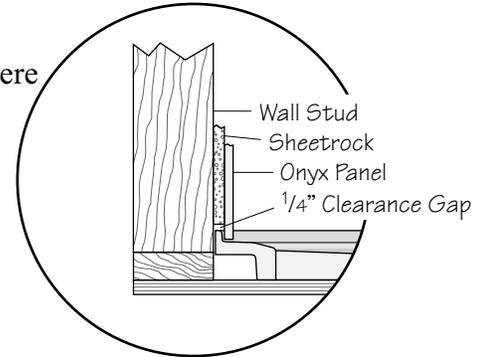
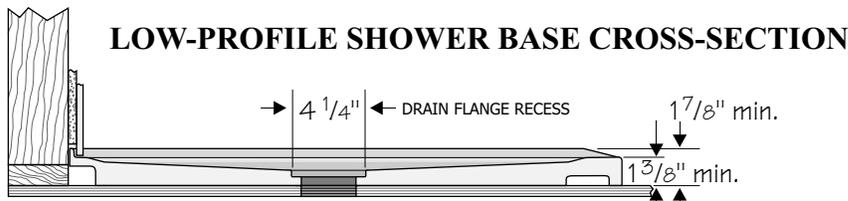


The tips and hints on this page are compiled from years of experience and the recommendations of professionals, to help you do a perfect job of installing your Shower Base, Wall Panels and Accessories

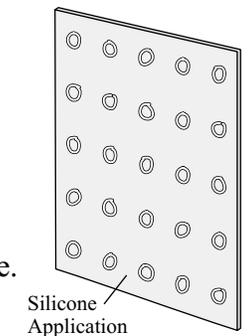
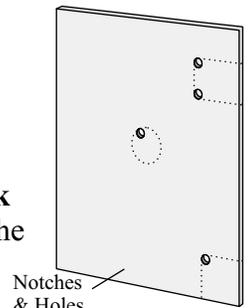
LOW PROFILE SHOWER BASE INSTALLATION SUGGESTIONS

1. Verify that the **floor is firm and structurally sound**. If the floor has any flexibility, add support where needed.
2. Make sure the **floor is level, flat and clean**. If necessary, use Thin Set or another leveling mix to level the floor. All nails and screws in the floor must be countersunk so nothing sticks up above the surface.
3. When the shower base is installed correctly, there should be a small gap between the very top edge of the base and the bottom edge of the sheetrock (as shown in the drawing) and about a **1/8" gap between the sides of the base and the wall studs**. No adhesive is used to install the base, but there should be a bead of colormatching silicone run along the front of the curb where it meets the floor.
4. When installing your drain, **use only the provided silicone sealant**, no matter what the drain maker recommends. Never use gaskets or "plumber's putty" where the drain flange seals on the top side of the Shower Base. For a guaranteed fit, use one of our Shower Drains.



WALL PANEL INSTALLATION SUGGESTIONS

1. For best results, **use Adhesive Silicone from The Onyx Collection** which is specially formulated to provide maximum adhesion and proper cure rate. You will need one tube (10.3 oz) for every 1,250 square inches or 8-15 tubes for an average shower.
2. Identify, dry-fit, and do any necessary trimming of all panels **before applying any adhesive**.
3. Panels should be installed in the following order: **Ceiling panel** (if there is one) **first, then back wall panel** (with 1/8" of clearance on each side of the back panel to allow for expansion) then the side panels last.
4. For **trimming, shaping or cutouts**, use standard square and round files, belt sander, router, drill with wood-cutting hole saw, jigsaw (fine tooth blade) or circular saw (plywood blade).
5. All cut-outs for notches or accessories should have **rounded corners** (sharp corners can promote stress cracks). This can be facilitated by drilling 1/4" or larger holes at the corners of the openings and then cutting between holes with a jigsaw (see sketch).
6. If you are installing a recessed caddy, **cut the hole after the panel is installed** and fully supported by the wall. Remember to position the caddy **between wall studs**.
7. Apply Silicone Adhesive to Panel or Wall in **2" diameter rings**, 3/8" thick, positioned about 8" apart (see sketch). Run another bead **along the perimeter** of the panel about 1" in from the edge.
8. Use our color-matched 100% silicone for seams after the panels are installed on the walls.
9. Use matching Corner Trim to cover any gaps caused by **crooked walls** or uneven trimming.



ATTACHING SHOWER DOORS and ACCESSORIES

1. **Follow the mounting instructions** that come with each accessory.
2. Drill the holes in the Onyx Wall Panel where the fasteners pass through **slightly larger than the fastener** in order to relieve stress on the panel.
3. If anchors must be used because the screw location cannot be aligned with a wall stud, make the clearance hole in the Onyx Panel **large enough for the head of the anchor to fit** through so it can anchor securely into the wall board behind the panel.

