



Solar Pool Heater
Made in Germany

NOMINATED FOR "GERMAN DESIGN AWARD" 2010

Press release May 2009

SOLAR-RIPP® < Module > has been nominated for the "Design Award of the Federal Republic of Germany 2010" by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology.



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The Design Award of the Federal Republic of Germany is the country's highest distinction in the field of design. It is known as the »Prize of Prizes«. The reason: no other design award sets such strict criteria on entries. Thus, a company can only enter the competition for the Design Award if its product has already been awarded a national or international design prize. Another precondition for entry is that companies must have been nominated by the Ministries and Senators of the Federal States or by the Federal Ministry of Economics and Technology.

The award was given for the first time under the name 'Federal Award for Good Design' in 1969 and thereafter every two years. Moreover, the focus of the award was changed on each occasion. The name of the award was first changed in 1992. Thereafter, the 'Federal Product Design Award' and the 'Federal Award Promoter of Design' – which went to a personality for achievements in the design field – were presented annually. Since 2006, it has been called the 'Design Award of the Federal Republic of Germany' and is given for outstanding achievements in the fields of product and communication design, and to a personality in the design sector.

Awards Ceremony: 12 February 2010 in the context of the opening of Ambiente - International Frankfurt Trade Fair 2010.

"GOLDEN WAVE" WINNER 2009

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Innovation award for **SOLAR-RIPP®**.



SOLAR-RIPP® a Winner at the "Golden Wave 2009" Innovation Awards.

There are plenty of new products, but far from all of them are true innovations that add real, long-term value to our market. "Schwimmbad & Sauna", Europe's leading journal for the pool & spa industry, with more than 40 years of tradition, honors such groundbreaking developments from the field of pool and wellness technologies with the biennial "Golden Wave" awards.

The obvious focus of the awards is on products that offer real, practical benefits. This focus is ensured not least by the composition of the awards panel, which is made up, exclusively, of renowned and experienced engineers and entrepreneurs from the pool construction industry. This year, close to 100 products competed for the panelists' accolade.

The magazine offered three awards in each of the seven categories. This year's 3rd prize for "Pool Technology" was awarded to SOLAR-RIPP®, located in Sinzig, Germany, for their solar pool heating system < Module >.

The main innovative quality of the SOLAR-RIPP® system is its Modularity: It consists of only five articles, which can be combined to more than one hundred different solar collector sizes. The system is assembled on site, simply by connecting the required Modules, without any tools, screws or tricky engineering. Stockiest and specialist dealers benefit from clear, low-volume warehousing, because of the small number of different parts to be kept in stock.

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DESIGN AWARD WINNER 2009 "RED DOT"

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Design award for SOLAR-RIPP®.

SOLAR-RIPP® < Module > succeeds in red dot design award.



reddot design award
winner 2009

With its outstanding and innovative design, the German SOLAR-RIPP® < Module > (Solar Pool Heater) succeeded in one of the most renowned and hardest international design competitions worldwide. In the red dot award: product design competition the SOLAR-RIPP®

< Module > was awarded the "red dot" quality seal for high design quality by the top-class expert jury. This award is only conferred to particularly creative, innovative, and high-quality products. In total 3,231 products from 49 nations faced the expert judgment this year. The festive awards presentation with more than 1,000 guests will take place on 29 June 2009 in the Essen Opera House, the Aalto Theatre.

"Successful products are in so far different from less successful products that they can survive in the real world," explains design expert Professor Dr. Peter Zec, initiator of the red dot design award. "Successful participation in a design competition can already be an initial sign of a product's later commercial success, because these competitions allow an objectification of otherwise often very subjective design decisions." Receiving an award in an internationally renowned design competition such as the red dot design award was therefore an important indicator whether a product had the potential to succeed internationally.

Products submitted to the red dot design award are assessed by an international jury consisting of renowned design experts. They examine and test the products and assess them according to criteria such as degree of innovation, functionality, ergonomics, longevity, ecological compatibility and clarity of function. This year companies from 49 countries with a total of 3,231 products faced the judgment of the jury.

The exhibition of the winning products in the red dot design museum:

Together with the other award-winning products, SOLAR-RIPP® < Module > will be on display from 30 June to 26 July 2009 in the exhibition "Design on stage – winners red dot award: product design 2009" at the red dot design museum on the premises of the 'Zeche Zollverein' World Cultural Heritage Site. With approximately 1,500 products on more than 4,000 square meters, the red dot design museum houses the largest permanent exhibition of contemporary design worldwide.

The red dot design award:

Today, the red dot design award, the origins of which go back to 1955, is the largest and most renowned design competition worldwide. It consists of the individual disciplines "red dot award: product design", "red dot award: communication design", and "red dot award: design concept". In 2008 the competition recorded around 11,000 entries from 61 nations in total.

DESIGN AWARD WINNER 2003 "iF"

The "iF Product Design Award" was introduced in 1954 and is annually conferred by the iF International Forum Design. Along with the red dot design award it is the most important international product design award. Every year it attracts more than 2,000 product entries from around 37 nations, which are judged by renowned experts, with the best of them receiving an iF seal of outstanding design quality. The best of the best are awarded with an iF gold award, known as the "Design Oscar".



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