

Traditional Square & Rectangular Downpipe Installation Guide

Gutter outlet / Hopper connection

Connection to the gutter outlet and or hopper is made via a pipe socket. Pipe sockets are supplied with all offsets. Bespoke offsets can be made to order.

Fixing

Traditional downpipes with eared cast sockets
For fixing to masonry via the cast sockets, use Alutec No. 16 x 70mm hex insert domehead, code SC208 with appropriate wall plugs. When fixed in this way, intermediate pipe clips are not required. However, additional pipe clips must be fitted adjacent to inline bends and branches.

Traditional downpipes with non eared cast sockets
For fixing to masonry, use the standard pipe clips and fix with Alutec No. 16 x 70mm hex insert domehead, code SC208 with appropriate wall plugs. One clip to be located directly under the pipe socket and a further clip 1.5 metres below. Additional pipe clips must be fitted adjacent to inline bends and branches.

Additional spacing from wall

Downpipes can be spaced out a further 30mm from the wall by using Alutec cast spacer bobbins with No. 16 x 100mm hex insert domehead, code SC209 with appropriate wall plugs.

If fixing to a non masonry background, please call Alutec Technical Services Department for advice.

Jointing

Joint sealing must not be carried out in wet weather or in temperatures below 5°C or above 40°C. Joint surfaces must be perfectly clean and dry. Use a clean cloth and Alutec solvent cleaner, code SC108 to remove all traces of dirt or grease, which may not be visible.

All joints to pipes with cast sockets must be sealed, including at the gutter outlet with Alutec sealant, code SC101. Access to seal the rear of the socket can be made easier by attaching a flexible piece of tube to the end of the sealant gun nozzle. Ensure to allow for a 3-4mm expansion gap between pipe lengths.

Pipe off cuts can be utilised by fitting a pipe socket to a square cut end of pipe. Ensure that a bead of Alutec sealant, code SC101 is placed within the internal recess of the pipe socket, prior to driving the socket onto the end of the pipe with a rubber/wooden mallet.

Drain Connection

Unless a shoe is used to terminate the pipe and discharge over an open gully, drain connections should preferably be made using the appropriate size Alutec square to round drain connector. The adaptor push-fits inside a 110mm Ø ring sealed drain socket. The deep square connection socket allows for an insert and lift slip connection of the bottom pipe between two fixed points.

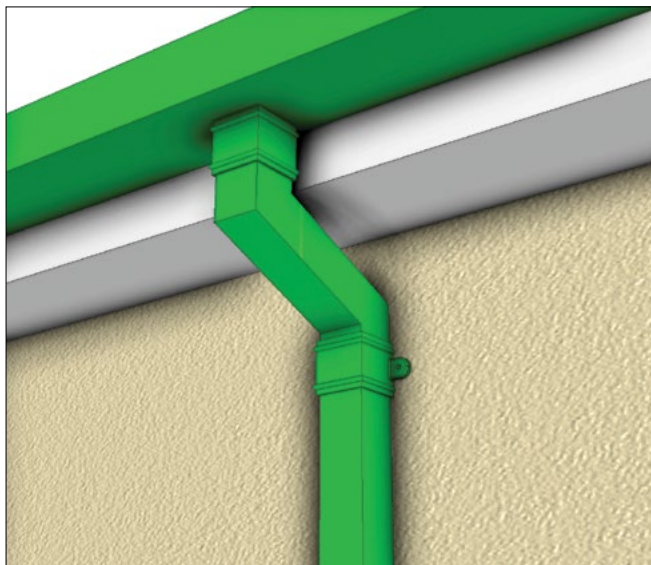
Testing

It is good practice to water test the downpipes after installation. If connected to a gutter system the discharging of flood test water from the gutter should identify any leaks within the downpipe system. For downpipes connected to hoppers or flat roof outlets, discharging water at the top with a hose pipe for a period of 5 minutes under normal mains pressure should suffice. Any leaking joints should be taken apart and re-sealed and re-tested.

Lightning Conductors

Under no circumstances should rainwater downpipes be used as a lightning conductor to earth. If bonding pipes to a lightning conductor system is required, the specialist installer must use an electrolytically compatible external bonding strap and not drill and bolt through the pipe wall.

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