

Wall Surround
Installation Instructions

1) *Alcove Preparation*

- a) Construct alcove walls insuring ALL walls are plumb, straight, square, and tub has been properly installed, per tub installation instructions.
- b) On all Hex Surrounds square back of surround first then work your way to the sides of the surround. (Note need to square the back first!)
- c) Wall area must be clean, dry and free of any protruding objects, (nails, screws, staples, wires, etc).
- d) Protect tub surface from scratches and minimize clean up. Remove any foreign objects such as nails, staples, and screws from tub, and then cover tub.

2) *Surround Installation (Tub should be Installed Prior to Surround)*

- a) Recommended installation is to use double-faced, pressure sensitive tape or “STAY-PUT®” Adhesive, when properly applied they will eliminate the need to use additional fasteners such as screws, or plastic rivets.
- b) Wall and Surround surfaces should be cleaned just prior to installation.
 - i) Dust accumulation may and will cause tape to fail resulting in the Surrounds to separate from alcove walls.
 - ii) Clean back of Surround with mild soap & water solution, before applying double-faced tape or adhesive.
- c) Apply double-faced tape or adhesive to the backside of all the sides of the Surround.

When using Tape

- i) DO NOT run a continuous strip to adjacent sides of Surround.
- ii) DO NOT remove paper backing, until Surround is ready for installation. Contamination may prevent Surround from sticking to alcove walls.
- d) Position Surround in alcove and check for proper fit. Trim the Surround and adjust as necessary.
- e) Once adjustments are made, and with Surround in place, if using tape, peel off paper backing from END PANEL adjacent to soap dish corner. Position panel and adhere firmly. **THIS IS IMPORTANT!**
 - i) For proper pressure, use a wall roller.
 - ii) If no roller available, wear gloves to attain proper pressure.
- f) Repeat the above step (#2e), for BACK PANEL and remaining END PANEL. When the Surround installation is complete, seal ALL connecting edges with an ABS compatible silicone sealant or caulking.

3) *Alternative installations.*

- a) **DO NOT USE ANY CONSTRUCTION ADHESIVES!** Adhesives may contain chemicals that will attack and/or damage Surround.
- b) **NO staples** are to be used in securing Surrounds to walls.
- c) If a mechanical fastener is used, DUO-FORM recommends a Christmas Tree style fastener.
 - i) The Surround should be pre-drilled, with an oversized hole, 1/8" larger than Christmas Tree fastener being used.
 - ii) If screws or plastic rivets are being used, which are not recommended, the Surround should be pre-drilled, with an oversized hole, 1/8" larger than fastener. This includes screws for showerheads, shower hose brackets, curtain rods, and shower doorframes and door tracks.
 - (1) This will allow for the expansion and contraction of the ABS plastic.
 - (2) This will allow for the characteristic movement of the vehicle.
 - iii) **ALL** holes drilled should be no less than 3" from edge of Surround. **DO NOT** place screws in raised areas, such as window design and front vertical edges. If a doorframe is used, pre-drills oversized holes and do not over tighten.

4) Final Assembly and Cleaning

- a) **Cleaning Surround surface after installation.**
 - i) Simply use mild soap and water solution to clean tub surface.
 - ii) **DO NOT USE** harsh chemicals, abrasives or citrus-based cleaners. Citrus-based cleaners contain the chemical D-LIMONENE, which attacks ABS plastic products. Check cleaning products for ABS plastic compatibility.
 - iii) Recommended cleaners are as follows;
 - (1) Fantastic Spray Cleaner (5% solution)
 - (2) Top Job Detergent (3% solution)
 - (3) Joy liquid Detergent (5% solution)
 - (4) Mineral Spirits
 - (5) Gel Gloss
 - (6) **DO NOT USE** gas, chlorine, acetone, kerosene, etc.
 - iv) Inspect Surround surface. Repair all scratches immediately. Soft polishing compound will remove most scratches.
 - v) Seal tub for water tightness.
 - (1) Color matched, ABS compatible, silicone based, sealer
 - (2) Color matched, ABS compatible, caulk sealer