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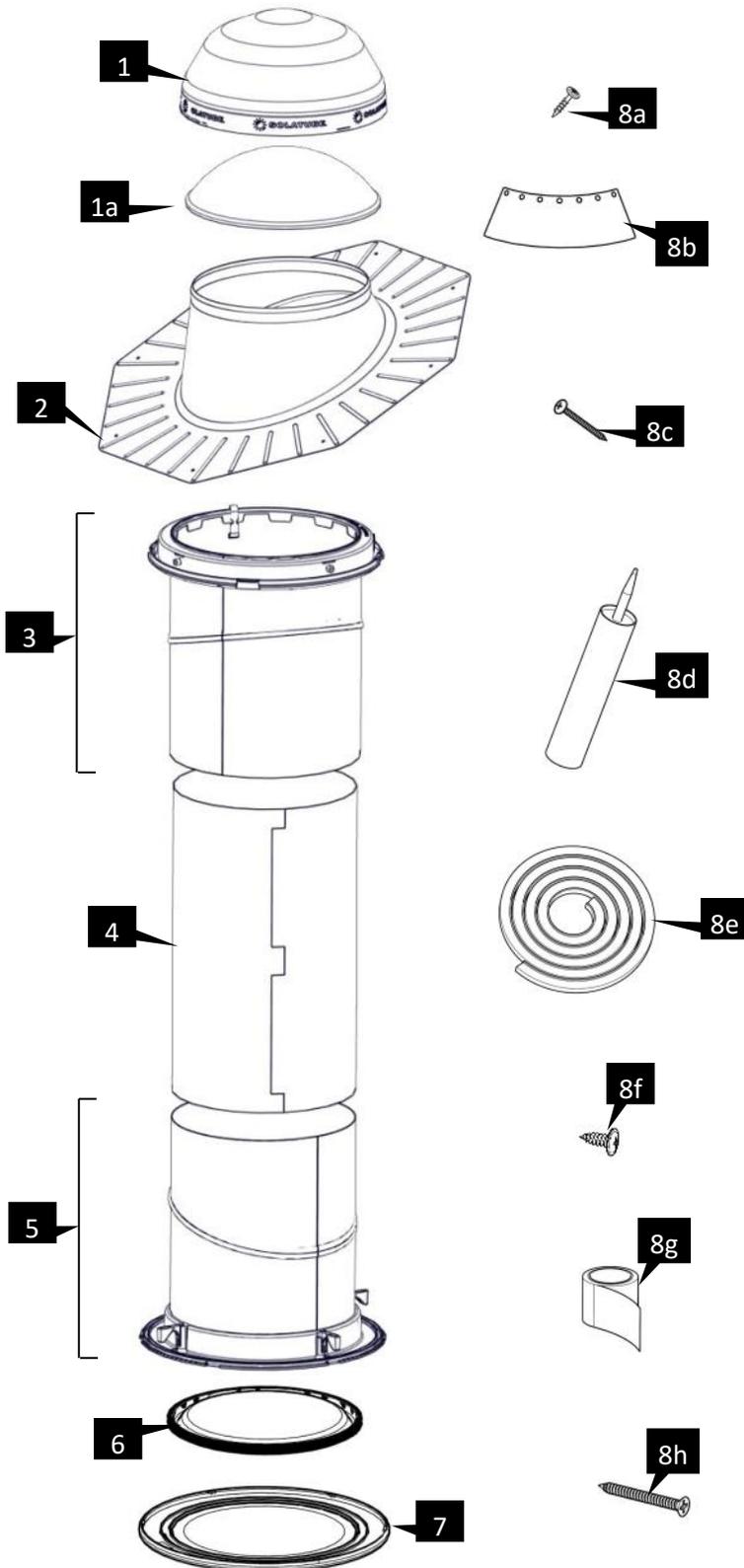
Innovation in Daylighting.

# Solatube® Brighten Up® Series

Solatube® 160 DS Daylighting System

Solatube® 290 DS Daylighting System

## Installation Instructions



Parts List *		Quantity
1	Dome with Raybender® 3000 Technology	(1)
1	a. Shock Inner Dome**	
2	Roof Flashing (pitched or no pitch)	(1)
3	Top Tube Assembly including: Dome Ring, Dome Ring Seal, Spectralight® Infinity Top Tube with Angle Adapter.	(1)
4	Spectralight® Infinity 16 in (400 mm) Extension Tube (not included in some kits, see label on box)	(2)
5	Bottom Tube Assembly including: Spectralight® Infinity Bottom Tube with Angle Adapter, Ceiling Ring	(1)
6	Effect Lens	(1)
7	Diffuser with Diffuser Seal	(1)
8	Seal and Fasteners	
	a. Dome Ring Screws - #8 X 1.25 in (32 mm)	(5)
	b. LightTracker™ Reflector	(1)
	c. Flashing Screws - #10 X 2 in (51 mm)	(8)
	d. Roof Sealant	(1)
	e. Expansion Joint Seal	(1)
	f. Tube Screws - #8 X 9/16 in (14 mm)	(10)
	g. Foil Tape - 2 in (51 mm) X 18 ft (5.5 m) roll	(1)
h. Drywall Screws - #6 X 1 5/8 in (40 mm)	(4)	

### Required Tools:

Keyhole Saw
Saber or Reciprocating Saw
Hammer
Flat Bar
Utility Knife
Tape Measure
Caulking Gun
Screw Gun with Phillips Head
Lumber Crayon
Magnetic Compass
Required Safety Equipment

\*Components shown not included in all kits, see label on box.

\*\*High Velocity Hurricane Zones: Shock Inner Dome must be installed with dome. To meet HVHZ requirements, use a six inch no pitch flashing or a pitched flashing with a four inch turret extension.

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# **WARNING**



**Do not proceed with the installation until you have read the entire instructions, including these warnings. (Use of materials or methods not authorized by Solatube International will result in an invalid warranty.)**

Solatube International, Inc. (seller) assumes no responsibility or obligation whatsoever for the failure of an architect, contractor, installer, or building owner to comply with all applicable laws, ordinances, building codes, electrical codes, energy codes, fire and safety codes and requirements, roof warranties and adequate safety precautions. Installation of this product should be attempted only by individuals skilled in the use of the tools and equipment necessary for installation. Protect yourself and all persons and property during installation. If you have any doubt concerning your competence or expertise, consult a qualified expert before proceeding.



## **Install at your own risk!**

Solatube product installations may be dangerous and include the potential for death, personal injury and property damage. The hazardous conditions include but are not limited to the following:

- **During installation, the Solatube Daylighting System's reflective tubes may focus sunlight, causing intense heat or fire. Remove protective film only after the parts have been installed. Prior to and during installation, do not leave tubes in contact with combustible materials or unattended, especially near direct sunlight. Avoid skin burns.**
- **Do not leave debris from installation process unattended. Scrap from tubing and foil tape are highly reflective and if left unattended can focus sunlight and can cause intense heat or fire. Clean up all unused material and trash and store or discard in proper covered locations.**
- Solatube Daylighting System and Solar Star products may have sharp edges. Always wear leather or canvas gloves while handling and installing products.
- Solatube product installations require climbing and working at dangerous heights, including on ladders, scaffolding, roofs and in attic spaces. Risk of death, personal injury and property damage may result from a fall, or from falling objects. Use extreme caution to minimize risk of accidental injury, including, but not limited to the following procedures:
  - Clear area below your work space of all people, animals and other items.
  - Avoid working on surfaces that are slippery or wet.
  - Use foot-wear with excellent traction.
  - Use only strong, well supported ladders.
  - Work only in calm dry weather.
  - When in the attic, ensure that your weight is supported at all times with structurally sound framing; drywall material is not designed to carry a person's weight.
- To reduce the risk of fire, electric shock, and personal injury, basic safety precautions should always be followed when using electric tools, including always wearing safety goggles or other suitable eye protection, and ensuring work area is clear of all electrical wires, gas pipes, water pipes, and other obstacles.
- When working in the attic or other dusty areas, use of a mask or respirator is recommended to avoid lung irritation. Attic spaces may be dark, confined, and subject to extreme temperatures. Beware of sharp protruding objects. Do not attempt installation without having someone within range of your voice or close enough to come to your aid if necessary.
- Solatube products are not designed to withstand the weight of a person, tools or other objects. Walking or placing objects on the system could cause personal injury and property damage. If the product is damaged, the structural capacity may be weakened; therefore the system should be repaired immediately. For safe installation and use, do not deviate from these installation instructions.
- Additional support is recommended for long vertical and all horizontal tube runs. Review local building requirements and consult with appropriate building code official for proper material and placement of additional support. Avoid galvanic reaction (corrosion) if dissimilar metals are used.

## **Electrical Components**

- Before installing, servicing, or cleaning unit, switch power off at service panel and lock service panel to prevent power from becoming switched on accidentally. When the service disconnecting means cannot be locked, securely fasten a prominent warning device such as a tag to the service panel.

## **Re-Roofing**

- Solatube products require special care if removed for re-roofing. In order to ensure proper removal and re-installation, please contact your Solatube International representative.

**Please refer to the installation tips for the appropriate product below:**



## **Daylighting Systems Installation Tips**

These instructions are a step-by-step guide for the installation of a Solatube Daylighting System in the following conditions. For other roof types, please contact your Solatube International representative for additional information.

**Built Up Flat Roof - Single Ply/Membrane - Asphalt Shingle - Low/No Pitched - Pitched - Prefabricated Curbs - Metal Roof Panels**

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## Daylighting Systems Installation Tips (Continued)

- Allow at least 2-3 hours for the installation, particularly if this is your first installation.
- During the day, turn off all the lights in the room to see how much natural light comes in through the windows, and determine the best position for the Solatube Daylighting System. To light a specific area, place the system over the area, not in the center of the room. This will prevent the desired area from being shaded by tall objects in the room.
- Measure the distance between the roof and the ceiling. If you don't have enough tubing, contact your Solatube International representative for additional tubing.
- Avoid roof locations shaded by trees, ridges and chimneys, or near water channels or valleys. Also avoid roof areas with obstructions such as fire sprinklers, HVAC equipment, gas, water or drain pipes, air ducts or flues and make sure that the roof is adequate to endure an installation without damaging its waterproofing properties or weakening the building structure.
- All adhesives, seals and tapes are recommended to be applied to a clean and dry surface at a minimum of 70°F (21°C) for maximum performance.
- Foil tape contains a pressure sensitive adhesive and pressure must be applied at all seams for proper bonding. Foil tape is not intended for use as structural support of the extension tubes. For structural integrity use manufacturer supplied fasteners on all overlapping extension tube joints.
- Uninstalled product that is stored and exposed to excessive heat and or humidity can experience damage. Store product prior to installation in a cool dry place.



## Daylight Dimmer Installation Tips

- Install Solatube Daylight Dimmer only on a properly aligned Solatube Daylighting System.
- Use only UL recognized components approved for this listing.



## Light Add-On Kit Installation Tips

- This product is to be installed by qualified electricians only. Disconnect power before installation.
- "FOR USE IN NON-FIRE-RATED INSTALLATIONS ONLY."
- Thermally protected "TYPE IC" (insulation may contact housing).
- "ACCESS ABOVE CEILING REQUIRED."
- "SUITABLE FOR DAMP LOCATIONS." Use only as a component of Solatube Daylighting System products.
- "MIN. 60°C SUPPLY CONDUCTORS."
- Intended for installation with ½ in (12.7mm) minimum spacing from the fixture to cavity surfaces (side wall and overhead building member) and 1 in (25.4mm) minimum spacing to adjacent fixtures.
- Blinking light may indicate improper lamp wattage or type, or insulation is too close to fixture, or other condition causing overheating.

### Caution

- Risk of fire and electrical shock. Most dwellings built before 1985 have supply wire rated 60° C.
- To reduce the risk of fire, use only:
  - Any Medium Base E26 Lamp Rated 23 Watt Maximum (LED, Compact Fluorescent (CFL), or Incandescent), Maximum Overall Length (MOL) 4 3/4 in (120 mm)
  - Compact Fluorescent (4 Pin Quad Tube) 26 Watt only
- Minimum thickness of metal tubing is 0.018 in (0.47mm)



## Ventilation Add-On Kit Installation Tips

See Ventilation Add-On Kit installation instructions for tips.



## Solar Star Attic Ventilation Installation Tips

- Keep Solar Star solar panels covered until product is mounted and sealed to roof. Cover solar panel whenever motor, fan, or unit is to be serviced. Fan blade is controlled by the solar panel and may become operational when panel is exposed to sunlight.
- Solar Star products are designed for general ventilation purposes only. Do not exhaust any hazardous materials or gases such as flammable, explosive or incendiary materials.
- Solar Star products have an unguarded fan blade. Do not use Solar Star products in areas that are easily accessible.

### Caution

- Carbon monoxide may be drawn into a house or attic space with the operation of Solar Star products if fuel-burning equipment is not serviced or monitored regularly. Carbon monoxide (CO) is a colorless, odorless gas that can be hazardous to your health and may cause death. Fuel-burning equipment must have proper ventilation, Solar Star products are not designed to provide ventilation for fuel-burning products.

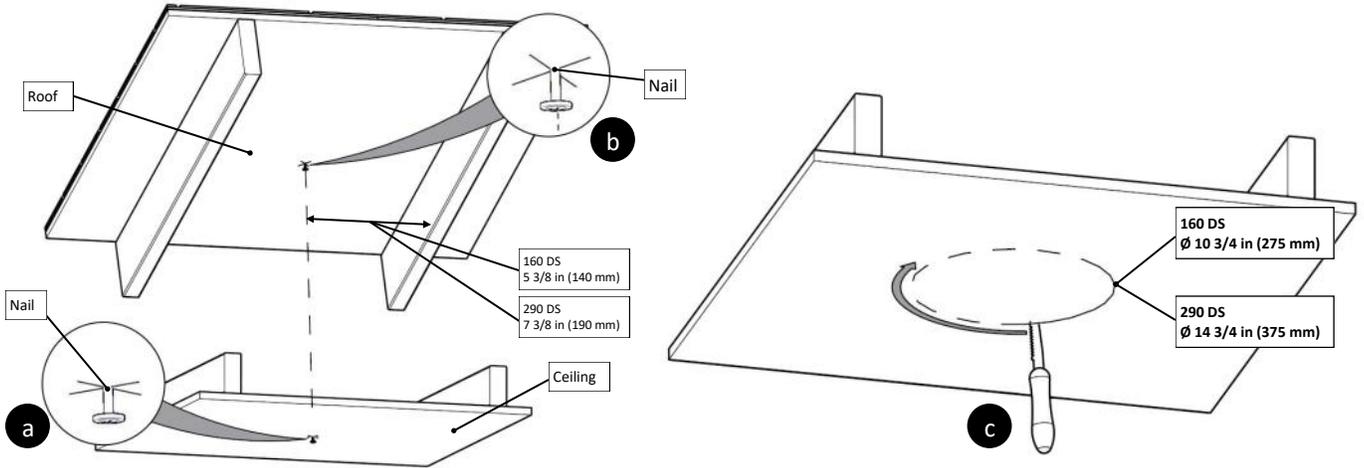
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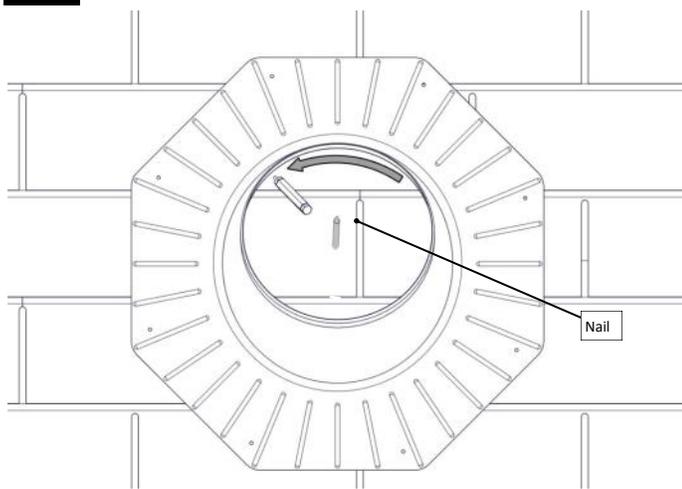
Mark Ceiling and Roof Location Between Joists and Rafters Using Nails. Cut Ceiling Hole.

Minimum clearance of 5 3/8 in (140 mm) for 160 DS and 7 3/8 in (190 mm) for 290 DS between nail hole center and joist.



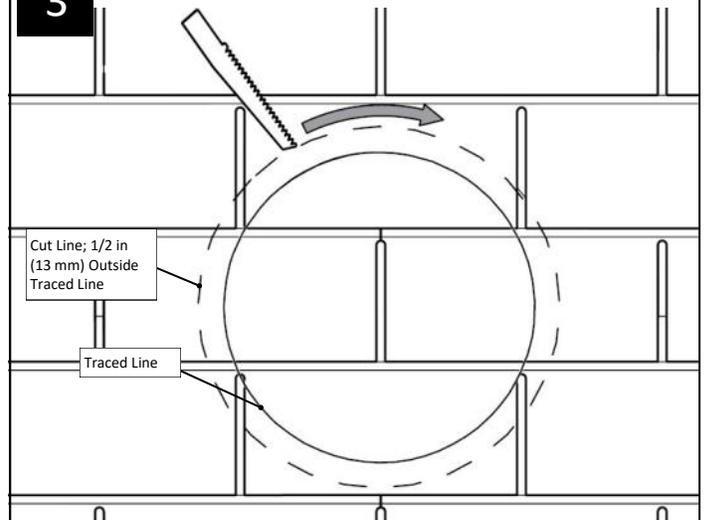
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Center on Nail and Trace Inside Flashing Base



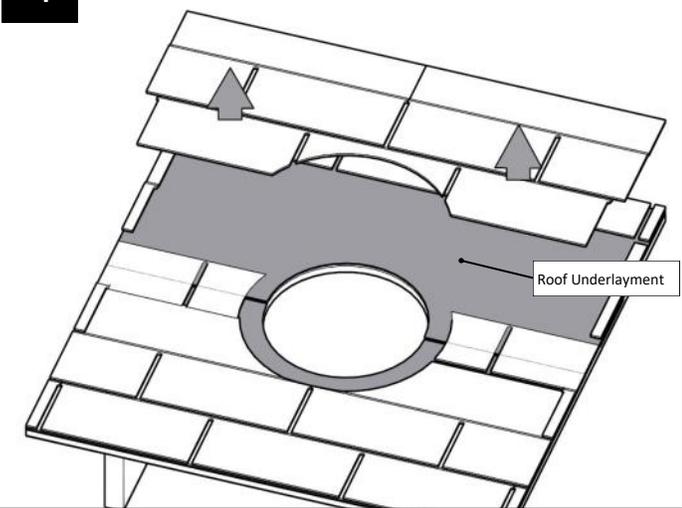
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Cut Roof Opening



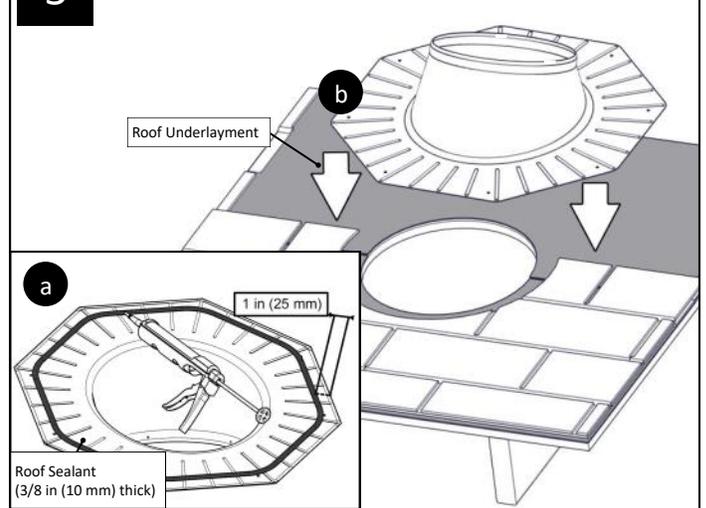
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Remove Roof Shingles



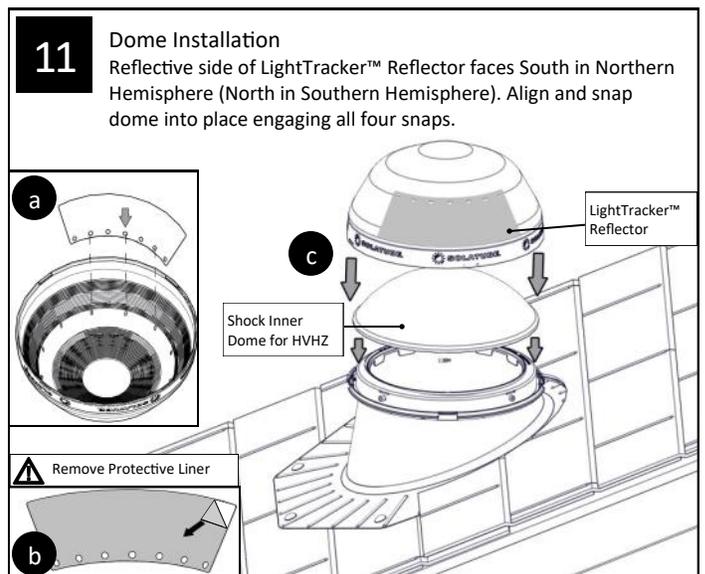
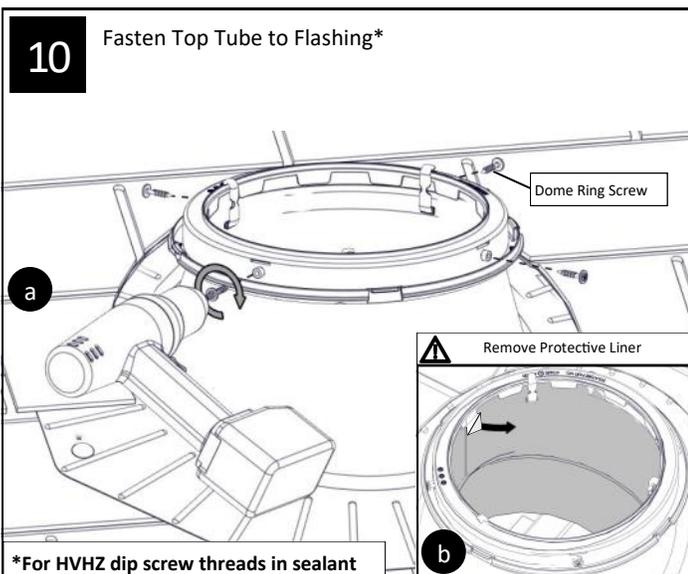
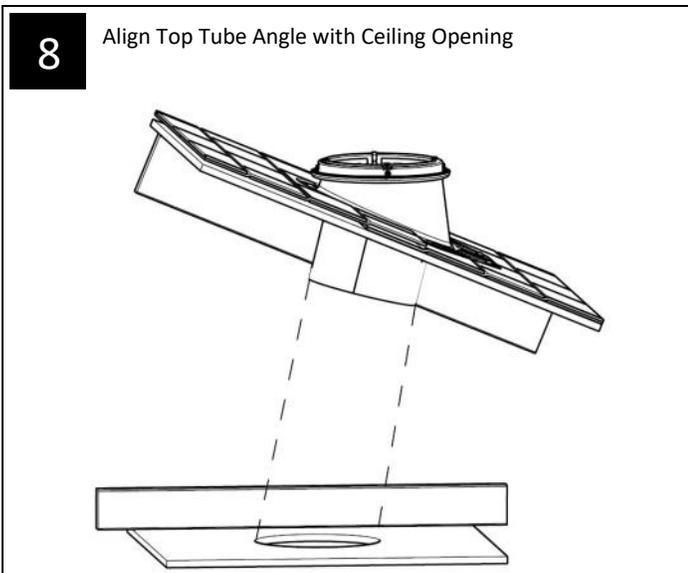
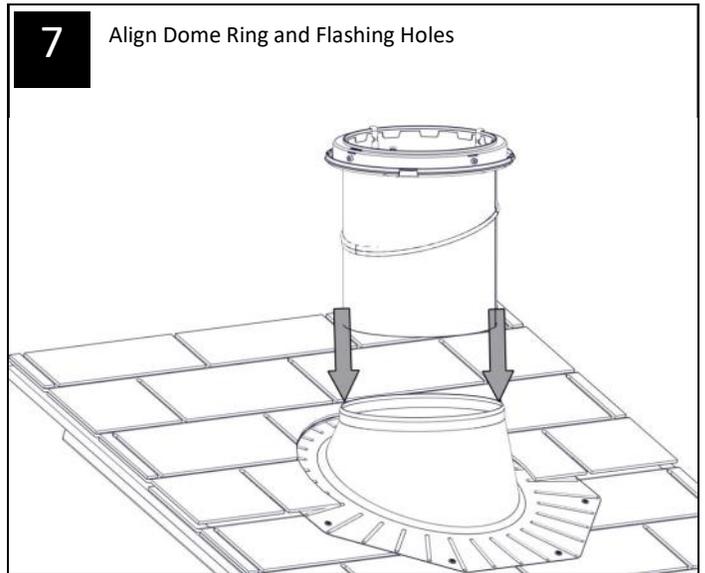
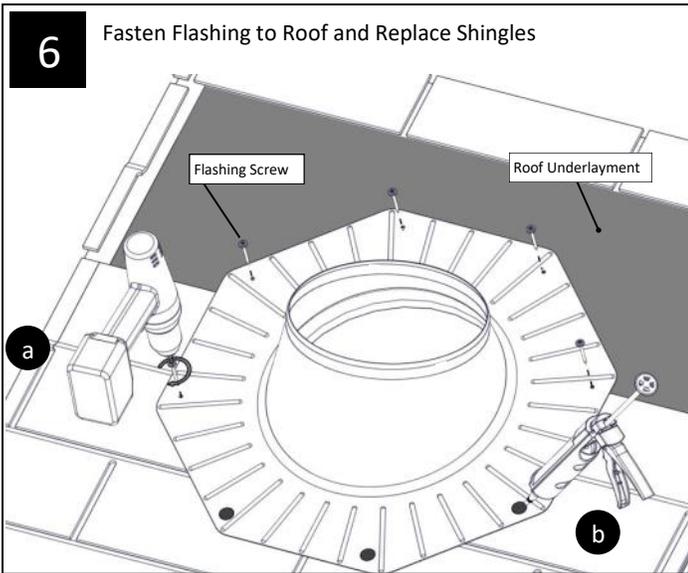
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Set Flashing



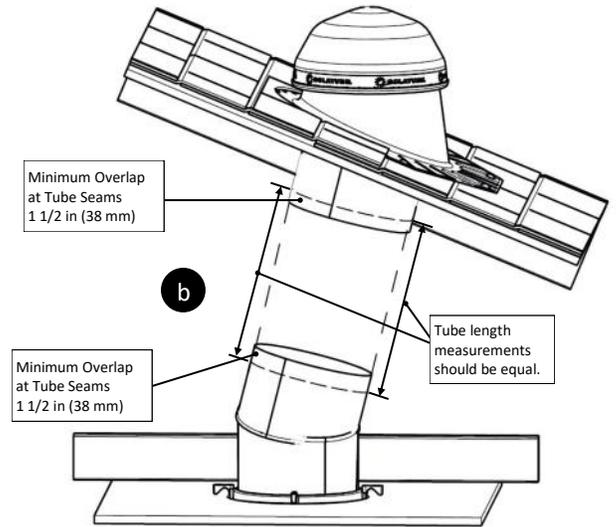
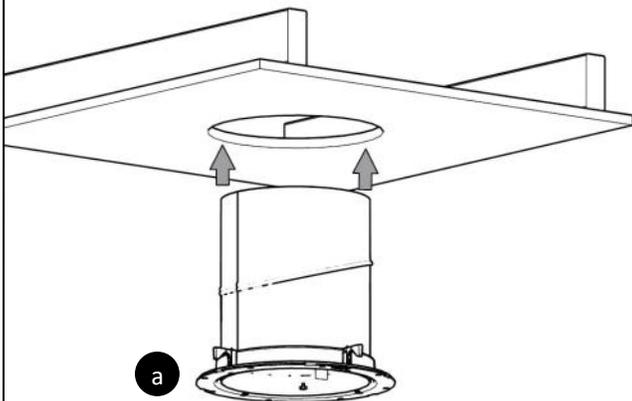
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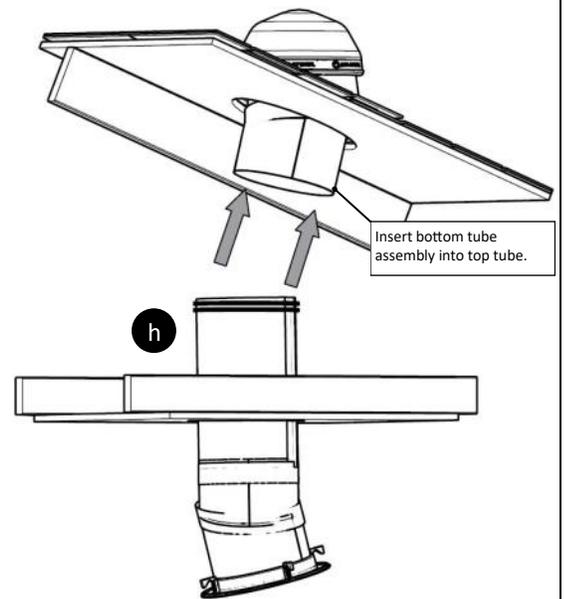
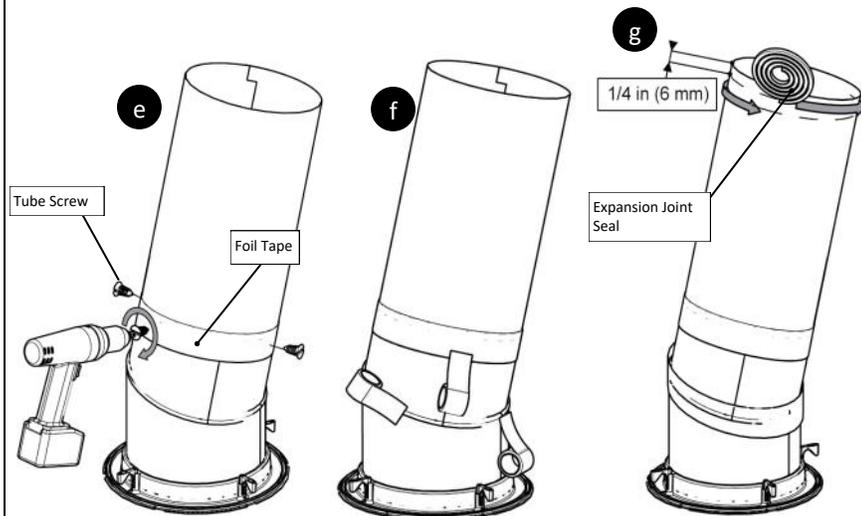
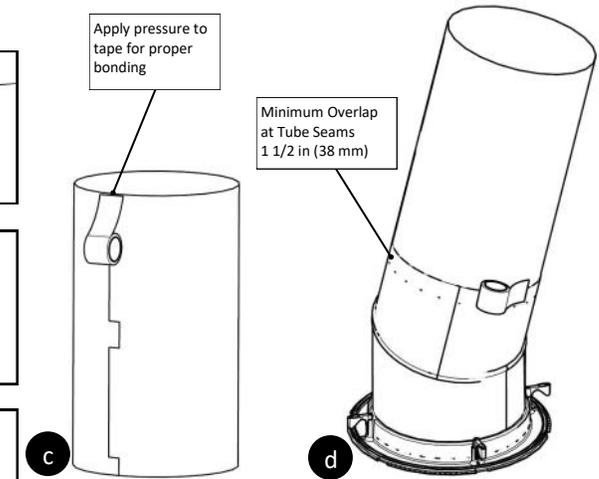
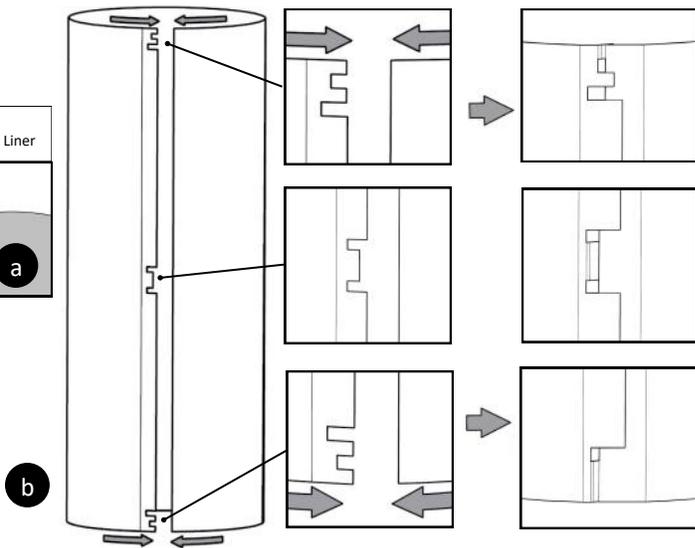
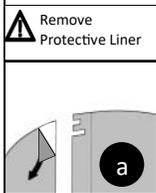
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Insert Bottom Tube  
Align and measure tube run.



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Assemble and Install Tube Run  
Use notches to create a tapered tube.

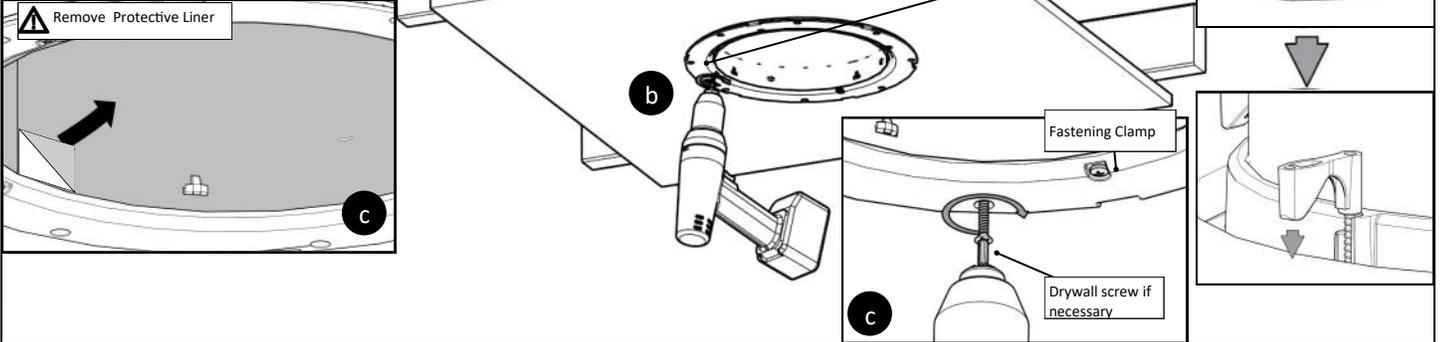


Apply foil tap to all seams and joints.

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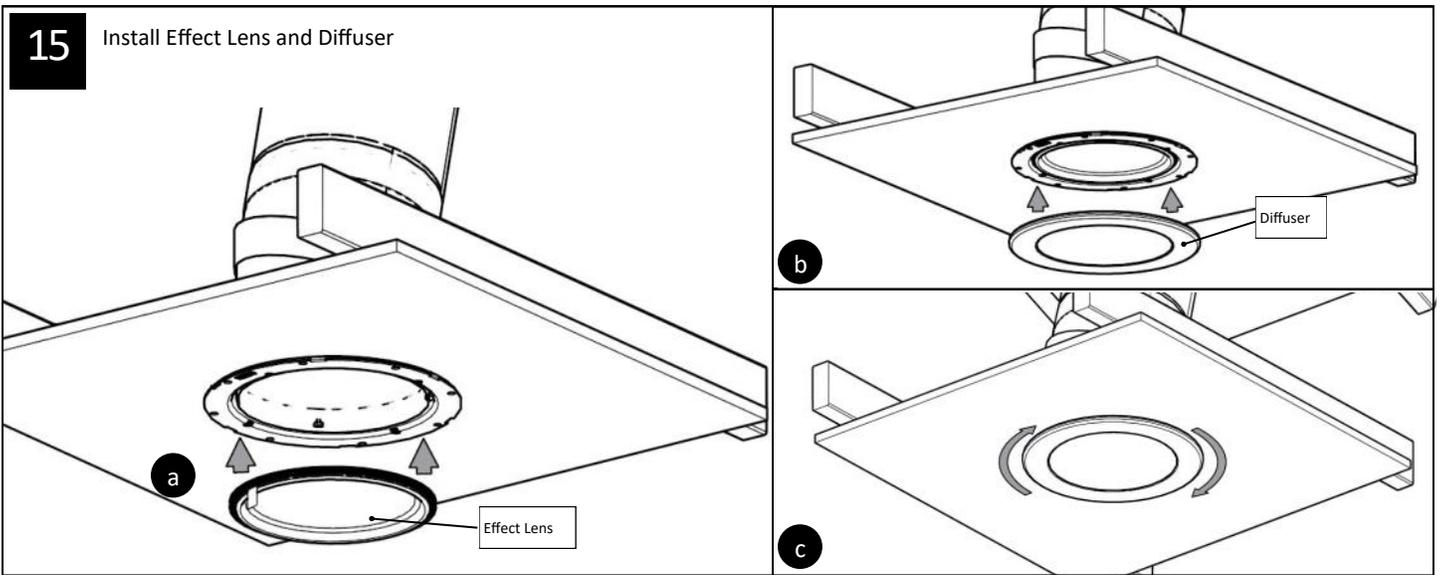
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Fasten to Ceiling  
Use drywall screws if fastening clamps do not engage ceiling.



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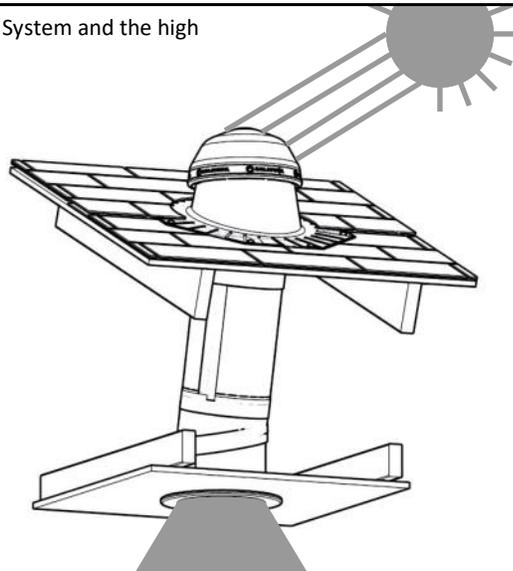
Install Effect Lens and Diffuser



**!** Diffuser Cleaning Tip. If cleaning is necessary, wipe Diffuser or Decorative Fixture with a soft cloth or microfiber and water only to prevent scratches. Refer to Solatube Products Ownership and Care guide ( Part Number 950910) for more details.

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Now you can enjoy the benefits of your Solatube Daylighting System and the high performance, natural lighting it provides.

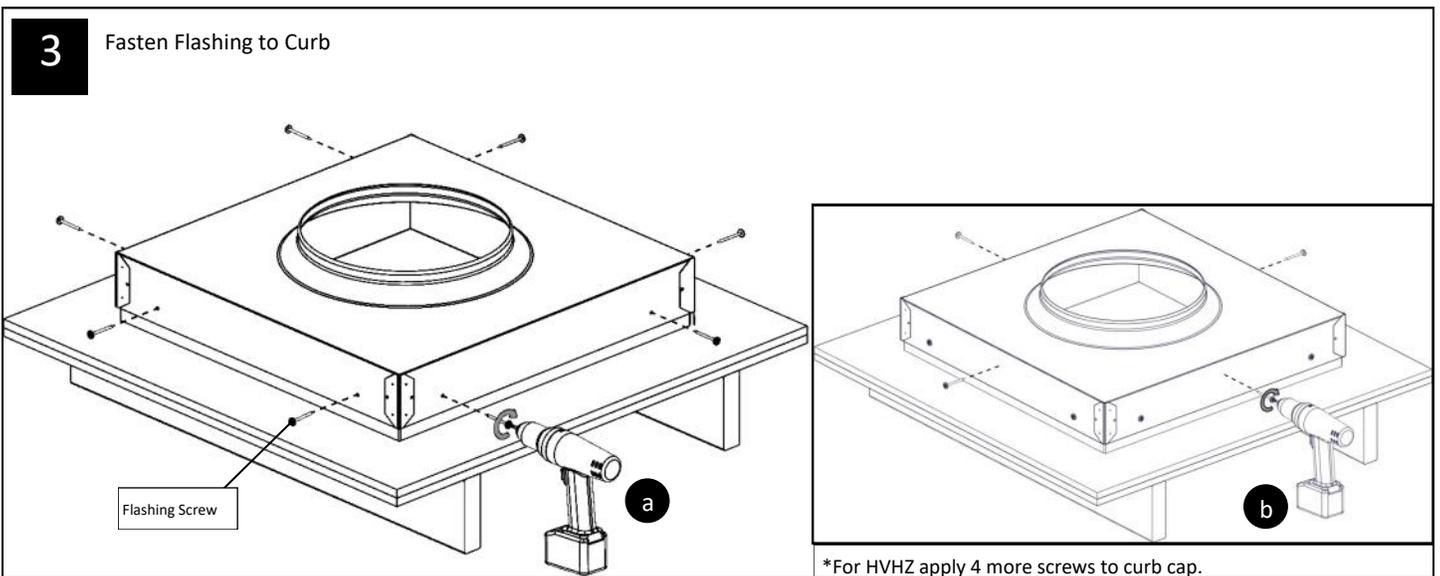
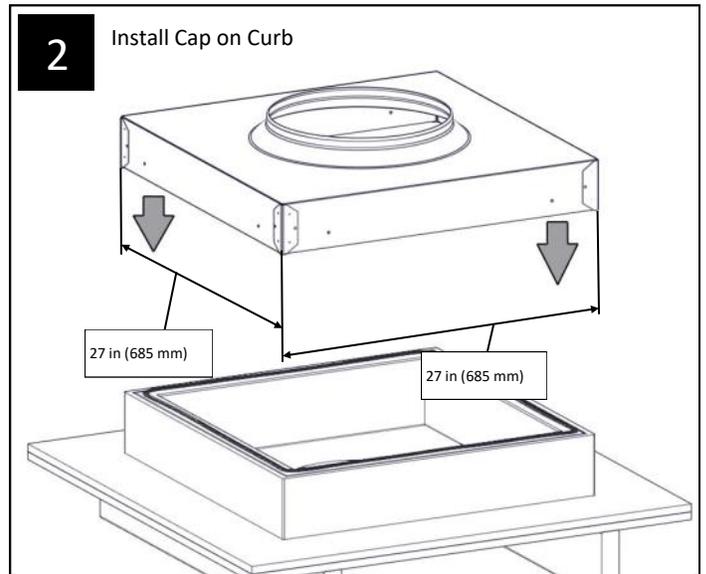
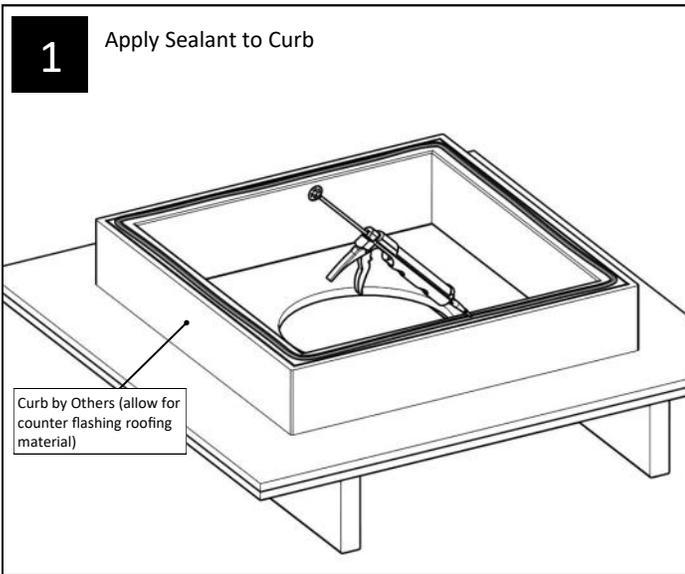


Please refer to the following section for a list of alternative flashings and accessories.

# Curb Mounted Flashing Installation Instructions Appendix

Parts List	Quantity
1 290 DS (14 in/350 mm) Curb Mounted Flashing (Inside Dimension 27 in (685 mm) X 27 in (685 mm))	(1)

Additional Materials and Tools	Quantity
1 Roof Sealant	(1)
2 Flashing Screws #10 X 2 in (50 mm)	(8)

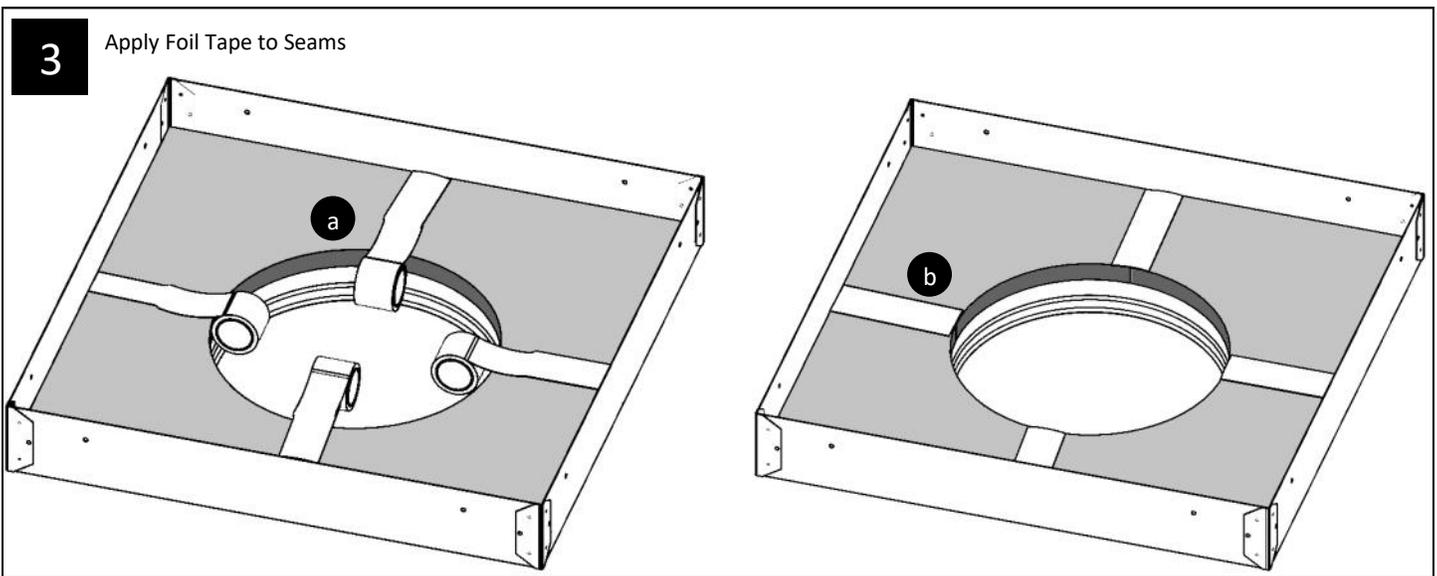
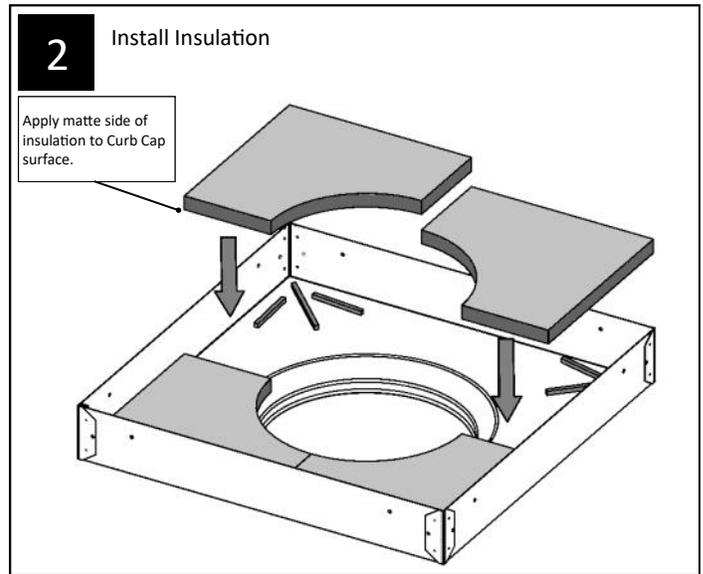
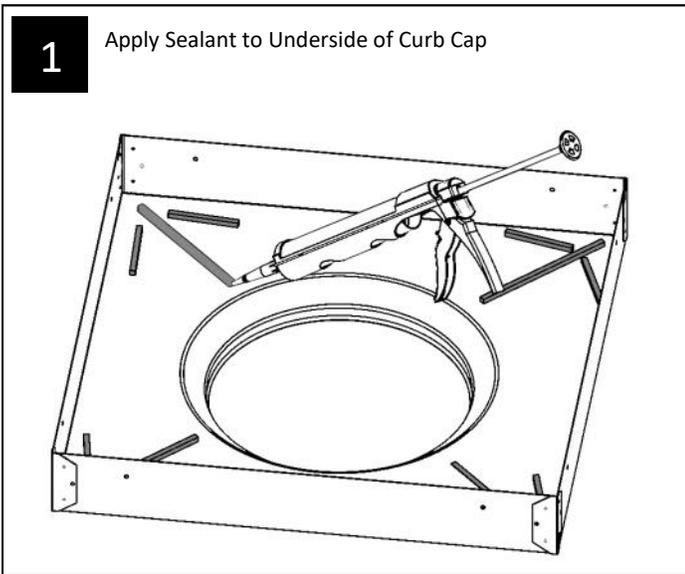


# Curb Cap Flashing Insulation

## Installation Instructions Appendix

Parts List	Quantity
1 290 DS (14 in/350 mm) Curb Insulation	(4)

Additional Materials and Tools	Quantity
1 Roof Sealant	(1)
2 Foil Tape	(1)



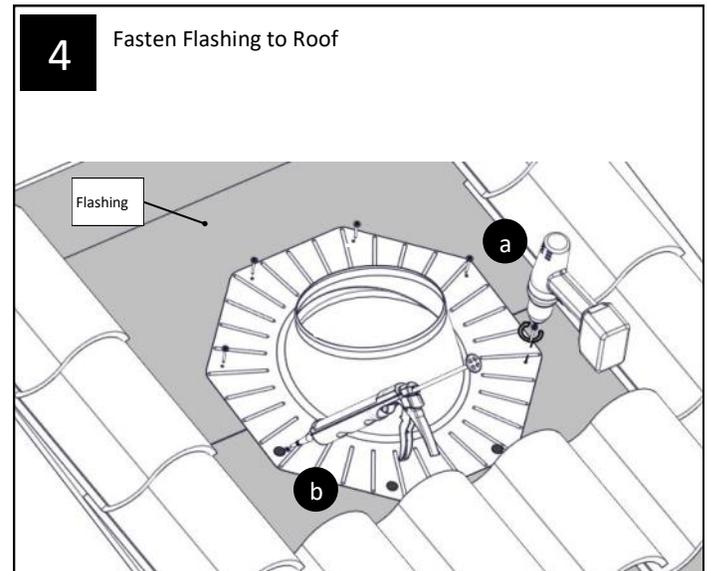
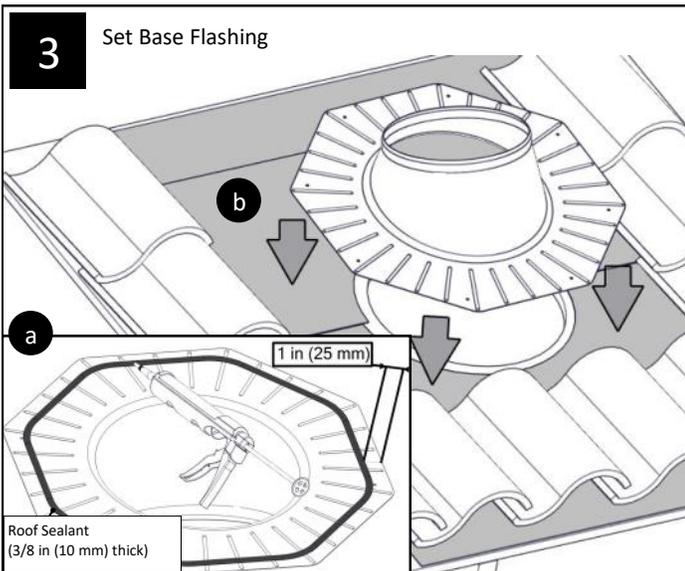
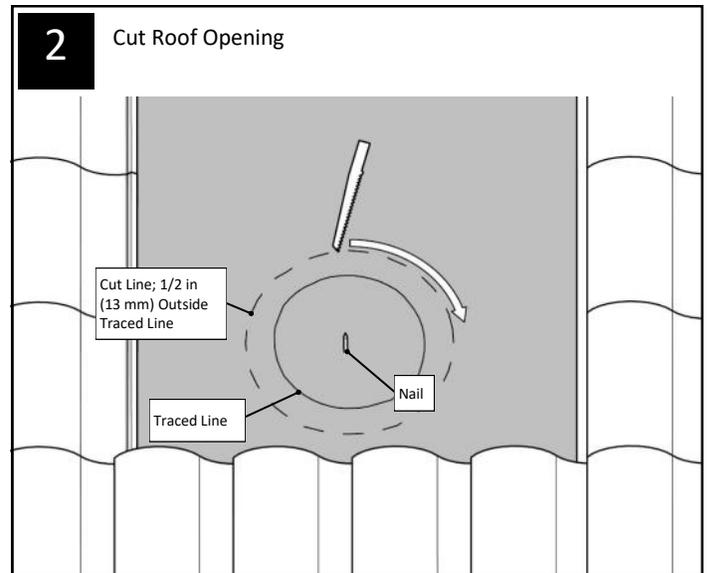
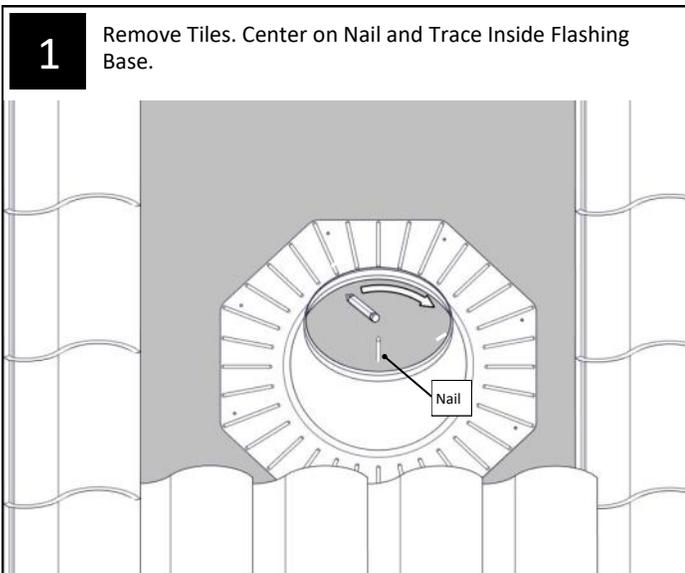
# Universal Tile Flashing Installation Instructions Appendix (with Base Flashing)

Parts List	Quantity
1 Tile Flashing (Pitched or No Pitch version)	(1)
2 Base Flashing (Pitched or No Pitch version)	(1)
2 Aluminum "L" bracket	(4)
3 #8 X 1/4 in (6 mm) screws	(8)

Additional Materials and Tools	Quantity
1 Roof Sealant	(1)
2 Flashing Screws—#10 X 2 in (50 mm) screws	(8)
3 Tile Grinder	(1)

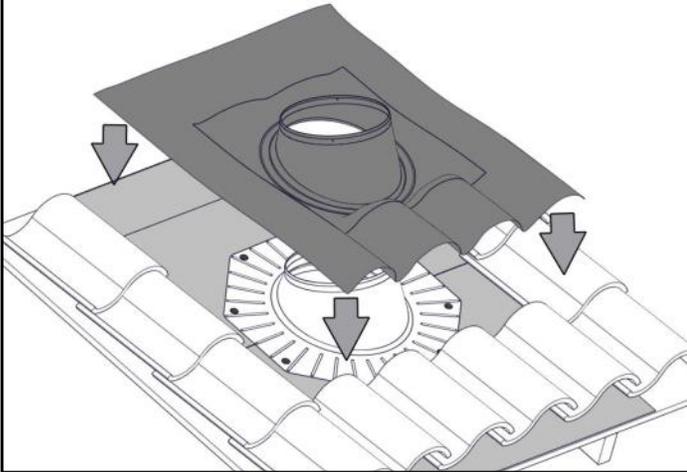
**Note:** These instructions are for non-HVHZ areas only. Contact a Solatube International representative for recommendations in HVHZ areas.

**Caution:** The use of Portland Cement based mastic, grout, or alkaline materials will cause damage to the aluminum flashing.



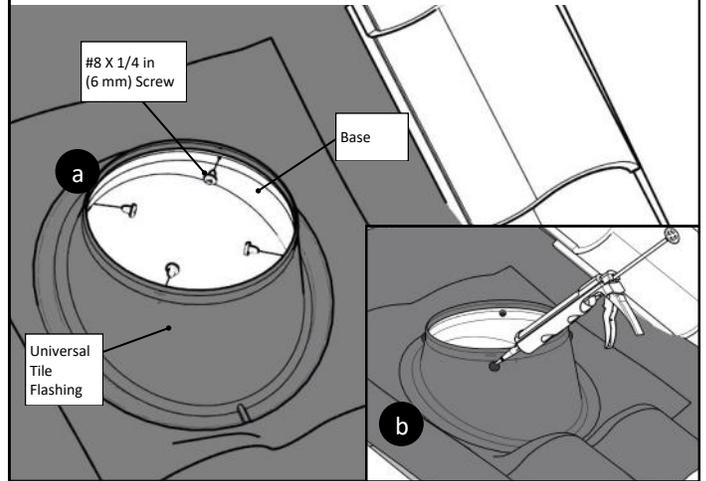
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Set Universal Tile Flashing to fit shape of roof tiles. Bend front edge of Universal Tile Flashing to fit shape of roof tiles.



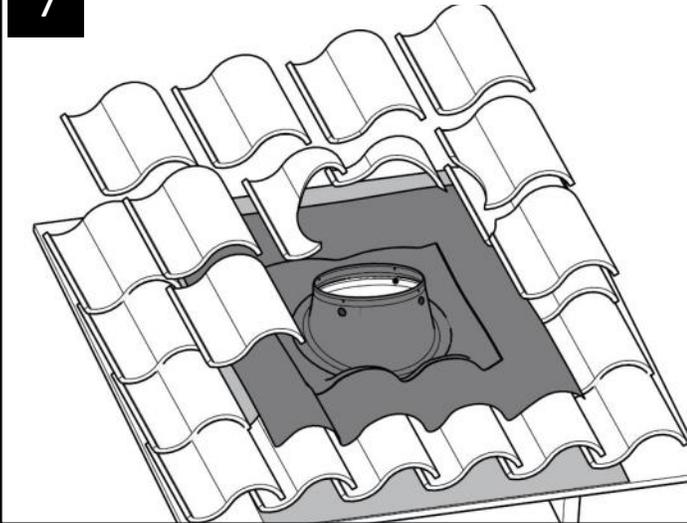
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Fasten Universal Tile Flashing to Base Flashing



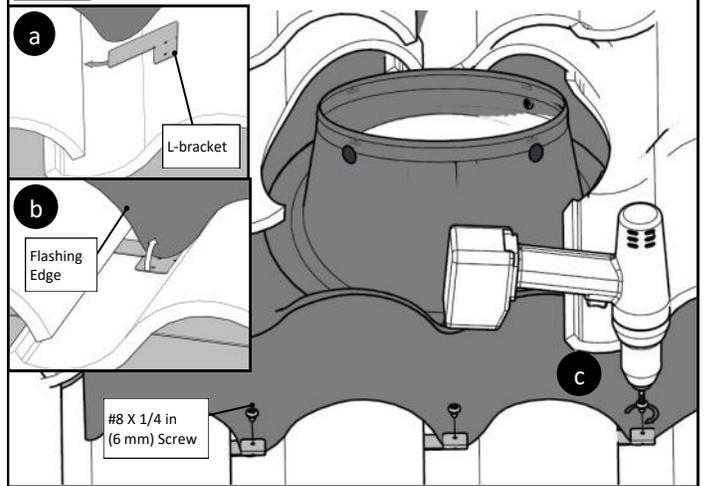
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Cut and Replace Roof Tiles



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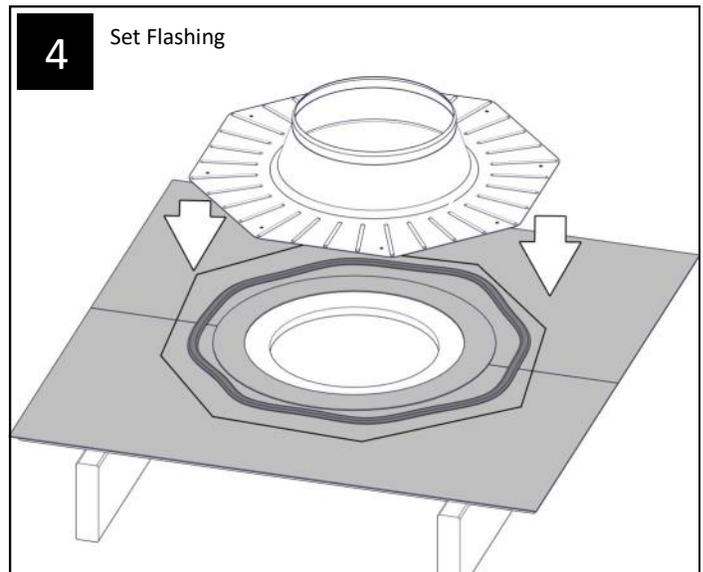
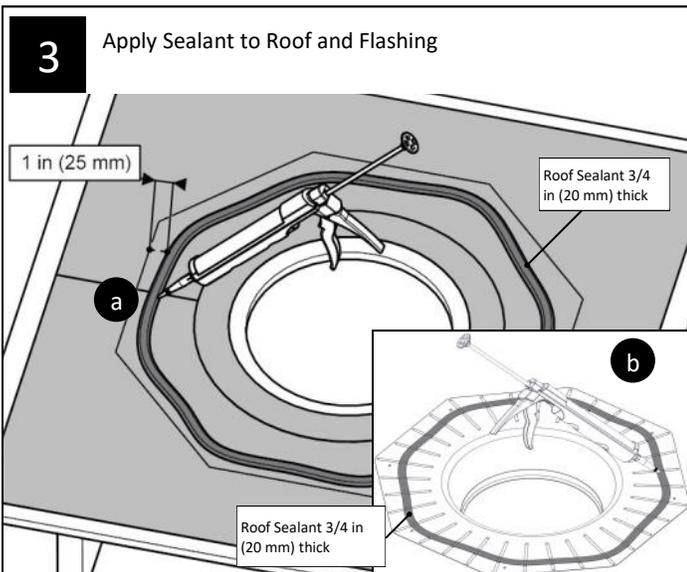
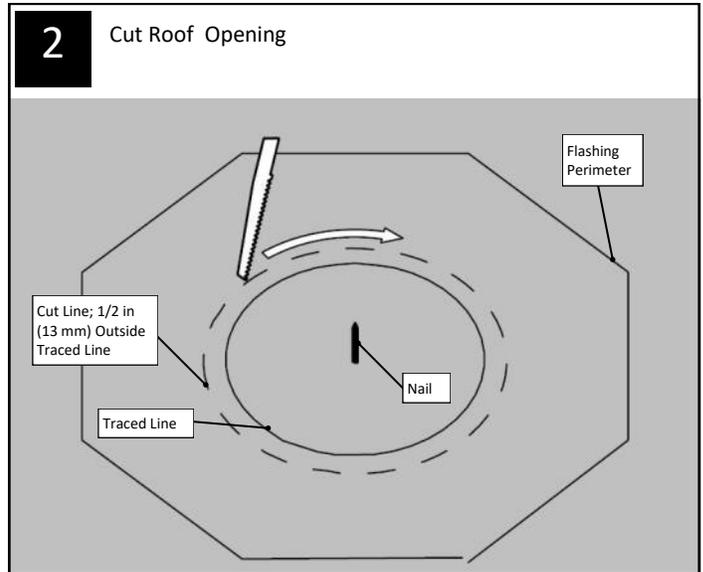
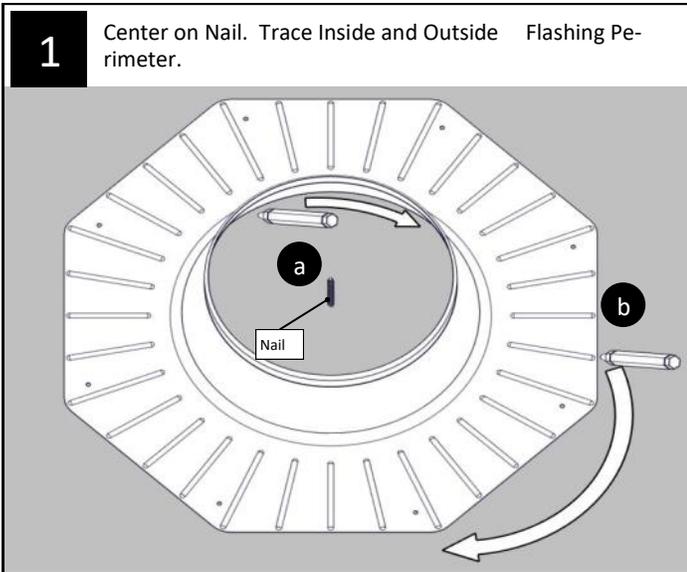
Secure Flashing to Tile

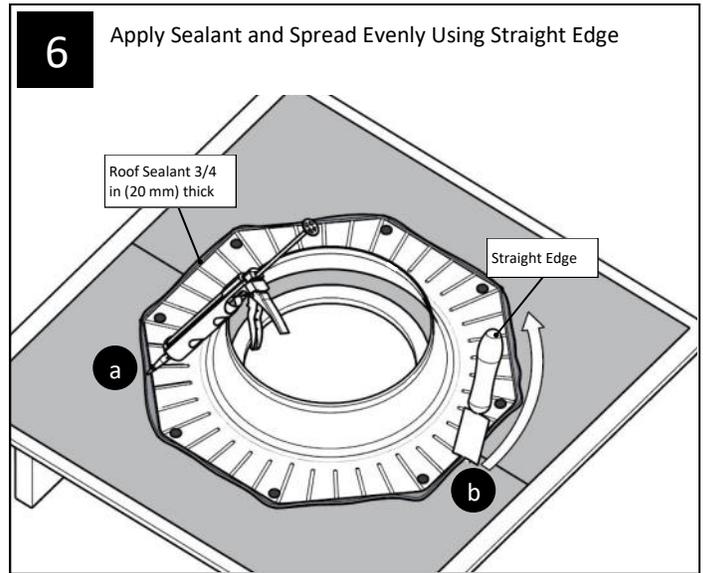
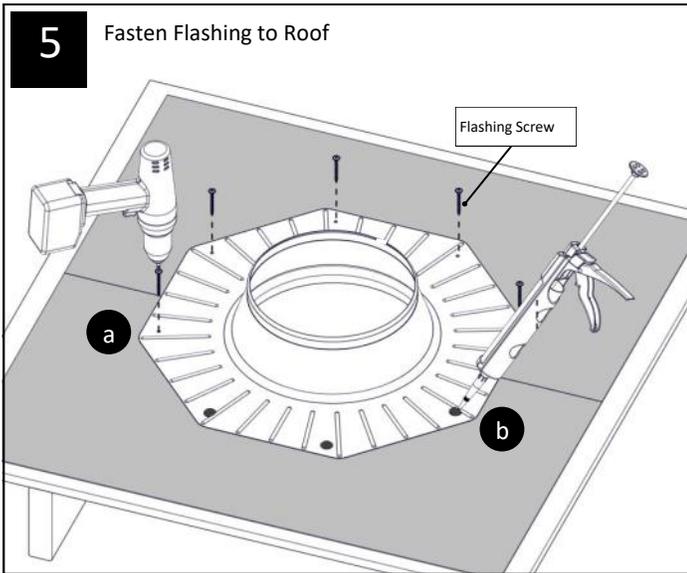


# Flat Roof Installation Instructions Appendix

Parts List		Quantity
1	Roof Flashing (no pitch)	(1)
2	Flashing Screws - #10 X 2 in (51 mm)	(8)

Additional Materials and Tools		Quantity
1	Straight Edge	(1)
2	Roof Sealant	(1)



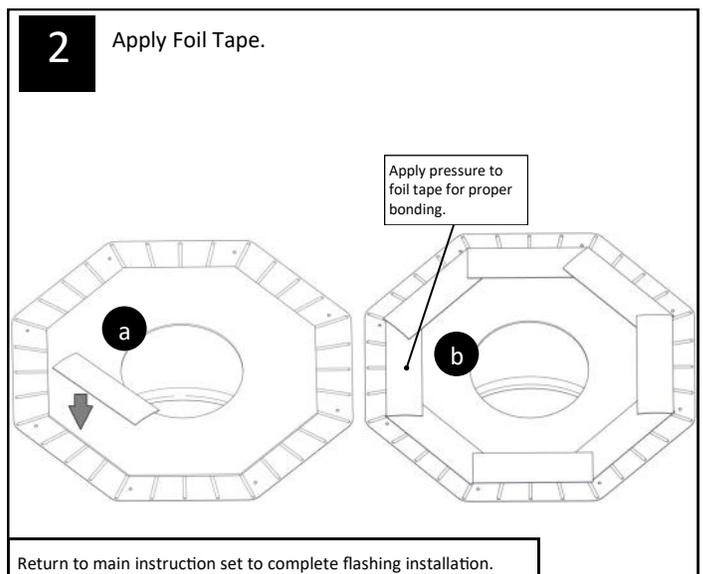
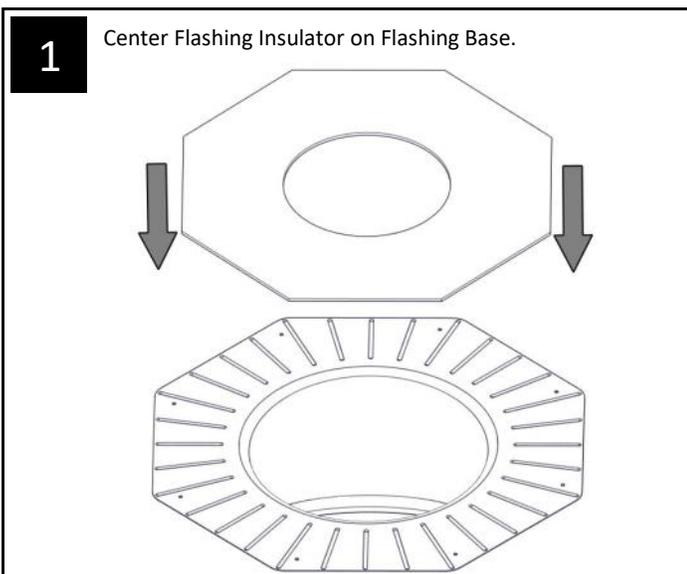


## Flashing Insulator Installation Instructions Appendix

Parts List		Quantity
1	Flashing Insulator	(1)
2	Foil Tape	(8)

Additional Materials and Tools		Quantity
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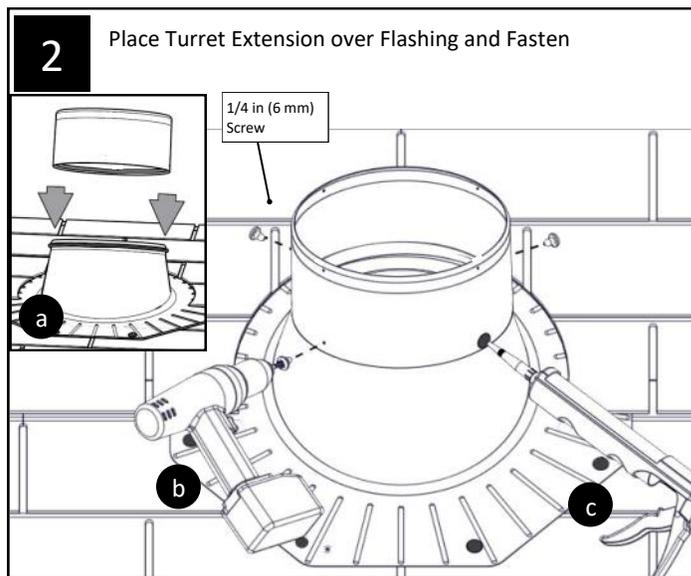
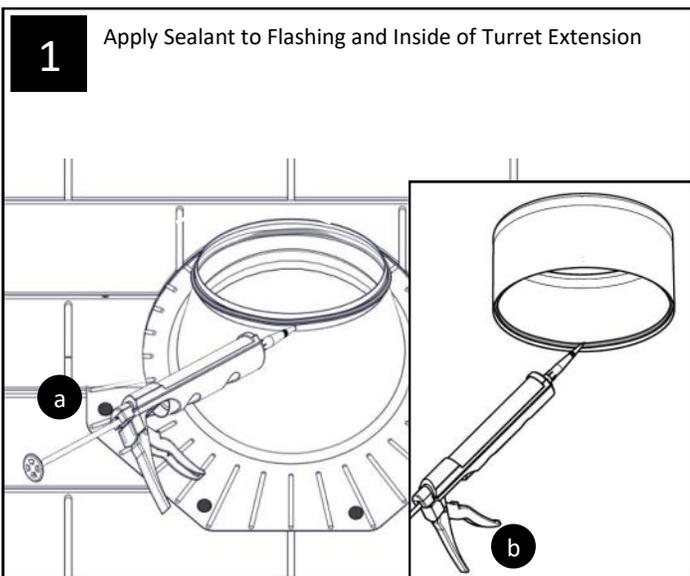
Warning: Do not expose Flashing Insulator to direct flame.



# Turret Extension Installation Instructions Appendix

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1 Turret Extension 2 in (50 mm) or 4 in (100 mm)	(1)
2 1/4 in (6 mm) screws	(4)

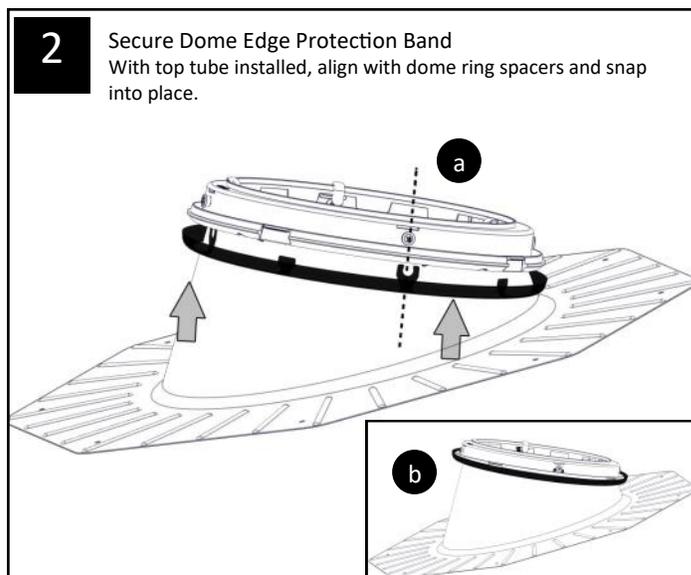
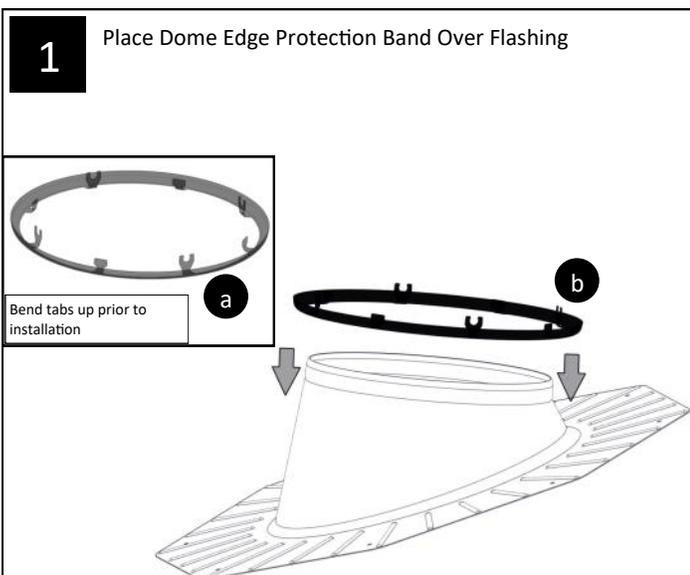
Additional Materials and Tools	Quantity
1 Roof Sealant	(1)



# Dome Edge Protection Band Installation Instructions Appendix

Parts List	Quantity
1 Dome Edge Protection Band	(1)

Additional Materials and Tools	Quantity
1 None	



# 0-90 Degree Extension Tube Installation Instructions Appendix

Parts List	Quantity
1 0-90 Degree Extension Tube	(1)
2 Tube Screws - #8 X 3/4 in (10 mm)	(4)
3 Foil Tape - 2 in (51 mm) X 6 ft (2 m)	(4)

Additional Materials and Tools	Quantity
1 None	

**1 Install 0-90 Degree Extension Tube**  
Install only between the top tube and an extension tube or two extension tubes.

Minimum overlap at tube seams 1 1/2 in (38 mm)

Foil Tape

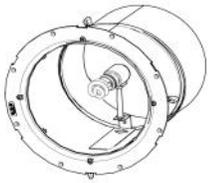
Apply pressure to tape for proper bonding

Tube Screw

Additional structural support may be required for horizontal tube runs. Consult local building code.

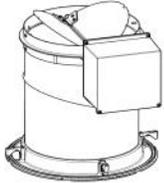
# Solatube Brighten Up® Series Accessories

Add more function by upgrading your Solatube Daylighting System with any of these great accessories.



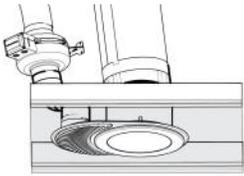
## Light Add-On Kit

When equipped with a light add on kit, the Solatube Daylighting System provides the convenience of a switched light for night time use. Available in an energy efficient compact fluorescent design that meets California Title 24 requirements and in a universal fixture.



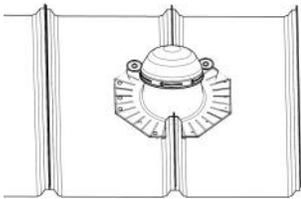
## Daylight Dimmer

Because you don't need 100% of the light 100% of the time, the innovative Solatube Daylight Dimmer easily controls the amount of daylight entering a room with the convenience of a switch. Our patented variable butterfly baffle controls the light output.



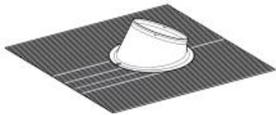
## Ventilation Add-On Kit

The Solatube 160 DS is available with an optional Ventilation Add-On Kit. When combined with this innovative accessory, the 2-in -1 ceiling fixture minimizes ceiling penetrations for a more attractive look.



## Metal Roof Installation Kit

Order this kit for installation of a Solatube 160 DS or 290 DS flashing onto a standing seam metal roof.



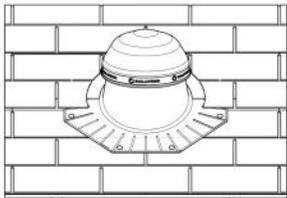
## Universal Tile Flashing (for applications without base flashing)

The Universal Tile Flashing integrates seamlessly with most tile profiles. The malleable flashing skirt, available with a pitched or no pitch turret, easily adapts to the shape of the tile.



## Dome Upgrade Kit

Upgrade an older Solatube product to take advantage of Solatube's patented Raybender™ 3000 Technology. The dome upgrade kit is installed without removing previous flashing or tubing.



## Re-Roofing Recommendations

Solatube products require special care if removed for re-roofing. Refer to the Solatube Re-Roofing Recommendations to ensure proper removal and re-installation.

**Not all items available for all markets. Contact your Solatube International representative for availability.**

For the most current Installation Instructions, please visit [www.solatube.com/instructions](http://www.solatube.com/instructions)  
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