

SNAP-FAN SOLAR FAN KITS INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS



For use with small, medium and large greenhouse kits



Only a gualified and licensed electrician or contractor shall install or service Solar Panel and Snap-Fan products.



All applicable electrical safety precautions and building codes must be adhered to and followed when installing this product.

Refer to installation and operation manuals before installing, servicing or operating this unit.





MC Connectors

These connectors are located at the end of the cables on the solar panel as well as at the end of the provided cords. When connecting, be sure to match male and female connectors of the same color. Once connected, you will need a MC spanner wrench to disconnect.

MC Spanner Wrench

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provided in kits to disconnect these MC connectors.



HOW YOUR SNAP-FAN WORKS

Photons from the sun strike the solar panel

The photons carry their energy down through the solar panel

Electrons inside the solar panel are energized by the photons

> The electrons move up through the solar panel layer and flow out into the circuit

The flow of electrons, referred to as an electric current, enter the fan motor through brush + (a)

The electric current flows through the copper coil (b) inside the motor creating an electromagnetic field

The electromagnetic force is repelled by the permanent magnets (c) generating a rotation (d)

The circuit is then completed as the current returns through brush - (e) to the solar panel



The amount of current available (amps) and the speed at which it flows (volts) determines the rotational speed of the fan.

Thank you for purchasing a Snap-Fan Hobby Greenhouse Solar Fan Kit!

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SNAP-FAN INSTALLATION

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The Elements

Shelter your Snap-Fan from inclement weather and natural hazards such as, not limited to; wind, water, rain, hail, dust, ice, snow and nesting birds. If you do not plan on using your Snap-Fan during wet winter months please remove it and store in a dry location, as long periods of moisture shortens the life span of the motor. Snap-Fan must not be placed in harsh fertilizer environments.

Safety Information



All applicable electrical safety precautions and building codes must be adhered to and followed when installing this product.



Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires finger guards at locations under eight feet from the floor.



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DO NOT CUT AWAY ANY FRAMING FROM THE ORIGINAL STRUCTURE, AS IT MAY EFFECT LOAD BEARING CAPACITY.

Proper Placement

Be sure to place the fan in a suitable location to maximize air movement. Typically Snap-Fans are installed close to room's ceiling to both exchange and circulate warm interior air with cool air from outside.

The air intake opening should be placed at a low spot on the

opposite end of the structure, bringing cool air across it.



Air Intake

We recommended the surface area of your air intake be 1.5 times the surface area of the exhaust air (size of opening of fan). See chart for the square inches of each recommended air intake.



These instructions are representational and may require alterations to adapt to your individual greenhouse design.

Choose a location to install your Snap-Fan and air intake.

Exhausting hot air from the highest point possible is recommended. See "proper placement" and "air intake" on previous page.

Measure the distance between the two up-rights on the end wall of the greenhouse, or locate a cross member at a suitable height to act as a shelf to mount your box onto.



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Build a square box for fan to be mounted in.



This will help frame in your fan. See next page for box dimensions.

FAN MOUNTING BOX DIMENSIONS

Use this guide to determine the dimensions of the box necessary to mount your Snap-Fan. Applications vary by system design.



16" SNAP-FAN





From inside, secure the bottom-plate to metal framing of the greenhouse.

a. Connect the bottom-plate to the up-rights using L brackets.

OR

b. screw directly through metal up-right to bottom-plate.

The front edge of the bottom-plate must be flush to the inside of the greenhouse wall.



view from inside areenhouse

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c. Attach the side supports to the bottom-plate directly below where box will be mounted.

d. If a cross member is already in place you have the option of connecting the shelf to the greenhouse frame using saddle clamps, if it can sit flush with the inside of the greenhouse wall.

Be sure to still provide the support posts.

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Securely attach box to the bottom-plate above supports. Once the box has been mounted, the top of the box must be secured to the greenhouse framing:

option a:

Create and attach a top-plate to finish out the framing. Connect top-plate to up-rights using L brackets.

option b:

If a cross member is already in place you have the option of connecting the top of the frame to the cross member using saddle clamps.







Cut out opening in the greenhouse wall



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a. staple or finish nail the greenhouse siding to the wooden box all the way around.

b. Remove the greenhouse siding to allow air movement. Cut/saw just inside of the box.

*You have the option (c) to cut around the end of the bell curve (opening) of the fan instead of a square. This is recommended if you are not adding a shutter and/or rain hood.

Install shutter to the wooden box from the outside of the greenhouse. The greenhouse siding will be sandwiched between box and shutter.

*SEE SHUTTER INSTALL INSTRUCTIONS

view from inside greenhouse

view from outside greenhouse

> Mount fan onto box from the inside of the greenhouse using recommended 1/2in x 4in hex head lag screw and washer in all four corners.

See below the finishing options/additions:

view from outside greenhouse



Intake louver recommended

Lets fresh air in while helping keep the elements and critters out.



Exhaust shutter recommended

Protects the fan when its not running. Keeps warm air in when needed. Helps keep critters out.



Hood recommended

We recommend installing hood if you plan to run your fan during harsh weather conditions.



Hood with exhaust shutter

For complete fan and greenhouse protection exhaust shutter and hood may be used together.

INSTALLING SOLAR PANEL: Platform Mount



FRAGILE: Glass surface to be handled with care. Do not damage or scratch front or rear surface. They are non-repairable if either side is damaged. The solar panel produces electricity when exposed to light. DO NOT DISCONNECT UNDER LOAD. Do not handle or install when wet. Follow all applicable electrical safety precautions.



We recommend mounting solar panel on a user constructed plywood platform at a 45° angle facing south on the side wall of greenhouse.

You will need:

(4) Screws

(4) Washers Caulk Begin by choosing a location to mount your solar panel. *Measure distance between fan and solar panel mounting location to ensure it is within cable length (10ft).

Unless you purchased additional feet for your cable length.





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See POLE MOUNT instructions if installing on side of pole.

WIRING INSTRUCTIONS:



Be aware of dangerously high DC voltages when connecting and disconnecting the Snap-Fan from the solar panel.



We recommend running motors on our solar panel at 18VDC as higher voltage/amperage on fan motors will decrease brush life. Running fan above 24VDC voids any and all warranties.



The solar panel produces electricity when exposed to light. We recommend covering solar panel with a blanket to block sun light until all installation and connections are completed.

BASIC SOLAR FAN SYSTEM CONFIGURATION





Cover solar panel with blanket or black plastic.

The solar panel produces electricity when exposed to light.

2 Connect Fan to Wiring Harness Wiring Harness

a. Match up RED WIRES by connecting female MC connector on fan with male MC connector on wiring harness.

b. Match up BLACK WIRES by connecting male MC connector on fan with female MC connector on wiring harness.



a. Match up BLACK WIRES by connecting female MC connector on solar panel with male MC connector on wiring harness.

b. Match up RED WIRES by connecting male MC connector on solar panel with female MC connector on wiring harness.



Place 5 Amp FUSE in fuse holder then replace cap.



Remove cover from solar panel If solar panel is in direct sunlight, fan should begin running.

If fan does not begin running: re-cover solar panel and check all connections are correct and secure.

If fan is still not running, contact Snap-Fan for additional assistance. (see contact info below)

In winter months, if fan is not needed removing fuse in order to disconnect fan from receiving power will prolong fan brush life. We recommend shielding fan from winter elements by either covering or storing in dry location when not in use. Shutters and rain hoods are available for purchase.

> Please contact Snap-Fan for any inquiries: info@snap-fan.com (707) 822-7627

CIRCULATION FAN KIT INSTALLATION and WIRING INSTRUCTIONS:



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EXISTING SYSTEM ADDITION

If you are adding to an existing solar fan system, some MC connectors will have to be disconnected using provided tool. Be sure to use caution: The solar panel produces electricity when exposed to light.

DO NOT DISCONNECT UNDER LOAD.



Cover solar panel with blanket or black plastic. The solar panel produces electricity when exposed to light.



Disconnect MC Connector with MC Spanner Wrench



Location:

Mount circulation fan in one corner of your greenhouse to create an airflow that will circulate throughout the entire greenhouse.

Use provided chains to hang fan from ceiling of greenhouse.





If fan does not begin running: re-cover solar panel and check all connections are correct and secure.

If fan is still not running, contact Snap-Fan.

We recommend one circulation fan with one exhaust fan per solar panel. For larger greenhouses or multiple fan systems please contact Snap-Fan: info@snap-fan.com (707) 822-7627

Fuse Holder

Place 5 Amp FUSE in fuse holder

then replace cap.

THERMOSTAT KIT INSTALLATION and WIRING INSTRUCTIONS:



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EXISTING SYSTEM ADDITION

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Mount thermostat in a location where you would like the air to be sampled from. Add in thermostat by connecting RED WIRES together with corresponding MC connectors:

a. Male MC connector of fan to female MC connector of thermostat.

b. Male MC connector of thermostat to female MC connector of wiring harness.

Wiring Solar Kit with Optional Thermostat and Circulation Fan

If you wish to add a thermostat as well as a circulation fan to your solar greenhouse fan system we recommend wiring the thermostat to control the exhaust fan and bypass the circulation fan. This allows the circulation fan to run any time sun is hitting the panel while keeping the warm air inside your greenhouse as needed.



Connect Snap-Fan bare end wire to MC Adaptor Cord

If you purchased this Solar Kit separate from your Snap-Fan you will need to connect the MC Adaptor cord to fan before install.



BRUSH REPLACEMENT INSTRUCTIONS for SNAP-FAN SOLAR KITS

For Small (12"), Medium (16") and Large (20")

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All applicable electrical safety precautions must be adhered to and followed when servicing this product.

Disconnect from power supply before servicing motor.

All Solar Snap-Fans have a DC Brush motor. Brush wear is normal. Brushes will need to be replaced after extended use depending on size of fan and amount of use per season.

Fan slowing and/or inconsistent operation generally indicates that it is time to replace the brushes.





Remove cap of brush holder with a flat head screw driver. Hold brush holder in place to ensure it does not twist while removing cap.

Brush Holder Cap



Remove worn brushes and replace with new brushes.

*Brush holders are very fragile. When replacing brushes, take care not to over tighten the brush holder cap.

Fasten cap back onto brush holder.

Repeat with second brush on opposite side of motor.

Reconnect fan to power supply:



Insert fuse back into fuse holder

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Product Support & Contact Information

Snap-Fans are high efficiency ventilation fans designed to be used in ventilation applications. Using this equipment for any other purpose or in a manner not consistent with the operating recommendations within this manual will void the warranty and may cause personal injury.

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