

Installation-Installing the Optimizers

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Installing Optimizers





Optimizer Connectors

- Identical connectors are required on the module and the optimizer. SolarEdge offers the following:
 - MC4 default, available for all optimizers
 - **T**4, Tyco, Amphenol (H4, UTX): available for some models, refer to your distributor





Mounting the Power Optimizers

- Determine the mounting location of each power optimizer
 - It is recommended to mount the power optimizer in a location protected from direct sunlight
- The power optimizer can be placed in any orientation (there is no "up"- side)
- To allow for heat dissipation maintain a 1" clearance between the power optimizer and other surfaces, on all sides except the mounting bracket side
- Use M8/M6 screws + washers and verify secure attachment
- The optimizers are double insulated so they do not require grounding





Note: Mounting the optimizer directly on the module or module frame could void your module warranty



Recording Installation Layout – Stickers

Option 1:

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Peel off and place the optimizer's detachable 2D barcode sticker on the SolarEdge template or your own CAD drawing



Your own CAD drawing



Recording Installation Layout – App

Option 2:

Use the <u>Site Mapper app</u> to create a physical site mapping



- The Site Mapper app is available for free download from the Android and iOS app stores
- Video demonstration and download link available at: <u>http://www.solaredge.com/groups/installer-tools/site-mapper</u>



Site Mapping

Options for site mapping:





Verify in Layout Editor



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Scan stickers

Connecting Optimizers in Strings

Identify the optimizer inputs and outputs correctly





Connecting Optimizers to Modules

Connect each module to the power optimizer input



Note! Extensions between Optimizer and module are not allowed

- As long as the optimizers are not connected to the inverter or the inverter is OFF, the optimizers will each output a safe 1V with limited current.
- Note: The power optimizers have reverse polarity protection. Even so, when doing your first SolarEdge installation, verify the PV module's polarity with a voltmeter.





Connecting Optimizers to Modules in Series

Connect 2 modules in series to the power optimizer inputs



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Good Practice - Cable Management

Make sure to tie all cables to the mounting rails to avoid loose cables

It is recommended to use UV protected cable ties



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Connecting Optimizers - Verification

- Modules should be exposed to sunlight during verification
- Connect a voltmeter with at least 0.1V measurement accuracy to the string output
 - Each optimizer will output 1V DC
 - Verify each string individually before proceeding
 - Check polarity

You might see a slight measurement error, but in most cases it will be obvious if you have the correct number of optimizers

8x Optimizer = 8V





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Connecting String Extension

- Build extension cables with MC4 connectors to run the string to the inverter location, but don't connect to the inverter, yet.
- Make sure to crimp the connectors on the string extension with correct polarit





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SetApp: Pairing the Optimizers

- Tap Start Pairing, the Pairing between the optimizers and the inverter takes several minutes
- When Pairing Complete is displayed, return to the commissioning menu to set the communications





Thank You!

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