



## News Release

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### **Cooper B-Line Introduces ARISTA™ Monolithic Rooftop Solar Mounting System**

*Flexible mounting system for commercial rooftops reduces installation time and cost, and accommodates virtually any solar PV panel and building need*

**HIGHLAND, IL, February 7, 2011** – Cooper B-Line, a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications, today announces its new versatile ARISTA™ Monolithic Rooftop Mounting System for solar photovoltaic (PV) commercial rooftop applications. The innovative PV mounting system offers users several key advantages including decreased installation labor and cost, high flexibility to support wide-ranging project needs, and the fact that it's building code compliant in both the United States and Canada. The ARISTA Monolithic Mounting System has also received structural validation through a certified third party wind tunnel test.

Cooper B-Line's ARISTA Monolithic Mounting System is designed with limited components and features pre-assembled fittings, yielding significant installation time and labor savings over other PV mounting systems. The ARISTA Mounting System is also compatible with standard strut, fittings and other accessories, making electrical solutions endless. At a 2-3 kW per man hour installation rate, the ARISTA system is easy for one person in the field to install quickly; the need for field adjustment is eliminated, and there are no additional loose pieces required during installation. In addition, the ARISTA system readily adapts to both portrait and landscape mounting and accommodates virtually any PV panel size.

The ballast strip for the ARISTA system is pre-assembled, easy to install, and compatible with many ballast alternatives. Cooper B-Line's unique DURA-BLOK™ supports, which are made from 100 percent recycled rubber, serve as the base for the entire system, evenly distributing the load of the system. The innovative rubber supports do not penetrate the roof, helping to reduce potential wear to the roof. Users of the ARISTA system also have the option of a positively tied mounting system.

“The need for renewable energy is expanding, and we are confident the ARISTA Monolithic Mounting System will exceed customers’ PV panel mounting requirements while also providing the unparalleled benefits of significant time and labor savings,” said Kevin Kissling, President of Cooper B-Line. “Beyond these benefits, Cooper B-Line has the added advantage of unmatched manufacturing capabilities and engineering support. We remain committed to customer needs throughout their experience with our products.”

Unlike competitors, Cooper B-Line offers a complete Balance of System (BOS) with wide-ranging components to seamlessly combine PV panel mounting, cable management, enclosures, fasteners and more to maximize efficiency and technologies. In addition, Cooper B-Line’s dedicated team of solar experts offers superior engineering support to customers through all phases of the design and installation process – before, during and after installation of the ARISTA Mounting System. The team has the knowledge needed to quickly and cost-efficiently offer solutions through standard product applications as well as custom solutions for specific solar needs.

Cooper B-Line is an active member of the Solar Energies Industry Association (SEIA) and the Solar Electric Power Association (SEPA). Cooper B-Line products are also designed, manufactured and delivered by a network of U.S.- based offices and factories, many with unionized workforces. Over 90 percent of its products – including the ARISTA™ system – comply with the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act’s (ARRA) Buy American provision. This delivers the powerful benefit of an American-made product portfolio that is eligible for projects with a domestic sourcing requirement for construction materials.

In addition to the ARISTA™ system, Cooper B-Line also offers an array of custom engineered solar solutions.

To learn more, contact the Cooper B-Line Solar Team at 1-877-586-8607 or [Solar.Team@cooperindustries.com](mailto:Solar.Team@cooperindustries.com). Also visit Cooper B-Line at [www.cooperblinesolar.com](http://www.cooperblinesolar.com).

### **About Cooper B-Line**

Cooper B-Line, a subsidiary of Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE), is a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions for engineered facility subsystem applications. Cooper B-Line’s products are used in a variety of settings for the commercial, industrial, utility and OEM markets. For more information, visit [www.cooperbline.com](http://www.cooperbline.com).

### **About Cooper Industries**

Cooper Industries plc (NYSE: CBE) is a global electrical products manufacturer with 2010 revenues of \$5.1 billion. Founded in 1833, Cooper's sustained success is attributable to a constant focus on innovation, evolving business practices while maintaining the highest ethical standards and meeting customer needs. The Company has seven operating divisions with leading market positions and world-class products and brands including: Bussmann electrical and electronic fuses; Crouse-Hinds and CEAG explosion-proof electrical equipment; Halo and Metalux lighting fixtures; and Kyle and McGraw-Edison power systems products. With this broad range of products, Cooper is uniquely positioned for several long-term growth trends including the global infrastructure build-out, the need to improve the reliability and productivity of the electric grid, the demand for higher energy-efficient products and the need for improved electrical safety. In 2010 fifty-nine percent of total sales were to customers in the industrial and utility end-markets and thirty-nine percent of total sales were to customers outside the United States. Cooper has manufacturing facilities in 21 countries as of 2010. For more information, visit the website at [www.cooperindustries.com](http://www.cooperindustries.com).

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