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Solarflo – Baxi’s solar thermal domestic hot water system

Solar water heating is the most popular of the renewable technologies that are presently available, because it is affordable, cost effective and uses proven technology. Fossil fuels are not infinite, and prices continue to rise. By exploiting the sun’s energy, domestic carbon dioxide emissions can be reduced and fuel bills cut.

In summer, 100 per cent of the domestic hot water demand can be satisfied using solar collector panels. Even on the greyest winter’s day 100 W/m² can be produced, and the annual average across the UK is 50-60 per cent.

The Baxi Solarflo solar thermal domestic hot water system is a complete package including solar collector panels, a Heatrae Sadia Megatech twin coil solar cylinder and the heat transfer system, along with all the ancillary accessories needed to complete the installation.

Solar collector panels can be either on-roof, most common when retro-fitted on existing properties, or in-roof, where the panels are built into the structure of the roof and lie flush with the tiles, generally used for newbuild installations.

For best results the property should have a south facing roof, and not obstructed by shadows from chimneys or trees. However, Baxi can supply an East/West array to capture maximum energy throughout the day.

The Gateshead Housing Company has installed Baxi Solarflo in a property as part of a pilot scheme to investigate how they can offset the running costs of electric boilers in properties without gas. Contracts Administrator Dave Wilson said: “Although in its early stages, this is an important step in the right direction for The Gateshead Housing Company. The installation is part of a long-term project to improve the sustainability of the site, and has generated a great deal of interest.

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“Our residents are keen to see how the programme is developing. The whole community has a sense of pride that it can be part of a green initiative and everyone is eager to play their part in reducing emissions.”

Baxi offers fully accredited solar installation training and national technical support and after-sales service. The solar cylinder has a 25 year warranty, and Solarflo collector panels have a 10 year warranty. For more information visit www.baxi.co.uk or call 08706 060 623.

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