

Installation manual for EK-FC Bridge interconnect system

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Before you start using this product please follow these basic guidelines:

- 1. Please carefully read the manual before through before beginning with the installation process!
- 2. Please remove your motherboard from the computer to assure safest mounting process in order to prevent any possible damages to your CPU and/or motherboard's circuit board (PCB).
- 3. The EK High Flow and EK-PSC type fittings require only a small amount of force to screw them firmly in place since the liquid seal is ensured by the rubber o-ring gaskets.

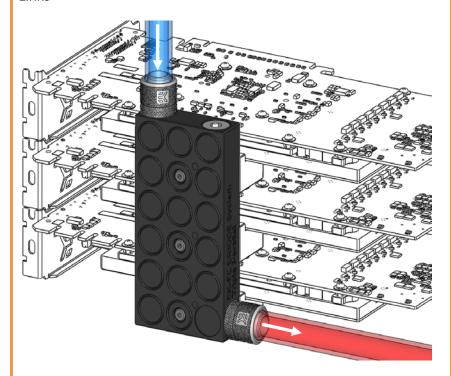
The use of corrosion inhibiting coolants is always recommended for any liquid cooling system.

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE:

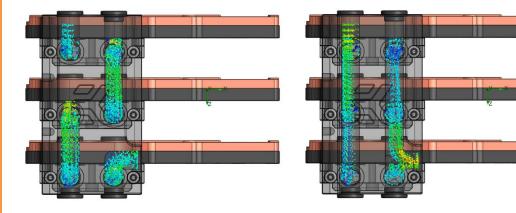
<u>Do not over-tighten</u> the screws during assembly process! Over-tightening of the screw may damage the thread in POM Acetal, rendering the EK-FC Link useless.

STEP 1: GENERAL INFORMATION.

Sample picture showing EK-FC Bridge TRIPLE Parallel and EK-FC Links



STEP 2: GENERAL INFORMATION: SERIAL vs PARALLEL



Serial or successive flow:

Water starts flowing initially through first block, continues to second block and ends up with the third block.

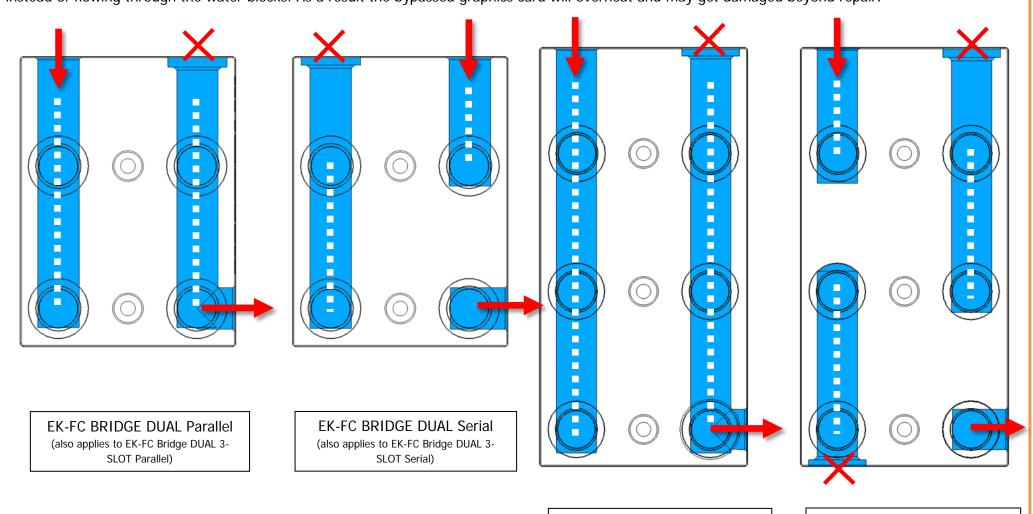
Whole system flow is lower compared to parallel flow due to higher restriction.

Parallel flow:

Water flows through all blocks simultaneously. With such configuration each water block gets one third of all flow. Total system flow is higher compared to serial or successive flow.

STEP 3: CHOOSING INLET AND OUTLET PORT

It is of highest importance to use correct inlet and outlet port configuration. Not using the correct ports may result in water bypassing the water blocks instead of flowing through the water blocks. As a result the bypassed graphics card will overheat and may get damaged beyond repair!



EK-FC BRIDGE TRIPLE Parallel (also applies to EK-FC Bridge TRIPLE Z77

Parallel)

PLEASE NOTE:

- 1. Only one port must be used as inlet and one port as outlet!
- 2. Ports can be <u>exchanged</u>, meaning inlet can be used as outlet and at the same time outlet can be used as inlet.

(also applies to EK-FC Bridge TRIPLE Z77 Serial)

EK-FC BRIDGE TRIPLE Serial

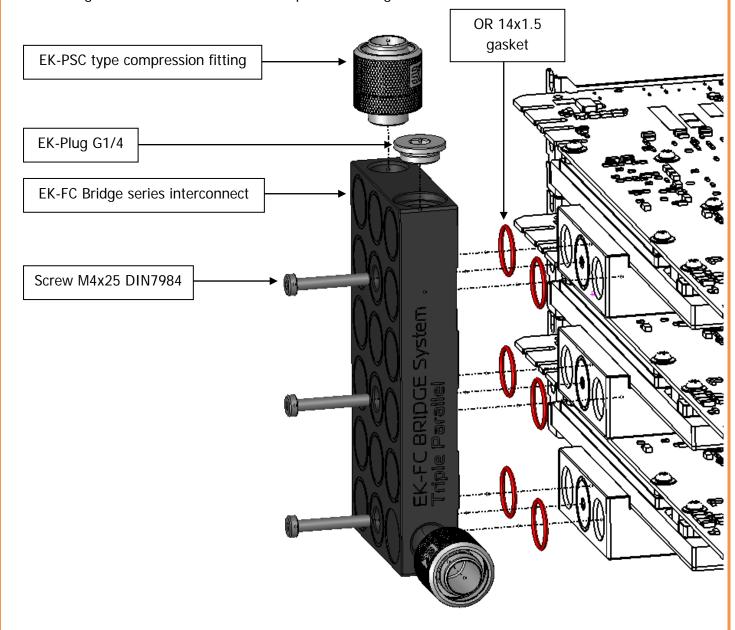
STEP 3 cont.: CHOOSING INLET AND

STEP 4: ATTACHING THE EK-FC BRIDGE INTERCONNECT

OUTLET PORT

Please take the following steps for installing any EK-FC Bridge interconnect to your graphics cards water blocks:

- 1. Make sure you have correctly installed the EK-FC Link (enclosed with each graphics card) on to your Full Cover water block. Please consult your full cover water block installation manual.
- 2. Install OR 14x1.5 o-ring gaskets in grooved slots on the EK-FC Bridge interconnect. Make sure the gaskets are installed correctly! Each water block or blank link requires two (2) gaskets!
- 3. Secure the EK-FC Bridge interconnect with M4x25 DIN7984 (enclosed) using the enclosed Allen (hex) key 2.5mm!
- 4. **If necessary** plug all unused bridge ports using appropriate EK-FC Link Blank (Serial or Parallel depending on the type of your bridge). When using <u>EK-FC Link Blank Serial</u> it is mandatory to secure it using the screw enclosed with EK-FC Link Blank Serial. <u>Do not use M4x25 DIN7984</u> with these type of blank link! EK-FC Link Blank Parallel should be installed using the M4x25 DIN7984 screw.
- 5. Plug all unneeded G1/4 threaded ports using Allen (hex) key 6mm (if needed) and install inlet/outlet fittings. EK recommends EK-PSC compression fittings.



STEP 5: OTHER INSTRUCTIONS

EK-FC BRIDGE QUAD Semi-Parallel

VERY IMPORTANT NOTICE: Once the installation is completed, it is a recommended practice to test the cooling circuit for leaks prior to powering up the computer. We recommend a 24 hour leak test prior to powering up the computer. Do not test the water block using tap water pressure. This will rupture the top of the housing and render the block unusable (and will void your warranty). While all efforts have been made to provide the most comprehensive tutorial possible, EK Water Blocks assumes no liability expressed or implied for any consequential damage(s) occurring to your equipment as a result of using EK Water Blocks cooling products, either due to errors or omissions on our part in the above instructions, or due to failure or defect in the EK Water Blocks cooling products.

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REQUIRED TOOLS:

Allen (hex) key 6mm & 2.5mm (both enclosed)