

Installation Recommendations of Recessed Shower Pans

There are several different approaches to preparation and installation of the Griform recessed shower bases. Objectives and project conditions are the largest controlling factors involved and these points may help guide in the approach taken on your particular project.

1. Size of the shower pan and drain location are two controlling elements that determine the recessed depth in the sub flooring cavity.
2. The inside dimensions of the shower wall surrounds will typically be controlled by ADA minimum size regulations.
3. The shower pan wall option (not to be confused with the wall surrounds) determine how the wall surrounds and the floor join up.
4. These elements are typically established during the planning stages and predetermined unit models are outlined and prescribed.
5. These planning steps will require utility preparations and contractor coordination.
6. Listed below are pointers outlined to guide in site preparations but are only suggestions:
 - a. After the above conclusions have been determined a template for each unit will greatly aide site preparation. It is generally required that the subfloors be prepared by outlining the recess into the floor and a block out be established with extra margin allowances to provide for both vertical and horizontally anticipated variations.
 - b. It is highly recommended that the framing of the adjoining walls be erected using a template established to match the shower pan model as the design specifications outline. This insures the shower units will correctly be in alignment to the other structural and utility conditions.
 - c. It is not uncommon for other elements to conflict with the intended units as designed. Alterations can be made to accommodate these occurrences only when done prior to construction of the unit. The flexibility of the Griform product will afford this necessary variation when required even on single occurrences.
 - d. It is most convenient to establish a suitable recessed pocket using a self-leveling mortar filler to establish the finished pocket elevation. This surface once cured is a good platform for the unit to be glued upon. A liner/membrane is not required under any of the Griform Shower bases.
 - e. The drain assembly should be attached to the unit prior to attaching the unit to the floor unless easy and adequate access is available.
 - f. Some units may need to be placed before all walls have been framed to provide adequate access for the placement.
 - g. One great advantage of these units will be the ability to immediately proceed with other activities. Please protect the unit from construction related damages with proper coverings.