



**BETTER BATH® ALCOVE
GARDEN TUB
OEM INSTALLATION MANUAL**

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Safety Information

LCI recommends that installations only be done by a qualified technician. LCI also recommends that the technician should use appropriate personal protective equipment, such as safety glasses and gloves, during the installation process.



Failure to follow the instructions provided in this manual may result in injury, component damage, or voiding of the component warranty.

Installation

NOTE: All caulks, adhesives, sealants **MUST** be compatible with ABS.

1. To avoid damage to apron, stand tub on side to install strainer.
2. Install strainer – excessive tightening of lock ring is not required and could cause damage to drain area. DO NOT use sharp objects to remove excessive caulk from around top of strainer.
3. Construct alcove with proper placement of:
 - A. Access Hole: The size and shape may vary according to individual manufacturer. The access hole should be cut as small as possible to allow full support of the tub foam bottom at drain area. (1 ½" of tub foam bottom extending over access cutouts is acceptable).
 - B. Ledger Supports: It is not necessary for supports to extend full length and width of tub. Ends and centers of tub flanges should be supported. Material for construction of supports shall not exceed ¾" thickness, minimum ¾". Flange supports can be made of lumber or OSB board.
4. Set tub in place. Ensure bottom foam support sits securely on floor. Areas of importance are:
 - A. Floor **MUST** be flat, level, and solid.
 - B. Apron is set properly into "F" strip.
 - C. Support legs are properly installed.
 - D. Ledger supports are placed at proper height.

NOTE: If shim is used for proper floor contact, it should support the entire foam base. Partial shims should not be used and tub should be level for proper drainage.

5. Secure tub to walls using flat-back non-rusting screws. It is suggested the tub not be secured until the alcove walls are in place and secured. Assure alcove walls are plumb, straight, and square before securing tub flanges. Flange stress, bowl deflection, and/or bottom deflection can result from moving or repositioning the wall with the tub partially attached.
6. Flat-back non-rusting screw method:
 - A. If wall does not touch flange, a shim should be used to prevent flange distortion.
 - B. Do not screw through vertical apron flange of tub.
 - C. Stand in tub while installing screws.
 - D. Pre-drill oversized hole for screws.
 - E. Use flat-back non-rusting screws.
 - F. Use only two (2) screws per flange.
 - G. Screws are to be inserted 90 degrees to the wall in center of flange.
 - H. Do not screw through corners (minimum 3" from corners).
 - I. Tighten the screw until the screw back touches the flange and stop. Do not overtighten so as to distort/stress the flange.
7. Connect drain line to tub strainer after installation is complete. P-trap should connect to strainer or tailpiece without requiring force or causing back pressure to drain line.
8. Clean properly. Do not use any non-recommended cleaners (see "Care and Cleaning Instructions").

Care and Cleaning Instructions

LCI Thermoforming units are easy to keep clean and sparkling. Simply use warm water and a mild soap solution. Rub with a soft cloth and rinse thoroughly with warm water. Do not use abrasive cleaners or harsh chemicals.

Recommended Cleaners: Mild soap and water, Fantastic Spray Cleaner, Top Job Liquid (3% solution), Spic and Span Pine Cleaner, Joy Liquid Detergent (5% solution), Gel-Gloss, "The Works" Tub and Shower Cleaner, DuPont 7 Auto "Polish," and DuPont 606S Auto "Polish." All cleaning should be followed by a warm water rinse.

Do Not Use: Disinfectant sprays, disinfectant foams, pine oil cleaners, citrus-based cleaners, abrasive cleaners, harsh chemicals, Scrubbing Bubbles, petroleum-based products, auto rubbing compounds or industrial or commercial cleaners.

CAUTION

If any adverse chemicals, as described in the Care and Cleaning Instructions, come in contact with any surface, immediately rinse thoroughly with clean water.

With the exception of Permalux® and Permalux Plus® products, fading or discoloration may result from continued exposure to direct sunlight. Keep blinds or drapes closed during periods of the day when the product is exposed to direct sunlight.

Do not place any hot objects or objects such as candles or cigarettes on the surface of this product. These objects may scar, burn or ignite this plastic.



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