

## SCF-20B

Solar | Solar Collector



**EN** Installation manual

## CONFORMITY

Solar collectors conform to EN 12975 standard and to Solar Keymark certification standard.



This product must only be used for the purpose for which it is designed and made, as specified by **Beretta**. **Beretta** declines all responsibility, contractual or other, for damage to property or injury to persons or animals caused by improper installation, adjustment, maintenance or use.

## RANGE

| MODEL               | CODE     |
|---------------------|----------|
| SCF-20B             | 20095379 |
| SCF-20B (Pack of 2) | 20095380 |
| SCF-20B (Pack of 7) | 20095381 |

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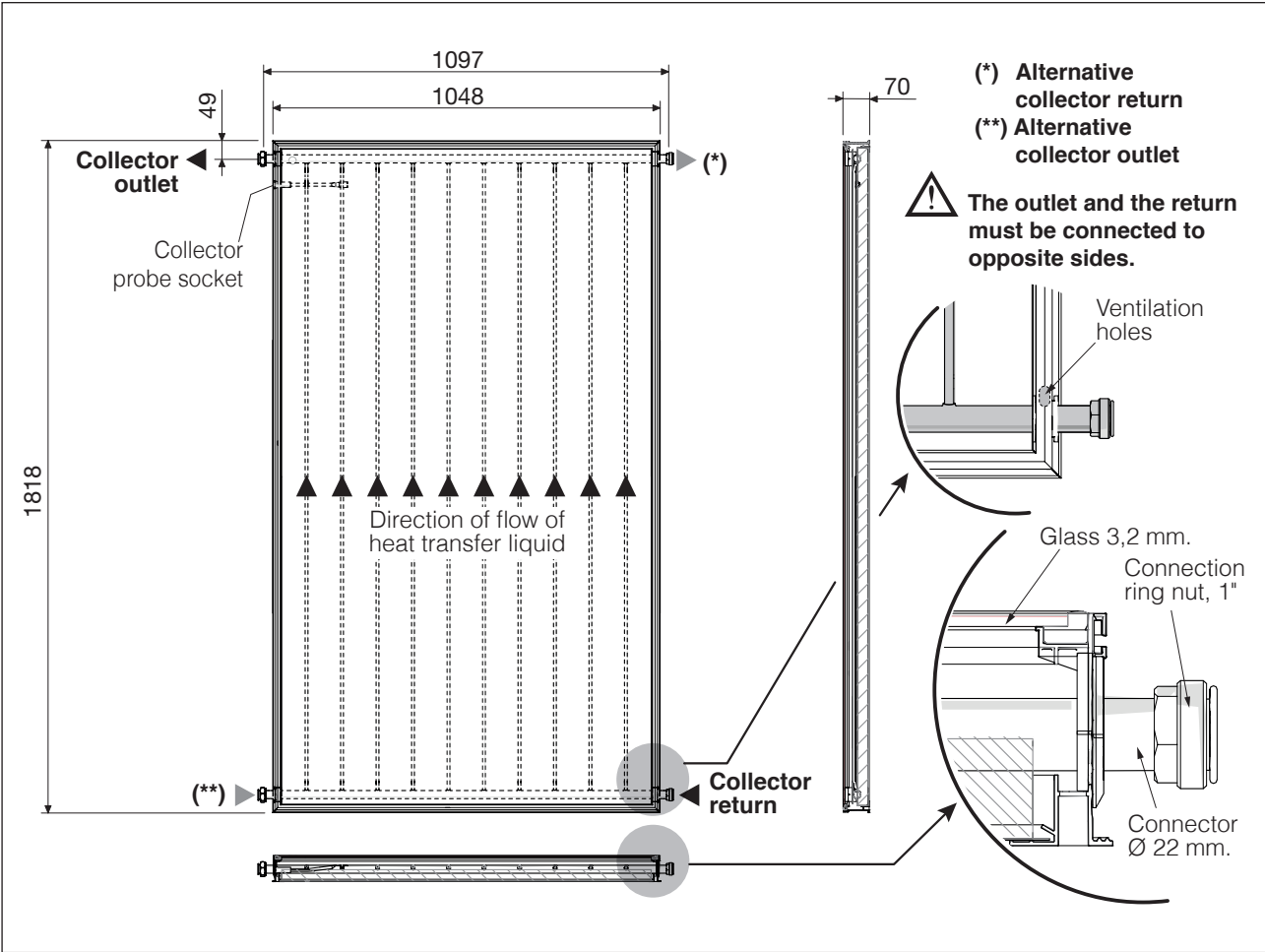


**CAUTION!** = Identifies actions that require caution and adequate preparation.



**STOP!** = Identifies actions that you MUST NOT do.

SYSTEM LAYOUT



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IDENTIFICATION

**Data label**  
To be applied to the back of the solar collector on installation

**Beretta**

Codice .....  
Modello .....  
Matricola .....

COLLETTORE SOLARE (neutro)

Codice .....  
Tipo .....  
Dimensioni .....  
Superficie lorda .....  
Superficie di apertura .....  
Superficie assorbitore .....  
Peso a vuoto .....  
Massima pressione di esercizio .....  
Temperatura di stagnazione .....  
Contenuto liquido .....  
Massima concentrazione glicole .....  
Liquido termovettore .....

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**Serial number plate**

**Beretta**

Code ..... Serial N° .....  
Model .....

**Data plate**

Code **CODICE : 20075477**  
Year of production **S/N : 130000000**  
Description **TIPO : CP20TSS**  
Flat plate solar collector

**COLLETTORE SOLARE PIANO**  
DIMENSIONI: 1818X1048X70 mm  
SUPERFICIE LORDA: 1,91 m²  
SUPERFICIE DI APERTURA: 1,78 m²  
SUPERFICIE ASSORBITORE: 1,77 m²  
PESO A VUOTO: 34 kg

MAX PRESSIONE ESERCIZIO: 10 bar  
TEMPERATURA DI STAGNAZIONE: 192°C  
CONTENUTO LIQUIDO: 1,6 l  
MAX CONCENTRAZIONE GLICOLE: 50%  
LIQUIDO TERMOVETTORE: ACQUA+GLICOLE PROPILENICO

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⚠ If these plates or any other means of clearly identifying the product are defaced, removed or lost, proper installation and servicing may be rendered difficult.

## TECHNICAL SPECIFICATIONS

| DESCRIPTION   |                     |                         |
|---|---------------------|-------------------------|
| Total area  | 1,91                | m <sup>2</sup>          |
| Exposed area  | 1,78                | m <sup>2</sup>          |
| Effective absorption area   | 1,77                | m <sup>2</sup>          |
| Connections (M) - (F)   | 2 x 1" M / 2 x 1" F | mm                      |
| Empty weight  | 30                  | kg                      |
| Liquid content  | 1,5                 | l                       |
| Recommended flow rate for each line per m <sup>2</sup> of collector | 30                  | l/(h x m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Minimum flow rate for each line per m <sup>2</sup> of collector     | 20                  | l/(h x m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Maximum flow rate for each line per m <sup>2</sup> of collector     | 200                 | l/(h x m <sup>2</sup> ) |
| Glass thickness   | 3,2                 | mm                      |
| Thickness of glass wool insulation                                  | 30                  | mm                      |
| Absorption ( $\alpha$ )   | 95                  | %                       |
| Emissions ( $\epsilon$ )  | 4                   | %                       |
| Maximum permitted pressure  | 10                  | bar                     |
| Stagnation temperature  | 192                 | °C                      |
| Maximum number of collectors in a line                              | 6                   | n°                      |

### Efficiency parameters

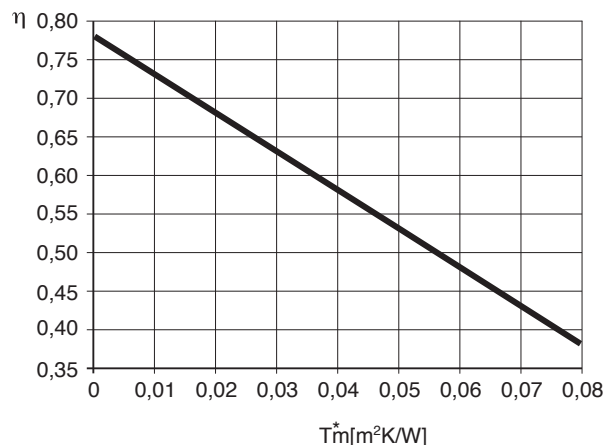
| Description  | Absorber surface area | Open surface area | Gross surface area | U/M                                |
|--|-----------------------|-------------------|--------------------|------------------------------------|
| Optical efficiency ( $\eta_0$ ) (*)                            | 0,781                 | 0,778             | 0,728              | -                                  |
| Thermal dispersion factor ( $a_1$ ) (*)                        | 4,98                  | 4,96              | 4,64               | W/(m <sup>2</sup> K)               |
| Thermal dispersion temperature dependence factor ( $a_2$ ) (*) | 0,0005                | 0,0005            | 0,0005             | W/(m <sup>2</sup> K <sup>2</sup> ) |

| Description                      |      | U/M |
|----------------------------------|------|-----|
| IAM (50°) (*)                    | 0,87 | -   |
| Efficiency ( $\eta_{col}$ ) (**) | 58   | %   |

(\*) Tested according to EN 12975, referred to a 33.3% water-glycol mix, flow rate of 140 l/h, and irradiation  $G = 800 \text{ W/m}^2$ .  
 $T_m = (\text{Coll.}_{inlet\_temp.} + \text{Coll.}_{outlet\_temp.})/2$   
 $T^*m = (T_m - \text{ambient\_temp})/G$

(\*\*) Calculated with a temperature difference of 40K between the solar collector and the surrounding air, and with total solar radiation of 1000 W/m<sup>2</sup> referred to the exposed area.

### Efficiency curve (referred to absorber surface area)

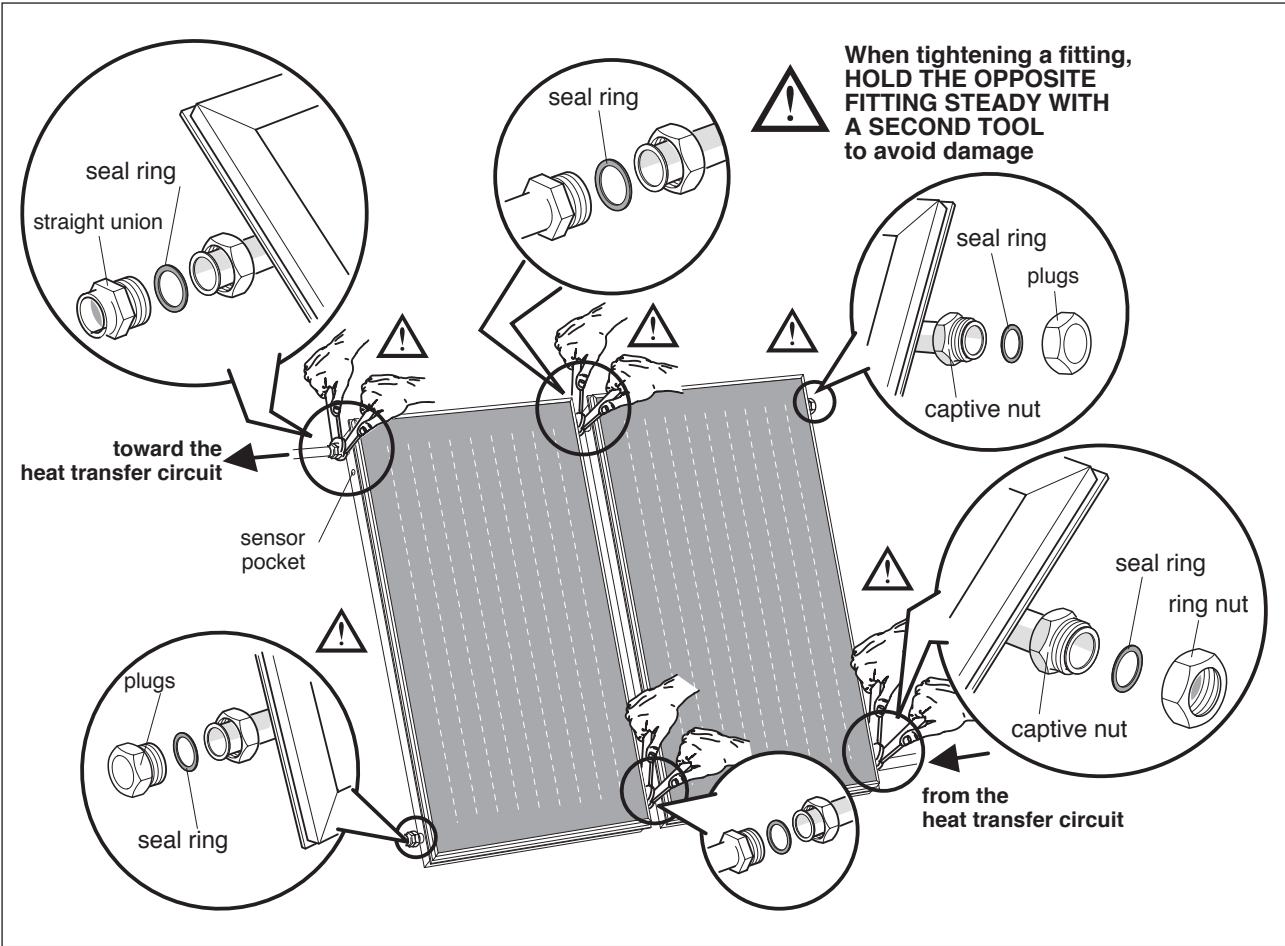


### WIND AND SNOW LOADS ON COLLECTORS

| Installation height above ground | Wind speed | Mass in kg to secure collector against lifting by wind |                 | Load on roof from wind, snow, and collector weight |                 |
|----------------------------------|------------|--|-----------------|--|-----------------|
|                                  |            | At angle of 45°  | At angle of 20° | At angle of 45°                                    | At angle of 20° |
| 0 - 8 m                          | 100 km/h   | 80 kg  | 40 kg           | 320 kg   | 345 kg          |
| 8 - 20 m                         | 130 km/h   | 180 kg   | 90 kg           | 470 kg   | 430 kg          |
| 20 - 100 m                       | 150 km/h   | 280 kg   | 150 kg          | 624 kg   | 525 kg          |

Maximum permitted load from wind and snow (including combined loads) on surface of collector: 1500 Pa (175 km/h).

CONNECTIONS



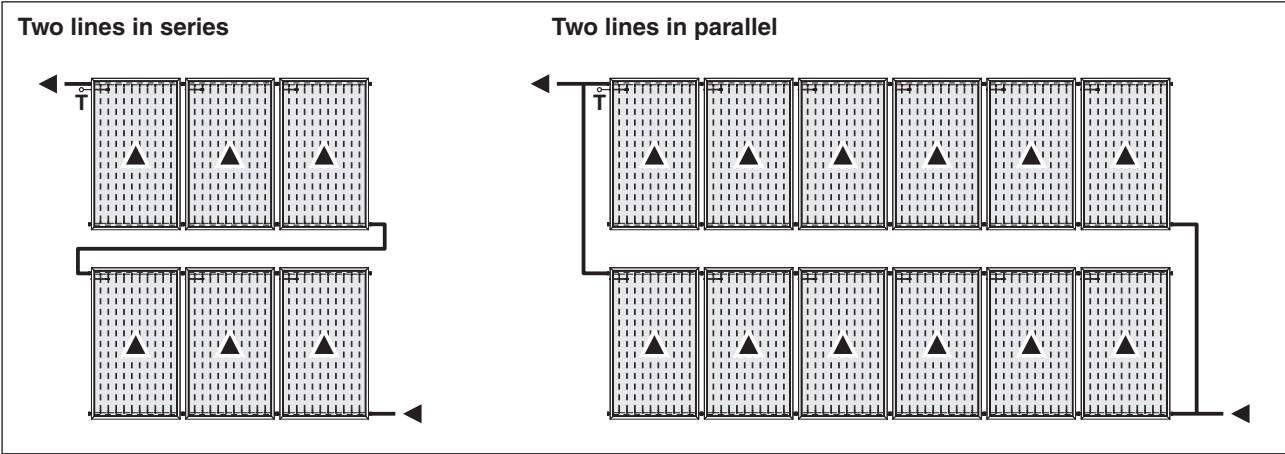
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Collectors must be connected together so that the heat transfer fluid flows through them in parallel. Two out of four of the collector fittings at the ends of each row must be plugged.

The connection with the heat transfer circuit that goes toward the heat exchanger must be the one near the sensor pocket of the last collector of the line. The connection with the circuit that comes back from the heat exchanger must be at the bottom of the first collector of the line (see the picture above).

It is also possible to connect more than one line of solar collectors using brass compression elbows or welding the tubes of the circuit.

Multi-collector installations must consist of strings of the same number of collectors (see the following sample diagrams).



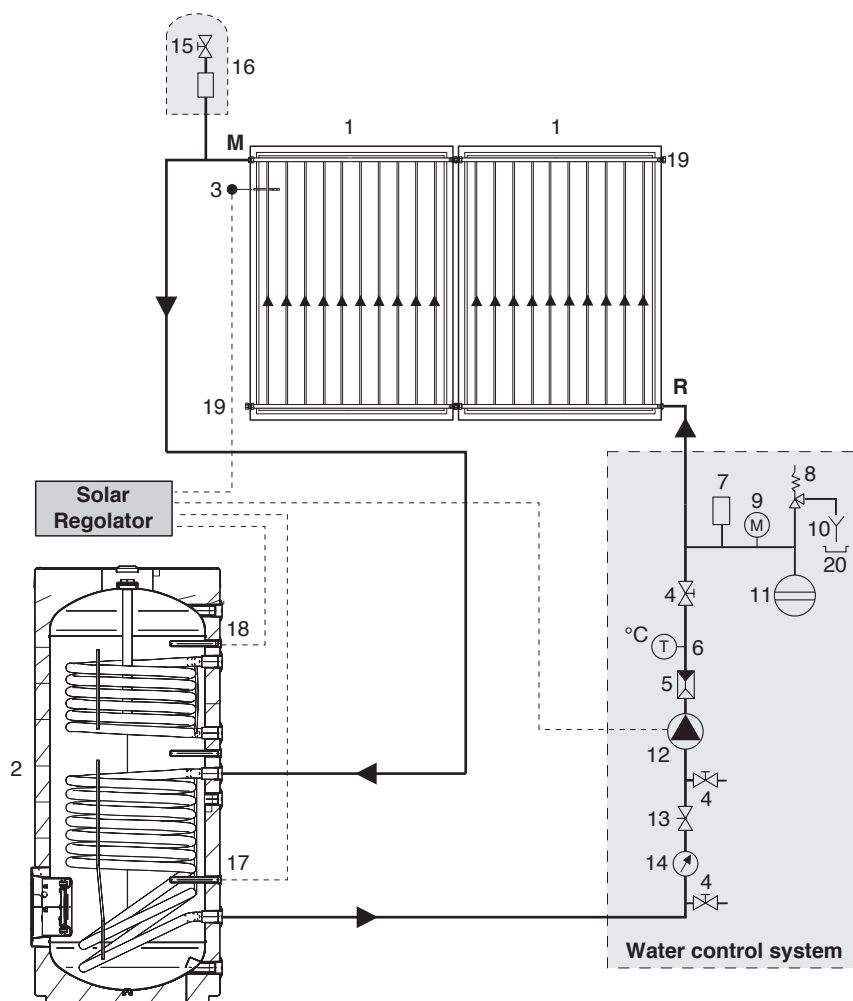
Diameter of connection pipes for a specific flow rate of 30 lt/m²h

|                               |             |        |         |
|-------------------------------|-------------|--------|---------|
| Total surface area (m²)       | 2 - 4       | 6 - 12 | 14 - 20 |
| Diameter of copper pipe (mm)  | 10 - 12     | 14     | 18      |
| Diameter of steel pipe (inch) | 3/8" - 1/2" | 1/2"   | 3/4"    |

## WATER CIRCUIT

- 1 Solar collector
- 2 Storage cylinder
- 3 Collector probe
- 4 Disconnect valves
- 5 Non-return valve
- 6 Temperature gauge
- 7 Vent valve
- 8 Safety valve
- 9 Pressure gauge
- 10 Drain
- 11 Expansion vessel
- 12 Pump
- 13 Flow regulator
- 14 Flow meter
- 15 Vent cock
- 16 Manual bleed valve (accessory)
- 17 Storage cylinder bottom temperature sensor
- 18 Storage cylinder top temperature sensor
- 19 Plugs
- 20 Heat transfer fluid recovery

**M** Collector outlet  
**R** Collector return



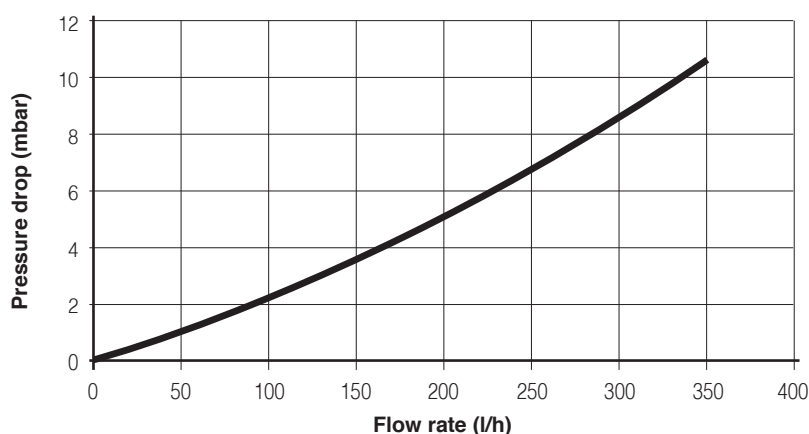
⚠ If copper pipes are used, joints must be hot brazed.

⚠ We recommend the use of stainless steel pipes specially made for solar collectors for the outlet, return and probe pipes. The probe cable should be of the shielded type.

⚠ Do not use plastic or multistrata pipes. Operating temperature can exceed 180°C.

⚠ Pipe lagging must be able to resist high temperatures (180°C).

### Pressure drop in solar collectors (\*)



(\*) With antifreeze-water mix of 33,3% / 66,7% and heat transfer medium temperature = 20°C.

## UNPACKING THE PRODUCT

The solar collectors are packed in various ways depending on the number of units supplied:

**A Packages of 1 or 2 collectors**

**B Packages of 7 collectors**

Pallet contents:

- collector
- document envelopes containing instruction manual, bar code labels and data label.



Take care not to lose the four flat seal rings (1) located in the corner profiles of each collector.



The instruction manual is an integral part of the solar connector. Once located, read it thoroughly and keep it safe.

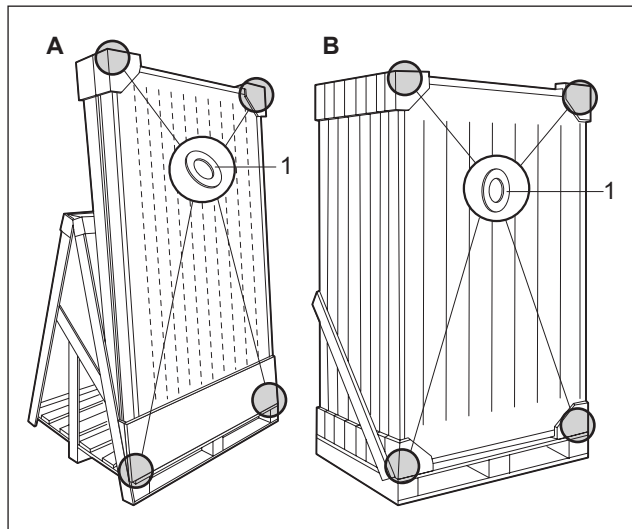


**STORE IN A DRY PLACE AND DO NOT EXPOSE TO DIRECT SUNLIGHT UNTIL THE TIME OF INSTALLATION!**

The packaging is not designed to protect the product against rain or humidity. It can also degrade if exposed to direct sunlight. Failure to comply with these precautions could lead to irreparable damage to the product.



**A protective film is applied to the glass of the solar collector. On completion of installation, only remove this film if you are going to put the system into service immediately.**



## HANDLING

- Remove the PVC wrapping to free the solar collector from the pallet.
- Apply the data label (provided in the document envelope) to the back of the solar collector

Once you have removed the outer packaging, proceed as follows to unpack and handle the solar collector:

- Tilt the solar collector slightly and grip it at the four points shown (A) to lift it.
- Use a hoist or other suitable lifting equipment to hoist the solar collector on to the roof.



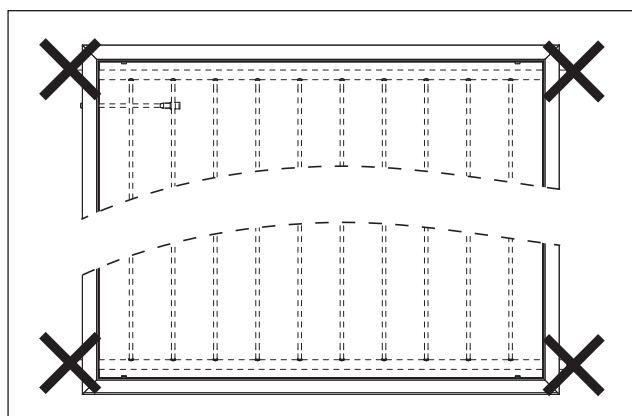
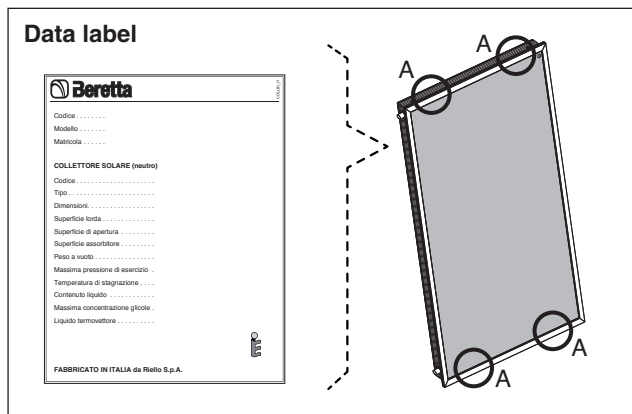
Wear suitable personal protective equipment and use suitable safety devices.



Do not dispose of packaging material into the environment, or leave it within the reach of children, since it can become a potential hazard. Dispose of packaging material in compliance with applicable legislation.



Do not lift the solar collector by its water fittings.



## INSTALLATION



Solar collectors must be installed with the correct mounting kit (which includes all necessary rails and brackets) as listed in the Catalogue.

### GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

#### Protective film

A protective film is applied to the glass of the solar collector to protect the absorber against solar irradiation and prevent the solar collector from becoming too hot if it is not going to be put into service immediately. **Fill the system, but do not remove the film until you are ready to put the system into service.** Take care when removing the film as it may be electrostatically charged. Do not leave the protective film in place for longer than 12 months. Once removed, the protective film cannot be re-used. Dispose of the protective film in compliance with legislation governing the disposal of PVC.

#### Assembly

The system must be installed by specialist personnel. Use only the assembly material supplied with the solar collector. The supporting framework and all masonry or brickwork fixing points must be checked by a person expert in static loading, and must be suitable for the nature of the installation site.

#### Static load

The solar collector must only be installed on roofs or frames that are strong enough to support its weight. The strength of the roof or frame must be verified on site by a person expert in static loading before the solar collector is installed. During this process, it is important to verify the suitability of the supporting frame to hold the screw fasteners that fix the solar collector in place. An expert in static loading must verify that the entire frame complies with relevant standards, especially in areas liable to snow and areas exposed to high winds. Conditions (gusts of wind, formation of wind vortices, etc.) at the point where the solar collector is to be installed must be carefully considered since these can increase the loads on the supporting structure.

#### Lightning protection

The metal piping of the solar heating circuit must be connected to the main potential compensation bar by a (yellow-green) copper wire (H07 V-U or R) of at least 16 mm<sup>2</sup>. If a lightning conductor system is already installed, the solar collectors may be connected to the existing system. Alternatively, the solar collector piping may be connected to ground via a ground wire sunk into the earth. Ground wires must be sunk outside the house. The ground wire must be connected to the potential compensation bar through a wire of the same diameter.

#### Water connections

The solar collectors must be connected in series using the fittings and seal rings provided. If flexible hoses are not used to connect up the ends of solar collector lines, we recommend that you fit devices in the connecting pipes to permit thermal expansion (U-type expansion joints, sections of flexible hose or dedicated expansion joints). Provided adequate expansion joints are used, up to 6 solar collectors may be connected in series. Make sure that the seal rings are correctly positioned in their seats. When tightening a fitting with a pipe wrench or spanner, always hold the opposite fitting steady with a second tool to avoid damaging the absorber.



All pipes in the water circuit must be insulated in conformity to relevant standards. Lagging and insulation must be protected against damage by the weather and birds and animals.

#### Angle of collectors / General

Solar collectors are designed to be installed at angles of between 15° (minimum) and 75° (maximum). Make sure that the bleed and vent valves of the collectors remain open while the collectors are being installed. Take care to protect all fittings, connections, bleed and vent valves against dirt and dust etc. In installations which serve primarily to produce domestic hot water in the summer, install the collectors facing from east to west at an angle of between 20 and 60°. The ideal orientation is southwards, at an angle equal to the latitude of the location minus 10°. If the system sustains the greatest thermal load in the winter (as in systems that combine domestic hot water production with central heating), install the collectors facing south (or south-east or south-west) at an angle greater than 35°. The ideal orientation is southwards, at an angle equal to the latitude of the location plus 10°.



The collectors must be installed at a safe distance from live electrical power lines and electrical systems in accordance with the laws and regulations in force in the country of installation. In the absence of specific standards, the minimum distance that must be maintained between the installation and the nearest point to which power lines approach when blown by the wind and sagging in warm climatic conditions is: 3 m for rated voltages of 1 kV; 3.5 m for rated voltages between 1 and 30 kV; 5 m for rated voltages between 30 and 132 kV; 7 m for rated voltages > 132 kV and for unknown voltages. All non-electrical installation work that has to be performed near live and unprotected electrical power lines when there is any possibility of contact with them must be carried out in conformity to the laws and regulations in force in the country of installation. **WARNING! Contact with open, live electrical wires may lead to electrocution and may even be fatal.**



Always wear safety goggles when drilling. Always wear safety shoes, cut-proof protective gloves and a safety helmet when performing installation work.



Before beginning installation work on roofs, install the necessary fall prevention and fall arrest devices and ensure that all applicable safety standards are applied. Use only tools and materials that conform to the safety standards that are applicable in the place of work.



Only wear overalls that have a safety harness (with a suitable safety or fall-arrest belt, ropes or slings, fall dampers or dissipaters). In the absence of adequate fall prevention and security devices, failure to use a proper safety harness may lead to falls from great heights with serious or even fatal consequences.



The use of ladders leaned against walls can lead to serious falls if the ladder slips, slides or falls. When using ladders, always ensure that they are stable, and that suitable ladder stops are present. If possible secure the ladder with hooks. Make sure that there are no live electrical wires near the ladder.



Ventilation holes in the collectors allow the air inside to circulate, expand and contract freely during heating and cooling cycles. Condensation can form on the inside of the glass as a result of cooling overnight or even under conditions of high humidity during the day. This phenomenon is normal and must not be considered a defect. This condensation has no impact on the collector's thermal efficiency as it dissipates when the collector warms up in the day.




# FILLING THE CIRCUIT

Perform the following steps before starting up the system.


## 1 - FLUSHING AND SEAL TESTING THE SYSTEM


If copper piping has been used and joints have been hot brazed, flush out the system to remove any brazing residues. Seal test the system after you have flushed it out.

 Fill the solar collector with glycol/water mix immediately after flushing it out, because flushing water may remain trapped in the circuit (with a consequent risk of freezing).

## 2 - PREMIXING WATER + GLYCOL

Glycol anti-freeze is supplied separately in standard volumes and must be premixed with water in a suitable container before being used to fill the system. For example, a mix of 40% glycol and 60% water provides anti-freeze protection down to a temperature of -21°C.


 The propylene glycol supplied is specially formulated for solar collector applications and remains fully efficient throughout the -32 to +180°C temperature range. It is also non-toxic, biodegradable and bi-compatible.

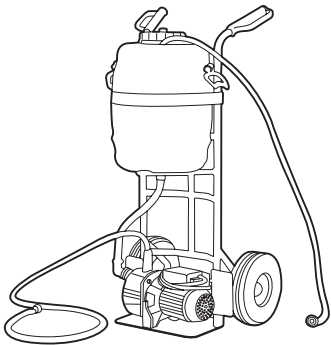
 Do NOT part fill the circuit with pure glycol then add water later.

## 3 - FILLING

 **Only fill and bleed the solar circuit at ambient temperature, with the collectors shielded from the sun's rays.**

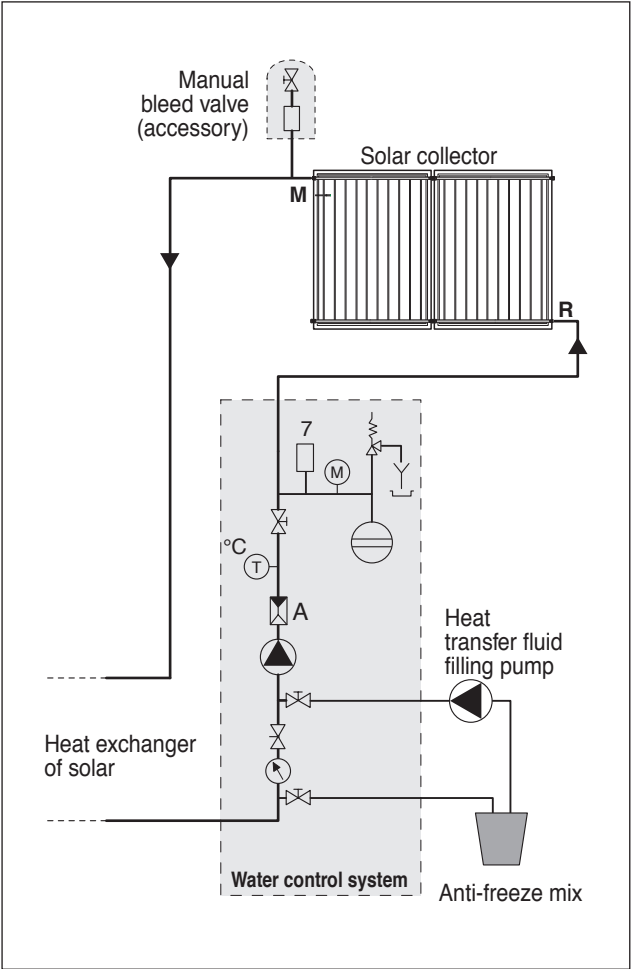
- 1 Open the non-return valve (A)
- 2 Open the air vent at the highest point in the system (see figure alongside) and keep it open throughout the filling operation
- 3 Open the vent valve (7)
- 4 Pump the heat transfer fluid around the circuit with an external filling pump until all air bubbles have been eliminated. Close the manual bleed valve
- 5 Temporarily raise the pressure in the system to 4 bar
- 6 Start up the system for about 20 minutes
- 7 Bleed the circuit again from step 2 until all the air has been removed
- 8 Set the circuit pressure according to the table on the next page in order to ensure a minimum pressure of 1.5 bar at the height of the collector field
- 9 Close the non-return valve (A) and any open vent valves to prevent the heat transfer fluid from evaporating.

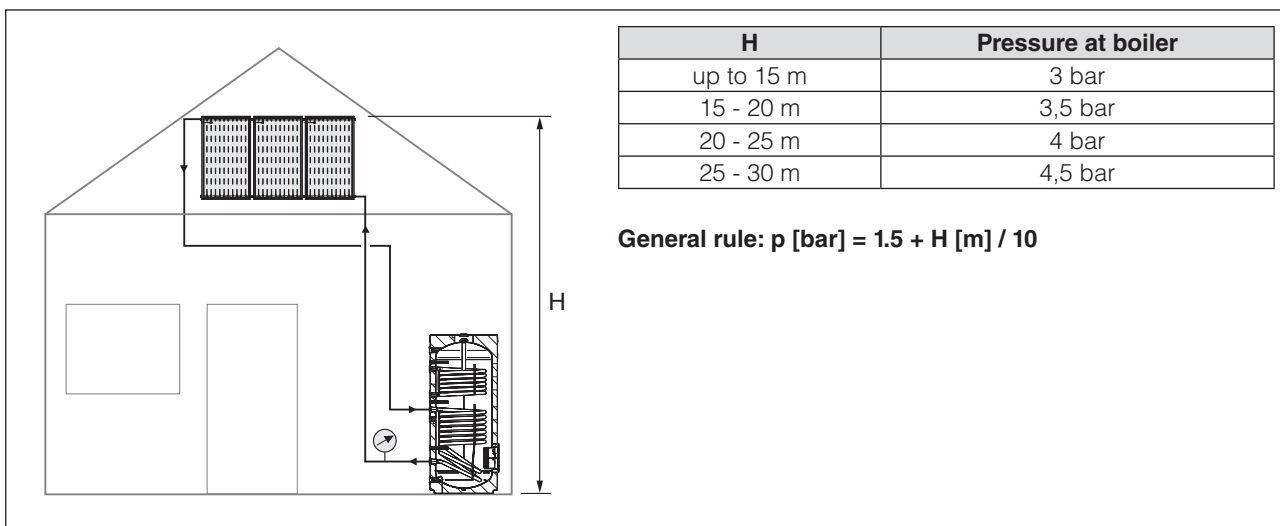
 Make sure that you have bled all the air out of the system, using the water control system vent too.



Heat transfer fluid filling pump (accessory). A manual bleed valve is not required if this pump is used.

| Anti-freeze | Temperature | Density      |
|-------------|-------------|--------------|
| 50%         | -32 °C      | 1,045 kg/dm³ |
| 40%         | -21 °C      | 1,037 kg/dm³ |
| 30%         | -13 °C      | 1,029 kg/dm³ |





## CHECKS

On completion of the installation, perform the checks listed in the table below.

| Collector circuit                                 |  |
|---|--|
| Cold circuit pressure: ____ bar (see table above) |  |
| Collector circuit seal test                       |  |
| Safety valve check                                |  |
| Anti-freeze checked to - ____ °C                  |  |
| pH of heat transfer fluid = ____                  |  |
| Collector circuit bled                            |  |
| Flow rate of 30 l/h per m <sup>2</sup> checked    |  |
| Non-return valve functioning                      |  |

| Solar collectors                        |  |
|---|--|
| Visual check of collectors              |  |
| Collectors cleaned if necessary         |  |
| Visual check of collector fixing points |  |
| Visual check of roof impermeability     |  |
| Visual check of insulation/lagging      |  |

## MAINTENANCE

Service the system and perform the checks listed in the tables below at least once every two years.

| Collector circuit                                 |  |
|---|--|
| Cold circuit pressure: ____ bar (see table above) |  |
| Collector circuit seal test                       |  |
| Safety valve check                                |  |
| Anti-freeze checked to - ____ °C                  |  |
| pH of heat transfer fluid = ____                  |  |
| Collector circuit bled                            |  |
| Flow rate of 30 l/h per m <sup>2</sup> checked    |  |
| Non-return valve functioning                      |  |

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|---|--|
| Visual check of collectors              |  |
| Collectors cleaned if necessary         |  |
| Visual check of collector fixing points |  |
| Visual check of roof impermeability     |  |
| Visual check of insulation/lagging      |  |

### Checking the heat transfer liquid

Check the anti-freeze effect and the pH level of the heat transfer liquid every 2 years.

- Use an instrument like a refractometer or densimeter to check the anti-freeze effect (which must have a nominal protection value of approx. -30°C). If the protection threshold is higher than -26°C, replace the mix, or add anti-freeze as required.
- Use litmus paper to check the pH (nominal value approx. 7.5). If the measured value is below 7, change the heat transfer liquid.



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