



# Ampt i50 String Optimizer

System voltages: 600 - 1500V

Output currents: 32 - 50A

## Installation Manual

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This document contains information needed to install and commission an Ampt optimizer (including Smart String Technology® optimizers, String Stretch® optimizers, Ampt Mode® optimizers, String View® optimizers, V-match® optimizers, and Direct-to-Battery® optimizers) within a photovoltaic (PV) installation. The result? Energy realized®.

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To help avoid problems during the system installation, familiarize yourself in advance with the installation process by reading this entire document before starting the installation.



Risk of electric shock, do not remove covers. No user serviceable parts inside. Refer servicing to qualified service personnel. When the photovoltaic array is exposed to light, it supplies a dc voltage to this equipment.



Le risqué de décharge électrique n'enlèvent pas la couverture. Aucunes pièces utiles d'utilisateur à l'intérieur. Référez-vous l'entretien au personnel de service qualifiée. Quand la range photovoltaïque est exposée à la lumière. Il fournit une tension CC à cet équipement.



Hot surfaces – to reduce the risk of burns – do not touch.



Les surfaces chaudes - pour réduire le risque de brûlures - ne se touchent pas.

## Important Safety Instructions

This manual contains important instructions for Ampt optimizers that shall be followed during installation and maintenance. The optimizer has been designed and tested according to international safety requirements, but requires certain precautions are observed when installing and/or operating the optimizer. To reduce the risk of personal injury and to ensure the safe installation and operation of the optimizer, please be sure you carefully read and follow all instructions and safety messages in this manual.

### SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS

## Safety Message Types

The following messaging is used to identify a hazard to equipment or personnel:

### DANGER

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

### WARNING

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

### CAUTION

Indicates a hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in minor or moderate injury.

### NOTICE

Indicates information considered important but not hazard, or personal injury, related - for example, property damage.

## General Safety

Installation and maintenance should be performed only by qualified persons. Installers and maintenance personnel assume the risk of all injury that might occur during installation or maintenance including, without limitation, the risk of electric shock. Follow your safety procedures and protocols.

All electrical installations must be done in accordance with the local and National Electrical Code ANSI/NFPA 70; Canadian Electrical Code, Part I; or the applicable standards, codes, and regulations for your region.

Failure to follow this manual will void warranty.

The Ampt product contains no user-serviceable parts. All repairs and maintenance should be handled in accordance with the instructions and terms contained in the product warranty.

Before installing or using the Ampt optimizer, read all instructions and safety messages on the optimizer and in this manual. Follow the safety precautions for this product as well as the other components in the PV system.

PV modules produce electrical energy when exposed to light and thus can create an electrical shock hazard. Wiring of the PV modules should only be performed by qualified personnel.

### NOTICE

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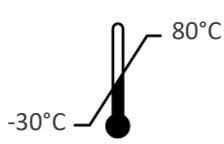
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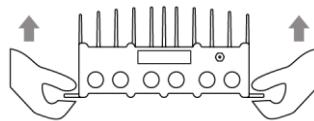
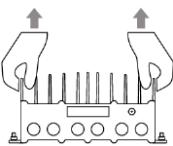
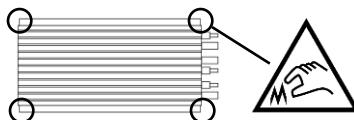
# Before You Begin

## Handling and Storage

- Store optimizers in a clean, dry area that is protected from weather exposure and pooling water (-30 to 80°C. Relative humidity < 80%).



- Leave the product in its original packing box until you are ready to install.
- Do NOT stack pallets.
- Do NOT lift, carry, or otherwise handle the optimizers by their connectors.



- Leave connector caps in place until the optimizers are ready to be connected to protect the optimizer from water and debris ingress.
- Do NOT transport optimizers that are removed from original packaging. If the original packaging is no longer available, use a similar box to protect the connectors and heat sink fins.

## Quick Reference and Best Practices

### NOTICE

The last page of this manual has a quick reference sheet for making electrical connections as well as a list of best practices. *After reading this manual*, the quick reference sheet can be used on the job site to ensure the correct electrical connection order and to avoid damaging the device.

## Using Optional Wireless Communication

### NOTICE

If the String Optimizers are being used with optional wireless communication, then refer to the Ampt Communication Unit (Ampt CU) manual for important requirements related to the String Optimizer installation.



# Chapter 1: Product Overview

Ampt String Optimizers are DC/DC converters with multiple features that lower the cost and improve the performance of new and existing PV systems and energy storage systems.

- **Dual MPPT per optimizer** - Ampt String Optimizers put maximum power point tracking on each of its two input strings of PV modules. This mitigates or eliminates mismatch losses to deliver more energy under changing environmental and system conditions over the lifetime of the power plant.
- **V-match®** – Ampt String Optimizers include V-match technology to automatically match the DC bus voltage while delivering full available power from the PV array. This increases system design flexibility, simplifies controls, and unlocks value across diverse applications.
- **High Fixed-Voltage Bus (HFVB)** – Ampt’s HFVB technology enables the DC bus to operate at a constant voltage that is higher than variable voltage systems. The fixed voltage simplifies the connection and control of system components tied to the DC bus. The higher voltage delivers power at a lower current to reduce component and system costs.
- **Ampt Mode®** – Inverters in Ampt Mode operate in a fixed or narrow input voltage range that is closer to the maximum system voltage. This allows the inverter to deliver a higher AC output voltage at the same current which raises the inverter’s rated output power up to 50% to lower the inverter’s cost per watt.
- **String Stretch®** – Ampt’s patented String Stretch technology puts voltage and current limits on the output of each optimizer which doubles the number of modules per string and allows for smaller conductor sizing per kilowatt delivered to save up to 25% on electrical BOS costs.
- **Direct-to-Converter** – For DC-coupled energy storage systems with battery converters, Ampt String Optimizers include Direct-to-Converter technology to operate the DC bus at a fixed voltage that is always higher than the battery voltage. This eliminates 50% of the battery converter’s power circuitry while increasing its power density to lower the converter’s cost per watt.
- **Direct-to-Battery®** – Ampt String Optimizers include Direct-to-Battery technology which allows them to connect directly to the battery and follow its state-of-charge voltage while delivering full power from the PV array. The optimizer, battery, and battery inverter share the same DC bus without using battery converters.
- **High DC/AC** – This Ampt feature allows PV system designers to achieve optimal DC:AC ratios; expand the DC power on existing systems without replacing inverters, combiners, or cables; optimize inverter utilization; and increase storage durations – all at a lower capex.

- **Full Tracker Fit** – Ampt optimizers overcome string-voltage sizing constraints to fit more modules on a tracker than systems without Ampt. Increasing the number of modules per tracker allows system designers to fully use the tracker's mechanical capacity and lower tracker cost per watt.
- **Wireless Communication** – Ampt String Optimizers incorporate wireless communication to provide optional string-level data that is highly accurate, synchronous, and scalable to improve O&M, as well as enhanced controls for storage applications.

For more information on Ampt's product features and applications, visit [www.ampt.com](http://www.ampt.com).

## Dimensional Drawings

The dimensions for the String Optimizer shown below are in millimeters and inches.

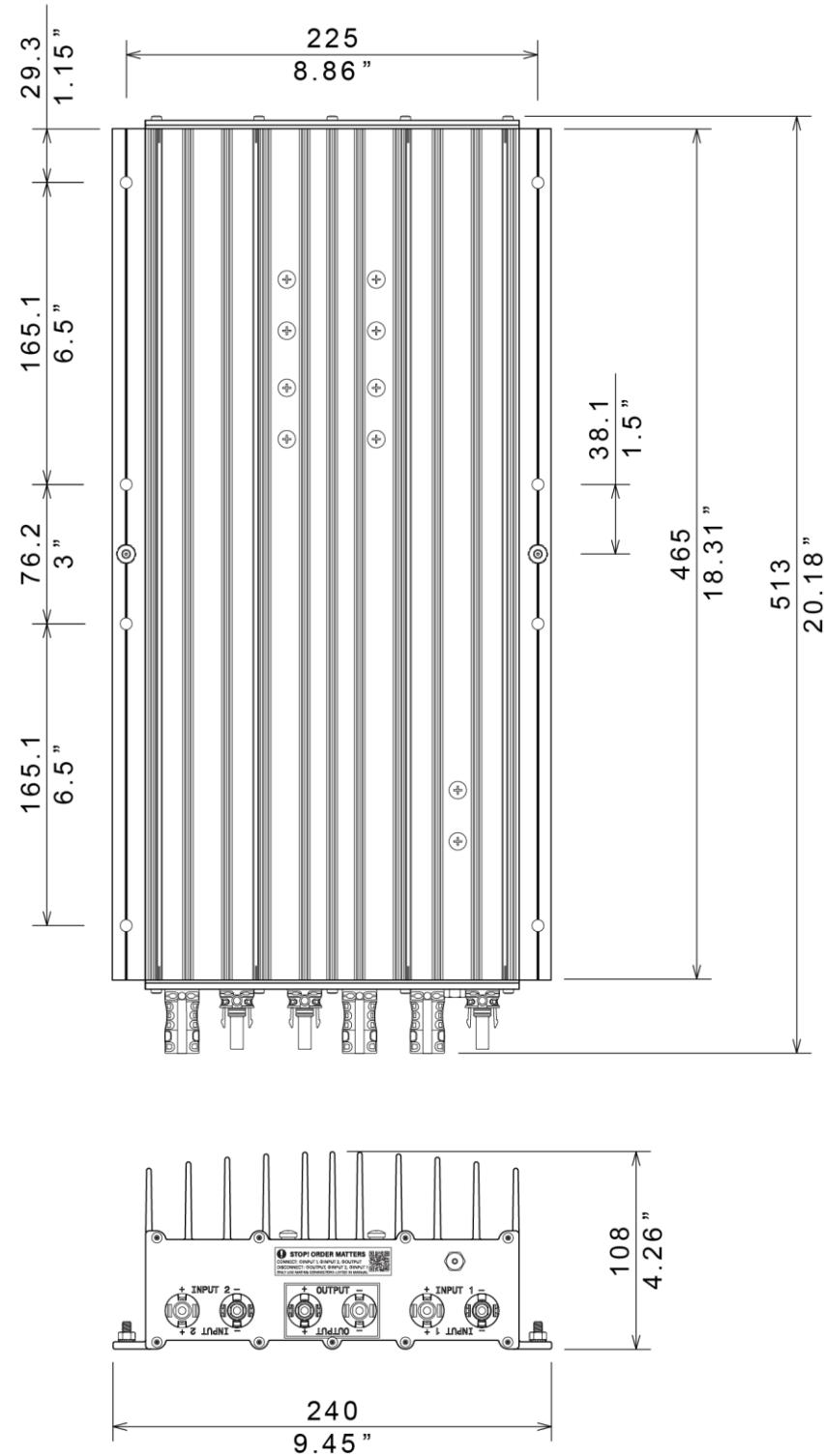


Figure 1: Dimensional drawings

## Physical Overview

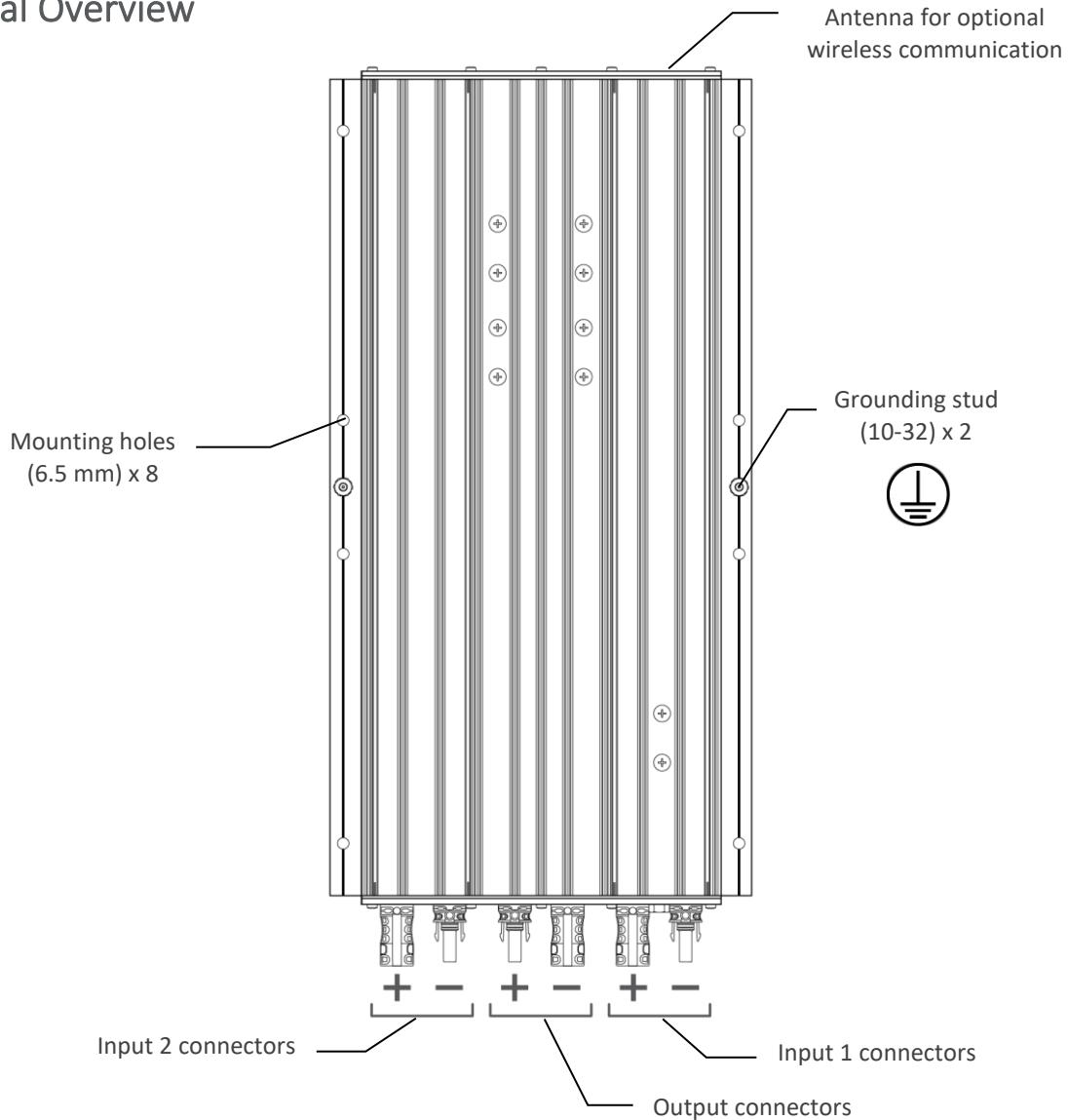


Figure 2: Physical overview of the string optimizer

## Bar Code Label

The image below shows the bar code label with model and serial numbers. Do NOT remove this label. Removing any label from the optimizer voids warranty.

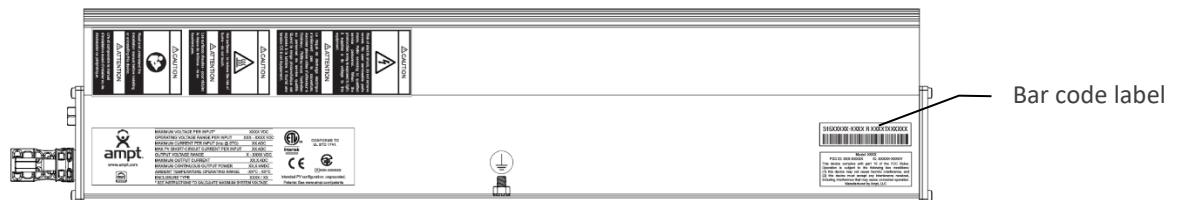


Figure 3: Bar code label with the model and serial numbers

## Specifications

The following specifications apply to all i50 String Optimizers. Electrical specifications vary by model and can be found on the optimizer product label and/or datasheet.

Mechanical	
Input & output connector	Stäubli MC4-Evo 2
Dimensions	20.18" x 9.45" x 4.26" (513 mm x 240 mm x 108 mm)
Weight	22.6 lbs. (10.25 kg)
Ambient temperature operating range	-40 °F to +131 °F (-40 °C to +55 °C)
Cooling	Convection
Environmental	
Environmental category	Outdoor
Pollution degree	2
Maximum operating altitude	9843 ft (3000 m)
Overvoltage category	OVII
Ingress protection	IP66 / 4X
General	
Compliance	ETL to UL 1741; IEC 61000-6-1, 61000-6-3, 62109; CE; Giteki 2-1-19; FCC Part 15, class A

# Chapter 2:

## Understanding Electrical Configurations

This chapter explains the installation requirements and considerations that ensure proper operation of the String Optimizer.

### NOTICE

The inputs of the optimizer are not intended for connection to a battery or any other type of DC source except PV modules.

### PV Array Configurations

String Optimizers can be installed in ungrounded and resistively grounded PV systems.

#### Ungrounded PV Arrays

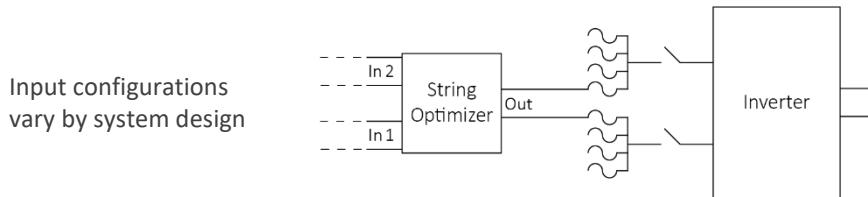


Figure 4: Electrical connections for an ungrounded PV array

#### Grounded PV Arrays (positive or negative)

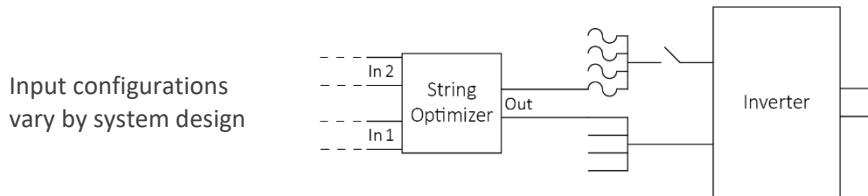


Figure 5: Electrical connections for a grounded PV array

## Acceptable Input Configurations

Each input of the optimizer can have multiple PV strings of the same length in parallel. Each PV string in parallel, on a given input, should have the same open-circuit voltage ( $V_{oc\text{-cold}}$ ).

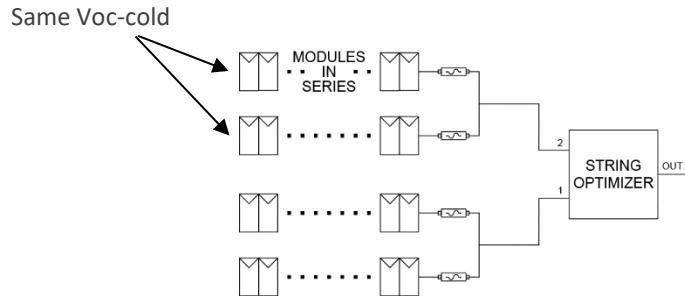


Figure 6: Example - Two strings in parallel on each input

When the number of modules on each input is not the same, the input with the highest power should be connected to Input 1.

## Optimizer Input Requirements

Inputs 1 and 2 of the String Optimizer have the following requirements for the optimizer to operate at maximum power point (MPP). The input configurations of different optimizers within the same PV array can vary so long as they meet the defined criteria.

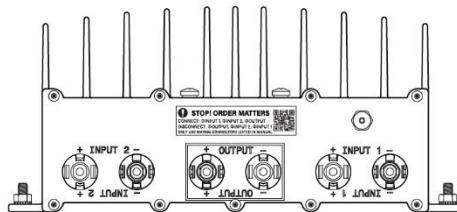


Figure 7: String Optimizer faceplate referencing Input 1, Input 2, and Output connectors

1. The greatest calculated voltage in open circuit on Input 1 (Voc-coldest temperature) must be less than or equal to the optimizer's maximum input voltage per the appropriate datasheet.

$$V_{oc\text{-cold}\text{-in}1} \leq \text{Optimizer's Maximum voltage per input}$$

2. The greatest calculated voltage in open circuit on Input 1 (Voc-coldest temperature calculation) must be less than or equal to the inverter's maximum input voltage.

$$V_{oc\text{-cold}\text{-in}1} \leq \text{Inverter maximum input voltage}$$

3. The smallest calculated voltage in open circuit on each input (Voc-hottest temperature) must be greater than the optimizer's startup voltage per the appropriate datasheet.

$$V_{oc\text{-hot}\text{-in}1} > \text{Optimizer's Startup voltage per input}$$

$$V_{oc\text{-hot}\text{-in}2} > \text{Optimizer's Startup voltage per input}$$

4. The smallest calculated voltage at maximum power on each input (Vmp-hottest temperature) must be at least half of the output voltage of the optimizer (operational voltage of the DC bus).

$$V_{mp\text{-hot}\text{-in}1} > (V_{out} \div 2)^*$$

$$V_{mp\text{-hot}\text{-in}2} > (V_{out} \div 2)^*$$

5. The greatest calculated voltage at maximum power on each input (Vmp-coldest temperature calculation) must be less than the output voltage of the optimizer (operational voltage of the DC bus).

$$V_{mp\text{-cold}\text{-in}1} < V_{out}^*$$

$$V_{mp\text{-cold}\text{-in}2} < V_{out}^*$$

6. The greatest calculated voltage in open circuit on Input 1 (Voc-coldest temperature calculation) must be greater than the greatest calculated voltage in open circuit on Input 2. Always have the higher of the input voltages on Input 1.

$$V_{oc\text{-cold}\text{-in}1} \geq V_{oc\text{-cold}\text{-in}2}$$

7. The rated input power for Input 1 must be greater than or equal to rated power on Input 2 and the rated input power for Input 2 must be at least half the rated power of Input 1. If you have two strings with different power ratings, install the higher power string on Input 1.

$$(P_{in1} \div 2) < P_{in2} \leq P_{in1}$$

\*  $V_{out}$  = voltage at the output of the optimizer, which includes the voltage set by the inverter (or battery converter) plus line losses.

## Fuses

### CAUTION

Over-current protection devices and conductors shall be sized in accordance with the National Electrical Code (ANSI/NFPA 70); Canadian Electrical Code, Part I; or the applicable standards, codes, and regulations for your region.

### Understanding Maximum Output Current and Fuse Sizing

The recommended PV system design ensures that the DC bus voltage, which is set by the inverter, is always greater than the optimizer input voltages. For these systems, the maximum output current will be the *Maximum output current* listed on the optimizer's datasheet.

This design allows the output current limit of the Ampt String Optimizer to eliminate the need for the 1.25 multiplication factor for over-sun conditions when calculating ampacity. The 1.25 multiplier for continuous use is still required.

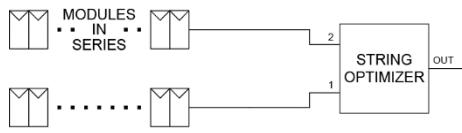
Optimizer Maximum Output Current (A)	Minimum Standard Fuse Size (A)
32	40
36	45
40	50
44	55
48	60
50	65

For other system designs where the DC bus voltage can be less than the voltage on either optimizer input, the potential maximum output current will either be the *Maximum output current* listed on the optimizer's datasheet or the maximum input current – whichever is greater. If the maximum output current is the one listed on the optimizer datasheet, use the table above. Otherwise, use your standard fuse sizing method including margins for both over-sun and continuous use.

### Input Fuses

For single PV strings on an optimizer input, an input fuse may be required to protect the modules in the event of an array fault when the maximum series fuse rating for the PV modules is less than the output fuse rating. For parallel PV strings on an optimizer input, always use fuses to protect the PV modules.

Fuses may be required on single string inputs



Fuses are required on parallel strings to protect PV modules

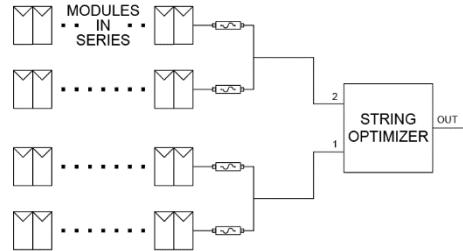


Figure 8: Single PV strings may, and parallel PV strings must, have input fuses to protect the PV modules.

When input fuses are needed, use the appropriate calculations for your jurisdiction to size fuses to ensure that your module strings are protected according to the maximum series fuse rating on the datasheet for the PV modules.

## Two-in-Portrait Wiring

To maximize bi-facial gains or to mitigate shading between fixed-tilt racking or trackers, keep all PV modules connected to a given optimizer input within the same row.

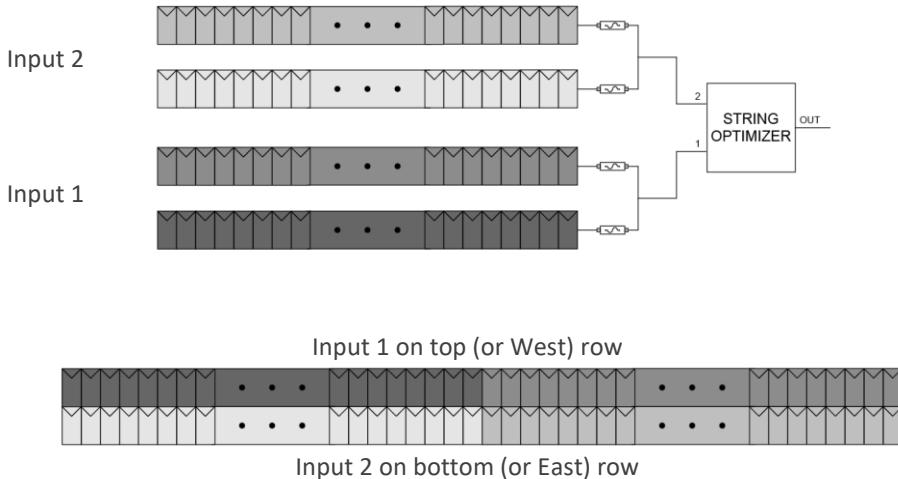


Figure 9: Keep all modules on a given optimizer input within the same row to maximize production

## DC-coupled Storage

When used in DC-coupled storage applications, the optimizer does not function as a blocking diode.

# Chapter 3: Installing the String Optimizer

## Getting Started

This chapter addresses the proper mounting and installation of the Ampt String Optimizer. Read the entire chapter before starting the procedures and then conduct each task in the order given.

## Parts and Tools Needed

- The mounting hardware varies by the type of PV module mounting rail
- Appropriately rated voltmeter and DC current clamp
- Stäubli MC4-Evo 2 crimping pliers with the appropriate crimp range
- Stäubli sealing caps for MC4-Evo 2 connectors. Stäubli p/n: 32.0716 and 32.0717

# Mounting and Grounding the String Optimizer

## Mounting Considerations

- Do NOT mount optimizers with connectors facing upwards.
- Leave space between mounted optimizers to allow for air circulation and cooling.
- Ensure sufficient spacing so that maintenance personnel can read the optimizer faceplate, safety icons, serial number, model number, and bar code label.
- Keep optimizer free from pooling water.
- Do NOT mount optimizers directly to a solar module frame.
- Do NOT drill into optimizer frame to expand mounting holes.
- Secure the optimizer by using at least two of the 6.5 mm mounting holes.
- If using wireless communication:
  - Optimizers have an antenna on the opposite side of the connectors. Keep the antenna clear from obstructions - including cables, mounting hardware, and PV modules, to allow radio waves to and from the Ampt Communication Unit (CU).
  - Line of sight from the optimizer to the Ampt CU is recommended.
  - See the [Ampt CU manual](#) for more information.
- When possible, mount optimizer in a location protected from the elements.
- Leave connector sealing caps in place until the optimizers are ready to be connected to the PV string.

## Warning, Caution, and Notice Statements

### **WARNING**

Read the warning statements below:

Installation and maintenance should be performed only by qualified persons. Installers and maintenance personnel assume the risk of all injury that might occur during installation or maintenance including, without limitation, the risk of electric shock. Follow your safety procedures and protocols.

All electrical installations must be done in accordance with the local and National Electrical Code ANSI/NFPA 70; Canadian Electrical Code, Part I; or the applicable standards, codes, and regulations for your region.

The Ampt optimizer is to be installed so that it is not expected to be contacted by persons.

### **CAUTION**

Keep connectors dry and clean. Do not install Ampt String Optimizers in a location where they might be immersed in water.

## NOTICE

Read the notice statements below:

Leave the product in its original packing box until you are ready to install.

Leave connector sealing caps in place until the optimizers are ready to be connected to the PV string. The plugs protect the optimizer from water and debris ingress.

Do NOT lift, carry, or otherwise handle the optimizers by their connectors.

Do NOT transport optimizers that are removed from packaging. If the original packaging is no longer available, use a similar box to protect the connectors and heat sink fins.

## Steps

1. Read all warning, caution, and notice statements for this section.
2. Mount the String Optimizer following the [Mounting Considerations](#) section.
3. Ground the String Optimizer according to your local codes. Use one of the two grounding studs provided on the optimizer, a listed bonding washer, or another method as required. Optimizer coating is 4 mil (0.1 mm)
4. Verify that the optimizer is adequately grounded using continuity tester.

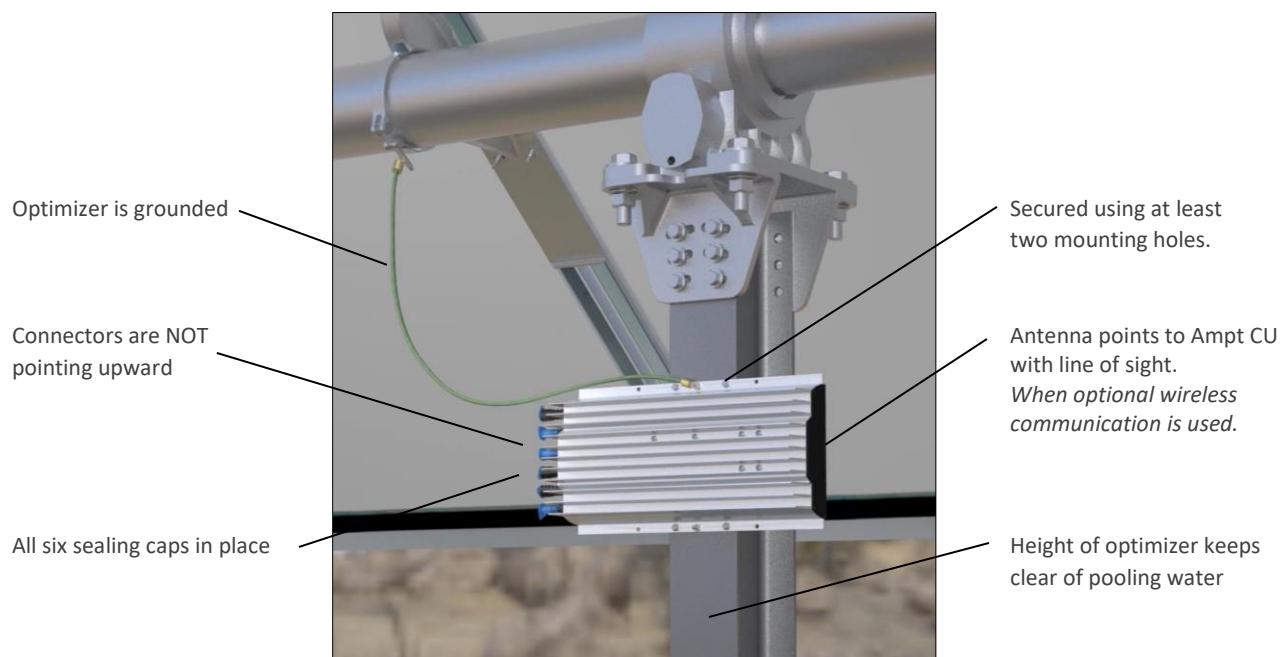


Figure 10: Example of optimizer mounted and grounded.

## Understanding Connector Polarity

Always use the polarity markings on the faceplate instead of any polarity markings on the connectors.

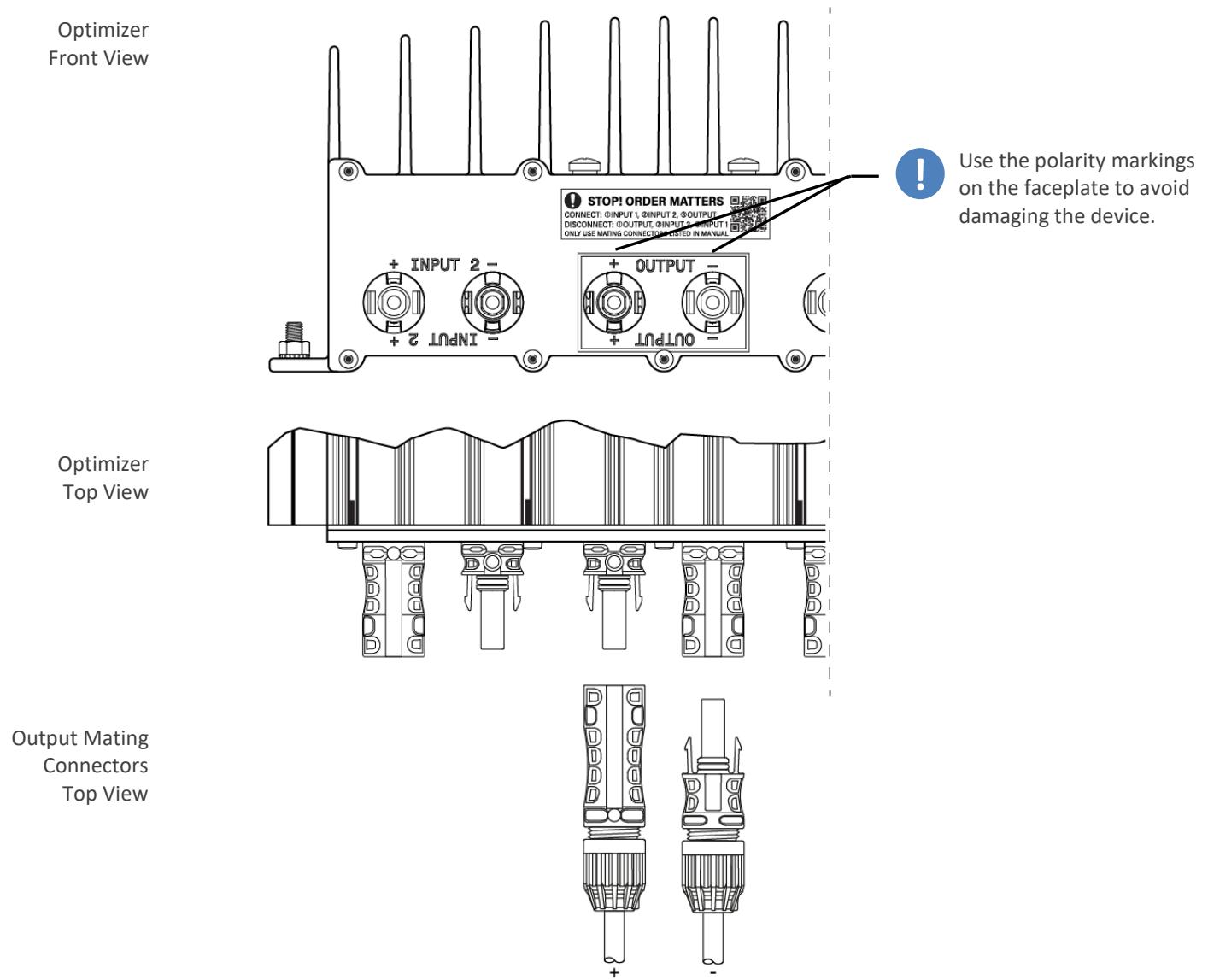


Figure 11: Output connector polarity

# Making Electrical Connections

## Warnings and Cautions

### **WARNING**

Read the warning statements below:

Installation and maintenance should be performed only by qualified persons. Installers and maintenance personnel assume the risk of all injury that might occur during installation or maintenance including, without limitation, the risk of electric shock. Follow your safety procedures and protocols.

Do not make or break connections under load.

Ensure that there are no parallel connections to the string while series connections are being made.

Voltage may be present on the output terminals when an input terminal is connected.

Voltage builds as modules are connected in series.

### **CAUTION**

Read the caution statements below:

To reduce the risk of fire, connect the outputs of the Ampt equipment only to conductors with sufficient ampacity based on the maximum output fault current (maximum optimizer output current) for the chosen optimizer. Over-current protection devices and conductors shall be sized in accordance with the National Electrical Code (ANSI/NFPA 70); Canadian Electrical Code, Part I; or the applicable standards, codes, and regulations for your region.

Over current protection is required for the DC output circuit in the installation.

Ampt recommends that a disconnect switch be included in the installation for the DC output.

Do not put stress on the optimizer connectors at any time. The cable management method must prevent tension on each connector and movement of the connecting wires at all times. Tracker installations must avoid tension on the connectors throughout its rotation.

### **NOTICE**

Read the notice statements below:

Failure to follow these instructions will void warranty.

Failure to follow the prescribed connection and disconnection order can result in damage to the device.

Follow these instructions to avoid damaging the device. Follow polarity markings on the optimizer faceplate. Do not crosswire inputs or output.

Use only MC4-Evo 2 mating connectors or connectors manufactured by Stäubli that are recognized as being part of the MC connector family with the appropriate rating.

Per Canadian Electrical Code, the installer is required to mark the device with the following wording or equivalent, located on or adjacent to each wiring compartment giving access to high voltage circuits, only if actually connected to high voltage in the installation:

DANGER — HIGH VOLTAGE  
or  
DANGER XXXX V  
where XXXX is replaced by the rated voltage.

### Connection/Disconnection Order Matters

The following label on the optimizer faceplate serves as a field reference to ensure proper connection/disconnection order to avoid damaging the device. It is not meant to replace the instructions that follow.

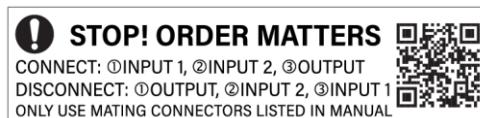


Figure 12: Connection order label on the optimizer faceplate

### Connecting the Inputs

1. Read all warning, caution, and notice statements for this section.
2. Make sure that the unit is properly mounted and grounded.
3. Make sure the strings of PV modules that will be connected to the inputs of the optimizer meet the acceptable input criteria, fusing, and other requirements outlined in Chapter 2.
4. For optimizer inputs with strings in parallel
  - a. Follow your safety procedures and protocols to prepare each set of PV strings for each optimizer input.
    - i. Connect the PV modules in series for each string.
    - ii. Use an appropriately rated multimeter to verify the voltage and polarity of each PV string before connecting in parallel.

- Follow your safety procedures and protocols and use an appropriately rated multimeter to measure the voltage and verify the polarity for the string(s) of modules being connected to Input 1.

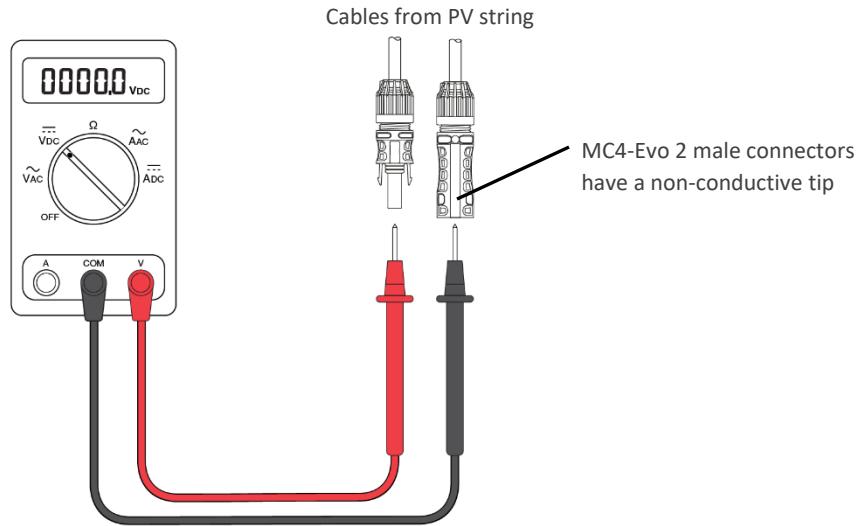


Figure 13: Check the polarity and gender for PV string

- Connect the series of modules for Input 1 to the String Optimizer. Ensure that the locking mechanisms on the connectors are fully engaged.

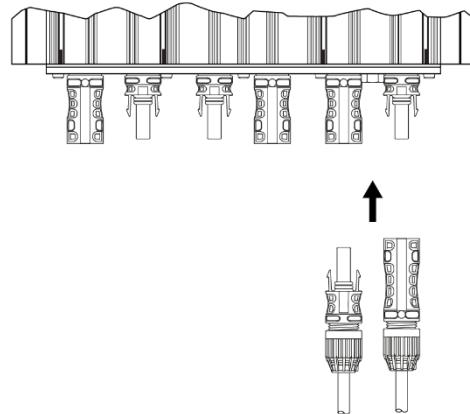


Figure 14: Connecting Input 1

- Follow your safety procedures and protocols and use an appropriately rated multimeter to measure the voltage and verify the polarity for the string(s) of modules being connected to Input 2. See [Figure 13](#).

8. Connect the series of modules for Input 2 to the String Optimizer. Ensure that the locking mechanisms on the connectors are fully engaged.

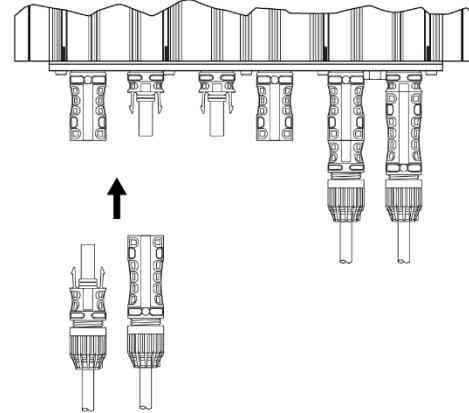


Figure 15: Connecting Input 2

9. Follow your safety procedures and protocols to measure the output voltage of the String Optimizer. It should be equal to the maximum value of the Output Voltage Range on the product label (+/- 1.5%). If it is not, replace the unit.

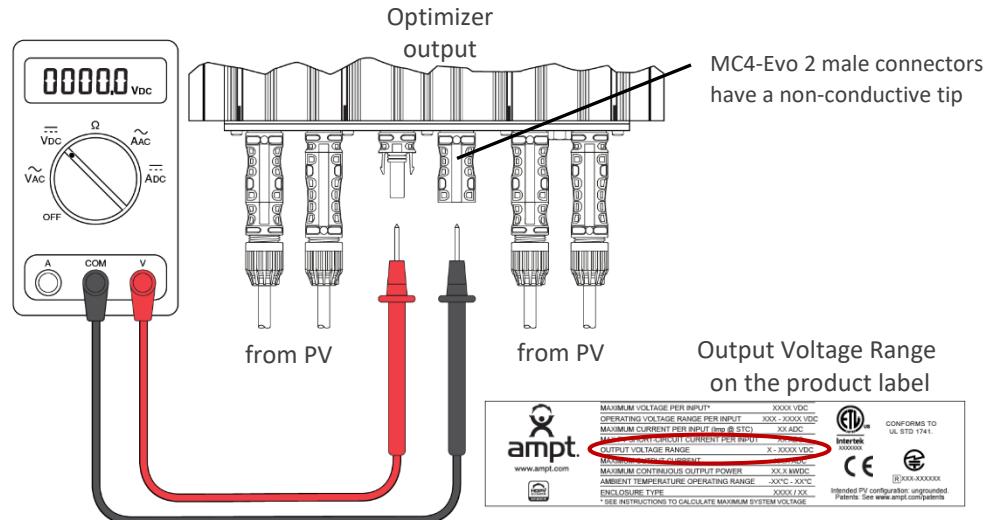
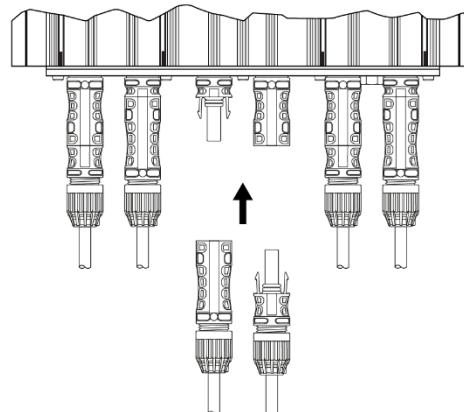


Figure 16: Verify proper installation

10. If you are connecting the output now, then proceed to the next section. Otherwise, use connector sealing caps to protect the connectors until the output is connected.

## Connecting the Output

1. Read all warning, caution, and notice statements for this section.
2. Make sure you have completed all the steps in the *Connecting the Inputs* section.
3. Follow your safety procedures and protocols to ensure the output cables are appropriately terminated and not under load.
4. If the output cable is already energized (not isolated), verify that the optimizer output voltage and output cable share the same potential and polarity.
5. Connect the output cables to the OUTPUT connectors of the String Optimizer.



Use the polarity markings on the optimizer faceplate to avoid damaging the unit.

Figure 17: Connecting the output connectors

6. Ensure that the locking mechanisms on all connectors are fully engaged.
7. Manage wires to prevent lateral strain on connectors and avoid movement of the connecting wires at all times. Pay special attention when in-line fuses are used and/or when mounted on a tracker.

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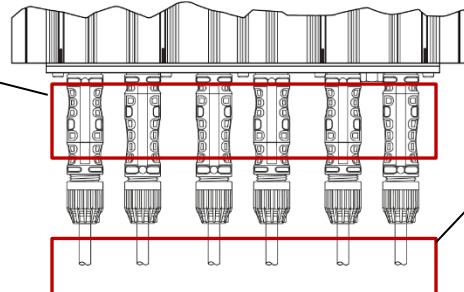


Figure 18: Verify that the connectors are fully engaged and manage cables to prevent tension on the connectors

## Verifying Proper Installation

Once installed, verify that the following conditions are met.

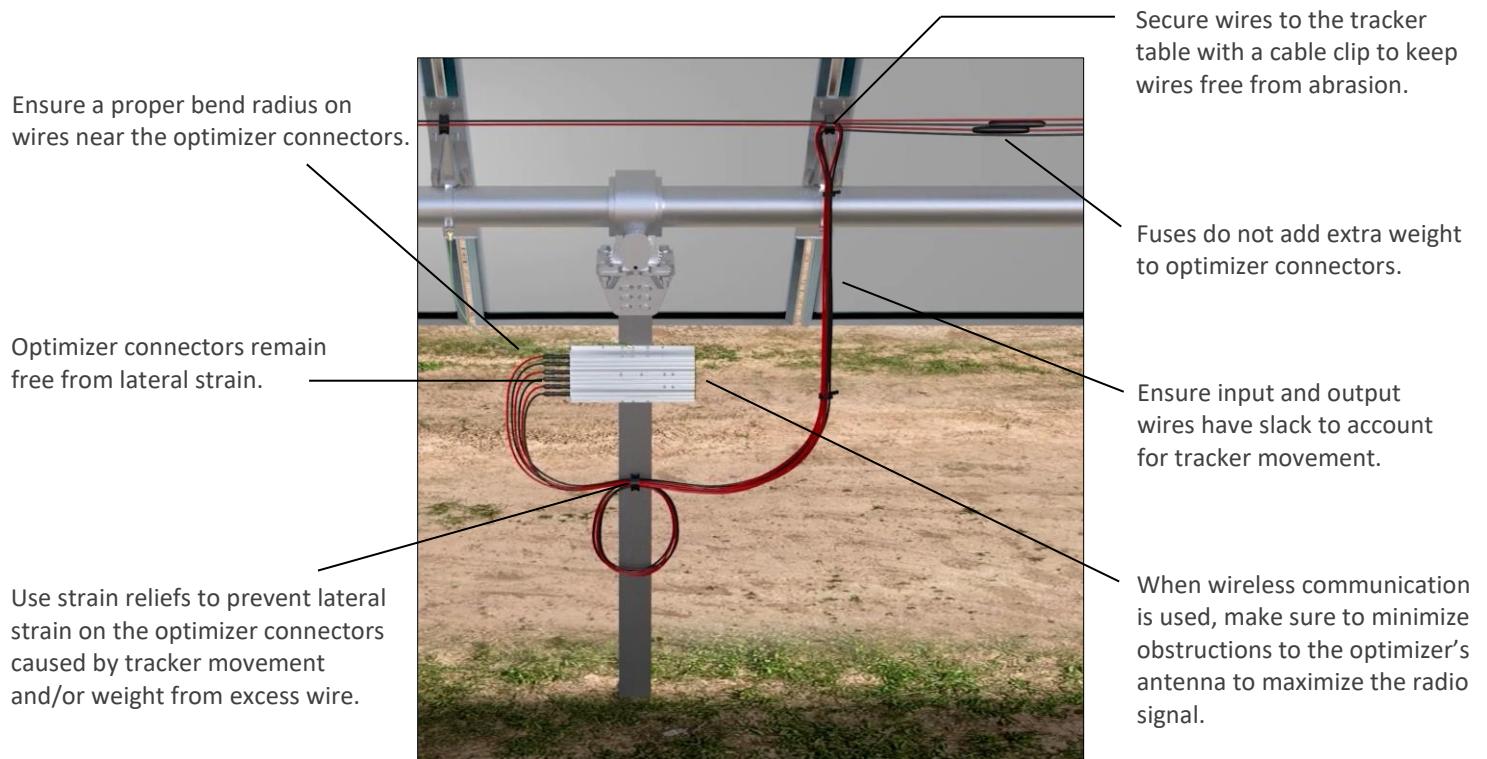


Figure 19: Verifying proper installation

## Disconnecting the Output and Inputs

### **⚠️ WARNING**

Read the warning statements below:

Installation and maintenance should be performed only by qualified persons. Installers and maintenance personnel assume the risk of all injury that might occur during installation or maintenance including, without limitation, the risk of electric shock. Follow your safety procedures and protocols.

Do not perform any servicing other than that specified in these instructions.

Do not make or break connections under load.

Voltage may be present on the output terminals when an input terminal is connected.

### **⚠️ CAUTION**

Read the caution statements below:

The Ampt product contains no user-serviceable parts. All repairs and maintenance should be handled in accordance with the instructions and terms contained in the product warranty.

The surface of the optimizer may be hot.

### ***NOTICE***

Read the notice statements below:

Failure to follow these instructions will void warranty.

Failure to follow the prescribed order can result in damage to the device.

## Parts and Tools Needed

- Stäubli unlocking tool for MC4-Evo 2 connectors. Stäubli p/n: 32.6066 or 32.6058
- Stäubli sealing caps for MC4-Evo 2 connectors. Stäubli p/n: 32.0716 and 32.0717
- Appropriately rated voltmeter and DC current clamp



Stäubli unlocking tool for MC4-Evo 2 connectors



Stäubli sealing caps for MC4-Evo 2 connectors

## Steps

1. Read all warning, caution, and notice statements for this section.
2. Follow your safety procedures and protocols to ensure the String Optimizer is not under load.
3. Follow your safety procedures and protocols to verify that there is zero current flowing through the optimizer circuit by using a current clamp to test each wire connected to Input 1, Input 2, and the output.
  - a. If current is detected on any of these cables, wait for zero irradiance and verify that there is zero current flowing through the optimizer circuit.

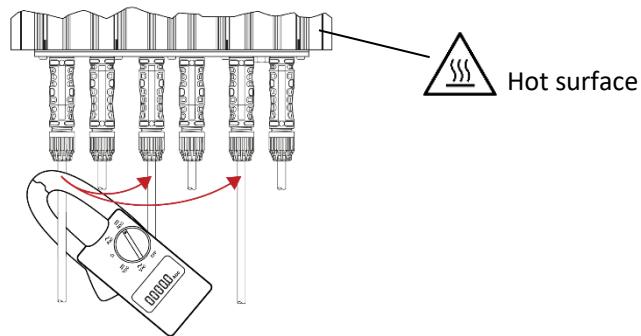


Figure 20: Verify that there is zero current flowing through the optimizer circuit

4. If no current is detected, then use the Stäubli unlocking tool for MC4-Evo 2 connectors to disconnect in the following order:

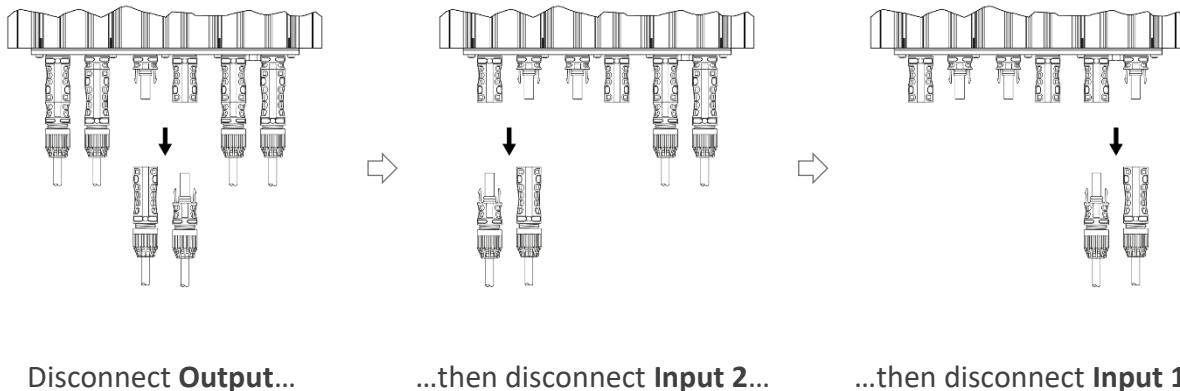


Figure 21: Disconnection order matters

5. If the PV cables will not be immediately reconnected, use connector sealing caps on the optimizer connectors to protect the unit from water and debris ingress.

# Appendix

## Compliance

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The box is not meant to be user serviced or opened in any way.

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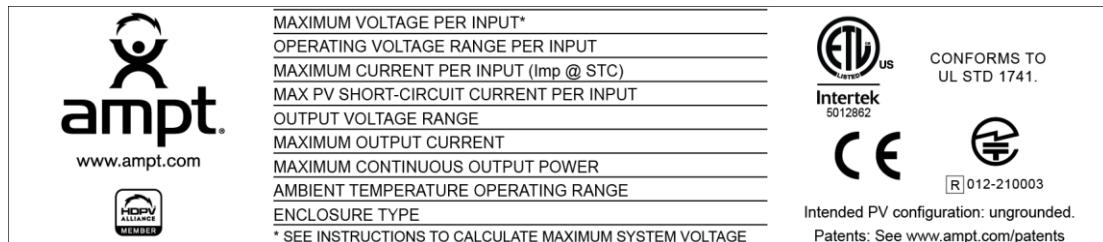
## Model Numbering System

The model numbers for Ampt String Optimizers are in the following format:

- 31570040-xxxx (50A models, ranging from 400 – 1500V)
- 31570041-xxxx (48A models, ranging from 400 – 1500V)
- 31570042-xxxx (44A models, ranging from 400 – 1500V)
- 31570043-xxxx (40A models, ranging from 400 – 1500V)
- 31570044-xxxx (36A models, ranging from 400 – 1500V)
- 31570045-xxxx (32A models, ranging from 400 – 1500V)

...where xxxx equals voltage of the unit (e.g., -0750 is a V750; -1325 is V1325).

## Markings



## FCC Compliance

This device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This equipment complies with radiation exposure limits set forth for uncontrolled environment and must be installed to provide a separation distance of at least 20 cm from all persons.

**IMPORTANT!** Changes or modifications not expressly approved by Ampt LLC could void the user's authority to operate the equipment.

Model: I50

FCC ID: X3R-I50

IC: 8399A-I50

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## RSS-GEN

This device contains license-exempt transmitter(s)/receiver(s) that comply with Innovation, Science and Economic Development Canada's license-exempt RSS(s). Operation is subject to the following two conditions:

1. This device may not cause interference.
2. This device must accept any interference, including interference that may cause undesired operation of the device.

## Avis IC

Cet appareil est conforme à la partie 15 des règles de la FCC. Son fonctionnement est soumis aux deux conditions suivantes: (1) Ce dispositif ne peut causer des interférences nuisibles, et (2) cet appareil doit accepter toute interférence reçue, y compris les interférences qui peuvent provoquer un fonctionnement indésirable.

Cet équipement est conforme aux limites d'exposition aux rayonnements établies pour un environnement non contrôlé et doit être installé pour fournir une distance de séparation d'au moins 20 cm de toutes les personnes.

**IMPORTANT!** Les changements ou modifications non expressément approuvés par Ampt LLC pourraient annuler l'autorité de l'utilisateur à utiliser l'équipement.

Model: I50  
FCC ID: X3R-I50  
IC: 8399A-I50

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## RSS-GEN

L'émetteur/récepteur exempt de licence contenu dans le présent appareil est conforme aux CNR d'Innovation, Sciences et Développement économique Canada applicables aux appareils radio exempts de licence. L'exploitation est autorisée aux deux conditions suivantes:

1. L'appareil ne doit pas produire de brouillage.
2. L'appareil doit accepter tout brouillage radioélectrique subi, même si le brouillage est susceptible d'en compromettre le fonctionnement.



## Handling and Storage Best Practices

- Store optimizers in a clean, dry area that is protected from weather exposure and pooling water (-30 to 80°C. Relative humidity < 80%).
- Leave the product in its original packing box until you are ready to install.
- Do NOT stack pallets.
- Do NOT lift, carry, or otherwise handle the optimizers by their connectors.
- Leave connector caps in place until the optimizers are ready to be connected to protect the optimizer from water and debris ingress.
- Do NOT transport optimizers that are removed from original packaging. If the original packaging is no longer available, use a similar box to protect the connectors and heat sink fins.

## Mounting Best Practices

- Ground the String Optimizer according to your local codes.
- Verify that the optimizer is adequately grounded using continuity tester.
- Do NOT mount optimizers with connectors facing upwards.
- Leave space between mounted optimizers to allow for air circulation and cooling.
- Ensure sufficient spacing so that maintenance personnel can read the optimizer faceplate, safety icons, serial number, model number, and bar code label.
- Keep optimizer free from pooling water.
- Do NOT mount optimizers directly to a solar module frame.
- Do NOT drill into optimizer frame to expand mounting holes.
- Secure the optimizer by using at least two of the 6.5 mm mounting holes.
- When possible, mount optimizer in a location protected from the elements.
- If using wireless communication, keep the antenna (located on the opposite side of the connectors) clear from obstructions. Line of sight from the optimizer to the Ampt Communication Unit (CU) is recommended. See Ampt CU manual for more information.
- Leave connector sealing caps in place until the optimizers are ready to be connected to the PV string.

## Electrical Connections Best Practices

- Use only MC4-Evo 2 mating connectors or connectors manufactured by Stäubli that are recognized as being part of the MC connector family with the appropriate rating.
- Only use Stäubli MC4-Evo 2 crimping pliers with the appropriate crimp range on cabling and connectors.
- If an optimizer input has two or more PV strings in parallel, make parallel connections before connecting to the optimizer input.
- Do NOT cause lateral strain on the optimizer bulkhead connectors. Make sure there is enough slack on the input and output wires to avoid strain. If installed on a tracker system, keep wires free from abrasion and leave enough slack in the wires to account for tracker movement.
- Test voltage and polarity of input strings and optimizer output before connecting.
- Ensure there are no ground faults on input strings.
- Do NOT operate optimizer with only one input.
- Connect in the following order: Input 1, Input 2, Output.
- If the output cable is already energized (not isolated), verify that the optimizer output voltage and output cable share the same potential and polarity.
- Configure inverter settings appropriately according to the project design.
- Do NOT disconnect under load.
- Always use a current clamp to ensure there is no current present before disconnecting outputs/inputs.
- Disconnect in reverse order (Output, Input 2, Input 1) using the Stäubli unlocking tool for MC4-Evo 2 connectors. Stäubli p/n: 32.6066 or 32.6058

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