

# Kingspan SOLAR

## Flat Plate Collector Installation Manual



## Introduction

Solar hot water systems should be designed and sized correctly before commencing the installation. Proper design will ensure that a system is correctly sized to provide many years of optimised performance and most or all of the required hot water when the most solar radiation is available. However a supplementary heating system such as oil or gas boiler, heat pump or wood boiler is required for months which have less solar radiation.

For large systems, Kingspan provide a system design service to its Accredited Installer Network and technical design consultants. Please visit [www.kingspansolar.com](http://www.kingspansolar.com) to locate an Accredited Installer or distributor in your area.

## Using this guide

Stages of a solar installation are described in the following pages, with illustrations where necessary to explain how to install the relevant components, and contains general recommendations and important safety information.

### Handling Guidance :

- Heavy goods should not be loaded on top of the collectors or other boxes supplied.
- Care should be taken when opening collectors and boxes to ensure that the product is not scratched and that the glass is not subjected to any sudden shocks.
- Sharp items should not be used to open the collectors or boxes.
- The collectors should only be unpacked when they are ready to be installed.
- The collectors must be transported in a vertical position with a maximum of 7 collector panels per pallet.
- During transportation the collectors must be secured with no other items loaded on top of the collectors.
- Collectors should always be handled carefully and must never be dropped or dragged.

### Installation Guide :

- Do not leave the solar collector exposed to solar radiation when the solar loop has been drained
- Collectors left exposed and in a dry state must be covered to prevent long term damage.
- A heat dissipation loop (heat dump) is recommended in case where the system may be subject to long periods of stagnation (eg schools, sports clubs, holiday homes ect) – please refer to pages 38-42 of the Technical Design Guide.
- The pipework of the solar collector loop is to be earthed and the collector is to be lightning protected in accordance to local regulations.

For further technical support please contact the following numbers,  
Ireland - 1800 812 718 or UK – 0845 812 0007.

## Health and Safety Precautions

A solar panel installation must be performed in accordance with all Health & Safety legislation and local building/planning regulations for the relevant jurisdiction.

Furthermore, the necessary electrical work required to install control equipment should be undertaken by a qualified electrical contractor.

## Product Information

### Materials

#### Collector Case

The collector case is manufactured from high grade 6063 / 6060 Aluminium. The casing is designed to provide simplicity for mounting and dismantling the system.

#### Collector Insulation

The collector is well insulated using a high temperature resistance insulation that minimizes thermal losses from the base and sides of the collector. The insulation is a mineral rock wool product that is resistant to temperatures up to 650°C (1200 °F) and is resistant to water.

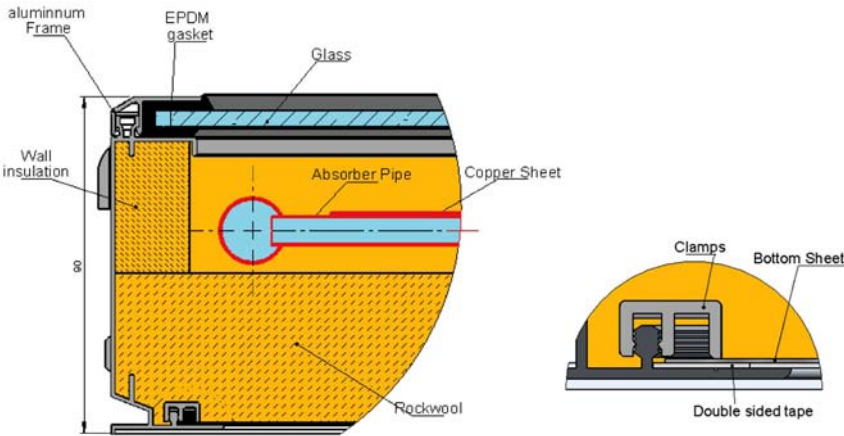
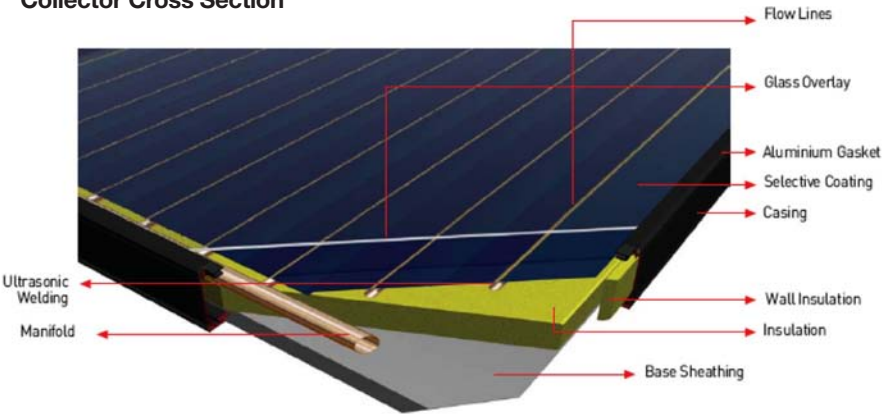
#### Transparent Glass Cover

The glass cover is a 4mm thick low-iron content tempered glass sheet with a textured surface finish that provides a transmission of approx. 91% giving high performance, quality and reliability. This tempered glass (which is also referred to as safety glass) provides excellent resistance to impacts and sudden shocks and in cases of breakage will shatter in a 'safe' manner into small fragments.

Construction of Collector

The glass is sealed in the collector frame with EPDM and rubber. EPDM is used for sealing and it is resistant to 150°C degrees and the aging effect of the sun. Silicone is applied between the EPDM and glass. Regular rains cleans the glass. In conditions of lacking rain, the glass must be cleaned. It can be cleaned by ordinary cleaners and water. It should be noted that, the cleaner the glass, the more efficient the collector.

Collector Cross Section



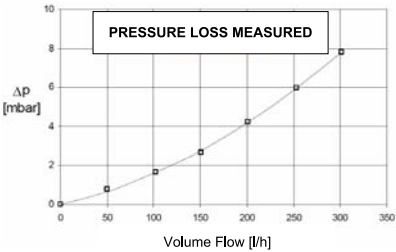
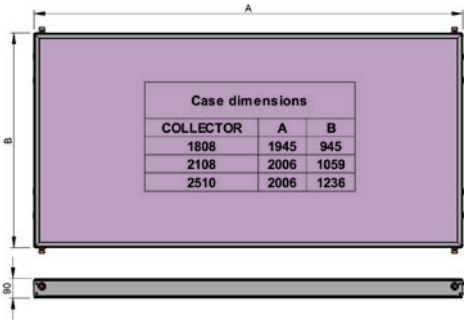
# Technical Specifications

## Specification / Type

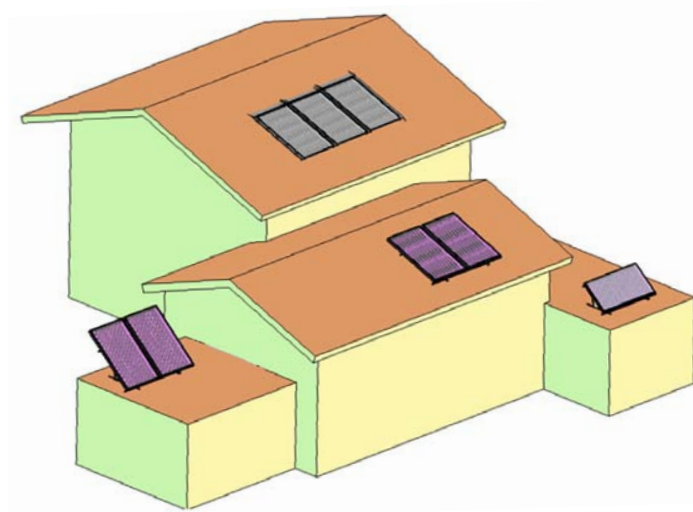
Dimensions	<b>2510</b> 2006 x 1236 x 105 mm
Casing Material	Electrostatic Painted Aluminium Case
Weight	47,5 kg
Sealing Material	EPDM & Silicone & ALUMINUM FRAME
Gross Area	2.48 m <sup>2</sup>
Aperture Area	2.31 m <sup>2</sup>
Absorber Area	2.28 m <sup>2</sup>
Absorber Material	Selective Coated Copper
Thickness	0,20mm
Absorptance	%95
Emittance	%3
Welding Method	Ultrasonic welding
Heat Carrier Volume	2,36 liter
Diameter of Absorber Tube	8,0 mm
Absorber Tube Wall Thickness	0,45 mm
Diameter of Header Tube	18 mm
Header Tube Wall Thickness	0,70 mm
Number of Tubes	10
Tube pitch (mm)	110 mm
Glass Material	Low Iron Tempered Glass
Transmittance of Glass	%91
Thickness of Glass	4 mm
Insulation Material	Rock wool
Thermal Conductivity	0.037 W/(mK)
Heat Capacity of wool	0.84 kJ/(kgK)
Density of wool	52 density
Thickness of wool	50 mm
Stagnation Temperature at 1000 W/m <sup>2</sup> and 30°C	211°C
Max. Operation Pressure	10 bar
Test Pressure	20 bar
Pressure Loss	1.8 bar
Nominal Flow Rate	10.8 L/min/m <sup>2</sup>
Base Sheeting	Embossed - finished Aluminium
Mounting Mode	Inroof, onto-roof, flat roof
Max Load (Positive)	3000 Pa
Max Load (Negative)	1000 Pa

<b>2108</b> 2006 x 1059 x 105mm
Electrostatic Painted Aluminium Case
40,5 kg
EPDM & Silicone & ALUMINUM FRAME
2.09 m <sup>2</sup>
1.95 m <sup>2</sup>
1.85 m <sup>2</sup>
Selective Coated Copper
0,20mm
%95
%3
Ultrasonic welding
1,7liter
8,0 mm
0,45 mm
18 mm
0,70 mm
9
110 mm
Low Iron Tempered Glass
%91
4 mm
Rock wool
0.037 W/(mK)
0.84 kJ/(kgK)
52 density
50 mm
211°C
10 bar
20 bar
1.6 bar
0.83 L/min/m <sup>2</sup>
Embossed - finished Aluminium
Inroof, onto-roof, flat roof
3000 Pa
1000 Pa

<b>1808</b> 1945 x 945 x 105 mm
Electrostatic Painted Aluminium Case
36 kg
EPDM & Silicone & ALUMINUM FRAME
1,79 m <sup>2</sup>
1.65 m <sup>2</sup>
1.63 m <sup>2</sup>
Selective Coated Copper
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Ultrasonic welding
1,27. liter
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8
110 mm
Low Iron Tempered Glass
%91
4 mm
Rock wool
0.037 W/(mK)
0.84 kJ/(kgK)
52 density
50 mm
211°C
10 bar
20 bar
1 bar
0.93 L/min/m <sup>2</sup>
Embossed - finished Aluminium
Inroof, onto-roof, flat roof
3000 Pa
1000 Pa



## Mounting the Panel



### Slope and direction of the collector on the roof

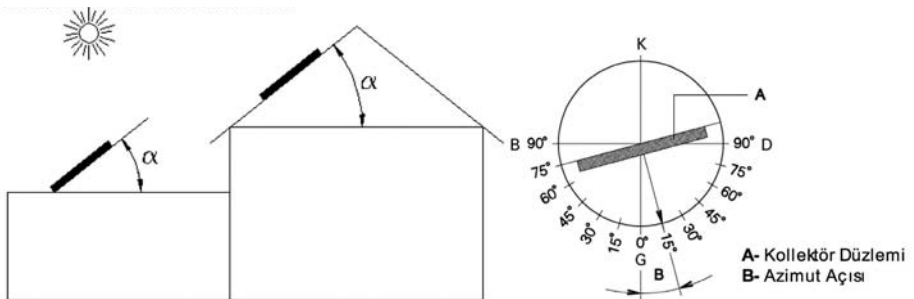
To get the best efficiency from the solar collector, it must be mounted with the right direction and slope.

#### Slope angle $\alpha$

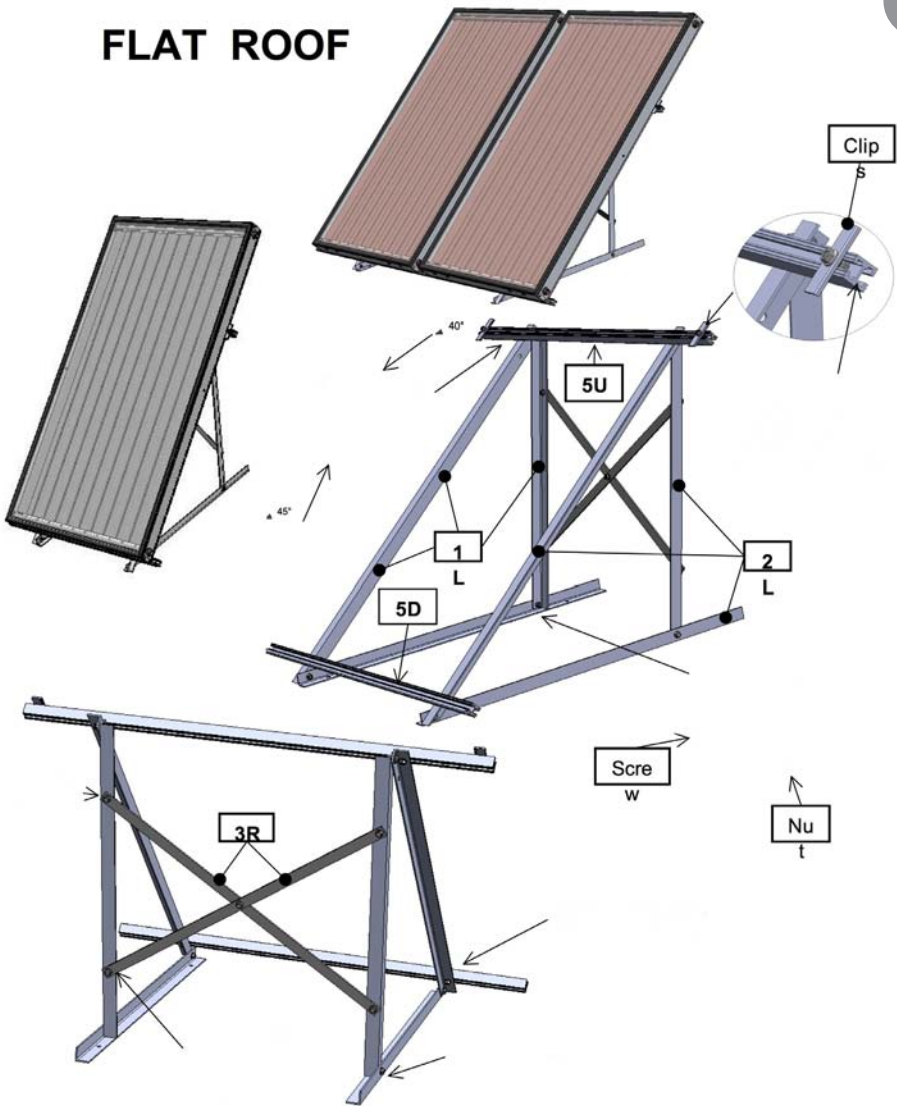
Slope angle  $\alpha$  is the angle between the collector and horizontal (x) axis. The absorber used in the collector can get the most efficient energy when it is mounted as collector axis is absolute vertical to the sun rays. The angle of sun rays change related to hour and seasonal, hence the collectors must be directioned with the right angle and slope. It is practiced that the angle between  $30^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  are the most ideal angles to mount. The collector must be installed at an angle between  $20^\circ$  and  $90^\circ$  to the horizontal plane.

#### Azimet $\lambda$ angle

Azimet  $\lambda$  angle means the deflection of the collector axis from south direction, so the angle of the collector which directioned to the south is zero (0). The axis of the collector should be directioned to the south as possible as you can because of the sun rays reflect pick of reflection at noonday. The deviation up to 45 degree to the south can be accepted by the way.



FLAT ROOF



## Flat - Roof Dimensions

1 Collector 1808		
No	Unit	Dimensions
1L	1	3 screwed pieces of (1490 - 1190- 980) X 30 X 30 mm
2L	1	3 screwed pieces of (1490 - 1190- 980) X 30 X 30 mm
3R	1	2 screwed pieces of 980 X 30 X 5 mm
5U	1	1050 X 30 X 30 mm
5D	1	1050 X 30 X 30 mm
Screw	17	M10 X 20
Nut	17	M10
Clips	2	90 X 30

2 Collector 1808		
No	Unit	Dimensions
1L	1	3 screwed pieces of (1490 - 1190- 980) X 40 X 40 mm
2L	1	3 screwed pieces of (1490 - 1190- 980) X 40 X 40 mm
3R	1	2 screwed pieces of 1670 X 30 X 5 mm
5U	1	2100 X 30 X 30 mm
5D	1	2100 X 30 X 30 mm
Screw	19	M10 X 20
Nut	19	M10
Clips	4	90 X 30

1 Collector 2108		
No	Unit	Dimensions
1L	1	3 screwed pieces of (1490 - 1190- 980) X 30 X 30 mm
2L	1	3 screwed pieces of (1490 - 1190- 980) X 30 X 30 mm
3R	1	2 screwed pieces of 980 X 30 X 5 mm
5U	1	1150 X 30 X 30 mm
5D	1	1150 X 30 X 30 mm
Screw	17	M10 X 20
Nut	17	M10
Clips	2	90 X 30

2 Collector 2108		
No	Unit	Dimensions
1L	1	3 screwed pieces of (1490 - 1190- 980) X 40 X 40 mm
2L	1	3 screwed pieces of (1490 - 1190- 980) X 40 X 40 mm
3R	1	2 screwed pieces of 1670 X 30 X 5 mm
5U	1	2300 X 30 X 30 mm
5D	1	2300 X 30 X 30 mm
Screw	19	M10 X 20
Nut	19	M10
Clips	4	90 X 30

1 Collector 2510		
No	Unit	Dimensions
1L	1	3 screwed pieces of (1490 - 1190- 980) X 30 X 30 mm
2L	1	3 screwed pieces of (1490 - 1190- 980) X 30 X 30 mm
3R	1	2 screwed pieces of 980 X 30 X 5 mm
5U	1	1335 X 30 X 30 mm
5D	1	1335 X 30 X 30 mm
Screw	17	M10 X 20
Nut	17	M10
Clips	2	90 X 30

2 Collector 2510		
No	Unit	Dimensions
1L	1	3 screwed pieces of (1490 - 1190- 980) X 40 X 40 mm
2L	1	3 screwed pieces of (1490 - 1190- 980) X 40 X 40 mm
3R	1	2 screwed pieces of 1670 X 30 X 5 mm
5U	1	2670 X 30 X 30 mm
5D	1	2670 X 30 X 30 mm
Screw	19	M10 X 20
Nut	19	M10
Clips	4	90 X 30



On Roof



Support (Black Painted)



Wood Screw



Screw



Nut

	Part Name	Quantity	
		1 coll.	2 coll.
1	Support (Black Painted)	4	6
2	8 x 60 Wood Screw	8	12
3	M10 x 20 Screw	6	10
4	M10 Nut	6	10
5	Clamp	2	4
6	Aluminum profile	1	1
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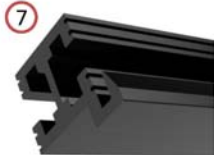


Clamp



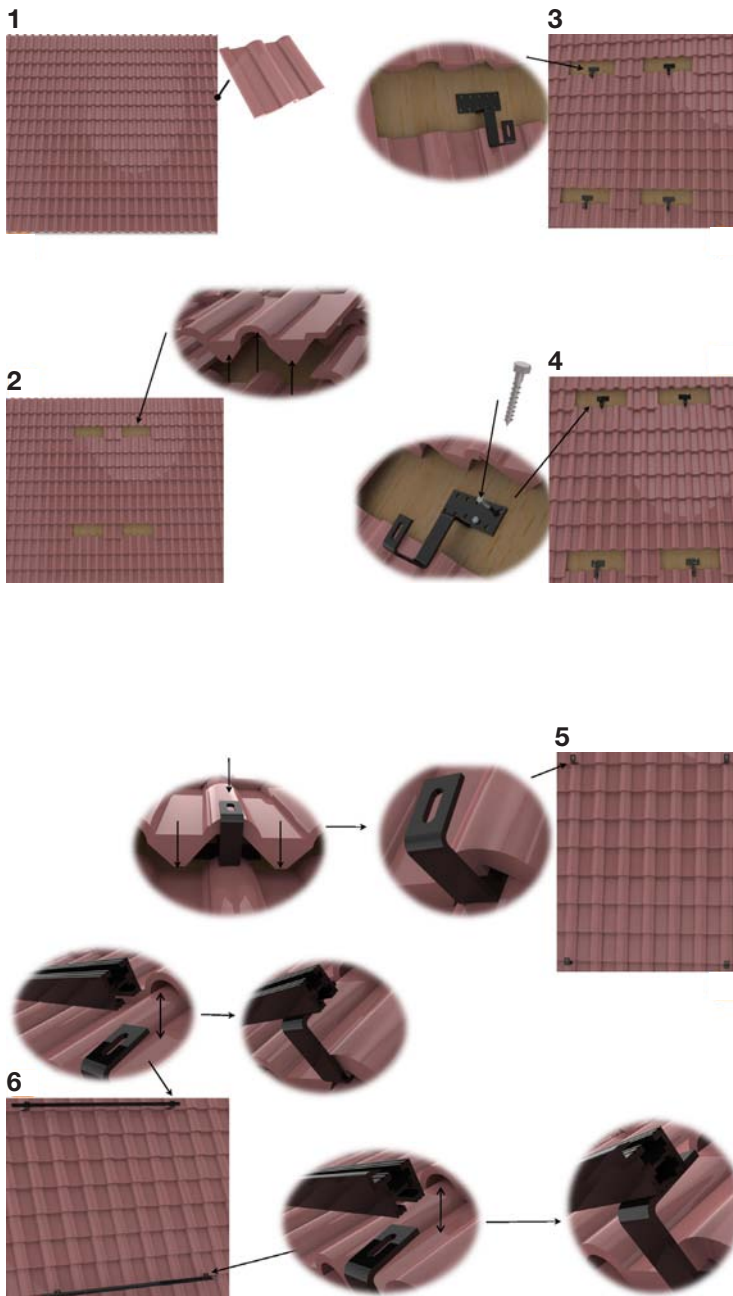
Aluminum profile

Aluminum profile dimensions (mm)		
Model	1 coll.	2 coll.
2510	1335 x 30 x 30	2670 x 30 x 30
2108	1150 x 30 x 30	2300 x 30 x 30
1808	1050 x 30 x 30	2100 x 30 x 30

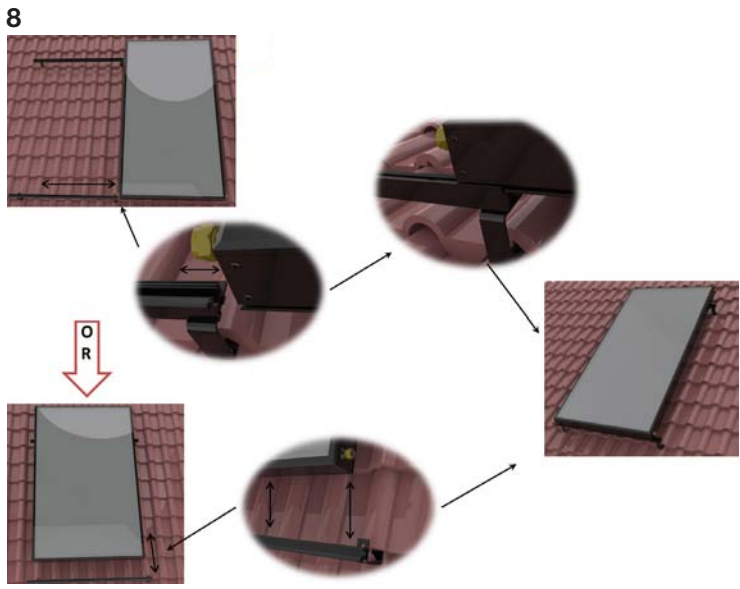
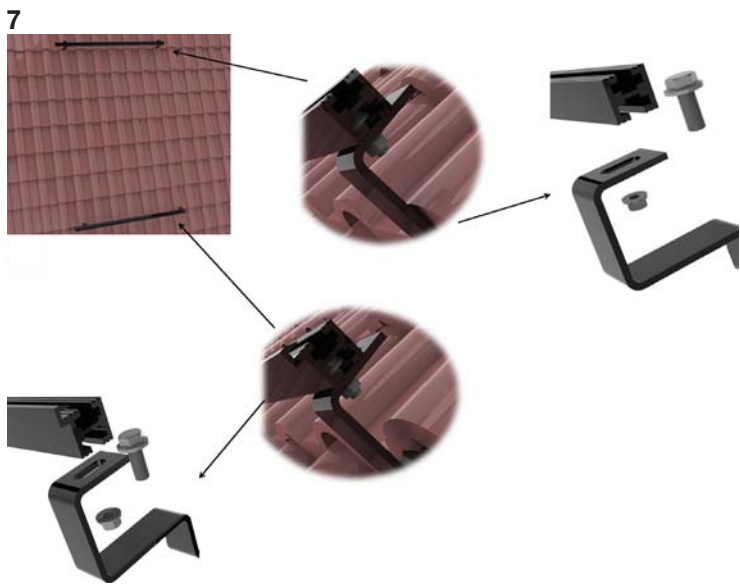


See Aluminum profile dimensions table

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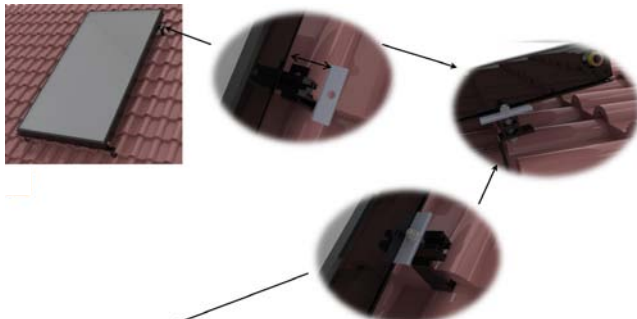


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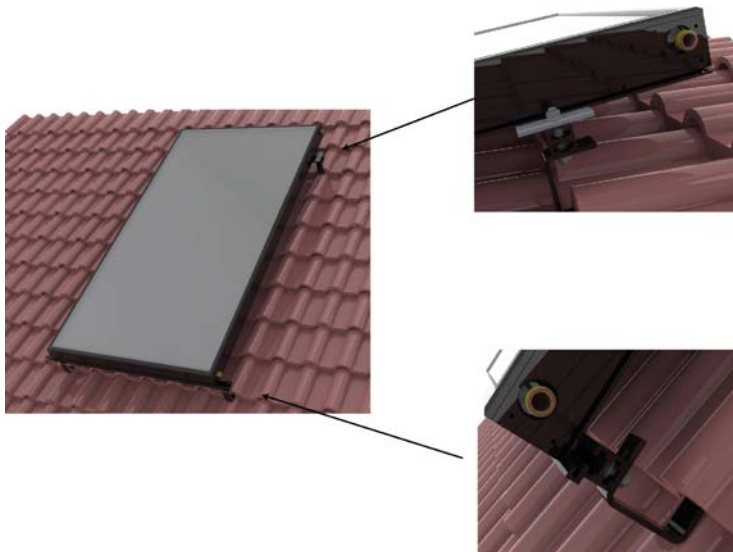
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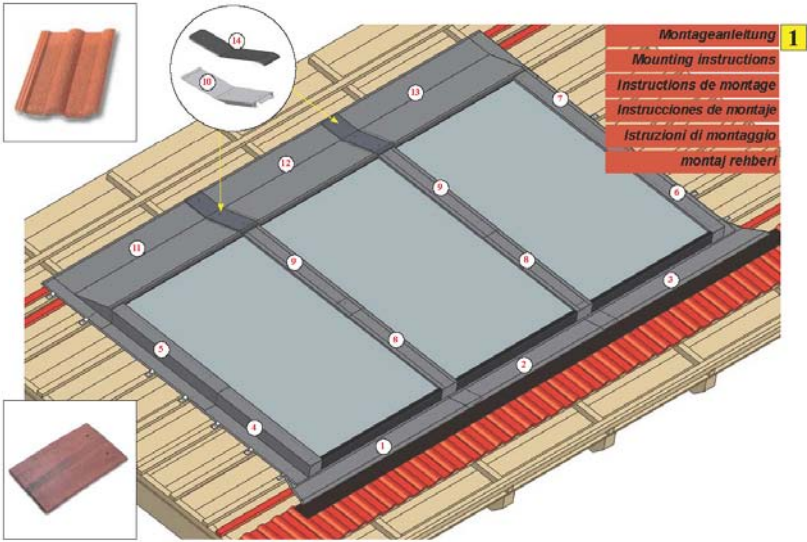
Finished Installation



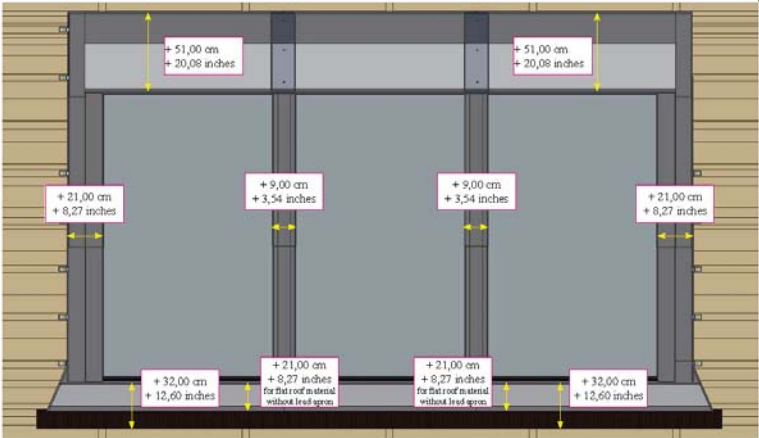
In Roof Installation Guide

To ensure sufficient space for roof tiles to overlap the installation, in roof collectors should not be placed adjacent to chimneys or dorma windows

Roof type	Suitable?
Slate	Yes
Tiled	Yes
Double lap plain clay	Yes
Shingle	No
Seam	No
Concrete	No
Others	Contact Kingspan for more information



Ready mounted dimensions

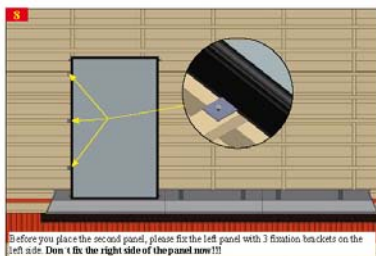
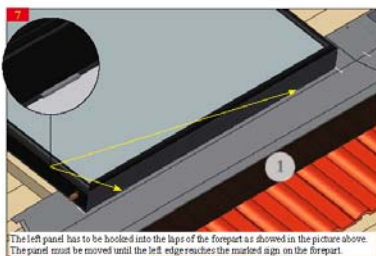
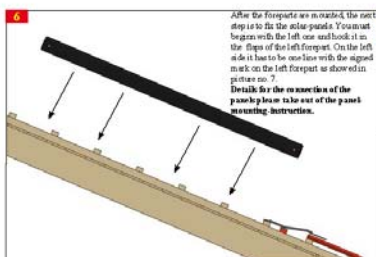
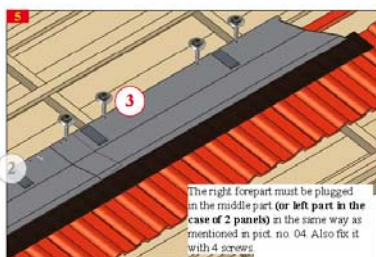
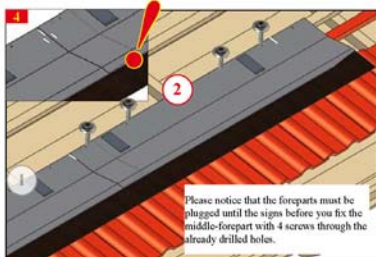
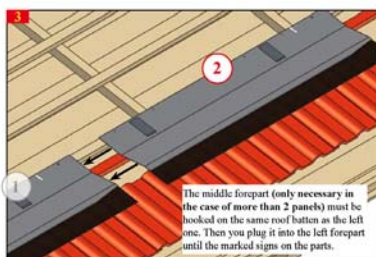
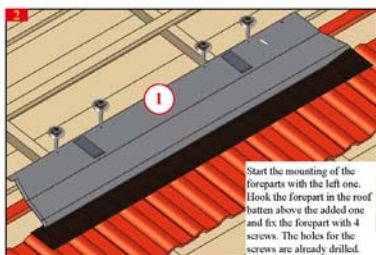


Before you start mounting the flashings please check the dimensions above, which show the ready mounted dimensions of the flashing. You have to add the dimensions of the flashing to the dimensions of the solar-panel so you will get the ready mounted dimension of the whole solar-system.

This mounting instruction is valid for corrugated and flat roof tiles (for flat roof-tiles the foreparts are fabricated without lead-apron!!)

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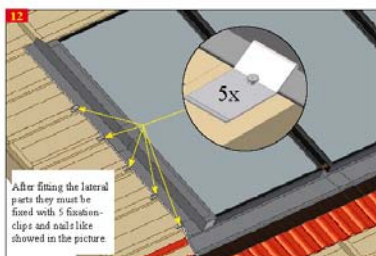
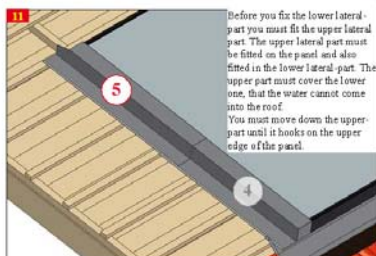
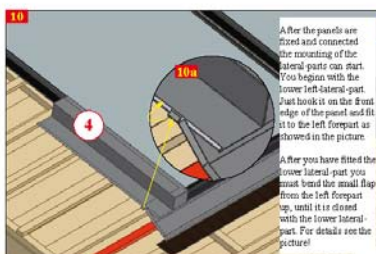
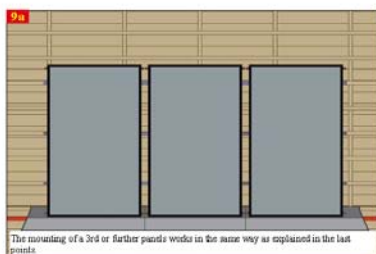
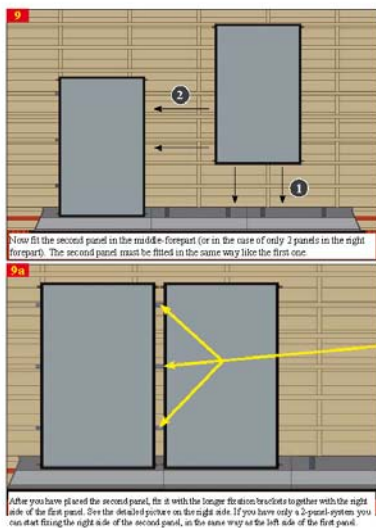
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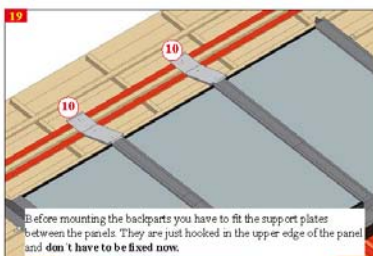
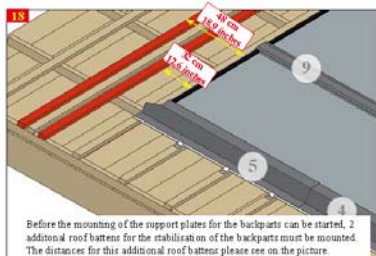
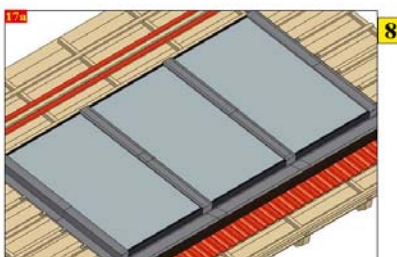
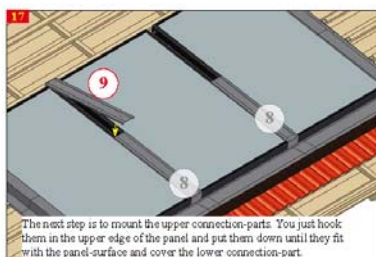
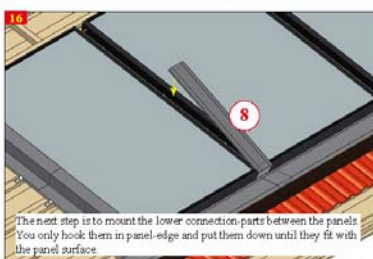
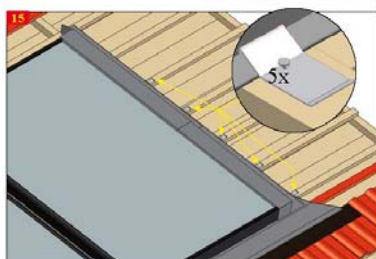
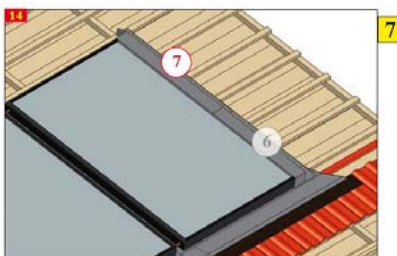
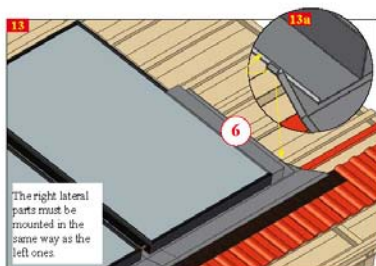
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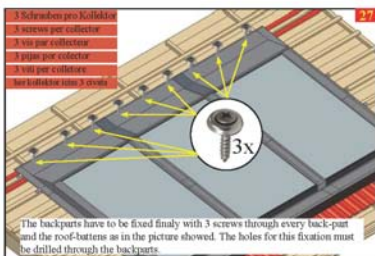
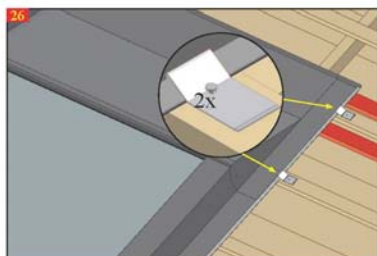
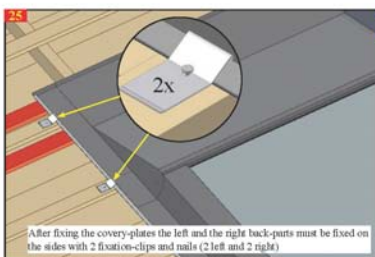
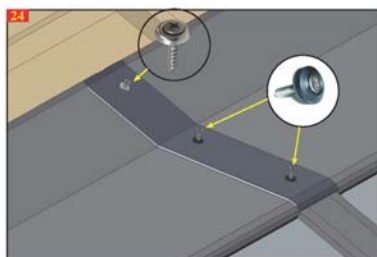
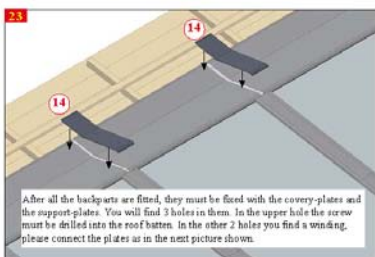
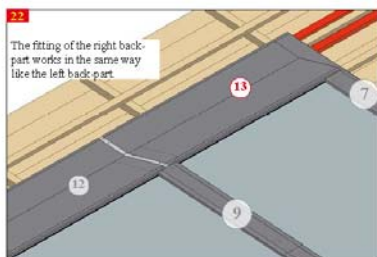
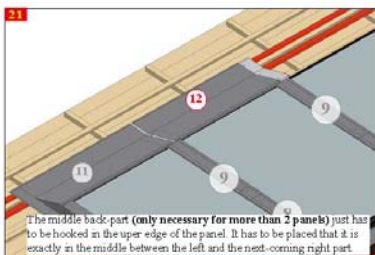
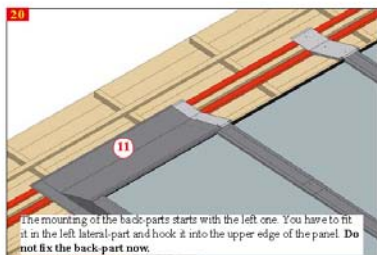
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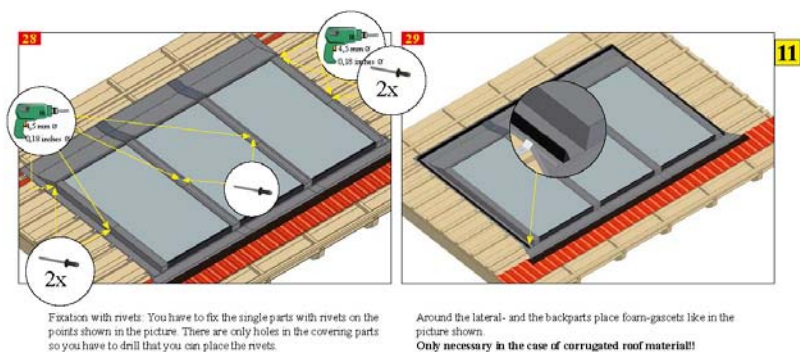
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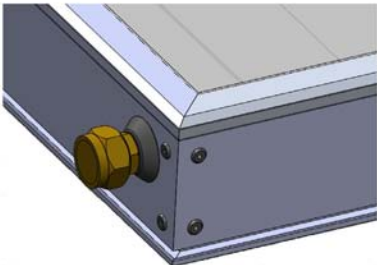
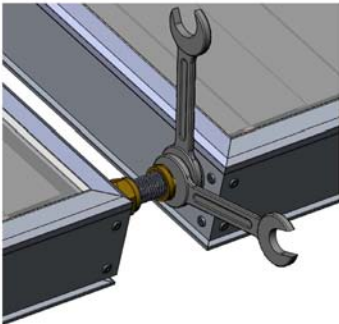
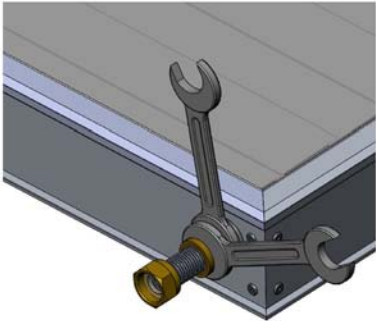
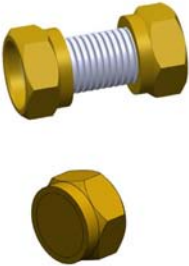
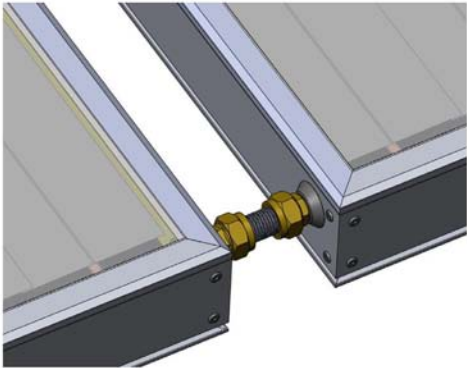
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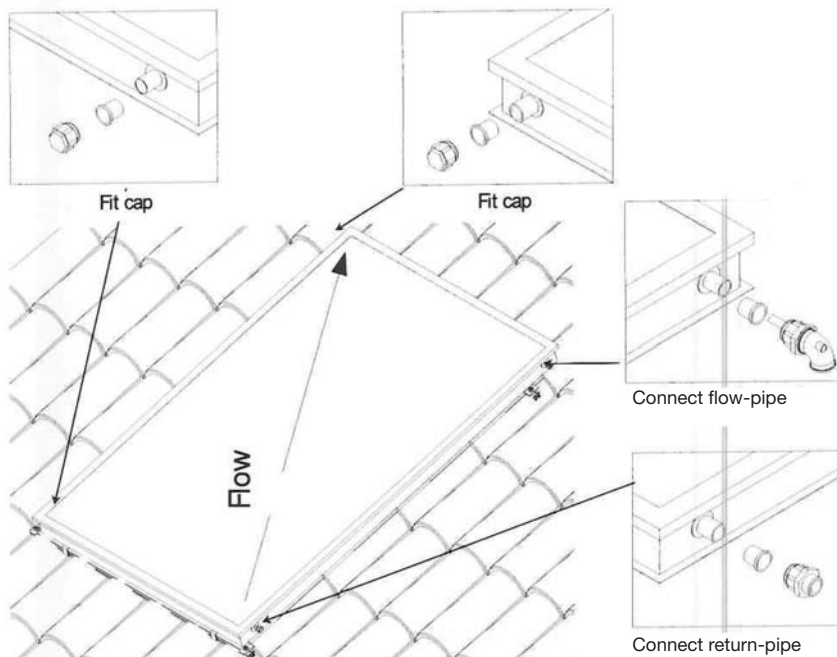
- Please ensure roof tiles overlap the side edges and top of collector to ensure watertight seal
- Please ensure skirt at bottom of cassette overlaps tiles to ensure watertight seal and rainwater run-off.

Interconnection



## Connecting the Collector

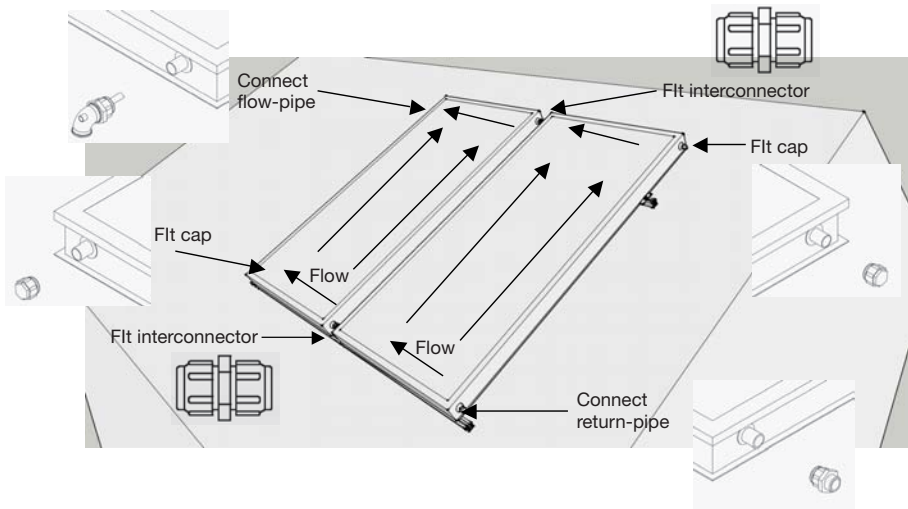
If a single collector is being installed, simply connect the solar liquid return-pipe to one of the lower collector ports and the flow-pipe to one of the upper ports, blocking the other two ports that are not in use. An installation where the return-pipe is connected to the lower right part and the flow-pipe is connected to the upper right part is shown below.



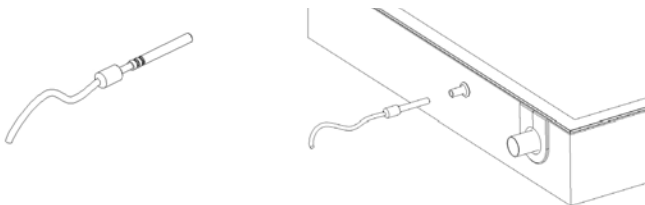
## Connecting the Collector

For a dual collector installation the collector panels should be joined in the centre using the supplied interconnection fittings (2 off). The solar fluid return pipe should be connected to the lower collector port (either left or right). The solar fluid flow pipe should then be connected to the opposite upper collector port (either right or left depending on the return pipe connection). The 2 remaining ports that are not in use should be capped. An installation with the solar fluid return pipe connected to the lower right port and the solar fluid flow pipe connected to the upper left port is shown below.

For larger scale systems up to 8 panels can be connected in series by the method described above. For design of larger scale solar system please contact Kingspan Solar.



Lastly, insert the sensor into the sensor pocket integrated into the panel. The sensor is held in position by cutting a small hole in the rubber cap and passing the sensor head and cable through the hole. The rubber cap, sensor and cable is then attached to the integrated sensor pocket



## Types of Connections

The only pipes which should be used with a solar installation are copper pipe, continuous flexible stainless steel or mild steel.

When using copper pipe, only compression or brazed joints can be used. Solder and galvanised fittings will not withstand high temperature or expansion and are therefore not suitable for solar pipe work.

PEX / PLASTIC / PEX-ALU-PEX or GALVANISED TUBING OR FITTINGS  
**SHOULD NOT BE USED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES**

## Flexible Pipe Connections

Flexible pipe connections are recommended to connect the manifold through the building fabric and allow flexibility in connecting to the internal pipe work.

Flexible stainless steel pipes are available in both a 15mm and 22mm diameter. If connecting one diameter pipe to another, a suitable reducer compression fitting is recommended to make the connection.

## Insulation

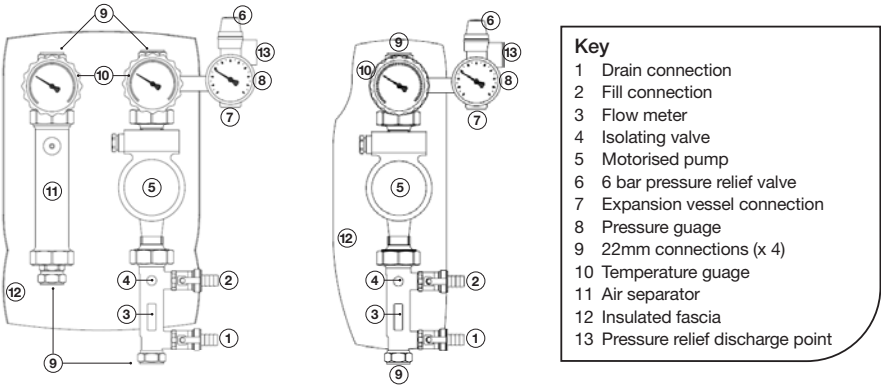
All pipe work on the solar loop should be insulated with high temperature insulation (such as HT/Armaflex from Armacell GmbH). High temperature insulation is essential as regular pipe insulation will melt at temperatures experienced by solar pipes.

The wall thickness of the insulation should be equal to the diameter of the pipe. The only pipes which should not be insulated are the pipes to the safety vessels as they should allow heat to dissipate when the system is experiencing excessive heat and pressure.

Pump Station

The Kingspan Solar product range offers both a single stream and a dual stream pump station. Each pump station is available in two flow rates, 2-12 litres and 8-28 litres.

The flow rate required on a system is typically 1 litre per minute, per square metre installed. Therefore a 2-12 litre pump station will be sufficient for systems up to 12m<sup>2</sup>. 7 collectors (see table below)



Connections of flow and return pipe work to the pump station are made with the straight compression fittings provided for direct copper connection.

	Recommended Maximum Number of Panels in Series		
Pump Station	Kingspan Solar 1808	Kingspan Solar 2108	Kingspan Solar 2510
2-12 lpm	7 collectors	6 collectors	6 collectors

## Safety Vessel Connections

### Pressure Relief Valve (PRV)

Rated at 6 bar, the PRV may discharge heat transfer fluid which must be channelled into a container capable of withstanding high temperature discharge and containing the total collector volume. The container should be secured so it cannot be removed or spilled.

The PRV should not be channelled into a drain or any pipe work which will allow it to enter the normal water course.

### Fitting the expansion vessel:

It is recommended that the expansion vessel is located below the level of the connection from the pump station to prolong its life.

The expansion vessel supplied includes an appropriate corrugated hose and threaded connection to join the vessel to the pump station.



# Wiring the Solar Control Panel

All electrical aspects of the installation should be undertaken by a qualified electrician. Note that for safety, the pump and sensor connections should always be wired prior to connecting power to the solar control panel.

**IMPORTANT: The solar control panel must have a permanent electrical power supply which must not be interrupted either manually or with a time switch. If the permanent electrical supply to the building is to be switched off for any period of time, the solar collector(s) should either be covered, or the system drained and the tubes removed.**

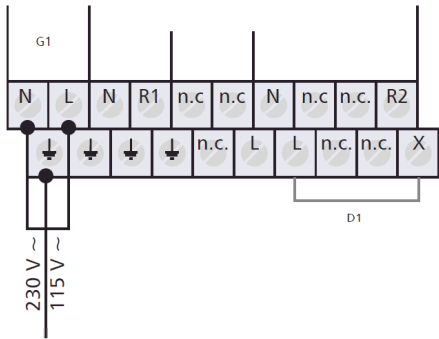
In order to protect the normal operation of the control panel, it should be located at least 100 mm from insulated pipes which may become hot during operation.

Control panels use PT1000 sensors containing twin core copper cable with a 0.75mm cross section. The sensors supplied are 1.5 metres in length.

Sensor cables can be extended with twin core copper cable of 0.75mm diameter up to 50 metres and 1.50mm diameter between 50-100m. Screened cable should be used on the sensor cables to prevent RFI from electrical cables. All connections to extend the cables should be housed in a junction box for protection.

The following diagrams show the connection of the solar pump and other relays on the SC range of controllers. This should be read in conjunction with the Installation and Operation Manual supplied with each SC control panel.

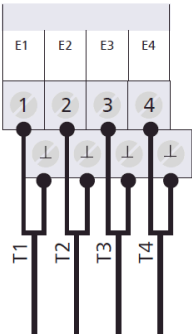
## Power Supply Connection:



## Sensor Connection

The connection of PT1000 sensors is as shown below. The polarity of the sensor cables is not relevant on each sensor. The SC100 has four inputs as illustrated below. However the SC200 and SC300 can receive five and six sensors respectively (for larger system design) and are connected in the same way.

Input connection for 1-4 sensors:



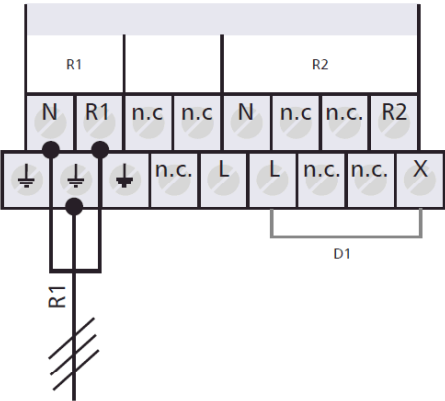
Connection of first output/pump (R1)

R1 of the SC controllers comprises a semiconductor relay (TRIAC), also suitable for RPM control with a maximum switching current displayed on the unit type plate. Both the SC100 and the SC200 contain an electromechanical relay, R2.

Note that the SC300 contains two RPM relays, R1 and R2 as well as an electromechanical relay, R3. The SC200 and SC300 are therefore suitable for controlling two pumps i.e. for an east/west panel array or a stagnation configuration requiring a second pump.

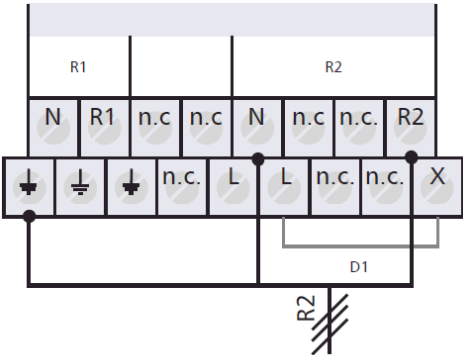
Caution

Avoiding damage and malfunctions – When connecting an external relay or contactor, or when connecting a pump which has its own electronic RPM control, the controller output's RPM control must be deactivated (see “Setting the RPM control parameters” in the Controller Manual).



Connection of second output (R2) if required

R2 on the SC100 contains a switched output via an electromechanical relay with a maximum switching current displayed on the unit type plate. Note the wire bridge (D1) must be connected.



## Commissioning the System

### Installing the collectors

The collectors should be installed at a time when there is very low light such as late afternoon when the sun is low and not particularly strong. Alternatively the collectors should be covered. This is important as tube connections can heat up considerably in a short space of time and have potential to cause injury while the glass temperature will remain low.

### Expansion Vessel

**IMPORTANT: Prior to filling the system, the expansion vessel pressure must be set 0.3 Bar below the system pressure. Omitting to perform this check will result in irregular pressure readings during the commissioning of the system.**

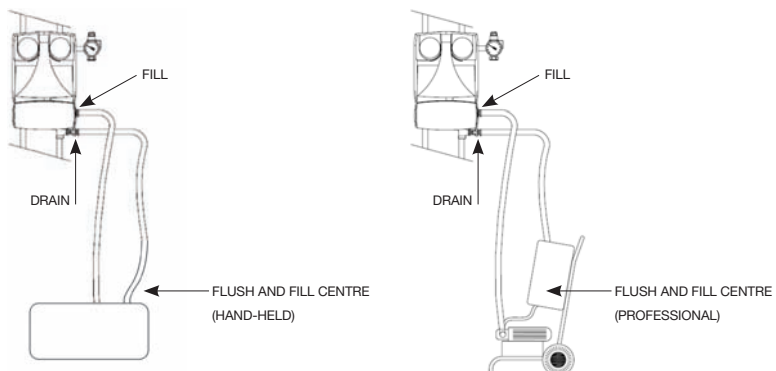
The pressure is checked at the base of the vessel and the bleed valve may be bled or topped up with a pump.

### Filling the Loop

It is important that a motorised flush and fill centre is used to fill and pressurise the system with the kingspan recommended thermal fluid as follows:

1. Open the fill and drain valves to allow the liquid to circulate around the solar loop
2. Turn the hot and cold temperature gauges 45° clockwise.
3. Close the isolating valve above to the flow meter to ensure all air and liquid passes through the fill centre to filter any air and contaminants.
4. Run the fill centre pump to circulate the thermal fluid for approximately 20 minutes.
5. Open and close the isolating valve intermittently to circulate air bubbles which may accumulate in the sight glass.
6. Return isolating valve to closed position.
7. When the solar loop has been purged of air, close the bottom/drain connection – the fill centre will begin to pressurise the solar loop
8. Reopen the isolating valve above the flow meter fully.
9. Fill the loop until the pressure gauge just exceeds the required pressure and stop the pump and immediately close the fill connection. Check pipe joints on the solar loop for leaks and check that pressure is not lost over a 30 minute period.
10. If all the plumbing is sound, set the system pressure by opening the return connection until the required pressure is met.
11. Return the temperature gauges to the original position.
12. The fill centre may now be disconnected.
13. Cap the fill and drain points with the brass covers provided.

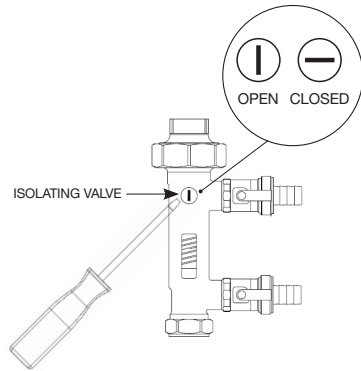
The pipes from the flush and fill centre should be connected as shown in the diagram below:



## Setting the flow rate

The pump may only be run when the system has been filled as dry operation will damage the pump. The desired flow rate is typically 0.8 litres per minute per m<sup>2</sup> (Depends on panel). The desired flow rate is given in table A below.

1. Set the pump to the first speed and run it manually from the controller (see following paragraph).
2. If the desired flow rate is exceeded, set the flow meter to the desired rate by adjusting the isolating valve with a flat headed screwdriver (see diagram) with the pump running. Otherwise repeat this step at the next pump speed and continue until the desired flow rate is achieved
3. Stop the pump.

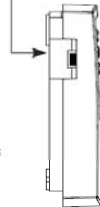


Left side view of controller

### Operating switch

The following modes of operation can be selected:

- **Manual**  
for commissioning and testing for function
- **Automatic**  
for automatic operation
- **Off**  
for switching off the outputs



## Operating the pump in 'Manual' mode (for SC range controllers)

In order to run the pump in 'Manual' mode, slide the operating switch on the left side of the solar control panel to the upper of the three positions. On the screen, select the appropriate relay with the up/down arrows and press the 'Set' button to run the relay and to switch it off again.

## Other Relays

If any additional relays are set up on the system, these should be tested in 'Manual' mode as above, to ensure the connections have been wired correctly.

Table A

KINGSPAN SOLAR FLATPLATE COLLECTORS									
RECOMMENDED FLOW RATES									
Field Size No. of Collectors	Standard Flow Conditions			Adapted Flow Conditions			Low Flow Conditions		
	1808	2108	2510	1808	2108	2510	1808	2108	2510
	l / min	l / min	l / min	l / min	l / min	l / min	l / min	l / min	l / min
1	1.7	1.8	2.0	1.1	1.2	1.3	0.8	0.9	1.0
2	3.3	3.5	4.0	2.2	2.3	2.7	1.6	1.8	2.1
3	5.0	5.3	6.0	3.3	3.5	4.0	2.3	2.7	3.1
4	6.7	7.0	8.0	4.3	4.7	5.3	3.1	3.6	4.2
5	8.4	8.8	10.0	5.4	5.9	6.7	3.9	4.5	5.2
6	10.0	10.5	12.0	6.5	7.0	8.0	4.7	5.3	6.2
7	11.7	12.3	14.0	7.6	8.2	9.4	5.5	6.2	7.3
8	13.4	14.0	16.0	8.7	9.4	10.7	6.2	7.1	8.3
9	15.0	15.8	18.0	9.8	10.5	12.0	7.0	8.0	9.4
10	16.7	17.5	20.0	10.8	11.7	13.4	7.8	8.9	10.4
11	18.4	19.3	22.0	11.9	12.9	14.7	8.6	9.8	11.4
12	20.0	21.0	24.0	13.0	14.0	16.0	9.4	10.7	12.5
13	21.7	22.8	26.0	14.1	15.2	17.4	10.1	11.6	13.5
14	23.4	24.5	28.0	15.2	16.4	18.7	10.9	12.5	14.6
15	25.1	26.3	30.0	16.3	17.6	20.0	11.7	13.4	15.6
16	26.7	28.0	32.0	17.3	18.7	21.4	12.5	14.2	16.6
17	28.4	29.8	34.0	18.4	19.9	22.7	13.3	15.1	17.7
18	30.1	31.5	36.0	19.5	21.1	24.0	14.0	16.0	18.7
19	31.7	33.3	38.0	20.6	22.2	25.4	14.8	16.9	19.8
20	33.4	35.0	40.0	21.7	23.4	26.7	15.6	17.8	20.8

**NOTE :** It is only recommended to connect a maximum of 8 collectors in series.  
For low flow conditions / high temperature applications the number of collector in series should be < 8  
Please contact Kingspan Renewables for advice on system sizing requirements if required.

## Decommissioning the System

Due to temperatures potentially exceeding 170°C and pressures greater than 6 bar, a solar installation should only be decommissioned by a trained individual. The system should be decommissioned in low light, ideally in the morning when the solar loop should be coolest.

### 1. Electrical

- Isolate controller from mains
- Remove cables to consumer units  
i.e. controller and pump
- Remove sensors and associated cables
- Remove earthing cables

### 2. Collector Loop

- Beware of hot transfer fluid
- Drain collector loop at drain valve.  
Contain the heat transfer fluid for appropriate disposal.
- Disconnect pipes from the manifold

### 3. Collector (Beware of high temperatures)

- Remove rubber retainer to release manifold lid
- Unclip tube
- Remove the rubber support retainers from around glass tube
- Remove tube manifold clip
- Remove tubes from manifold
- Remove lid and separate materials
- Remove Manifold and support rails and separate materials
- Remove roof kit and separate materials
- Reinstate roof

### Disposal

Dispose of separate materials in accordance with local regulations. Please see the following pages for details of materials used in the construction of Thermomax collectors and guidance on disposal of antifreeze.

## Disposal of Solar Anti-Freeze Solution

The solution we supply with our solar systems is a thermal transfer fluid based on 1,2 propylene glycol and water. The solution also contains corrosion inhibitors and has been specifically designed for use in solar systems with elevated temperatures, such as those experienced with Vacuum Tube Collectors.

Propylene Glycol is a widely used ingredient in pharmaceutical, food, cosmetic, personal care, flavours and animal feed applications. Propylene glycol is not volatile, but is miscible with water. Propylene glycol is not harmful to aquatic organisms and is readily biodegradable; however the disposal of the solution should be done in a responsible manner taking into consideration local Environmental and Health & Safety legislation.

While the solution is not subject to registration as a hazardous material according to EEC directives the solution should be disposed of by special means. There are a number of specialist companies that can deal with the disposal of propylene glycol. A list of these companies is available upon request. A copy of the EEC Safety Data sheet and Technical Information sheet is available upon request. We recommend that you contact your local authority to check that they will accept the solution at special landfill collection points.

**Servicing and Maintenance**

Users should regularly check the temperatures which the solar control panel is recording. With the SC range of controllers, simply pressing the 'SET' button on the fascia once will display the upper and lower collector temperatures since the control panel was last reset. If the collector temperatures have been excessively high i.e. over 170°C, it is recommended that the antifreeze level be checked using a refractometer by a qualified engineer.

A sample of the thermal fluid antifreeze fluid can be extracted from the pump station at the pump itself. The large centre of the pump hub can be opened with a large flathead screwdriver. This should be opened slowly until a few drops of the antifreeze fluid are released. A sample of the fluid placed on the glass of the refractometer will display the level of antifreeze in the system. If the antifreeze has lost its antifreeze properties the system should be refilled with fresh thermal fluid.

It is recommended that the solar system is serviced annually by a qualified engineer and immediately if the system shows evidence of having lost pressure or has discharged liquid at the pressure relief valve. The thermal fluid antifreeze fluid should always be replaced after 5 years.

**Maintenance schedule**

A qualified person should service the system at the recommended intervals, using the maintenance schedule below. In addition the user should check the system pressure at regular intervals. A visual inspection of the pressure gauge is required to check that the system pressure is maintained at the level noted below.

The service engineer should complete the following; the shaded boxes should be completed if the system requires refilling:

	Upon commissioning	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7
Date of inspection								
Expansion vessel setting before filling								
System pressure								
Expansion vessel setting after filling								
Flow rate								
Antifreeze level								
pH reading								

Engineer details								
Print name								
Sign								
Telephone No.								

## Warranty Statement

### Kingspan Renewables Ltd Warranty Statement for Solar

Subject to the following provisions, Kingspan Renewables Ltd warrants that the Goods will be free from defects in material and workmanship for a period of 10 years in relation to KINGSPAN SOLAR FLATE PLATE COLLECTORS. The warranty is given by Kingspan Renewables Ltd subject to the following conditions:

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  - E. The installation of the Goods having been carried out by fully trained and competent person(s)
  - F. The Goods having been subjected to neither "prolonged stagnation conditions" nor exhibiting signs of "extreme temperature exposure"
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