VELUX modular skylights

Sub-construction for ridgelight

VELUX modular skylights installed in a ridgelight solution are built on a sub-construction made of steel or concrete. The sub-construction raises the modules above the roof surface, protecting the construction against water and drifting snow, and provides the supporting base for the modular skylights.

The sub-construction is not included in the VELUX delivery. The sub-construction as shown in the drawing only represents general principles and must be designed and dimensioned to fit the specific building project, local architectural style and practice, and the directions of other building suppliers.
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A: Opening width
B: Opening length
C: Sub-construction width
D: Sub-construction length
O: Gable height
Building site measurements

Plan

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Length of steel profiles is B + (2 x 68mm)

Cross section
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Sub-construction variants

Cross section
Options of sub-constructions for ridgelight solutions. Please note that the width stated indicates the distance from the exterior of the roofing material to the interior edge of the steel profile.

Steel with steel profile

Concrete with steel profile

Concrete with flat steel
Longitudinal section

In the gable construction for ridgelight at 25-40° pitch, the height of the sub-construction must be at least 200 mm at the front of the skylight modules.

Securing modular skylights to the sub-construction

Using steel profile

The sub-construction can be finished at the top with steel profile or steel flat bar, which provides a level and stable surface for the skylight modules and forms a base for fitting installation brackets with clamps.

The number and size of fixings for securing the steel profile to the sub-construction must be dimensioned by others to fit each project.

The following standard steel profiles are suited for installation of VELUX modular skylights in longlight solutions:

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In case a stronger construction is needed, the steel profile can be replaced with a stronger profile. In this case, a different size installation bolt must be ordered separately from VELUX Company Ltd. The following profiles can be used:

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Steel construction with steel profile

Concrete construction with steel profile
**Sub-construction for ridgelight**

**Straightness of steel profile**

Requirements as to the straightness of the steel profile are 2 mm per 2 meters.

![Image of straightness of steel profile]

**Using flat steel**

When mounting the modular skylights on flat steel, the steel must be 100 mm in width and 8-11 mm in height. In addition there must be at least 15 mm free space underneath the steel both vertically and horizontally to give room for the clamps.

Requirements as to use flat steel:

- The blocking-up of the steel must be for the full length of the flat steel profile
- The steel can be secured using screws along the middle of the profile

![Image of mounting modular skylights on flat steel]

The number and size of fixings for securing the steel profile to the building must be dimensioned by others to fit each project.

![Image of fixing details]

**Steel construction with flat steel**

- 15 mm
- 100 mm
- 8-11 mm
- min. 15 mm
- 210 mm

**Concrete construction with flat steel**

- 15 mm
- 100 mm
- 8-11 mm
- min. 15 mm
- 25 mm
- 235 mm
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Straightness of flat steel

Requirements as to the straightness of the flat steel are 2 mm per 2 meters.

Connecting to the roof

The surface on which roofing felt is laid must be prepared according to applicable standards for roofing materials and best building practice.

The roofing felt must be applied to the outside of the sub-construction before mounting the skylight modules.
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Sub-construction dimensioning requirements

The roof construction is exposed to deformations after installation of the skylight modules. These deformations include subsequent roof covering, various building installations and external loads such as snow and wind etc. The sub-construction must be designed to withstand all these loads and the deformations must be limited to 1/400 x the full length of the sub-construction in downward and outward directions.

After completing the sub-construction, it must be secured against water penetrating the roof construction and insulation.

For load capacities of the skylight modules, please refer to http://modularskylights.velux.co.uk/.