

SUMMARY INFORMATION SHEET

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MANUFACTURER

SunEarth, Inc.
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Collector Model

IC-32

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

DESCRIPTION

Gross Length	2.492	meters	8.18	feet
Gross Width	1.222	meters	4.01	feet
Gross Depth	0.083	meters	0.27	feet
Gross Area	3.046	square meters	32.79	square feet
Transparent Frontal Area	2.769	square meters	29.81	square feet
Volumetric Capacity	3.8	liters	1.0	gallons
Weight (empty)	54.4	kilograms	120.0	pounds
Recommended Flow Rate	95	ml/s	1.5	gpm
Maximum Operating Pressure	552	kPag	80	psig
Maximum Wind Load	2633	Pa	55	psf
Number of Cover Plates	One			
Flow Pattern	Parallel		Forced circulation	
Number of Flow Tubes	Ten			

MATERIALS

Enclosure	Aluminum frame, aluminum back
Glazing	Tempered low iron glass, 0.32 cm thick
Absorber	Copper tubes soldered to copper sheet
Absorber Coating	Black chrome selective coating
Insulation	Polyisocyanurate, 2.5 cm thick; Fiberglass, 2.5 cm thick

THERMAL PERFORMANCE

Tested per ASHRAE 93-1986

$$\text{Incident Angle Modifier } K_{\tau\alpha} = 1.0 - 0.22 \left(\frac{1}{\cos\theta} - 1 \right)$$

Efficiency Equations

$$\eta = 73.7 - 427 (Ti-Ta)/I$$

$$\eta = 73.7 - 75 (Ti-Ta)/I$$

$$\eta = 72.6 - 339 (Ti-Ta)/I - 876 [(Ti-Ta)/I]^2 \quad \eta = 72.6 - 59 (Ti-Ta)/I - 27 [(Ti-Ta)/I]^2$$

Units of $Ti-Ta/I$ are °C/Watt·m²

Units of $Ti-Ta/I$ are °F/Btu/hr ft²

RATING

The collector has been rated for energy output on measured performance and an assumed standard day. Total solar energy available for the standard day is 5045 watt-hours m² (1600 Btu/ft²) distributed over a 10 hour period.

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

Collector Temperature	Energy Output		
Low Temperature, 35 °C (95 °F)	37,900	Kilojoules/day	36,000 Btu/day
Intermediate Temperature, 50 °C (122 °F)	31,900	Kilojoules/day	30,300 Btu/day
High Temperature, 100 °C (212 °F)	13,900	Kilojoules/day	13,200 Btu/day

Reference 93006N