



# DECINA BATH INSTALLATION AND OWNER GUIDE

Congratulations on purchasing a Decina Bath. We are proud that our baths represent the very best of Australian design ideas combined with well proven construction techniques.



## PLEASE READ CAREFULLY PRIOR TO COMMENCING ANY WORK

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION

- ❗ Remove plastic film completely prior to installation & inspect the acrylic surface of the bath for damage. Damage found after installation is not covered by the manufacturers warranty conditions.
- ❗ Installation of any Decina product should be carried out by a qualified tradesman only.
- ❗ We recommend that no 'pre-framing' work be carried out until the product is on-site.
- ❗ Do not install on foam.

# HANDLING

Please note that this product has been through our rigid quality control procedures which include visual inspection under bright lights. For your peace of mind, please unwrap the bath and check carefully to ensure it has not been damaged in handling or transport which is beyond our control.

**!** Claims regarding cracks and/or face and/or surface damage will not be recognised after 14 days from when the product was dispatched from our warehouse or 48hrs after receipt by end user. No such claims will be recognised after installation.

## BATH INSTALLATION

**MUST BE CARRIED OUT BY A QUALIFIED TRADESMAN.**

All acrylic baths need to be supported under all rims as well as supporting the full length of floor of the bath.

### A. SUPPORTING THE BASE

#### Baths with Self-Supporting Base Pads

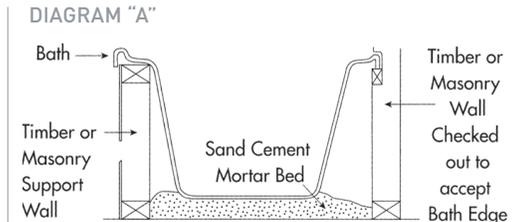
Some baths (only those with 5 PVC circles glassed to the base) can be installed on a firm level surface without the need to use a mortar bed. Use a cement based adhesive to glue the base pads to the floor. This must only be done where the support area is completely smooth, clean and level. Spread adhesive liberally over the support floor and base pads and allow adequate time for it to cure. On a timber floor it is necessary to first lay a fibre cement sheet in accordance with the manufacturer's installation instructions. The bath feet must then be adhered to the sheet with a concrete based adhesive.

#### All Other Baths

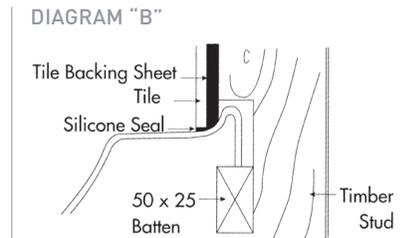
Allow a minimum of 50mm for the mortar bed. Mix the mortar to a dryish consistency to minimise shrinkage and droop. Include a bonding Agent such as BONDCRETE in the mix. It is a requirement of the water authorities that all non-self-supporting baths be supported the full length of the bath base on a mortar mix. When installing an Island bath, the full perimeter also has to be supported by a 'frame' of timber or masonry as per diagram "D".

### B. DETAIL OF BATH TO WALL

Where the bath abuts a wall, it must be set back into the wall as detailed in diagram "B". The wall is checked out to a depth that will accommodate the full round of the tiling bead. A batten is fixed to the wall to support the bottom edge of the bath rim. The front and sides of the bath are to be supported on a dwarf wall constructed in either timber or masonry. The front edge of the bath can overlap the wall as shown in diagram "C" or sit on top of the wall to create a ledge as in diagram "D".



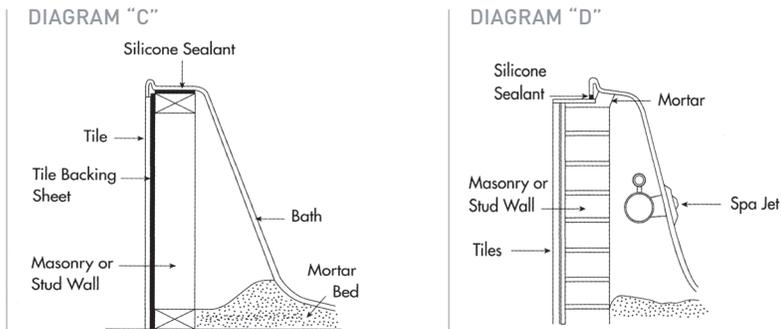
**!** DO NOT USE FOAM TO SUPPORT THE BASE OF ANY BATH



### C. TAP HOLES

Holes for taps can be drilled in the bath using a timber hole saw. Care should be taken not to bottom out the hole saw on the bath as this can leave deep marks in the surface.

To avoid this, cut a 200 x 200mm section of cardboard and drill the required hole through the centre. Leave this cardboard over the hole saw as protection. When drilling acrylic, the points of the drill bits should be eased from the usual chisel angle of 118 degrees to 130 degrees to reduce the chances of grabbing.



### D. DETAIL OF BATH TO WALL

When baths are supplied with steel base (and/or base and rim) support frame, the bath should be slipped into position and the top levelled by adjusting the feet on the frames. All of the adjustable feet of the frame must be in full contact with the floor, so that the base is fully supported.

**NOTE:** A mortar mix must also be laid to fill the void between the bottom of the bath and the floor within the frame perimeter if the bath is going to be used as a shower/bath. (It is a requirement of Building Authorities and Australian Standards that acrylic baths be fully supported with a mortar mix)

## CARING FOR YOUR BATH

Acrylic has an excellent resistance to most things it is likely to come into contact with in the bathroom. However if it should be exposed to a naked flame, cigarettes or strong solvents they should be removed immediately. To keep your bath in good condition it is recommended you adopt the following:

1. When filling the bath start with cold water to allow the bath to gradually adapt to the temperature.
2. To maintain the bath's good looks it should be cleaned with liquid or gel-type (not powder) household detergent, or all-purpose liquid cleaners such as "Handy Andy" or "Liquid Ajax". Do not use coarse abrasives. However cream-type cleaners such as "Jif" may be used to remove stubborn marks but not on plated fittings.
3. When your bathing is completed it is recommended that you wipe a damp sponge or cloth around the water line to remove any build-up of body fats or soap residue that may result in a "tidemark".
4. If the bath is accidentally scratched it may be restored by using a fine polish such as "Brasso". If this will not remove the damage it can be cut back with either very fine wet and dry paper used liberally with water or car cutting compounds. After removing the damage, restore the gloss with car polish.

# MAKE YOUR BATH AN EXPERIENCE

Your bath should be an experience to look forward to, an opportunity to pamper yourself, a retreat from the pressures of life. The temperature of your bath will have a lasting effect on you. A hot bath will leave you totally relaxed for a restful sleep. Run it luke warm and it will leave you fresh and ready to go. Ideally the bath water should not be too hot. Research has shown that a temperature of 35°C (95°F) has the most beneficial effect on the bather. Increasing the temperature to 37°C or above reduces the therapeutic effects on the bather and induces drowsiness.

## WARRANTY

Decina baths carry the following warranty:



15 years on all baths manufactured by Decina

(This does not include freestanding baths, pressed metal baths or Spa Bath shells)

## CONDITIONS

1. The Decina Warranty shall only apply where the product has been installed by a qualified tradesman and in full accordance with the Installation Instructions and Statutory requirements. The Warranty specifically EXCLUDES damage discovered AFTER installation.
2. Bath shells modified or spa-ed by others are not covered under this Warranty.
3. Decina's responsibility for claims relating to impact damage shall cease within 48 hours from delivery to the Reseller's store.
4. The Warranty shall only extend to the supply of a replacement product or credit to the value of the purchase and specifically EXCLUDES consequential damage ensuing from the product application or use. The responsibility for the removal and replacement of the product shall be with the installer and/ or owner or where the manufacturer accepts that the product is at fault, a maximum contribution to the removal and replacement costs will be \$500. Where the installation requires a relocation of the waste by an offset device, Decina will not offer a warranty against leakage unless a "through" waste connector is used (Recommended brand is Tacron).
5. Decina Bathroomware Pty Ltd reserves the right to vary specifications or delete models from their range without prior notification. As measurements may vary, it is highly recommended that the bath is on-site before tapware is fitted.
6. Plug and wastes are not supplied with bath or spa baths.
7. Any Special Order products will not be accepted for credit or return.