

FEBRUARY 2, 2009 - STANDARDS UPDATE

The MADModules standards are presently under review, and there will be some minor changes implemented in short order. EXISTING modules will continue to work with little or no modification. The changes will affect the following:

- Electrical connection between modules - We will be adding the Anderson Power Pole connectors to the electrical specification.
- Mechanical interface - Several minor changes
 - We will be eliminating the 2" joiner tracks between modules. This change will be implemented in such a way that it will be easy to transition from a "new style" to "old style" module.
 - We will be adding a nut-and-bolt connection between modules. The locations for the bolt holes should be relatively easy to implement on existing modules.
 - The 24" module interface width requirement will be dropped. Adapters to transition to a 24" width will be suggested but not required. A minimum width will be suggested.
- All changes to specification will maintain ability to flip modules end-for-end.
- An adjunct specification for free-form layout sections will be added as an "advanced" standard. This will be the Berrett Hill module standard including latest refinements (not yet reflected in the documentation on the Berrett Hill web site).

The ad-hoc standards committee (Geren Mortensen, David Michailof and Kevin Hunter) will post the new documents to the files area of the Yahoo!Groups site as soon as they are available. The documents will be mirrored to the On30Guy web site (<http://on30guy.gerenm.net>) as well.

We will request that other On30 groups utilizing the MADModules standard link directly to these locations, and also update their membership of the changes.