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Your **Essential Guide** to Shower Enclosures



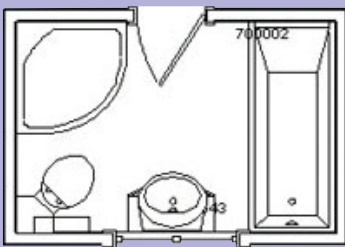
This large quadrant enclosure features a sliding door with magnetic door closing.



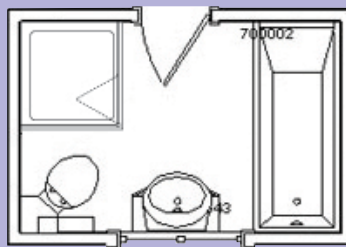
Your essential guide to shower enclosures is a **step by step guide** to choosing the best enclosure for your bathroom or en-suite.

STEP 1: Size and Space

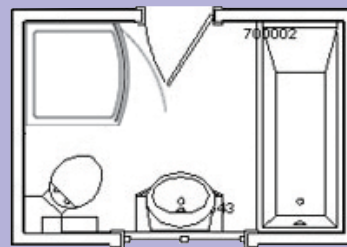
- Firstly, establish the most suitable area of your bathroom in which to position your new shower enclosure, taking into account the location of existing doors, windows and other bathroom products.
- Measure the area available for your new shower enclosure including height.
- Take into account space around the enclosure. Could the space accommodate an enclosure with an outward opening door or will you require a door which stays within the enclosure when it is opened such as a bi-fold or sliding door?



Typical bathroom layout indicating a 'quadrant' shower enclosure with a sliding door.



Typical bathroom layout indicating a 'square' shower enclosure with a bi-fold door.



Typical bathroom layout indicating a bowfront shower enclosure, where the outward opening hinged door could clash with the existing internal bathroom door.

STEP 2: Plumbing

- A plumber will be able to advise you if the position you have chosen for your new shower enclosure is suitable to house the pipe work required for shower valves and trays. We would recommend you employ a qualified plumber to install your enclosure. You can find qualified plumbers by looking in Yellow Pages or by visiting the website of the Institute of Plumbing and Heating Engineers at www.iphe.org.uk.



HAVE YOU CONSIDERED...

Cleaning

Look for enclosures that feature treated glass to keep the glass clear and intelligent frame designs that are easy to fit, maintain and keep clean. Some of the best enclosures on the market feature an integrated 'click n clean' system, making doors easy to remove for thorough cleaning helping to keep your enclosure operating efficiently.



This large 1200 x 900mm offset quadrant enclosure features two sliding doors and a low level shower tray.

DESIGN FEATURE

Bowfront

Bowfront enclosures add a touch of class with their curvaceous finish.



This special quadrant enclosure is designed to make the most of any available space.

STEP 3: Enclosure Style

- At this stage it is useful to have an idea of the shape of enclosure you would like - Quadrant, Square or Rectangle. Each shape is available in different sizes and even if you only have a very small space available, it is possible you can still get the look you want.
- If the enclosure is to be installed close to another bathroom product such as a toilet or sink, an outward opening door may prove unsuitable so an inward opening door such as a bi-fold or slider is the ideal solution. It is important to state which hand option you require when you order these types of door as this determines which direction the door slides or folds.
- This is also an important consideration if you choose an outward opening door which is close to a static item such as a toilet or sink. Ensure the door opens towards with static item and pivots at the side closest to the static item, to give you more space to get in and out of your new enclosure.
- If the new enclosure is to be installed close to an inward opening internal door and you install an enclosure with an outward opening door, there is a risk that the two doors could collide. Once again an inward opening door or sliding door would eliminate this problem.
- Don't forget that bathscreens can offer a quick and effective shower solution.



Quadrant

Quadrant enclosures are available in traditional and offset designs in many sizes.



Square

With either full opening or bow front design.



Rectangle

For the larger bathroom.





DESIGN FEATURE

Quad

This special quadrant 'sphere' enclosure is designed to make the most of any available space.



STEP 4: Shower Trays

- Unless you are replacing an enclosure with an existing tray, it is likely that you will need to purchase a shower tray to match your chosen enclosure.
- Wet rooms do not require a shower tray, although there are trays on the market that can be used in conjunction with your 'wet room'.
- Some variations of enclosure come complete with a tray as standard.
- Trays are available in high or low options. Traditionally high level tray options were used however, for a more modern minimalist look, the low level option is now a popular choice.
- When fitting a low level tray or wet room your plumber will need to ensure there is ample room under the tray or floor for the plumbing and pipe work requirements.
- It is recommended that a matching tray and enclosure from the same manufacturer are installed together as this improves the overall performance of both.



Showers trays come in all shapes and sizes but some are designed for use with particular enclosures.



Modern lo-level installation



Traditional hi-level installation

WHAT TO LOOK FOR...

Innovation

This innovative shower tray features a unique concealed waste which proves a stylish and practical solution. The concealed waste includes a removable hair-trap which provides for easy cleaning and a further touch of style is added with a removable cover to make the feature even more discreet.



STEP 5: Budget

- Ultimately budget will determine the style and brand of enclosure you purchase.
- Made in the UK? It is worth bearing in mind that there are many low cost enclosures imported from overseas which at first glance look just as impressive as any other enclosure of a similar style however, the workmanship and quality of these enclosures should be examined carefully.
- Look out for generous guarantee offers as they can differ greatly from manufacturer to manufacturer.

WHAT TO LOOK FOR...

Made in the UK?

Check that enclosures and shower trays are designed and manufactured to British safety standards and carry the British Kitemark symbol.



Also... full guarantee?

Manufacturers should have confidence in their products to offer lifetime guarantees.



Above: The ultimate in style, this wetroom cubicle offers a combination of subtle, carefully thought through design with minimal use of material.

DESIGN FEATURE

Frosting

Frosted glass adds another dimension to any enclosure. Here, the combination of clear glass and frosted design adds an element of decadence to the enclosure design. Manufacturers offer a variety of frosted designs.



STEP 6: Relax and Enjoy!



If you have the space and the budget, walk in showers look fantastic and are easy to maintain.



Do you wish to replace an existing enclosure, add a new enclosure or are you having a complete bathroom refurbishment?

Bathscreen?

Complete refurbishment

Replacement enclosure

New enclosure

Do you want a new style enclosure or one of a similar shape / style?

Where will the enclosure be situated?

Alcove

Against a wall

Corner

Large space or small space?



Budget

Style

Shower tray



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