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Manual: Pitched roof - Corrugated roof clamp

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General installation guidelines

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.

Standards and regulations

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- 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 roof pitch should be less than 5 degrees for flat roof systems and between 5 degrees to 75 degrees for pitched roof systems.
- 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.
- Bulging of the roof membrane should be prevented. This can lift the solar mounting system and can cause displacement of the mounting system or ballast. It is the installer's responsibility to prevent the roof membrane from bulging.
- 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.
- In case solar panels on the ValkPro+ system are fully or partially placed in the edge zone of the roof, it is mandatory to use side plates.
- ValkKITS (ValkBox3, ValkDouble, ValkTriple, ValkQuattro) can only be placed in the middle zone of the roof. Placing these systems in the edge zone of the roof is not allowed.

Ballast

- After installation of the solar mounting system, it must be carefully checked whether the ballast has been placed in accordance with the ballast drawing. Ballast tiles must be neatly stacked, so that they are sufficiently supported by the tile carriers, mass carriers and/or ballast wings.

Dilatations

- The maximum allowed dimensions of a coupled mounting system is a 30 meters in the aluminium direction and 60 meters in the steel 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).
- When using the extra wide panel support feet for ValkPro+ with ballast, different dilatation rules apply: in such installations the coupled system may be a maximum of 30 meters in the steel/roof carrier direction and 15 meters in the aluminium direction.

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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Required tools



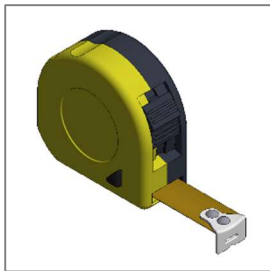
Cordless drill



Socket 12&13mm

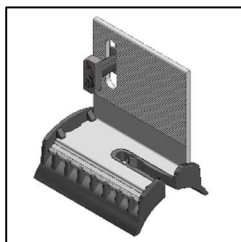


Torx bit T-30
789530

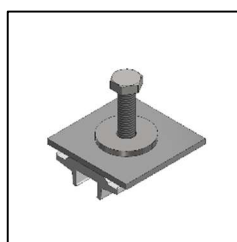


Measuring tape

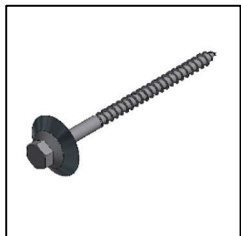
Materials for installing



Corrugated roof clamp
747901



Optimizer clamp for side++
profile
774223

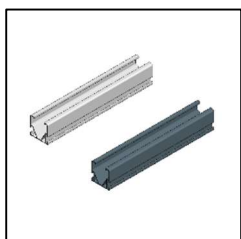


Corrugated roof screw
774390 (110 mm)
774391 (130mm)
774392 (150mm)

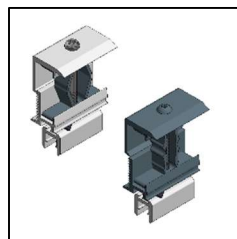
Optional. see information below



Plastic panel alignment pins
733020

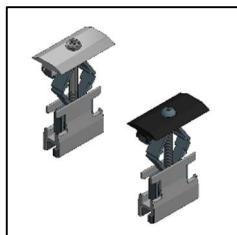


Aluminium side++ profile
7017.....*
*see table

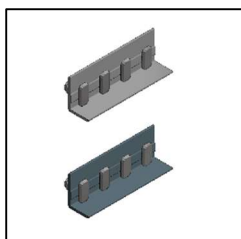


Aluminium end clamp 28-50mm
721552 - Blank
721552ZW - Black

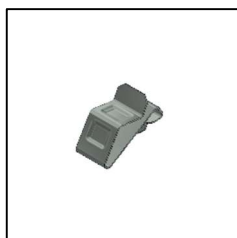
Profile length	Art no. Blank profile	Art no. Black profile
1220 mm	701701220	
2370 mm	701702370	701702370ZW
3520 mm	701703520	
4670 mm	701704670	
5820 mm	701705820	



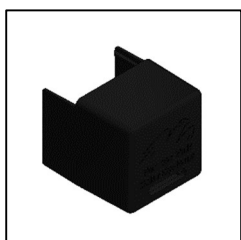
Aluminum mid clamp 28-50mm
721550 - Blank
721550ZW - Black



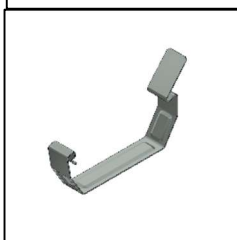
Coupling piece side++ profile
724863 - Blank
724863ZW - Black



Ss cable clamp small
732001



Plastic end cap for side++ profile
739052

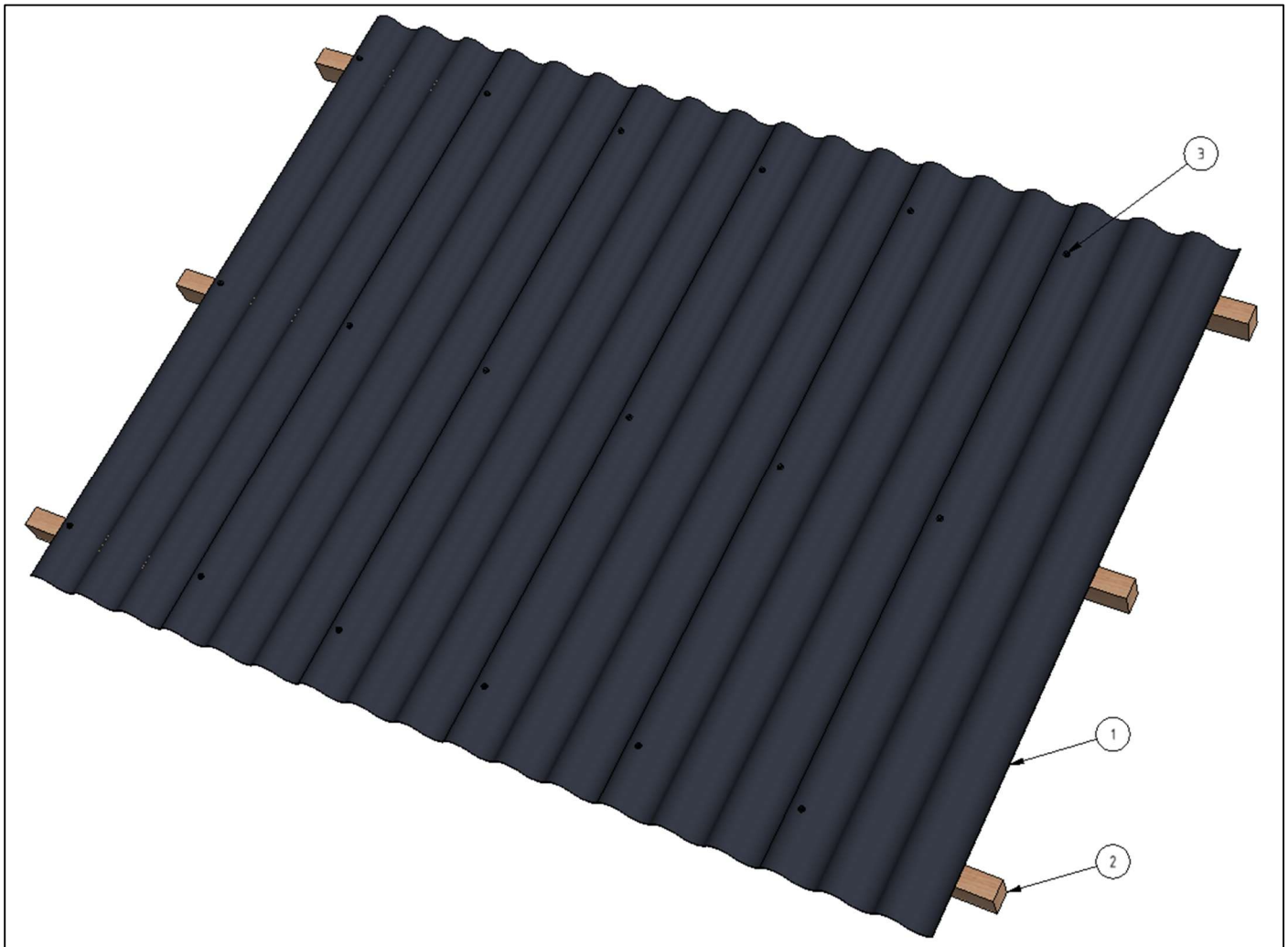


Ss cable clamp large
732005

The optional screw can be used when the roof clamps are not fixed with existing fixations (screws). The optional screw can only be used on wooden purlins.

Overview standard roof structure

The mounting system in this manual will be mounted on a non-steel corrugated roof. 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) Corrugated roof sheets

The corrugated roof has multiple corrugated sheets that overlap each other. The mounting system in this manual is not suitable for steel corrugated roofs. The waves of the corrugated roof must have a radius of 30-35 mm, every other dimension is not suitable for the roof clamps.

2) Purlins

The purlins are the base structure that carries the corrugated sheets. The purlin material can either be wood or steel, for the steel purlins there are some limited options regarding the system.

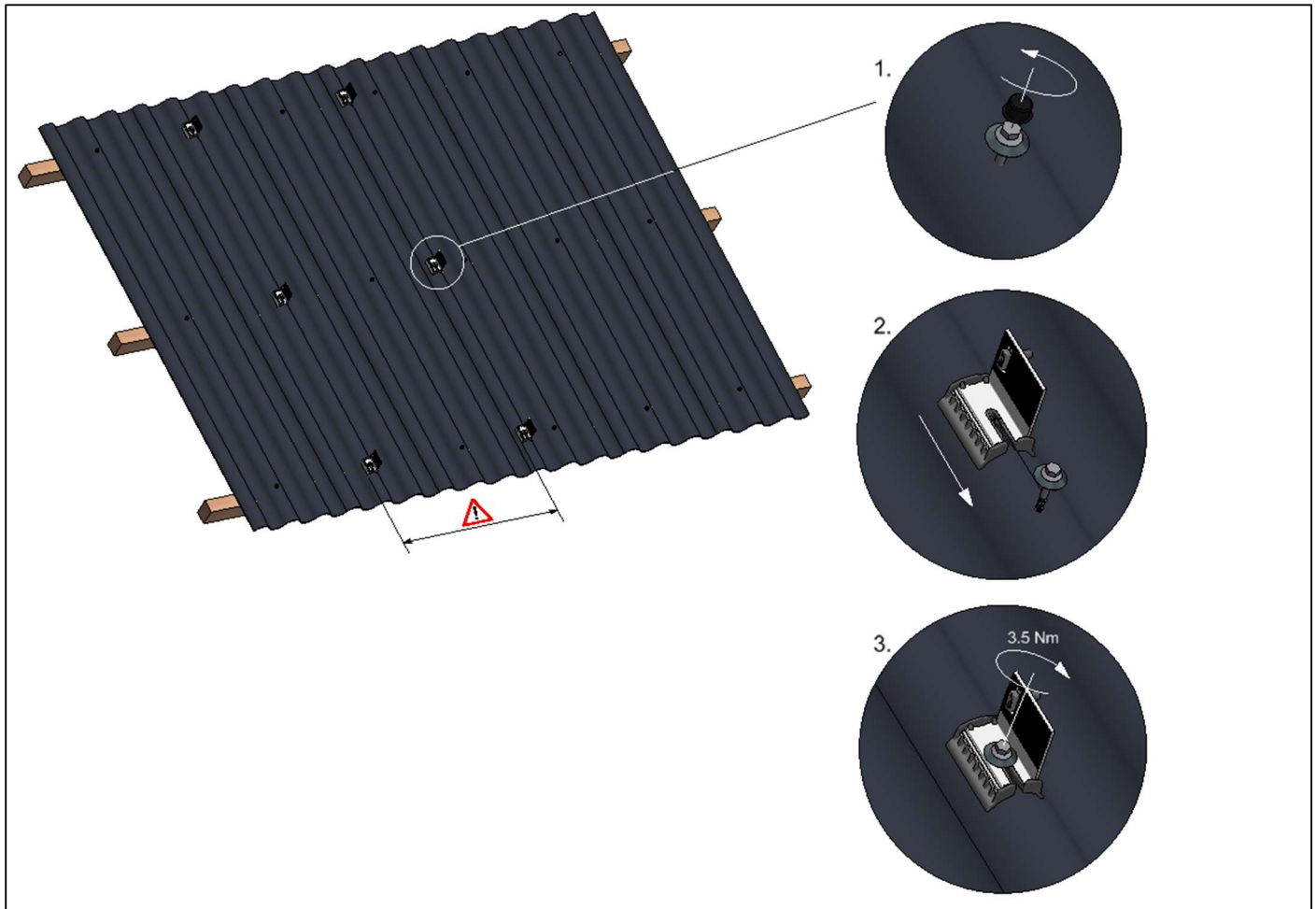
3) Fixation points

Each corrugated sheet has its own fixation points where the sheet is fixed to the purlins. These fixation point can be used to mount the corrugated roof clamp

Mounting roof clamp (existing points)

When mounting the corrugated roof clamp on existing points the steps down below should be followed:

- 1) Unscrew the existing screw from the roof. (min. 30 mm)
- 2) Slide the roof clamp over the screw from above.
- 3) Tighten the screw to fix the roof clamp (3,5 Nm)



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

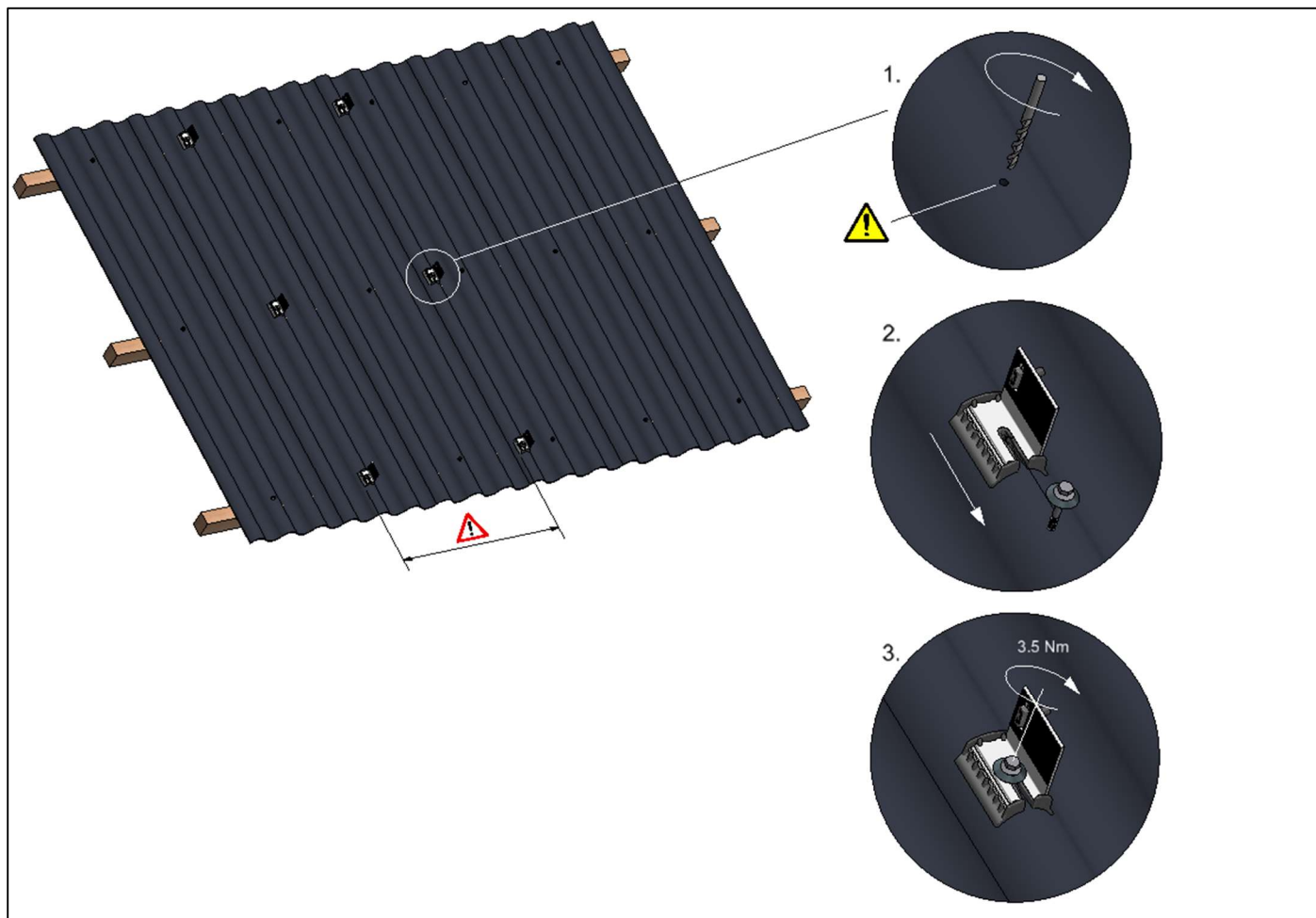
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Mounting roof clamp (new screws)

When mounting the corrugated roof clamp on new points the steps down below should be followed:

- 1) Pre-drill a hole in the corrugated sheet. The purlins may NOT be pre-drilled.
- 2) Place a screw in the new hole and slide the roof clamp in its place from above.
- 3) Tighten the screw to fix the roof clamp (3,5 Nm)



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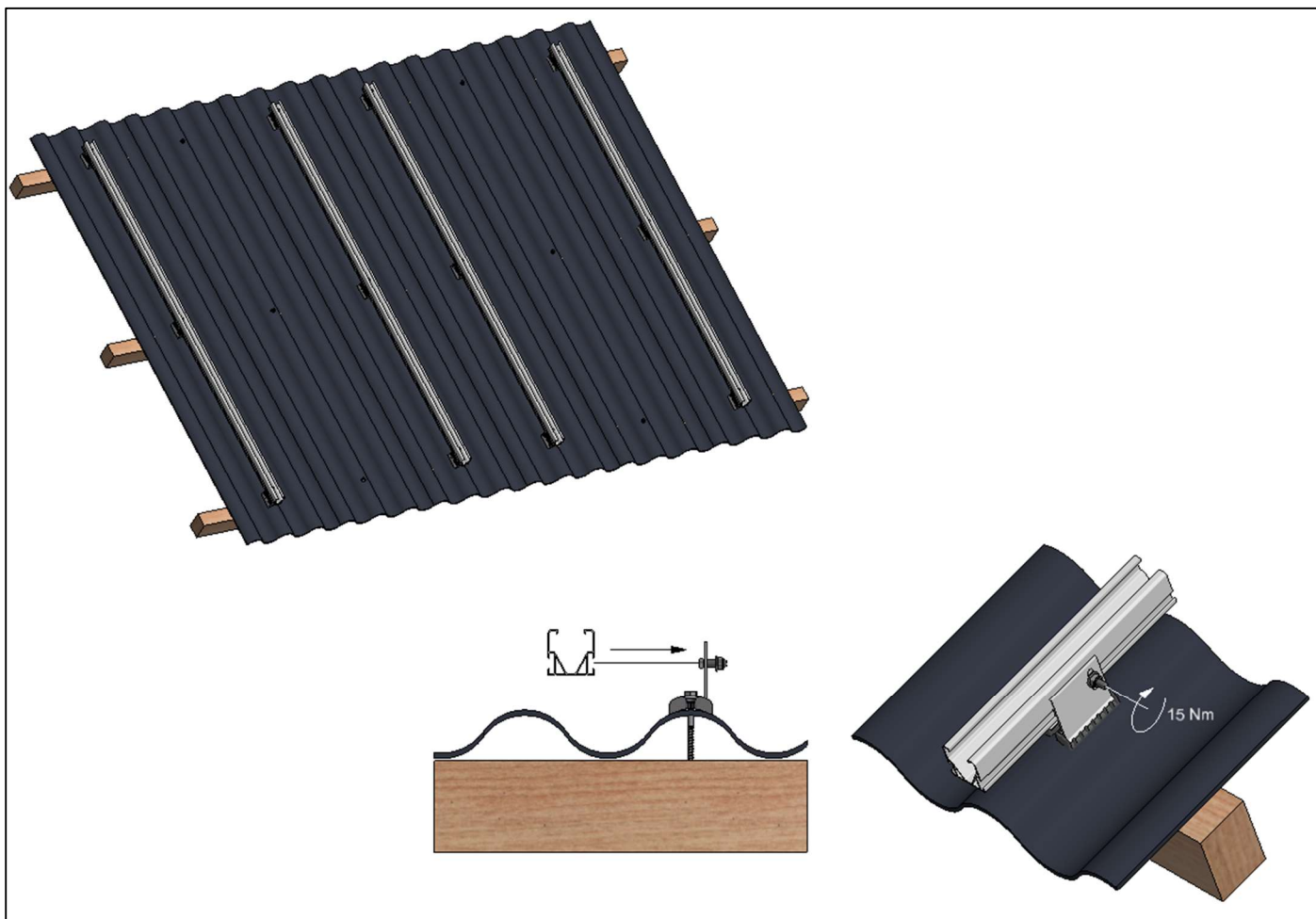
The diameter of the pre-drilled hole in the corrugated sheet should be larger than the size of the screw. For the optional screw of Van der Valk (774390) the pre-drilled hole should be 7-8 mm.

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Mounting aluminium profiles

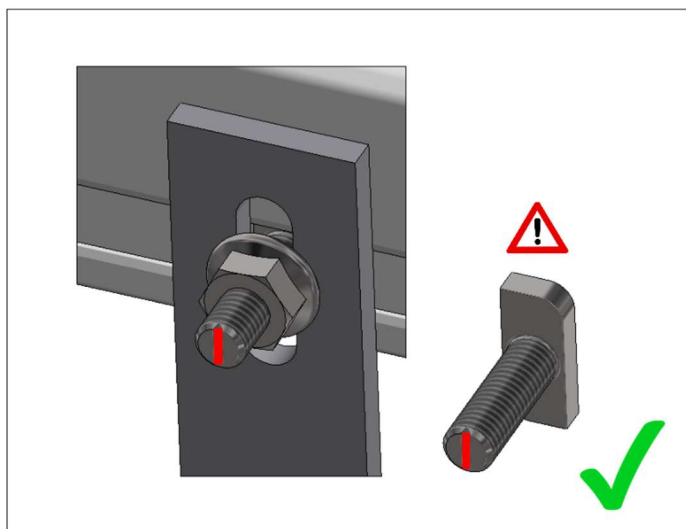
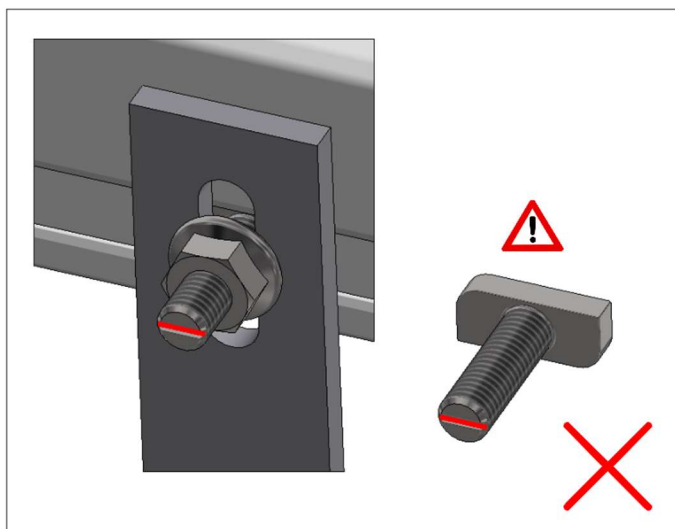
Mount the aluminium profiles to the roof clamps by placing the hammerhead bolts in the aluminium profile. When all bolts are placed in the profile everything is fastened with the nut of the roof clamps. (max. torque is 15Nm).



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).

Dilatations

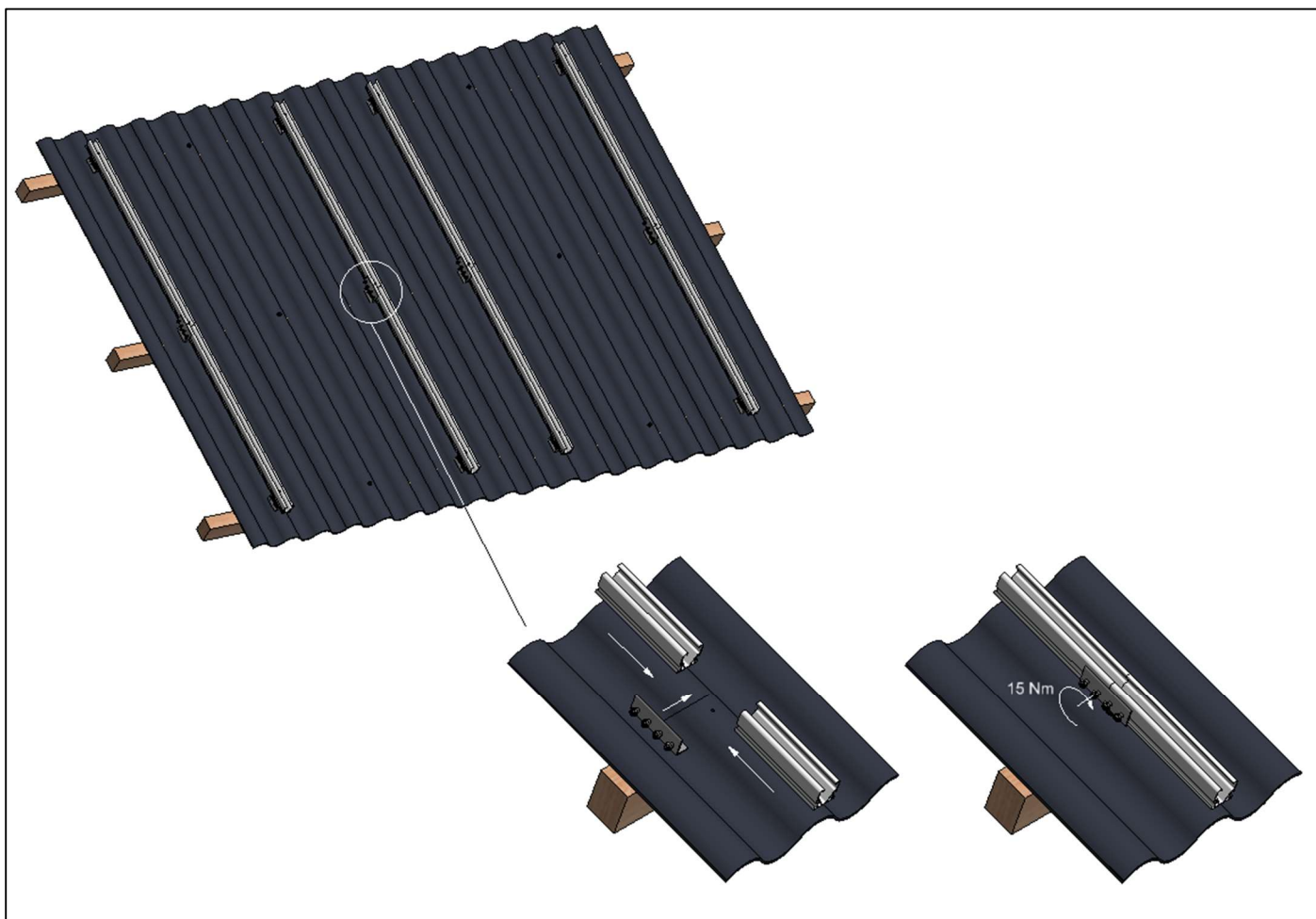
The coupled system has to be dilatated after certain measurements, this needs to be done because of the thermal expansion/contraction. For the aluminium profiles this measurement is 30 meters. The minimal dilatation distance between the profiles is 150 mm.



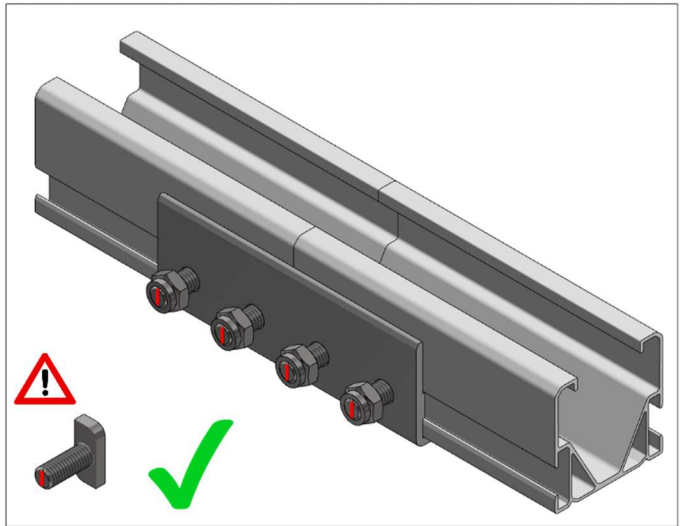
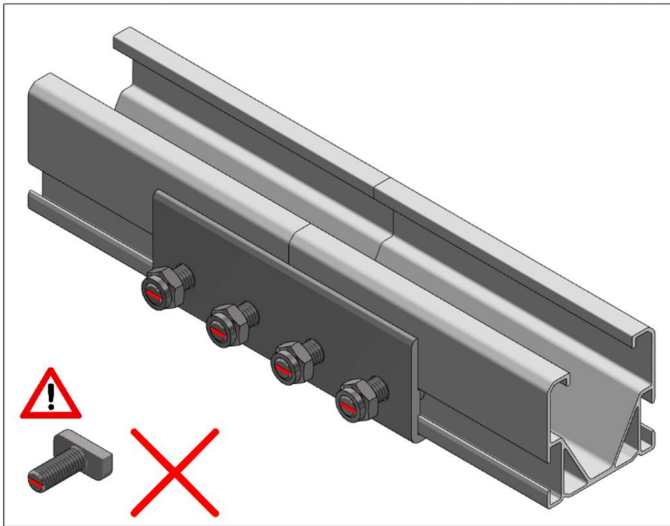
The groove on the hammerhead bolt corresponds with the orientation of the bolt head. Make sure the bolt is always mounted correctly.

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).

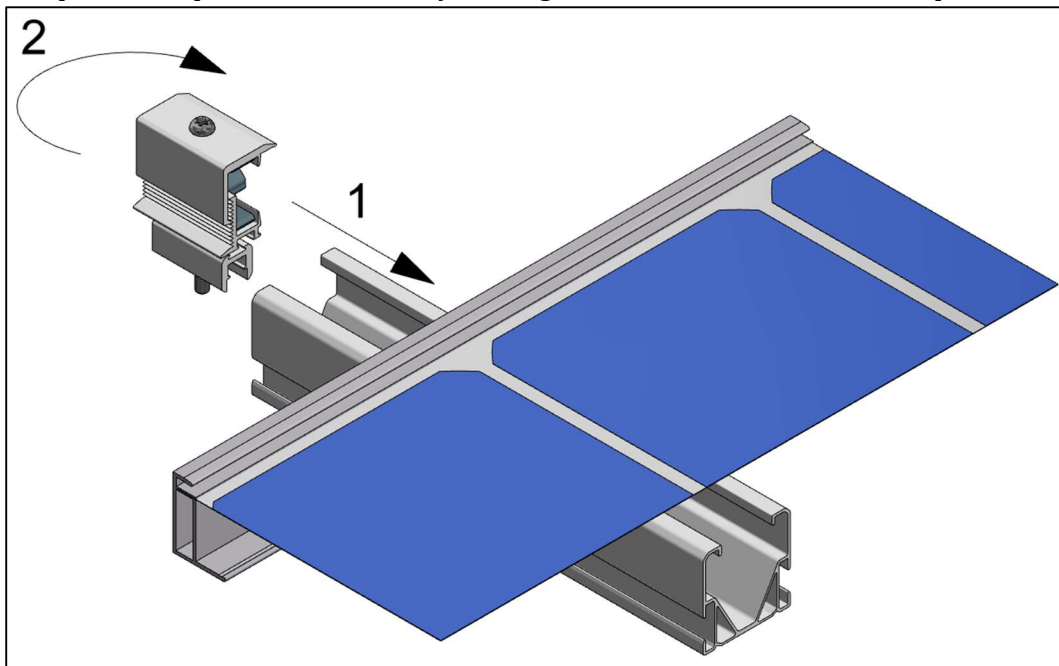


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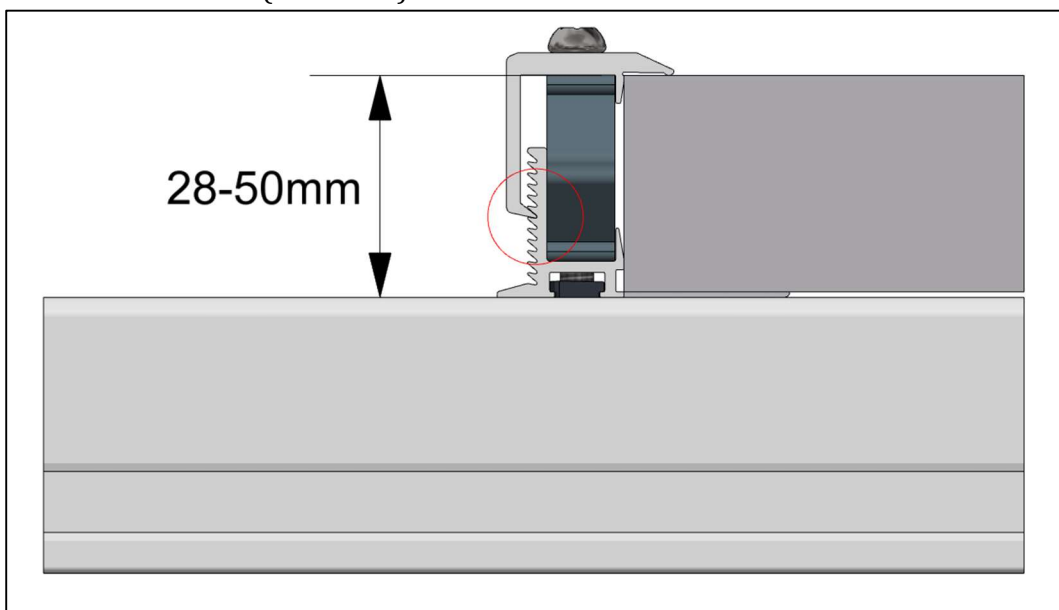
Mounting end clamps

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.

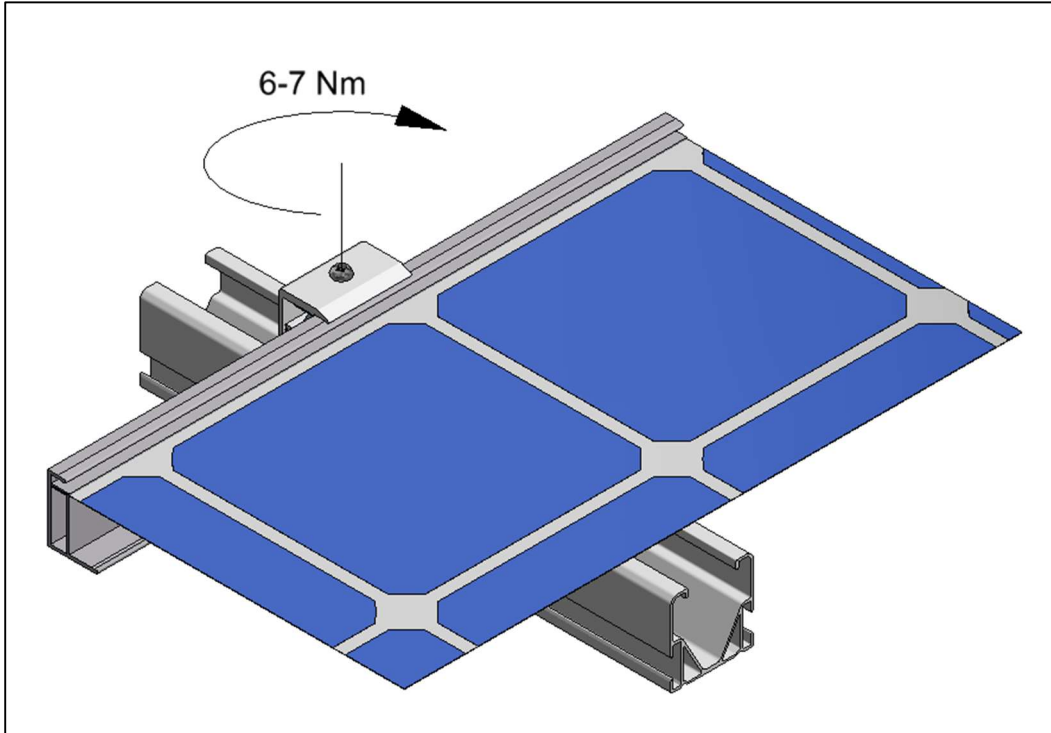
The panel clamp can be mounted by turning it clockwise in the aluminium profile.



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)



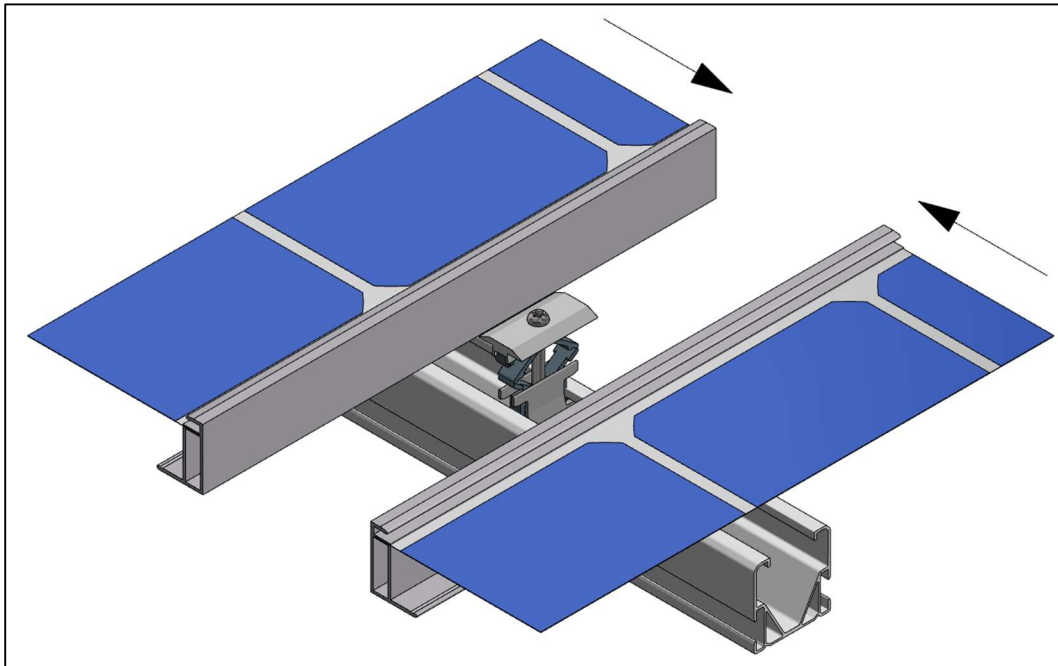
Use the bolt on top of the clamp to fix the end clamp. (torque 6-7 Nm)



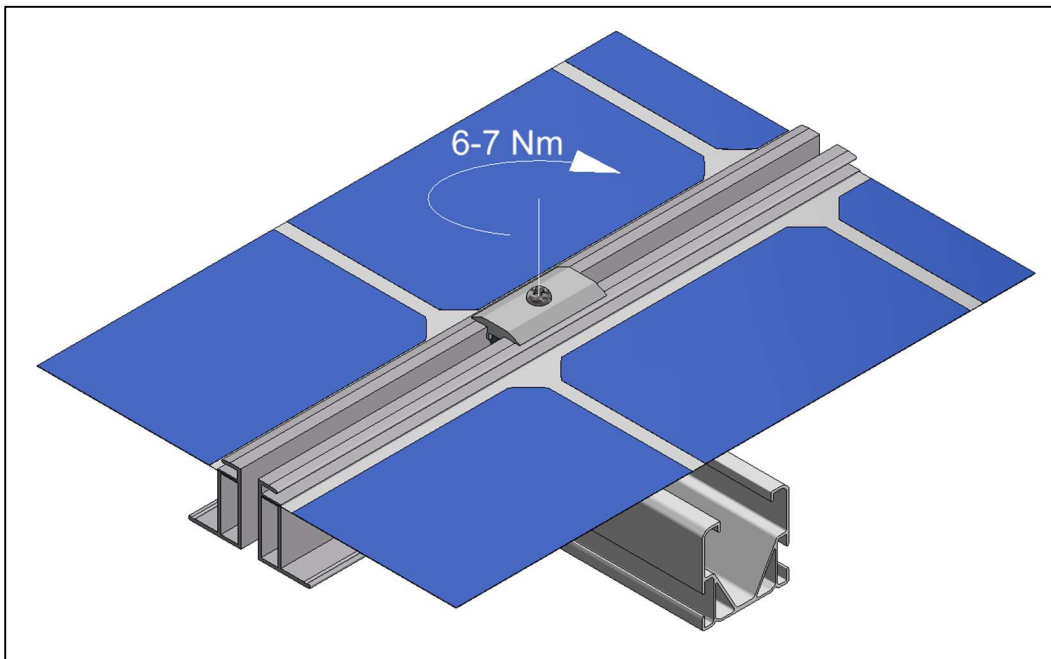
Mounting panel clamps (middle)

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)

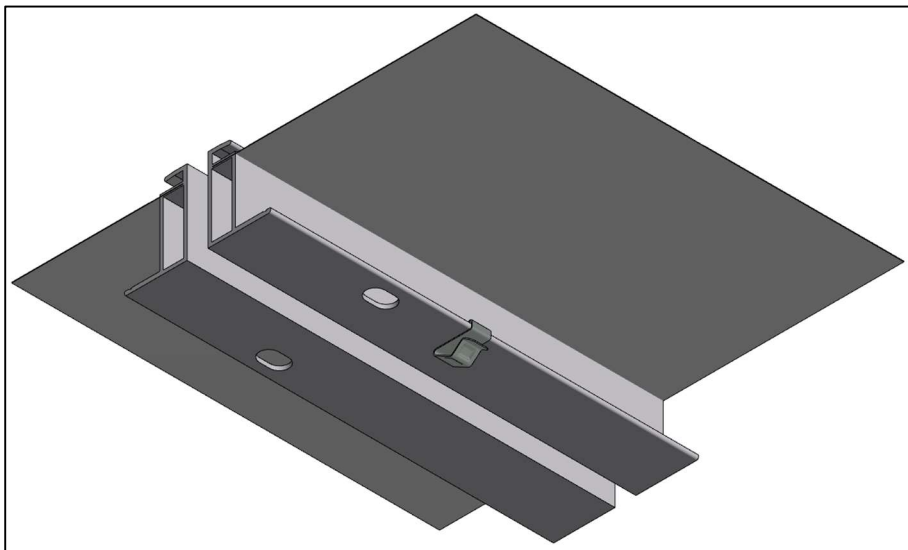


Cable clamps

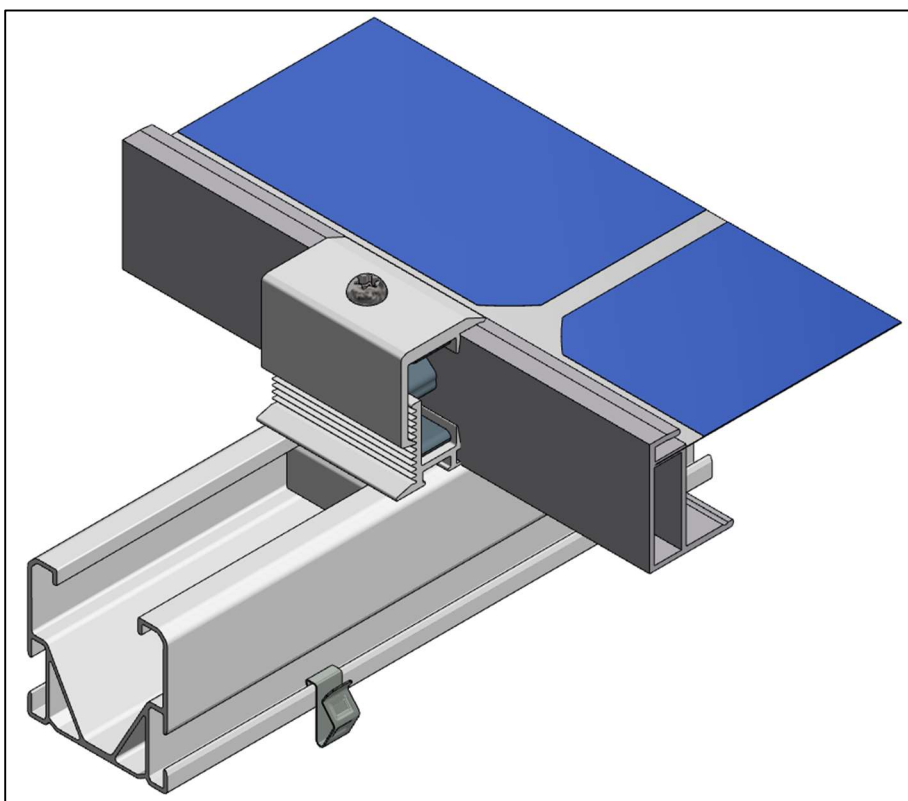
For the pitched roof clamp systems there are 2 types of cable clamps available (standard). These cable clamps can be helpful with your cable management.

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.



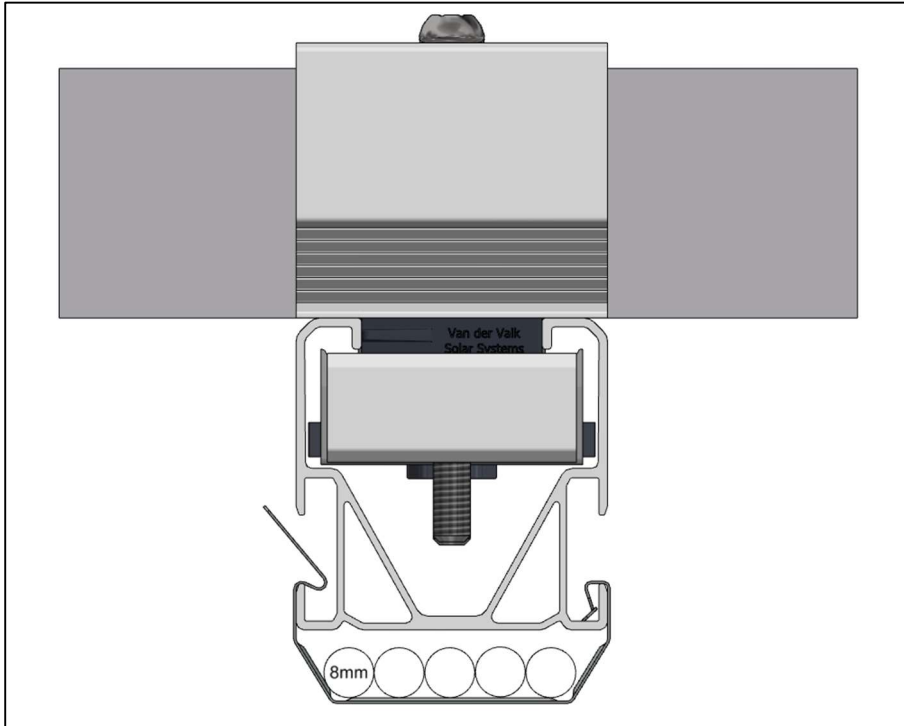
Cable clamp to panel frame



Cable clamp to aluminium profile

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.

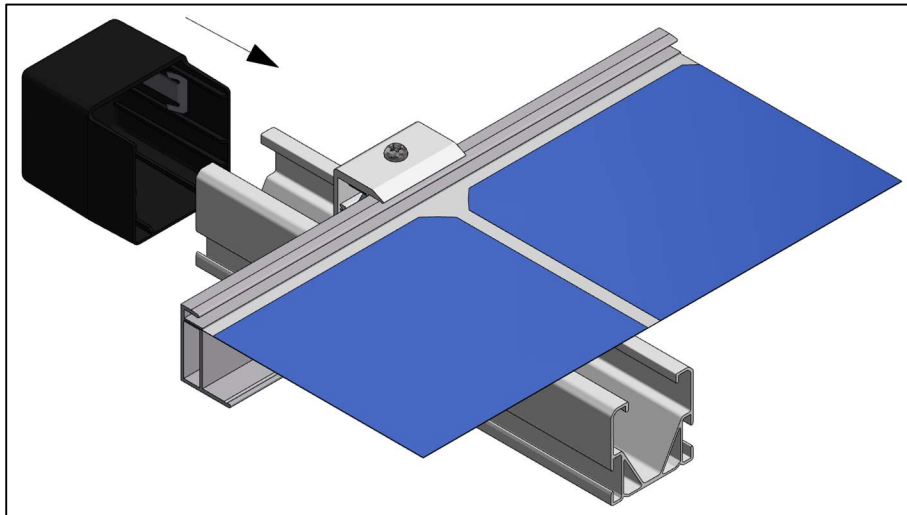


Mounting optional products

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

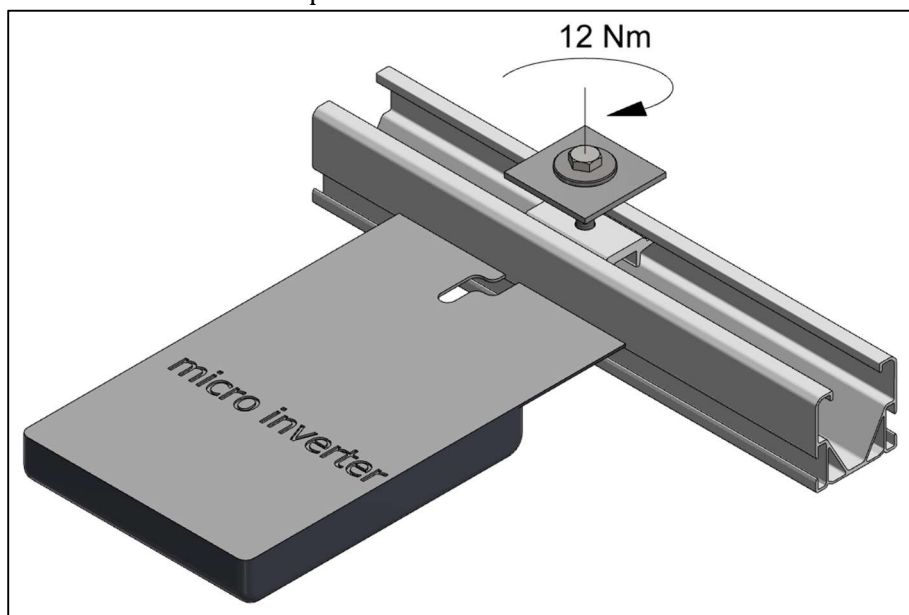
Black end cap (739052)

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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Van der Valk Solar Systems is since 2009 one of the fastest growing companies in the solar industry and focuses entirely on the development and production of solar mounting systems for pitched roofs, flat roofs and open fields. Van der Valk Solar Systems also has an office and warehouse in the UK, offices in Sweden and Spain and is currently active in 13 countries.

Our mounting systems are developed and produced in our own factory in the Netherlands and stand out thanks to their broad area of application, the very short time in which they can be installed, and the high quality. They are developed according to the latest Eurocodes and therefore comply with the requirements defined for solar systems by banks and insurance companies.

Van der Valk Solar Systems is part of family-owned company Van der Valk Systemen, which has been a household name in the field of moving systems and mounting components since 1963.

Our shared industrial complex consists of 20,000m² of offices and factory spaces. Here we use modern machinery and the latest technologies to quickly and accurately develop, manufacture, and test products and systems.



Solar mounting systems & cable management



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