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# **CARING FOR** YOUR NEW BATH FITTER

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Thank you for choosing Bath Fitter and making a major investment in your home! We are proud of our product and completely committed to providing you with the best service possible.

We recommend that you read this manual carefully before using your bath or shower for the first time. It contains valuable information on how to properly maintain and care for your Bath Fitter system. We know you'll enjoy your Bath Fitter unit for years to come and we hope you consider us for future needs.

#### **APPROVED CLEANERS/CLEANING**

Please do not clean your new Bath Fitter system for **A MINIMUM OF 7 DAYS**. Chemicals in cleaning agents can retard the silicone mold resistant properties.

It is recommended to remove such things as soap residue from your tub/shower unit and silicone areas by cleaning with an approved cleaner. Regular cleaning will keep your new unit looking great for years to come. Always rinse any cleaning product off the acrylic surfaces immediately. Bath Fitter regularly re-tests the products to ensure the ingredients have not changed. It is recommended that you contact the Warranty Department regularly at 1-888-448-7250 or warranty@bathsaver.com to see if any products have been added or removed from this list.

**NOTE:** Unapproved cleaners used on our products can cause damage and therefore void our warranty. ONLY use these approved cleaners:

Clorox Clean Up Cleaner with Bleach	Soft Scrub with Bleach
Scrub-Free Lemon Scent	Simple Green-Lime Scale Remover
w/ Oxy-Clean	Soft Scrub Deep Clean
Tilex Mildew Remover	Foaming Cleanser
Lime-A-Way-Lime, Calcium	Formula 409 Orange Power
and Rust Cleaner	Vinegar - Pure White
Lysol All Purpose Cleaner- w/ Bleach	

#### Always rinse any cleaning product off the acrylic surfaces immediately.

Note: All products must be used as directed on their labels, including diluting with water when necessary.

**Caution:** Many manufacturers make similarly named products. ONLY the specifically named products listed here have been tested and determined to be safe.

## TIPS

- An environmentally friendly solution of water and white vinegar will do a great job of eliminating mildew on silicone while being cost effective.
- When using the Dobie pad (made by Scotch Brite) for cleaning it is important to always use water with the Dobie pad as not to mar the acrylic finish. Dobie pad should only be used on the textured tub or shower bottom.
- Cleaning the silicone regularly with chlorine bleach based products will help kill any germs and/or bacteria lying on the surface.
- We highly recommend using body wash instead of bar soap. Bar soap has a hardening agent in it that will leave visual residue in the unit.

## TIPS FOR CLEANING SHOWER DOORS

- Clean the shower doors after every use to keep them looking new. We strongly recommend using a squeegee to clean off alass shower doors after each use.
- Hard water stains can be cleaned with Lime-A-Way by Reckitt Benckiser, found in most major grocery and hardware stores. A white vinegar solution can also be used.
- Soap scum and hard water stains can be removed from shower doors with a  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of white vinegar and a  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of water. Spray on and let sit for a few minutes, then rinse with warm/hot water. (Note that this will leave a slight odor but it will go away after a couple of uses). 4

- Spray glass with Rainex (using instructions on the bottle).
- Use shampoo on the glass. Any shampoo will do. Cover a rag or sponge with a generous amount of shampoo and rub on the glass door. You don't even have to scrub! Press firmly with a few passes, wait about 30 seconds and rinse!
- Clean any mold or mildew buildup with an approved bleach cleaner (see approved cleaner list).
- **Caution:** Never use a scouring agent to clean the hardware or the glass.
- Please note: Any of these tips may need to be repeated if necessary depending on the amount of buildup. These tips should ONLY be applied to the glass on the doors, not to the finish of the doors.

## **USE OF AEROSOL SPRAYS**

The use of any type of aerosol spray will result in irreparable damage to the acrylic surface and will void the warranty.

## BATH SALTS

Use of baking soda, epsom salt, bath salts or bleach baths is not recommended, but if used, the unit must be *thoroughly* rinsed immediately.

## HAIR DYE

Hair dyes will stain many surfaces including acrylic. Using hair dyes is NOT recommended, but if used, the unit must be thoroughly rinsed immediately.

## TOBACCO

Tobacco smoke may discolor your Bath Fitter unit and is NOT recommended.

## CANDLES

To avoid burning the acrylic, as well as discoloration of the silicone, do not use candles in or around your tub or shower.

# IMPORTANT

While you may use your tub unit, please refrain from using the shower for 24 hours after the installation. This allows adequate time for the silicone adhesive to cure.

**CAUTION:** It is well known that wet, soapy surfaces can be slippery. Please be extremely careful when bathing. The application of a Bath Fitter slip resistant coating to your tub or shower floor is available as an option. If you did not choose this option at time of sale, please contact the Warranty Department at 1-888-448-7250 or warranty@bathsaver.com for more information and pricing options.

# **PLUMBING & VALVE INFORMATION**

# **CLEANING THE DRAIN**

It is recommended that you clean hair and debris out of the pop-up stopper if you notice that the water is taking longer than normal to drain from the tub. Use the easy to follow instructions for removal of the pop-up stopper.



Push the stopper down. Then, while holding stopper down, unscrew and remove knob.



Unscrew brass screw. Use flathead screwdriver if necessary



Remove stopper assembly and clean drain, then reinstall assemly.

## UNCLOGGING THE DRAIN

**PLEASE NOTE:** The use of any chemical drain cleaners such as Drano, Liquid Plumber, etc., will result in irreparable damage to the acrylic surface and WILL VOID THE WARRANTY.

To free up a clogged drain, remove the pop-up stopper and verify that it is not clogged with





If the previous steps do not unclog your drain, Bath Fitter recommends another low cost natural solution. Remove stopper and pour equal parts baking soda and white vinegar into the drain (1/4 cup of each). Next, pour hot water into the drain. At this point you can either try to plunge the drain again or reinstall the stopper. Should the baking soda or vinegar come in contact with the acrylic surface, rinse thoroughly.

If these methods fail it may be necessary to call a plumber.

## FIXTURE USE

Manufacturers change styles and model types, so depending on



the year of installation, you may have one of the fixtures below.

The **classic shower head** has three different settings for water flow. To change the water settings simply move the lever on the right side of the shower head

to the desired water flow setting.

The **rounded shower head** has three different settings for water flow. To change the water settings simply rotate the lower portion of the shower head to the desired water flow setting.





The **flat shower head** has a single function for water flow.

**NOTE:** Due to the design of the shower head, it is normal for water to continue to drip from the shower head for up to 20 minutes after water is turned off. The **single handle fixture** controls both the water temperature and the water pressure.

On the **two-handled fixture system**, the outer control handle is used to set the temperature. Once you have set the fixture to your desired temperature, there is no need to adjust





any further. The inner handle will control the water volume/pressure coming from the tub spout or shower head.

The **diverter** found on the **tub spout** is used to divert water from the tub spout



up to the shower head. To divert the water

to the shower head, turn the water on and pull up on the diverter located on the top of the tub spout. Once this is done, water should be completely flowing from the shower head (a <u>small</u> amount of water dripping out of the tub spout while shower head is in use is normal).

Once the water is turned off, it is safe to push the diverter back down if it does not drop down on its own. (Note: Always be sure the water is off. Do not force diverter back down.)

### **CLEANING FIXTURES**

A mild paste or liquid car wax can be rubbed on the fixtures to allow an extra protective coating for homes with hard water or water softeners.

# **TUB & SHOWER DOOR INFORMATION**

## **PROPER CLOSED DOOR POSITION**

The design of the tub/ shower by-pass doors requires that the inner door be closed at the fixture end of the unit (as shown above) so that water does not spray between the glass panels and onto the bathroom floor (as shown to the right).



### SECURITY BAR

The security bars have beauty rings covering the wall anchors. The anchors are sealed under the beauty rings to prevent water from penetrating behind the wall. These rings are for aesthetic

purposes only and a certain amount of movement is normal.

#### PERSONAL SPRAYER

All personal sprayers come with a 98% shut off button which is meant to reduce the water flow to a small stream. This feature does not shut the water off completely.

