

# U-LA

**CUSTOMIZED MOUNTING SYSTEM  
FOR LARGE ARRAYS OF PV MODULES  
USING SOLARMOUNT™ RAILS**



## The Large Array Answer

When you need to design a large array, you can start with a blank sheet of paper and a few volumes of building code ... or UniRac can design and specify a U-LA mounting system for you. Using UniRac saves time and provides you with a low cost, quick installing structure that meets code.

Simply visit the U-LA page at [www.unirac.com](http://www.unirac.com). Download, complete and fax back our **U-LA Large PV Array Design Questionnaire**. We'll evaluate your requirements using our proprietary U-LA system design software.

When your design is complete, you'll receive:

- ① a bill of materials for all required U-LA components
- ② specifications for installer-supplied materials
- ③ a dimensional layout of your system
- ④ a price quote and delivery lead time

This brochure fully illustrates the U-LA and covers the choices raised in the questionnaire. Please call or e-mail us for assistance with any other design concerns.

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## **From Three Kilowatts to a Megawatt Plus**

U-LA mounting systems can be configured for as little as 3 kW to more than a megawatt of PV modules in an integrated, structurally robust, visually attractive array. Whether on the ground or on a large flat roof, a U-LA mounting system is limited only by the size of the array site itself.

U-LA mounting systems can be designed for

- Landscape or portrait module orientation
- Tilt angles up to 60 degrees
- Winds speeds up to 150 mph (240 kph)
- Seismic Zone 4
- Sloped or irregular topography
- Hard rock to loose soil

## **Quick and Easy Installation—By Design**

Your U-LA system will be as trouble free to install as it is easy to specify. Structural pipes connect with U-bolts, minimizing fabrication on the jobsite. Modules can be mounted to the rails from above or below using mounting slots that accommodate all types of modules. Fabrication on the jobsite is minimized and, if required, is accomplished quickly with standard tools.

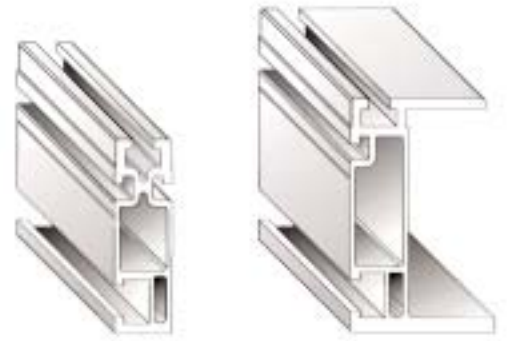


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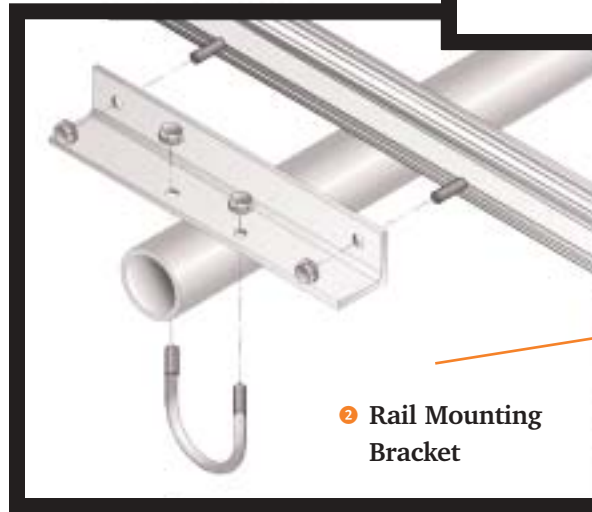
## Landscape Module Orientation

Used when site layout or array design is optimized with long north-south rows of modules. Generally provides better overall space utilization. Facilitates wiring of long module strings.

Choose landscape mode if you prefer attaching modules to rails before final mounting to the truss structure.



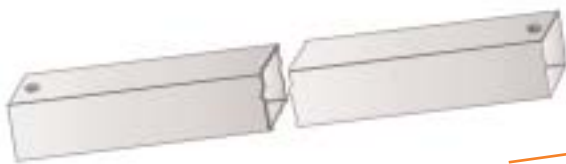
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Standard Rail (L) HD Rail (R)



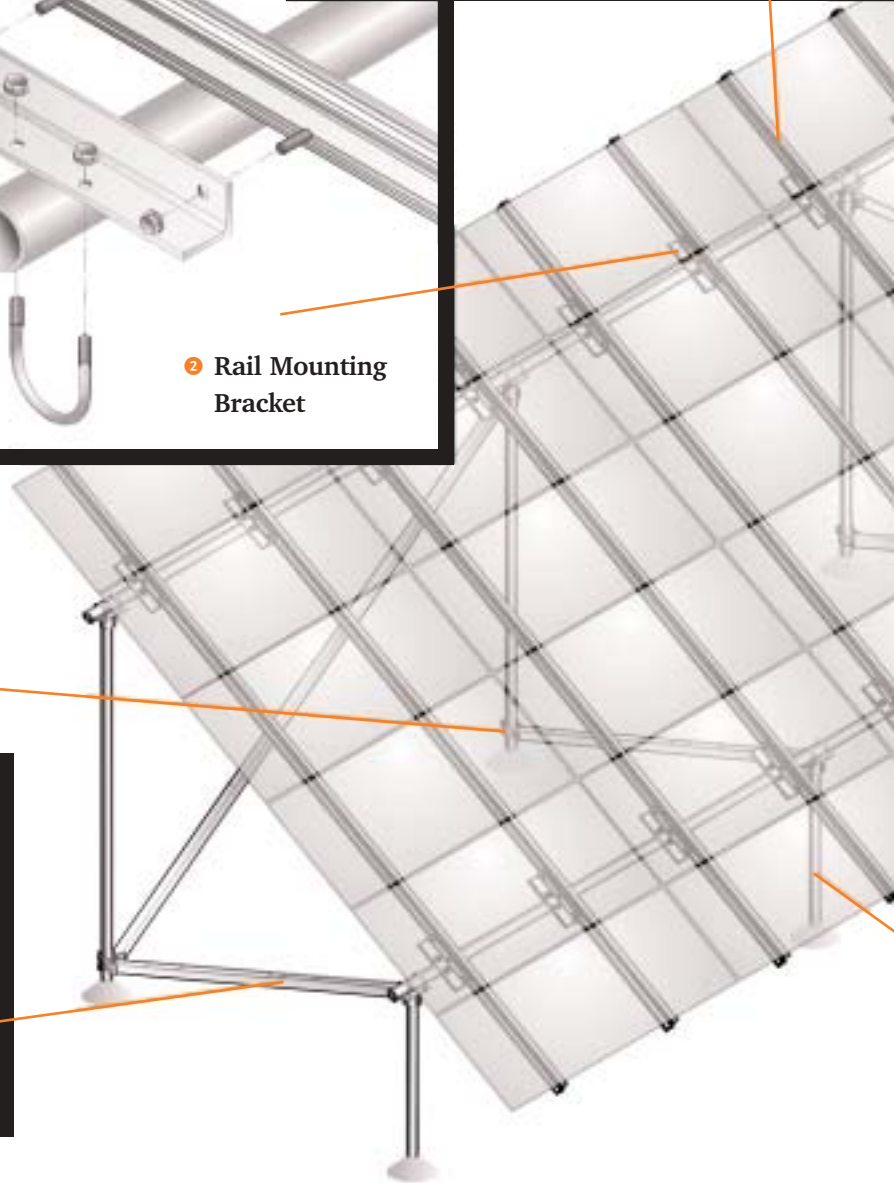
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**4 Sliding Truss Anchor**



**4 Cross Brace**



### **1 SolarMount Rails**

Two SolarMount rails are available – Standard and Heavy Duty. Standard rail keeps costs down on smaller

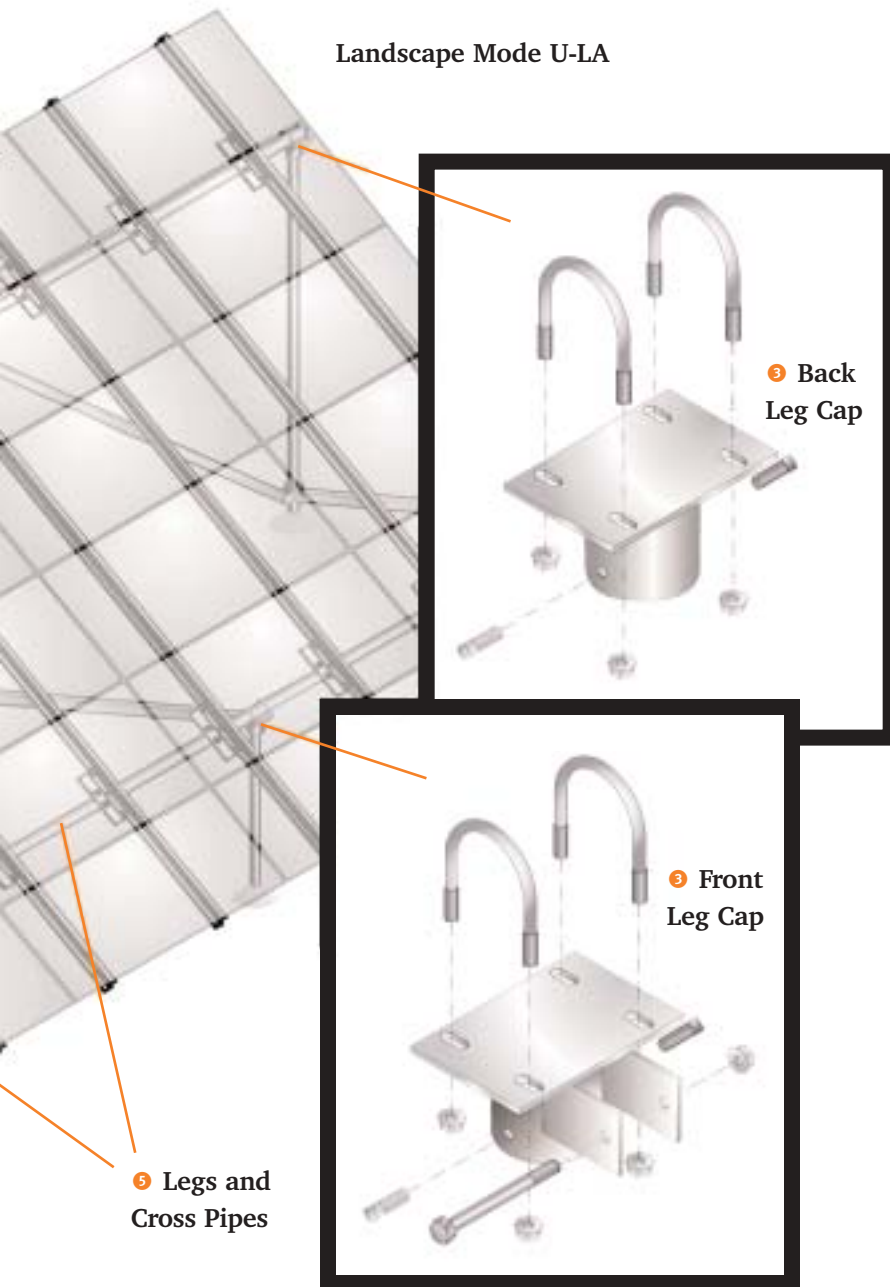
arrays. SolarMount HD rails can be extended up to 25 feet (7.6 meters) with some modules.

### **2 Rail Mounting Brackets**

Fully adjustable brackets ensure easy installation with no fabrication on the jobsite.

## Design Flexibility and Engineering Standards

Each U-LA system is custom designed for each installation. Components are sized for specific site requirements, the physical characteristics of the modules, tilt angle specifications, etc. Complete design docu-



Landscape Mode U-LA

3 Back Leg Cap

5 Front Leg Cap

5 Legs and Cross Pipes



Module Mounting (Landscape Orientation)

Bottom mounting clips (above) employ module mounting holes. They are used when modules are wired and mounted to the rails before fastening to the cross pipes. Top mounting clamps (below) attach with convenient T-bolts. They are usually chosen when the rails are pre-assembled to the cross pipes before module mounting, a common method when installing modules with Multi-Contact® connectors.



### 3 Leg Caps

Dual U-bolts with serrated flange nuts and penetrating set screws provide both quick assembly and structural integrity. Front cap flanges anchor north/south cross brace(s).

### 4 Cross Braces with Sliding Truss Anchors

North-south braces are standard; designs include east-west braces under unusual wind or seismic conditions. Anchors slide for easy installation.

### 5 Legs and Cross Pipes

We specify either 2 or 3 inch Schedule 40 pipe, as needed to meet engineering requirements. It is inexpensive, readily available and easy to work with. Pipe is usually installer

mentation is available for evaluation by building departments and/or engineering professionals. All U-LA system components have been destructively tested to confirm that they meet or exceed

our design standards. U-LA systems conform to applicable Uniform Building Code standards when installed in accordance with our U-LA installation manual.

## Portrait Module Orientation

Can simultaneously accommodate high tilt angles and wind loads. Also used when the array must be below a roof parapet. Limited to four modules north/south, depending on tilt angle.

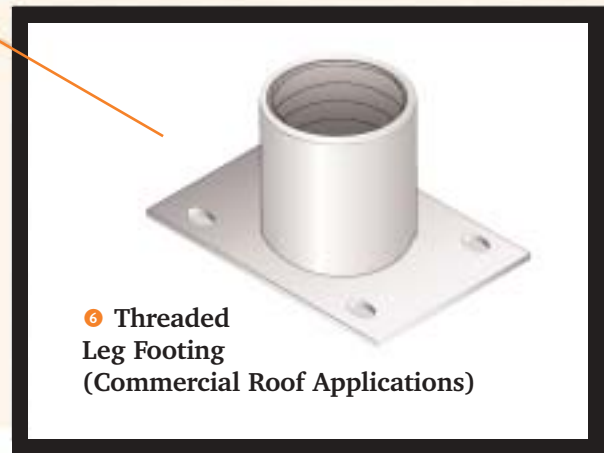
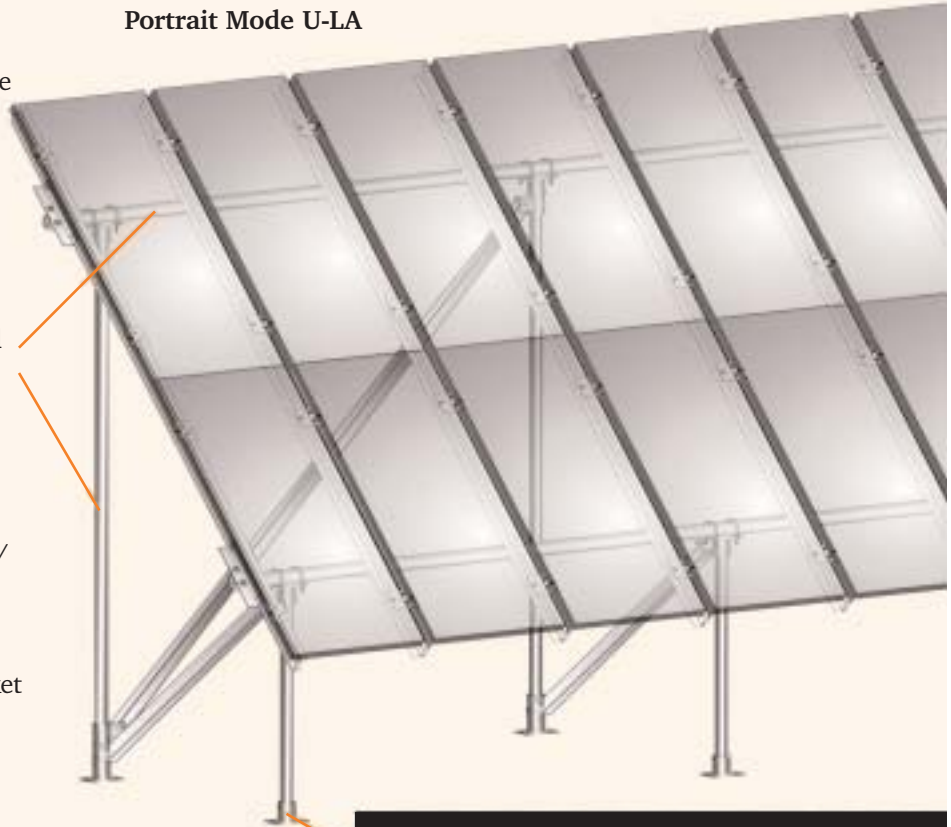
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### Module Mounting (Portrait Orientation)

A single SolarMount rail runs north/south between the long side of the modules and is fastened to both.

Modules attach to a shared bracket using standard module mounting holes. The bracket attaches to the top slot of the rail.

Portrait Mode U-LA



### 6 Threaded Leg Footing (Commercial Roof Applications)

## 6 Secure Footings

supplied. For projects requiring the “kitting” of all components by UniRac, we can supply pipe cut to size and, where required, welded and/or threaded.

Ground mounted U-LAs typically rise from in-ground concrete pillars (see landscape illustration). On roofs or concrete pads, threaded footings secure legs (see portrait

illustration). On flat roofs, footings are typically fastened to stringers that run perpendicular to the roof beams.



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## PV Module Compatibility List

Call UniRac or your PV dealer for any module not listed.

|            |                                    |
|------------|------------------------------------|
| Astropower | APi100, APi110, APi165             |
| BP Solar   | 3125, 3150, 3160, 4150, 4160, 4170 |
| Isofoton   | Call for specific modules          |
| Kyocera    | KC120, KC125G, KC158G, KC167G      |
| Photowatt  | PW1250, PW1650                     |
| RWE Schott | ASE300                             |
| Sharp      | NE-165U1, NT-175U1, NT-185U1       |
| Shell      | SM110, SQ140, SQ150, SQ160         |
| SunWize    | SW115, SW120                       |
| UniSolar   | US64                               |

## Building Code Compliance

U-LA mounting systems are designed to comply with the Uniform Building Code, 1997, Chapter 16, when installed in accordance with UniRac's U-LA installation manual.

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## U-LA Component Specifications

**SolarMount** rails, brackets, and cross braces: 6105-T5 aluminum extrusion.

Pipe Connectors and Truss Sliders: Service Condition 4 (very severe) zinc-plated, welded steel.

Fasteners: 304 stainless steel.

Legs and Cross Pipes: ASTM A53B 2-inch or 3-inch Schedule 40 galvanized steel.



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