

High-Spanning Glazing System Technical Guide



High-Span Glazing Solution

ALUKAP[®]-SS self-support system has been designed to combine exceptional strength ratios with an excellent and aesthetically pleasing finish.

The simplicity of ALUKAP[®]-SS reduces installation time without reducing the quality of the finished product. Manufactured almost entirely from aluminium extrusion the ALUKAP[®]-SS system provides an integrated low-weight high-strength structure.

ALUKAP[®]-SS accommodates AXIOME[®] multiwall sheet in almost any thickness including 6mm, 10mm, 16mm, 25mm and 35mm. Additionally the high strength design of ALUKAP[®]-SS is perfectly suited to single glass and double glazed glass units options of almost any thickness.



Common uses:

- \checkmark Decking and Veranda Covers
- ✓ Covered Walkways
- ✓ Carports
- \checkmark Shelters
- 🗸 Play Area Covers
- \checkmark Conservatories
- \checkmark Swimming Pools
- 🗸 Lean To's

Qualities:

- ✓ Excellent Spanning Capabilities
- ✓ No need for Timber Rafters
- ✓ Fast to Install
- ✓ All Powder-Coated Aluminium for Longevity
- ✓ Maintenance Free
- ✓ Suited to Single Glass, Double Glazed Units and AXIOME[®] Multiwall







ALUKAP[®]-SS : Low Profile Bar

The ALUKAP®-SS Low Profile glazing bar system offers a spanning range of between three and four meters depending on chosen loading ratings and choice of glazing material. This is ideal for shorter spans, and also areas where a centre purlin is provided to break the overall span, and provides a perfect solution where project budgets are limited.

This ALUKAP®-SS Low Profile bar is suited to almost any glass or AXIOME® multiwall thickness.

Wall and Gable bar options are readily available to provide a suitable finish to the upper part of the glazing beams at wall abutments and gable ends.



ALUKAP[®]-SS : Low Profile Wall Bar

The ALUKAP®-SS Low Profile Wall Bar provides a perfect finish where the glazing abuts a rising wall. The integral upstand provides an excellent waterproof connection for lead flashing or flash band to drop down over. This also reduces installation time on site and provides a lasting leak-proof solution.



ALUKAP[®]-SS : Low Profile Gable Bar

The ALUKAP®-SS Low Profile Gable Bar provides a perfect finish to the end bar of ALUKAP®-SS glazing. The simplicity of the down stand means that it works with any thickness of glazing.



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ALUKAP®-SS : High Span Bar

This High Span ALUKAP®-SS bar outperforms possibly every other bar on the market when it comes to self-supported spanning distances.

With a free-spanning capability between five and six meters this ALUKAP®-SS High Span bar system can be used to create much more usable spaces with less posts and other supports required.

From barbecue covered decking areas, to double-width carports and children's play areas this beam creates a space to suit a wide range of commercial, public and residential structures.



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ALUKAP®-SS : High Profile Gable Bar

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ALUKAP®-SS : Wall Plate

Using the same profile as the ALUKAP®-SS Eaves Beam, the ALUKAP®-SS Wall Plate can be bolted to a wall or similar structure to provide a robust and straight wall plate to glaze from.

The ALUKAP®-SS Wall Plate is designed to work with glazing pitches from 2.5 to 25 degrees.





ALUKAP®-SS L-Cap Bar

As with the Eaves Beam the ALUKAP®-SS Wall Plate has an optional ALUKAP®-SS L-Cap for structures where draft and wind proofing are essential.



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ALUKAP[®]-SS : Eaves Beam

The ALUKAP®-SS Eaves Beam provides a variable pitch solution to suit a wide range of required pitches. Manufactured using high quality powder-coated aluminium profiles this beam is designed with strength, aesthetics and longevity in mind.

The intersecting ALUKAP®-SS bars simply bolt in to the ALUKAP®-SS Eaves Beam with M6 stainless steel bolts provided, and the cover strip clicks in to place concealing the fixing points. The ALUKAP®-SS Eaves Beam also provides an installer-friendly Deep Flow QUADRAFLO® Gutter bracket locator to increase speed and accuracy during installation.



ALUKAP®-SS L-Cap Bar

There is an optional ALUKAP®-SS L-Cap for structures where draft and wind proofing are essential, however where the structure is open there is a cost saving to be made by omitting the ALUKAP®-SS L-Cap.

'L-Cap' High Span Bar Image: Sp

ALUKAP®-SS : Wall Plate and Eaves Beam Deductions



At the ALUKAP[®]-SS Wall Plate end, deduct 15mm from the top end of the glazing material to allow for expansion and contraction. The lead flashing from the wall should then come down and dress over this. On lower pitched roofs the flashing should be sealed on to the glazing with a compatible sealant in order to prevent water ingress in severe weather.

At the ALUKAP®-SS Eaves Beam end of the ALUKAP®-SS roof, you should ensure that the glazing extends beyond the face of the ALUKAP®-SS Eaves Beam by 30mm to allow the water to run off the roof in to the gutter.



NOTE: FOR HEAVY LOADS OR LONG SPANS

For longer spans and / or heavier loading we recommend posts for additional support below the wall plate also. Inasmuch as Clear Amber have no control over the circumstances in which our material may be used, or site specific parameters, we cannot guarantee that any particular results will be achieved. Users should carry out their own tests to determine the suitability of the material for their application. Installers should satisfy themselves that published permissible loadings and bar spacings for ALUKAP®-SS structures, together with any supporting posts, frames, or walls and fixings, are sufficient to provide adequate strength for the intended use and to meet regional loading requirements. Installers should also obtain their own job-specific structural engineer's report for their individual site. Samples are readily available to users to test and verify the exact sizes according to their site requirements.

ALUKAP[®]-SS : Glazing Deductions

Glazing deduction guidelines are shown below for the ALUKAP®-SS bar system for ALUKAP®-SS Wall bars, ALUKAP®-SS standard/centre bars and ALUKAP®-SS Gable bars however, these may need to be amended depending on chosen glazing materials and glazing centres. Samples are readily available to users to test and verify the exact sizes according to their site requirements.



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ALUKAP[®]-SS : Suited to any Thickness or Type of Glazing



ALUKAP[®]-SS : Spanning

The following ALUKAP®-SS Spanning guides have been calculated by independent structural engineers and provide an excellent resource for specifying correct spans and bars specification depending of the estimated wind and snow loading requirements for the specific location. *NOTE: loads are unfactored (i.e. do not include partial safety factors of 1.2 for wind or 1.33 for imposed).*

These ALUKAP®-SS Spanning guides show the deflection of the bars at three given loads per linear metre for several different length options. There is a set for the three most common glazing options for both the ALUKAP®-SS Low Profile bar and also the ALUKAP®-SS High Span bar. Notwithstanding separate glazing sheet limitations these figures are the expected results when the bars are spaced at 1000mm centres, where force on one linear meter of bar equates to the same force for one square meter of structure.

For most glazing sheets 1000mm width centres is normally too wide, however from these figures you can simply calculate your desired width and then check the width. For example, for a roof requiring 0.6kN of load, but where the ALUKAP®-SS bars are set at 700mm centres, you can take the 0.6kN load and divide by 1000mm width, then multiply back up by 700mm width and you will find the effective force on the actual ALUKAP®-SS bar is reduced to 0.42kN per linear meter: 0.6 / 1000 x 700 = 0.42. Therefore by reducing the glazing centres some incredible free span distances can be achieved.

Samples are available to users to test and verify the exact sizes according to their site requirements, and users should not rely on the data below, but have a site specific structural report created taking in to consideration all variants.



ALUKAP[®]-SS Spanning with AXIOME[®]

100 **KEY** 80 Deflection (mm) DEFLECTION (mm) at 0.42 kN/m 60 Deflection (mm) at 0.6 kN/m 40 Deflection (mm) at 0.9 kN/m 20 35mm Deflection 0 3000 5500 0009 3500 4000 4500 5000 SPAN (mm)

ALUKAP $^{\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}}$ -SS High Span with AXIOME $^{\ensuremath{\mathbb{R}}}$

ALUKAP®-SS Spanning with 4mm Double Glazing

ALUKAP[®]-SS Low Profile Bar with 4mm Double Glazing





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ALUKAP®-SS Spanning with 6mm Double Glazing



ALUKAP[®]-SS High Span with 6mm Double Glazing



ALUKAP[®]-SS : Eaves Beam Post Spacing

As always you should always consult a structural engineer and make sure you have your structure correctly set up depending on the location, exposure, pitch and several other site-specific factors. However we have set out some calculated figures to provide a rough guide of spacing between ALUKAP®-SS posts. For larger constructions, ALUKAP®-SS roofs can be further strengthened by many bespoke additions such as bracing, gallows brackets etc.

ALUKAP [®] -SS Eavesbeam Calculations							
Max Distance	Total Load: 0.6kN/m²	Total Load: 0.9kN/m²	Total Load: 1.2kN/m²				
Between Posts							
3m Projection	2.80m	2.47m	2.42m				
4.8m Projection	2.42m	2.10m	1.80m				
6.0m Projection	2.25m	1.85m	1.60m				

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Example diagram showing dimensions of an ALUKAP®-SS Glazing System



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ALUKAP[®]-SS : Heritage Range

This standard palette of colours are designed to provide a core range of most popular colours that are frequently requested. By collating this suite of hues we are able to provide faster deliveries for your day-to-day requirements whilst still meeting the demands for a wider choice of matching profiles.

Other Bespoke Colours:

ALUKAP®-SS can be coloured to any RAL code, using our special coating process.

TCH-Alukap White	TCH-Irish Beige	TCH-Rustic Red	TCH-Deep Iron Red	TCH-Stream Blue	TCH-Depth Blue
TCH-Lichen Green	TCH-Trail Green	TCH-Deep Green	TCH-Subtle Dust Grey	TCH-Wash Grey	TCH-Zinc Grey
TCH-Shadow Grey	TCH-Thunder Grey	TCH-Dusk Grey	TCH-Mahogany Brown	TCH-Rosewood Brown	TCH- ALUKAP® Brown

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