

April 24, 2024 Mr. Paul Budge Diversi-Tech Corp - IntegraRack PO Box 910758 St. George, UT 84791

Subject: Simulated Wind Load, Snow Load, and Horizontal Racking Load Testing on IR-30 Solar Racking System.

Dear Mr. Budge,

Please find included our test reports for the simulated wind load (tensile load), snow load (compression load) and horizontal racking load tests of the IR-30 Solar Racking System performed on 3/20/2024 - 03/22/2024 in St. George, Utah.

The first simulated wind load test was performed on the IR-30 Solar Racking System Ground Frame that had two solar panels installed at a 30 ° angle and utilized the EarthBallast System. The load was applied via a crossbar connected to the solar panels which were then connected to the ground frame using the IR-F2 Under Mount Flange Clamp Bracket. The test was performed in two parts with the first part used ballast of two loose fill dirt loads from a skid steer, approximately 11 ft³ total volume, and then the second part used a total of three loads for a total volume of approximately 14 ft³. The IR-30 Solar Racking system was monitored for movement as the simulated wind load tensile force was applied. Test loads were measured using a calibrated Dyna-Link 2 Dynamometer (SN 100326, Cal. Date 10/13/2023). Test run details are shown in the table below.

	SIMULATED WIND LOAD (TENSILE UPLIFT) FORCE INSPECTION DETAILS						
	BALLAST	T DETAILS	VISUAL OBSERVATIONS				
TEST NO.	SIZE (LxWxH) (in.)	CALCULATED WEIGHT (lbf)	AT INITIAL FRAME		MAX. FORCE REACHED (lbf)		
1	96 in. x 18 in. x 11 in. (11 CF)	1100 lbf (2 skid steer buckets)	800	880	1045		
2	92 in. x 42 in. x 14 in. (14 CF)	1400 lbf (3 skid steer buckets)	965	1065	1235		

The horizontal racking load test was performed on the same IR-30 Solar Racking System Ground Frame that had two solar panels installed at a 30 ° angle and utililized the EarthBallast System and three loads of loose fill dirt ballast. A lifting strap was used to wrap around the panel and run parallel to the frame in order to apply the horizontal racking force. The system was monitored for movement as the simulated load was applied and the maximum load was recorded. The system held the load and no damage or permanent deformation was noted as detailed in the test observations table below.

	SIMULATED HORIZONTAL RACKING FORCE INSPECTION DETAILS						
	BALLAST DETAILS						
NO.	SIZE (LxWxH) (in.)	WEIGHT (lbf)	MAX. HORIZONTAL FORCE (lbf)	OBSERVATIONS			
1	90 in. x 42 in. x 14 in. (14 CF)	~ 1400 lbf (3 skid steer buckets)	645	Test was stopped at 645 lbf. No damage or movement was visually noted.			

The simulated snow load test was performed on a IR-30 Solar Racking System Ground Frame that was installed with two

short uprights so that the solar panel would be held parallel to the ground. The solar panel was attached to the ground frame using the IR-F2 Under Mount Flange Clamp Bracket. The load was applied using a large water tank that weighed 2410 lbf. The weight was recorded using the calibrated Dyna-Link 2 Dynamometer (SN 100326, Cal. Date 10/13/2023). The load was set on the frame and left overnight. The following day the load was increased by adding a total of twelve 5 gallon water jugs. The jugs were filled and weigh approximately 45 lbf per jug for a total weight of 2950 lbf. The frame held all loads and visual observations of the frame and components were recorded and shown in the table below.

	SIMULATED SNOW LOAD (COMPRESSIVE LOAD) INSPECTION DETAILS				
	COMPRESS	SIVE FORCE			
	DESCRIPTION	WEIGHT (lbf)	OBSERVATIONS		
1	Large water tank	2410	Solar panel held load overnight (> 10 h).		
2	Large water tank + (12) five gallon jugs	2950	Solar panel held load, ~ 10 -15 minutes under observation. Slight deflections noted under load (See Photos). Minor permanent deformation noted after load removal (See Photos). The alignment tabs in the vertical uprights were no longer flat with the uprights.		

The final simulated wind load test was performed on the IR-30 Solar Racking System Ground Frame that had two solar panels installed at a 30 ° angle and utililized the small IR AnchorSpikes and no earth ballast. The load was applied via a crossbar connected to the solar panels which were then connected to the ground frame using the IR-F2 Under Mount Flange Clamp Bracket. The load was applied until failure of a solar panel at 2385 lbf. Visual observations noted that the frame had visibly moved and shifted forward initially at 1500 lbf but continued to hold load as detailed in the table below.

	SIMULATED WIND LOAD (TENSILE UPLIFT) FORCE INSPECTION DETAILS				
TEST NO.	TEST NO. MAX. FORCE (lbf) OBSERVATIONS				
1	2385	At 1500 lbf the frame visibly shifted and started to roll forward.  At 2385 lbf one of the solar panels failed and shattered (Photos 7-9). The frame and brackets holding the solar panel kept it in place and were permanently deformed. The aluminum tube upright had bent forward and outward causing the seam of the tube to tear and it allowed the through bolt to come free. Two mounting brackets permanently deformed and there was additional permanent deformation in the base frame (Photos 10-15)			

Test reports with additional details, photos, and data have been attached.

Respectfully submitted,

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			CLIENT ORDER NO.
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IntegraRack IR	egraRack IR-30 Solar Racking System w/ Earth Ballast - Simulated Wind		
SAM	MPLE DESCRIPTION	TEST LOCATION	TECHNICIANS
IR-30 Solar Rack	ing System w/ Earth Ballast	St. George, U7	Weston A.
	TEST CONDITIONS & EQUIP	MENT INFORMATION	
TEMPERATURE:	65 °F ± 10 °F	HUMIDITY:	30% ± 10%
LOAD TYPE:	Simulated Wind Load - Tensile / Uplift	TEST LOAD:	Record
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	EQUIPMENT TYPE: Dyna-Link 2 Dynamometer MSI-7300RF		S/N 100326; CAL 10/13/2023
SKID STEER MODEL:	Kubota SSV65		
	TEST SPECIMEN & COMPON	NENT INFORMATION	
TEST SPECIMEN:	IR-30 Solar Racking System	ID NO.:	IR-30RF1000
SOLAR PANELS SIZE:	39.25 in. x 66 in.	TEST SPECIMEN AREA:	17.989 ft <sup>2</sup>
SYSTEM COMPONENT 1:	IRF2 Under Mount Flange Clamp Bracket	PART NO. 1:	IR-FCCM0500
SYSTEM COMPONENT 2:	Large IR-30 Frame Upright	PART NO. 2:	IRP-30LL1000-T
SYSTEM COMPONENT 3:	Small IR-30 Frame Upright	PART NO. 3:	IRP-30SL1000-T
SYSTEM COMPONENT 4:	IR-30 Base Tube	PART NO. 4:	IRP-30BT1000-T
SYSTEM COMPONENT 5:	Connecting Rod	PART NO. 5:	None - 1" EMT pipe

### SIMULATED WIND LOAD (TENSILE UPLIFT FORCE) TEST PROCEDURE/DESCRIPTION

The IR-30 Solar Racking System Ground Frame was installed with two solar panels and the IR EarthBallast System. The system utilizes a mesh that is epoxied to the frame which is then loaded with dirt (ballast) that supports and holds down the frame (Photo 3). The system was tested with 2 Kubota SSV75 skid steer loads of dirt loaded for Test 1 and 3 loads for Test 2. Load was applied via a red crossbar that was fastened to the edges of the solar panel frames that was connected to the ground frame via the IRF2 Under Mount Flange Clamp Bracket. The skid steer dirt loads were estimated at approximately 500 lbf each using an estimated 100 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> for the density of the soil. The actual density of the soil is unknown.

The solar panels were set at an approximate 30° angle. The tensile force was applied upwards and away, at a perpendicular angle from the solar panels using the skid steer (Photo 4). Load was monitored with the digital dynamometer. Load was recorded when an initial shift of the solar panel frame was noted and when the shift was large enough to cause visual changes to the frame and in the ballast surface (Photos 5-13).

### SIMULATED WIND LOAD (TENSILE UPLIFT) FORCE INSPECTION DETAILS **BALLAST DETAILS** VISUAL OBSERVATIONS **TEST UPLIFT TENSILE FORCE AT UPLIFT TENSILE FORCE** NO. SIZE (LxWxH) **CALCULATED** FRAME AND BALLAST MAX. FORCE AT INITIAL FRAME WEIGHT (lbf) **MOVEMENT** REACHED (lbf) (in.) **MOVEMENT (lbf)** (lbf) 96 in. x 18 in. x 11 in. 1100 lbf 1 800 880 1045 (11 CF) (2 skid steer buckets) 92 in. x 42 in. x 14 in. 1400 lbf 2 965 1065 1235 (14 CF) (3 skid steer buckets)

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IntegraRack	IR-30 Solar Racking System w/ Ea	rth Ballast - Simulated Wind	per S.A.
	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION	TEST LOCATION	TECHNICIANS
IR-30 Solar F	Racking System w/ Earth Ballast	St. George, UT	Weston A.



PHOTO 1: Dynamometer used to record loads



PHOTO 2: Dynamometer ID label



**PHOTO 3:** Test setup - IR-30 Solar Racking System with red test cross frame



PHOTO 4: Test setup with dynamometer and chains connected



PHOTO 5: Test 1 - Evidence of ballast shift



PHOTO 6: Test 1 - Load at ballast shift



PHOTO 7: Test 1 - Max load



PHOTO 8: Test 2 - Evidence of ballast shift



PHOTO 9: Test 2 - Evidence of ballast shift



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	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION	TEST LOCATION	TECHNICIANS
IR-30 Solar Ra	cking System w/ Earth Ballast	St. George, UT	Weston A.



PHOTO 10: Test 2 - Load at ballast shift



PHOTO 11: Test 2 - Max load



PHOTO 12: Test 2 - Max load



PHOTO 13: Ballast after completion of testing



PHOTO 14: Ballast and frame after completion of testing



**PHOTO 13:** IR-F2 Clamp bracket after completion of testing



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	IntegraRack IR-30 Solar Racking System w/ Earth Ballast - Horizontal Racking					
SAI	MPLE DESCRIPTION	TEST LOCATION	TECHNICIANS			
IR-30 Solar Rack	ting System w/ Earth Ballast	St. George, U	T Weston A.			
	TEST CONDITIONS & EQUIPMENT INFORMATION					
TEMPERATURE:	65 °F ± 10 °F	HUMIDITY:	30% ± 10%			
LOAD TYPE:	Horizontal Racking Load	TEST LOAD:	Record			
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Dyna-Link 2 Dynamometer MSI-7300RF	S/N & CALIBRATION DATE:	S/N 100326; CAL 10/13/2023			
SKID STEER MODEL:	Kubota SSV65					
	TEST SPECIMEN & COMPO	NENT INFORMATION				
TEST SPECIMEN:	IR-30 Solar Racking System	ID NO.:	IR-30RF1000			
SOLAR PANELS SIZE:	39.25 in. x 66 in.	TEST SPECIMEN AREA:	17.989 ft²			
SYSTEM COMPONENT 1:	IRF2 Under Mount Flange Clamp Bracket	PART NO. 1:	IR-FCCM0500			
SYSTEM COMPONENT 2:	Large IR-30 Frame Upright	PART NO. 2:	IRP-30LL1000-T			
SYSTEM COMPONENT 3:	Small IR-30 Frame Upright	PART NO. 3:	IRP-30SL1000-T			
SYSTEM COMPONENT 4:	IR-30 Base Tube	PART NO. 4:	IRP-30BT1000-T			
SYSTEM COMPONENT 5:	Connecting Rod	PART NO. 5:	None - 1" EMT pipe			

### HORIZONTAL RACKING FORCE TEST PROCEDURE/DESCRIPTION

The IR-30 Solar Racking System Ground Frame was installed with the IR EarthBallast System and two solar panels. The EarthBallast system utilizes a mesh that is epoxied to the frame which is then loaded with loose dirt fill (ballast) that supports and holds down the frame. The horizontal load test was performed after the vertical uplift tensile load test. The system was tested with 3 loads of dirt from a Kubota SSV75 skid steer. The skid steer dirt loads were estimated at ~ 500 lbf each using an estimate of 100 lb/ft<sup>3</sup> for the density of soil. A lifting strap was wrapped around the panel lengthwise and run parallel to the frame in order to apply a horizontal force to the system (Photos). Force was applied using the skid steer and load was monitored with the digital dynamometer. The test was stopped at a load of 645 lbf. No movement or damage was visually noted during or after the test.

	HORIZONTAL RACKING FORCE INSPECTION DETAILS						
	BALLAST DETAILS						
NO.	SIZE (LxWxH) (in.)	WEIGHT (lbf)	MAX. HORIZONTAL FORCE (lbf)	OBSERVATIONS			
1	90 in. x 42 in. x 14 in. (14 CF)	~ 1400 lbf (3 skid steer buckets)	645	Test was stopped at 645 lbf. No damage or movement was visually noted.			

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	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION	TEST LOCATION	TECHNICIANS
IR-30 Solar	Racking System w/ Earth Ballast	St. George, UT	Weston A.



PHOTO 1: Horizontal force test setup



PHOTO 2: Horizontal force test setup



PHOTO 3: Horizontal force test setup



Photo 4: Horizontal force test at max load



Photo 4: Horizontal force test max load



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IntegraRack	IR-30 Solar Racking Syste		
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SAI	MPLE DESCRIPTION	TEST LOCATION	TECHNICIANS
IR-30 Solar Rack	ring System w/ 1 solar panel	St. George, U	Γ Weston A.
	TEST CONDITIONS & EQUIP	MENT INFORMATION	
TEMPERATURE:	65 °F ± 10 °F	HUMIDITY:	30% ± 10%
LOAD TYPE:	Simulated Snow Load - Compressive	TEST LOAD:	Record
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Dyna-Link 2 Dynamometer MSI-7300RF	S/N & CALIBRATION DATE:	S/N 100326; CAL 10/13/2023
WATER TANK WEIGHT:	2410 lbf		
	TEST SPECIMEN & COMPO	NENT INFORMATION	
TEST SPECIMEN:	IR-30 Solar Racking System	ID NO.:	IR-30RF1000
SOLAR PANELS SIZE:	39.25 in. x 66 in.	TEST SPECIMEN AREA:	17.989 ft <sup>2</sup>
SYSTEM COMPONENT 1:	IRF2 Under Mount Flange Clamp Bracket	PART NO. 1:	IR-FCCM0500
SYSTEM COMPONENT 2:	Small IR-30 Frame Upright	PART NO. 2:	IRP-30SL1000-T
SYSTEM COMPONENT 3:	Small IR-30 Frame Upright	PART NO. 3:	IRP-30SL1000-T
SYSTEM COMPONENT 4:	IR-30 Base Tube	PART NO. 4:	IRP-30BT1000-T
SYSTEM COMPONENT 5:	Connecting Rod	PART NO. 5:	None - 1" EMT pipe

### SIMULATED SNOW LOAD (COMPRESSIVE LOAD) TEST PROCEDURE/DESCRIPTION

The IR-30 Solar Racking System Ground Frame was installed using only the short uprights so that the solar panel, size 39-1/4 in.x 66 in., would be flat and parallel to the ground (Photo). Solar panel frames were connected to the ground frame via the IRF2 Under Mount Flange Clamp Bracket. The 1<sup>st</sup> part of the test was placing the large water tank directly on top of the solar panels and leaving it overnight. Two aluminum rectangular tubes were placed along the longitudinal edge of the solar panel for the water tank to be placed on so that the load was distributed to both sides of the frame (Photo). The 2<sup>nd</sup> part of the test involved adding 12 additional 5 gallon water jugs. The same 5 gallon jugs had been filled with water and weighed on PNL's calibrated universal test machines for previous tests (See PNL Report 26-231261.001 (dated 10/13/2023) for Compression Load Test) and had an average weight of 45.31 lbf so an average weight of 45 lbf was assumed for the full water jugs.

### SIMULATED SNOW LOAD (COMPRESSIVE LOAD) INSPECTION DETAILS **COMPRESSIVE FORCE OBSERVATIONS DESCRIPTION** WEIGHT (lbf) 1 Large water tank 2410 Solar panel held load overnight (> 10 h). Solar panel held load, ~ 10 -15 minutes under observation. Slight deflections noted under load (See Photos). Minor permanent deformation Large water tank + (12) five 2 2950 noted after load removal (See Photos). The alignment tabs in the vertical gallon jugs uprights were no longer flat with the uprights.

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	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION	TECHNICIANS	
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PHOTO 1: Weighing the large water tank



PHOTO 2: Large water tank weight



**PHOTO 3:** IR-30 Solar Racking System setup for test



PHOTO 4: Setting initial load



PHOTO 5: 2<sup>nd</sup> test - large tank + 12 five gallon jugs



PHOTO 6: Slight deflection under load



PHOTO 7: Slight deflections noted under load



PHOTO 8: Slight deflection noted under load



**PHOTO 9:** IR-30 system after compressive load tests



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**PHOTO 10:** Slight deformation after load removed



PHOTO 11: Slight deformation after load removed



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IntegraRack IR-	IntegraRack IR-30 Solar Racking System w/ Anchor Spikes - Simulated Wind						
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IR-30 Solar Rack	T Weston A.						
	TEST CONDITIONS & EQUIPMENT INFORMATION						
TEMPERATURE:	65 °F ± 10 °F	HUMIDITY:	30% ± 10%				
LOAD TYPE:	Wind Load - Tensile / Uplift	TEST LOAD:	Record				
EQUIPMENT TYPE:	Dyna-Link 2 Dynamometer MSI-7300RF	S/N & CALIBRATION DATE:	S/N 100326; CAL 10/13/2023				
SKID STEER MODEL:	Kubota SSV65						
TEST SPECIMEN & COMPONENT INFORMATION							
TEST SPECIMEN:	IR-30 Solar Racking System	ID NO.:	IR-30RF1000				
SOLAR PANELS SIZE:	39.25 in. x 66 in.	TEST SPECIMEN AREA:	17.989 ft <sup>2</sup>				
SYSTEM COMPONENT 1:	IRF2 Under Mount Flange Clamp Bracket	PART NO. 1:	IR-FCCM0500				
SYSTEM COMPONENT 2:	Large IR-30 Frame Upright	PART NO. 2:	IRP-30LL1000-T				
SYSTEM COMPONENT 3:	Small IR-30 Frame Upright	PART NO. 3:	IRP-30SL1000-T				
SYSTEM COMPONENT 4:	IR-30 Base Tube	PART NO. 4:	IRP-30BT1000-T				
SYSTEM COMPONENT 5:	Connecting Rod	PART NO. 5:	None - 1" EMT pipe				
SYSTEM COMPONENT 6:	IR AnchorSpikes - 19.5	PART NO. 6:	19.5 in. Barbed aluminum spikes				
SIMULATED WIND LOAD (TENSILE UPLIFT) FORCE TEST PROCEDURE/DESCRIPTION							

The IR-30 Solar Racking System Ground Frame was installed using the small IR AnchorSpikes (Photo 3) and two part epoxy system. The AnchorSpike installation consists of pounding the anchors into the ground, filling with the two part epoxy system, and then clamping the anchors to the frame with the

built in clamps. Load was applied via a red crossbar that was fastened to the edges of the solar panel frames that was connected to the ground frame via the IRF2 Under Mount Flange Clamp Bracket.

The solar panels were set at an approximate 30° angle. The tensile force was applied upwards and away, at a perpendicular angle from the solar panels using the skid steer (Photo 6). Displacement measurements were recorded before and after the load test at the anchor spike locations (Photos 4-5). Load was monitored with the digital dynamometer (Photos 1-2).

	SIMULATED WIND LOAD (TENSILE UPLIFT) FORCE TEST ANCHORSPIKE AND FRAME DISPLACEMENT											
	Spik	ke #1	Spil	ke #2	Spik	ke #3	Spil	Spike #4 Spike #5		ke #5	Spike #6	
	Stickout (in.)	Ground to Frame (in.)	Stickout (in.)	Ground to Frame (in.)	Stickout (in.)	Ground to Frame (in.)	Stickout (in.)	Ground to Frame (in.)	Stickout (in.)	Ground to Frame (in.)	Stickout (in.)	Ground to Frame (in.)
Initial	2.188	1.250	2.250	1.125	2.625	1.000	2.250	0.500	2.000	1.625	2.438	1.063
Final	2.250	1.250	2.250	1.125	2.563	1.125	2.563	0.750	1.938	1.625	2.250	1.375

# TEST NO. MAX. FORCE (lbf) OBSERVATIONS At 1500 lbf the frame visibly shifted and started to roll forward. At 2385 lbf one of the solar panels failed and shattered (Photos 7-9). The frame and brackets holding the solar panel kept it in place and were permanently deformed. The aluminum tube upright had bent forward and outward causing the seam of the tube to tear and it allowed the through bolt to come free. Two mounting brackets permanently deformed and there was additional permanent deformation in the base frame (Photos 10-15)

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Inte	graRack	IR-30 Solar Racking System w/ Anch	per S.A.	
		SAMPLE DESCRIPTION	TEST LOCATION	TECHNICIANS
	R-30 Sola	r Racking System w/ AnchorSpikes	St. George, UT	Weston A.



PHOTO 1: Dynamometer used to record loads



PHOTO 2: Dynamometer ID label



**PHOTO 3:** AnchorSpikes. The small AnchorSpike was used for setup in this test



PHOTO 4: 'Stickout' measurement example at Spike #3



PHOTO 5: Ground to frame measurement example at Spike #3



**PHOTO 6:** Test setup - IR-30 Solar Racking System with AnchorSpikes



PHOTO 7: IR-30 Solar Racking System at max load



PHOTO 8: Closeup of max load, 2385 lbf



**PHOTO 9:** IR-30 Solar Racking System right after max load when panel failed



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	SAMPLE DESCRIPTION	TEST LOCATION	TECHNICIANS
IR-30 Solar	Racking System w/ AnchorSpikes	St. George, UT	Weston A.



PHOTO 10: Solar panels after testing



PHOTO 11: Frame after testing



PHOTO 12: Middle brackets after testing



PHOTO 13: Bracket deformation after testing



PHOTO 14: Upright mount deformation after testing



PHOTO 15: Upright deformation after testing