# Code for Hydraulic Flow Scheme of Solar Thermal Collectors

**{F}-{O}-{CL}-{A:Ø,L}-{C:Ø,L} Hydraulic Designation Code HDC** 

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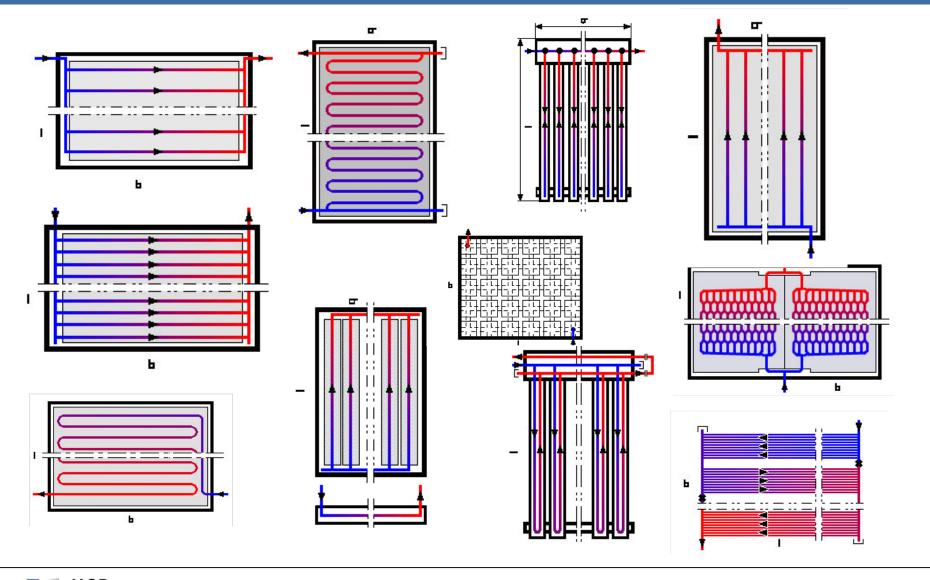


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## Flow schemes - and many more of course







#### Intention

#### Make available the following information in a unambiguous code

Hydraulic Configuration / Flow Scheme

Length and inner diameter(s) of the absorber tubes Number of parallel absorber tubes

Number of serial groups

Length and Inner Diameter Header Tube

Length/Innerdiameter of Connector/Compensato

WHY?

Important information for planners
Distinguish between hydraulically different collectors





# **Proposal**

**«Hydraulic Designation Code» HDC** 

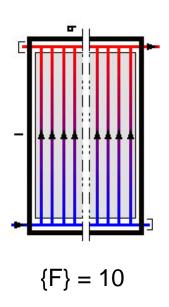


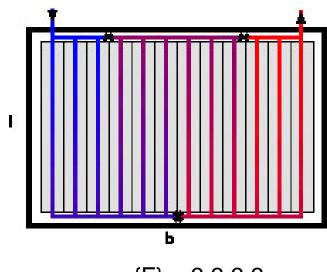
#### **{F} Hydraulic Flow Scheme Code (Definition)**

- {F} Number of serial groups/Flowscheme, i.e. Absorber elements N = N parallel tubes (N ≥ 1)
   1= Serpentine (usually)
   12=Harp with 12 tubes
   3,4,6 = Serial bundles of 3, 4 and 6 parallel tubes
   X = Any other flow scheme
- {F} is mandatory

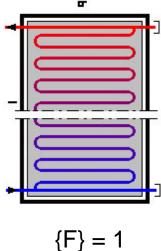


## **{F} Hydraulic Flow Scheme Code (Examples)**





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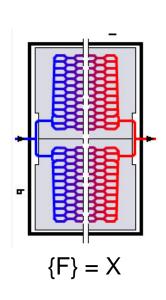


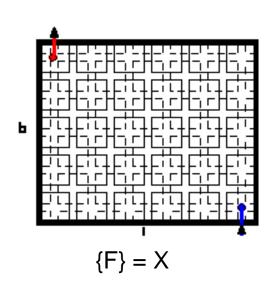
$$\{F\}=1$$

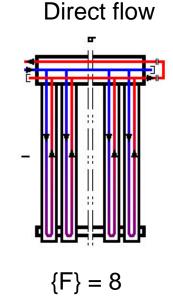


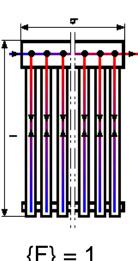
## **{F} Hydraulic Flow Scheme Code (Examples)**

**(F)**-{O}-{CL}-{A:Ø,L}-{C:Ø,L}









Heatpipe



## **{O} Orientation (Definition)**

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{F}-{O}-{CL}-{A:Ø,L}-{C:Ø,L}
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■ {O} Orientation of main <u>flow\*</u> elements (as tested):

V = Vertical

H = Horizontal

VH = Tested as V, can be installed H as well

HV = Tested as H, can be installed V as well

X = Can not be described as V or H

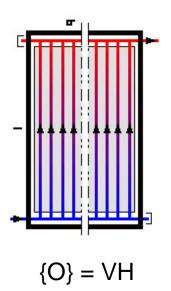
\* Flow of the hydraulic loop (in and outlet), Heatpipe is not "flow"

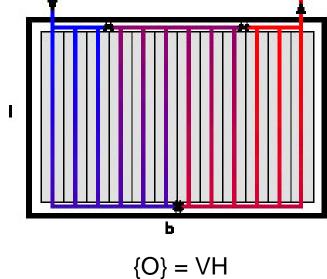
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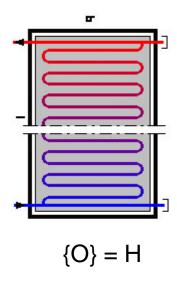




## **{O} Orientation (Examples)**



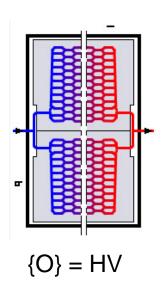


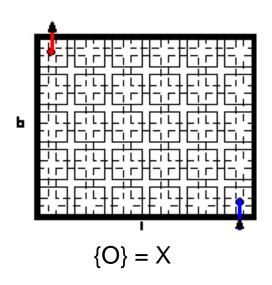


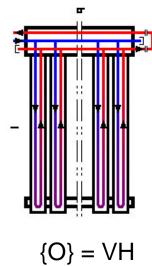


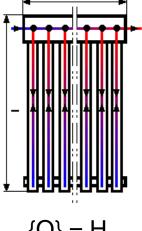


## **{O} Orientation (Examples)**











#### **{CL} Connectors location and direction (Definition)**

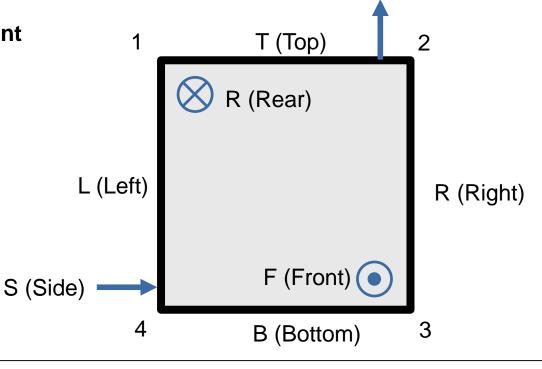
$$\{T\}-\{F\}-\{O\}-\{CL\}-\{A:\emptyset,L\}-\{C:\emptyset,L\}$$

{CL} Connector location and direction

1,2,3,4,T,R,B,L Top, Right, Bottom, Left S,R,V,F Side, Rear, Vertical, Front

In the rare case of different directions: separate by commas Example: {CL} = 1F,3R

■ {CL} is mandatory

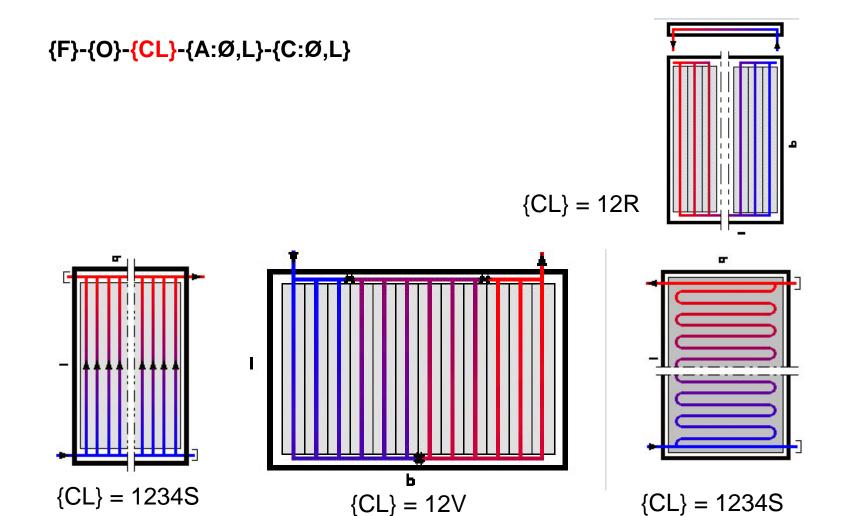






V (Vertical)

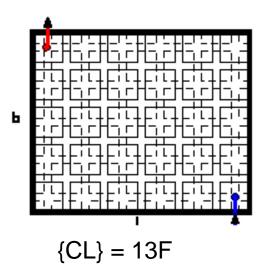
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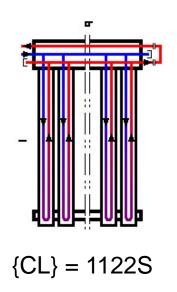


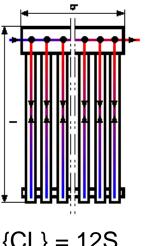




## **{CL} Connectors location and direction (Examples)**







$$\{CL\} = 12S$$



## {A:Ø,L} Absorber Element Details (Definition)

{F}-{O}-{CL}-{A:Ø,L}-{C:Ø,L}

- Absorber element is where the fluid is heated up
- {A:Ø,L} Inner diameter [mm] and length of the main single absorber element(s) [mm]

8,23000: 8mm inner diameter, length of 23 m 10, 1900: 10mm inner diameter, length of 1.9 m

If variable diameters: Minimum diameter

If not round tube: Equivalent diameter giving the same area

If different lengths: Average value

If several different absorber tubes: Several statements are possible

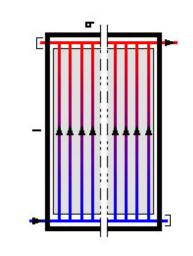
such as A:8,1000-A:10,1200

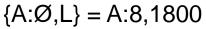
If not clear what to write: Indicate A:X

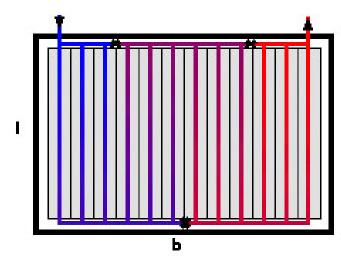




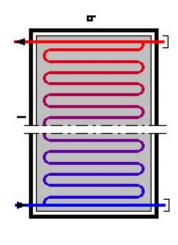
## {A:Ø,L} Absorber Element Details (Examples)







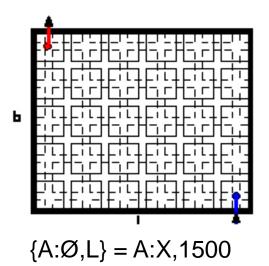
$$\{A:\emptyset,L\} = A:8,1000$$

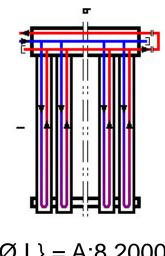


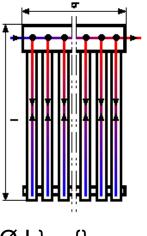
$$\{A:\emptyset,L\} = A:10,20000$$



## {A:Ø,L} Absorber Element Details (Examples)









## {C:Ø,L} Collector Element Details (Definition)

{F}-{O}-{CL}-{A:Ø,L}-{C:Ø,L}

- Collector is where the absorber tubes are collected
- {C:Ø,L} inner diameter [mm] and length of the collector element(s) [mm] 8,23000: 8mm inner diameter, length of 23 m 10,1900: 10mm inner diameter, length of 1.9 m
- If variable diameter: Minimum diameter If not round tube: Equivalent diameter If different lengths: Average value

If different collector tubes: Several statements are possible

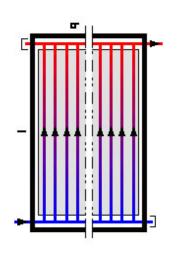
such as C:22,900-C:22,3000

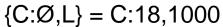
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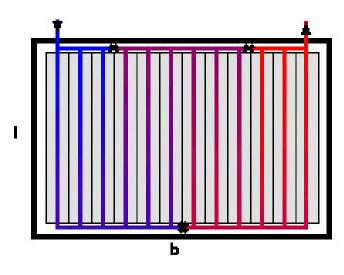




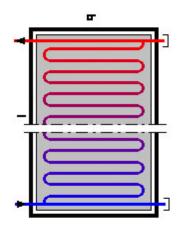
## {C:Ø,L} Collector Element Details (Examples)







$$\{C:\emptyset,L\} = C:18,2200$$

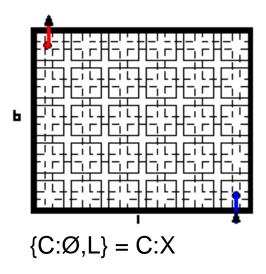


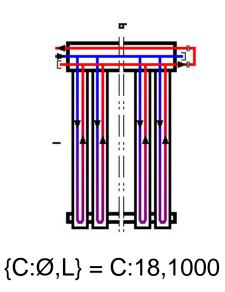
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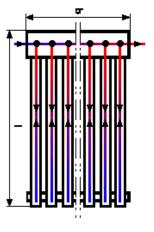


## {C:Ø,L} Collector Element Details (Examples)

{F}-{O}-{CL}-{A:Ø,L}-{C:Ø,L}







 $\{C:\emptyset,L\} = A:18,1000$ 



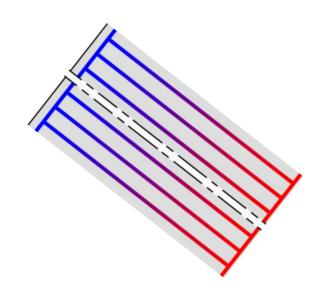
## {A:Ø,L} - {C:Ø,L} Collector Element Details (Definition)

- Either {A:Ø,L} or {C:Ø,L} must be indicated
- If {A:Ø,L} = {C:Ø,L} then indicate only one {AC:Ø,L}



10-HV-1234S-A:8,1900-C:18,1000

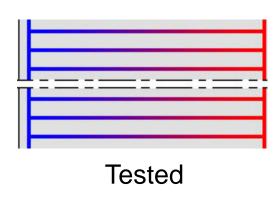
10 parallel tubes

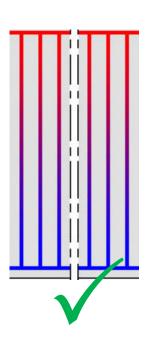




10-HV-1234S-A:8,1900-C:18,1000

10 parallel tubes, horizontal as tested, can be installed vertical,



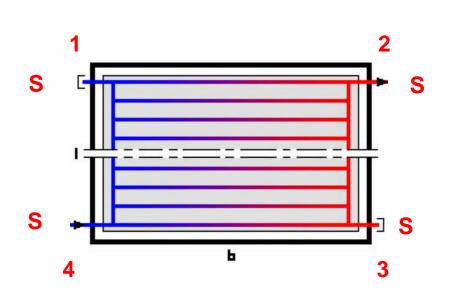


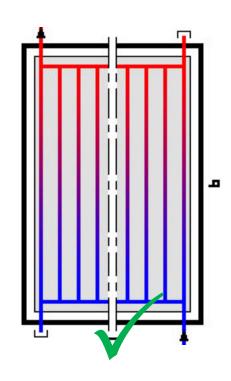




10-HV-1234S-A:8,1900-C:18,1000

10 parallel tubes, horizontal as tested, can be installed vertical, Connectors in all 4 corners to the side





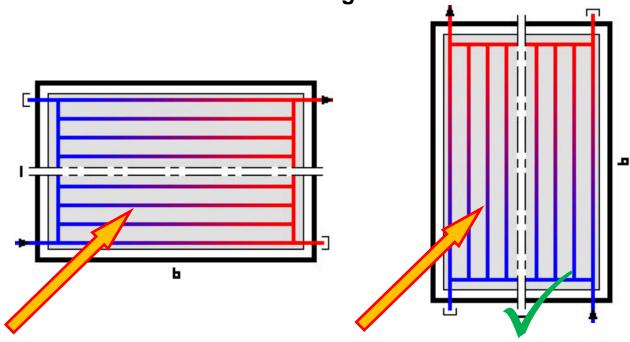




10-HV-1234S-A:8,1900-C:18,1000

10 parallel tubes, horizontal as tested, can be installed vertical, Connectors in all 4 corners to the side.

Absorber tube is 8mm inner diameter with a length of 1900mm



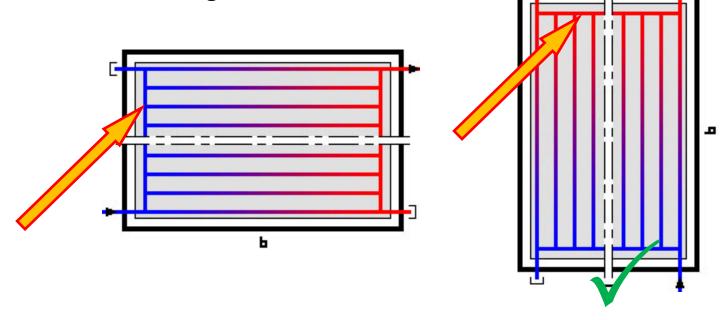


10-HV-1234S-A:8,1900-C:18,1000

10 parallel tubes, horizontal as tested, can be installed vertical, Connectors in all 4 corners to the side.

Absorber tube is 8mm inner diameter with a length of 1900mm

Collector tube is 18mm length of 1000mm.







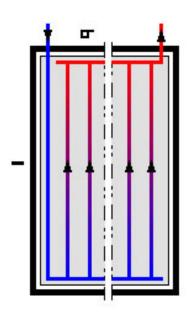
8-V-12V-A:8,1900-C:18,1000-C:18,3000

8 parallel tubes, vertical NOT horizontal, two connectors in corner 1 and 2 to the (vertical). Absorber tube are 8mm inner diameter with a length of 1900mm, Collectortube1 is Ø18mm length of 1000mm and Collectortube2 is Ø18mm length of 3000mm and.



8-V-12V-A:8,1900-C:18,1000-C:18,3000

8 parallel tubes, vertical NOT horizontal, two connectors in corner 1 and 2 to the (vertical). Absorber tube are 8mm inner diameter with a length of 1900mm, Collectortube1 is Ø18mm length of 1000mm and Collectortube2 is Ø18mm length of 3000mm and.







1-H-12S-C:22,1000

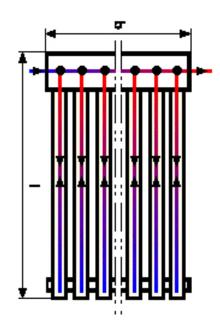
One tube, horizontal and NOT vertical. Two connectors in the top corners to the sides. No absorber tubes in the hydraulic loop, only collector tube with 22mm & length of 2100mm.



1-H-12S-C:22,1000

One tube, horizontal and NOT vertical. Two connectors in the top corners to the sides. No absorber tubes in the hydraulic loop, only collector tube with 22mm & length of 2100mm.

Heat pipe, heat pipes are not in contact with the external hydraulic loop







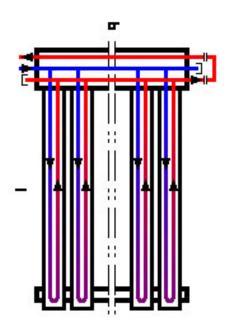
12-V-1122S-A:5,1800-C:20,1000

12 parallel tubes, vertical-NOT horizontal, 4 connectors in the upper corners to the side. Absorber tubes are 5mm inner diameter with a length of 1800mm per tube, Collector tubes are 20mm & length of 1000mm.



12-V-1122S-A:5,1800-C:20,1000

12 parallel tubes, vertical-NOT horizontal, 4 connectors in the upper corners to the side. Absorber tubes are 5mm inner diameter with a length of 1800mm per tube, Collector tubes are 20mm & length of 1000mm.

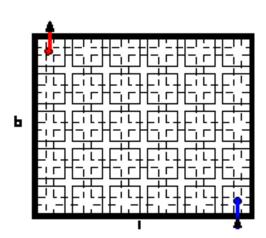






#### X-VH-13F-AC:X

Flow scheme is X
Can be installed V and H
There are two connectors in corners 1 and 3 to the front
Diameters and lengths of absorbers and collectors can not be defined easily





## {F}-{O}-{CL}-{A:Ø,L}-{C:Ø,L}

- {F} Number of serial groups/Flowscheme, i.e. Absorber elements
   N = N parallel tubes (can be 1)
   3,4,6 = Serial bundles of 3, 4 and 6 parallel tubes
   X = Any other flow scheme
- {O} Orientation of main absorber elements (tested):V = VerticalVH = V and can be installed H
- {CL} Connector location and direction 1,2,3,4,T,R,B,L Corner1/2/3/4, Top, Right, Bottom, Left S,R,V,F Side, Rear, Vertical, Front

H = Horizontal HV = H and can be installed V

- {A:Ø,L} Inner diameter,Length of absorber element(s) [mm] {C:Ø,L} Inner diameter,Lenght of collector element(s) [mm] {AC:Ø,L}: If the same
- No Spaces, No {}, «-» between all indicators





#### What to do with the Hydraulic Designation Code (HDC)

- HDC provides information about the hydraulic setup of a collector
- HDC covers estimated >>95% of the absorber designs.
- Proposal for Solar Keymark Requirement:
  - -> Different HDC => Different Collector model (name / order code)
- Proposal:
  - -> Indicate HDC in new EN 12975
- Proposal:
  - -> Indicate HDC in next SK Datasheet

