

# Pipe support elements made of soft wood fibres for heating and cooling surfaces in dry-wall construction





#### Fields of application:

The dry system based on wood fibre sheets (HWF) topped with heat-conducting plates made of aluminium is a highly efficient system in terms of its heating rate, controllability and energy utilisation. Unlike heated wet screed, the through-heating time is reduced by 75 % at a significantly lower supply flow temperature. In conjunction with intelligent, thin-layered load distributing layers, high traffic load bearing capacities up to 3.5 kN/m² and large-format surface layers can be implemented reliably.

**ENERGY NatureLine** is the sustainable product made of wood, a renewable resource.

**ENERGY NatureLine** can be used in frost-free interior areas on floors, walls and ceilings for heating and cooling.

**ENERGY NatureLine** features particularly outstanding dampening performance with noise from stepping and walking, while also having the same level of heat insulation performance as polystyrene

**ENERGY NatureLine**, with a thickness of 32 mm (including **PROSECUREfibretec 2.0**), is very thin and thus ideal for renovating older buildings. Door heights and window sills can be maintained. No more waiting for screeds to dry!

**ENERGY NatureLine** is the most efficient surface heating and cooling system for sustainable new construction that is optimised in terms of energy. The extremely fast response to the needs of the people in the room always provides the desired level of comfort with minimum use of primary energy.

- Heats up and cools off quickly
- Energy is used highly efficiently only as needed

- Prefabricated, high-precision parts that can be divided easily through an intelligent grid pattern
- Shortest construction time due to dry-wall construction surface layers can be installed immediately
- Outstanding soundproofing performance efficient dampening of distracting noise from stepping and walking
- Can be used for all surface layers in combination with tested load distributing layers
- High load capacity and improvements of soundproofing performance can be implemented

#### Product benefits:

The ENERGY NatureLine pipe support elements are sophisticated and can easily be used universally in new construction and renovation. The low weight per unit area makes the system ideally suited for lightweight timber construction as well as for renovating old ceilings with a low load capacity. The individual pipe support elements have a thickness of just 30 mm and are manufactured on the highest level of quality in Germany in conjunction with the permanently glued-on aluminium heat conducting plates. The aluminium heat conducting plates feature thermal conductivity that is more than four times better than steel (200 W/mK). Compared to steel, aluminium is neutral in terms of corrosion properties.

Water is guided into the elements using only one multi-layered composite pipe; this makes the system absolutely oxygen-tight and prevents corrosion to metal parts of the heating system. After installing the pipe support elements and the pipe, the entire area is glued over with **PROSECUREfibretec 2.0** reinforcement and decoupling mat. This not only protects the



work from mechanical damage and dirt, but at the same time provides the needed problem-free adhesion bridge to usual sealing and bonding compounds for surface layers in dry and wet areas, in residential and commercial applications. The glass fibre mesh with high tensile strength decouples the upper surface layers. Multi-layered and solid parquet can be glued on directly. Laminate, design flooring with HDF carrier and parquet with click connection in combination with a PROBASE PU-M 3,0 or PROBASE PU-M 3,0 aqua-stop underlay material for soundproofing can be laid directly in a floating configuration. For large-format tiles or sheets for carpet and design flooring, load distribution plates such as ENERGY PES, gypsum or cement fibre sheets or low-shrinking, cement-based compound in a layer thickness of 8 - 10 mm can be used for top-level substrates.

In all cases, the surface layer is close enough to the heating layer that requested temperature changes can be implemented with maximum speed. Due to these efficient system configurations, a comfortable climate with significantly lower supply flow temperatures is reached. As the preferred sources, heat generators such as a heat pump and solar energy are used.

The system includes the compatible distributor and control technology, which creates cost-effective options for implementation in renovation projects with mixer groups and room temperature limiting valves.

- Easy to handle and simple to use
- Low installation height
- Compensates for cracks
- Heats up and cools down quickly
- Ecologically safe

#### **ENERGY NatureLine system elements:**



**Pipe support element**, straight with laminated aluminium heat-conducting plates
Pipe distance 25 cm
Item no. 93830



**Diverter element** with laminated aluminium heat-conducting plates Pipe distance 25 cm Item no. 9383 I



Pipe support element, straight with laminated aluminium heat-conducting plates Pipe distance 12.5 cm Item no. 93832



2 x diverter element with laminated aluminium heat-conducting plates Pipe distance 12.5 cm Item no. 93833



Supply line plate, without aluminium Heat-conducting plates Pipe distance 12.5 cm Item no. 93835



**Edge plate**, without pipe aperture and without aluminium heat-conducting plates ltem no. 93834



**Transition plate**Pipe distance 12.5 - 25 cm
Item no. 93837



Curved plate 90° Pipe distance 25 / 12.5 cm Item no. 93836



Frame support MDF Item no. 93708

#### Data:

Product	Dimensions [L $\times$ W $\times$ H]	Item no.
Pipe support element for pipe distance of 25 cm	1000 × 500 × 30 mm	93830
Diverter element for pipe distance of 25 cm	250 × 500 × 30 mm	93831
Pipe support element for pipe distance of 12.5 cm	1000 × 500 × 30 mm	93832
2 x diverter element for pipe distance of 12.5 cm	250 × 500 × 30 mm	93833
Supply line plate for pipe distance of 12.5 cm	1000 x 500 x 30 mm	93835
Edge plate	$1000 \times 500 \times 30 \text{ mm}$	93834
Transition plate 12.5 cm – 25 cm	250 × 375 × 30 mm	93837
Curved plate 90°	250 × 250 × 30 mm	93836
Frame support MDF	1000 × 45 × 30 mm	93708

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# **ENERGY NatureLine**

Specifications:	
Base element	Wood fibre board, 140 kPa, manufactured and monitored in accordance with DIN EN 13171
Heat conduction plate	Aluminium, 0.5 mm thick, with pipe feed in $\Omega$ -profile, chamfered face edges
Thermal conductivity	0.040 W/mK
Heat transfer resistance [R]	0.75 m <sup>2</sup> K/W
Vapour diffusion factor	5 in accordance with DIN 12086
Compressive resistance	>140 kPa at 10 % compression in accordance with DIN EN 826
Fire behaviour	Euroclass E according to DIN EN 13501-1

#### System components:



#### PROSTRIP Basic PE

Edge insulating strip with approx. 25 mm wide self-adhesive strips Roll of 25 m Item no. 93527



#### PROSECUREfibretec 2.0

Reinforcement and decoupling mat Roll 10 m / 25 m Width I m Item no. 93719 / 93720



Special glass mesh fabric with butt-joining tape adhesive tape affixed in the centre width approx. 75 mm, roll 25 m Item no. 93722



#### **PROFIX**

Dispersion fixative 5 kg pail Item no. 93780



#### **ENERGY PES**

Decoupling and load distribution plates  $1150 \times 600 \times 5 \text{ mm}$ Item no. 93751



#### ENERGY multi-layered composite pipe

 $16 \times 2 \text{ mm}$ Roll of 100 rm Item no. 93727 Roll of 300 rm Item no. 93730



#### **ENERGY** press coupling

Press coupling can be compressed with a U-shaped manual crimper  $16 \times 2 \text{ mm}$ Item no. 93731



#### **ENERGY** plug coupling

Plug coupling with integrated press function, grouting mark and colour coding  $16 \times 2 \text{ mm}$ Item no. 93745

#### Supplementary products:



#### PROBASE PU-M 3.0

Flooring underlayment  $5.5 \times 1.0 \text{ m}$ Item no. 93646



#### PROBASE PU-M 3.0 aqua-stop

Flooring underlayment with aqua-stop, with / without joint sealing tape  $5.5 \times 1.0 \text{ m}$ Item no. 93619 / 93616

#### Storage and transportation:

Boards should be transported and stored, lying flat wherever possible, in a cool and dry place protected from sunlight and dirt.

#### **Environmental protection and disposal:**

Dispose of containers and leftover product as stipulated by law and in accordance with regional regulations.

#### Instructions on hazardous goods and substances:

No special measures required.

#### Preparation/assessment of substrate:

The ENERGY NatureLine pipe support elements can easily be used universally in new construction and renovation. The concept with a thickness of 30 mm, pipe distances of 25 cm and 12.5 cm and heat-conducting plates made of aluminium ensure maximum energy efficiency with low supply flow temperatures, fed by the oxygen-tight multi-layered composite pipe with a diameter of 16 mm. This enables individual, sustainable solutions to be implemented cost-effectively.

The basic system is suitable for living rooms with a traffic load bearing capacity of 2.5 kN/m<sup>2</sup>. The load capacity of the substrate must be suitable for the planned use (DIN EN 1991-1-1).

The prerequisite for installation is creating a level surface on the substrate. For floors, DIN 18202 Table 3 Row 4 is applicable:



# Pitch as limit values in [mm] at Measuring point distances in [m]

Row	Relationship	0.1 m	l m	4 m	10 m	15 m
4	Finished floors with more stringent	I mm	3 mm	9 mm	12 mm	15 mm
	requirements, e.g. with self-levelling					
	fillers					

These dimensional tolerances are compensated for by the system without damage.

Areas of unevenness up to approx. I 0 mm on concrete or mineral screed surfaces are compensated for ideally using self-levelling, cement-based fillers.

Larger areas of unevenness, such as those encountered during renovation, should preferably be filled using a bound filler with a compressive resistance of > 1.5 N/mm² with a low dead weight and simultaneous thermal insulation. A dry load distributing layer such as an OSB sheet or gypsum or cement fibre sheet is placed over the entire surface. The thickness is based on the planned future loads.

Areas of unevenness on wood joist ceilings also have to be looked at on a case-by-case basis. In many cases, it is sufficient to additionally affix loose boards or attach an additional load distribution plate.

Existing coverings made of tile, natural stone, parquet or non-textile plastic coverings can usually be laid directly if the levelness of the surface complies with requirements.

For floors in cellars where the insulating and/or sealing situation is unknown, additional sealing measures may be required. These can range anywhere from a PE film as a vapour barrier to watertight bituminous sheeting in accordance with DIN 18533 where a level substrate would have to be created on top of it.

#### Laying/working:

#### Preparatory measures/site planning

#### Structure

- The substrate to be lined with the ENERGY NatureLine System is level: DIN 18202 Table 3 Row 4. All structural work on the floor is complete. The floor is ready to be lined in terms of its load capacity and equilibrium moisture content.
- All plaster and drywall work is complete in the area of the surface to be lined.
- Sealing measures in accordance with DIN 18533 and DIN 18534 are complete on the structure.
- The distributor is correctly positioned in the distributor cabinet, the supply lines from the energy generator are connect-

- ed in a depressurised condition.
- A binding and accessible metre marking is present in each storey.
- The space for later built-in fixtures such as bath tubs and shower trays is demarcated authoritatively.
- Changes of surface layers are identified in a legally binding manner in the floor plan.
- Additional insulation installed on-site complies with Proline ENERGY requirements in terms of load capacity and plane flatness.

#### Infrastructure

- The water and electrical connections are present and functional.
- A weather-neutral room for storing goods is present and can be protected from irregular access.
- Containers are provided in compliance with local disposal guidelines for disposing of any packaging.
- During the installation work, no third-party labourers are within the area to be lined.
- A cordon for protecting the work can be set up and reliably enforced.

#### **Technology**

- The 230 V /50 Hz power supply connection is present and functional in the distributor cabinet.
- Elements of the control system, both wired and wireless, are installed between the room thermostat and distributor.

#### Working

Attach PROSTRIP Basic PE edge-insulating strips to all rising components and installation parts to prevent non-positive connections and sound bridges.

Route the frame support on all sides according to the routing plan.

Presort **ENERGY NatureLine** pipe support elements in accordance with the layout drawing.

According to their absorbency, wooden subfloors must be precoated with a suitable primer in a film-forming manner and be left to dry completely. The presorted elements can then be glued with PROFIX. To do so, use a lambskin roller to apply **PROFIX** in a film-forming manner on the grease-free, clean, and adhesion-ready subfloor (coverage approx. 400 g/m²) and install the elements according to the installation diagram. On absorptive mineral substrates, the pipe support elements have to be adhered using thin-bed adhesive of class C2 S2 or higher.



We recommend starting work from one corner of the room and continuing towards the passage at which the tube heat exchanger leaves the room.

Route the ENERGY multi-layered composite pipe to follow the heating circuit. To do so, set up the pipe reel outside the room on the installation substrate such that the pipe is guided directly into the room in which the system is to be installed and can be installed without torsion. To do so, feed the pipe ahead in a large arc and use your foot to snap it into the pipe grooves without applying additional force. A heating circuit is usually installed without coupling between the feed and return of the distributor. If, despite this, it should be necessary to install a press-fit or plugin coupling, position the coupling such that it is flush with the surface in the pipe support element.

Once all heat exchangers have been installed, the work must be protected from tampering by third parties!

After a successful pressure test, the area brought to this stage of completion must be affixed with **PROSECUREfibretec 2.0** in combination with **PROFIX** (use approx. 400 g /  $m^2$ ). For details, refer to the current PROLINE Systems data sheet! (installation direction perpendicular to the pipe routing.)

To increase the load capacity – from a traffic load bearing capacity of 2.5 kN/m² to 3.5 kN/m² or the applicable system planning of the floor structure ENERGY PES is installed directly on top of PROSECUREfibretec 2.0. For this purpose, the corresponding space is first designed with ENERGY PES in a running bond pattern and gaps are closed using pieces cut to size. The ENERGY PES sheets are reattached in sections and adhered directly to PROSECUREfibretec 2.0 without tension using a thin-bed adhesive of Class C2 S2 or higher. The edge insulating strip is not compressed in the process! After the glue dries – observe the information on the data sheet from the corresponding manufacturer – the planned surface layer can be applied.

As an alternative to the **ENERGY PES**, a load-distributing compensation can be established on **PROSECUREfibretec 2.0** using low-shrinkage, cement-based, self-levelling compound. The minimum thickness is 8 mm. The butt joints have to be adhered using PROBAND S between the strips of **PROSECUREfibretec 2.0** such that levelling compound does not seep underneath. The edge terminations must be configured similarly. After the application dries completely (see manufacturer's information) the planned surface layer can be applied.

#### Furthermore:

 The surface heating and cooling systems are installed by qualified tradespeople exclusively.

- The substrates to be covered with ENERGY NatureLine must have a sufficient level of flexural strength, compressive resistance and low vibration for the intended load.
- The use of floor conveyors and lift trucks with metal rollers and polyamide wheels normally represents high to extremely high mechanical loads. ENERGY NatureLine is not suited to this application.
- The smallest tile format of **ENERGY NatureLine** must not exceed 10 x 10 cm without a load distribution plate.
- The largest tile format must not exceed an area of 1.0 m<sup>2</sup> (with ENERGY PES / with levelling compound)
- The tile format must correspond to a ratio of ≤ 2:1 (length:width).
- For a format > 33 x 33 cm or higher, a load distribution plate is required. Either lay ENERGY PES as described above or a layer of 8-10 mm thick, low-shrinkage, cement-based, self-levelling compound.
- The tile thickness must not exceed 8 mm.
- Mosaic is always installed on a load distribution plate.
- The joint compound must be suitable in terms of its strength and adherence to the tile. At minimum, select a high-quality flexible joint. A dispersion joint is preferable.
- Multi-layered parquet should have a minimum thickness of 10 mm.
- On underfloor heating, solid parquet boards should be no longer than 120 cm and no thinner than 21 mm.
- Mortars mixed with polymers, dispersion and reaction resin adhesive and elastic joint fillers used to install surface layers on the ENERGY NatureLine must have reached their rated strength before they can be approved for their intended use.
- The installation sequence must take into account the curing times in relation to the laying temperature and manufacturer's specifications so that previously laid sections are not weakened or even damaged.
- **ENERGY NatureLine** does not eliminate the need to install building joints, connecting joints and expansion joints.
- Natural and artificial stone coverings that are known to have a tendency to deform if they take on water should only be laid on ENERGY NatureLine with suitable, water-free bonding compounds.
- Wooden floorboards must be screwed down tight. Individual floorboards must not shift towards or away from each other under any circumstances.
- Sheets of wood must be screwed down tight every 40 cm in a square pattern and the tongue and groove joints must be permanently glued. The supports of a beam ceiling must not



exceed a dimension of 75 cm between the centre lines. The wood moisture must be the same as the moisture balance.

For the detailed floor structure of ENERGY NatureLine depending on the type and format of the surface layer and the planned load, refer to the respective system data sheet and the technical documentation. In case of doubt, seek advice from the Proline Systems Application Technology department.

#### Standards and regulations:

It is recommended that the following standards and regulations are observed and taken into consideration:

- DIN EN 1264 Water based surface embedded heating and cooling systems
- DIN 18352 Tile laying work
- DIN 18332 Natural stone work
- DIN 18333 Cast stone work
- DIN 18353 Screed work
- DIN 18356 Working with parquet
- DIN 4725 Floor heating, systems and components
- DIN 18202 Tolerances in building construction
- DIN 18560 Screeds in building construction
- DIN 18533 Waterproofing of elements in contact with soil
- DIN 18534 Waterproofing for indoor applications
- DIN 18157 Execution of ceramic linings by thin mortar bed technique
- DIN EN 1991-1-1 Actions on structures
- Bulletins from German Association of Screed and Flooring
- Bulletins from Association of Tiles and Natural Stone in the Central Association of the German Construction Industry
- Interface co-ordination for heating flooring constructions
- Bulletins of German Association of Surface Heating
- Bulletin entitled "Highly loaded floor coverings" from the Central Association of the German Construction Industry
- Tile and slab information entitled "Information on decoupling" from the Central Association of the German Construction Industry
- German Natural Stone Association Structural engineering information for natural stone

For detailed information about planning and execution, refer to the technical documentation.

All information, references, instructions, basic engineering principles, regulations, standards and expertise are based on German and largely equivalent European regulations and training standards, irrespective of additional country-specific supplements and amendments.

All our specifications are based on our experience and careful analysis. We are unable to examine or influence the diversity of associated materials used and the various construction site and processing conditions in detail. Fulfilment of an imposed work order and verifiable functionality of the object therefore depends on the observation of current VOB rules and the recognised rules of technology.

Our details do not absolve the accountable planner's and fitter's obligation to assess - on their own authority - the building conditions and practicability of the products. In case of doubt, carry out your own tests or seek technical application advice. Please refer to the laying and working guidelines of the floor covering manufacturers or the manufacturers of associated products.

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#### Installation instructions



Lay the edge-insulating strips around the perimeter of the wall. Adjust the first frame support and glue it to the load-bearing substrate



Start with the elements described according to the layout drawing and bond to the substrate over the entire area.



Continue laying the pipe support elements as described previously.



Cut the heating elements between the heat conduction plates, as necessary.

Never cut the aluminium sheets!



Fill the edge surfaces and corner areas with edge elements. Supply line elements simplify installation.



Individual pipe feeds are created using a router. Use of a vacuum cleaner is recommended.



Press the multi-layer composite pipe into the pipe channels in a large arc from above without any tension. Maximum heating circuit length is 120 m.



Bend the multi-layer composite pipe in both directions directly behind the head elements to relieve tension.



You can see the area with the finished Proline ENERGY NatureLine installation in the image above. The PROSECUREfibretec 2.0 is bonded over the entire surface with PROFIX dispersion fixative to protect the laid elements and the pipe as well as to stabilse the surface. The following installation steps can be found in our system configuration.