

Fitting Instructions for BETTER BATHROOMS Solid Bath Panels

Thank you for choosing this Better Bathrooms product. It is important to ensure that your bath panel retains its appearance for years to come. Please take time to read the following advice about fitting and caring for your panel/panels.

These instructions are provided as a guide only- BETTER BATHROOMS strongly recommends that a qualified installer/joiner is entrusted to the fitting of these panels.

Tools Required

- Drill and Drill Bits
- Hand Saw
- Screwdriver

Before You Start

In addition to the items supplied you may also need the following materials:

- Silicone Sealant
- Wall fixings and screws
- Length of softwood timber for battens

(These bath panels have adjustable plinths so they may be fitted to most heights of bath)

Any exposed areas e.g. due to cutting, should be completely sealed before fitting.

Sizing the Front Panel

- Measure from the underside of the bath rim and attach the plinth to the bottom of the panel to match this height. (Fig.1) (The plinth is supplied undrilled to allow maximum flexibility for positioning of holes on site.)
- If necessary, trim the lower edge of the plinth to compensate for any unevenness of the floor.
- It may be necessary to trim the panels to fit around skirting boards, pipes or bath legs; if so the cut surfaces must be sealed to prevent moisture penetration.
- The length may be adjusted preferably at the wall end to conceal the cut edge, again, seal the cut surface.

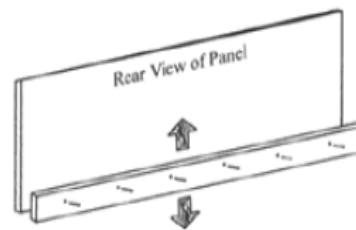


Fig.1

Installing Front Panel Only

- Once the panel has been correctly sized, fix softwood batten(s) to the floor to suit. The batten should be inset from the bath edge as shown (Fig 2).
- At both ends of the bath, fix vertical batten to the wall. The batten should be inset from the bath edge as shown (Fig 3).
- Put the panel into place and adjust the batten positions if necessary, so that the panel fits neatly at the rim of the bath. (Note-some baths may have a batten pre-fitted to the underside of the bath-this may need trimming accordingly to suit.)
- Secure the panel to the battens with wood screws with suitable cover caps at each end plus plinth,
- Ensure the panel is fully sealed on all edges-use a sanitary grade sealant between the bath rim and the top edge of the panel to prevent water ingress.



Fig.2

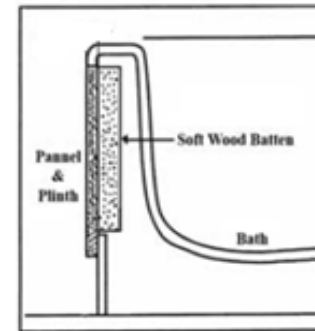


Fig.3

Front and End Panel Installation

- Fix the front panel as described above, but secure to the wall at one end only.
- Position a batten vertically in from the rear edge of the front panel where it will meet the end panel.
- Fit a softwood batten to the floor and wall as described above, to secure the end panel. (Fig.4)
- Again - pay special attention to ensure the panel is sealed on all edges.

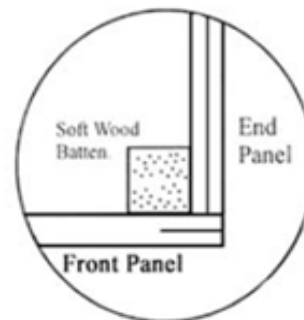


Fig.4

Care and Maintenance

- The finishes are designed to give protection from liquids, staining & warm objects within reason, nevertheless, we recommend that any spills are not left on any surface for medium or long periods, but quickly removed or wiped away. Importantly, never apply warm or excessive heat to any surface or damage may occur.
- To maintain the panels' appearance you need only to wipe over occasionally with a soft lint free cloth.
- It is important not to use any abrasive cleaners/scouring pads or similar metal as they will damage the surface finish
- The manufacturing process selects, grades & colour matches the materials used, but in natural materials the colouration between different materials such as wood and pottery will vary slightly-this is not deemed as a fault with the product and is perfectly normal.
- Natural materials all mature in colour as they age in normal lighting conditions. It occurs to a greater or lesser degree according to materials specified. Lighter materials change markedly over shorter periods of time, while darker materials mature more slowly with a less obvious colour change.
- Better Bathrooms take great pride & care in our products & do everything reasonable to ensure environmental preservation. The materials used in this product come from renewable sources & furthermore all cardboard packaging can be recycled at your local recycling point.