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Agrément Certificate  
**89/2153**  
Product Sheet 3

### HARCON GRP VALLEY TROUGH AND FLASHING RANGE

### HARCON GRP SECRET GUTTER TYPE C AND DRY FIX BONDING GUTTER DBG

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet<sup>(1)</sup> relates to Harcon GRP Secret Gutter Type C and Dry Fix Bonding Gutter DBG, for use in slated or tiled roofs constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements of BS 5534 : 2014, as a seal at the junction of old and new roofs on terraced, semi-detached or extended houses.

(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.

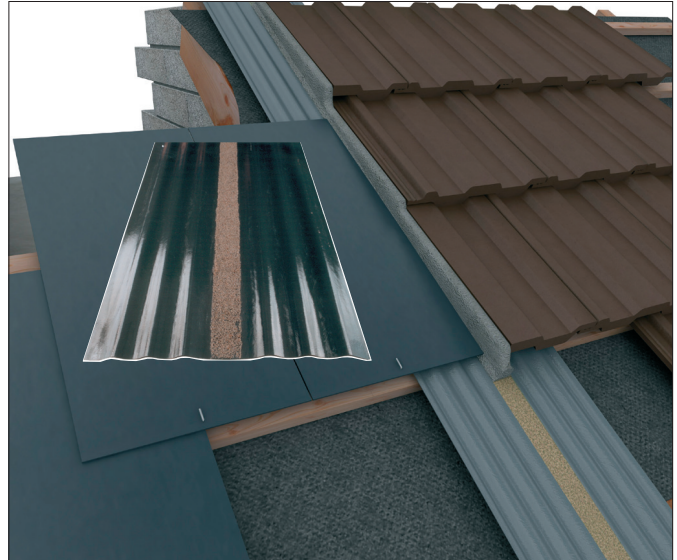
#### KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

**Weathertightness** — as part of a complete roof, the products will resist the passage of moisture into the interior of the building (see section 6).

**Properties in relation to fire** — the products, when used as part of a complete roof, will be unrestricted under the Building Regulations (see section 7).

**Strength** — the products have adequate strength to resist the loads associated with installation of the roof (see section 8).

**Durability** — under normal service conditions, the products will have a service life of at least 20 years (see section 10).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the products described herein. These products have been assessed by the BBA as being fit for their intended use provided they are 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, Harcon GRP Secret Gutter Type C and Dry Fix Bonding Gutter DBG, 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)

<b>Requirement:</b> B4(2)	<b>External fire spread</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The products, when used as part of a complete roof, will not affect the fire rating of the roof construction. See section 7 of this Certificate.
<b>Requirement:</b> C2(b)	<b>Resistance to moisture</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The products will contribute to a roof meeting this Requirement. See section 6 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 7	<b>Materials and workmanship</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The products are acceptable. See section 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.



## The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

<b>Regulation:</b> 8(1)	<b>Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The use of the products satisfy the requirements of this Regulation. See section 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 9	<b>Building standards applicable to construction</b>
<b>Standard:</b> 2.8	<b>Spread from neighbouring buildings</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The products can be regarded as having low vulnerability, with reference to clause 2.8.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> , and will not affect the fire rating of the roof construction. See section 7 of this Certificate.
<b>Standard:</b> 3.10	<b>Precipitation</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The products will contribute to a roof satisfying clauses 3.10.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and 3.10.8 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> of this Standard. See section 6 of this Certificate.
<b>Standard:</b> 7.1(a)	<b>Statement of sustainability</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The products can contribute to meeting the relevant Requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.
<b>Regulation:</b> 12	<b>Building standards applicable to conversions</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	All comments given for these products under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> and Schedule 6 <sup>(1)(2)</sup> . (1) Technical Handbook (Domestic). (2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



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

<b>Regulation:</b> 23(a)(i)(iii)(b)(i)	<b>Fitness of materials and workmanship</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The products are acceptable. See section 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 28(b)	<b>Resistance to moisture and weather</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The products will contribute to a roof satisfying this Regulation. See section 6 of this Certificate.
<b>Regulation:</b> 36(b)	<b>External fire spread</b>
<b>Comment:</b>	The products, when used as part of a complete roof construction, will not affect the fire rating of the roof construction. See section 7 of this Certificate.

## Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015

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

In the opinion of the BBA, this Certificate does not include any content which relates to the obligations of the client, CDM co-ordinator, designer and contractors under these Regulations.

# Additional Information

## NHBC Standards 2016

NHBC accepts the use of Harcon GRP Secret Gutter Type C and Dry Fix Bonding Gutter DBG, provided they are installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 7.2 *Pitched roofs*.

## 1 Description

1.1 Harcon GRP Secret Gutter Type C and Dry Fix Bonding Gutter DBG are manufactured from glassfibre/polyester laminate to the profiles illustrated in Figures 1 and 2.

Figure 1 Harcon GRP Secret Gutter Type C

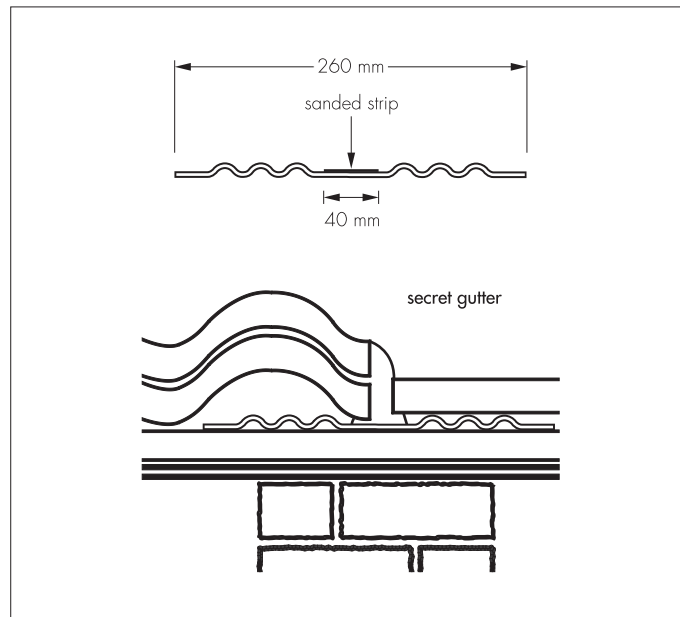
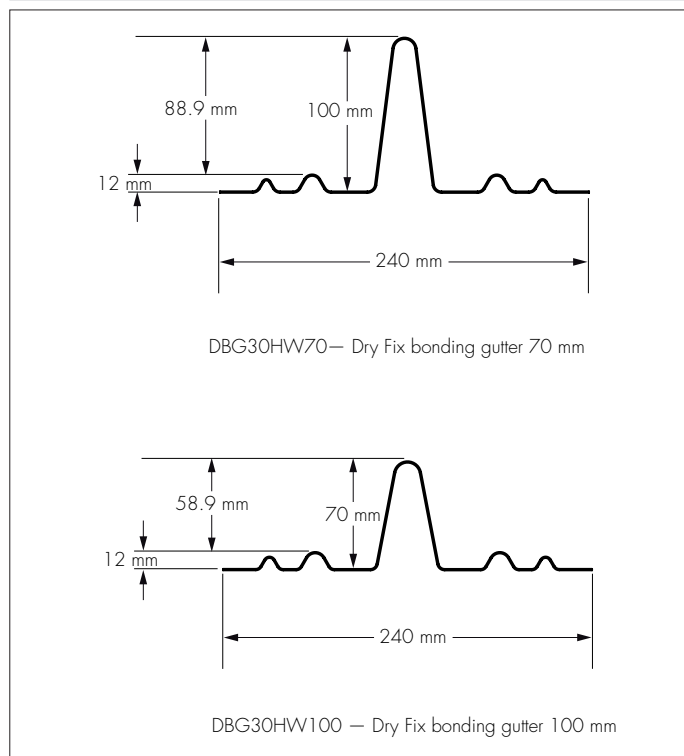


Figure 2 Bonding gutter Type DBG



1.2 The products are manufactured to the following specifications:

Width (mm)	260 (Type C) 240 (Type DBG)
Length (m)	1.8, 2.4, 3.0
Sanded strip width	40 (Type C)
Standard colour <sup>(1)</sup>	grey/blue.

(1) Other colours are available to order.

## 2 Manufacture

2.1 The products are manufactured in a continuous process. Resin is spread across a film into which glass rovings are evenly distributed, and formed into a laminate. The required profile is shaped by wooden formers and allowed to cure.

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 Ariel Plastics Limited has been assessed and registered as meeting the requirements of BS EN ISO 9001 : 2008 by SGS (Certificate Q1201).

## 3 Delivery and site handling

The products are delivered to site in packs of ten. Each item bears the BBA logo incorporating the number of this Certificate. Packs should be stored flat on a clean, level surface.

# Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Harcon GRP Secret Gutter Type C and Dry Fix Bonding Gutter DBG.

## Design Considerations

### 4 Use

Harcon GRP Secret Gutter Type C and Dry Fix Bonding Gutter DBG are satisfactory for use in slated or tiled pitched roofs constructed in accordance with the relevant clauses of BS 5534 : 2014.

### 5 Practicability of installation

The products are designed to be installed by a roofing contractor experienced with this type of product.

### 6 Weathertightness



The products will adequately resist the passage of moisture to the interior of a building and so meet the requirements of the national Building Regulations.

### 7 Properties in relation to fire



7.1 Samples of GRP, representative of that used in the manufacture of the product, when tested in accordance with BS 476-3 : 1958 achieved an EXT.S.AA rating.

7.2 Samples of GRP, representative of that used in the manufacture of the product, when tested in accordance with BS 476-7 : 1987 achieved a Class 3 surface spread of flame.

### 8 Strength

The products will resist the normal impacts associated with installation and use.

### 9 Maintenance

No maintenance is necessary and the smooth surface finish will inhibit the build-up of foreign matter.

### 10 Durability



The products, when installed in accordance with this Certificate, will have a life of at least 20 years.

## Installation

### 11 General

11.1 Installation of Harcon GRP Secret Gutter Type C and Dry Fix Bonding Gutter DBG must be in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and the relevant recommendations of BS 5534 : 2014 and BS 8000-6 : 2013.

11.2 The sections must be cut to size with a fine-toothed saw and can accept holes being drilled using a sharp drill bit.

## 12 Procedure

### Secret Gutter

12.1 The underlay and battens over the joint area of the separating wall must be made good. Battens may cross over the separating wall without trimming.

12.2 The adjoining roof must be prepared by renewing any nails in the first 130 mm, and cutting the tiles or slates in the straight line mid-way over the separating wall.

12.3 The gutter must be slid under undisturbed tiles or slates, approximately 115 mm, and nailed to the battens through drilled holes using nails of a quality acceptable to good roofing practice.

12.4 Consecutive lengths of valley trough must be laid allowing a 150 mm overlap at the joints and extending over the fascia board into the gutter.

12.5 The tiles or slates must be fixed with a butt joint over the centre of the trough, and bedded onto mortar or mastic laid on the sanded strip. The water channels must be left free from mortar or mastic.

### Bonding Gutter

12.6 The underlay and battens over the joint area of the separating wall must be made good. Battens may cross over the separating wall without being trimmed.

12.7 The adjoining roof must be prepared by renewing any nails in the first 130 mm, and cutting the tiles or slates in the straight line mid-way over the separating wall.

12.8 The gutter must be slid under undisturbed tiles or slates, approximately 115 mm, and nailed to the battens through drilled holes using nails of a quality acceptable to good roofing practice.

12.9 Consecutive lengths of valley trough must be laid, allowing a 150 mm overlap at joints and extending over the fascia board into the gutter.

12.10 The adjacent slates and tiles must be fitted against the central upstand of the joining gutter. Adjoining roof tiles must be repaired, replaced and secured where necessary.

## 13 Repair

Damaged areas can be repaired by following the Certificate holder's instructions prior to completing the roof covering.

## 14 Finishing

Tiling must be carried out in accordance with the relevant clauses of BS 5534 : 2014 and BS 8000-6 : 2013.

## Technical Investigations

### 15 Tests

Tests were carried out by the BBA in relation to:

- density
- resin/glass ratio
- dimensions
- hardness
- tensile strength/elongation
- cross-breaking strength
- effect of elevated temperatures
- effect of water soak
- impact resistance.

### 16 Investigations

16.1 The results of fire tests on samples of GRP used in the manufacture of the products were assessed.

16.2 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.

## Bibliography

BS 476-3 : 1958 *Fire tests on building materials and structures — External fire exposure roof test*

BS 476-7 : 1987 *Fire tests on building materials and structures — Method for classification of the surface spread of flame of product*

## Conditions of Certification

### 17 Conditions

17.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page — no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document — it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
- is copyright of the BBA
- is subject to English Law.

17.2 Publications, documents, specifications, legislation, regulations, standards and the like referenced in this Certificate are those that were current and/or deemed relevant by the BBA at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate.

17.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

17.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

17.5 In issuing this Certificate, the BBA is not responsible and is excluded from any liability to any company, firm, organisation or person, for any matters arising directly or indirectly from:

- the presence or absence of any patent, intellectual property or similar rights subsisting in the product/system or any other product/system
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- any works and constructions in which the product/system is installed, including their nature, design, methods, performance, workmanship and maintenance
- any loss or damage, including personal injury, howsoever caused by the product/system, including its manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal
- any claims by the manufacturer relating to CE marking.

17.6 Any information relating to the manufacture, supply, installation, use, maintenance and removal of this product/system which is contained or referred to in this Certificate is the minimum required to be met when the product/system is manufactured, supplied, installed, used, maintained and removed. It does not purport in any way to restate the requirements of the Health and Safety at Work etc. Act 1974, or of any other statutory, common law or other duty which may exist at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate; nor is conformity with such information to be taken as satisfying the requirements of the 1974 Act or of any statutory, common law or other duty of care.