



INSTALLATION MANUAL

KD315GX-LPB

SOLAR PHOTOVOLTAIC POWER MODULES
Please read this manual carefully before installing the modules.

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1. INTRODUCTION

As the world leader in the development and application of high technology ceramic/silica materials, Kyocera offers a wide range of highly efficient and reliable crystalline silicon solar photovoltaic (PV) power modules. Kyocera began to extensively research PV technology in 1975 and commenced manufacturing operations in 1978. Since then, Kyocera has supplied millions of cells and modules throughout the world. With years of experience and state-of-the-art technology, Kyocera provides the highest quality PV power modules in a range of sizes designed to meet the requirements of the most demanding energy and power users worldwide.

2. APPLICATIONS

KD315GX-LPB module is a reliable, virtually maintenance-free direct current (DC) power source, designed to operate at the highest level of efficiency. KD315GX-LPB module is ideal for remote home, water pumping, utility-tied, telecommunications and many other applications either with or without using storage batteries.

3. WARNINGS & SAFETY

PV modules generate electricity when exposed to light. Arrays of many modules can cause lethal shock and burn hazards. Only authorized and trained personnel should have access to these modules. To reduce the risk of electrical shock or burns, modules may be covered with an opaque material during installation. Do not touch live terminals with bare hands. Use insulated tools for electrical connections. Do not use these modules for solar concentration.

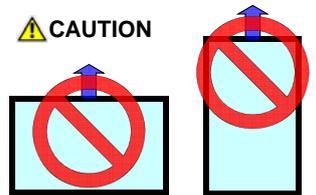
PERMIT

- Before installing your PV system, contact local authorities to determine the necessary permits, installation and inspection requirements.

INSTALLATION AND OPERATION

- Systems should be installed by qualified personnel only. The system involves electricity, and can be dangerous if the personnel are not familiar with the appropriate safety procedures.
- **Do not step on the module.**
- Although KD315GX-LPB module is quite durable, the glass can be broken (and the module will no longer work properly) if it is dropped or hit by tools or other objects.

- The module frame is made of anodized aluminum, and therefore corrosion can occur if the module is subject to a salt-water environment and is in contact with another type of metal (galvanic corrosion). Pay attention to the above and take appropriate measures to prevent corrosion when selecting the installation environment, material of support structure, and clamping method. z
- KD315GX-LPB module is frame(s) must be attached to a support structure by one of the methods described in Section 6, INSTALLING KD315GX-LPB MODULES.
- Module support structures to be used to support KD315GX-LPB module(s) should be wind rated and approved by the appropriate local and civil codes prior to installation.
- Do not expose the back of the module to direct sunlight
- In Canada installation shall be in accordance with CSA C22.1, Safety Standard for Electrical Installations, Canadian Electrical Code, Part 1.
- When handling the modules, **DO NOT HOLD THEM BY SUPPORTING ONLY ONE SIDE OF THE FRAME BECAUSE IT CAN CAUSE SEPARATION OF THE GLASS AND FRAME.**



FIRE RATING

- In case of roof installation, PV module assembly shall be mounted on a fire resistant roof covering rated for the application. KD315GX-LPB module is comprised of a glass front surface, polyethylene terephthalate (PET) backsheets with a Class C fire rating.

GROUNDING

- Refer to "Grounding" section.

BATTERY

- When PV modules are used to charge batteries, the battery must be installed in a manner, which will ensure the performance of the system and the safety of its users. **Follow the battery manufacturer's safety guidelines concerning installation, operation and maintenance recommendations.** In general, the battery (or battery bank) should be kept away from people and animals. Select a battery site that is protected from sunlight, rain, snow, debris, and is well ventilated. Most batteries generate hydrogen gas when charging, which can be explosive. Do not light matches or create sparks near the battery bank. When a battery is installed outdoors, it should be placed in an insulated and ventilated battery case specifically designed for this purpose.

4. SITE SELECTION

In most applications, KD315GX-LPB module should be installed in a location where they will receive maximum sunlight throughout the year. In the Northern Hemisphere, the modules should typically face south, and in the Southern Hemisphere, the modules should typically face north. Modules facing 30 degrees away from true South (or North) will lose approximately 10 to 15 percent of their power output. If the module faces 60 degrees away from true South (or North), the power loss will be 20 to 30 percent. When choosing a site, avoid trees, buildings or obstructions, which could cast shadows on PV modules especially during

the winter season when the arc of the sun is lowest over the horizon.

5. MODULE TILT ANGLE

KD315GX-LPB module produces bigger power when they are pointed directly at the sun.

For grid tie installations where the PV modules are attached to a permanent structure, PV modules should be tilted at an angle equal to the site's latitude. This will typically result in the highest annual energy output.

6. INSTALLING KD315GX-LPB MODULES

The minimum spacing of 2" (50 mm) is required between PV module and the mounting surface around the perimeter of PV module. KD315GX-LPB module may be installed in various applications utilizing a variety of support structure options and attachment methods. For optimal performance in all applications, clearance between the module frame and the mounting surface is required to allow cooler ambient air to circulate around the back of the module and to avoid the module and / or wiring damage. A minimum of .13" (3.2 mm) spacing must also be maintained between module frames to allow for thermal expansion.

KD315GX-LPB module may be attached to a support structure by the following methods. Support structure should have enough strength to keep the mounting span. When installing modules in snowy area, an appropriate countermeasure has to be taken to prevent possible damages to the lower side frame by slipping snow (e.g. attach supporting parts to the lowest modules.). Any damage caused by snow or such countermeasure is not covered under warranty.

BOLTING: Utilizing 5/16"(8mm) stainless steel (or equivalent in corrosion resistance) hardware structure through the existing .35" (9 mm) diameter mounting holes in the module frame and then through KD315GX-LPB module mounting holes on the support structure. Tighten the screws with adequate torque (usually 132 in-lb). Refer to the Module Drawings for the position of PV modules mounting holes.

CLAMPING: Fasten modules firmly with the clamps which must not be deformed by wind load or snow load, nor cause the module fall off while fastening the modules. Clamps should be attached to support structure with 1/4" (6mm) or larger bolt and nut using torque values specified by structure manufacturers. Bolt and nut should be stainless steel or equivalent in corrosion resistance. Support structure should be set perpendicular to long frame, and should support the bottom of module at least 0.39" (10mm) width. Clamps must not bend the module frame nor damage the surface of the frame. Clamps also must not shade the sunlight incidence on glass surface. Refer to the 'CLAMPING AREA' in the Module drawings for the permissible clamping range.

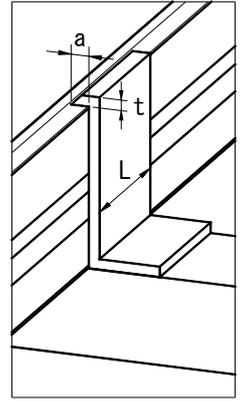
The clamp specification is below;

A- SUS304 or equivalent

t: thickness	L: width	a: overlap
0.079" (2.0mm) and over	min. 2.76" (70mm)	min. 0.28" (7mm)
0.098" (2.5mm) and over	min. 1.73" (44mm)	
0.12" (3.0mm) and over	min. 1.50" (38mm)	

B-anodized aluminum AL6063-T5 or equivalent

t: thickness	L: width	a: overlap
0.12" (3.0mm) and over	min. 2.28" (58mm)	min. 0.20" (5mm)
0.18" (3.5mm) and over	min. 1.65" (42mm)	
0.16" (4.0mm) and over	min. 1.50" (38mm)	



The clamp shape and dimensions above are reference ones, and any damage caused clamp defect is not covered under warranty.

7. MODULE WIRING

KD315GX-LPB module come pre-wired with terminals ready for most building attachments or free standing installations. Each module has two #12 AWG type PV-wire stranded sunlight resistant output cables each terminated with Multi-Contact® locking connectors. The positive (+) terminal has a male connector while the negative (-) terminal has a female connector. The module wiring is solely for series connections only, i.e. male (+) to female (-) interconnections. Series and parallel connections shall be made by use of two #10-14 AWG type PV-wire stranded sunlight resistant and insulated for 90°C minimum output cables with male and female Multi-Contact® locking connectors.

NOTE: When making connections with Multi-Contact connectors, make sure the array is disabled. **DO NOT MAKE CONNECTIONS WHILE UNDER LOAD.** Module output connections are marked "Do not disconnect under load".

NOTE: MAXIMUM SYSTEM VOLTAGE 600 VDC.

KD315GX-LPB module and most PV system components have a maximum system voltage rating of 600 volts DC. Some grid feed in systems operate at or near this voltage rating. Like other polycrystalline PV modules, the open circuit voltage of the KD315GX-LPB module increases as the ambient temperature decreases. Maximum system voltage is computed as the sum of the open-circuit voltage of the series-connected PV modules for the lowest expected ambient temperature. Refer to the National Electrical Code Article 690-7(A) for determining the maximum number of KD315GX-LPB module 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.

NOTE: Install the maximum number of series connection for the KD315GX-LPB module so that the system voltage is less than 600 V.

NOTE: Do not connect the modules in parallel without maximum over current protection.

NOTE: The minimum radius that the cable can be bent for the KD315GX-LPB module is 1.14" (29mm).

NOTE: In normal conditions, PV modules may produce larger current and / or voltage than reported in the standard test conditions. Therefore, when voltage evaluations for

components, capacity of conductors, size of fuses, and size of control systems connected to the module output are determined, multiply the values of short-circuit current (I_{sc}) and open-circuit voltage (V_{oc}) that are marked in KD315GX-LPB module by the coefficient, 1.25.

NOTE: Refer to Section 690-8 of the National Electrical Code for an additional multiplying factor of 125 percent (80 percent derating) which may be applicable.

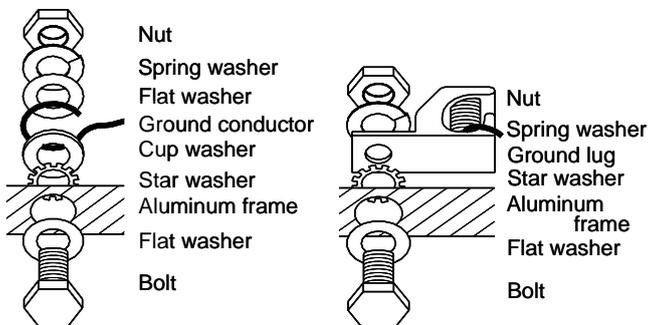
8. GROUNDING

Before installation, contact the local code authorities to determine the necessary grounding requirements. When installing in US market, attach all PV module frames to an earth ground in accordance with the National Electrical Code (NEC) Article 250. Proper grounding is achieved by connecting PV module frames and all metallic structural members contiguously to one another using a suitable grounding conductor. The grounding conductor shall be of copper, copper alloy or another material suitable for use as an electrical conductor per NEC. The grounding conductor must then make a connection to earth using a suitable earth grounding electrode. Ensure positive electrical contact through the anodizing on the module frame extrusion by utilizing one of the following methods.

Attach the grounding conductor:

- (1) to one of the .28" (7mm) diameter holes marked "ground" using 1/4" (6mm) stainless steel hardware. Wrap conductor around bolt. Tighten the screws with adequate torque (usually 62 in-lb). Avoid direct contact of copper ground conductor to aluminum frame.
- (2) to a ground lug (manufacturer: ILSCO, model: GBL-4DBT). Use #10-32 stainless steel hardware to attach the lug to the module frame by the torque of 40 in-lb. A stainless steel star washer, positioned between the lug and the anodized surface of the frame, must be employed to break through the anodized layer of the frame extrusion and electrically connect the ground lug to the conducting aluminum frame material.

As a general rule, avoid direct contact of copper or copper alloy ground conductors with the aluminum module frame. All ground bond securing hardware in contact with either the aluminum module frame and / or copper or copper alloy ground conductors must be stainless steel.



9. BLOCKING DIODES

In systems utilizing a battery, blocking diodes are typically placed between the battery and PV module output to prevent battery from discharging at night. KD315GX-LPB module is made of polycrystalline cells with high electrical "back flow" resistance to nighttime battery discharging. As a

result, KD315GX-LPB module does not contain a blocking diode when shipped from the factory. Most PV charge regulators and inverters incorporate nighttime disconnect feature.

10. BYPASS DIODES

Partial shading of an individual module in a source circuit string (i.e. two or more modules connected in series) can cause a reverse voltage across the shaded cells within the module. Module output current is then forced through the shaded area by the remaining illuminated cells and other PV modules in series with the partially shaded module(s). The current forced through the shaded cells within PV module (or modules) causes additional module heating and severe loss of power. All KD315GX-LPB module is supplied with factory installed (non user serviceable) bypass diodes. The purpose of bypass diodes is to provide a low-resistance current path around the shaded cells, thereby minimizing PV module heating and array current losses.

PV modules employ bypass diodes that have:

- Rated Average Forward Current $[I_{F(AV)}]$ **Above** maximum system current at highest PV module operating temperature.
- Rated Repetitive Peak Reverse Voltage $[V_{RRM}]$ **Above** maximum system voltage at lowest PV module operating temperature.

11. MAINTENANCE

KD315GX-LPB module is designed for long life and require very little maintenance. Under most weather conditions, normal rainfall is sufficient to keep the module glass surface clean. If dirt build-up becomes excessive, clean the glass surface only with a soft cloth using mild detergent and water. **USE CAUTION WHEN CLEANING THE BACK SURFACE OF PV MODULE TO AVOID PENETRATING BACK SHEET.** PV modules that are mounted flat (0° tilt angle) should be cleaned more often, as they will not "self clean" as effectively as modules mounted at a 15° tilt or greater. Once a year, 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.

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12. SPECIFICATIONS

- Under certain conditions, a photovoltaic module may produce more voltage and current than reported at Standard Test Conditions (STC). Refer to Section 690 of the National Electrical Code for guidance in series string sizing and choosing overcurrent protection.

Module Specification

Electrical Characteristics: @ STC	
Module Type	KD315GX-LPB
P _{max}	315W
V _{oc}	49.2V
I _{sc}	8.50A
V _{pm}	39.8V
I _{pm}	7.92A
Factory installed Bypass Diode	
Number	4pcs.
Series Fuse Rating	15A
Thermal Characteristics: Temp. Coefficient	
V _{oc} (V/°C)	-1.77×10 ⁻¹
I _{sc} (A/°C)	5.10×10 ⁻³
V _{pm} (V/°C)	-2.05×10 ⁻¹
Physical Characteristics:	
Length	65.43" (1662mm)
Width	51.97" (1320mm)
Depth	1.81" (46mm)
Weight	60.6 lb (27.5kg)
Mounting Hole	Diameter .35"(9mm), Quantity 4pcs.
Grounding Hole	Diameter .28"(7mm), Quantity 4pcs.
Application Class	Class A

NOTES

- The electrical characteristics are within +/-5% of the installed values of P_{max} and within +/-10% of the installed values of I_{sc} and V_{oc} under standard test conditions (irradiance of 1000W/m², AM 1.5 spectrum, and a cell temperature of 25 deg C).
- See module specification sheet for most recent electrical characteristics.
- See module drawing for mounting grounding holes locations.

