

# Rectangle Bench Installation Guide

## Thank You for your purchase of the American Bath Factory Rectangle Shower Bench!

This guide was written to help you with the installation. Due to variances in local building codes and requirements, the installation instructions provided are only suggestions and it is advised that you contact a qualified contractor for application specific advice and comply with local building codes. The bench can support static loads of up to 400 lbs when properly installed and used. To avoid potential injuries, **DO NOT** use bench if weight exceeds 400 lbs. This bench is intended for use for sitting purposes only by 1-person. **DO NOT** use the bench to stand on, step up, kneel or use for any other application other than sitting. Improper use and/or installation may cause damage and bodily harm. Discontinue use of the bench if there are any visual signs of fatigue or wear becomes evident. Regular inspections should be made to confirm that the bench is still in good condition. If the bench starts to show signs of wear IMMEDIATELY discontinue use and call our Customer Service Department for further instructions.

**Measurements:** 25" L x 14" W x 14" H  
**Not recommended for showers smaller than 48" L**

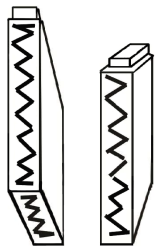
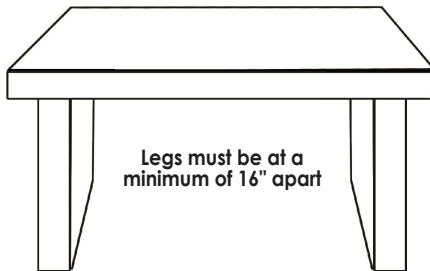


Figure 1



Figure 2

✓ Use 100% RTV Silicone ONLY  
**DO NOT** use LIQUID NAILS as the adhesive

- 1) **IMPORTANT:** Before you install the bench, please inspect each piece for any damage that may have occurred during shipping. The underside of the bench may have an unfinished surface but does not affect the structure of the bench. At this time you can drill pilot holes should you wish to attach the bench top to your studs.
- 2) Make sure the bench pieces and the location where you will install it is clean from any dirt or oils. Failure to do so can cause a poor bond and cause the bench to break free from the walls.
- 3) Dry fit the bench in place. The legs should be at a minimum of 16" apart. Mark around the legs, bench top and the pilot holes should you choose to screw the bench top to your walls with a soft pencil to help guide you for placement. For added adhesion you can sand any edge or surface on the bench that will touch the shower with 60 grit sandpaper. Wipe away any dust to ensure all surfaces are clean and dry.
- 4) Apply a bead of silicone in a zig zag pattern along the bottom of the bench legs and any edge or side that will adhere to the wall. (Figure 1) Follow the manufacturer's instructions for applying the silicone.
- 5) Place the bench legs into place and apply pressure holding in position while squeezing out any excess silicone and wipe away any excess. Next, apply silicone to the edges of the bench top (Figure 2) and to the top of each bench leg. Place into position, again applying pressure to squeeze out excess silicone. Wipe clean and allow to dry. To assist the bench top to adhering to the legs you can add some evenly dispersed weight to the bench top to hold it down until it fully dries. For additional security, you may screw the bench seat to your studs.
- 6) After the bench is securely bonded, finish by applying grout and/or silicone around the bench, shower walls and floor.
- 7) Allow at least 24 hours\* for the silicone and grout to dry.

\*A 1/8" bead of silicone "normally" cures in 24 hours. The cure time could vary depending on the moisture in the air. Lack of humidity will make the curing process slower. It might take up to 48 hours for silicone to cure under cooler or dryer conditions. For full cure strength allow 7 days.

## Care & Maintenance

**DO NOT CLEAN SISTINE STONE WITH PAINT THINNER, ACETONE, LACQUER THINNER, M.E.K., SCRUBBING BUBBLES or other harsh chemicals that attack the structural integrity of Resin Based Stone. Use of these chemicals will destroy the surface of the stone and void your warranty.** Sistine Stone is a hard non-porous surface that prevents dirt from accumulating and resists stains. Regular cleaning with a sponge and warm, soapy water will remove most build-up of dust or grime. For tougher jobs, use can use an ammonia based cleaner or comet to remove tougher dirt and residue. For stubborn stains, you may use the aforementioned cleansers with a non-abrasive Scotch Brite pad. "Lightly" scrub the stained area in a circular motion to avoid discoloration. Always make sure to rinse well.

Every month you should inspect all joints for cracks or other signs of separation. Reapply caulking to any joint showing signs of wear or cracking. Failure to inspect the bench and repair any caulking joints will void the warranty.

## Bench Troubleshooting

**Scratches & Blemishes** Can be removed by wet-sanding the bench surface. Make sure both the surface and sandpaper are wet, and lightly sand until scratches and blemishes are removed.

**Bench breaks free from Wall** This could be due to a.) Area was not clean as silicone will not get a good adhesion to a dirty or greasy surface. b.) Too much silicone may have been used, if excessive silicone is applied silicone will become dry on the outside but will remain wet on the inside, never drying. c.) Not enough time allowed for silicone to become activated and tacky. Please make sure to fully read the instructions on how to apply your silicone and if any curing or priming is necessary. To resolve, you can clean the bench and surface and re-install in place or please contact Customer Service for further instructions.