

# SUMMARY INFORMATION SHEET

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## MANUFACTURER

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Collector Model  
SD7CRW(4x8)S

This solar collector was evaluated by the Florida Solar Energy Center (FSEC) in accordance with prescribed methods and was found to meet the minimum standards established by FSEC. This evaluation was based on solar collector tests performed at the Florida Solar Energy Center, Cape Canaveral, Florida. The purpose of the tests is to verify initial performance conditions and quality of construction only. The resulting certification is not a guarantee of long term performance or durability.

## DESCRIPTION

Gross Length	2.444 meters	8.02 feet
Gross Width	1.189 meters	3.90 feet
Gross Depth	0.098 meters	0.32 feet
Gross Area	2.903 square meters	31.25 square feet
Transparent Frontal Area	2.743 square meters	29.53 square feet
Volumetric Capacity	1.9 liters	0.5 gallons
Weight (empty)	48.5 kilograms	107.0 pounds
Recommended Flow Rate	57 ml/s	0.9 gpm
Maximum Operating Pressure	552 kPag	80 psig
Maximum Wind Load	2633 Pa	55 psf
Number of Cover Plates	One	
Flow Pattern	Series	Forced circulation
Number of Flow Tubes	Ten	

## MATERIALS

Enclosure	Aluminum frame, aluminum back
Glazing	Tempered low iron glass, 0.48 cm thick
Absorber	Copper tubes welded to copper fins
Absorber Coating	Black chrome selective coating
Insulation	Fiberglass, 2.5 cm thick; Foil faced polyisocyanurate, 2.5 cm thick

## THERMAL PERFORMANCE

Tested per ASHRAE 93-86

$$\text{Incident Angle Modifier } K_{\tau\alpha} = 1.0 - 0.31 \left( \frac{1}{\cos\theta} - 1 \right)$$

Efficiency Equations

$$\eta = 74.8 - 375 (Ti-Ta)/I$$

$$\eta = 74.8 - 66 (Ti-Ta)/I$$

$$\eta = 74.5 - 342 (Ti-Ta)/I - 469 [(Ti-Ta)/I]^2$$

$$\eta = 74.5 - 60 (Ti-Ta)/I - 14 [(Ti-Ta)/I]^2$$

Units of  $Ti-Ta/I$  are  $^{\circ}C/Watt/m^2$

Units of  $Ti-Ta/I$  are  $^{\circ}F/Btu/hr\ ft^2$

## RATING

The collector has been rated for energy output on measured performance and an assumed standard day. Total solar energy available for the standard day is 5045 watt-hours/m<sup>2</sup> (1600 Btu/ft<sup>2</sup>) distributed over a 10 hour period.

Output energy ratings for this collector based on the second-order efficiency curve are:

Collector Temperature	Energy Output	
Low Temperature, 35 $^{\circ}$ C (95 $^{\circ}$ F)	37,300 Kilojoules/day	35,400 Btu/day
Intermediate Temperature, 50 $^{\circ}$ C (122 $^{\circ}$ F)	31,900 Kilojoules/day	30,200 Btu/day
High Temperature, 100 $^{\circ}$ C (212 $^{\circ}$ F)	15,900 Kilojoules/day	15,100 Btu/day

Reference 82186