

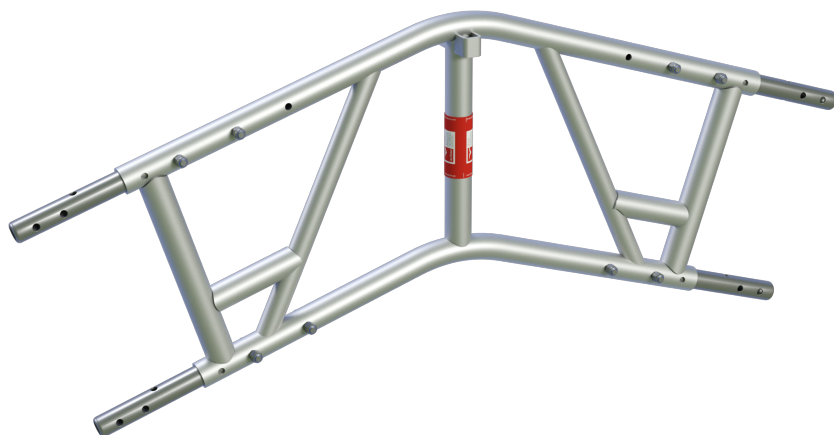


# SYSTEM SCAFFOLD

## DESSA ROOF

### User Guide

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# Introduction

The DESSA Roof System is an all-aluminium modular temporary-roofing system which is the lightest solution currently on the market. The system offers its end user significant operational, time, and cost benefits, and its efficiency and flexibility allow for the work on any project and the effective support of any type of scaffold in a safe yet very cost effective manner. The system is available in a range of spans and bay sizes, in metric and non-metric variants, and utilises the DESSA Aluminium beams, which can be used in a variety of additional applications due to their universal nature. The system can also be constructed with other types of beams, such as 450mm alloy beams, which reduces the need for additional capital investment. In addition to the Aluminium beams the modular system utilises “push-fit” horizontal and Diagonal Braces, and brace frames for a rapid installation, with minimal need for tools. The Horizontal Braces and brace frames are fitted with DESSA's unique sliding-button system which retains the Keder Sheet Tracking and allows for the installation of the PVC Sheeting. The unique design of the DESSA Roof allows the user to install the roof Sheets from the eaves of the temporary roof, mitigating the need for operatives to climb over the roof during installation.

Due to its impressive flexibility, the DESSA Roof can be installed on any existing scaffold or support structure; however, the scaffold must always be designed by a competent Design Engineer to ensure that the supporting structure is capable of withstanding the generated loads.



## Important Note

This User Guide describes in detail how the DESSA Roof System functions and how it offers bespoke solutions tailored to individual clients' needs. Nevertheless, the DESSA Roof System may be subject to country-specific regulations, and therefore must be designed by a competent Design Engineer.

# Key Features

## The DESSA Roof...

- 1 Is compatible with all scaffolding types.
- 2 Has a small number of different parts.
- 3 Utilises multi-purpose beams which can be used in different applications. Beams come in a variety of lengths so different spans are easily accommodated.
- 4 Can be built using a range of beams from 0.45m to 1.33m in depth.
- 5 Can accommodate clear spans of up to 40m.
- 6 Can be configured as Mono-pitched, Duo-pitched, Vaulted or Multi-pitched roofs.
- 7 Utilises PVC Sheeting for a comprehensive weather-proofing for the end user.
- 8 Utilises Keder tracking, which allows the user to install Roof Sheets from the safety of the scaffold platform.
- 9 Utilises a unique Alloy Track Spigot which improves joint stability and secures Sheet Tracking firmly in place.
- 10 Allows for easily splitting or staggering bays.
- 11 18 Degree pitch means that water is dispersed efficiently from the roof surface Altrad Hire & Sale offer several different roof configurations, which are explored in this guide.
- 12 Allows for individual bays to be opened for the craning of materials.



Altrad Hire & Sale, working in partnership with Dessa are able to offer a fully comprehensive support service surrounding the Design and Supply of the DESSA Roof.

Using the latest AUTOCAD® software, Dessa can produce a full design drawing service, which incorporates both the roof and its surrounding scaffolding structure. Whether it be a simple or complex structure, experts are on hand to offer support and guidance.

To aid in the estimation and design of the DESSA Roof, Altrad Hire & Sales' fully trained staff are available with their Est-Assist 3D computer estimating software and are able to quickly and accurately estimate the size/cost of the project leaving you with a visual interpretation as well as an accurate quote. CAD blocks for designers are also available free of charge.

If it is on-site support that is needed, we offer customer operative training at our dedicated training centre, or alternatively can visit your site. For immediate support, our YouTube channel holds a wide range of support videos for the erection of the DESSA Roof.





# Regulations

## British/European Standards (Current Editions)

BS EN 12810-1. Facade Scaffolds made of prefabricated components.

BS EN 12811-1-3. Scaffolds - Performance requirements and general design.

BS EN 1991-1-3. Snow Loading.

BS EN 1991-1-4. Wind Loading.

BS EN 16508. Temporary works equipment, Encapsulation constructions—Performance requirements and general design.

## Technical Guidance (Current Editions)

TG20. Guide to good practice for scaffolding with tubes & fittings.

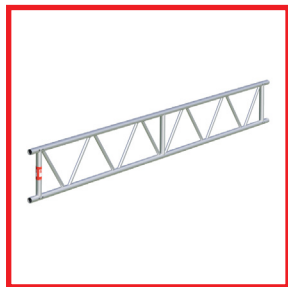
TG9. Guide to the design and construction of temporary roofs and buildings.

BS 5975. Code of practice for temporary works procedures and the permissible stress design of false work.

TG4. Anchorage Systems for Access Scaffolds.



# DESSA Roof Components



## 450mm High Capacity Alloy Beam

The Altrad Hire & Sale Aluminium 450mm Beam has been the market leader in the UK & Europe for more than 20 years. It provides significant time and cost savings across a whole range of scaffold structures.

Suspended or mobile platforms, birdcages, protection-decks bridges or temporary roofs are ideal applications for the Aluminium 450mm Beam.

The Aluminium 450mm Beam has been specifically designed to provide the highest possible UDL. The unique design allows connection directly to the node point between the diagonals, achieving maximum loading. This means, in most applications, the lowest number of beams are required. In addition, beams are quickly and simply joined together with straight connectors using fast action spring clips.

Code	Description	Length	Weight
<b>277499</b>	450mm Alloy Beam	4100mm	17.00kg
<b>277490</b>	450mm Alloy Beam	6100mm	23.00kg
<b>277500</b>	450mm Alloy Beam	8100mm	31.00kg

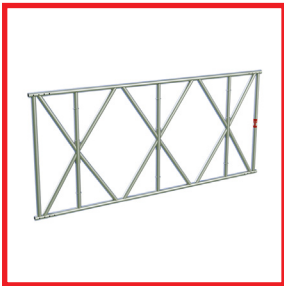


## D780mm Alloy Beam

Main structural component for creation of roof spans, also suitable for everyday general purpose applications. The user friendly D78 Beam range offers unrivalled cost to weight ratio and is equally at home in a heavy duty support scaffold or an elegant roofing application

- High strength, low weight and maximum versatility.
- Manufactured in traditional scaffold tube size.
- Vertical posts are provided each 1m on all beam sizes.

Code	Description	Length	Weight
<b>440004</b>	D780mm Alloy Beam	500mm	4.30kg
<b>440005</b>	D780mm Alloy Beam	1000mm	6.40kg
<b>440006</b>	D780mm Alloy Beam	2000mm	11.60kg
<b>440007</b>	D780mm Alloy Beam	3000mm	16.90kg
<b>440008</b>	D780mm Alloy Beam	4000mm	22.20kg
<b>440009</b>	D780mm Alloy Beam	5000mm	27.50kg
<b>440010</b>	D780mm Alloy Beam	6000mm	32.80kg



## 1.33m Heavy Duty Asterix Alloy Beam

### Single Beam Lines, Massive Spans

Multiple beam lines omitted for most applications, greatly simplifies lacing and bracing, massive reduction in fittings and labour.

### Special Design, Quality Manufacture

Optimum arrangement of internal members for maximum capacity and consistent node spacing. All beams are closed end for stability and strength, spigot jointed.

### Brace with System or Tube & Fittings

Asterix HD Beam depth enables use of system UNI Frames for both plan and section bracing, meaning large beams can be braced in minutes. Alternatively, traditional tube and fittings can be used for both lacing and bracing. Unlike most other scaffold beams on the market today it is permissible to connect scaffold couplers to the posts of Asterix HD.

Permissible Moment – 102.2kN/m

Permissible Shear – 32.6kN

Code	Description	Length	Weight
<b>396055</b>	0.55m x 1.33m HD Asterix Alloy Beam	550mm	6.30kg
<b>396100</b>	1.0m x 1.33m HD Asterix Alloy Beam	1000mm	13.30kg
<b>396200</b>	2.0m x 1.33m HD Asterix Alloy Beam	2000mm	22.60kg
<b>396300</b>	3.0m x 1.33m HD Asterix Alloy Beam	3000mm	31.87kg
<b>396400</b>	4.0m x 1.33m HD Asterix Alloy Beam	4000mm	41.40kg



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## 450mm x 18 Degree Alloy Ridge Beam

Can be used to form singular 18-degree duo pitched roofs or used in multiples to create a domed structure. Normally supplied complete with 5 hole conversion spigots attached to allow for the connection of multiple 450mm alloy beam types.

Code	Description	Weight
440002	450mm x 18° Alloy Ridge Beam	6.40kg



## D780mm x 18 Degree Alloy Ridge Beam

Can be used to form singular 18 degree duo pitched roofs or used in multiples to create a domed structure. Requires D780mm 6 Hole Spigots to allow for the jointing to the beam lines.

Code	Description	Weight
440001	D780mm x 18° Alloy Ridge Beam	7.45kg



## D780mm x 36 Degree Alloy Ridge Beam

Can be used for form 36 degree duo pitched roofs to cover tall buildings. Can also be used at the eaves to form building structures and shelters.

Code	Description	Weight
440112	D780mm x 36° Alloy Ridge Beam	12.00kg



## 1.33m x 18 Degree Heavy Duty Asterix Alloy Ridge Beam

Can be used singularly to form an 18-degree duo pitch roof or used in multiples to form perfect dome structures.

Code	Description	Weight
442774	1.33m x 18° HD Asterix Alloy Ridge Beam	25.00kg



## DESSA Roof Components



### 450mm Beam 6 Hole Spigot

Used for connecting 450mm alloy beams, 2 x 60mm spring pins each side of the joint are required.

Code	Description	Weight
277501	450mm 6 Hole Spigot	1.19kg



### 450mm Ridge Beam 5 Hole Spigot

Used for connecting the 450mm 18-degree ridge beam to 450mm alloy beams, this spigot is normally pre bolted into the ridge beam then connected to the alloy beam with 2 x 60mm spring pins per joint.

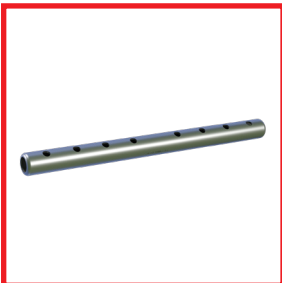
Code	Description	Weight
440012	450mm Ridge Beam 5 Hole Spigot	1.25kg



### D780mm Beam 6 Hole Spigot

Used for connecting the 450mm 18-degree ridge beam to 450mm alloy beams, this spigot is normally pre bolted into the ridge beam then connected to the alloy beam with 2 x 60mm spring pins per joint.

Code	Description	Weight
440071	D780mm Beam 6 Hole - Steel Spigot	1.49kg
440011	D780mm Beam 6 Hole - Alloy Spigot	0.80kg



### 1.33m Heavy Duty Asterix Beam 8 Hole Spigot

Used for connecting the 1.33m 18-degree ridge beam to 1.33m alloy beams, also used for connecting 1.33m alloy beams, 4 x 60mm spring pins each side of the joint is required.

Code	Description	Weight
396900	1.33m Beam 8 Hole Spigot	1.42kg

# DESSA Roof Components



## UNI Frame

Fitted to the roof beam cords and to the 1.33m Asterix beam posts to provide stiffness and structural integrity. Each corner is fitted with a special tracking button that is used to secure sheet tracking in place when required.

Code	Description	Length	Weight
440017	UNI Frame	2070mm	11.22kg
440018	UNI Frame	2570mm	12.47kg
440019	UNI Frame	3070mm	13.76kg



## UNI Horizontal Brace

A single horizontal brace used for the top and bottom cord lacing and the connection of infill bays. Special button fitted to each end to enable Keder sheet tracking to be installed where required.

Code	Description	Length	Weight
442764	UNI Horizontal Brace	300mm	1.41kg
440020	UNI Horizontal Brace	2070mm	3.32kg
440021	UNI Horizontal Brace	2570mm	3.73kg
440022	UNI Horizontal Brace	3070mm	4.24kg



## UNI Diagonal Brace

Connects to the top and bottom cords of adjacent beam lines to ensure lateral stability, generally used in conjunction with UNI Frame component.

Code	Description	Length	Weight
440023	UNI Diagonal Brace 0.78m	2070mm	3.44kg
440024	UNI Diagonal Brace 0.78m	2570mm	3.94kg
440025	UNI Diagonal Brace 0.78m	3070mm	4.44kg
440026	UNI Diagonal Brace 0.45m	2070mm	3.35kg
440027	UNI Diagonal Brace 0.45m	2570mm	3.85kg
440028	UNI Diagonal Brace 0.45m	3070mm	4.37kg



## UNI Plan Brace

Connects the posts of the adjacent beam lines providing plan stiffness, Used for bracing the 1.33m Asterix beam when used on spanning large distances or on temporary roofs. Claws are facing in opposite directions to allow easy installation and component recognition.

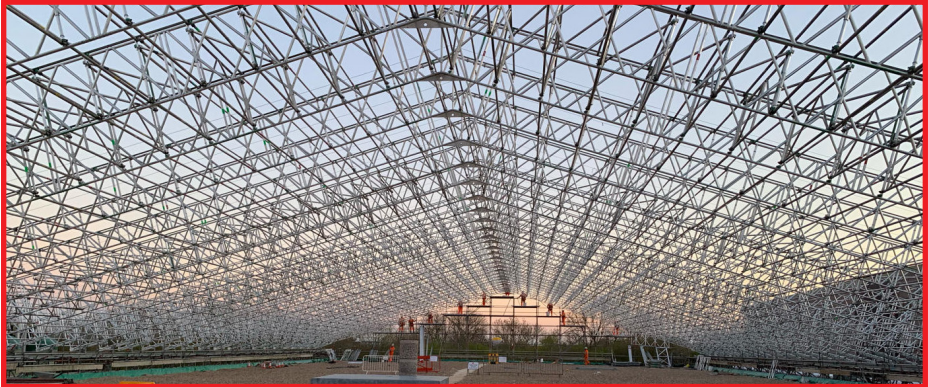
Code	Description	Length	Weight
442763	UNI Plan Brace 2.57m	1000mm	3.77kg
442760	UNI Plan Brace 2.57m	2000mm	4.28kg



## UNI Roller Brace

A non-structural component used to even tension applied to the sheeting when ratchet strapped into place. Connects directly into the ridge beam pocket along with the track compressor and intermediate roller brace coupler.

Code	Description	Length	Weight
442765	UNI Roller Brace	300mm	1.37kg
440029	UNI Roller Brace	2070mm	8.80kg
440030	UNI Roller Brace	2570mm	11.40kg
440031	UNI Roller Brace	3070mm	13.60kg



# DESSA Roof Components



## UNI 18 Degree Ridge Track 450mm / D78

Sheet tracking section that is connected to the 450mm / D78mm 18deg ridge beam, connected with 2 x 70mm QR pins.

Code	Description	Weight
440033	UNI Ridge Track 18° 450 / D78	2.14kg



## UNI 36 Degree Ridge Track D78

Sheet tracking section that is connected to the D78mm 18deg ridge beam, connected with 2 x 70mm QR pins, the 36deg profile allows for improved rainwater run-off.

Code	Description	Weight
440113	UNI 36° Ridge Track D78	3.62kg



## UNI 18 Degree Ridge Track 1.33m Asterix Beam

Sheet tracking section that is connected to the 1.33m 18-degree ridge beam, connected with 4 x 70mm QR pins.

Code	Description	Weight
442777	UNI 18° Ridge Track 1.33m Asterix Beam	4.53kg



## UNI Sheet Tracking

Special aluminium Keder profile supplied in variable lengths and connected using a rubber or alloy track spigot.

Code	Description	Length	Weight
440034	UNI Sheet Tracking	1000mm	1.80kg
440035	UNI Sheet Tracking	2000mm	3.50kg
440036	UNI Sheet Tracking	3000mm	5.30kg
440072	UNI Sheet Tracking	4000mm	7.10kg

## DESSA Roof Components



### UNI Deep Flow 18 Degree Ridge Track D78

Special aluminium Keder profile provides seamless sheeting throughout the roof lengths. Integrated spigot with a dedicated water channel along with higher profile section providing advanced weatherproofing.

Code	Description	Weight
442818	Deep Flow 18° Ridge Track D78	3.88kg



### UNI Deep Flow 36 Degree Ridge Track D78

The special aluminium Keder profile provides seamless sheeting throughout roof lengths. Integrated spigot with a dedicated water channel along with higher profile section provides advanced weatherproofing.

Code	Description	Weight
442836	Deep Flow 36° Ridge Track D78	5.97kg



### UNI Deep Flow 18 Degree Ridge Track 1.33m Asterix

Special aluminium Keder profile provides seamless sheeting throughout the roof lengths. Integrated spigot with a dedicated water channel, along with higher profile section providing advanced weatherproofing.

Code	Description	Weight
442817	Deep Flow 18° Ridge Track 1.33m Asterix	6.53kg



### UNI Deep Flow Sheet Tracking

Integrated spigot with a dedicated water channel, along with higher profile section providing advanced weatherproofing.

Code	Description	Length	Weight
442801	Deep Flow Sheet Tracking	1000mm	2.65kg
442802	Deep Flow Sheet Tracking	2000mm	5.23kg
442803	Deep Flow Sheet Tracking	3000mm	7.82kg
442804	Deep Flow Sheet Tracking	4000mm	10.44kg

# DESSA Roof Components



## UNI Deep Flow 1m End Piece With Spigot

Special colour coded end piece for easy recognition. Required at the top end of Mono pitched roofs when used in conjunction with track compressors.

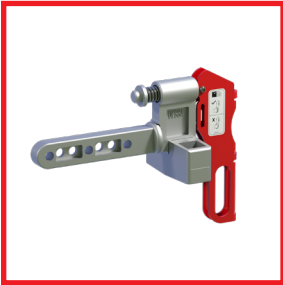
Code	Description	Length	Weight
442809	Deep Flow End Piece w. Spigot	1000mm	2.60kg



## UNI Deep Flow 1m End Piece No Spigot

Special colour coded end piece for easy recognition. Required at the eaves of Mono and Duo pitched roofs used in conjunction with track compressors.

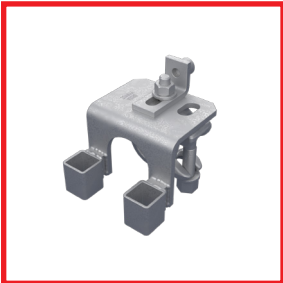
Code	Description	Length	Weight
442808	Deep Flow End Piece No Spigot	1000mm	2.58kg



## DESSA Roof Track Compressor

Used at the end of D780mm / 1.33m Asterix alloy beam lines to secure sheet tracking. Maintains 100kg of track compression and allows for the installation of the roller braces, fixed in place with 1 x 60mm spring pin.

Code	Description	Weight
440125	DESSA Roof Track Compressor	1.55kg



## Intermediate Roller Brace Coupler

Used at the end of the Altrad Hire & Sale 450mm alloy beam lines to secure sheet tracking. Also used to create staggered bays along with the installation of roller braces.

Code	Description	Weight
440043	Intermediate Roller Brace Coupler	1.45kg

## DESSA Roof Components



### UNI Sheet Track Rubber Spigot

Used to create a seal when using standard UNI sheet tracking.

Code	Description	Weight
440037	UNI Sheet Track Rubber Spigot	0.09kg



### UNI Sheet Track Alloy Spigot

Ensures joint stability between sheet tracking lengths and provides an efficient seal between adjacent track lengths.

Code	Description	Weight
440128	UNI Sheet Track Alloy Spigot	0.26kg



### DESSA Roof Sheeting Ratchet Straps

Enables sheets to be tensioned and to be connected to the scaffolding structure.

Code	Description	Weight
440045	Roof Sheeting Ratchet Strap 460kg	0.48kg
440046	Roof Sheeting Ratchet Strap 1000kg	0.52kg



### UNI Detachable Sheet Tension Bar Wheel

Engages with the sheet tensioning bar, nylon wheels are to be located over the sheet tracking to enable the installation of the sheeting. To be removed after sheet installation and used on the next bay.

Code	Description	Weight
442766	UNI Detachable Sheet Tension Bar Wheel	1.51kg

# DESSA Roof Components



## UNI Sheet Pulling Bar Wheel

Used to aid with the process of sheeting roofing structures, the nylon wheels can be adjusted to fit each bay size and run along the length of the sheet tracking.

Code	Description	Weight
440041	UNI Sheet Pulling Bar Wheel	8.20kg



## UNI Sheet Tensioning Bar

Special tube lengths to be used in the ends of each roof sheet to enable installation and tensioning, additionally to form a continuous tube at the eaves. Works in conjunction with the detachable tension wheel.

Code	Description	Length	Weight
442768	UNI Sheet Tensioning Bar	300mm	0.79kg
440038	UNI Sheet Tensioning Bar	2070mm	7.39kg
440039	UNI Sheet Tensioning Bar	2570mm	9.26kg
440040	UNI Sheet Tensioning Bar	3070mm	11.13kg



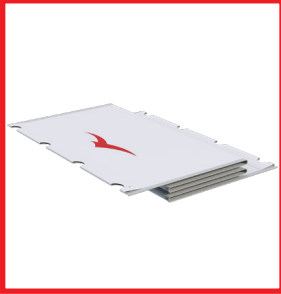
## UNI Eaves Continuous Tube Connector

Used at the end of the Altrad Hire & Sale 450mm alloy beam lines to secure sheet tracking. Also used to create staggered bays along with the installation of roller braces.

Code	Description	Weight
442780	Alloy Continuous Eaves Connector	0.75kg
-	Steel Continuous Eaves Connector	1.11kg



# DESSA Roof Components



## DESSA Roof Heavy Duty 610gsm FR Sheetting

Fabric-based heavy duty flame retardant 610gsm sheeting with 8mm Keder to suit installation into DESSA Roof sheet tracking, three years anti-yellowing / anti-mildew capability and allowing high levels of light to penetrate the roofing structure.

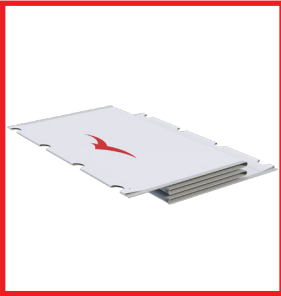
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Standard widths ~ 2.07m / 2.57m / 3.07m

Made to measure gable end sheeting also available.



## DESSA Roof Standard 300gsm Sheetting

PVC coated polyester scrim based sheeting 300gsm with an 8mm Keder to suit installation into DESSA Roof sheet tracking, translucent in colour allowing for high levels of light to penetrate the roofing structure.

BS 7955

Standard widths ~ 2.07m / 2.57m / 3.07m

Please contact your local Altrad Hire & Sale supplier for a full listing of available widths and lengths.



# DESSA Roof Components



## Ridge Track QR Pin M12 x 70mm Square

Used to connect alloy ridge tracks to the DESSA Roof ridge beams.

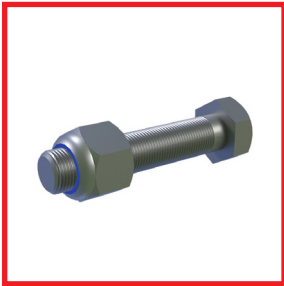
Code	Description	Weight
440016	Ridge Track QR Pin M12 x 70mm Square	0.10kg



## Beam spigot 60mm Spring Clip

Used to fix beam spigots in place when creating beam lines.

Code	Description	Weight
277631	Spring Clip 60mm	0.07kg



## M12 x 60mm Bolt & M12 Nyloc Nut

Bolt – Used along with M12 Nyloc nut as an alternative to the 60mm spring pin.

Nut – Used along with M12 x 60mm bolt as an alternative to the 60mm spring pin.

Code	Description	Weight
440013	Beam Spigot M12 x 60mm Bolt	0.06kg
440014	Beam Spigot M12 Nyloc Nut	0.05kg

## DESSA Roof Components



<b>D Code</b>	<b>AA0007</b>
<b>AG Code</b>	<b>440107</b>
<b>Desc.</b>	Beam Support Upright
<b>Wt.</b>	11.28kg
<b>Dim 1</b>	1050mm
<b>Dim 2</b>	250mm

Compatible with our castors. sysTRAX sliding supports our range of connector plates, this support spur, in conjunction with AA0008 and AA0009 allows for simple construction of telescopic mobile roofs.



<b>D Code</b>	<b>AA0008</b>
<b>AG Code</b>	<b>440108</b>
<b>Desc.</b>	Beam Support Spur Inner
<b>Wt.</b>	3.06kg
<b>Dim 1</b>	670mm
<b>Dim 2</b>	110mm

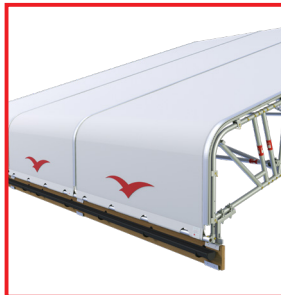
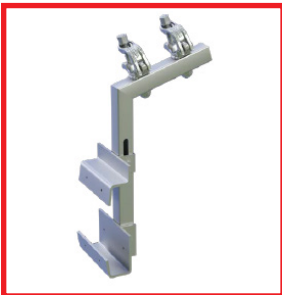
This inner spur is used in conjunction with outer spur AA0009 and allows the spur to be located at various locations on the beam bearer.



<b>D Code</b>	<b>AA0009</b>
<b>AG Code</b>	<b>440109</b>
<b>Desc.</b>	Beam Support Spur Outer
<b>Wt.</b>	3.95kg
<b>Dim 1</b>	760mm
<b>Dim 2</b>	110mm

This outer spur is used in conjunction with inner spur AA0008 and allows the spur to be located at various locations on the beam bearer.

## Gutter Bracket



Secures 38x225mm timber scaffold boards allowing for installing of proprietary rainwater management goods at the eaves of temporary roof.

Code	Description	Dim 1	Dim 2	Weight
UA0038	Gutter Bracket	310mm	570mm	7.10kg

\*These are special products, contact us for more information.

# Temporary Roof - Trax UB

## Anti-uplift track system for rolling temporary roofs

Roll-out erection method for temporary roofs using Trax UB can eliminate all work at height relying on the use of a harness. The Trax UB anti-uplift track system for rolling temporary roofs provides a fast and easy way of opening roofs for craning through materials and plant. Even large span roofs can be opened and closed with minimal effort in minutes. Mobile roofs also show great advantages in progressive works avoiding the need to strike and re-erect. The built-in permanent anti-uplift feature allows safe erection even in windy weather. Simple locking screws firmly secure the castors to the track when movement is not required. Trax UB provides a fast and easy way of opening roofs for craning through materials and plant, even large span roofs can be opened and closed with minimal effort in minutes. Mobile roofs also show great advantages in progressive works avoiding the need to strike and re-erect.



### Trax Tube Bracket

Allows scaffolding tube to form an effective track for the rolling of scaffolding structures and temporary roofs. To be fixed every 2m by bolting or screwing down to traditional timber scaffolding boards. A cost-effective way to assemble and dismantle structures from a safe working platform, this system does NOT have any anti-up-lift capability.

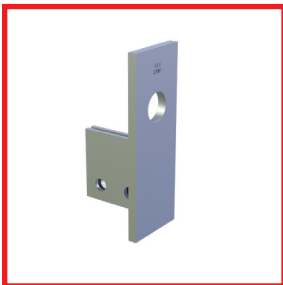
Code	Description	Weight
440120	Trax Tube Bracket	1.30kg



### Trax UNI Beam

Steel beams with integrated tubing element secured to scaffolding transoms with the boltless girder clamp (440104), full anti-up-lift capability at all times. Must be supported 1.2m max.

Code	Description	Length	Weight
440101	Trax UNI Beam 2m	2000mm	40.00kg
440102	Trax UNI Beam 3m	3000mm	60.00kg
440103	Trax UNI Beam 4m	4000mm	80.00kg

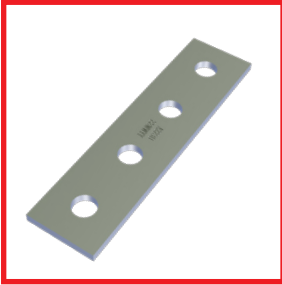


### UNI Beam End Closer

Effective stop end for the Trax UNI beam, this device ensures that the rolling structure remains captive at all times.

Code	Description	Weight
440099	Trax UB Beam End Closer	2.60kg

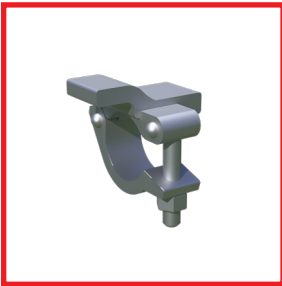
## Temporary Roof - Trax UB



### Trax UB Beam End Joint Plate

Used to join adjacent lengths of Trax UNI beam using 4 x M16 x 40mm bolts and nuts. Two plates per joint are required. Joints must be supported within 150mm either side.

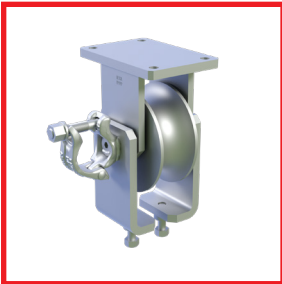
Code	Description	Weight
440100	Trax UB Beam End Joint Plate	2.60kg



### Boltless Girder Clamp

Connects to existing 48.3mm scaffolding tubular transoms to secure Trax UNI beam in place. Girder clamps are to be used in pairs at 1.2m centres max and within 150mm either side of beam joints.

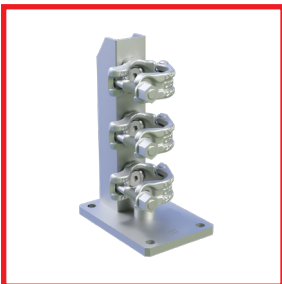
Code	Description	Weight
440104	Boltless Girder Clamp	1.10kg



### Trax Anti Uplift Castor Body

Heavy-duty rolling castor unit that offers the full anti-up-lift capability for scaffolding structures and temporary roof systems. The castor is used in conjunction with a range of top plates to enable various types of connection.

Code	Description	Weight
440108	Trax Anti Uplift Castor Body	15.00kg

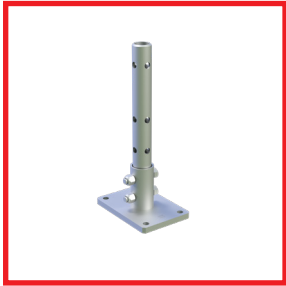


### Universal Castor Attachment

Enables standard scaffolding tube connections, secured using 3 half couplers. Top plate to be fixed to castor with 4 x M12 x 45mm bolts and nuts.

Code	Description	Weight
440109	Universal Castor Attachment	3.40kg

# Temporary Roof - Trax UB



## Castor Top Plate with D78 Beam Spigot

Enables direct connection to D78mm alloy beams, fixed in place with 2 x 60mm spring pins. Top plate to be fixed to castor with 4 x M12 x 45mm bolts and nuts.

Code	Description	Weight
440114	Castor Top Plate with D78 Beam Spigot	3.40kg



## Castor Top Plate 0 Degrees

Provides a 0-degree connection to the structure when used in conjunction with the D78 Beam Bearer (440130). Top plate to be fixed to castor with 4 x M12 x 45mm bolts and nuts.

Code	Description	Weight
442782	Castor Top Plate 0 Degrees	5.00kg



## Castor Top Plate 18 Degrees

Enables an 18-degree connection to the roof structure when used in conjunction with the D78 Beam Bearer (440130) and the 1.33m Asterix Beam Bearer (442771). Top plate to be fixed to castor with 4 x M12 x 45mm bolts and nuts.

Code	Description	Weight
442769	Castor Top Plate 18 Degrees	5.20kg



## D78 Beam Bearer 700mm with 4 x Coupler

Enables the connection of a scaffold or roofing structure to the castor top plates. Fixed into position with 2 x beam bearer 30mm locking pin (440141) and 2 x Linch pin (440143).

Code	Description	Weight
440130	D78 Beam Bearer 700mm w. 4 x Coupler	7.30kg

## Temporary Roof - Trax UB



### 1.33m Asterix Beam Bearer 2m

High capacity connection of scaffold or roof structure to support elements. Eliminates local buckling effects and ensures even load distribution. Connects to a 2m x 1.33m Asterix alloy beam using 2 x beam bearer connection brackets (442770).

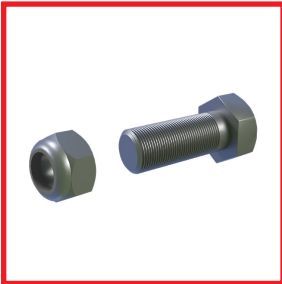
Code	Description	Weight
442771	1.33m Asterix Beam Bearer 2m	23.67kg



### Beam Bearer Connection Bracket

Enables the connection of 2m beam bearers to the 1.33m Asterix beam, each bearer is fixed into position with 4 x M12 x 90mm bolts/nuts. Lower cord beam spigots are to be inserted at the same time as the bracket.

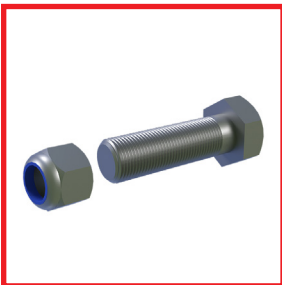
Code	Description	Weight
442770	Beam Bearer Connection Bracket	3.33kg



### UNI Beam M16 x 40mm Bolt / Nut

Used to attach UNI beam joining plates, 4 x bolt/nut per joint.

Code	Description	Weight
440105	UNI Beam M16 x 40 Bolt	0.03kg
-	UNI Beam M16 Nut	0.05kg

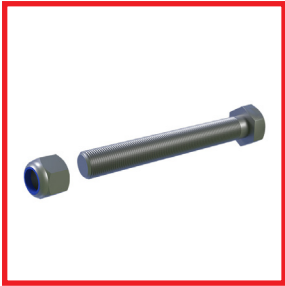


### Castor Top Plate M12 x 45mm Bolt

Used to attach castor top plates to Trax anti-uplift castor body, 4 x bolt/nut per top plate.

Code	Description	Weight
440013	M12 x 45 Bolt	0.05kg
440014	M12 Nyloc Nut	0.05kg

# Temporary Roof - Trax UB



## M12 x 90mm Bolt Nut

Used to attach castor top plates to Trax anti-uplift castor body, 4 x bolt/nut per top plate.

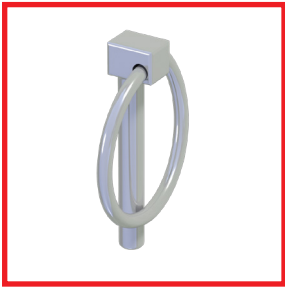
Code	Description	Weight
440140	M12 x 90 Bolt	0.09kg
440014	M12 Nyloc Nut	0.05kg



## Beam Bearer 30mm Locking Pin

Used to connect beam bearers to castor top plates and beam bearer connection brackets to the 2m beam bearer.

Code	Description	Weight
440141	Beam Bearer 30mm Locking Pin	0.55kg



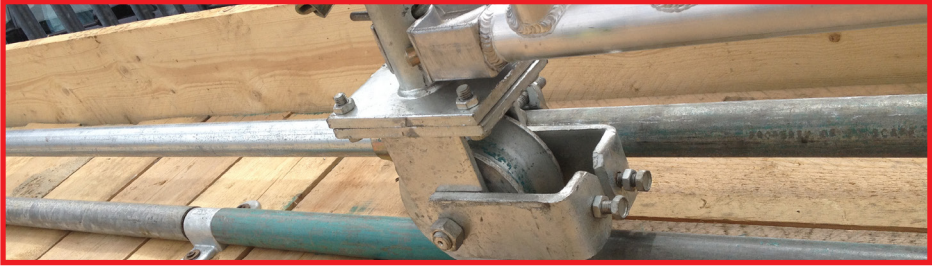
## Beam Bearer M6 Linch Pin

Used to connect beam bearers to castor top plates and beam bearer connection brackets to the 2m beam bearer.

Code	Description	Weight
440143	Beam Bearer M6 Linch Pin	0.02kg



# Temporary Roofing - Trax Bracket



The purpose of the Trax bracket is to provide a cost effective, quick and efficient method for rolling out beam assemblies, gantries or temporary roofs.

Trax brackets are designed to be used with either 3.2mm or 4mm scaffold tube and can be screwed to a 225mm width scaffold boards using 8/10mmx40 coach screws, timber screws with washers or similar, they may also be secured to concrete, plywood or other load bearing platform.

## The following spacing's are recommended:-

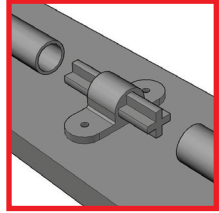
For horizontal gantries, beam assemblies and roofs.	3m c/c
For sloping structures i.e. temporary roofs	2m c/c

Before assembly it is necessary for the load bearing capacity of the platform supporting the Trax brackets and tube to be verified.

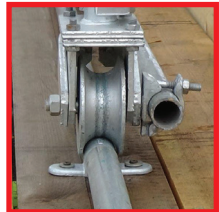
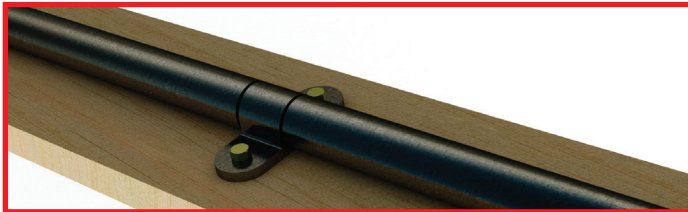
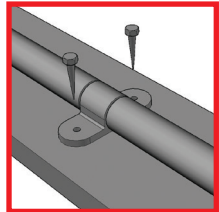
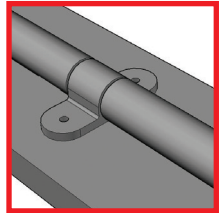
If horizontal loads are expected boards should be restrained by means of board clamps or similar and all Trax bracket fixings should again be verified.

The Trax brackets and tube together form a runway system using the rolling roof wheels, this system does not provide any uplift up capability and therefore must NOT be used to move any sheeted temporary roofs or structures which may be affected by uplift of wind. Once in position, roofs should be tied down to an appropriate system of bracing.

No stop end plates are provided so tube butts or band and plate fittings should be provided to stop the mobile structure from rolling too far.



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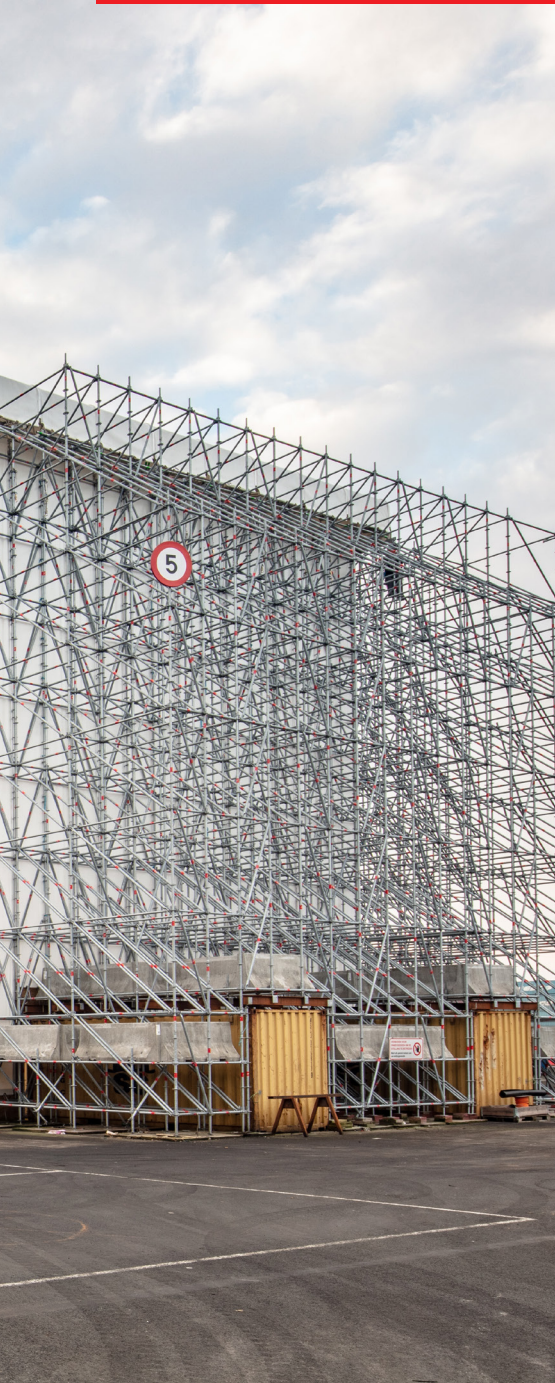


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# Safety Considerations



Handling of components

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# Safety Considerations

## Handling of components

The Management of Health and Safety at Work Regulations 1999 require employers to make a “suitable and sufficient assessment” of the risks to the health and safety of their employees whilst at work. As such, the Manual Handling Operations Regulations 1992 must be adhered to. In addition to the above the Construction (Design and Management) Regulations 2015 (CDM) make specific reference to manual handling as a consideration in the design process by Architects, Design Engineers, and Employers, to name but a few.

In light of the above DESSA have taken pro-active measures to ensure that our DESSA Roof components are made from the lightest materials without compromising structural stability.

The individual product weights listed above demonstrate DESSA's commitment to ensuring no single product presents significant manual handling issues.

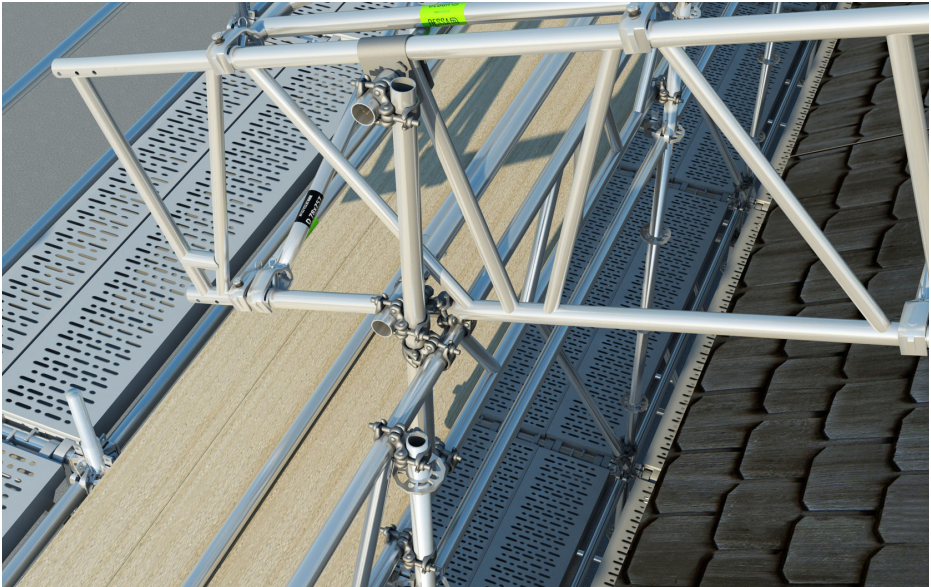
## Materials

All DESSA Roof components have been extensively tested and modelled in all but the most exceptional weather / environmental conditions. Where experience indicates that there is an additional risk for the structure a qualified Design Engineer will provide a solution. For instance, in extremely exposed areas a high saline or chemical content might be in the atmosphere—if unchecked this could create a local environment for corrosion, especially when steel fittings are used. If there is any doubt about the environment DESSA will happily advise accordingly.

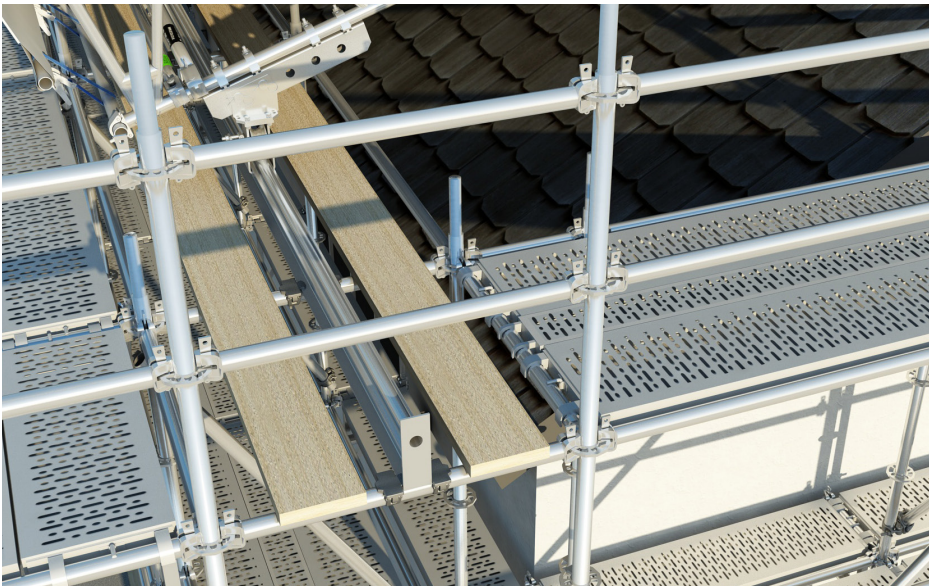
## Scaffold Interface

It is essential that all DESSA Roof Structures are interfaced effectively and efficiently with the supporting structure. DESSA recommend several ways to achieve this:

- 1** DESSA Roof attached directly to a Alloy or steel trimmer beam.



- 2** DESSA Roof attached to the Trax Universal Beam System for rolling roofs.



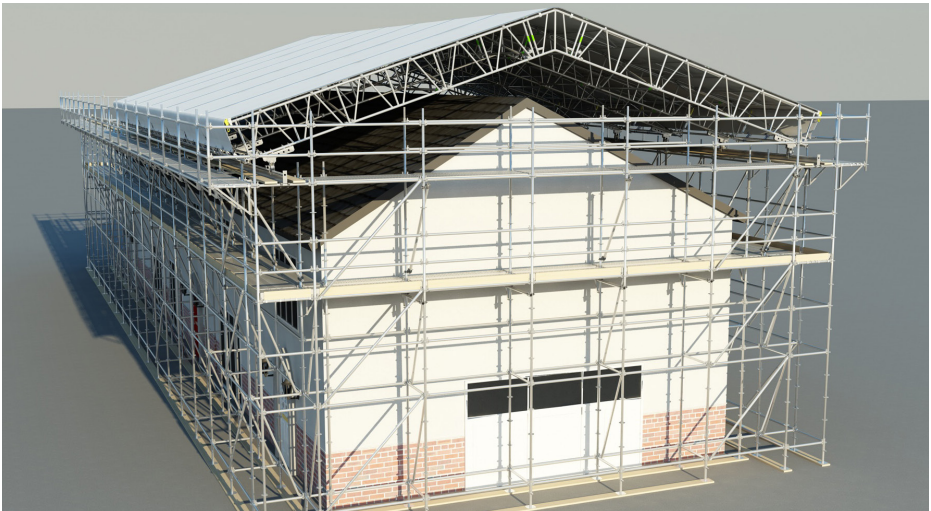


- 3** DESSA Roof attached to a beam support which is inserted into the top of the inside and outside standards – system scaffolding only.



## Supporting Structure

It is essential that all DESSA Roof Structures are supported on a solid structure, whether this be an Access Scaffold, or directly on the ground; the DESSA Roof will only be as stable as the structure it is supported from. In all instances a Design Engineer must be consulted who will calculate the loads the supporting structure will need to withstand.



## Ground Conditions

In addition to the Scaffold Interface, the ground conditions under a supporting structure are critical in ensuring its overall stability and its subsequent ability to support the DESSA Roof and the loads generated from such.



## Overhead Electricity

Extreme caution should be taken when installing the DESSA Roof system near overhead power lines. The method statement and risk assessment accompanying the design documents will cover this aspect of the installation.

## Adverse Weather

Care must be taken in extreme weather conditions to ensure the safety of all operatives. In high-wind conditions it is not advisable to install the Roof Sheetting, as this is likely to act as a sail and be ripped from the operatives grip.

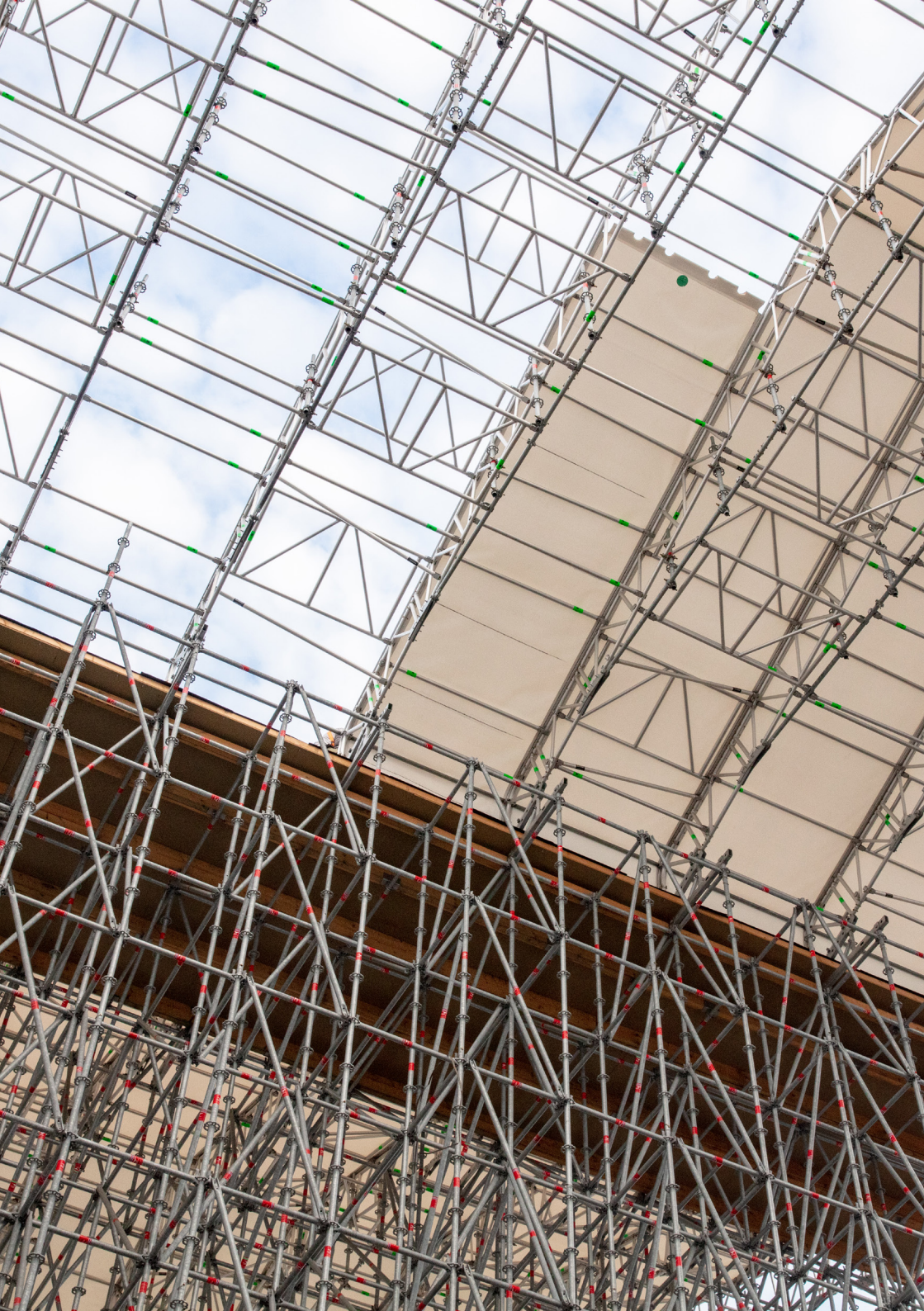
Similarly, during, and after, heavy snow falls it may be necessary to remove large deposits of snow. This will be detailed in the design supplied by the competent Design Engineer.

## Method Statements & Risk Assessments

Method statements and risk assessments must be produced by a competent person detailing the method of installation and the risks associated with such.

**In all instances the scaffold must be designed by a competent Design Engineer to ensure that the supporting structure is capable of withstanding the generated loads.**









# Installation

Planning

By Hand

Roll-Out Method Using  
Trax Tube Holder

Roll-Out Method Using  
Trax Universal Beam

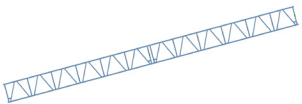


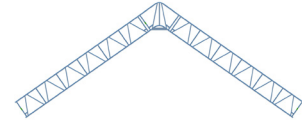
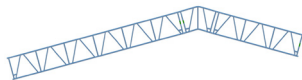
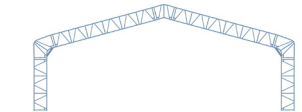
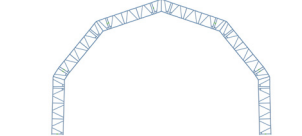
Crane-Assisted Method

# Planning

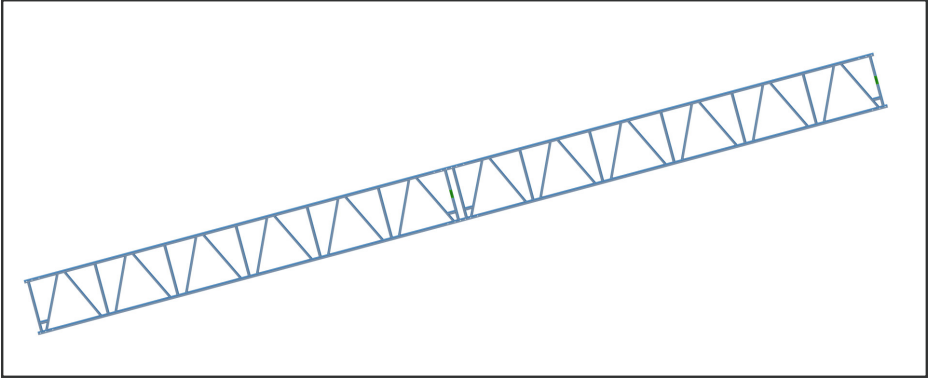
## Choosing the Span Type

The DESSA Roof can be configured as symmetric or asymmetric Mono-pitch, Duo-pitch, Vaulted or Multi-pitch Roof. Each of these variations can be achieved using all DESSA Aluminium Beams.

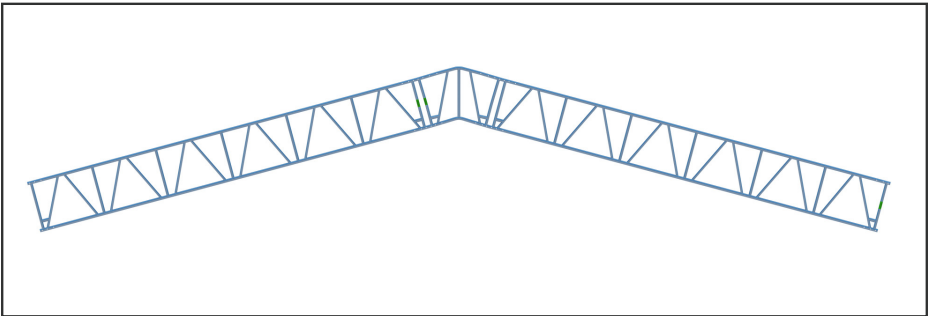
The images and table below offer an indicative oversight of the types of spans achievable.

TYPICAL MAXIMUM SPANS USING 2.57M BAYS		
WIND LOAD 50 DAPA, SNOW LOAD 50 DAPA		
ROOF TYPE	VISUAL	D78 ALUMINIUM BEAM MAX. SPAN (M)
1.		15
2.		32
3.		33
4.		30
5.		26
6.		22
7.		30

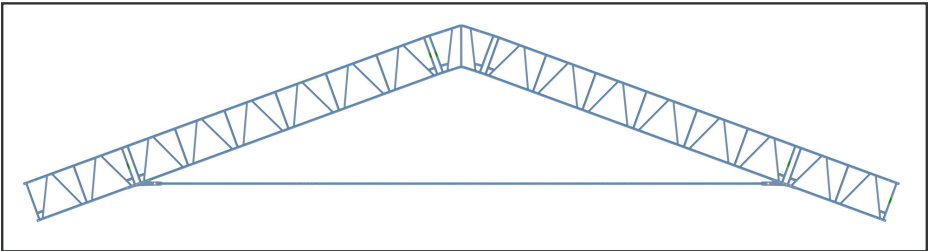
- 1** 15 degree Mono-pitch Roof simply supported at both ends.



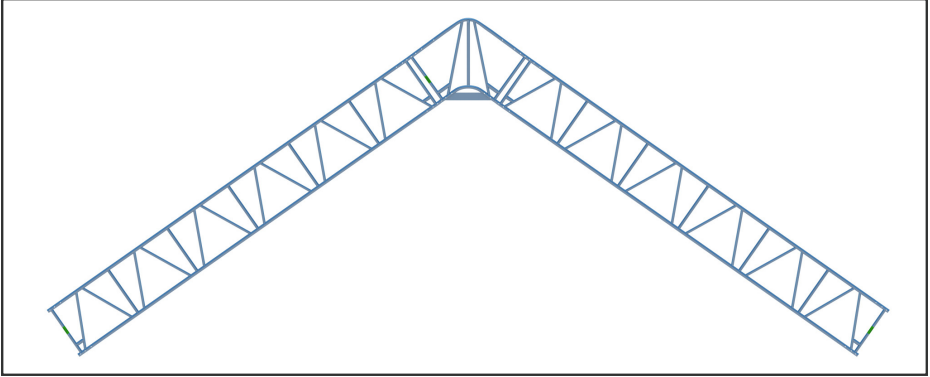
- 2** 18 degree symmetric Duo-pitch Roof simply supported at each end.



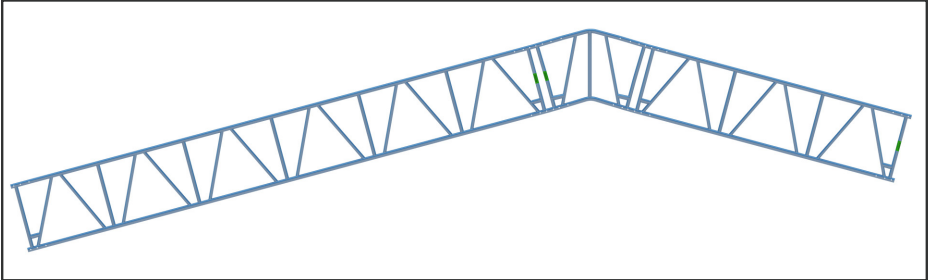
- 3** 18 degree symmetric Duo-pitch Roof with tie bar, simply supported at each end.



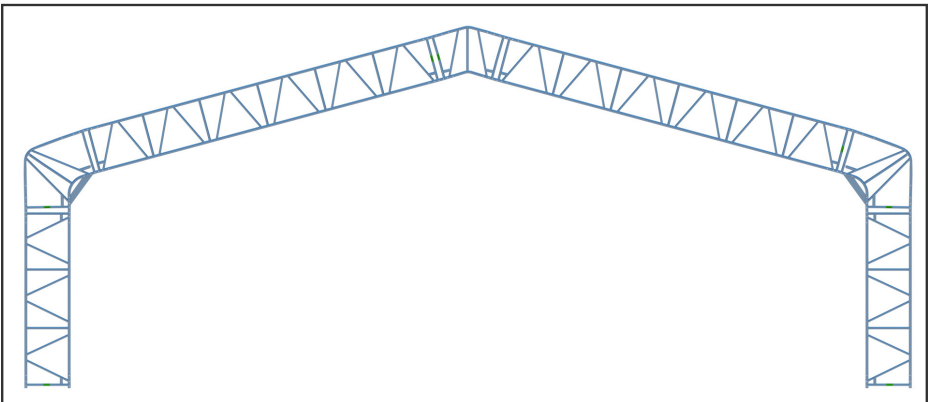
- 4** 36 degree symmetric Duo-pitch Roof simply supported at each end.



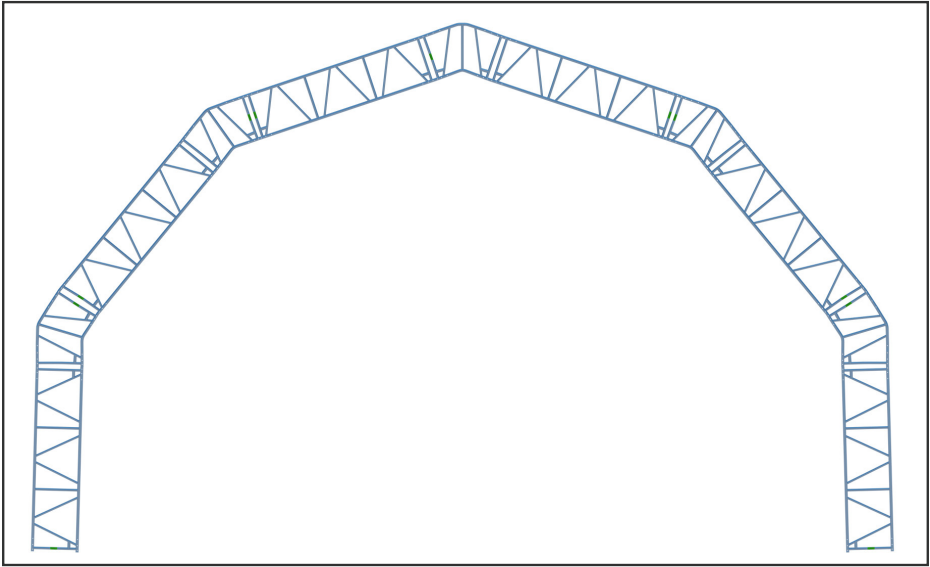
- 5** 18 degree Asymmetric Span simply supported at each end.



- 6** 18 degree Portal Frame with vertical support beams. Support beams to be anchored/secured to the ground.



- 7** Domed Roof, formed using 5 x 18 degree Ridge Beams and roof beams of equal length, with vertical support beams. Support beams to be anchored/secured to the ground.





# Installation Method: By Hand

Building the DESSA Roof by hand is sometimes the only option available to clients. This could be due to several factors, which include: restricted access for crane installation; inviability of installing a Trax UB Running Beam; or this is the preferred method adopted by the client, to name but a few. You must always start and finish with a Braced Bay; every fifth intermediate bay is then braced.

A Braced Bay consists of UNI Frames at 2m c/c, UNI Diagonals at 2mc/c and UNI Braces at 2mc/c on the bottom-chord.

## Advantages

No need for additional “special” components.

Means that the DESSA Roof can be built anywhere.

Lower cost of installation due to absence of crane.

Ideal for smaller temporary-roof applications.

Less frame and brace equipment as every fifth bay needs to be braced. Crane-built roofs are braced and framed at alternate bays.

## Disadvantages

Installation is often slower than that with a crane.

More “labour intensive”.

Requires operatives to work at height.



# Installation Method: Roll-Out Method Using Trax Tube Holder

Rolling-Out the DESSA Roof, either in bays or as a complete structure, using the Trax Tube Holder provides the scaffolders with a simple solution to moving complete bays with little effort. Once the bays are in position they are secured down to the supporting structure.

## Advantages

Provides a simple and cost-effective way of moving DESSA Roof Bays along a supporting structure.

Eliminates working at height.

Means that the DESSA Roof can be built anywhere.

Lower cost of installation due to absence of crane.

Ideal for smaller temporary-roof applications.

Less frame and brace equipment as every fifth bay needs to be braced. Crane-built roofs are braced and framed at alternate bays.

## Disadvantages

No integrated anti-uplift.

More “labour intensive”.

Reliant on having a boarded platform to secure the Trax Tube Holder to it.



## Installation Method: Roll-Out Method Using Trax Universal Beam

Rolling-Out the DESSA Roof, either in bays or as a complete structure, using the Trax Universal Beam provides the end user with a simple solution in moving complete roof structures with little effort. Once the bays are in position they are secured down to the Universal Beam using the Anti-Uplift Castor.

### Advantages

Eliminates working at height.

Provides a simple way of moving the DESSA Roof as a complete structure to allow access to the structure below.

Means that the DESSA Roof can be built anywhere.

Lower cost of installation due to absence of a crane.

Ideal for applications where there is a need to lower or raise materials into, or out of, the covered structure.

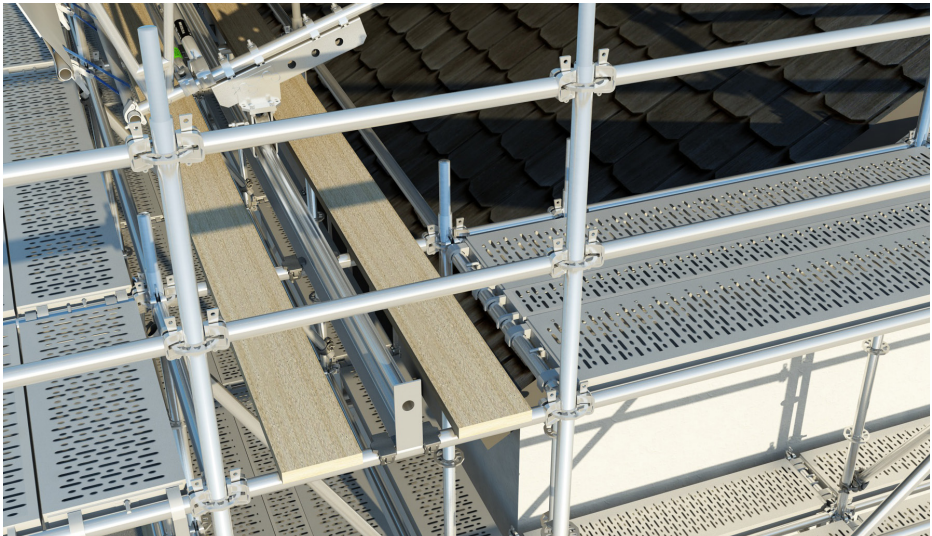
Less frame and brace equipment as every fifth bay needs to be braced. Crane-built roofs are braced and framed at alternate bays.

### Disadvantages

More "labour intensive".

Heavy components.

Running equipment can be costly.





## Installation Method: Crane-Assisted Method

Installing the DESSA Roof with a crane is the quickest method. Bays are built in a designated area near the supporting structure and are then lifted into place. The additional equipment can be loaded onto the built bays so that very little material has to be raised by hand.

### Advantages

Allow for rapid installation of DESSA Roof Bays.

Reduces labour costs to install roof.

Ideal for applications where there are large spans to manoeuvre in place.

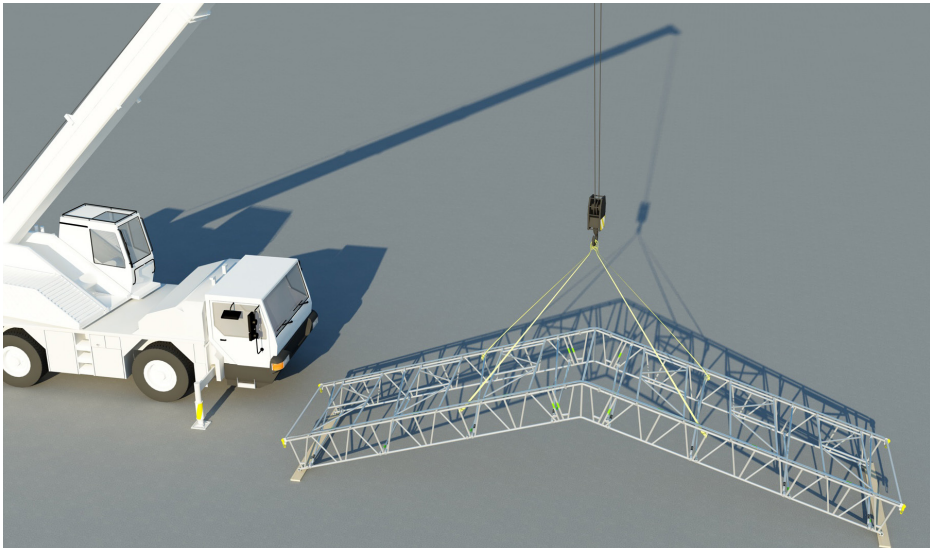
### Disadvantages

Crane hire increases the installation cost.

Need more Braced and Famed Bays as these are the ones to be lifted – one in two bays is braced.

Not always possible to get a crane in the desired location due to site restrictions.

Requires operatives to work at height.





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# Basic Assembly Procedures

Tools Required

Connecting Beams

Attaching Braces

Installing Sheet

Tracking

Installing Track  
Compressors

Installing Roller Braces

Installing Roof Sheets

Bracing Patterns

Quick-Start Guide

## Tools Required

The Unique Selling Point of the DESSA Roof is that you require few tools to install it. Through many years of experience we have found that the following tools are very useful, and make the installation much smoother:

- 1 A 19mm Flat spanner for securing track spigots and connecting bolts
- 2 A scaffold spanner, or hammer/podger, with a spike at one end. This is particularly useful when lining-up spigots with corresponding beam holes and the installation of the spring clips, or bolts.

It is important to remember that all components have been designed and manufactured to fit in the locations highlighted in this user guide. If, for whatever reason, a component does not fit then there are two probable causes:

- 1 The component is the wrong size in comparison to other components – for instance you may be trying to install a D 0.45m x 2.57m Brace in a D 0.78m x 2.57m Braced Bay. These items are very similar in size so on occasion they do get mixed up. All items are clearly labelled so this should be the first thing to check.
- 2 The component is not true or level. If this is the case, then agitating the component slightly will show you where the true location should be.

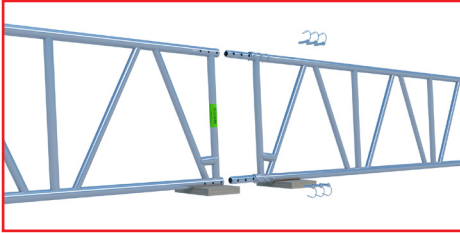
Under no circumstance should the components be struck with a hammer.  
The items will damage as they are made of aluminium.



# Connecting Beams

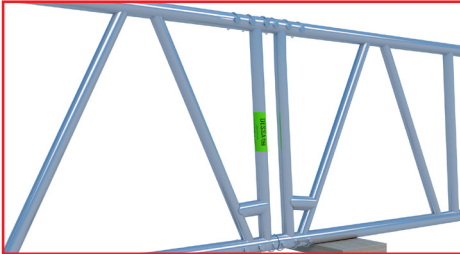
All beams should be connected together using DESSA beam spigots and DESSA quick release pins.

NOTE – Minimum of 6 pins quick release for each joint.



## Exploded view of connection

Connect beams together using 2 spigots 440071 and:  
6x quick release pins per spigot.



## Completed connection

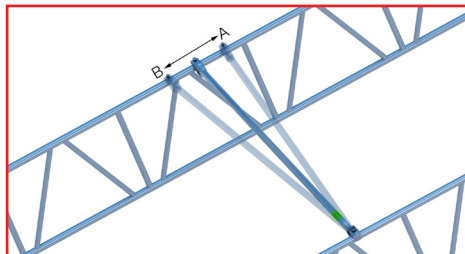
NOTE - it is good practice to orientate the beams so that the end diagonals are angled towards each other.



## Attaching Braces: General

All braces are connected by push fit. Ensure that the braces are held at ninety degrees to the beam line prior to installation. To find the ninety degree position connect the brace on one side only, hold the loose end and move up slope until the engaged claw bites — shown as position A in the diagram below — then move downslope until the engaged claw bites — shown as position B in the diagram below. Half-way between these two bite points will be the ninety degree position.

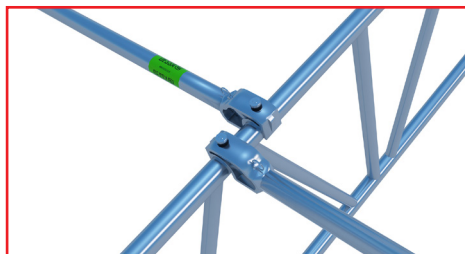
**NOTE – If the claw has to be forced onto the beam chord then it is not square. Release and find the correct position.**



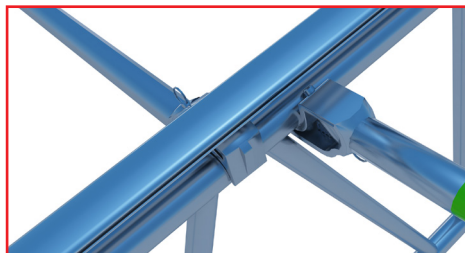
### Horizontal brace installation

Half way between position A and B is the ninety degree position. Locate the brace at this point.

Braces should be installed to the beam chords with the button nuts facing upwards to receive the sheet tracking.



Where braces are required to link pre sheeted bays these can be fitted to the underside of the top chord with the button nuts facing downwards.



At the top chord position K-frames and horizontal braces should be installed between the diagonals as shown. Elsewhere braces should be installed close to and upslope of a diagonal or post connection. Following installation ensure that the steel securing pin is fully extended so that the ring pull is in contact with the claw as shown below. A tap on the pin head/ring pull may be necessary to ensure the ring pull sits down as shown.



**Failure of this pin to engage is a clear indication that the brace is not square to the beam and should be realigned. It is not necessary to use a hammer to fit braces if aligned correctly they will click into position with ease.**

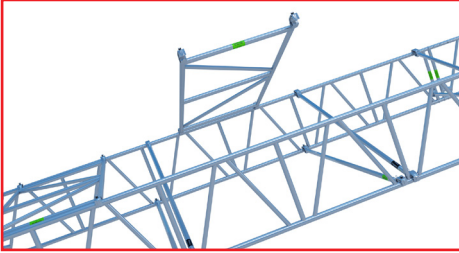


### View of installed horizontal brace and diagonal brace

**NOTE** – The ring pull will be touching the brace head at the point where it passes through the latch pin when installed correctly.

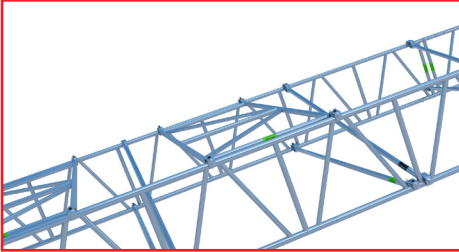
## Attaching Braces: Brace Frames

All brace frames are connected by push fit. Sit the brace frames on the top chord of the truss between the diagonal braces — see image:



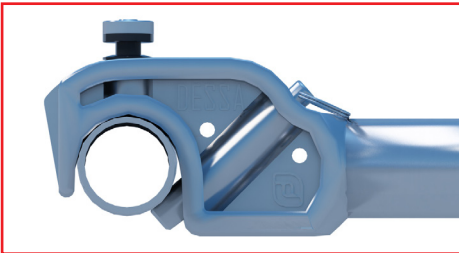
Ensure the bottom claws are engaged fully onto the top chord and in one movement lower the brace frame and connect it to the second truss until the remaining two claws engage — see image:

The brace frame must be located so that the claws sit between the diagonals of the truss. This prevents any movement.



**BRACE FRAMES MAY NEED TO BE AGITATED SLIGHTLY TO ENSURE THAT THE CLAW PINS ARE ENGAGED FULLY**

### View of installed brace frame

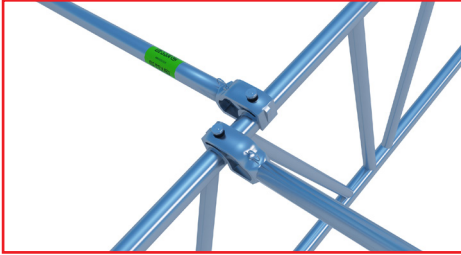


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## Attaching Braces: Horizontal Braces

Horizontal braces are used to link together adjacent beams structurally. Additionally they can also be used to secure Keder track sheeting profiles to the beams.

Varying installation methods are acceptable as shown below, with each method offering additional features as described.



### Method A

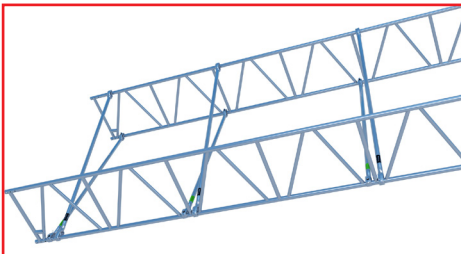
Additional restraint capacity of the sheet tracking if required and the design specifies as such.



### Method B

If an intermediate bay needs to be removed to allow materials to be lowered / lifted.

## Attaching Braces: Diagonal Braces



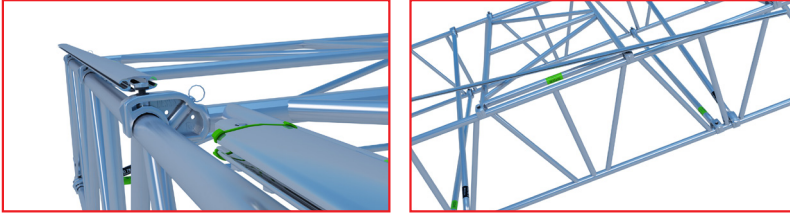
Diagonal braces should be installed as close as possible to each brace frame. Diagonal bracing is installed at two metre centres from the bottom chord of one truss to the top chord of the other:



# Installing Sheet Tracking

Sheet tracks can be installed from the eaves upwards or from the ridge downwards. Tracking is installed by sliding the recess on the bottom of the track over a button nut on top of a horizontal brace.

The alloy track spigot with rubber gasket must be placed between lengths of tracking, to ensure a secure connection.



## Deep Flow Sheet Tracking

Standard sheet tracking meets the demands of most temporary roofs supplied and has up until now been the only option available without great expense.

With large scale roofing projects comes the problem of greater rain water run-off, this water must be managed to avoid ingress and possible damage to what is being protected. Prestigious roofing projects can often demand greater protection from the elements, again rain water run-off must be managed to maximise the benefits of the temporary roof cover.

\*Deep Flow tracking aims to offer a solution\*

### Key Features

Deep Flow tracking is a heavy duty aluminium profile with an integrated gutter system which allows for the installation of sheeting to temporary roofs or side wall cladding elements.

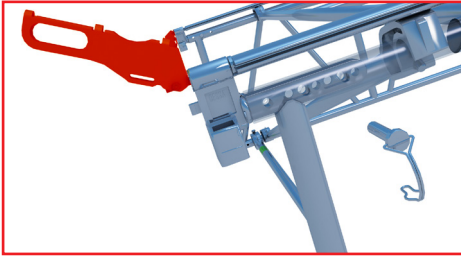
Features and benefits include

- Integrated jointing method – less parts on site, eliminating manual assembly
- Efficient rainwater channelling using integrated sealed spigot
- Fully compatible with existing DESSA Roof / Ubix systems
- Strong aluminium profile enabling 2mtr – 2.4mtr bracing intervals
- Removable spigot to enable staggered bays if required
- Increased weatherproofing

**\*This is a Non-Standard Product\***

## Installing Track Compressors

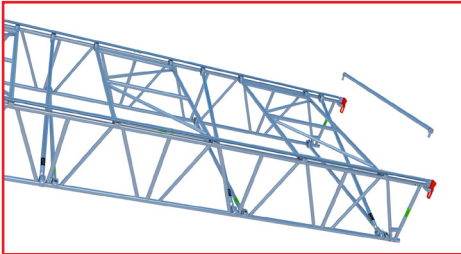
The track compressor is installed after the installation of the sheet tracking. The compressor is inserted into the end of the beam line, with the handle pulled up. The compressor is then fixed in place using one 60mm spring pin. Once engaged, the handle of the track compressor



is pushed into it's downwards position to ensure the track remains in its compressed position whilst in use.

Once this process has been conducted, ensure that all alloy track spigots bolts are tightened.

## Installing Roller Braces



The roller brace is inserted into the housing points located on the track compressor and also on all ridge or eaves beams. Pull the spring loaded lug to one end and insert.

## Installing Roof Sheets



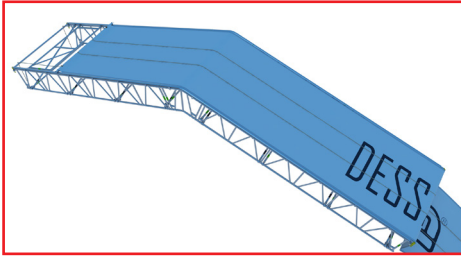
The weather conditions will determine whether it is safe to commence with the installation of roof sheets. This is due to the sheets being vulnerable to high winds.

Ideally the installation of roof sheeting will be carried out by four operatives, two positioned at each side of the bay span. Safe

working platforms must be built-in to the support scaffold for these operatives.

Prior to the installation process, ensure that all sheets are leaf folded, clean, and fit for use. Ensure the Keder bead along the length of the sheet is undamaged. If the sheet is deemed unfit for use, it should not be installed. Insert the tension bar into the pocket of the leading edge of the sheet.

Ropes ends are then to be passed through and the sheet cut outs and secured to the tension bar. The ropes are to be of sufficient length to extend from roof beam end to opposite

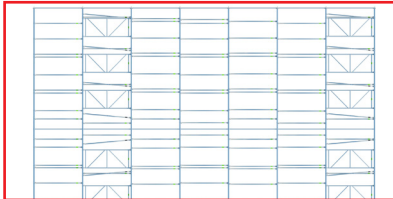


beam end plus a minimum of 4m. (i.e. for 15.0m of roof truss, rope lengths should be 19.0m) The sheet pulling bar should then be inserted through the sheet tensioning bar. This is conducted by removing one of the nylon wheels, sliding the bar through, and re-placing the wheel at the appropriate bay depth indicator along the bar. Both wheels

should be positioned over the sheet tracking at each side of the bay depth.

The Keder bead of the sheet should then be inserted approximately 500mm into the sheet track to ensure correct alignment. Once the Keder bead is aligned and the sheet pulling bar wheels are in their designated positions, the sheet can be pulled along the sheet track, using the two ropes. This process is to be conducted gradually and evenly. Once fully fitted, a second sheet tensioning tube will need to be fitted into the pocket of the sheet's trailing edge. With these in place, the sheet can then be tensioned to scaffold ledgers either side of the roof span, using 4 x no. ratchet straps.

## Bracing Patterns



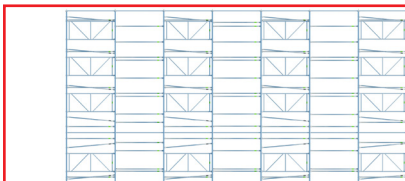
A Braced Bay consists of UNI Frames at 2m c/c, UNI Diagonals at 2mc/c and UNI Braces at 2mc/c on the bottom-chord.

The Bracing Pattern used will depend on the build method chosen for the erection of the Braced Bays.

## By Hand

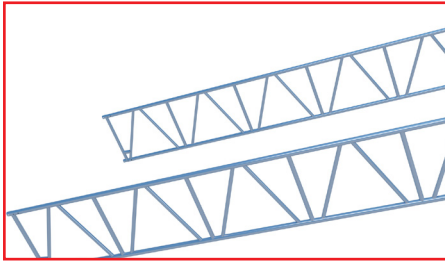
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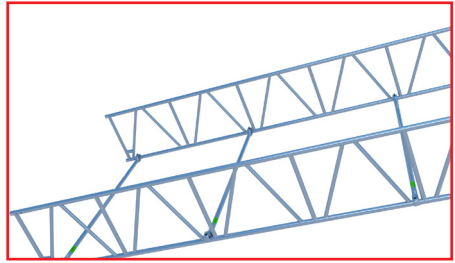


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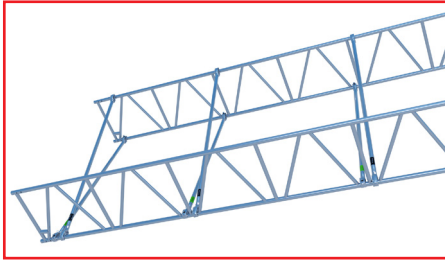
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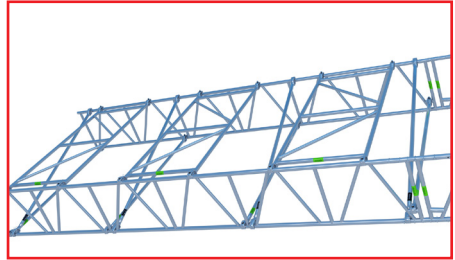
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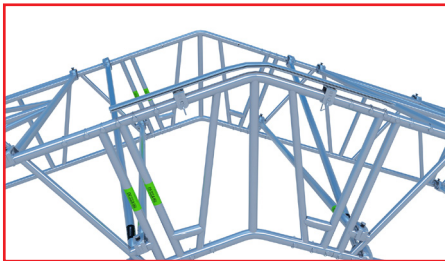
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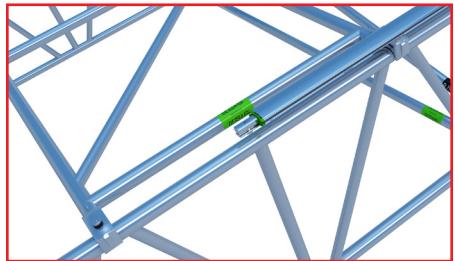
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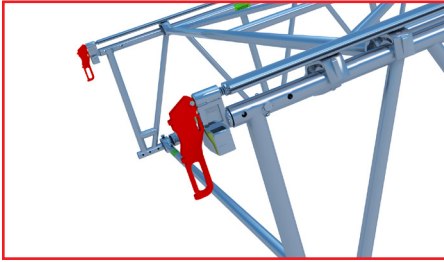
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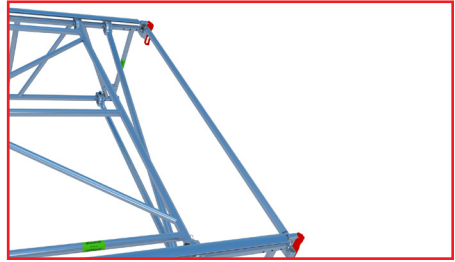
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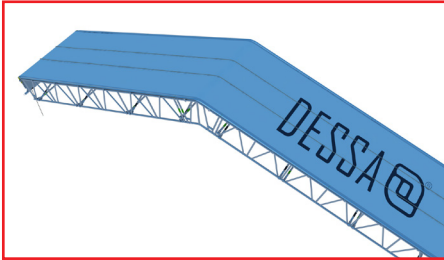
6 Install UNI Tracks



7 Install Track Compressors



8 Install Roller Braces



9 Install Roof Sheets





# Roof Installation

By-Hand

Roll-Out Method Using  
Trax Tube Holder

Roll-Out Method Using  
Trax Universal Beam

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# Roof Installation

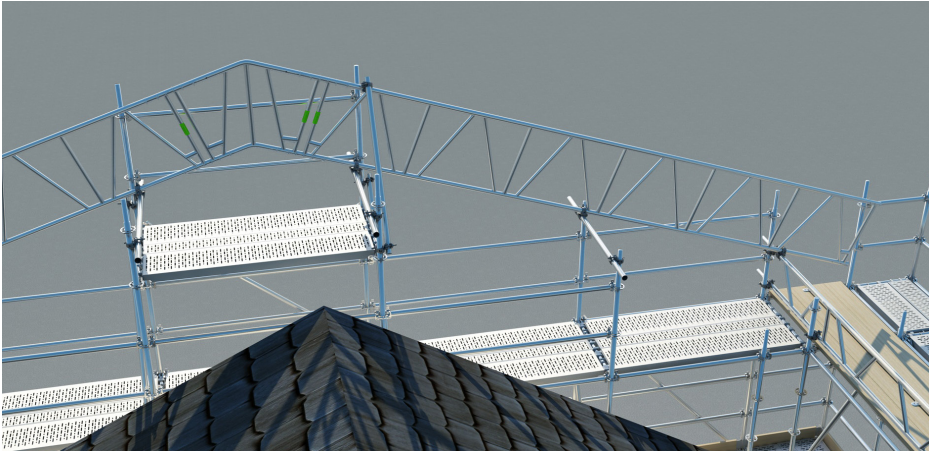
## By Hand

Building the DESSA Roof by hand is often the only option available to clients. Although this places a greater emphasis on operatives working at height, this guide will now demonstrate how this can still be completed safely and efficiently.



# Hand-Built Installation Guide

**1** The first step of hand-installation is to create a platform at one of the gable-ends of the roof; this can be a gable hop-up on the Access Scaffold, or the installation of a beam span over the roof to link the front and rear scaffolds – one of these options will need to be adopted to enable the “close sheeting” of the gable-end(s) of the structure. Once this platform is established it enables the operatives to build the first Roof Bay from the safety of the scaffold.



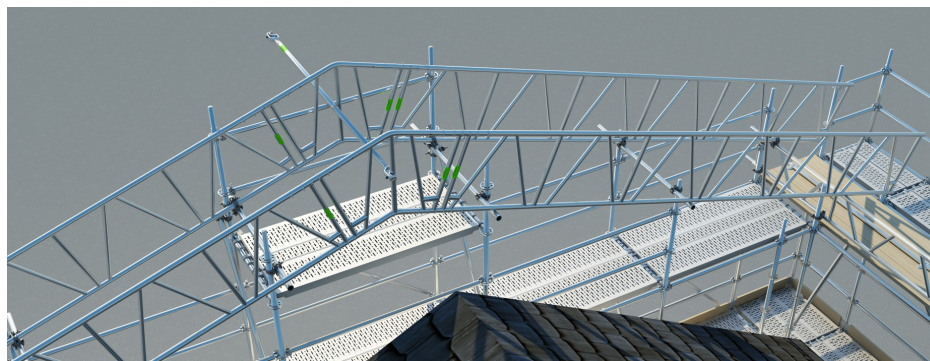
**2** The second step is to build the first Truss Beam from the gable-end platform. This truss can be supported at several points along its span by installing temporary transoms between the standards up to ridge level. The beams can then be secured to these transoms along the bottom-chord using right-angled couplers – it is important at this stage that the first Truss Beam is secured level in the vertical plane. This can be achieved by levelling the post near a node point and then fastening the right-angled coupler to hold it in place. As a secondary measure, a section brace should be installed from the scaffold lift to the top-chord of the beam. This process is further repeated to form the second Truss Beam.

Following the completion of the first pair of Truss Beams, the first DESSA Roof Bay is ready to be assembled.

- a)** Firstly the Truss Beams must be correctly spaced and secured in place in readiness for the brace and frame assembly. With the first Truss Beam secured in place, as mentioned above, the second Truss Beam is ready to be moved into position.
- b)** Before the second Truss Beam is moved it is prudent to “mark-out” the centres of the Roof Trusses using a horizontal ledger and fix a right-angled coupler to the eaves beam, thus ensuring that when it is time to install subsequent trusses that the fixing is in place and ready to accept the truss.



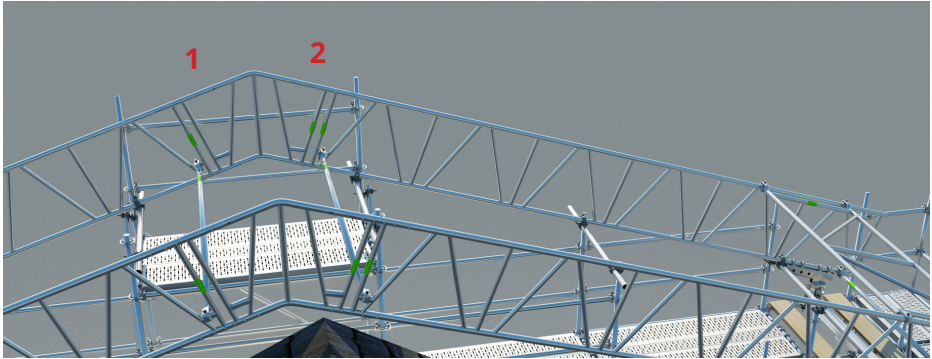
c) With the right-angled couplers set at the correct distances the second Truss Beam can be moved into position. It is recommended that five operatives perform this operation; two at either end of the truss and one in the centre. The operative in the centre stands on the gable hop-up and attaches a Horizontal Brace to the upper part of the ridge-post of the second truss, then, in unison, the operatives at either end and the operative in the centre slide the truss out to the desired location – the operative in the centre only has to stop the



truss from “overturning”.

d) Once in position, the operative in 1 and 2 centre fixes the Horizontal Braces (1 & 2) to the first truss, and the second truss is now secure at its centre. Once secured at its centre the operatives at either end land the trusses in the “pre-fixed” right-angled couplers and temporarily secure in place 3. A UNI Frame is then secured to the top-chords of the first and second trusses, thus ensuring that the spacing is correct. Once the correct spacing is achieved – the truss may need to be moved slightly from its temporary position – the right-angled couplers can be tightly secured. With these four Horizontal Braces in place, the first bay can be filled in.



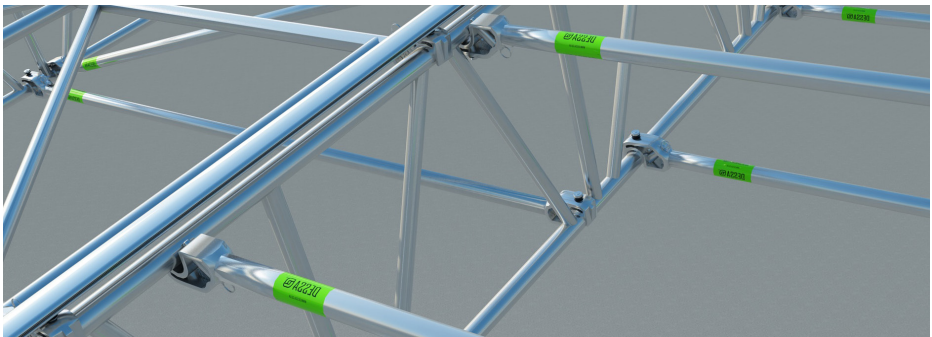


4 Following the connection of the first Roof-Truss pair, UNI Horizontal Braces are secured to the bottom-chord of the Roof Trusses at 2m centres. See DVA 16004 - Fitting of Horizontal Braces.

5 Once these are in place Diagonal Braces are installed at 2m centres to keep the truss true. See DVA 16005 - Fitting of Diagonal Braces.

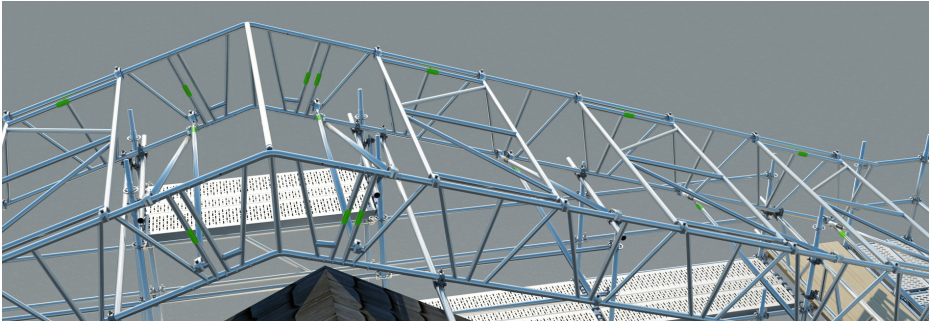
6 A UNI Frame is then installed at the first "V" position on the truss, directly over the Diagonal Brace. The above process is then repeated at 2m intervals so that the UNI Frames are at 1m centres on the top-chord of the truss and the Horizontal Braces on the bottom-chords, and the Diagonal Braces, are at 2m centres – see image. See DVA 16006—Fitting a UNI Frame.

Once the bay is braced and framed the Sheet Tracking can be installed. It is important to note that if the tracking is installed at this stage then the beams and / or frames will need to be alternated on the top-chord of the trusses, see image. This is necessary as once the tracking is in place the braces/frames in the subsequent bay can no longer be installed on the top-chord of the truss.



**7** Installing Subsequent Bays – Subsequent Bays are easily installed by following the points below.

**a)** Firstly, install scaffold tube under the bottom-chords of the existing trusses at the junctions with subsequent beams, using right-angled couplers. These scaffold tube should cantilever a



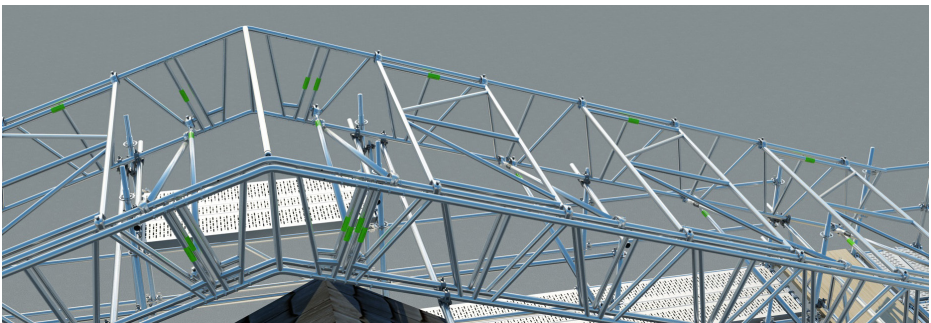
minimum of 500mm over the last support .

**b)** Once these tube have been installed to both sides of the bay the subsequent truss can be built. One operative is to remain at the ridge level of the trusses to guide the subsequent trusses into place.

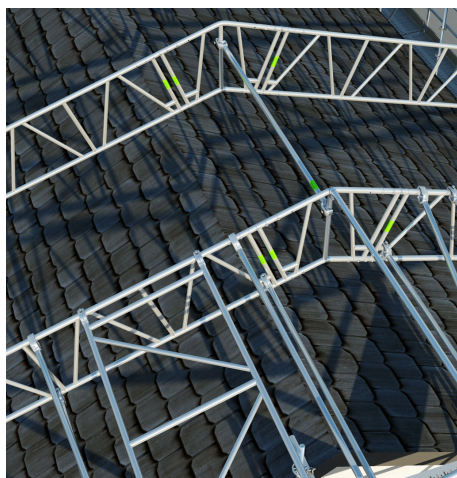
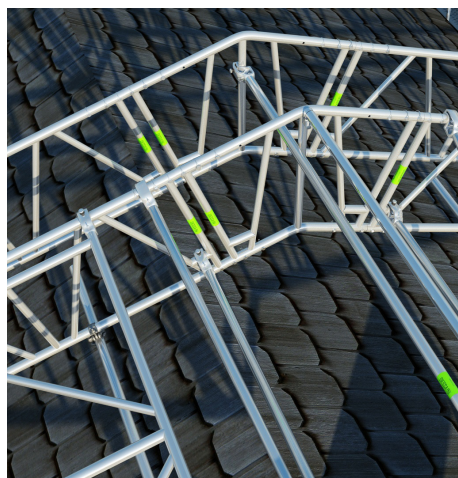
**c)** Connect the Ridge Beam to the first Truss Beam and pass it up the truss-line to the operative at ridge level. Secure the beam to the scaffold tube using right-angled couplers.

**d)** Connect subsequent beams to the fixed beam using the support tube and right-angled couplers until the truss is complete on both sides of the ridge.

**e)** Release all right-angled couplers and support the complete truss by hand. The truss can now be moved into position.



**f)** It is recommended that five operatives perform this operation; two at either end of the truss and one in the centre. The operative in the centre stands on the gable hop-up and attaches a Horizontal Brace to the upper part of the ridge-post of the second truss, then, in unison, the operatives at either end and the operative in the centre slide the truss out to the desired location – the operative in the centre only has to stop the truss from “overturning”.



g) Once in position, the operative in the centre fixes the Horizontal Brace to the first truss and the second truss is now secure at its centre. Once secured at its the centre the operatives at either end land the trusses in the “pre-fixed” right-angled couplers and temporarily secure in place. A Horizontal Brace is then secured to the top-chords of the first and second trusses, thus ensuring that the spacing is correct. Once the correct spacing is achieved – the truss may need to be moved slightly from its temporary position – the right-angled couplers can be tightly secured. With these three Horizontal Braces in place, the bay can then be filled in. All subsequent bays are then completed following the points described above. It is important to note that after every fourth intermediate bay a further braced bay needs to be installed.

8 Once the bay is braced and framed it is time to install the Sheet Tracking. The first track to install is the Ridge Track – if not already pre-installed. This is positioned and centred over the Ridge Beam and then connected using two Ridge Track quick release pins no. 440016. [See DVA16007 - Fitting Ridge Tracks](#). It is possible to install all braces/frames on the top-chord of the trusses, but care needs to be taken as differences in level between adjacent beams can cause difficulties when trying to install tracking over double button nuts.

9 An Alloy Track Spigot is then inserted into one end of the Ridge Track and the retaining bolt is loosely tightened to hold the spigot in place. [See DVA16008 - Fitting an Alloy Track Spigot](#). A length of track is then “fed over” the buttons from the end of the roof and located over the Alloy Spigot. Again, the retaining bolt is loosely tightened to hold the track in place. This process is repeated until all tracks are installed up to the track compressor. [See DVA16009—Fitting a Length of Track](#).

10 With the Sheet Tracks in place on both sides of the Roof Truss, it is now possible to connect the Track Compressors. The Track Compressor is inserted into the end of the truss, the handle is raised and the spring clip is located. The handle is then compressed, exerting a pressure of 100kg to ensure the tracks are retained in place and are sat firmly against the Alloy Track Spigots. Once the handle has been compressed all spigot retaining bolts can be tightened to prevent any movement at the joint. See [DVA16010—Fitting of a Track Compressor](#).

11 Roller Braces are then installed into the Track Compressor to allow for the Sheet Installation. See [DVA16011—Fitting a Roller Brace](#).

12 Once the Roller Braces are installed the DESSA Roof Bay is complete; subsequent bays can now be installed to form the complete roof structure.

13 With the structure complete, it is now ready for the PVC Sheeting. It is good practice to place all Sheets under the bays where they are required so that when it is time to raise them they are all prepared.

a) Firstly, send two ropes up and over the structure in preparation for raising the Sheet. See [DVA16014—Installing a Sheet](#).

b) Next, install the Sheet Pulling Bar and correct sized Sheet Tension Bar through the Sheet – See [DVA16013—Using the Old Sheet Pulling Bar](#), or, insert the Sheet Pulling Handles into the end of the Sheet Tensioning Bar in preparation for pulling the Sheet. See [DVA16012—Using the New Sheet Pulling Bar](#).

c) Once the Sheet Pulling Bar is in place the Sheet is ready to be pulled. Ensure the wheels and Keder are aligned to the Sheet Tracking, then instruct the two operatives at the opposite side of the structure to begin pulling. Pull the Sheets up to the start of the Sheet Tracking and then stop. The remaining two operatives need to be at the eaves position of the bay to feed the Keder into the Sheet Tracking. Once in position the Sheet should be pulled slowly through the tracking until it is running smoothly; if it jams, go back slightly and start again. It is very important at the initial stage to make sure the Sheet runs parallel otherwise it will jam. Pull the Sheet to the desired location and then remove the Sheet Pulling Bar. See [DVA16014—Installing a Sheet](#).

14 Once the Sheets are in the desired location, they are ready to be secured to the structure. The Sheets are secured using four Ratchet Straps (440045, depending of the span length and the exposure factor) each side of the bay. Fasten the Ratchet Straps evenly from both sides, down to a supporting ledger. Care must be taken not to overtighten, and thus damage the Sheets. See [DVA16014— Installing a Sheet](#).



## Roll-Out Method using Trax Tube Holder

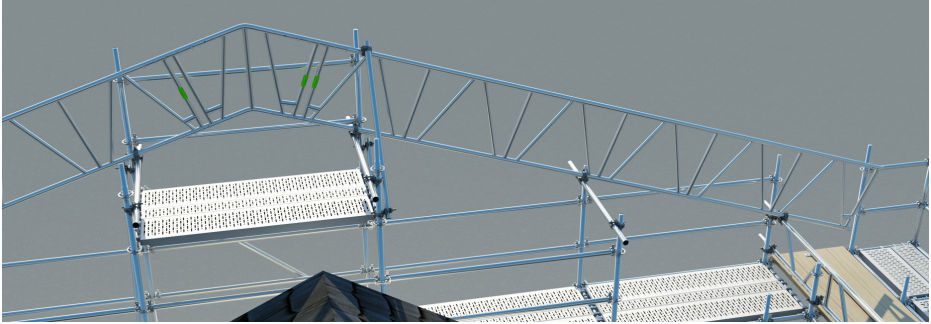


Rolling-Out the DESSA Roof, either in bays or as a complete structure, using the Trax Tube Holder provides the scaffolders with a simple solution to moving complete bays with little effort. Once the bays are in position they are secured down to the supporting structure. The loads imparted onto the decking and support structure will require verification.

## Roll-Out Method using Trax Tube Holder: Hand-Built Installation Guide using Trax Tube Holder

- 1** The first step of hand-installation is to create a platform at one of the gable-ends of the roof; this can be a gable hop-up on the Access Scaffold, or the installation of a beam span over the roof to link the front and rear scaffolds one of these options will need to be adopted to enable the “close sheeting” of the gable-end(s) of the structure. Once this platform is established it enables the operatives to build the first roof bay from the safety of the scaffold.
- 2** The second step is to build the first Truss Beam from the gable-end platform. This truss can be supported at several points along its span by installing temporary transoms between the standards up to ridge level on one side. The beams can then be secured to these transoms along the bottom-chord using right-angled couplers – it is important at this stage that the first Truss Beam is secured level in the vertical plane. This can be achieved by levelling the post near a node point and then fastening the right-angled coupler to hold it in place. As a secondary measure, a section brace should be installed from the scaffold lift to the top-chord of the beam. Now that both chords are secure, and the Ridge Beam is installed - if it is a duo-pitched or domed roof – the process is mirrored to form the first Truss Beam. This process is further repeated to form the second Truss Beam.





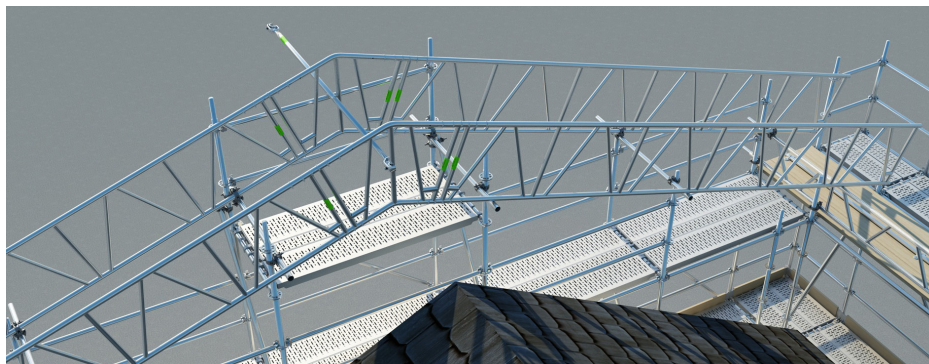
**3** Following the completion of the first pair of Truss Beams, the first DESSA Roof Bay is ready to be assembled.

**a)** Firstly, the Truss Beams must be correctly spaced and secured in place in readiness for the brace and frame assembly. With the first Truss Beam secured in place, as mentioned above, the second Truss Beam is ready to be moved into position.

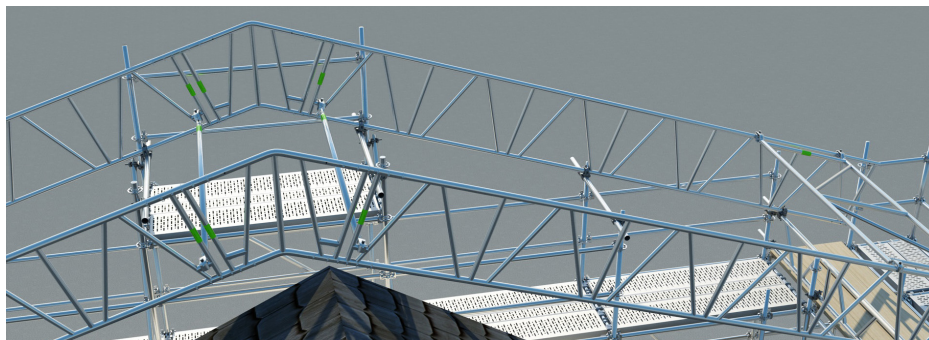
**b)** Before the second Truss Beam is moved it is prudent to “mark-out” the centres of the Roof Trusses using a horizontal ledger and fix a right-angled coupler to the eaves beam, thus ensuring that when it is time to install subsequent trusses that the fixing is in place and ready to accept the truss.



**c)** With the right-angled couplers set at the correct distances the second Truss Beam can be moved into position. It is recommended that five operatives perform this operation; two at either end of the truss and one in the centre. The operative in the centre stands on the gable hop-up and attaches a Horizontal Brace to the upper part of the ridge-post of the second truss, then, in unison, the operatives at either end and the operative in the centre slide the truss out to the desired location – the operative in the centre only has to stop the truss from “overturning”.



d) Once in position, the operative in the centre fixes the Horizontal Brace to the first truss and the second truss is now secure at its centre. Once secured at its centre the operatives at either end land the trusses on the beam connector, Castor Top Plate 18 degrees, and Anti-Uplift Castor. Three Horizontal Braces are then secured to the top-chords of the first and second trusses, thus ensuring that the spacing is correct. With these three Horizontal Braces in place, the first bay can be filled in.

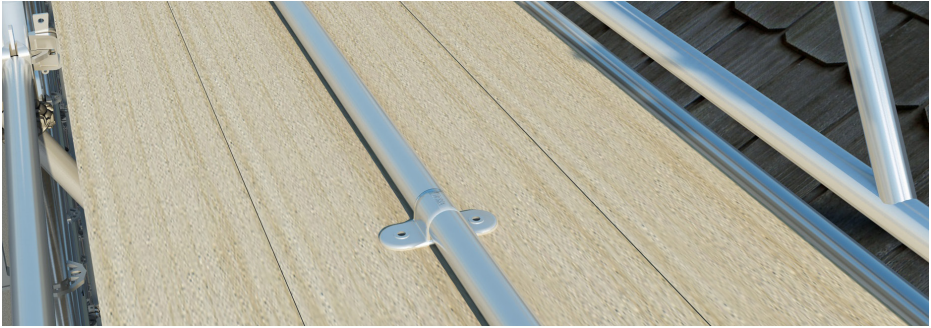


4 Following the connection of the first Roof-Truss pair, UNI Horizontal Braces are secured to the bottom-chord of the Roof Trusses at 2m centres, as shown. [See DVA 16004—Fitting of Horizontal Braces.](#)

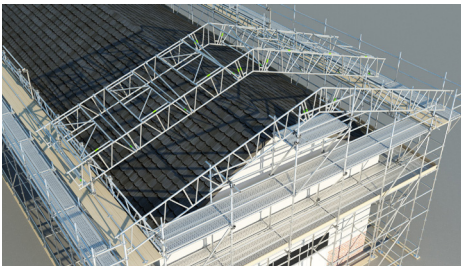
5 Once these are in place a Diagonal Brace is installed at the position of the first frame to keep the truss true. [See DVA 16005—Fitting of Diagonal Brace.](#)

6 A UNI Frame is then installed at the first "V" position on the truss, directly over the Diagonal Brace. The above process is then repeated at 2m intervals so that the UNI Frames are at 1m centres on the top-chord of the truss and the Horizontal Braces on the bottom-chords and the Diagonal Braces are at 2m centres – see image. [See DVA 16006—Fitting of UNI Frame.](#)

**7** With the first bay in place, and the correct distances set, the scaffold tube and the Trax Tube Holder can be secured to the boarded platform using wood screws.



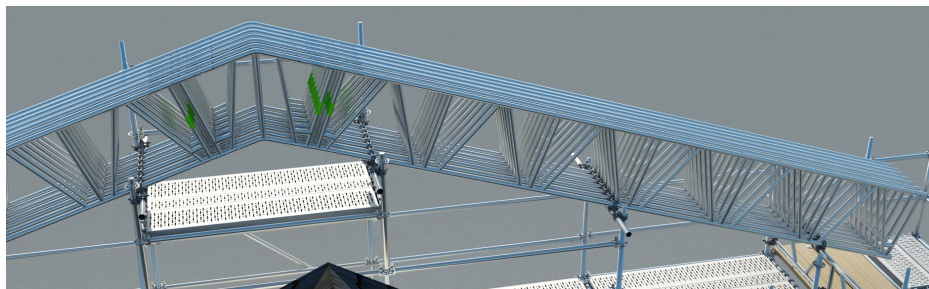
**8** A scaffold tube is then connected to the trusses using right-angled couplers and band and plate couplers with the other end connected to a Castor and Castor Top Plate for scaffold tube. The Castor is then placed on the scaffold tube and the bay is ready to move. It is important to note that this method is only to be used to move bays into position; bays must be secured to the supporting structure once in the correct location.



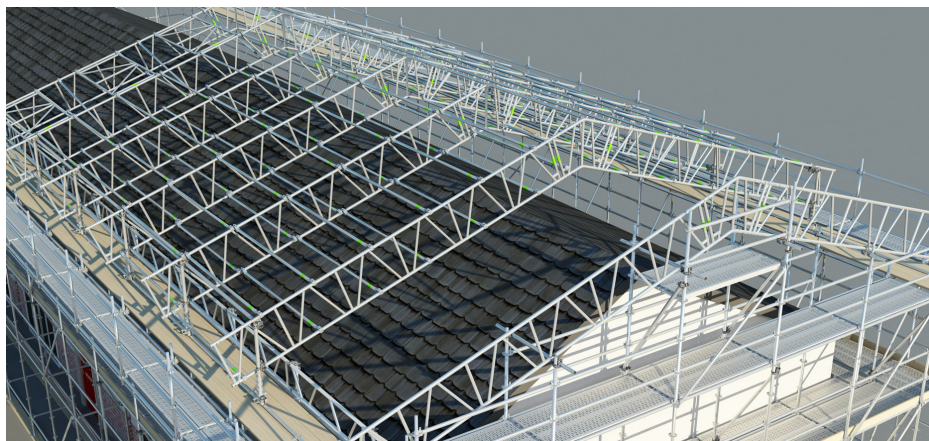
**9** This bay is now moved along the structure by 3.5m and out of the way of the gable-end scaffold.

**10** It is good practice to build all subsequent Roof Trusses on the gable-end scaffold and secure them in place using right-angled couplers.





**11** Once all trusses are constructed and stored at the gable-end they can be moved one at a time, following the procedure above, and connected to the Braced Bay using Horizontal Braces. Four bays can be installed in this manner before the next braced and framed bay needs to be installed. All subsequent bays are then completed following the points described above. It is important to note that after every fourth intermediate bay a further braced bay needs to be installed.



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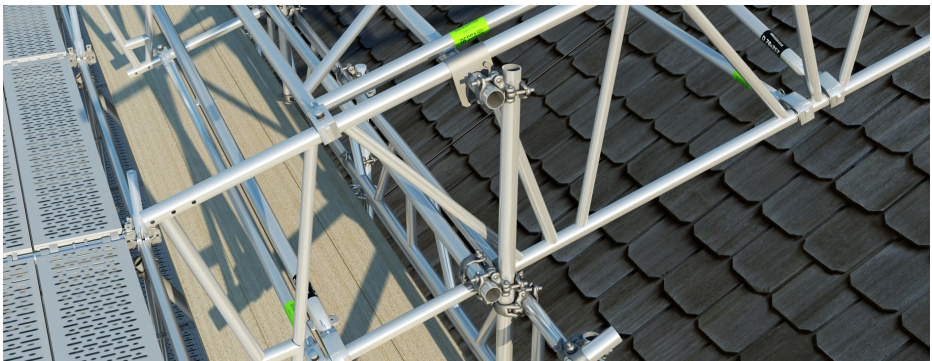
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15 With the Sheet Tracks in place on both sides of the Roof Truss it is now possible to connect the Track Compressors. The Track Compressor is inserted into the end of the truss, the handle is raised and the spring clip is located. The handle is then compressed, exerting a pressure of 100kg to ensure the tracks are retained in place and are sat firmly against the Alloy Track Spigots. Once the handle has been compressed all spigot retaining bolts can be tightened to prevent any movement at the joint. See [DVA16010—Fitting of a Track Compressor](#).

16 Roller Braces are then installed into the Track Compressor to allow for the sheet installation. See [DVA16011—Fitting a Roller Brace](#).

17 With the bays and trusses in their correct locations the roof can now be connected to the supporting eaves beam by adding puncheons – this should be done one bay at a time. Once the trusses are secured in place using right-angled couplers the Trax Tube Holder and Castors can be removed, if required.

18 With the roof structure complete it is now ready for the PVC Sheeting. It is good practice to place all sheets under the bays they are required so that when it is time to raise them they are all prepared.



a) Firstly, send two ropes up and over the structure in preparation for raising the sheet. It is good practice to attach a second pair of ropes through the intermediate Sheet Pockets to the Sheet Tensioning Bar. These ropes are then pulled over the sheet in preparation for connecting to the subsequent sheet. See [DVA16014—Installing a Sheet](#).



b) Next, install the Sheet Pulling Bar through the Sheet – See DVA16013—Using the Old Sheet Pulling Bar, or, insert the Sheet Pulling Handles into the end of the Sheet Tensioning Bar in preparation for pulling the sheet. In an ideal situation Sheets will be pulled from both sides of the supporting structure, one from the left the next from the right, and vice versa. If this is not possible then the Sheet pulling device will need to be taken back to the side where the sheets are laid out. See DVA16012—Using the New Sheet Pulling Bar.

c) Once the Sheet Pulling Bar is in place the sheet is ready to be pulled. Ensure that the sheet is perpendicular to the bay, then instruct the two operatives at the opposite side of the structure to begin pulling. Pull the sheets up to the start of the Sheet Tracking and then stop. The remaining two operatives need to be at the eaves position of the bay to feed the Keder into the Sheet Tracking. Once in position the sheet should be pulled slowly through the tracking until it is running smoothly; if it jams, go back slightly and start again. It is very important at the initial stage to make sure the sheet runs parallel. Otherwise it will jam. Pull the sheet to the desired location and then remove the Sheet Pulling Bar. See DVA16014.

19 Once the sheets are in the desired location, they are ready to be secured. Slide the correct sized Sheet Tensioning Bar into the sheet ends to allow the connection of the Ratchet Straps. The sheets are secured using four Ratchet Straps (440045 or 440046, depending of the span length and the exposure factor) each side of the bay. Fasten the Ratchet Straps evenly from both sides, down to a supporting ledger. Care must be taken not to overtighten, and thus damage, the sheets. See DVA16014—Installing a Sheet.



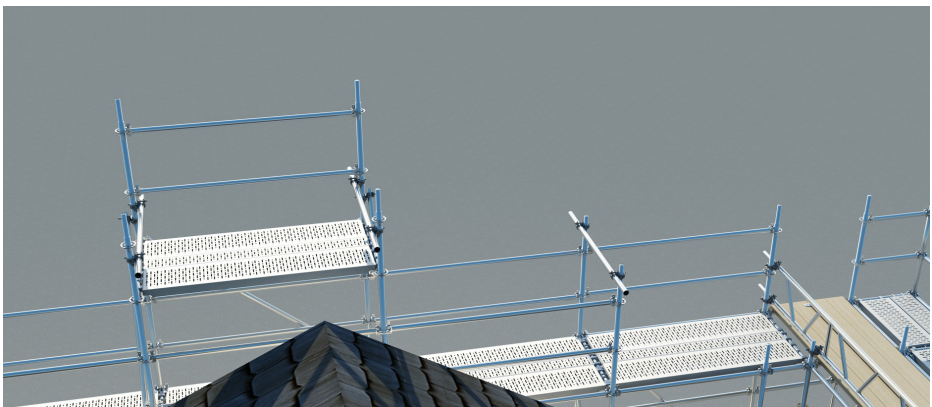
## Roll-Out Method using Trax Universal Beam

Rolling-Out the DESSA Roof, either in bays or as a complete structure, using the Trax Universal Beam provides the end user with a simple solution in moving complete roof structures with little effort. Once the bays are in position they are secured down to the Universal Beam using the Anti-Uplift Castor.



## Roll-Out Method using Trax Universal Beam: Hand-Built Installation Guide using Trax Universal Beam

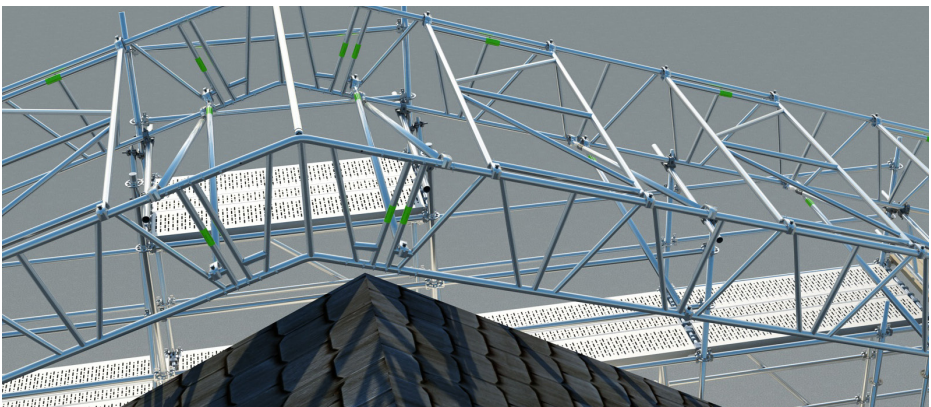
1 The first step of hand-installation is to create a platform at one of the gable-ends of the roof; this can be a gable hop-up on the Access Scaffold, or the installation of a beam span over the roof to link the front and rear scaffolds – one of these options will need to be adopted to enable the “close sheeting” of the gable-end(s) of the structure. Once this platform is established it enables the operatives to build the first roof bay from the safety of the scaffold.



- 2 The second step is to install the Trax UB to the supporting structure using the correct components.



- 3 The third step is to build the first Truss Beam from the gable-end platform. The base of the truss is secured to the beam connector, Castor Top Plate 18 degrees, and Anti-Uplift Castor. The middle of the truss can be supported at several points along its span by installing temporary transoms between the standards up to ridge level on one side. The beams can then be secured to these transoms along the bottom-chord using right-angled couplers – it is important at this stage that the first Truss Beam is secured level in the vertical plane. This can be achieved by levelling the post near a node point and then fastening the right-angled coupler to hold it in place. As a secondary measure, a section brace should be installed from the scaffold lift to the top-chord of the beam. Now that both chords are secure, and the Ridge Beam is installed - if it is a duo-pitched or domed roof – the process is mirrored to form the second Truss Beam. This process is further repeated to form the second Truss Beam.



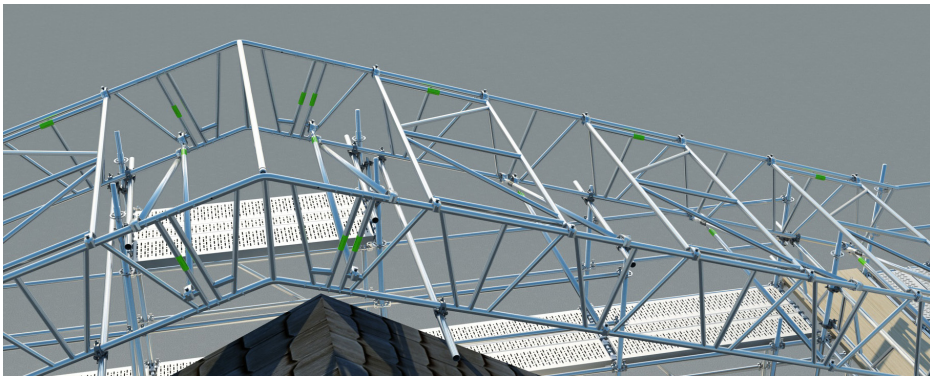


4 Following the completion of the first pair of Truss Beams, the first DESSA Roof Bay is ready to be assembled.

a) Firstly, the Truss Beams must be correctly spaced and secured in place in readiness for the brace and frame assembly. With the first Truss Beam secured in place, as mentioned above, the second Truss Beam is ready to be moved into position.

b) It is recommended that five operatives perform this operation; two at either end of the truss and one in the centre. The operative in the centre stands on the gable hop-up and attaches a Horizontal Brace to the upper part of the ridge-post of the second truss, then, in unison, the operatives at either end and the operative in the centre slide the truss out to the desired location – the operative in the centre only has to stop the truss from “overturning”.

c) Once in position, the operative in the centre fixes the Horizontal Brace to the first truss and the second truss is now secure at its centre. Once secured at its centre the operatives at either end land the trusses on the beam connector, Castor Top Plate 18 degrees, and Anti-Uplift Castor. Three Horizontal Braces are then secured to the top-chords of the first and second trusses, thus ensuring that the spacing is correct. With these three Horizontal Braces



in place, the first bay can be filled in.

5 Following the connection of the first Roof-Truss pair, 2 UNI Horizontal Braces are secured to the bottom-chord of the Roof Trusses at 2m centres, as shown. [See DVA 16004—Fitting of a Horizontal Braces.](#)

6 Once these are in place a Diagonal Brace is installed at the position of the first frame to keep the truss true. [See DVA 16005—Fitting of Diagonal Braces.](#)

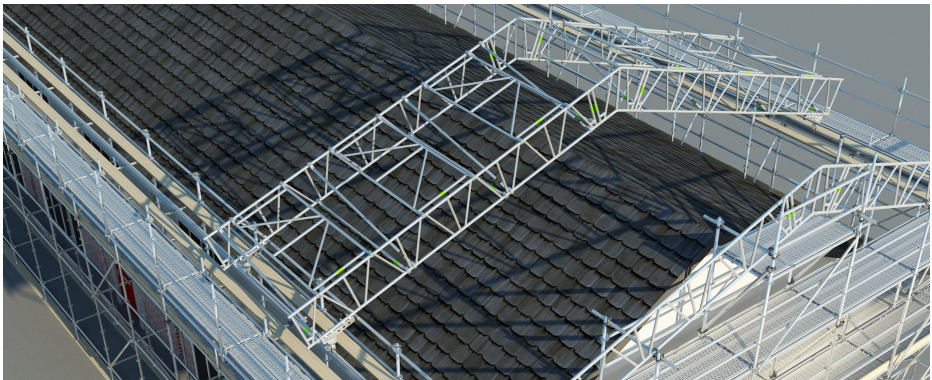
7 A UNI Frame is then installed at the first “V” position on the truss, directly over the Diagonal Brace. The above process is then repeated at 2m intervals so that the UNI Frames are at 1m centres on the top-chord of the truss and the Horizontal Braces on the bottom-chords and the Diagonal Braces are at 2m centres – see image. [See DVA 16006—Fitting of UNI Frame.](#)

8 The completed bay is now moved along the structure by 3.5m and out of the way of the gable-end scaffold.

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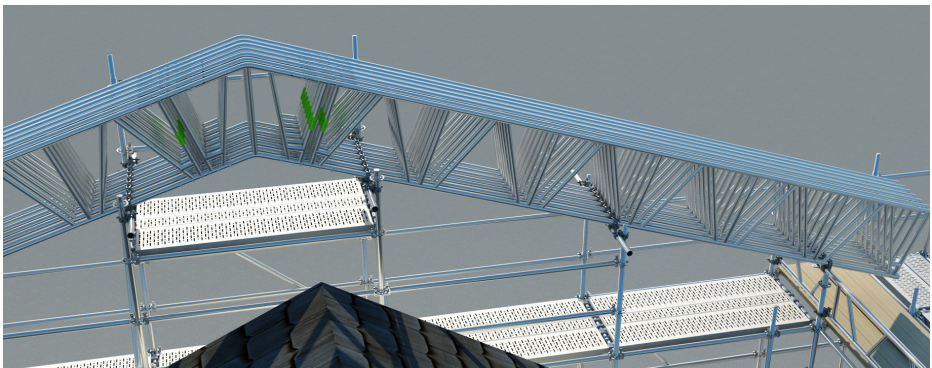
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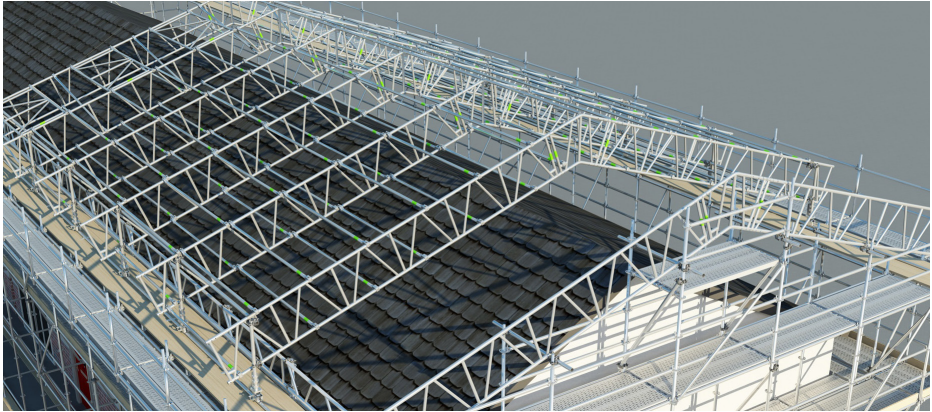
12 The Trax Anti-Uplift Castors are now tightened to prevent any vertical or horizontal movement.





**13** Once the bay is braced and framed it is time to install the Sheet Tracking. The first track to install is the Ridge Track – if not already pre-installed. This is positioned and entered over the Ridge Beam and then connected using two Ridge Track quick release pins.

**See DVA16007 - Fitting Ridge Tracks.** It is possible to install all braces/frames on the top-chord of the trusses, but care needs to be taken as differences in level between adjacent beams can



cause difficulties when trying to install tracking over double button nuts.

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**See DVA16009 - Fitting a Length of Track.**

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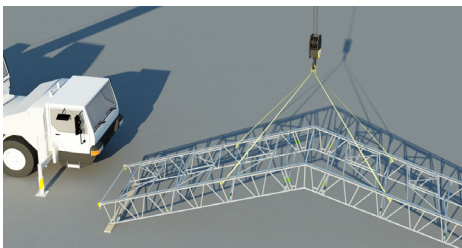
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- a) Firstly, send two ropes up and over the structure in preparation for raising the Sheet. It is good practice to attach a second pair of ropes through the intermediate Sheet Pockets to the Sheet Testing Bar. These ropes are then pulled over the Sheet in preparation for connecting to the subsequent Sheet. [See DVA16014—Installing a Sheet.](#)
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## Crane-Assisted Method



Bays are built in a designated area near the supporting structure and are then lifted into place. The additional equipment can be loaded onto the built bays so that very little material has to be raised by hand.

# Crane-Assisted Method: Crane-Built Installation Guide

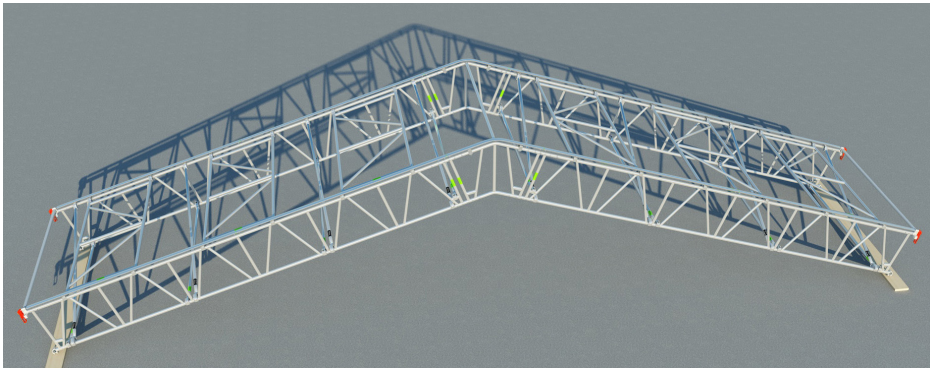
1 The first step of a crane installed DESSA Roof is to establish a space where roof bays can be made on the ground. Once established, the space should be segregated to ensure the safety of the public.

2 The second step is to build the first Truss Beam and secure it in position using temporary bracing, ensuring the truss is level in the vertical plane – the truss should be supported on scaffold boards to prevent damage to the end of the beams.

See DVA 16003 - [Joining Beams](#). With the first truss secured, the second truss is then constructed and secured to the first truss using 1 Horizontal Brace, 1 Diagonal Brace, and 1 Braced Frame at each end. See DVA16004 - [Fitting of Horizontal Brace](#), DVA 16005—[Fitting of Diagonal Brace](#) and DVA 16006—[Fitting of UNI Frame](#).

3 Following the connection of the Roof-Truss pair, Horizontal Braces, Diagonal Braces, and Braced Frames are installed at 2m intervals so that the UNI Frames are at 1m centres on the top-chord of the truss and the Horizontal Braces on the bottom-chords and the Diagonal Braces are at 2m centres – see image. See DVA 16006 - [Fitting of UNI Frame](#).

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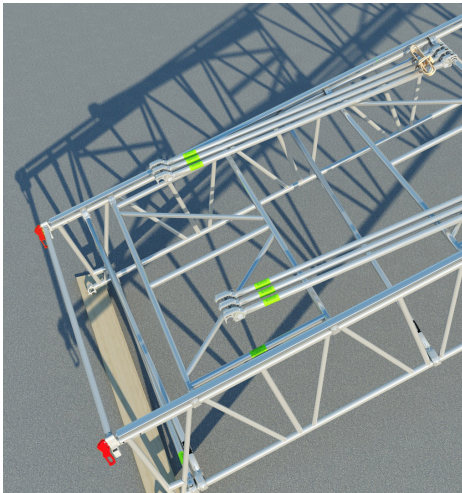
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8 Equipment for the subsequent “in-fill” bays is then loaded onto the completed bays



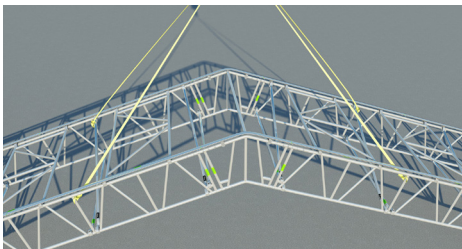
ready for lifting into place – it is not advisable to install the Roof Sheetting at this stage, as it could compromise the lifting capabilities of the crane.

9 All subsequent bays are then built following the methodology above.

10 The finished roof bays are then ready to be lifted by the crane and placed on the supporting structure.

a) All DESSA Roof Bays are to be lifted from the bottom-chord next to a post, as this is the strongest point.

b) Once the bays are lifted into place they are secured to the supporting structure using right-angled couplers, if connected to an eaves beam, or, to a Trax UB using the correct Castors, if that is the preferred method.



There are several options for support structures, and the weights of the bays will vary depending on size, so therefore, in each case a competent Scaffold Design Engineer should be consulted.

11 With the roof structure complete it is now ready for the PVC Sheeting. It is good practice to place all Sheets under the bays they are required so that when it is time to raise them they are all prepared.

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c) Once the Sheet Pulling Bar is in place the sheet is ready to be pulled. Ensure that the sheet is perpendicular to the bay, then instruct the two operatives at the opposite side of the structure to begin pulling. Pull the sheets up to the start of the Sheet Tracking and then stop. The remaining two operatives need to be at the eaves position of the bay to feed the Keder into the Sheet Tracking. Once in position the sheet should be pulled slowly through the tracking until it is running smoothly; if it jams, go back slightly and start again. It is very important at the initial stage to make sure the sheet runs parallel otherwise it will jam. Pull the sheet to the desired location and then remove the Sheet Pulling Bar. [See DVA16014 - Installing a Sheet.](#)

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## Techniques

There are several techniques that can be applied to the finished roof structure which make it more adaptable to site-specific needs. This sets the DESSA Roof apart from its competition as few of them are able to offer this service. The DESSA Roof:

- 1 Can be installed with Staggered Bays.
- 2 Can utilise sheets that are longer than the actual constructed bay.
- 3 Enables the user to create openings in the completed roof.
- 4 Offers options for managing rain-water coming off the structure.

This user guide will now give a description of each of the above techniques.

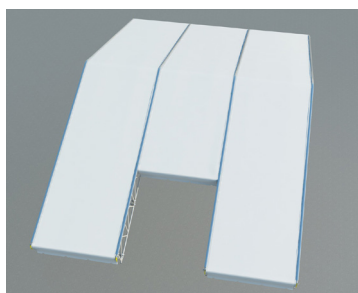
## Staggered Bays

Staggered Bays are used predominantly in two situations:

- 1 When installing a bay around an obstacle, such as a chimney,  
or
- 2 When it is necessary to follow a natural step in the building.

Staggered Bays are installed in the same fashion as regular UNI Bays already alluded to, but the bay changes when it comes to installing Sheet Tracks and PVC Sheeting. Through the use of the intermediate Roller Brace Coupler adjacent sheets can be terminated at different points.

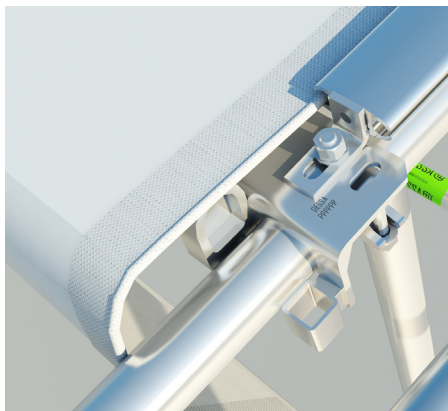
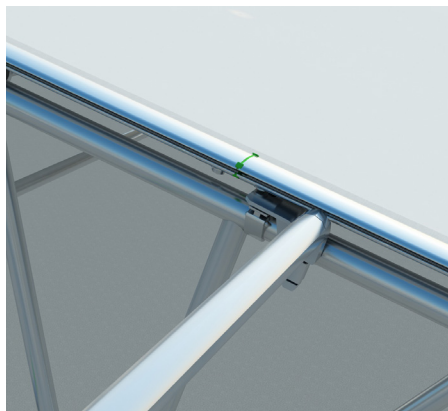
All trusses are installed at the same level and in the same line horizontally, but in the Staggered Bay(s) the beams are finished shorter – a shorter beam is installed on the end or the last beam line is not installed.



This bay is then “filled-in” as a normal bay up to the point where the last beam finishes. At this point, as it is not possible to install a Track Compressor, an intermediate Roller Brace Coupler is installed to enable the connection of Roller Brace and the termination of the Sheet Tracking – the “stop” part of the coupler must be removed to enable it to fit between the tracks and the trusses. The track sections are arranged so that a joint corresponds with the desired termination point.

This process can then be repeated for all Staggered Bays. Once all Staggered Bays have been installed following the method above, the PVC Sheets can be installed. The sheets are installed as detailed above, but the difference with the Staggered Bay is that the sheet comes out of the track profile at the junction with the track spigot of the adjacent bay.





## Dealing with Excess Sheets

An exciting feature of the DESSA Roof is that the PVC Roof sheets can be re-used again and again. As a consequence not all Roof Sheets will fit the bay lengths for subsequent temporary-roofing projects, so it is necessary to deal with sheet excess in order to use the sheets. The best way to deal with this excess is to pull the sheets down the façade of the scaffold on one, or either, side and connect them to the supporting structure as normal. In order to achieve this, Sheet Tracking must be installed in the vertical plane so that the sheets will be restrained – if this tracking is not installed and the excess is simply secured to lower-level fixing then it will almost certainly become damaged when the wind strength increases.

There are two ways to achieve this depending on the supporting structure type:

- 1 Installation of structural transoms, ledgers, and puncheons to carry Sheet Tracking.
- 2 Direct fixing of Sheet Tracking to scaffold standards – bay sizes must correspond to DESSA Roof Bays. This will be pre-dominantly on system scaffolding.

### Option 1

Structural transoms from the supporting scaffold are extended away from the building façade at two different levels, and offsets, so that an angle is created. A ledger is then installed on top of these transoms using right-angled couplers. Puncheons are subsequently attached to these ledgers at the centres of the roof bays above using right-angled couplers. Sheet Tracking is then secured to these puncheons using either the long or short UNI Track Couplers.



The sheets are then pulled over the bay and secured to the supporting structure using four Ratchet Straps.

### Option 2

UNI Track Couplers are secured directly to the standards of the supporting structure in order to accept the Sheet Tracking. If using system scaffolding it will be necessary to use the long UNI Track Coupler to extend the tracks past any rosettes or cups. If this option is used then Truss lines will need to be positioned directly over standard positions using the brackets specified above.



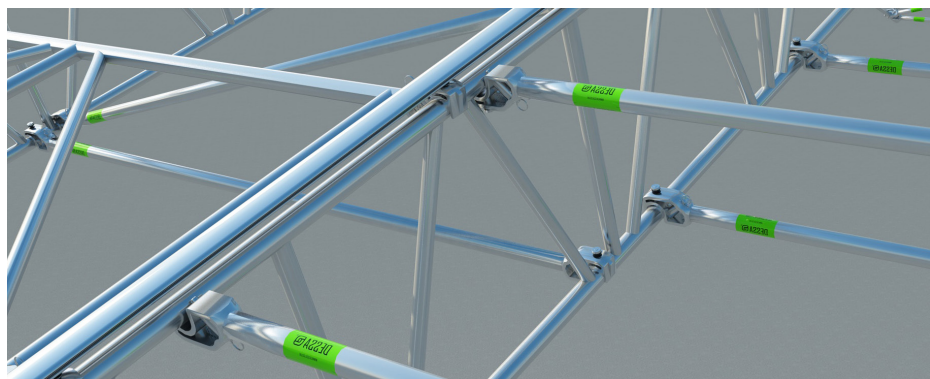
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## Forming Openings in Completed Roofs

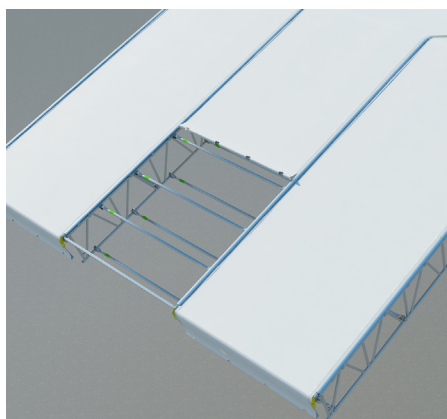
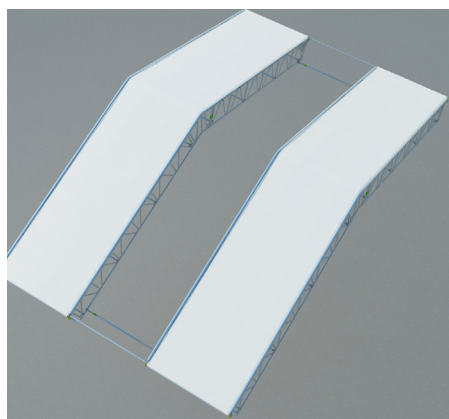
A key feature of the DESSA Roof is that openings can be formed in completed roof bays by removing the sheeting and Horizontal Braces. Prior planning is essential to ensure a smooth and speedy adaptation to the roof structure.

All bays selected to be opened at a certain point in the project should be intermediate bays with no Diagonal Braces or Braced Frames, as once the Sheet Tracking is installed these components cannot be removed without the prior removal of the Sheet Tracking. As a consequence, all of the Roof Sheets would need to be removed.

However, if planned correctly, all bays to be opened should be constructed with the Horizontal Braces under the top-chord of the trusses and not on top.



The installation of the Horizontal Braces under the top-chord of the trusses allows for their removal without disturbing the Sheet Tracking, and subsequently, the sheeting of adjacent bays.

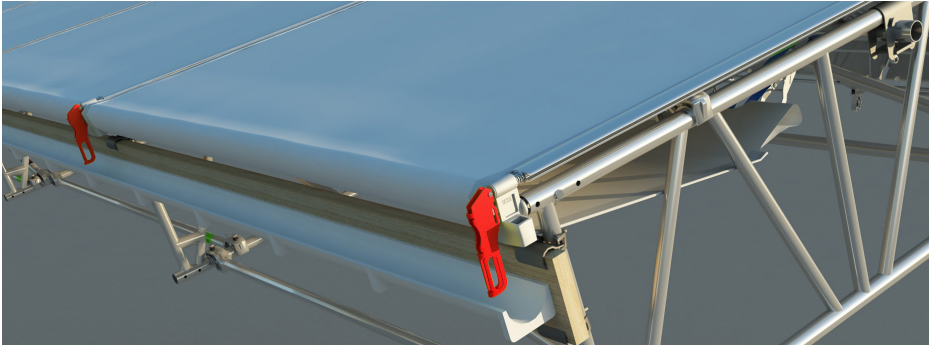


Firstly the Roof Sheet is removed by releasing the Ratchet Straps and pulling it back through the Sheet Tracking. All Horizontal Braces are then removed in one bay thus creating a large opening to allow for the lifting of materials in or out of the structure. Once the lifting operations are complete the Horizontal Braces are re-installed and the sheet pulled back into place, and re-secured. This method offers the client a quick and easy solution to opening up the temporary-roof structure to facilitate the necessity of lifting materials in or out of the structure.

## Rain-Water Management

It is possible to secure domestic or commercial guttering to the end posts of the DESSA Roof Trusses to manage the rain-water collected on the roof structure.

Scaffold boards can be secured to the end posts of the trusses using single couplers or board-retaining couplers, with the guttering being secured to these using wood-screws.



The Roof Sheeting is then secured to a suitable location just above the gutter so that the rain-water will run straight in. The Sheeting is returned around the Roller Brace and secured to a steel scaffold tube positioned internally, and then secured with band and plate couplers. Gutter sizes and angles should be determined by separate calculation. Please contact us with your queries and we will be happy to help.



# Weather Protection Considerations

The Uniroof system is designed to eliminate water ingress to an encapsulated or covered structure. When installed correctly in normal conditions\* and using well maintained components the system will achieve exactly that.

However, certain factors can give way to the possibility of minimal water ingress, some listed here:

- Poor Track Coupler installation (not following correct sequence for tightening).
- Heavy rainstorms (storm sheets available to remedy this, please contact your local branch).
- Damage to sheeting caused by mishandling during installation or unexpected wear after installation.

If there is any concern regarding a particular project or any of the points mentioned above, advice and full training is available.

Please speak to your local Branch.

\* 'Normal conditions' implies compliance with relevant codes (BS EN12811-1, BS EN16508, BS EN1991-1-3, BS EN1991-1-4).

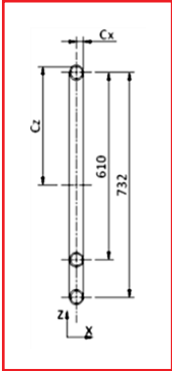


## Technical Data



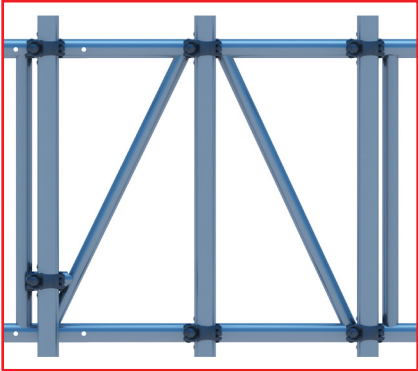
# Technical Data

## Cross Section:

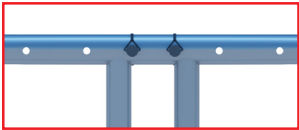


Cx: 2.415cm  
 Cz: 36.60cm  
 Ax: 12.3cm<sup>2</sup>  
 Ixx: 16519.9cm<sup>4</sup>  
 Izz: 29.9cm<sup>4</sup>

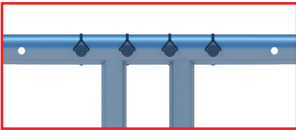
## Puncheon Locations:



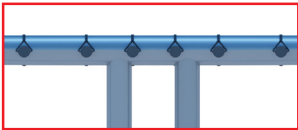
## Connections:



BS0001, BS0002, BS0003,  
BS0004



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BS0001, BS0002

	PERMISSIBLE BENDING MOMENT (KNM)
Joint, 1 bolt each side, all lacing intervals (not recommended)	18.80
Joint, 2 bolts each side, all lacing intervals	36.70
Joint, 3 bolts each side, all lacing intervals	54.50
Beam, compression chord lacing at 1.0m c/c (See Note 9)	38.84 *requires 6 bolts total at each joint
Beam, compression chord lacing at 1.2m c/c (See Note 9)	31.86 *requires 4 bolts total at each joint

	PERMISSIBLE SHEAR FORCE (KN)
All restraint intervals	23.71



## Compression chord lacing at 1.0-1.3m c/c :-

		SPAN (M)				
		4.0	6.0	8.0	10.0	12.0
Uniform Load	(KN/M)	11.86	7.89	4.83	3.08	2.13
	DEFLECTION (MM)	3.42	11.52	22.26	34.64	49.62
Single point load at mid span	(KN)	23.70	23.70	19.31	15.38	12.75
	DEFLECTION (MM)	2.73	9.22	17.81	27.71	39.70
Two point loads at third spans	(KN)	23.70	19.37	14.48	11.54	9.56
	DEFLECTION (MM)	4.66	12.84	22.76	35.41	50.72
Three point load at quarter spans	(KN)	15.81	12.92	9.66	7.69	6.38
	DEFLECTION (MM)	4.33	11.94	21.15	32.91	47.14
Maximum single point load limited to 23.7kN across all load conditions.						

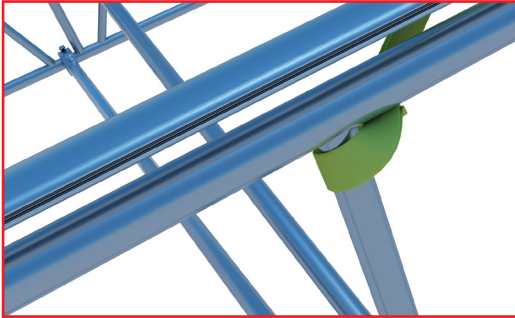
### Notes

1. Safe load data given for guidance only and assumes simple supports each end.
2. This TI sheet is to be read in conjunction with the Beam User Guide USG001.
3. Data provided is calculated in accordance with EN 1999 and factored to EN 12811.
4. Data provided assumes spigoted connections using DESSA steel spigot 277501 or aluminium 396900.
5. All spigoted connections secured using quick release pin 277631 or G8.8 M12x60 Bolt with nut.
6. All loads must be applied across 2 chords within 150mm from a node point.
7. All supports must have a minimum width of 35mm.
8. Lacing tubes must be connected using a minimum 3kN connection.
9. For 4 bolt connections joint moment is decisive. Higher values may only be used where joint positions can be planned.

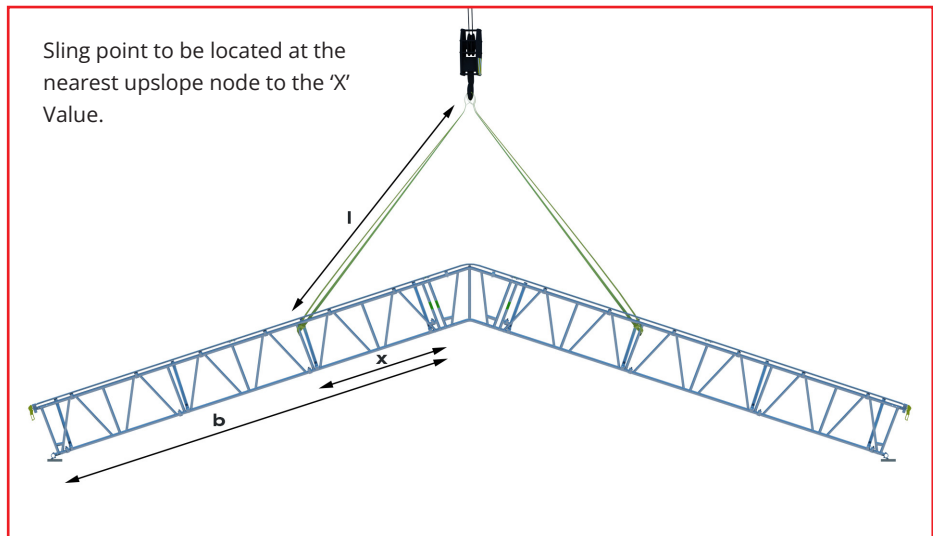
# Crane Lift Sling Points: Recommended Locations for Single Bay

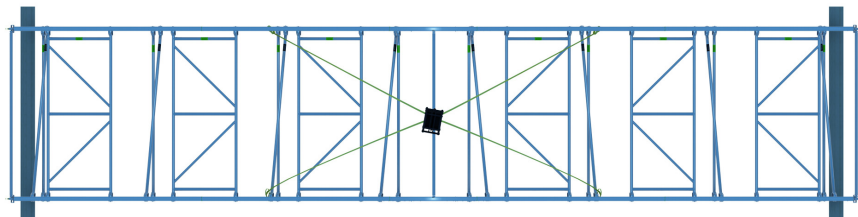
## Assumptions Made

- 1m c/c Horizontal Braces
- 2m c/c Plan Braces
- 2m c/c Brace Frames
- No Sheets
- Roller Braces at Eaves and Ridge



Sling internally and to the underside of chord, to avoid damage to Sheet Track.



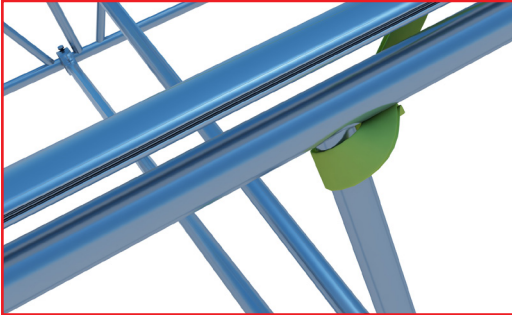


BEAM LENGTH B (M)	SLING DISTANCE X (M)	2072 BAY SIZE		2572 BAY SIZE		3072 BAY SIZE	
		SLING LENGTH L (M)	WEIGHT (KG)	SLING LENGTH L (M)	WEIGHT (KG)	SLING LENGTH L (M)	WEIGHT (KG)
6	2	3.68	397	3.76	425	3.85	451
7	3	5.00	464	5.06	495	5.13	525
8	3	5.00	510	5.06	543	5.13	574
9	4	6.32	559	6.37	594	6.42	629
10	4	6.32	605	6.37	641	6.42	678
11	5	7.65	653	7.69	692	7.73	732
12	5	7.65	699	7.69	739	7.73	780
13	6	8.91	767	8.95	811	8.99	855
14	6	8.91	813	8.95	858	8.99	904
15	7	10.31	861	10.35	909	10.38	958
16	7	10.31	907	10.35	957	10.38	1007
17	8	11.66	956	11.68	1009	11.71	1062
18	8	11.66	1002	11.68	1056	11.71	1111
19	9	13.00	1069	13.02	1126	13.04	1184
20	9	13.00	1115	13.02	1174	13.04	1233

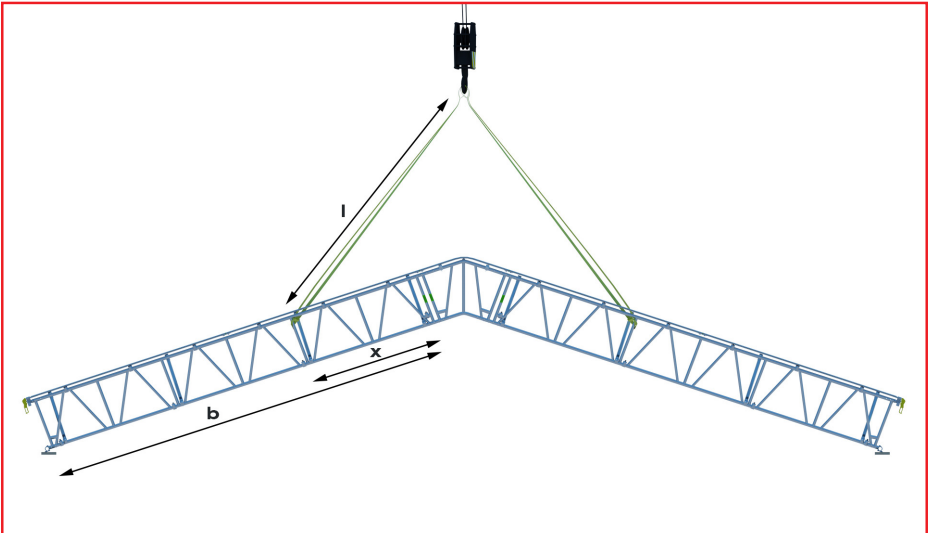
# Crane Lift Sling Points: Recommended Locations for Double Bay

## Assumptions Made

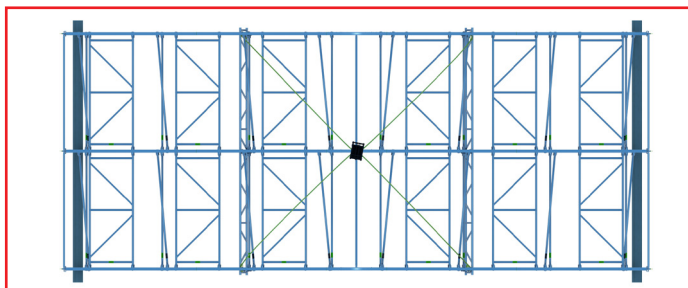
- 1m c/c Horizontal Braces
- 2m c/c Plan Braces
- 2m c/c Brace Frames
- No Sheets
- Roller Braces at Eaves and Ridge



Sling internally and to the underside of chord, to avoid damage to Sheet Track.







BEAM LENGTH B (M)	SLING DISTANCE X (M)	2072 BAY SIZE		2572 BAY SIZE		3072 BAY SIZE	
		SLING LENGTH L (M)	WEIGHT (KG)	SLING LENGTH L (M)	WEIGHT (KG)	SLING LENGTH L (M)	WEIGHT (KG)
6	2	4.10	677	4.37	732	4.68	786
7	3	5.31	789	5.53	849	5.78	910
8	3	5.31	866	5.53	929	5.78	993
9	4	6.57	948	6.74	1019	6.95	1088
10	4	6.57	1026	6.74	1098	6.95	1172
11	5	7.86	1108	8.00	1187	8.18	1266
12	5	7.86	1186	8.00	1267	8.18	1349
13	6	9.09	1298	9.22	1385	9.37	1474
14	6	9.09	1376	9.22	1466	9.37	1557
15	7	10.47	1458	10.58	1553	10.72	1651
16	7	10.47	1535	10.58	1634	10.72	1732
17	8	11.79	1618	11.89	1723	12.01	1830
18	8	11.79	1696	11.89	1803	12.01	1914
19	9	13.12	1807	13.20	1920	13.31	2037
20	9	13.12	1884	13.20	2001	13.31	2120







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