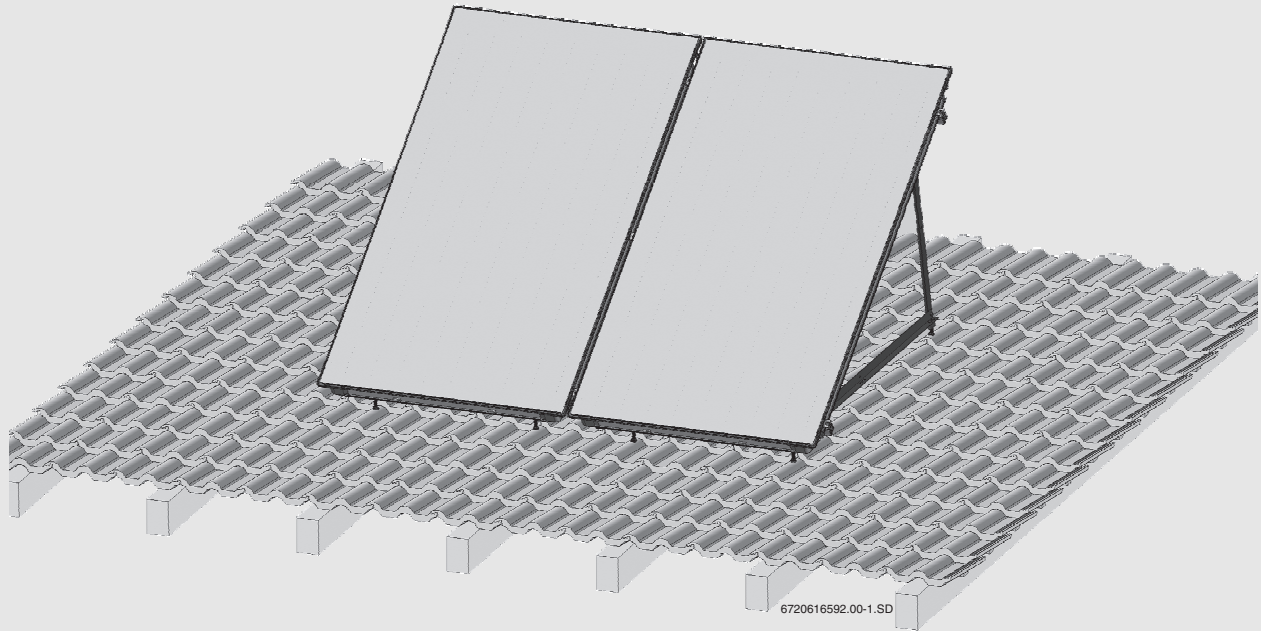


Installation Instructions for the Professional
Flat Plate Collectors
Rack Mounting



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1 Safety instructions

1.1 General safety instructions

About these instructions

These instructions describe the installation of flat plate solar thermal collectors on racks for flat and sloped roofs. They are a supplement to the on-roof installation instructions.

These accessory instructions and the on-roof instructions contain important information for safe and professional installation and are directed at the trained professional.

The vertical installation is shown. Instructions for horizontal collectors are identical unless stated otherwise.

- ▶ Read through the instructions carefully and keep them in a safe place.
- ▶ Follow the instructions and specifications for on-roof installation.
- ▶ Always follow the safety instructions to prevent injury and property damage.

Standards and guidelines

- ▶ Observe all country-specific standards and guidelines for installation. It is the installer's responsibility to ensure all national and local codes are met.

Designated use

- ▶ Only install on stable roofs that have the needed load capacity. Here you must take into account the additional roof load including collectors and if necessary consult a structural engineer.
- ▶ Only install the installation kit on roofs with an incline of 0 - 36 ° (12/9 pitch) or negative 0 - 15° (12/3 pitch), see Fig. 10 for details.
- ▶ The installation kit is suitable for a max. standard snow load of 42 lbs/ft² (2.0 kN/m²) and an installation height of max. 66 ft (20 m). With appropriate accessories, higher loads and building heights are acceptable.
- ▶ If there is a risk that larger amounts of snow might collect behind the collectors (toward the roof's ridge), prevent such accumulations by attaching a suitable protective grille.
- ▶ Do not change the rack construction (e.g. by drilling additional holes). Exception: shorten the braces to adjust the slope.
- ▶ The rack is intended only for the attachment of collectors. Do not attach any other equipment (e.g. antennas).

1.2 Explanation of symbols



Warnings in the text are indicated by a warning triangle and a gray background.

Signal words are used to indicate the level of risk if counter measures are not taken.

- **Caution** indicates that minor damage to property may occur.
- **Warning** indicates that minor personal injury or severe property damage may occur.
- **Danger** means that severe personal injury may occur. Very serious cases may result in death.



Notices are identified in the text by this symbol. They are separated by horizontal lines above and below the text.

Notes contain important information in cases where there is no risk to the user or the appliance.

2 Before the installation

2.1 Distances between the triangles

2.1.1 Vertical installation

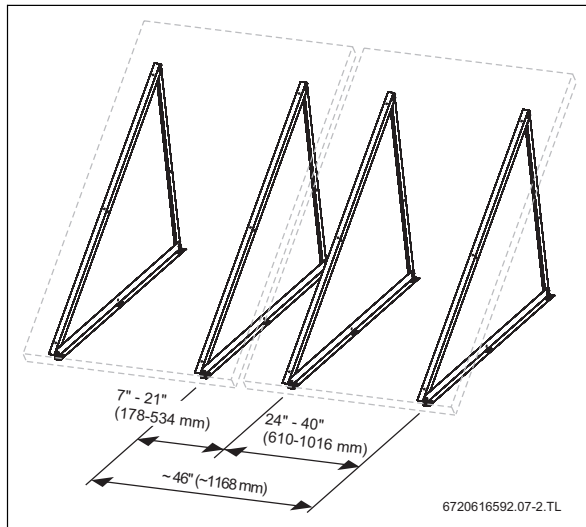


Fig. 1 Basic and extension installation kit

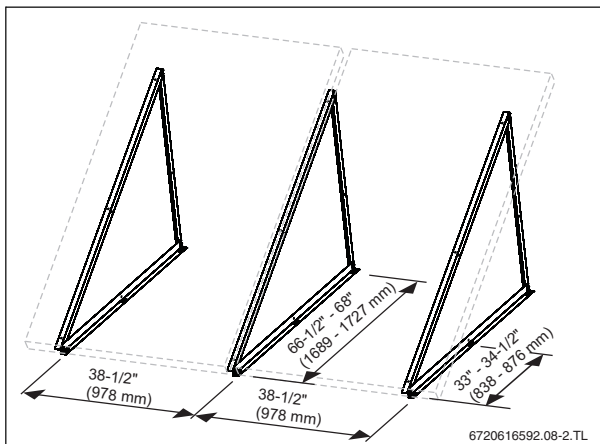


Fig. 2 Basic installation kit and additional supports for higher wind and snow loads (for 2 collectors)

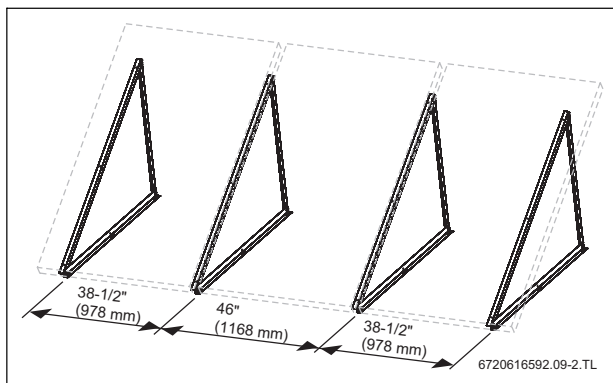


Fig. 3 Basic and extension kit
(for more than 2 collectors)

2.1.2 Horizontal installation

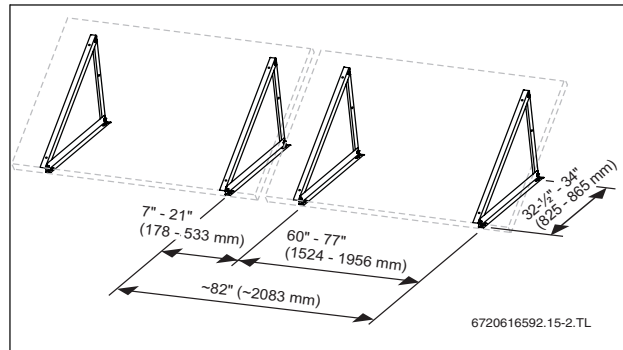


Fig. 4 Basic and extension installation kit

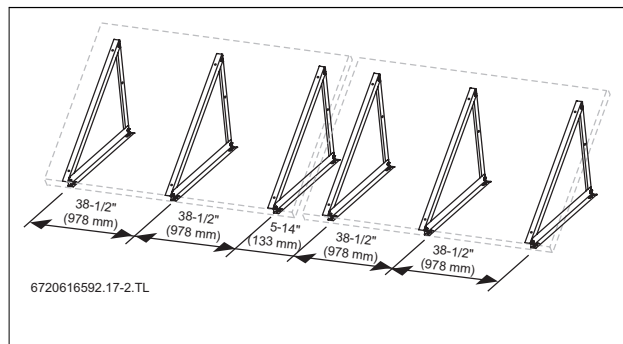


Fig. 5 Basic and extension installation kit and additional supports for higher wind and snow loads

2.2 Scope of delivery

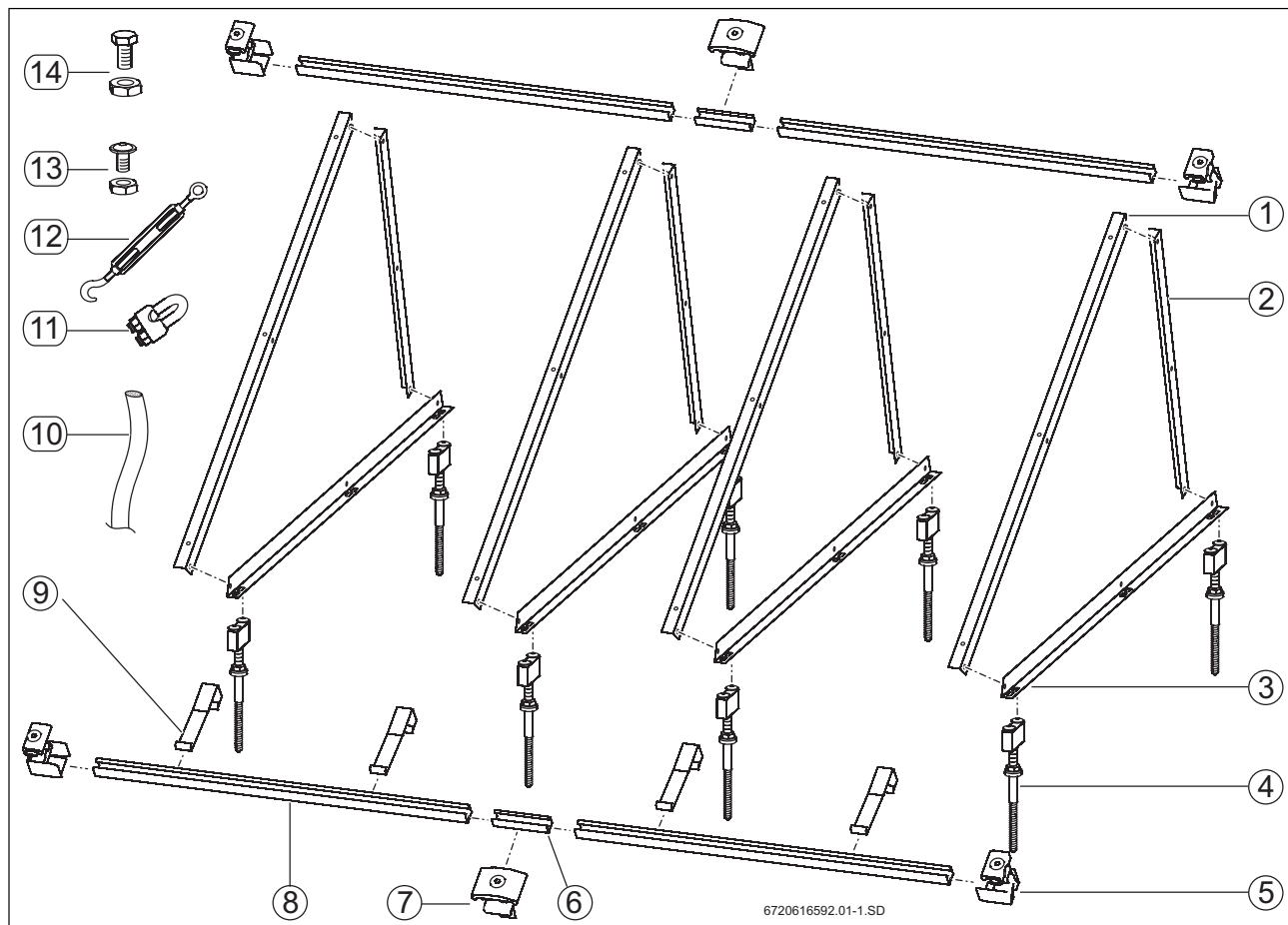


Fig. 6 Fastening materials for 2 vertical collectors on e.g. pantiled/tiled roof consisting of rack (basic and extension), collector installation (basic and extension), roof attachment (per collector)

Rack - basic installation kit:

1	Collector rail	2 x
2	Rear rail	2 x
3	Lower rail	2 x
10	Wire 134" (3400 mm) (only for vertical)	1 x
11	Cable clamp (only for vertical)	2 x
12	Turnbuckle (only for vertical)	1 x
13	Screw M8 x 20 and nuts	7 x ¹⁾
14	Screw M10 x 20 and nuts	6 x

Rack - extension installation kit:

1	Collector rail	2 x
2	Rear brace	2 x
3	Lower rail	2 x
13	Screw M8 x 20 and nuts	4 x
14	Screw M10 x 20 and nuts	6 x

Collector connection - basic installation kit:

5	Single-sided collector clamp	4 x
8	Profile rail	2 x
9	Collector bracket	2 x
13	Screw M8 x 20	4 x

Collector connection -extension installation kit:

6	Profile connector with threaded pins	2 x
7	Double-sided collector clamp	2 x
8	Profile rail	2 x
9	Collector bracket	2 x
13	Screw M8 x 20	4 x

Roof jack (per collector):

4	e.g. with carriage bolts	4 x
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Tab. 1 Basic installation kit = per collector array and for 1st collector / extension installation kit = for each additional collector

1) for horizontal collectors: 4 x

2.3 Scope of delivery for higher loads (vertical installation)

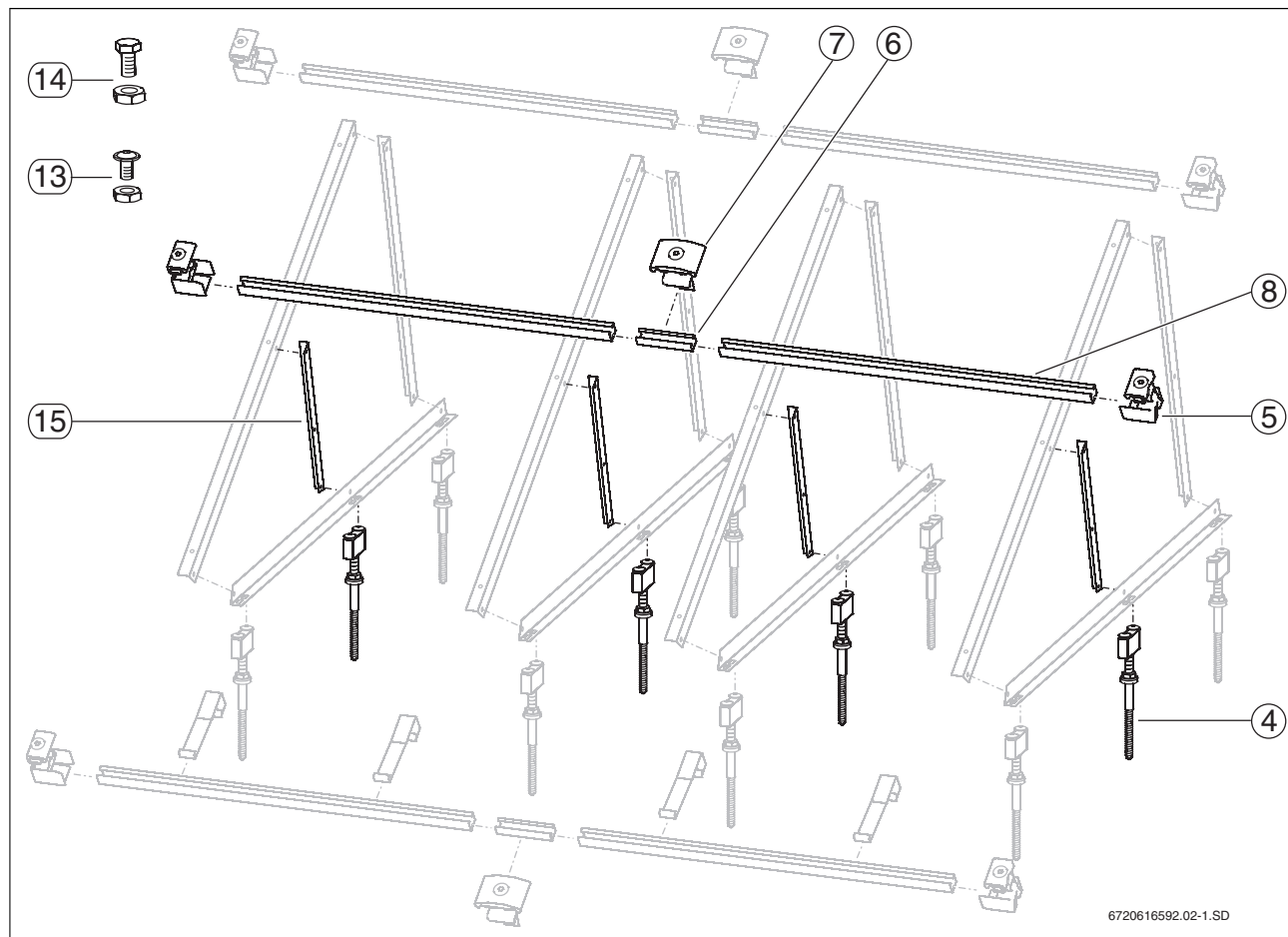


Fig. 7 Additional parts for higher loads: snow load up to 65 lbs/ft² (3.1 kN/m²), installation height up to max. 66 ft (20 m) (here: connection with carriage bolts)

Additional brace for rack, per collector:		
15	Center rail	2 x
13	Screw M8 x 20 and nuts	2 x
14	Screw M10 x 20 and nuts	2 x

Collector connection additional, basic installation kit:		
5	Single-sided collector clamp	2 x
8	Profile rail	1 x
	M8 nut	2 x
	Screw M8 x 25	2 x

Collector connection expanded, installation kit:		
6	Profile connector with threaded pins	1 x
7	Double-sided collector clamp	1 x
8	Profile rail	1 x
	M8 nut	2 x
	Screw M8 x 25	2 x

Roof jack (per collector):		
4	e.g. with stud bolts	2 x

Tab. 2 Basic installation kit = per collector array and for 1st collector / extension installation kit = for each additional collector

2.4 Required tools

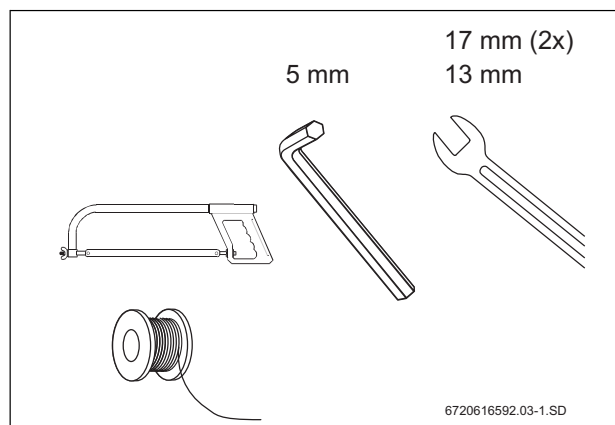


Fig. 8

2.5 Slope of the collectors

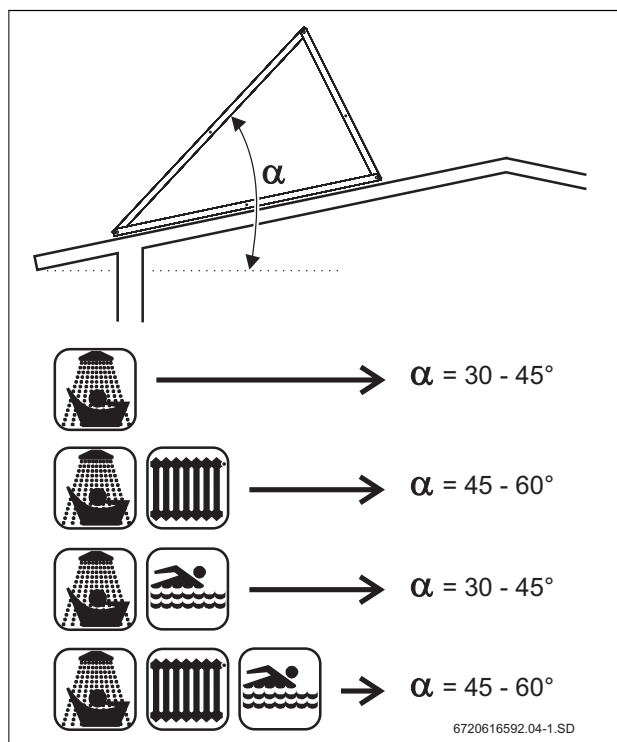


Fig. 9 Determining the area of application and slope

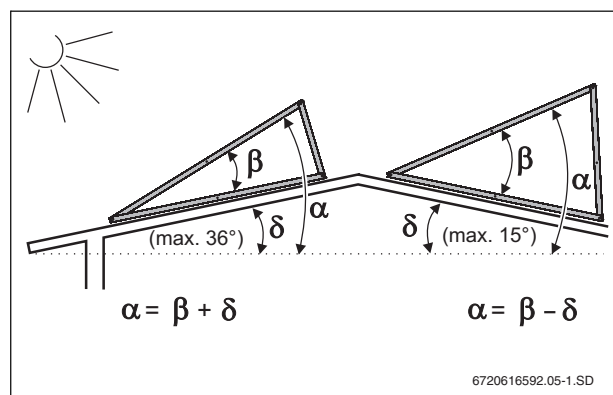


Fig. 10 Angles for sloped roofs

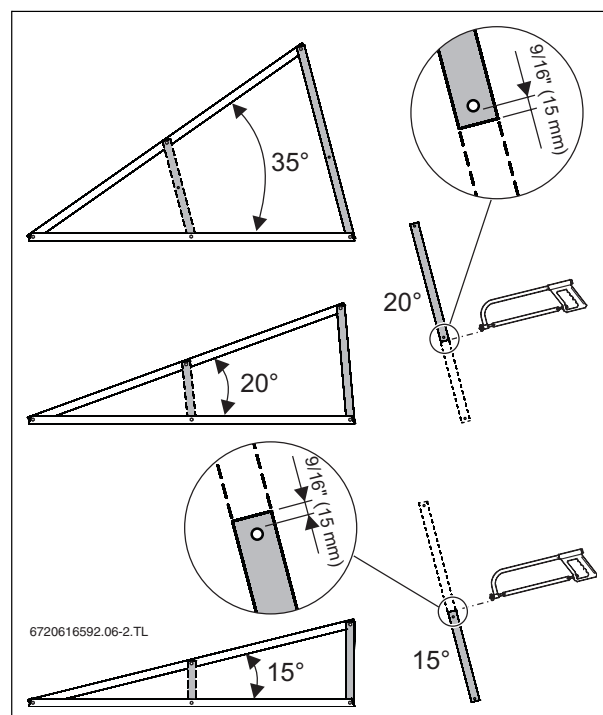


Fig. 11 Adjust rear rails; install additional rails (dashed) for angle 15° or 20° (rail uncut = 35° angle)

2.6 Determining space requirements

2.6.1 Minimum distance for multi-row collector arrays

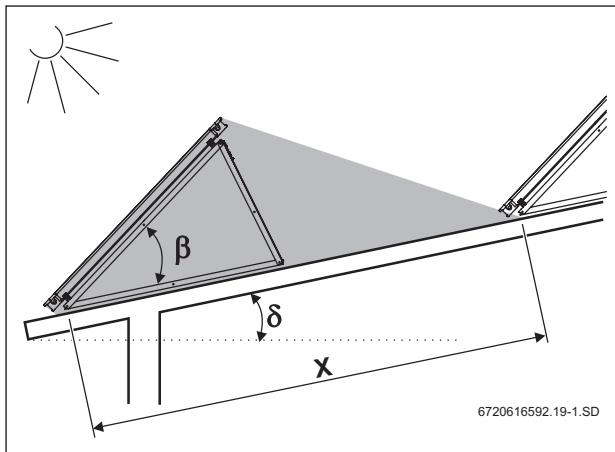


Fig. 12 Shadowing for multi-row collector arrays

Dimension X for vertical collectors			
δ	β = 15°	β = 20°	β = 35°
0°	125" (3175 mm)	135" (3429 mm)	156" (3962 mm)
5°	116" (2946 mm)	124" (3150 mm)	139" (3531 mm)
10°	109" (2769 mm)	115" (2921 mm)	126" (3200 mm)
15°	104" (2642 mm)	108" (2743 mm)	115" (2921 mm)
20°	99" (2515 mm)	102" (2591 mm)	107" (2718 mm)
25°	95" (2413 mm)	97" (2464 mm)	99" (2515 mm)
30°	91" (2311 mm)	93" (2362 mm)	93" (2362 mm)
35°	88" (2235 mm)	89" (2261 mm)	87" (2210 mm)

Tab. 3 Minimum distance for vertical collectors

Dimension X for horizontal collectors			
δ	β = 15°	β = 20°	β = 35°
0°	75" (1905 mm)	78" (1981 mm)	88" (2235 mm)
5°	68" (1727 mm)	71" (1803 mm)	78" (1981 mm)
10°	63" (1600 mm)	65" (1651 mm)	70" (1778 mm)
15°	60" (1524 mm)	61" (1549 mm)	64" (1626 mm)
20°	56" (1422 mm)	57" (1448 mm)	59" (1499 mm)
25°	53" (1346 mm)	54" (1372 mm)	54" (1372 mm)
30°	51" (1295 mm)	51" (1295 mm)	50" (1270 mm)
35°	49" (1245 mm)	49" (1245 mm)	47" (1194 mm)

Tab. 4 Minimum distance for horizontal collectors

2.6.2 Space requirements and collector array alignment

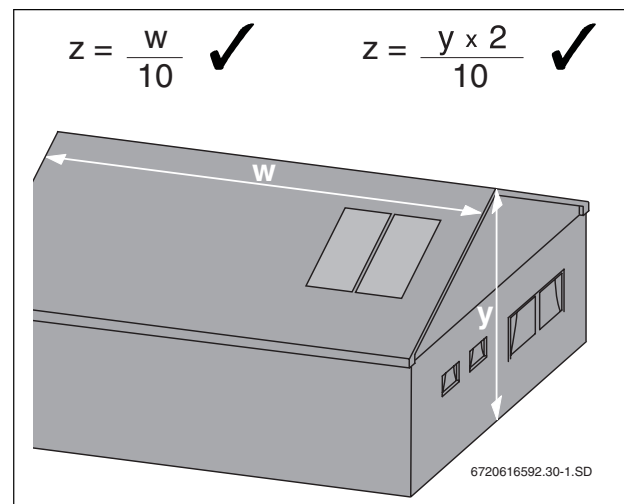


Fig. 13 Formulas for calculating the minimum distance from the edge (see Fig. 14 and 15)

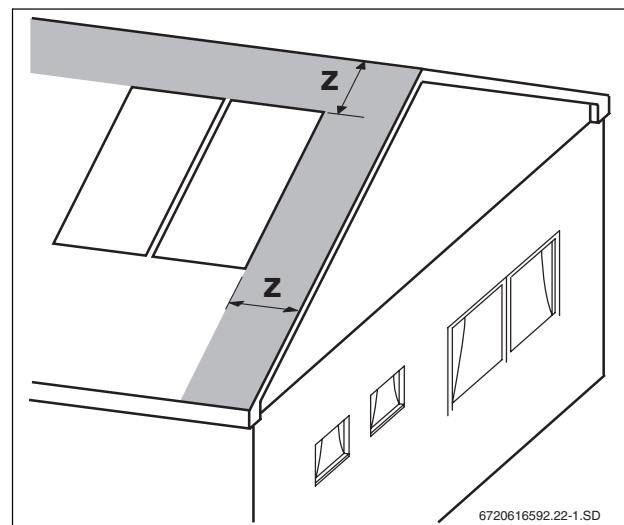


Fig. 14 Minimum distance from the edge area on sloped roofs

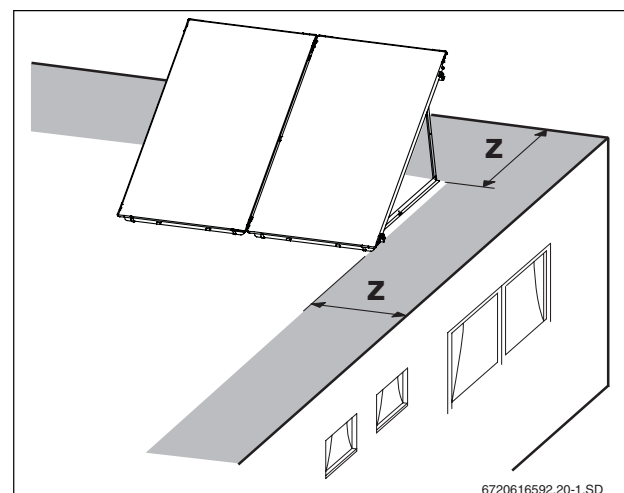


Fig. 15 Minimum distance from the edge on a flat roof

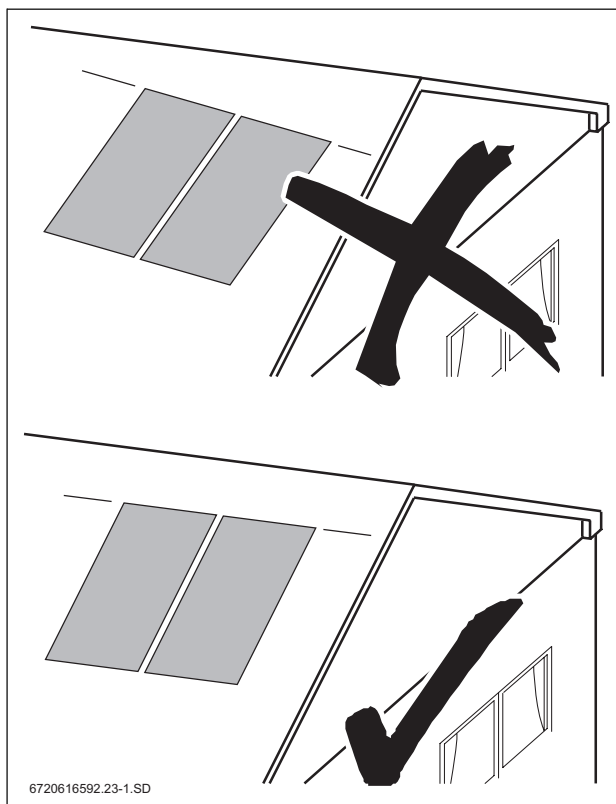


Fig. 16 Alignment of the collector array

Type vertical:	
Number of collectors	Dimension A
2	93" (2362 mm)
3	139" (3531 mm)
4	185" (4699 mm)
5	231" (5867 mm)
6	277" (7036 mm)
7	323" (8204 mm)
8	369" (9373 mm)
9	415" (10541 mm)
10	461" (11709 mm)

Tab. 5 Space requirement (array width)

Type horizontal:	
Number of collectors	Dimension A
2	165" (4191 mm)
3	248" (6299 mm)
4	330" (8382 mm)
5	413" (10490 mm)
6	496" (12598 mm)
7	578" (14681 mm)
8	661" (16789 mm)
9	744" (18898 mm)
10	826" (20980 mm)

Type vertical:	
Angle of inclination	Dimension B
15°	80" (2032 mm)
20°	78" (1981 mm)
35°	78" (1981 mm)

Tab. 6 Space requirements (array depth)

Type horizontal:	
Angle of inclination	Dimension B
15°	45" (1143 mm)
20°	44" (1118 mm)
35°	44" (1118 mm)

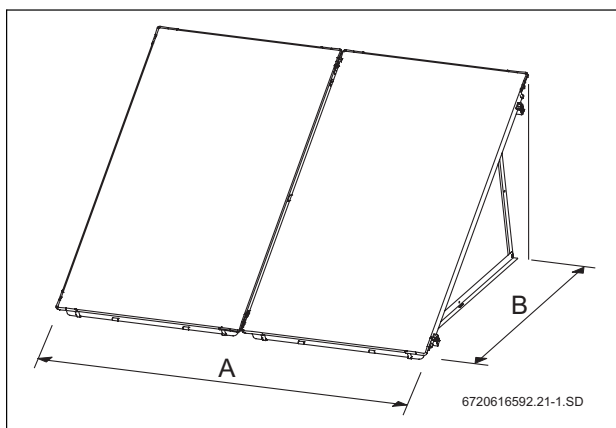


Fig. 17 Space requirement of a collector array

3 Making the roof connection

For dimensions of the roof racks (holes of the rails) see page 4.

3.1 Roof tiles



Make the roof connection using headless screws (studs).
(see 4.2.1 Installation on studs).

3.2 Flat shingle



Make the roof connection using roof jacks
(see 4.2.2 Installation on roof jacks (asphalt/slate/composite shingles)).

3.3 Corrugated sheet/metal roof



Make the roof connection with headless screws (see 4.2.1 Installation on studs).

3.4 Asphalt, slate and composite shingles



Make the roof connection with roof jacks
(see installation on roof jacks, asphalt/slate/composite shingles).

3.5 Standing seam metal roof



Purchase special roof hooks for standing seam metal roofs.

3.6 Flat roof



The roof connection for flat roof installation must be made on the building side (e.g. on I-beam, Fig. 21). The idea is to not penetrate the roof membrane.



Warning: The roof can be damaged.

- Consider the load rating of the roof and substructure.



Warning: The solar system can be damaged.

- Design the building-side roof connection so that wind forces that occur on the collectors are within acceptable limits (see Tab. 7 and 8).

3.6.1 Flat roof (vertical): occurring forces per connection point for design of the substructure

Angle of the rack	Up to 42 lbs/ft ² (2.0 kN/m ²) basic area snow load			Up to 65 lbs/ft ² (3.1 kN/m ²) basic area snow load		
	Push ¹⁾	Pressure ²⁾	Pull ²⁾	Push ¹⁾	Pressure ²⁾	Pull ²⁾
15°	149 lbf (0.66 kN)	675 lbf (3.00 kN)	-560 lbf (-2.49 kN)	99 lbf (0.44 kN)	970 lbf (4.31 kN)	-576 lbf (-2.56 kN)
20°	198 lbf (0.88 kN)	664 lbf (2.95 kN)	-563 lbf (-2.50 kN)	133 lbf (0.59 kN)	936 lbf (4.16 kN)	-578 lbf (-2.57 kN)
35°	331 lbf (1.47 kN)	565 lbf (2.51 kN)	-567 lbf (-2.52 kN)	221 lbf (0.98 kN)	693 lbf (3.08 kN)	-590 lbf (-2.62 kN)

Tab. 7 for: roof angle 0° / maximum wind speed 94 mph (151 km/h) / installation height 66 ft (20 m)

1) parallel to the roof

2) perpendicular to the roof

3.6.2 Flat roof (horizontal): occurring forces per connection point for design of the substructure

Angle of the rack	Up to 42 lbs/ft ² (2.0 kN/m ²) basic area snow load			Up to 65 lbs/ft ² (3.1 kN/m ²) basic area snow load		
	Push ¹⁾	Pressure ²⁾	Pull ²⁾	Push ¹⁾	Pressure ²⁾	Pull ²⁾
15°	92 lbf (0.41 kN)	385 lbf (1.71 kN)	-347 lbf (-1.54 kN)	90 lbf (0.40 kN)	668 lbf (2.97 kN)	-344 lbf (-1.53 kN)
20°	122 lbf (0.54 kN)	376 lbf (1.67 kN)	-349 lbf (-1.55 kN)	119 lbf (0.53 kN)	650 lbf (2.89 kN)	-347 lbf (-1.54 kN)
35°	203 lbf (0.90 kN)	317 lbf (1.46 kN)	-353 lbf (-1.57 kN)	200 lbf (0.89 kN)	556 lbf (2.47 kN)	-349 lbf (-1.55 kN)

Tab. 8 for: roof angle 0° / maximum wind speed 94 mph (151 km/h) / installation height 66 ft (20 m)

1) parallel to the roof

2) perpendicular to the roof

4 Installing the rack

4.1 Pre-installing triangles on the ground

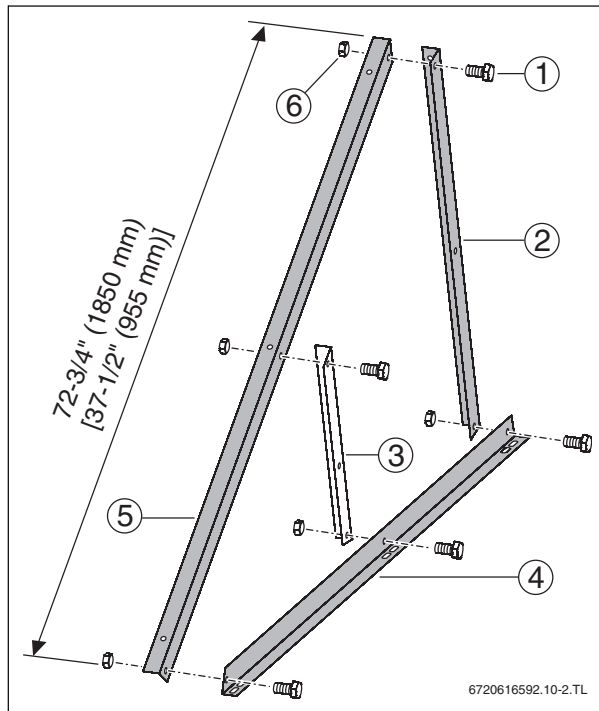


Fig. 18 Assemble rails (dimension in brackets = horizontal installation)

- 1 M10 screws
- 2 Rear rail
- 3 Center rail (accessory, for higher loads)
- 4 Lower brace
- 5 Collector rail
- 6 M10 nut

4.2 Installing triangles on the roof connector

4.2.1 Installation on studs

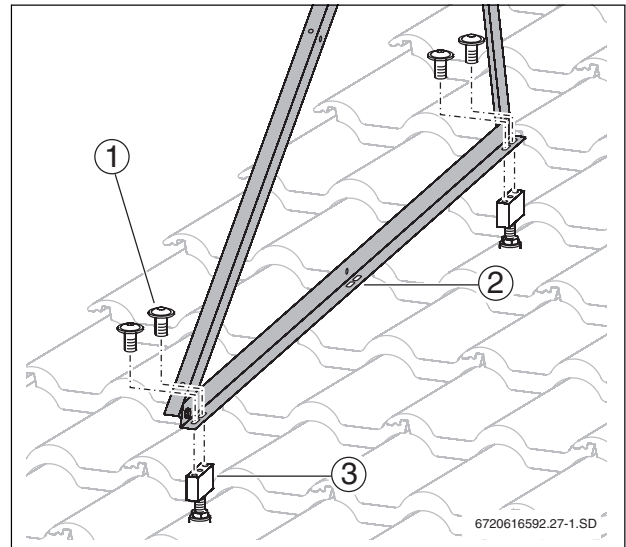


Fig. 19 Roof connection with headless screws (here: on a roof with tiles)

- 1 M8 x 20 screw
- 2 Position of additional roof connection for higher loads
- 3 Stud bolt installation set

4.2.2 Installation on roof jacks (asphalt/slate/composite shingles)

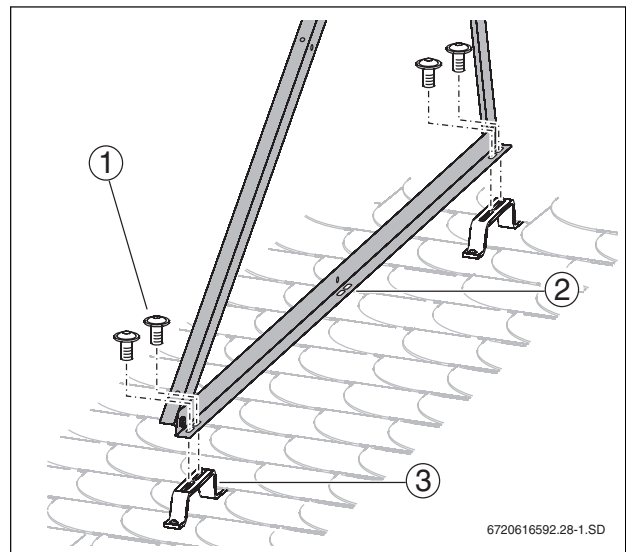


Fig. 20 Roof connection with roof jacks (here: on roof with asphalt/slate/composite shingles)

- 1 M8 x 20 screw
- 2 Position of additional roof connection for higher loads
- 3 Roof jack

4.2.3 Installation on a substructure (flat roof)

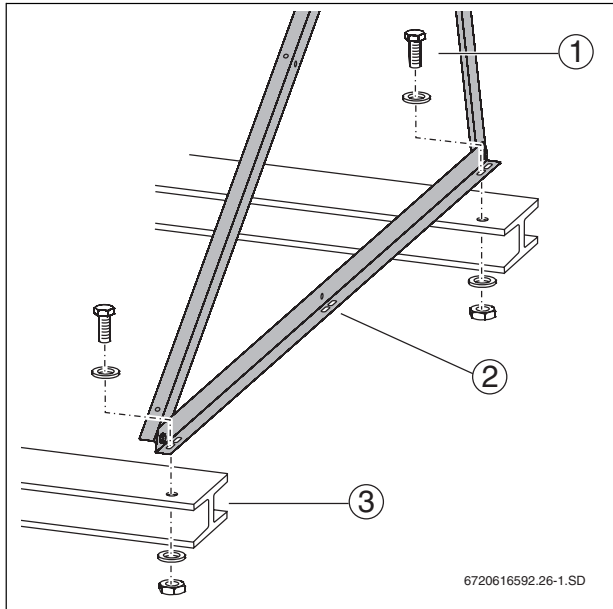


Fig. 21 Installation, e.g. on I-beams (provided on-site)

- 1** Required screw: at least M8/8.8
- 2** Position of additional I-beam for higher loads
- 3** I-beam provided on-site

4.3 Installing the profile rails and collector brackets

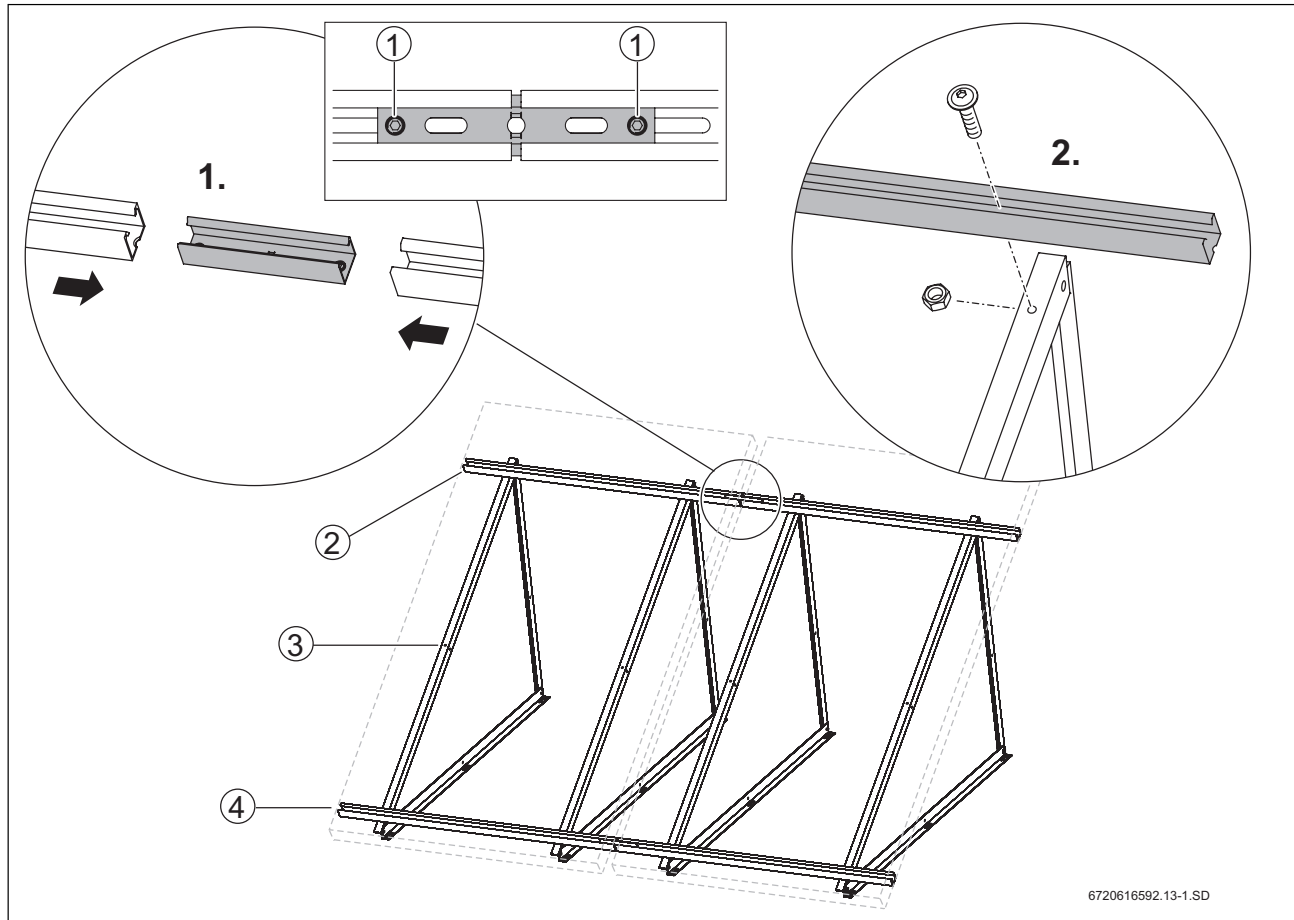


Fig. 22 Installing profile rails on triangles

- 1 Tighten M10 set screw to adjust
- 2 Upper profile rails
- 3 Position of additional profile rails for higher loads
- 4 Lower profile rails

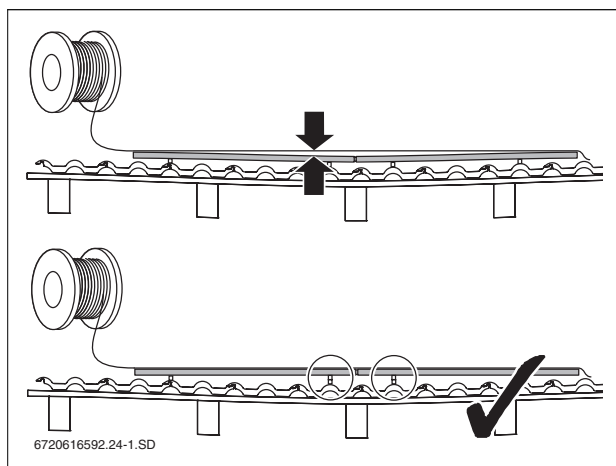


Fig. 23 If profile rails are bent, install spacers (check e.g. with cord)

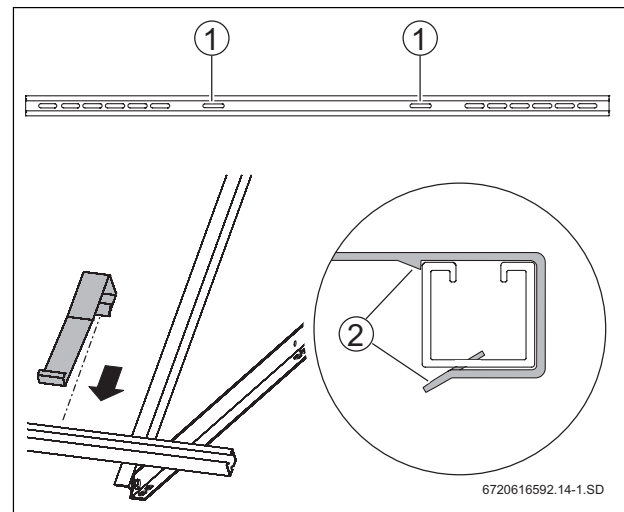


Fig. 24 Install two collector brackets per collector on lower profile rails

- 1 Slots for collector brackets
- 2 Snap the collector bracket into place

4.4 Installing steel cables as bracing for vertical collectors

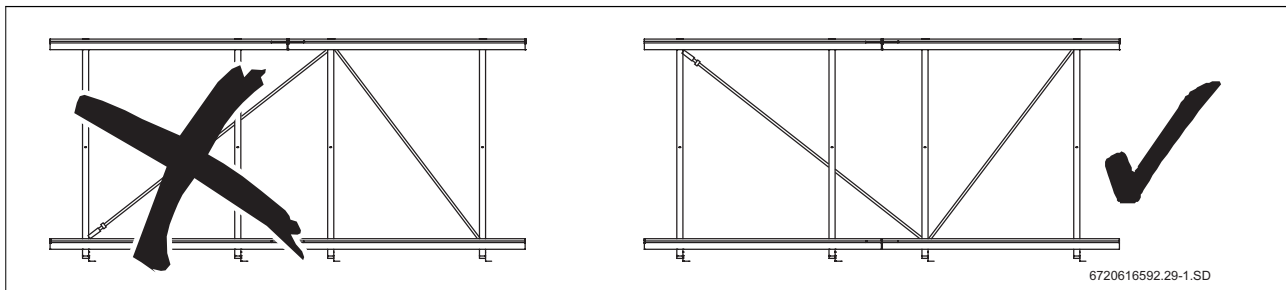


Fig. 25 Proper installation of the steel cable

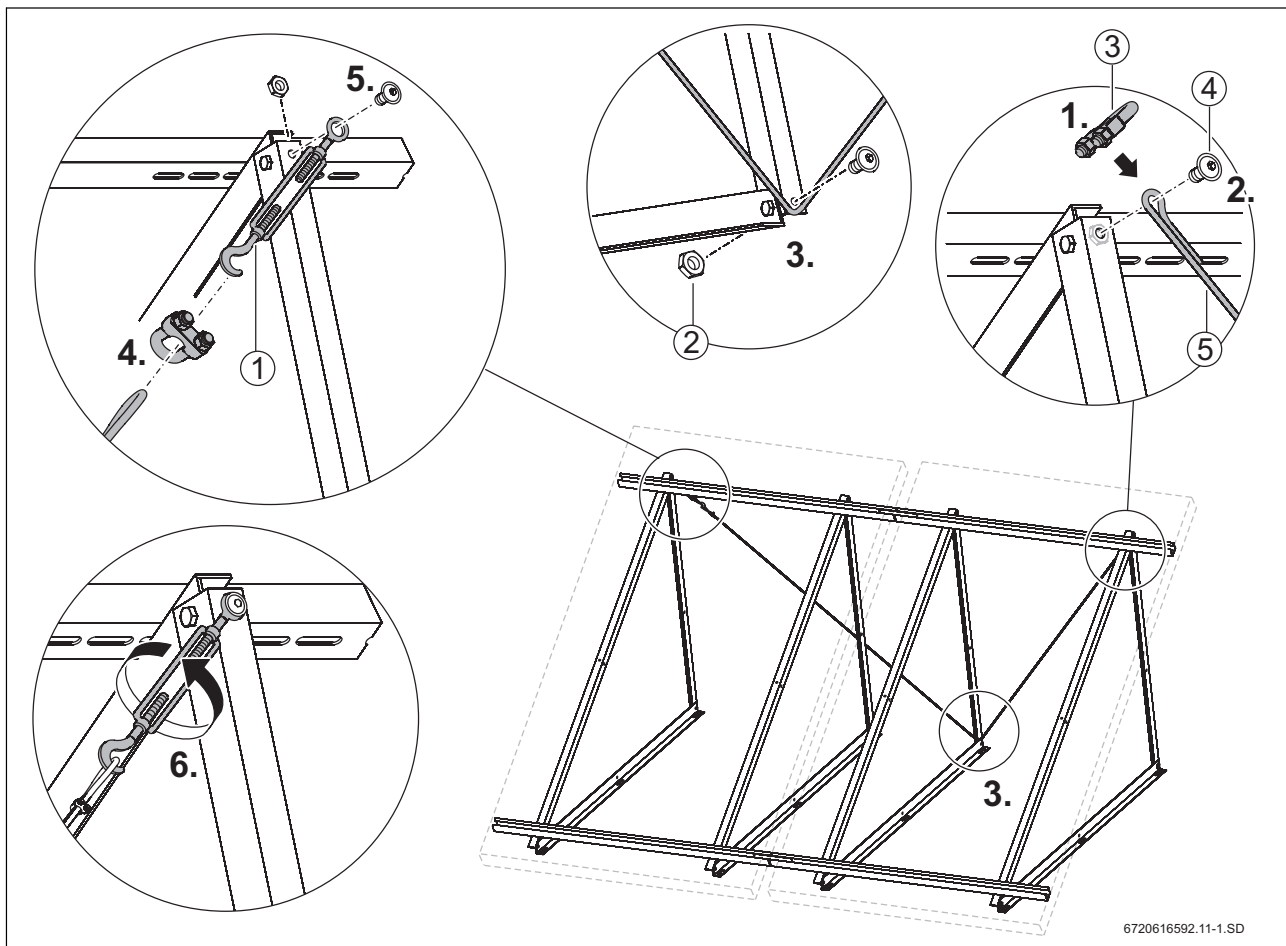


Fig. 26 Always attach the steel cable to two vertical collectors

- 1 Turnbuckle
- 2 M8 nut
- 3 Cable clamp
- 4 M8 x 20 screw
- 5 Steel cable



Warning: System damage due to insufficient cable attachment.

- Ensure screw and nut (Fig. 26, Pos. 2) are sufficiently tight.

4.5 Routing the cable

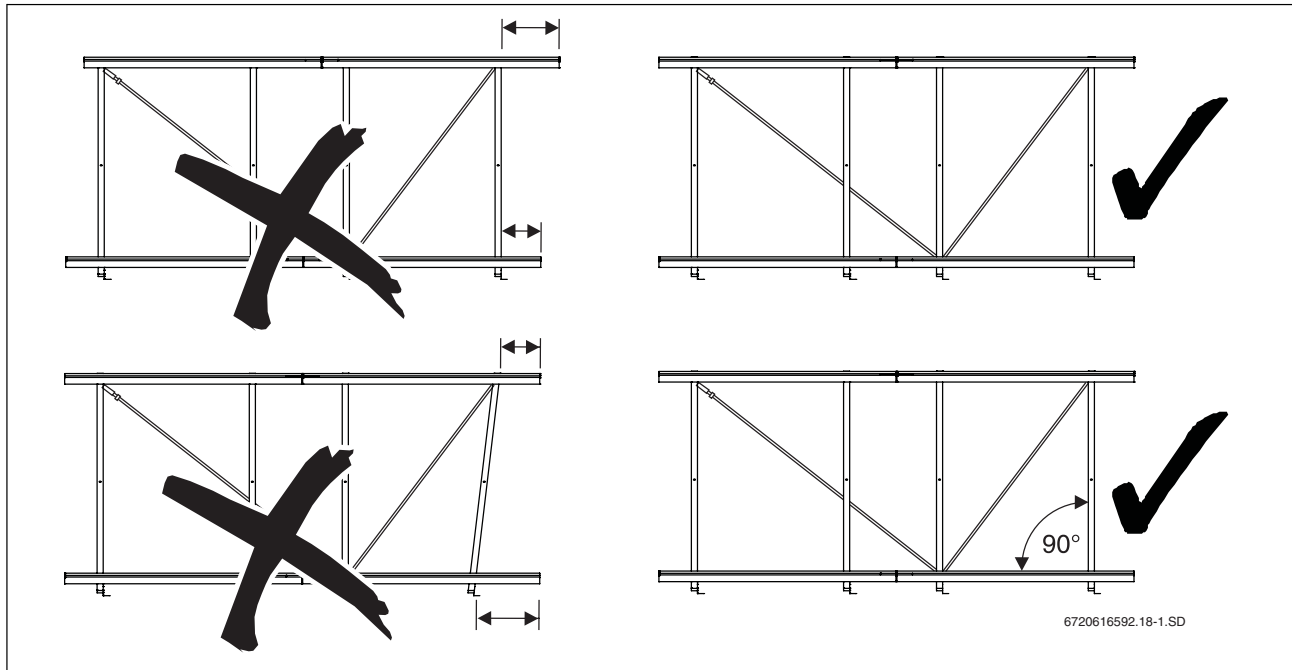


Fig. 27

4.6 Tightening screws

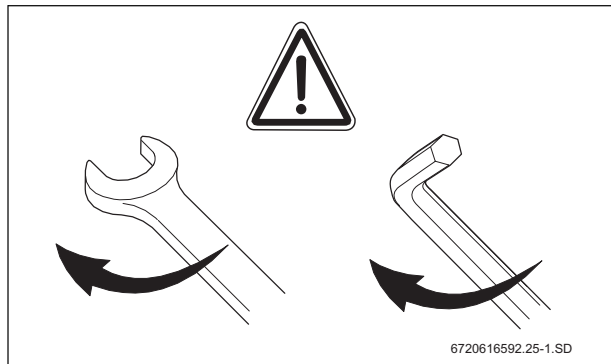


Fig. 28 Tighten all screws sufficiently

4.7 Installing collectors

For other installation steps not described here, please consult the on-roof instructions:

- Installing collectors
- Installing the collector sensor
- Connecting supply and return pipes
- Completion and final inspection

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