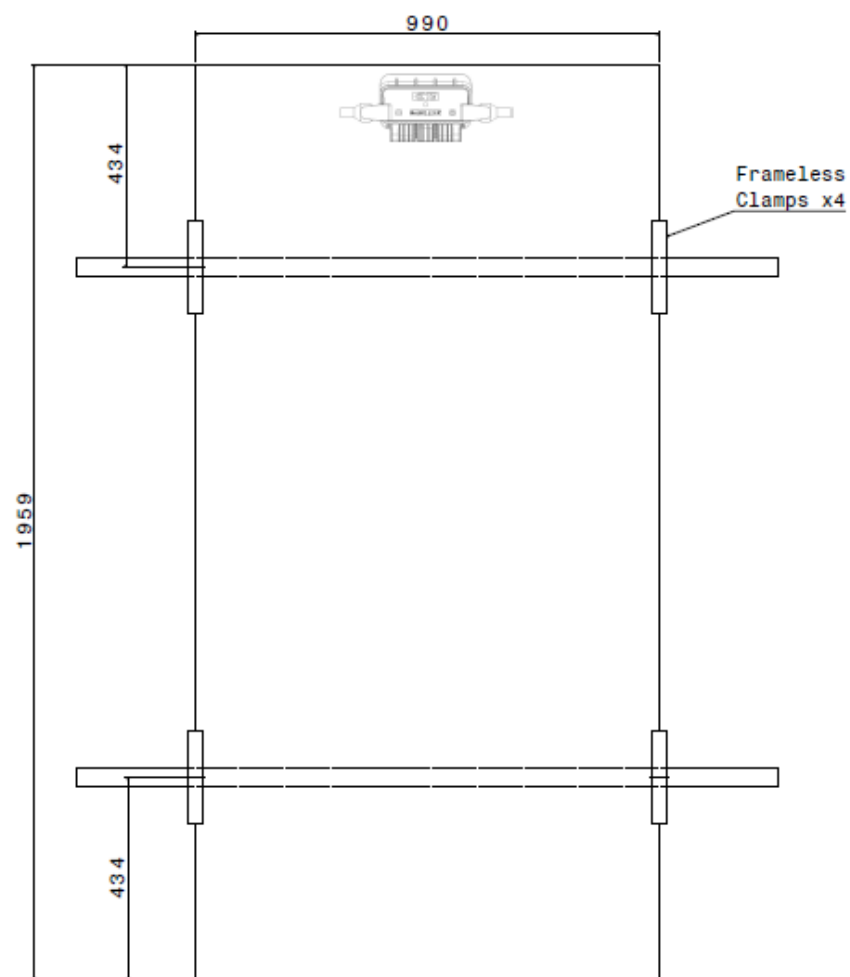


Figure 1 (Perpendicular Orientation)

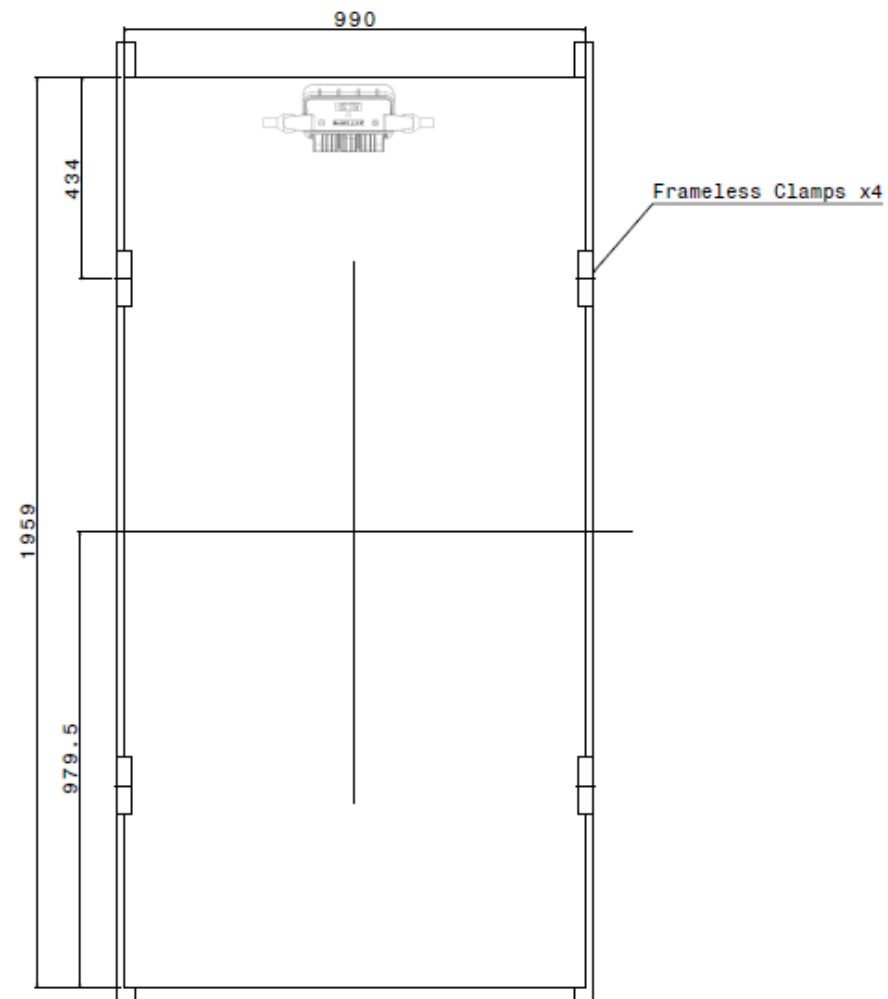


Figure 2 (Parallel Orientation)

## Sunpreme Maxima GxB-360 Series Module Specification

### Model numbers and ratings at STC<sup>1</sup>

Model Numbers	SNPM-GX-350	SNPM-GX-360	SNPM-GX-370
Number of Cells	72	72	72
Nominal Power (P <sub>M</sub> ) [W]	350	360	370
Voltage at P <sub>MAX</sub> (V <sub>mp</sub> ) [V]	41.2	41.9	42.5
Current at P <sub>MAX</sub> (I <sub>mp</sub> ) [A]	8.5	8.6	8.7
Open Circuit Voltage (V <sub>oc</sub> ) [V]	53.0	53.9	54.7
Short Circuit Current (I <sub>sc</sub> ) [A]	9.0	9.1	9.2

Maximum System Voltage	1000VDC
Factory Installed Bypass Diodes	3
Series Fuse Rating	15A
Max. # of Modules in Series	14
Max. # of Modules in Parallel (more is possible with additional overcurrent protection)	1

1: Standard Test Conditions: 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup>, 25°C, Efficiency: ± 0.2% ABS.

Physical Characteristics	English Units	Metric Units
Length (in/m)	77.15	1.96
Width (in/m)	38.99	0.99
Depth (module only) (in/m)	0.24	0.006
Depth (including junction box) (in/m)	1.10	0.028
Area (in <sup>2</sup> /m <sup>2</sup> )	3008.2	1.94
Weight (lbs/kg)	62.4	28.3

**Table 1. List of Approved Clamps and Rails**

Product	Clamp	Clamp length	# of clamps	Rail Orientation	Rail	Negative Test Load (Wind)	Positive Test Load (Snow)	P/Ns
Maxima GxB-360 Series Solar Module	Orion	120mm	4	Perpendicular	Orion	2400Pa	5400Pa	End clamp: GR-EC-FLESS-120 Mid clamp: GR-MC-FLESS-120 Rail: GR-R-STD-85
	Schletter	150mm	4	Parallel	Schetter or other compatible rail (rail width should be equal to or greater than clamp width. If not, use base plate below clamp)	2400Pa	2800Pa	End clamp: Profi 150mm Mid Clamp: Profi 150mm Base plate/shim: Custom size
	Sunpreme	120mm	4	Perpendicular	Sunpreme	2400Pa	5400Pa	End clamp: 7500-1013 Mid clamp: 7500-1012 Rail: 7500-1002
	Sunpreme	200mm	4	Parallel	Sunpreme	2400Pa	4000Pa	End clamp: 7500-1028 Mid clamp: 7500-1027 Rail: 7500-1002

**Notes:**

1. Above Table provides test load details. Please calculate maximum design loads in accordance with design and Code requirements for specific applications
2. Compatible alternative rails should be approved by Sunpreme prior to use