

SOTECH AA00880



SOTECH Dishwasher Steam Protection Plate Instruction Manual

Model: AA00880

1. INTRODUCTION

The SOTECH Dishwasher Steam Protection Plate is designed to safeguard your kitchen countertop from potential damage caused by steam released when opening a dishwasher. This galvanized steel plate creates a barrier, preventing moisture from penetrating and swelling the countertop material over time. This manual provides essential information for proper installation and maintenance to ensure optimal performance and longevity of your product.

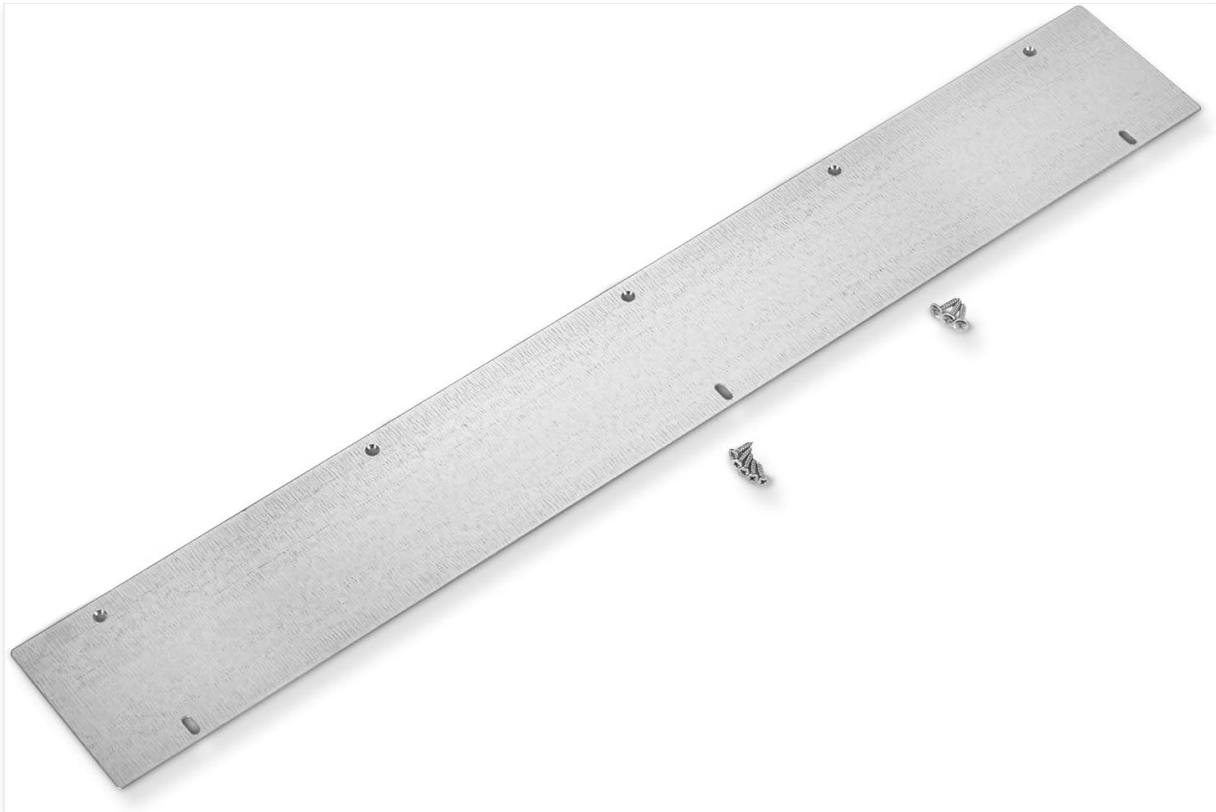


Figure 1: SOTECH 600mm galvanized steel dishwasher steam protection plate. This image displays the SOTECH 600mm galvanized steel steam protection plate, designed to be installed above a dishwasher. The plate is shown with the included fixing screws.

2. PRODUCT OVERVIEW

2.1 Components

- 1 x SOTECH Dishwasher Steam Protection Plate (600mm)
- Fixing screws (quantity as supplied)

2.2 Key Features

- **Effective Protection:** Prevents water vapor from damaging kitchen countertops.
- **Durable Material:** Constructed from galvanized steel for corrosion resistance and longevity.
- **Universal Compatibility:** Suitable for all standard 60 cm wide dishwashers (e.g., Siemens, Miele, Neff, Bosch, Constructa, Ariston, Zanussi, AEG, Zanker, Beko, Whirlpool, Bauknecht).
- **Easy Installation:** Designed for straightforward mounting with included fixing screws.

3. SPECIFICATIONS

Attribute	Value
Brand	SOTECH
Model Number	AA00880
Material	Steel sheet
Surface Finish	Galvanized

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Length	600 mm
Width	85 mm
Material Thickness	1 mm
ASIN	B078SVGX9S

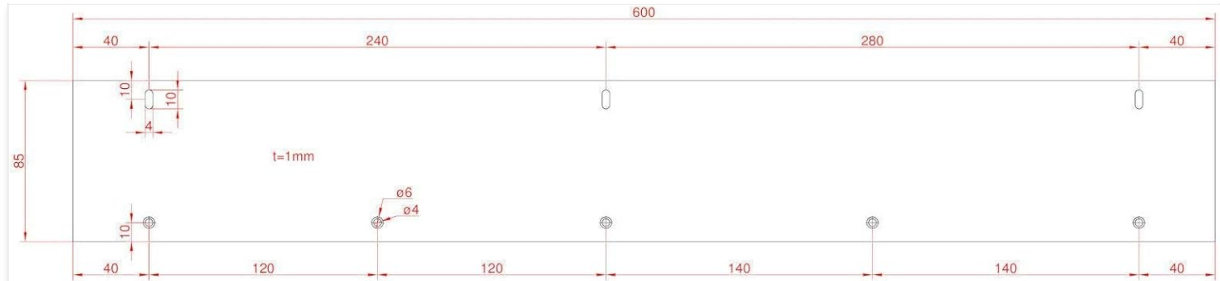


Figure 2: Technical drawing with dimensions. A detailed technical drawing illustrating the dimensions of the SOTECH steam protection plate. Key measurements include a length of 600mm, width of 85mm, and material thickness of 1 mm, along with screw hole placements.

4. INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 Before Installation

- Ensure the dishwasher is turned off and disconnected from power.
- Verify that the installation area (underside of the countertop above the dishwasher) is clean and dry.
- Gather necessary tools: screwdriver or power drill, pencil, measuring tape.
- Confirm the countertop material is suitable for screw installation.

4.2 Installation Steps

1. **Position the Plate:** Carefully slide the dishwasher out slightly if necessary. Position the SOTECH steam protection plate on the underside of the kitchen countertop, directly above the dishwasher door opening. Ensure it is centered and flush with the front edge of the countertop.
2. **Mark Screw Holes:** Using a pencil, mark the positions for the fixing screws through the pre-drilled holes on the plate onto the underside of the countertop.
3. **Pre-drill (Optional but Recommended):** For wooden or composite countertops, it is recommended to pre-drill small pilot holes at the marked positions to prevent splitting the material. Use a drill bit slightly smaller than the screw diameter.
4. **Secure the Plate:** Align the plate with the marked or pre-drilled holes. Use the provided fixing screws and a screwdriver or power drill to securely attach the plate to the underside of the countertop. Do not overtighten the screws.
5. **Verify Installation:** Once secured, ensure the plate is firmly in place and does not obstruct the dishwasher door's operation.



Figure 3: Installation in progress. This image shows a person actively installing the SOTECH steam protection plate. They are using a power drill to secure the plate to the underside of a kitchen countertop, directly above a built-in dishwasher.



Figure 4: Collaborative installation. This image shows two individuals collaborating on an installation task, highlighting that the product installation can be a straightforward process.



Figure 5: Steam from an open dishwasher. This image depicts steam rising from an open dishwasher, illustrating the problem of moisture potentially damaging the kitchen countertop if not protected. The steam is visibly condensing near the underside of the counter.

5. OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS

Once installed, the SOTECH Dishwasher Steam Protection Plate operates passively. It requires no user interaction. Simply use your dishwasher as normal. The plate will automatically deflect steam away from your countertop when the dishwasher door is opened after a cycle, protecting the surface from moisture damage.

6. MAINTENANCE

The SOTECH Steam Protection Plate requires minimal maintenance. Periodically inspect the plate for any signs of damage or loose screws. Clean the surface with a soft, damp cloth and mild detergent if necessary. Avoid abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals that could damage the galvanized finish.

7. TROUBLESHOOTING

7.1 Steam Still Escaping / Countertop Swelling

- **Check Alignment:** Ensure the plate is correctly aligned directly above the dishwasher door and extends sufficiently to cover the area prone to steam exposure.
- **Secure Fastening:** Verify that all screws are tightly fastened and the plate is securely attached to the countertop. A loose plate may not provide adequate protection.
- **Seal (Optional):** For enhanced protection, a thin bead of heat-resistant silicone sealant can be applied along the edges where the plate meets the countertop, though this is typically not required for proper function.

7.2 Plate Not Fitting

- **Verify Dimensions:** Double-check the dimensions of your dishwasher opening and countertop space against the plate's specifications (600mm length).
- **Compatibility:** While designed for 60cm dishwashers, minor variations in kitchen cabinet construction might occur. Ensure there is sufficient clearance for installation.

8. WARRANTY AND SUPPORT

SOTECH is committed to providing high-quality products. For any questions regarding installation, operation, or if you encounter any issues with your SOTECH Dishwasher Steam Protection Plate, please refer to the seller's contact information or visit the official SOTECH website for support. While specific warranty details are not provided in this manual, SOTECH stands by the quality and functionality of its products.