



Installation instructions

## RECOUP Drain+

Shower Waste Water Heat Recover unit

These instructions are to be left with the user for the homes user pack

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# 1. Introduction

The RECOUP Drain+ is a Waste Water Heat Recovery Unit (WWHRU) for shower water, meaning it recovers heat from the warm waste water as it passes through before going to the drainage system for the property.

The heat recovery is possible due to the double walled heat exchanger within the Drain+ being manufactured from copper, which is a very effective material for transferring heat. The double walled exchanger gives full protection against any contamination between the waste water going out and the fresh potable water coming in. This preheated water then supplies the mains cold feed to the shower and either a combination boiler or a hot water storage cylinder.

The reason for doing this is to save money and energy. In an average shower the water will come out of the shower head at 40°C, and the water going down the drain will only be a few degrees cooler than this. This energy has been paid for once, and we believe at Recoup Energy Solutions, that the home owner should get as much benefit from this energy before paying to reheat more water and at the same time reduce the energy consumption and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of the home.

The RECOUP Drain+ should be installed by a suitably qualified plumber who gives consideration and attention to the system design as well as a correct installation.

The RECOUP Drain+ is a horizontal heat exchanger, and is designed to work with showers positioned within a wet room. It is very important to follow all the instructions for installation of the RECOUP Drain+ for the product to perform successfully.

IMPORTANT – For recognition of the RECOUP Drain+ energy saving performance within the National Calculation Method (NCM) for the energy rating of a new build dwelling within the UK, using the Standard Assessment Procedure (SAP) it is vital that the following are complied with: -

- a) This Instruction Manual
- b) A system design checklist
- c) Installation checklist
- d) Certificate of installation

b, c & d are supplied as a single document and are attached with this document and also available at: [www.sap-appendixq.org.uk](http://www.sap-appendixq.org.uk) – A signed copy of each should: -

1. Be left with the home user pack (for the home owner)
2. Retained by the installer
3. A copy sent to RECOUP Energy Solutions Ltd (See company details on Page 10).  
(Note: Building control officers may also request a copy)

A NCM (SAP) identifier label should be permanently fixed to the RECOUP Drain+ unit and a second label attached to a nearby boiler or service cupboard. The 'model qualifier' section of the first label denotes the system installation configuration (A, B or C) and will state 'Refer to Installation certificate otherwise System B will be assumed'. The actual system configuration will be recorded on the system design checklist, installation checklist/ certificate of installation and the second NCM (SAP) identifier label.

## 2. Product technical data

### 2. a. General Information – RECOUP Drain+

Description	Value	Unit
Minimum depth required for installation	120	mm
Overall Width required for installation	960	mm
Material – Heat exchanger	Copper	
Shower flow rate range	5 – 12.5	L/m
Max. Mains water inlet pressure	10	bar
Min. Mains water inlet pressure	1	bar
Max. Waste water working temp.	85	°C
Mains water connection	15	mm
Waste water connection	50	mm
Weight	5.45	kg
Water volume – mains water	0.72	Litres

### 2. b. Performance & Efficiency

Shower Flow Rate @ 40°C (Litres/min)	Drain+ efficiency (Recovered energy kWh)		
	System A	System B	System C
9.0	49.6% (9.3)	38.9 (7.3)	44.5 (8.4)
9.2	49.1 % (9.4)		
11.0			
12.5	47.7 % (12.5)		

### 2. c. Pressure drop on main water circuit

Shower Flow Rate @ 40°C (Litres/min)	Drain+ Pressure drop (bar)		
	System A	System B	System C
5.5	0.14	<0.08	
7.5	0.20	<0.12	
9.2	0.24	<0.14	
12.5	0.40	<0.24	

2. d.

Dimensions & connections – RECOUP Drain+

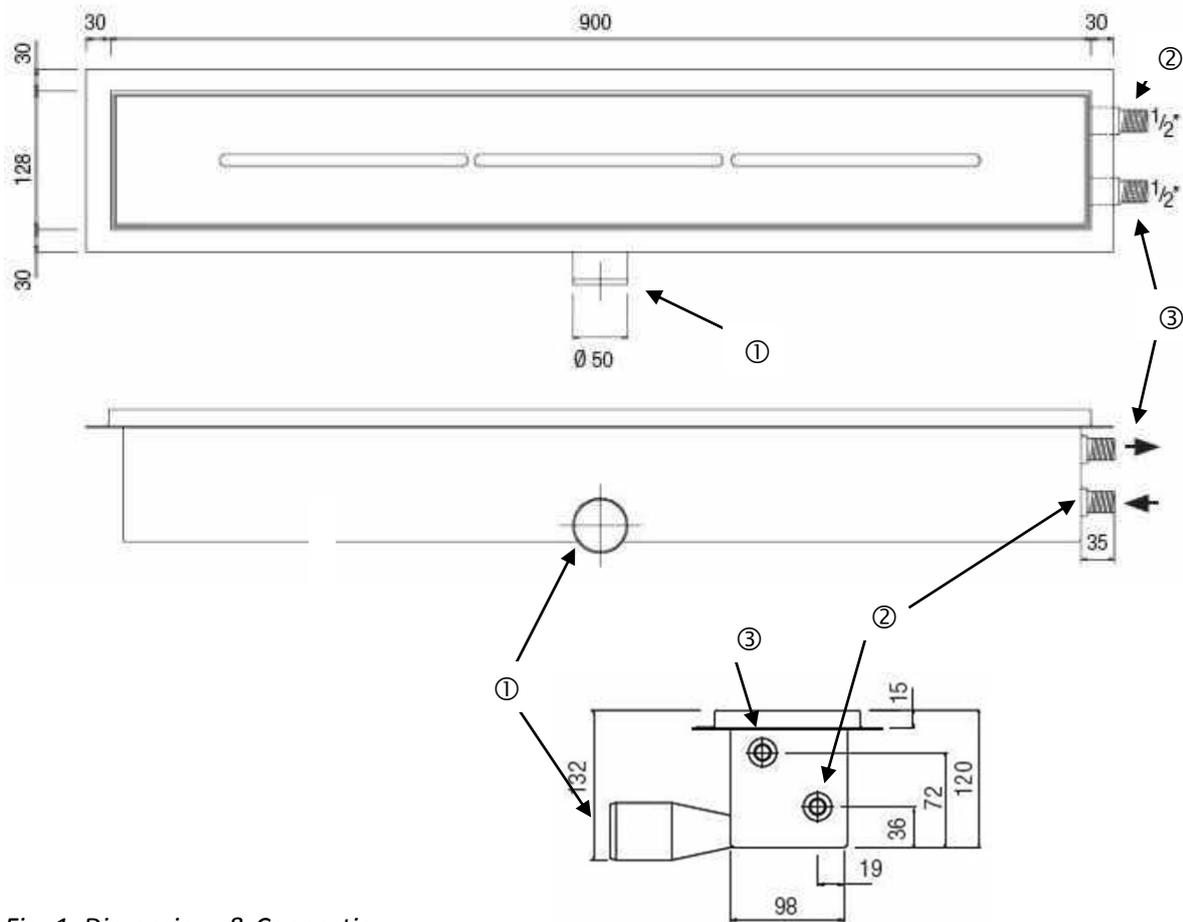


Fig. 1. Dimensions & Connections

1	Connection to drain $\varnothing$ 50 mm
2	Mains water supply $\frac{1}{2}$ " BSP male thread - Use $\frac{1}{2}$ " BSP female to 15mm
3	Connection for pre-heated water $\frac{1}{2}$ " BSP male thread - Use $\frac{1}{2}$ " BSP female to 15mm

Table 1 – Connections on the Recoup Drain+

### 3. Pre-installation requirement

#### 3. a. Basic system principle

The RECOUP Drain+ is a Waste Water Heat Recovery Unit (WWHRU) for shower water, meaning it recovers heat from the warm waste water from a shower as it passes through before going to the drainage system for the property.

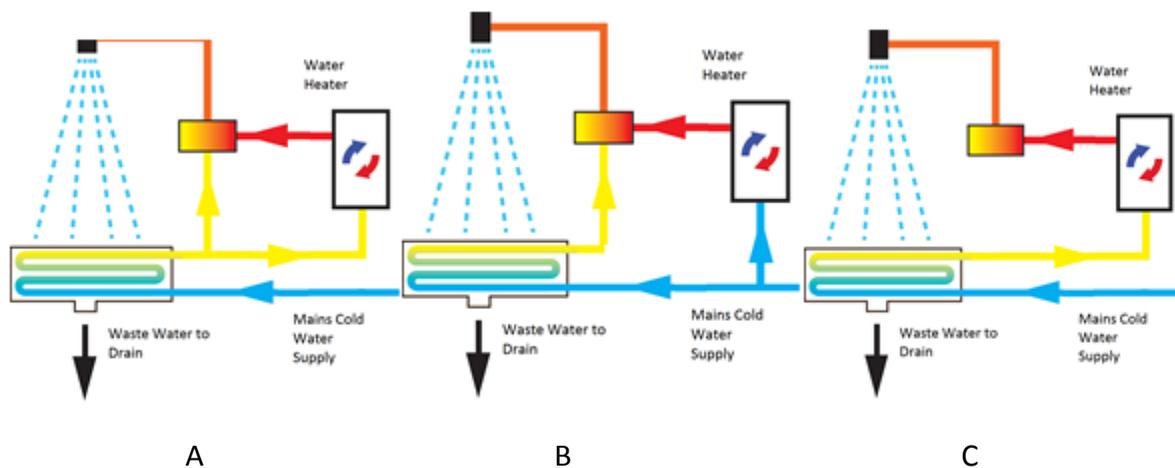
This preheated water then supplies the mains cold feed to the shower and the Domestic Hot Water (DHW) heater or in the case of system configurations System B and System C, the shower or the Domestic Hot Water heater respectively. The DHW heater could be: -

- a) Unvented hot water cylinder
- b) a combination boiler
- c) a thermal store (Mains pressure DHW delivery)
- d) A Heat Interface Unit (HIU) on a district heating scheme (Mains pressure DHW delivery).

**Note: The DHW heater must be a mains pressure system and able to accept preheated cold water.**

#### 3. b. Installation configuration

The inlet for the Recoup Drain+ is connected to the mains water supply, and the outlet (pre-warmed water) can be connected in one of three ways: -



*Fig. 2. System A,B & C Configuration*

- SYSTEM A – Preheated water supplied to shower mixer (Cold inlet) and DHW heater.
- SYSTEM B – Preheated water supplied to shower mixer (Cold inlet) on the shower only
- SYSTEM C – Preheated water supplied to DHW heater only

The performance of Systems A, B & C are all recognised within the SAP Products Characteristics Database (PCDB) for energy saving calculations, but remember that System A will produce the highest efficiencies (see section 2.b. for different system efficiencies).

### 3. c. Locating the RECOUP DRAIN+

The RECOUP Drain+ needs to be installed horizontally. Installation should take place on a flat base capable of supporting the WWHRU using the fixings provided, and should allow for access to all parts and routine maintenance (E.g. Cleaning) to be carried out with relative ease.

Ensure there is a 5-10 cm gap from the long edges of the Drain+ to ensure tiles can be fitted to avoid standing water in the corners of the shower room.

**The RECOUP Drain+ must be located within the heating envelope of the building.**

**The Drain+ must be installed with consideration to the most recent 'Approved document – Part H of the Building Regulations' for preventing the ingress of foul sewer gases.**

### 3. d. Design Checklist

For recognition within the SAP calculations, the following must be complied with:-

- Consideration given to DHW delivery performance (Pressure & Flow rate)
- DHW system must be a mains pressure system
- DHW system must accept preheated water
- The RECOUP Drain+ must be located within the heating envelope of the building.
- The shower must be fitted with a Thermostatic Mixing Valve
- Keep the distance from the shower tray to the RECOUP Drain+ to within 3m to maintain a high level of efficiency by minimising heat losses in the drainage system prior to the WWHRS.
- The **Preheated** water supply from the RECOUP Drain+ to the shower cold water inlet and water heater must be: -
  - Insulated in accordance with the 'Building Services Compliance Guide'.  
DO NOT INSULATE THE ACTUAL RECOUP DRAIN+
  - Labelled to prevent any future connection of hot water take-off points (E.g. Taps).
- Prevent the RECOUP Drain+ being heated above 25°C by both external sources and from ambient temperature.
- If shut-off valves are specified, they should be 'full-flow (non-restricting) shut-off valves.
- Approved document – Part H of the Building Regulations has been consulted and an appropriate method for preventing the ingress of foul sewer smells chosen.

## 4.

## INSTALLATION

### 4. a.

### Contents of Packages

Box	Part No.	Qty.	Name
1	1.	1	RECOUP Drain+ WWHRS unit – 960 x 188 x 120mm
	a.	1	Lid/Grate
	b.	1	Water distribution plate
	c.	1	Heat exchanger
	d.	1	Drain
2	2	1	Shutoff valve (Full Flow) - with verifiable non-return valve and draw-off valve – compression 15 mm
2	3	1	ACO Adhesive sealant
2	4	1	Shower tape
2	5	1	Installation instructions
2	6	1	Drain+ Lid removal hook
2	7	1	NCM (SAP) Identifier label for nearby boiler or service cupboard.
2	8	1	Design checklist
2	9	1	Installation checklist



*Table 2 – Contents of packaging*

#### 4. b. Installation of the RECOUP Drain+

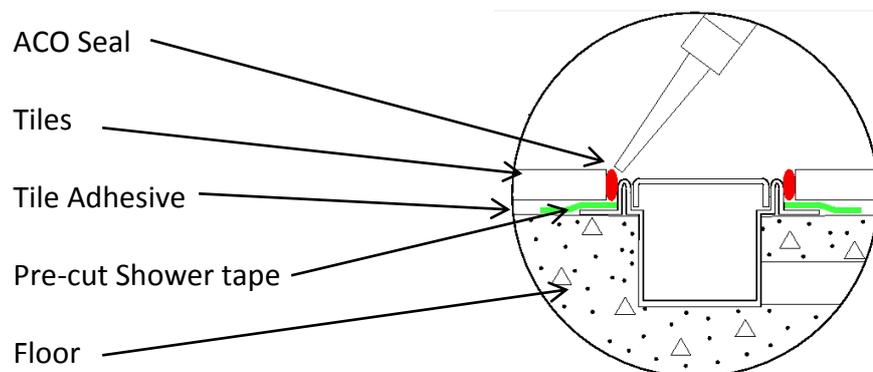
Check section 3. c. for guidance on locating a suitable area for installation.

The unit must be installed horizontally on a suitable flat surface which is capable of holding the weight of the unit. If the mounting is not horizontal the efficiency of the unit could be reduced, and installation should always be within a tolerance of +/- 10mm.

The Drain+ can be installed in either a concrete or wooden floor.

To install the unit: -

1. Ensure there is at least a 5-10 cm gap between the long edges of the Drain+ and the wall of the shower room.
2. Use the adjustable feet on the Drain+ to ensure that it is positioned level in all directions and that it finishes at the required floor level.
3. Connect the shower waste outlet (50mm Ø) to the sewer, using a 50mm compression socket (Female).
4. Connect to the water supply; ensure a ½" Female BSP x 15mm connection is used (Not supplied). Remember the lowest connection is the cold water inlet, and the highest connection is the preheated water to be connected to the shower's cold water inlet and/or water heater (Depending on installation configuration).
5. A Non return valve with full flow shut off (Part 2) is supplied to be installed on the mains water supply prior to the WWHR unit in an accessible location (It is recommended that an additional full flow shut-off valve (Not supplied) is installed close to the connection for the pre-heated water leaving the WWHRU to facilitate in any replacement of parts).
6. Check the Drain+ remains level in all directions.
7. If installing in concrete use suitable protection to protect the copper parts and connections. Use a first layer of mortar around the Drain+ and allow it to harden to fix in position. Build up floor level around the Drain+ until the required floor level is achieved.
8. Once floor is dry, ensure that the flange of the Drain+ is oil free, dry and free from dust, paste the supplied pre-cut shower tape over the lid of the Drain+ so it covers the flange and connects to the shower room floor, to produce a watertight connection between the Drain+ and floor.
9. Tile the floor up to the Drain+ leaving a 3-5 mm gap between the tiles and the lip on the Drain+ (The tape is designed to work with tile adhesive).
10. Once the tiles are dry, use the provided ACO sealant to seal the gap between the Drain+ and the tiles.

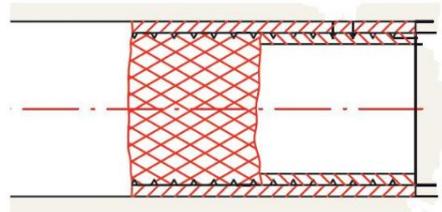


11. Check and complete the following: -

- a. Ensure the preheated water supply is only feeding the DHW water heater and the cold water inlet of the shower's thermostatic mixing valve (System A), the cold inlet of the shower's thermostatic mixing valve only (System B) or the water heater only (System C).
- b. The preheated water supply from the Drain+ is clearly labelled to avoid future connections of other services.
- c. Pipework between the Drain+ and the water heater and/or cold water inlet of the thermostatic mixing valve is insulated.

## 5. Safety

European regulations (NEN 1717) require that double walls must be used to separate drain water and drinking water. In the RECOUP Pipe +, this is accomplished by squeezing two copper pipes against each other. This creates a very sturdy and reliable construction, in which the contact between the pipes does not depend on the water pressure. The design meets all the relevant safety requirements. The Drain+ is protected against return flow through a verifiable non-return valve plus shut-off valve, which is included with the unit. It is permissible to connect the system directly to the sewer system.



*Fig. 4. Double wall exchanger*

## 6. Maintenance

The maintenance required for the RECOUP Drain+ is very minimal, however, it is recommended to clean the unit periodically to avoid any reduction in efficiency. This cleaning will remove any build-up of soap and dirt residue on the inside of the copper pipe where the waste water passes.

To clean, remove the Drain+ lid (Grate) with the provided hook (Take care as Stainless steel can be susceptible to scratching). Ensure that the lid and the distribution plate below are clear of debris, as the distribution plate is vital in maintaining the efficiency of the Recoup Drain+. If required, the copper heat exchanger can also be cleaned using a soft brush and if needed, some household degreaser in a spray bottle.

Once cleaned, replace the lid and rinse thoroughly with warm water from the shower.

## 7. Warranty

The Recoup Drain+ comes with a 2 year warranty, which starts from the date of invoice from Recoup Energy Solutions Ltd.

This warranty is conditional on the product being installed in accordance with these instructions (Installation and **ALL** requirements for SAP, if product is to be recognised for Energy efficiency calculations), correct plumbing practices and Building Regulations.

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