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STEP-BY-STEP INSTRUCTIONS FOR INSTALLING COMPOTITE CEMENTITIOUS SHOWER PANS

Compotite Cementitious Shower Pans provide a strong, durable, and waterproof base for shower installations. Proper installation using thin-set mortar and Compotite Elastiseal ensures long-lasting performance. These instructions are designed for professional tile installers and include best practices to achieve optimal results.



MATERIALS AND TOOLS REQUIRED

- Compotite Cementitious Shower Pan
- Thin-set mortar (ANSI A118.4 or A118.15 compliant)
- ♦ Compotite Elastiseal
- Waterproofing sheet membrane or liquid membrane (if applicable)
- Drain assembly compatible with the shower pan
- Notched trowel (1/4" x 3/8" or as specified)
- ♦ Flat trowel
- Mixing bucket and drill with mixing paddle
- Straight edge or level
- Utility knife
- Measuring tape
- Sponge and clean bucket of water

PREPARATION

1. INSPECT AND PREPARE THE SUBSTRATE ENSURING THE SUBSTRATE IS:

- Clean: Free of dust, grease, and debris.
- > Flat: Level within 1/8 inch over 10 feet.
- Structurally Sound: Free of cracks or movement.

2. VERIFY SUBSTRATE SUITABILITY

- Concrete Substrate: Fully cured and dry.
- Plywood or OSB Substrate: Exterior grade only.
 Ensure adequate support and no deflection.
- Cement Board: Installed per manufacturer guidelines.

3. DRY FIT THE SHOWER PAN

- Place the Compotite Cementitious Shower Pan on the substrate to verify proper fit and alignment with the drain.
- > Trim the edges, if necessary, using a utility knife.
- Check the slope to ensure water will flow correctly to the drain (minimum 1/4" per foot slope).



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INSTALLATION PROCESS

1. INSTALL THE DRAIN ASSEMBLY

- Position and secure the drain assembly according to the manufacturer's instructions.
- Ensure the drain flange is flush with or slightly recessed into the substrate to accommodate the shower pan.

2. PREPARE AND APPLY THIN-SET MORTAR

- Mix the thin-set mortar as per the manufacturer's instructions.
- Using a notched trowel, apply a consistent layer of thin-set to the substrate where the shower pan will be placed.
- Comb the mortar with the notched side of the trowel to create uniform ridges.

3. INSTALL THE CEMENTITIOUS SHOWER PAN

- Carefully place the shower pan into the thin-set, aligning it with the drain assembly.
- Press the pan firmly into the mortar to ensure full contact and eliminate voids.
- Use a straight edge or level to check for even placement and proper slope toward the drain.
- Adjust as necessary before the thin-set sets.
- Seal the Perimeter and Seams with Compotite Elastiseal
- Apply Compotite Elastiseal along the perimeter where the shower pan meets the walls.
- Use Elastiseal to seal any joints, seams, or small gaps between the pan and adjacent components.
- Spread Elastiseal with a flat trowel for a smooth, consistent seal.

By following these detailed instructions, professional tile installers can achieve a secure, watertight, and durable installation for Compotite Cementitious Shower Pans.

WATERPROOFING (OPTIONAL)

USING A SHEET MEMBRANE

- Cut the waterproofing sheet membrane to fit the shower pan, extending it up the walls by at least 4 inches.
- Apply thin-set mortar over the shower pan and walls.
- > Press the membrane into the mortar, ensuring full contact.
- Seal the edges with Elastiseal, especially at corners and transitions.

USING A LIQUID MEMBRANE

- Apply the first coat of liquid membrane over the shower pan and up the walls.
- Allow the first coat to dry, then apply a second coat for full coverage.
- ♦ Reinforce corners, seams, and joints with Elastiseal.

FINAL STEPS

1. INSPECT THE INSTALLATION

- Verify the shower pan is level, properly sloped, and securely adhered to the substrate.
- ♦ Ensure all joints and seams are fully sealed with Elastiseal.

2. ALLOW FOR CURING

 Allow the thin-set mortar and Elastiseal to cure according to the manufacturers' recommendations before proceeding with tiling.

3. CONDUCT A FLOOD TEST

 Perform a flood test to ensure the waterproofing system is intact and free of leaks. Follow local building codes for flood testing procedures.

4. PROCEED TO TILE INSTALLATION

 Once the waterproofing system is confirmed, proceed with tiling using appropriate thin-set and grout.

BEST PRACTICES

- Pre-Mix Materials: Mix thin-set and Elastiseal in small, manageable batches to prevent waste.
- Work Methodically: Install the shower pan immediately after applying thin-set to avoid premature drying.
- Check Slope Continuously: Regularly verify the slope during installation to ensure proper drainage.
- Clean Excess Material: Wipe away excess thin-set or Elastiseal during installation for a clean and professional finish.