



**BETTER BATH® COMBO 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. Install strainer - excessive tightening of lock ring is not required and could cause damage to drain area. Do not use a sharp object to remove excess caulk from around top of strainers.

NOTE: Do not remove diagonal packing brace until bath units is placed in alcove.

2. Construct alcove with proper placement of:
 - A. Access Holes: The size and shape may vary according to individual manufacturer. The access holes should be cut as small as possible to allow full support of the tub and pan foam bottoms at drain area. (1 ½" of tub or pan foam bottom extending over access cutouts is acceptable).
 - B. Ledger Support: 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 ½" thickness, minimum ¾" thickness. Flange supports can be made of lumber or OSB board.
3. Install apron "F" strip 42" from back wall to front of strip.
4. Set tub and pan in place. Insure bottom foam support sits securely on floor.

NOTE: If a 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.

Areas of importance are:

- A. Floor **MUST** be flat, level, and solid.
 - B. Apron is set properly into "F" strip.
 - C. Flange supports are placed at proper height.
5. Secure tub and pan to walls using flat-back non-rusting screws. It is suggested the tub and pan not be secured until the alcove walls are in place and secured. Ensure 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.

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 flange of tub.
 - C. Pre-drill oversized hole for screws.
 - D. Stand in tub while installing screws.
 - E. Use flat-back non-rusting screws.
 - F. Use only two 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. Overtightening may distort/stress the flange.
6. Connect drain lines to tub strainers after installation is complete. P-traps should connect to strainers or tail pieces without requiring force or causing back pressure to drain lines.
 7. Clean properly. Do not use any non-recommended cleaners (see "Care and Cleaning Instructions").

8. Installing apron access panel:
 - A. Clean the access panel area of the tub with a dry cloth.
 - B. Peel the release paper from the back of the hook and loop fabric (e.g. Velcro), properly align, and press the panel onto the tub.
 - C. Carefully remove the panel and repress the entire perimeter firmly to ensure full contact of the adhesive with the surface of the tub.
 - D. Align and reinstall the panel to the tub, again pressing the entire perimeter of the panel. This locks the hook and loop pieces (e.g. Velcro) together.

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.



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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