

# **Installation Guidelines**

## **DROP-IN & CORNER BATHTUBS**

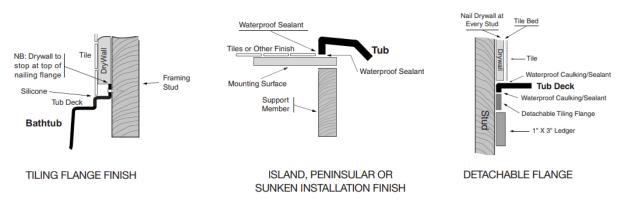
**IMMEDIATELY** INSPECT UNIT UPON RECEIPT FOR DAMAGES AND REPORT TO THE CARRIER.

PROTECTIVE GLOVES SHOULD BE WORN WHEN HANDLING A FIBERGLASS UNIT TO PROTECT FROM FIBRES.

### **PREPARATION & INSTALLATION**

1. Altrek bathtubs are designed with the floor of the tub as the weight carrier and it is reinforced for this purpose. The rim of the bath is not designed to carry the weight nor must the tub be suspended from the rim. Any finishing materials that touch or overlap the tub must be fully supported. See diagram.

## SEALING & FINISHING - TYPICAL METHODS OF SEALING AND FINISHING Make sure interior of tub is protected during finishing



- 2. Prepare the framing area to suit the appropriate length and width of your Altrek bathtub. Ensure all framing is square. To ensure proper drainage, the tub must be levelled along top edges, both lengthwise and sideways. Use wood shims under the tub to level.
- 3. Install waste and overflow kit (Supplied by others). A cut-out in the floor may be required to accommodate the waste fitting.
- 4. If unit is equipped with a tiling flange, mark and pre-drill holes in the nailing flange for securing screws.

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5. Some Altrek tubs are installed in an island setting. When a tub is being installed against a wall, it is necessary by local codes to install a tile flange kit (available as an option) with the tub. The flange kit is designed to provide the installer with a secure method of fastening the Altrek bath against the wall, be it one, two or three sides of the tub. Installation of the flange kit should be by applying silicone to the tub and /or flange, secure with metal screws 6" apart.

#### **DRYWALLING**

Our recommended drywall system is to butt the bottom of the drywall up to the top of the nailing flange: if tile is being used as the finished surface, the tile can then project over the edge of the drywall, down to the horizontal ledge, 1" above the surface of the tub. Alternatively, the drywall may be painted. In any case, a bead of silicone should be run above the bottom edge as a sealant and gap filler. See diagram above.

### **CARE & MAINTENANCE**

The following hints on care and maintenance are offered to assist you in keeping your tub or shower in "as new" condition.

**NORMAL CARE**: A quick sponge down with warm water and non-abrasive liquid detergent such as Mr.Clean, Fantastic or Lysol Tub & Tile Cleaner will take care of most cleaning needs. In areas where the water is hard, more frequent cleaning may be necessary to avoid a build-up on the surface.

**STAINS**: For stubborn stains, start with a liquid detergent, if this does not work, try a mild cleaning detergent such as Vim, which also works well for removing heavy soap film. Cleaning pads made of nylon, saran, polyethylene and containing no abrasive may be used. DO NOT use abrasive scouring powders or metal scouring pads, they can permanently damage the finish.

**DULL AREAS**: Should your stain removal result in a dull area, the shine can be restored with automobile wax such as Turtle Wax.

**PAINT SPLASHES**: A quick wipe with Acetone, mineral spirits or turpentine followed by a wash with water will remove paint. Do not use paint remover or stripper as these contain solvents with could permanently damage the surface.

THINGS TO AVOID: SAND AND GRIT, DROPPED TOOLS, LADDERS OR CONSTRUCTION DEBRIS.

**DAMAGES**: Should your unit suffer accidental damage, consult your plumber, wholesaler or Altrek for a qualified repair person to deal with the issue. Do not attempt to repair the unit on your own.

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All Altrek products are subject to an industry competitive limited warranty. Altrek Industries Ltd. offers a five (5) year warranty from date of purchase to the original owner on our products. This warranty does not cover materials and component parts manufactured by others (such as pumps, jets, pipes and fittings). Altrek Industries Ltd. warrants to the purchaser that each Altrek product will be at any time of sale, free from defect in material and workmanship.

Under no circumstances will Altrek Industries Ltd. assume liability for consequential damages or labor charges resulting there from. This warranty is non-transferable and shall be void if the unit is removed from its place of initial installation or is not installed in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions. Further, this warranty does not apply if the unit has been subject to an accident, abuse, misuse, damage caused by flood, fire, or act of Nature, or if the unit or the plumbing fixtures used in connection with it are not installed in compliance with local codes. Any modifications or alterations to a unit, without prior authorization from Altrek Industries Ltd. or the installation of therapy jets by anyone other than Altrek, will void all warranties.



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