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Clearly Solar Solar Thermal Flat Plate Collector Installation Instructions



Horizontal In-roof mounting 22°-75° SRH 2.3

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WARNINGS

Metal Parts

This solar panel contains metal parts (components) and care should be taken when handling, with particular regard to edges.

Risk of death from falls and falling objects

Observe the national regulations for working at heights.

Danger of burning and scalding

In case of solar irradiation inside the units, solar panels can reach 200°C.

Remove the sun protection film installed at the factory only after the solar energy system has been started up.

Sealed Components

Under no circumstances must the user interfere with or adjust sealed parts.

Important Information

General

These instructions must be handed to the user on completion of the installation.

This installation instruction applies exclusively to the mounting of the solar collector.

The solar collector is one component in a solar system and it is recommended that you read all other component(s) literature prior to installation.

We accept no liability for any damage caused by failure to observe these instructions.

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health

Under Section 6 of The Health and Safety at Work Act 1974, we are required to provide information on substances hazardous to health.

The adhesives and sealants used in this appliance are cured and give no known hazard in this state.

Solar fluid

For solar fluid safety data, please refer to Clearly Solar System Hydraulics literature.

Manual Handling

With regards to the "Manual Handling Operations, 1992 Regulations", this product exceeds the recommended weight for a one man lift.

Recommend 2 person lift. Ensure safe lifting techniques are used – keep back straight – bend using legs. Keep load as close to body as possible. Ensure co-ordinated movements during lift. Clear the route before attempting the lift. If removing from truck straddle the load and tilt forwards to facilitate secure grip. Do not twist – reposition feet instead. Take care to avoid trip hazards, slippery or wet surfaces and when climbing steps or ladders. Always use assistance if required.

Installation of the solar collector will require a risk assessment.

Testing and Certification

This solar collector is tested and certificated for safety and performance. It is, therefore, important that no alteration is made, without permission, in writing, by Glow-worm. Any alteration not approved by Glow-worm, could invalidate the certification, warranty and may also infringe the current issue of the statutory requirements.

CE Mark

The CE mark on the solar collector indicates that it complies with the basic requirements of the applicable directives as stated on the data label.

Damage from lightning

If the installation height is more than 20m, electro-conductive components must be connected to a lightning protection device.

Frost Protection

Under no circumstances should water be in the solar collector if there is a danger of frost.

After pressurisation and flushing, the solar collector(s) may contain water residue.

Water remaining in the solar circuit will dilute the fluid. Immediately fill the solar system with solar fluid. Check the fluid concentration with a frost protection tester.

IMPORTANT

Where no British Standards exists, materials and equipment should be fit for their purpose and of suitable quality and workmanship.

The installation of this solar collector must be carried out by a **competent person** in accordance the rules in force in the countries of destination.

Manufacturer's instructions must not be taken as overriding statutory requirements.

Statutory Requirements

In GB, the installation of the solar collector must comply with the requirements of the current issue of the following regulations:

The manufacturer's instructions supplied.

The appropriate Buildings Regulations either The Building Regulations, The Building Regulations (Scotland), The

Building Regulations (Northern Ireland).

Working at Heights Regulations 2005.

Connecting thermal solar appliances.

Lightning protection requirements.

Equipotential bonding of electrical installations.

The Health and Safety at Work Act

Control of Substances Hazardous to Health (COSHH).

The Current I.E.E. Wiring Regulations.

The Water Supply (water fittings) Regulations 1999 or the Water Byelaws 2000 (Scotland).

Where no specific instructions are given, reference should be made to the relevant British Standard Code of Practice.

Regulations for the prevention of accidents

At all times follow the national regulations on working at heights.

Make sure there is suitable safety equipment such as scaffolding or protective walls to prevent falling from roofs. Fall protection systems such as the Glow-worm fall protection system (item no. 0020054985) also has a fall arresting device if the roof scaffold and protective roof wall are inappropriate for the specific task.

Only use tools and equipment such as lifting gear or ladders in accordance with the lifting regulations.

Cordon off areas below the working area sufficiently to protect people from falling objects.

Mark the working area, for example with warning signs as described by the national regulations.

Design Description

The Clearly Solar collector, collects the available solar radiation and transfers the heat through the solar fluid into the system.

It has been designed to compliment the complete range of Glow-worm solar system components.

The kits are suitable for roof pitches between 22° - 75° , please choose from the table below.

The solar thermal flat plate collector includes a saltwaterresistant aluminium frame as well as a copper surface absorber with a high selective coating.

The flat plate collector has a CFC-free, standstill temperature-

resistant mineral wool insulation for long-life and excellent heat insulation.

Hydraulic connections are push-fit with double 'O' ring sealing. The sensor sleeve is integrated into the hydraulic flow connection.

The following kits are available and dependant upon the number of collectors, the quantities required are listed in the following table and illustrated in the appropriate sections:-

Number of collectors	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
1 collector in-roof kit Part number 0020060315	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2 collector in-roof kit Part number 0020060317	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Extension kit (additional collector) Part number 0020060326	-	-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Easy fit hydraulic connection set - section 4 Part number 0020065271	1											
Easy fit hydraulic extension set - section 4 Part number 0020059909	-	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11

2 Technical Data



Appliance designation	Unit.	Clearly Solar			
Absorber type		Serpentine			
Gross area	m²	2.51			
Aperture surface area	m²	2.35			
Absorber surface area	m²	2.33			
Absorber		Aluminium (vacuum coated) 0.5 x 1178 x 1978			
Dimensions (L x W x H)	mm	1233 x 2033 x 80			
Weight (Dry)	kg	38			
Fluid content	1	2.16			
Copper pipe connection, flat-face	Ømm	G 3/4" (DN16)			
Insulation thickness	mm	40			
Max. operating pressure	bar	10			
Glass type		Solar safety glass (prismatic structure)			
Glass covering	mm	3.2 (thickness) x 2033 x 1233			
Coating		High selective (blue) $\alpha = 95\% \epsilon = 5\%$			
Solar safety glass transmission τ (dew)	ty glass transmission τ (dew) % $\tau = 91$		•		
Absorber emission ϵ (epsilon)	%	5 ± 2			
Back wall insulation	mm, W/mk, kg/m	95 ± 2			
Stagnation temperature	°C	210			
Efficiency η_0	%	80			
Heat capacity	Ws/ (m•K)	5014			
Efficiency coefficient k1	W/(m²•K)	3.7			
Efficiency coefficient k2	W/(m ² •K2)	0,012			

Solar Collector

The recommended collector panel arrangements are shown below.

Hydraulic Connections

It is recommended that the hydraulic connections should be made as shown below.

Roof Pitch 22º-75º



4 Hydraulic Connection Kits



Diagram 4.1

5	Single	Collector	Flashing	Kit -	22 ⁰	- 75º
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1 collector in-roof kit for roof angle 22-75° - Kit No. 0020060315				
Part	Description	Qty.		
1	Tile bar	1		
2	Right ridge plate	1		
3	Upper ridge plate coupling	1		
4	Left side section	1		
5	Roof batten	2		
6	Right front flashing	1		
7	Left front flashing	1		
8	Inner clamp	6		
9	Screws No.1 Screws No.2 Screws No.3 Screws No.4 Screws No.5	22 5 3 8 4		
10	Support board	1		
11	Support plate	3		
12	External clamp	8		
13	Left ridge plate	1		
14	Right side section	1		
15	Profile end	2		

Roof Requirements

Refer to the diagram and table below and confirm the roof requirements before installation.

IMPORTANT

- Do not remove the protection film until the system is to be commissioned.
- With due regard to the complete weight of the solar collector system, (refer to technical data) ensure the roof rafters and battens are in good condition and have sufficient load carrying capacity and the battens are secure.
- If you are using the existing roof battens for fixing, ensure that they are secured at each rafter.

5.1 Installation

NOTE: Ensure adequate provision has been made for the flow and return pipes to enter/exit the roof space, dependant on their location. The preferred hydraulic scheme will determine their location, refer to Section 3.

Refer to diagram 5.1 and check the contents of the kits prior to commencing work on the roof.

Based on the dimensions, above, remove the roof covering.

Fix the lower flashing support batten, see diagram 5.2.

Position the lower flashing onto the roof batten and secure with the six screws (no.1) and Torx bit supplied, see diagram 5.3.

5 Single Collector Flashing Kit - 22º - 75º

Position the collector protective side uppermost, into the location channel as shown in diagram 5.4. **NOTE:** The design is symmetrical and does not have a top or bottom.

Secure the collector with the clamps and screws provided, see diagram 5.5.

With regards to the hydraulic system you have chosen, insert and secure the hydraulic connections, see diagram 5.6.

Insert the collector sensor into the appropriate elbow (flow, top), see diagram 5.6. The collector sensor is packed with the Fluropro controller, part no. 0020054960.

Mount the plug with the bleed valve in the opposite top position.

Connect the collector Flow and Return to the system circuit.

Ensure that all of the following steps have been performed:-

- All the connections have been fixed with securing clips.
- All hydraulic connections laid properly.
- The collector sensor has been connected.
- The collectors are connected to a lightning protection device.
- A pressure test.
- All insulation is intact.

NOTE: After initial commissioning and according to the season, high outside temperature oscillations can cause condensation in the collector, this is normal.

Fit the side sections to the collector frame, ensure that it is pushed into place on the upper collector edge, see diagram 5.7.

Secure the side sections to the roof battens with the supplied clamps, screws (No. 2) and Torx bit supplied, see diagram 5.8.

5.2 Support plates/board

Fix the top batten into position as shown in diagram 5.9. Mount the support plates above the collector and make sure that the support plates are on the collector frame slot, see diagram 5.10.

Fix the support plates to the top roof batten with two screws (No.3) using the supplied Torx bit.

Slide the board through the support plates.

Fix the board to the support plates with two screws (No. 2) using the supplied Torx bit, see diagram 5.10.

Slide the ridge plate on the support plates, see diagram 5.11. Make sure that the ridge plates are above the side sections and engaged in the corresponding rail (2).

Fix the ridge plates to the roof battens with the screws (No. 1) using the supplied Torx bit.

Fix the ridge plate coupling to the ridge plate joint with three screws (No. 5) using the supplied Torx bit, see diagram 5.12.

5.3 Tile Bars

Place the tile bars on the ridge plates. Bend the metal bands and hook the tile bars to the roof batten from the top, see diagram 5.13.

5.4 Covering the profile ends

Cover the side profile ends and the collector joints with the profile end pieces, see diagram 5.1 for profile end location. Fit the profile end pieces to the bottom of the collector edge and then tilt them up, until they lock in the upper collector edge, see diagram 5.14.

Diagram 5.14

5.5 Flexible flashing

Remove the protection film from the adhesive surface of the flexible flashing.

NOTE: Ensure that the adhesive surface is dry and free from dust and grease.

Contour the flexible flashing to the tile shape, see diagram 5.15.

Stick the flexible flashing to parts that overlap.

5.6 Sealing strip

Attach the self adhesive sealing strip on the side sections of the collector frame as shown in diagram 5.16 and also on the ridge plates, see diagram 5.17.

If necessary carefully cut the sealing strip with a trimming knife.

Roof Requirements

Refer to the diagram and table below and confirm the roof requirements before installation.

IMPORTANT

- Do not remove the protection film until the system is to be commissioned.
- With due regard to the complete weight of the solar collector system, (refer to technical data) ensure the roof rafters and battens are in good condition and have sufficient load carrying capacity and the battens are secure.
- If you are using the existing roof battens for fixing, ensure that they are secured at each rafter.

6.1 Installation

NOTE: Ensure adequate provision has been made for the flow and return pipes to enter/exit the roof space, dependant on their location. The preferred hydraulic scheme will determine their location, refer to Section 3.

Refer to diagram 6.1 and check the contents of the kits prior to commencing work on the roof.

Based on the dimensions, above, remove the roof covering.

Fix the lower flashing support batten, see diagram 6.2.

Position the left lower flashing onto the roof batten and secure.

NOTE: All flashings are secured with six securing screws (no.1), using the Torx bit supplied, see diagram 6.3. Slide the central lower flashing up to the mark on the left lower flashing and secure.

Slide the right lower flashing up to the mark on the central flashing and secure.

Position the collector panel protective side uppermost into the location channel as shown in diagram 6.5.

NOTE: The design is symmetrical and does not have a top or bottom.

Insert the pipe couplings into the hydraulic socket connection. The pipe coupling should be inserted up to the stop and secured with its securing clip.

Place the next collector into its position as previously described, then push the collector, ensuring engagement of the pipe coupling, see diagram 6.5, and align with the marks on the flashing.

With the screws (No.3) and clamps and Torx bit supplied, secure to the roof battens, see diagram 6.7.

For securing between collectors the inner clamp should be secured as shown and grip both collector edges, see diagram 6.8.

With regards to the hydraulic system you have chosen, insert and secure the hydraulic connections, see diagram 6.9.

Insert the collector sensor into the appropriate elbow (flow, top).

Mount the plug with the bleed valve in the opposite top position.

Connect the collector Flow and Return to the system circuit.

Ensure that all of the following steps have been performed:-

- All the connections have been fixed with securing clips.
- All hydraulic connections laid properly.
- The collector sensor has been connected.

- The collectors are connected to a lightning protection device.

- A pressure test.
- All insulation is intact.

NOTE: After initial commissioning and according to the season, high outside temperature oscillations can cause condensation in the collector, this is normal.

Fit the side sections to the collector frame, ensure that they are pushed into place on the upper collector edge, see diagram 6.10.

Secure the side sections to the roof battens with the supplied clamps, screws (No. 2) and Torx bit supplied, see diagram 6.11.

Slide the intermediate plate from below and between the collectors, until it is flush with the lower collector edge, see diagram 6.12.

NOTE: If it's not possible to mount the intermediate plate from below (because of dormers, etc.), carefully bend up the intermediate plate (see inset diagram 6.12), slide the plate from the top between the collectors and bend it down again.

6.2 Support plates/board

Fix the top batten into position as shown in diagram 6.13.

- Mount the support plates above the collector:
- one on the external edge (max. 150 mm from the edge) - one per collector joint (central).

Make sure that the support plates are on the collector frame slot, see diagram 6.14.

Fix the support plates to the roof batten with two screws (No. 3) using the supplied Torx bit.

Slide the board through the support plates. Fix the board to the support plates with two screws (No. 2)

using the supplied Torx bit, see diagram 6.14.

Slide the ridge plates on the support plates, see diagram 6.15. Make sure that the ridge plates are above the side sections and slip in the corresponding rail (2).

Fix the ridge plates to the roof battens with the screws (No. 1) using the supplied Torx bit.

Fix the ridge plate coupling to the ridge plate joint with three screws (No. 5) using the supplied Torx bit, see diagram 6.16.

6.3 Riveting the frame

Drill a 4.5 mm diameter hole through the ridge plates on the marks on the left and right hand respectively, see diagram 6.17.

Rivet the ridge plate to the side section.

6.4 Tile Bars

Place the tile bars on the ridge plates. Bend the metal bands and hook the tile bars to the roof batten from the top, see diagram 6.18.

6.5 Covering the profile ends

Cover the side profile ends and the collector joints with the profile end pieces, see diagram 6.1 for profile end location. Fit the profile end pieces to the bottom of the collector edge and then tilt them up, until they lock in the upper collector edge, see diagram 6.19.

6.6 Flexible flashing

NOTE: Ensure that the adhesive surface is dry and free from dust and grease.

Remove the protection film from the adhesive surface of the flexible flashing.

Contour the flexible protection to the tile shape, see diagram 6.20.

Stick the flexible flashing to parts that overlap.

6.7 Sealing strip

Attach the self adhesive sealing strip on the side sections of the collector frame as shown in diagram 6.21 and also on the ridge plates, see diagram 6.22.

If necessary carefully cut the sealing strip with a trimming knife.

Diagram 7.1

Roof Requirements

Refer to the diagram and table below and confirm the roof requirements before installation.

IMPORTANT

The one collector extension kit compliments the two collector kit and is required to complete multi-panel installations up to twelve.

- Do not remove the protection film until the system is to be commissioned.
- With due regard to the complete weight of the solar collector system, (refer to technical data) ensure the roof rafters and battens are in good condition and have sufficient load carrying capacity and the battens are secure.
- If you are using the existing roof battens for fixing, ensure that they are secured at each rafter.

7.1 Installation

NOTE: Ensure adequate provision has been made for the flow and return pipes to enter/exit the roof space, dependant on their location. The preferred hydraulic scheme will determine their location, refer to Section 3.

Refer to diagram 7.1 and check the contents of the kits prior to commencing work on the roof.

Based on the dimensions, above, remove the roof covering.

Fix the lower flashing support batten, see diagram 7.2.

Position the lower flashing onto the roof batten and secure with six securing screws (no.1), using the Torx bit supplied, see diagram 7.3.

Align flashings as shown in diagram 7.4.

Position the collector protective side uppermost into the location channel as shown in diagram 7.5. **NOTE:** The design is symmetrical and does not have a top or bottom.

IMPORTANT: Do not remove the protective film until the system is to be commissioned.

Insert the pipe couplings into the hydraulic socket connection. The pipe coupling should be inserted up to the stop and secured with its securing clip.

Place the next collector into its position as previously described, then push the collector, ensuring engagement of the pipe coupling, see diagram 7.6, and align with the marks on the flashing.

With the screws (No.3) and clamps and Torx bit supplied, secure to the roof battens, see diagram 7.7.

For securing between collectors the inner clamp should be secured as shown and grip both collector edges, see diagram 7.8.

7 One Collector Extension Kit - 22° - 75°

With regards to the hydraulic system you have chosen, insert and secure the hydraulic connections, see diagram 7.9.

Insert the collector sensor into the appropriate elbow (flow, top), see diagram 7.9. The collector sensor is packed with the Fluropro controller, part no. 0020054960.

Mount the plug with the bleed valve in the opposite top position.

Connect the collector to the system circuit.

Ensure that all of the following steps have been performed:-

- All the connections have been fixed with securing clips.
- All hydraulic connections laid properly.
- The collector sensor has been connected.

- The collectors are connected to a lightning protection device.

- A pressure test.
- All insulation is intact.

NOTE: After initial commissioning and according to the season, high outside temperature oscillations can cause condensation in the collector, this is normal.

Fit the side sections to the collector frame, ensure that they are pushed into place on the upper collector edge, see diagram 7.10.

Secure the side sections to the roof battens with the supplied clamps and screws (No. 2) using the supplied Torx bit, see diagram 7.11.

Slide the intermediate plate from below and between the collectors, until it is flush with the lower collector edge, see diagram 7.12.

NOTE: If it's not possible to mount the intermediate plate from below (because of dormers, etc.), carefully bend up the intermediate plate (see inset diagram 7.12), slide the plate from the top between the collectors and bend it down again.

7.2 Support plates

Fix the top batten into position as shown in diagram 7.13.

Mount the support plates above the collector:

- one on the external edge (max. 150mm from the edge) - one per collector joint (central).

Make sure that the support plates are on the collector frame slot, see diagram 7.14.

Fix the support plates to the top roof batten with two screws (No. 3) using the supplied Torx bit.

Slide the boards through the support plates. Fix the boards to the support plates with two screws (No. 2) using the supplied Torx bit, see diagram 7.14.

Slide the ridge plate extension on the support plates, see diagram 7.15. Make sure that the ridge plates are above the side sections.

Fix the ridge plates to the roof battens with the screws (No. 1) using the supplied Torx bit.

Fix the ridge plate coupling to the ridge plate joint with three screws (No. 5) using the supplied Torx bit, see diagram 7.16.

7.3 Tile Bars

Place the tile bars on the ridge plates. Bend the metal bands and hook the tile bars to the roof batten from the top, see diagram 7.17.

7.4 Covering the profile ends

Cover the side profile ends and the collector joints with the profile end pieces, see diagram 7.1 for profile end location. Fit the profile end pieces to the bottom of the collector edge and then tilt them up, until they lock in the upper collector edge, see diagram 7.18.

Diagram 7.18

7.5 Flexible protection

Remove the protection film from the adhesive surface of the flexible protection.

NOTE: Ensure that the adhesive surface is dry and free from dust and grease.

Contour the flexible protection to the tile shape, see diagram 7.19.

Stick the flexible protection to parts that overlap.

7.6 Sealing strip

Attach the self adhesive sealing strip on the side sections of the collector frame as shown in diagram 7.20 and also on the ridge plates, see diagram 7.21.

If necessary carefully cut the sealing strip with a trimming knife.

Because of our constant endeavour for improvement, details may vary slightly from those shown in these instructions.

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