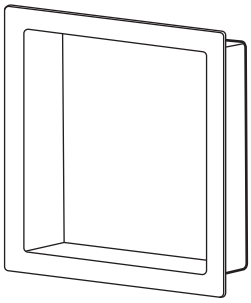
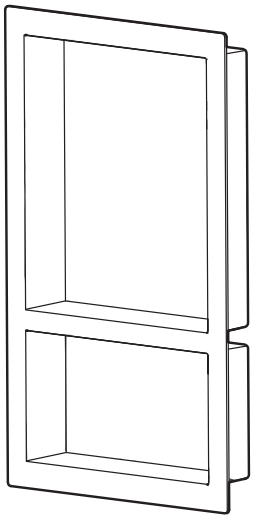
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SHOWER NICHE

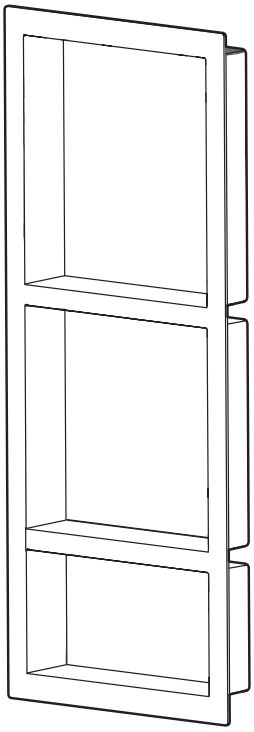
INSTALLATION GUIDE



16” x 14”



16” x 27”



16” x 39”

Safety Information

Prior to commencing installation please carefully read this installation guide in full. Shower enclosures have many different possible assembly configurations.

TIP: Start off with your tray configuration as this will determine how your shower enclosure will be installed.

Determine the desired configuration before starting any installation work. Always dry fit products and mark your desired locations out before any cutting or installation. Your particular installation may require specific procedures and adjustments.

• Carefully open the packaging. Take care when you unpack the product and make sure that you do not inadvertently damage or discard any parts.
• Do not cut open the packaging around the shower niche with a knife or a blade.
• The product can be tricky. Get someone to help mark the desired location and install it.
• Always store shower niches on a flat surface and not leaning against a wall. Do not store outside or in wet / humid conditions.
• Use the appropriate personal protective equipment.
• Always disconnect power tools from the electrical supply when you have finished using them.
Make sure that any electrical cables do not cause a trip hazard.
• Take care when handling the shower niches.
• Follow the other manufacturer's safety instructions when you use any silicone sealant or degreasing agents, floor tanking systems or wet room membrane installations.

WHILE YOU WORK:

• Make sure that all surfaces are clean, dry and free from loose debris or dust.
• Protect the surfaces of the shower tray and cover the waste area to prevent debris from entering the waste trap.
• Use the external packaging to protect the floor and walls when you assemble the product.
• Use a spirit level throughout the installation.
• Use the adhesive silicone sealant to fix against walls, join panels and extrusions together.
• Ensure the sealant is applied correctly at all stated joints.

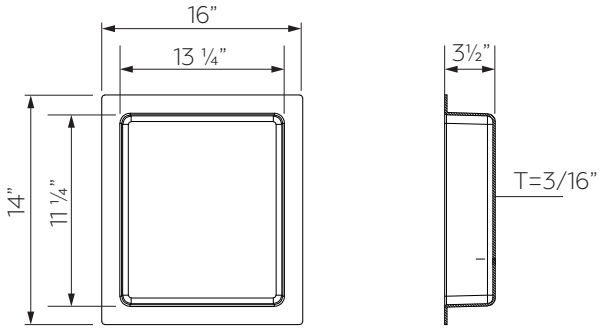
⚠ IMPORTANT ⚠

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.

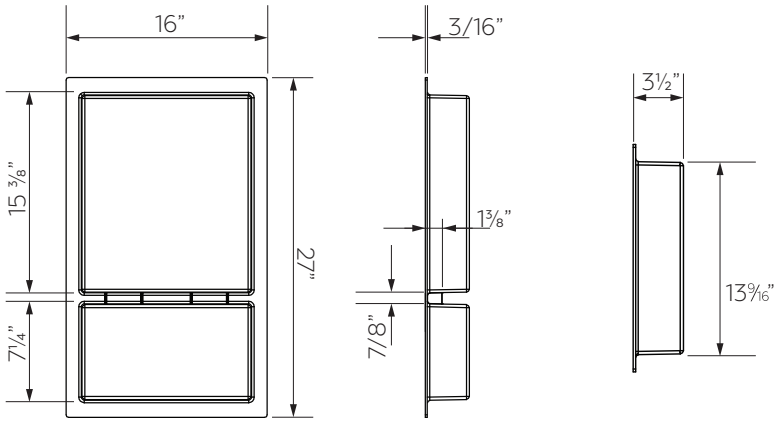
Safety Information

Ellas Bubbles Shower Niches are designed for solid shower wall and stud wall installations and they are available in the below sizes:

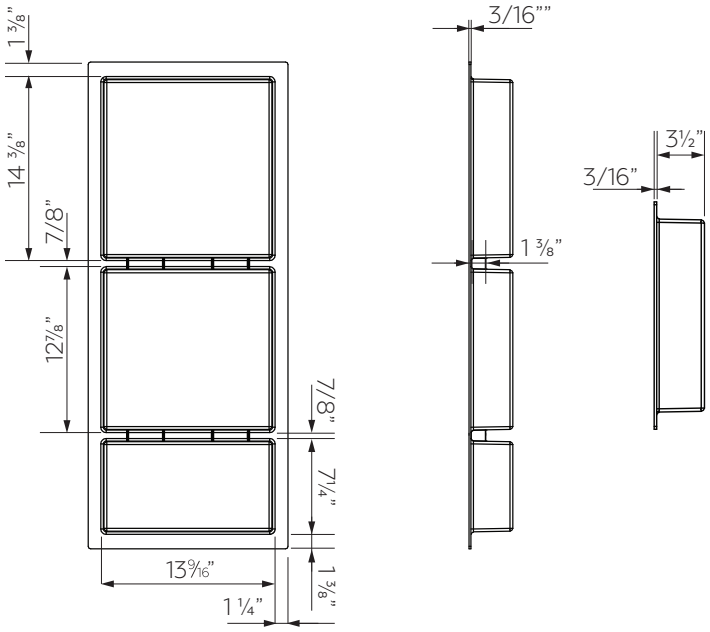
Shower Niche SMC



Shower Niche Dual SMC



Shower Niche Triple SMC



Installation

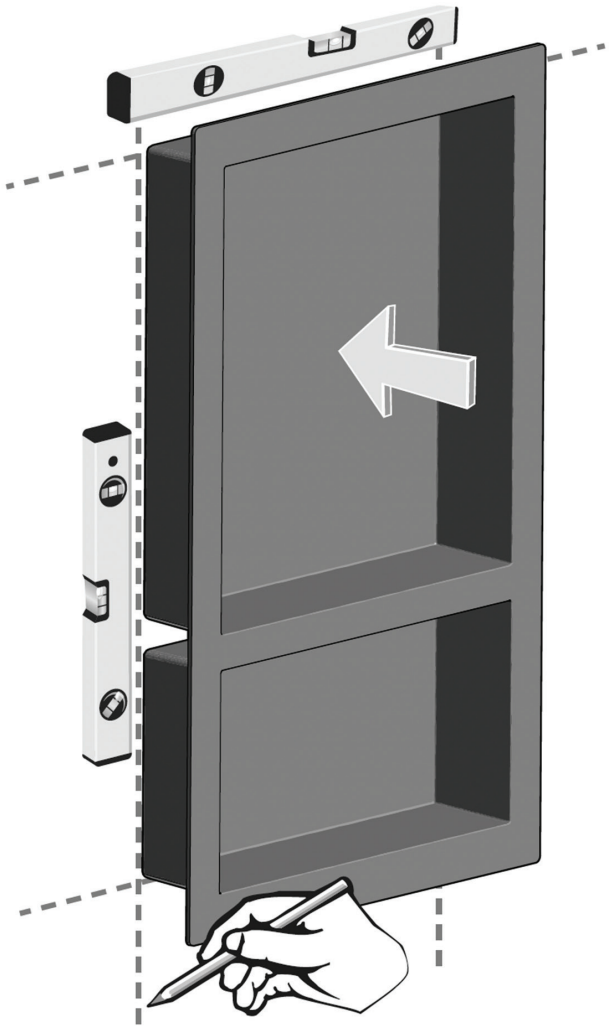
1. DETERMINE LOCATION

Shower Niches can be installed into new or existing stud walls. We recommend installing the niche in the centre of the two studs.

Notice the depth of the new or existing finished wall surface. When installation is complete the shower niche flanges need to be flush with the surface of plasterboard before finishing with tiling or wallboards.

The shower niche can be surface mounted and unfinished, however please make sure any gaps are fully sealed to prevent water ingress getting behind.

Place the shower niche into the desired position. Check for hidden pipework or cables and screws. Mark out the recessed area onto the wall and not the flange edges around the niche.

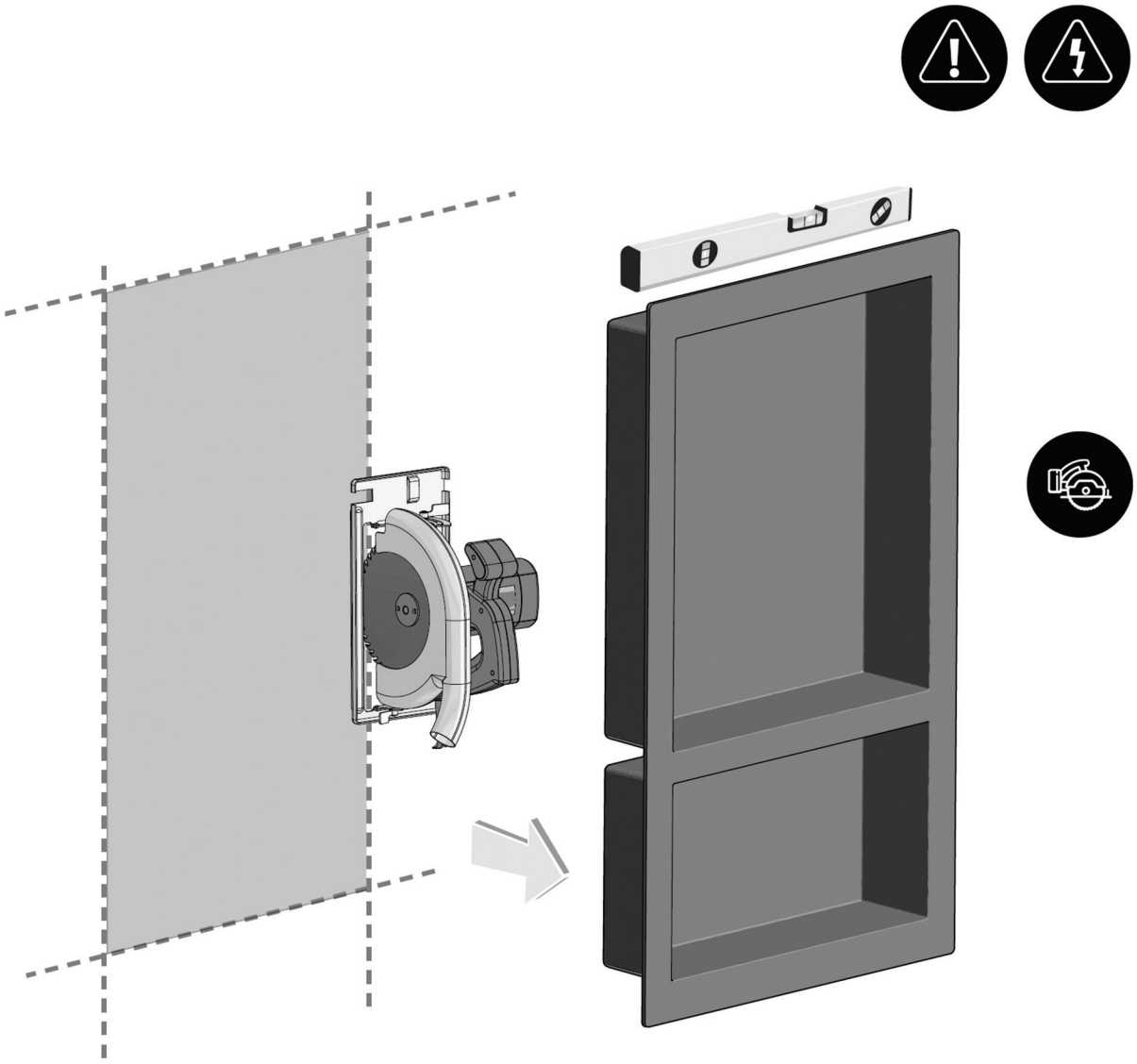


2. CUT OUT SHOWER NICHE CAVITY

Remove the shower niche from the desired position. Check for hidden pipework, cables or screws before cutting into surfaces.

Carefully cut out the cavity using a saw or angle grinder. Make sure that you have enough depth in the wall to apply the niche, the recessed wall niches are 100 mm (4”) installation depth.

Smooth any surface edges and clean the work area.

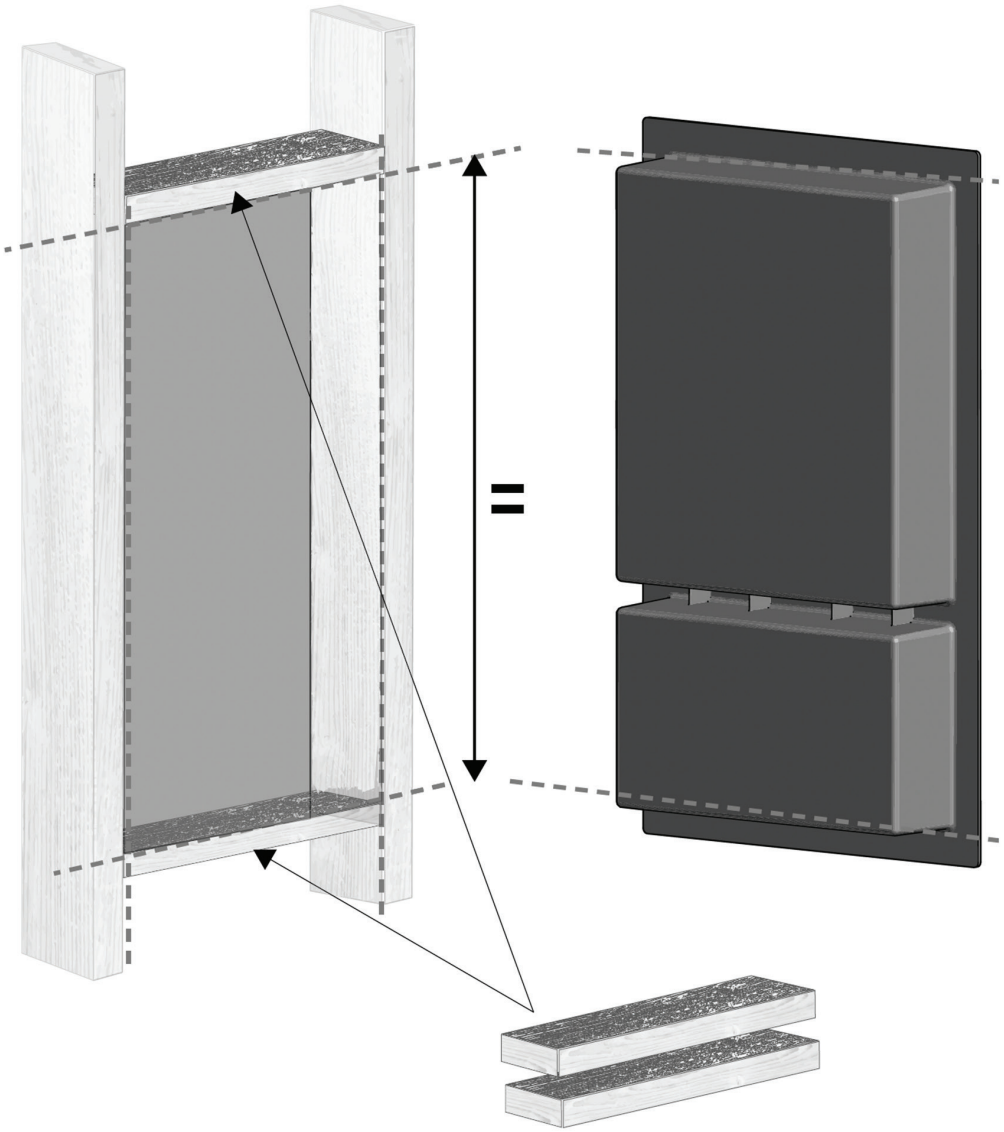


3. RE-ENFORCE THE CAVITY

Check the cavity frame for suitable support from the studs. Measure and add additional horizontal noggins to the vertical studs at the top and bottom of the shower niche.

The distance between the vertical and horizontal studs must match the dimensions of the niche. Make sure that all surfaces are clean and dust free.

Insert the shower niche into the recess, pushing gently to ensure a good fit and check the surface levels.

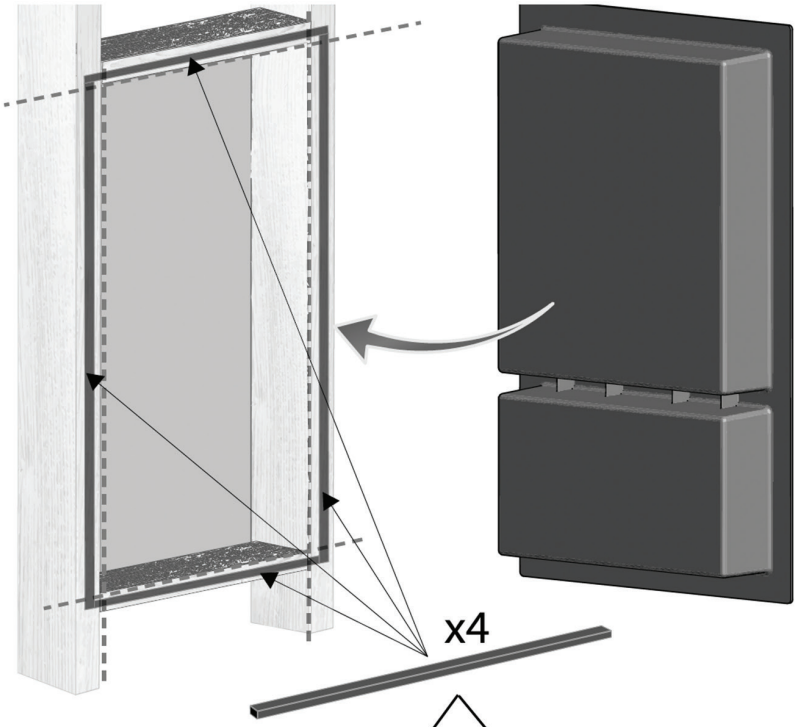


4. RE-ENFORCE THE CAVITY

Match up the depth of finished surface by either notching out the existing plaster or packing out behind the flanges so they are flush with wall surface of the new plasterboard **(See Fig.1).**

Measure and add additional horizontal and vertical wooden strips (not supplied) to the frame and space the shower niche from the studs and noggins so they match up with the plasterboard surface level.

For tiling or wallboard finishes, match the thickness of the surfaces and space the niche flanges accordingly. Insert the shower niche into the recess and ensure the flanges are flush and level against the wall surface.



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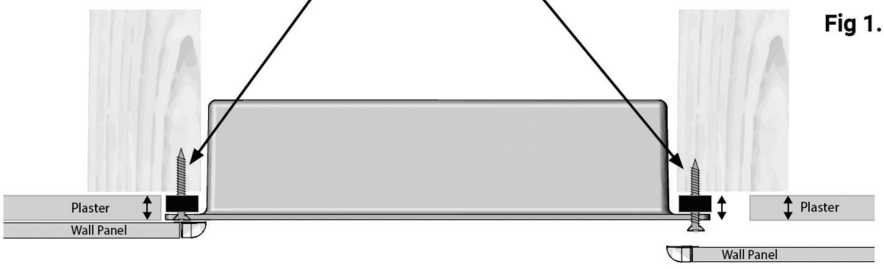


Fig 1.

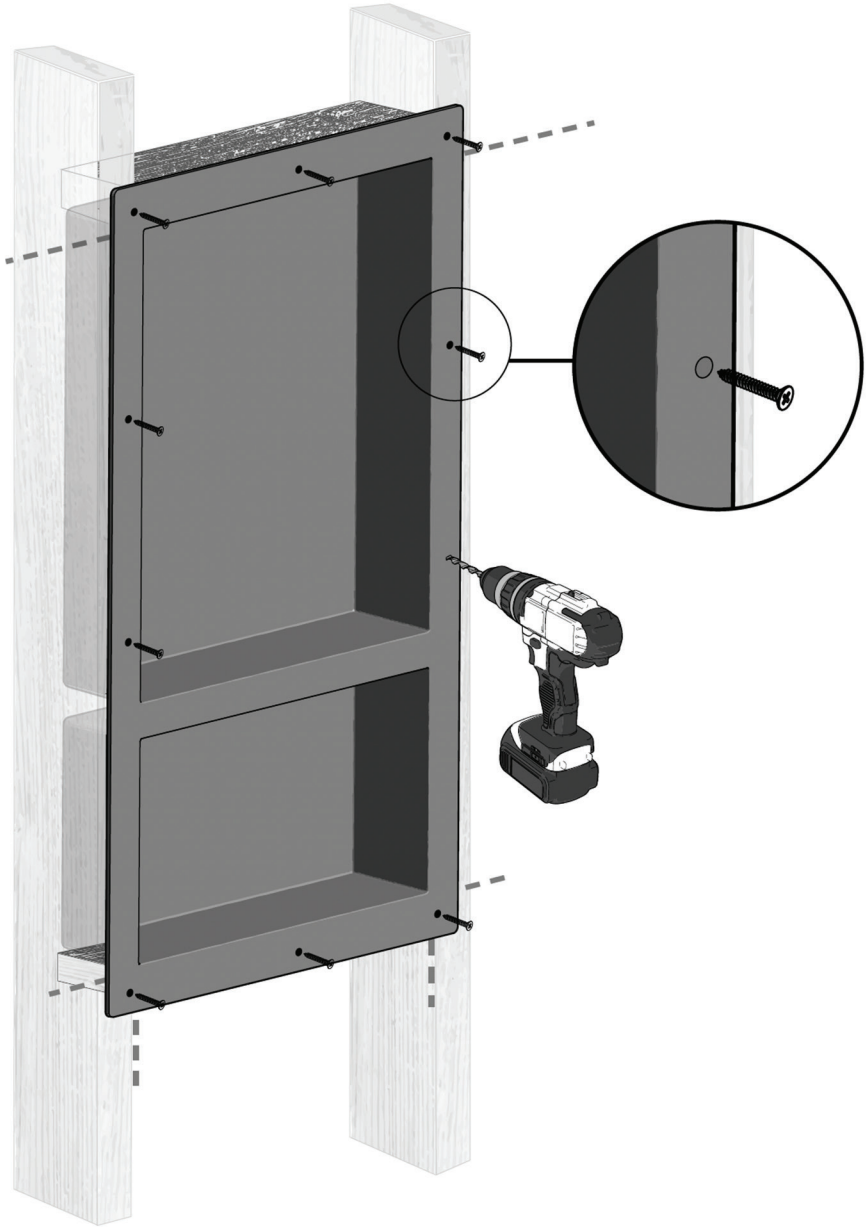
5. RE-ENFORCE THE CAVITY

Drill pilot holes through the niche flanges at evenly spaced intervals into the supporting frame. Screw the niche into position and secure to the joists and noggins with suitable counter-sunk screw fixings (not supplied).



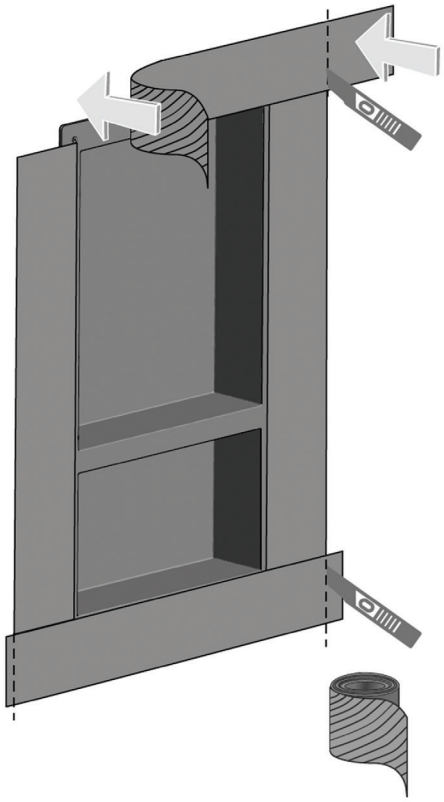
Note: Do not over-tighten. Cracks in the shower niche due to over-tightening screws are not covered by warranty.

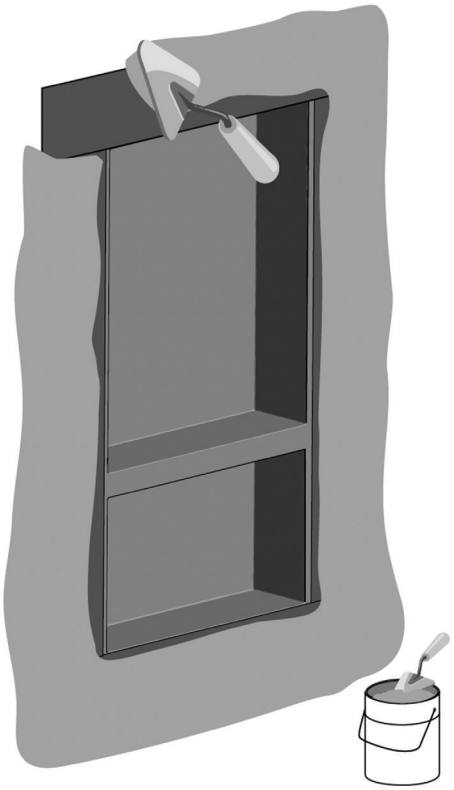
If the niche is not covered by wallboards or tiles, make sure the surface is fully sealed to prevent water ingress behind.



6. APPLY SELF-ADHESIVE WATERPROOFING MEMBRANE

Before applying any sealing membrane, make sure that all surfaces are clean and dust free. Start with the application of the vertical self-adhesive tape membrane and finish with the horizontal membrane, so both membranes overlap. Trim and remove excess with a knife or blade.



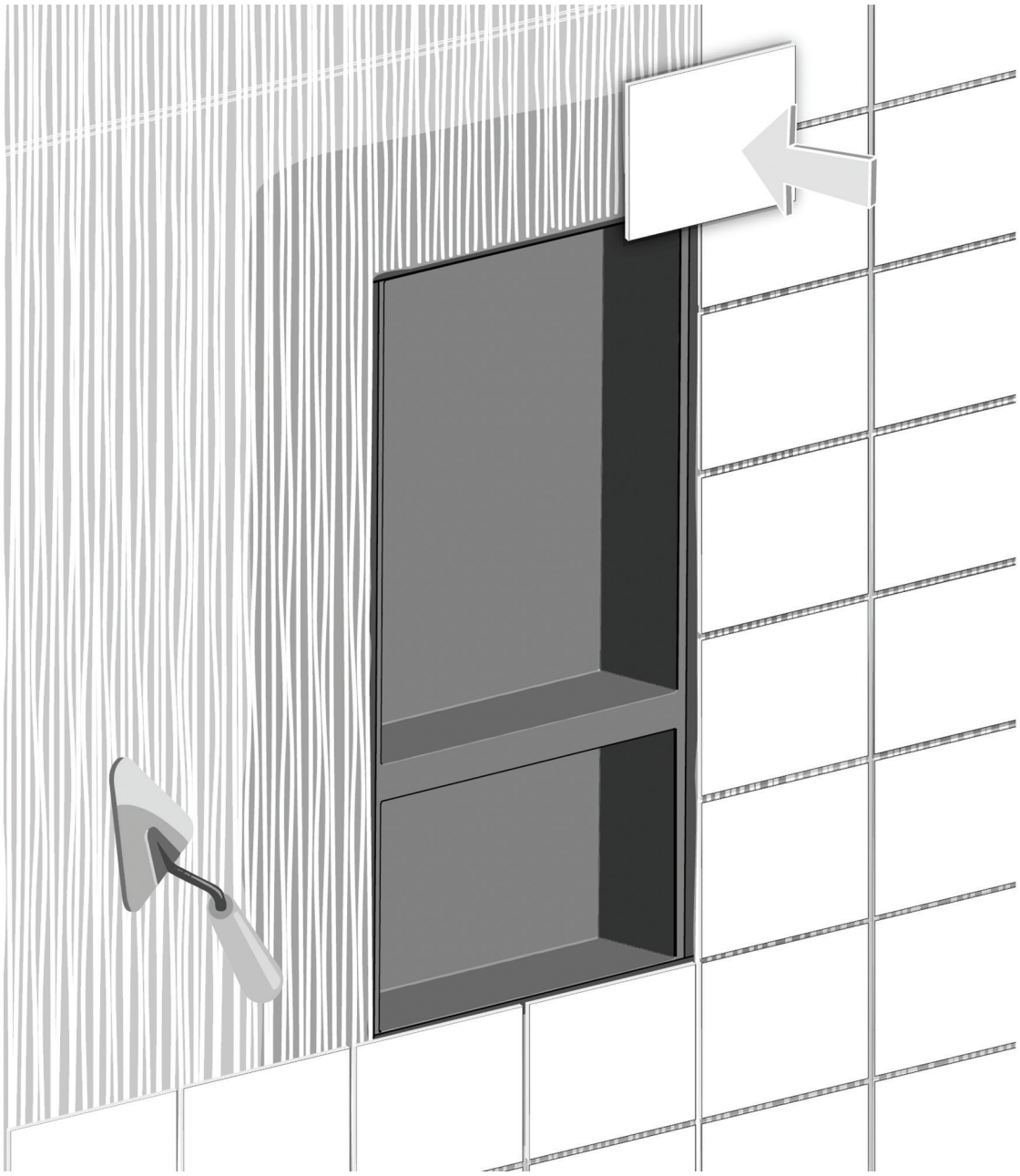


7. APPLY SEALING COMPOUND

Next step is to embed the waterproofing membrane by covering it in a flexible sealing compound. Spread a thin layer to cover the flange edges and the membrane ensuring that the wall is flat and smooth. Always follow the separate manufacturer's guidelines.

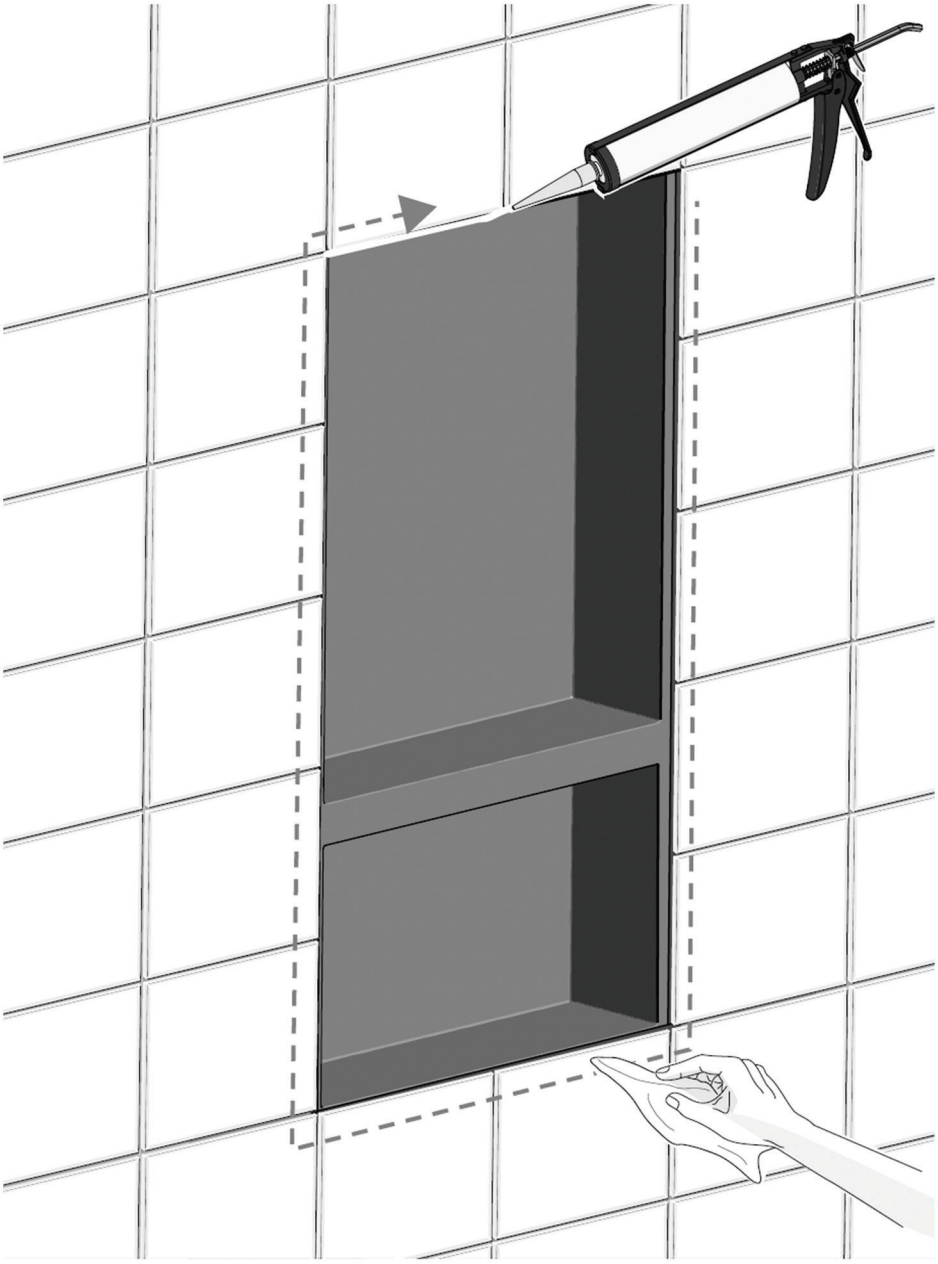
8. TILING FINISHES

After the flexible sealing compound has dried, apply tile adhesive to the wall and around the niche, then the wall can be tiled. The tiles can overlap the flanges of the niche.



9. FINISHING

Silicone seal around the shower niche edges to prevent water ingress. Allow 24hrs before showering.



Product Care Guide

Proper care will keep your SMC shower niche looking beautiful and performing well for years. Follow these simple instructions to maintain its finish and durability:

1. Cleaning Your Shower Niche

• Regular Cleaning: Wipe the niche 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 composite materials. Avoid harsh chemicals such as bleach, ammonia, or acid-based products.

• 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 non-porous composite surfaces.

2. Preventing Damage

• Avoid Scratches: Do not use abrasive pads, steel wool, or harsh scrub brushes, as SMC can scratch or dull in appearance.

• No Sharp Tools: Do not use sharp objects to remove buildup. If needed, use a soft plastic scraper or non-metal tool. Place items gently inside the niche to avoid accidental impact.

3. Maintaining Seals and Caulk

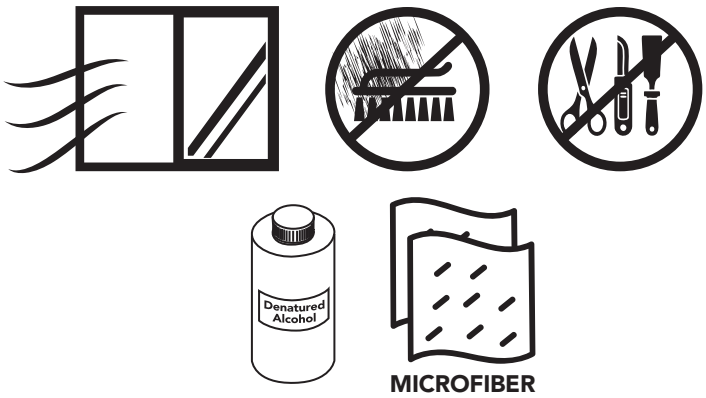
• Inspect Regularly: Check the caulk and seals around the niche for cracks, separation, or gaps.

• Reapply as Needed: Replace silicone caulk every 12–18 months, or sooner if signs of wear appear, to maintain a watertight installation and prevent water seepage.

4. Managing Hard Water and Mold

• Prevent Water Spots: Dry the niche 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.



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