

Installation Instructions for: SHOWER & TUB SURROUND PANELS



1) Wall preparation when installing over drywall, greenboard, wood, etc.

- A) Surface must be dry, smooth, free of dust and any contaminants. If there are small holes, chips, or gouges, that is okay as long as you have at least 80% of good wall surface to adhere to.
- B) If you are installing a recessed soap dish, now is the time to determine where it will be installed. Mark on the wall above where the top of surround panel would be or on shower base or tub. You will install the soap dish after the panels are in place. Make sure there are no studs, electric or plumbing in that area.

2) Measure, cut and trial fit. Keep plastic on until the job is complete, although you may have to peel plastic back on the edges that you are working on.

- A) Back wall first. Measure the opening at the top, middle and bottom. If the opening is out of square you may need to trim excess off of each side of the back panel. For slight amounts use a belt sander or grinder. For cuts of 1/4" or more use a circular saw with a masonry blade. To help protect the surface while cutting, you can use masking tape. The back panel can be as much as 1/2" narrower than the opening. The side panels are 3/8" thick and will cover a 1/4" gap on each side.
- B) There should be a right and left panel, look for the edges marked (F) finished to determine which is which.
- C) If side walls need cut, take excess off the unexposed end that goes into the corner. Remember to subtract 3/8" for back wall which is not installed yet.
- D) Check to see if your tub or shower base is level. You may have to trim the bottom edges of the panels so the top finished edges will be even.

3) Install back panel first.

- A) Wipe dust from the back of the back panel and rewipe with a cloth dampened with a fast drying solvent such as lacquer thinner or acetone.
- B) Use approximately 30 ounces of moisture resistant panel adhesive (for a standard 25 sq. ft. panel, more for larger panels). Run a continuous bead around perimeter in about an 1-1/2". Finish with crisscross beads in the center of the panel. **NOTE: When installing Onyx or Alabaster panels, it is a good idea to use clear silicone as an adhesive because of the translucency of these two materials.** Also, it is a good idea that the drywall, green board or wood be all the same color so you don't see shadows through the panels.
- C) Place back panel firmly against the dust free wall. Then pull back panel again (about 6") for a moment to let some of the adhesive gasses escape. Then again, press panel against wall. Brace in place while you prep for the side panels.



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4) Install side panels next.

- A) Carefully measure and mark appropriate panels for plumbing fixtures. Use a 1-1/4" hole saw bit with a hand drill. For large control openings use a sabre saw or proper size hole saw. Cutting from finished side can be done if masked to protect surface.
- B) Trial fit side panels one last time to insure proper fit and plumbing holes were cut properly.
- C) Follow instructions above (#3 Install back panel first) for adhering side panels to walls. Brace between the two side panels using 1 X 4's. Be sure panels are protected with flat boards or towels.
- D) There should not be more than 1/8" gap around the bottom and vertical corners. Inside corner trim is available if corner gaps are too wide.
- E) Allow braces to set for at least 24 hours.
- F) At this time you can install the recessed soap dish and threshold if this is a custom shower base. See instructions provided with your soap dish and or threshold.
- G) When drilling holes in marble wall panels, holes should be large enough to insert plastic wall anchor and screw. Screw threads should never directly contact the marble panels.

5) After braces are taken down, remove plastic protective film and caulk all seams with the color caulk of your choice.

