

**Installation Instructions** 

# **ROPE TWIST™ BATH WALLS**

MODEL: 5030.LBW

USED WITH SOAKING TUBS: 2722.102, 2722.202

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### **BEFORE YOU BEGIN....**

### NOTE: Local building codes vary by location. Observe all local plumbing and building codes.

Unpack your new shower walls and inspect them carefully for damage. Verify that the walls are the correct size for your installation. Refer to American Standard roughing-in information for specific dimensions for each model.

## **TOOLS & MATERIALS REQUIRED....**

### TOOLS:

- Drill & Hole Saw or Sabre Saw
- Tape Measure
- Caulking Gun
- Pencil
- Square
- Level

### MATERIALS:

- Clear Silicone Sealant
- Acrylic/Latex Sealant
- Galvanized (or corrosion resistant) flat head screws 3/4" minimum length
- 2 x 4 lumber for additional wall studs as required
- Tub Surround Adhesive

NOTE: Take extra care in handling the front surfaces of the walls. Use only non-abrasive cloths to avoid scratching.

# HOTLINE FOR HELP

FOR TOLL FREE INFORMATION AND ANSWERS TO YOUR QUESTIONS, CALL: 1 (800) 442-1902, in Canada call 1 (800) 387-0369. Weekdays 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern time.



# PREPARATION:

Rope Twist shower walls are to be installed directly over stud walls. Drywall is not required.

A) Remove dry wall surface and ensure that alcove is plumb and square. (Illustration 1)



**B)** The studs should be located as shown to properly support walls. Provide additional studs where illustrated below. (Illustration 2)



C) Rough plumbing and fittings must be installed before walls.

NOTE: <u>Installation over greenboard or firewalls</u>: If installing wall panels over greenboard and/or firewall material, and not directly on the studs, your alcove dimensions must consider the thickness of this material. Measure from the inside of the finished walls.

# **INSTALLATION PROCEDURES:**

If you plan to install a shower door, a 2 x 4 must be installed in the pocket on the back of both side walls. A) Cut one end of the 2 x 4 to 45° as shown. (Fig.1) Then cut the 2 x 4 to a length of 59-1/2". B) Apply a bead of tub surround adhesive in the pocket of each side wall. With 45° cut end down and angle facing out, attach board butting up to the top of the pocket. Allow time to cure.



Front Nailing flange





A) • Locate and drill a clearance hole in the center of the top nailing flange and centered on each stud (see arrows as shown).
• Also drill four evenly spaced clearance holes on the front nailing flange on each side (see arrows as shown).

B) Ensuring mating surface is square and plum (Fig. 2), install galvanized screws through each clearance hole and into the studs, securing the wall panel.

C) Add a bead of silicone caulk down the vertical corner of the back panel (Fig. 2).





A) Apply a bead of tub surround adhesive down each stud that will come in contact with the side panels being sure to stay below the line previously marked.

B) Lay a bead of silicone caulk along side panel mating surface and tub ledge.

**C)** Align the top nailing flange of each side panel with pencil line marked. Press firmly into place to ensure proper adhesion to studs. Check alignment with all mating surfaces and reposition if necessary.



- D) Locate and drill a clearance hole in the center of the top nailing flange and centered on each stud (see arrows as shown).
   Also drill clearance holes in the front nailing flange on each side panel at approx. 12" intervals, centered on the flange (see arrows as shown).
  - Install galvanized screws through each hole and into the studs, securing the wall panel.





When installing greenboard, position drywall screws above the top nailing flange. If you choose to screw through the nailing flange, you MUST drill clearance holes in the flange to avoid cracking/damaging the flange.

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A) After greenboard is installed, apply finished latex/acrylic caulk bead to all edges and joints. Follow caulk manufacturers' recommended cure time.

B) Make connections to supply and drain lines.



#### POST INSTALLATION CLEAN-UP

Remove all construction debris. Tile grout can be removed with a wooden popsicle stick or tongue depressor. Do not use wire brushes or any other metal implement on surface.

Post installation clean-up generally can be completed using warm water and liquid dishwashing detergent. Stubborn dirt or stains may be removed using granular Spic and Span<sup>®</sup> mixed with water.

Painter's naphtha can be used to remove excess adhesives and/or wet oil-base paint.

## AFTERCARE and CLEANING

WARNING: Cleaning products with labels that say "not suitable for use with ABS, acrylic or polystyrene" SHOULD NOT BE USED. Read all labels carefully.

- Excessively hot water may cause surface damage.
  HARSH CHEMICALS SHOULD NEVER BE USED ON SHOWER WALL SURFACE. Clean after use with a mild liquid household detergent cleaner. Do not use Lestoil, Lysol Disinfectant (spray or concentrate), or Lysol Basin, Tub and Tile Cleaner, Windex, Mr. Clean, Dow Disinfectant Bathroom Cleaner, or cleaning products in aerosol cans.
- Do not use wire brushes, knives or sharp objects to remove stains, cigarette tar deposits, or other surface blemishes.
  Abrasive cleaners or powders must not be used, since they will dull the surface. If the glossy surface loses its sheen, dulled areas or light scratches can be restored by rubbing with a white "automotive type" polishing
- compound and waxing with a "liquid wax."
- Do not wax areas where you walk or stand.
- Do not allow nail polish remover, acetone, dry cleaning fluid, paint remover or other solvents to come into contact with the surface.
- Clean the surrounding surface immediately after using caustic drain cleaners.
  Burning cigarettes will damage the surface.
- Should damage to the fixture occur, repairs can be made quickly and easily.
  - Your distributor or builder can provide details.

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In the United States: American Standard Inc. P.O. Box 659 West Caldwell, New Jersey 07007 Attention: Director of Consumer Affairs

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