

The BETTER Shower System

Shower Niche Installation Guide

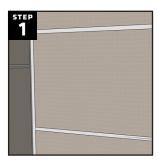
Before Installing your HYDRO-BLOK Shower System

Perform a final floor and wall measurement check to ensure all walls are square and make any adjustments required BEFORE installing your HYDRO-BLOK shower system.

Installation Tools and Materials Required

- #2 Robertson or #2 Philips screwdriver drill bit
- Tape Measure
- · Fine Point Marker
- Level
- Utility Knife and Metal Ruler/Straight Edge
- Cleaning supplies (we recommend paper towels, citrus wipes, rags, dust pan and brush)

IMPORTANT: Please read all related installation guides before installing your HYDRO-BLOK Shower System! Contact your local dealer if you have any questions regarding the installation process.



Ensure your HYDRO-BLOK wallboard is properly installed and ready for your HYDRO-BLOK niche.



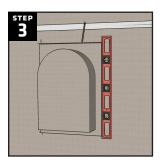
Using a utility knife, cut the horizontal lines first, using those cuts to ensure that the vertical cuts will be located in the middle of a wall stud on each side.



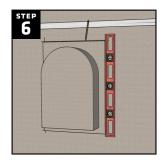
Locate and mark the locations of your wall studs so that the niche can be installed in the proper location. All HYDRO-BLOK niches must be installed so that they are supported by a stud on each vertical side.



Once the location of the studs has been confirmed, the vertical cuts can be made.



Place the niche with its face against the wall where it will be installed. Use a level to ensure the niche is properly positioned and then outline/trace the edges of the niche onto the wallboard with a marker.



Place the niche in the opening and dry fit to ensure it fits in the opening.

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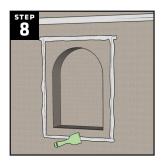
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Apply a ½" continuous bead of HYDRO-BLOK joint sealant on all 4 inner edges of the wallboard in the opening.

Installation Hints

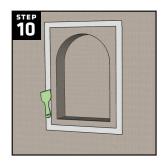
We recommend reading the installation guides for all the relavent HYDRO-BLOK products before starting your shower. HYDRO-BLOK installation guides for shower niches, pan extensions and more can be found online at www.HYDROBLOK.com.



Press fit the niche right side up into the opening. Smooth out the excess sealant with a HYDRO-BLOK standard putty knife



Install HYDRO-BLOK washers and screws at the corners and along the vertical seams every 12" so that the washer covers half of the niche and half of the wallboard. For double wide niches, place washers and screws at the top and bottom of the centre stud as well along the horizontal seam.



Apply a final ½" continuous bead of joint sealant on all 4 seams and smooth out with the straight putty knife ensuring that all washers are covered. Ensure there is at least 1" of joint sealant on either side of the seam.



After approximately one hour (at room temperature of at least 18 $^{\circ}$ C or 65 $^{\circ}$ F) the HYDRO-BLOK joint sealant will skin over and thinset can safely be applied.





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