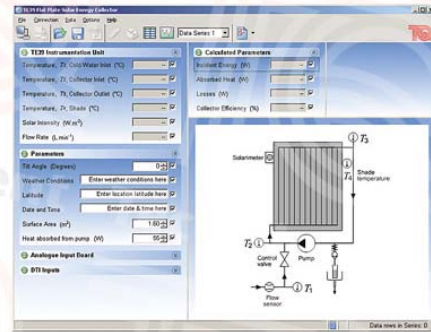


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Works with
VDAS®



A screenshot of the optional VDAS® software

- Educational flat plate solar energy collector with full instrumentation
- Allows students to investigate the effective use of a renewable, environment friendly energy source
- Uses a similar solar collector as those that heat water for houses and swimming pools, for a realistic experience
- One of several TecEquipment products that show the use of renewable, environment-friendly solar energy.
- Can connect to TecEquipment's Versatile Data Acquisition System (VDAS®)
- Includes digital display of flow, radiation intensity and temperatures at different points throughout the apparatus

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Description

This equipment shows how a flat plate solar energy collector works. It allows students to measure and find the efficiency and heat losses of a flat plate solar energy collector.

The Flat Plate Solar Energy Collector is similar to those used for heating swimming pools and domestic hot water. It has a collector plate with integral water channels. An airtight box with a clear acrylic cover enclose the surface of the plate. A sturdy mobile frame supports the collector. To allow users to adjust its angle, the frame has a hinge. A thick layer of insulating material on the back of the plate reduces heat loss to the rear.

Cold mains water enters the collector. Sunlight energy heats the water in the collector. The heated water returns to a pump that mixes the heated water with the incoming cold water. A pressure sensitive valve allows the heated water to leave the equipment at the same rate as cold water enters it. A flow transducer measures the water flow rate and a solarimeter (or pyranometer) measures incident radiation. Thermocouples measure the water temperature at all the important points, and the shade temperature.

The separate Instrumentation Unit displays the temperatures from the thermocouples, the flow rate and the radiation intensity. It includes a switch to control the pump and a socket for connection to TecEquipment's optional VDAS®.

For quick and reliable tests, TecEquipment can supply the optional VDAS® (Versatile Data Acquisition System). VDAS® gives accurate real-time data capture, monitoring and display, calculation and charting of all the important readings on a computer. Computer not supplied.

To compare efficiencies, the Flat Plate Solar Energy Collector is an ideal companion to TecEquipment's Focusing Solar Energy Collector (TE38).

Standard Features

- Supplied with a comprehensive user guide
- Two-year warranty
- Manufactured in accordance with the latest European Union directives

Recommended Ancillaries

- Versatile Data Acquisition System (VDAS-B) – a bench-mounted version of TecEquipment's Versatile Data Acquisition System

Experiments

- Efficiency of the collector
- Efficiency and heat losses

Also, students can do further experiments on the effect of collector angle.

Essential Services

Electrical supply:

110 VAC 60 Hz and 230 VAC 50 Hz (specify on order)

Water supply:

Cool, clean mains water supply, maximum pressure 3 bar

Water drain or soak-away

Operating Conditions

Operating environment:

Dry, outdoor conditions

Storage temperature range:

-25°C to +55°C (when packed for transport)

Operating temperature range:

+5°C to +40°C

Operating relative humidity range:

30% to 95% (non-condensing)

Sound Levels

Less than 70 dB(A)

Specifications (Frame)

Nett dimensions:

2400 mm x 1100 mm x 1500 mm and 120 kg

Packed dimensions:

280 kg and 2.9 m³

Thermocouples

K-type, measuring the temperature at the mains water inlet, the collector inlet and outlet, and the ambient (shade) air temperature.

Specifications (Instrumentation Unit)

Nett dimensions:

360 mm x 180 mm x 330 mm and 8 kg (230 VAC unit) or 13 kg (110 VAC unit).

Packed dimensions:

14 kg (230 VAC unit) or 19 kg (110 VAC unit) and 0.06 m³

Instruments and controls:

Multiline display of flow, temperatures and radiation intensity

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