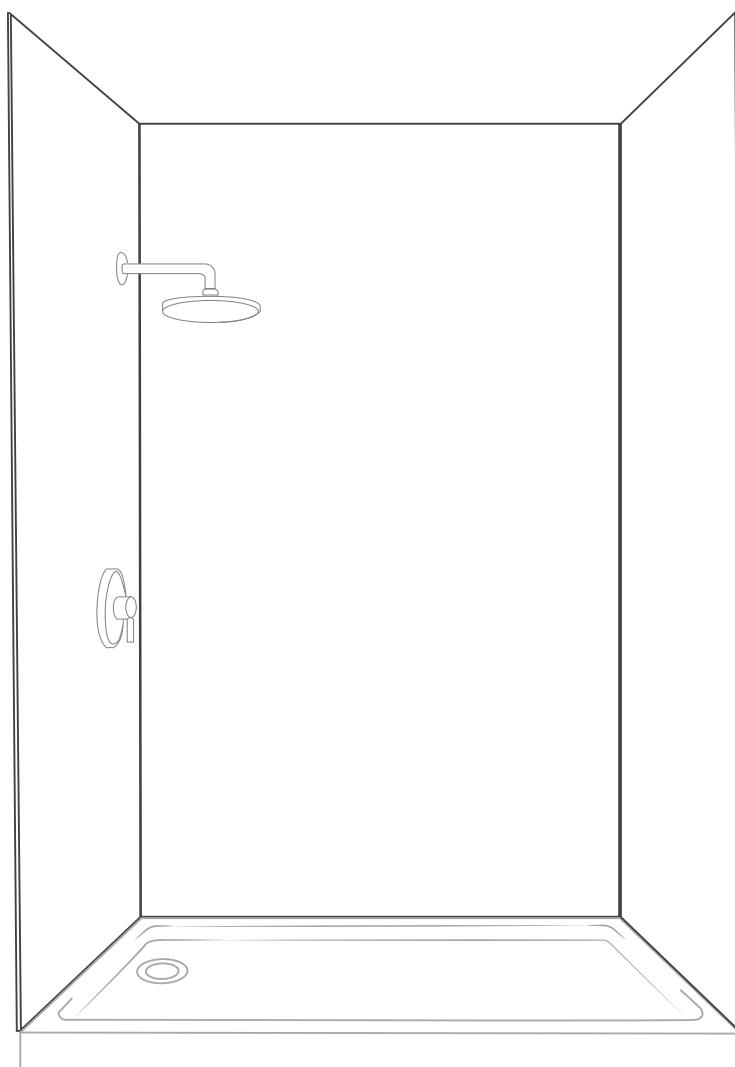


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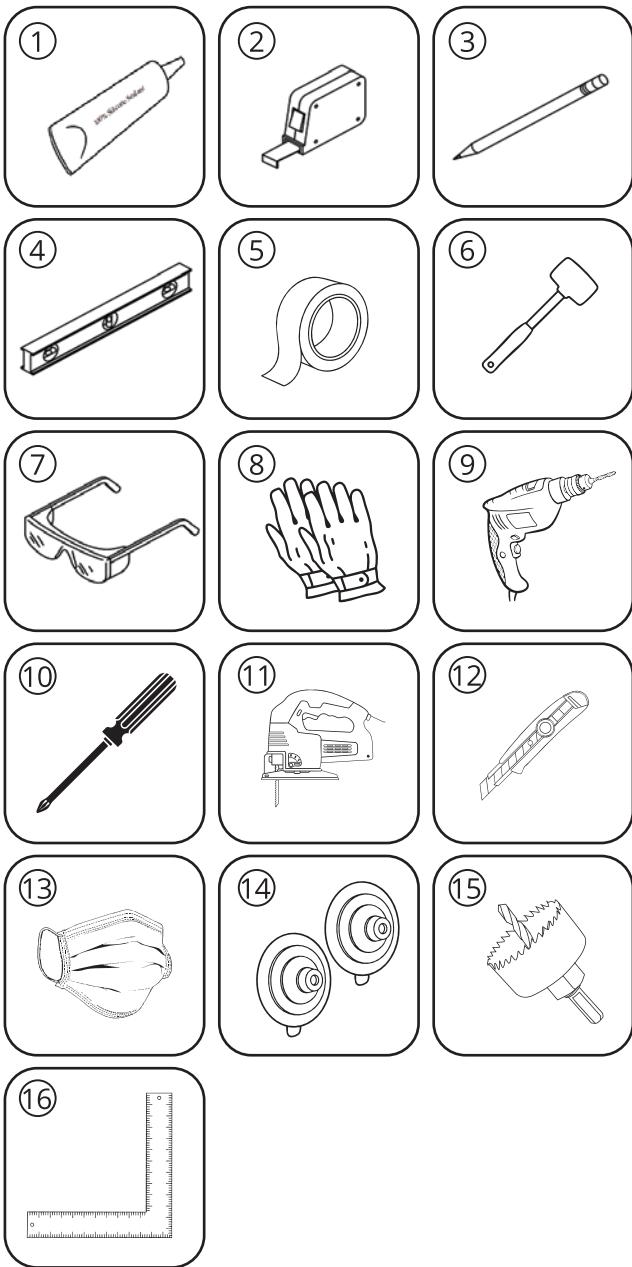
3-PANEL **SHOWER WALL KIT**

INSTALLATION GUIDE



Safety Information

Tools and Materials



Please read and understand this manual before attempting to install the product.

⚠️ WARNING ⚠️

Do not proceed if you have any questions or concerns about performing any steps in this manual. If necessary, hire or consult a certified plumber or licensed general contractor for installation.

⚠️ CAUTION ⚠️

Improper installation methods can lead to serious issues, including personal injury and water damage. Always follow the wall preparation guidelines and other installation instructions carefully to avoid these risks.



CARE AND MAINTENANCE

Simply wipe the surface with a damp towel to remove watermarks and stains. For basic stains, clean with mild detergent or a general-purpose cleaner. For corners and seams, use a mildew cleaner.



DO NOT USE NAILS

Panels should be mounted using 100% clear silicone sealant. Swanstone recommends using a clear silicone sealant (avoid GE brand). Never use nails, hammers, or screws, as they could damage the Swanstone Wall Systems, resulting in water or structural damage.



INSPECT BEFORE CUTTING

Ensure that there are no electrical wires or plumbing behind the wall before making any cuts during the installation.



WALL CONDITIONS

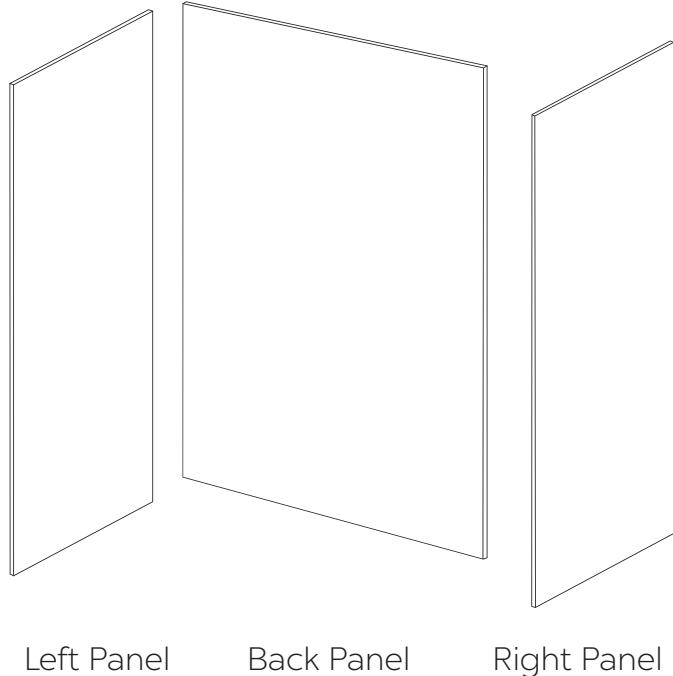
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1. 100% Clear Silicone Sealant
2. Measuring Tape (2" wide is recommended)
3. Pencil
4. Level
5. Painter's Tape
6. Mallet
7. Safety Glasses
8. Gloves
9. Electric Drill 3/8" Drill Bit

10. ScrewDriver
11. Jig Saw
12. Utility Knife
13. Dust Mask
14. Suction Cups
15. Hole Saw
16. Builder's Square

Parts Supplied

Three Flat Panels



UNPACKING INSTRUCTIONS

Handle the box with care during opening to prevent damage to the panels.

This product is shipped after a thorough inspection. Upon receiving your kit, carefully unbox and inspect for any shipping damage. If you find any damage, report it immediately to the store where it was purchased.

To prevent construction damage, store the product in a safe location away from work areas until installation is ready.

⚠️ IMPORTANT ⚠️

Keep the panels stored flat to avoid warping. Do not store them vertically outside of their original packaging.

When contacting us with questions about installation, please refer to the model number located on the side of the box or the front of this manual.

Ensure that the walls are the correct size and in good condition. Installing the product on damaged walls will void the warranty.

Helpful Hints

- Read and familiarize yourself with the instructions and all components of the kit before starting the installation.
- The kit offers various installation options, so other methods may be required. Ensure that the construction is accurately sized, plumb, and square.
- Keep the large cardboard box to protect the shower floor during installation, and use it as a template for cutting the back shower wall panel.
- Allow enough time for the parts to adjust to room temperature before installation. We recommend installing this product only at temperatures above 65°. Use sawhorses with 2 x 4 cross-members or a worktable to assist during installation.

► Transport the panels vertically at all times. When laying the panels flat, handle with care to avoid flexing, especially if the panels have cutouts.

► Store unused materials away from the work area to prevent accidental damage.

► If your shower is installed over a garage or an outside wall, make sure it is properly insulated to prevent cold temperature damage.

Preparation Tips

- Measure the width of the back wall (with the green board installed). This measurement should not exceed the width of the Swanstone back panel. If the wall opening is too large, you may need to use two panels or other methods to cover the area.
- Turn off both the hot and cold water supply before starting the installation.
- Remove any faucet handles, escutcheons, filler spouts, and any other items mounted on the wall (such as towel bars, soap dishes, etc.).
- Measure the location of plumbing cutouts from the back wall forward and from the ledge of the shower base upward to ensure proper placement.
- Ensure all plumbing and electrical work inside the walls is completed before installing the wall panels.
Prepare the installation area with 1/2" (13mm)

moisture-resistant drywall, marine-grade plywood, or concrete board. Never install the product on any surface that could become wet or damp.

- Trial fit the side panels before installation. Swanstone panels have a finished side and a nonfinished backer side. The nonfinished side has stickers attached, which should face the sub-wall during installation.
- Ensure the walls are solid, plumb, and square, with no more than a 1/8" deviation. Shim or trim the opening as necessary. The kit allows for minor adjustments to fix alignment issues.
- Make sure the mounting surface is free from dirt, film, waxes, or any other residues to ensure proper adhesion.
- If installing a recessed accessory, cut the hole after the panel is installed and fully supported by the wall. Be sure to position the accessory between the wall studs.

Caulking Tips:

- Follow the instructions provided on the color-matched silicone sealant tube for best results.
- Once the job is complete, inspect all caulked areas for any gaps and fill them as needed to ensure a tight seal.

- Clean up any excess silicone that may have been missed using denatured alcohol and a clean cloth.
- Be cautious not to disturb the caulk joints during the cleanup process to maintain a smooth finish.

Installation Procedure

Ella's Bubbles panels can be installed over a variety of surfaces. If you plan to install the panels on any surface not listed below, it's recommended to consult a professional contractor. Use the following sections for installation over:

- **SHEETROCK / GREENBOARD / CEMENTBOARD / WOOD**
- **PLASTER**
- **CEMENT/CONCRETE**
- **OLD TILE**
- **WALLPAPER**
- **MASONITE**

SHEETROCK / GREENBOARD / CEMENTBOARD / WOOD

- Surface must be dry, smooth, and free of any dust, soap scum, or any other contaminants.
- To ensure proper adhesion of the Swanstone product, the wall surface must be sealed with a water or oil-based primer/sealer.
- After the primer/sealer is completely dry, complete the installation following the instructions in this manual.

PLASTER

Depending on the condition of the existing wall surface, additional silicone may be needed to ensure proper contact between the substrate and the wall panel.

- Sand any textured or swirled finishes to a smooth surface.
- Clean the wall surface with a damp cloth to remove dust, soap scum, or any other contaminants. Ensure the surface is dry and smooth.
- For optimal adhesion of the Ella's Bubbles product, the wall surface **must be sealed with a water -or oil- based primer/sealer**.
- Once the primer/sealer is fully dry, proceed with the installation following the instructions in this manual.

CEMENT/CONCRETE

Depending on the condition (flatness) of the existing wall surface, additional silicone may be required to ensure proper contact between the substrate and the wall panel.

- To ensure proper adhesion of the Ella's Bubbles product, the entire area **must be sealed with two coats of water- or oil-based primer/sealer**.
- After the primer/sealer is completely dry, proceed with the installation following the instructions in this manual.

OLD TILE

Depending on the condition of the existing wall surface, additional silicone may be required to ensure contact between the substrate and the wall panel.

- Apply extra silicone if needed to ensure full contact between the wall panel and substrate.
- Solid ceramic tiles may remain if firmly attached; all plastic tiles must be removed.
- Reattach or remove any loose ceramic tiles.
- Remove tile accessories.
- Surface must be clean, dry, smooth, and free of dust or residue.

If using a trim kit, additional tile removal may be required. Proceed with installation as directed in this manual.

WALLPAPER

• Remove all wallpaper from the installation area. Clean the wall thoroughly so it's free of dust, soap scum, or any other residue. The surface must be dry and smooth before proceeding.

- Apply two coats of water- or oil-based primer/sealer over the entire wall to ensure strong adhesion.
- Once the primer/sealer is fully dry, continue with the installation as outlined in this manual.

MASONITE

• Clean the wall surface thoroughly, removing all dust, soap scum, and contaminants. The surface must be dry and smooth before installation.

- Apply a water- or oil-based primer/sealer to the entire wall for proper adhesion.
- Allow the primer/sealer to dry completely, then continue installation as directed in this manual.

⚠️ IMPORTANT ⚠️

For a smooth, trouble-free installation, follow these instructions exactly. Any changes, shortcuts, or unapproved modifications will **void the product warranty**.

• The information in this manual is provided free of charge and based on technical data we believe to be reliable. However, installation is done at the installer's own discretion and risk. Ellas Bubbles is not responsible for any damage or results from improper use of this material.

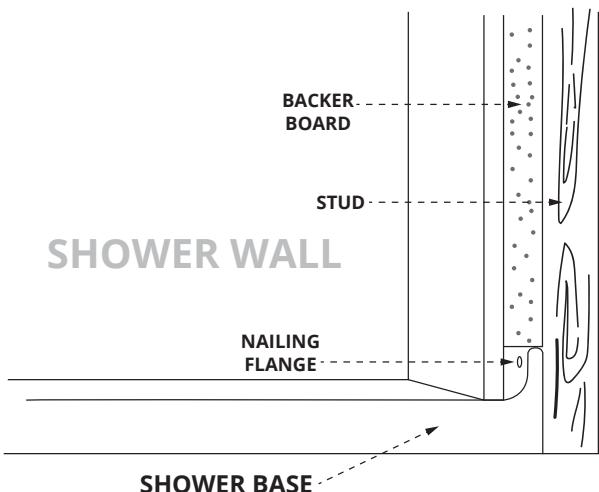
• This manual provides step-by-step guidance for most common installations. For applications not covered here, please contact your local Ellas Bubbles distributor or reach out to Ellas Bubbles directly.

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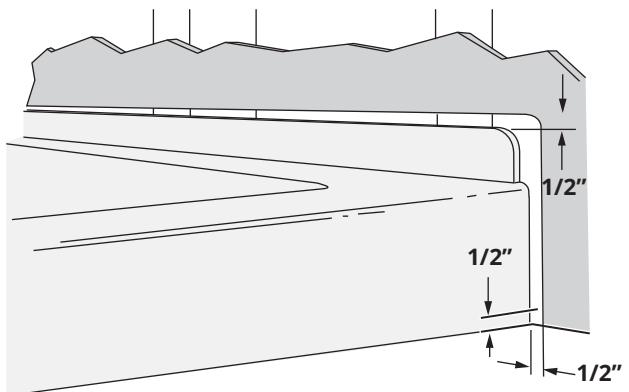
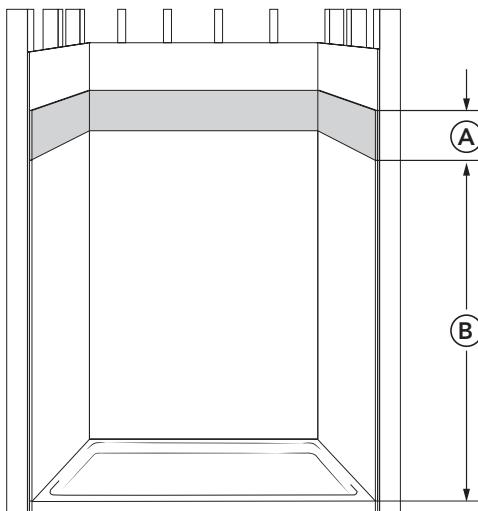
Always follow the installation instructions carefully. Failure to do so may cause personal injury, water damage, or harm to floors, walls, pipes, and other parts of your home.

Shower Base and Wall Panel Integration

For proper installation of shower walls in conjunction with a shower base, the base flange must be securely fastened directly to the wall studs. Following this, install the backer board above the flange, ensuring it is firmly anchored to the studs to provide a stable substrate. The shower wall panels should then be positioned against the backer board, overlapping the flange and resting on the base. Adherence to this procedure is essential to ensure correct alignment and to avoid potential installation issues.



When an existing wall covering, such as tile, does not extend to the full height of the panel, a filler board must be installed to match the panel height. The filler board should be equal in thickness to the existing wall covering to maintain a flush surface. In most cases, 1/4" masonite or a comparable material is sufficient. If preferred, the filler board may be extended from the top edge of the tile all the way to the ceiling.



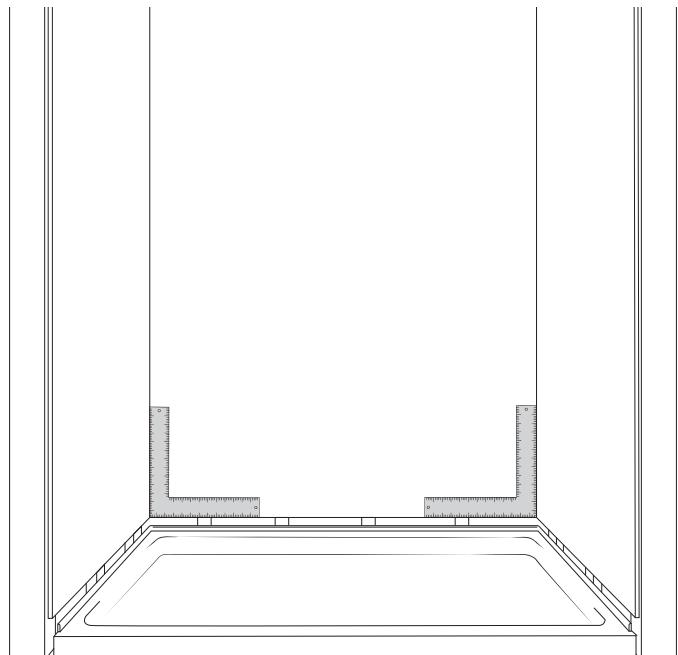
Apply a water or oil-based primer/sealer to all cementboard or greenboard surfaces as directed by the manufacturer. Allow to dry completely before installing.

Installation Procedure

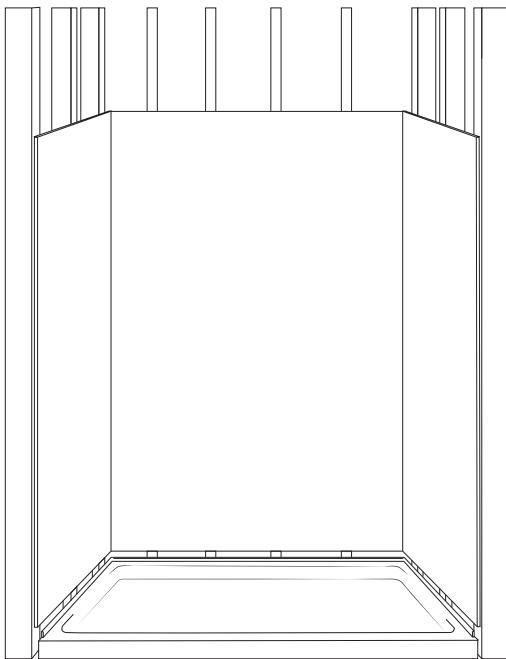
BACK PANEL PREPARATION

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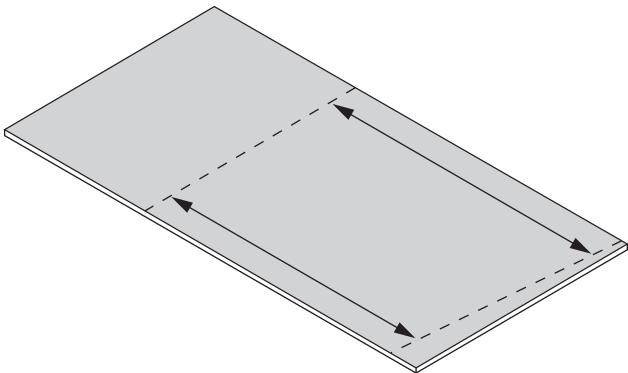
1. Check alignment: Use a builder's square to ensure the shower base is perpendicular to the side walls. If the base or walls are out of square, mark a level line around all three walls and measure from this line to the top of the base.



2. Mark level lines: If the shower base is not square to the walls, place a level on the walls and draw a reference line around the entire alcove. Measure the distance from this line down to the top of the shower base. These measurements will show how much needs to be trimmed from the bottoms of the panels.



3. Transfer measurements: Apply these measurements to the back panel and both side panels. Cut along the bottom edges as needed so the panels follow the contour of the base. This keeps grout lines level, even if the bottom tiles appear uneven.

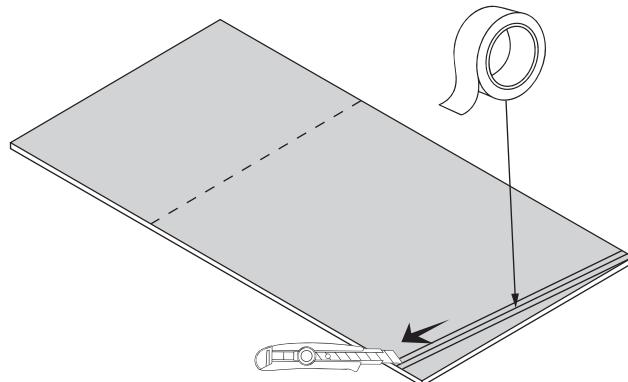


4. Prepare for cutting: Place masking tape along the cut line to protect the finish.

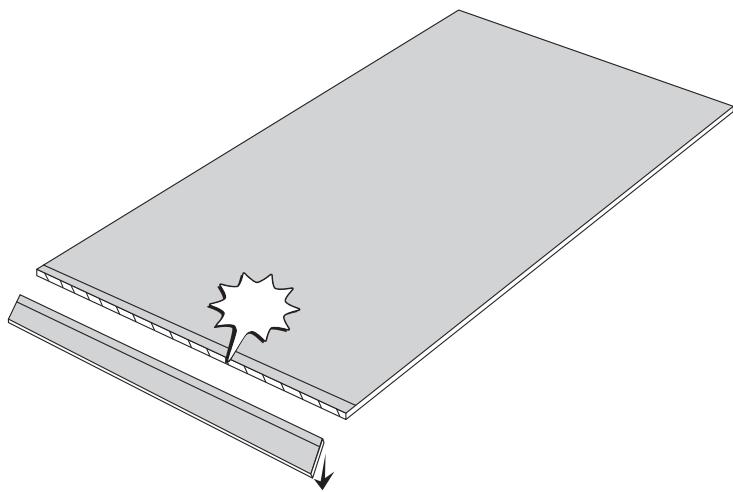
Important: Cutouts for accessories must have rounded corners to avoid stress cracks.

4.1 Position a metal straight edge (such as a ruler or T-square) along the cutting line. Hold it firmly or clamp it down so it won't shift while scoring.

4.2 Using a tracing knife (also known as a scoring knife or acrylic cutter), run the blade along the straight edge with consistent pressure. Make multiple passes (usually 6–10 times), deepening the score line each time until a noticeable groove forms. Keep the knife perpendicular to the surface for the cleanest cut.

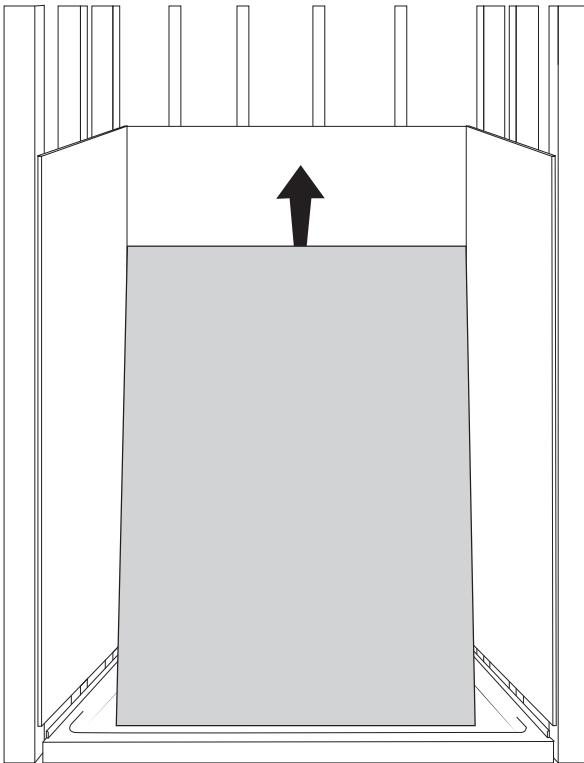


4.3 Move the scored line to the edge of your work surface, with the scored side facing up and the cut line aligned with the edge. Hold the sheet firmly on the table and apply quick, even pressure downward on the overhanging section, the acrylic should snap cleanly along the scored line.



5. Dry fit the panel: Place the back panel in position and check for proper fit. Make adjustments if necessary. Temporarily secure it before fitting the side panels.

Important: Do not force a panel against a bowed or curved wall. This may cause breakage or weaken the silicone bond.



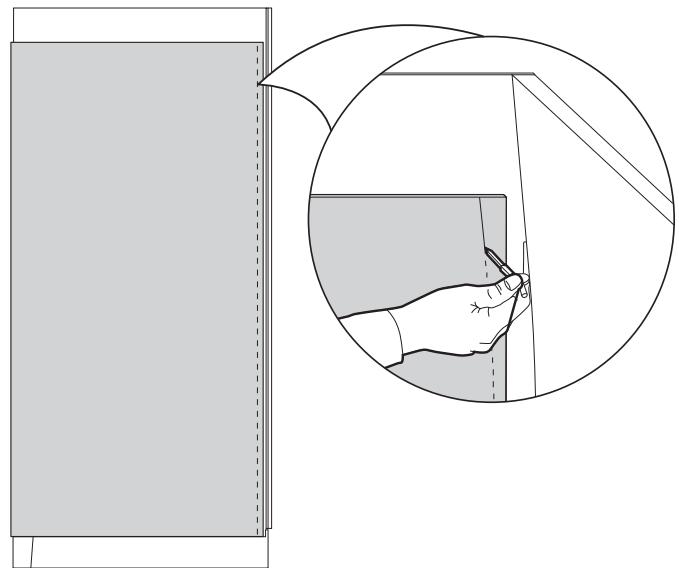
SIDE PANEL PREPARATION (WITH SHOWER CONTROLS)

If the side panels do not need trimming, **skip ahead to Step 7**. If your kit includes corner molding, cutting the side panel precisely to the back wall is not required. The molding will cover any gaps up to 1/2".

1. Place the side panel on top of the shower base and slide it into position against the back wall panel. If the panel has only one finished edge, ensure that the finished edge faces outward.

2. Scribe (mark) the panel along the wall where trimming is needed. If the panel is wider than the wall, adjust the scribe line to account for the extra width.

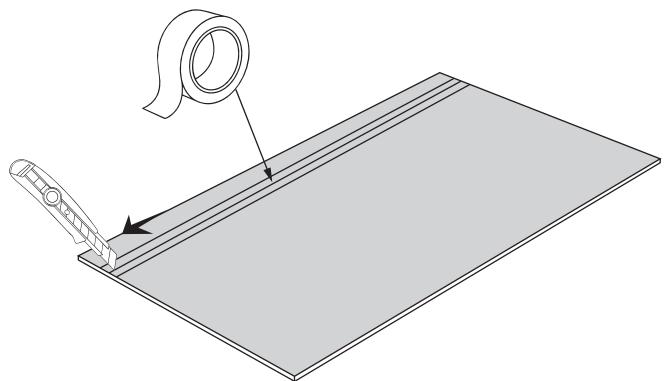
Note: Carefully scribing and cutting the panel will create a clean 90° corner without the need for corner molding.



3. Lay the wall panel on a flat surface with the finished side facing up. Apply masking tape along the areas where the knife blade will contact the panel to help protect the surface.

4. Position a metal straight edge (such as a ruler or T-square) along the cutting line. Hold it firmly or clamp it down so it won't shift while scoring.

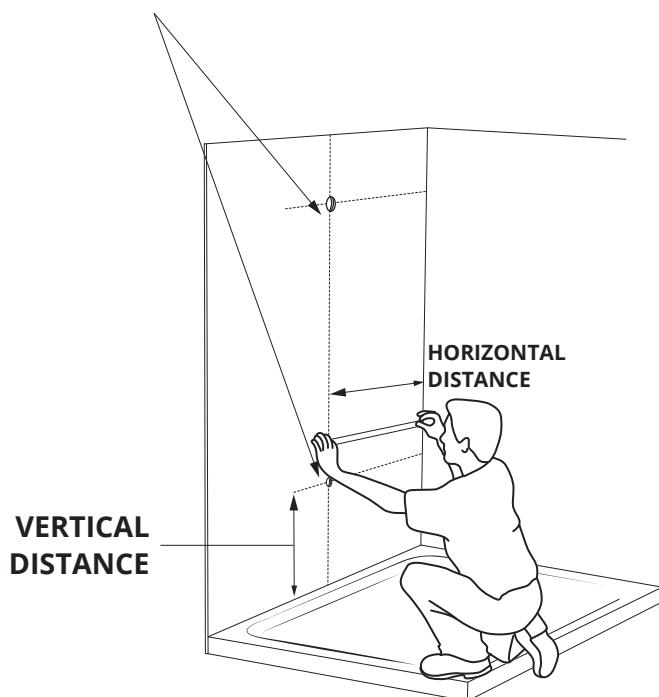
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6. Move the scored line to the edge of your work surface, with the scored side facing up and the cut line aligned with the edge. Hold the sheet firmly on the table and apply quick, even pressure downward on the overhanging section — the acrylic should snap cleanly along the scored line.

7. Measure the exact locations of the openings for the shower controls and showerhead.

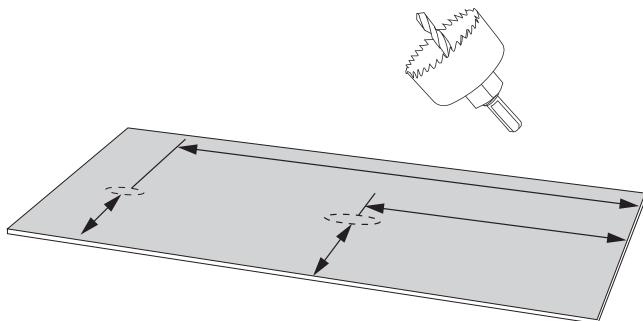
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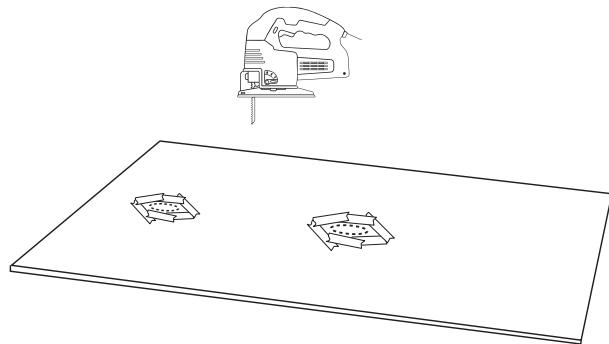
⚠ DUST SAFETY ⚠

Always cut, drill, or sand Swanstone in a well-ventilated area with dust collection. Wear an OSHA-approved dust mask at all times.

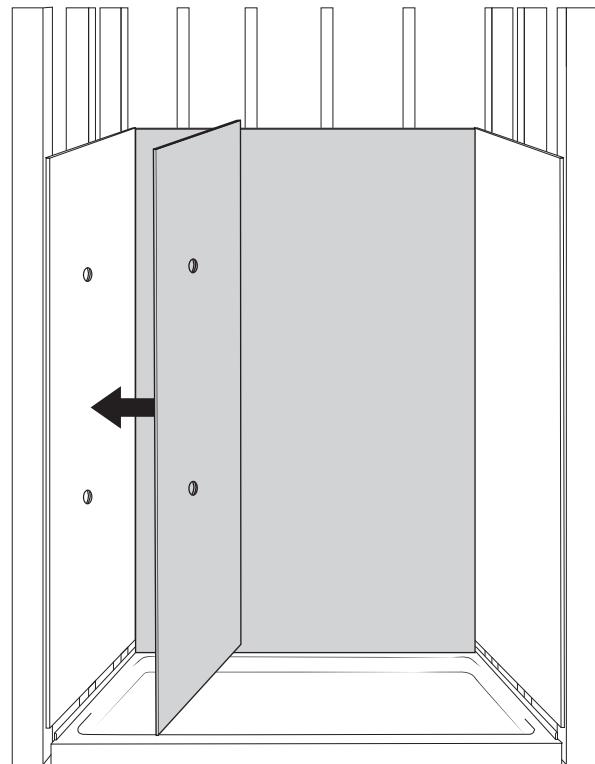
9. With the panel still positioned finished side up on a flat surface, carefully transfer these measurements onto the panel surface for cutting.



9. Cut the clearance holes using a router, saber saw, or hole saw, always working from the finished side of the panel to avoid surface damage. For best results when drilling, place a scrap piece of wood beneath the panel to support the cut and ensure a clean, smooth opening.



10. Dry fit the panel, and make any necessary adjustments.



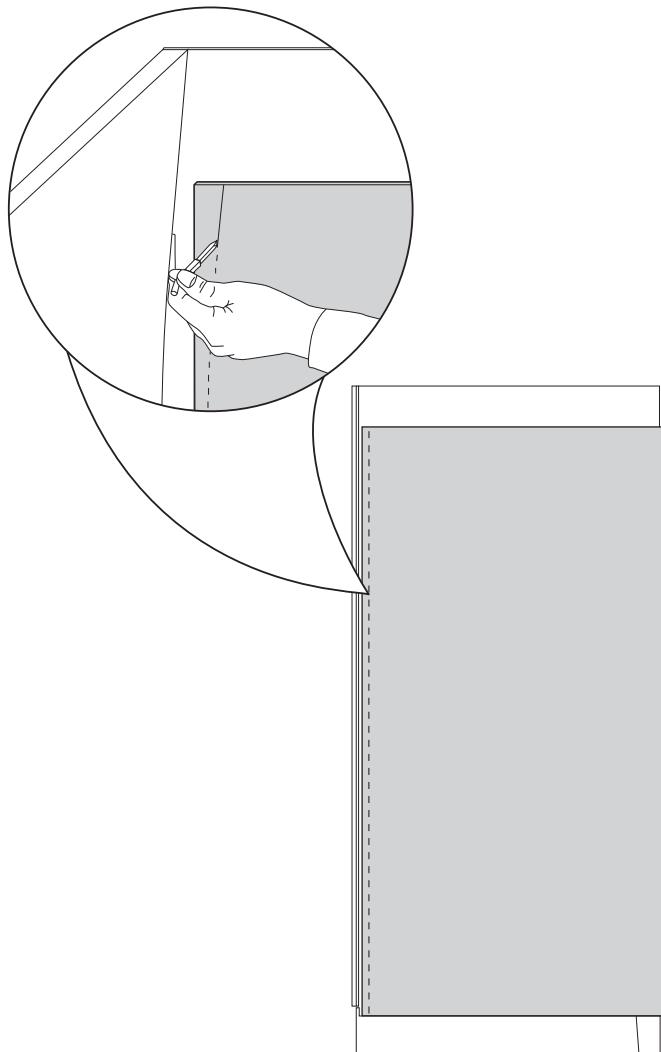
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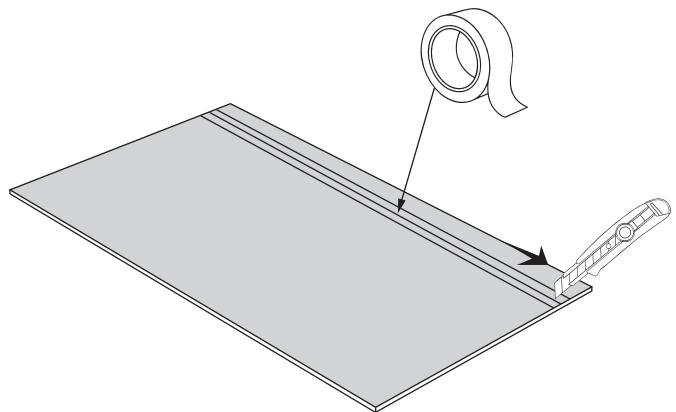
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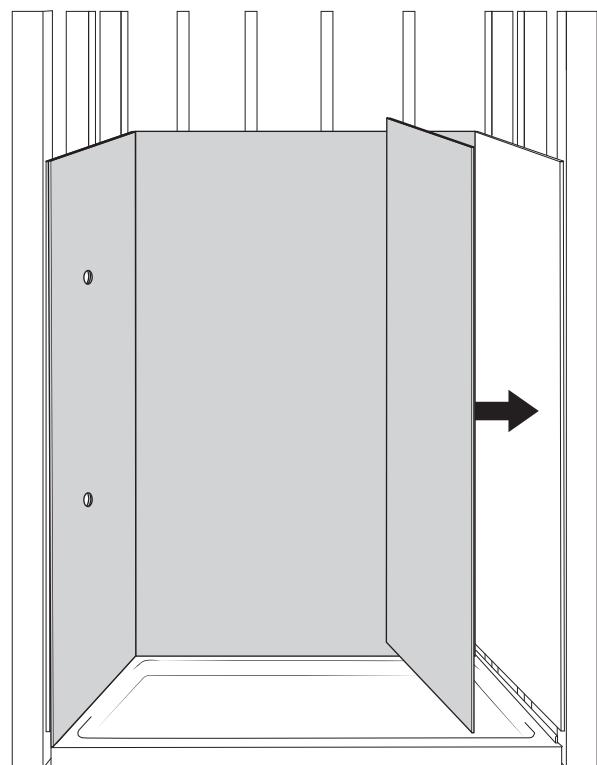
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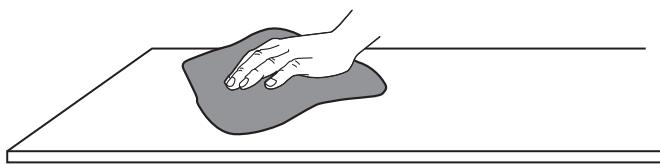


PANEL INSTALLATION

The installation steps are the same for both flat and tile panels.

1. Surface Cleaning Clean the back of each panel thoroughly with denatured alcohol or another non-oil-based cleaning solvent. This removes residue and ensures proper adhesion.

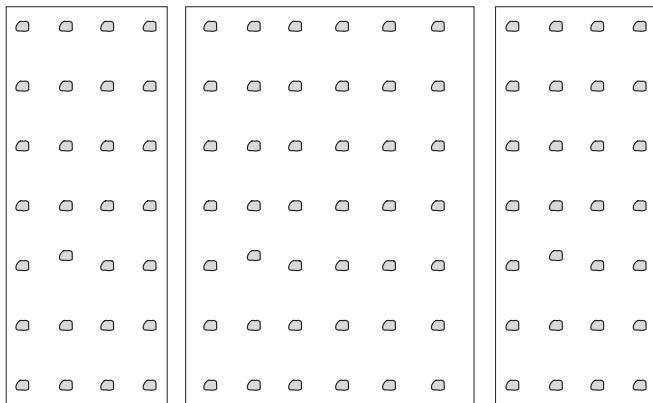
⚠ Do not use oil-based cleaners (such as mineral spirits), as they leave a film that prevents proper bonding. ⚠



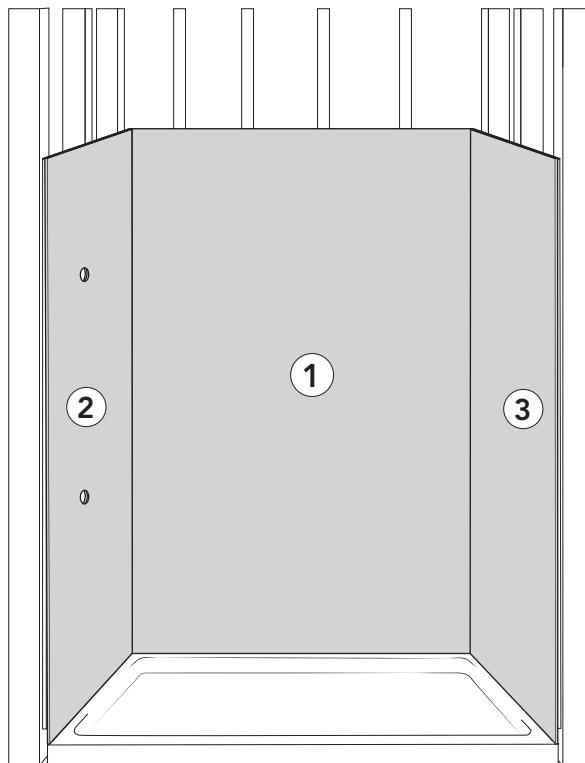
2. Apply Silicone Apply silicone in $1\frac{1}{4}$ " diameter dots, spaced 8–10 inches apart, across the entire panel surface. Always follow the silicone manufacturer's guidelines and observe ventilation and safety precautions.

- If using industrial-grade hot melt glue in place of bracing, first apply silicone as above. Then apply hot melt glue where needed and immediately press the panel into place.

⚠ Do not use homeowner or craft-type hot glue guns, as they cannot hold the panels in place long enough for the silicone to cure properly. ⚠



3. Panel Placement Begin by installing the back panel **①**. Next, install the left-hand panel **②**, followed by the right-hand panel **③**.



4. Secure Panels: Press the panel firmly against the wall, smoothing out any air bubbles across the surface. Use a rubber mallet to gently tap from top to bottom, ensuring the panel is securely adhered and properly aligned with the adjacent panel.



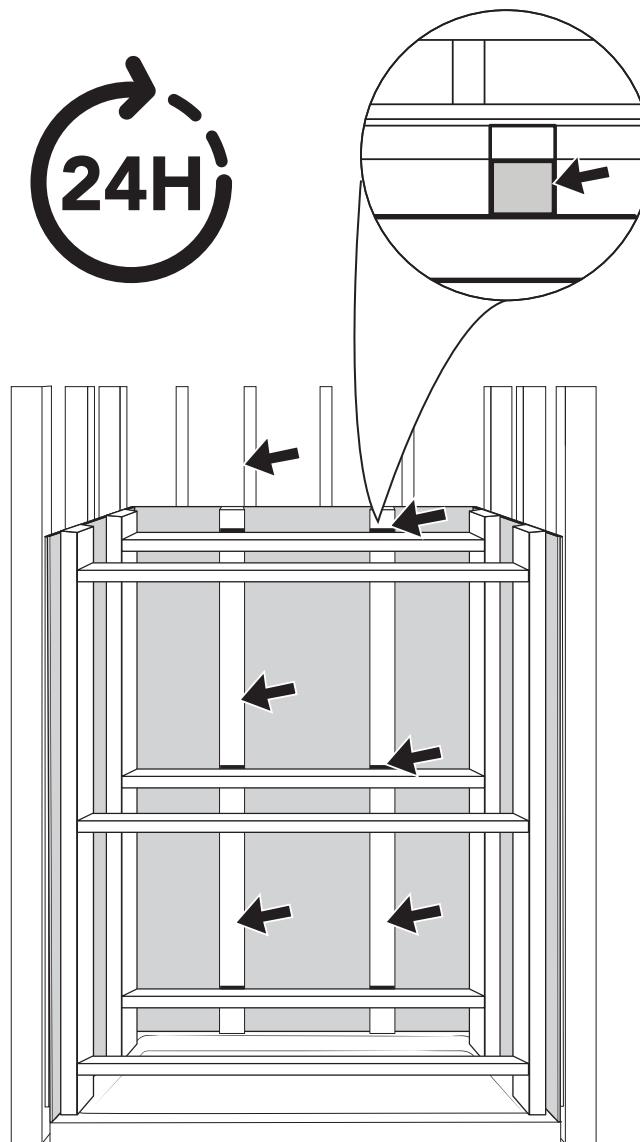
⚠ WARNING ⚠

Improper installation methods may also result in water damage or other damage to floors, walls, or other portions of your building or home.

BRACING THE PANELS

For optimal adhesion of the wall panels, apply consistent pressure during the curing process using braces, bars, or wooden supports. Position the braces securely against the back and side panels, adding horizontal braces and small blocking pieces as needed to distribute pressure evenly across all surfaces. **Maintain the bracing in place for 24 hours to ensure a strong, reliable bond.**

⚠ Insert small blocks between the front-to-rear panel braces and the back panel braces. These will apply pressure to the back panel to hold it in place. ⚡



Product Care Guide

Proper care will keep your acrylic shower walls looking beautiful and performing well for years. Follow these simple instructions to maintain their finish and durability:

1. Cleaning Your Acrylic Walls

- Regular Cleaning: Wipe the walls after each use with a soft, damp cloth or sponge to remove water spots, soap scum, and residue.
- Ongoing Maintenance: Clean weekly (or as needed) with a mild, non-abrasive bathroom cleaner that is safe for acrylic. Avoid harsh chemicals such as bleach or ammonia.
- Stubborn Stains: Use warm water with a small amount of dish soap, or a diluted vinegar-and-water solution. Rinse thoroughly and dry with a microfiber cloth. For best results, use a cleaner approved for acrylic surfaces.

2. Preventing Damage

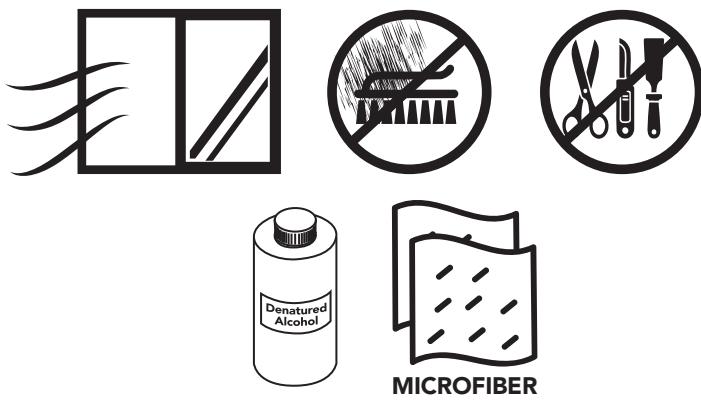
- Avoid Scratches: Do not use abrasive pads, steel wool, or harsh scrub brushes, as acrylic can scratch easily.
- No Sharp Tools: Do not use sharp objects to remove buildup. Use a plastic scraper or soft plastic tool if necessary.

3. Maintaining Seals and Caulk

- Inspect Regularly: Check caulk and seals around the walls for cracks or gaps.
- Reapply as Needed: Replace silicone caulk every 12–18 months, or sooner if signs of wear appear, to keep the installation watertight.

4. Managing Hard Water and Mold

- Prevent Water Spots: Dry walls after use to reduce mineral buildup from hard water.
- Control Mold and Mildew: Keep the bathroom well-ventilated with an exhaust fan or open window. If mold develops, clean with a diluted vinegar solution and rinse thoroughly.



Product Warranty

At Ella's Bubbles, we stand behind the quality and craftsmanship of our walk-in bathtubs and accessories. Each product is designed to deliver long-lasting performance, comfort, and reliability.

Warranty Coverage

If an Ella's Bubbles product is found to have a defect in materials or workmanship, and the claim is verified by an authorized Ella's Bubbles representative, we will, at our discretion, repair the product or replace it with a comparable model. This warranty remains valid only while the product is in its original place of installation.

Conditions of Warranty

This warranty applies only when:

- The product has been installed according to Ella's Bubbles installation instructions.
- The product is used as intended and has not been damaged due to misuse, neglect, or improper installation.
- No alterations, seams, or modifications have been made to the product by outside tradesmen or fabricators.

Exclusions

This warranty does not cover:

- Labor, shipping, or other costs related to removal or reinstallation.
- Damage caused by misuse, accidents, abuse, or installation not in accordance with our guidelines.
- Any incidental or consequential damages resulting from product defects, removal, or replacement.

Residential Warranty

Limited Lifetime Warranty – This warranty applies to the original purchaser and original installation of the product in a residential setting.

Commercial Warranty

25-Year Limited Warranty – This warranty applies to the original purchaser and original installation of the product in commercial settings.

⚠ Important Notice: Warranty coverage begins from the date of purchase. Proof of purchase and product registration may be required for all claims.

Notes