



**BATH/
CO/**

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



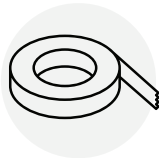
Router, Track Or Circular Saw (Fine-Toothed For A Smooth Finish)



Tape Measure



Adhesive Applicator



Masking Tape



Sandpaper



Clean Cloth



Drill

Recommended Sealants, Adhesives, Primers & Tape:

- **Silicone sealant for joins and trims**
Sikaflex, Gorilla MS Sealant or Soudaseal 240 FC
- **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



Preparation

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.
4. Old shower linings need to be removed before installing InStyle Wall Panels.

About InStyle Wall Panels

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

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

Compliance

InStyle wall panels are an acceptable solution of the New Zealand Building Code Clause E3 Internal Moisture, sections E3.3.4, E3.3.5, E3.3.6. When installed and maintained in accordance with these instructions will meet the durability requirements of this building code. InStyle Wall Panels have fire retardant properties that comply with C3. Instyle Wall Panels come with a 10-year conditional warranty for internal use within Residential buildings as per B2 Durability provisions for building elements B2/AS1.

InStyle wall panels have been tested by SGS Laboratories for chemical and abrasive resistance. For commercial installations and short-term rental properties, a reduced warranty period of 1 year from the date of purchase applies.

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 aluminum trims

- Bath Co's aluminum trims 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 trims, and glue seams and end cap trims in place

1. Fix Corner Trim in Place

- Using 6g 25-30mm screws, fix the internal corner aluminum trims in place

2. Apply Silicone around Bath & Shower Upstands

- Run an 8mm bead of silicone along the shower or bath upstands (See diagram on page 6)

3. 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. (See Fig 1)
- Use double-sided tape alongside the adhesive to hold panels temporarily in place while the adhesive cures. (See Fig 1)
- Remove Protective film from edges of wall panel before slotting into aluminum jointer's.

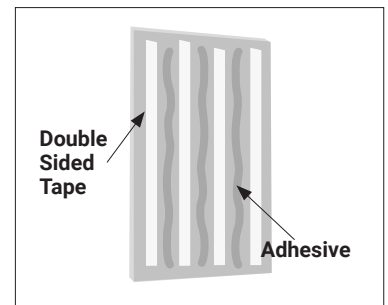


Fig 1

4. Apply Silicone to Trims

- Apply 2 continuous beads of silicone. One into the trim recess and one to the back face of the aluminum trim before fitting panels. (See Fig 2)

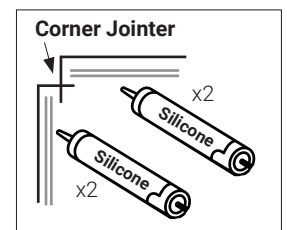


Fig 2

5. Alcove Showers

- Fix 1 corner trim in place
- Apply 2 continuous beads of silicone to both corner trims to be attached to the panel
- Fix panel to back wall
- Screw second corner trim in place

6. Installing Additional Wall Panel & Trims

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

7. Sealing Top Edges

- The top edges of the InStyle Wall Panels should be sealed to prevent condensation getting behind the panel



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
 - Remove protective film from edges and 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
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2. Bath & Shower Preparation

- Apply silicone around the bath and shower upstands (see diagram on page 6)
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3. Applying the wall panels

- Prepare the Surface: Wipe the back of the panel with primer for optimal adhesion
 - 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. This includes corner joints.
 - 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 before adhesive cures.
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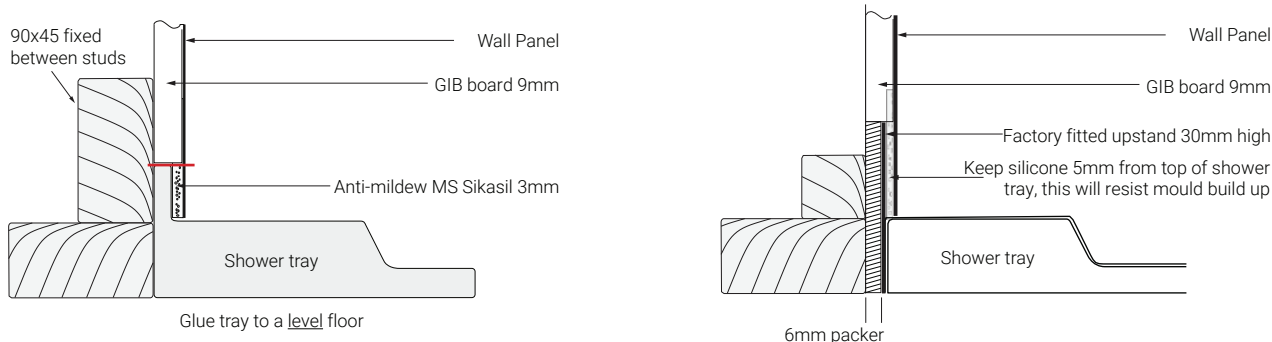
4. After the adhesive has cured

- 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.
- The top edge of the InStyle Wall Panels should be sealed to prevent condensation getting behind the panel

TIP: Clean any silicone off the panel with a clean cloth.

3. Shower Installation

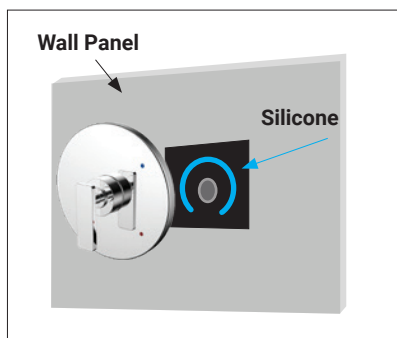
1. Apply Silicone around Shower bases



- 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.



4. Moisture & Wet Area Care

InStyle wall panels are water-resistant; however:

- Ensure all joints are properly sealed during installation.
- Avoid prolonged water pooling.
- Avoid prolonged water exposure at cut edges.
- Maintain silicone seals around corners and fixtures.
- Repair damaged sealants promptly.
- Ensure good bathroom ventilation.



Care & Maintenance

Bath Co InStyle wall panels are engineered for durability, moisture resistance, and low maintenance.

Proper care will ensure long-term appearance and performance.

1. Routine Cleaning

Frequency:

- As required based on environment (residential, commercial, wet areas)

Dry Cleaning:

- Use a soft microfibre cloth or duster to remove surface dust.
- Vacuum with a soft brush attachment if necessary.

Damp Cleaning:

- Wipe with a soft cloth or mop dampened with clean water.
- For general cleaning, use a pH-neutral mild detergent diluted in water.
- Rinse with clean water and wipe dry.

NB. Avoid excessive water pooling on joints or edges.

2. Stain Removal

CLEAN SPILLS IMMEDIATELY.

Stain Type and Recommended Method:

- Dirt / Mud: Damp cloth with mild detergent
- Grease / Oil: Diluted neutral cleaner
- Marker / Ink: Isopropyl alcohol (70%) lightly applied
- Soap Scum: Diluted vinegar solution (rinse immediately)

NB. Always test cleaning agents in an inconspicuous area first.

3. Cleaning Products to Avoid

Do NOT use:

- Abrasive pads or steel wool
- Strong alkaline or acidic cleaners
- Solvent-based cleaners (acetone, thinner, MEK)
- Bleach in high concentration
- Steam cleaners (unless specifically approved by manufacturer)
- Concentrated citrus cleaning products

NB. These will damage the surface wear layer or decorative film.

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5. Impact & Surface Protection

- Avoid sharp objects impacting the surface.
- Do not drag heavy fixtures across the panel.
- Use protective pads behind mounted shelves and accessories.
- Do not drill or fix heavy items without proper support behind panels.

6. Temperature & Environment

- Suitable operating temperature: 0°C – 60°C.
- Avoid prolonged exposure to direct high heat (>60°C).
- Do not install near open flames or unshielded heat sources.
- This product is specifically designed for indoor use only, and prolonged exposure to direct sunlight should be avoided to preserve its appearance.

7. Periodic Inspection

Inspect every 6–12 months for:

- Loose panels
- Sealant deterioration
- Surface damage
- Joint movement

8. Repair & Replacement

- Replace damaged panels promptly to maintain performance and appearance.
- Damaged panels should be replaced by qualified installers.
- Do not attempt to remove interlocking panels without proper tools.

9. Warranty Preservation

- Follow manufacturer's installation guidelines.
- Use recommended adhesives and sealants.
- Avoid unauthorized modifications.
- Keep purchase and installation records.

Expected Service Life

- InStyle wall panels come with a 10-year conditional warranty. **See next page for full details.**



Warranty

InStyle Wall Panels are covered by a 10-year conditional warranty from the date of purchase, subject to the following terms and conditions.

This warranty is valid only where the product has been installed in strict accordance with the official InStyle Wall Panel installation instructions. The panels must be used on vertical internal surfaces only and are not suitable for external applications.

The product must not be installed within 1 metre of an open flame heat source and must not be exposed to water temperatures exceeding 60°C. Installation must be carried out using a compatible adhesive, specifically a modified silicone (MS) polymer-based adhesive, applied to a suitable substrate such as water-resistant plasterboard.

Failure to use an appropriate substrate, adhesive system, or installation method will void this warranty.

Some slight fading may occur over time when the product is exposed to direct sunlight.

This warranty is also conditional upon proper care and maintenance of the product in accordance with the InStyle Wall Panel Care & Maintenance Guide available [here](#).

This warranty is non-transferable and will not extend to any subsequent owners in the event of a property sale or ownership change.

This warranty does not cover any costs or losses associated with the removal, reinstallation, or replacement of the product, including labour or associated materials.

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