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# **WALL PANEL INSTALLATION INSTRUCTIONS**



Before installation read all instructions carefully.

# **IMPORTANT**

All goods must be checked prior to installation. If defects are found due to manufacturing faults then goods MUST **NOT** be installed.

The merchant must inform Bath Co If there is a manufacturing defect and the installation has been carried out. Bath Co will replace the item, however, the installation costs will be the responsibility of the installer.

It is recommended that a qualified, licensed trades person install your units.

Our installation guide for Instyle Wall Panels is intended as a general reference only. We strongly recommend using a qualified, licensed tradesperson to install your panels. Due to variations in spaces, plumbing, and electrical configurations, we cannot be responsible for any issues arising from site-specific conditions. For a safe and accurate installation, please rely on a licensed professional



## Check Products for Any Damages

Prior to installation it is important to inspect the product/s to ensure no damage has occurred in transit. If damage has occurred, or a visible defect exists, do not proceed with installation and advise supplier immediately.

Note: Manufacturer will not be liable for any installation, removal or re-decorating costs. The warranty will be null and void if damage occurred during or after installation.

### Required Tools & Products



Router, Track Or Circular Saw (Fine-Toothed For A Smooth Finish)



Tape Measure



Adhesive Applicator



**Masking Tape** 



Sandpaper



Clean Cloth



Drill

#### Recommended Sealants, Adhesives, Primers & Tape:

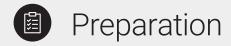
- Silicone sealant for joins and jointers Sikaflex, Gorilla MS Sealant or Soudaseal 240
- Adhesives for fixing wall panels

Bostik Simson ISR 70-03, Bostik Simson ISR 70-08, H. B Fuller Maxbond Original, Soudal FixAll High Tack, or Soudaseal 240 FC

Surface primer

Bostik Simson Prep M, Bostik Simson Prep G Plus, Gorilla 696 Surface Activator

 Double sided tape for holding panels in place while adhesive cures
Danco 6620, Gator Foam tape, or 3M VHB tape



- 1. Ensure walls are clean, dry, and structurally sound. Walls should be plumb and level, as uneven surfaces may compromise adhesion.
- **2.** Ensure wall plasterboards are porous (painted or sealed wall boards will not lead to proper adhesion).
- **3.** For renovations, previously painted surfaces should be cleaned, then scuffed with coarse sandpaper to allow adhesion of the wall panels.
- Old shower linings need to be removed before installing InStyle Wall Panels.

### About In-Style Wall Panels

SIZE: Each Panel is 2400mm h x 1200mm w x 4.5mm d

**COMPOSITION:** In-Style Wall Panels are composed of a mineral polymer composite (MPC) backing a vinyl printed surface and coated with an abrasive resistant protective layer.

## 1. Pre-Fit & Layout

#### Dry-Fit Panels:

Each Panel is 2400mm h x 1200mm w x 4.5mm d

#### Cut Panels to Size:

Use a track saw or fine tooled skill saw. Keep decorative surfaces facing down to prevent chipping and support the panel with a soft surface (such as a padded table).

#### Cut Holes:

Once carefully marked, cut any cut outs or penetration holes from the front side using pilot hole. Support the panel with a wood block behind the wall panel where the hole is being drilled.

### 2. Installation

### Opt1: Installation using aluminium joiners

- Bath Co's aluminium jointers come in 2400mm lengths either in chrome, black, white or nickel finished
- They can be cut with a sharp, fine toothed tungsten tipped drop-saw, or a sharp, fine-toothed hacksaw.
- Screw fix (6g, 25-30mm length countersunk screws) corner jointers, or glue seams and cap jointers in place

#### 1. Apply Adhesive to Wall Panels

- Ensure all bond surfaces are clean, dry and free from dirt, dust and oils, etc.
- For best results, wipe the back of the panel down with primer
- Apply adhesive beads vertically on the back of each panel. Beads should be about 10mm wide and spaced 100mm apart.
- Use double-sided tape alongside the adhesive to hold panels temporarily in place while the adhesive cures. For fitting panels. (see next page)

#### 2. Apply Silicone to Corners, Joins & Seams

• Apply 2 continuous beads of silicone. One into the jointer recess and one to the back face of the alluminium jointer before fitting panels. (see below)

#### 3. Apply Silicone around Baths if Required

Run an 8mm bead of silicone along the bath or bath upstand

#### 4. Installing Wall Panel & Joiners

- Start with a Corner Panel. Insert the first panel into the corner jointer. Press firmly to ensure full adhesion between panel and wall.
- Continue placing panels one by one, aligning each into the preceding jointer or silicone-sealed edge.

### Opt 2: Installation using silicone joints

#### 1. Prior to fixing wall panels

- Determine where the joints will be, and fix polyethylene tape to the wall board
- Apply masking tape to the edges of the wall panel on the front face.
- It is recommended that the space of the gap be approx. the same thickness of the wall panels (4-5mm). Use spacers to achieve an even gap

#### 2. Applying the wall panels

- Prepare the Surface: Wipe the back of the panel with primer for optimal adhesion
- Apply Adhesive: Apply vertical adhesive beads on the back of each panel. Each bead should be approximately 10mm wide and spaced 100mm apart. Ensure a bead of adhesive and double-sided tape is placed along the edges near the polyethylene tape for secure bonding.
- Secure Temporarily: Use double-sided tape alongside the adhesive to temporarily hold the panels in place while the adhesive cures
- Clean Excess Adhesive: Remove any excess adhesive from the gaps between panels for a neat finish.adhesive cures.

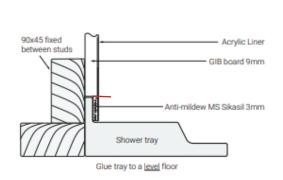
#### 3. After the adhesive has cured

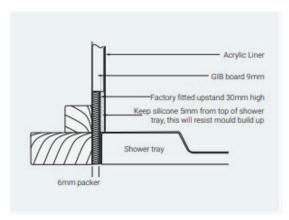
- Determine where the joints will be, and fix polyethylene tape to the wall board
- Apply masking tape to the edges of the wall panel on the front face.
- It is recommended that the space of the gap be approx. the same thickness of the wall panels (4-5mm). Use spacers to achieve an even gap
- Apply a consistent and continuous bead of silicone to the gap so that it is flush with the panels. Clean any excess silicone with a clean tool or gloved hand.
- Immediately remove the masking tape prior to the silicone curing.

**TIP**: Clean any silicone off the panel with a clean cloth and silicone cleaning agent.

### 3. Shower Installation

#### 1. Apply Silicone around Shower bases





 Run an 8mm bead of silicone along the shower base upstands

# 4. Sealing Holes for Fixtures & Fittings

- Prepare the Hole: Ensure the cover plate or flange fully covers the hole. The hole should have a minimal gap and no damaged or cracked edges.
- Apply Silicone Sealant: Apply a bead of silicone above and beside the hole, ensuring it will be concealed by the cover plate or flange. Leave a small gap in the silicone bead below the hole to allow any trapped moisture to escape.



# Cleaning

- Always use a soft cloth and clean regularly
- Use soapy water to clean
- Don't use chloride or citrus based cleaning products or solvents.
- Don't use scouring pads or steel wool