**Solar Recombiner, Array Fuse, Disconnect Box**  
*CRB, CAFB, CDB*  
Installation & Maintenance Information

### IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTION

**SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS** - This manual contains important instructions for Solar Recombiner Box that shall be followed during installation and maintenance for the CRB Series.

**WARNING**  
**AVERTISSEMENT**

To avoid fire or electric shock, verify all electrical connections to specified torque requirements before installation (See Table 1).  
Pour éviter les risques d’incendie ou de choc électrique, vérifiez toutes les connexions électriques à couples spécifiques lors de l’installation (Voir Table 1).

**WARNING**  
**AVERTISSEMENT**

To avoid fire or electric shock, do not connect or disconnect wires to the combiner box when current from the modules or an external source is present. PV modules produce direct current (DC) when the module is under load. Direct current will arc across gaps and may cause injury or death if improper connection or disconnection is made.  
Pour éviter les risques d’incendie ou de choc électrique, ne pas connecter ou déconnecter les fils de la boîte de combinaison lorsque le courant des modules ou une source externe est présent. Modules PV produisent du courant continu (DC) lorsque le module est en charge. Le courant continu sera arc à travers les lacunes et peut causer des blessures ou la mort si mauvaise connexion ou de déconnexion.

**WARNING**  
**AVERTISSEMENT**

To avoid fire or electric shock, this product should be installed, inspected, and maintained by a qualified electrician only, in accordance with all electrical codes.  
Pour éviter les risques d’incendie ou de choc électrique, ce produit doit être installé, inspecté et entretenu par un électricien qualifié, conformément aux codes électriques.

### 1.0 OVERVIEW
Cover all modules in the PV array with dark, opaque material before making electrical connections to the combiner box or an approved disconnecting / de-energizing means from the panels. All U.S. installations must be performed in compliance with the National Electrical Code (NEC), ANSI/NFPA 70 and applicable local codes. Cooper Crouse-Hinds Recombiner Boxes comply with the National Electrical Code.

**WARNING**  
**AVERTISSEMENT**

To avoid fire or electric shock, remove all metallic jewelry prior to installing this product. Reducing the chance of accidental exposure to live circuits.  
Pour éviter tout risque de choc électrique, enlevez tout bijou métallique avant d’installer ce produit afin de réduire les risques d’exposition accidentelle à des circuits.

All Canadian installations (600V systems only) shall conform to Canadian Electrical Code Part I CSA 22.2 No. 107. 1. Installation should be performed only by authorized personnel. The combiner boxes comply with UL1741 safety listing for continuous rated current operation at range of -40°C to 50°C.

### 2.0 INTRODUCTION  
**PLEASE SAVE THESE INSTRUCTIONS**

This manual provides important instructions for the Cooper Crouse-Hinds (CCH) Recombiner Boxes and shall be followed during installation and maintenance. The CCH Recombiner Boxes are designed and tested to stringent safety requirements. However, as with all electrical equipment, specific safety practices must be followed. To reduce the risk of injury, carefully read this instruction booklet in its entirety before installing, wiring, or using this product in any way.

### 2.1. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The installation techniques, handling and use of this product are beyond company control. Therefore, Cooper Crouse-Hinds does not assume responsibility for loss, damage or expense resulting from improper installation, handling or use of this product.

### 2.2. LISTING INFORMATION

This product meets or exceeds the requirements set forth by Underwriters Laboratories for components used with PV Modules. This UL Standard is UL1741 for accessories used with inverters.

### 2.3. LIMITED WARRANTY

Recombiner box limited warranties are for 1 year for materials and workmanship.

### 3.0 IMPORTANT SAFETY INSTRUCTIONS

There are no user-serviceable parts in this enclosure, other than the fuses. Do not alter any portion of this product; otherwise, the warranty will be invalidated. Storage temperature: -60°C to +85°C

### 4.0 ELECTRICAL CHARACTERISTICS

The combiner box electrical ratings are indicated on Table 1.

### 5.0 RECOMBINER BOX MOUNTING

**WARNING**  
**AVERTISSEMENT**

To avoid personal injury, use approved mounting or anchoring.  
Pour éviter dommages corporels, utiliser de montage et d’ancrage approuvées.

**VENTILATION CONSIDERATION**

Maintain a minimum clearance of 1” on all 4 sides of the enclosure.

Holes in the back plate are not recommended and shall void the product warranty. Place in desired location on a sturdy frame and use the appropriate hardware to mount the combiner box.

The steel combiner box may be mounted vertically (door opens out) only. The fiberglass combiner box may be mounted both horizontally and vertically. Place the box in areas out of continuous water flow and extreme temperature. Nema 4X rated breather/drain is recommended for horizontal applications and climates prone to condensation. Desiccant can be added for corrosion inhibiting.

### 6.0 CONDUIT ROUTING

#### 6.1. CONDUIT HOLES

Please refer to Figure 1 for conduit entry areas on the enclosure for all models. Cut conduit holes in the desired location. The preferred method is the use of a Greenlee® cutter of the appropriate size. The punch of the cutter should be placed on the inside of the enclosure and drawn to the outside. Remove all shavings and debris from enclosure.
6.2. CONNECTOR TYPE
The use of UL514B or equivalent conduit fittings is required to maintain the environmental rating of the enclosure. Refer to the NEC for proper wire fill of conduit connections. Installation of fittings must comply with UL50 for USA installations and CSA C22.2 No. 94 for Canadian installations to maintain rating of the enclosure. See Figure 2 for suitable connectors. For use with rigid/IMC conduit use of Cooper Crouse-Hinds Myers™ conduit hub is recommended. For non-metallic liquidtight conduit, Cooper Crouse-Hinds LT-NM series connector is recommended. For polymeric enclosures, the hub is to be connected to the conduit before the enclosure. In lieu of a factory supplied output lug, a compression lug, to be supplied and installed in the field, may be used. Consult NEC for torque requirements. For use with USE-2 and PV cable, Cooper Crouse-Hinds NCGS series solar cord grips are recommended.

6.3 INSTALL CONNECTOR

6.3.1 METALLIC CONDUIT
Place Myers hub through hole as shown in Figure 3 with the o-ring on the outside of the enclosure. Screw on and tighten the locknut. Next screw on the grounding bushing, rotate to desired location and tighten set screws. If ground hub configuration is used, terminate ground wire to ground screw on locknut. If standard configuration is used screw on grounding bushing (Cooper Crouse-Hinds HGLL series recommended). Rotate to desired location, tighten set screw and terminate ground wire to ground lug.

6.3.2 NON-METALLIC LT CONDUIT
Place connector through hole as shown in Figure 3 with the o-ring on the outside of the enclosure. Screw on and tighten the locknut. Screw insulated or plastic bushing onto connector threads to protect conductors from damage. Grounding bushings are not used with non-metallic conduit.

6.3.3 PVC CONDUIT
Place Cooper Crouse-Hinds male adapter connector (MA-NM series recommended) through hole. Secure with steel locknut (Cooper Crouse-Hinds 11, 12 etc. - order separately). Grounding bushings are not used with PVC conduit.

7.0 BUS BAR
If bus bar construction is used, all bolted connections should be torqued periodically to ensure adequate connection. See Section 16.0 Maintenance.

8.0 DISCONNECT SWITCH (OPTION)
If no Integral Disconnect Switch is provided one must be utilized in the PV system at time of installation and any conductor not opened through disconnect switch must be grounded during installation. All disconnects to be turned to the OFF position and locked out prior to servicing.

9.0 SURGE PROTECTION (OPTION)
Only replace with approved surge protection module. Cooper Crouse-Hinds recommends the use of Cooper Bussmann fast-acting PV series surge protection. The Surge-Trap PV provides advanced overvoltage protection to photovoltaic systems, which does not require additional over-current protection due its high short circuit withstand.

10.0 GROUNDING
A ground bar has been provided for the convenience of combining several grounds into one larger ground wire. Please refer to NEC Article 690 on grounding PV arrays for specific requirements. Any conductors not wired through disconnect must be grounded upstream.
11.0 FUSE SELECTION

**WARNING**

To prevent damage to your photovoltaic system and equipment, the CRB Series Solar Reconnector Box and CAFB Array Fuse Box must have fuses installed into each fuse holder in order to operate properly. Cooper Crouse-Hinds recommends use of Cooper Bussmann R Series PV Series fuses.

**AVERTISSEMENT**

Afin de prévenir les dommages à votre système photovoltaïque et de l'équipement, il est recommandé d'installer des fusibles dans chaque support de fusible. Cooper Crouse-Hinds recommande l'utilisation de fusibles Cooper Bussmann série R.

Please consult the module manufacturer and/or rating label to select the appropriate fuse size. Please consult NEC Article 690 for more information. A maximum of a 400 Amp fuse may be used with this product (see Table 1 for electrical properties). Cooper Crouse-Hinds Recombiners are not shipped with fuses unless ordered with fuses.

12.0 DC MONITORING

A 24VDC supply must be provided at time of installation for units with DC monitoring if not supplied by factory. Route positive input conductors through DC monitoring hardware then into input fuse terminals.

13.0 OUTPUT CONDUCTOR SIZING

The reconnector box output design current is determined by: (total PV module Isc x 125%) divided by a temperature correction factor. Select the appropriate temperature correction factor from the NEC. See NEC Articles 310.15 and 690.31 for proper wire sizing.

**WARNING**

To prevent injury, death, or damage to your photovoltaic system, do not install fuses prior to completing Section 15.2.

**AVERTISSEMENT**

Pour éviter toute blessure, décès ou des dommages à votre système photovoltaïque, ne pas installer les fusibles.

**WARNING**

To prevent injury, death, or damage to your photovoltaic system, extreme caution should be taken whenever entering the control cabinet due to energized components. Photovoltaic panels generate power whenever exposed to ANY light. Cover the panel entirely prior to wiring or servicing with an opaque cover. Prior to installation or servicing, switch all disconnects to OFF position and use only insulated tools and proper Personal Protection Equipment. For prévention toute blessure, décès ou des dommages à votre système photovoltaïque, la prudence extrême doit être prise lors de chaque entrée de l’armoire électrique grâce à des composants sous tension.

Les panneaux photovoltaïques produisent de l’énergie à chaque fois exposés à la lumière. Recouvrez le panneau entièrement avant de câbler ou de l’entretien avec un couvercle opaque. Avant l’installation ou l’entretien, mettez tous les déconnectez à la position OFF et utilisez uniquement des outils isolés et le bon équipement de protection individuelle.

14.0 WIRING

- Remove factory lexan protective cover before installation.
- Make ground connections first. This includes source circuit grounds, conduit grounds, and enclosure grounds if using a metallic enclosure.
- Insert positive input conductor from the source circuit to the Touch Safe fuse holder and tighten to torque specifications in Table 1.
- Insert negative input conductor from the source circuit to the negative collector holder and tighten to torque specifications in Table 1.
- Insert positive output wire to the inverter (or other destination) into the positive output terminal and secure to the torque requirements in Table 1.
- Insert negative output wire to the inverter (or other destination) into the negative output terminal and secure to the torque requirements in Table 1.
- Reattach factory lexan protective cover. Make sure all connections are tight, secure and safe.

15.0 CHECK YOUR WORK

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These steps need to be completed with your personal safety in mind. Before installing fuses, complete these simple time-saving checks:

15.1. MEASURE VOLTAGE (VOC)

Check the open circuit positive voltage (Voc) from each individual solar array string to the negative bus bar. Ensure each Voc is the proper polarity and within the intended range. Voc does not vary much with irradiance and temperature conditions.

15.2. CHECK GROUND CURRENTS

Check the DC current from each individual string (fuse holder) to ground. If current is present, locate and repair any ground faults.

15.3. INSERT FUSES

Check that the fuses are the proper rating and type and insert fuses into fuse holders and secure it in the closed position.

15.4. FINAL INSPECTION

Check the DC voltage from the combined output lug to the negative bar. Ensure voltage is the proper polarity and within the desired voltage range.

- Check to ensure that all conduit connections are clean and tight and are properly sealed against environmental concerns.
- Reattach factory lexan protective cover.
- Close and secure the enclosure door.

16.0 MAINTENANCE

**WARNING**

To prevent component damage or electric shock, avoid touching any component or any part of the circuitry while the equipment is operating. Do not place heavy loads on associated system cables or maneuver them in a manner which may expose personnel or equipment to current. Do not connect system cables when the terminals are wet or damp. Do not disconnect cables under load.

Pour éviter des dommages aux composantes ou de choc électrique, évitez de toucher tout composant ou toute partie du circuit tandis que l’équipement est en marche. Ne placez pas de lourdes charges sur les câbles du système associés ou les manoeuvres d’une manière qui peut exposer le personnel ou les équipements actuels. Ne pas brancher les câbles du système lorsque les bornes sont mouillées ou humides. Ne pas déconnecter les câbles sous charge.

Please review this manual fully before beginning work on reconnector boxes. Follow all safety guidelines and warnings. Every 6 months inspect and re-torque all electrical connections per Table 1. Replace desiccant if applicable.

We recommend an Electrical Preventive Maintenance Program as described in the National Fire Protection Association Bulletin NFPA 70B: Recommended Practice for Electrical Equipment Maintenance (www.nfpa.org).
## Standard Design:

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* For fiberglass only, consult factory for additional information

* Dual ratings indicate 600V Rating followed by 1000V Rating

* Consult factory for special output conductor requirements

* CSA for 600Vdc only

### Table 1 - Electrical and Mechanical Ratings

All statements, technical information and recommendations contained herein are based on information and tests we believe to be reliable. The accuracy or completeness thereof are not guaranteed. In accordance with Crouse-Hinds "Terms and Conditions of Sale," and since conditions of use are outside our control, the purchaser should determine the suitability of the product for his intended use and assumes all risk and liability whatsoever in connection herewith.

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