



# Van der Valk Solar Systems B.V.

Manual:           ValkPitched Clamp for tiled roofs [UK]

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## Disclaimer

This installation manual needs to be stored for future use. For project specific guidelines and recommendation it is required to use this document in conjunction with the "Project report" generated by the ValkPVplanner. The instructions provided in this Project Report must be strictly observed at all times.

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## General installation guidelines ValkPitched for tiled Roofs (UK)

### General

- During installation of the solar mounting system, the instructions and safety precautions presented in this installation manual must be followed carefully. As also stated in the General terms and Conditions of sale and delivery of Van der Valk Solar Systems B.V., non-compliance with the installation guidelines in this document means that the customer can no longer invoke any warranty and Van der Valk is no longer liable for any form of damage.
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### Safety

- The installation of the mounting system must be carried out by qualified technical personnel.
- Omitting parts may negatively affect performance and is therefore not allowed.
- Avoid carrying out installation work during bad weather conditions, especially in case of strong winds and a wet (slippery) roof surface.
- During installation work on the roof, always use fall protection and, if necessary, work with safety nets and roof edge protection.
- Always wear appropriate protective clothing and gloves when carrying out the installation work.
- Follow the guidelines in the publication "Health & safety in roof work".

### Environmental factors

- High neighbouring buildings or objects, such as windmills, can affect the wind pressure. In these cases, advice should always be obtained from Van der Valk Solar Systems before installation can take place.
- If during the installation it is determined that the project data and/or environmental factors do not fully correspond to the project report, the project must always be re-calculated first.
- In coastal areas, the system should be placed at least 500 meters from open water to prevent accelerated corrosion by the action of salt water. When buildings are present between the open water and the roof, a minimum distance of 250 meters from open water may be maintained.

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## **Standards and regulations**

- For correct and safe installation and use of the solar mounting system, always observe the applicable standards and regulations:
  - EN 1990: Basis of structural design
  - EN 1991-1-3: General actions: snow loads
  - EN 1991-1-4: General actions: wind loads
  - IEC 60364: Electrical Installations for Buildings
  - IEC 62305: Protection against lightnings
  - EN 50110: Operation of electrical installations
  - Working Conditions Act and Safe Working Conditions Regulation

## **Stability and condition of the roof and roof covering**

- The condition of the roof must be checked upfront for sufficient strength to bear the weight of the mounting system including PV panels ballast and wind and snow loads. Make sure that the load reserve of the roof is not exceeded anywhere.
- Check the stability of the roof and adjust the roof/construction where necessary.
- Check prior to installation whether the roof covering and/or insulation is suitable for the pressure and thermal expansion of the solar mounting system. The maximum pressure is shown in the project report of the ValkPVplanner or can be requested at Van der Valk Solar Systems.
- Factors such as overhead cranes, seismic activity and others that affect the stability of the roof and/or building can affect the installed solar mounting system. Van der Valk Solar Systems does not take these factors into account, unless confirmed in writing.
- The roof surface on which the solar mounting system is to be installed must be clean, dry and flat.
- The roof height may not exceed 25 meters in case the project has been calculated in the ValkPVplanner must be corresponding to the roof height in the project report. For installations on roofs higher than 25 meters, Van der Valk Solar Systems should always be contacted in advance.

## **Roof zones**

- When installing the solar mounting system, always take the applicable roof zones according to EN1991-1-4 into account. Placing solar panels in the edge zone of the roof (the distance measured from the roof edge, which is equal to 1/5 of the building height) is only possible if this has been explicitly taken into account in the calculation.
- It is possible to position panels in the edge zone of the roof in the ValkPVplanner (calculation software), on the basis of which the required additional ballast or fixation points are automatically calculated. This can only be done using “Satellite” or “White Map” design mode. The edge zone is automatically calculated by the ValkPVplanner, based on the roof height and building circumference, in accordance with the applicable regulations. In case the design mode “Simple mode” is used, the calculation always assumes that the solar panels are in the middle zone of the roof only.

## **Roof pitch**

- The weathertightness of the ValkPitched Clamp mounting system in combination with the roof tiles has been tested and approved according to MCS 012 at a minimum roof pitch of 30 degrees.

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### **Dilatations**

- The maximum allowed dimensions of a coupled mounting system is a 30 meters in the aluminium profile direction. The maximum dimensions are based on the thermal expansion in case of a maximum temperature difference (Delta T) of 70 degrees Celsius.
- The coupled mounting system must not be placed over a gutter or ridge. In the mounting system is place over a gutter or ridge, the system must be split (dilatation).

### **Solar panels**

- It is the responsibility of the installer to determine in advance whether the selected solar panel is suitable for the mounting system in terms of dimensions and pressure loads. The calculated loads on the solar panel are shown in the project report of the ValkPVplanner or are available on request at Van der Valk Solar Systems.

### **Cable management**

- In order to create a sound and durable electrical connection between the solar panels, it must be ensured that the cables from the junction box have sufficient length and thus do not cause any mechanical stress on the cable glands. Take into account thermal expansion and contraction of cables and the mounting system.
- Cables and connectors must be kept away from sharp and/or abrasive parts and the roof surface by using sufficient and appropriate cable clamps and cable baskets.

### **Disassembly and Removal**

- Components of the solar mounting system can be easily and completely disassembled at the end of their service life and separated for recycling. The systems only contain nut and bolt, screw and click connections, so nothing is glued or welded. All materials are fully recyclable. Disposal of the components always in accordance with the locally applicable laws and regulations.

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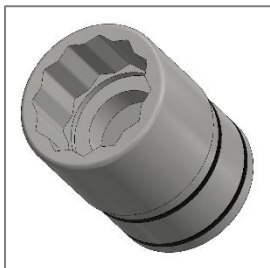
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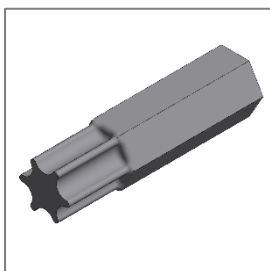
## Required tools for installing Pitched roof - Roof tiles [Clamp]



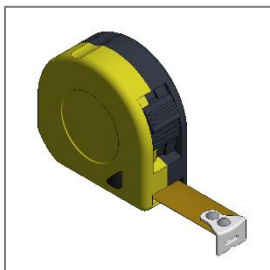
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Socket 13mm

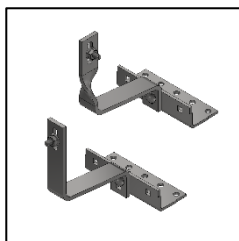


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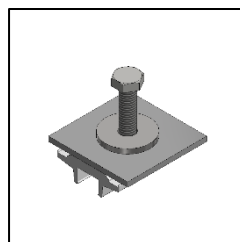


Measuring tape

## Materials for installation:



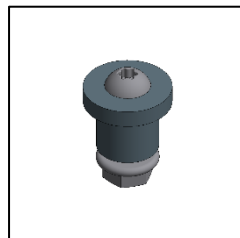
Strongline roof hook  
(747844) - standard  
(747845) - twist



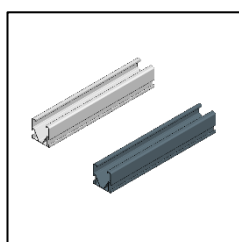
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profile  
(774223)



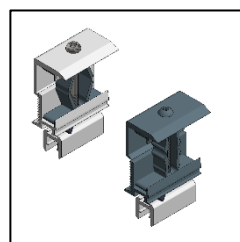
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Plastic panel alignment pins  
(733020)

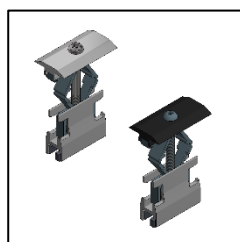


Aluminium side++ profile  
(7017.....\*)  
\*see table

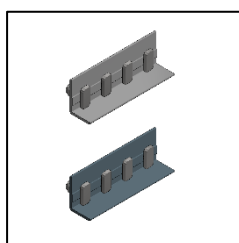


Aluminium end clamp 28-50mm  
(721552) - Blank  
(721552ZW) - Black

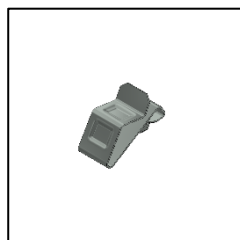
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5820 mm	701705820



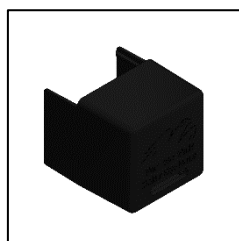
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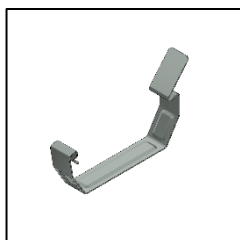
Coupling piece side++ profile  
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Ss cable clamp small  
(732001)



Plastic end cap for side++ profile  
(739052)



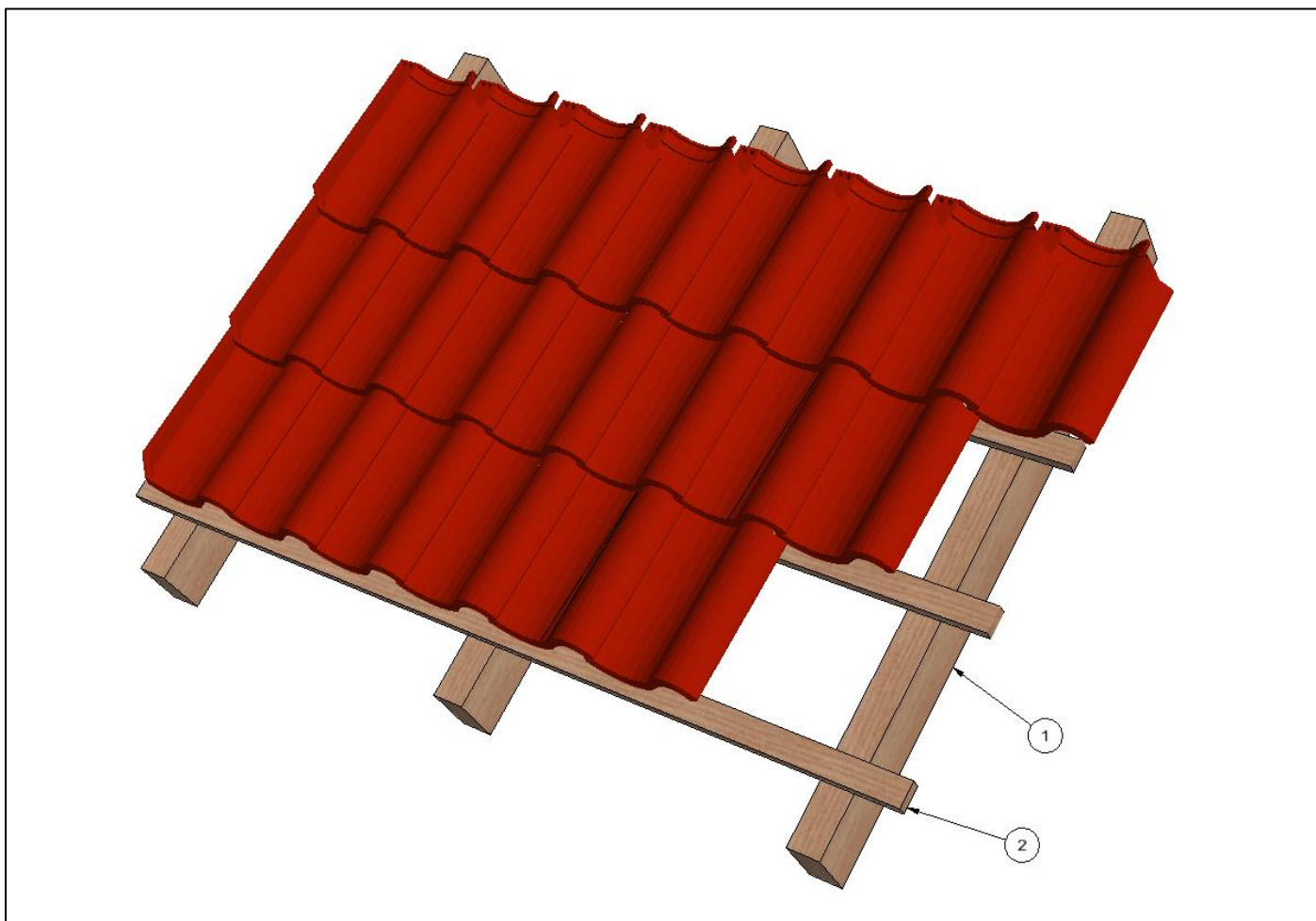
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## Overview standard roof structure

The mounting system in this manual will be mounted on a standard roof with roof tiles. In the manual some of the parts of the roof structure are mentioned. In the image down below you can find the names of each part that is being mentioned in the manual.

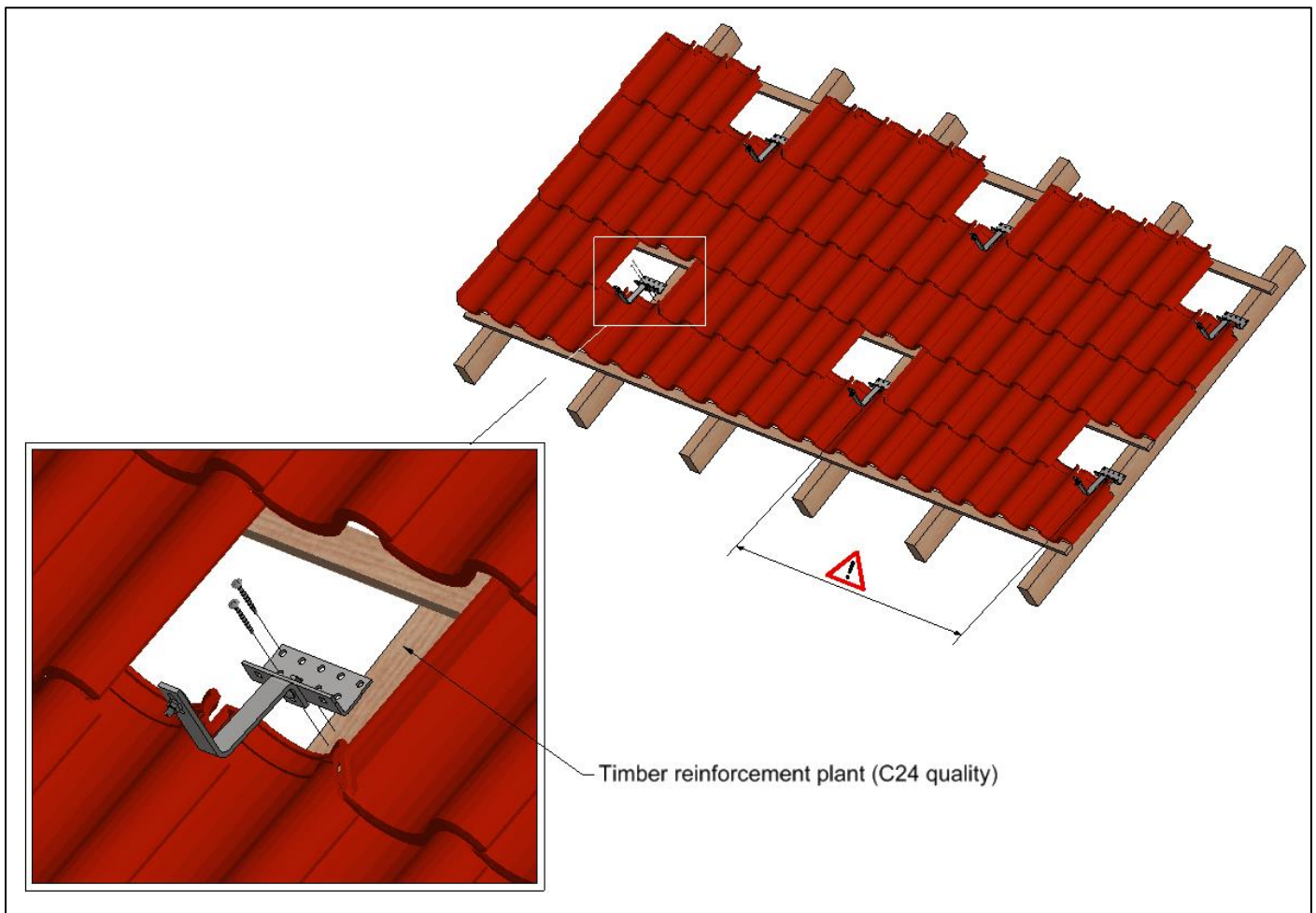


- 1) Rafters  
The rafters are the structural beams that supply the strength and shape of the building.
- 2) Battens  
The battens are fixed on the rafters. The battens are used as support for the roof tiles.



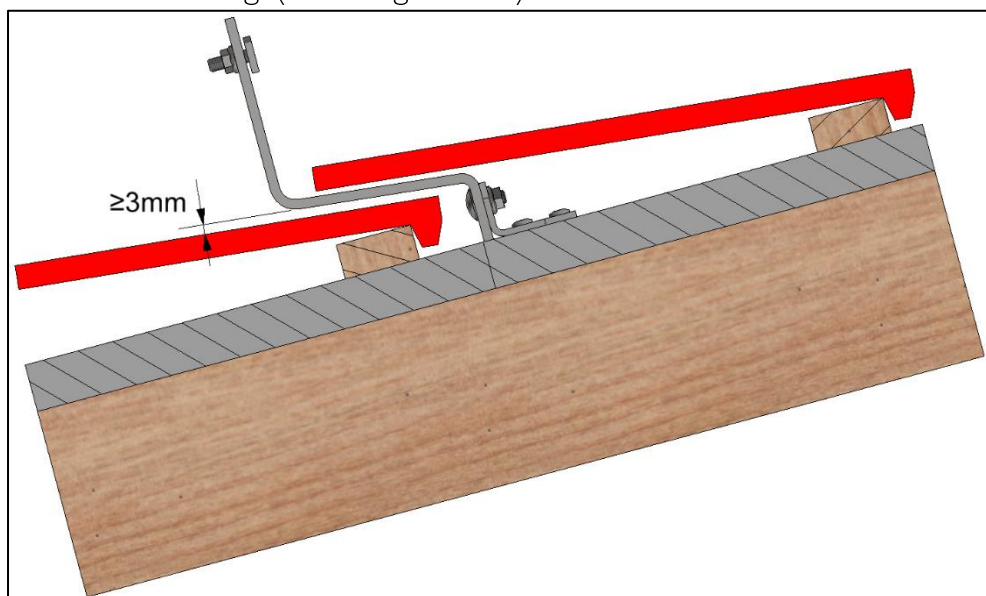
## Mounting Strongline roof hook

The Strongline roof hook is mounted on the timber reinforcement plant that is constructed to the side of the purlins. Use the multiple holes of the mounting plate and the adjustable position of the hook to place the hook in the correct location. The Strongline roof hook must at least be fixed with 2 screws.



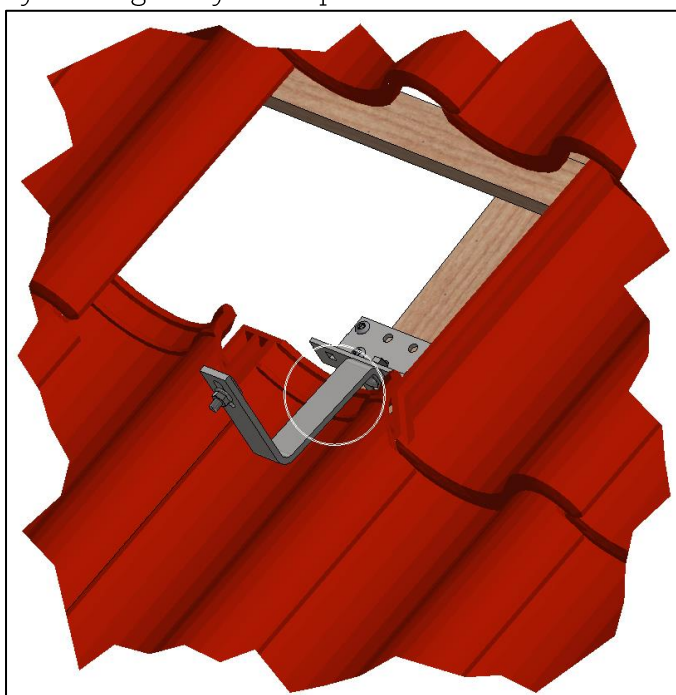
Check the outcome of the calculation for the maximum distance between the roof hooks and the required amount per profile.

It is important that the roof hooks have a 3mm clearance from the roof tile. This prevents the roof tile from breaking. (see image below)



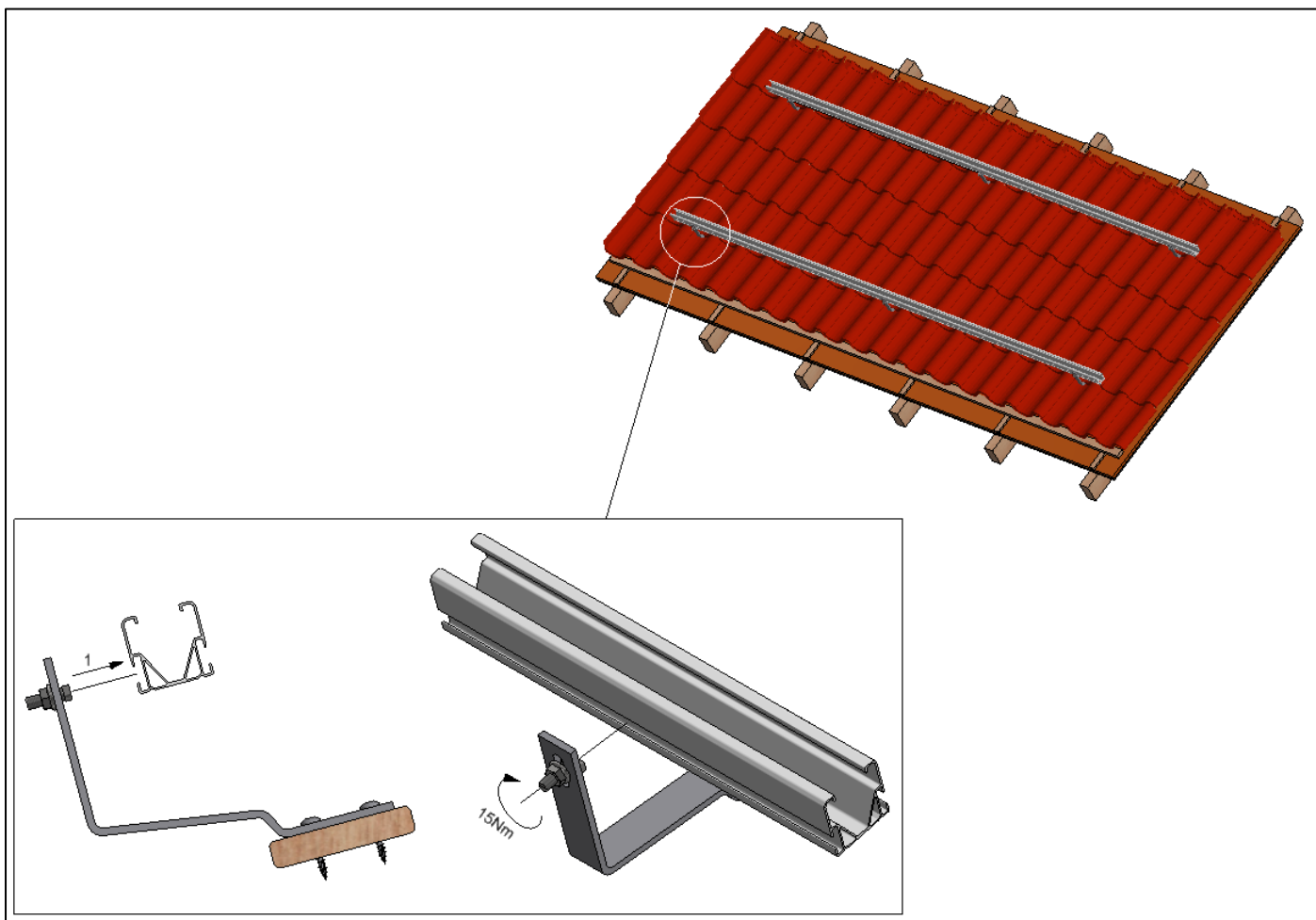
### Cutting the roof tile

If the 3mm clearance is not achieved with the mounting of the Strongline roof hook some of the roof tiles should be cut away. Use a grinding wheel to make the 3mm clearance for the roof hook by cutting away the top of the roof tile.



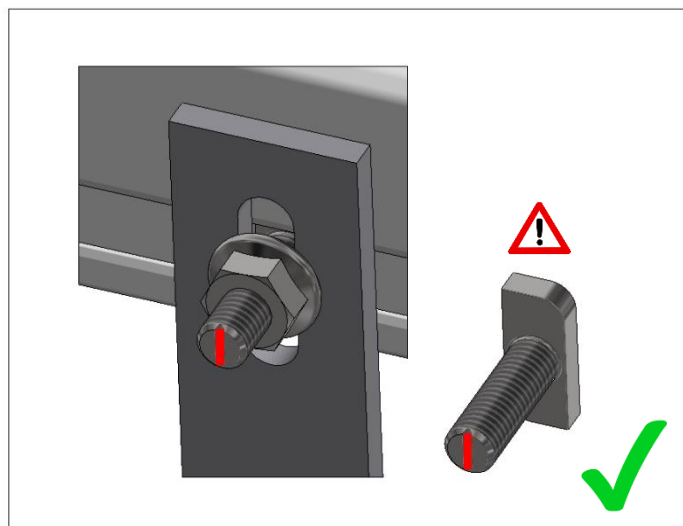
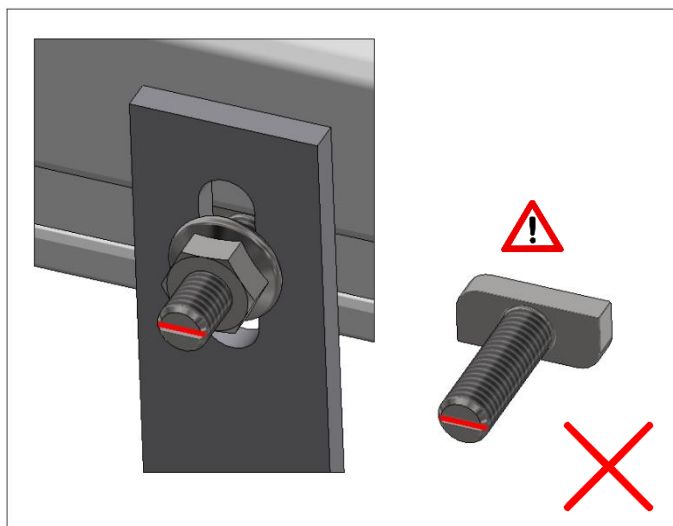
To maintain the weathertightness of the roof, it is important the roof hook does not increase the gap between the overlapping tiles. To prevent this, the underside of the overlapping tile that is in contact with the roof hook should be slightly cut away to provide room, in case this is required.

## Mounting aluminium profiles



The aluminium profiles are mounted to the roof hooks with the hammerhead bolts. The hammerhead bolts are placed in the slots of the profiles. When all bolts are placed in the profile everything is fastened with the nut of the roof hook. (max. torque is 15 Nm).

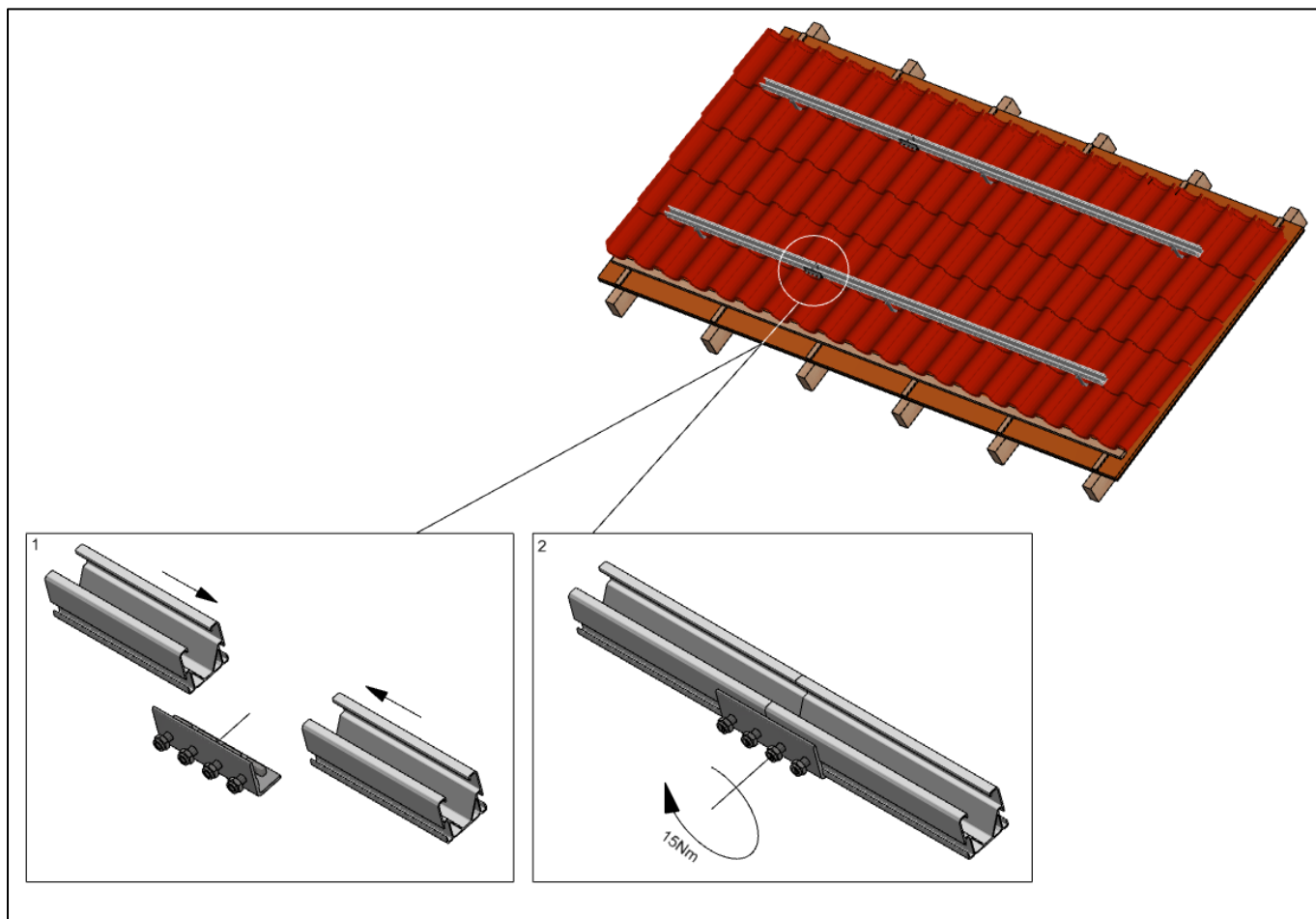
When fastening the bolt/nut of the roof hook it is important that the hammerhead bolt is correctly placed in the aluminium profile. If the hammerhead bolt is not in the profile properly the aluminium profile can come loose (see image below).



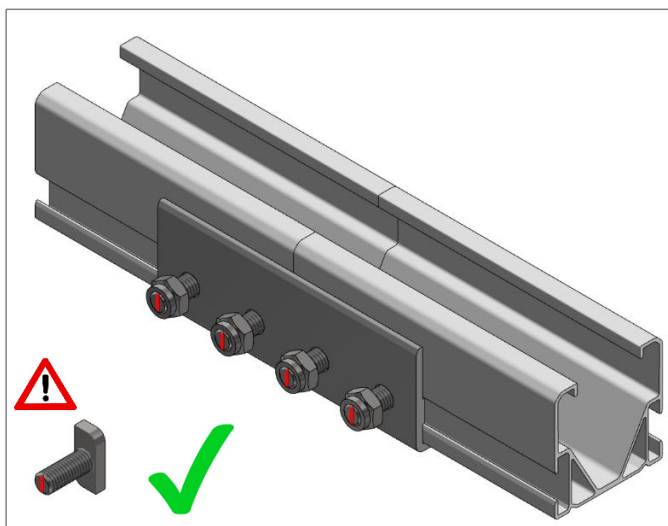
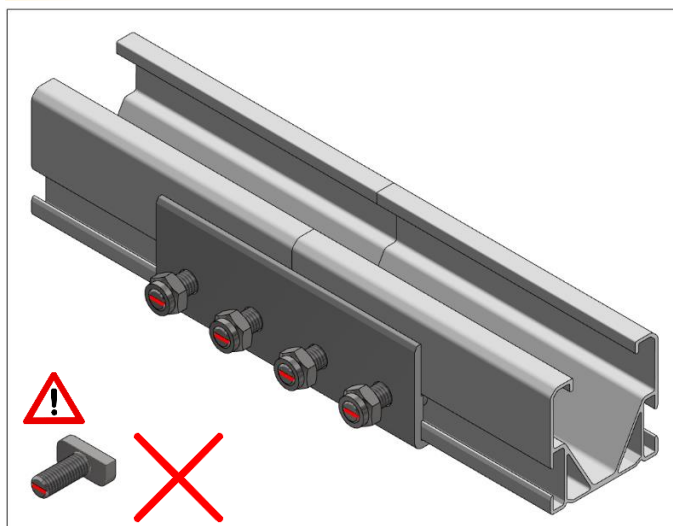
The groove on the hammerhead bolt corresponds with the orientation of the bolt head. Make sure the bolt is always mounted correctly.

## Coupling aluminium profiles

The aluminium profiles can be coupled together with the coupling pieces (724863). Each coupling piece has 4 hammerhead bolts, 2 for each end of the profile. Make sure all hammerhead bolts are in the profiles and fix the lock nuts when ready. (max. torque is 15 Nm)



When fastening the bolt/nut of the coupling it is important that the hammerhead bolts are correctly placed in the aluminium profile. If the hammerhead bolts are not in the profile properly the aluminium profile can come loose (see image below).



The groove on the hammerhead bolt corresponds with the orientation of the bolt head. Make sure the bolt is always mounted correctly.

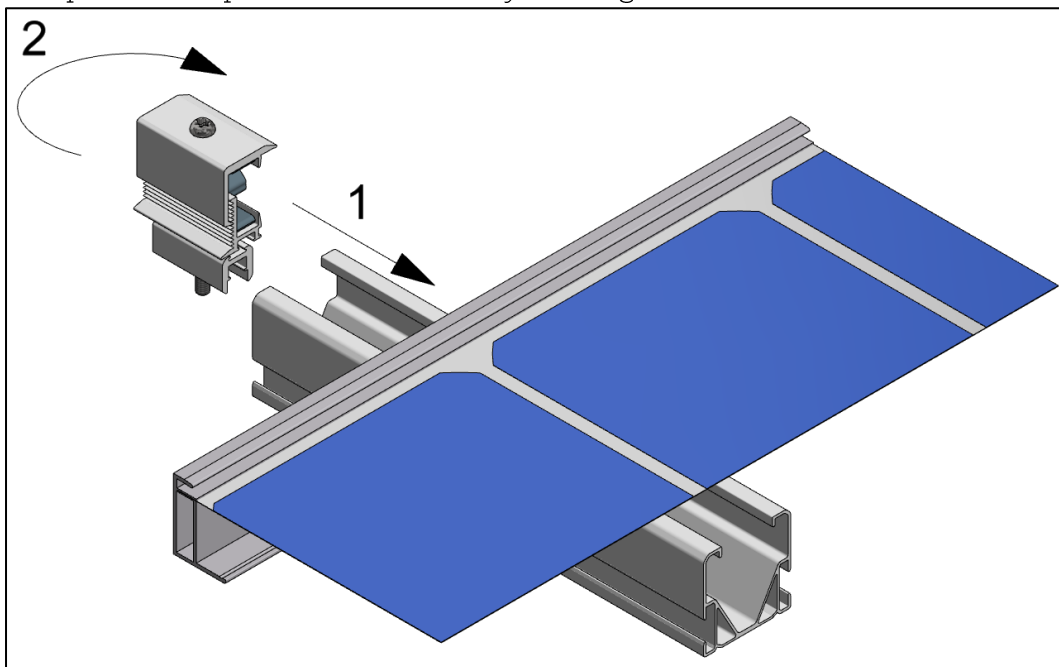


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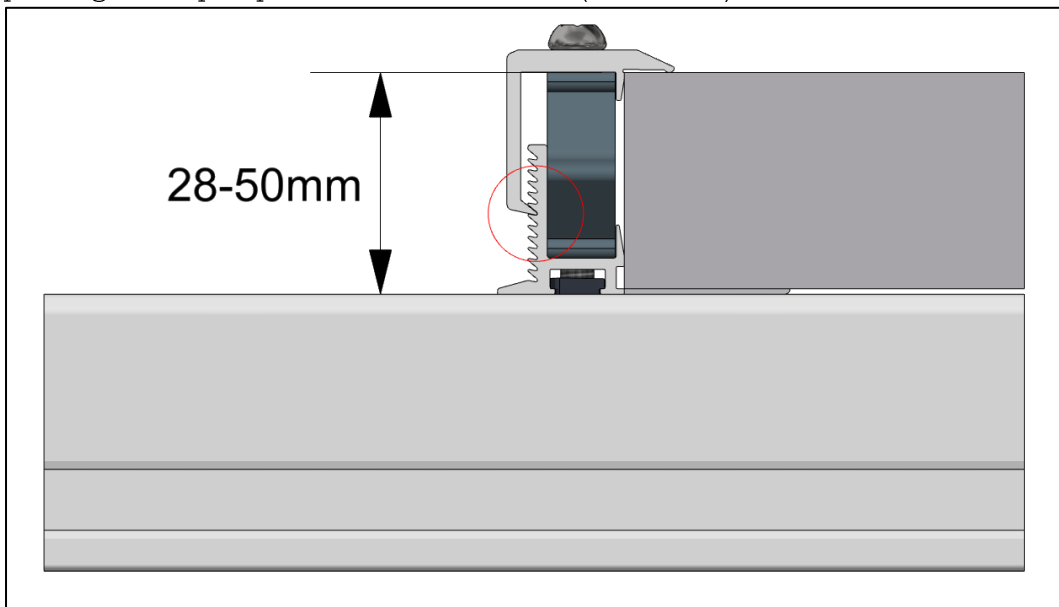
## Mounting end clamps

Each end of the panel row is fixed with the end clamps (721552). The end clamps have a range for the panel thickness from 28-50 mm.

The panel clamp can be mounted by turning it clockwise in the aluminium profile.

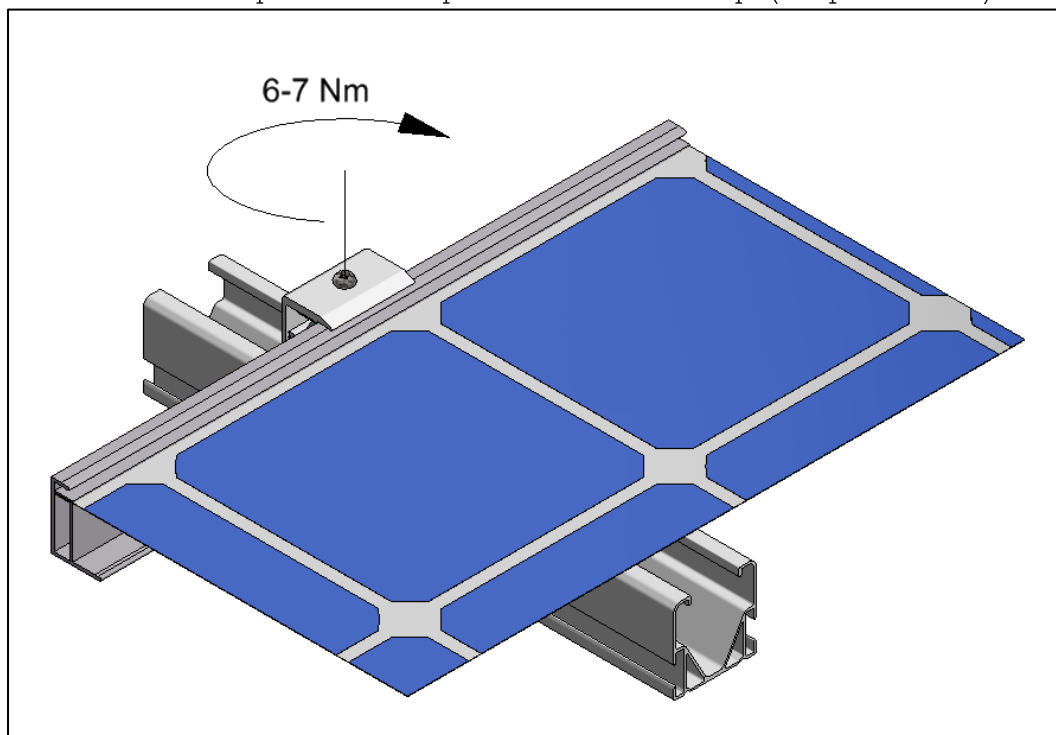


Once the end clamp is in the profile set the end clamp to the correct height. This is done by putting the top cap into one of the slots. (see below)



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Use the bolt on top of the clamp to fix the end clamp. (torque 6-7 Nm)

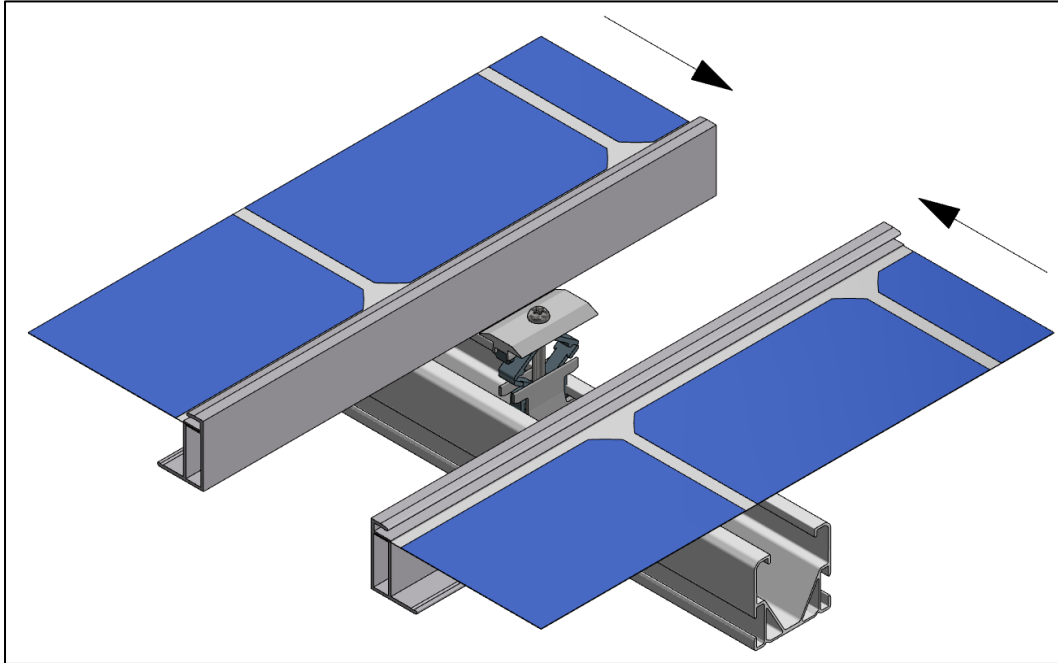


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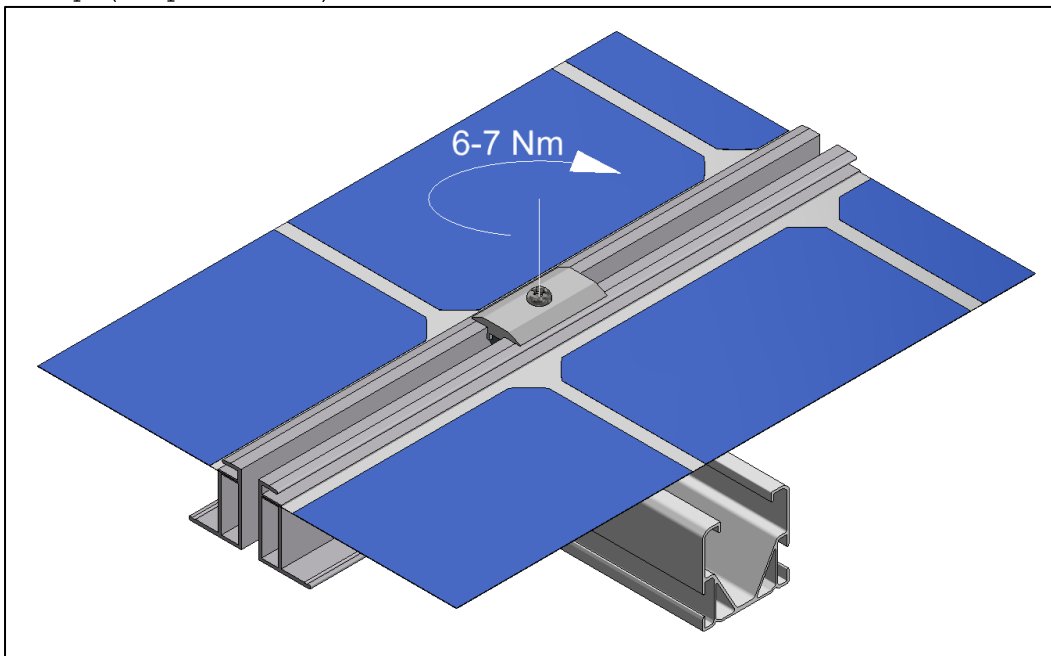
## Mounting panel clamps (middle)

The middle clamps are mounted the same as the end clamp, only the height of the clamp is not set to a certain height.

Place the middle clamps in the profile and make sure the panels are pushed together. The panels have to be placed against the middle clamps until they can't go further.



Once the panels and middle clamps are in place they can be fixed with the bolt of the middle clamp. (torque 6-7 Nm)



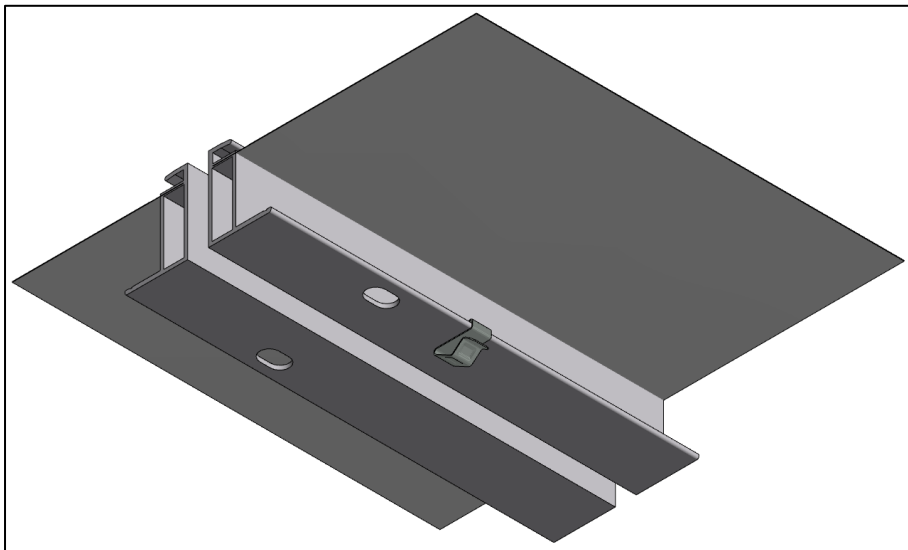
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## Cable clamps

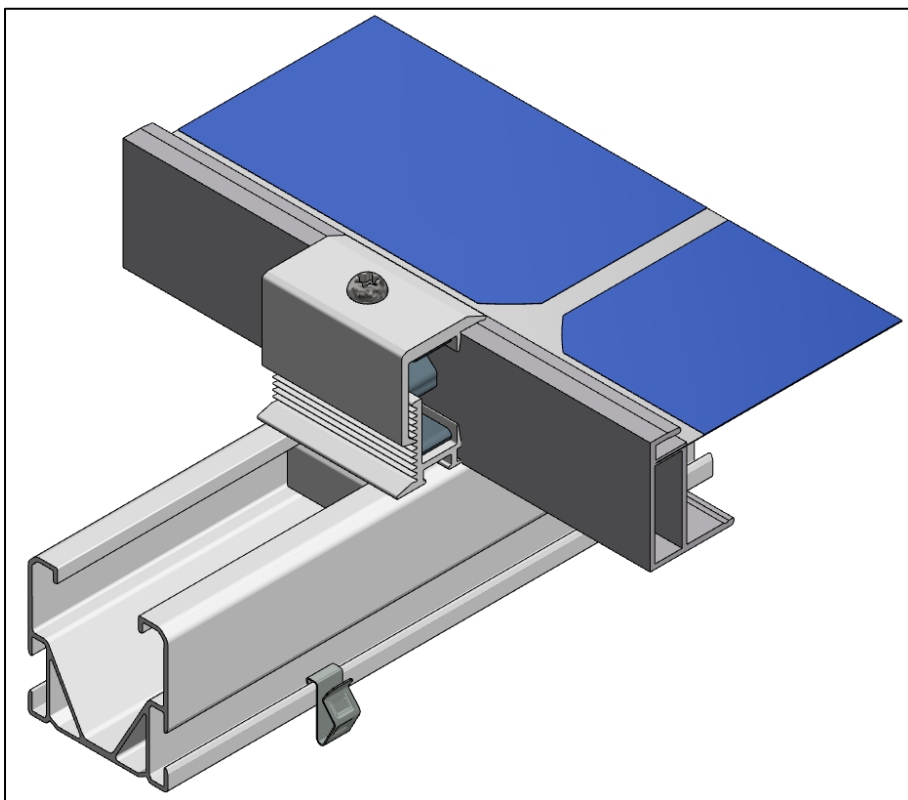
For the pitched roof clamp systems there are 2 types of cable clamps available (standard). These cable clamps can be helpful with your cable management.

### Small cable clamp (732001)

The small cable clamp can be mounted to the aluminium profile or the solar panel. The small cable clamp can fit 1 cable.



Cable clamp to panel frame

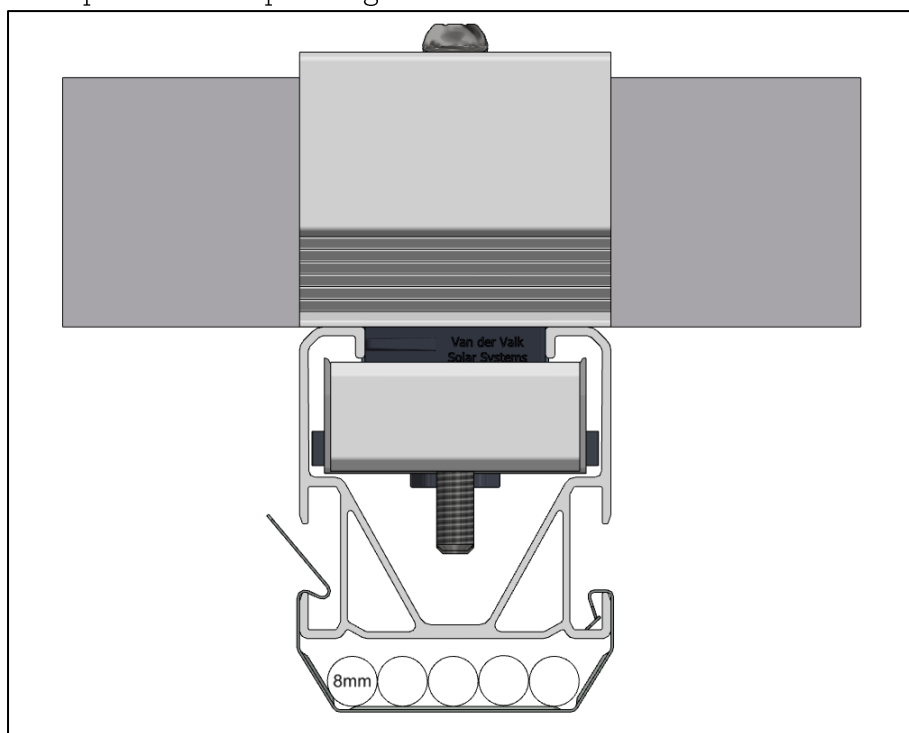


Cable clamp to aluminium profile

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### **Large cable clamp (732005)**

The large cable clamp can be placed on the aluminium profile. The larger cable clamp can hold multiple cables depending on the size.



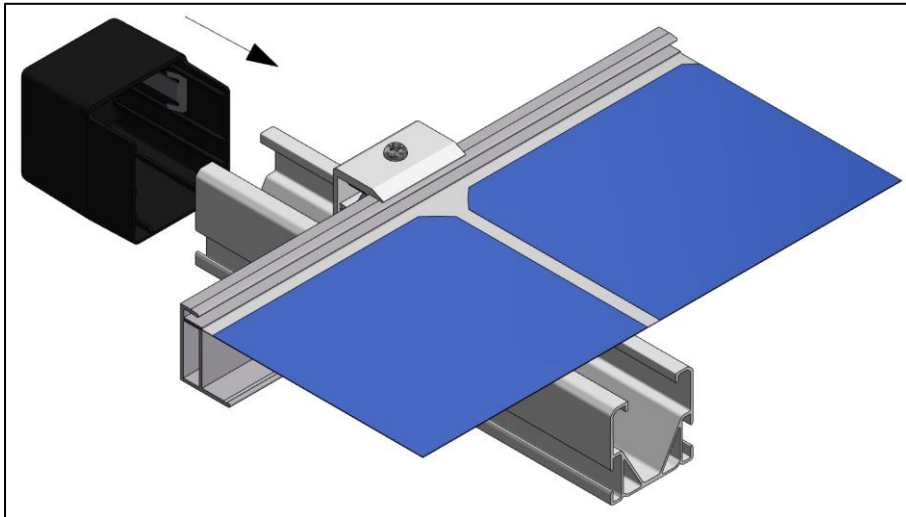
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## Mounting optional items

The pitched roof system has a variety of optional items that can be used to optimize the system. Down below is explained what each product does and how it should be mounted.

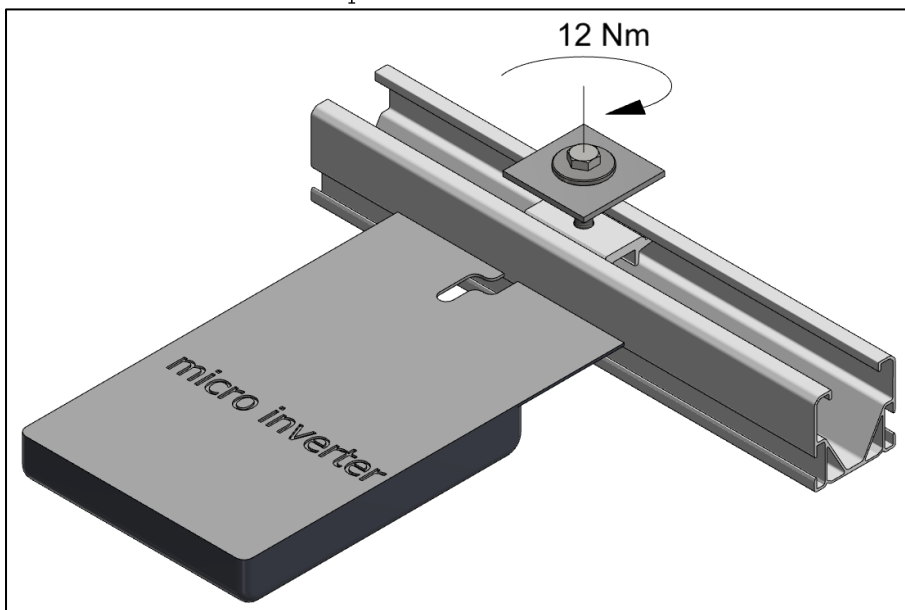
### **Black end cap (739052)**

The black end cap is used in the 'semi-black' or 'full-black' systems. The end caps are placed over the aluminium profiles. This gives the system a better appearance overall.



### **Micro inverter clamp (774223)**

The micro inverter clamp is used to fix the micro inverter to the aluminium profile.

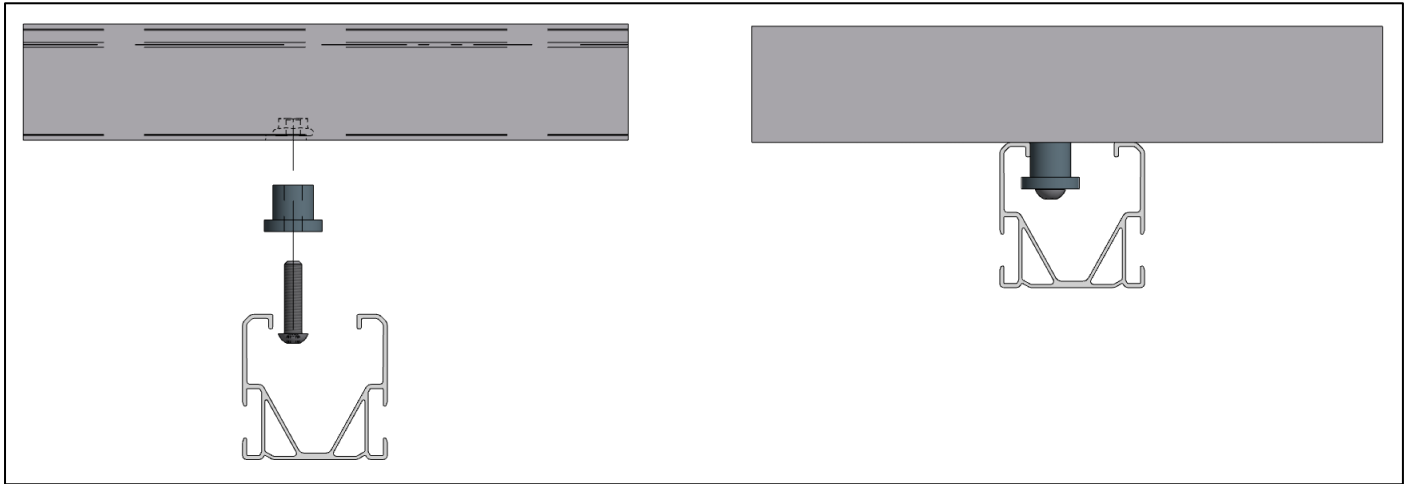




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### **Panel alignment pin (733020)**

The panel alignment pins can be mounted to the frame of the solar panel. Once the pins are fixed to the frame the panel can easily be hang to the aluminium profile. This gives the option to mount the panel clamps without being bothered by the alignment of the panel.



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## Van der Valk Solar Systems

Van der Valk Solar Systems is one of the fastest growing companies in the solar industry. It concentrates solely on developing and manufacturing solar panel mounting systems for pitched roofs, flat roofs and open fields. Van der Valk Solar Systems also has an office and warehouse located in the UK.

Our mounting systems are developed and manufactured in our own factory in the Netherlands and are distinguished by their versatile application, very fast mounting and top quality. They comply with the latest Eurocodes and thus meet the requirements set by banks and insurance companies for solar systems. Van der Valk Solar Systems works closely together with Van der Valk Systemen, which since 1963 has upheld an international reputation in the field of mobile systems and fixation components.

Our joint industrial complex includes 20,000 m<sup>2</sup> of offices and industrial buildings. By using modern machinery and the latest technology, products and systems can be developed, manufactured and tested quickly and precisely.



### Why choose Van der Valk Solar Systems?

- Innovative systems developed in compliance with applicable worldwide standards
- Fast and reliable deliveries thanks to modern machinery and large stocks
- System supplier since 1963
- Free software for project design and project calculation
- All systems applicable to any type of roof or surface
- Quick assembly thanks to premounting of essential components
- All systems available in portrait as well as landscape configuration
- Various systems also available as ready-to-use kits

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### Developer and producer of solar mounting systems for:



Pitched roofs



Flat roofs



Open fields



Greenhouses



Water features

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