

INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS MULTI-PIECE BATHTUB/SHOWER WITH SURROUND

If installing a bathtub or shower base without the surround, disregard steps 6-10.

PREP

- 1. Prior to installation, ensure the alcove is the proper size, square, plumb and clean of dirt/debris.
- 2. **IMPORTANT:** Watershed units are designed to hang from the mounting flanges and do not require reinforcement under the bottom, such as mud, concrete or mortar. The legs attached are for shipping purposes only and are not required to bear weight/contact the floor in the final installation.
- 3. Rough-in drains should be located according to the line drawings for that particular unit. When measuring the tub or shower unit, be sure to use the top of the unit for the overall depth and width of the unit. Please note that most units have slanted backs and sides, but the front of the unit should always be installed vertically plumb.
- 4. If required, a one-hour fire wall can normally be obtained by placing 5/8" dry wall on the studs prior to the installation of the unit. Check local codes for requirements.

ASSEMBLE

NOTE: assembly of this unit must occur inside the room of installation, as the finished unit will not fit through a standard interior door.

- 5. Install your drain of choice according to manufacturer instructions and local codes. Be sure to use silicone or plumber's putty between the chrome flange and the finished side of the tub/shower.
- 6. Apply a 1/4" bead of silicone caulk around the top of the tub/shower base flange.
- 7. Set one wall panel of the surround in place then apply a ¼" bead of silicone caulk along the vertical flange/panel seam. Set the second panel in place.
- 8. Holding the two panels together tightly, pre-drill holes on the back of the unit every 12" along the vertical flange/panel seam. Install recommended hardware through the pre-drilled holes to secure the wall panels together (1x1/4" bolt w/nut and 2 washers recommended).

Recommended Hardware:

- 1x1/4" bolt, nut & 2 washers
- No. 8 screws
- 9. Pre-drill holes and install recommended hardware every 12" along the horizontal flanges on the back of the unit to secure the wall panels to the tub/shower base. Start with the front of the shower on both sides to hold panels in position, then work toward the center seam.
- 10. On the back of the unit, accurately lay out the locations/sizes of the holes needed for supply and mixing valves. Shower heads may be located either through the wall of the unit or in the wall above. From the back of the unit, drill a pilot hole (1/4" or less) at fittings location markings. From the face of the unit, drill or cut these holes to required size using a hole saw of the proper size.



POSITION

- 11. Move the assembled unit into framed area or covered walls by tipping the unit toward the installer and pushing until the waste pipe is directly under the drain outlet, then tip the unit upright into the alcove.
- 12. After the unit is positioned into the alcove, check level of shower or tub/shower. Make sure the apron is down tight to the floor. The tub or tub/shower needs to be plumb and level. As previously noted, Watershed units have attached legs for shipping purposes, but those legs do not bear weight and should not be used to determine level on the job site.

SECURE

- 13. Locate/mark the wall studs in the alcove and use to marks to pre-drill holes through the center of the mounting flange into every stud. On the side/vertical flanges, holes should be approximately 12" apart.
- 14. Using # 8 screws and the pre-drilled holes, fasten the unit to the wall. Begin with all points where panels meet, then work from the center of the back panel around to the front and down the side/vertical flanges.

 Continuously check to see that the unit is still level and that the side walls are plumb.

FINISHING TOUCHES

- 15. Install plumbing fixtures in keeping with good plumbing practices, in compliance with local code requirements and according to manufacturer instructions.
- 16. Complete the walls and edging on your unit (i.e. trim moulding, tile installation, wall panels, shower doors, etc.) according to requirements, homeowner preferences and manufacturer instructions.

CARE AND CLEANING INSTRUCTIONS

After installation, the unit may be cleaned with liquid detergent and warm water.

Never use a harsh chemical or abrasive cleaners, as they may dull or yellow the surface. Never use any cleaning products that are labeled not to use with styrene type products.

In the event that the surface is dulled, the finish may be restored by using an automotive white polishing compound applied with cheese cloth or other soft cloth. Rub vigorously and then wipe off all residue. A good automotive wax can be used to complete the refinish and restore shine.