

A photograph of a pitched roof with solar panels and skylights. The roof is covered with dark grey tiles. Several solar panels are mounted on the roof, and there are two skylights. Two metal chimneys are visible on the roof. The sky is clear blue.

## Van der Valk Solar Systems B.V.

**Manual:**      **Pitched roof – Roof tiles**  
**[Strongline Clamp - Ireland]**

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- No right may be derived from this manual.
- Use this manual in combination with the ValkPVplanner project report.
- Check 'Datasheet Cable management' for cable suggestions.
- The system can be placed both in the middle zone and the edges/corners of the roof.
- De aluminium parts of the mounting system can be sharp at the edges, the use of safety gloves is recommended

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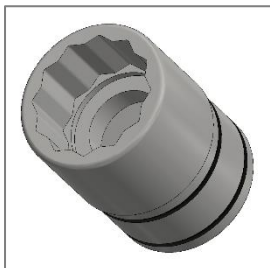
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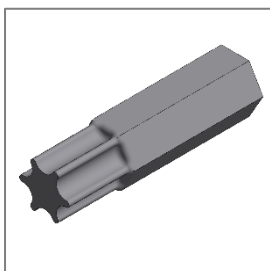
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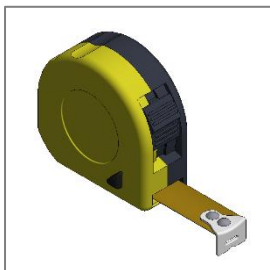
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Socket 13mm

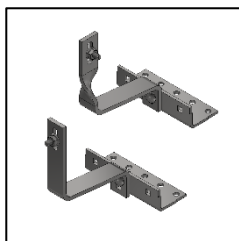


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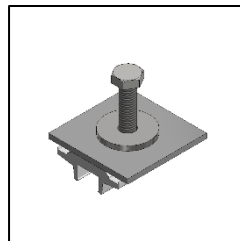


Measuring tape

## Materials for installing Pitched roof - Roof tiles [Clamp]



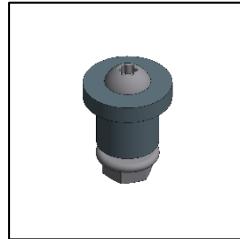
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(747845) - twist



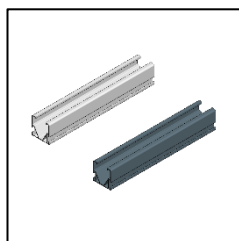
Optimizer clamp for side++  
profile  
(774223)



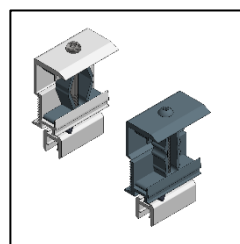
Ss torx-screw 5,5x58mm  
(773360)



Plastic panel alignment pins  
(733020)

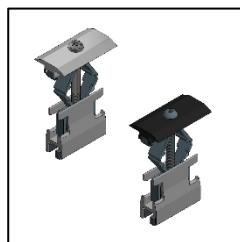


Aluminium side++ profile  
(7017.....\*)  
\*see table

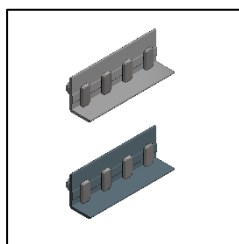


Aluminium end clamp 28-50mm  
(721552) - Blank  
(721552ZW) - Black

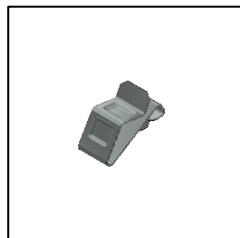
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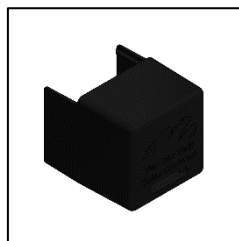
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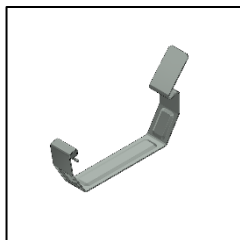
Coupling piece side++ profile  
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Ss cable clamp small  
(732001)



Plastic end cap for side++ profile  
(739052)



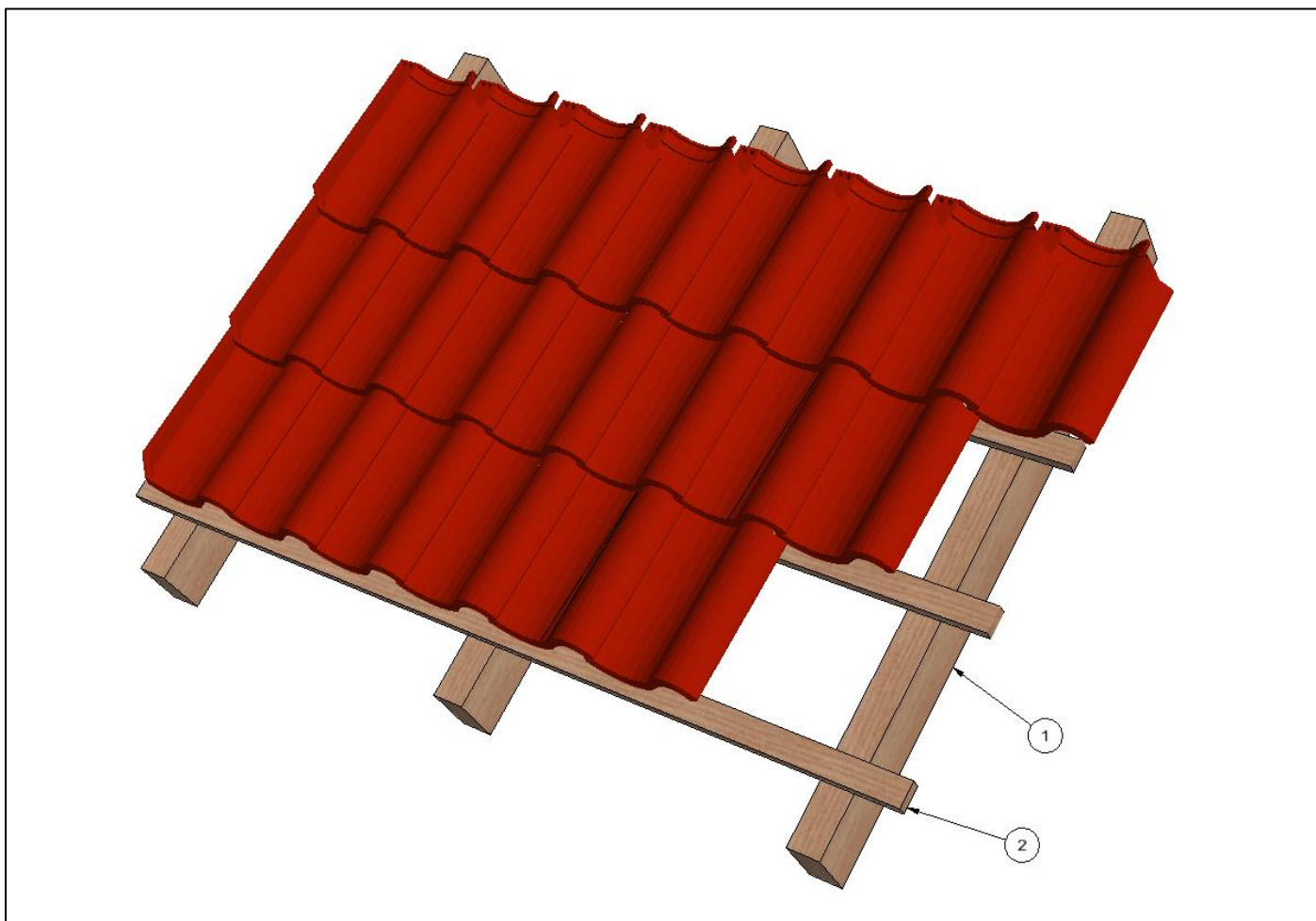
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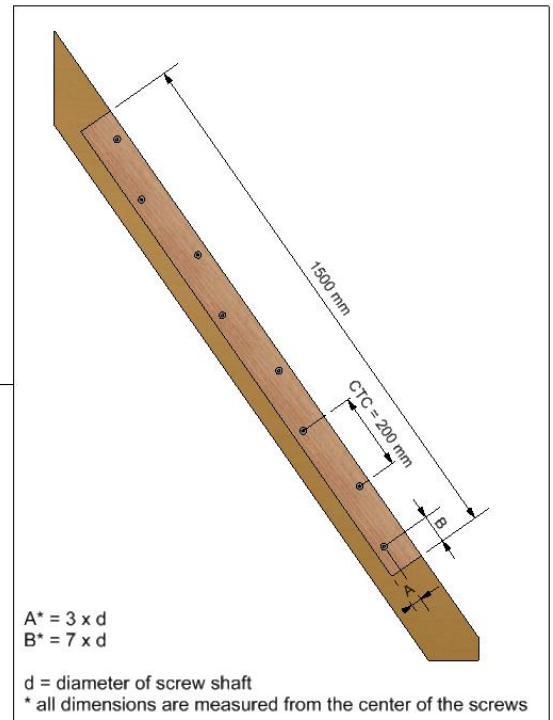
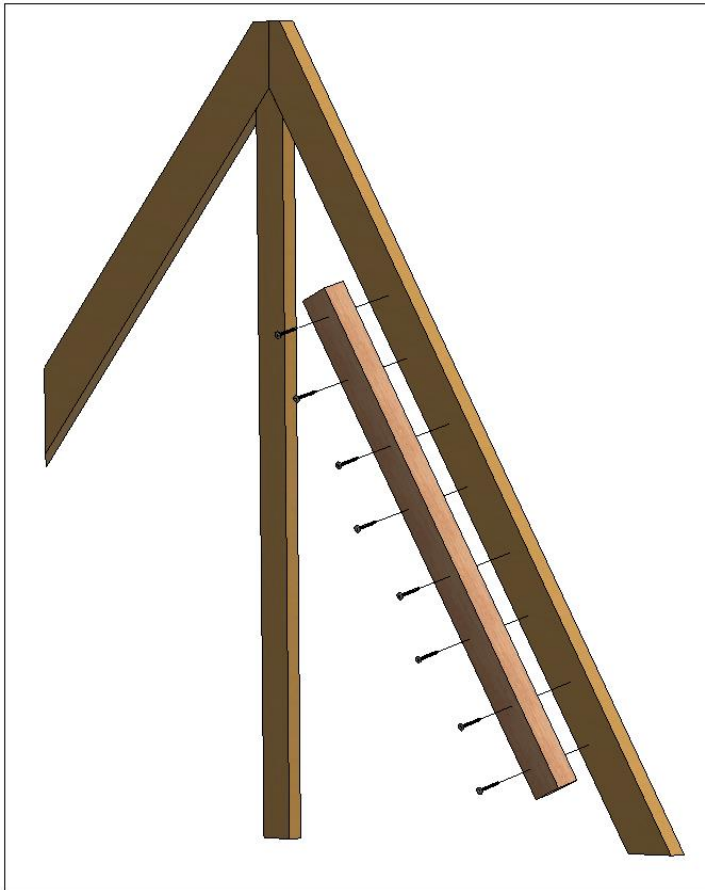
## Overview standard roof structure

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



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

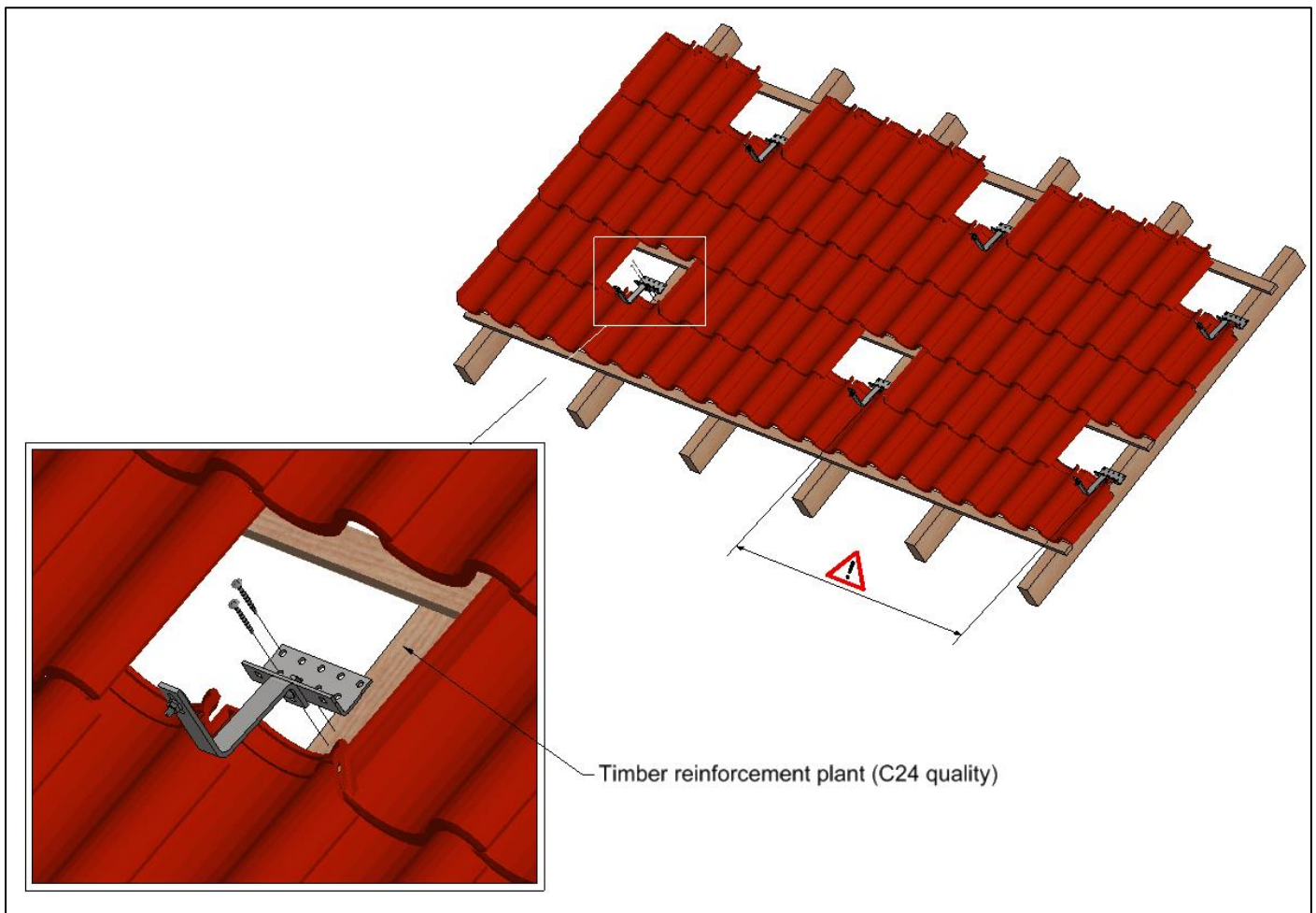
## Mounting timber reinforcement plant



To provide a strong fixation for the roof hooks timber reinforcement plants are mounted to the purlins of the roof structure. A minimum of 8 fixing screws (8,0 diameter, with screw in depth of minimum 40 mm into the rafter) per timber reinforcement plant (class C24) is recommended. The screw locations are to be pre-drilled with a 5mm drill bit, to prevent damaging the structure of the timber reinforcing.

## Mounting Strongline roof hook

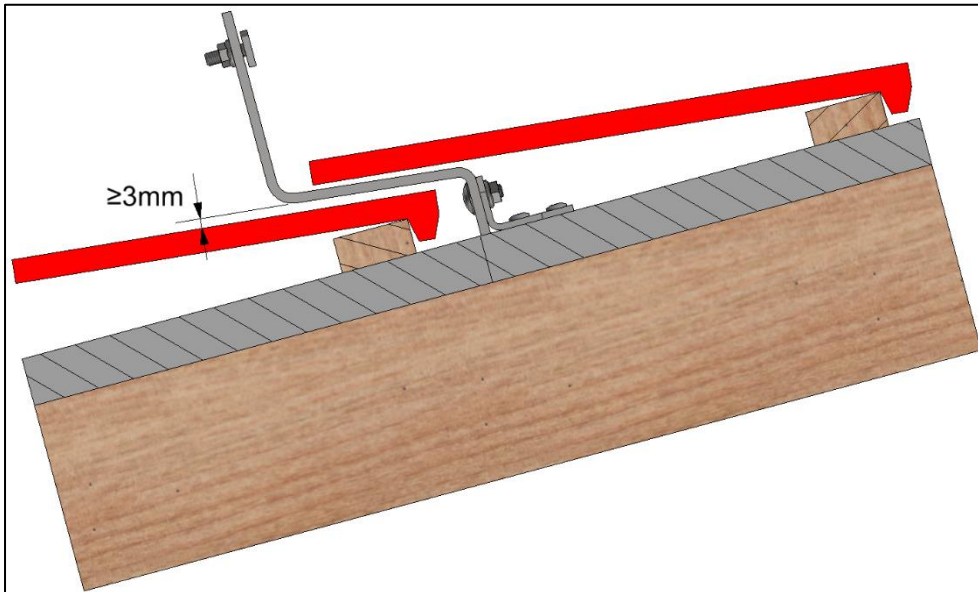
The Strongline roof hook is mounted on the timber reinforcement plant that is constructed to the side of the purlins. Use the multiple holes of the mounting plate and the adjustable position of the hook to place the hook in the correct location. The Strongline roof hook must at least be fixed with 2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



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

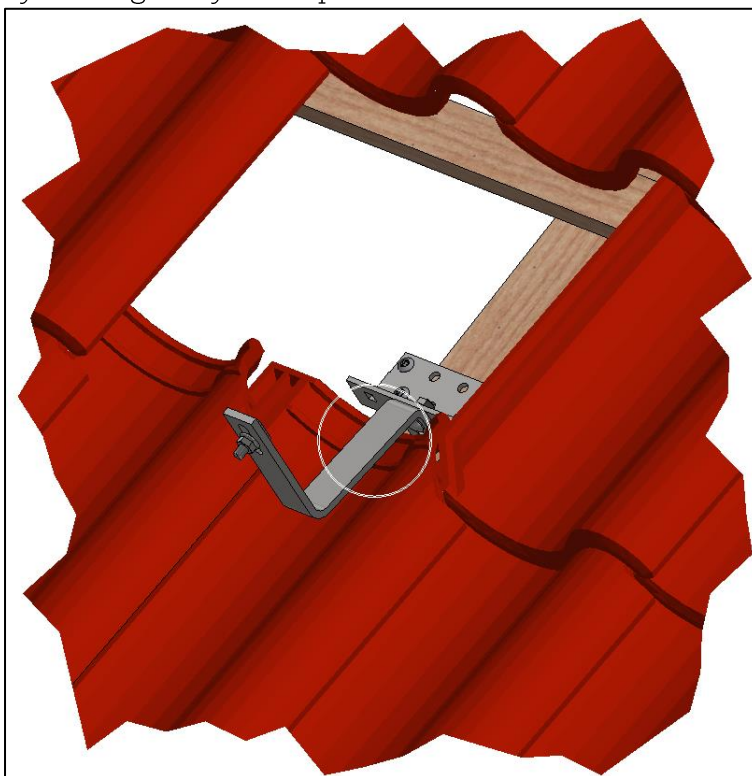


It is important that the roof hooks have a 3mm clearance from the roof tile. This prevents the roof tile from breaking. (see image below)

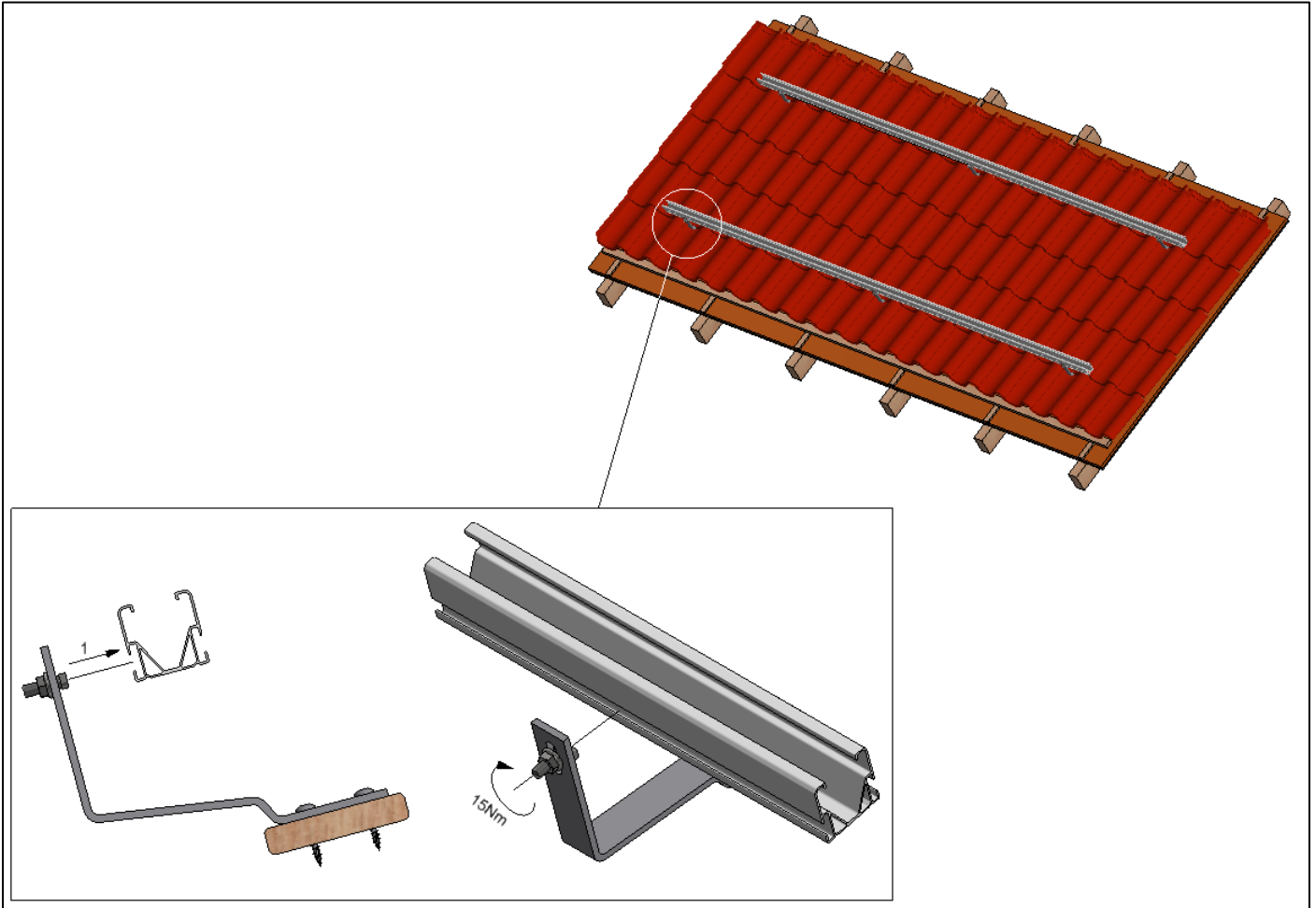


### Cutting the roof tile

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

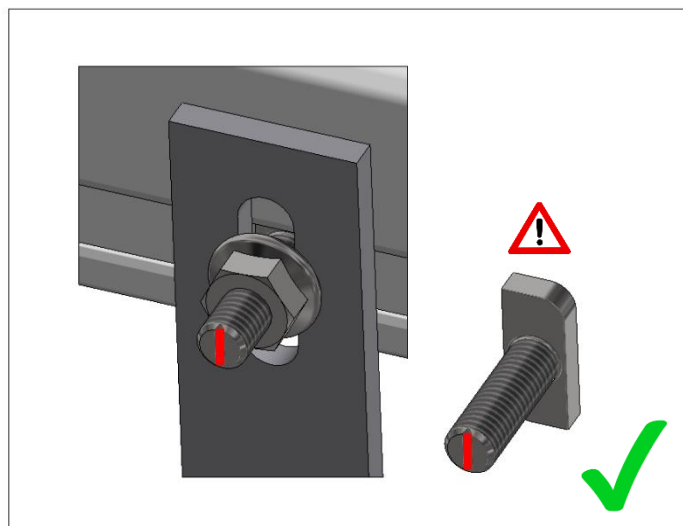
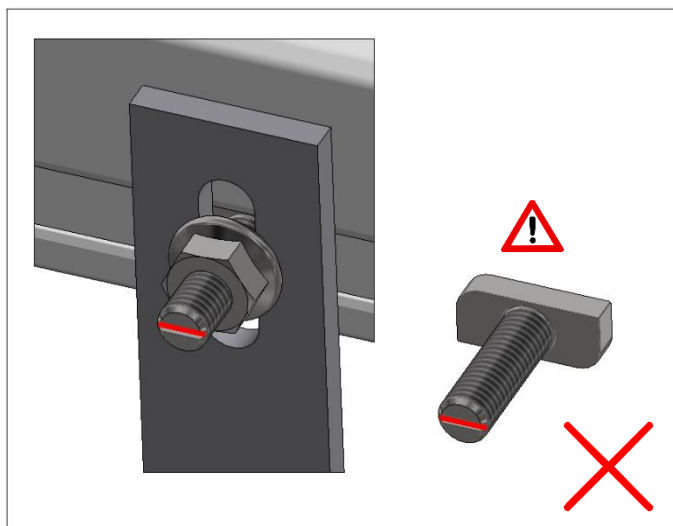


## Mounting aluminium profiles



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

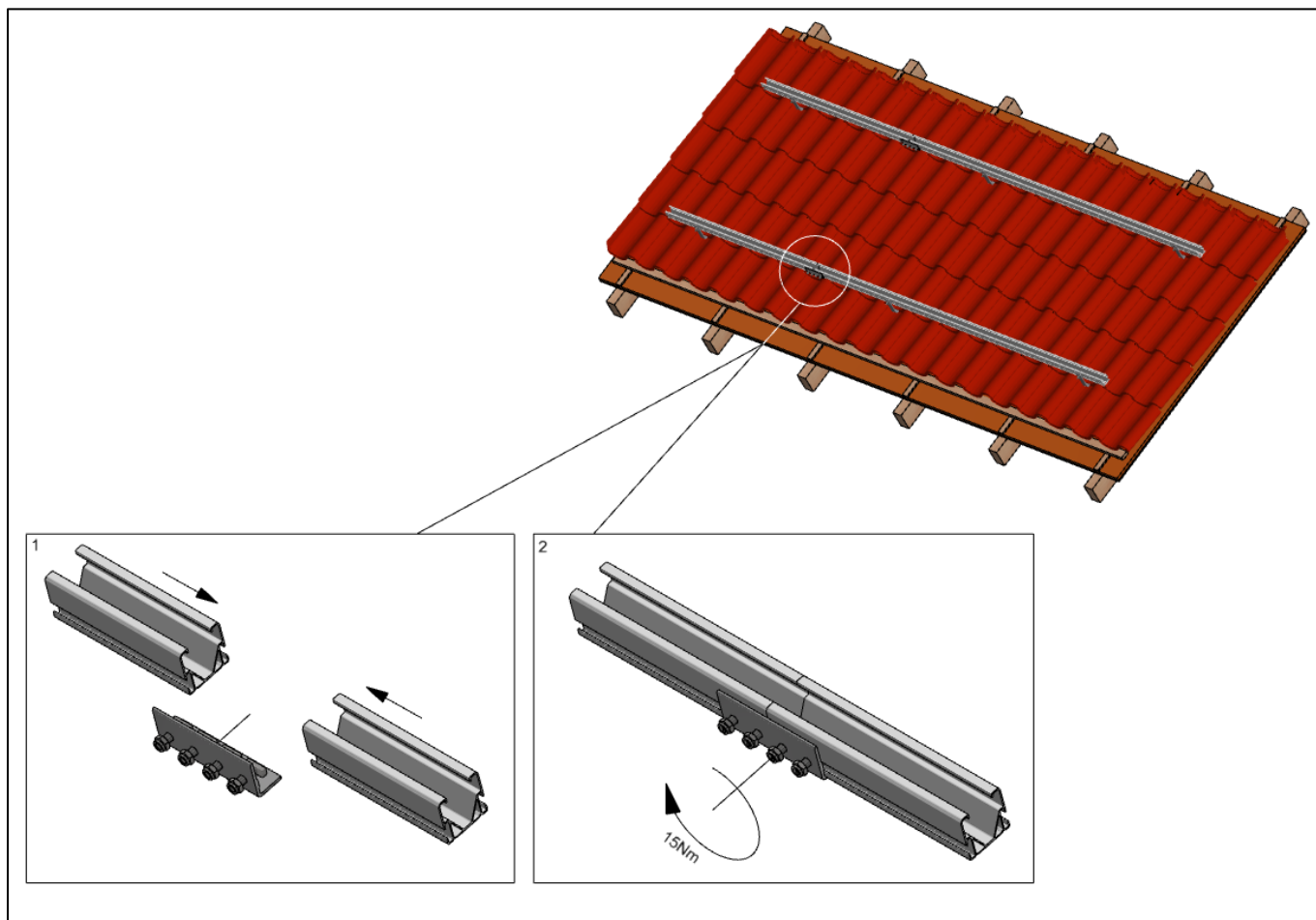
When fastening the bolt/nut of the roof hook it is important that the hammerhead bolt is correctly placed in the aluminium profile. If the hammerhead bolt is not in the profile properly the aluminium profile can come loose (see image below).



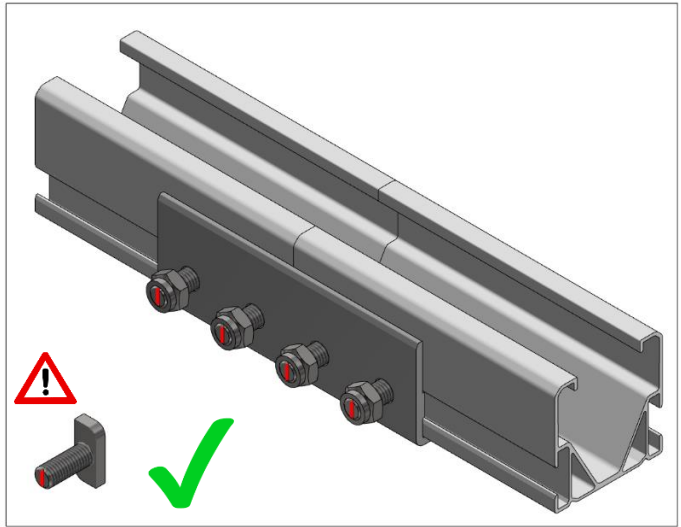
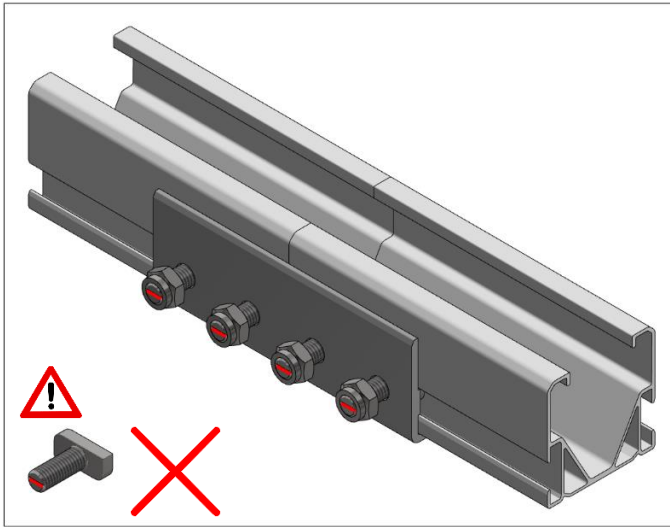
The groove on the hammerhead bolt corresponds with the orientation of the bolt head. Make sure the bolt is always mounted correctly.

## Coupling aluminium profiles

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



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



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

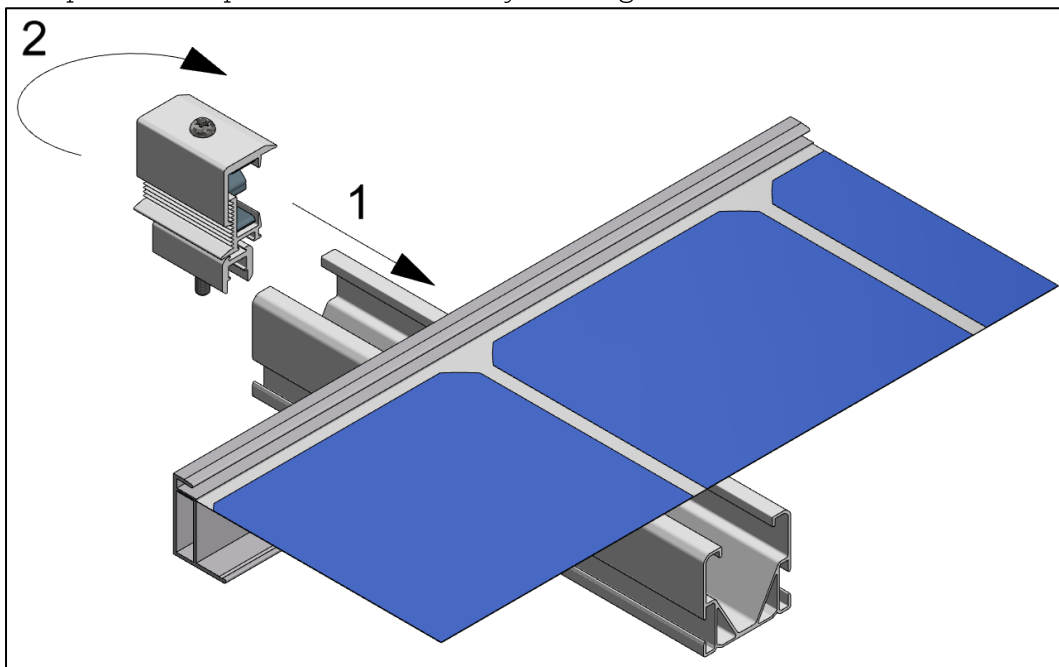


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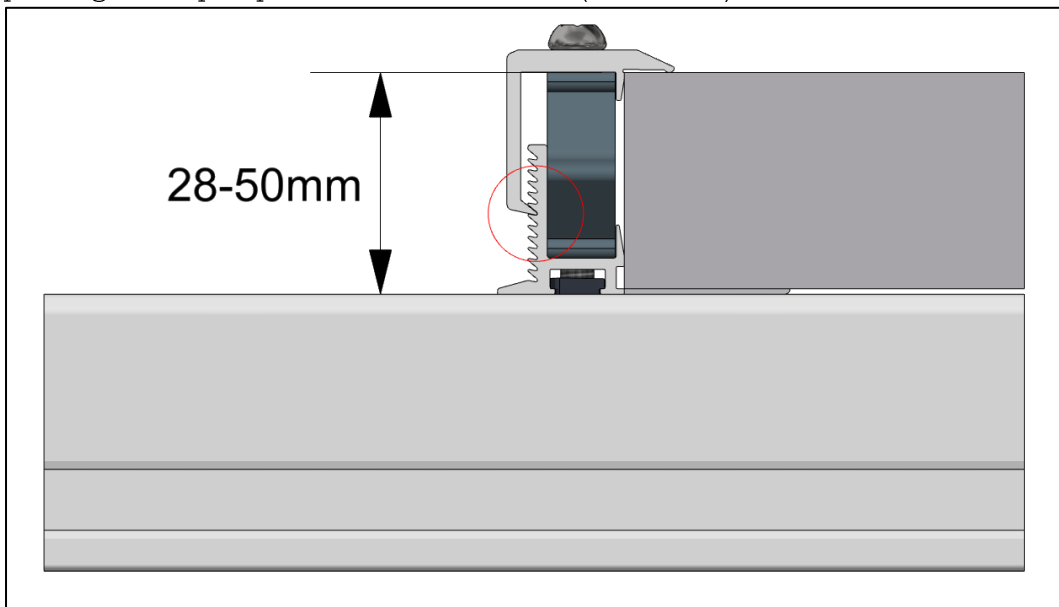
## Mounting end clamps

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

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

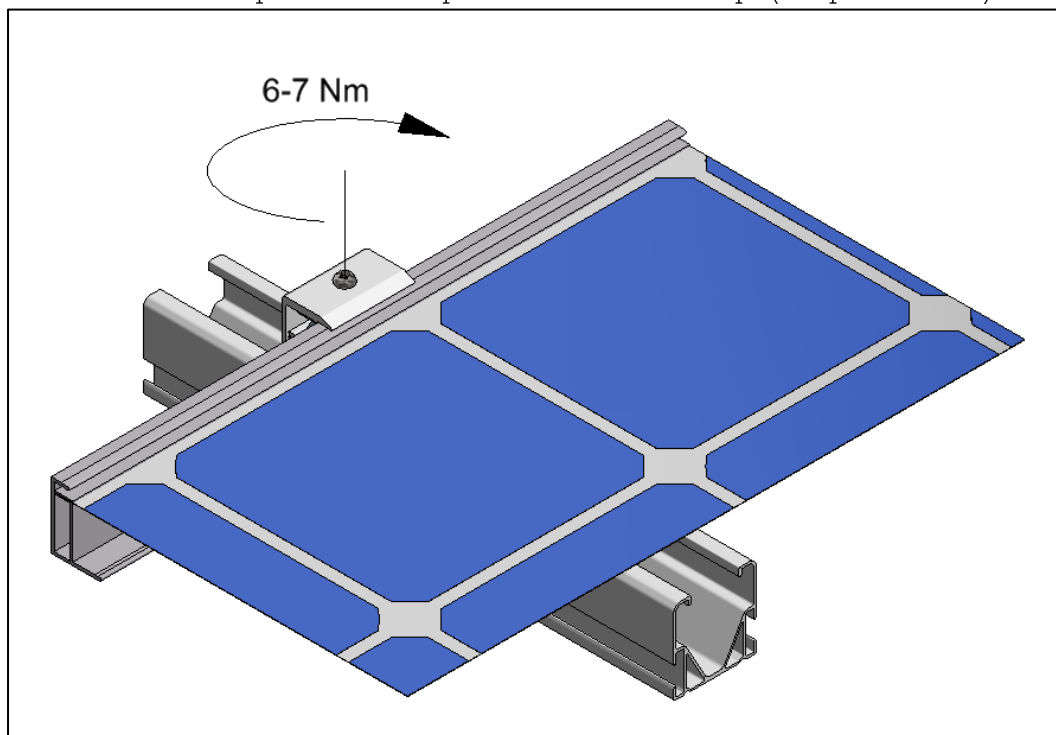


Once the end clamp is in the profile set the end clamp to the correct height. This is done by putting the top cap into one of the slots. (see below)



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

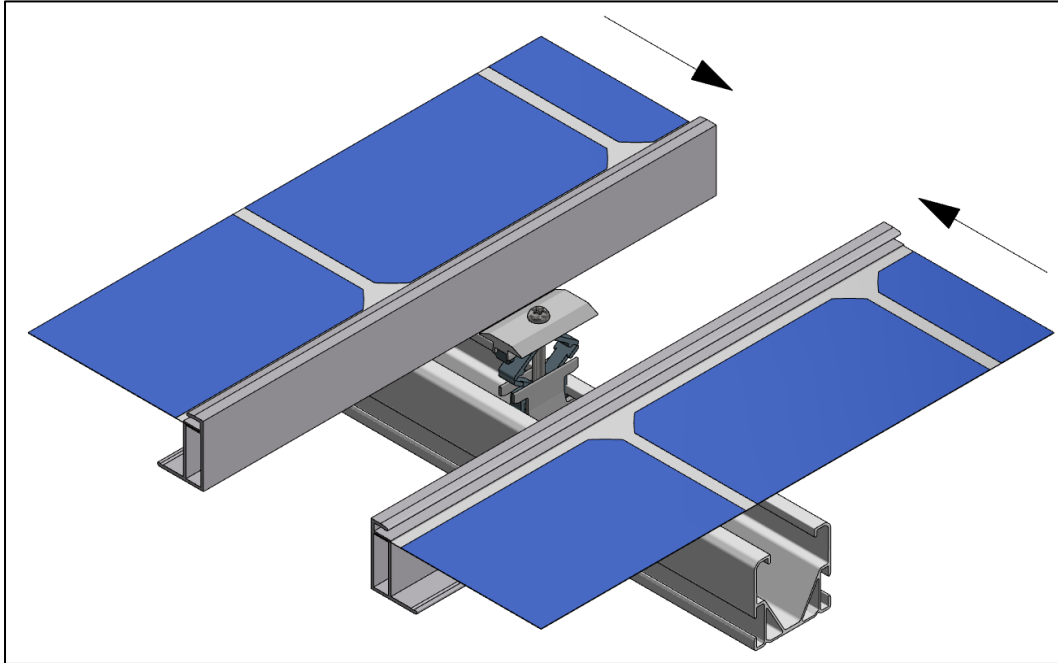


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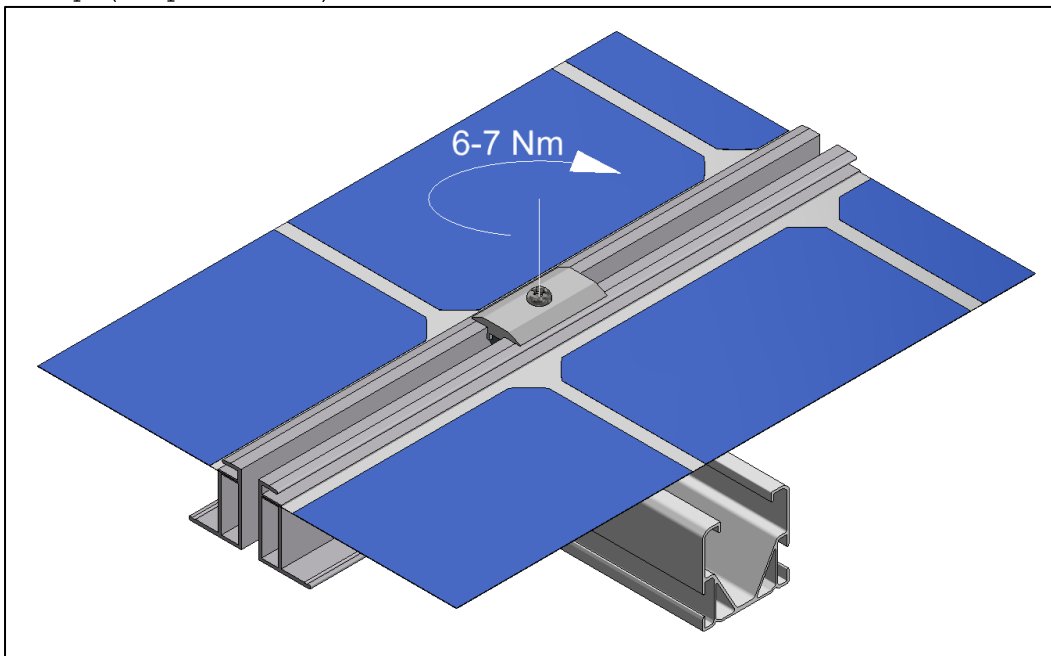
## Mounting panel clamps (middle)

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

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



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



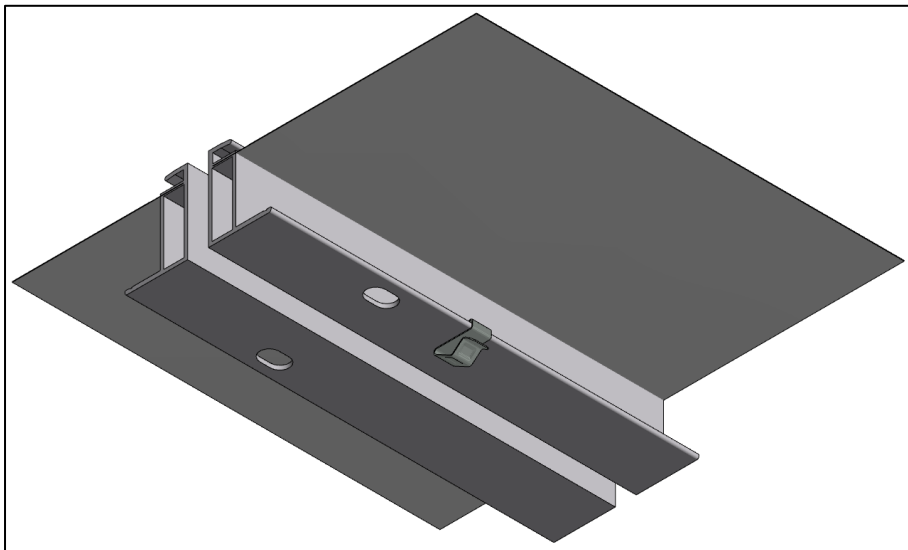
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## Cable clamps

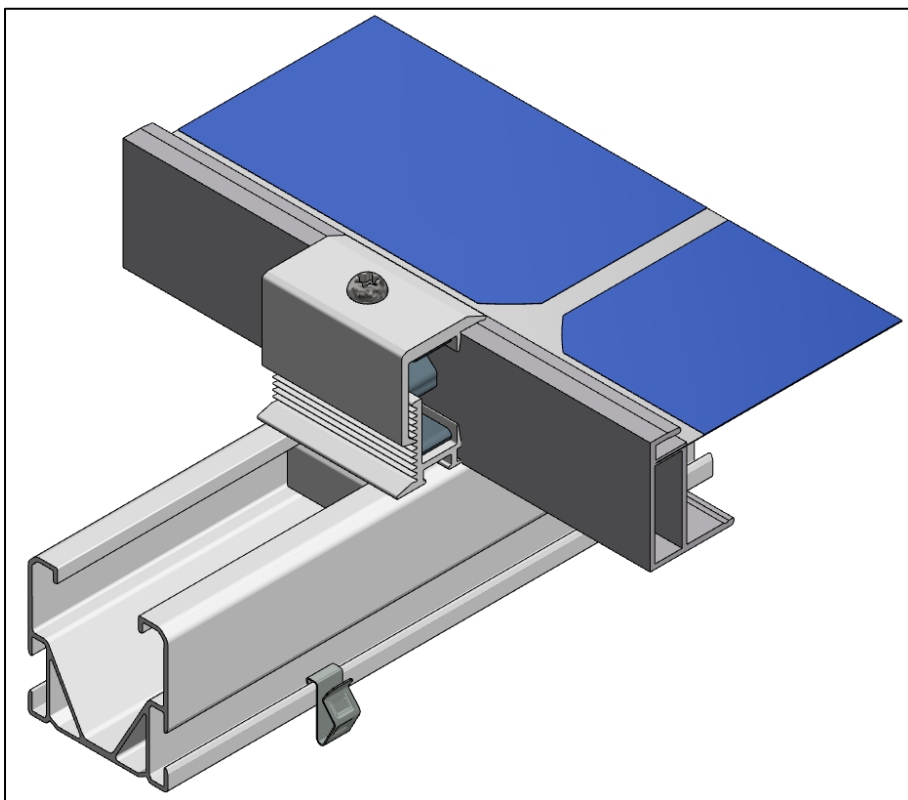
For the pitched roof clamp systems there are 2 types of cable clamps available (standard). These cable clamps can be helpful with your cable management.

### **Small cable clamp (732001)**

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



Cable clamp to panel frame

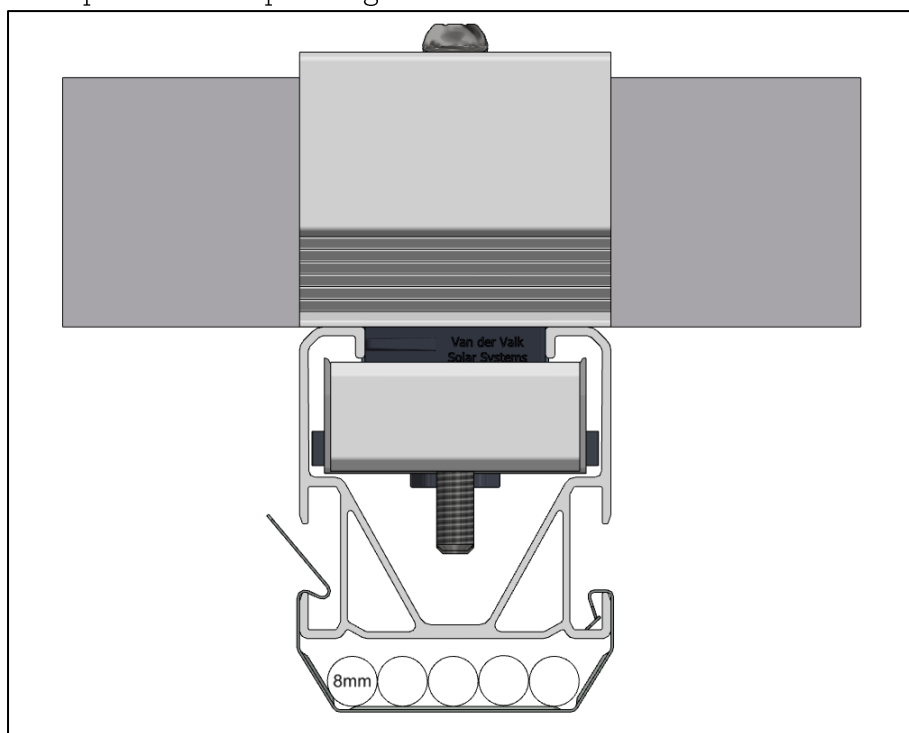


Cable clamp to aluminium profile

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

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





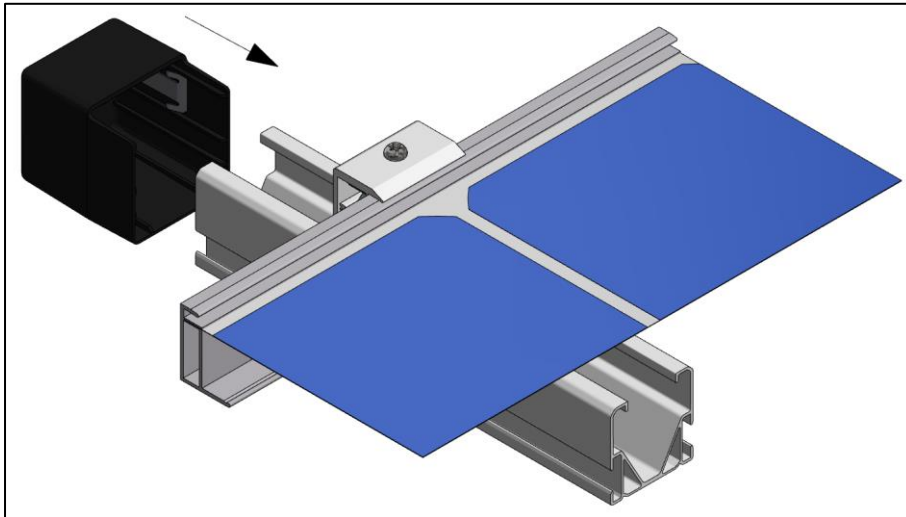
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## Mounting optional products

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

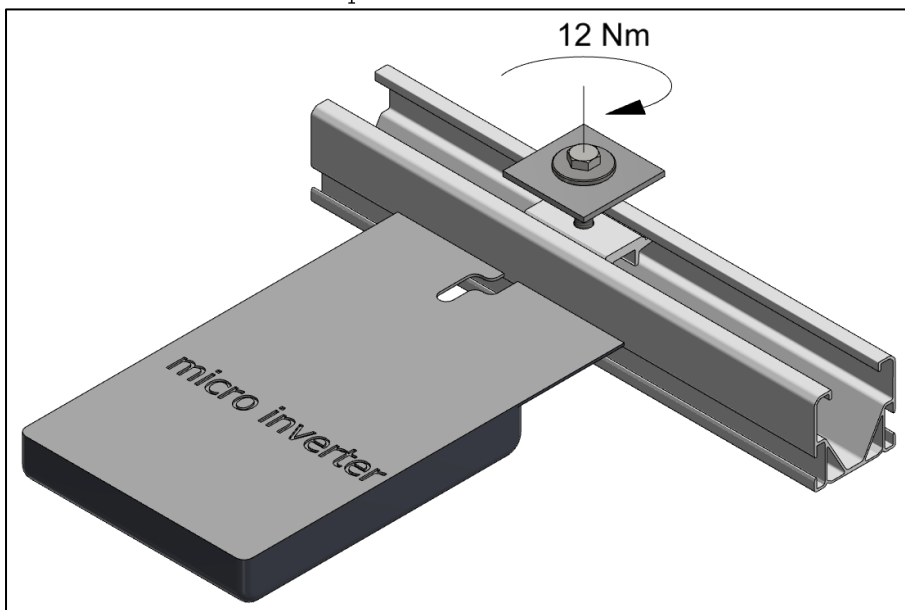
### **Black end cap (739052)**

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



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

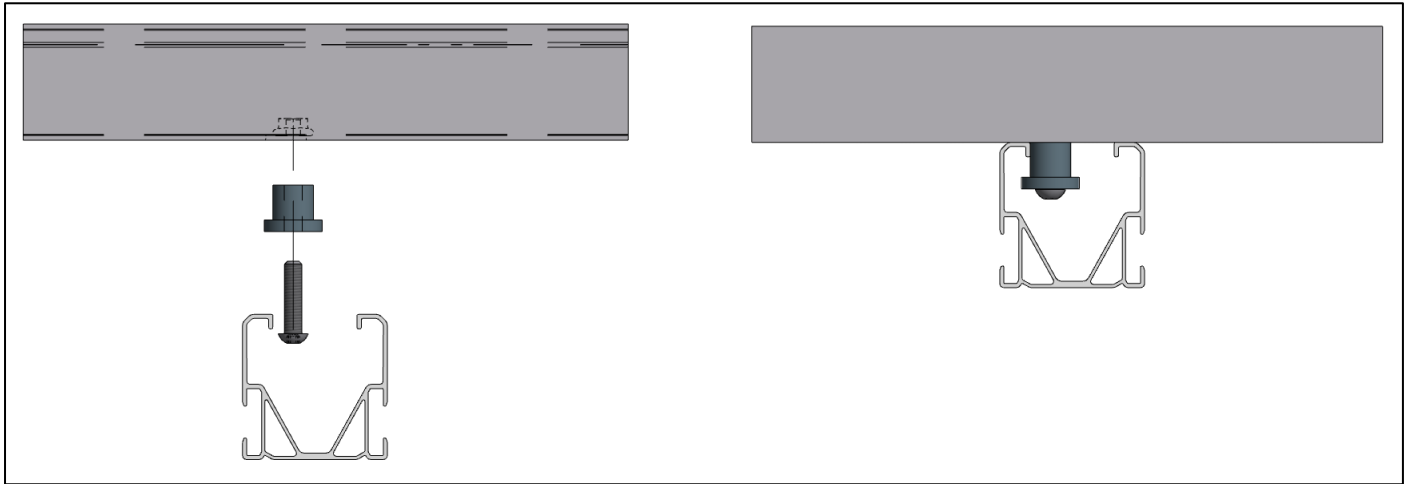
The micro inverter clamp is used to fix the micro inverter to the aluminium profile.



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

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



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## Van der Valk Solar Systems

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

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

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

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Pitched roofs



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