

Next generation natural ventilation system



WINDCATCHER® X-Air next generation natural ventilation system features

- Computer generated aerodynamic design delivers greater ventilation rate
- ACTIVLOUVRE system provides enhanced ventilation control and ultimate weather protection
- Integral solar powered architectural lighting system
- Composite insulated upstand allows rapid installation, low U-valve and high air tightness
- Reduced lead time
- 5 standard colours
- Made from fully recyclable materials

The Monodraught WINDCATCHER X-Air is the next generation of natural ventilation that follows in the footsteps of the successful WINDCATCHER classic systems that have proved to be so popular.





ACTIVLOUVRE® modulating aerofoil louvre technology Patent No. 1011356.1/European patent pending

The ACTIVLOUVRE technology provides ventilation control at roof level and prevents weather ingress into the WINDCATCHER. The system comprises of an external set of static louvres and an internal set of active louvres positioned to give a constant width through the opening. The active louvres can be raised and lowered to vary the free area of the opening according to the control strategy. The greatest air flow rates through the louvres are achieved when they are fully open, but the ACTIVLOUVRE system is able to modulate their position to increase the resistance of the louvre, or they can be fully shut to prevent the ingress of snow, which any open louvre system by definition is susceptible to.

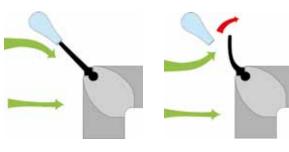
Architectural Solar Powered Lighting System Patent No. 1012112.7



The WINDCATCHER X-Air incorporates an architectural lighting system powered by a 10Watt photovoltaic panel mounted within the cap of the system. A solar panel collects solar energy throughout the day, even during overcast skies, charging an internal Lithium ION battery. The system automatically illuminates at low light and so the WINDCATCHER X-Air can provide soft architectural lighting with no user input.

External Air Catchment Fins

The External Air Catchment Fins are located on each corner of the WINDCATCHER X-Air and comprises of a tear drop profile light tube and a pressure release fin. When the wind speed is low, the fins are used to increase the cross sectional louvre area. This increases the positive and negative pressure on the windward and leeward faces, respectively, and increases the total rate of air flow through the system. When wind speed is high the rubber fin flexes, helping to relieve excessive wind loading.



Low wind speed

High wind speed 5m/s and above

Aerofoil Louvre

Patent No. 1012114.3

The ACTIVLOUVRE technology is designed to provide ventilation control, but also to be aerodynamically efficient. By reducing losses through the louvred section the level of ventilation per system is increased, and so when its performance is compared to a standard louvre, it is found to be significantly greater. The aerodynamic profile was developed using computational fluid dynamic (CFD) techniques and wind tunnel tests in association with the University of Reading and University of Nottingham.

Swept Divider Patent No. 1012115.0

Monodraught WINDCATCHER systems are divided into four separate quadrants, but the WINDCATCHER X-Air system incorporates turning vanes to gently turn the air flow while avoiding flow separation and increased frictional losses. The dividers also have a structural role proving support for mechanical components and to act as a barrier between them and the air flow.

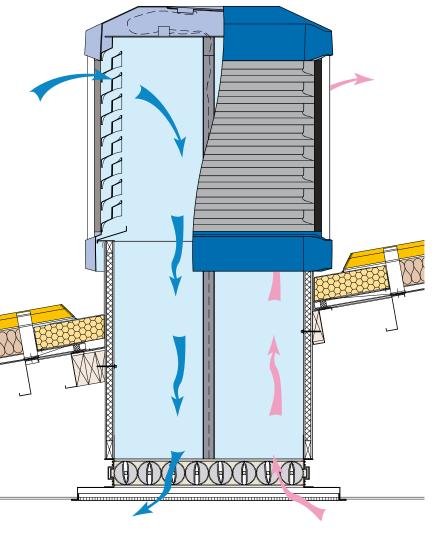
Sizes

WINDCATCHER X-Air systems are available in a range of sizes. Monodraught provide detailed calculations to size the WINDCATCHER X-Air systems for any particular application.

Colours

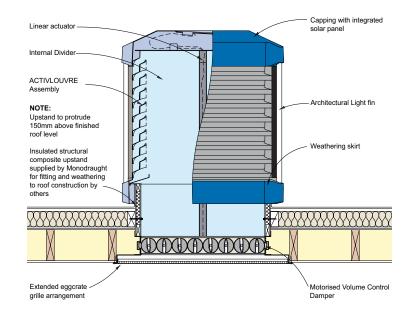
The WINDCATCHER X-Air components are available in 5 colours and can be ordered in a number of combinations.





Composite Upstand

Monodraught have developed an insulated upstand arrangement to be used with the WINDCATCHER X-Air. The upstand is a multi-layer construction allowing for high levels of insulation, and also ensures every system maintains an air tight seal and reduces install times to a minimum. The WINDCATCHER X-Air can only be installed onto flat roofs or roofs with a pitch of 15° or less and must be installed onto a Monodraught upstand.



Specification

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Type: Monodraught WINDCATCHER X-Air system

Louvres: ACTIVLOUVRE system incorporating mechanical, top level volume flow control and weather ingress protection.

Internal Airways: Turning vanes providing reduced turbulence of inlet and extract flows.

Kerb: Insulated composite upstand provided by Monodraught to suit roof construction (fitted and weathered to roof construction by others prior to Monodraught attendance).

Volume Control Dampers: 24 volt modulating insulated volume control dampers with high specification air shut off.

Ceiling Grilles: White powder coated eggcrate grille or linear grilles.

Maximum roof pitch of 15° in order to install WINDCATCHER X-AIR system

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