# Installation Guide I the Conservation Rooflight®

> a roof window range suitable for pitched roofs

> details for use with 'Between the Rafter' flashing kit at installation pitches between 17.5° and 65°

December 2019

the Rooflight Company

The Professionals' Choice

### **SECTION 1 - How to use this manual**

- > Welcome
- > Genera

#### **WELCOME**

Thank you for choosing the Conservation Rooflight®. We are sure that the Conservation Rooflight® will provide a high-quality finishing touch to your project. This guide is intended to assist building contractors and homeowners in receiving, handling and installing the Conservation Rooflight®. Please take the time to read and carefully follow these instructions. Before you start your installation, please refer to the 'IMPORTANT INFORMATION' section at the back of this installation guide.

#### **GENERAL**

Please note: the minimum roof angle at which the Conservation Rooflight® can be installed with this flashing kit is 17.5 degrees (part 8 in this kit is only supplied for installations of 30 degrees and above).

Please note: the maximum roof angle at which the Conservation Rooflight® can be installed is 65 degrees.

Please note: the following installation details pertain to COLD ROOF construction and SLATES installed 'between the rafters', with use of the 'between the rafter' flashing kit. Some installation details may vary depending on the roof construction and slate type being used. Always view this manual in conjunction with the cross sectional installation details relevant to your project. See Section 8 (Pages 25, 26 & 27) 'Suggested installation details' towards the back of this manual.

In order to install the Conservation Rooflight® you will need to know:

- 1. The Conservation Rooflight® model to be installed.
- 2. The type of roof construction to be used, e.g. warm roof or cold roof.
- 3. The slate thickness.
- 4. Whether you wish to install 'on the rafter' or 'between the rafter'

TEXT- Highlighted in **BOLD** indicates a point of special importance.



### **PPE NOTE**

The images in this manual are intended to aid installation and where required the installer must use suitable PPE (which may not be shown) and abide by the applicable Health & Safety requirements. It is assumed that suitable method statements and risk assessments will be undertaken prior to installation.

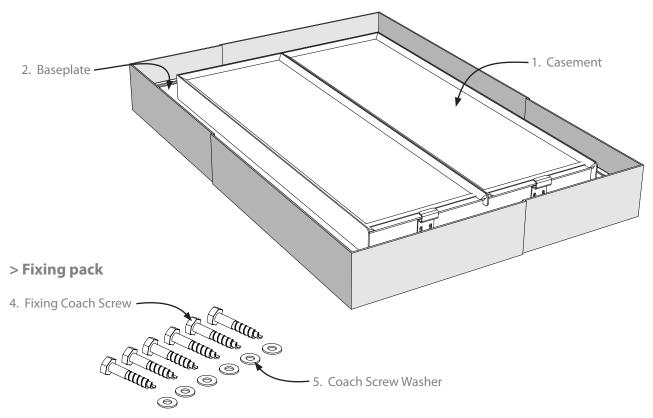
# **SECTION 1 - How to use this manual**

# > Contents

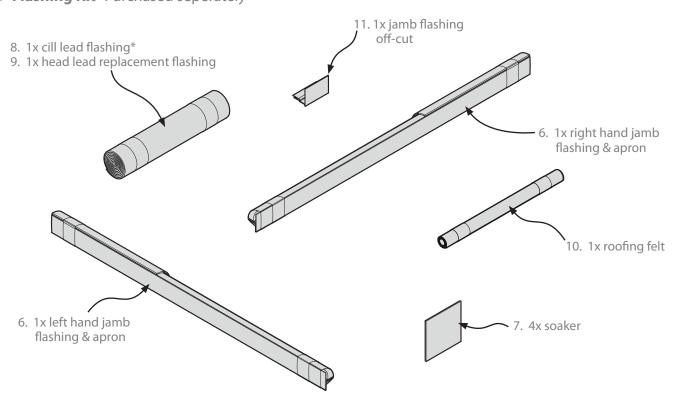
CONTENTS		PAGE
SECTION 1 - How to use this manual	2	
SECTION 2 - Before you get started	4	
SECTION 3 - Prior to installation	6	
SECTION 4 - Prepare the structural opening	7	
SECTION 5 - Preparing the roof	9	
SECTION 6 - Installing the roof window	13	
SECTION 7 - Finishing the interior	22	
SECTION 8 - Suggested installation details	26	
SECTION 9 - Important Information	28	

### **CONTENTS OF THE BOX**

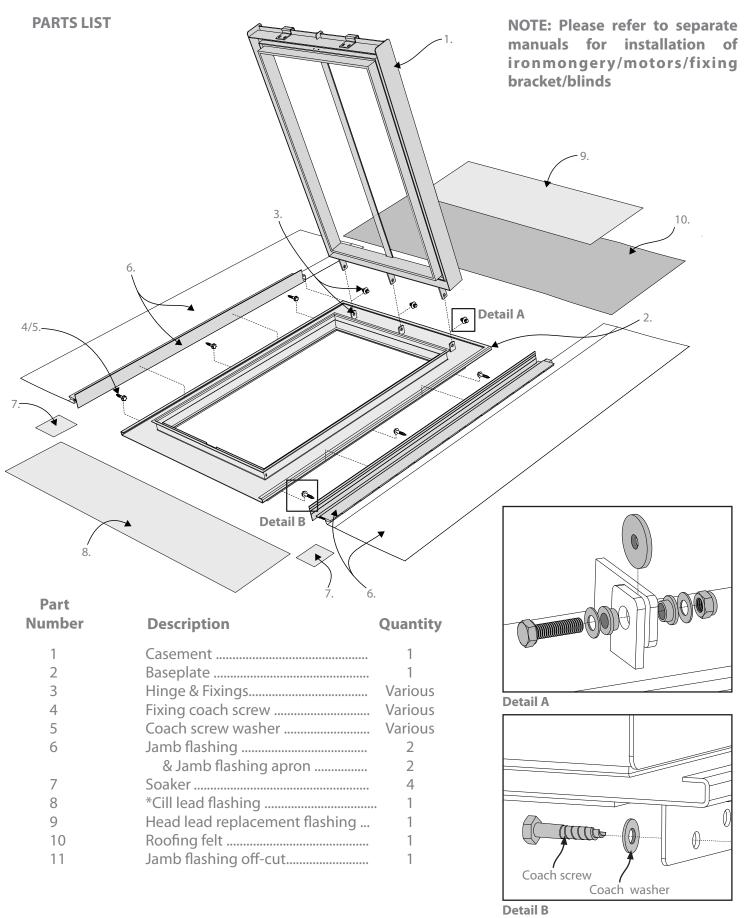
### > The Conservation Rooflight®



### > Flashing Kit- Purchased seperately



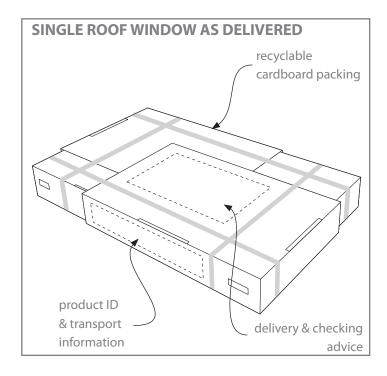
<sup>\*</sup> This component is only supplied for installation kits of 30 degrees and above. Below 30 degrees, this is a contractor supplied component.



<sup>\*</sup> This component is only supplied for installation kits of 30 degrees and above. Below 30 degrees, this is a contractor supplied component.

### **SECTION 3 - Prior to installation**

- > Receiving the roof window
- > Transport & storage



#### RECEIVING THE ROOF WINDOW

We recommend that the roof window packaging is temporarily opened to allow inspection of the goods for damage. Follow the instructions on the delivery checking and advice label.

▶ Once the roof window has been checked, repackage it in the original packaging for safe storage until the roof window is to be installed.

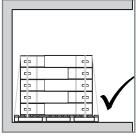
#### **TRANSPORT & STORAGE**

- ► Keep the roof window in its original packaging and store off the ground in a secure covered dry place until it is required for installation.
- ▶ When transporting the roof window in its box, carry the box by lifting it from the underside rather than lifting by its strapping.

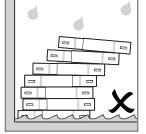


Only carry the box if the banding is attached in its original condition. Do not carry by the box if the nylon banding has been cut or appears in any way damaged.

- ▶ Stack multiple units carefully and only as many units high as is set out on the transport information label on the box.
- ▶ Only remove the roof window from its packaging when it is required for installation.
- Once unpacked carry the roof window by lifting it from the underside of the baseplate.
- Mark the original box with the window number/location and keep all accessories and linings in the original box until they are required. When the installation is complete and all accessories/linings are used, recycle all of the packaging materials.



store in a covered dry secure area

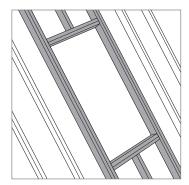


do not stack too high or allow to get wet

Before you can derive the structural framing dimensions you will need to understand which of the following options apply to your project:

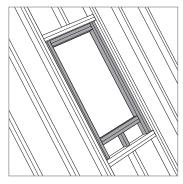
#### ON THE RAFTER OR BETWEEN THE RAFTER

The type of tiles used affects how the roof window is installed. One of the following options will be used:



#### On the Rafter (Standard Installation):

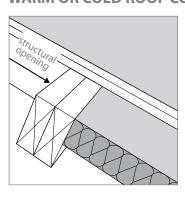
This installation (as the name suggests) installs the roof window with it sitting on top of the rafters. For the majority of profiled tiles (Clay, Pantile etc) the roof window remains flush to the top of the tiles and will not project above the finished roof line. For thinner tile types (Slate) the roof window will not be flush and will project above the finished roof line. If a flush detail is required for thin tile types then a 'between the rafter' (commonly referred to as Flush Slate) installation is required.



### **Between the rafter (Flush Slate Installation):**

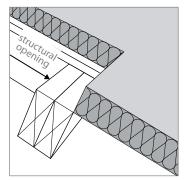
When tile types are thinner and a standard on the rafter' installation would result in a non-flush installation; a 'between the rafter' installation can be used. The roof window is sunk in between the rafters to a depth equal to the height that it would protrude above the finished roof line if a standard installation was used, nominally to a sunk depth of 20mm (Installers are advised to check this dimension prior to installation). Due to the roof window being sunk below the top of the rafters, the associated structural framing sizes increase. Likewise, dependent upon the pitch of the roof, the run-off required at the cill tilting fillet may vary. Nominally quoted framing sizes use the lowest installation pitch and calculate for worst case scenario.

#### WARM OR COLD ROOF CONSTRUCTION TYPE



#### **Cold roof**

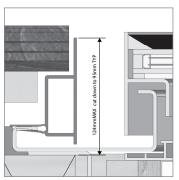
In a cold roof construction, the insulation layer is placed horizontally, directly above the ceiling of the upper story of the habitable section of the building, usually positioned between the joists in the loft space.



#### Warm roof

In a warm roof construction, the insulation is positioned directly under the external waterproofing (e.g. tiles or slates), following the rafter line.

### **INSTALLATION HEIGHT**



The maximum height that can be used with the 'Between the Rafter' flashing kit is 124mm. This is measured from the top of the soaker extrusion (part 6) to the top of the bearer support (as shown).

The minimum recess depth that can be used with the 'Between the Rafter' flashing kit is 65mm. This is measured from the top of the battens to the top of the bearer support.



NOTE: This flashing kit is only suitable for 'between the rafter' installations.

# **SECTION 4- Prepare the structural opening**

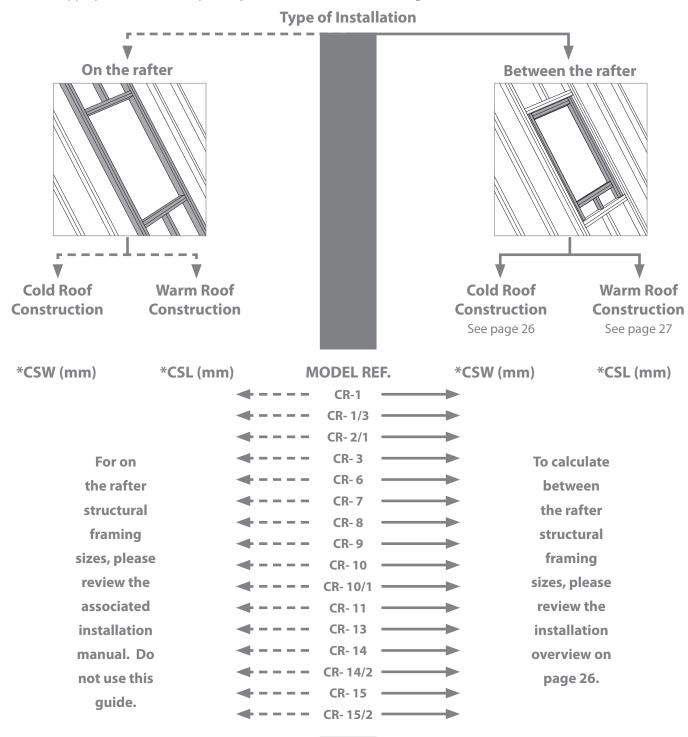
> Type of installation

#### **TYPE OF INSTALLATION**

To derive the structural framing dimensions for the Conservation Rooflight®. You will need to have the following information to hand:

- ▶ The Conservation Rooflight® model reference number to be installed.
- ▶ The type of roof construction to be used e.g. cold or warm.

Follow the appropriate information pathway to derive the structural framing dimensions below.



<sup>\*</sup> CSW = Clear Structural Width, CSL = Clear Structural Length

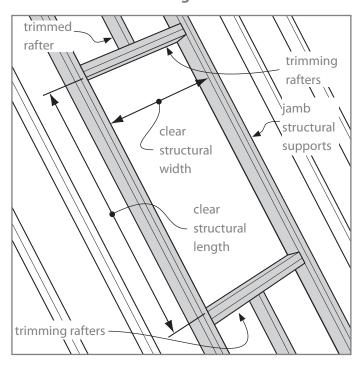
#### FORMING THE STRUCTURAL OPENING

The opening is formed using additional structural members which re-route the structural loads from the roof above, around the structural opening.

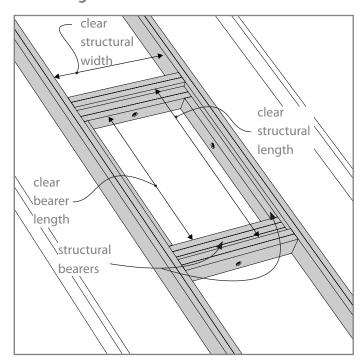


NOTE: All structural member sizing and fixings around the structural opening are to be as detailed by the project architect/structural engineer. Our drawings are indicative only.

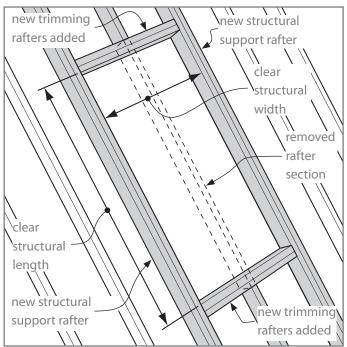
### A. The Conservation Rooflight® - in a new roof



### C. Installing structural bearers



### B. The Conservation Rooflight® - in an existing roof



NOTE: The rafters and trimmers are doubled up in the images.

In a new roof the structural members can be designed to reduce the necessity for cutting and trimming.

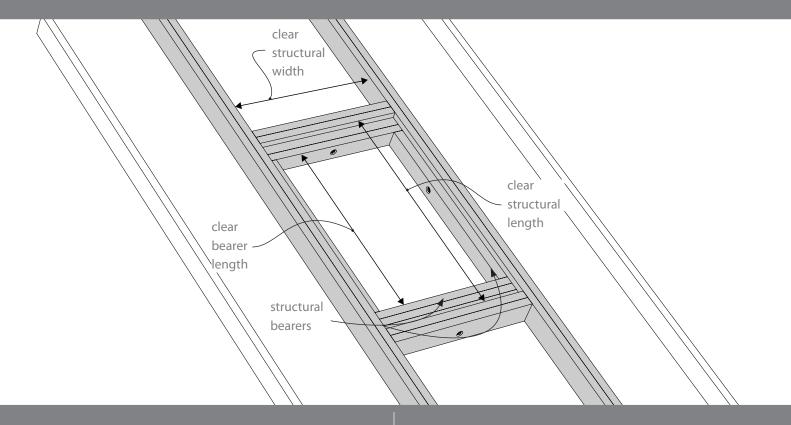
In an existing roof the structural opening may require additional structural members to be inserted and/or existing members cut and re-supported in order to facilitate installation in the location required.

Once the structural opening is formed it is necessary to install structural bearers upon which the roof window will be fixed. The depth that the bearers sit below the main structural supports is determined by the total roof build-up / thickness.

Refer to Page 26 for how to calculate bearer depths and bearer opening sizes for your required installation pitch / roof thickness.

# **SECTION 5 - Preparing the roof**

- > Prepared opening
- > Trim & finish the roofing membrane



### **Prepared Opening**

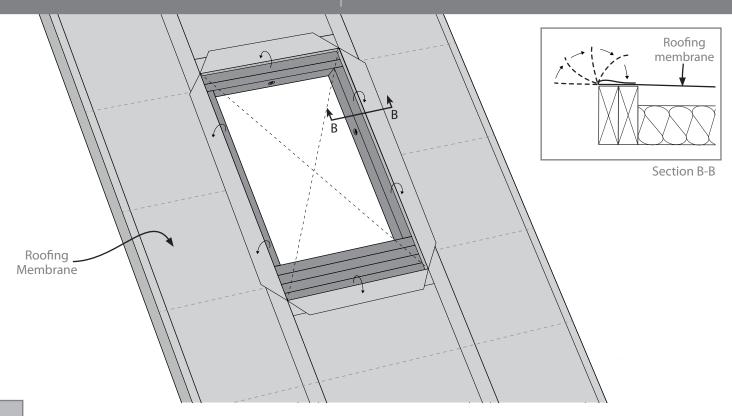
Trim the opening within the roof to the correct size required for the model of the roof window being installed. For instructions see:

Type of Installation (Pg 8)

Fold and trim the roofing membrane around the structural opening as shown.



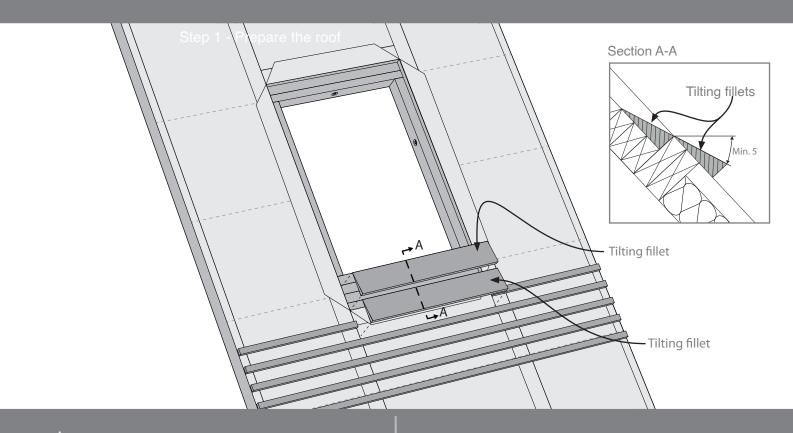
# Trim & finish the roofing membrane



# **SECTION 5 - Preparing the roof**

> Cill tilting fillet

> Battening up to the cill

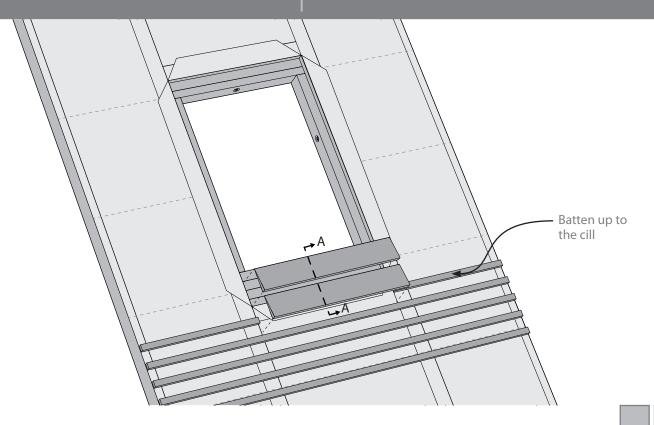


### Installing the cill tilting fillets

Install cill tilting fillets as shown (we recommend hardwood or treated softwood). Fix the cill tilting fillets to the rafters.

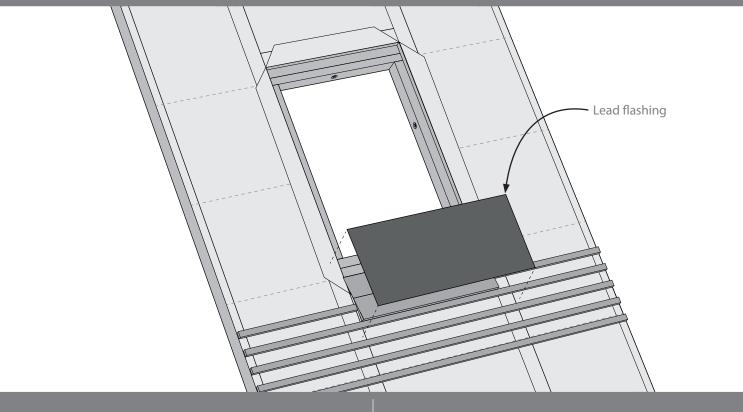
It is recommended that the roof is battened up to the cill of the opening at this stage. Batten spacing is determined by the roof covering being used. Adjust the battening and tiling to course and fit around the structural opening.

Battening up to the cill



# **SECTION 5 - Preparing the roof**

- > Cill lead flashing
- > Cill silicone fillet



### **A** (

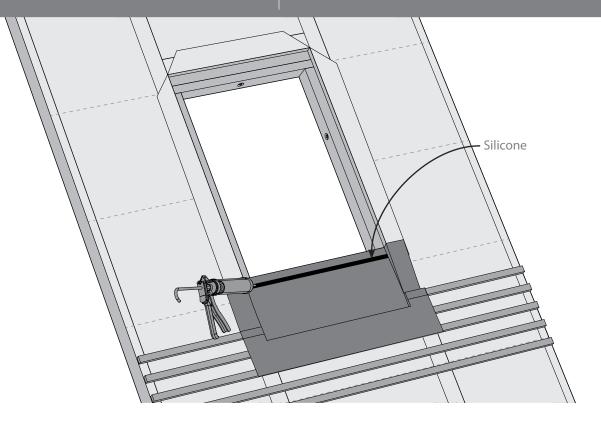
### Cill lead Flashing

lap to be minimum 150mm. Length of flashing to be sufficient to give the slate-recommended headlap.

Lay a continuous thick bead of low modulus neutral cure silicone along the flashing for the cill of the roof window.

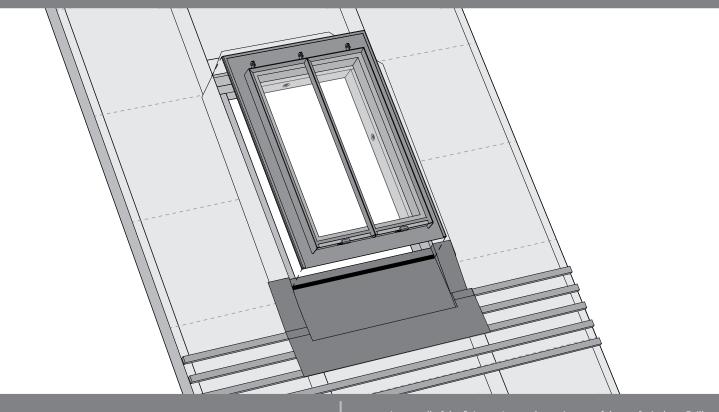


### Cill silicone fillet



> Installing the roof window

> Fix / level

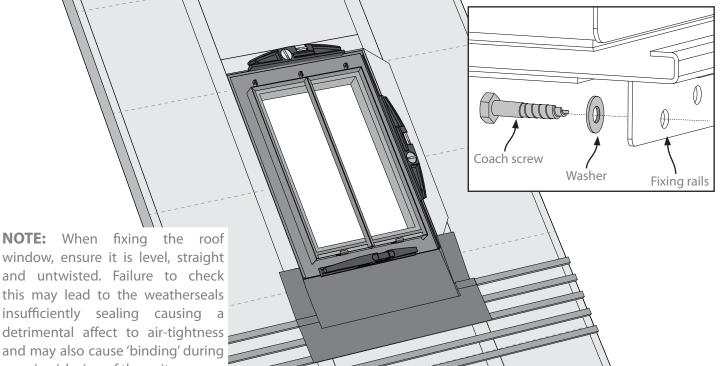


Installing the roof window

BE NECESSARY TO PACK BEHIND THE FIXING RAIL. Ensure an even

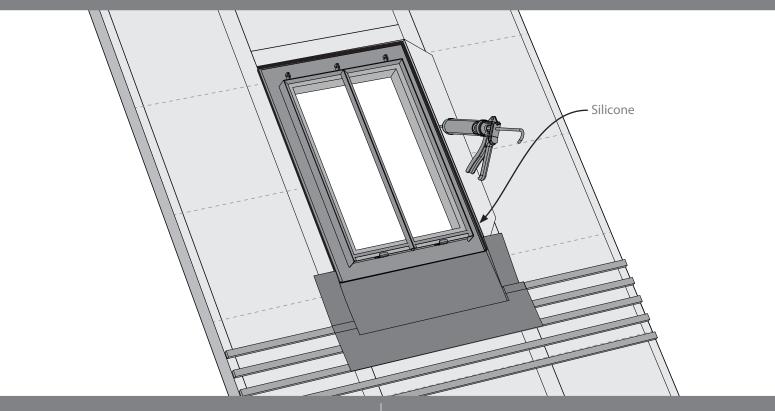


### Fix / level



window, ensure it is level, straight and untwisted. Failure to check this may lead to the weatherseals insufficiently sealing causing a detrimental affect to air-tightness. and may also cause 'binding' during opening/closing of the unit.

- > Perimeter silicone fillet
- > Jamb flashing trim height



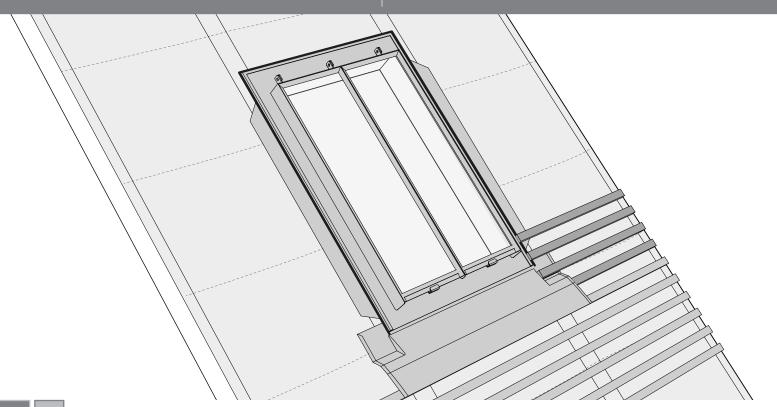
### Perimeter silicone fillet

Install a thick continuous fillet of low-modulus neutral cure silicone to full length and width of the jambs and head of the roof window perimeter as shown.

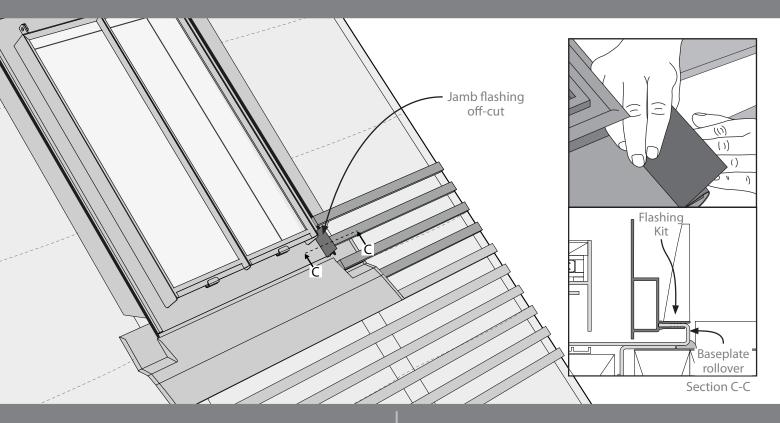
Tack four rows of battens up one jamb- do not nail home the ends of the battens next to the roof window.



# Jamb flashing trim height



> Jamb flashing trim height

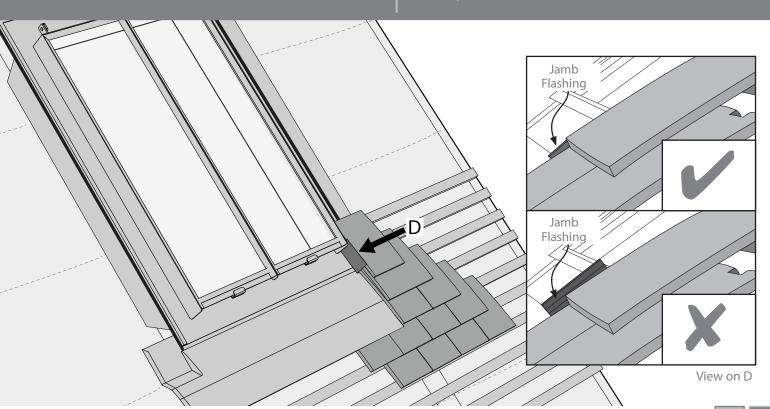


# ▲ Jamb flashing trim height

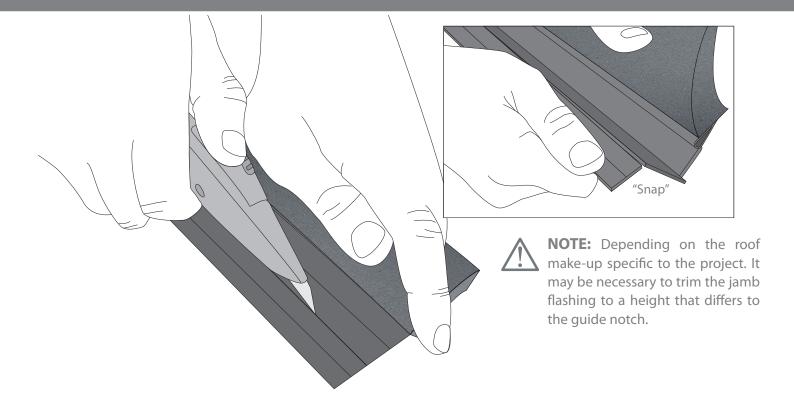
Clip the jamb flashing off-cut (Part 11) onto the baseplate rollover and align with the bottom edge of the baseplate (Part 2).

Dry fit four or five courses of slates at the cill. Use the jamb flashing offcut (Part 11) to determine where to trim down the jamb flashing (Part 6). If the top edge of the off-cut sits above the general line of the roof finish, trimming is required.

Jamb flashing trim height



- > Trimming the jamb flashing extrusion
- > Installing the jamb flashing

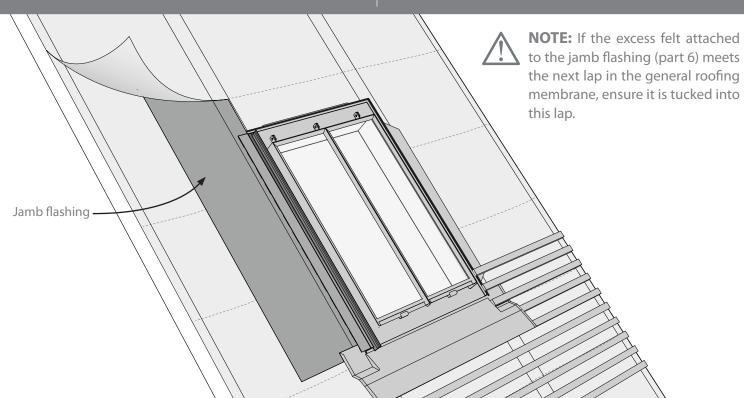


## Trimming the jamb flashing extrusion

Lay the jamb flashing (Part 6) down on a clean and dry surface. Fold back the foam and use a sharp stanley knife to firmly score along the entire length of the extrusion several times. Then break off the excess extrusion.

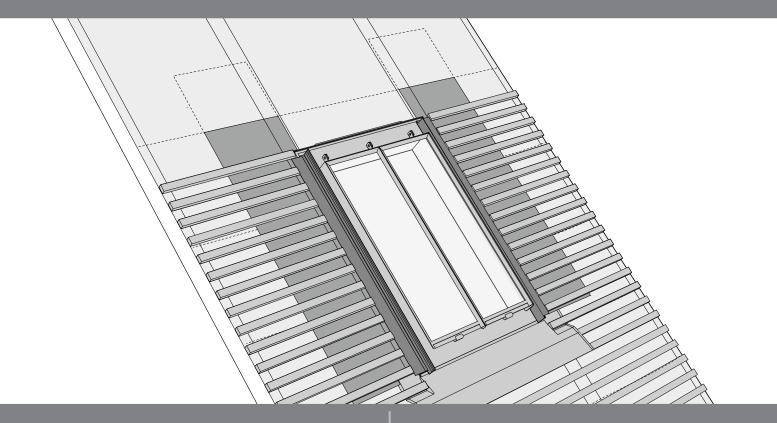
Orientate one of the jamb flashings (Part 6) and clip onto the baseplate (Part 2) rollover- the excess felt on the jamb flashing should be towards the head of the roof window. Do the same on the opposite side. Ensure the felt attached to the jamb flashing is placed over the general roofing membrane





> Battening up the jambs

> Installing the head tilting fillet



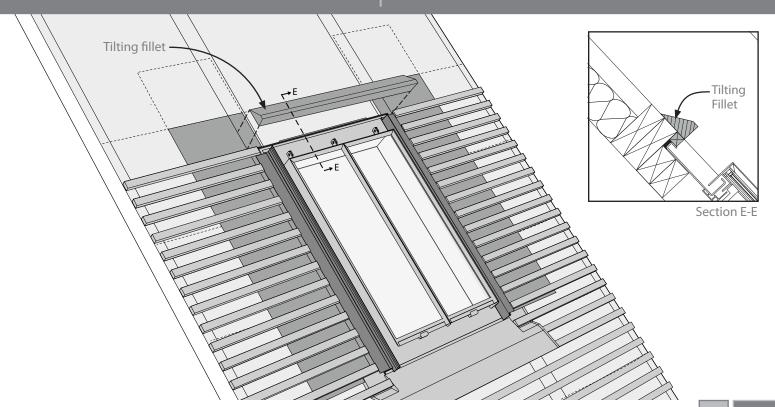
# Battening up the jambs

Install the battens up the jambs

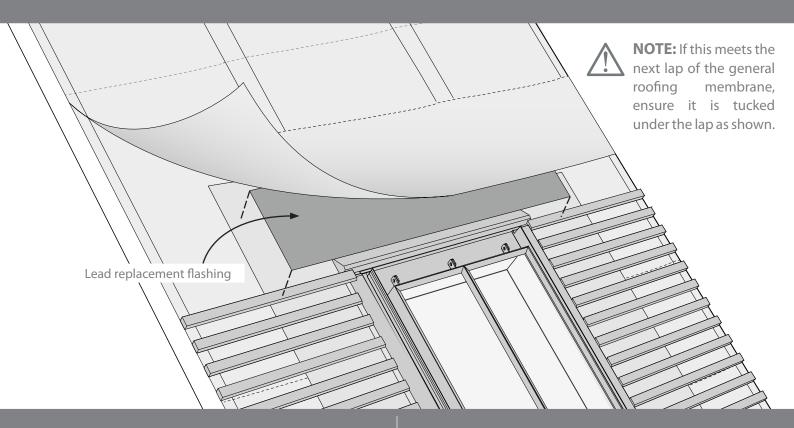
Install the head tilting fillet as shown (we recommend hardwood or treated softwood). Fix the head tilting fillet to the rafters



### Installing the head tilting fillet



- > Installing the head lead replacement flashing
- > Installing the head roofing felt

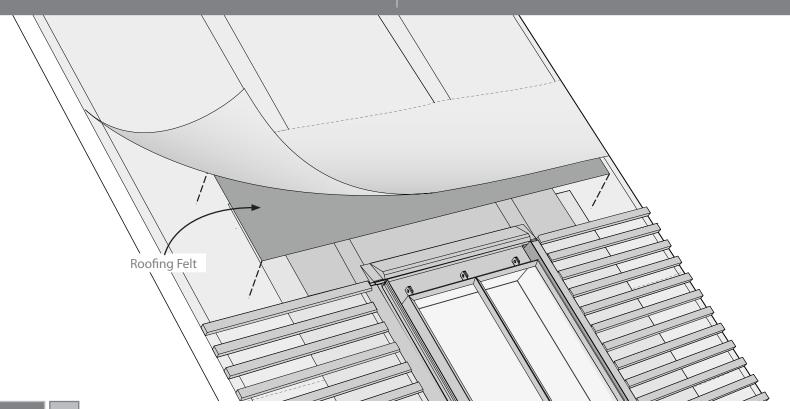


# ▲ Installing the head lead replacement flashing

Lay the head lead replacement flashing (Part 9) over the head fillet. Fold boss and tuck the flashing back into the baseplate rollover. There may be a requirement to trim the head flashing around the jamb battens depending on their position. This can be done with a sharp stanley knife.

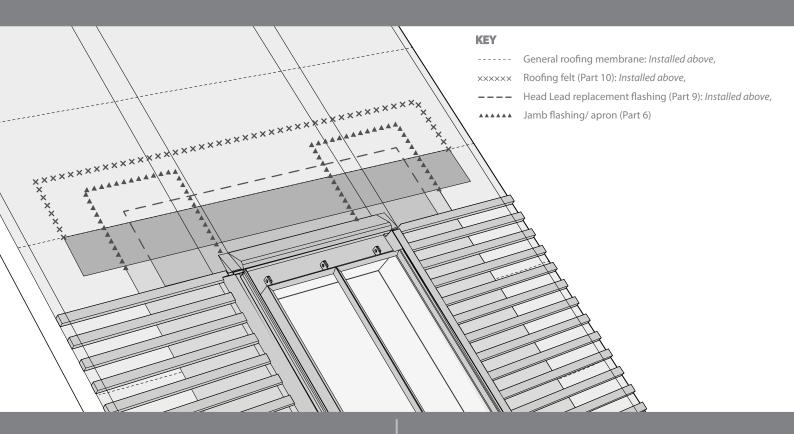
Install the head roofing felt (Part 10). Lay the strip of roofing felt over the lead replacement flashing at the head (Part 9) and ensure it tucks under the next lap in the general roofing membrane.

Installing the head roofing felt



> Weathering

> Installing the battens at the head

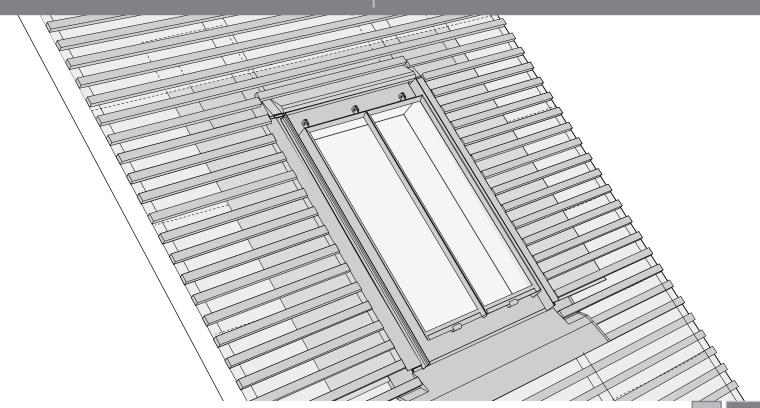


# ▲ Weathering

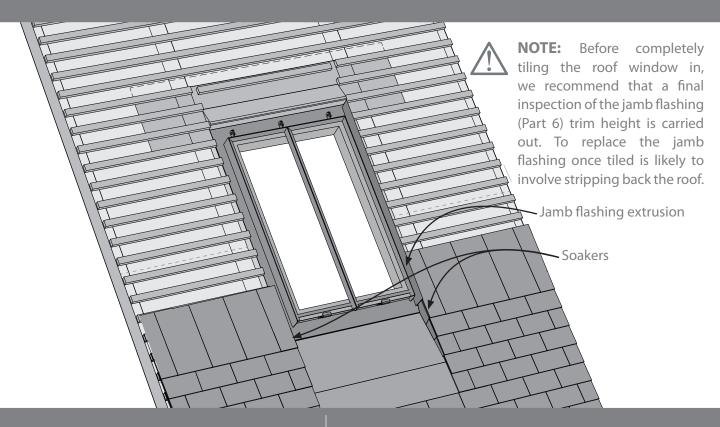
The combination of the lead replacement flashing (Part 9) and the roofing felt (Part10) being lapped in this way, ensures moisture will run over the tilting fillet onto the baseplate and finally down off the roof.

Finish installing the final rows of battens at the head.

Installing the battens at the head



- > Soakers
- > Slate up the jambs



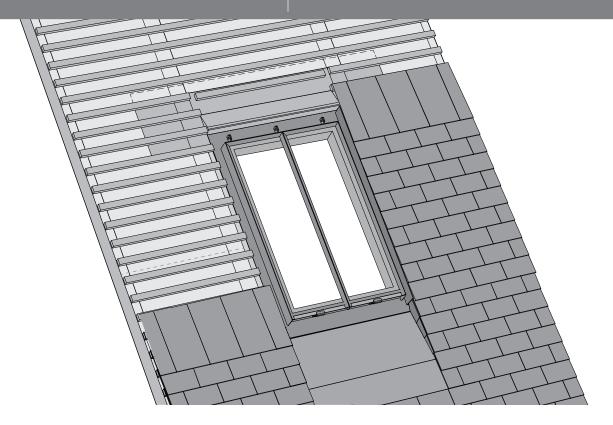
#### Soakers

Slate up to the cill. Soakers (Part 7) are then required, depending upon roof pitch, more than one soaker per jamb may be required. Lay the soaker flashing over the edge of the cill corner and form the soaker ensuring they tuck behind the jamb flashing extrusion (Part 6) as shown.

Slate the jambs using the edge of the jamb flashing (Part 6) as a guide. Ensure the weathering foam attached to the jamb flashing is folded down and away from the roof window when laying the slates.

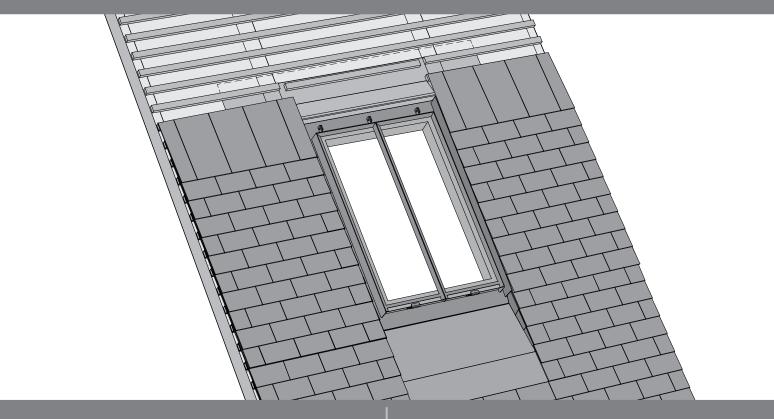


## Slate up the jambs



> Slate the head

> Complete the slating



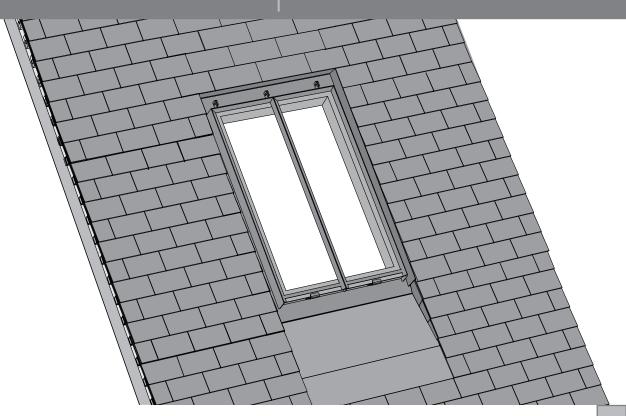
### Slate the head

Slates can now be installed at the head of the roof window. We recommend the use of eaves slates.

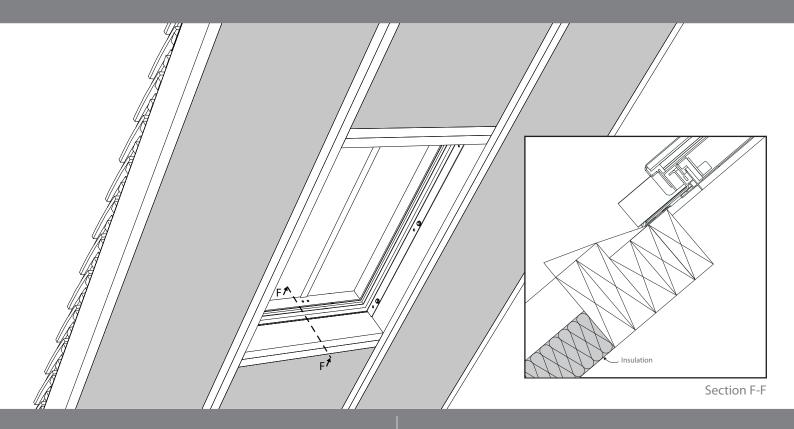
Complete the tiling around the head of the roof window accordingly.



# Complete the slating



- > Insulation
- > Packers



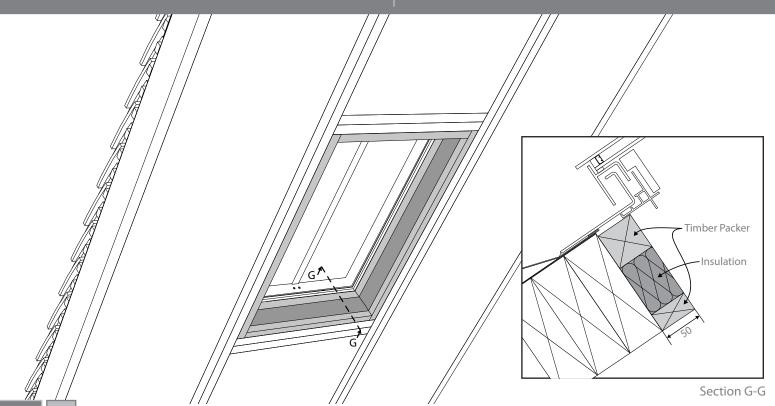
#### Insulation

Install the insulation between the rafters.

Securely fix 50mm timber and insulation packers around the head, cill and jambs of the roof window (we recommend the use of treated softwood).

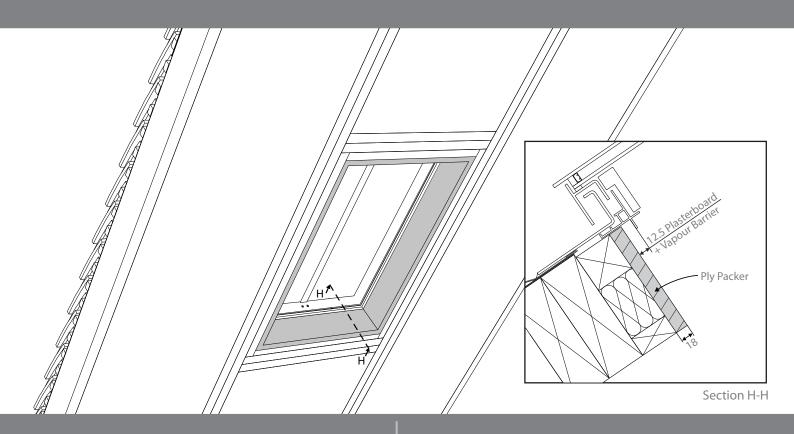


#### **Packers**



> Ply packer

> Vapour barrier



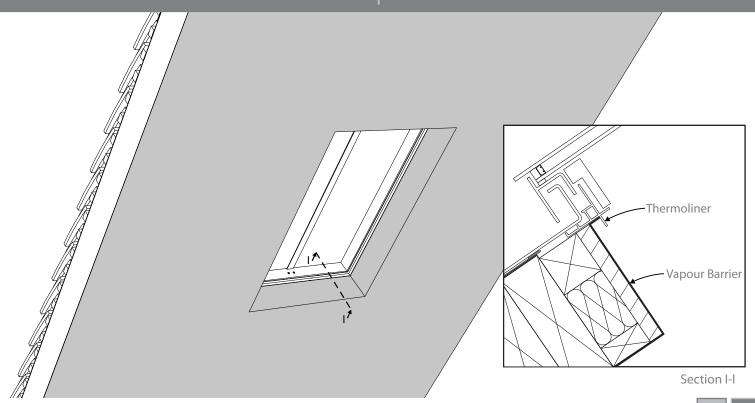
# Ply packer

Fix 18mm ply packer at the head, cill and jambs of the roof window.

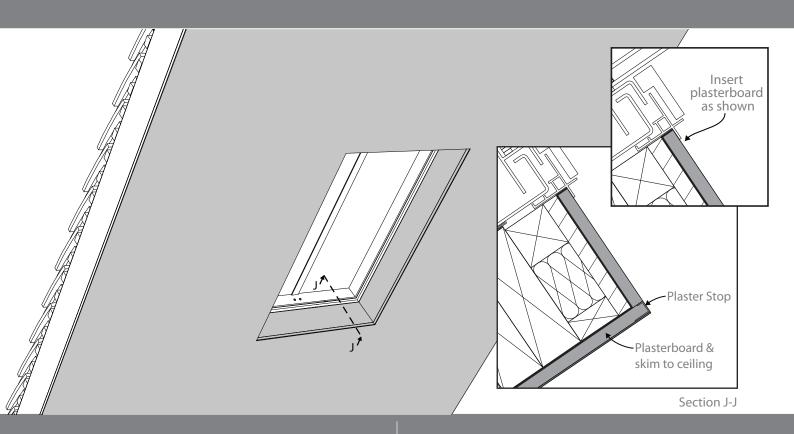
Install the vapour barrier around the roof window. This should finish at the thermoliner as shown.



### Vapour barrier



- > Plasterboard & skim
- > Timber reveal & architrave



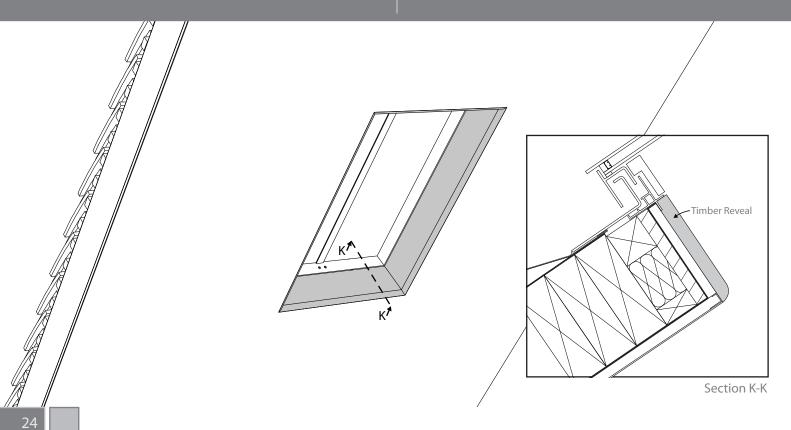
### Plasterboard & Skim

Install the plasterboard over the ceiling. Ensure there is a 12.5mm overlap with a plaster stop on the corner. Then insert the plasterboard around the head, cill and jambs, behind the bottom left of the thermoliner as shown. Skim the main ceiling plasterboard but NOT the head, jambs and cill.

To complete the installation and provide a frameless internal appearance, fit a timber reveal around the head, cill and jambs over the plasterboard. Ensure there is no interference with the thermoliner.

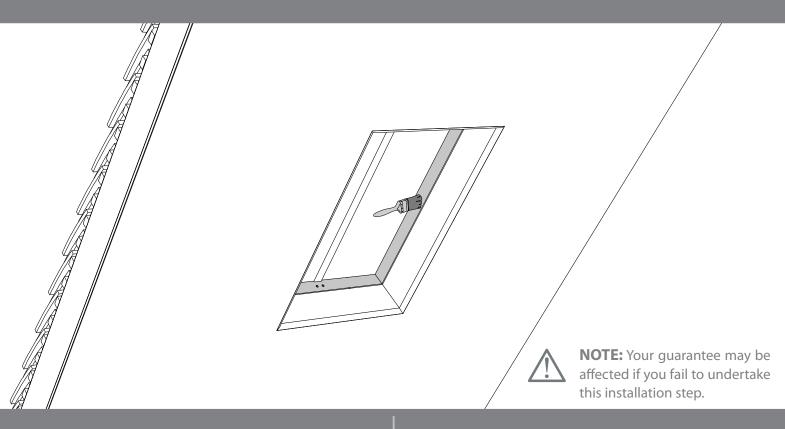


### Timber reveal & architrave



> Paint the timber lining

> Mounting the ironmongery/ motor(s) / fixing bracket

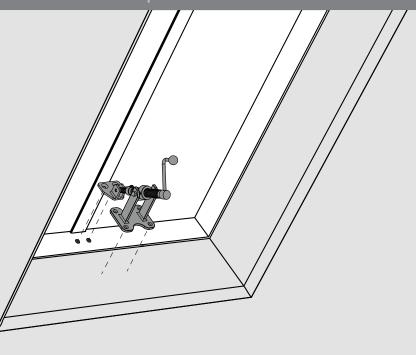


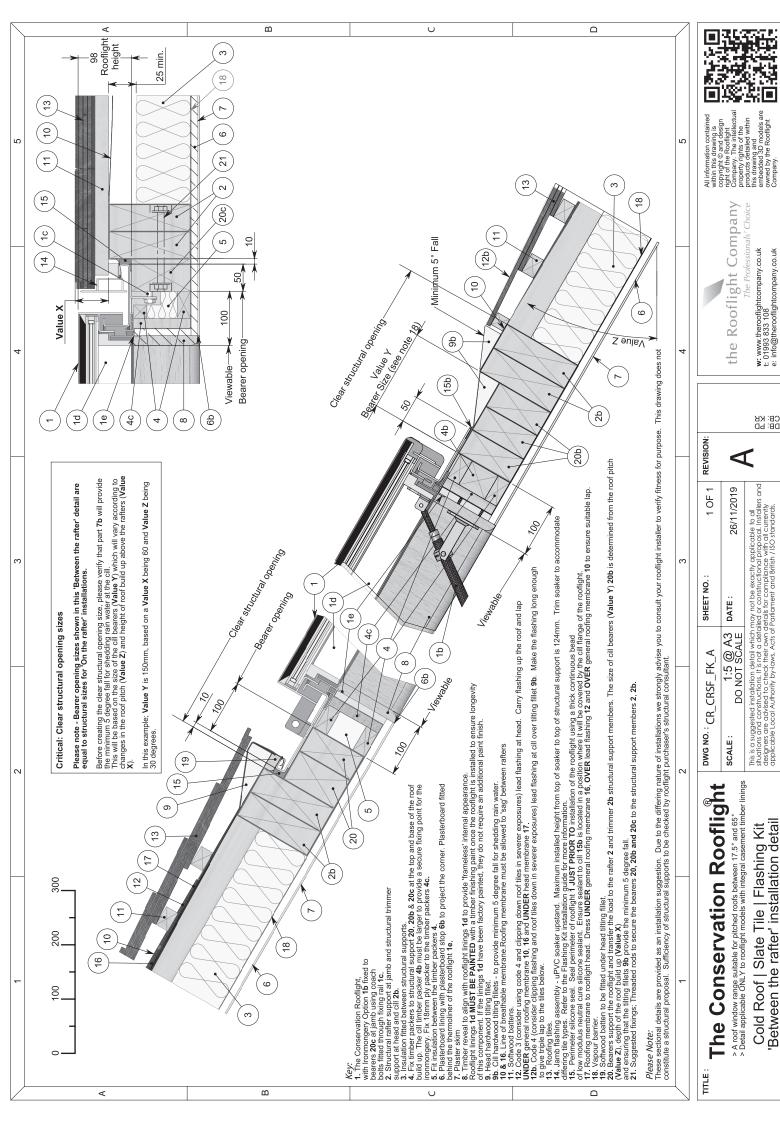


### Paint the timber lining

For roof windows without a factory painted timber lining- this step must be completed to ensure longevity of this component. Paint the unfinished timber lining with a timber finishing paint. Ensure all four sides are painted. This completes the installation of the roof window frame. To finish the installation and service the roof window, please refer to the seperately supplied ironmongery/ motor/ fixing bracket installation details.

Mounting the ironmongery/ motor(s)
/ fixing bracket





# **INSTALLATION NOTES**

# **SECTION 9 - Important Information**

- > Care & maintenance
- > Conformity
- > Advisory

#### **CARE & MAINTENANCE**



To achieve the maximum service life from The Conservation Rooflight® it is important that scheduled care and maintenance is undertaken. Please note that the guarantee may become void if the procedures outlined in the separate maintenance manual are not adhered to. Refer to separate **TECHNICAL SPECIFICATION AND MAINTENANCE DETAILS FOR METAL FRAMED ROOF WINDOWS** 

#### **CONFORMITY**



Refer to separate **DECLARATION OF PERFORMANCE DOCUMENTATION** 



EN 14351-1:2006+A1:2010

#### **ADVISORY**



**Standard roof window**: All the information provided in this document refers to a standard specification Conservation Rooflight®.



**Install in accordance with national building regulations/codes.** This manual is an installation suggestion and installers should verify 'fitness for purpose' in accordance with all applicable regulations/ standards at time of installation.



**Install in accordance with this manual**: The Rooflight Company cannot accept any liability if the Conservation Rooflight® is not installed strictly in accordance with the instructions contained in this manual and implicit in the 'Suggested Installation Details'.



**Structural support**: Structural supports for the Conservation Rooflight® are to be designed and supervised during construction by the roof window installer or project Structural Engineer. Nothing in this manual constitutes a structural proposal. Sizing/positioning of structural supports should be determined by the projects suitably qualified structural engineer.

# **SECTION 9 - Important Information**

> Roof window weight and opening angle > Further Information

#### **ROOF WINDOW WEIGHTS**

When handling and installing the Conservation Rooflight® its weight should be considered and adequate means employed to move the roof window into position to reduce the risk of accidents.

MODEL REFERENCE NUMBER	APPROXIMATE CASEMENT WEIGHT (KG)	APPROXIMATE BASEPLATE WEIGHT (KG)	OVERALL ROOF WINDOW WEIGHT (KG)
CR - 1	18	18	36
CR - 1/3	22	29	51
CR - 2/1	15	17	32
CR - 3	24	22	46
CR - 6	10	12	22
CR - 7	14	14	28
CR - 8	22	20	42
CR - 9	29	24	53
CR - 10	32	26	58
CR - 10/1	20	22	42
CR - 11	35	25	60
CR - 13	43	30	73
CR - 14	47	33	80
CR - 14/2	35	28	63
CR - 15	57	37	94
CR - 15/2	43	34	77

### **PRODUCT IDENTIFICATION DETAILS**

Place identification sticker here or fill in the following details.

Serial number:	
Model Number:	
Date of manufacture://	

#### **FURTHER INFORMATION**

All of the images in this guide are diagrammatic (with some components omitted for clarity). They should be used as a reference and may not be a true representation of the installation.

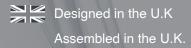
Installation instructions are regularly reviewed and we reserve the right to update or amend these details without alteration to this guide.

**December 2019** 

# **NOTES**

# the Rooflight Company

The Professionals' Choice



Wychwood Business Centre
Milton Road
Shipton-under-Wychwood
OX7 6XU

Tel: 01993 833108 Fax: 01993 831066



 ${\bf Email: info@the roof light company. co.uk}$ 

www.therooflightcompany.co.uk











In the interest of continuous product development, it may be necessary to amend specification without alteration to technical literature All drawings and designs are the Copyright and Design right of The Metal Window Company Ltd.