

Wall Panel Installation

Wall panels can be installed on existing tubs in remodeling jobs, or in new construction on any tub, marble, cast iron, enameled steel, or fiberglass.

NOTE: If you are installing onyx panels, make sure the walls are light colored because of the translucency of onyx, or you can paint the back of the panel with a light color.

Adhesives: 100% Silicone

- 1.) Clean the surface of all dirt, paint, wax, grease, or other wall finishes.
- 2.) The walls can be installed over existing tile if the tile is sound. If there are places where the tile has failed, you can still install wall panels, providing those places are not more than one square foot and are separated by at least one foot. The tile should be roughed with a grinder and cleaned thoroughly with strong solvent.
- 3.) Before you remove the protective film examine the panel to determine where the finished edges are to be placed. Finished edges are slightly rounded, unfinished edges are sharp. Determine where the finished edge goes on the left or right, if adjustments to the panel are necessary, do not cut finished edges. Make all cuts on the unfinished edge that will be against the wall.
- 4.) Draw a level vertical line approximately in the center of where the panels will be installed. You can now measure to each corner and determine if the corners are square. If necessary cut the back panel so that it fits easily into place, though a tight fit is not necessary. The end walls will cover a small gap up to ¼" in the corners.
- 5.) Determine the location of the studs. If you are going to install any recessed accessories, you must know the location of the studs.
- 6.) Dry fit the back panel, if the panel fits without binding, is level at the top, fits tightly, and evenly to the tub or shower pan, then it is ready to be glued. Clean the back of the panel, and make sure the wall is clean.
- 7.) Apply adhesive in small amounts across the wall approximately six to eight inches apart. One click of the caulking gun and you are ready to place another job. A four foot by eight foot panel should use at least two tubes of silicone adhesive, one and a half tubes for a three foot by eight foot panel. Once the panel is aligned, push it against the wall. Next pull the panel off the wall to make sure that the adhesive has adhered to both the wall and the panel. Place the panel into position and press it firmly into place.
- 8.) The next panel to be installed is the faucet wall. Leave the plastic on the panel, Mark the hole centerline. You need a one inch hole at the top to accept 1/2" pipe, you need to check the manufacturer's instructions for the hole size required for the mixing valve. If you have a two handed shower, then the holes will be the same size as the shower head. Use a hole saw to make these holes. Before drilling put a piece of 5/8" OSB across a sawhorse, large enough to support the panel. When you drill down and reach the wood, stop and remove the drill.
- 9.) Dry fit panel. Repeat steps 6 and 7. The last panel is the easiest to install. Simply draw and scribe the panel to ensure a proper fit. Next, clean the panel, silicone it, and put the panel in place. Brace walls with 1x2's for 24 hours.

Shower Base Installation

To ensure proper installation, a level floor is required. Our bases are to be installed pre-drywall or drywall will need to be cut down to accept the shower base.

NOTE: Onyx colors are translucent, make sure you are installing bases on lighter colors.

1. The Shower base is meant to be installed with the water dam in contact with the studs or framing. Therefore, install pre-drywall or cut drywall to accept the shower base.
2. Measure from the wall where the drain should be, cut a hole in the floor to accept the drain.
3. Lay the shower base in place and check. If the base is not level, nail shims to the floor; remove base; mix mortar. Make sure you put enough mix on the floor to level the base. Wiggle the shower base around until it is down to the shims. Base should not move when you step in it.
4. When mortar is dry remove shims.

Corner Shampoo Holder Installation Instructions

Supplies you need:

100% silicone adhesive

3/16" Masonry Drill Bit

(2) 2 1/2" x 1/8" Wood Screws

Denatured Alcohol

Before you install, position the shampoo holder to make sure of fit. Out of square wall condition may be compensated for by gridding the back of holder.

Step 1: Clean wall with alcohol

Step 2: Drill two holes in the center of bracket

Step 3: Position bracket in the corner where you want it to be hung. Use the pre-drilled holes in the bracket as a guide, and drill through the wall panels to the wood stud. DO NOT drill into the wood stud.

Step 4: Apply silicone to the back of the bracket, insert the screws through the hole into the panel, DO NOT over tighten the screws, this could damage the bracket.

Step 5: Wipe off excess silicone ensuring a waterproof seal.

Step 6: You can now mount the shampoo holder. Apply a bead of silicone to the back side of shampoo holder. Apply a small amount to the top of the bracket.

Step 7: Set the holder on top of the bracket and press into the wall. Remove any excess silicone; make sure you have a waterproof seal. Allow to cure overnight before use.

How to Buff Scratches out of Cultured Marble

Depending on how severe the scratches are you will first sand with 600-to 800 grit sandpaper. You then will use an automotive buffing compound and buff out the scratches left by the sandpaper. It is more effective if you use a handheld buffer, but it can be done by hand.

How to care for Cultured Marble, Onyx, or Faux Granite

To clean, just wipe with a soft cloth or sponge using a mild soap with water or nonabrasive foam cleaner. To maintain your cultured marble's luster, periodically apply a protective coat of wax. Any car wax will work, apply when needed.