

# Operation / Installation Manual RINNAI SPLIT SOLAR HOT WATER SYSTEMS





The appliance must be installed, commissioned and serviced by an authorised person in accordance with all applicable local rules and regulations.



The collector flow and return pipes should be 15mm copper tube or alternative tube supplied by Rinnai.

Plastic pipe must not be used. Plastic pipe is not suited to the high water temperatures and pressures that may occur in the collector flow and return system.



Certain systems may require some components to be supplied by the Installer.

NOT SUITABLE AS A POOL OR SPA HEATER

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This manual is applicable to:

- Rinnai 'Prestige'® Stainless Steel Split Solar Hot Water Systems.
- 'Equinox'® Stainless Steel & Glass Lined Split Solar Hot Water Systems.
- Rinnai 'Sunmaster'® Glass Lined Split Solar Hot Water Systems.

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# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION & WARNINGS**

#### SAFETY & REGULATORY INFORMATION

DO NOT operate this system before reading the manufacturers instructions.

This appliance must be installed, commissioned and serviced by an authorised person in accordance with all applicable local rules and regulations.

Access covers of water heating system components will expose 240V wiring and MUST be removed by an authorised person.

This appliance is not intended for use by persons (including children) with reduced physical, sensory or mental capabilities, or lack of experience and knowledge, unless they have been given supervision or instruction concerning use of the appliance by a person responsible for their safety.

For continued safety of this appliance it must be installed, operated and maintained in accordance with the manufacturers instructions.

Children should be supervised to ensure they DO NOT play with the appliance.

Any power leads from the water heater system components MUST BE plugged into an external weatherproof electrical outlet. If the power supply cord of any water heating components is damaged, it MUST BE replaced by an authorised person in order to avoid a hazard, using genuine replacement parts available from Rinnai. Take care not to touch the power plugs with wet hands.

Care should be taken not to touch the pipe work as it may be HOT! The pipes between the solar collectors and storage cylinder MUST BE copper, or alternative material pipes that may be supplied by Rinnai. Plastic pipe is NOT suited to the water temperatures and pressures that may occur in the system.

DO NOT place articles on or against this appliance.

DO NOT store chemicals or flammable materials near this appliance.

DO NOT operate with collectors or covers removed from this appliance.

DO NOT activate pump unless cylinder is full of water.

NEVER use a flammable spray such as hair spray, lacquer, paint, etc near this unit as this may cause a fire.

#### NOTICE TO VICTORIAN CONSUMERS

This appliance must be installed by a person licensed with the Plumbing Industry Commission.

Only a licensed person will have insurance protecting their workmanship.

So make sure you use a licensed person to install this appliance and ask for your Compliance Certificate.

For Further information contact the Plumbing Industry Commission on 1800 015 129.

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION & WARNINGS**

### SCALDS HAZARDS



HOT WATER CAN CAUSE SCALDS.

CHILDREN, DISABLED, ELDERLY AND THE INFIRM ARE AT THE HIGHEST RISK OF BEING SCALDED.

FEEL WATER TEMPERATURE BEFORE BATHING OR SHOWERING.

SCALDS FROM HOT WATER TAPS CAN RESULT IN SEVERE INJURIES TO YOUNG CHILDREN.

SCALDS OCCUR WHEN CHILDREN ARE EXPOSED DIRECTLY TO HOT WATER WHEN THEY ARE PLACED INTO A BATH WHICH IS TOO HOT.

ALWAYS.....

Test the temperature of the water with your elbow before placing your child in the bath, also carefully feel water before bathing or showering yourself.

Supervise children whenever they are in the bathroom.

Make sure that the hot water tap is turned off tightly.

### CONSIDER.....

Installing child proof tap covers or child resistant taps (both approaches will prevent a small hand being able to turn on the tap).

Installing tempering valves or thermostatic mixing valves which reduce the hot water temperature delivered to the taps. Your local plumbing authority may already require that these be fitted. Contact your installer or local plumbing authority if in doubt.

### NEVER....

Leave a toddler in the care of another child. They may not understand the need to have the water temperature set at a safe level.

### **OPERATION PRINCIPLE**

This system is designed to have the solar collectors on the roof and the storage cylinder installed at ground or floor level. Electric and Gas boosted models are available. The system comprises a hot water storage cylinder, solar collectors, pump circulation system solar control unit and temperature sensors. The solar control unit ensures water circulates between the solar collectors and the storage cylinder to transfer heat from the solar collectors to the water in the cylinder if enough heat is available from the sun.

Supplementary heating is provided if insufficient heat is available from the sun (such as during cloudy or rainy weather or during winter months) either via an electric heating element(s) located inside the storage cylinder or via an in-line Gas booster located external to the storage cylinder. The following diagrams illustrates the Split Solar Hot Water System set up for both the Electric and Gas boost.



# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION & WARNINGS**

### SAFETY DEVICES

The water heating system is supplied with various safety devices including temperature sensors, overheat sensors and switches and a Pressure & Temperature Relief (PTR) valve. These devices must not be tampered with or removed. The water heating system must not be operated unless each of these devices is fitted and is in working order.



DO NOT tamper with or remove safety devices.

DO NOT operate the water heater unless all safety devices are fitted and in working order.

DO NOT block or seal the PTR Valve and drain pipe.

#### Pressure & Temperature Relief (PTR) Valve

This valve is located near the top of the water heater and is essential for safe operation. It is normal for the valve to release a small quantity of water through the drain line during heating.

However, continuous leakage of water from the valve and its drain line may indicate a problem with the water heater.



Twist cap until water flows from drain line



Lift lever until water flows from drain line (Lower lever gently!)

Never block the outlet of the PTR valve or it's drain line for any reason. The easing gear must be operated at least every 6 months to remove lime deposits and verify that it is not blocked. Failure to do this may result in the water heater failing.

If the valve does not discharge water when the easing gear lever is opened, or does not seal again when the easing gear is closed, attendance by an authorised person must be arranged without delay. The PTR valve is not serviceable.

#### **EXCESSIVE DISCHARGE FROM SAFETY DEVICES**

#### Pressure & Temperature Relief (PTR) Valve

It is normal and desirable that this valve allows a small quantity of water to be discharged during the heating cycle. If it discharges more than a bucket of water during a 24 hour period or discharges continuously there may be another problem.

If the valve dribbles continuously, try easing the valve gear for a few seconds as described above. This may dislodge any foreign matter and alleviate the problem.

If the valve discharges at high flows, especially at night, it may be as a result of the water pressure exceeding the design pressure of the water heater. Ask your installer to fit a Pressure Limiting Valve (PLV).



NEVER replace the PTR valve with one which has a higher pressure rating than is specified for your water heater.

#### **Expansion Control Valve (ECV) - if fitted**

It is normal and desirable that this valve allows a small quantity of water to be discharged during the heating cycle. If it discharges more than a bucket of water during a 24 hour period or discharges continuously there may be another problem.

If the valve leaks continuously, try easing the valve gear for a few seconds. This may dislodge any foreign matter and alleviate the problem. If this does not alleviate the problem contact Rinnai.

Operate the easing gear regularly to remove any lime deposits and to verify that it is not blocked.

# **IMPORTANT INFORMATION & WARNINGS**

#### Gas boosted models

- Do not touch the flue outlet or do not insert any objects into the flue outlet.
- Keep flammable materials, spray cans, fuel containers, trees, shrubs and pool chemicals etc. well clear of the flue outlet.
- Do not use the gas types other than those designated on the data plate. For example, do not use Propane/Butane gas mixtures on appliances marked Propane Gas.
- Do not use Propane gas on appliances marked as Natural gas and vice versa.

#### Hydrogen Gas

In the case of systems using a vitreous enamelled lined cylinder, if the hot water unit is not used for two weeks or more, a quantity of hydrogen gas, which is highly flammable, may accumulate in the water heater. To dissipate this safely, it is recommended that a non electrically operated hot tap be turned on for two minutes at a sink, basin, or bath, but not a dishwasher or other appliance. during this procedure there must be no smoking, open flame or any electrical appliance operating nearby. If hydrogen is discharged through the tap, it will probably make a sound like air escaping.

#### WATER TEMPERATURE

The solar control unit and pump ensure water circulates between the solar collectors and storage cylinder until the water at the base of the cylinder reaches approximately 65°C. Under these conditions water at the hot outlet may exceed 85°C. During periods of low solar gain supplementary heating occurs to a minimum of 60°C as required.



To meet Australian regulatory requirements, supplementary heating temperature settings must be at least 60°C.

#### TURNING 'OFF' THE WATER HEATING SYSTEM

If you plan to be away for only a few nights, we suggest you leave the water heating system switched on. If it is necessary to switch off the water heater, do so as outlined below:

#### **Electric Boosted systems**

- Switch off the electric supply to the supplementary heating element. The switch is usually marked and located in the electricity meter box of the dwelling.
- Switch off the electric supply to the solar controller and pump.

#### **Gas Boosted systems**

- Switch off the electric supply to the gas booster.
- Switch off the electric supply to the solar controller and pump.

#### TURNING 'ON' THE WATER HEATING SYSTEM

#### **Electric Boosted system**

- Switch on the electric supply to the supplementary heating element(s). The switch is usually marked and located in the electricity meter box of the dwelling.
- Switch on the electric supply to the solar controller pump. Electric and solar water heating will now occur as required. It may take a number of hours before hot water is available.

#### Gas Boosted systems

- Switch on the electric supply to the gas booster.
- Switch on the electric supply to the solar controller and pump. Solar water heating will now occur. Hot water is available immediately from the gas booster when hot water tap is opened, irrespective of solar heat gain.



### WATER QUALITY

The water quality of most public supplies is suitable for the water heating system. The water quality from bore wells is generally unsuitable for the water heating system. Refer to separate 'Warranty Terms and Conditions' document for water quality parameters and how they affect the warranty conditions. If in doubt about the water quality, have it checked against the parameters listed in the warranty conditions. The system is not suitable as a pool or spa heater.

#### DRAINING AND FILLING THE WATER HEATING SYSTEM

• Draining or filling normally occur only during installation or servicing and must be carried out by an authorised person.

#### MAINTENANCE AND REGULAR CARE

Operate the easing gear of the PTR as described under "SAFETY DEVICES" on page 5.

The overflow tray (supplied by installer) and drain underneath the storage cylinder (if fitted) should be periodically checked to ensure there are no blockages.

#### SERVICING AND REPAIR

Our Servicing network personnel are fully trained and equipped to give the best service on your appliance. If your appliance needs service, ring one of the service contact numbers on the back of this booklet.

It is recommended that the system be serviced at least every 5 years.

The pressure and temperature relief valve and expansion control valve must be checked for performance or replaced by an authorised person at intervals not exceeding 5 years or more frequently in areas where the water is classified as scaling water (refer to 'Warranty Terms and Conditions' document - 'Water Quality').

It is recommended that the sacrificial anode fitted to Glass Lined cylinders be inspected every 5 years or more frequently in areas where there is a high incidence of water deposits. This does not apply to Stainless Steel cylinders. Anodes suited to hard and soft water, are available from Rinnai.

If the electric conduit, power supply cord or plug to the water heater is damaged, they must be replaced by an authorised person in order to avoid a hazard. The power supply cord and plug (if fitted) must be replaced by a genuine replacement part available from Rinnai.

# SAVE A SERVICE CALL

Before contacting Rinnai for service, follow the fault finding guide. If problems persist or this information doesn't answer your questions, contact Rinnai on the phone number on the back of this manual.

Service call outs attending to any condition or fault that is not related to Rinnai products or components may be chargeable.

CONDENSATION IN COLLE	CONDENSATION IN COLLECTORS						
Condensation in solar collectors	• There is a small amount of ventilation between atmosphere and the internals of the solar collector to ensure efficient operation. Under certain weather conditions, water vapour naturally present in the air may condense on the inside surface of the collector glass. This does not affect the performance of the system. If you are concerned contact Rinnai to discuss						
NOISY SOLAR COLLECTO	RS						
Noise from solar collectors	<ul> <li>Occasionally on days of high solar gain, the water temperature in the collector may become very high. The noise may be similar to a boiling kettle, or an expanding contracting metallic sound. The collector is designed to withstand these conditions, and no action is needed, unless it is extreme. Contact Rinnai to discuss if you have any concerns.</li> </ul>						
SOLAR PUMP CONTINUOU	ISLY OPERATING						
Temperature sensor leads not in place	<ul> <li>The system will not operate correctly if the temperature sensor leads are not correctly positioned (dry well on storage cylinder and on solar collector outlet). Contact your installer or Rinnai to discuss.</li> </ul>						
NO WATER FROM THE HO	Т ТАР						
Restriction in the hot tap or failure of the cold water supply to the heater	Check for water flow at the other hot taps and that the cold water isolation valve is fully open						
WATER HAMMER							
Hot and cold water plumbing in the premises	<ul> <li>Contact your installer or a plumber to discuss checking the clipping of hot and cold water pipe work and install a pressure limiting valve or water hammer arrestor as required</li> </ul>						
INSUFFICIENT OR NO HOT	WATER						
Excessive hot water consumption	<ul> <li>Electric Boosted Systems:</li> <li>Often people are surprised at the amount of hot water used, especially when showering. If the amount of hot water used during the day exceeds the storage capacity of the cylinder, it is likely that there will be insufficient hot water.</li> <li>Gas Boosted Systems:</li> </ul>						
	<ul> <li>Insufficient flow may occur if multiple outlets are in use at the same time and exceed the rated flow capacity of the gas booster. If so, reduce the number of outlets in use.</li> <li>Consider discussing with your installer, fitting water saving fixtures and/or flow control or pressure limiting valves to reduce consumption.</li> </ul>						
Incorrect solar system size	The system may not have been adequately sized to suit the household.						
l emperature and pressure relief valve / expansion control valve discharging water continuously	<ul> <li>PTR Valves &amp; ECV Valves (if fitted)</li> <li>It is normal and desirable that this valve allows a small quantity of water to be discharged during the heating cycle. If it discharges more than a standard bucket of water during a 24 hour period or discharges continuously there may be another problem</li> </ul>						
	<ul> <li>If the valve dribbles continuously, try easing the valve gear for a few seconds as described under 'Regular Care'. This may dislodge any foreign matter and alleviate the problem.</li> <li>If the valve discharges at high flows, contact your installer or Rinnai to discuss.</li> </ul>						

# SAVE A SERVICE CALL

INSUFFICIENT OR NO HOT WATER (cont)						
Booster heating not operating or insufficient gas supply for gas boosted heating system Booster thermostat settings	<ul> <li>Electric boosted Systems:</li> <li>Check to ensure the electric isolating switch(es) at the switchboard (usually marked "Hot water" or "water heater") is switched 'ON'.</li> <li>Check to ensure that the electric fuses for hot water at the switchboard are intact</li> <li>If running on Off-Peak, discuss boosting times with electricity supplier.</li> <li>Gas Boosted Systems:</li> <li>Check to ensure the power cord of the gas booster is plugged in and switched 'on'</li> <li>Check gas is available and the isolation valve is opened</li> <li>Close the hot tap and wait for 10 seconds and open it again. The hot tap must be opened enough to ensure that the flow rate is sufficient to light the gas booster</li> <li>Check if there is gas supply to other appliances in the rest of the house</li> <li>Electric Boosted Systems:</li> <li>Check the temperature of hot water delivered with a thermometer placed under the closest outlet (usually the kitchen sink) on a non-tempered hot water line</li> <li>This test should be done early in the morning after overnight electrical boosting</li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>This test should be done early in the morning after overnight electrical boosting before any hot water is used. The temperature of the water delivered should be at least 55°C (allowing for heat losses in pipe work)</li> <li>If this is not the case or the temperature may need to be increased. Contact your installer or Rinnai to discuss adjusting the thermostat.</li> </ul>					
HIGH ELECTRICITY OR GA	S BILL					
	<ul> <li>If using an off peak (overnight) boosted electrical system, the time of use of the water may affect whether heating is done by electric element or solar energy. This is because both solar heated water and electrically heated water are stored in the same cylinder. (This is not a problem with gas boosted systems, and is less of an issue with mid element storage cylinders).</li> <li>If the bulk of hot water is used in the morning, there will be cold water in the cylinder for the sun to heat during the day leading to lower electricity usage.</li> <li>If the bulk of the hot water is used in the evening, the electric element will reheat the water overnight. In the morning there will be no cold water in the storage cylinder for the sun to heat.</li> <li>Consider changing your usage pattern to optimise solar energy usage.</li> </ul>					
High electricity cost	Electric Boosted Systems:					
	I he electricity tariff will determine the running costs of the system.     Contact the electricity supplier to confirm what these tariffs are					
Solar control unit switched off	<ul> <li>If the solar control unit is switched off there will be no solar pre- heating of water resulting in the water being heated entirely by electricity or gas' boosting'</li> <li>Check the power outlet for the solar control unit is switched on</li> </ul>					
Temperature and pressure relief valve / expansion control valve discharging water continuously	See entry under 'Insufficient or No Hot Water'					
Lack of solar gain	<ul> <li>Reduced sunlight due to overcast weather in summer or low solar contribution in winter will result in an increased dependence on electricity or gas boosting. Higher electricity or gas bills under these conditions, especially in winter, are normal.</li> <li>If the solar collectors are shaded by trees or other objects, or the glass is dirty, the effectiveness of the collectors is greatly reduced. Arrange for trimming of the trees or relocation of the solar collectors if the obstruction is permanent. Arrange for cleaning of the collector glass</li> <li>Solar collectors incorrectly positioned will also severely affect the solar gain. Check that positioning and alignment of solar collectors is in accordance with "System Orientation and Inclination" later in this manual</li> </ul>					

# SPECIFICATIONS FOR SYSTEMS

### GENERAL

Split solar hot water systems are specified according to the grade of storage cylinder material, cylinder capacity, number of solar collectors and boost type and capacity. Boost capacity for gas boosted system depends on the gas booster model selected. Boost capacity for electrically boosted systems depends on the power rating of electric heating elements and whether one or two electric heating elements are fitted.

### SYSTEM SPECIFICATIONS AND DIMENSIONS

Specifications and principal dimensions for the various systems and components are shown below.

Table 2 - System Specifications						
System Type	Glass LinedSystem TypeCylinders175, 215, 160, 200		Stainless Steel Cylinders			
Connections:						
Solar flow and return	1/2"	1/2"	1/2"			
PTR Valve	1/2"	1/2"	3/4"			
Cold Inlet	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"			
Hot Outlet	3/4"	3/4"	3/4"			
PTR Valve setting (kPa)	1000	850	850			
Rating of PTR Valve supplied (kW)	10	10	10			
Expansion Control Valve (ECV) setting (kPa)	850	700	700			
Max supply pressure with ECV (kPa)	680	550	560			
Max supply pressure without ECV (kPa)	800	680	700			
Pressure limiting valve rating (kPa) (supplied by installer if required)	500	500	500			

#### FLOW CONTROL VALVE

A flow control valve is fitted to the pump and controller assembly.

It's purpose is to allow the water flow rate through the collectors and storage cylinder to be controlled to optimise the performance of the system.

#### DIFFERENTIAL TEMPERATURE CONTROLLER

The primary task of the differential temperature controller is to control the operation of the pump to optimize solar energy collection. This task is performed by measuring the temperature differential between the hot sensor and the cold sensor. When the differential exceeds 9°C the pump is activated and water passes through the collectors collecting solar energy. When the differential falls below 5°C the pump is shut down.

A secondary task of the controller is to stop energy collection when the cylinder is full of hot water. This is referred to as no load protection and the pump is shut down if the temperature of the water going to the collectors exceeds 65°C. At such a temperature in the base of the cylinder, the temperature of water in the top of the cylinder is expected to be about 85°C.

### Table 3 - Model Numbers and Specifications

IVI	MODEL NUMBERS AND SPECIFICATIONS						
CHARACTERISTICS	ENDURO (SP200A) or (SP200A FTC)	EXCELSIOR (EXT OR EXT FTC)	E-FROST (HPFTC- 8-10)				
ТҮРЕ	Flat plate	Flat plate	Flat Plate / Heat Pipe				
CONSTRUCTION							
- Waterways	Copper	Copper	Copper				
- Absorber	Aluminium	Copper	Aluminium				
- Selective Surface	High Performance	Sputtered Titanium Oxide	High Performance				
Maximum Operating Pressure		850 kPa					
Casing Material		Aluminium					
Overall Dimensions (L x W x H) (mm)	1940 x 1025 x 80	1964 x 1047 x 81	1940 x 1025 x 80				
Weight empty (STD/FTC) (kg).	33 / 35	35 / 38	34				
Water volume (Litres)	1.3	1.5	0.6				
Number risers	8	10	10				
Potential Solar Output at PTR relief conditions (kW)		1.25					
Approximate Roof space Requ	ired: Length x Width						
- 1 Collector (mm)	1940 x 1025	1940 x 1047	1940 x 1025				
- 2 Collectors (mm)	1940 x 2130	1940 x 2174	1940 x 2130				
- 3 Collectors (mm)	1940 x 3235	1940 x 3301	1940 x 3235				
Frost Protection	* Standard versior FTC Version Fros	a - no frost protection st Protection to -5°C	Frost Protection to -12°C. Power must be on at the pump and the controller must be in low temperature mode (refer page 19).				
	* FOR MORE INFORMATION ON FROST PROTECTION REFER TO WARRANTY BOOKLET						

### MODEL NUMBERS AND SPECIFICATIONS



	SE160 ESE160	SE200 ESE200	SE250SL ESE250SL SM250SL ESM250SL	SE315 ESE315	SE315SL ESE315SL SM315SL ESM315SL
PTR / Solar Return / Hot Water Outlet	1310	1605	1215	1200	1430
Flow line to Collectors	665	665	540	700	540
Cold Water Inlet	225	225	90	225	90
Cylinder Height	1530	1825	1475	1510	1695
Diameter	515	515	625	685	625
Weight Empty (kg)	71	83	93	100	109





	250	315
Cylinder Height	1700	2090
PTR / Solar Return / Hot Water Outlet	1490	1880
Gas Supply and Hot Water Outlet	880	1270
Gas Booster Flue Outlet	1345	1735
Weight Empty (kg)	56	68



### STAINLESS STEEL GAS BOOSTED CYLINDERS



### GAS BOOSTER SPECIFICATIONS

* Table 4 - Gas Boosters Specifications						
Model Name		S20	S26	S26i *	S32 *	
Boost Capacity: - L/min. @ 20°C rise - L/min @ 25°C rise	(L/min)	20 16	26 24	26 24	37 32	
Maximum Rated Flow:	(L/min)	20	26	26	37	
Minimum Water Supply Pressure for Maximum rated flow: <sup>(1)</sup>	(kPa)	120	200	200	180	
Frost Protection:			γ	/es		
Gas Consumption (Maximum / Minimum):	(MJ/ Hr)	125 - 18	188 - 23	188 - 14	250 - 21	
Hot Water Delivery Temperature: <sup>(2)</sup>		70°C				
Dimensions: Height x Width x Depth:	(mm)	530 x 350 x 194 600 x 470 x 244				
Weight:	(Kg)	15	21	15	29	

 $^{(1)}$  - Units will operate at lower pressures but the rated flow will not be achieved.

<sup>(2)</sup> - Gas boosters for Solar hot water applications must be set by Rinnai to deliver a minimum temperature of 70°C. Solar Gas boosters will be marked as Solar. Units not marked 'Solar' MUST NOT be used.

\* These models are made to order.

#### REGULATIONS AND OCCUPATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OH&S)



Installation and commissioning must be performed by authorised persons. Solar systems must be installed in accordance with these instructions and all regulatory requirements which exist in your area including those in relation to manual lifting, working at heights and on roofs. Applicable publications and regulations may include:

- AS/NZS 5601 Gas Installations
- AS/NZS 3500 National Plumbing and Drainage
- AS/NZS 3000 Wiring rules
- Building Codes of Australia (BCA)
- Local Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) regulations

This appliance is not suitable for use as a domestic spa pool or swimming pool heater.

Solar collectors are heavy and bulky items and are usually positioned on the roofs of buildings. Australian State and Territories have a principal Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Act which contains requirements relating to the handling of large, bulky or awkward items and the prevention of falls from elevated surfaces. Persons installing solar collectors must be aware of their responsibilities and be adequately trained and qualified, in accordance with local OH&S requirements.

### LOCATION - GENERAL INFORMATION

All system components must be in an accessible location. The storage cylinder must be accessible without the use of a ladder or scaffold. Sufficient clearances shall allow access to, and removal of, all serviceable parts. Ensure the PTR valve, pump kit, drain lines and thermostat and elements for electric systems have sufficient clearances and are accessible for service and removal. The information on any data plates must also be readable. In the case of vitreous enamel lined cylinders, leave a clearance of the height of one storage cylinder above the cylinder being installed so the sacrificial anode can be inspected and replaced. This does not apply to stainless steel cylinders.

Select suitable areas of roof on which to install the solar collectors as close as practicable to the cylinder. Ensure that the area is even and without cracked or damaged tiles. Collectors should be positioned for optimum solar benefit. Refer to the section 'INSTALLATION OF SOLAR COLLECTORS' for more information.

The solar pump kit and gas booster heater require an AC 240V power supply. A weatherproof 240V, 10A earthed power point must therefore be provided adjacent to these. All electrically boosted solar hot water heating elements must be connected to an independent, fused, AC 240V 50 Hz power supply with an isolating switch installed at the switch board.

#### STORAGE CYLINDER LOCATION

The storage cylinder should be placed as close as practicable to the most frequently used hot water outlet point or points to minimise the delay time for hot water delivery. This will usually be the kitchen tap.

The solar storage cylinders have an ingress protection rating of IPX4 making them suitable for internal or external installation. Rinnai 'external' gas boosters are suitable for external installation only.

Storage cylinders must be installed in freestanding mode on a level and stable base. For external installations, storage cylinders should be mounted on a concrete base at least 50mm thick or on well seasoned, evenly spread hardwood slats with a thickness of at least 25mm. Where property damage can occur, storage cylinders should be installed with an approved safe tray (overflow tray).

Ensure the cylinder does not stand on wet surfaces.

### **INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE - ALL SYSTEMS**

### GAS BOOSTER LOCATION AND MOUNTING (where applicable)

The gas booster is designed for 'Outdoor' Installation only. As such, it must be located in an above ground open air situation with natural ventilation, without stagnant areas, where gas leakage and products of combustion are rapidly dispersed by wind and natural convection.

#### WATER PIPES

All hot water pipework should be insulated with sealed Polyethylene foamed or equivalent insulation to optimise performance and energy efficiency. Such insulation may also be mandatory under local regulations. Rinnai recommend insulation to achieve an R value of 0.6 K.m<sup>2</sup>/W. With the exception of solar collector flow and return pipes, water pipe sizing should be performed in accordance with AS/NZS 3500.



The collector flow and return pipes should be a minimum of 15 mm copper tube. Plastic pipe must not be used. Plastic pipe is not suited to the high water temperatures and pressures that may occur in the collector flow and return system.

The maximum recommended combined lengths of the solar flow and return pipes are as follows:

Table 5	- Collector	Flow and	Return	Pipe Sizing

Pipe Size	1 Collector	2 Collectors	3 Collectors					
DN 15 (metres)	60	50	30					
DN 20 (metres)	Not recommended	60	40					

#### WATER SUPPLY

The maximum water pressures for the various systems are listed in **Table 2**. Approved pressure limiting valves may be required if the 'Maximum' rated water supply pressures are exceeded. For gas boosted systems to achieve the rated flow through the outlet of the continuous flow water heater, the minimum water supply pressures must be supplied. The systems will operate at lower pressures but the rated flow will not be achieved.

Water chemistry and impurity limits are detailed in the separate Warranty document. Most metropolitan water supplies fall within these requirements. If you are unsure about water quality, contact your water authority. If sludge or foreign matter is present in the water supply, a suitable filter should be incorporated in the water supply to the storage cylinder.

#### HOT WATER DELIVERY TEMPERATURE

Local regulations and/or the requirements of AS/NZS3500.4 must be considered regarding the temperature limitations of hot water supplied to areas used primarily for personal hygiene. The temperature of water to these areas is limited to 45°C for early childhood centres, primary and secondary schools and nursing homes or similar facilities for young, aged, sick or people with disabilities and 50°C for all other buildings. To comply with these requirements, a temperature limiting device, such as a thermostatic mixing or tempering valve, will be required on all solar hot water systems as detailed in *Figures 9 and 10*.



### **INSTALLATION & MAINTENANCE - ALL SYSTEMS**

#### FROST PROTECTION MODE ON SOLAR CONTROLLER

- The Solar Controller has two different temperature modes. Low temperature mode and standard operating mode. When the controller is in low temperature mode, the pump will circulate water to the collectors when the temprature on the roof drops low enough, to prevent freezing of the collectors.
- Systems installed with E-Frost Collectors: Controller MUST be set to low temperature mode for the warranty on the collector to be valid. Refer warranty booklet for more details.
- Systems with other types of collectors can be set to standard operating mode.
- The factory default is Low Temperature Mode.





Figure 12 - Dip Switches K1 & K2

Figure 11 - Frost Protection on Solar Collector



• Power MUST be OFF when adjusting Dip Switches.

### VALVES & FITTINGS

The following valves and fittings are supplied with your solar hot water system:

- A combined pressure and temperature (PTR) relief valve, capacity 10 kW.
   Relief valve pressure settings vary with models. This valve is fitted at the top of the storage cylinder. The PTR valve is a safety device and it is mandatory that it is fitted by the installer in all installations.
- A non return valve fitted on the solar pump outlet to prevent backflow through the pump from the solar collectors. This valve is factory connected.
- For gas boosted systems, elbow connections for the hot, cold and gas supply are fitted at the bottom of the gas booster.
- Fittings as shown in Figures 32 to 37 and 42 to 45.

The following valves & fittings are to be supplied by the installer:

- A cold water expansion control valve (ECV). An ECV must be fitted in Western Australia and South Australia to the cold water supply to the storage cylinder to comply with local regulations. An ECV is recommended in all other geographical areas where the water supply has a tendency to cause scaling. This will reduce hot water discharge from the Pressure and Temperature Relief (PTR) valve which minimises wear on this valve.
- A stop cock, non return valve and line strainer. Combination valves incorporating two or more of these functions (such as 'Trio' valves) are suitable. These are fitted to the cold water supply to the storage cylinder by the installer.
- Cold water supply and hot water discharge pipework to and from the storage cylinder.
- Solar collector flow and return pipes and storage cylinder connections.
- An isolating valve and connection union for the gas supply to the gas booster.
- An approved pressure limiting valve (supplied with some systems) is required if the maximum rated water supply pressure in **Table 2** is exceeded.

### **REGULATIONS AND OCCUPTATIONAL HEALTH AND SAFETY (OH&S)**

Installation and commissioning must be performed by authorised persons. Rinnai solar systems must be installed in accordance with these Instructions and all regulatory requirements which exist in your area including those in relation to manual lifting, working at heights and on roofs. Applicable publications and regulations may include:

- AS/NZS 5601 Gas Installations
- AS/NZS 3500 National Plumbing and Drainage
- AS/NZS 3000 Wiring rules
- Building Codes of Australia
- Local Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) regulations

 Solar collectors are heavy and bulky items and are usually positioned on the roofs of buildings. Each Australian State and Territory has a principal Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) Act which contains requirements relating to the handling of large, bulky or awkward items and the prevention of falls from elevated surfaces. Persons installing solar collectors must be aware of their responsibilities and be adequately trained and qualified, in accordance with local OH&S requirements.

### SYSTEM ORIENTATION AND INCLINATION

The performance of any solar hot water system is determined by the way that the system is installed. In Australia, the solar collectors ideally should face the equator (North) as shown below. Where this orientation is not practical, collectors facing within 45 degrees from North (between North-East and North-West) are acceptable and will only reduce efficiency by approximately 5%.



Figure 13 - Orientation angle of Collectors

The inclination of the solar collectors should ideally be the same as the latitude angle of the site. Inclinations within 20 degrees of the latitude angle of the site will only reduce efficiency by approximately 5%. Most roofs within Australia have a slope of between 20° and 25° and provide an appropriately angled mounting surface.

Installers must ensure they comply with relevant regulations in regards to inclination and orientation. In some instances adding extra collectors may allow more flexibility in orientation.



able 6: Latitudes	<b>le 6</b> : Latitudes of Australian Cities						
City	Latitude	City	Latitude	City	Latitude	City	Latitude
Adelaide	35°S	Cairns	17°S	Hobart	42°S	Port Hedland	20°S
Alice Springs	24°S	Canberra	35°S	Mildura	34°S	Rockhampton	24°S
Brisbane	27°S	Darwin	12°S	Melbourne	38°S	Sydney	34°S
Broken Hill	31°S	Geraldton	28°S	Perth	32°S	Townsville	19°S

For all installations the collector bank must slope upwards approximately 8 mm per collector from inlet to outlet as shown below:

A maximum of three collectors can be connected together in parallel. Inlet (Cold) and outlet (Hot) connections are made at opposite corners of the collector array.





Figure 15 - Enduro, Excelsior Collectors

Figure 16 - E-Frost Collectors

### SOLAR COLLECTOR ROOF MOUNTING OPTIONS

For mounting options not shown in *Figure 17*, for example in areas where the cyclone frame can not be used, consult your nearest Rinnai Branch or Rinnai Representative.

It is normal to mount the solar collectors down close to the gutter. Roof construction must be checked to ensure that the roof timbers are capable of supporting the additional load. (Refer to AS/NZS 3500.4 Appendix G).

For tiled roof installations. Check for cracked or damaged tiles in the area of proposed installation. Replace any faulty tiles.



Figure 17 - Solar Collector Roof Mounting Options

### SOLAR COLLECTOR INSTALLATION COMPONENTS

#### Table 7 - Components for Installing Collectors



### STANDARD INSTALLATION

### Collector Mounting Component Pre Assembly for a Standard Installation



This installation is not suitable for use in cyclonic areas. For further details, please contact your local Rinnai Solar distributor.

- Assemble the collector rail components as shown in *Figure 18* below.
- Only loosely attach the collector retainers to the rails.



### STANDARD INSTALLATION CONTINUED

#### Fastening (Collectors to a Tiled Roof)



This installation is not suitable for use in cyclonic areas. For further details, please contact your local Rinnai Solar distributor.

- Position the lower collector mounting rail assembly so that the rail is angled to ensure the collectors have an 8 mm / collector rise.
- For aesthetic reasons it is best to mount as close as possible to the gutter.
- Attach the collector mounting straps to the rafter or truss under the tiles as shown in *Figure 19.*
- Place the collector(s) onto the roof above the lower rail. If more than one collector is being installed then join them together using the compression fittings supplied.
- Push down on the collector retainers to clamp the collector and tighten the nuts as shown in *Figure 20.*

• Position the upper collector rail above the collectors. Push down on the retainers to

clamp the collector and tighten the nuts.Attach the collector mounting straps to the rafter or truss under the tiles as shown in

Figure 21.



Figure 19 - Mount Lower Collector Rail



Figure 20 - Mount collector on Roof



Figure 21 - Attach Mounting Straps

Figure 22 - Replace Tiles

• Replace the tiles and ensure the collector is secure as shown in *Figure 22.* 

#### Fastening (Collectors to a Metal Roof)



This installation is not suitable for use in cyclonic areas. For further details, please contact your local Rinnai Solar distributor.

- Position the lower collector mounting rail assembly so that the rail is over the roof purlin and the rail is angled ensure the collectors have an 8 mm / collector rise. For aesthetic reason it is best to mount as close as possible to the gutter.
- Drill through the roof iron and purlin using the holes in the rail as a guide. Apply some silicone sealant down the holes to ensure no water leakage.
- Bolt the rail to the roof purlin using a suitable fastener as shown in *Figure 23*.
- Position the collector(s) onto the roof above the lower rail. If more than one collector is being installed, join them together using the compression fittings supplied.
- Push down on the collector retainers to clamp the collector and tighten the nuts.
- Place the upper collector mounting rail above the collectors. Push down on the collector retainers to clamp the collector and tighten the nuts.
- Drill through the roof iron and purlin using the upper mounting rail as a guide. Apply some silicone sealant down the holes to ensure no water leakage and secure with suitable fasteners as shown in *Figure 24*. Alternatively the rail can be attached to the roof using the collector mounting straps.











These frames are not suitable for use in cyclonic areas. For the correct frame for use in cyclone areas, contact your local Rinnai Solar distributor.

### FRAMED INSTALLATIONS - FLAT, REVERSE & SIDE PITCH

#### **Table 8 - Framed Installations**



### **COLLECTOR FITTINGS INSTALLATIONS**

Connect the fittings to the collectors as shown in the diagrams below:





### OVERVIEW OF SYSTEM COMPONENTS

The range of gas boosted solar hot water systems include all the components shown in *Figures 32* to 37 (refer to the appropriate Figure depending on cylinder type/size and kit on the following pages).

The pump kit and associated plumbing connections are factory pre-assembled. All other components and fittings will require connection on site. The gas booster and pump/controller kit may be mounted to the front of the storage cylinder casing or in an alternative external location. In all cases the heated outlet of the cylinder is connected to the cold water inlet of the gas booster.

#### GAS BOOSTER LOCATION

The gas booster is designed for 'Outdoor' Installation only. As such, it must be located in an above ground open air situation with natural ventilation, without stagnant areas, where gas leakage and products of combustion are rapidly dispersed by wind and natural convection. The location must comply with the clearances specified in AS/NZS 5601.

The gas booster must be mounted on a vertical structure with the water and gas connections on the underside pointing downwards. In most installations the gas booster is mounted directly on the storage cylinder using two custom made mounting brackets. In all cases the heated outlet of the cylinder is connected to cold water inlet of the gas booster.

#### GAS SUPPLY

The maximum gas consumption of the gas booster and the required gas pressure are shown on the appliance data plate. If the gas pipe sizing is insufficient the customer will not get the full performance benefit. Gas pipe sizing must consider the gas input to the gas booster as well as all the other gas appliances on the premises. The gas meter and regulator must be specified for this gas rate. An approved sizing chart such as the one in AS/NZS 5601 should be used. An approved full flow isolation valve and disconnection union must be fitted to the gas supply inlet of the gas booster. Isolation valves must not be fitted directly.

#### HOT WATER DELIVERY TEMPERATURE

Gas boosters for use in solar hot water systems are preset to deliver a fixed temperature of 60°C in accordance with plumbing regulations. In addition, they contain the warning stating "Rinnai Water Controllers are NOT compatible with solar hot water installations and MUST NOT BE USED" in the vicinity of the temperature controller connections inside the appliance.



Gas Boosters other than models designated "S20", "S26", "S26i" or "S32" or "Solar" must not be used.

Gas Boosters marked with the text: "THIS APPLIANCE DELIVERS WATER NOT EXCEEDING 50°C IN ACCORDANCE WITH AS 3498" are incompatible with solar hot water systems and must not be used.

# INSTALLATION OF SOLAR GAS BOOSTED SYSTEMS



### **CLEARANCES**

Figure 6.2 is reproduced below. Note that AS/NZS 5601 was current at time of printing but may have been superseded. It is the installer's responsibility to ensure current requirements are met.



		Min. clearances (mm)		
Ref.	ltem	Natural draft	Fan assisted	
	Below eaves, balconies and other projections:			
а	Appliances up to 50 MJ/h input	300	200	
	Appliances over 50 MJ/h input	500	300	
b	From the ground, above a balcony or other surface *	300	300	
с	Front a return wall or external corner *	500	300	
d	From a gas <i>meter</i> (M) (see 5.11.5.9 for vent terminal location of <i>regulator</i> ) (see Table 6.6 for New Zealand requirements)	1000	1000	
е	From an electricity meter or fuse box (P) †	500	500	
f	From a drain pipe or soil pipe	150	75	
g	Horizontally from any building structure* = or obstruction facing a terminal	500	500	
h	From any other flue terminal , cowl, or combustion air intake †	500	300	
	Horizontally from an openable window, door, non-mechanical air inlet, or any o with the exception of sub-floor ventilation:	other opening in	to a building	
	Appliances up to 150 MJ/h input *	500	300	
j	<ul> <li>Appliances over 150 MJ/h input up to 200 MJ/h input *</li> </ul>	1500	300	
-	<ul> <li>Appliances over 200 MJ/h input up to 250 MJ/h input *</li> </ul>	1500	500	
	Appliances over 250 MJ/h input *	1500	1500	
	All fan-assisted flue appliances , in the direction of discharge	-	1500	
k	From a mechanical air inlet, including a spa blower	1500	1000	
	Vertically below an openable window, non-mechanical air inlet, or any other op exception of sub-floor ventilation:	pening into a bu	ilding with the	
	Space heaters up to 50 MJ/hr input	150	150	
n	Other appliances up to 50 MJ/hr input	500	500	
	Appliances over 50 MJ/h input and up to 150 MJ/h input	1000	1000	
	• Appliances over 150 MJ/h input	1500	1500	

unless appliance is certified for closer installation

† - Prohibited area below electricity meter or fuse box extends to ground level.

NOTES:

- Where dimensions c, j or k cannot be achieved an equivalent horizontal distance 1 measured diagonally from the nearest discharge point of the terminal to the opening
- may be deemed by the Technical Regulator to comply.
- 2 See Clause 6.9.4 for restrictions on a *flue terminal* under a covered area. 3
  - See Figure J3 for clearances required from a flue terminal to an LP Gas cylinder.
  - A flue terminal is considered to be a source of ignition.
- 4 For appliance s not addressed above acceptance should be obtained from the Technical Regulator.

FIGURE 6.2 (in-part) MINIMUM CLEARANCES REQUIRED FOR BALANCED FLUE TERMINALS, FAN-ASSISTED FLUE TERMINALS, ROOM-SEALED APPLIANCE TERMINALS AND OPENINGS OF OUTDOOR APPLIANCES

Table 9 - GAS BOOSTER MOUNTING	Glass Lined
Step 1. Mount upper mounting bracket using template provided. (SG175, ESG175 & SG215, ESG215 are factory mounted).	
Step 2. Fix lower mounting bracket to Booster using screws provided.	
Step 3. Hang booster on bracket and secure with screws provided.	Torgues and organd
Step 4. Secure lower mounting bracket to cylinder using screws provided.	
If the gas booster is not mounted on the storage cylinder, ensure the is to be mounted are capable of supporting the weight of the apprendiments apply. For gas booster or under floors specific requirements apply, refer to AS/NZS 5601 Location of gas booster flue terminal must be in accordance with F	hat the wall or structure on which it bliance and associated pipe work. ers installed on elevated structures for details. Figure 6.2 of AS/NZS 5601.











![](_page_40_Figure_1.jpeg)

Glass Lined SG270, ESG270, SG270SL, ESG270SL, SG340, ESG340, SG320SL or ESG320SL with SGPKIT3

![](_page_41_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_42_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_43_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_44_Figure_1.jpeg)

#### **Stainless Steel Gas Boosted with USKIT1**

![](_page_45_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_46_Figure_1.jpeg)

### INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

### 1. Install Solar Collectors

Position and install the solar collectors in accordance with the section 'INSTALLATION SOLAR COLLECTORS'.

### 2. Position Storage Cylinder

Position the hot water storage cylinder on a level base in accordance with the section 'STORAGE CYLINDER LOCATION'.

### 3. Connect PTR Valve

- Connect the PTR Valve in the location shown in the relevant diagram of *Figures 32 to 37*.
   Leave the valve outlet pointing down.Tighten the valve using the spanner flats never use the valve body.
- The PTR Valve must be adequate for the thermal loading applied to the storage cylinder. In the case of gas boosted systems, the thermal load is applied only by the solar collectors. The continuous flow hot water heater does not apply thermal load to the storage cylinder. The potential solar output for the solar collectors at PTR Valve relief conditions is listed in **Table 3**.
- The PTR Valve pressure ratings vary according the cylinder specifications. The maximum heater input rating is 10.0 kW. The PTR valve rating **MUST EXCEED** the total input from the solar collectors. If it does not, the PTR valve **MUST** be exchanged for a model of higher capacity.
- For example, for a gas boosted solar system with 3 x SP200A collectors, the thermal load is 3 x 1.25 = 3.75 kW. This is less than 10.0 kW, hence the supplied PTR valve is of sufficient capacity.
- Use Teflon thread tape on the valve, never use hemp or other sealing materials. Ensure the tape does not protrude past the end of the thread, which could result in it hanging over the end of the thread and blocking the water passage through the valve.

### 4. Mount Gas Booster

Mount the gas booster in accordance with the section 'GAS BOOSTER LOCATION & MOUNTING'.

### 5. Connect Fittings and Mount Pump Assembly

Connect fittings and pipe work as shown in the relevant diagram in *Figures 32 to 37.* Remove cover of pump box and attach pump box to cylinder using screws provided. DO NOT connect the power lead to power supply at this stage.

### 6. Set Frost Protection Mode

Adjust Dip Switches on Solar Controller to give the required frost protection. (refer page 19).

![](_page_47_Picture_18.jpeg)

### 7. Install and Connect Flow and Return Pipe Work

Connect flow and return pipe work between storage cylinder and solar collector. Ensure that suitable pipe and insulation is used as described in the section 'WATER PIPES'.

A heat trap is recommended on the return line from the cylinder if the pipework is to rise vertically to prevent heat losses due to the thermosyphoning of hot water from the tank.

![](_page_47_Figure_22.jpeg)

Figure 38 - Heat Trap

#### 8. Connect Temperature Sensor Leads

- The hot (longer) temperature sensor lead should be fitted into the air bleed / hot sensor lead assembly at the collector hot return connection as shown in *Figures 32 to 37*. It must be sealed in place with thermoplastic putty or silicone.
- Run the lead down the solar return pipe and connect it to the connection within the pump and controller assembly as shown in the diagram. Ensure the lead is protected from light. *Figure 39 Temperature Sensor Leads.*
- The cold (shorter) temperature sensor lead should be fitted as shown in the relevant diagram in *Figures 32 to 37*.

![](_page_48_Picture_5.jpeg)

Figure 39 - Temperature Sensor Leads

- Ensure the lead is protected from light. It must be sealed in place with thermoplastic putty or silicone. The plug is then connected to the pump and controller assembly as shown in the diagram.
- Replace Pump Assembly Cover.

![](_page_48_Picture_9.jpeg)

# IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THESE PROBES ARE INSTALLED AS SPECIFIED. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL LEAD TO MALFUNCTION OR LACK OF HOT WATER.

### 9. Cold Water Supply

- Connect cold water supply to the inlet 'T'. Ensure that the relevant valves as described in the section "VALVES AND FITTINGS" are fitted.
- Purge the cold water supply lines to remove air and swarf before final connection.

### 10. Relief Drain Lines

- Independent 15 mm copper pipes must be fitted to the drain outlets of the PTR and ECV. Each pipe must be open to atmosphere and run with a continual downward grade in a frost free environment to a visible discharge point. Drain lines must not exceed 9 metres in length.
- Valves or other restrictions **must not** be placed in the relief valve drain outlet line.

![](_page_48_Picture_17.jpeg)

Some water will drip from the drain lines during heating of the water in the storage cylinder. It is recommended to discharge directly above a drain.

### 11. Hot Water Discharge

• Connect the hot water outlet of the gas booster to the pipe work supplying hot water to the premises.

![](_page_48_Picture_21.jpeg)

A temperature limiting device may be required as detailed in the section "HOT WATER DELIVERY TEMPERATURE".

### 12. Connect Gas to Booster

• Connect a suitable gas supply and isolating valve to the gas booster. Follow instructions supplied with gas booster. Keep gas booster isolated at this stage.

### FILLING THE SYSTEM

![](_page_48_Picture_26.jpeg)

Ensure building occupants are warned to stay clear of the solar system components, building perimeter and roof since hot water or steam may be discharged from pipes or components.

- 1. Ensure the electric power supplies to the water heater and pump kit are switched 'OFF'.
- 2. Ensure the gas supply to the continuous flow water heater is isolated.
- 3. Turn 'ON' the hot water tap at the sink. Open the stop cock in the cold water mains supply line.
- 4. The entire system will now be filled with cold water. Most air will be dispelled through the tap. Some air needs to be bled from the air bleed valve on the collectors.
- 5. Turn 'OFF' the hot tap at the sink when water flows freely without air bubbles or air bursts. Check all connections for leakage and tighten if necessary. This applies especially to fittings in positions not easily accessed such as near the solar collectors. Operate the easing gear of both the PTR and ECV valves at the storage cylinder to ensure these valves are functional.

![](_page_49_Picture_1.jpeg)

If leaks are detected the system must be drained and leaks repaired before the system is refilled. If this is necessary, cover the solar collectors with packaging cardboard or a tarp to prevent them from heating which could result in steam or hot water being discharged from fittings.

### CHECKING SOLAR PUMP OPERATION

- 1. Ensure hot and cold sensors are connected as shown Figure 39.
- 2. Activate power supply.
- 3. Pumps will operate when solar energy is available to be collected. Pump operation can be checked by placing the end of a screw driver to the pump body and the other end of the screw driver near your ear.

### ADJUSTING FLOW CONTROL VALVE

![](_page_49_Picture_8.jpeg)

is achieved.

If the solar pump does not activate the system can still be commissioned as detailed in these instructions, but solar preheating will not be available until the pump and controller operate.

The purpose of the flow control valve is to allow the water flow rate through the collectors and storage cylinder to be controlled to optimise the performance of the system. The optimum flow rate for the system will depend on the type of system (electric or gas boost), the number of collectors, and the location of the installation (see the solar zone shown in *Figure 40*).

The flow control valve needs to be adjusted while the pump is operating. The flow rate valve is read at the bottom of the baffle float as shown in *Figure 41* Using a flat bladed screw driver turn the screw on the valve until the value from **Table 10** 

![](_page_49_Figure_11.jpeg)

Figure 40 - Australian Solar Zones

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Figure 41 - Adjusting Flow Control Valve

The installer will need to set the flow rate to the value shown in Table 10 below.

	No. of Collectors	Zones 1, 2 & 3	Zone 4
Gas Boosted	1	0.50	0.50
	2	1.25	1.25
	3	2.10	2.10
	1 x SP250A when used with an SG175, ESG175, SG215 or ESG215 cylinder	0.50	0.35

#### PRE SOLAR HEATING CHECKS

Before commencing solar heating of the water in the system ensure the following actions have been completed:

#### **Solar Collectors**

- 1. Are the solar collectors installed with the correct slope and orientation to the sun?
- 2. Is the installation finished neatly with the roof made good, all tiles and flashings in place?
- 3. Are the bolts tight on the roof framework?
- 4. Are all solar collector straps fitted and correctly anchored to the roof structure?
- 5. If leak testing completed and successful, have any covers been removed from the solar collectors?
- 6. Has operation of the solar pump been checked?
- 7. Have the hot and cold sensors and leads been positioned and connected correctly?

#### **Gas Booster**

- 1. Ensure the gas supply is isolated. Remove the test point screw located on the gas inlet connection and attach a pressure gauge.
- 2. Turn on the electrical power to the gas booster only (not the solar pump kit) and turn on the gas supply.
- 3. Ensure the cold water inlet ('trio') valve on the storage cylinder inlet is open. Open all available hot water taps.
- 4. Operate ALL other gas appliances at their maximum gas rate, in accordance with manufacturers instructions.

![](_page_50_Picture_16.jpeg)

Ensure building occupants do not have access to hot water outlets during this procedure.

- 5. With all gas appliances in operation at the maximum gas rate, the pressure should read between 1.13 3.0 kPa on Natural Gas. On LPG the pressure should be 2.75 3.0 kPa. If the pressure is lower, the gas supply is inadequate and the appliance will not operate to specification. It is the installers responsibility to check the gas meter, service regulator and pipe work for correct operation/ sizing & rectify as required. Note that the gas regulator on the appliance is electronically controlled and factory pre-set. Under normal circumstances it DOES NOT need adjustment during installation. Make adjustments only if the gas booster is not operating correctly and all other possible causes for incorrect operation have been eliminated. Instructions for gas pressure setting are located in the pocket behind the front cover of the gas booster.
- 6. Close the hot water taps including the shower.
- 7. Close the cold water inlet ('trio') valve on the storage cylinder inlet and inspect and clean the strainer. Repeat for the strainer connected at the inlet of the gas booster. This procedure may need to be repeated to ensure the strainers remains clear, especially on new installations.
- 8. Confirm the hot water delivery temperature from the gas booster. This is done by checking the hot water delivery temperature at an untempered outlet close to the water heater. This is usually the hot water outlet in the kitchen. The untempered hot water delivery should be between 65°C & 70°C.

#### **Temperature Limiting Devices**

- 1. Commission any temperature limiting devices in accordance with the instructions supplied by the manufacturer.
- 2. Confirm the hot water delivery temperature at a tempered water outlet. Tempered water outlets should be those supplying areas primarily used for the purposes of personal hygiene such as bathrooms. The hot water delivery temperature should not exceed 50°C or 45°C as detailed in the section See "HOT WATER DELIVERY TEMPERATURE" on page 18.

#### SOLAR HEATING

- 1. Remove any cardboard or tarp covers that may have been placed over the solar collectors to prevent them from heating water during installation and commissioning.
- 2. Activate electrical power to both the gas booster and solar pump and controller. Solar heating of the water in the cylinder will now commence when sufficient solar radiation is available.

#### FINISHING THE INSTALLATION

After testing is completed explain to the householder the functions and operation of solar water heater components. Also explain to the householder the importance of carrying out Maintenance as per separate warranty document.

Leave this Manual with the householder.

Remind the householder to complete the 'Warranty Certificate' provided in the separate warranty document.

#### **DRAINING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. The power supply to the gas booster and pump controller must be switched off and fuse(s) removed.
- 2. Close the cold water mains supply stop cock.
- 3. Open a hot tap to relieve pressure.
- 4. Disconnect the hot outlet near the top of the storage cylinder.
- 5. Disconnect the cold inlet near the bottom of the storage cylinder.
- 6. Disconnect the connection between the solar 'flow pipe' and solar pump.
- 7. Disconnect the connection between the solar 'return pipe' and the cylinder.
- 8. The cylinder and solar collectors will now drain completely.

#### **OVERVIEW OF SYSTEM COMPONENTS**

The range of electric boosted solar hot water systems include all the components shown (*Refer to the appropriate Figure depending on cylinder type/size and kit on the following pages*).

The pump kit and associated plumbing connections are factory pre-assembled. All other components and fittings will require connection on site.

#### **ELECTRIC SUPPLY**

![](_page_52_Picture_5.jpeg)

Electrical connection must be carried out by a qualified person and in accordance with AS/NZS 3000 'Wiring Rules' and local authority requirements.

All electrically boosted solar hot water heating elements must be connected to an independent, fused, AC 240V 50 Hz power supply with an isolating switch installed at the switch board. Ensure the household wiring to the system is capable of withstanding the system electrical load (refer to specifications for electrical load details). Twin element models are factory wired for 'non' simultaneous' operation.

The solar pump kit requires an AC 240V power supply from a 10A earthed power point adjacent to the storage cylinder. For outdoor installations this power point must be weatherproof. This power supply must be independent from the power supply to any heating elements.

#### HOT WATER STORAGE AND DELIVERY TEMPERATURES

Australian Standards require a minimum storage cylinder thermostat set point of 60°C.

![](_page_53_Figure_1.jpeg)

![](_page_54_Figure_1.jpeg)

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![](_page_56_Figure_1.jpeg)

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![](_page_60_Figure_1.jpeg)

### INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

#### 1. Install Solar Collectors

Position and install the solar collectors in accordance with the section 'INSTALLATION OF SOLAR COLLECTORS'.

#### 2. Position Storage Cylinder

Position the hot water storage cylinder on a level base in accordance with the section "STORAGE CYLINDER LOCATION".

### 3. Connect PTR Valve

- Connect the PTR Valve in the location shown in the relevant diagram of *Figures 42 to 45*.
   Leave the valve outlet pointing down. Tighten the valve using the spanner flats never use the valve body.
- The PTR Valve must be adequate for the thermal loading applied to the storage cylinder. In the case of gas boosted systems, the thermal load is applied only by the solar collectors. The continuous flow hot water heater does not apply thermal load to the storage cylinder. The potential solar output for the solar collectors at PTR Valve relief conditions is listed in **Table 3**.
- The PTR Valve pressure ratings vary according the cylinder specifications. The maximum heater input rating is 10.0 kW. The PTR valve rating **MUST EXCEED** the total input from the solar collectors. If it does not, the PTR valve **MUST** be exchanged for a model of higher capacity. For an electric boost system, the energy from the solar panels and the electric element(s) needs to be considered. The maximum potential solar input is listed in **Table 5**.
- For example, A twin element 3.6 kW cylinder with 3 x SP200A panels will have a maximum energy input of 3 x 1.25 + 2 x 3.6 = 10.95 kW, therefore a higher capacity P&TR valve will be required.
- Use Teflon thread tape on the valve, never use hemp or other sealing materials. Ensure the tape does not protrude past the end of the thread, which could result in it hanging over the end of the thread and blocking the water passage through the valve.

### 4. Connect Fittings and Mount Pump Assembly

• Connect fittings and pipe work as shown in the relevant diagram in *Figures 42 to 45*. Remove cover of pump box and attach pump box to cylinder using screws provided. Do not connect the power lead to power supply at this stage.

### 5. Set Frost Protection Mode

Adjust Dip Switches on solar controller to give the required frost protection. (Refer to Page 19).

![](_page_61_Picture_16.jpeg)

### 6. Install and Connect Flow and Return Pipe Work

- Connect flow and return pipe work between storage cylinder and solar collector. Ensure that suitable pipe and insulation is used as described in the section "WATER PIPES".
- A heat trap is recommended on the return line from the cylinder if the pipework is to rise vertically to prevent heat losses due to the thermosyphoning of hot water from the tank.

![](_page_61_Figure_20.jpeg)

Figure 38 - Heat Trap

#### 7. Connect Temperature Sensor Leads

- The hot (longer) temperature sensor lead should be fitted into the air bleed / hot sensor lead assembly at the collector hot return connection as shown in *Figures 42 to 45.* It must be sealed in place with thermoplastic putty or silicone.
- Run the lead down the solar return pipe and connect it to the connection within the pump and controller assembly as shown in the diagram below. Ensure the lead is protected from light.
- The cold (shorter) temperature sensor lead should be fitted as shown in the relevant diagram in *Figures 42 to* 45. Ensure the lead is protected from sunlight. It must be sealed in place with thermoplastic putty or silicone. The plug is then connected to the pump and controller assembly as shown in the diagram.

![](_page_62_Figure_5.jpeg)

Replace pump assembly cover.

![](_page_62_Picture_7.jpeg)

#### IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THESE PROBES ARE INSTALLED AS SPECIFIED. FAILURE TO DO SO WILL LEAD TO MALFUNCTION OR LACK OF HOT WATER.

#### 8. Cold Water Supply

- Connect cold water supply to the inlet 'T'. Ensure that the relevant valves as described in the section "VALVES AND FITTINGS" are fitted.
- Purge the cold water supply lines to remove air and swarf before final connection.

#### 9. Relief Drain Lines

- Independent 15 mm copper pipes must be fitted to the drain outlets of the PTR and ECV. Each pipe must be open to atmosphere and run with a continual downward grade in a frost free environment to a visible discharge point. Drain lines must not exceed 9 metres in length.
- Valves or other restrictions **must not** be placed in the relief valve drain outlet line.

![](_page_62_Picture_15.jpeg)

Some water will drip from the drain lines during heating of the water in the storage cylinder. It is recommended to discharge directly above a drain.

#### **10.Hot Water Discharge**

 Connect the hot water outlet of the storage cylinder to the pipe work supplying hot water to the premises.

![](_page_62_Picture_19.jpeg)

A temperature limiting device may be required as detailed in the section "HOT WATER DELIVERY TEMPERATURE".

#### **11. Electrical Supply Connections**

![](_page_62_Picture_22.jpeg)

![](_page_62_Picture_23.jpeg)

The power supply to the heating elements and pump kit must not be activated until the system is filled with water.

- Twin element storage cylinders are wired for non simultaneous operation. The electric supply should be 'Off-Peak' (overnight) to the bottom heating unit and continuous to the top heating unit.
- The power supply to a single lower element model should be Off-Peak (overnight).
- The power supply to a single mid element model can be either Off-Peak (overnight), extended Off-Peak (overnight and day) or continuous, depending on the tariffs available from the local electricity supply authority. The Off-Peak (overnight) power supply minimses the cost of any required electric boosting, but may not provide sufficient hot water in periods of low solar gain. Discuss power supply requirements with the end user and electricity supply authority as required.

### 12.Connections for single element heaters Figures 46 & 47 shows the wiring detail for single and twin element heaters. RED **BLACK** ST1301133 ECD:83 DIFE:6 THERMOSTAT MAY VARY BLUE ACTIVE TOP/BOOSTER ELEMENT NEUTRAI MAINS SUPPLY NOTE! THERMOSTATS MAY VARY 240 V AC RILIE BLACK FARTH RED EMEN DAY TARRIFF NIGHT J TARRIFF NEUTRAL MAIN SUPPLY 240 V AC EARTH BOTTOM/MAIN ELEMENT Figure 46 - Wiring detail - single element heaters Figure 47 - Wiring detail for twin element heaters

A flexible 20 mm conduit is required for the electrical cable to the storage cylinder. The conduit is to be connected to the unit with a 20mm terminator. Connect the power supply wires directly to the terminal block and earth tab connections ensuring there are no excess wire loops inside the front cover.

#### **Connections for twin element heaters**

*Figure 47* - shows the wiring detail for twin element heaters wired for non simultaneous operation. A flexible 20 mm conduit is required for the electrical cable to the storage cylinder. All wiring passes through the lower entry. The conduit is to be connected to the unit with a 20 mm terminator. A common neutral is used. Connect the power supply wires directly to the terminal block and earth tab connections ensuring there are no excess wire loops inside the front cover.

### Heating Element Thermostat Temperature Settings

Australian Standards require a minimum thermostat set point of  $60^{\circ}$ C to inhibit the growth of Legionella Pneumophilia bacteria. These standards also require that the thermostat set point of water heaters fitted with an upper (or booster) element is at least  $10^{\circ}$ C below the thermostat set point of the lower element. In the interests of durability, the thermostat set point for storage cylinders should not exceed 70°C. Hence, in systems with a single heating element only the thermostat set point should be at least  $60^{\circ}$ C and no greater than 70°C. In systems with both a lower and upper (or booster) element, the thermostat set point of the lower element set point of the lower element should be between  $60^{\circ}$ C and  $70^{\circ}$ C and the upper element  $50^{\circ}$ C -  $60^{\circ}$ C.

#### FILLING THE SYSTEM

![](_page_64_Picture_2.jpeg)

Ensure building occupants are warned to stay clear of the solar system components, building perimeter and roof since hot water or steam may be discharged from pipes or components.

- 1. Ensure the electric power supplies to the water heater and pump kit are switched 'OFF'.
- 2. Ensure the gas supply to the continuous flow water heater is isolated.
- 3. Turn 'ON' the hot water tap at the sink. Open the stop cock in the cold water mains supply line.
- 4. The entire system will now be filled with cold water. Most air will be dispelled through the tap. Some air needs to be bled from the air bleed valve on the collectors.
- 5. Turn 'OFF' the hot tap at the sink when water flows freely without air bubbles or air bursts. Check all connections for leakage and tighten if necessary. This applies especially to fittings in positions not easily accessed such as near the solar collectors. Operate the easing gear of both the PTR and ECV valves at the storage cylinder to ensure these valves are functional.

![](_page_64_Picture_9.jpeg)

If leaks are detected the system must be drained and leaks repaired before the system is refilled. If this is necessary, cover the solar collectors with packaging cardboard or a tarp to prevent them from heating which could result in steam or hot water being discharged from fittings.

#### CHECKING SOLAR PUMP OPERATION

- 1. Ensure hot and cold sensors are connected as shown in Figure 39.
- 2. Activate power supply.
- 3. Pumps will operate when solar energy is available to be collected. Pump operation can be checked by placing the end of a screw driver to the pump body and the other end of the screw driver near your ear.

#### The dip switches within the pump control box should not be adjusted.

If the solar pump does not activate the system can still be commissioned as detailed in these instructions, but solar preheating will not be available until the pump and controller operate.

#### ADJUSTING FLOW CONTROL VALVE

The purpose of the flow control valve is to allow the water flow rate through the collectors and storage cylinder to be controlled to optimise the performance of the system. The optimum flow rate for the system will depend on the type of system (electric or gas boost), the number of collectors, and the location of the installation (see the solar zone shown in *Figure 40*).

![](_page_64_Figure_19.jpeg)

Figure 40 - Australian Solar Zones

The flow control valve needs to be adjusted while the pump is operating. The flow rate valve is read at the bottom of the baffle float as shown in *Figure 41.* Using a flat bladed screw driver turn the screw on the valve until the value from **Table 10** is achieved.

![](_page_64_Figure_22.jpeg)

Figure 41 - Adjusting Flow Control Valve

The installer will need to set the flow rate to the value shown in Table 11 below.

Table 11 - Optimum Flow Rate (Litres/min).					
	No. of Collectors	Zones 1, 2 & 3	Zone 4		
Electric Boosted	1	0.50	0.50		
	2	1.00	0.65		
	3	1.25	1.00		

#### PRE SOLAR HEATING CHECKS

Before commencing solar heating of the water in the system ensure the following actions have been completed:

#### **Solar Collectors**

- 1. Are the solar collectors installed with the correct slope and orientation to the sun?
- 2. Is the installation finished neatly with the roof made good, all tiles and flashings in place?
- 3. Are the bolts tight on the roof framework?
- 4. Are all solar collector straps fitted and correctly anchored to the roof structure?
- 5. If leak testing completed and successful, have any covers been removed from the solar collectors?
- 6. Has operation of the solar pump been checked?
- 7. Have the hot and cold sensors and leads been positioned and connected correctly?

#### **Electric Heating Elements**

- 1. In systems with a single heating element only has the thermostat set point been set to at least 60°C and no greater than 70°C.
- 2. In systems with both a lower and upper (or booster) element, has the thermostat set point of the lower element been set to at least 60° and no greater than 70°. Has the upper element been set to 10° less than the lower element?.

#### **Temperature Limiting Devices**

- 1. Commission any temperature limiting devices in accordance with the instructions supplied by the manufacturer.
- Confirm the hot water delivery temperature at a tempered water outlet. Tempered water outlets should be those supplying areas primarily used for the purposes of personal hygiene such as bathrooms. The hot water delivery temperature should not exceed 50°C or 45°C as detailed in the section See "HOT WATER DELIVERY TEMPERATURE" on page 18.

#### SOLAR HEATING

- 1. Remove any cardboard or tarp covers that may have been placed over the solar collectors to prevent them from heating water during installation and commissioning.
- 2. Activate electrical power to both the gas booster and solar pump and controller. Solar heating of the water in the cylinder will now commence when sufficient solar radiation is available.

#### **Auxiliary Energy Supply**

- 1. Connect the electrical element to the power supply (off peak if available).
- 2. When the system is full of water turn on electrical supply to element.

#### FINISHING THE INSTALLATION

After testing is completed explain to the householder the functions and operation of solar water heater components. Also explain to the householder the importance of carrying out Maintenance as per separate warranty document.

Leave this Operating/Installation Manual with the householder. Warranty documentation is provided in a separate warranty manual.

#### **DRAINING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1. The power supply to the element and pump controller must be switched off and fuse(s) removed.
- 2. Close the cold water mains supply stop cock.
- 3. Open a hot tap to relieve pressure.
- 4. Disconnect the hot outlet near the top of the storage cylinder.
- 5. Disconnect the cold inlet near the bottom of the storage cylinder.
- 6. Disconnect the connection between the solar 'flow pipe' and solar pump.
- 7. Disconnect the connection between the solar 'return pipe' and the cylinder.
- 8. The cylinder and solar collectors will now drain completely.

![](_page_67_Picture_0.jpeg)

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