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Cooper B-Line Makes Solar Installations Fast, Efficient With Integrated Grounding Module Clamps

Cooper B-Line has Received Approval to Use WEEB Grounding Washers with ARISTA™ Monolithic Racking System Portrait Orientation Installations.

HIGHLAND, IL, December 2011 – Understanding that grounding PV modules is a major pain point for customers, Cooper B-Line, a global provider of innovative, labor-saving support systems and enclosure solutions, now offers a simple solution; Pre-Assembled [Module Clamps with WEEB Washers](#). Approved for portrait orientation use with the ARISTA™ Monolithic commercial rooftop racking system, module clamps with integrated grounding make solar installations even easier by quickly and easily grounding the PV modules to the racking system.

Designed to easily provide a solid connection, WEEB washers utilize unique “teeth” specifically engineered to break the anodized layer of the module frame and provide a gas tight connection. This eliminates oxidation and provides a reliable bond to ground the racking system and the PV module. The easy-to-use system saves time and materials by eliminating the need to use separate ground lugs and copper wire between each module. Additionally, the clamps with integrated grounding are ETL listed to UL 467 through Intertek for use in the United States and Canada.

“Our goal has always been to develop innovative solutions that have the ability to work in harmony with one another to help maximize efficiencies on the jobsite,” said Daniel Castillo, President of Cooper B-Line. “By offering pre-assembled grounding clamps for portrait oriented applications of our ARISTA Monolithic racking system we’re doing just that. We are certain our customers will appreciate this simple, yet innovative solution that provides for easy installation and effective grounding throughout the life of the PV module.”

To make a quick installation even quicker, module clamps with integrated grounding are approved to work with the award-winning ARISTA Monolithic racking system. The versatile racking system, ideal for commercial rooftop applications, offers decreased installation labor and cost, high flexibility to support wide-ranging project needs and building code compliance in both the United States and Canada. ARISTA racking systems are designed with limited components and feature pre-assembled fittings to significantly eliminate installation time and labor. The ARISTA racking system is also compatible with standard strut, fittings and other accessories making electrical solutions endless.

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. Also visit Cooper B-Line at 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.

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 23 countries as of 2011. For more information, visit the website at www.cooperindustries.com.

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