

# Specifications for photovoltaic bracket diagonal brace connection plates

What are gusset plate connections for diagonal bracing systems?

Gusset plate connections for diagonal bracing systems usually comprise a combination of shop and field attachments. Typically,these connectors consist of weldments,bolted/welded double framing angles,and/or single plates which are shop-welded and field-bolted.

#### What is a diagonal brace kit?

This diagonal brace kit includes the brace, sleeves, and hardware for installation between one north and south pair of support legs. IronRidge End Clamps secure PV modules to the Rails using the top slot of these rails. Our Clamps are independent of the module's mounting holes.

Do diagonal gusset plate designs cause rigid beam-to-column connections?

These studies have shown that diagonal gusset plate designs result in rigid(AISC Type 1) beam-to-column connections, even if the beam flanges are not connected to the column flange or web. Thus, the braced frame is actu-ally a rigid-braced frame with nominal moments in both beams and columns due to rigidity of the gusset connection.

### Can a braced frame be used for diagonal bracing?

Using an inelastic finite element program which incorporates force-deformation relationships for welds, bolts and double-framing angles deter-mined from laboratory tests, analyses of numerous braced-frame designs were made for diagonal bracing configurations.

#### Are diagonal gusset plates rigid?

These studies have shown that diagonal gusset plate designs result in rigid(AISC Type I) beam to column connections, even if the beam flanges are not connected to the column flange or web. Thus, the " braced" frame is actually a " rigid-braced" frame rigidity of the gusset connection.

## What materials are used for mounting base brackets?

Mounting base brackets are fabricated from Series 6000 structural marine grade aluminum. 5/16" hardware included. "L" Feet are fabricated from high-strength 3/16" aluminum and include a vertical slot for adjusting to irregular surfaces. 5/16" coated hardware included. "L" Feet are fabricated from high-strength 3/16" aluminum.



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