



# Garden Bathtub Installation Instructions

*Gelcoat & Solid Surface Bathware*

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Tools you might need for proper installation

- galvanized nails or screws
- large level
- hammer or screw gun
- shims
- adhesive

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Thank you for purchasing Praxis Bathware. For best results, please read and follow all directions carefully.

## PRE-INSTALLATION PLANNING

1. Please do not store units out of doors.- Keep out of sunlight and exposure to weather.

2. Review Figure 2 for framing recommendations. If a fire rated alcove is required, approved finish material must be installed prior to unit installation. Access to drain and supply connections should be provided so that these connections may be made after the unit has been installed. Framing alcove must reflect exterior dimensions of bathtub to permit installation of unit. Note in diagram the required opening in the floor to provide clearance for the drain trap and fitting connection.

Bathtub must be fastened to the framing studs with galvanized screws or nails through the mounting flanges. The use of ledger boards is not required. Ledger board may be used at installers preference.

3. Each manufactured unit is made with the intent of being shimmed upon installation. It is recommended that shims be used in order to compensate for any settling or slope that may have occurred at the job site floor. The shims need to be placed under the unit after it is put into place and is being leveled.

## INSTALLATION PROCEDURE

1. Make certain your recessed framed pocket is square and plumb in accordance with rough-in dimensions. You may prefer to complete framing of the back wall and the plumbing end wall then frame out the opposite end wall after the unit has been set.

2. Finish rough plumbing, but leave unstrapped at this stage. Find drain line and trap locations as shown in framing diagram.

3. If installing spout and faucets on the top deck of the bathtub, or through the wainscoting, Measure and mark locations of fittings on the finished side of the unit. Recheck locations and drill 1/4" pilot holes. Cut holes to final size using the appropriate size hole saw.

4. Drain and/or Overflow assembly should be installed on unit according to the manufacturers instructions. Apply a bead of 100% silicone caulk, around the drain opening in unit before installing the fitting. A 12" x 6" minimum cutout in the sub floor is needed to provide access to the drain fitting.

5. Now move unit into place. Position the unit at the open end of the framed pocket, and tilt into place. If using ledger boards, make sure underside is in contact with the ledger boards.

6. Plumb and level the unit in two directions: Place a level on top of the apron, and along the finished flat area at the top of the wall at each side. When leveled, install wood shims under the back edge of bathtub bottom board. If any gap is present between the floor and bottom of the tub apron at the front, fill with solid shim material.

Mount unit to framing with 6d galvanized nails or screws through the mounting flanges, 8" on center vertically, and to all studs horizontally.

7. Make connections to supply and drain lines. Strap all lines to the framing. Install finish trim. Caulk if necessary.

Check for leaks before closing off plumbing access.

8. Finish wall board as detailed in *Figure 4*.



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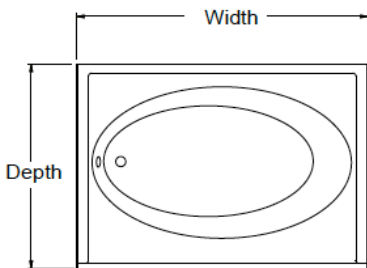
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## DO NOT USE ABRASIVE CLEANERS

The most important caution is to avoid use of harsh abrasive cleaners or gritty scouring powders. To clean the unit, simply use a household liquid detergent with soft sponge cloth and warm water. More persistent stains, tar, or paint can be removed with naphtha or mineral spirits. Remove excess plaster by scraping with a sharpened soft wood stick. Avoid wire brushes, metal scrapers or tools. Restore dull areas by rubbing with automotive type body cleaning compound.

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**CAUTION**  
If you use a **RUBBER FLOOR MAT** in this tub or shower unit it must be removed after each usage. If left in the unit, it may cause blisters or damage to the surface finish.



**Figure 1**  
Typical Garden Tub with Center Drain

\* Ledger boards are not required.

**Place Support Shims**

The shims need to be placed under the bottom back edge of the unit after it is put into place and leveled. An adhesive needs to be applied to the bottom of each shim to permanently secure it in place. A minimum of two shims must be used on each unit to ensure proper support and a solid base.

Place shims under 2 x 4 support at back.

**Figure 3**

**Figure 2**

Frame should be 1/4" wider than the tub

**FRAMING FOR ALCOVE INSTALLATION**

**Install and Finish Wall Board**

Install wall board so it covers the mounting flanges on the bathing unit. Leave a small gap between the finished surface of the bathing unit and edge of the wall board. Apply caulking to fill this gap.

Fasten wall board to framing studs. Tape seams and finish wall board as typical.

**Figure 4**

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