



#### Introduction

Conservatory walls consist largely of glazed elements including windows and doors that may include structural mullions or may be strengthened with internal structural reinforcement inside hollow sections. Modern conservatories are likely to be marked in accordance with BS EN 14351-1:2006 + A1:2010.

The Guardian Roof System is designed to be of similar weight to a glass roof of equal size, so it follows that the existing glazed walls, if correctly specified for the original glazed roof, should be capable of supporting the replacement Guardian Roof System.

It is the sole responsibility of the installer to establish the structural suitability of the existing conservatory wall system, to establish the location of any structural or reinforcing elements, and to ensure that the Guardian Roof System is fixed to the existing structural elements so that gravity and wind loads are transferred safely through the existing walls to the conservatory foundations.

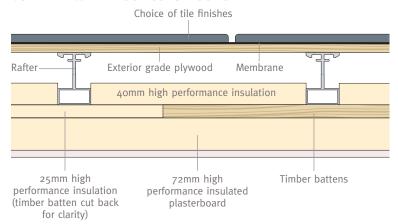
The following guide has been created to assist in the fabrication and installation of the Guardian Roof. Please note that each roof is individual and will be fabricated to suit various shapes and sizes.

Your fabricator will be available to provide installation technical support and will include a roof layout plan and an installation guide with each roof.

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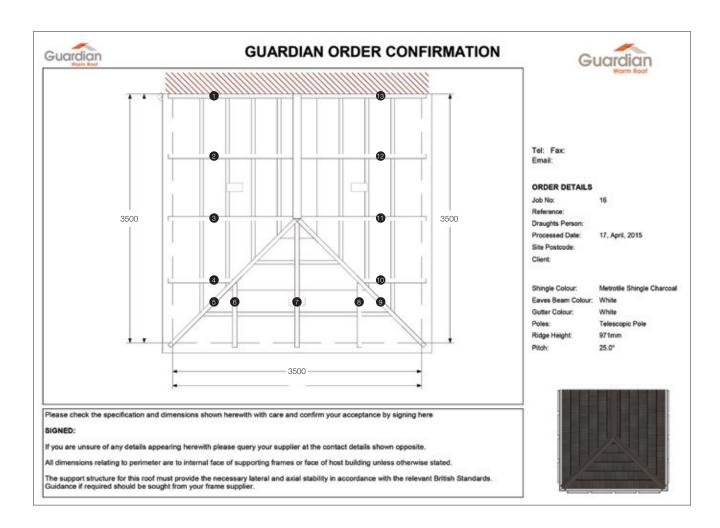
#### **GUARDIAN WARM ROOF CONSTRUCTION**





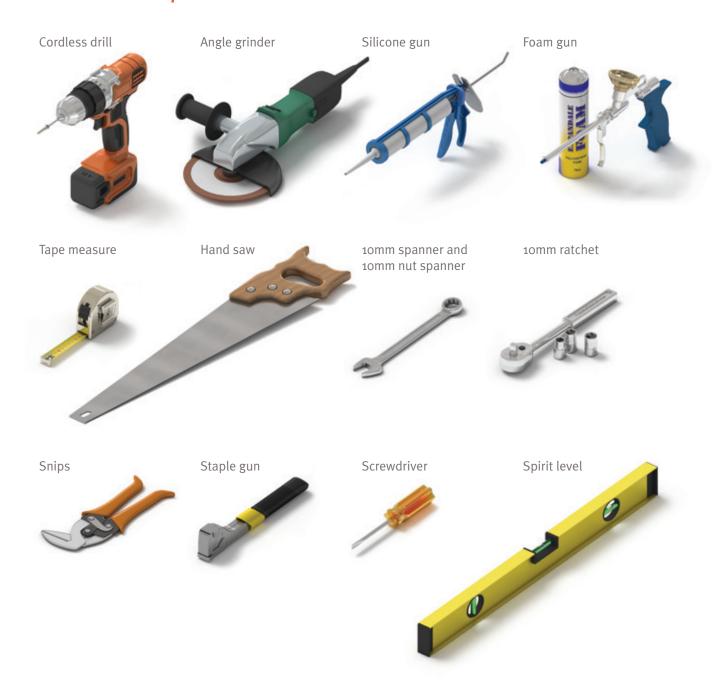
### Roof Layout Plan

Please refer to the roof layout plan prior to commencing installation. It is very important that the roof fits the window layouts and that all the windows are fully reinforced. All components are numbered to match the roof layout plan for ease of installation.



You will receive a plan with every roof - consult this at ALL times.

# **Tools Required**





#### Components Large spider arm Small spider arm Ringbeam Lean-to beam Jack rafter left Jack rafter right Ridge beam hand bracket hand bracket Rafter 90° ringbeam 136° ringbeam cleat cleat Edwardian hip Victorian hip Splay left hand Splay right hand bracket bracket Haunch Box gutter Edwardian left Edwardian right hand bracket hand bracket Guardian Victorian aluminium bracket bracket

Spider

Spider fixing pin



### Overview

All components for the Guardian Roof ane delivered to site in pre-cut sections.

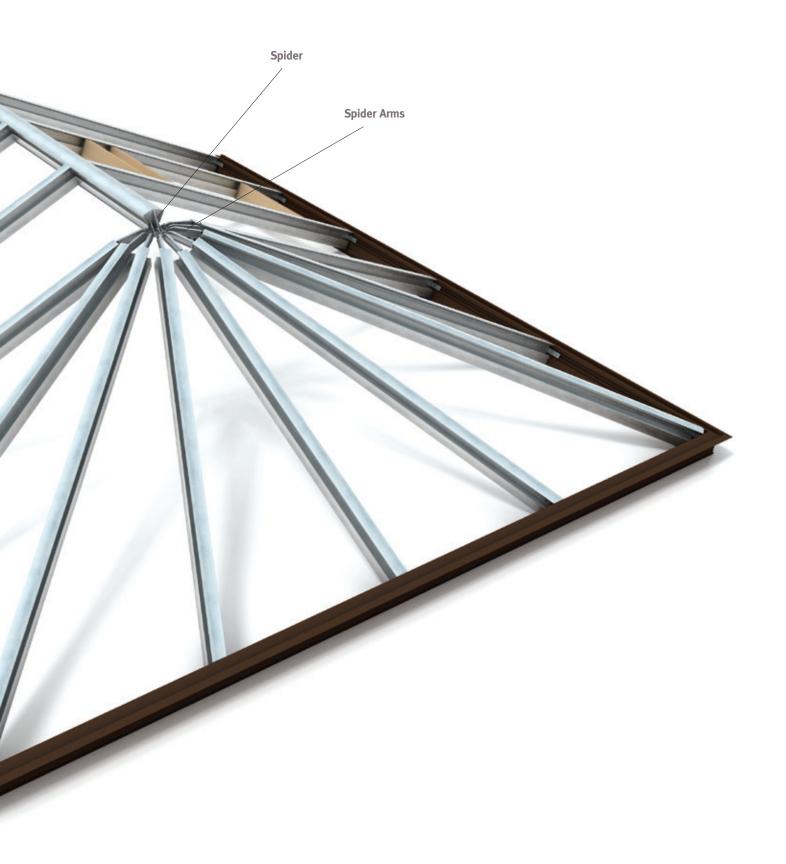
The Roof Layout Plan will also be included in the delivery and all components will have corresponding numbers to the plan.

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# Step 1 – Ringbeam





Remove existing glazing and fix through timber packer using fixings supplied. Fixings at no more than 150mm from either end and no more than 500mm centres.

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150 mm	500 mm	500 mm	500 mm	150 mm







### Step 2 – Assemble Rafters

#### Use adjustable steel props to achieve ridge height

Ridge height will be noted on drawings provided.

Gable rafters to be bolted to house wall and secured at no more than 300mm centres using suitable fixings determined by the wall construction.

Ensure Stainless Steel Cleats provided are used when fixing to the house wall at the top and bottom of wall rafter.

Stainless steel cleats must also be used at gable end.



PMo7 Guardian Steel Cleats



Use adjustable steel props to achieve ridge height, check level of ridge.



Fix rafter to ringbeam using pre-installed cleats and bolts, loosely tighten at this stage.



Loosely fit back rafters and front hips making sure locating pins are in place to temporarily fix arm to spider.



Tighten pre-installed grub screws using allen key. Please ensure grub screws are not overtightened. Tighten top and bottom equally.



Infill between the wall rafter and hips with intermediate rafters (including any pre-engineered window framing) loosely tighten at this stage.

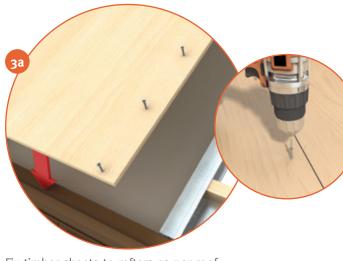


Ensure all roof sections are aligned to the pre-engineered positions and tighten into place.

For edwardian / victorian hip cleats tighten bolts on rafters first before tightening to ringbeam.



## Step 3 – Exterior Plywood and Window Frame



Fix timber sheets to rafters as per roof schedule. Ply sheets to be fixed at no more than 200mm centres using 4.8mm x 38mm self-tapping fasteners (drill pilot holes).

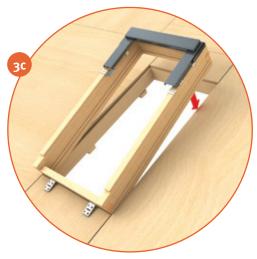


Structural opening delivered to site in timber or aluminium.

Fix brackets to the roof window frame prior to installation.







Install roof window frame into pre-formed opening within rafters.



Fix frame to timber ply through brackets using screws supplied within roof window pack.



## Step 4 – Membrane and Tiling



Cover with vapour permeable underlay with a vapour resistance of less than 0.25MNs / gram as required by BS5250: 2002. Overlap all joints of underlay by 150mm and staple down to timber sheets. Over run ringbeams by 100mm and up house wall by 60mm.

Turn underlay up at the roof window frame and staple to topside.

Roofing membrane must be laid from the bottom up with the overlap always to the outside as you come down the roof. This also should be done at hip points.

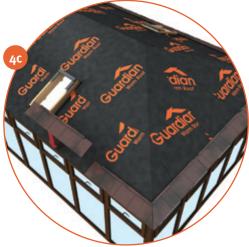


Place watercourse / soaker against house wall.

Starting bottom right corner of the roof with the first tile, hook tile onto the leading edge of the ringbeam and overlap the watercourse / soaker where it meets the house. Hold tile firmly in place (ensuring it is kept flat) and fix at no more than 300mm centres into top lip of tile.

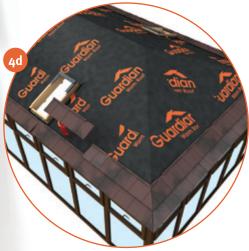






All tiling is from right to left. Complete one row at a time.

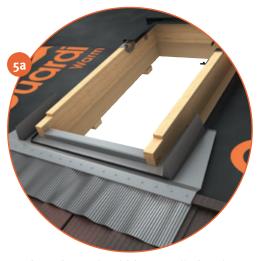
For the second course always start with half a tile.



Dependant on height of roof window 1-3 tiles should be fitted below window before bottom flashing is installed.



## Step 5 – Roof Window



Roof windows should be installed with a compatible slate flashing kit.

Always refer to window manufacturers installation guide for specific fixing detail as these may vary.



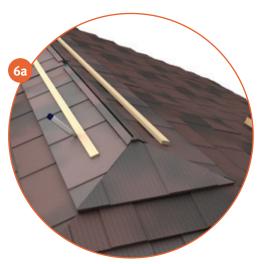
Roof window flashings should be sealed to the breather membrane with low module silicone.







# Step 6 – Ridge and Endcap



Using the crown ridge and end cap positions as your starter – dry fit battens and ridge profiles to mark out locations.



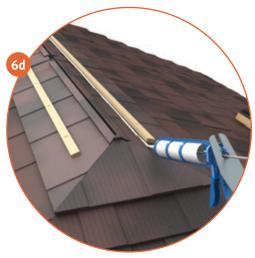
Apply expandable foam tape to underneath the 25mm treated timber batten.



Fit timber battens and screw into place (battens must be kept dry).



Follow instructions 8a to 8c for end capping. Fix rafter cap over delta ridge profile at verge.



Use low module silicone between the back edge of the roof batten and tile.



Position delta ridge over batten and fix side on. Use touch up kit provided to hide screw heads.



# Step 7 – Gutters





Install gutter ensuring all ancillary joins / bends / outlets are sufficiently watertight.

Ensure gutter is sitting at pre-marked lines within all guttering ancillaries





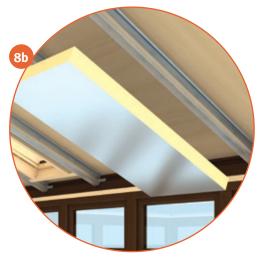


# Step 8 – Insulation



Apply foam packers to the exposed screw heads under the ply, ensuring that the foam packers are evenly spaced.

All insulation used must have a foiled back covering



Fix 40mm insulation board between rafters. The 40mm insulation board should sit flush with the underside of the rafter.



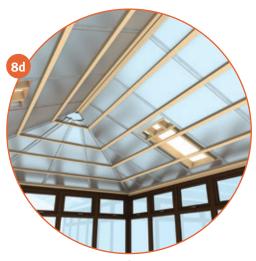


Please ensure under slated ridge is double battened.



Fit 25mm timber battens at no more than 400mm centres to underneath of rafters.

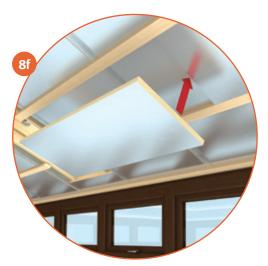
Fixings are to be 5.5mm x 50mm light steel 3mm-12mm wing tipped or a Timco 5.5mm x 50mm self drilling screw.



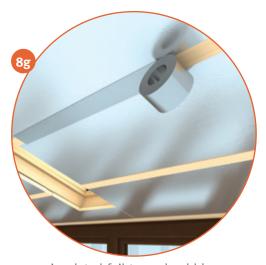
Batten out entire roof structure. Batten over window opening and cut back to suit.



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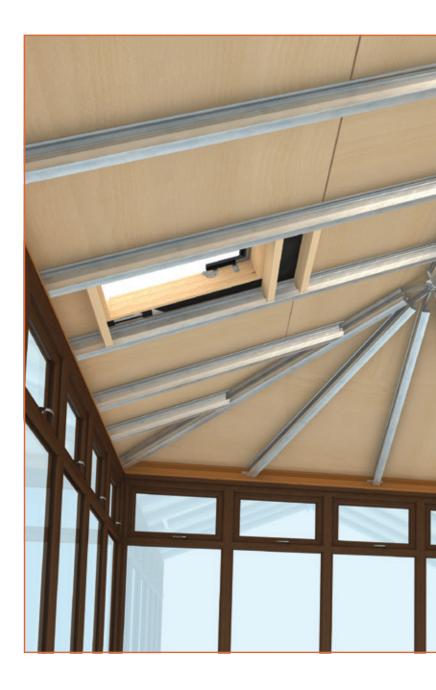


Install 25mm foiled insulation between battens and apply expanding foam to the spider assembly.



75mm insulated foil tape should be run over every batten and the window line so no timber will be visible from the inside.

Tape all insulation joints.







Fit colour matched cloaking trim to cover inside of timber.



Cut and mitre 72mm insulated foil backed plasterboard, fix into position at no more than 50mm in from the corner and at no more than 200mm centres with fixings supplied.



### Lean To

Wall plate to be fixed 100mm from either side at minimum 200mm centres. Please ensure you use suitable fixings determined by the wall construction.

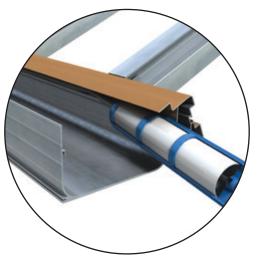
Ensure re-inforced coupler is used when joining new angle frame to existing windows.



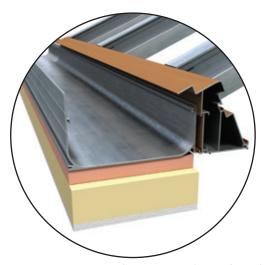
#### **Box Gutters**



Please ensure you use suitable fixings determined by the wall construction.



Seal between ringbeam and box gutter with appropriate sealer. Also seal against house wall.



Continue 25mm and 75mm insulation board under Box Gutter for insulating value and to avoid the risk of condensation.



# Valley Gutters



Valley flashing supplied in fixed lengths, to be cut on site.

Apply expandable foam tape to underside of valley.

Place valley tray on top of breather membrane within the valley itself.



Fix the valley flashing using self-tapping screws





Tile into valley cutting at angle of roof.

Seal where necessary.



### Guardian Slate Tile



Roof Pitch (fully boarded)	Gauge	Slates per m²
14* to 22.5 degrees	152mm	22
22.5 to 25 degrees	152mm	22
25 to 27.5 degrees	165mm	20
27.5 to 30 degrees	178mm	19
Above 30 degrees	191mm	18

 $<sup>{}^{\</sup>star}\text{The minimum recommended pitch and lap may be influenced by special circumstances, please contact us for more information.}$ 

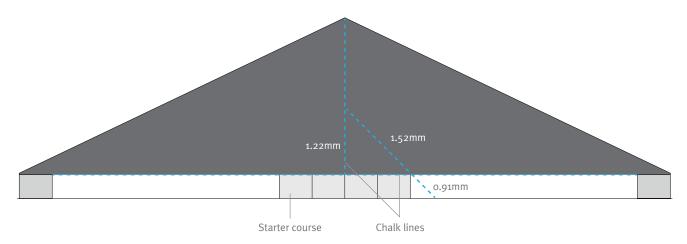
Note of caution: the slates can be slippery under certain conditions and job site safety procedures should be enforced.

#### **ROOF LAYOUT**

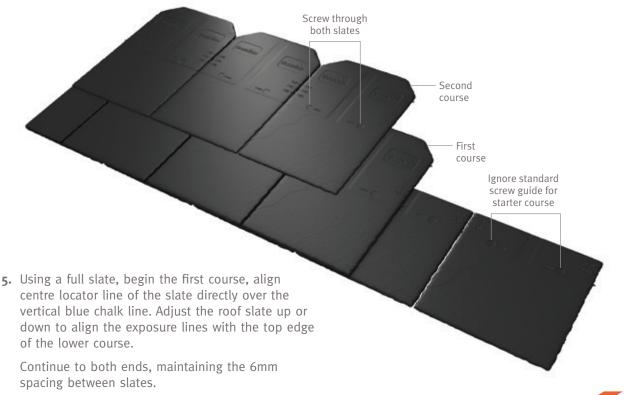
- **1.** The starting point may be from the left side, right side or centre of the area to be installed. 6mm spacer tabs are provided on every roof slate.
- **2.** To create an eaves or starter slate, cut a full slate into  $\frac{3}{4}$  size.
- 3. Locate the centre of the roof area to be covered.

From either end, position starter pieces and draw a horizontal line from the top of the starters between these two points. Next draw a vertical perpendicular line. This can be done easily by marking 0.91m along the eave, then where 1.22m and 1.52m intersect will form a perpendicular line.

As long as the ratio 3:4:5 stays the same this will hold true, for example, 21:28:35.



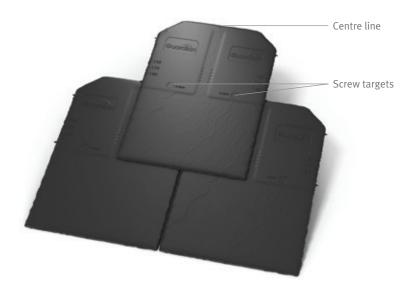
**4.** Begin by placing an eaves slate on the right and left side of the vertical line maintaining a 6mm spacing and continue to both ends overhang the eaves by a maximum of 50mm.



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- **6.** Fasten each Guardian Slate with two 30mm x 4mm head stainless steel screws.

  The fasteners should be placed within the two screw targets on each slate and must penetrate the boarding by at least 12mm.
- 7. Continue subsequent courses with a full standard slate, the finished edge facing the gable edge.



#### ANGLED RIDGE CAP FINISHING

Guardian ridge caps should be finished by cutting a standard slate at the end of the ridge into a triangle or diamond shape of the right size to cover the end gap.

The resulting material should then be screwed in place into the truss. Alternatively, the material can be joined to the ridge cap by using a strong epoxy glue (adhering to the manufacturers instructions).

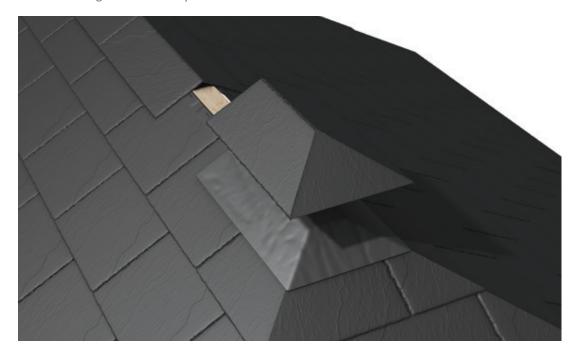
The end piece can be sealed by using a good quality silicon sealant.

Screw heads should be disguised with coloured sealant / paint.



#### **RIDGE-TO-HIP INTERSECTION**

Where the ridge tile meets hip tiles a lead saddle should be fitted to cover the intersection.







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