Sub-construction for Longlight 5-30°

VELUX Modular Skylights
Before you start

Before you can build a durable and secure sub-construction to provide the supporting base of the VELUX modular skylights, you will need to have the following three specification documents at hand and follow them closely:
Sub-construction for Longlight 5-30°

VELUX modular skylights installed in a Longlight solution are built on a sub-construction made of steel, concrete or wood. The sub-construction raises the modules above the roof surface, protecting the construction against water and drifting snow, and provides the supporting base for the modular skylights.

The sub-construction is not included in the VELUX delivery. The sub-construction as shown in the drawing only represents general principles and must be designed and dimensioned to fit the specific building project, local architectural style and practice, and the directions of other building suppliers.

Longlight 5-30°
A delivery of VELUX Commercial

To ensure a high quality installation of VELUX modular skylights and to prevent condensation occurring within the sub-construction, it is highly recommended to install the BCX vapour barrier connection strip. The factory-finished BCX creates an easy connection between the VELUX modular skylights and the vapour barrier of the building.
Building site measurements – Axonometric

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# Building site measurements

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**Plan Diagram:**

- A: Opening width
- B: Opening length
- C: Sub-construction width – Tolerance ± 3/16"
- D: Sub-construction length – Tolerance ± 3/16"
- O: Difference in height of sub-construction – Tolerance ± 3/16"
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Sub-construction variants

Cross-section / Top and bottom
Options of sub-constructions for Longlight solutions. Please note that the width stated indicates the distance from the exterior of the roofing material to the interior edge of the steel profile or wooden batten.

Steel with steel profile

Steel with flat steel

Steel with wooden batten

Concrete with steel profile

Concrete with flat steel

Concrete with wooden batten

Wood with steel profile

Wood with flat steel

Wood with wooden batten
Longitudinal section

In the gable construction for Longlight at 5-30° pitch, the height of the sub-construction must be at least 8" measured from finished roof surface. It is important that the surface of the gable construction is suitable for fixation of screws.
Securing modular skylights to the sub-construction

The sub-construction can be finished at the top and bottom with steel profile, which provides a level and stable surface for the skylight modules and forms a base for fitting mounting brackets with clamps.

### Using steel profile

When mounting the modular skylight on a steel profile, the top flange of the profile must be 4" in width and \( \frac{5}{16} \text{"} - \frac{7}{16} \text{"} \) in thickness. In addition there must be at least \( \frac{9}{16} \text{"} \) free space underneath the flange both vertically and horizontally to give room for the clamp.

Steel, concrete or wood construction with steel profile

Connection of steel profiles must not collide with clamps

The number and size of fixings for securing the steel profile to the sub-construction must be dimensioned by the customer to fit each project.

### Straightness of steel profile

Requirements as to the straightness of the steel profile are \( \frac{1}{16} \text{"} \) per 6' horizontally and vertically.

The following standard steel profiles are suited for installation of VELUX modular skylights in Longlight solutions.

#### EU steel beams
- INP 220
- IPE 200
- HE100A
- HE100B

#### British steel beams
- UB 178 x 102 x 19
- UB 203 x 102 x 23
- UB 254 x 102 x 22
- UB 254 x 102 x 25
- UB 305 x 102 x 25
- UB 305 x 102 x 28
- UB 305 x 102 x 33

#### US steel beams
- W 12 x 22
- W 12 x 19
- W 10 x 17
- W 8 x 15
- W 6 x 13
- S 8 x 23
- S 8 x 18.4

In case a stronger construction is needed, the steel profile can be replaced with a stronger profile. In this case, longer installation bolts must be ordered separately from a VELUX Commercial sales office.

The following profiles can be combined with the longer bolts.

#### EU steel beams
- INP 240, 260, 280
- IPE 220, 240
- HE120A
- HE120B

#### British steel beams
- UB 305 x 127 x 37
- UB 305 x 127 x 42
- UB 356 x 127 x 33

#### US steel beams
- S 10 x 25.4
Using flat steel profile

When the sub-construction is finished with a flat steel profile, the steel profile must be 4” in width and $\frac{5}{16}$” - $\frac{7}{16}$” in height. In addition there must be at least $\frac{9}{16}$” free space underneath the steel both vertically and horizontally to give room for the clamps.

- The distance pieces under the flat steel profile must be for the full length of the steel profile
- The flat steel profile must be secured using screws along the middle of the steel profile

Steel, concrete or wood construction with flat steel

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Requirements as to the straightness of the flat steel are $\frac{1}{16}$” per 6’ horizontally and vertically.

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- Connection of flat steel profiles must not collide with clamps

The number and size of fixings for securing the flat steel profile to the sub-construction must be dimensioned by the customer to fit each project.
Using wooden battens

The sub-construction for Longlight can also be finished with the use of a wooden batten on which the mounting brackets of the modular skylight can be secured directly, without having to use the mounting clamps.

The skylight modules are mounted on the batten using screws through the bottom and top mounting brackets.

There are 4 holes in each mounting bracket, 2 x $\frac{3}{16}$" and 2 x $\frac{5}{16}$".

These screws are not included in the VELUX delivery, and the correct dimensions must be ensured by the customer.
Connecting to the roof

The surface on which roofing felt is laid must be prepared according to applicable standards for roofing materials and best building practice.

The ideal installation order, is to apply the roofing felt to the outside of the sub-construction before mounting the skylights.
Static information for dimensioning

As an additional service, VELUX Commercial offers to provide static calculation for the skylight solution based on the actual loads given by the customer. For static calculation please contact a VELUX Commercial sales office.

Static model of reactions

Characteristic loads

Fill out please

Name of your project:

Snowload pressure  Windload pressure  Windload suction

Sub-construction dimensioning requirements

The roof construction is subject to deflection after installation of the skylight modules. These deflections include subsequent roof covering, various building installations and external loads such as snow and wind etc. The sub-construction must be designed to withstand all these loads and the deformations must be limited to 1/400 over the full length of the sub-construction.

After completing the sub-construction, it must be secured against water penetrating the roof construction and insulation.