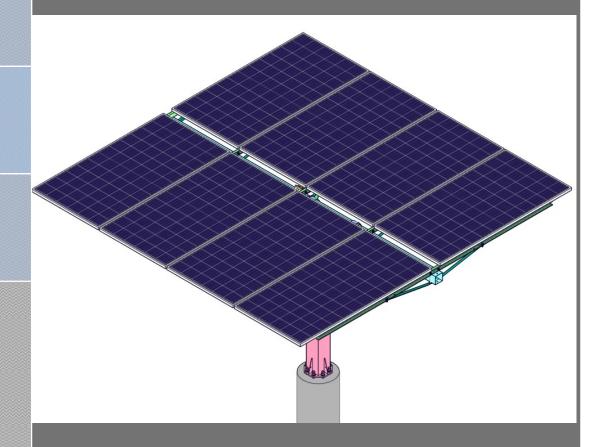


# **RALOS STALKER**

**Installation Manual** 

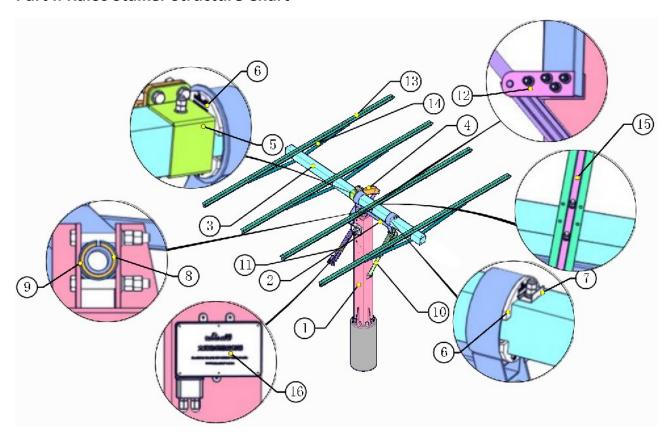




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**Part I. Ralos Stalker Structure Chart** 



System structure chart

# Main parts of the Ralos Stalker

Item	Description	Weight (kg)	Total Weight	Dimension(mm)	Quantity
1	Vertical pole	58.5	58.5	2000*200*200*3.0	1
2	L-shaped bracket	15.7	15.7	770*194*5	1
3	Center beam	32.7	32.7	120*120*2.2*3900	1
4	Swing arm	5.6	5.6	380*100*50*3.5	1
5	Swing arm fixing plate	2.2	2.2	212*110*120	1
6	Plastic bearing	0.2	0.8	ф 120	4
7	Plastic bearing limit	0.25	0.5	36*50 angle steel	2

8	Plastic shaft sleeve	0.1	0.2	ф 60*45	2
9	Steel shaft sleeve	0.4	0.8	70*5	2
10	Elevation linear actuator	7.0	7.0	L=940mm	1
11	Azimuth linear actuator	7.5	7.5	L=985mm	1
12	Azimuth linear actuator seat	0.9	1.8		2
13	Purlin	7.3	29.2	L=3950	4
14	Inclined strut	1.7	5.1	34*30*1.8*1640	3
15	Purlin reinforcement rod	1.0	1.0	27*15*2.0*1640	1
16	Control unit	1.0	1.0		1
Total			170		

# Part II. Connecting Screws and Clamps Details

Item	Specification	Quantity		
S0	M22 double nuts, 2 flat washers, spring washer	8 sets		
<b>S1</b>	M12*160 bolt, double nuts, 2 flat washers, spring washer	2 sets		
<b>S2</b>	M16*120 bolt, double nuts, 2 flat washers, spring washer	4 sets		
<b>S3</b>	M16*60 bolt, double nuts, 2 flat washers, spring washer	4 sets		
<b>S4</b>	M12*120 bolt, double nuts, flat washer, spring washer, 2 plastic			
	washers			
S5	φ 16*125 axis pin, flat washer, split pin, small plastic pipe	1 set		
S6	φ 16*85 axis pin, flat washer, split pin	2 sets		
<b>S7</b>	M12*160 bolt, double nuts, 2 flat washers, spring washer	6 sets		
<b>S8</b>	M12 U-shaped bolt, 2 nuts, 2 flat washers, 2 spring washers	1 set		
S9	M12*30 bolt, nut, 2 flat washers, spring washer	8 sets		
S10	M8*20 bolt, nut, 2 flat washers, spring washer	24 sets		
<b>S11</b>	M5*23 self-tapping screw	3 sets		

For 'double nuts', please fasten the first nut, then fasten the second nut.

Part III: Tools Required for Installation (Self-prepared by users)

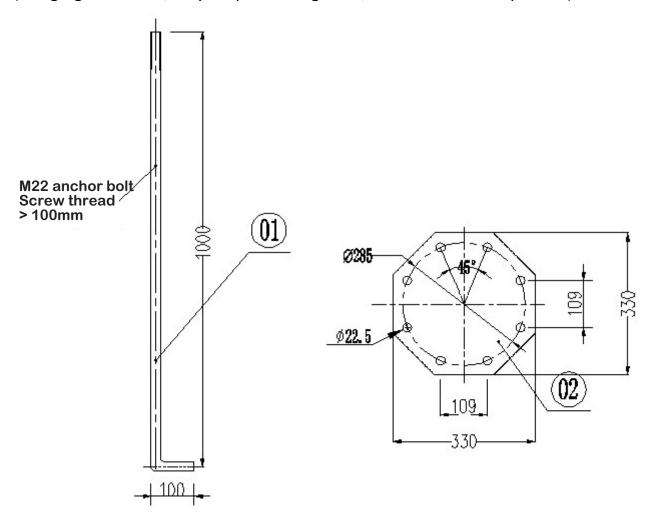
No.	Tools	Spec.	Quantity	Remarks
1	Open spanner	13/14	2	M8 screws
2	Open spanner	17/19	2	M12 screws
3	Open spanner	20/22	2	M14 screws
4	Open spanner	22/24	2	M16 screws
5	Open spanner	32/34	1	M22 screws
6	Adjustable spanner	10 Inch	2	Crescent adjustable wrench
7	Screwdriver	3#	1	Electric debugging (flat head or cruciform)
8	Rubber Hammer		1	Facilitate the installation
9	Double ladder or Scaffolding		2	or use small crane

**Part IV. Concrete Foundation** 

# **Materials Preparation**

Marks	Description	Material	Quantity
01	Foundation bolt	M22	8
02	Fixture template		1
03	Foundation (above ground)	C30 concrete	
04	Foundation (below ground)	C30 concrete	

1. Make 8 foundation bolts  $\bigcirc$ , one foundation bolt fixture template  $\bigcirc$  (using rigid material, only for positioning bolts, thickness is not important).



2. Position 8 foundation bolts ① with the fabricated fixture template ②, secure the bolts to foundation steel mesh grid (using  $\Phi 8$  steel rebar). Confirm the east-west direction carefully, pour concrete foundation according to the dimensions shown in the following drawings, remove the fixture template ② after the concrete is cured. The solar tracking system installation can be carried out only AFTER the concrete is thoroughly cured.

(Covering the poured concrete with a plastic sheet will make it stronger, because it will dry out slower from sun exposure. To convert the dimensions from mm to inches divide by 25.4)

For details on concrete foundation pouring,

#### please refer to the **foundation drawings** document.

Note: Foundation above the ground should be more than 800 mm, exposed foundation bolts ① thread at least 100 mm. In order to ensure the verticality of tracking system pole, the top face of foundation shall be leveling with spirit level. The dimension and depth of the concrete foundation is just a guide, please design it for your local soil conditions and maximum wind speeds.

Concrete, foundation bolts ① and fixture template ② shall all be prepared by users. Φ40mm conduit for electrical wires can be planned into the

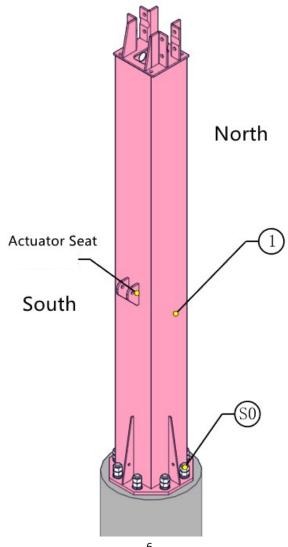
concrete foundation, used for threading PV lines, controller power lines, etc.

#### Part V. Installation of the Ralos Stalker

#### **5.1** Installation of Vertical Pole

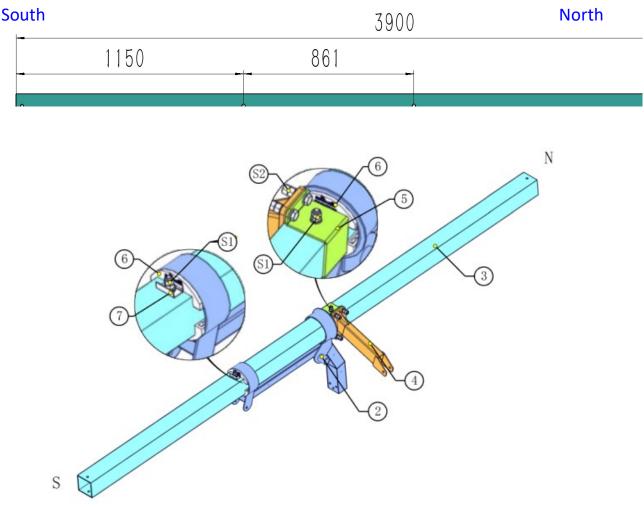
Put the vertical pole ① on the concrete foundation, verify the orientation of the vertical pole (1) to ensure the side with linear actuator seat is facing **South**, then put on flat and spring washers, secure with hardware (double nuts) to stabilize the vertical pole (1). There are three cable entrance holes on west side of the vertical pole (1).

**South** means the direction of the geographical longitude lines, it can be confirmed with gyroscope or compass (need to amend the geomagnetic declination, different sites, difference geomagnetic declination).



## 5.2 Assembly of L-shaped bracket & Center beam

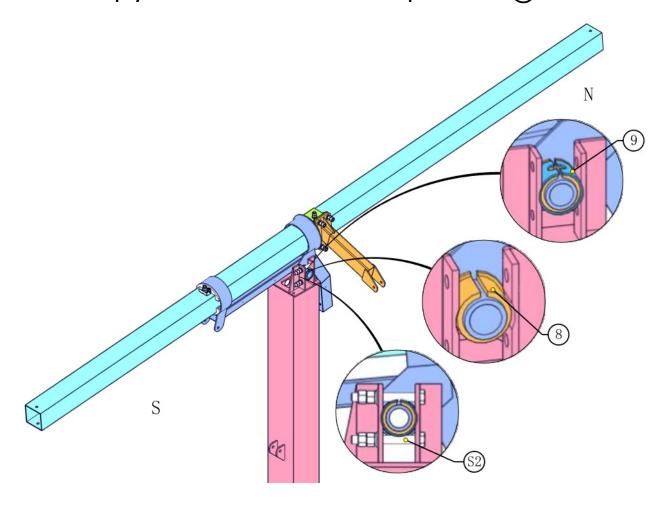
Put the center beam ③ into the L-shaped bracket ②, please pay attention to the direction of the center beam. Then put two plastic bearing ⑥ into the north hoop of the L-shaped bracket (insert the plastic bearing from the north side), then fix the swing arm fixing plate ⑤ onto the center beam with hardware ⑤, then fix the swing arm ④ onto swing arm fixing plate ⑤ with hardware ⑤, and put two plastic bearing ⑥ into the south hoop of the L-shaped bracket (insert the plastic bearing from the south side). Then use hardware ⑥ to fix the plastic bearing limit ⑦ on the center beam. Installer may need to knock the plastic bearing into the hoop with hammer, this is for reducing shaking space.



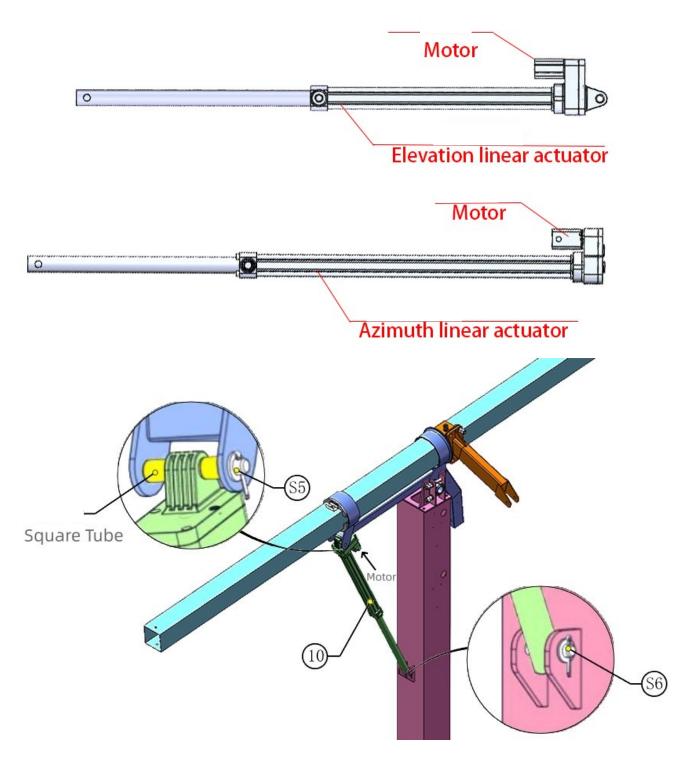
#### 5.3 Installation of L-shaped bracket & Elevation linear actuator

Install two lower screws of hardware ② onto the top of vertical pole ①, do not fasten it for the time being. Put the plastic shaft sleeve ③ into the steel shaft sleeve ④, both openings are in same direction. Then affix the L-shaped bracket ② onto the vertical pole ①, put the plastic shaft sleeve and steel shaft sleeve onto the shaft of L-shaped bracket, the opening faces upwards, please pay attention to the direction of plastic shaft sleeve, then install the other two upper screws of hardware ③, tighten the four screws of hardware ⑤.

Note: Please pay attention to the direction of L-shaped bracket 2!

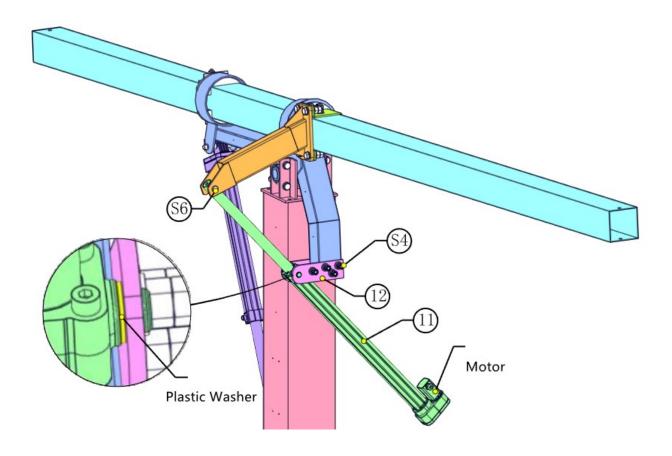


Fix elevation linear actuator ① with L-shaped bracket ② with hardware ⑤ . The motor is on top and south side. Put the plastic washers of hardware ⑤ as following drawing. Fix elevation linear actuator ⑤ with vertical pole ① with hardware ⑥ , split the split pin. There are two kinds of linear actuators for each unit, do not mixture them up when installing them.



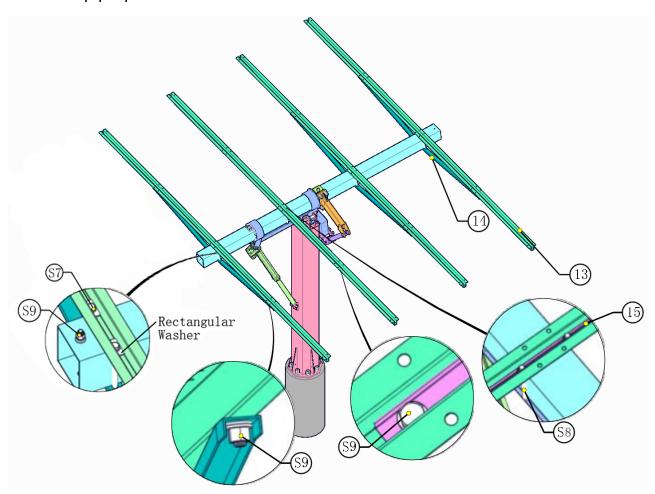
#### **5.4 Installation of Azimuth Linear Actuator**

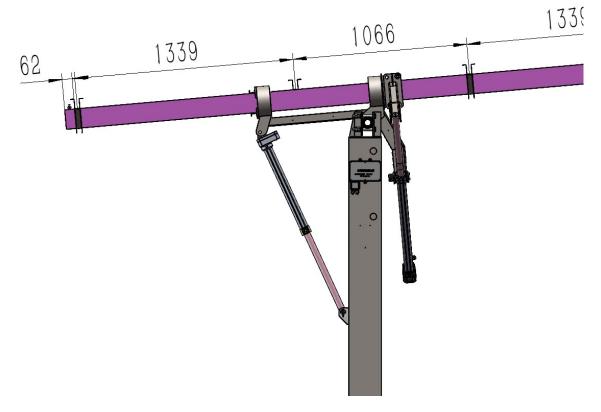
Fix the azimuth linear actuator ① to L-shaped bracket ② with azimuth linear actuator seat ② and hardware ③ . Please pay attention to the direction of the motor. The nuts of hardware ⑤ should be on the north side. Put the plastic washers of hardware ⑥ between the azimuth linear actuator seat and azimuth linear actuator. Fix azimuth linear actuator ② to swing arm with hardware ⑥, the split pin of hardware ⑥ should at the south side of swing arm, split the split pin. Adjust the position of swing arm and swing arm fixing plate slightly, make the linear actuator at the center position of swing arm.



#### 5.5 Installation of Purlin & Inclined Strut

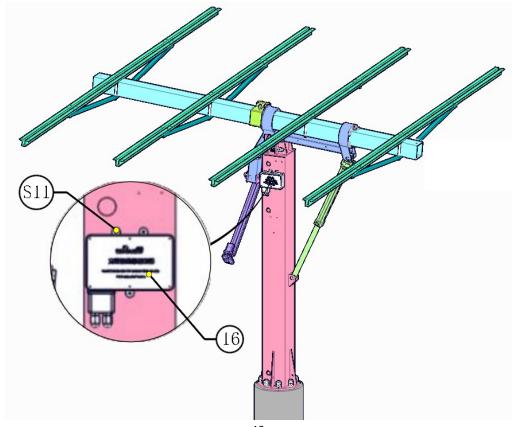
According to the spacing shown in the following figure, fix the first **purlin** ① onto **center beam** with **inclined strut** ② and **hardware** ② & ② from the south side, the rectangular washers of **hardware** ③ should be placed inside the purlin. Then install the second **purlin** ③ onto **center beam** with **reinforcement rod** ⑤ and **hardware** ③ & ③ . Then install the other two **purlin** ③ onto **center beam** with **inclined strut** ④ and **hardware** ③ & ⑨ . Then install a M12\*30 bolt of hardware ⑤ at the **south** end of **center beam** for anti-slip purpose.





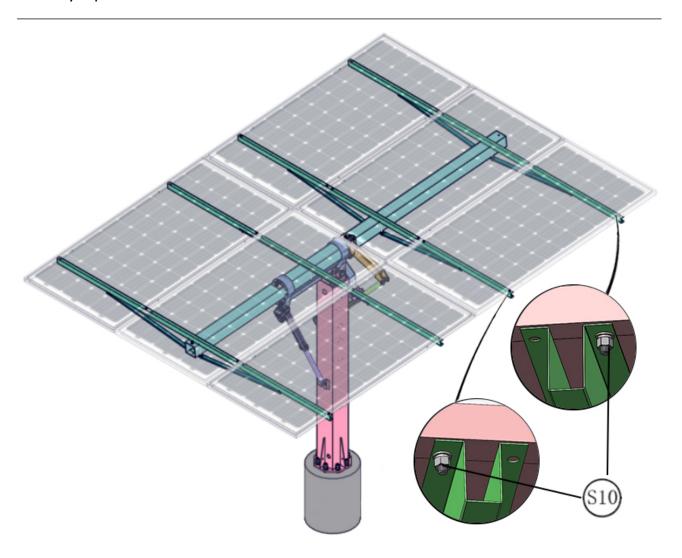
# **5.6 Installation of Control Unit**

Fix the **control unit** on the **vertical pole** with **hardware** 11, there are reserved small holes on **vertical pole** for fixing control unit.



#### **5.7 Installation of Solar Panels**

Fix all the solar panels to the **purlins** with **hardware S10**, each solar panel is fixed by 4 points.



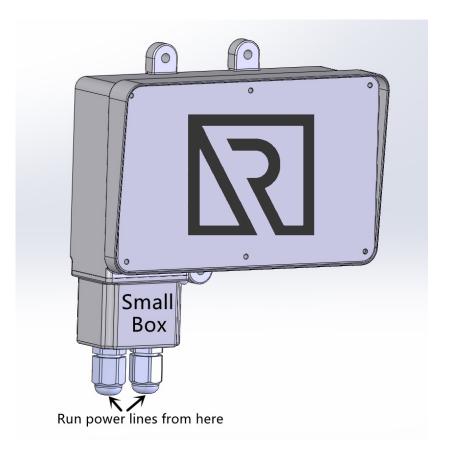
Note: after finished the installation of solar panels, please lock all of the connection screws.

There are reserved connecting holes at the bottom of vertical pole for lightning protection grounding, please grounding the brackets properly according to PV power station grounding standard in your country.

#### **5.8 Connect Control Unit Circuit**

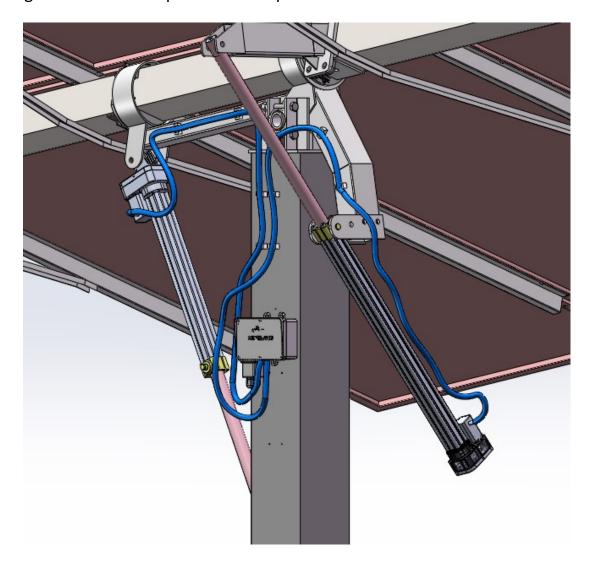
## Using A/C power supply

Connect azimuth motor cable (with label) with the motor on azimuth linear actuator, connect elevation motor cable (with label) with the motor on elevation linear actuator, do not confuse the azimuth motor cable with the elevation motor cable. Take off the small box on control unit, run A/C power from the cable holes of the small box, and connect the two power lines to the power connectors.

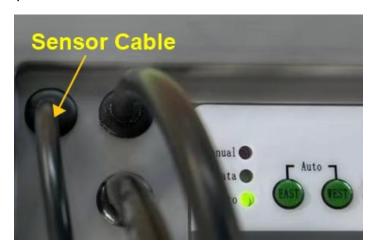




Use corrugated pipe (the blue part in the figure) and pipe clamp to fix the motor cable onto the vertical pole and L-shaped bracket, there are reserved small fixing holes on vertical pole and L-shaped bracket.

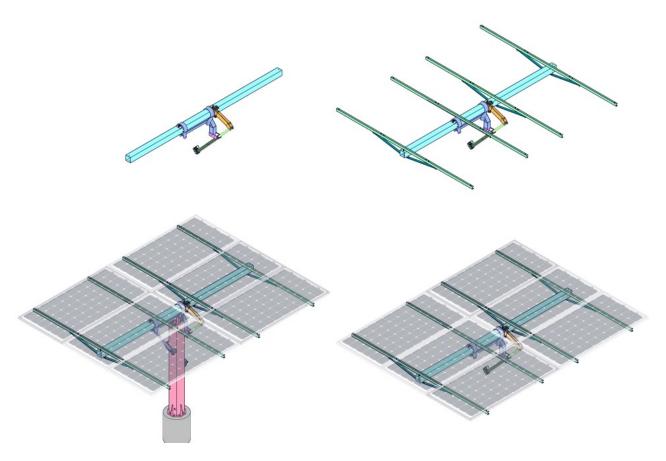


Installers can connect the wind sensor (if equipped) and rain/snow sensor (if equipped) to the sensor cable on **host control unit** with sensor wire.



**Part VI: Crane Hoisting** 

If there is small crane equipped at the installation site, including the L-shaped bracket, azimuth linear actuator, frames and solar panels can be assembled in advance, then hoist it onto vertical pole ① directly, then following previous steps of 5.3 to fix the **L-shaped bracket** and **elevation linear actuator**.



## **Part VII: Control Unit Debugging**

Supply the A/C power to all of the **Control Units** in one project, the controller will automatically start after 5 minutes, and the host control unit will download GPS data automatically (need about 1 - 10 minutes), then the system will rotate to east or west and hit the angle limit position, then it will rotate to north or south and hit the angle limit position, then it will wait for a while and go to the right position automatically. **The slave driving systems will follow the movement of the host driving system.** 

## Part VIII: Daily Operation and Maintenance – Important!

- 8.1 Regular inspection and maintenance
- 1. In order to discover potential fault timely, improve the system operation reliability, regular inspection shall be not less than once for every six months.
- 2. After bad weather like more than force 6 strong winds, tropical storm, heavy snow, or earthquake occurred, maintenance personnel should make a general checking for the bracket, repair it in time if there is any damage.

#### 8.2 Inspection items and problem treatment

Item	Inspection content	Solutions
Bolts and nuts	Check whether bolts	If bolts and nuts were not well fastened during
	and nuts were	installation, or loosed due to strong winds,
	loosed	maintenance personnel need to re-fasten it.
Clamps	Check if clamps were	If it was loosed because of screws were not well
	deformed or loosed	fastened, need to re-fasten the screws. If clamps
		were deformed, need to replace it.
Solar panels	Check whether solar	If it's not flat and caused by structural distortion,
	panels are flat	need to rectify the distortion, or replace some
		parts. If it caused by loosed screws, need to
		re-fasten or replace the screws.
Brackets	Check whether there	If it appears rust, should use abrasive paper for
	is any crack or rust	rust removing, then spary epoxy zinc-rich primer
	problem	or other antifouling paint for protection. If cracks
		appear, consult with factory for solutions.
Wire	Check whether have	If there is loosed wire connection, need
connection in	loosed wire	re-connect it or replace the plugs.
driving box	connection	

**Part IX: Quick Trouble Shooting** 

