

# SHOWER BASE WITH SEAT INSTALLATION GUIDE

### THANK YOU FOR CHOOSING VALLEY BATH & KITCHEN

This installation guide provides general instructions for installing a Valley shower base with a seat.

The information in this guide is based on the most current product information available at the time of publication. Valley Bath & Kitchen reserves the right to modify product designs, specifications, packaging, or availability without notice.

***Thank you for your purchase!***

### IMPORTANT NOTE

Units are available with left- or right-hand drain configurations. Confirm the drain position before cutting or drilling the subfloor.

Do not store the unit outdoors or expose it to direct sunlight, as prolonged UV exposure may damage the finish.

Keep the unit in its original carton until it reaches the installation area. Handle the unit carefully to prevent scratches, chips, or other damage.

### BEFORE YOU BEGIN

- Read the entire installation guide before beginning.
- Installation must comply with all applicable local building and plumbing codes.
- Installation must be completed by a qualified professional.
- Remove the unit from its packaging and inspect it carefully before accepting delivery or disposing of the packaging.
- Confirm that the model, dimensions, finish, seat location, and drain position match the order and project requirements.
- If any damage, defect, or finish issue is found, do not install the unit. Contact Valley Bath & Kitchen immediately.
- Damage or finish defects identified after installation are not covered under warranty.
- Any shipping damage must be reported immediately to the shipping carrier and Valley Bath & Kitchen.
- Protect the unit during installation by placing clean, flat cardboard over the shower floor and covering it with a moving blanket.
- Do not remove the protective polyethylene film until installation is complete, except in areas where surfaces will be permanently joined or covered.
- Ensure the subfloor is level, stable, and structurally capable of supporting the shower base, seat, user, and anticipated loads.
- If walls are being constructed, ensure they are properly insulated for heat retention and sound reduction and comply with all applicable building codes.
- Refer to the product specification sheet and confirm that the actual unit dimensions match the construction plans before completing the framing.



### IMPORTANT INSTALLATION INFORMATION

#### STRUCTURE AND FRAMING

Do not complete the surrounding structure until you have received and inspected the base. Measure the actual unit and verify all framing dimensions before proceeding.

The framed opening must be square, plumb, and solidly backed at every point where the flange will be fastened. Allow clearance for the drain assembly and plumbing connections.

Dry-fit the base before applying mortar. Never force it into an opening that is undersized or out of square. During the dry-fit, confirm the drain aligns correctly and the front threshold rests evenly on the subfloor.

#### PLUMBING

Complete all plumbing and drainage rough-ins before securing the base. Valley recommends a Red Seal-certified or otherwise qualified plumber for all connections.

Install the drain assembly according to the drain manufacturer's instructions. Before cutting the subfloor, confirm no pipes, joists, ducts, or wiring are concealed below. Use a hole saw only if a new drain opening is required.

Verify the drainpipe is correctly positioned and at the proper height before setting the base.

***Never use the drain connection to pull the base into position or to carry its weight.***

#### LEVELLING AND SUPPORT

Check level repeatedly throughout installation — side to side and front to back.

Use shims during the dry-fit to establish correct position and elevation. Once confirmed, apply a mortar bed for continuous support, sound insulation, and levelling. Cover the mortar with a 1/16 in. (2 mm) polyethylene sheet before setting the base.

All factory support points and the full area beneath the integrated seat must be solidly supported. Keep mortar clear of the drain opening and plumbing connections.

The mortar bed must support the unit without raising it above its intended elevation. The front threshold must rest evenly along the floor.

Do not place levelling supports directly beneath the front threshold or wall flange, and do not use flange screws to level the unit or draw it against uneven framing.

An uneven or unsupported installation can cause improper drainage, movement, squeaking, sealing failures, or damage to the base.

#### REQUIRED TOOLS AND MATERIALS

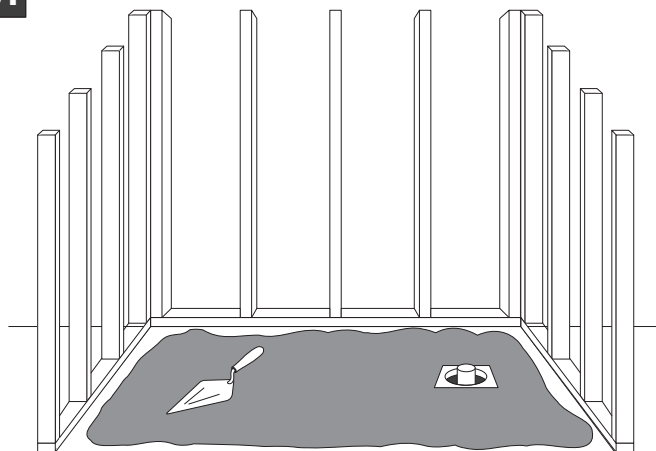
**TOOLS:** Tape measure • Pencil • Level — 4 ft. recommended • Safety glasses • Electric drill/driver • Drill bits — 1/8 in. (3 mm) and 3/16 in. (5 mm) • Countersink bit • Hole saw — only if a new drain opening is required • Mortar trowel.

**MATERIALS:** Mortar • Wood shims — for levelling during dry-fit • 1/16 in. (2 mm) polyethylene sheet • No. 8 × 1-1/4 in. (4.2 mm × 32 mm) corrosion-resistant flat-head screws • Drain assembly • Manufacturer-supplied gasket or approved drain sealant, as specified by the drain manufacturer • Mildew-resistant silicone sealant

**PROTECTION:** Clean flat cardboard • Moving blanket

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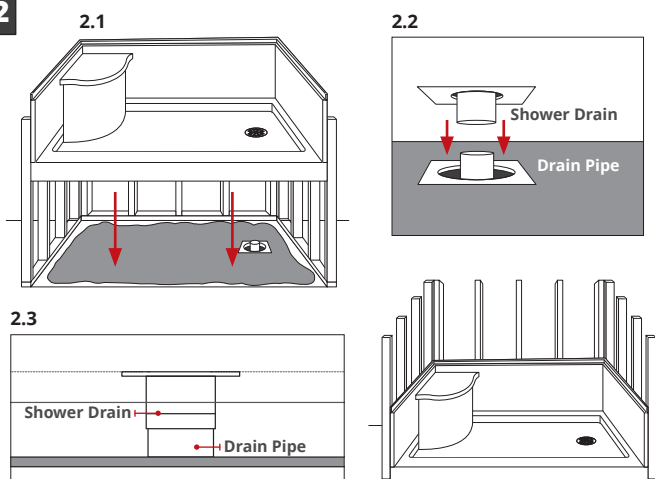
## APPLY THE MORTAR BED

Using a trowel, spread a suitable layer of mortar over the support area beneath the shower base. Keep the drain opening clear and provide enough mortar to support all factory support points and the area beneath the integrated seat.

Do not place mortar where it may interfere with the drain or plumbing connection. Cover the mortar with a 1/16 in. (2 mm) polyethylene sheet.

The mortar bed must provide continuous support without raising the front threshold above its intended elevation.

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## POSITION THE SHOWER BASE

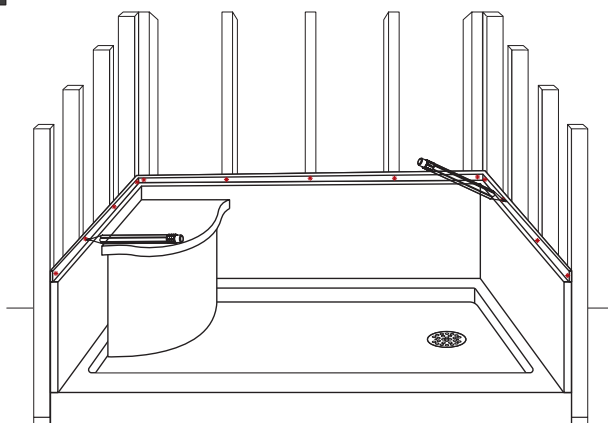
**2.1** Carefully lower the shower base into position.

**2.2** Align the shower drain with the drainpipe.

**2.3** Complete the connection according to the drain manufacturer's instructions.

Adjust the position as required and press the shower base gently into the mortar. Do not twist the unit or use the drain connection to pull the shower base into position.

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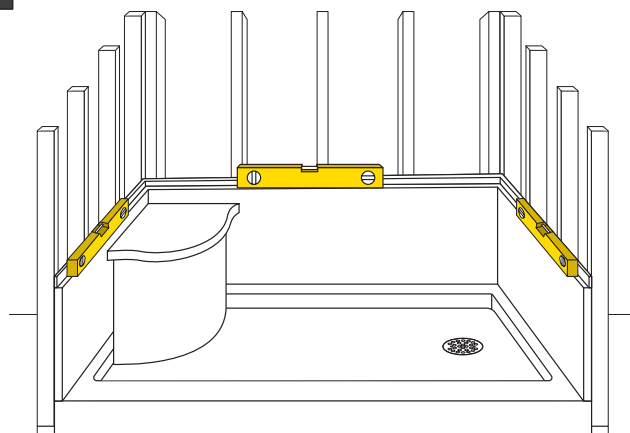
## MARK THE STUD LOCATIONS

Using a pencil, mark each wall-stud location along the shower base flange.

Fasteners must be installed into solid framing. Do not secure the flange to unsupported wallboard.

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## LEVEL AND SUPPORT THE SHOWER BASE

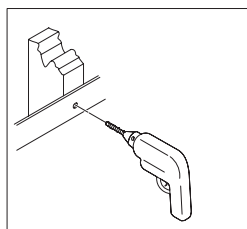
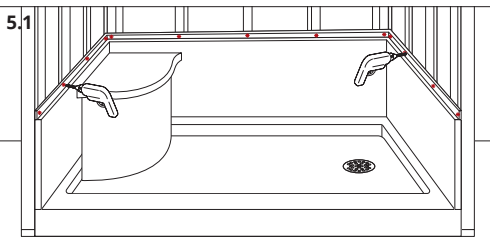
Check the shower base for level from side to side and from front to back. Press the unit gently into the mortar until it is level and fully supported.

Confirm that the front threshold rests evenly on the floor, all factory support points are in firm contact with the mortar bed, and the area beneath the integrated seat is fully supported.

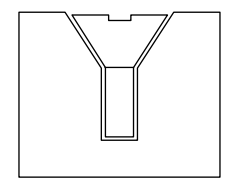
Confirm that the drain remains correctly aligned, the unit does not rock, shift, or twist, and the shower floor slopes correctly toward the drain.

**Recheck the level before drilling the mounting holes.**

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## DRILL AND PREPARE THE MOUNTING HOLES

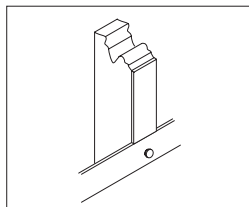
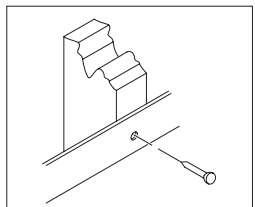
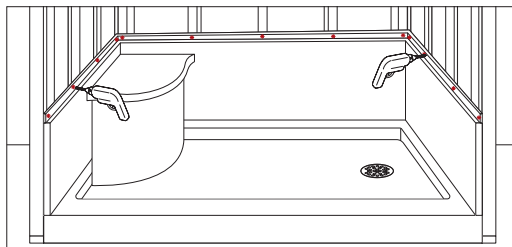
Wear safety glasses before drilling.

**5.1** Predrill a small pilot hole through the flange at each marked stud location.

**5.2** Carefully countersink each hole so the flat-head screw will sit flush with the flange surface.

Do not drill oversized holes or damage the finished surface.

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## SECURE THE SHOWER BASE

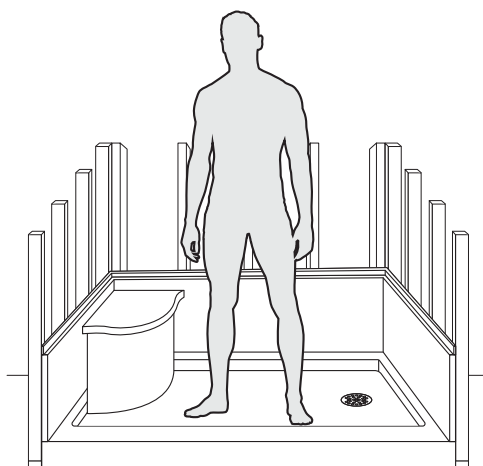
Fasten the shower base to the wall framing using the specified corrosion-resistant flat-head screws. Install the screws through the predrilled and countersunk mounting holes.

Tighten the screws only until they are snug and flush with the flange. Do not overtighten the screws, distort the flange, or crack the acrylic.

The screws are intended to secure the unit to the framing. They must not be used to level the shower base or pull it against uneven framing.

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### CHECK THE SUPPORT

Allow the mortar to cure according to the mortar manufacturer's instructions before standing on or using the shower base.

After the mortar has cured, carefully stand on the shower base and apply gentle pressure to the seat. Check the shower floor and seat for movement, flexing, rocking, or squeaking.

Ensure that all areas of the shower base and seat are fully supported before continuing the installation.

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### VERIFY THE DRAIN CONNECTION AND PERFORM THE LEAK TEST

Verify that the drain connection is properly tightened and sealed according to the drain manufacturer's instructions.

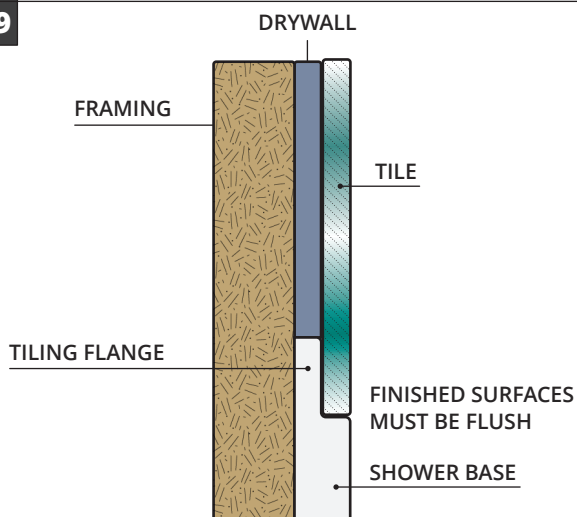
Use either the factory-supplied gasket or the manufacturer-approved sealant, as specified by the drain manufacturer. Do not combine sealing methods unless specifically instructed.

Before closing access to the plumbing or using the shower, plug the drain and fill the shower base with approximately 1/4 in. (6 mm) of water.

Allow the water to stand for 24 hours. Inspect the drain, drainpipe, and all accessible plumbing connections for leaks. Correct any leaks before continuing the installation.

Do not use the shower base until the leak test has been successfully completed.

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### INSTALL THE FINISHED WALLS

Install the approved wallboard, waterproofing system, and tile according to the manufacturers' instructions and all applicable building codes.

The finished tile surface must be flat and flush with the inside face of the shower base wall. This is required for proper shower door installation, alignment, and sealing.

Maintain the required joint between the tile and shower base and seal it with mildew-resistant silicone sealant.

### CARE AND MAINTENANCE

- For routine cleaning, use warm, soapy water and a soft cloth or non-abrasive sponge.
- For acrylic surfaces, occasional use of an approved acrylic cleaner may help restore lustre and protect the finish.
- To remove joint compound or construction residue, use a plastic or wooden spatula wrapped in a damp cloth. Never use a metal blade or metal brush.
- If a rubber mat is used, remove it immediately after every use. Mats left in place may discolour or damage the surface.
- Never use abrasive cleaners, scouring pads, scrapers, metal brushes, or any product that could scratch or dull the surface.
- Damage caused by improper cleaning, abrasive products, harsh chemicals, or failure to follow these instructions is not covered under warranty.

### LIMITED WARRANTY SUMMARY

Valley Bath & Kitchen, operating as Valley Acrylic Bath Ltd., provides a limited warranty to the original owner or end-user of the product.

A valid proof of purchase from an authorized Valley dealer is required for all warranty claims. Warranty coverage begins on the original purchase date.

Valley acrylic shower bases are covered against manufacturing defects for up to 20 years for residential use and up to five years for commercial use.

All Valley products must be installed by a qualified professional and in accordance with the installation instructions and all applicable building and plumbing codes.

Acrylic shower bases must be installed within six months of the original purchase date to remain eligible for warranty coverage.

The owner and installer are responsible for inspecting the product before installation. If damage or a defect in the finish is found, do not install the product. Contact Valley Bath & Kitchen immediately.

Once the product has been installed, damage or defects to the finish are not covered under warranty.

The warranty will be void if valid proof of purchase is not provided, the product is moved from its original installation location, the product is altered, modified, or transformed, or the product is improperly installed or not installed by a qualified professional.

Warranty coverage does not apply to damage caused by failure to follow the installation or maintenance instructions, misuse, abuse, negligence, improper maintenance, harsh chemicals, abrasive cleaners, corrosive materials, normal wear and tear, scratching, staining, reduction in gloss, improper water conditions, corrosion, thermal shock, cigarette burns, fire, flooding, accidents, natural disasters, or other conditions beyond Valley's control.

Labour, removal, reinstallation, transportation, shipping, and consequential costs are not covered unless otherwise stated in the complete Valley Warranty.

For complete warranty terms or to submit a claim, contact the Valley Warranty Department at [warranty@valleyacrylic.com](mailto:warranty@valleyacrylic.com) or call 1-877-398-8827. The complete Valley Warranty terms take precedence over this summary.

***Thank you for choosing Valley Bath & Kitchen. You are now part of the Valley family and the owner of a quality Canadian-made product.***