1. The waterblock is designed for crossfire setups, so you can fit the G1/4” fittings to multiple sides of the block. Decide which configuration is best for your system.

2. Use the G1/4” blanking plugs to block the unused ports.

3. Attach your chosen fittings to the G1/4” ports. Make sure to attach one of the left and one on the right side. Flow direction is not important.

4. The block is now ready to be connected to the other watercooling components for leak testing.

Optional

If you are using cards in crossflow you can use the optional SLI flow connector to bridge the two cards. This should be done after step 12.

Note: This waterblock is only suitable for reference design R9 290X and 290 cards. If you are unsure if your card if a reference design card, contact us prior to installation to make sure.
6. Before handing the card you should take precautions to avoid static damage. Remove the R9 card from the box ready for installation.

7. Now turn the card on its back and remove the 16 screws highlighted above.

8. Turn the card back over and carefully remove the heat sink and fan. Now the card and heat sink are separated detach the fan power cable from the fan header.

9. Clean the thermal paste from the GPU core and remove any residue left from the thermal pads.

10. Remove the tape from both sides of the thermal pads. Place the blue pads on the eight positions shown above and finally apply thermal paste to the GPU core.

11. Place the waterblock on the card to line up the screw holes and then flip it over - making sure the thermal pads stay in place. Now carefully attach the block to the card using the supplied screws and washers. You should start with the four holes behind the GPU and gradually tighten each screw.

12. Do not over tighten the screws as this may bend the card and cause permanent damage. The card is now ready for use. When you first boot it is advisable to use software to check the core temperature. If the temperature is high you will need to remount the block.