



SOLATUBE®

DAYLIGHTING SYSTEMS

Installation Instructions

Solatube Ø 35 cm round
pitched roof Ubiflex ECO flashing

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Safety Information

- Always observe the safety instructions for the materials and tools to be used.
- Always wear the appropriate personal protective equipment (gloves, safety goggles etc.)
- We would suggest that any roof works is completed by an experienced roofer.
- Always have any electrical works carried out by a certified electrician.
- Please note that the installation works is carried out at your own risk.

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1. Product Overview



1.1 Parts

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|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1. Flex roof dome | 8. LightTracker flex |
| 2. Inner dome acrylic | 9. 2 x Raybenders flex |
| 3. Top tube assembly | 10. Natural Effect Lens |
| 4. Bottom tube assembly | 11. Insulation lens |
| 5. 5 x roof dome screws | 12. Ubiflex pitched roof flashing |
| 6. Brush seal | 13. 3 x roof tile clips |
| 7. High-tack sealant | 14. Roll of aluminium tape |

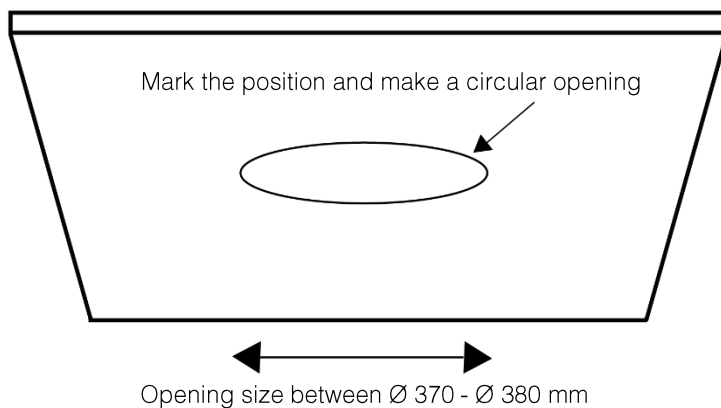
2. Installation Steps

2.1 Step 1 – Pitched roof flashing

Determine where you want to install the Solatube from the inside and mark the position through the roof.

Note: Consider the roof construction and any electrical wires or pipes which may be hidden within the roof void.

Create a circular opening with a diameter of between Ø 370 - Ø 380 mm through the roof construction.



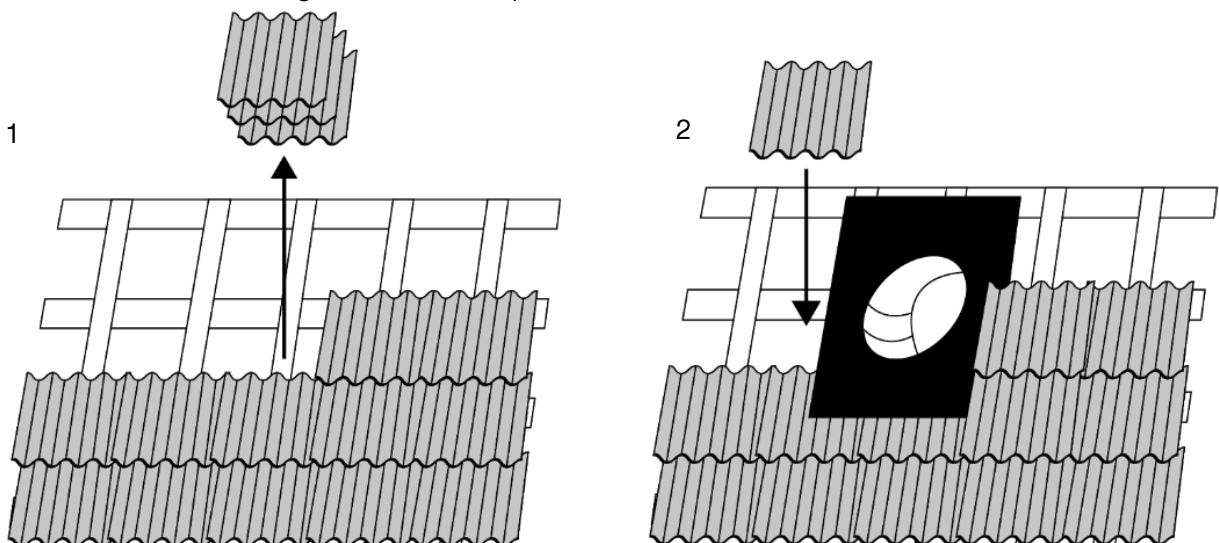
2.2 Step 2 – Install the Ubiflex roof flashing

Remove sufficient tiles from the roof to allow the flashing to fit down onto the tile battens as shown below.

Determine the ideal position so that the flashing can be installed beneath the tiles above / to the sides and down onto the tiles below.

Once the final position is determined, mark and cut any obstructing tile batten to allow the top tube assembly to fit through the flashing down into the roof void.

Important: Temporarily insert the top tube assembly down through the flashing to help you to centralise the flashing over the roof aperture created.



Tip: The bottom skirt of the Ubiflex flashing is longer than the top. Fix the Ubiflex roof flashing in place by screwing the top of the flashing to the tile battens.

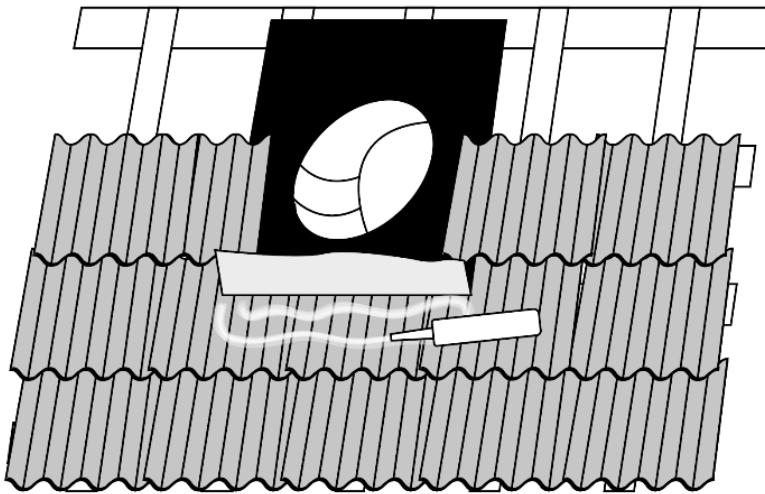
Create a weather stop by folding the sides and top of the flashing upwards by a few centimetres.

Dress the bottom skirt of the flashing down onto the profile of the tiles below.

2.2.1 Step 2.2.1 – High-Tack sealant

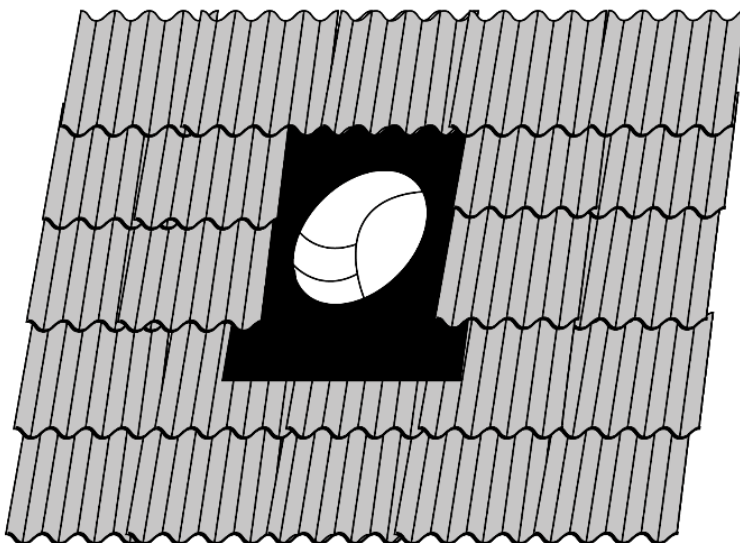
Secure the lower skirt of the flashing down onto the tiles below with the High-tack adhesive/sealant and tile clips provided.

Tip: Ensure that the tiles below the flashing skirt are free from dust and debris prior to applying the High-tack adhesive/sealant.



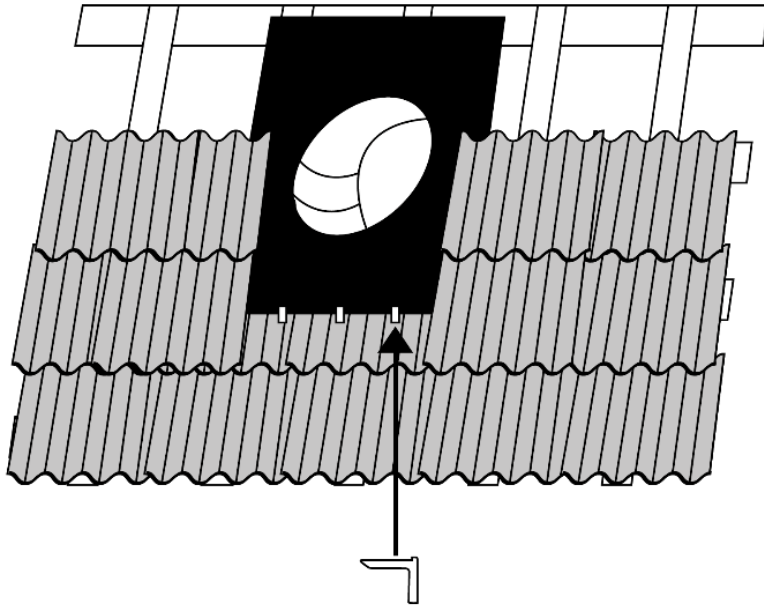
Fit the roof tiles back around the sides and top of the roof flashing.

Note: The sides of the flashing must be overlapped by the roof tiles.



2.2.2 Step 2.2.2 – Attach roof flashing tile clips

The three tile clips provided are also used to secure the bottom skirt of the flashing down onto the roof. Clamp the short "leg" of the clips between two tiles beneath the edge of the flashing and bend the long "leg" back over the edge of the flashing to clamp it in place.



2.3 Step 3 – Adjust top tube angle (if required)

If required, the integral angle within the top tube assembly can be rotated to create an angle from 0 to 30 degrees to compensate for the pitch of the roof.

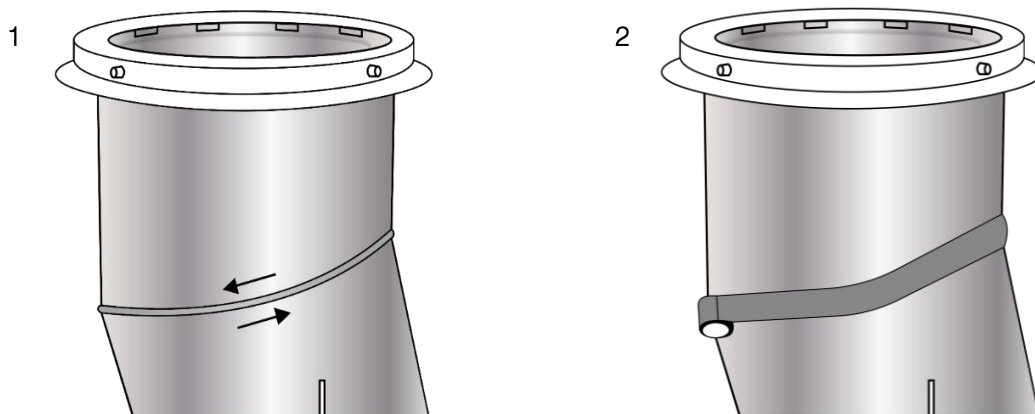
How to adjust the integral angle: Carefully peel back the protective film inside the tube from along the angle seam.

Grasp the top tube with two hands, just below the adjustable angle seam (diagonal).

Use your thumbs and index fingers to rotate the angle section as required.

Adjust the angle so that the top tube assembly aligns with the bottom tube assembly.

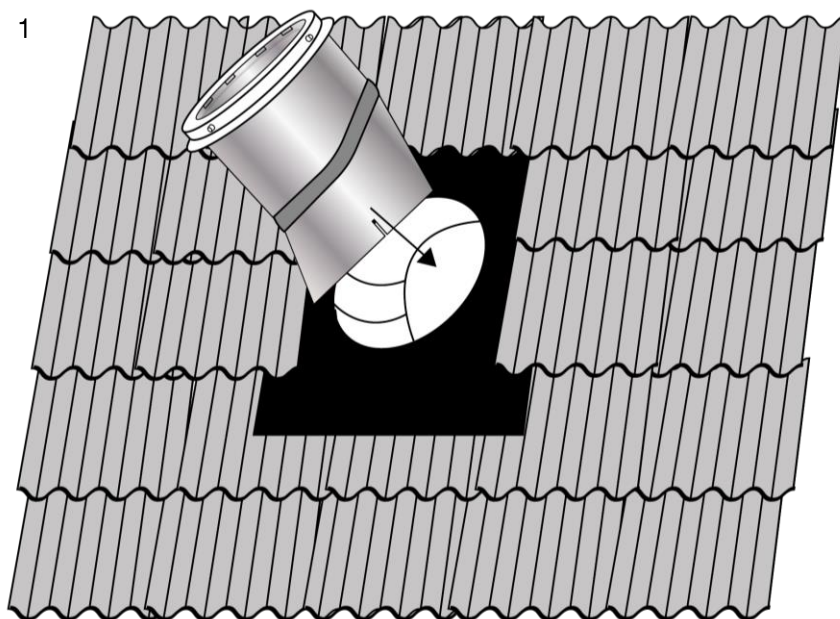
Once the angle is correctly set, carefully apply tape to the outside of the tube over the tube seams and around the angle.



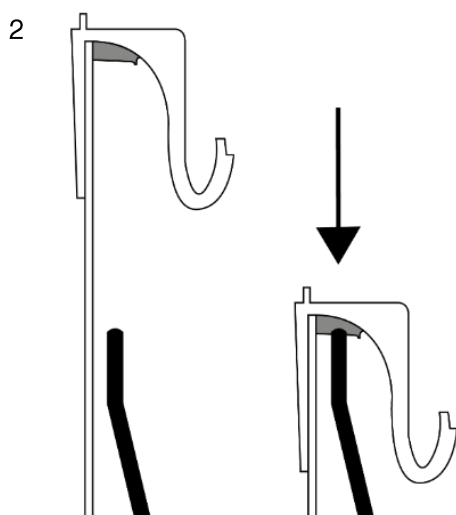
Now remove the transparent protective film from the inside of the top tube assembly.

2.4 Step 4 – Install the top tube assembly

Carefully insert the top tube assembly down through the roof flashing until the transparent dome ring is correctly seated down onto the top lip of the flashing as shown below.



Fix the dome ring onto the roof flashing using the dome screws provided, screwed through the four grey spacers from the outside in. The screws will pierce through the flashing and the inside of the reflective tubing. Be careful not to overtighten the screws as this may cause damage to the dome ring.

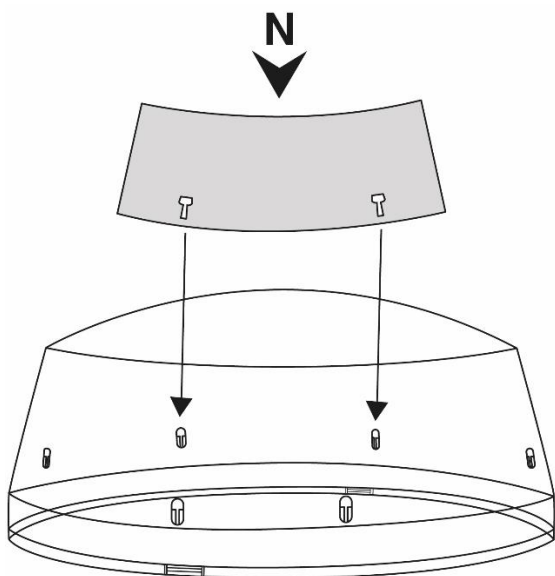


Now remove the transparent protective film from the inside of the top tube assembly.

2.5 Step 5 – Install LightTracker flex

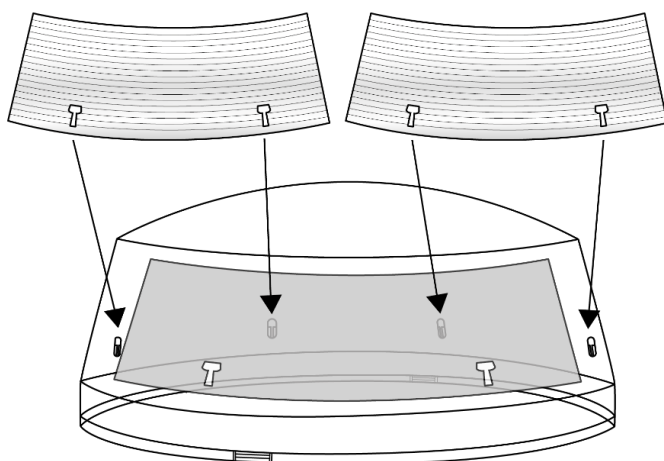
Place the dome upside down on a soft clean surface. Fit the LightTracker flex (this is the mirrored insert) with the reflective side facing inwards. Align the holes in the LightTracker over the corresponding tabs inside the dome and slide the LightTracker flex downwards to secure it in place.

Note: If the sunlight from the south is blocked, do not mount the LightTracker flex in the dome!



2.6 Step 6 – Install RayBenders flex

Fit the two RayBenders flex inserts (these are the transparent ribbed insert) onto the remaining tabs inside the dome with the smooth sides facing inwards and the ribbed sides against the dome. Align the holes in the RayBenders with the corresponding tabs inside the dome and slide the RayBenders downwards to secure them in place.

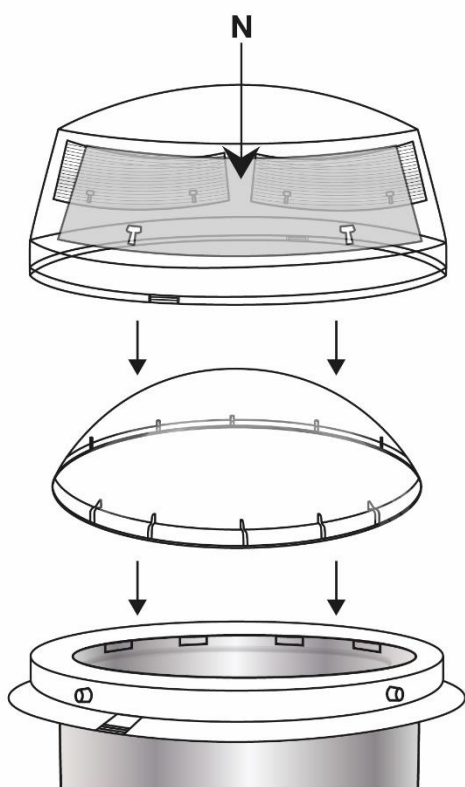


2.7 Step 7 – Fit the roof domes

Align the inner dome on to the dome ring and snap it in place using the 4 snap closures. Then place the flex roof dome over the inner dome and snap it in place using the 4 snap closures. Ensure that all four connecting points on both the inner and outer domes are properly engaged.

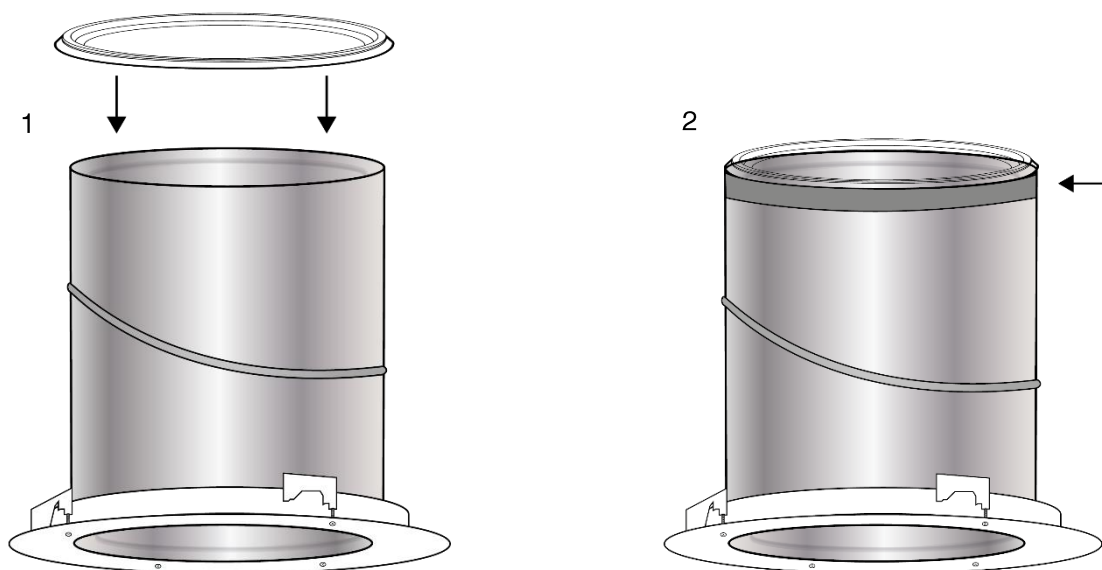
Important: Fit the dome with the LightTracker flex on the **north** side (facing south).

Tip: If you want to remove the dome again, insert the end of a wide screwdriver into the opening of the snap fasteners and pry it off one by one from below.



2.8 Step 8 – Fit the insulation lens

Fit the insulating lens down onto the top of the bottom tube assembly and tape the outer edge of the lens to the outside of the tube with aluminium tape as shown below.

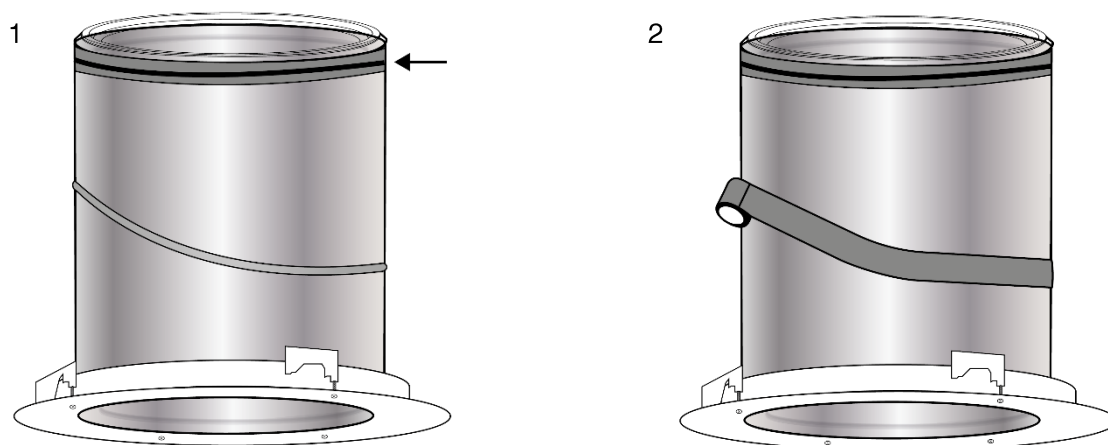


2.9 Step 9 – Attach the brush seal

Stick the brush seal strip around the outside of the bottom tube assembly, just below the top of the tube as shown below. Using the entire sealing strip, wrap the strip around the tube keeping the rings tightly together as shown.

Note: if additional extension tubes are being used this operation must be performed around the top of the uppermost extension tube.

Seal all external tube seams including the angle by applying tape over the seams on the outside of the tube.



2.9 Step 9 – Install the bottom tube assembly

If required, adjust the adjustable angle within the bottom tube assembly as previously shown. Seal all external tube seams including the angle by applying tape over the seams on the outside of the tube.

Prior to installing the bottom tube assembly carefully apply tape to the outside of the tube over the tube seams and around the angle.

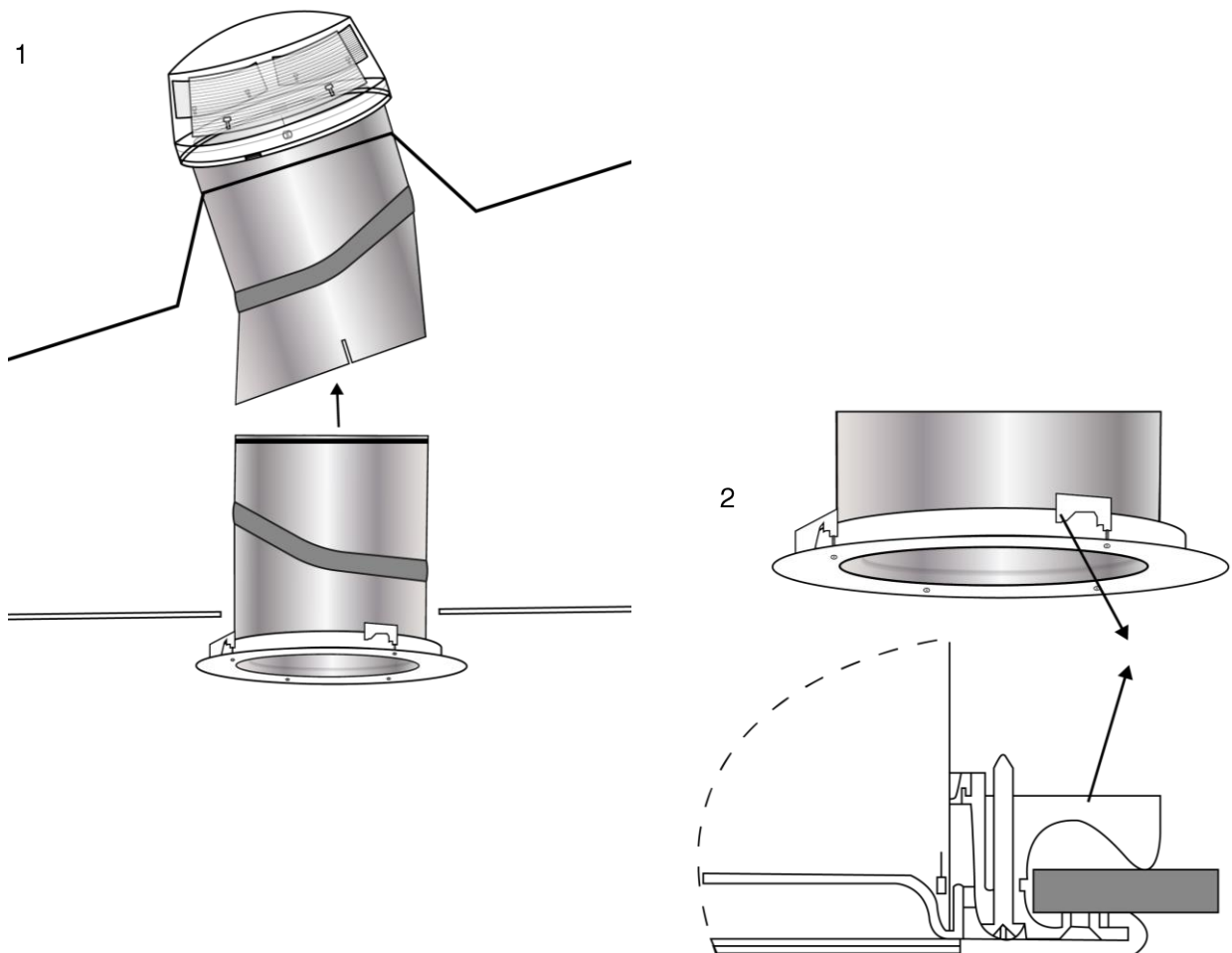
Carefully push the bottom tube assembly up through the opening created in the ceiling and up into the inside the top tube assembly, until the ceiling ring is flush with the ceiling.

Tip: Make sure that the mounting clips on the ceiling ring are in a 'closed' position so that they fit through the ceiling opening.

Tighten the four fixings screws within the ceiling ring which will engage the mounting clips, tightening them down onto the ceiling to clamp the bottom tube assembly in place.

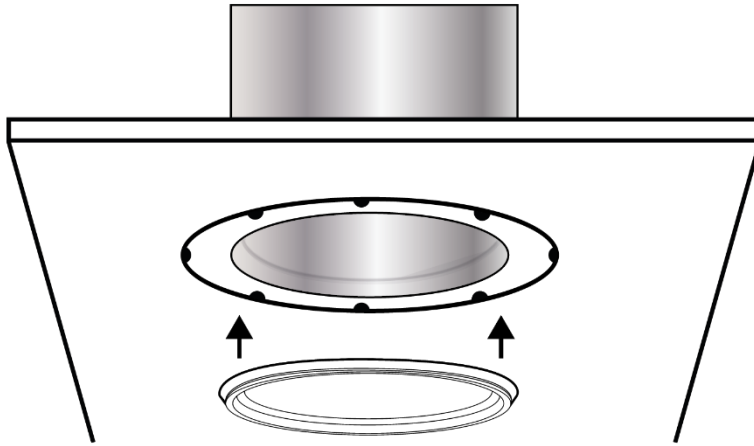
Alternatively, if the mounting clips cannot be used (for example with a concrete finish or a double boarded ceiling), or if the ceiling ring does not fit tightly enough, it can be fixed with screws through the pre-defined fixing points moulded into the ceiling ring. The pre-defined fixing points in the ceiling ring must be pre-drilled for the screws prior to being fixed in this way.

Now remove the transparent protective foil from the inside of the bottom tube assembly.



2.10 Step 10 – Fit the Natural Effect Lens

Press the Natural Effect Lens with the clear plastic tab facing downwards securely into the recess between the reflective tube and the plastic ceiling ring. The Natural Effect Lens can be easily removed if required by carefully pulling down on the clear plastic tab.



Please see the separate instructions for the installation of the ceiling diffuser.

