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### **Proper Application of Adhesive During Installation of Tub/Shower Surrounds**

We recommend using a sub-floor or drywall adhesive for installing our surrounds. It is generally less expensive for the installer and the contractor to use these adhesives, and they work just as well as the more expensive project particular adhesives that can be purchased. We recommend using the 28 oz. tubes as well, as they are generally less expensive (overall cost) and there is less changing tubes while installing. A good quality gun can also make for savings in time and in not wasting material.

A common mistake is to think that a trowel needs to be used to apply the adhesive to the wall. The best possible way to ensure that the panels will adhere to the wall is to use a clean rag and acetone (**do not use any other cleaner, especially not denatured alcohol**). The back of the panel will become somewhat sticky as the acetone dries. This will help to ensure that the adhesive will stick to the back of the panel. Also, clean the wall before applying the adhesive with a clean dry rag, to remove any sheet rock dust. Apply large pads of adhesive to the cleaned wall, approximately 12" apart, all along the wall where the panel will be installed. (The pads should be about 2-3" in diameter) When the panel is pressed into the pads of adhesive, and then braced off, the adhesive will spread out, giving more surface area that has adhesive on it.

**We do not recommend using tile adhesive of any kind to install our product. It will not adhere over time. The tile adhesive will dry out and become brittle, causing the panel to separate from the wall.**

There are several brands that we would recommend, including:

1. OSI Pro Series Formula #38 (sub-floor/construction adhesive)
2. OSI Pro Series SF-400 (all purpose sub-floor/construction adhesive)
3. OSI Pro Series QB-300 (sub-floor/construction adhesive)
4. OSI Pro Series QB-450 (heavy duty sub-floor/construction adhesive)
5. OSI Pro Series SF-565 (VOC Compliant sub-floor adhesive)
6. Grabber #GSFA (sub-floor adhesive)
7. Grabber #GDWA (drywall adhesive)
8. Liquid Nails BC-749 (sub-floor adhesive)
9. Liquid Nails BC 490 (sub-floor adhesive)
10. Liquid Nails LN-715 (tub surrounds)

There is no particular order to these recommendations. All of the above products have been tried and work well with our product, given that the panels and walls are clean and dry.

**Call Mincey Marble at 800-533-1806 with any questions.**