

Domestic Content Update April 26, 2011

Final Interpretation for Mounting Systems

The OPA and ENERGY have provided final interpretations regarding Exhibit D Domestic Content: Table 2, Activity #6, Table 3, Activity #4 and Table 4, Activity #6. The interpretations are regarding mounting systems.

Table 2, Activity #6; and Table 4, Activity #6:

1. This designated activity does not include the actuator or motor for solar tracking systems.
2. This designated activity does not include standard bolts, screws, nuts, washers or clamps, where the clamps are used specifically to secure the module to the mounting system.
3. Non-metal materials in the structural components will also have to be formed or shaped in Ontario in order to qualify.
4. Where the mounting system uses the module frame to secure it to a roof and the module has one single frame, only the non-module components will be considered as part of the mounting system components.
5. Building-integrated solar photovoltaic (BIPV):
 - a) For a solar photovoltaic module that replaces a building part that is not a window pane or an equivalent to window pane, but has additional or special structural components that attach the module to the building, those additional or special components shall be deemed to be the mounting system that must be machined or formed or cast in Ontario.
 - b) For a solar photovoltaic module that replaces a window pane on an equivalent to a window pane, the window frame containing the solar photovoltaic module is deemed to be the structural component of the mounting system that must be machined or formed or cast in Ontario.

Table 3, Activity #4:

1. This designated activity does not include the actuator or motor for solar tracking systems.
2. This designated activity does not include standard bolts, screws, nuts, washers or clamps, where the clamps are used specifically to secure the module to the mounting system.
3. Non-metal materials in the structural components will also have to be formed or shaped in Ontario in order to qualify.
4. Where the mounting system uses the module frame to secure it to a roof and the module has one single frame, only the non-module components will be considered as part of the mounting system components.

5. For roofs where the roof's topmost layers are primarily composed of membrane(s) and possibly adhesive(s) (*i.e.*, membrane roofs), where there is no other mounting system, any and all membrane layers, along with adhesives (if any), added or installed after the Contract Date shall be considered the mounting system. These membrane layer(s) must be machined or formed or cast in Ontario (which includes, for this interpretation only, the cutting to shape).
6. Where the solar photovoltaic module (*i.e.*, panel) is affixed directly to a roof using only an adhesive, and there is no other mounting system other than the adhesive, the Qualifying Percentage shall be automatically awarded.
7. Building-integrated solar photovoltaic (BIPV)
 - a) For a solar photovoltaic module that replaces a building part that is not a window pane or an equivalent to window pane, but has additional or special structural components that attach the module to the building, those additional or special components shall be deemed to be the mounting system that must be machined or formed or cast in Ontario.
 - b) For a solar photovoltaic module that replaces a window pane on an equivalent to a window pane, the window frame containing the solar photovoltaic module is deemed to be the structural component of the mounting system that must be machined or formed or cast in Ontario.