Thermosiphon Systems: 200/300 Litre Gas/Electric - Open Loop Systems



System Overview



Part Kits & Components

Parts not included in standard kits (* to be supplied by installer):

Part#	Qty Req'd	Component Name
P0087	1	Duo valve
P0201	1	Pressure limiting valve
P0077	1	Tempering valve

Standard components / kits included with the thermosiphon systems:

200L Gas -	300L Gas -	200L Electric -	300L Electric -
Open Loop System	Open Loop System	Open Loop System	Open Loop System
(Two Panel)	(Two Panel)	(Two Panel)	(Two Panel)
1 x 200L OL Tank	1 x 300L OL Tank	1 x 200L OL Tank	1 x 300L OL Tank
2 x Collector Panels			
1 x Conn. Kit (K0008)	1 x Conn. Kit (K0012)	1 x Conn. Kit (K0008)	1 x Conn. Kit (K0012)
1 x Gas Booster	1 x Gas Booster	-	-

Connection Kit (K0008 / K0012)

Dort#	QLY		Component Name				
K0008 K0012 Component Name			Connectio	on kit (Continued	d)		
P0025	1	1	Union 15mm MI - Conetite	P0073	4	4	Straps for Rail / Tank
P0031	1	1	Hex Nipple 20mm MI - 15mm MI	P0080	1	1	PTR Valve
P0033	2	2	Elbow 20mm Conetite	P0086	1	1	Non-Return Valve
P0041	2	2	Elbow 20mm MI - Conetite	P0109	1	1	Tee 15 FI / 20 MI / 15 Conetite
P0042	1	1	Union 20mm MI - Conetite	P0199	1	1	Copper Length - Long
P0044	2	2	Barrel Union 20mm (for 2 Coll.)	P0199	3	3	Copper Length - Short
P0046	2	2	Plug 20mm Brass	P0462	1	1	Thermosiphon Arrestor Valve
P0047	4	4	Self Tapping Screw	P0539	4	4	Aero Flex Insulation
P0062	1	1	Rail for Two Collectors	P1156	1	1	Adaptor - Hot Return Socket

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INSTALLATION SHALL CONFORM TO THE PLUMBING CODE OF AUSTRALIA (PCA) WARNING – THIS APPLIANCE MAY DELIVER WATER AT HIGH TEMPERATURE. REFER TO THE PLUMBING CODE OF AUSTRALIA (PCA), LOCAL REQUIREMENTS AND INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS TO DETERMINE IF ADDITIONAL DELIVERY TEMPERATURE CONTROL IS REQUIRED.

Collector Connection Points

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IMPORTANT! Before lifting and fitting the collectors to the roof, ensure all brass fittings are connected to the collectors.

Two Collector (Panel) System

Collector Connections Table

The table below indicates all brass fittings & connections to be fitted to collector/s before lifting to roof area

Connection Location	Fit	Image	
A	Plug 20mm Brass		
В	Elbow 20mm MI - Conetite		
С	Elbow 20mm MI - Conetite		
D ¹ (Without Antifreeze Protection)	Plug 20mm Brass		
D ² (With Antifreeze Protection)	Hex Nipple 20mm MI - 15mm MI Brass [#]		
	Frost (antifreeze) Valve 15mm Brass#		
E	Barrell Union 20mm		

IMPORTANT! Ensure all connections are tight and leak-free

* Components supplied in Antifreeze Kits

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IMPORTANT! Frost values are required for all solar hot water installations in Victoria. Frost values must always be installed at an angle equal to the roof surface or facing down to allow water to drain freely. Installing the value incorrectly may result in water freezing inside the value and value failure. Frost value should be inspected annually and replaced as required.

Tank Connection Points

IMPORTANT! Before lifting and fitting the tank to the roof, ensure all brass fittings are connected to the tank.

NOTE: D varies depending on number of panels and tank size (refer to table below)

NOTE:

The cold water inlet line requires an approved isolating non-return valve. In some locations regulations require a pressure relief valve be fitted to the cold water supply. All hot water pipes must be insulated

Tank Connections Table

The table below indicates all brass fittings & connections to be fitted to tank before lifting to roof area

Connection Location	Fitting	Image	
	Reducing Nipple 20mm - 15mm		
A: Cold Water Inlet	Non Return Valve		
	Union 15mm MI - Conetite		
	Tee 15mm Fl / 20mm MI / 15mm Conetite		
B: Hot Water Outlet	PTR Valve		
	Union 15mm MI - Conetite		
C: Collector Cold Flow	Thermosiphon Arrestor Valve 20mm MI - Conetite		
D: Collector Hot Return	Adaptor - Hot Return Socket 20mm MI - 20mm FI (with copper insertion)		
	Union 20mm MI - Conetite		

IMPORTANT! Ensure all connections are tight and leak-free

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Installing Flat Plate Collectors

Preparation

- 1. Check the roof for broken/loose tiles and rusted/loose tin sheets, and make good?
- 2. Before preparing to lift the collector/s onto the roof area, install all brass fittings to the collectors using appropriate jointing methods and referring to the relevant collector connections table (page 2)

Fitting the collector mounting rails

3. Fit collector mounting rail to roof area using the appropriate method below:

To Tiled Roofs (Fig 1 & 2)

- a. Fold stainless steel bottom straps in half feed through the eyelets on the black collector rail with suitable spacing (Fig 1).
- b. Position the bottom collector rail on the front edge of a tile ensuring the rail is at least 500mm up from the gutter
- c. Angle the collector rail slightly (max 2° from horizontal) on the side where the hot outlet will be, to allow any air to be bled from the highest point (Fig 4).
- d. Remove the tiles above the rail at strap location and secure the straps to the batten/s with suitable fasteners
- e. Replace tiles and make good

To Tin / Metal Roofs (Fig 3)

- a. Remove screws along batten line where collector rail is to be fastened. Ensure rail position is at least 500mm up from the gutter
- Angle the collector rail slightly (max 2° from horizontal) on the side where the hot outlet will be, to allow any air to be bled from the highest point (Fig 4)
- c. Mark hole locations and pre-drill collector mounting rail
- d. Place rubber washers between collector mounting rail and roof surface at each hole
- e. Re-attach roofing screws through collector rail into existing screw holes of roof sheeting

NOTE: If a batten is not in a suitable position use the straps provided and feed through collector mounting rail (Fig 1) and fasten straps to a suitable roof batten through the roof sheeting.

Fig 3

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Attaching the collectors

- 4. Fit a cover over the collectors to ensure you don't get burnt by the hot surface
- 5. Safely lift the collectors (with the pre-fitted brass fittings) to the roof area
- 6. Position the collectors on the collector mounting rail (Fig 5)
- 7. Tighten the inter-connecting brass barrel unions (if applicable). Ensure only a suitable high-temp. Jointing system is used.
- 8. Fasten the collectors to the mounting rail using the screws supplied (Fig 6)
- Secure the TOP strap/s to the top horizontal section of the collector with the screws supplied (Fig 7). NOTE. Do not use longer screws than those supplied or the copper header pipe in the collector may be pierced, causing leaks
- 10. Fix the top collector strap to roof either directly through tin / metal sheet and into batten below (Fig 8) or by removing tiles and fastening directly to batten (Fig 9). Replace tiles back over the fastened strap

Fig 6

Fig 7

Fig 8

Fig 9

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Installing the Horizontal Storage Tank

Preparation

- 1. Check the roof for broken/loose tiles and rusted/loose tin sheets, and make good?
- 2. Before preparing to lift the tank onto the roof area, install all brass fittings using appropriate jointing methods and referring to the tank connection table (page 3)

Fitting the tank

- 3. Carefully lift the storage tank into position and centralise it along the top edge of the collectors (Fig 10)
- 4. Fold the stainless steel straps (supplied) in half and feed them through the eyelets on the steel tank fixing lugs (Fig 11)
- 5. Secure the tank into position using the appropriate method below:

Tiled Roofs (Fig 12):

- a. Remove the tiles above the tank at the strap location and secure the straps to the roof battens with suitable fasteners
- b. Replace tiles and make good

Tin Roofs (Fig 13):

- Remove screws along batten lines at the same spacing as the tank fixing lugs and run the steel straps along the peak of the corrugated sheet
- b. Place rubber washers between steel straps and the roof surface, at the original hole location
- c. Using the original roof-fixing screws, fix the steel straps to the roof surface
- 6. Complete the flow and return plumbing as per the particular system schematics (fig 14)
- Connect the hot & cold water pipes to the particular connections on the tank and complete the drain pipe for the PTR valve in an appropriate manner

Approved flashings must be used when penetrating the roof, following the flashing manufacturer's recommendations

Installing the gas booster (Gas models only)

- 1. Locate the mounting position for the gas booster (ideally in the closest proximity to the most used hot water outlet of the home)
- 2. Fix the booster to the wall as per the manufacturer manual (fig 15)
- Connect up the water inlet line (from the hot outlet of the solar system)
- 4. Connect up the hot water line
- 5. Connect up the gas line

Fig 10

Fig 11

Fig 12

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Filling and Commissioning an Open Loop system

WARNING

DO NOT TURN ON THE GAS BOOSTER OR ELECTRICAL ELEMENT UNTIL SYSTEM IS FULL

Filling the storage tank cylinder, solar loop & purging air

- Ensure the system has been mounted to the roof properly and the plumbing connections are completed as per the relevant instructions
- 2. OPEN the mains cold water valve to the tank making sure the pressure / temperature relief (PTR) valve (Fig 16) is OPEN
- 3. When water flows from the PTR valve, CLOSE the PTR valve
- 4. Draw water through the tank by OPENING a hot water tap in the house and OPENING the cold water supply valve to the tank
- 5. Wait until water comes out of the hot water tap
- 6. Leave water running until air is bled (i.e. no more bubbles or spitting) then turn OFF the hot water tap in the house
- 7. Check the system for leakage by pressure testing all fittings to a minimum of 800 kPa.
- 8. If any leaks are detected, rectify them immediately, and then the tank is prepared for use

Activating gas booster (Gas models only)

- Switch ON the power to the gas booster and OPEN the gas supply valve to the gas booster (Fig 17)
- 10. Turn ON the hot water tap inside the house to check if the booster is working
- 11. Test the water temperature to ensure temperature is rising
- 12. Set the tempering valve as per local authority / regulations

Activating the electric element (Electric models only)

- 13. Ensure all electrical wiring is properly configured and thermostat is calibrated *(refer to following page for instruction)*
- 14. Locate the switchboard and check that the hot water electric isolating switch is set to the 'ON' position. (This is usually indicated by the label 'Hot water' or 'Water heater')
- 15. At the tank location turn the isolating switch to the ON position.

Fig 16

Fig 17

Solar Hot Water Commissioning Check List

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- Bleed all air from tank by opening hot tap inside house
- Turn on all power and gas (if applicable) and open tap inside house to check for operation

Set the tempering valve as per local authority

Check tank, panels and all pipe work for any leaks and repair if required

Perform final check of overall system for operation and complete 'reference details' section of owners guide

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Electrical Wiring & Cotherm Thermostat (Electric boosted systems only)

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ELECTRICAL WARNING

All Electrical Connections must be made by a licensed Electrician

Thermostat Wiring

- Electrically isolate thermostat from mains supply before disconnection. Failure to do so may result in an electric shock
- Wiring penetration should be made through the supplied grommet at the side of the thermostat cover. Ensure cable entry remains water tight
- All wiring must conform to AS3100 and must be performed by a licensed electrical contractor in accordance with all relevant standards
- Ensure all wiring is clear of element terminals to eliminate heat damage to wiring
- Temperature calibration should be tested at time of commissioning

Troubleshooting Tips

- No power to thermostat check supply with multimeter, check off peak supply is operating correctly and time clock is set correctly
- No power to element check reset button to right of dial, dial thermostat up until click is heard, measure voltage at element terminals. If no click is heard disconnect thermostat and remove from tank. Change temperature dial on thermostat, click should be heard at approximate air temperature. If not re-calibrate

Parts: 1-Earth / 2-Thermostat / 3-Active / 4-Neutral / 5-Anode / 6-Flange / 7-Element

Tank Electrical Connections 200 / 300 Litre Tanks (Side of Tank)

Calibration Instructions

- Check temperature of probe check as per sensor testing procedure chart using multimeter or take tank temperature from water released at PTR (ensure thermostat is situated in tank)
- Remove housing from thermostat disconnect all power to thermostat and remove black housing cover from top of thermostat
- Calibrate thermostat adjust thumbscrew to the middle of where thermostat clicks on and off
- Replace housing Set temperature dial to temperature of probe and replace housing
- Check calibration turn dial past position to ensure that thermostat clicks on and off
- Set temperature set tank temperature to 60-65°C
- Reconnect power Reconnect power supply to thermostat and reseal cover

Note: All thermostats should be calibrated at time of installation to avoid repeat service calls.

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