



## Instruction Manual

Rack PDU  
VRTD, BRD, and VRE Series

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# Introduction

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- Geist will work with our direct suppliers to trace sources of any tin, tantalum, tungsten or gold used in our products back to the smelter.
- Geist will document our efforts to trace tin, tantalum, tungsten, and gold minerals back to the smelter and will accurately report the results to our customers.
- Geist will continue to monitor industry progress in identifying conflict-free smelters and will adjust corporate policy as the electronics supply chain becomes more fully documented.

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## About this Manual

This document provides an overview of Geist product(s), the major topics covered include:

- Copyright, Trademarks, and Disclosure Restrictions.
- Instructions for installing, powering and using the equipment.
- Information that will aid in managing and maintaining the equipment.

## Revision History

Revision	Date	Notes	Approved By
1.0	11/14/2008	Original Published Version	
2.0	1/22/2009	Updated GM number	
3.0	2/12/2009	Updated Cover Art	BGP
4.0	6/22/2012	Change Logo and Web Address	SR
4.1	6/21/2017	Updated Format	JB

## Organization of the Manual

This Geist document contains the following product information:

- Product Specifications - This chapter describes the major product characteristics and its functional role within the system. Where appropriate, reference to cabling among product components and to other Geist product(s) is provided.
- Installation - This chapter provides installation information for the preparation and use of Geist products as well as procedures required to adequately mechanically and electrically attach Geist product into supporting systems.
- Optional Local Metering - This chapter provides information on Local Metering options for specific models.

## Audience Profile

This document is intended for use by authorized technicians experienced with some of similar product types and for personnel requiring guidance for equipment installation, operation, maintenance, and support.

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## Conventions

The information contained within this document is established around the framework of various conventions, which are defined as follows:

### Software

- Release Management: Product name, Version control ; (GU V 3.0.0)
  - Product Name: Name of Hardware Platform
  - Version control: V(ersion) Platform #, Major #, Minor #

### Hardware

Product Classification

- Power Distribution Unit
  - Basic
  - Monitored only
  - Switched only
  - Monitored + Switched
- Environmental Monitoring
- Cooling
- Data Center Infrastructure Management (DCIM)



Figure 1 Overlay Symbology Guide

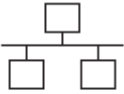

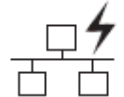














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 Power over Ethernet	 Power
 Serial	 Amps
 Remote Display	 Reboot
 Remote Sensors	 Silence
 Uplink	 Scroll
 Temp	 GU Right
 Sensor Configuration	 GU Left
 GU Center	

Figure 1 The chart above depicts the symbols used on Geist overlays.

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This document contains varying levels of alerts pertaining to product and user safety. The alerts are visually presented with graphics and text per Geist equipment guidelines.

The representations are:



### DANGER

INDICATES AN **IMMINENT** HAZARDOUS SITUATION WHICH, IF NOT AVOIDED, WILL RESULT IN **DEATH OR SERIOUS INJURY**.



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### CAUTION

INDICATES A **POTENTIAL** HAZARDOUS SITUATION WHICH, IF NOT AVOIDED, COULD RESULT IN **PRODUCT DAMAGE AND MINOR TO MODERATE INJURY**.



### NOTE

Provides useful information that is beneficial for operation and usage of this product.

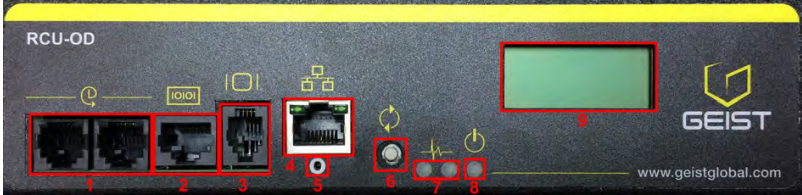
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# Chapter 1 - Product Specifications

## Overview

The VRE, VRTD, and BRD Series products are Power Distribution Units (PDU) intended for connection to a 30 Amp AC Mains circuit. The PDUs utilize single pole thermal breakers for supplementary over-current protection of the output receptacles. The VRTD Series is available in vertical configurations rated 125 V, while the BRD Series is available in horizontal configurations rated 125 V. The VRE Series is available in vertical configurations rated either 125 or 250 V. The VRE, VRTD, and BRD Series PDUs can optionally be configured with a Geist Power Meter that provides local monitoring and display of Current, Voltage, Wattage, and Power Factor.

## Environmental

### Temperature

Table 1-1 Temperature Limits

	Minimum	Maximum
Operating	10°C (50°F)	45°C (113°F) (standard models) 60°C (140°F) (high temperature models)
Storage	-25°C (13°F)	65°C (149°F)

### Humidity

Table 1-2 Humidity Limits

	Minimum	Maximum
Operating	5%	95% (non-condensing)
Storage	5%	95% (non-condensing)

### Elevation

Table 1-3 Elevation Limits

	Minimum	Maximum
Operating	0 m (0 ft)	3,050 m (10,000 ft)
Storage	0 m (0 ft)	15,240 m (50,000 ft)

## Electrical

Electrical product characteristics and performance are defined below. Also, please see the product nameplate for additional rating limits.

## Receptacle Ratings

Table 1-4 Receptacle Ratings

Type	Ratings
NEMA 5-20R or L5-20R	125 Volts, 20 Amp
NEMA 6-20R or L6-20R	250 Volts, 20 Amp
IEC-320 C13	125/250 Volt, 15 Amp (per Receptacle Bank, North American Units)
IEC-320 C13	125/250 Volt, 10 Amp (per Receptacle Bank, Global Units)

## Regulatory Compliance

Geist products are regulated for Safety, Emissions, and Environment Impact per the below agencies and policies.

### Underwriters Laboratories (UL)

UL Standards are used to assess products; test components, materials, systems and performance; and evaluate environmentally sustainable products, renewable energies, food and water products, recycling systems and other innovative technologies.

The UL standards specific to this equipment are as noted on the device nameplate.

### Federal Communications Commission (FCC)

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite, and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. An independent U.S. government agency overseen by Congress, the commission is the United States' primary authority for communications laws, regulation and technological innovation.

The FCC standards specific to this equipment are:

This Class A device complies with part 15 of the FCC Rules. Operation is subject to the following two conditions: (1) This device may not cause harmful interference, and (2) this device must accept any interference received, including interference that may cause undesired operation.

This Class A digital apparatus complies with Canadian ICES-003.

Cet appareil numérique de la classe A est conforme à la norme NMB-003 du Canada.



## WARNING

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## Chapter 2 - Installation

### Pre-Installation

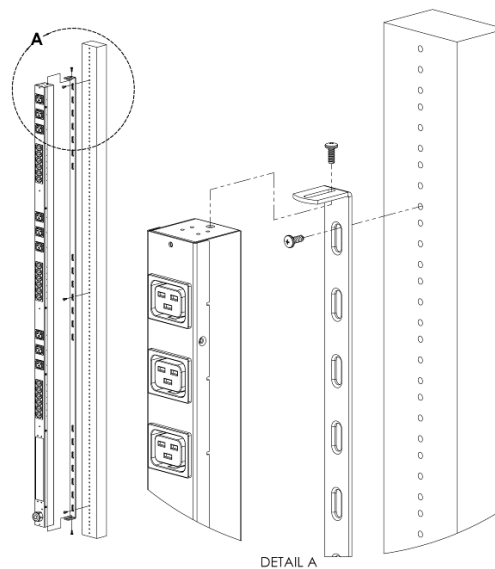
- Install the PDU such that the amount of airflow required for safe operation of equipment is not compromised.
- Mount the PDU so that a hazardous condition is not achieved due to uneven mechanical loading.
- Follow nameplate ratings when connecting equipment to the branch circuit. Take into consideration the effect that overloading of the circuits might have on overcurrent protection and supplied wiring.
- The PDU relies on the building installation for protection from overcurrent. A certified overcurrent protection device is required in the building installation. The overcurrent protection device should be sized according to the PDU's nameplate ratings and local/national electrical code.
- Reliable earthing of rack-mount equipment should be maintained. Particular attention should be given to supply connections other than direct connections to the branch circuit. The PDU must be connected to an earthed socket outlet.
- PDU is intended for restricted-access locations. Only qualified service personnel should install and access the PDU.
- For pluggable equipment, install the PDU so the input plug or appliance coupler may be disconnected for service.
- The PDU is intended for indoor use only. Do not install the unit in wet or outdoor environments, and do not install it next to water tanks or plumbing.
- The PDU is intended for use with TN, TT, or IT power supply systems.

## Installation

1. Using appropriate hardware, mount PDU to rack (see Mounting section for additional instructions).
2. Plug PDU into de-energized 30 Amp branch circuit receptacle.
3. Connect devices into PDU's output receptacles. It is recommended that the devices are turned off until all devices are connected to PDU
4. Turn on 30 Amp branch circuit to energize PDU.
5. Power on devices. Sequential power up is recommended to avoid high inrush current.

## Mounting

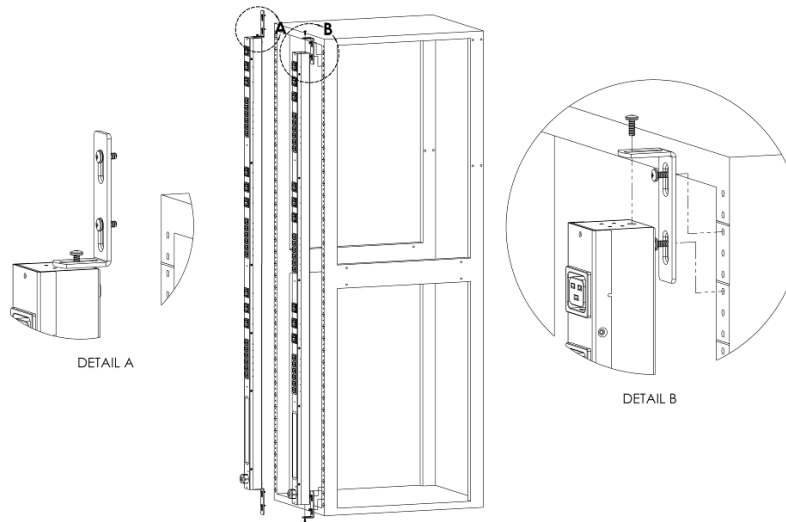
Figure 2-1 Full Length Bracket



### Full Length Bracket

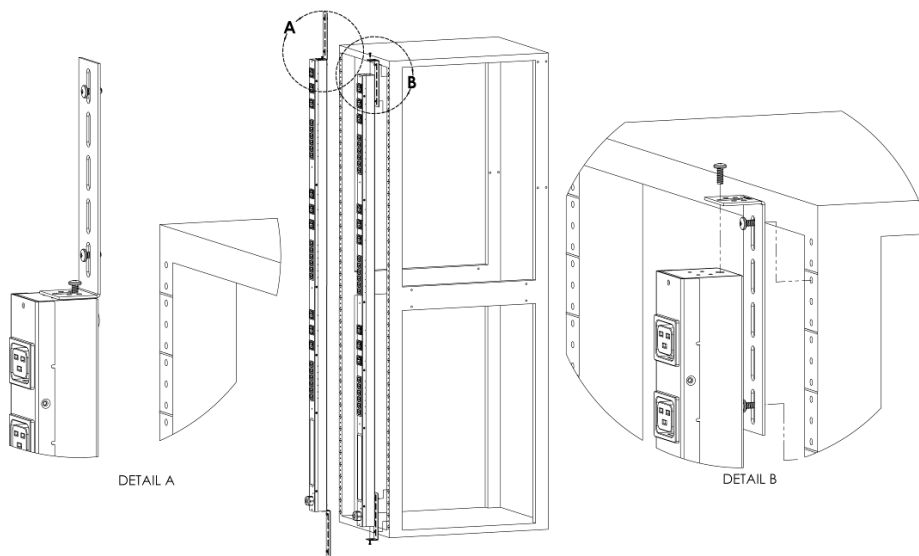
Using the full length bracket, mount PDU to rack as shown.

Figure 2-2 Mini L Brackets

**Mini "L" Brackets (SLB-4)**

Using the mini "L" brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown.

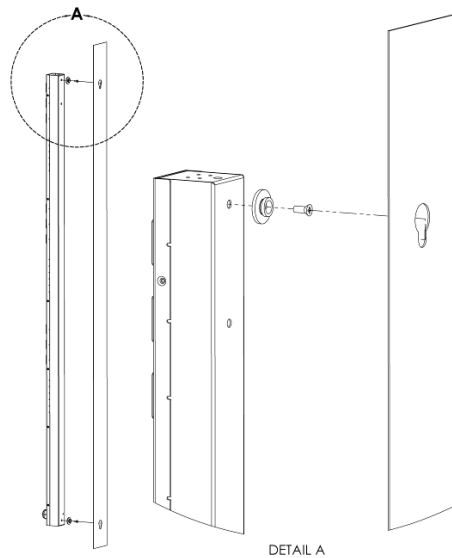
Figure 2-3 Vertical Extension Brackets

**Vertical Extension Brackets (VCB-1)**

Using the vertical extension brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown.

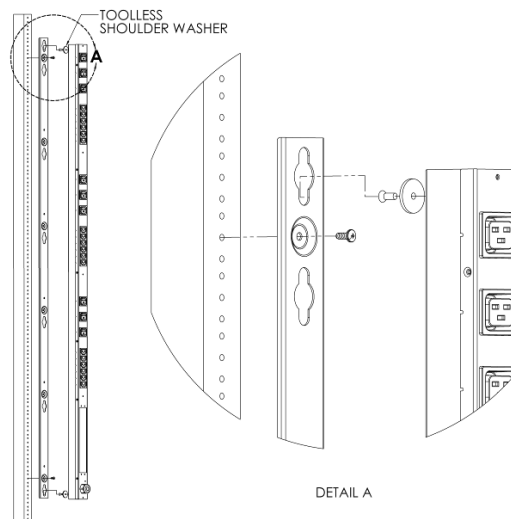


Figure 2-4 Toolless Mounting Hardware

**Toolless Mounting Hardware (11621)**

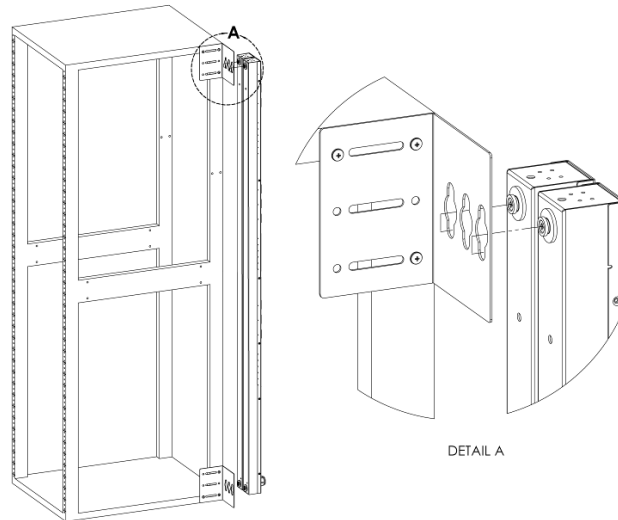
Secure toolless mounting buttons to PDU as shown. Use toolless buttons with key-holed slots built into cabinet or with optional Geist key-holed brackets.

Figure 2-5 Toolless Full Length Brackets

**Toolless Full Length Bracket (TLFL)**

Using full length toolless bracket and toolless mounting buttons, attach PDU to rack as shown.

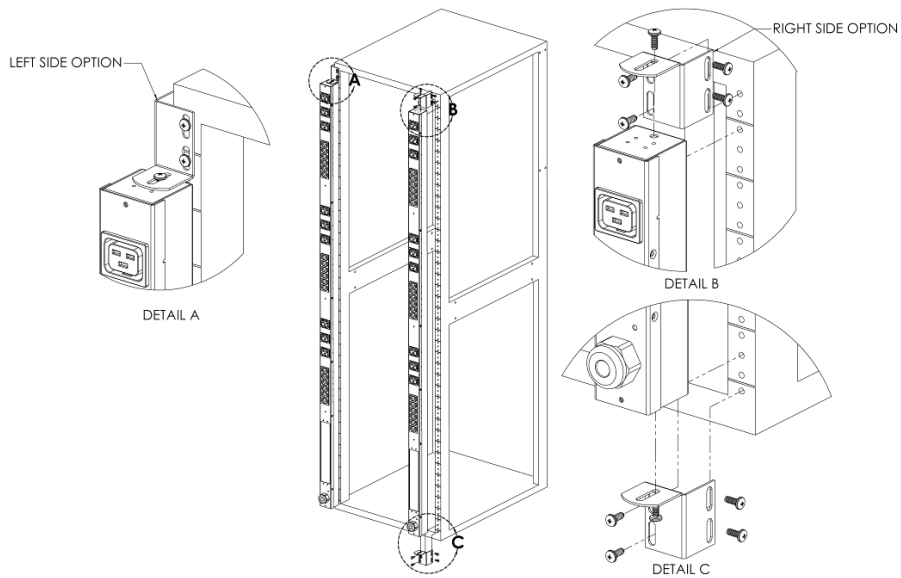
Figure 2-6 Single Side Mount 2 Units Brackets



### Single Side Mount Two Unit Brackets (TSMX2)

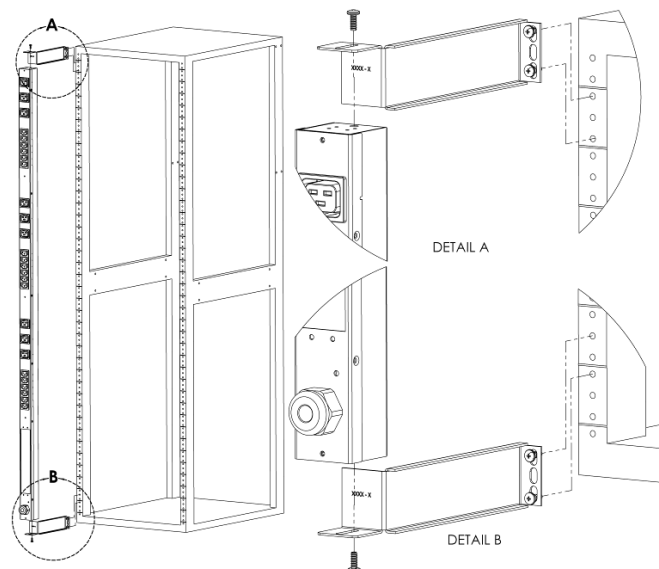
Using single side mount two unit brackets and toolless mounting buttons, attach PDU to rack as shown.

Figure 2-7 Offset/Side Mount Brackets

**Offset/Side Mount Brackets (EZB-1)**

Using the offset/side mount brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown.

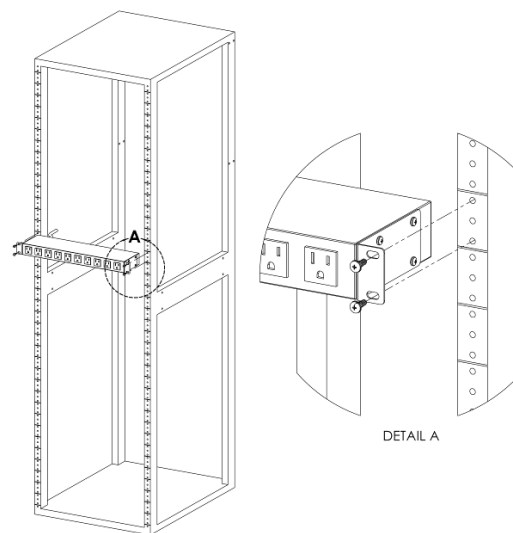
Figure 2-8 7" Extension Brackets



### 7" Extension Brackets (XB-7)

Using the 7" extension brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown.

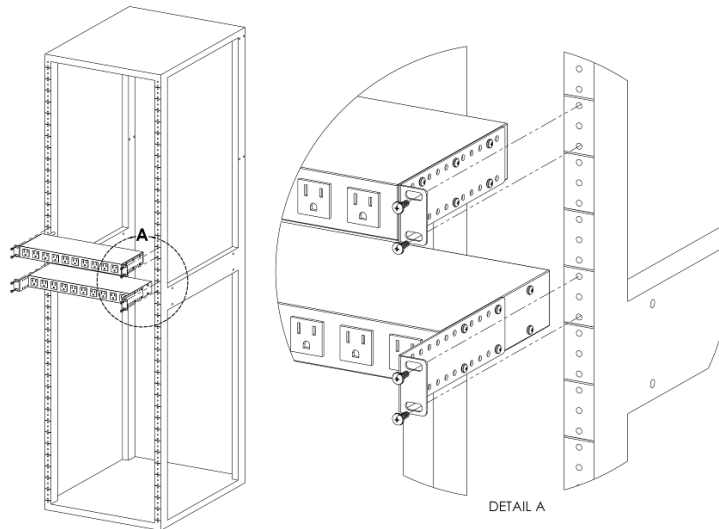
Figure 2-9 Flush Mount Brackets



### Flush Mount Brackets (FM)

Using flush mount brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown.

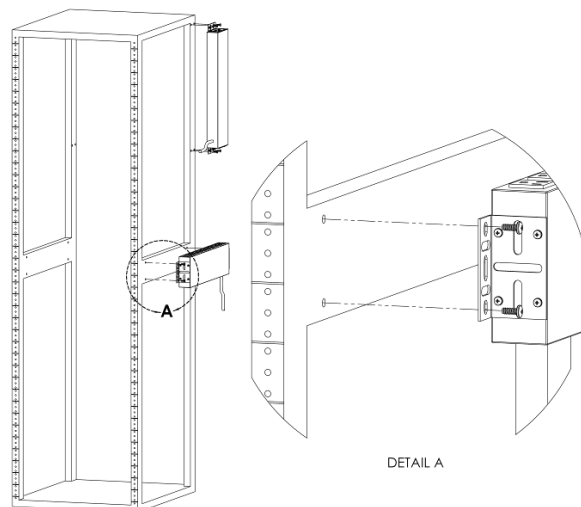
Figure 2-10 Adjustable Mount Brackets



### Adjustable Mount Brackets (AM)

Using adjustable mount brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown.

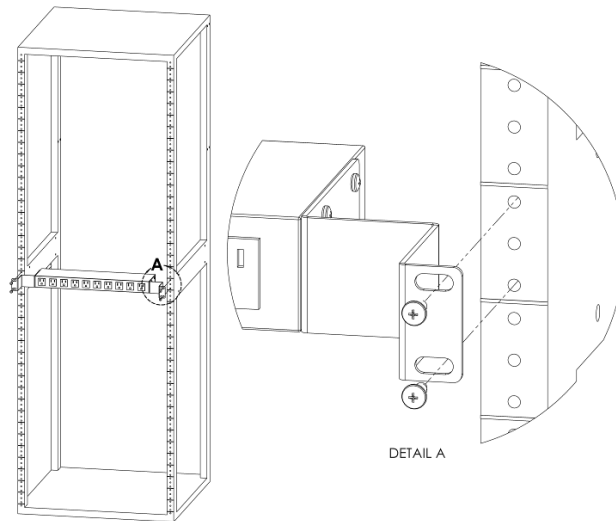
Figure 2-11 Panel Mount Brackets



### Panel Mount Brackets (PM)

Using panel mount brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown.

Figure 2-12 23" Conversion Mounting Brackets

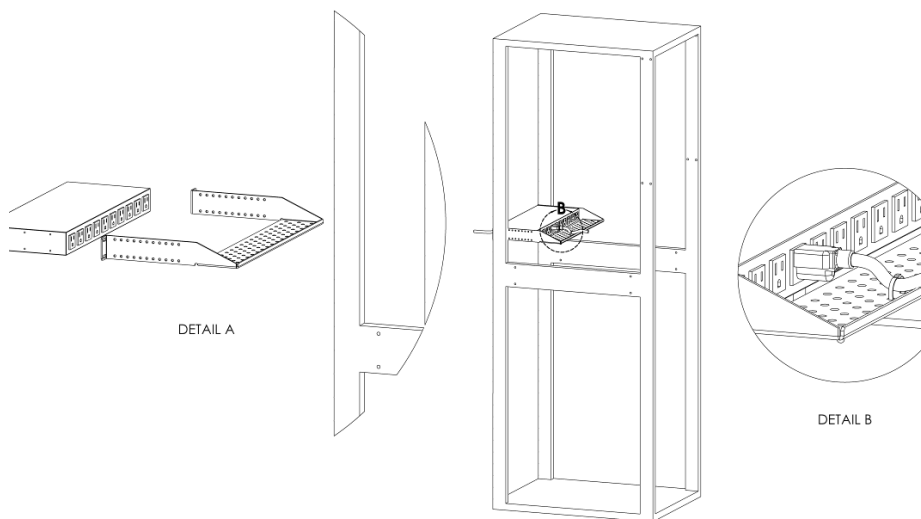


### 23" Conversion Mounting Brackets (23-RM)

Using conversion mounting brackets, attach 19" PDU to 23" rack as shown.

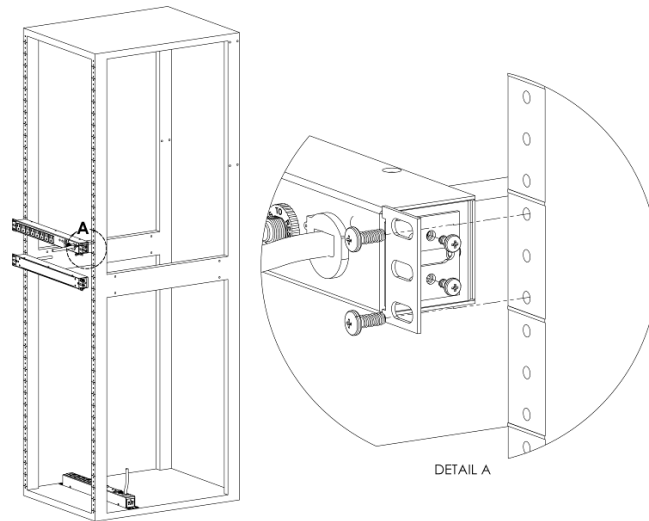
Figure 2-13 Cable Mount Brackets

### Cable Mount Bracket (CMB-1)



Attach cable mount bracket to PDU as shown; use tie-wraps to secure cords to bracket.

Figure 2-14 19" Horizontal/Panel Mount Brackets

**19" Horizontal/Panel Mount Brackets (7938)**

Using the 19" horizontal/panel mount brackets, attach PDU to rack as shown.

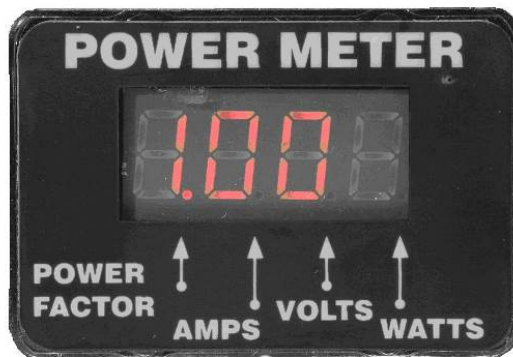
## Chapter 3 - Optional Local Metering

### Power Meter

The Geist PM-1 power meter is a low-power, high accuracy meter capable of measuring true RMS Current, Voltage, Power, and Power Factor. These values are individually shown on an easy to read, 4-digit LED Display, which continuously scrolls through the four different measured values. Each one of these displayed parameters is defined below. The Power Meter will automatically begin cycling through the displayed values when the PDU is connected to AC Mains power.

- Current: PDU output current draw measured in true RMS Amps.
- Voltage: PDU output voltage measured in true RMS Voltage.
- Power: PDU output power measured in Watts – referred to as real or active power.
- Power Factor: Ratio of real PDU output power to apparent PDU output power.

Figure 3-1 Power Meter



Power Meter Display



## Current Meter

The Geist CM-1 current meter is a low-power, high accuracy meter capable of measuring true RMS Current. The value of current is continuously shown on an easy to read, 4-digit LED Display. The Current Meter will automatically begin to display value of output current when the PDU is connected to AC Mains power.

Figure 3-2 Current Meter



Current Meter Display

## Service/Tech Support

### Service and Maintenance

No service or maintenance is required. Do not attempt to open the PDU or you may void the warranty. No serviceable parts inside. It is recommended that power be removed from the unit before installing or removing any equipment.

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