



THERMAFLEX®

ThermaSmart® Marine

Installation manual



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Environment, health and safety

Safety first!

Insulation works should only be performed by skilled professionals who have the required training, experience and knowledge of relevant regulations. Persons with the corresponding qualification should be informed about the job safety requirements and must have read and understood the installation manual before carrying out the assigned work.

The equipment used for the job must meet all local regulation, must be clean and fully



Ventilation

Make sure to have good ventilation when you are working with glue joining technology in confined spaces.



Safety regulations

Respect the relevant safety regulations for the workspace.



National laws

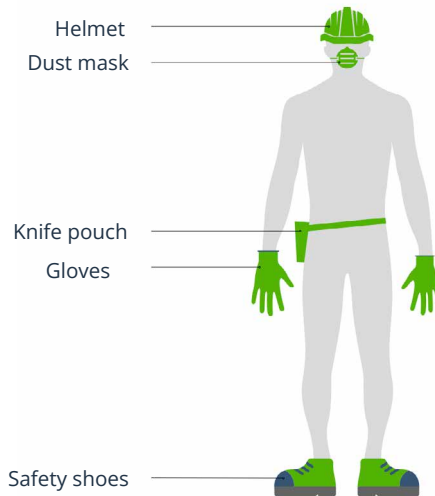
Make sure all tools used on site meet national regulations.



Certificate

Only instructed people should carry out installation works to avoid accidents.

Recommended workwear



Installation conditions

For a professional high-quality installation, the following installation conditions must be respected.



System decommissioned

System is decommissioned. Pipe is at ambient temperature (over dew point for cooling). Heating system is cooled down completely.



Windy conditions

No windy conditions.



Ambient temperature: +5 °C to 40°C



Clean

Clean working environment.



Safety regulations

Clear local safety regulations.



Ventilation

When working in confined space ventilation must be provided.

Important!

An insulated system may only be used 24 hours after the work has been carried out and the ThermaGlue is at full strength.

ThermaSmart[®] Marine

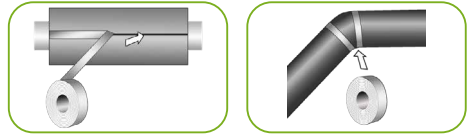
ThermaSmart[®] Marine is a polyolefin elastomer insulation system covered with black aluminium foil.

The application of ThermaSmart[®] Marine Tube is the same as other Thermaflex tube insulation (see page 8, 9, 10), but in this case the following rules should be applied:

1. Seam protection

- For ThermaSmart[®] Marine installed insulation, all seams should be covered with ThermaSmart[®] Marine Black aluminium tape, therefore glueing the seams is not needed.
- For ThermaSmart[®] PRO HF used in multi-layer application all seams should be previously glued with ThermaGlue (see ThermaSmart[®] PRO HF on pages 8-9).

Glueless application for all ThermaSmart[®] Marine tubes!



Important!

ThermaSmart[®] Marine, all seams should be covered with an overlap at least 50 mm wide!

2. Applying tape



3. Finishing assembly

After installation, make sure that the entire ThermaSmart[®] Marine system has been coated with black aluminium foil.



Required tools



ThermaSmart[®] Marine tube



ThermaSmart[®] PRO HF tube

Important!

In the case of places without black aluminium foil they should be covered with ThermaSmart[®] Marine Black aluminium tape.

⚠ The glue MUST NOT be used after the expiration date. See the bottom of the can.



Knives & cutters



Utility knife



Small paring knife, 8 cm



Marker



Tape measure



Folding ruler



Squeegee

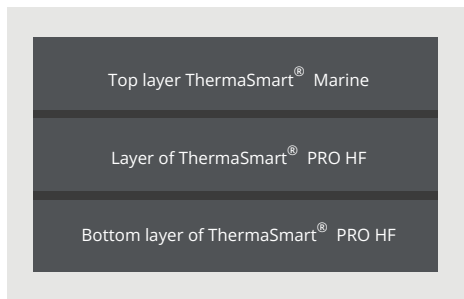


Tape

Application thickness above 30 mm and up to 150 mm

ThermaSmart® Marine and ThermaSmart® PRO HF tube versions are produced in a maximum thickness of 30 mm. For applications requiring greater thickness, a multi-layer system can and should be used, as follows:

- Bottom layers ThermaSmart® PRO HF version
 - **ThermaGlue must be used to seal all seams**
- Final top layer ThermaSmart® Marine
 - **No ThermaGlue is needed.**
 - Seams can be sealed by only using ThermaSmart® Marine aluminium tape



Important!

Make sure to allow an excess length of +2% for compression joining to compensate for thermal expansion!

Note

The three layers shown in the picture are just an example. More or fewer layers can be used, provided the total thickness does not exceed 150 mm.

- Combinations of all wall thicknesses from the range can be used for this with the remark that the total wall thickness does not exceed the maximum allowed 150 mm.
- After installing the top layer of ThermaSmart® Marine, all seams longitudinally as well as front side connections must be covered with self-adhesive ThermaSmart® Marine Black aluminium tape with a minimum width of 50 mm.
- Glueless application is only for the Marine tube insulation with the Black Alu foil. The ThermaSmart® HF tube used as a first layer in a multi-layer system should always be installed using ThermaGlue to seal the seams (see manual tube insulation).
- If ThermaSmart® Marine is used in only one layer (up to 30 mm) no glue is needed. All seams can be sealed with only using ThermaSmart® Marine Black aluminium tape.
- Make sure that all seams are closed before using the ThermaSmart® Marine Black aluminium tape to seal and cover the seams.

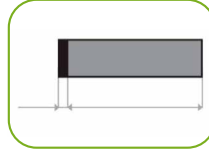
ThermaSmart[®]

PRO HF Tube

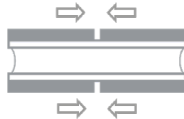


1. Measure length

- Measure the length needed for the tube insulation.
- Add 2% extra length to compensate for thermal expansion.
- Cut the insulation tube at a 90° angle.



2. Cut to length (butt joint)

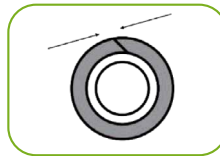


Tip!

Use a metri box for a perfect 90° cut!

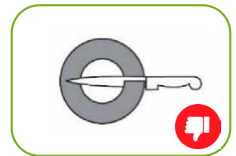
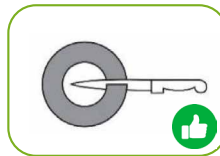
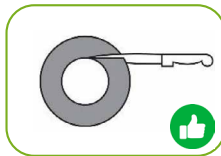
3. Longitudinal cut (circumferential joining)

- Cut open tubular insulation along the longitudinal direction using a knife.
- Maximise the joining surface as shown in Figure 3. For optimum, save and vapour-tight joining.



Important!

Reduce the ovality of the tube insulation by pressing on it. Always cut tubes on the flat side to minimise tension on the seam.

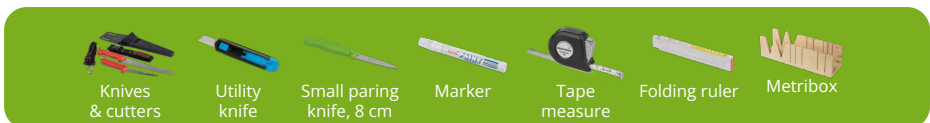


Important!

Make sure to use the right product with the right inner diameter.

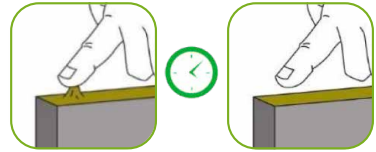
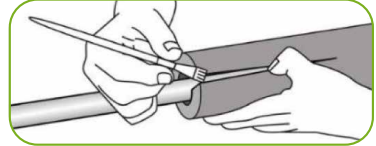
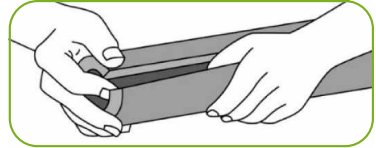
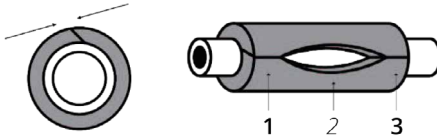
- ID too small - tension in the seam.
- ID too big - hollow space.

Required tools



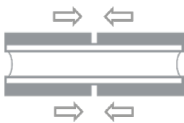
1. Circumferential joining

- After making the longitudinal cut, open insulation using your finger.
- Wrap around the pipe.
- Cover both joining surfaces with ThermaGlue.
- Let glue dry and do the fingernail test.
- Press seam together:
- First join edges (1,3) to prevent misalignment
- Then join middle part (2).
- Join the remaining parts applying light pressure.



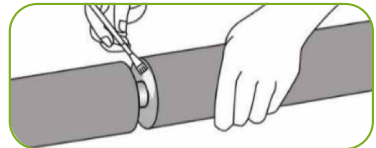
2.1. Butt joint (option 1.)

- Ensure compartmentation on the already installed tube end.
- Apply glue to both the surface of the installed tube end and the new insulation tube.
- Wait until glue is tack-dry.
- Join the two insulation tubes by applying light pressure to the already installed tube.

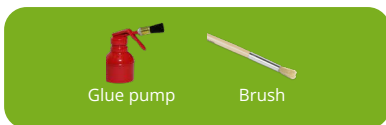


Important!

Make sure to allow an excess length of +2% for compression joining to compensate for thermal expansion!



Required tools



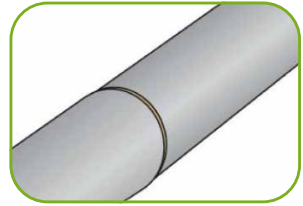
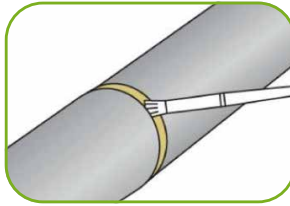
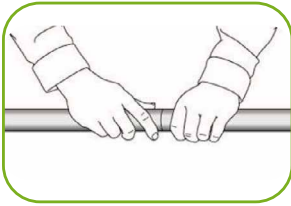
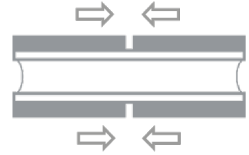
ThermaSmart® PRO HF tube



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2.2. Butt joint - wet sealing (option 2.)

- Both insulation tubes already installed.
- Pull the two insulation ends apart.
- Use the wet sealing technique by applying adhesive evenly between both joining surfaces.
- Use light pressure to join the two insulation tubes together while glue is still wet for a vapour-tight bond.



3. Multi-layer-insulation

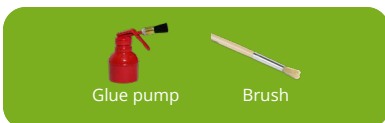
Ensure that the two layers are at least 90° apart from each other and the longitudinal seams do not overlap. After applying the first layer, the second layer should be applied in the same manner.



Important!

The multi-layer technique is also needed if higher insulation thicknesses are required.

Required tools



ThermaSmart® PRO HF tube



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Prefab it yourself

1. Joining techniques:

We offer two main joining techniques to seal off your system! These includes our long-time performance proven ThermaGlue as well as our heat plate tool for tubular prefabrications to simply and swiftly prefab-it-yourself, on site or in your workshop.

2. Heat up the heating element

Heat surface to the temperature of 180°C.

Important!

Ambient temperature 5°C - 35°C

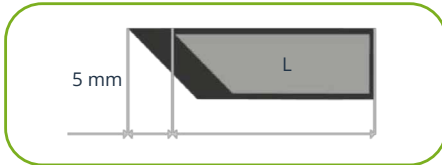


3. Length allowance

For melting provide an additional length of + 5 mm to the original length of each fitting.

Important!

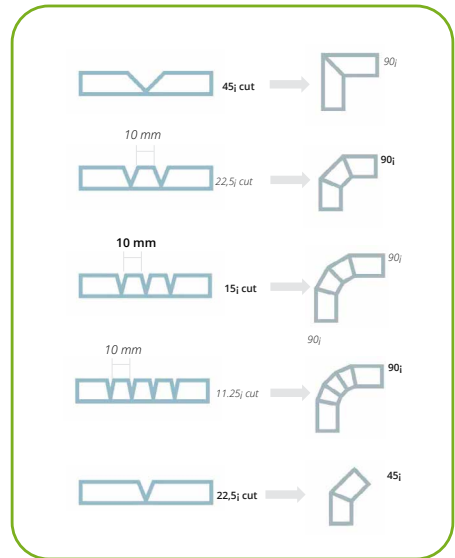
Respect the country specific health and safety regulations for working with high temperature electrical equipment.



4. Cut fitting segments

Cut fitting segments with the help of the Thermaflex cutting mat or mitre box according to the figures beneath.

Bends 90° and 45°



Pre-fabricating a 90° or a 45° bend involves a simple process.

Step one: Cut the segment parts
Step two: Weld.

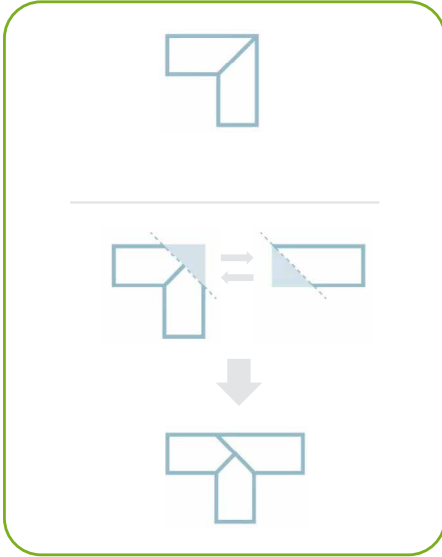
Required tools



Knives
& cutters

HeatPlate

T-piece 90°

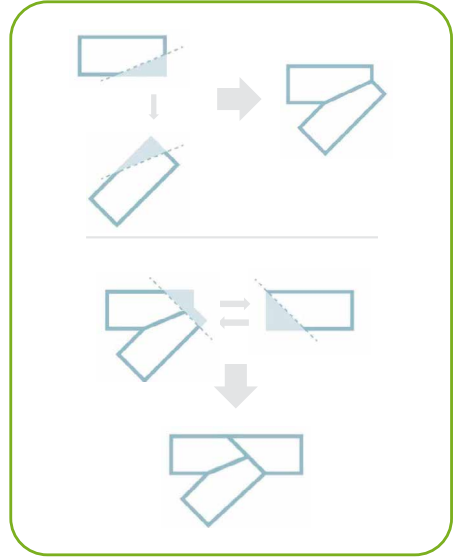


Pre-fabricating a 90° T-piece involves a two-step process.

Step one: Produce a 90° bend.

Step two: Find an additional piece of tube insulation of the same size; then, cut both pieces to fit together like shown in figure 2 and weld.

T-piece 45°



Pre-fabricating a 45° T-piece involves a two-step process.

Step one: Produce a 135° bend as shown in figure 1.

Step two: Cut the bend and the tube insulation to fit together as shown in figure 2 and weld.

1. Melt fitting component interface

Press both components onto the heating element and proceed with the following steps.

Equalise surface:

- Press for 1 second (to equalise the surface).
- Remove from the heating element.
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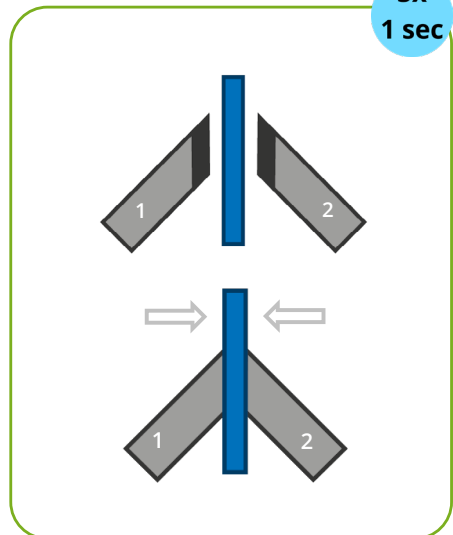
Heat up surface:

- Press for 1 second (heat up time).

Important!

Lightly press fitting components onto the heating element.

3x
1 sec

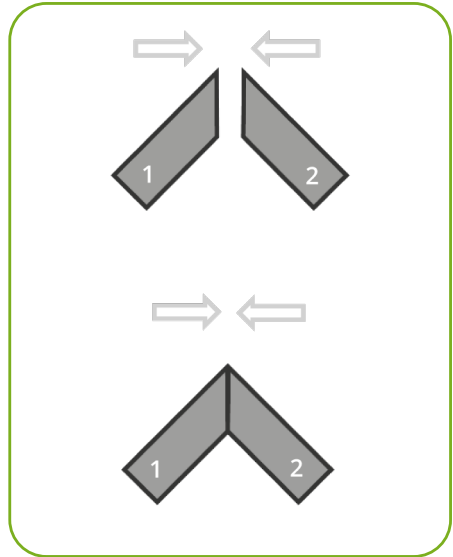


2. Joining

Join the two fitting components within 2 seconds (dwell time) after removing from the heating element and secure fittings by holding firmly with pressure for 3 seconds (welding time). After the welding process the two components are bound and homogenously joined.

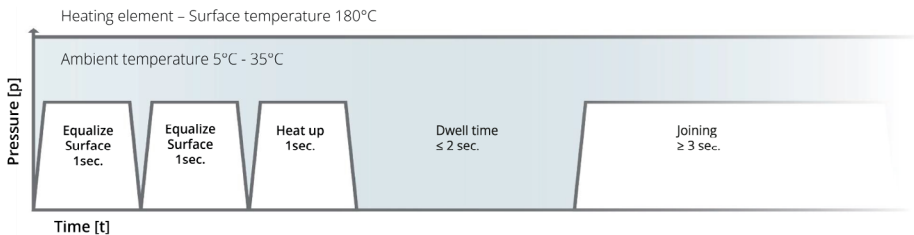
Important!

After the welding process, carefully clean the surface of the heating element with a thick and dry paper cloth.



Welding process

Polyfusion welding of tubular polyolefin insulation



ThermaSmart[®] Marine Sheet



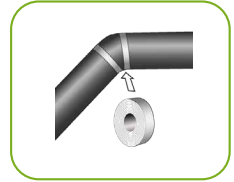
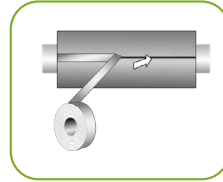
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Glue still required for all ThermaSmart[®] Marine sheet.

The application of ThermaSmart[®] Marine sheet is the same as other Thermaflex sheet insulation, but in this case the following rules should be applied:

1. Seam protection

All seams should be previously glued with ThermaGlue, and then covered with ThermaSmart[®] Marine aluminium tape.

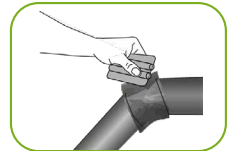
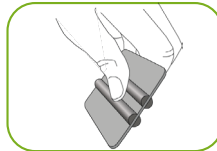
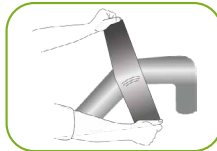
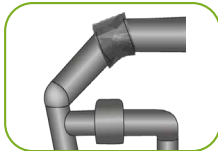


Important!

All seams should be covered with an overlap at least 50 mm wide!

2. Applying tape

For accurate protection of insulation, after applying ThermaSmart[®] Marine Black tape to the seam, smooth the surface thoroughly so that the tape adheres strongly to the insulation surface.



3. Finishing assembly

After installation, make sure that the entire ThermaSmart[®] Marine system has been coated with black aluminium foil.



Required tools



ThermaSmart[®] Marine sheet



ThermaSmart[®] PRO HF sheet

Important!

In the case of places without black aluminium foil they should be covered with ThermaSmart[®] Marine Black aluminium tape.

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Knives & cutters



Utility knife



Small paring knife, 8 cm



Marker



Tape measure



Folding ruler



Squeegee

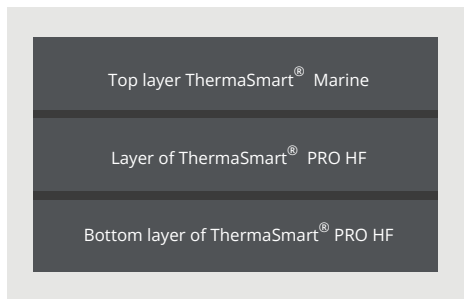


Tape

Application thickness above 25 mm and up to 150 mm

ThermaSmart® Marine and ThermaSmart® PRO HF tube versions are produced in a maximum thickness of 25 mm. For applications requiring greater thickness, a multi-layer system can and should be used, as follows:

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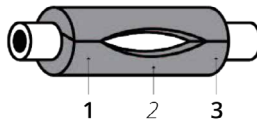
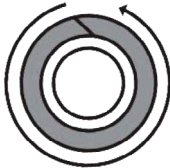
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- Make sure that all seams are closed before using the ThermaSmart® Marine Black aluminium tape to seal and cover the seams.

ThermaSmart® PRO HF Sheet



1. Circumferential joining

- Wrap sheet insulation around the pipe (1, 2, 3).
- First join the edges (4, 5) and then the middle part (6) to prevent misalignment of the ends.
- Join the remaining.

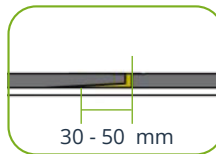
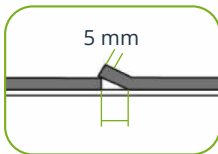


Important!

When securing sheet insulation material, care should be taken to avoid high tension on the sealed seam caused by the bending of the sheet. See 3. Multi-layer-insulation.

2. Butt joining

- Apply the insulation sheet material in longitudinal direction with an excess length of +5 mm.
- Use the wet sealing technique for the butt joint.

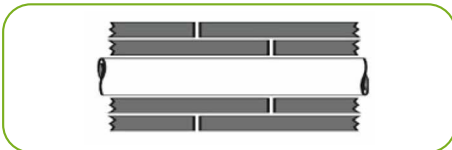


Important!

Make sure that the seam is in visible area for correct installation work and quality inspection!

3. Multi-layer-insulation

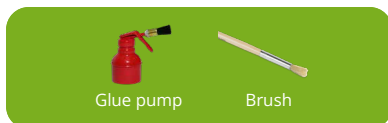
Ensure that the two layers are at least 90° apart from each other and the longitudinal seams don't overlap as shown in figure 3. After applying the first layer, the second layer should be applied in the same manner.



Important!

The multi-layer technique is also needed if higher insulation thicknesses are required.

Required tools



Glue pump

Brush



ThermaSmart® PRO HF sheet

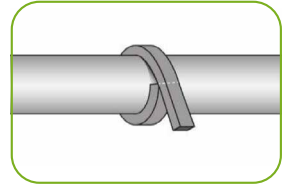


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Measurement & cutting

1. Measure

Determine the circumference (C) of the pipe by using a strip of the insulation material that matches the thickness of the insulation to be applied.

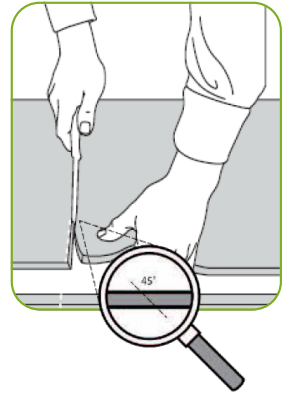
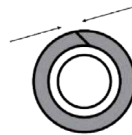


2. Outline guides & cut (circumferential joint)

- Plot the circumference on the sheet insulation and cut accordingly.
- For circumferential joining, cut the sheet material in a beveled manner to maximise the joining surface.

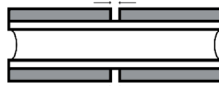
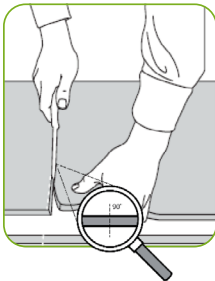
Tip!

Before start marking, make sure the curve of the sheet material follows the curve of the pipe/circular duct for easy application.



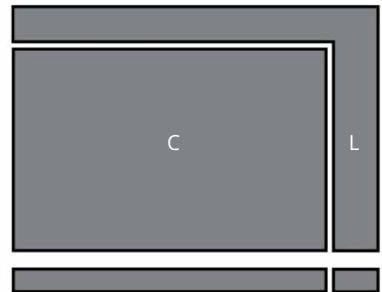
3. Cut (but joint)

- Cut the sheet insulation to length (L) for butt joining if necessary.
- For longitudinal joining cut with a 90° angle by using a knife.



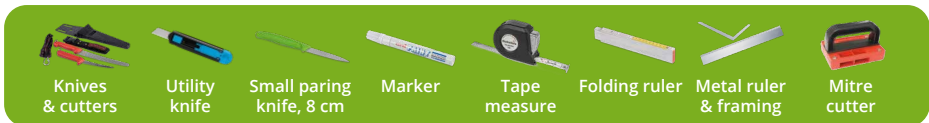
Important!

Don't forget to allow an excess length of 5 mm for wet sealing.



Insulation strip (C)
C Pipe circumference
L Length

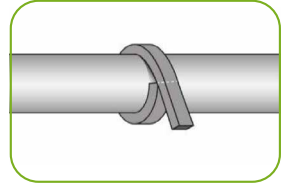
Required tools



Fittings

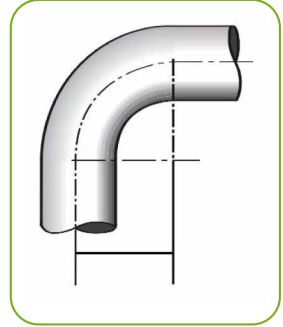
1. Measure

Measure the circumference (C) of the pipe using a strip of insulation material of the same thickness to be used for the insulation.



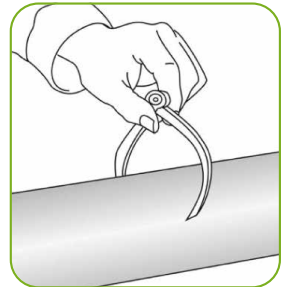
2. Curve radius

Measure the curve radius (R) using a folding ruler, metal ruler or Talmeter.



3. Pipe diameter

Measure the outer diameter of the pipe (\varnothing pipe) with the outside calipers or using the Talmeter.



Required tools



Draw cutting lines

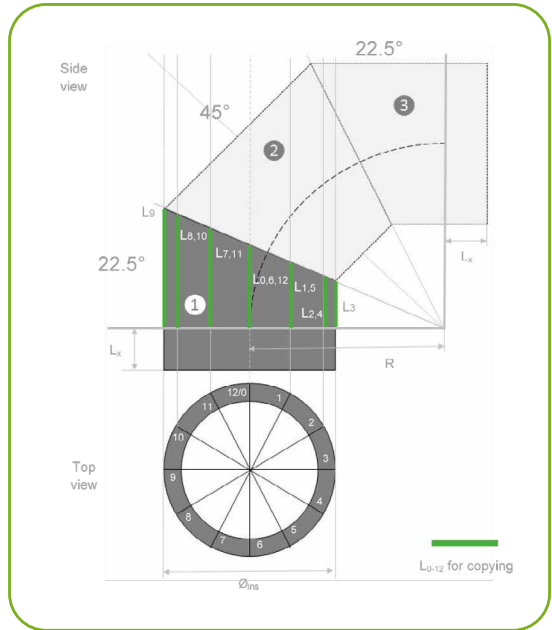
1. Outline

Create an outline of the insulation bend on a piece of cardboard to obtain the length of the cutting lines on the sheet insulation.

1. Start with a top view of the pipe cross-section area including the insulation thickness.
2. Draw the side view of the fitting
 - Choose the number of segments (see table)
 - Draw the guides for the segments and draw segment
 - Copy the points 0-12 from the top view by drawing vertical guides.

Important!

Lengths L9 should not be over 140 mm.
If this length is over 140 mm, add another bend segment.



- Øpipe Outer diameter pipe
- Øins Outer diameter (pipe + 2x Insulation thickness)
- R Curve radius
- C Pipe circumference
- Lx Excess length required
- L0-12 Height of the insulation for copying to insulation with compass.

Calculation tool

We offer a calculation program that provides you with all the measurements you need just by entering the measurements of the bend. Please contact your local Thermaflex partner to access it.

Numbers of segments	End parts angle [°]	Middle parts angle [°]
2+1	2x22.5°	1x45°
2+2	2x15°	2x30°
2+3	2x11.25°	3x22.5°
2+4	2x9°	4x18°

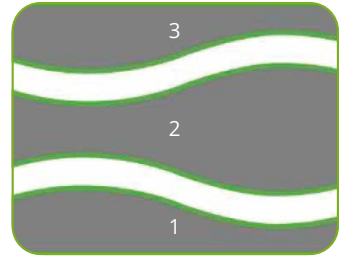
Required tools



Assemble & join segments

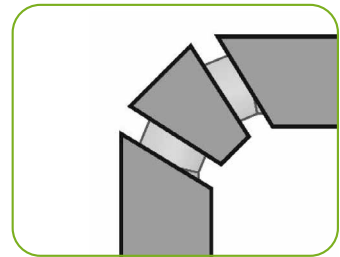
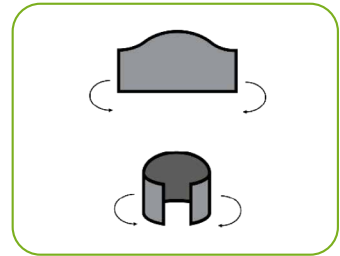
1. Cut out

Cut out the segments from the sheet insulation material on the cutting lines.



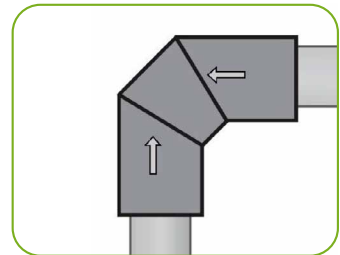
2. Fit

- Apply glue to the joining surface of the freshly cut sheet and allow to tack dry.
- Place sheet on the bend and glue each of the segments together.
- Due to the bending of the segments, the joining surfaces may retract inwards and outwards. Make sure to cut them straight so they fit together (especially for bigger thicknesses).

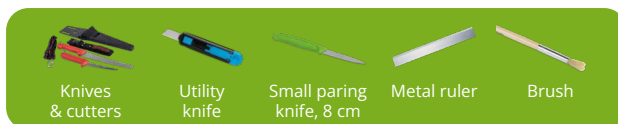


3. Join

Apply glue on the joining surfaces, let it dry and join the segments on the bend.



Required tools

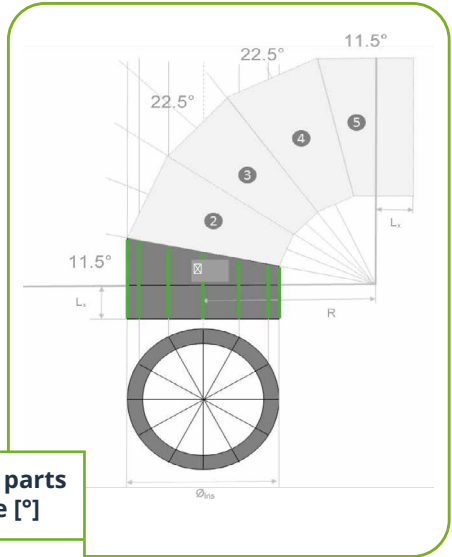


Example: 90° Segment bend – 2 + 3 middle parts

Depending on the pipe diameter and the curve radius, sometimes more than 3 bend segments are necessary. To determine the number of bend segments, consult the table below. Make sure to respect a maximum of 140 mm for the length L_9 .

1. Create template

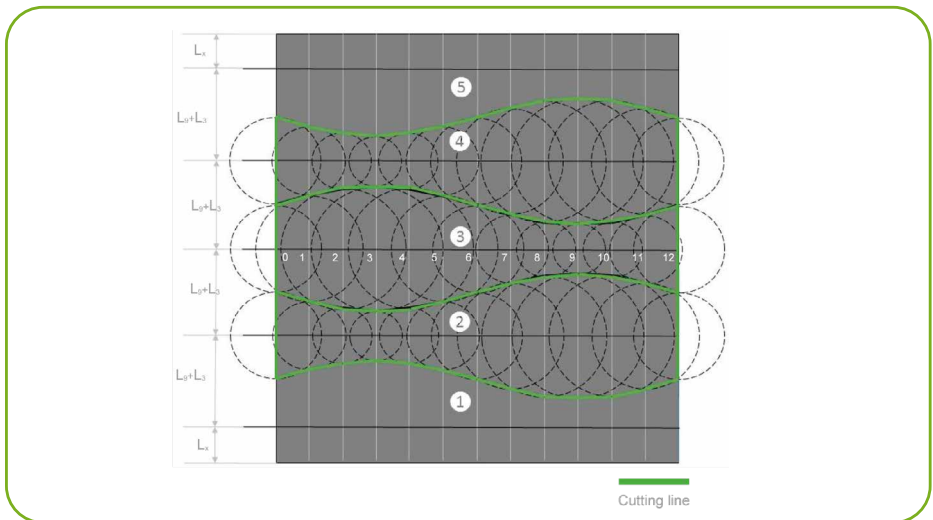
The template for a bend with 5 segments is given below.



Numbers of segments	End parts angle [°]	Middle parts angle [°]
2+1	2x22.5°	1x45°
2+2	2x15°	2x30°
2+3	2x11.25°	3x22.5°
2+4	2x9°	4x18°

2. Draw cutting lines

The cutting lines to cut out the 5 segments are given below.

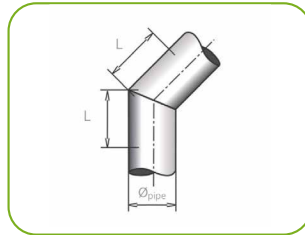
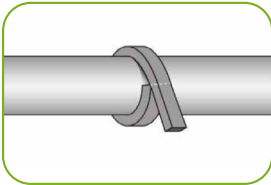


Bend 45°

Measure & Draw cutting lines

1. Cut out

- Decide on the side length (L) of the bend.
- Determine the circumference of the pipe by using a strip of insulation material that matches the thickness of the insulation to be applied.



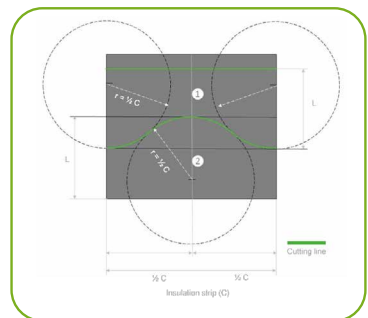
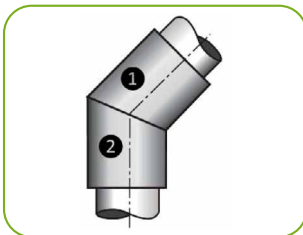
Important!

The side length (L) must be more than the pipe radius ($\text{Øpipe} / 2$)!

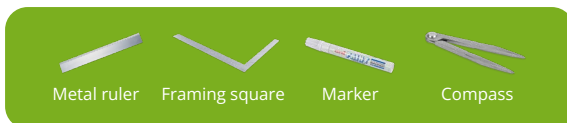
Øpipe	Outer diameter pipe
C	Pipe circumference
L	Side length of the insulation bend

2. Draw guides on sheet insulation

- Cut piece of sheet insulation at the width of the circumference (C) or mark on a bigger piece of sheet.
- Halve the sheet and draw a vertical guide.
- Draw a horizontal line at the height L.
- Mark the centre of the circle (2) at $\frac{1}{2} C$ and draw the circle using a compass.
- Next, use a compass to draw the other two circles with the same radius.



Required tools

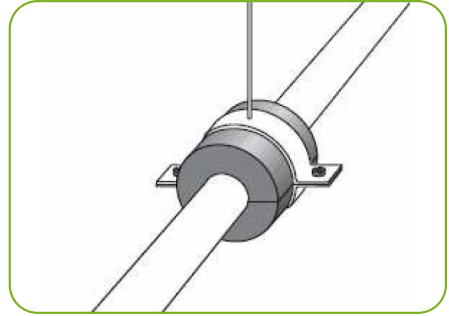


Pipe Fixation

The choice of the pipe fixation system and the insulation thickness greatly affects the spacial design during the pipework installation. Bracket spacing depends on pipe system!

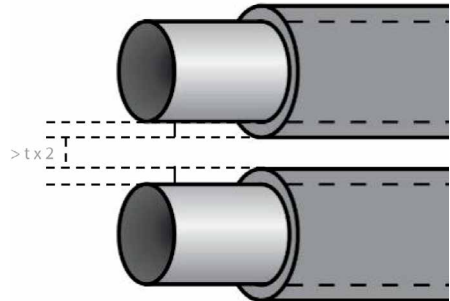
1. ThermaMount Marine pipe supports

Pre-insulated pipe supports are installed together with the pipes. So designers or project planners must ensure selecting the right pipe support in the design process. That's the only way to guarantee the right components are available on site for the pipework installation.



2. Ensure space between Insulated pipes

When it comes to chilled water lines or refrigeration systems, space should be allowed between the insulated system components to ensure free convection. We recommend to use at least twice the insulation wall thickness as an additional safety measure against condensation.



t = wall thickness of ThermaSmart® Marine insulation material

Important!

For chilled water lines and refrigeration systems we recommend ThermaMount Marine pipe support only to guarantee a vapour-tight insulated system without thermal bridges.

ThermaMount Marine

ThermaMount Marine pipe support

For a vapour-tight system

For chilled water applications, pre-insulated pipe supports are recommended to create a fully watertight and vapour-tight system. When opting for alternative pipe hangers, it is difficult to ensure that the clamp will be vapour-tight when used in combination with Thermaflex insulation.

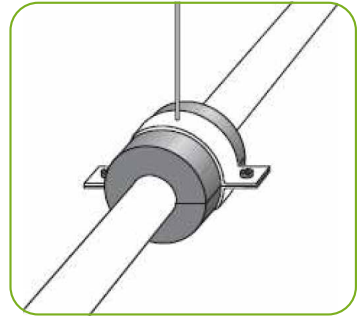


Our pre-insulated hangers prevent:

- Condensation gaps.
- Thickness compression of insulation.
- Undesirable influence on the system performance of chilled water applications.
- Hereby ensuring an optimal, and hassle-free system performance.

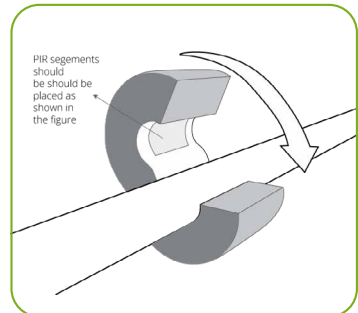
Tip!

- Use a nylon locking nut / anti-vibratory fastener.
- Apply non-skid pads to the clamps to minimise movement.
- Keep in mind pre-insulated supports should be installed together with the pipes.



1. Place insulation pipe support

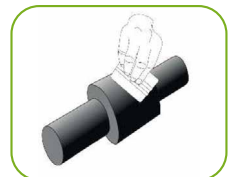
Wrap the ThermaMount Marine around the pipe. Locate the PIR segments to bear the load.



2. Seal ThermaMount Marine

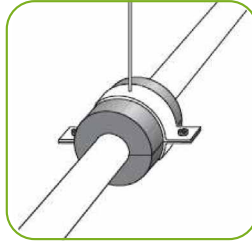
Close the seam by joining them firmly to press.

Seal the seam with the self adhesive Marine Black aluminium tape and smooth the surface thoroughly



3. Place pipe support clamp

Place the clamp around the ThermaMount Marine pipe support.



Important!

Pipe hangers are not suitable for anchoring! (sliding brackets).

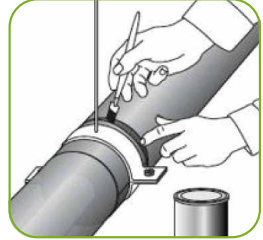
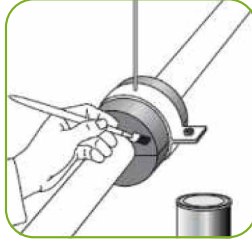
Select ThermaMount

4. Coat with glue support clamp

Important!

Only applicable for ThermaSmart® HF Tubes in 1st layer.

Coat all joining surfaces of the pipe support and insulation tube with ThermaGlue.



5. Let glue sit and join

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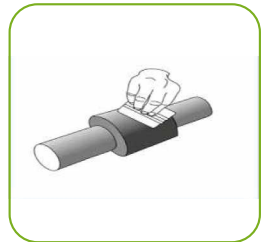
Let glue sit until tack dry (fingernail test) and firmly press the insulation against the pipe hanger insulation.



6. Seal butt joint

Apply ThermaSmart® Marine Black aluminium tape to the butt joint where the Thermaflex insulation and support come together.

Make sure the surface of the butt seam is free of dust before applying the aluminium tape.



Applying tape

For accurate protection of the insulation, after applying the ThermaSmart® Marine Black aluminium tape to the seam, smooth the surface thoroughly so that the tape adheres strongly to the insulation surface.



ThermaMount Marine



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ThermaMount Marine Flex



Flexible pipe support used for pipe diameters above diameter 114 mm

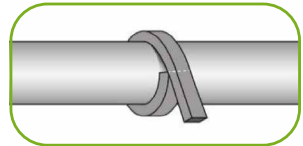
1. Measurement

Measure circumference for ThermaMount Marine flex.

When dealing with pipes or circular ducts with a diameter of more than 114 mm, use ThermaMount Marine flex. When applying ThermaMount Marine flex, avoid tension at all costs. To guarantee measuring the required excess length, we recommend using a strip of insulation of the same thickness to measure the circumference including excess length.

Important!

Do not stretch the strip!

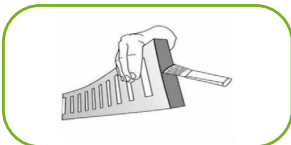


2. Join insulation

- Coat both surfaces for circumferential joining with glue and let the sealant dry before application (tack -dry consistency) (1)
- Wrap the insulation around the pipe (2)
- Join the edges by applying light pressure (2)
- Apply ThermaSmart® Marine Black aluminium tape to the butt joint (3)

Note

Never shorten the inserts when cutting the ThermaMount Marine Flex to size. If necessary use several strips to reach the correct diameter.



3. Applying tape

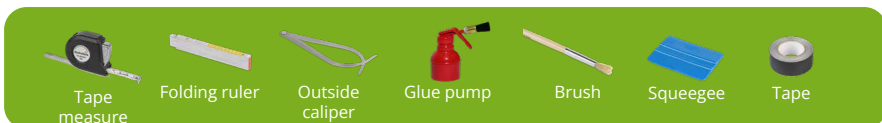
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ThermaMount Marine Flex

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Required tools



Tape measure

Folding ruler

Outside caliper

Glue pump

Brush

Squeegee

Tape



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