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

## STEP 1: GENERAL INFORMATION. Sample picture of AMD FirePro W8100 series graphics card.



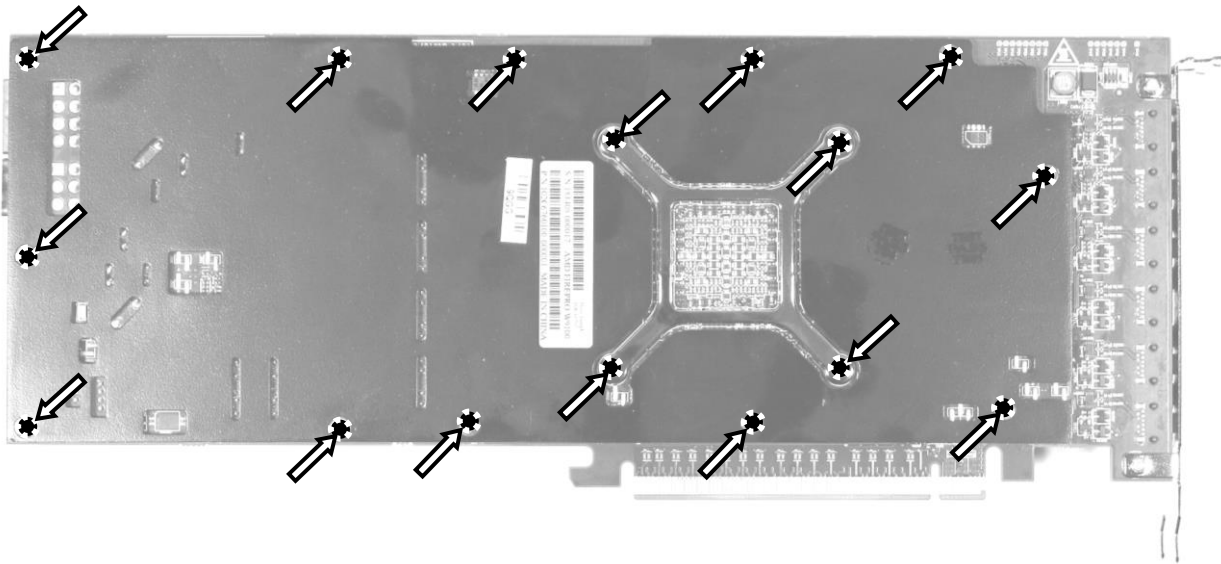
## STEP 2: PREPARING YOUR GRAPHIC CARD.

1. REMOVING STOCK COOLER: Remove two encircled screws on the I/O bracket:

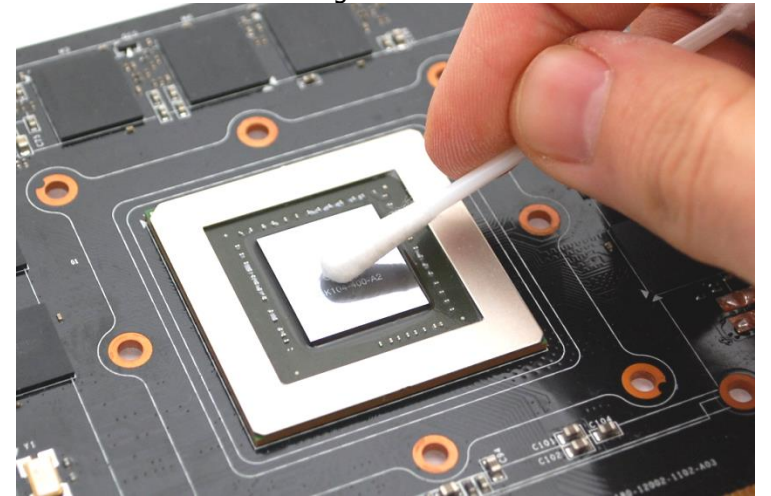


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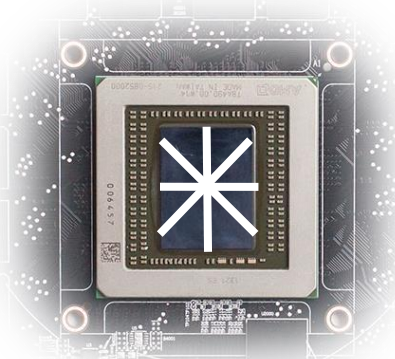
2 cont.. REMOVING STOCK COOLER. Remove all encircled screws. All heat sink assembly screws should be removed, including self-adhesive washers on both sides of the PCB (if present). There are up to 16 screws on the back of the graphics card. Depending on the manufacturer different size Philips head screwdriver might be needed to complete this step.



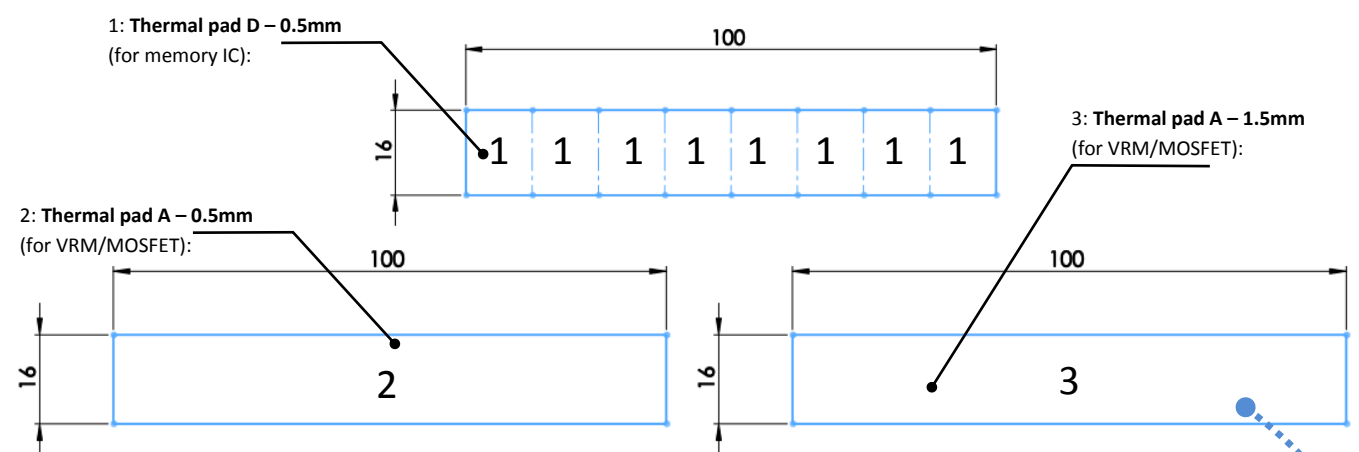
2. CLEANING THE PCB. Carefully detach the original stock cooler after removing **all** screws securing it to the board. Wipe off the remains (by using non-abrasive cloth or *q-tip*, as shown on sample photo) of the original thermal compound until the components and circuit board are completely clean. EKWB recommends the use of denatured alcohol for removing TIM leftovers.



3. APPLYING THERMAL COMPOUND. Wipe off the remains (by using non-abrasive cloth or *q-tip*) of the original thermal compound until the components and circuit board are completely clean. Apply thermal compound: lightly coat AMD GPU chip with enclosed EK-TIM Ectotherm thermal grease. EKWB recommends to apply thermal grease in cross form for best performance (see sample picture).

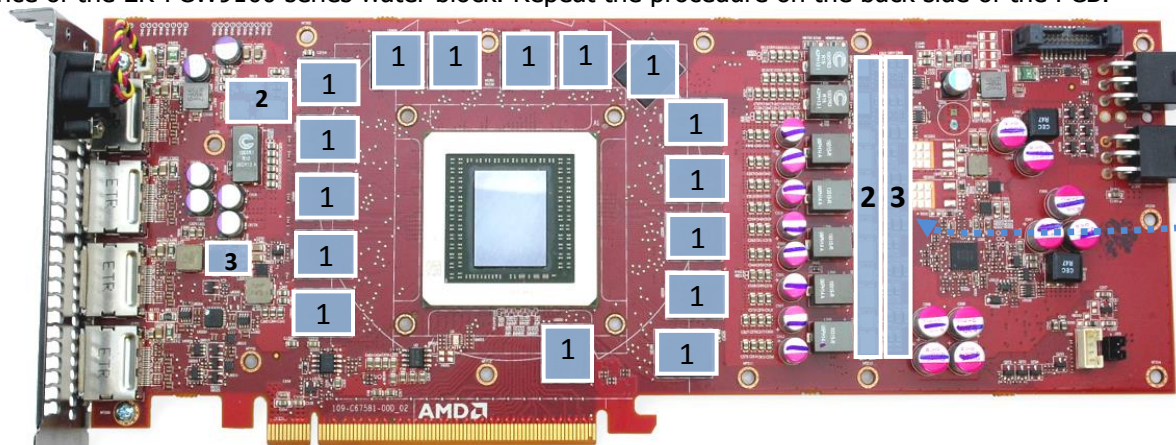


4. CUTTING THERMAL PADS. Your block comes with thermal pads, some of which are already pre-cut. Others have to be cut to smaller chunks in order to cover all the VRM components such as MOSFETs and drivers. PLEASE REMOVE THE PROTECTIVE FOIL FROM BOTH SIDES OF THE THERMAL PADS PRIOR TO INSTALLATION. Replacement thermal pads: Thermal Pad D – 0.5mm (RAM 8X), Thermal Pad A – 0.5mm (100x16mm)

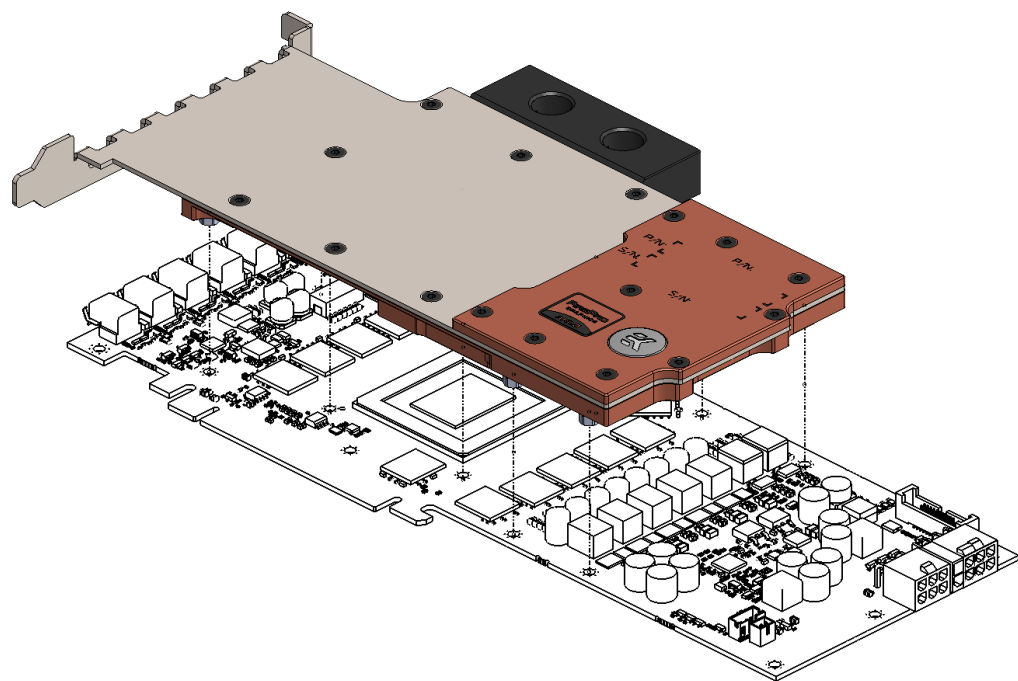


## STEP 3: INSTALLING THE WATER BLOCK

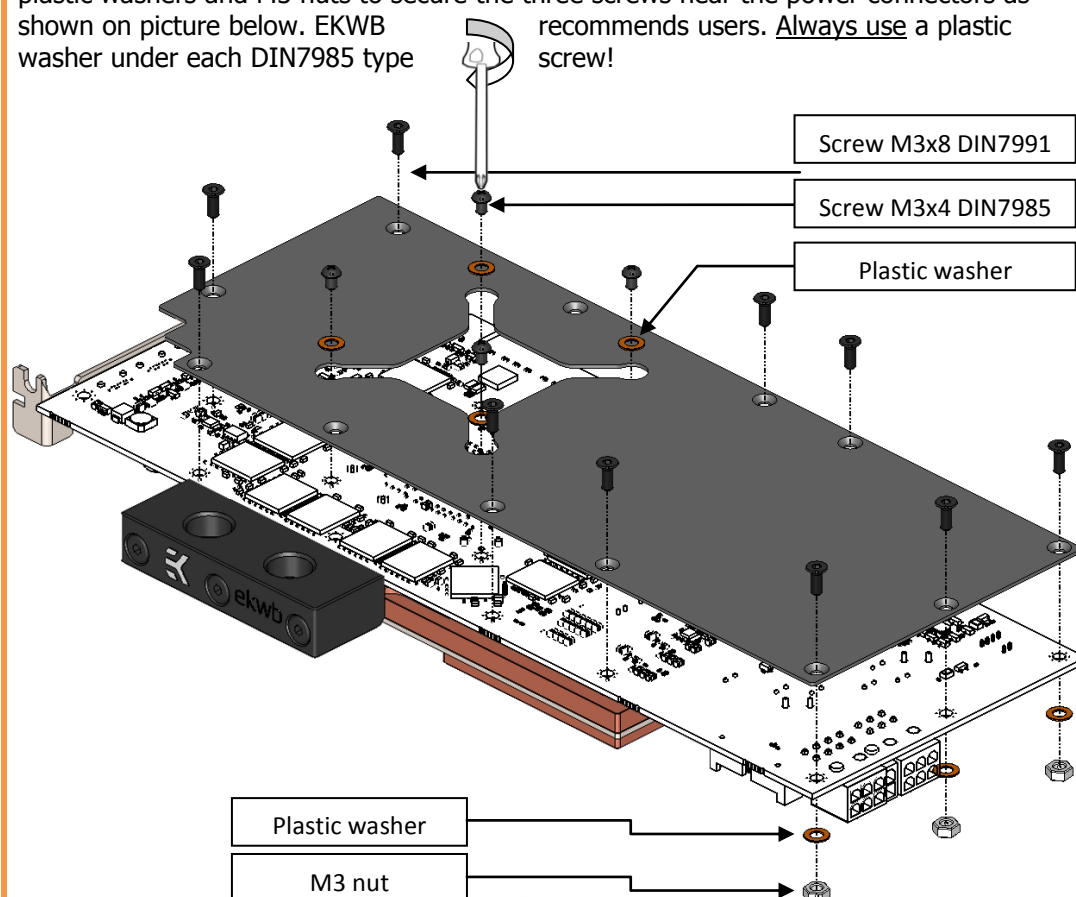
1. PLACING THERMAL PADS ON PCB. Place thermal pads on chips so that numbers on chips match size of thermal pads. EKWB made sure users have more than enough pads to cover all surfaces that need to be covered to make block fully functional). EKWB recommends using small drops of electrically non-conductive (for example: Arctic Cooling MX-2™, MX-4™ or GELID GC-Extreme™) thermal grease on each phase regulator (that is being covered with thermal ad) in order to even further improve the thermal performance of the EK-FCW9100 series water block. Repeat the procedure on the back side of the PCB.



2. **PLACING BLOCK TO GRAPHIC CARD.** Carefully position the water block with preinstalled 2.5mm standoffs on to the graphics card. During this process please make sure you align mounting holes on PCB with holes on the water block. Also pay attention not to use too much force by pressing block down to PCB. Chip dies are prone to cracking.



3. **ATTACHING BLOCK TO GRAPHIC CARD.** By using Philips screwdriver screw in enclosed M3x4 DIN7985 screws, afterwards use enclosed Allen key 2mm to tighten the remaining M3x8 DIN7991 screws in order to secure the factory provided backplate. Use plastic washers and M3 nuts to secure the three screws near the power connectors as shown on picture below. EKWB recommends users. Always use a plastic washer under each DIN7985 type screw!



#### STEP 4: CHECKING FOR CONTACTS

If necessary temporarily remove the water block to check for uniform surface contact between the block and the components, pay special attention to the VRM section of the graphics card. Check whether the water block makes contact with the intended integrated circuit. Then repeat sub-steps in previous section to re-attach the block. **In case you fail to obtain good contact, please check again your thermal pad thickness or contact our support service at <http://www.ekwb.com/support>.**

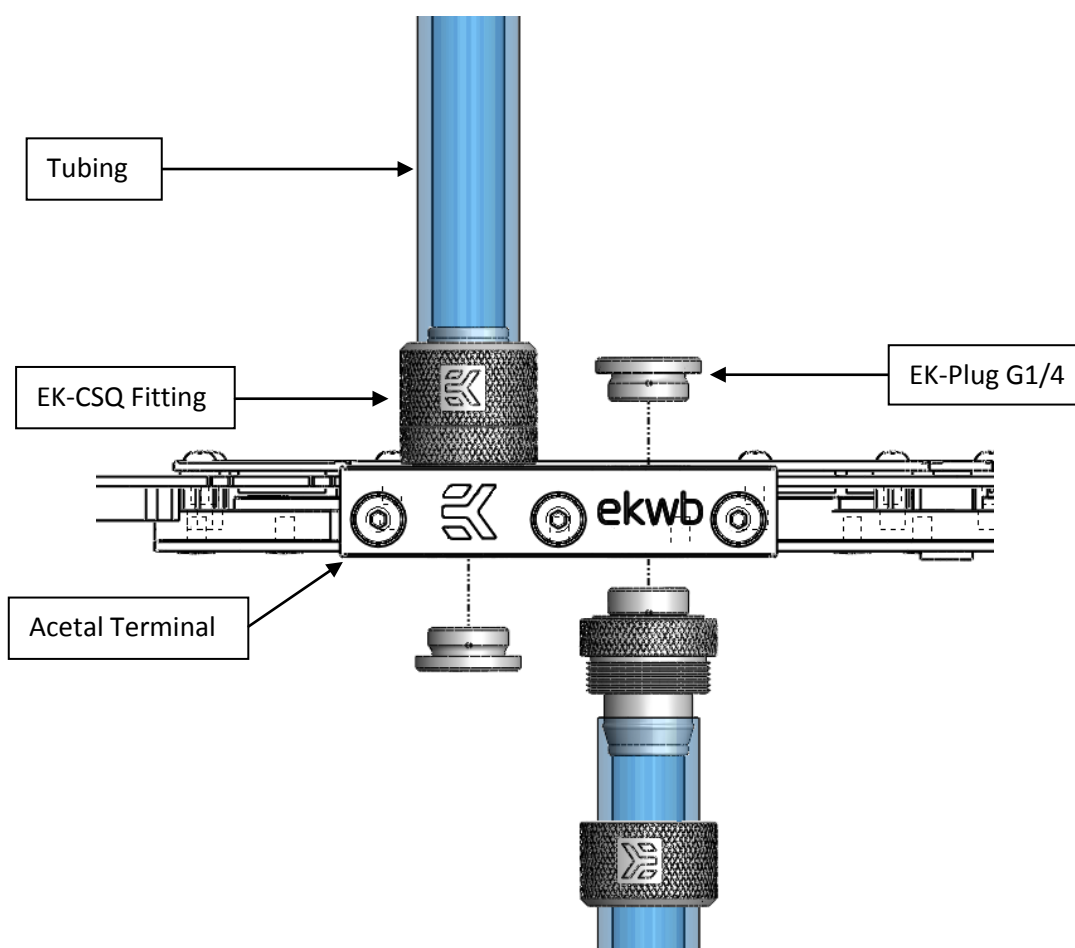
#### STEP 6: INSTALLATION OF FITTINGS AND TUBING

Screw in the two G1/4 threaded male fittings. Attach the liquid cooling tubes and connect the water-block(s) into the cooling circuit. **EKWB recommends using EK-CSQ fittings with the EK-FCW8100 series water blocks.** To ensure that the tubes are securely attached to the barb/fittings, please use hose clamps or an appropriate substitute.

You can use any opening as an inlet/outlet port.

**CAUTION:** In case of using connectors other than EK-CSQ series compression fittings take special attention to the length of the fittings' male G1/4" thread. In case the thread is longer than 5mm please use the enclosed 1.8mm nickel plated distancer!

5mm is the maximum allowed G1/4" thread length!



#### STEP 7: INSERTING CARD IN YOUR PC CASE

Carefully lift your graphics card with installed block and insert it in your PC's motherboard PCI-express expansion slot. Please bear in mind that your graphics card is probably heavier than when it was equipped with original heat sink fan assembly. One needs to be very careful when handling the graphics card. Avoid all un-needed manipulation of the VGA/water block assembly that might damage your card or water block during final installation.

#### REQUIRED TOOLS:



scissors



Philips head screwdriver