# MODULAR WALL. HEATING AND COOLING.





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Variotherm recommends a combination of floor, wall and ceiling. In general, walls offer the largest exchange area, which is why wall heating/cooling systems ensure that people can easily feel the radiant heat.

For hot summer days, we recommend wall and/or ceiling cooling. Instead of hot water, cool water flows through the pipes at a temperature of 16–20 °C. Rooms are cooled to a comfortable temperature, in complete silence and without forced air.

	Heating	Cooling
Ceiling	00	<b>000</b>
Wall	000	000
Floor	00	•

■ Which system areas are suitable for which needs?

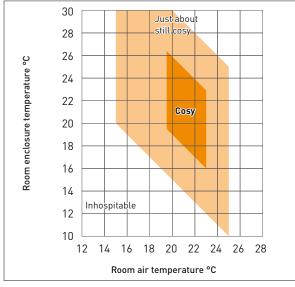
### 1.1 Comfort

Comfort is not only created through a certain air temperature in the room. The temperature of the surfaces enclosing the room is of equal importance. The felt temperature is roughly consistent with the arithmetic mean of both temperatures.

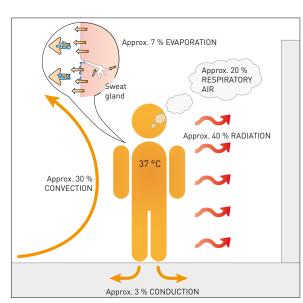
### What makes people feel comfortable?

People feel comfortable when the following basic 'thermal comfort' equation holds:

### Heat production = heat loss



▲ Zone of cosiness



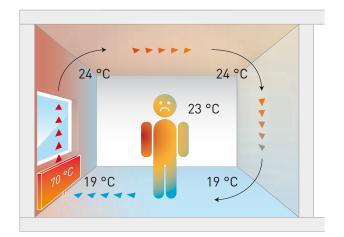
▲ Human heat balance

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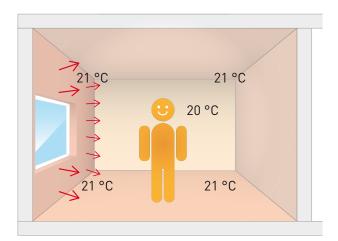
In this context, it is important that heat loss from the human body is as evenly distributed in all directions as possible. We feel uncomfortable if too much heat is lost in one particular direction (e.g. cold surfaces, draughts) or the heat loss is prevented in one direction (hot surfaces or vapour-tight, thick clothing).

The lower the inside air temperature is, the warmer the surrounding surfaces (wall surfaces, floor and ceiling, as well as doors and windows) must be to ensure cosiness.

Compared to other heating systems, the ModuleWall installations significantly increases cosiness. The installation of surface heating on an exterior wall, especially under windows, can largely cancel out the unpleasant effects from the radiation exchange between your body and cold exterior walls and windows. You can set the room temperature lower than you would with convection heating, since radiant heat raises the perceived air temperature.







▲ Comfort with wall heating

### 1.2 Energy savings

A lowered room air temperature along with increased cosiness significantly minimises energy losses. The approximate heating cost savings per 1 °C lower room air temperature are 6 %. The low room air temperature has the additional great physiological advantage of significantly increasing the absorption of oxygen in the body. The wall heating system is ideal for use with low-temperature energy sources such as condensing boilers, heat pumps and solar collectors because it operates with low surface and heating medium temperatures. With Variotherm wall heating you can achieve energy savings of up to 30 % compared to conventional heating systems.

## 1.3 Adapts to suit your home

The Variotherm modular wall heating surfaces can be individually adapted to suit the local situation (windows, doors etc.). Visible radiators under the windows are a thing of the past.

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# 1.4 Cooling

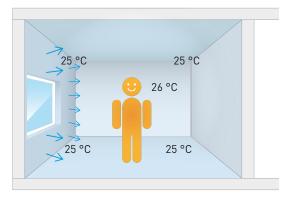
One reason for the frequent lack of satisfaction with air-conditioning systems is the inadequacy of the thermal ambient conditions in the air-conditioned rooms. Most frequently mentioned is the presence of uncomfortable forced air. Cooling via wall surfaces offers the advantage of gentle radiation exchange between the cooled wall surface and the human body. In addition, the room temperature is reduced to a comfortable level.

### Effects of surface cooling on the room

When a wall surface is cooled, all warmer objects in the room (floor, interior walls, persons, equipment, etc.) radiate heat into this cooled surface. This loss of heat through radiation leads to a reduction in the surface temperature of these objects, thus providing a cooling effect. The ambient air in the room is also cooled to a comfortable level

# Cooling mode

Based on experience, cooling makes sense at a room temperature  $\geq 26$  °C. To achieve a noticeable effect and suitably cool the body, a reduction of the ceiling surface temperature to approx. 19–22 °C is possible.



▲ Comfort with wall cooling

### Economy

The necessary cooling performance can be better distributed with water than with air. The pumping costs for surface cooling systems are usually significantly lower than the costs incurred by using fans. A 100 percent coverage of the cooling load, as per VDI 2078 (calculation of the cooling load for air-conditioned rooms), is possible in buildings designed for low energy consumption with shadowing equipment and low internal loads.

One of the major advantages of ceiling cooling/heating systems is the low additional investment costs. A single system is used for the cooling and heating modes: the same ceiling surface, same piping system and the same heating/cooling distribution manifold with supply lines and circulation pump. The generation of cooling (chiller/heat pump/cooling from the floor and ground water) is planned in parallel to the heating unit. Many modern heat pumps already allow switching from heating to cooling mode – without major extra costs. Ambient sources of cooling (deep boreholes, ground collectors, wells ...) can also be used – at zero cost.

### Combination of displacement ventilation and surface cooling

Surface cooling does not replace an air-conditioning system with regard to dehumidification and ventilation. Displacement ventilation is an air-conditioning system with low air exhaust speeds and laminar flow of the escaping air at the exhaust vents. Low turbulence in the air flow through the room is achieved through the type of ducting in the room, blowing of air at floor level at a slightly subnormal temperature and extraction of the exhaust air at the ceiling level. This type of displacement flow, known as "displacement ventilation" can achieve almost complete freedom from draughts. The combination of ceiling cooling and displacement ventilation allows significantly higher cooling performance to be achieved compared to using only a displacement ventilation system, without exceeding thermally comfortable air speeds. If the supplied air is dehumidified then low ceiling surface temperatures, and thus high radiant cooling performance, can be achieved without the formation of condensation, even on hot and humid days.

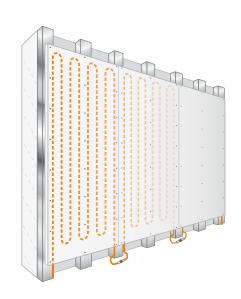
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# 1.5 Description and advantages of the ModuleWall

The Variotherm ModuleWall is an extremely energy efficient heating and cooling system. As a flexible panel system, it is pre-assembled for installation in walls and pitched ceilings. Here, heating, cooling and complete wall are perfectly combined in a single product. The desired room temperature is achieved by using hot and cold water circulation to make sure you feel completely comfortable all year round.

### The advantages:

- Heating, cooling and finished wall in one!
- Ideal for timber-framed buildings, pre-fabricated houses, attics and renovation
- Heating system: large-surface, extremely energy-saving low temperature system
- Cooling system: silent, no draughts, energy-efficient
- A totally flexible panel system: fulfil all building requirements
- Gypsum fibreboards and components which has been tested for their healthy building properties
- Fire protection assessment (IBS Linz)



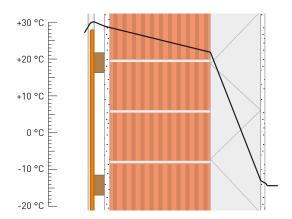




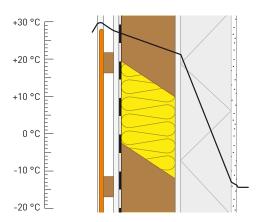


# 1.6 Temperature variations/wall structure

Various different wall fittings at a wall surface temperature of 30  $^{\circ}$ C and a standard outdoor (air) temperature of -14  $^{\circ}$ C



Example with solid brick, structure from left to right: ModuleWall, recessed formwork, 300 mm vertically perforated bricks, 160 mm thermal insulation (EPS), exterior plaster/paint



▲ Example with timber-framed building, structure from left to right:

ModuleWall, recessed formwork,

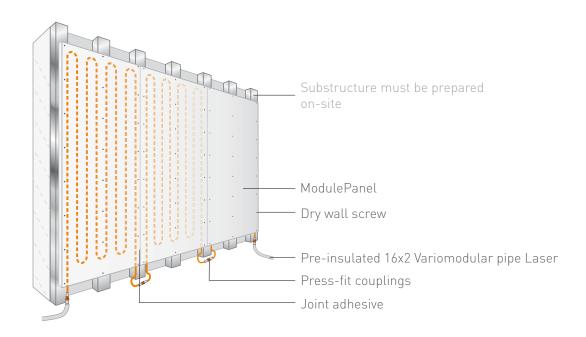
15 mm gypsum fibreboard, vapour retarder,

160 mm timber-framed construction with mineral wool, 15 mm gypsum fibreboard, 160 mm thermal insulation (EPS), exterior plaster/paint

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# 2 COMPONENTS

### 2.1 Overview



Greenline joint adhesive

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e (310 ml) sufficient for 7 m².	

Part No.	PKU	Weight/PKU	Carton
F111	1 cartridge	550 g	25 cartridges

Dry wall screws 3.9 x 40 mm for joining modular panels to wooden/metal structures, optimum shank length, incl. associated bit.

Consumption: 16 pcs./m<sup>2</sup>

Part No.	PKU	Weight/PKU
F120-0250	Carton at 250 pcs.	0.6 kg
F120-1000	Carton at 1000 pcs.	2.4 kg

PG 021 Duo adhesive

for <u>subsequent</u> adhesion of ModulePanels. Breadth of assembly joints from 3 to 8 mm. 1 cartridge is sufficient for an approx. 7 m joint (with a breadth of 4 mm and a height of 18 mm). For each cartridge, we recommend 3 pieces of static mixing tube (F116). Caution: Special W048 manual applicator required!

Part No.	PKU	Weight/PKU	Carton
F115	1 cartridge	1 kg	10 pcs.
F116	1 static mixing tube	15 g	75 pcs.

Pre-insulated 16x2 Variomodular pipe Laser

- Aluminium multi-layer composite pipe 16x2 Laser (PE-RT/AL/PE-RT)
- No oxygen diffusion whatsoever
- 95 °C, 10 bar
- Insulation: Polyethylene soft foam Fire resistance as per EN 14313: CL-s1,d0



Part No.	Insulation thickness	PKU	Weight/PKU
V1226	6 mm	100 m roll	14.0 kg
V1227	9 mm	100 m roll	14.9 kg

Adhesive tape PG 031 As a separating layer to joint surfaces or between

the panel contact points and the substructure, if required. Roll: 50 mm × 66 m





Duo manual applicator The matching manual applicator for applying the Duo adhesive.



Part No.	PKU	Weight/PKU	
W048	1 pce.	1.4 kg	
W050 (loan)	1 pce.	1.4 kg	

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### ModulePanels (types see chapter 2.2)

- 18 mm thick gypsum fibreboard which has been tested for their healthy building properties
- With pre-installed Variomodular pipe 11.6x1.5 Laser at a grid size of 75 mm
- Marking of the screwing points (fastening area) on the front side



### Panel characteristics:

**Panel:** gypsum fibreboard which has been tested for their healthy building properties

Fire resistance as per DIN EN 13501-1:

non-flammable, A2

Identification as per DIN EN 15283-2:

GF-I-W2-C1

Thermal conductivity  $\lambda$ : 0.32 W/mK Apparent density  $\rho_{K}$ : 1150  $\pm$  50 kg/m<sup>3</sup>

Water vapour diffusion resistance factor  $\mu$ : 13

### Notes:

- With load bearing wall construction the Variotherm ModulePanels must not carry any static ceiling loads and must not be used for building reinforcement.
- The relative humidity must not exceed 70 % during storage, installation and additional processing of the ModulePanels and during the construction phase and normal use of the building. Wet plaster and wet screed must be applied and have dried before installation of the ModulePanels. The ModulePanels can be used in rooms up to moisture class W3 (ÖNORM B 3407). They are not approved for installation from moisture class W4 (e.g. canteens and shower blocks) upwards.

Press-fit couplings PG 100

TH press-fit contour, incl. galvanic isolation, visual monitoring of insertion depth, tested as per EN 21003

Part No.	Туре	Press-fitting jaws	PKU	Weight/PKU
Z1320	16 x 16	TH16	1 pce.	50 g
Z1610	16 x 11,6	TH16 & TH11.6	1 pce.	45 g
Z1600	11.6 x 11.6	TH11.6	1 pce.	30 g







Press-fit brackets 90° PG 100

TH press-fit contour, incl. galvanic isolation, visual monitoring of insertion depth, tested as per EN 21003

Part No.	Туре	Press-fitting jaws	PKU	Weight/PKU
Z1370	16 x 16	TH16	1 pce.	50 g
Z1620	16 x 11,6	TH16 & TH11.6	1 pce.	45 g
Z1630	11.6 x 11.6	TH11.6	1 pce.	45 g



16 x 16 16 x 11.6 Z1370 Z1620



11.6 x 11.6 Z1630

Cold shrink tape

For optimum corrosion resistance of press-fit coupling connections as per  $\ddot{\text{O}}\text{N}$  H 5155. Roll: 50 mm × 15 m, 1 roll is sufficient for approx. 35 press-fit coupling connections (with a 50 % overlap).



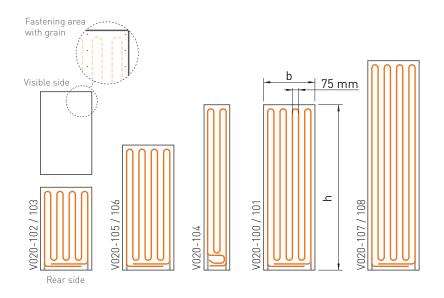
Part No.	PKU	Weight/PKU	Carton
Z1699	1 pce.	990 g	20 pcs.

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# 2.2 ModulePanels

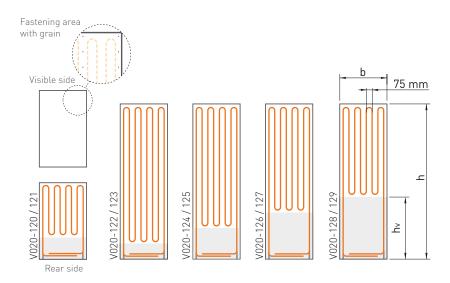
# Fixed height:

The entire surface of the ModulePanel serves as a heating/cooling area.

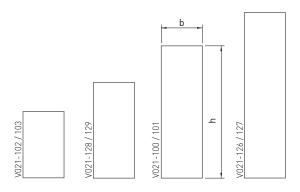


# Variable height:

Only part of the panel surface is used as a heating/cooling area, the unused area (grey) can be individually cut to size.



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 ${\sf Module Expansion Panels}$ 

				Panel	Effective			Required dry wall sci	
Part no.	Product code	Dimensions (h × b), [mm]	Height h <sub>v</sub> [mm]	surface [m²]	surface [m²]	Laid pipe in panel	Weight/ panel	Longitudinal joists	Transverse joists
			ModulePanels	s-Classic					
V020-100	MWC-2000-625	2000 × 625	-	1.25	1.25	16.2 m	25.5 kg	27 pcs.	30 pcs.
V020-102	MWC-1000-625	1000 × 625	_	0.63	0.63	8.2 m	12.8 kg	15 pcs.	20 pcs.
V020-104	MWC-2000-312	2000 × 312	-	0.62	0.62	8.2 m	12.6 kg	18 pcs.	18 pcs.
V020-105	MWC-1500-625	1500 × 625	_	0.94	0.94	12.2 m	19.2 kg	21 pcs.	25 pcs.
V020-107	MWC-2500-625	2500 × 625	-	1.56	1.56	20.2 m	33.8 kg	33 pcs.	35 pcs.
V020-120	MWC-1000-625-V300	1000 × 625	300	0.63	0.48	6.7 m	13.0 kg	15 pcs.	20 pcs.
V020-122	MWC-2000-625-V200	2000 × 625	200	1.25	1.17	15.4 m	25.7 kg	27 pcs.	30 pcs.
V020-124	MWC-2000-625-V400	2000 × 625	400	1.25	1.04	14.2 m	25.8 kg	27 pcs.	30 pcs.
V020-126	MWC-2000-625-V600	2000 × 625	600	1.25	0.92	13.0 m	26.0 kg	27 pcs.	30 pcs.
V020-128	MWC-2000-625-V800	2000 × 625	800	1.25	0.79	11.8 m	26.2 kg	27 pcs.	30 pcs.
V020-101	MWC-2000-600	2000 × 600	-	1.20	1.20	16.2 m	24.5 kg	27 pcs.	30 pcs.
V020-103	MWC-1000-600	1000 × 600	-	0.60	0.60	8.2 m	12.2 kg	15 pcs.	20 pcs.
V020-106	MWC-1500-600	1500 × 625	-	0.90	0.90	12.2 m	18.4 kg	21 pcs.	25 pcs.
V020-108	MWC-2500-600	2500 × 600	-	1.50	1.50	20.2 m	30.6 kg	33 pcs.	35 pcs.
V020-121	MWC-1000-600-V300	1000 × 600	300	0.60	0.46	6.7 m	12.5 kg	15 pcs.	20 pcs.
V020-123	MWC-2000-600-V200	2000 × 600	200	1.20	1.12	15.4 m	24.6 kg	27 pcs.	30 pcs.
V020-125	MWC-2000-600-V400	2000 × 600	400	1.20	1.00	14.2 m	24.8 kg	27 pcs.	30 pcs.
V020-127	MWC-2000-600-V600	2000 × 600	600	1.20	0.88	13.0 m	24.9 kg	27 pcs.	30 pcs.
V020-129	MWC-2000-600-V800	2000 × 600	800	1.20	0.76	11.8 m	25.1 kg	27 pcs.	30 pcs.
		Mod	uleExpansionP	anels-Class	sic				
V021-100	MAC-2000-625	2000 × 625	_	1.25	-	-	27.1 kg	27 pcs.	30 pcs.
V021-102	MAC-1000-625	1000 × 625	-	0.63	-	-	13.6 kg	15 pcs.	20 pcs.
V021-128	MAC-1500-625	1500 × 625	-	0.94	-	-	20.4 kg	14 pcs.	15 pcs.
V021-126	MAC-2500-625	2500 × 625	-	1.56	-	-	33.9 kg	22 pcs.	21 pcs.
V021-101	MAC-2000-600	2000 × 600	-	1.20	-	-	26.0 kg	27 pcs.	30 pcs.
V021-103	MAC-1000-600	1000 × 600	-	0.60	-	-	13.0 kg	15 pcs.	20 pcs.
V021-129	MAC-1500-600	1500 × 600	-	0.90	-	-	19.5 kg	14 pcs.	15 pcs.
V021-127	MAC-2500-600	2500 × 600	-	1.50	-	-	32.6 kg	22 pcs.	21 pcs.

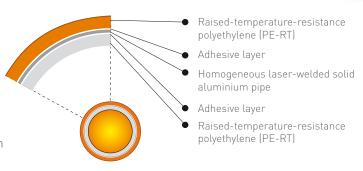
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# 2.3 Variomodular pipe 11.6x1.5 Laser

### Advantages

- Fully corrosion-free
- Optimum creep behaviour
- Just as light as a plastic pipe
- 10-year guarantee with certificate
- Flexible, easy to bend, extremely stable form
- Resistant to hot water additives (inhibitors, antifreeze)
- Mirror-smooth inner surface less pressure loss no encrustation
- High pressure and temperature resistance (10 bar, +95 °C)
- 100 % oxygen diffusion-tight
- Low linear coefficient of expansion, low heat expansion forces
- Tested as per EN 21003 (IMA Dresden), SKZ A 397





### Elongation

with 10 m and temperature difference Δt 25 °C (e.g. 20 °C to 45 °C):



### Technical data

Pipe diameter: 11.6 mm 1.5 mm Pipe wall thickness: 0.15 mm Aluminium pipe thickness: 0.058 l/m Water content: Special narrow bending radius (use

a suitable bending device): Max. operating temperature:

Short-term resistant:

Max. operating pressure: Linear expansion coefficient:

Mean heat conduction coefficient:

Heat transmission resistance.

30 mm

 $t_{max} = 95 \, ^{\circ}C$ 

 $t_{mal} = 110 \, {}^{\circ}\text{C}$ 

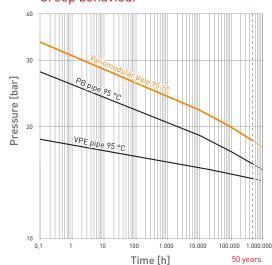
 $p_{max} = 10 bar$ 

2.3x10<sup>-5</sup> [K<sup>-1</sup>]

 $\lambda = 0.43 \text{ W/mK}$ 

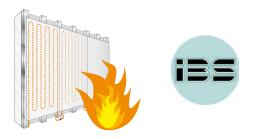
 $R_{\lambda} = 0.0033 \text{ m}^2 \text{K/W}$ 

### Creep behaviour

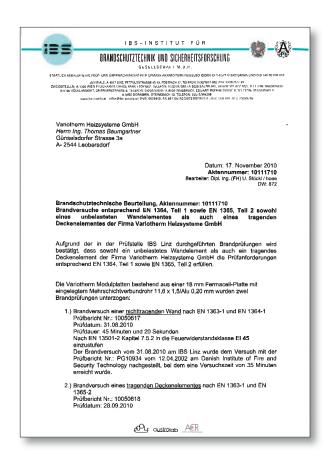


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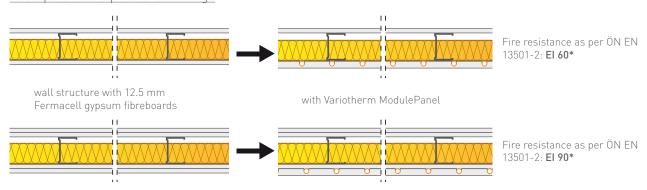


From a fire protection perspective, the 18 mm Variotherm ModulePanels correspond to a 12.5 mm FERMACELL gypsum fibreboard panel (Test IBS-Linz No. VFA2001-0389.01, fire protection assessment file number 10111710). Please observe the corresponding FERMACELL regulations and FERMACELL fire protection assessments.





### Examples of fire protection fittings



<sup>\*</sup> For details regarding wall fittings, please refer to the Fermacell planning documents.

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# 4 SUBSTRUCTURE

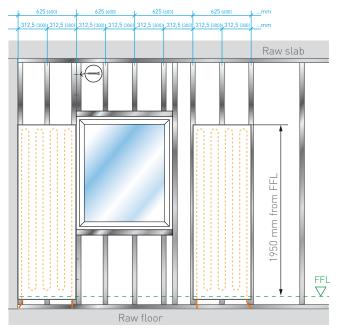
Depending on the requirements, substructures are made of wood and/or metal, with or without surface planking, cavity insulation and vapour retarders (vapour barriers).

Please observe the planning and installation guidelines of the manufacturer of the wooden or drywall system used for your wall and pitched roof ceiling construction.

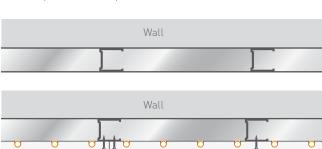
- With wooden constructions, the timber used must be sufficiently dry and straight, and conform to the Austrian standard EN 338 (sorting class C24).
- With metal constructions, the profiles must be made of soft, non-alloyed steel with double-sided galvanising of at least 100 g/m² according to the Austrian standard DIN 18182-1.
- It must be ensured that the construction is designed to carry the weight of the ModulePanels (20.5 kg/m²) and any eventual cladding (tiles).
- Do not glue the ModulePanels directly to solid wall structures (plaster).

### 4.1 Vertical stud construction (standard variant)

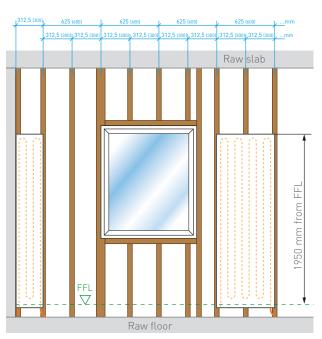
Substructure with wooden or metal profiles at a stud clearance of 312.5 mm, with or without insulation as required. With larger existing stud clearances, extra vertical studs are used at the intended heating/cooling surfaces.



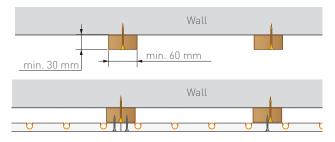
▲ Example of CW stud profile construction



▲ Section through a CW/UW profile steel substructure with a 312.5 mm stud clearance, without cavity insulation.



▲ Example of wooden stud construction



▲ Section through a softwood wooden construction with a 312.5 mm stud clearance, without cavity insulation.

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# 4.2 Stud construction with full-surface FERMACELL planking

Under the following conditions, the ModulePanels can be screwed directly to the FERMACELL planking:

- The substructure is fully planked with FERMACELL panels (minimum thickness 12.5 mm).
- The stud clearance of the FERMACELL substructure corresponds to the values in the table:

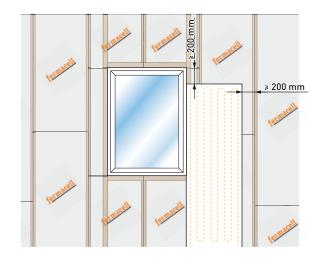
Application area / Construction type	Max. stud clearances of the substructure in mm for the following thicknesses of FERMACELL panels <sup>1</sup>					
	12.5 mm	15 mm	18 mm			
Vertical surfaces (partition walls, wall cladding, single wall panels)	625 mm	750 mm	900 mm			
Pitched roof ceiling cladding (10–50° pitch)	420 mm	500 mm	550 mm			

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Limiting conditions:

- In the case of fire protection requirements, the specifications of the test verification/certification should be observed.
- Not possible in rooms where use results in constant high humidity (wet rooms etc.).

#### Caution:

- Ensure a minimum seam offset of 200 mm to the FERMACELL planking.
- Avoid cross joints.
- With multi-layer Fermacell planking only the ModulePanels (last layer) are glued and stopped.



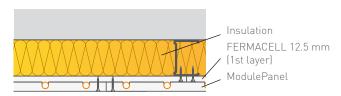
The ModulePanels are attached directly to the FERMACELL planking (minimum panel thickness of the first layer: 12.5 mm) with the following fasteners:

# ▶ Dry wall screw

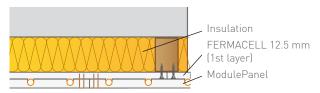
• See the table in section 2.2 for the number of screws

### Straddle staples

- Galvanised and treated with resin
- Wire diameter > 1.5 mm
- Saddle width: ≥ 10 mm
- Leg length 2–3 mm shorter than the thickness of both panel layers (ModulePanel + FERMACELL panel)
- Distance between staples: max. 150 mm
- Distance between rows of staples: 312.5/300 mm



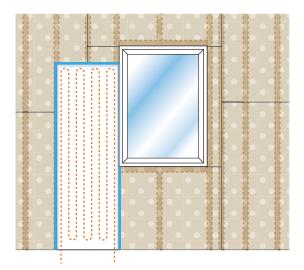
▲ Section through a CW/UW profile **steel construction**, single-sided with **12.5 mm thick FERMACELL** panels, single-layer planking with cavity insulation and installed ModulePanel (**screwed**).



▲ Section through a softwood wooden construction, single-sided with 12.5 mm thick FERMACELL panels, single-layer planking with cavity insulation and installed ModulePanel [clip fasteners].

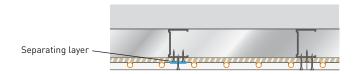
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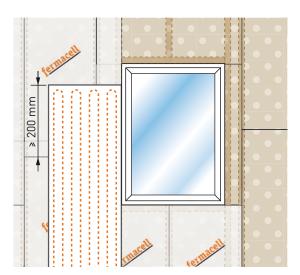
# 4.3 Stud construction with plasterboard planking



The lack of screw retention strength in the plasterboard panels means that the ModulePanels can only be directly fastened to the underlying stud construction with offset seams. A separating layer — (adhesive tape) is always inserted in the glued seam area.

The stud clearance of the plasterboard stud construction must be as specified in section 4.1 (stud clearance of 312.5 mm).

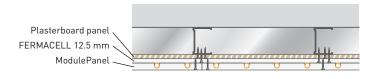


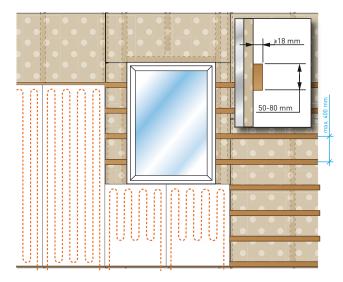


If the substructure can no longer be changed, appropriately thick FERMACELL panels (see table in chapter 4.2) are screwed to the stud construction behind the plasterboard planking.

The seams of the FERMACELL planking are not glued or stopped.

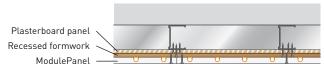
See section 4.2 on fastening the ModulePanels to the FERMACELL planking!





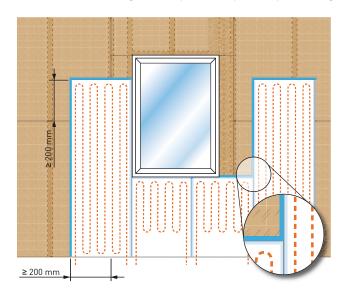
If the substructure is also unsuitable for full-surface FERMACELL planking, additional horizontal battens (recessed formwork) are <u>screwed to the underlying stud construction</u> instead.

See section 4.5 for information on installing the recessed formwork and fastening the Module Panels!



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# 4.4 Full cladding or chipboard panel planking



Chipboard panels and ModulePanels (FERMACELL gypsum fibreboards) have different expansion and contraction behaviour under climatic fluctuations. The fastening variants described below can be recommended when the chipboard panels are not subjected to moisture loads.

### Caution:

- Ensure a minimum seam offset of 200 mm to the planking.
- Avoid cross joints.
- A separating layer **(adhesive tape)** is always inserted into the glued seam area.

The ModulePanels are installed with the following

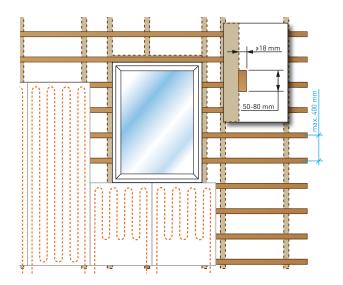
### // straddle staples:

- galvanised and treated with resin
- wire diameter ≥ 1.5 mm
- Saddle width: ≥ 10 mm
- Leg length 2–3 mm shorter than the thickness of both panel layers
- Distance between staples: max. 150 mm
- Distance between rows of staples: 312.5/300 mm

# The ModulePanels can be screwed to the / planking (special case):

With chipboard panels having expansion and contraction values of max. 0.02 % (for changes to the material moisture of 1 % below the fibre saturation) the Module Panels can also be screwed to the planking. According to DIN EN 1995 Table NA.7 this includes plywood, cross-laminated timber and OSB/4 panels. In this case it is important that the panels have adjusted to the relative humidity of the working climate. The humidity during installation, construction and used of the building must be 30–65 %.

### 4.5 Recessed formwork

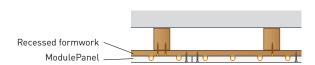


Extra recessed formwork is installed if the substructure does not have the correct batten clearance (300 or 312.5 mm). Horizontal wooden battens and Module-Panels have different expansion and contraction behaviour

Batten guidelines (recessed formwork):

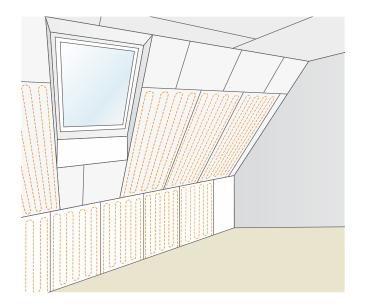
Height: 50 – 80 mmThickness: min. 18 mm

• Stud clearance: max. 400 mm

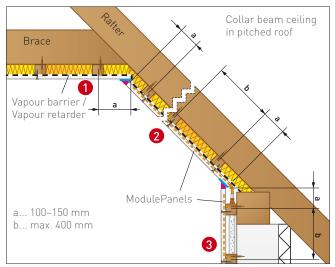


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# 4.6 Pitched roof substructure



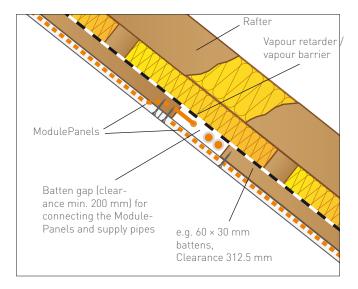
For a pitched roof, the same substructure possibilities apply as for walls (chapter 4.1–4.5).



Cross-section – horizontal battens

Installation process:

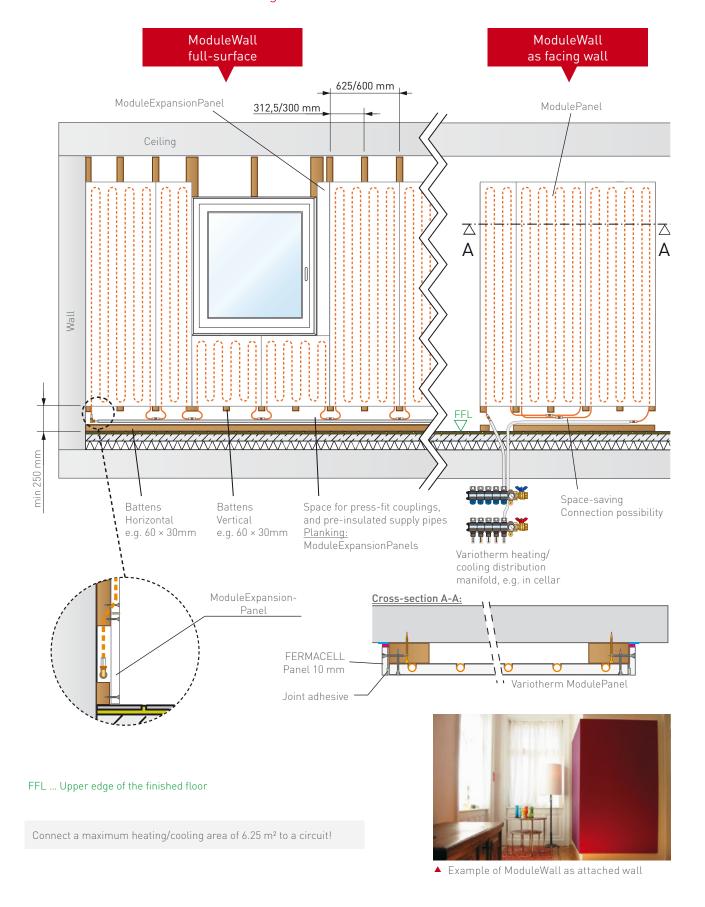
- 1 Horizontal surfaces
- 2 Pitched surfaces
- 3 Vertical surfaces



When two ModulePanels are abutted above each other in a pitched roof then additional vertical battens for the supply pipes are absolutely necessary!

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# 4.7 Substructure variant for existing floors



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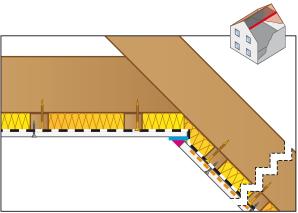
# 4.8 Remaining areas and panel transitions

The areas at the sides of the ModulePanels are filled out using Module-ExpansionPanels (please observe the FERMACELL guidelines). These panels without pipes are also glued with joint adhesive on the front side. Cross joints are to be avoided. The width of the ModuleExpansionPanels should not be less than 200 mm.

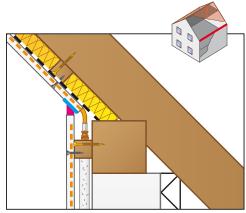
Inner and outer corners and T-joints are to be constructed as grouted joints (approx. 7 mm) • with a separating layer • (decoupled connection).



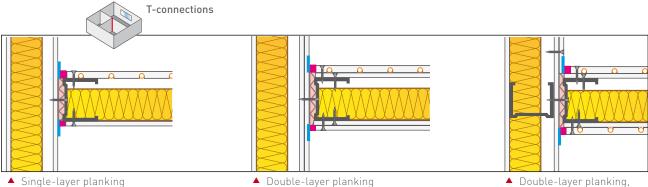
▲ ModuleExpansionPanels



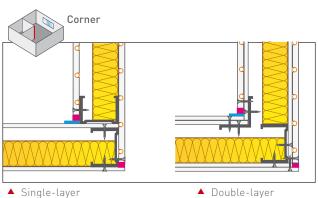
▲ Pitched roof to ceiling



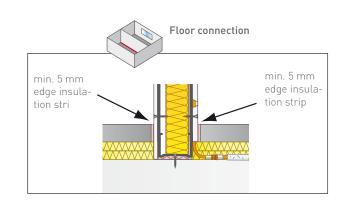
▲ Pitched roof to jamb wall



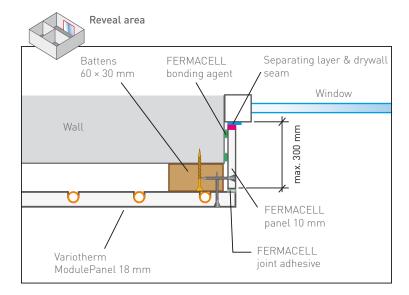
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### ModulePanel to plasterboard panels:

Variotherm provides no guarantee for transitions to products from other panel manufacturers.

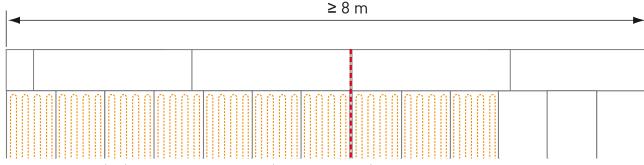
Please observe the specifications of the respective (panel) manufacturer.

We can however provide you with four practical examples of transition methods:

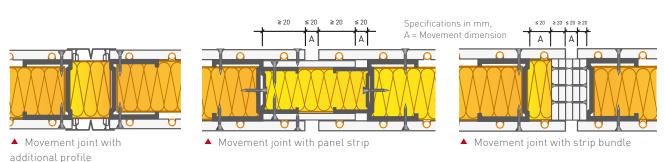
- Grouted joints (approx. 7 mm) with a separating layer (decoupled connection). Advantage: intentional straight crack (usually hardly visible)
- Elastic seam (acrylic mass), (maintenance seam, not suitable for fire prevention constructions)
- Fascia
- Wooden strip fastened on one side for covering the transition

# 4.9 Movement joints

Movement joints are to be provided every 8 m in wall constructions and pitched roofs.



▲ Movement joint at (e.g.) 10x V020-100 and 3x V021-100 (13x 0.625 m = 8.13 m)



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# 5 THERMAL/COOLING PERFORMANCE

# 5.1 Calculation of the heating and cooling load

The EN 12831 standard with the respective national annex applies to the heating load calculations for the heated rooms. Every room is considered individually. For the outside temperature, the locally acquired and standardised outdoor temperature  $T_{ne}$  is used.

Variotherm also conducts <u>cooling load calculations</u> (subject to a fee) according to the new VDI 2078 guideline (valid since June 2013). For calculation purposes, precise information must be provided on the building and the rooms to be cooled (U-values with layer composition, shading, internal loads). This is the precondition for useful, accurate results.

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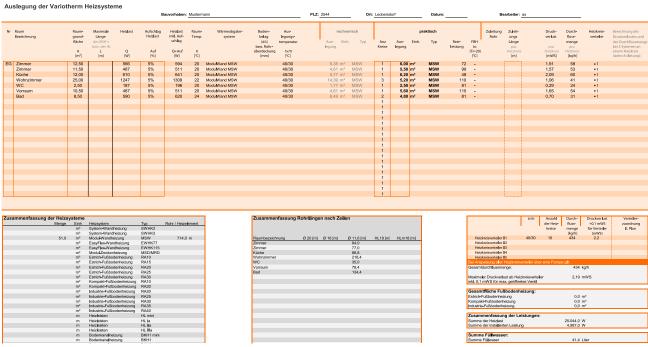
<sup>▲</sup> Extract from a heating load calculation

Bezeichnung	Fläche m²	Kühllast W	Kühllast W/m²	t <sub>Raum</sub> °C	t <sub>op. Raum</sub> °C
Schlafzimmer	21.70	-1601	-73.76	24.0	23.9
Wohnen, Kochen, Essen	84.50	-2906	-34.39	24.0	24.8
Wirtschaftsraum	13.00	-455	-35.01	24.0	24.6
wc	4.60	-73	-15.89	24.0	24.1
Corridor + Stiege	29.40	-1822	-61.96	24.0	25.4
Lounge + Stiege	22.00	-459	-20.85	24.0	24.3
Küche II (Pantry)	30.50	-956	-31.35	24.0	24.8
Vorraum	10.00	-239	-23.94	24.0	24.5
Küche II (Pantry)	14.00	-414	-29.55	24.0	24.6
Gästezimmer 1	23.50	-613	-26.08	24.0	24.6
Flur + Stiege	12.40	-342	-27.59	24.0	24.6
Gästezimmer 2	28.70	-746	-25.98	24.0	24.5
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<sup>▲</sup> Extract from a cooling load calculation

# 5.2 Variotherm dimensioning softwares

Key values for individual heating/cooling circuits (the amount of water, pressure loss, number of circuits, allocation of the manifolds etc.) can be quickly and easily calculated by inputting the heating or cooling load into the Variotherm dimensioning softwares. It can be found in our Professional Area at www.variotherm.com/profi.



▲ Variotherm dimensioning software example for heating

# 5.3 Heat output tables

Caution! The maximum flow temperature for the ModulePanels is 50 °C

t <sub>f</sub> /t <sub>r</sub>	t <sub>mH</sub>	Н	eat output [W	//m²] at room	temperature		T <sub>0</sub> [°C]
[°C]	[°C]	15 °C	18 °C	20 °C	22 °C	24 °C	(at T <sub>r</sub> = 20 °C)
30/20	25.0	90	59	38	18	_	25
30/25	27.5	108	77	56	36	18	26
35/25	30.0	127	95	74	55	36	28
35/28	31.5	137	105	84	65	46	28
35/30	32.5	144	113	92	73	54	29
37.5/32.5	35.0	162	131	111	91	73	31
40/30	35.0	162	131	111	91	73	31
40/35	37.5	179	149	129	108	91	32
45/35	40.0	197	167	147	126	109	34
45/40	42.5	214	184	164	143	126	35
50/40	45.0	232	201	181	161	143	37
50/45	47.5	239	214	201	181	162	38

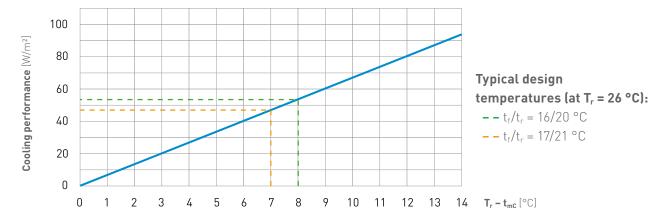
 $\mathbf{t}_{mH}$  = mean hot water temperature =  $\frac{t_f + t_r}{2}$  [°C]

**T**<sub>0</sub> = mean surface temperature [°C]

 $T_r$  = room temperature [°C]

 $t_f/t_r$  = flow temperature / return temperature [°C]

# 5.4 Cooling performance



The surface temperature must not reach or fall below the dew point temperature!

The mean surface temperature  $T_{\rm 0}$  corresponds approximately to the return temperature  $t_{\rm r}$ .

Relative	Room temperature [T <sub>r</sub> ]				
humidity [%rH]	24 °C	25 °C	26 °C	27 °C	28 °C
70 %	18.0	19.0	20.0	21.0	22.0
60 %	15.5	16.5	17.5	18.5	19.2
50 %	13.0	14.0	15.0	15.8	16.8
40 %	9.8	10.5	11.5	12.5	13.2

 $\mathbf{t}_{mc}$  = mean cooling water temperature =  $\frac{\mathbf{t}_{\mathrm{f}} + \mathbf{t}_{\mathrm{r}}}{2}$  [°C]

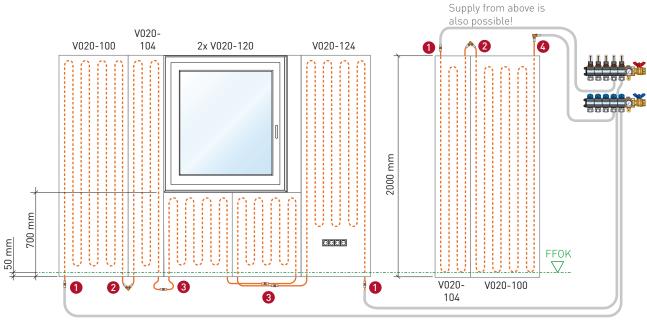
**T**<sub>0</sub> = mean surface temperature [°C]

 $T_r$  = room temperature [°C]

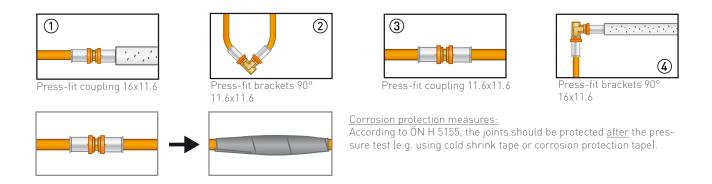
 $\mathbf{t_f/t_r} = \text{flow temperature / return temperature [°C]}$ 

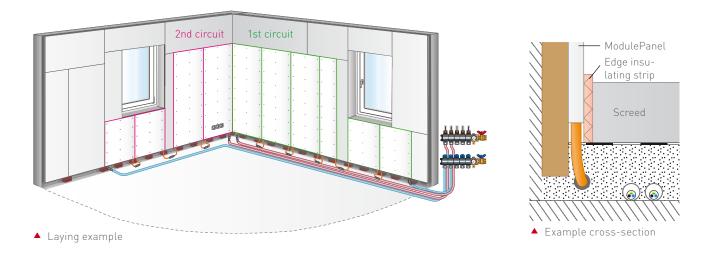
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**Caution:** Connect max. 6.25 m² heating/cooling surface to a single circuit (e.g. 5 pcs. V020-100)! For the heating/cooling surfaces of all ModulePanels, see the table in section 2.2.



Supply pipes: pre-insulated Variomodular pipe 16x2 Laser

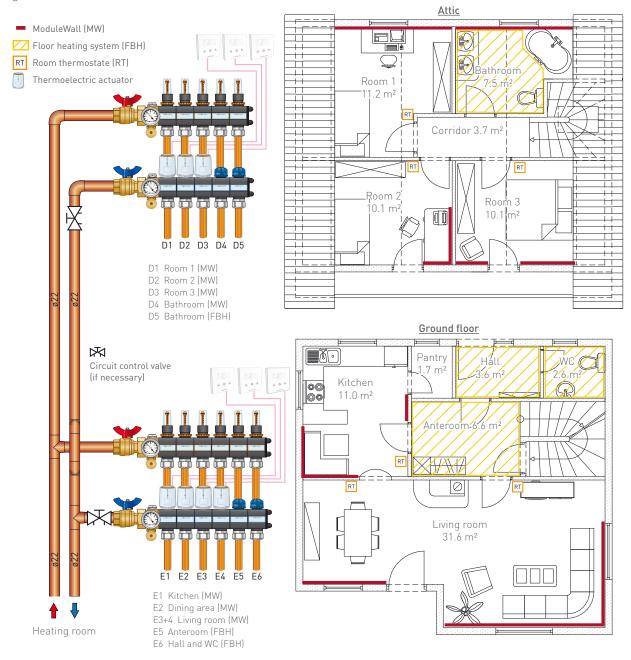




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### Single-family house connection example

In the example provided, the heating system has been adapted to suit the rooms: A floor heating system is planned for tiled rooms (anterooms, toilet, bathroom) and wall heating surfaces are planned for the living room, work room and bedrooms. A room thermostat for controlling the room temperature is planned for the kitchen, dining area and living room (influence of external heat sources from kitchen appliances, south-facing glass surfaces and tile stoves).





<< Details regarding the system and heating circuit pipes and the room temperature control are provided in the DISTRIBUTION and CONTROL design and installation manual

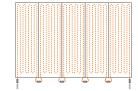
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# 7 PRESSURE LOSS

Example: The total pressure loss  $\Delta p_{Total}$  of a 6.25 m² ModuleWall (5 pcs. V020-100 at 1 heating circuit) is to be calculated. The desired flow/return temperature is 40/30 °C, resulting in a heat output of 111 W/m² at a room temperature of 20 °C.

The total pressure loss  $\Delta p_{total}$  is calculated using the following components:

- Pipes and press-fit couplings
- Heating/cooling distribution manifold
- Boiler house (mixing valve, boiler ...)



### 1. Pipes and press-fit couplings

Calculation of the flow rate  $\omega$  from the pressure loss diagram: Q = 694 W (111 W/m² × 6.25 m²)  $\Delta T$  = 10 K [t\_f/t\_r = 40/30 °C) Flow volume m = Q  $\div$  c  $\div$   $\Delta T$  = 694 W  $\div$  1.163 Wh/kgK  $\div$  10 K = 59.6 kg/h

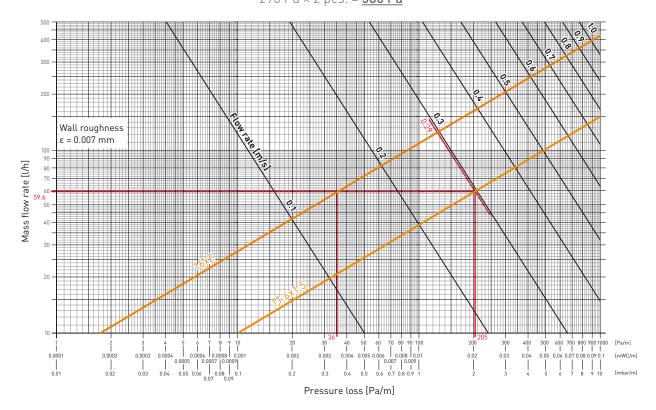
A flow volume m = 59.6 kg/h (= $l/h$ ) yields a flow rate $\omega$ = 0.29 m/s	
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Pipe length in ModulePanel (see table chapter 2.2)				
V020-100	М	WC-2000-625	16.2 m	
Press-fit o	coupling	Coefficient of resistance ζ (Zeta)		
1	6x11.6	6.9		
11.	6x11.6	7.2		
Density of	Density of water ρ (Rho)			
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- $\Delta p$  for 15 m pre-insulated Variomodular pipe 16x2: 36 Pa/m × 15 m = 540 Pa
- $\Delta p$  for 6.25 m² Module Panels (5 pcs. V020-100): 205 Pa/m × (5 pcs. × 16.2 m = 81 m) = 16.605 Pa
- $\Delta p$  for 4 pcs. press-fit couplings 11.6x11.6:  $z \times \rho/2 \times \omega^2 = 7.2 \times 500 \text{ kg/m}^3 \times (0.29 \text{ m/s})^2 = 7.2 \times 500 \text{ kg/m}^3 \times (0.29 \text{ m/s})^2 = 1.6 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/m}^3 \times (0.29 \text{ kg/m}^3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/m}^3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/m}^3 \times (0.29 \text{ kg/m}^3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/m}^3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/m}^3 \times (0.29 \text{ kg/m}^3 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg/m}^3 \times 10^{$

 $303 \text{ Pa} \times 4 \text{ pcs.} = 1212 \text{ Pa}$ 

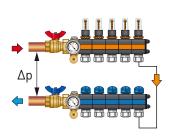
•  $\Delta p$  for 2 pcs. press-fit couplings 16x11.6:  $z \times \rho/2 \times \omega^2 = 6.9 \times 500 \text{ kg/m}^3 \times (0.29 \text{ m/s})^2 = 290 \text{ Pa} \times 2 \text{ pcs.} = 580 \text{ Pa}$ 



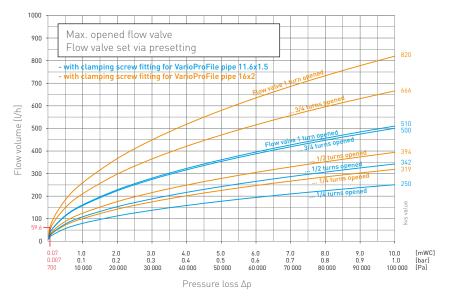
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# 2. Heating/cooling distribution manifold

The flow rate characteristic curves for calculating the pressure loss of the heating/cooling distribution manifold for the heating circuits in question.



 Δp of the heating/cooling distribution manifold with an open valve up to 59.6 l/h = 700 Pa



### 3. Boiler house (assumptions)

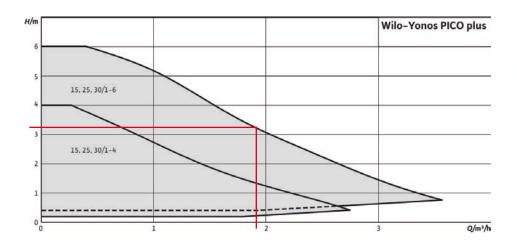
- Δp Mixing valve = 6000 Pa
- Δp Connection piping = <u>3500 Pa</u>
- Δp Boiler = <u>3000 Pa</u>

### 4. Total pressure

•  $\Delta p_{total} = 540 + 16605 + 1212 + 580 + 700 + 6000 + 3500 + 3000 = 32137 Pa = 3.21 mWC$ 

### 5.) Selection of the heating circulation pump (example: Wilo Yonos PICO Plus 25/1-6)

At the calculated pressure loss of 3.21 mWC the pump supplies a maximum volume flow of 1.9 m<sup>3</sup>/h.



Wito Water PCO plan

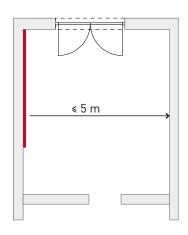
▲ Example: Wilo Yonos PICO Plus 25/1-6 heating circulation pump

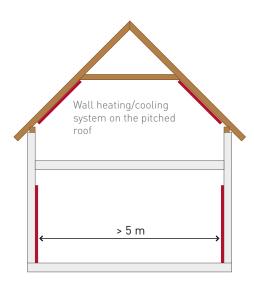
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# 8 ARRANGEMENT OF THE SURFACES

Wall heating installations are used for heating occupied areas. For this reason, they should be evenly distributed over the interior sides of exterior walls. At normal ceiling heights (up to 3 m) in buildings with good thermal insulation, designing the ModuleWall to a maximum height of 2 m above the finished floor level is sufficient. In special cases (ceiling height > 3 m, e.g. halls, stairwells, therapy areas) the wall heating installations must be designed higher than 2 m.

Experience has shown that the comfort effect is perceived at a distance of up to 5 m from the heated wall. In larger rooms it is therefore advantageous to install wall heating systems on two opposing walls because the radiance effect on the body declines in proportion to the square of the distance.





Estimated values for dimensions:

- ~ 40 % wall surface of the room area for heating
- $\sim 70-80$  % wall surface of the room area for cooling

Caution: Observe the heating/cooling load calculation for precise dimensioning of the area required!

With a good arrangement of the radiant heating surfaces and U-values (exterior wall) of  $\leq 0.3$  W/m<sup>2</sup>K, the room air temperature can be reduced by up to 3 °C while retaining the same perceived temperature (comfort). Seating and glass surfaces (e.g. windows) must be taken into consideration when choosing the arrangement of wall heating surfaces.

### Issues relating to furniture:

Since the radiant heat should penetrate into the living area, this is to be taken into consideration in the furniture planning. Wall fittings, full bookcases, built-in cupboards etc. should not be planned in front of wall heating systems. Desks, chests of drawers, open seats, small boxes, kitchen corner banks, pictures etc. usually present no problem. General rule of thumb: maximum of 15% furnished area.

**Tip:** Beds (especially the bedheads) should not be placed directly in the radiation area of wall heating elements.

# 9 FINISHED SURFACE

# 9.1 Stopping

Caution: Stopping must not be performed until all wet work has dried out (wet screed, plastering work, etc.)!

The following work is to be performed, depending on the surface quality required:

- Q1 | Stopping of visible joints and adhesive seams with FERMACELL grouting
- Q2 Q1 + burr-free and step-free stopping of the seams and joints

### Q3 Full-surface stopping:

- Stopping of the visible joints with FERMACELL grouting or plaster
- Wide stopping of the seams
- Full-surface coating and sharp pulling-off using FERMACELL grouting or fine stopper or other suitable stopping material

# Q4 Full-surface coating:

- Stopping of the visible joints with FERMACELL grouting or plaster
- Wide stopping of the seams
- Full-surface coating and smoothing using FERMACELL fine stopper or plaster or other suitable stopping material

# 9.2 Painting

Commonly available paints such as (e.g.) latex, emulsion or enamel paint can be applied to the ModulePanels. Mineral-based paints such as (e.g.) limewash and silicate paints must be approved by the manufacturer for use on gypsum fibreboards. The paint is usually applied in two steps.

# 9.3 Fastening loads to the ModuleWall

### Single loads hanging on the wall

Light single loads parallel to the wall surface with low outreaches, such as (e.g.) pictures or decorations, can be fastened directly to the the FERMACELL planking using commonly available fasteners without using an additional substructure. Suitable for this are (e.g.) nails, picture hooks with single or double nail mounts, or screws and dowels.

Picture hooks <sup>1</sup> fastened with nails	Permissible load² per hook on ModulePanel (≙ 12.5 mm FERMACELL Panel), (100 kg = 1 kN)
	0.17 kN
60	0.27 kN
100 S	0.37 kN

### Cabinet loads<sup>3</sup> on ModuleWall

The listed loading values can be added when the dowel clearance is  $\geqslant 500$  mm. At lower dowel clearances, 50% of the respective maximum permissible load for each dowel is used. The sum of the individual loads must not exceed 1.5 kN/m for walls and must not exceed 0.4 kN/m for free-standing single wall panels and double stud walls that are not connected to each other. Higher loads must be specially checked and approved.

Cabinet loads fastened with dowels <sup>4</sup> or screws	Permissible loads for individual hanging on ModulePanel (≙ 12.5 mm FERMACELL Panel), (100 kg = 1 kN)	Fastening
	0.50 kN	300 mm
<	0.30 kN	300 mm

<sup>1</sup> Breaking force of the hooks per brand. Hooks fastened corrosion-neutral only in the planking

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> Safety factor 2 (constant load at rel. humidity up to 80 %)

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Introduced as per DIN 4103, safety factor 2

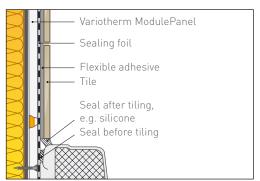
<sup>4</sup> Observe the instructions of the dowel manufacturer.

# 9.4 Tiling

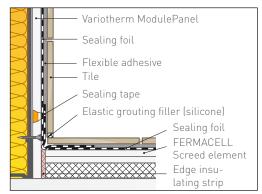
See also the appropriate standards for laying tiles, panels and mosaics.

Points to be observed:

- The weight of the tiles (incl. adhesive) must not exceed 56 kg/m².
- The surface of the ModulePanels must be dust-free.
- The moisture content of the ModulePanels must be less than 1.3 % (min. 48 h at 70 % humidity and room temperature > 15 °C).
- Sealing systems must be used on surfaces subject to the effects of moisture (see table below). The wall boundaries must be sealed using appropriate sealing tape.
- A flexible adhesive is used to bond the tiles. A primer must be applied if this is stated by the adhesive manufacturer.
   This is particularly the case for flexible cement adhesives.
- Flexible grouting mortar must be used for grouting.
- After laying the tiles, boundaries with the walls are additionally sealed with silicone



 Connections between shower or bath and Variotherm ModulePanels



▲ Wall-screed structure in areas subjected to water loads

Use of primer and sealing system (composite waterproofing):

Operation	al demands group					
ÖN B 3407	ZDB composite waterproofing (Germany)	Which Room?	Adhesive mortar with tile coverings	Sealing system	Primer	
W1		Residential sector: living rooms, corridors,	Calcium sulfate flexible adhesive mortar	Not required	Not required	
VV I	_	toilets, offices and the like	Cement flexible adhesive mortar	Not required	Required	
W2	-	Residential sector: kitchen and rooms with similar usage Commercial sector: toilet systems	Only cement flexible adhesive mortar	Recommended	In addition to the sealing system, when recommended by the manufacturer	
W3	Α0	Wall and floor surfaces without drainage (e.g. bathroom with shower tub), toilet systems without floor drainage, porch	Only cement flexible adhesive mortar	Required	In addition to the sealing system, when recommended by the manufacturer	
W4-W6	B0, A, B, C	Wall and floor surfaces with drainage (e.g. shower with flush drain at the same level as the floor), shower systems, industrial kitchen, balconies, terraces	No ModuleWall possible.			

## Product examples for primer or sealing system (composite waterproofing):

Manufacturer/Brand	Primer	Sealing system
FERMACELL	Deep primer	Flüssigfolie
Ardex	Ardex P51	Ardex 8 + 9
Murexin	Tiefengrund LF1	Duschdicht / Flüssigfolie 1KS
Cimsec	Gipsgrundierung	Flexible sealant DU15
PCI	Gisogrund	Lastogum
Schönox	Schönox KH	Schönox HA oder 1K-DS
Mapei	Primer G	Mapegum WPS
Weber	weber.prim 801	weber.sys 822
Ceresit	Solvent-free deep primer	Ceresit shower & bath sealant

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