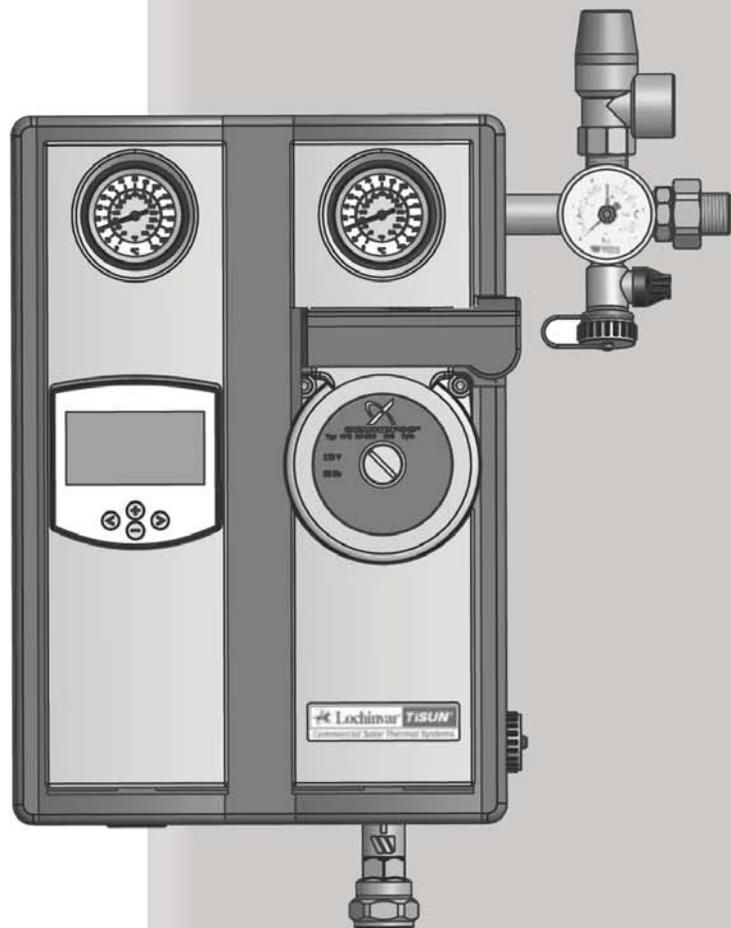




Commercial Solar Thermal Systems

Solar Pump Station
Installation and Operation
Manual
SPS0250, SPS0500 & SPS1000



⚠ WARNING:

This manual must only be used by a qualified heating installer/service technician. Read all instructions, before installing. Perform steps in the order given. Failure to comply could result in severe personal injury, death, or substantial property damage.

Save this manual for future reference.

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Hazard definitions

The following defined terms are used throughout this manual to bring attention to the presence of hazards of various risk levels or to important information concerning the life of the product.

DANGER

DANGER indicates an imminently hazardous situation which, if not avoided, will result in death or serious injury.

WARNING

WARNING indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, could result in death or serious injury.

CAUTION

CAUTION indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in minor or moderate injury.

CAUTION

CAUTION used without the safety alert symbol indicates a potentially hazardous situation which, if not avoided, may result in property damage.

NOTICE

NOTICE indicates special instructions on installation, operation, or maintenance that are important but not related to personal injury or property damage.

1 General Information



Before starting work, the Installer must read, understand and note these installation and operating instructions.



The solar pump station may only be installed and maintained by trained professionals. Trainees may only work on the product under the supervision of an experienced person.



All instructions in this Installation & Operation manual should be observed when using the solar station. No other form of use is intended. The manufacturer is not liable for any damage resulting from misuse of the solar station. For safety reasons, modifications or changes are not permitted.



- The solar station must be installed as far away from the collectors as possible. Extremely high temperatures may occur in the pipes near the collectors. If installing in attic space, ensure that the instruments do not overheat.
- The pressure / temperature operating parameters must be within the prescribed limits. Excess operating temperatures should be avoided for continuous operation.
- The provisions stated in DIN EN 12976-1 should be observed when installing solar systems.
- The expansion tank should be regularly checked according to DIN 4807.
- Solar systems should be grounded to protect against lightning.
- The system's electrical connection for sensors and voltage supply should only be established by a trained professional. The relevant specifications (VDE 0100, VDE 0185, VDE 0190 etc.) should be observed as well as special local (construction) requirements. (Grey cable = tank, black cable = collector)
- The solar pump station's componentry varies depending on type and equipment.
- The diagrams used are examples.
- Subject to technical changes and further developments.



A properly sized expansion tank must be used to avoid damage to the solar thermal system.



Thermal expansion tanks should be sized to account for 1.5 times the solar system circuit volume.



The expansion tank may be hot, ensure that scalding does not occur.



Failure to heed these instructions, especially the safety instructions, can result in the destruction of and defects on the expansion tank, endanger persons, and impair the operation.

1 General Information

Included Components

Solar Station:

- Grundfos solar circulation pump
- VFS sensor (flow sensor)
- 145 psi relief valve, with pressure gauge
- Multi-function instruments (Flow Check, Thermometer, Fill Valve)
- EPP two-part bracket with mounting kit

Installation kit:

- Wall and tank bracket with mounting kit

Solar Control unit:

- LCD Plus solar control unit with integrated energy balance function.
- 2 collector and 2 tank sensors Pt 1000

Technical documentation:

- Operation and installation instructions (with appendix) for pump and solar control unit.

Figure 1-2 SPS1000

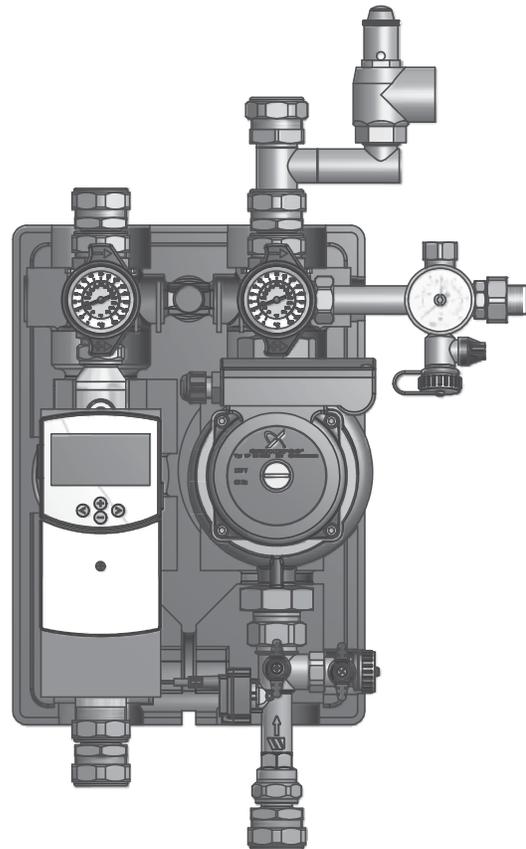
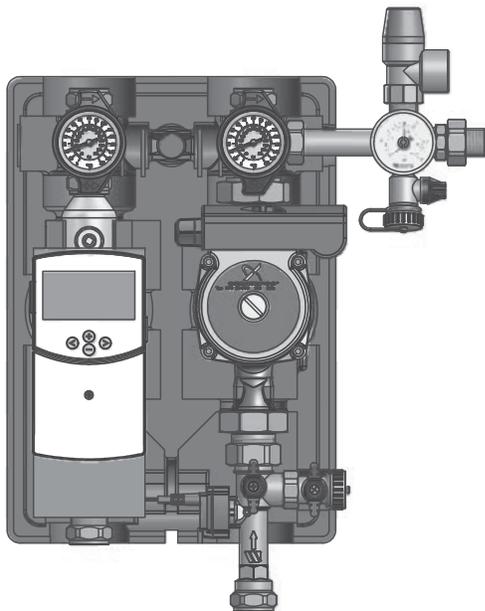


Figure 1-1 SPS0250/ SPS0500



2 Installing the solar station

Installing the solar station on a wall

- Remove front insulation shell.
- The solar pump station forms a single unit with the wall bracket and rear insulation shell. Secure both components as a complete unit at the intended location, working the front and using anchors and screws suitable for the wall construction type.

Installing the relief valve

- The solar station is equipped with a solar safety relief valve which meets the relevant requirements.
- Fit the enclosed relief valve to the outlet of the return instruments above the pump using the 3/4" union nuts. A gasket is enclosed with the solar station for use when installing the relief valve.
- The enclosed discharge connection bracket should be fitted to the safety valve so that there is no risk of scalding should liquid escape. Follow local codes for drainage piping.

The following information should be noted:

- The safety valve must be easily accessible.
- No valves should be placed between relief valve and pump station. The relief valve should be piped to a suitable drain as close as possible to the pump station with no reducing couplings or other restrictions. The piping must be sloping away from the pump station at all times.
- Dirt traps or other constrictions are not permitted between the collectors (field) and safety valve.

Installation, wall bracket for expansion tank: *(Lochinvar/TISUN accessories)*

- Fit the wall bracket for the expansion tank (if equipped) to the right of the solar station.
- Ensure that the corrugated stainless steel hose is long enough for the connection between the pump station and the expansion tank, not forgetting the expansion coupling.

Installation, connection lines to tank and collector

A) Piping

- Connect the lines between the solar pump station and tank.
- Connect supply and return lines to the collectors.

B) Clamp ring screw connections

- Refer to Section 3: *Technology, installation and commissioning*, on page 6.

3 Technology, installation and commissioning

Clamp ring screw connections

- Cut the copper pipe to length and deburr.
- First, slide the clamp ring nut over the pipe, then slide the clamp ring.
- Insert the prepared pipe into the screw connection until its stop is reached.
- Tighten clamp ring nut by hand.
- Use open-ended wrench to tighten clamp ring screw connection (approx. 33 Ft lb), re-tighten if necessary.
- When tightening the clamp ring screw connection, use two wrenches—using one wrench to prevent the pumping station from turning.

Flat seal screw connections

- All pre-fitted solar station screw connections are firmly tightened in the factory so that they do not need to be retightened.

Torque levels when tightening flat seal screw connections using AFM 34 flat seals, s = 2mm.

- 3/4" screw connection 26 Ft. lb
- 1" screw connection 40 Ft. lb
- 1 1/4" screw connection 66 Ft. lb
- 1 1/2" screw connection 96 Ft. lb

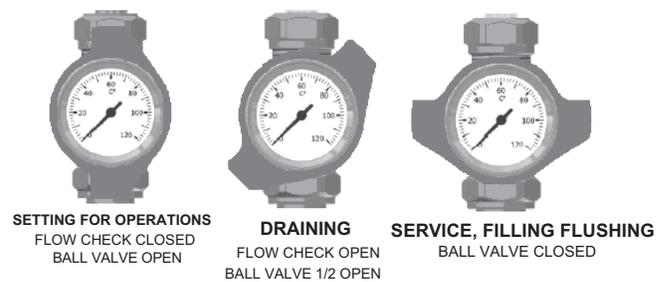
Operation, multi-function ball valve and check valve

- The forward flow ball valve must be open for filling, flushing and bleeding solar systems with a filling and flushing pump. The return ball valve should be closed.
- Both flow checks should be opened in order to drain the solar system (thermometer handles in 45° position).
- The two multi-function ball valves must be fully open in order to operate the solar system (turn the red and blue thermometer handles counter-clockwise until the stop is reached).

Figure 4-1 Forward flow multi-functioning instruments



Figure 4-2 Return multi-functioning instruments



4 Commissioning the solar system

General

- Before commissioning, all piping, connections and safety equipment should be checked to ensure that they are correctly installed.
- All pre-fitted solar station screw connections are firmly tightened in the factory so that they do not usually need retightening.
- Seal integrity must be tested when commissioning and a pressure test must be completed.
- Fill the complete solar system with Lochinvar/TiSUN solar liquid only. The mixing ratio should be adapted to local conditions.
- Never flush or pressure test the complete solar system with just water. Flushing the system with water only can cause a freezing hazard.

Filling, flushing and bleeding

- There is one fill valve with hose connection for filling, flushing and draining the solar system on both the safety group and sensor measurement section.
 - Connect the pressure hose (forward flow) to the safety group's filling connection under the pressure gauge and open fill/flush valve.
 - Connect the flushing hose (return) to the flushing connection on the sensor measuring section and open fill/flush valve.
 - Refer to "Technology, installation and commissioning: Operation, multi-function ball valve and check valve" on page 6.
 - Open the supply ball valve (by turning the red thermometer handle counter-clockwise until it stops).
 - Close return ball valve (by turning the blue thermometer handle clockwise, until it stops).
 - If necessary, the supply and return check valve can be opened by moving the thermometer handles to the 45° position.
 - Put sufficient solar liquid in the tank of a filling and flushing pump (not supplied). The mixing ratio should be adapted to local conditions in terms of freeze protection.
 - Fill the solar system via the filling and flushing pump and then flush the solar circuit for at least 15 min. to purge all of the air out of the circuit.
 - Close the fill/flush valve (return) with the filling and flushing pump running and increase the system pressure to 60 psi. The system pressure can be read at the pressure gauge.
 - Close the fill/flush valve (forward flow) and switch off the filling and flushing pump.
 - Open return ball valve (by turning the blue thermometer handle 90° counter-clockwise until it stops).
 - The solar system features an air separator. Open the bleeder valve until the solar liquid exits free of air bubbles.
 - Only if collector bleeder is installed: Bleed the system on the collector until the solar liquid exits free of bubbles.
 - If necessary, increase the test pressure again to 60 psi and check the system for leaks. If the pressure gauge shows the pressure dropping substantially, you have a leak in the system.
 - Set the operating pressure to 60 psi as prescribed by the system manufacturer
 - Start up the circulation pump at maximum speed and allow liquid to circulate for at least 15 min.
 - Remove the filling station hoses and screw the caps on the flushing and filling valves.
 - Check the system again for leaks. Use the red and blue thermometer handles to fully open the forward flow and return ball valves.
 - Activate speed control on solar control unit. The highest speed level should be set on the pump (phase control).
- Note:** The minimum speed set on the solar control unit must not fall below the pump's minimum nominal speed. Note instructions for pump and solar control unit.
- Once the installation settings have been completed and checked, fit the solar station's front insulation shell.
 - Refer to the collector manufacturer's recommendations for minimum flow requirements.

5 Pressure loss and residual delivery height

Figure 5-1
SPS0250

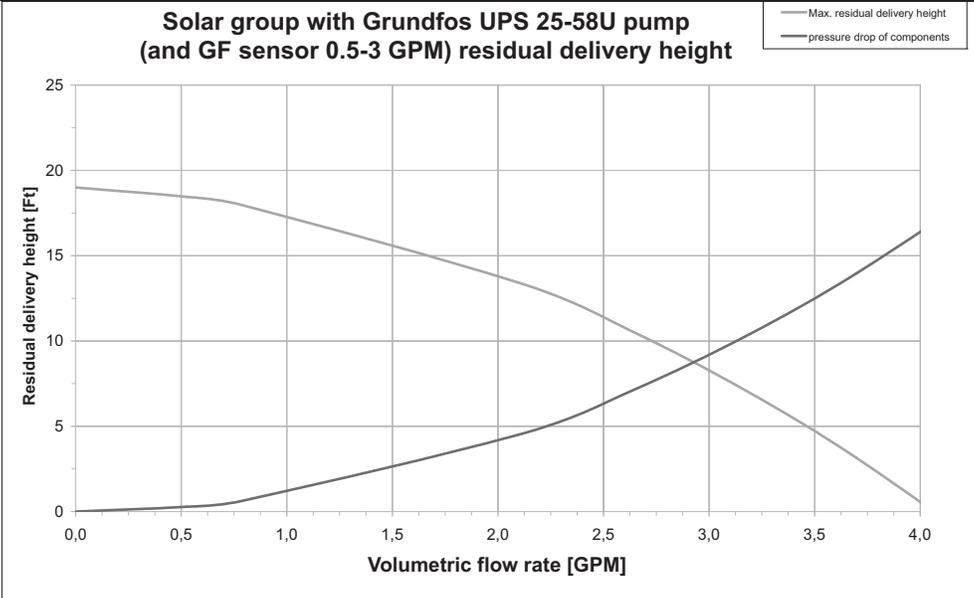


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SPS0500

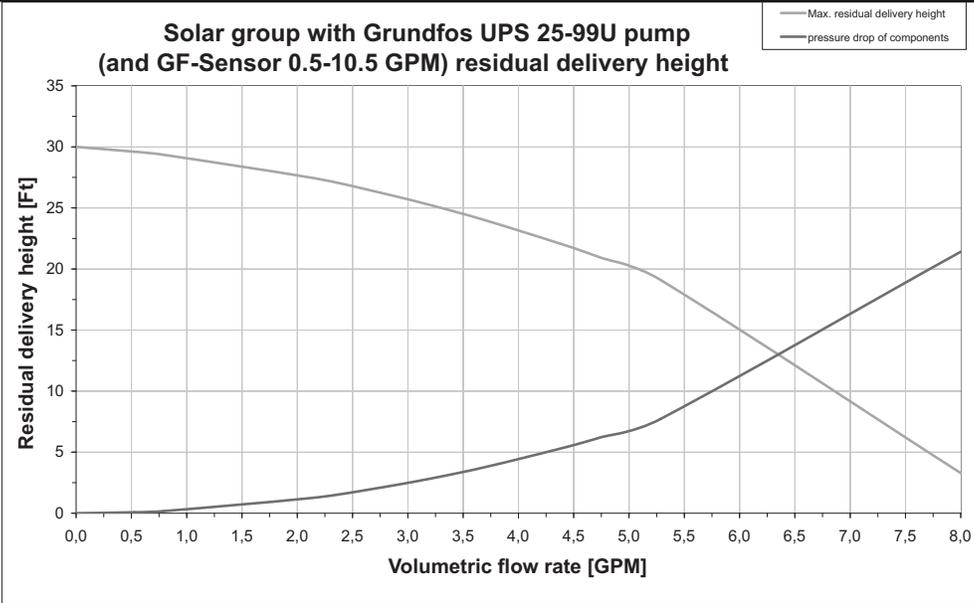
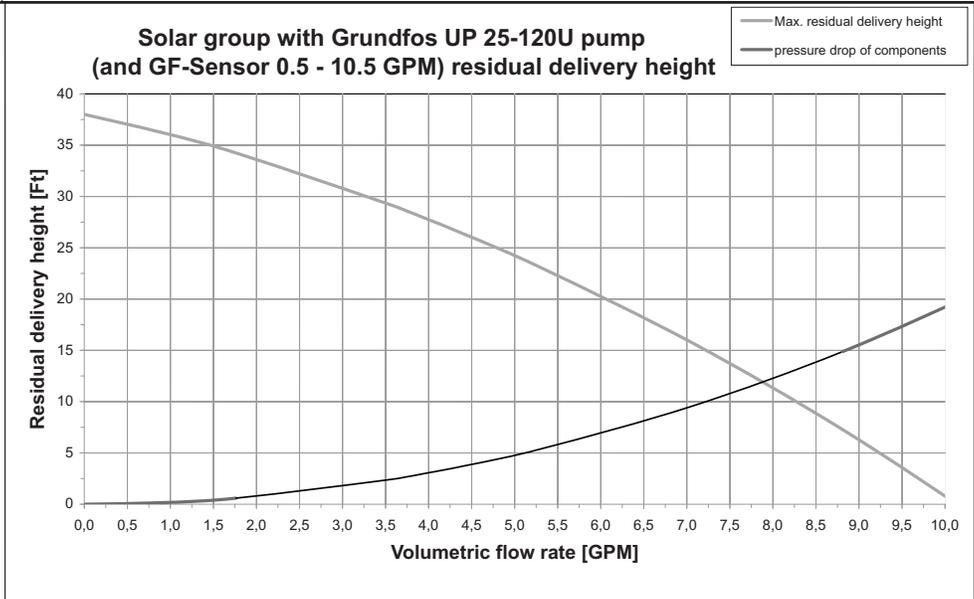


Figure 5-3
SPS1000



6 VFS flow sensor

- Vortex flow sensor for liquid media.
- Measures flow rate and temperature for BTU metering (energy balance, etc.)
- Zero wear (no moving parts).

Figure 6-1 VFS 1-12 flow output signal

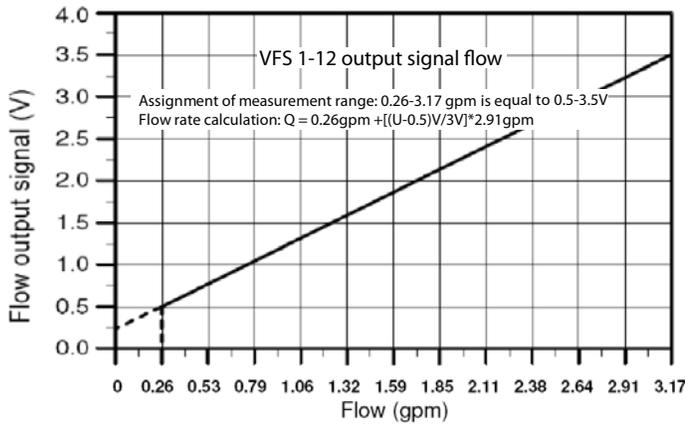


Figure 6-2 VFS 1-12 temperature output signal

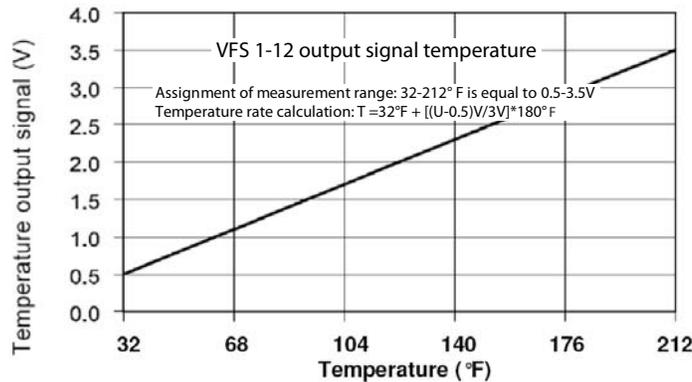


Figure 6-3 VFS 2-40 flow output signal

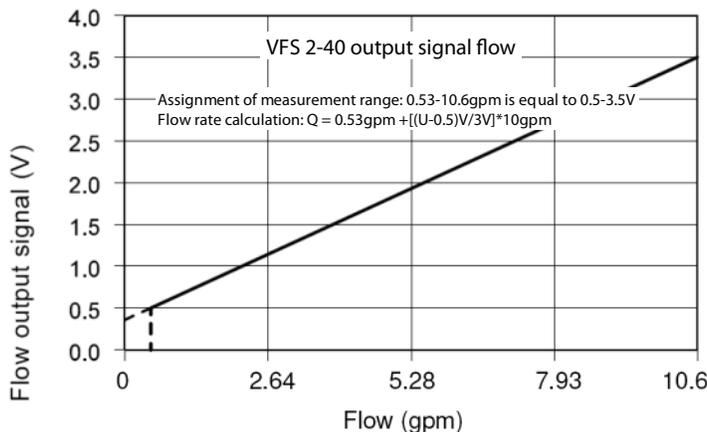


Figure 6-4 VFS 2-40 temperature output signal

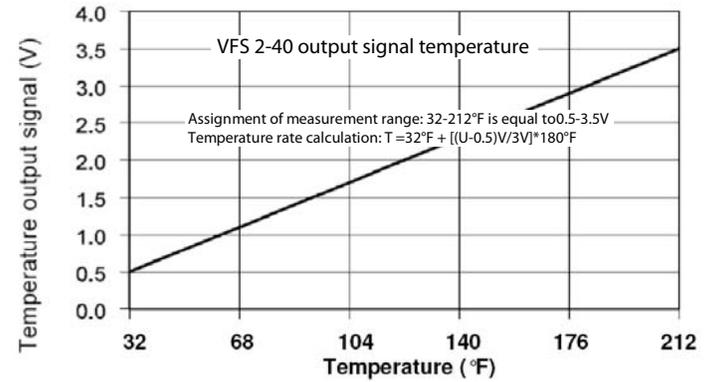
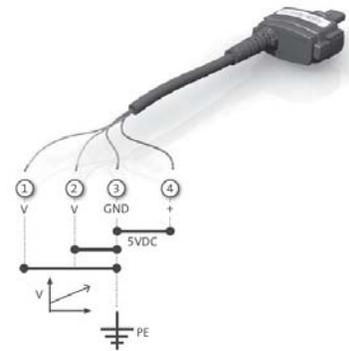


Figure 6-5 VFS flow sensor



Item	Pin Configuration
1	Temperature signal (0.5 to 3.5 relative to pin 3)
2	Flow pressure signal (0.5 to 3.5 relative to pin 3)
3	GND (UV)
4	Voltage Supply (+5 VDC) PELV



Manufacturer Declaration of the suitability for Solar Thermal Systems

With the development of the dual sensor for measurement of flow and temperature, Grundfos Direct Sensors™ offer completely new options for energy management solutions. The sensors can be used to confirm the Solar Thermal function by measuring the solar yield in "kWh".

Defects and/or poor installation can be detected immediately so that system suppliers and system operators can rely on a "guaranteed solar yield" over years.

As the manufacturer we hereby confirm the suitability of Grundfos Direct Sensors™ in solar thermal systems.

All sensors of the series VFS and RPS generate a temperature signal over the range: 0-100 °C over the following operating conditions:

Media temperature (operation)	100° C (120° C max. 4 weeks during lifetime)
Very short term temperature load	-25 to 160° C
Ambient air temp. (operation)	-25 to 60° C
Ambient air temp. (peak)	-55 to 90° C
Humidity *	0 - 95 % rel., non-condensing
Max. system pressure (operation)	10 bar
Media	Up to 40% Glycol in Water @ 20°C

Yours faithfully

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7 Technical data for solar station

Designation	SPS0250 / SPS0500	SPS1000
PUMP	SPS0250: Grundfos UPS 25 - 58 U	SPS1000: Grundfos UP25 - 120U
	SPS0500: Grundfos UPS 25 - 99 U	
SOLAR AND TANK CONNECTIONS	3/4" compression	1" compression
EXPANSION TANK CONNECTION	1/2" NPT	
INSTALLATION OPTIONS	Wall mounting	
HOLDING PLATE FOR WALL MOUNTING	With 2 slot holes 5" apart for M6 screws	With 2 slot holes 5" apart for M6 screws
MOUNTING MATERIAL FOR WALL MOUNTING	Plastic 8x40 mm anchors	
	6x50 mm clipboard screws	
	M6 8 zn DIN 912 washers	
CENTER SPACING OF THE PIPING	Forward flow/return spacing: 5"	Forward flow/return spacing: 5"
INSULATION	Material: EPP	
	Thermal conductivity: 0.041 W/(mK)	
	Max temp: 250°F	
	Short-term max temp: 355 °F	
	Height: 14"	Height: 14"
	Width: 9.75"	Width: 9.75"
	Depth: 7.5"	Depth: 7.5"
FLOW SENSOR AND MEASURING SECTION	SPS0250: VFS 1-12 sensor	VFS 2-40 sensor
	SPS0500: VFS 2-40 sensor	
	Materials: Grivory, PPS	
	Seal material: EPDM	
	Nominal size: DN 15 / DN20	Nominal size: DN20
	Measuring range: .26 –3.17 GPM/ .5 –10.5 GPM	Measuring range: .5 – 10.5 GPM
	Output signal Q: 0.5 to 3.5 V (proportional to GPM)	
	Output signal T: 0.5 to 3.5 V (proportional to 32-212°F)	
	Max pressure: 145 psi	
	Power supply: 5 V DC	
	Temperature measuring range: 32°F to 212°F (145 psi)	
	Temp. min/max: -73°F / 248°F	
FILLING AND FLUSHING CONNECTIONS	Forward Flow/ G3/4" with seal cap and Solar 1/2" fill and flush valve	
	Return/ G3/4" with seal cap and Solar 1/2" fill and flush valve	
SAFETY GROUP	Multi-function instruments fitted on right including ball valve, flow check and thermometer handles.	
FORWARD FLOW BALL VALVE	Complete ball valve 1" /22 mm compression	Complete ball valve 1 1/2" / 28 mm compression
RETURN BALL VALVE	Complete ball valve 1" /22 mm compression	Complete ball valve 1 1/2" / 28 mm compression
SOLAR PRESSURE GAUGE	0 – 145 psi, 2" diameter (EN 837-1, CL. 2.5)	
SOLAR SAFETY VALVE	Designation: SVE/SOL 100 1/2" Solar	Designation: SVE/SOL 3/4" Solar
	Standard /certificate: DIN EN 12164 CW 617N/ TÜV SV 07-2008	DIN EN 12164 CW 617N / TÜV SV 07-2008
	Nominal pressure 145 psi	
	Response pressure 145 psi	
	Max temp 320 °F	
		Glycol-water mixture max. 50%

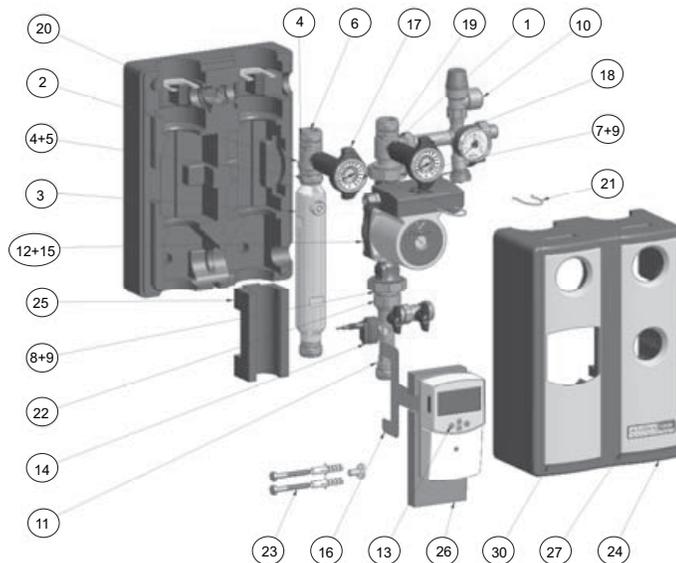
7 Technical data for solar station *(continued)*

Designation	SPS0250 / SPS0500	SPS1000
GRAVITY BRAKES	Installation location: forward flow and return ball valves	
	Material: Brass	
	Seal: O-ring 70 EPDM 291	
	Opening pressure: 2 x 200 mm WS (using metal spring)	
	Can be positioned by moving thermometer handle to 45°F position	
	Max temp 356°F	
SOLAR DIAL INDICATOR THERMOMETER	Scale: 32 - 288°F in 3.6 F increments	
	Diameter: 2"	
FLAT SEALS FOR PUMP	Size: 30 x 22 x 2 - 1"	Size: 44.5 x 33 x 2 - 1 1/2"
	Material: AFM 34 light grey	
	Long-term temperature: Liquid 482°F, water vapor 360°F	
	Peak temp. briefly: 720°F	
FLAT SEAL FOR SAFETY GROUP	Size: 17 x 24 x 2 - 3/4"	
	Material: AFM 34 light grey	
	Long-term temperature: Liquid 482°F, water vapor 392°F	
	Peak temp. briefly: 752°F	
BLEEDER PIPE	Type SER-RDT	
	Series: Solar 8010 compression 22 mm compres.	Series: Solar 8010 compression 28 mm compres.
	Connection: M28 x 1.5 / 22 mm / 3/8" female	Connection: M36 x 1.5 / 28 mm / 3/8" female
	Length: 9.25 ft	
	3/8" bleeder valve can be shut off manually	

8 Component breakdown

SPS0250/ SPS0500	
Item	Name
-	SPS0250 - Pumpstation 250 sq-ft w/ flow sensor and CU
-	SPS0500 - Pumpstation 500 sq-ft w/ flow sensor and CU
1	Solar return ball valve USA 1 1/2" x M28 x 1.5
2	Solar forw. flow ball valve USA M28 x 1.5M28
3	Solar bleeder block M28 x 1.5 L=283mm
4	Nut M28 x 1.5mm
5	Clamp ring 22mm
6	Clamp ring 22.3 mm USA
7	Nut 1 1/2" x 16mm
8	Reducing socket 1 1/2" female x 1" male
9	Sealing kit 2x 1 1/2" ; 2x 1" ; 3x 3/4" ; 1x 1/2"
10	Solar cross piece cpl. USA 145 psi safety valve cpl.
11	Flow sensor housing 0.26-3.17 gpm cpl. w/ fill/ flush valve USA
	Flow sensor housing 0.50-10.5 gpm cpl. w/ fill/flush valve USA
12	SPS0250- UPS 25/58U - 1 1/2" - 180-F12K03 115V60Hz
	SPS0500- UPS 25/99U - 1 1/2" - 180-F12K09 115V 60Hz
13	Solar control unit LCD plus USA 115 Volt w/ SD-card
14	SPS0250-Sensor direct 0.26-3.17 gpm w/ cable
	SPS0500-Sensor direct 0.50-10.5 gpm w/ cable
15	Power cord USA w/ AC-plug XYTP
16	Control unit bracket
17	Red thermometer handle L=92mm RAL 3020
18	Blue thermometer handle L=92mm RAL 5010
19	Thermometer D51 L=100.5 0/160°C - 40/320°F
20	Wall bracket for pumpstation 250/500 sq-ft
21	Retaining clamp cropped Spring wire 2mm
22	Sealing kit 2x 1 1/2" ; 2x 1" ; 3x 3/4" ; 1x 1/2"
23	Mounting kit S8x50/D10x50 anchors / screws
24	Insulation SPS0250 machined for pump and control unit
	Insulation SPS0500 machined for pump and control unit
25	Additional insulation D=42mm/DN32
26	Additional insulation L=190mm machined
27	Cover white-alu RAL9006 Type C
	Cover white-alu bottom RAL9006 Type B
	Cover white-alu top RAL9006 Type B
28	Cover white-alu RAL9006 Type B w/ control unit cutout

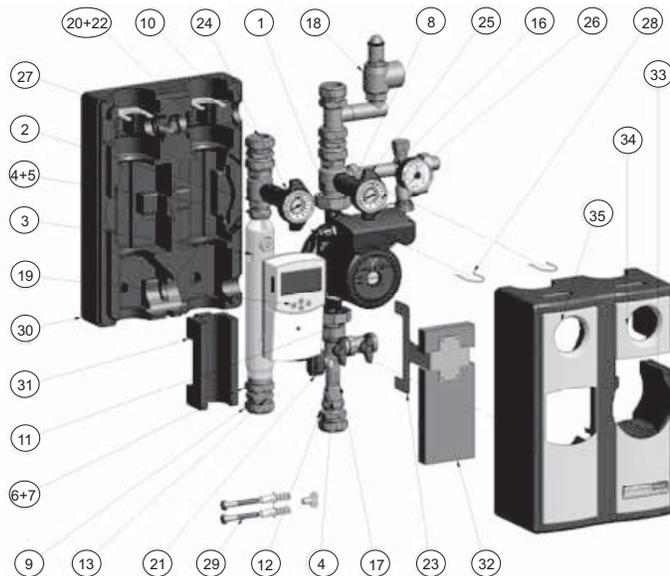
Figure 9-1 SPS0250



8 Component breakdown *(continued)*

SPS1000	
Item	Name
-	Pumpstation 1000 sq-ft w/ flow sensor and CU
1	Solar return ball valve 1 1/2" Fl. x M36 x 1.5 incl. CV
2	Solar forw. flow ball valve M28 x 1.5 x M36 x 1.5 incl. CV
3	Solar bleeder block M36 x 1.5 L=283mm
4	Nut M28 x 1.5mm
5	Clamp ring 22mm
6	Nut M36 x 1.5 x 28.3
7	Clamp ring 28mm
8	Nut 1 1/2" x 16mm
9	Nut M36 x 1.5 x 28.7 for KVSR 28.7
10	Clamp ring 28.7 mm
11	Reducing socket 1 1/2 female x 1" male
12	Reducing piece M36 x 1.5 male
13	Reducing piece M36 x 1.5 KVSR 28.7 x D28mm
14	Sealing kit 2x 1 1/2"; 2x 1"; 3x 3/4"; 1x 1/2"
15	2x 1" AFM 34
16	Solar cross piece cpl. USA w/ reducing pc. and cap
17	Flow sensor housing 0.50-10.5 gpm w/ fill/flush valve USA
18	Safety group KS0150 USA
19	Solar control unit LCD plus USA 115 Volt w/ SD-card
20	UP 25/120U - 1 1/2" - 180F12K9UL 115V 60Hz
21	Sensor direct 0.50- 10.5gpm w/ cable
22	Power cord USA w/ AC-plug XYTP
23	Control unit bracket
24	Red thermometer handle L=92mm RAL 3020
25	Blue thermometer handle L=92mm RAL 5010
26	Thermometer D51 L= 100.5 0/160°C - 40/320°F
27	Wall bracket for pumpstation 1000 sq-ft
28	Retaining clamp cropped, spring wire 2mm
29	Mounting kit S8x50/D10x50 anchors / screws
30	Insulation SPS1000 machined for pump and control unit
31	Additional insulation D=42mm/DN32
32	Additional insulation L=190mm machined
33	Cover white-alu bottom RAL9006 Type B
34	Cover white-alu top RAL9006 Type B
35	Cover white-alu RAL9006 Type B w/ control unit cutout

Figure 9-2 SPS1000



9 Service

⚠ WARNING De-energize and lock the solar control and pump to prevent them from accidentally being switched back on again by mistake before any maintenance or repair work.

Service is not permitted until components and solar liquid have cooled.

Air separator

- The solar station features an air separator. Open bleeder valve until the solar liquid exits free of air bubbles.
- Check system pressure and top off solar liquid if required.

Flat seal screw connections

- The screw connections may have to be retightened as the seals settle. Note tightening torque requirements in the “Technology: installation and commissioning” section of this manual.

Clamp ring screw connections

- Use an open-ended wrench to retighten clamp ring screw connections if required (approx. 33 Ft lb).
- When tightening the clamp ring screw connection, use two wrenches—one wrench to prevent the pumping station from turning.

Disassembling the solar station (Wall bracket, for repairs and service only)

- Use a screwdriver or similar tool to remove the retaining springs to the front.

⚠ CAUTION The solar station is now loose. Ensure that it does not slide forward and out of the wall bracket.

Draining the system

- Fit corresponding drainage hoses on to the filling and flushing connections and guide these into a collecting vessel.
- Open the check valves by placing the red and blue thermometer handles in their 45° position.
- Open the fill/flush valve (return) under the pump.
- Open the fill/flush valve (forward flow) on the safety group.
- Optional: Open the fill/flush valve at lowest point of system, as close to the tank connection as possible.
- Open bleeder equipment at highest point (above collectors).

10 Faults, causes and rectification

Pump doesn't run when power is switched on :

- Check solar control unit for correct settings and tight wire connections.
- Check fuses.
- Check pump voltage, refer to the pump rating plate for requirements.

Motor blocked:

- Close shut-off instruments upstream and downstream of pump at high liquid temperatures and system pressures. Allow pump to cool first.
- Fully unscrew bleed screw and check ease of movement of pump rotor by turning the slotted shaft end with a screwdriver; use force to turn if necessary.

Pump Noise:

- In the event of cavitation caused by insufficient inlet pressure, increase primary system pressure within allowable range.
- Check speed setting.

If the fault cannot be rectified, please contact your nearest Lochinvar/TiSUN customer service representative.

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