

INSTRUCTIONS

Installation of freestanding and wall mounted baths with skirts or plinths and a void under.

1) Before You Start

Every bath is carefully inspected prior to shipping and photographed in high resolution from numerous angles before and during packaging. This is for insurance purposes so that retrospective inspection can be carried out in the event of claims being made for damage in transit. If you find any problem with the bath on delivery please retain the packaging for inspection. It is unlikely that the bath will be damaged without the packaging also being damaged.

It is likely that the bath will be heavy and difficult to handle, for that reason any movement should be pre-planned carefully. Proper consideration should be given to the number of people required for a safe move, as well as protecting both your client's premises and the bath when you move the product.

This bath is a considerable investment, so

2) Do's

- ☺ Do follow these instructions
- ☺ Do protect the surfaces at all times during installation
- ☺ Do take time to unpack carefully
- ☺ Do inspect that bath on receipt and before installation
- ☺ Do use the packaging supplied to protect the bath
- ☺ Do use silicone sealant and not putty
- ☺ Do make sure the floor is as flat and level as possible
- ☺ Do use levelling feet fitted on acrylic baths
- ☺ Do use levelling discs supplied with Excelsior & Aluminium Boat Baths
- ☺ Do plan for underfloor waste pipework where possible
- ☺ Do use floor or wall mounted taps where rim mounting is not possible
- ☺ Do add a bead around the seals and joints of the overflow and waste outlet holes with good quality silicon sanitary sealant to ensure a watertight seal (See Picture A below)
- ☺ Do set water temperature below 60 degrees (it may damage the bath over time if you don't.)



Picture A



3) Don't

- ⊗ Don't ignore these instructions; you may invalidate guarantees
- ⊗ Don't drag or drop the bath
- ⊗ Don't get grit or anything abrasive on any surface
- ⊗ Don't stick tape on any surface
- ⊗ Don't cut holes in these baths without checking with BC Designs first.
- ⊗ Don't set the water temperature above 60 degrees (it may damage the bath over time if you do).

4) Waste Pipework

If unable to fit waste pipework underfloor and above floor level fitting is required, it may be necessary to create an exit route from the bath for the pipework. (NB: This does not apply to cast aluminium items, where due to the thickness of the metal, a cutaway is provided).

It is recommended this be avoided if at all possible, but if it is inevitable contact BC Designs for advice on a safe method before commencing work.

5) Flexible Waste Hose

For ease of installation we would always recommend that freestanding baths are installed utilising a flexible waste hose from the trap to the fixed waste pipe.

This will give sufficient flexibility for the trap and pipework to be installed prior to the bath being positioned and will also allow access in the future to the underside of the bath without undue difficulty should it be necessary to do so. (See Picture C below).



Picture B



Picture C

6) Leaks

Once the waste connections have been made it is important to check for leaks before securing the bath to the floor. Ensure that the connections have been thoroughly checked with both hot and cold water and with a variety of volumes of water. Commencing with a small volume and increasing incrementally to a full bath volume. (This is to avoid an excessive amount of water escaping from any leak that might be found).

7) Secure To Floor

It is important to secure the bath to the floor to stop it from moving once in its final position. There are two main methods for doing this.

- a) The application of a bead of silicone sealant around the bottom of the bath, and/or to the bottom of the levelling feet, both to prevent spilt water seeping under the bath and also to prevent it from moving. We would always recommend this is done.
- b) Occasionally it might be appropriate to fix battens to the floor and then fit the bath over those to maintain it in its position. This is quite difficult and we would only recommend doing this in circumstances where the bath is moving very easily, thus making fixing with a bead of silicone difficult. We would always recommend that silicone sealant be applied once the bath is stabilised in this way.

8) Care After Installation

HIGH GLOSS FINISH

- ✓ To preserve the polished surface, clean your bath with a soft cloth and warm soapy water.
- ✓ As a weekly cleaner we recommend any suitable sanitary ware liquid cleaner. Rinse the surface clean immediately afterwards. Do not allow any liquid cleaner to stand for extended periods as this may stain the bath depending on the type of cleaning product.
- ✓ Do not use powders, pastes, crème cleaners, thinners or dry cleaning fluids.
- ✓ Stubborn marks and fine scratches may be removed using a car burnishing compound and soft cloth.
- ✓ More serious marks may also be removable. Contact BC Designs for advice

DAMAGE PREVENTION

- ✓ Always run hot and cold water simultaneously into your bath or basin. Tap settings should never exceed an absolute maximum temperature of 60°C.
- ✓ Deliver water (mixed hot and cold) to the lowest point of the bath which is at the waste area.
- ✓ Avoid contact with strong chemicals and solvents (stain removers, nail varnish removers, etc)
- ✓ Wipe away any chemical spillages i.e. Hair dye, as soon as possible to avoid potential staining.
- ✓ When coloured essential oils are used, first test that the colour will not stain your bath. If it does, a burnishing compound will remove it.