Row houses, Arnstein / Germany

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Architectural integration of solar thermal energy systems
PROJECT

The so-called Arnsteiner Sonnenhäuser ("sunhouses") is a terraced housing development with 20 low-energy houses. Part of the energy supply comes from a solar collector area of more than 210 m² through which water is heated and household heating is provided.

Furthermore, 95% of the space heat can be recovered through a controlled ventilation system. By using rainwater to flush the toilets, choosing ecologically friendly building materials, forgoing a basement and thus insulating the houses and taking other measures, further energy-saving and environmentally protective measures could be realized. The "sunhouses" were built collaboratively by the 20 builders in the framework of the promotional programme for experimental home building, thereby reducing acquisition and planning costs.

(ref: wikipedia)
Solar collector
Stationary flat plate CPC S1 collector from SOLARFOCUS GmbH
(Compound Parabolic Concentrating solar panels) - integrated into a small district heating system

Dimensions: 2.400 x 1.155 mm (2,8 m²) x 65 mm
Weight: 55 kg
Flow volume: 20-70 l/m²h

The CPC solar collectors are high efficiency solar panels. It comes with a 10 year warranty and is also guaranteed against condensation and corrosive air.

Key figures

Solar collector area: 224 m²
Heat store: 50 000 l + an additional ground store
Heat distribution: water based floor heating and wall heating, controlled ventilation with heat recovery
Auxiliary heating: Heat pump and small CHP driven by natural gas.

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GALLERY

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- Built/Completion: 1998
- Client: The owners of the buildings
- Architect: Haase & Partner, Karlstadt
- Solar system: SOLARFOCUS GmbH
  www.solarfocus.at
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  97450 Arnstein / Germany
- Type of project: Multi-family house