

## **ProTile™ Niche Installation Guide**

ProTile™ Niches are a component of the expanded ProTile™ line of waterproof accessories that give rise to high quality, rapid shower installations. ProTile™ Niches are constructed of a lightweight, high-strength XPS extruded polystyrene core which is 100% waterproof.

ProTile™ Niches are finished with an alkali resistant fiberglass mesh, embedded in a polymer modified cementitious coating, to provide a superior bonding substrate, and are ready to tile. ProTile™ Niches let you design a custom look for your shower in minutes.

## **Recommended Installation Tools**

- Utility knife
- Level
- Straight putty knife
- Tape measure Permanent marker
- Disposable plastic gloves

## Installing your ProTile™ Niche is easy and fast.

- 1. ProTile™ Niches are installed in a cutout made in the ProTile™ Building Panel, centered between studs installed 16" o.c.
- 2. Simply put the face of the flange against the wall and align the edges with the center of the studs, using previously installed ProTile™ Fasteners as a guide. Check your horizontal and vertical level. Then mark the outline of the niche flange on the wall. Cut along the inside of this line to remove ProTile™ Building Panel, exposing the studs on either side of your opening.
- 3. Apply a continuous ½" bead of ProTile™ Joint Sealant to the exposed foam edge around the opening of wall panel before inserting the niche.
- 4. Insert the niche, check for level, and adjust as necessary.
- 5. Once the niche is level, place two ProTile™ Fasteners on each side of the niche into the joint directly under the stud, and fasten until the fastener head is slightly depressed below the surrounding surface, to create a flush installation to the adjoining wall panels. Smooth off any excess sealant.
- 6. Apply another ½" bead of ProTile™ Sealant over fasteners and seams and strike smooth using a putty knife.



You now have a waterproof and trouble-free niche that provides a solid foundation, ready to receive any tile or stone finish.

ProTile™ Shower Niches are quick and easy to install, 100% waterproof and designed to provide years of trouble free service.