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Agrément Certificate

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Product Sheet 6

CROMAR GRP VALLEY TROUGH AND FLASHINGS RANGE

CROMAR PRO DRY FIX VALLEY GRP TROUGHS (GDFVT 70 AND 110, AND GDFVTUB 55, 80 AND 105)

This Agrément Certificate Product Sheet⁽¹⁾ relates to Cromar Pro Dry Fix Valley GRP Troughs (GDFVT 70 and 110, and GDFVTUB 55, 80 and 105), for use in slated or tiled roofs constructed in accordance with the relevant requirements of BS 5534 : 2014. The products provide a weatherproof junction where there are changes in direction or material in a slated or tiled roof structure.

(1) Hereinafter referred to as 'Certificate'.

CERTIFICATION INCLUDES:

- factors relating to compliance with Building Regulations where applicable
- factors relating to additional non-regulatory information where applicable
- independently verified technical specification
- assessment criteria and technical investigations
- design considerations
- installation guidance
- regular surveillance of production
- formal three-yearly review.

KEY FACTORS ASSESSED

Weathertightness — as part of a complete roof, the products will resist the passage of moisture into the interior of the building (see section 6).

Properties in relation to fire — the products can contribute towards a roof being unrestricted under the national Building Regulations (see section 7).

Strength — the products have adequate strength to resist the normal loads and impacts associated with installation of a roof (see section 8).

Durability — under normal service conditions, the products will have a service life in excess of 20 years (see section 10).



The BBA has awarded this Certificate to the company named above for the products described herein. These products have been assessed by the BBA as being fit for their intended use provided they are installed, used and maintained as set out in this Certificate.

On behalf of the British Board of Agrément

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Chief Executive Officer

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Regulations

In the opinion of the BBA, Cromar Pro Dry Fix Valley GRP Troughs (GDFVT 70 and 110, and GDFVTUB 55, 80 and 105), if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of the following Building Regulations (the presence of a UK map indicates that the subject is related to the Building Regulations in the region or regions of the UK depicted):



The Building Regulations 2010 (England and Wales) (as amended)

Requirement:	B4(2)	External fire spread
Comment:	The products can contribute towards a roof being unrestricted under this Requirement. See section 7 of this Certificate.	
Requirement:	C2(b)	Resistance to moisture
Comment:	The products will contribute to a roof satisfying this Requirement. See section 6 of this Certificate.	
Regulation:	7(1)	Materials and workmanship
Comment:	The products are acceptable. See section 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.	



The Building (Scotland) Regulations 2004 (as amended)

Regulation:	8(1)(2)	Durability, workmanship and fitness of materials
Comment:	The use of the products satisfies the requirements of this Regulation. See sections 9 and 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.	
Regulation:	9	Building standards applicable to construction
Standard:	2.8	Spread from neighbouring buildings
Comment:	The products can be regarded as having low vulnerability with reference to clause 2.8.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ of this Standard, and will not affect the fire rating of the roof construction. See section 7 of this Certificate.	
Standard:	3.10	Precipitation
Comment:	The products will enable a roof to satisfy the requirements of this Standard with reference to clauses 3.10.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and 3.10.8 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ . See section 6 of this Certificate.	
Standard:	7.1(a)(b)	Statement of sustainability
Comment:	The products can contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements of Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, and therefore will contribute to a construction meeting a bronze level of sustainability as defined in this Standard.	
Regulation:	12	Building standards applicable to conversions
Comment:	Comments in relation to the products under Regulation 9, Standards 1 to 6, also apply to this Regulation, with reference to clause 0.12.1 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ and Schedule 6 ⁽¹⁾⁽²⁾ .	

(1) Technical Handbook (Domestic).

(2) Technical Handbook (Non-Domestic).



The Building Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2012 (as amended)

Regulation:	23(a)(i)	Fitness of materials and workmanship
Comment:	(iii)(b)(i)	The products are acceptable. See section 10 and the <i>Installation</i> part of this Certificate.
Regulation:	28(b)	Resistance to moisture and weather
Comment:	The products will enable a roof to satisfy the requirements of this Regulation. See section 6 of this Certificate.	

Regulation: 36(b)

Comment:

External fire spread

The products can contribute towards a roof being unrestricted under this Regulation.
See section 7 of this Certificate.

Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015**Construction (Design and Management) Regulations (Northern Ireland) 2016**

Information in this Certificate may assist the client, designer (including Principal Designer) and contractor (including Principal Contractor) to address their obligations under these Regulations.

See sections: 1 *Description* (1.2) and 3 *Delivery and site handling* (3.1) of this Certificate.

Additional Information**NHBC Standards 2021**

In the opinion of the BBA, Cromar Pro Dry Fix Valley GRP Troughs (GDFVT 70 and 110, and GDFVTUB 55, 80 and 105), if installed, used and maintained in accordance with this Certificate, can satisfy or contribute to satisfying the relevant requirements in relation to *NHBC Standards*, Chapter 7.2 *Pitched roofs*.

Technical Specification**1 Description**

1.1 Cromar Pro Dry Fix Valley GRP Troughs (GDFVT 70 and 110, and GDFVTUB 55, 80 and 105) are glass fibre/polyester laminates, with a UV-resistant polyester film on the upper face (see Figures 1 to 5).

Figure 1 Cromar Pro Dry Fix Valley GRP Troughs — GDFVT 70

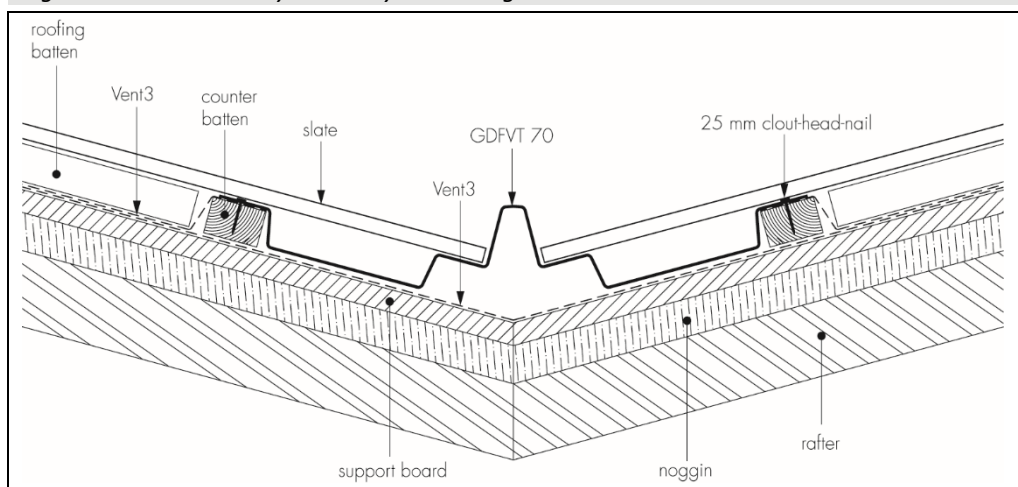


Figure 2 Cromar Pro Dry Fix Valley GRP Troughs — GDFVT 110

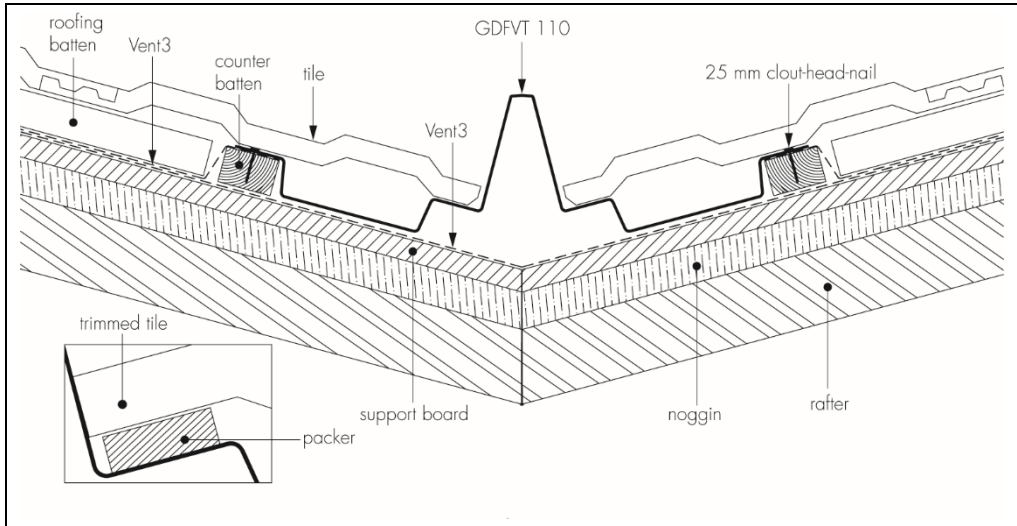


Figure 3 Cromar Pro Dry Fix Valley GRP Troughs (GDFVTUB 55)

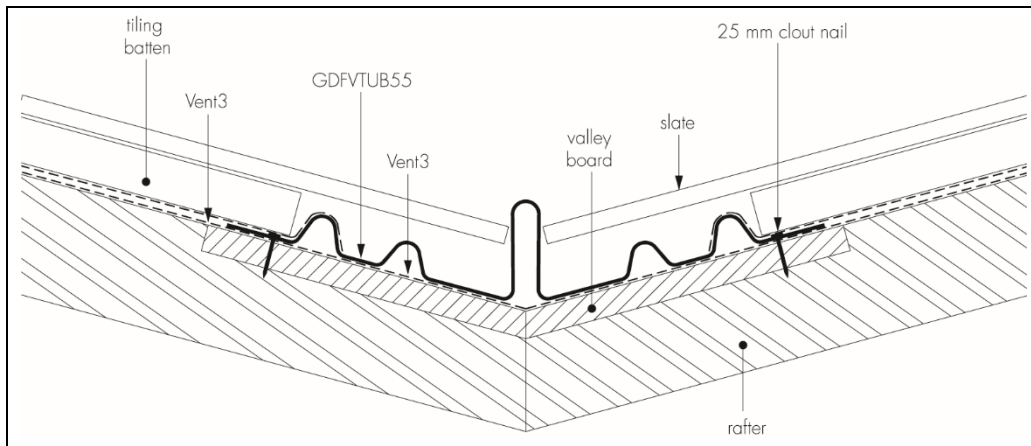


Figure 4 Cromar Pro Dry Fix Valley GRP Troughs (GDFVTUB 80)

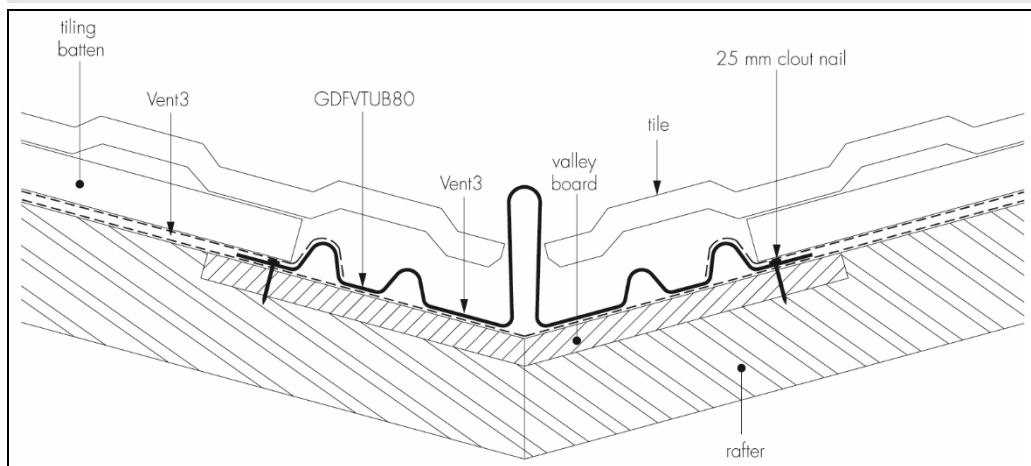
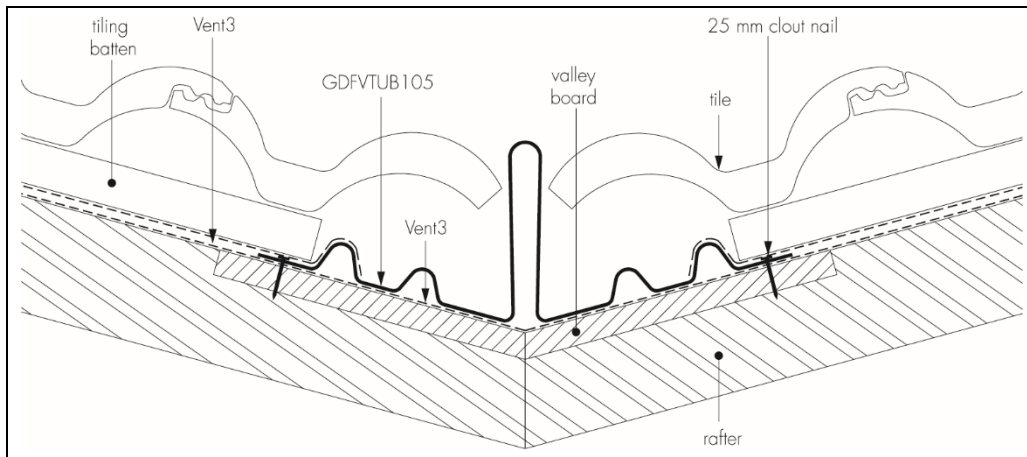


Figure 5 Cromar Pro Dry Fix Valley GRP Troughs (GDFVTUB 105)



1.2 The profiles are supplied in lengths of 3 m, with widths of 400 mm and depths of 55 mm (GDFVTUB 55), 70 mm (GDFVT 70), 80 mm (GDFVTUB 80), 105 mm (GDFVTUB 105) and 110 mm (GDFVT 110).

1.3 The products are finished in a lead grey colour.

1.4 Also for use with the products, but outside the scope of this Certificate, are flexible polyurethane eaves closure pieces and top closure pieces, for overlaying on ends of GRP valley troughs, and Cromar Tile Support for use with small cut tiles.

2 Manufacture

2.1 Glass fibre strands are impregnated with resin and formed into a laminate, with a polyester carrier film and a weather protection film. The required profile is shaped by wooden formers and allowed to cure.

2.2 As part of the assessment and ongoing surveillance of product quality, the BBA has:

- agreed with the manufacturer the quality control procedures and product testing to be undertaken
- assessed and agreed the quality control operated over batches of incoming materials
- monitored the production process and verified that it is in accordance with the documented process
- evaluated the process for management of nonconformities
- checked that equipment has been properly tested and calibrated
- undertaken to carry out the above measures on a regular basis through a surveillance process, to verify that the specifications and quality control operated by the manufacturer are being maintained.

3 Delivery and site handling

3.1 The products are distributed in packs of 10 units, each unit marked with the application and the BBA logo including the number of this Certificate.

3.2 The packs should be stored flat or on end, on a smooth, clean, dry surface, under cover and protected from sunlight.

Assessment and Technical Investigations

The following is a summary of the assessment and technical investigations carried out on Cromar Pro Dry Fix Valley GRP Troughs (GDFVT 70 and 110, and GDFVTUB 55, 80 and 105).

Design Considerations

4 Use

Cromar Pro Dry Fix Valley GRP Troughs (GDFVT 70 and 110, and GDFVTUB 55, 80 and 105), when designed and installed in accordance with the relevant parts of BS 5534 : 2014, BS 8000-0 : 2014 and BS 8000-6 : 2013, are satisfactory for use as dry fix valley troughs in slated pitched roofs (GDFVT 70 and GDFVTUB 55) and tiled pitched roofs (GDFVT 110, GDFVTUB 80 and GDFVTUB 105), to provide a weatherproof finish.

5 Practicability of installation

The products are designed to be installed by roofers experienced with these types of products.

6 Weathertightness



The products will adequately resist the passage of moisture into the interior of the building and so satisfy the requirements of the national Building Regulations.

7 Properties in relation to fire



Samples of glass reinforced plastic (GRP), representative of that used in the manufacture of the products, when tested in accordance with BS 476-3: 2004, achieved an EXT.S.AA rating⁽¹⁾.

(1) Test report references 20053 AE and 20053 AH issued by Warringtonfire. Reports available from the Certificate holder.

8 Strength

The products will resist the normal loads and impacts associated with installation and use.

9 Maintenance



Minimal maintenance is necessary, and the smooth finish will restrict and inhibit mould and fungal growth.

10 Durability



The products, when subjected to normal conditions of exposure and use, will have a service life in excess of 20 years.

Installation

11 General

Installation of Cromar Pro Dry Fix Valley GRP Troughs (GDFVT 70 and 110, and GDFVTUB 55, 80 and 105) must be in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions and the relevant recommendations of BS 5534 : 2014, BS 8000-0 : 2014 and BS 8000-6 : 2013.

12 Procedure

Cromar Pro Valley GRP Dry Fix Valley Troughs - GDFVT 70 and 110

12.1 The valley trough must be fitted over timber valley boards of sufficient width to provide end support for the tiling battens, outside the counter battens. Where rafters are positioned at up to 600 mm centres, valley boards must be flush-fitted with the top of the rafters, and must be either a minimum of 19 mm softwood (or 12 mm ply) set between the rafters and supported on timber noggins, or 6 mm continuous ply boards laid over the rafters.

12.2 The valley is first lined longitudinally with a single strip of 1 m wide, BS 8747 : 2007 Type 1F roofing underlay. An alternative underlay which has been assessed by a third party, ideally a UKAS-accredited and approved body such as the BBA, may be used. A length of the valley trough is pressed to a snug fit into the valley and marked with a chalk line longitudinally along either side to indicate the required counter batten position.

12.3 Counter battens of the same depth as the roofing battens are fixed along the marked lines to support the edges of the valley troughs, using nails of a quality acceptable in good roofing practice.

12.4 The main roofing underlay is laid, dressed over the counter batten. Roofing battens are fitted with the ends firmly located onto the valley boards, positioned close to the counter batten, with care taken to avoid damaging the underlay.

12.5 Commencing at the foot of the valley, the troughs are fixed using 25 mm clout-headed nails at maximum 500 mm centres onto the counter battens.

12.6 If the fascia board cannot be trimmed/cut out to allow the valley trough to be fixed without deforming, it may be necessary to form an overlap at the sprocketed eaves section in accordance with the Certificate holder's instructions.

12.7 Consecutive lengths of valley troughs are laid, dressed to shed water down the slope, allowing a minimum 150 mm overlap (when measured vertically) at the joints. At the top of adjoining valleys, the troughs are mitred and dressed with a Code 4 lead saddle (providing the aforementioned overlap length).

12.8 Slates or tiles must be laid in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. They should be cut to the rake of the valley, to be close fitted to the central elevated section of the valley trough and must not be forced against the valley trough central elevation.

12.9 In some instances, small cut tiles will not be supported by the internal support channel, in which case a packer section must be used (supplied with the valley troughs). The sealed tape is removed from the underside of the packing piece, adhering it to the support channel so that it carries the cut tile⁽¹⁾ (see Figure 2). Alternatively, the tile adjacent to the cut tile must be nail fixed as per the tile manufacturer's recommendations.

(1) It should be noted that small cut tiles should be fixed by traditional methods if possible.

Cromar Pro Valley GRP Dry Fix Valley Troughs — GDFVTUB 55, 80 and 105

12.10 The valley trough must be fitted over timber valley boards of sufficient width to provide end support for the tiling battens, outside the counter battens. Where rafters are positioned at up to 600 mm centres, valley boards must be flush-fitted with the top of the rafters, and must be either a minimum of 19 mm softwood (or 12 mm ply) set between the rafters and supported on timber noggins, or 6 mm continuous ply boards laid over the rafters.

12.11 The valley is first lined longitudinally with a single strip of 1 m wide, BS 8747 : 2007 Type 1F roofing underlay. An alternative underlay which has been assessed by a third party, ideally a UKAS-accredited and approved body such as the BBA, may be used.

12.12 A length of the valley trough is pressed to a snug fit into the valley and the side walls of the valley trough pressed together to reduce the gap in the peak. The troughs are suitable for roof pitches of between 17.5 and 60° with a maximum 20° pitch differential of adjacent roofs.

12.13 Commencing at the foot of the valley, the troughs are fixed using 25 mm clout-headed nails at maximum 500 mm centres into the valley boards.

12.14 The roof underlay is laid, dressed over the valley trough water bar. Roofing battens are fitted with the ends firmly located onto the valley trough fixing flange. Care should be taken to avoid damage to the underlay.

12.15 The fascia board may require trimming to ensure full water flow into the gutter.

12.16 Consecutive lengths of valley troughs are laid, dressed to shed water down the slope, allowing a minimum 150 mm vertical overlap at the joints. At the top of adjoining valleys, the troughs are mitred and dressed with a Code 4 lead saddle or other suitable material (providing the aforementioned overlap length).

12.17 Slates or tiles must be laid in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations. They should be cut to the rake of the valley, to be close fitted to the peak of the valley trough and must not be forced against the valley trough peak.

12.18 In some instances, small cut tiles will not be supported by the internal support channel, in which case, a Cromar Tile Support or proprietary stainless steel clip may be used.

13 Finishing

13.1 The roof slating/tiling must be carried out in accordance with the relevant parts of BS 5534 : 2014, BS 8000-0 : 2014 and BS 8000-6 : 2013.

13.2 When installing cut tiles or slates it is important that, to avoid any distortion, neither is forced to fit against the central raised section of the valley trough.

13.3 When the slating/tiling has been completed, the eaves closure section must be cut with a sharp knife or scissors to allow water discharge into the gutter.

13.4 It is important to ensure that the valley troughs are cleared of any debris so that water flow is not obstructed.

14 Repair

Damaged lengths can be replaced without having to remove adjacent lengths.

Technical Investigations

15 Tests

Tests were carried out and the results assessed to determine:

- density
- glass/resin ratio
- dimensional checks
- hardness
- cross-breaking strength
- tensile strength/elongation
- impact resistance
- effect of elevated temperatures
- effect of water soak
- effect of UV exposure.

16 Investigations

16.1 The manufacturing process was evaluated, including the methods adopted for quality control, and details were obtained of the quality and composition of the materials used.

16.2 An assessment was made of the results of a fire test in accordance with BS 476-3 : 2004.

Bibliography

BS 476-3 : 2004 *Fire tests on building materials and structures — Classification and method of test for external fire exposure to roofs*

BS 5534 : 2014 + A2 : 2018 *Code of practice for slating and tiling (including shingles)*

BS 8000-0 : 2014 *Workmanship on construction sites — Part 0 : Introduction and general principles*

BS 8000-6 : 2013 *Workmanship on building sites — Code of practice for slating and tiling of roofs and walls*

BS 8747 : 2007 *Reinforced bitumen membranes (RSMs) for roofing — Guide to selection and specification*

17 Conditions

17.1 This Certificate:

- relates only to the product/system that is named and described on the front page
- is issued only to the company, firm, organisation or person named on the front page – no other company, firm, organisation or person may hold or claim that this Certificate has been issued to them
- is valid only within the UK
- has to be read, considered and used as a whole document – it may be misleading and will be incomplete to be selective
- is copyright of the BBA
- is subject to English Law.

17.2 Publications, documents, specifications, legislation, regulations, standards and the like referenced in this Certificate are those that were current and/or deemed relevant by the BBA at the date of issue or reissue of this Certificate.

17.3 This Certificate will remain valid for an unlimited period provided that the product/system and its manufacture and/or fabrication, including all related and relevant parts and processes thereof:

- are maintained at or above the levels which have been assessed and found to be satisfactory by the BBA
- continue to be checked as and when deemed appropriate by the BBA under arrangements that it will determine
- are reviewed by the BBA as and when it considers appropriate.

17.4 The BBA has used due skill, care and diligence in preparing this Certificate, but no warranty is provided.

17.5 In issuing this Certificate the BBA is not responsible and is excluded from any liability to any company, firm, organisation or person, for any matters arising directly or indirectly from:

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- any claims by the manufacturer relating to CE marking.

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