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Agrément Certificate
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Product Sheet 1

POLYPIPE RAINWATER SYSTEMS

POLYPIPE SQUARE SECTION GUTTER SYSTEM

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to the Polypipe Square Section Gutter System, for the collection and discharge of rainwater from roofs.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.



KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Performance of joints — joints between gutter sections and fittings are watertight under conditions of thermal movement in excess of those expected to occur in practice (see section 6).

Resistance to loading — gutters have adequate resistance to snow loading (see section 7).

Durability — the system will have a life expectancy of at least 20 years (see section 10).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the system described herein. This system has been assessed by the BBA as being fit for its intended use provided it is installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, the Polypipe Square Section Gutter System, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

Requirement:	H3	Rainwater drainage
Comment:		The system will carry the flow of rainwater from the roof to an outfall and minimise the risk of blockage or leakage. See section 8 of this Certificate.
Regulation:	7	Materials and workmanship
Comment:		The system is acceptable. See section 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)(2)	Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials
Comment:		The use of the system satisfies the requirements of this Regulation. See section 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	9	Building standards applicable to construction
Standard:	3.6	Surface water drainage
Comment:		The system satisfies the relevant requirement of this Standard, with reference to clause 3.6.1 ⁽¹⁾ . See section 8 of this Certificate. (1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).



The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

Regulation:	23	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:		The system is acceptable. See section 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	82	Rainwater drainage
Comment:		The system will contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of this Regulation. See section 8 of this Certificate.

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016

In the opinion of the BBA, there is no information in this Certificate which relates to the obligations of the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) under these Regulations.

Additional Information

NHBC Standards 2018

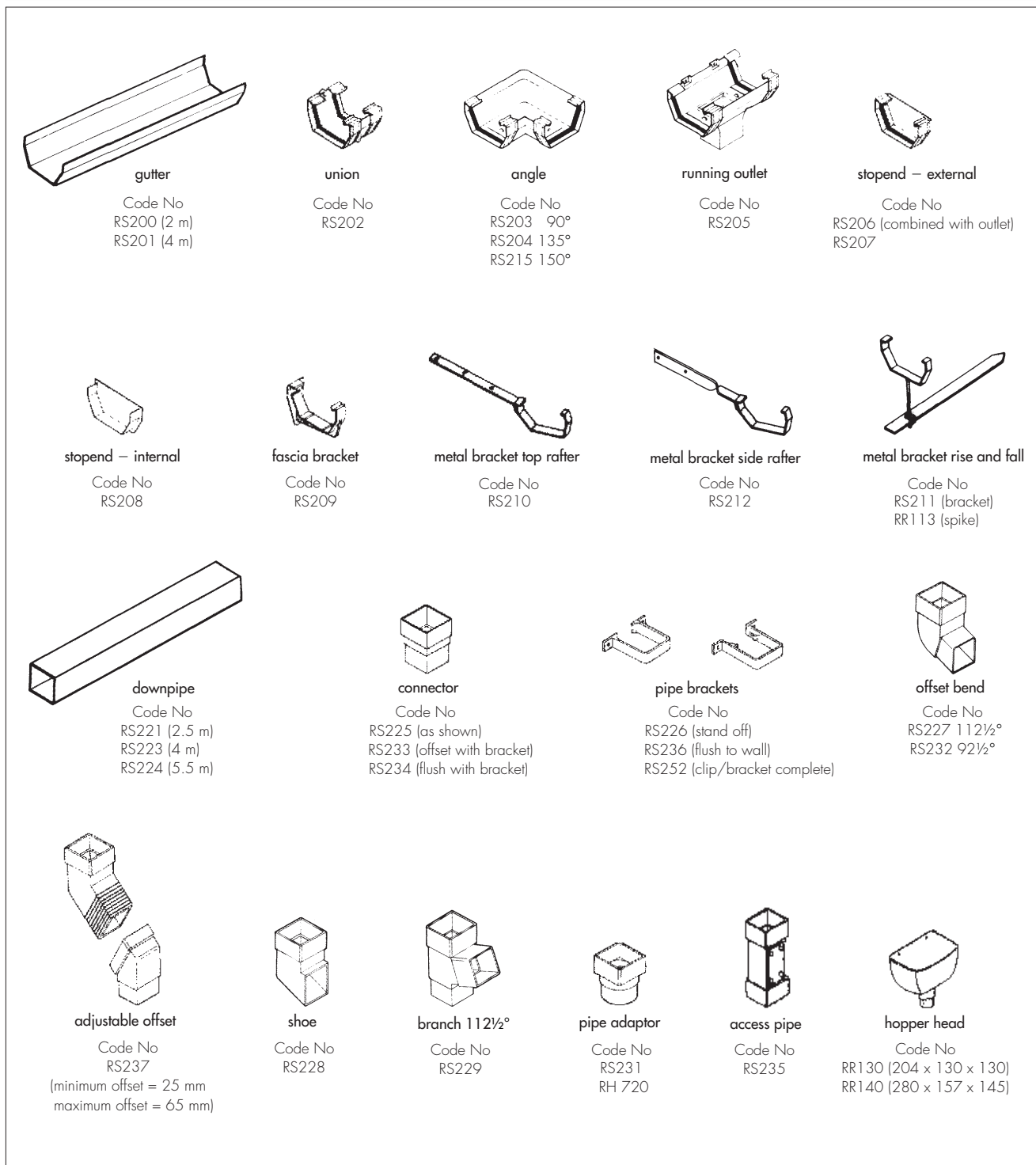
In the opinion of the BBA, the Polypipe Square Section Gutter System, if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapters 7.1 *Flat roofs and balconies* and 7.2 *Pitched roofs*.

Technical Specification

1 Description

1.1 The components of the Polypipe Square Section Gutter System covered by this Certificate are shown in Figure 1. The capacity of the system can reduce the number of rainwater downpipes required to drain a roof in comparison with half-round gutters of the same nominal size.

Figure 1 Components



1.2 The gutter, downpipe and accessories are manufactured from PVC-U and are available in standard colours⁽¹⁾ of black, chestnut brown and white.

(1) Other colours with the same PVC-U formulation are available to special order.

1.3 The gutter section is trapezoidal: 112 mm nominal width by approximately 60 mm depth. Each fitting incorporates flexible clips for fixing to the gutter. The joints are sealed with elastomeric gaskets.

1.4 The square section downpipe has nominal external dimensions of 65 mm and a minimum wall thickness of 1.7 mm.

1.5 By applying the square-to-round pipe adaptor to the running outlet spigots, the gutter and accessories can be used with the Kitemarked 68 mm nominal diameter downpipe and accessories (see Product Sheet 4 of this Certificate).

1.6 Gutter sections are extruded and cut to lengths of 2 or 4 m. Square section downpipes are extruded and cut to lengths of 2.5, 4 or 5.5 m. Fittings for the gutter and downpipe are produced by injection moulding.

1.7 The metal rafter brackets are manufactured from carbon steel and galvanized to BS EN ISO 1461 : 2009.

1.8 Continuous quality control is exercised during manufacture to maintain product quality. Checks include dimensional accuracy and visual examination.

2 Manufacture

2.1 The Polypipe Square Section Gutter System is manufactured from unplasticised polyvinyl chloride and is produced by conventional extrusion and injection moulding techniques.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

2.3 The management system of the manufacturer has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 by BSI (Certificate FM00318).

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 Gutters and downpipes are delivered to site in bundles of five protected by opaque polyethylene sleeving which should not be removed until the components are used.

3.2 Each bundle of gutters or downpipes is packed in a sleeve printed with the Certificate holder's logo. The BBA Certificate number is printed on each gutter and downpipe at every metre. Fittings are marked with the Certificate holder's logo and the product code. All components and products covered by the Kitemark licence are marked in accordance with the relevant Standards, BS EN 607 : 2004, BS EN 12200-1 : 2016 and BS EN 1462 : 2004, and the Kitemark logo.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on the Polypipe Square Section Gutter System.

Design Considerations

4 General

4.1 The Polypipe Square Section Gutter System is suitable for use as eaves guttering for the collection of rainwater from roofs.

4.2 Square section downpipe and fittings are unsealed and are for external use only.

5 Practicability of installation

Installation of the system can be carried out under normal site conditions without undue difficulty.

6 Performance of joints

6.1 Correctly made joints between gutter sections and fittings are watertight under conditions of thermal movement in excess of those expected to occur in practice.

6.2 The fittings used with square section downpipe are unsealed and are not designed to withstand hydrostatic pressure. In the event of blockage of the downpipe, water leakage may occur at joints.

7 Resistance to loading

7.1 The gutter will have adequate resistance to snow loading under normal conditions. Care must be exercised in placing ladders for roof maintenance; the use of ladder stays is recommended.

7.2 If the downpipe is damaged, eg by accidental impact, it can be replaced easily.

8 Flow characteristics



Flow capacities associated with the system, when calculated in accordance with BS EN 12056-3 : 2000, are given in Tables 1 to 3.

Table 1 Flow capacity⁽¹⁾ — outlet at one end of gutter

Gutter type	Length (m)	Capacity (l·s ⁻¹)	Maximum effective area served ⁽²⁾ (m ²)
Short ⁽³⁾	2.86	1.21	55
Long	6.00	1.12	51
Long	12.00	0.96	44

(1) Reduced capacities apply where bends are incorporated (see BS EN 12056-3 : 2000).

(2) The maximum effective area is based on the national Building Regulation maximum value of rainfall intensity of 0.022 l·s⁻¹·m⁻² for a flat roof, and should be calculated in accordance with BS EN 12056-3 : 2000 for other values of rainfall intensity or roof types other than flat.

(3) A short gutter is defined as less than 50 times its design water depth.

Table 2 Flow capacity⁽¹⁾ — outlet in centre of two gutters

Gutter type	Length (m)	Capacity (l·s ⁻¹)	Maximum effective area served ⁽²⁾ (m ²)
Short ⁽³⁾	3.15	2.419	110
Long	6.00	2.238	102
Long	12.00	1.923	87

(1) Reduced capacities apply where bends are incorporated (see BS EN 12056-3 : 2000).

(2) The maximum effective area is based on the national Building Regulation maximum value of rainfall intensity of 0.022 l·s⁻¹·m⁻² for a flat roof, and should be calculated in accordance with BS EN 12056-3 : 2000 for other values of rainfall intensity or roof types other than flat.

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Table 3 Outlet capacity⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of square downpipe

Equivalent bore (mm)	Capacity (l·s ⁻¹)
60	3.79

(1) Based on BS EN 12056-3 : 2000, Table 8.

(2) Assumes the outlet is tapered with a plan area of double the area of the outlet pipe.

9 Maintenance

9.1 The gutter, downpipe and accessories are manufactured from self-coloured material which does not require painting. To maintain the appearance, the system should be washed periodically with water and detergent.

9.2 Damaged sections may be removed by unclipping from brackets and unions. Adjoining sections should not be damaged by this action, but unions and brackets may need to be replaced.

10 Durability



The system is made from a conventional material as used in gutter systems conforming to BS EN 607 : 2004, BS EN 12200-1 : 2016 and BS EN 1462 : 2004. The material is acceptable and will have a life expectancy of at least 20 years.

11 Reuse and recyclability

The system is manufactured from PVC, which can be recycled.

12 Procedure

12.1 Installation must be in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions *Polypipe Above Ground Drainage Systems* and BS EN 12056-3 : 2000, where relevant.

12.2 Under normal conditions, brackets are secured to the fascia with one No 10, 25 by 5 mm, zinc-plated or sherardized roundhead screw, at centres of one metre (maximum). In areas likely to experience heavy snow loading, three screws per bracket should be used.

12.3 External and internal angles should have supporting brackets fitted within 150 mm of each side.

12.4 Unions are fixed to the fascia board with one No 10, 25 by 5 mm, zinc-plated or sherardized roundhead screw. Running outlets are fixed with two No 10 roundhead screws.

12.5 Joints are made by locating the gutter under the rear clip of the flexible clip on the fitting. The gutter is pulled forward and down until the front edge fits under the front clip and snaps into position. The elastomeric gasket in the fitting will seal the joint.

12.6 At gutter joints, the ends of the gutter should be fitted to the 'insert to here' line incorporated into the fitting to ensure that the correct provision for expansion and contraction is made.

12.7 The gutter may be fixed either level on the fascia board or to a fall of 1:600. It is important that the distance between the gutter and the roof tiles is not excessive and that roofing felt is allowed to project slightly into the gutter to prevent water splash onto the fascia board behind the gutter.

12.8 Support brackets for square section downpipe and fittings must be used immediately below each fitting adjacent to the wall, and at centres of two metres (maximum).

Technical Investigations

13 Tests

13.1 Tests were conducted and the results assessed to determine:

- resistance of fascia and rafter brackets to deadweight loading (BS 4576-1 : 1989, Appendix D)
- impact resistance of gutter assemblies and square section downpipe (BS 2782-11 : 1989, Method 1108A) subject to modifications detailed in BS 4576-1 : 1989
- leaktightness of joints/thermal cycling (BS 4576-1 : 1989, Appendix C)
- tensile strength and elongation
- Vicat softening temperature
- dimensional accuracy.

13.2 An examination of data was made relating to:

- flow capacity
- thermal movement
- efficiency of self-cleansing action
- practicability of installation
- durability.

14 Investigations

14.1 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

14.2 A site visit was carried out to assess the practicability of installation and the performance in use.

Bibliography

BS 2782-11 : Method 1108A : 1989 *Methods of testing plastics — Thermoplastics pipes, fittings and valves — True impact rate (TIR) boundaries of pipes*

BS 4576-1 : 1989 *Unplasticized polyvinyl chloride (PVC-U) rainwater goods and accessories — Half-round gutters and pipes of circular cross-section*

BS EN 607 : 2004 *Eaves gutters and fittings made of PVC-U — Definitions, requirements and testing*

BS EN 1462 : 2004 *Brackets for eaves gutters — Requirements and testing*

BS EN 12056-3 : 2000 *Gravity Drainage Systems inside Buildings — Roof drainage, layout and calculation*

BS EN 12200-1 : 2016 *Plastics rainwater piping systems for above ground external use — Unplasticized poly(vinyl chloride) (PVC-U) — Specifications for pipes, fittings and the system*

BS EN ISO 1461 : 2009 *Hot dip galvanized coatings on fabricated iron and steel articles — Specifications and test methods*

BS EN ISO 9001 : 2015 *Quality management systems — Requirements*

15 Conditions

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